

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 30 October 1989 at M. Hardman's house.

Present: I. Dwerryhouse, L. Kennedy, M. Hardman, M. Davis, E. Owen, G. Dart

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming new members of the committee

Apologies for absence: G. Hewitt

Minutes of the last meeting: read, -approved id signed.

Matters Arising:

- 1) Proposed memorial to W. Scarr - E. Owen still exploring possibility of repair to Lawn 1 seat.
- 2) Implications of Club Secretary's letter of 11 Sept further discussed, and L. Kennedy will attend Management Committee meeting on 13 Nov.
- 3) The Committee discussed the suggestion of a Notice Board on Lawn 2, but voted against the proposal by a majority of 4 to 1.
- 4) Groundsman Collection at AGM amounted to £23.

Allocation of duties:

Vice-Chairman:		L. Kennedy
Representative on Management & Ground Committees		L. Kennedy
Equipment		L. Kennedy
Tournaments	Federation matches	M Hardman
	Domestic matches	M. Davis
Booking sheets		M. Davis
Cashier		E. Owen
Golf Croquet		G. Hewitt
Social activities:		
	Luncheon arrangements	G. Hewitt
	Other activities	Shared duties
Handicap Committee:	I. Dwerryhouse, E. Kitchener, J. Hatherley	
Selection Committee:	I. Dwerryhouse, E. Kitchener, N. Hardman	
Training:	I. Dwerryhouse.	

Any Other Business:

- 1) M. Hardman and L. Kennedy will be voting members at the S.W. Federation AGM at Taunton on 4 November.
- 2) The committee was reminded of the suggestion (made by a member at the AGM) that there should be a weekly evening session of Golf Croquet. Full discussion of this issue to take place later within the context of training generally.
- 3) The Treasurer reported that £23.69 was in hand, and £10 green fee for the Golf Croquet Finals had been received and passed to the Club Treasurer

Date of next meeting: 30 November at :2.30 p.m. at M. Hardman's house.

*I. M. Dwerryhouse.*

30.11.89

Minutes of Committee Meeting held 30 November 1989 at M. Hardman's house.

Present: I. Dwerryhouse, L. Kennedy, E. Owen, M. Hardman, M. Davis, G. Hewitt, G. Dart.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed.

Matters Arising: G. Hewitt accepted that a Notice Board on Lawn 2 was not desirable: but asked that the Main board should have clear informative notices for Golf Croquet matters, e.g. in red, or a section of the board set aside. It was agreed to postpone discussion till the start of the season, with maybe one committee member then taking responsibility for the layout.

Reports:

- 1) The Treasurer reported a balance of £27.30
- 2) M. Hardman reported on the S.W. Federation AGM on 4 November. Of particular interest were the Nailsea/Dyffryn proposals, the following of which were carried:
  - a) the formation of an Intermediate League with handicap limits of 9 - 18
  - b) B League games to be full bisque from a base handicap of 13

During discussion at the AGM it was agreed that the B League handicap would remain 16 and over; Federation League handicap would be 8 and under; a player qualifying for B League and Intermediate may play in either.

Subscription to the Federation remains at 30p per member to max £18.

- 3) M. Davis gave a progress report on the Lawn 3 shelter project. He said that planning permission had been obtained, and a sum of money was now held in a Building Society Account under the joint names of himself and R. Sims. At a meeting with the Club Treasurer and B.E. Fitzgerald (in the presence of Groundsman I. Haffenden) the co-operation of the General Management Committee was promised. A spring start on the work was probable, as the main contract for the concrete base and the superstructure had been let, and tenders had been invited for the thatch. In M. Davis' absence till mid-February, L. Kennedy has agreed to hold a watching brief.
- 4) L. Kennedy spoke on the Management Committee meeting he attended on 13 November, and gave figures for some of the exceptional outgoings for the Club in the immediate future, as well as reporting that £7750 had been allocated to the Croquet Section for anticipated needs in the long term: releveling Lawns 1 & 4 refencing south side of Lawn 1; improving watering facility.
- 5) I. Dwerryhouse gave a report on matters discussed at the Hurlingham Conference of 25 November; e.g. Garden Croquet; should there be coaching psychologists; should the capitation fee be raised to £2 (£1 at present up to £60 max). She told the committee that the C.A. was keen to give help with achieving a 4th lawn in a club, and asked for members' views on making application for such help to bring Lawn 4 up to playing standard. The committee agreed after some discussion that registration of a request was desirable, although certain internal difficulties would have to be resolved, notably the security of tenure of Lawn 4. The Chairman said she would have an informal talk with the tennis section. All agreed that such help from the C.A. would mean financial benefit to the Club as a whole.

Correspondence. 1) The S.W. Fed, query as to whether this club wished to hold a qualifying round in a Golf Croquet Tournament in 1990 was put to the meeting. G. Hewitt said that much interest was shown in last year's tournament, and she agreed to her name being put forward as organiser.

2) S.W. Fed. Semi-Final. The committee accepted the invitation to host the 1990 Fed. Semi-Final on 9 September.

Any Other Business. 1) M. Davis asked if some encouragement could be given to youth membership. Lawns were freer after 6 p.m. and perhaps a taster session could be arranged. Suggestions were made of an approach to the hockey section, and Sidmouth College where John Toye could perhaps be the contact.

2) £58 was made at the cake stall run by Mesdames Moore and Verity on 25 November at a Friends of the Fortfield coffee morning.

3) It was agreed to hold the annual lunch at the Woodlands Hotel in March; G. Hewitt to arrange; tentative date of 22 March.

Date of next meeting. Thursday 11 January 1990 at 2.30 p.m. at M. Hardman's house.

*J. M. Dwyer-Louse.*

Minutes of Committee Meeting held 11 January 1990 at M. Hardman's house.

Present: I. Dwerryhouse, L. Kennedy, E. Owen, M. Hardman, G. Hewitt, G. Dart

Apology for absence - M. Davis.

Minutes of last meeting read, approved after amendment (in Report 4 read Lawns 1 & 4), and signed.

Matters Arising: 1) The Chairman's letter of 1 Dec. to M. Davis was read to the Committee who heartily endorsed the expression of gratitude both to the very generous donor and to Michael for bringing the project to fruition.

2) The Chairman reported that she had spoken with the Chairman and Secretary of the Tennis Section, who had agreed that in the foreseeable future they would not require the use of Lawn 4. The matter of releveling would be on the agenda of the Main Committee meeting on 23 Jan. attended by L. Kennedy. It was agreed that the releveling of Lawn 1 should be kept in the long-term programme, but that Lawn 4 was the immediate priority for the Croquet Section, and that ideally the entire lawn area of Lawn 4 and the grass tennis court should be considered for renewal as one project. The question of a CA grant was held in abeyance.

Correspondence. A letter from the Sec. of the SW Fed, had been received, together with a Club Census form and a Nomination form for the APPS HELEY / TOWNSEND Club Award. The Chairman reminded the Committee that the Club had won the Heley Award in 1973, and it was decided to put in a nomination forthwith. The Tournament Sec. noted that Fixture details had to be forwarded by 21 Feb. 1990.

Reports. 1) The Cashier reported a balance held of £52.38, this month's Whist Drive having produced £21 with expenses of £4.91.

2) E. Owen gave details of her research concerning repair of the seat on Lawn 1. It was accepted that estimates received for professional repair were too high to be considered; however, help may now be sought from handymen within the Club. Members felt that a seat on Lawn 3 might be acceptable to S. Scarr as a memorial to her husband and the Chairman said that she would speak with Sheila.

3) G. Hewitt reported that arrangements had been finalised for the annual lunch, to be held at the Woodlands Hotel on 22 March at a cost of £6 a head. It was emphasised that this function was for croquet members only (plus spouses) and it was suggested that this restriction should be mentioned at the Feb. Whist Drive.

3) L. Kennedy said that 2 sets of balls, one primary, one secondary, and one set of hoops were on order and expected within the next 2 weeks.

Any Other Business. 1) The Sec. was instructed to contact all those on the waiting list to confirm their continued interest in joining.

2) It was proposed by E. Owen and seconded by L. Kennedy that the Club should enter the Longman Cup competition for 1990.

3) Dates were agreed for a Short Croquet Tournament for 24 players to be held on 22/23 May; an advert, for this event to be put in the SWAN. A date was also arranged for a QRE for the SW Fed. Golf Croquet Tournament to be held on 6 July, G. Hewitt to notify the League Secretary of this date.

4) It was agreed that a draw for the Manor Car Park keys should be made at the Feb. Whist Drive.

Date of next meeting. Tuesday 13 February 1990 at 2.30 p.m. at M. Hardman's house.

*I. M. Dwerryhouse* . 13.2.90

Minutes of Committee Meeting held 13 February 1990 at M. Hardman's house.

Present: I. Dwerryhouse, L. Kennedy, E. Owen, M. Hardman, G. Hewitt, M. Davis, G. Dart.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed.

Matters Arising: 1) The Chairman reported that Sheila Scarr would be happy to donate a seat in memory of Bill.

2) The Secretary reported that the draw for the Manor Car Park keys had been made: key holders for 1990 are A. Rose, N. Kirke, A. Ward, G. Hewitt, D. Rawkins, M. Smekal: reserve P. Alexander.

Correspondence: 1) A request from S.W. Federation to host the Golf Croquet Final on 8 September had been accepted.

2) Notification had been received from the C.A. that the 1990 Registration Fee had been raised to £1.25 a head for non-C.A. members. The Secretary gave the amount payable as £98.75, membership at the qualifying date of 30 Sept 1989 being 99, less 20 C.A. members; and she was instructed to arrange payment.

Entry fee for the Longman Cup remained at £15 and it was noted that entry form and fee should be sent off before 1 March.

Reports: 1) E. Owen in her capacity as Cashier said that she held a total of £78.52, a sum which included £15 for the sale of a mallet. Expenses for the February Whist Drive had amounted to £3.86, to be taken from the £15 proceeds.

She also gave the meeting a further report on the Lawn 1 seat, and after some discussion it was agreed that one replacement leg (at a cost of about £10) should be bought, and the seat refurbished to a limited extent.

2) L. Kennedy reported temporary difficulty in obtaining hoops, but said that the matter was in hand.

He reported back on the Management Committee meeting of 23 Jan. at which the releveling of Lawn 4 and the grass tennis court area was approved for action under this year's budget: the whole area to be done as one project: confirmation of at least 4/5 years viability of Lawn 4's use for croquet was given. Budget provision was also made for the replacement of the wire fencing on the south side of Lawn 1; and it was hoped that within the same contract the storm-damaged fencing between the cricket field and Lawns 2 & 3 could be mended.

He said that the Robert Case memorial shelter, damaged in the storms, would need 2 sections mended, and he hoped shortly to call for a working party for the small Pavilion. Voluntary labour was to be requested at Easter (from all sections of the Club) to assist in weather-proofing the outside of the main Clubhouse.

He reported that tenders had been accepted for the thatching of the Lawn 3 shelter, and dates had been coordinated with the builder for completion by the end of March. M. Davis however said that the date start will now depend on the arrival of better weather.

3) G. Hewitt reported that sales of tickets for the annual lunch were going well.

4) M. Hardman distributed to all members copies of the Federation Fixture list, and reported that she had received a copy of the Federation rules and a list of officials. Photocopies of the rules were to be made for the use of team captains.

5) I. Dwerryhouse told members that a meeting of coaches had been held on 7 February at which it had been agreed that all those on the waiting list should be invited to a meeting in the Pavilion at 2.30 p.m. on 20 March.

She expressed the hope that Committee members would attend. The proposal that a programme of training should take-place of Club afternoons had been discussed at the coaches' meeting and was put to the Committee who agreed the suggestion.

Programme for the season. Dates were discussed and agreed: copy of programme attached.

Any Other Business. M. Davis kindly offered to be in charge of the Notice Board in the Mallet Room (see minutes 30 Nov. 19)

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 21 March 1990 at 2.30 p.m. at M. Hardman's house.

*J. M. Dawdy House.*

## SIDMOUTH CRICKET LAWN TENNIS, CROQUET & HOCKEY CLUB

### CROQUET SECTION

#### SPRING PROGRAMME 1990

Tuesday	6th	February	2.00 P.M.	WHIST DRIVE
Wednesday	7th	March	2.00 p.m.	WHIST DRIVE
Thursday	22nd	March	12.00 noon for 12.30 P.m.	ANNUAL LUNCH AT WOODLANDS HOTEL Tickets from Gwen Hewitt (Tel: Sidbury 300)
Saturday	7th	April	LAWNS OPEN *****	(Ground & weather permitting)

Your subscription of £60 is NOW due. Please make cheque payable to Sidmouth Cricket, Lawn Tennis, Croquet & Hockey Club and send

to: Rex Sims, Manor Garth, Seafeld Lane, Sidmouth.

If you do not wish to continue as a member please notify the Ron. Secretary, Gwynneth Dart, 1 Norton Garth Court, Station Road, Sidmouth EX10 8NQ (Tel: 516635)

Although Croquet is your game, the Club as a whole needs your help with various jobs, e.g., teas, bar, collection of deck chair money, office duty, The Croquet Section is responsible for manning the Bar on Thursdays from 5.30 p.m.

to 7.30 p.m., when there are home Cricket Matches. Will you please offer to help occasionally during the Season? Ring Gwynneth Dart (Tel: 516635)

SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, CROQUET & HOCKEY CLUB CROQUET SECTION  
SUMMER PROGRAMME 1990

April 7th Lawns open subject to conditions  
May 7th Club Coffee Morning 10 a.m. (Croquet section Cake Stall)  
May 12th Closing date for entries in Club Tournaments  
May 22nd) Short Croquet Open Tournament (8 places reserved  
May 23rd) for Club members, £3.50 entry fee)  
May 24th Club members Short Croquet Tournament (no entry fee  
July 6th Federation Open Golf Croquet Tournament  
July 23rd) Two Ball Club Tournament  
July 24th) Two Ball Club Tournament  
Aug. 20th Shot Game Tournament  
Sept. 1st Club Tournament Finals  
Sept. 4th) Golf Croquet Club Tournament  
5th) (Handicap 14 & over)  
Sept. 8th Federation Open Golf Croquet Final  
Sept. 9th Federation Semi-Final  
Sept. 11th Club Tournament Finals  
May 28th: from 2.15 - 3.30  
June 6th, June 13th: P-M.

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Association Croquet

Training Sessions to be held on Lawns 4 & 5 (if wet in Pavilion)

Mondays: April 30th, May 7th, May 21st, May 28th: from 2.15 – 3.30 p.m.

Wednesdays: May 2nd, May 9th, May 30th, June 6th, June 13th from 6 p.m.

A Day Course by John Toye for Handicaps 16 & under, date to be notified

Shot Game Practice June 11th, July 9th, Aug. 13th) Lawns

2 Ball Practice June 18th, June 25th ) 2 & 3 from 2 p.m.

Golf Croquet

Organised sessions to be held on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. and Fridays from 6 p.m. starting from May 9th.

Prior to May 9th personal lawn bookings only, for a maximum of 4 members per lawn per session so as to avoid excessive wear & tear on area round hoops early in the season.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held 21 March 1990 at M. Hardman's house.

Present: I. Dwerryhouse, L. Kennedy, M. Hardman, G. Hewitt, G. Dart.

Apologies from M. Davis, E. Owen.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed.

Matters arising. Nil.

Correspondence: 1) S.W. Federation had requested a Sidmouth profile for SWAN; this was compiled and sent off on 23 Feb.

2) APPS HELEY Award: The citation for this Award and the Chairman's reply to the Chairman of the C.A. Development Committee were read to the members; and M. Hardman asked that the Committee's appreciation of the time and effort which the Chairman devoted to the Club should be recorded in the Minutes. Her energetic leadership had been instrumental in the achievement of the award. Enthusiastic and unanimous support was given to this request.

The Secretary reported that an article for "Croquet", with accompanying photographs courtesy L. Kennedy, had been sent to the Editor on 12 March for publication in the May issue. The Club Secretary had been notified of the award.

3) Entry forms for Schools Championship and the Croquet Classic had been received. It was agreed that no action should be taken other than a Croquet Classic form displayed on the Notice Board.

Reports: 1) The Sec. reported on behalf of M. Davis that he hoped work on the Lawn 3 shelter would start on site this week, weather permitting. He also said that booking sheets would be put out this weekend.

2) L. Kennedy said that some fence repairs had been done, the rest was in hand. In response to the Club request for Section working parties, work allocated to the Croquet section had all been done ahead of time. Thanks were expressed to Bill for all the painting work done in the Mallet Room, as well as the outside labour, where his workforce were A. Harding, J. Jeeves, M. Davis, P. Dart, J. Hatherley. The Owen team had worked on the inside of the small pavilion. Tenders for the levelling of lawns 4 & 5 and the tennis court had been sought and the most acceptable received was £3000 for the croquet area and £1700 for the tennis. The contractor was Kelvin Garnsworthy, and the whole area would have to be available at the beginning of September, should this contract be accepted.

3) The Chairman spoke about the possibility of obtaining a Grant from the Development Committee. Her draft letter to the C.A. was approved and the Sec. instructed to write accordingly.

4) The Chairman reported on behalf of the Cashier that she had £76.92 in hand, to which must be added (L. Kennedy reporting) £40 collected from trainees for their course, and £10.75 for sale of books. It was agreed that some of this amount should be passed to the Treasurer. Among expenses incurred had been £8 for a replacement leg for the Lawn 1 seat: this seat had now been repaired. Slabs for a base were available courtesy of L. Sage, but expense would be incurred in transport and in the work of laying. L. Kennedy said he would make discreet enquiry.

2 of the club mallets had been repaired by Ted Owen.

5) G. Hewitt reported that 63 tickets had been sold for the Lunch. She was thanked for all the work involved.

6) M. Hardman said that Millfield School away match proposed for the 'B' League had been cancelled because of storm damage; there was a possibility of arranging a home friendly, only availability Wednesdays in June. Members agreed to await an approach from Millfield. She gave members details of an amendment to the League Rules.



Training. The Chairman said that a most successful training meeting had been held on 20 March, 9 attending, apologies received from 5 others. Coaches had been allocated and training sessions would be starting from 7 April.

Dates for winter Whist were agreed as follows: Wed. 7 Nov; Tues. 4 Dec; Wed. 9 Jan; Tues. 5 Feb.

Date for the AGM was set for Tuesday 30 October, preceded by a Committee meeting on Tuesday 23 October; and the Committee approved the Sec's proposal that when nominations for the 1991 Committee were posted in

the Mallet Room, a copy of the Minutes of the 1989 AGM should be posted at the same time for members to peruse.

Any Other Business. The question of SWAN collection was raised, and it was arranged that M. Hardman should ring D. Purdon to ask if any Budleigh member would be going, to the Easter Cheltenham Tournament.

The Chairman said that C. Verity & B. Moores were again prepared to run the cake stall on 7 May.

A member of the club had asked that double banking should be "enforceable" but it was agreed that the present club ruling of "permissible" should remain.

Date of next meeting. Wednesday 2 May 1990 at 2.30 p.m. at M. Hardman's house.

*J. M. Dwyer-Louse.*

Minutes of Committee Meeting held 2 May 1990 at M. Hardman's house.

Present: I. Dwerryhouse, L. Kennedy, M. Hardman, M. Davis, E. Owen, G. Hewitt, G. Dart.

Minutes of last meeting were read, approved and signed.

Matters Arising: Nil

Correspondence: The Sec. read a letter from the Club Secretary congratulating the Section on the Apps Heley Award. She also reported that she had received acknowledgement of her letter to the C.A. concerning the possibility of a grant. The Vice-Chairman expressed the hope that some definite information would be available by 29 May, the date of the next Club Committee meeting, as at that meeting the formal request for lawn improvement should be made. Members agreed that a phone call to the Admin. Sec. of the C.A., with a following letter, explaining the urgency of our need to know, would be helpful.

Reports: 1) The Cashier reported a balance of £14.54, £60 having been passed to the Treasurer plus the £15 prize money given with the Apps Heley shield.

2) L. Kennedy said that the estimate for collecting and positioning paving, slabs for the Lawn 1 seats was £80 + VAT. It was accepted that the matter should for the present be shelved.

3) M. Hardman reported that the Longman Cup team for 12 May had been chosen, and she suggested to the meeting that some optimistic forward planning towards the possibility of meeting Cheltenham in the next round in July was desirable.

She pointed out that the date of the Budleigh/Sidmouth League Away fixture had been listed in the S.W. list as 12 July instead of 12 June; she would be checking on this.

Applications for the Short Croquet Tournament on 22/23 May had to date been few and she hoped more Sidmouth players would enter.

4) M. Davis advised members that the thatch for the small pavilion was under way and should be finished soon. He recommended that a stop board should be put in front of the pavilion because of the concrete base.

5) G. Hewitt said that dates for the Home match against Budleigh (Golf Croquet) were not finalised, but likely to be 14 or 19 June. During her absence on medical grounds Buzz Palmer had agreed to deputise for her.

6) I. Dwerryhouse as training officer said that 8 people had now completed their training and 3 had 1 lesson to come.

As Chairman she reported that in company with her husband, M. Hardman and L. Kennedy she had attended the AGM at Hurlingham to receive the Apps Heley shield, also a cheque for £15.

I. Dwerryhouse told members that M. Clarke was willing to provide materials for coffee and a sandwich type lunch on the Short Croquet Tournament days; and it was agreed that volunteers should be sought to assist with coffee from 10-11, lunch from 12-2, and tea & bar from 3.30-5. She said that J. Hatherley would be referee for the tournament.

Any Other Business: L. Kennedy asked that the minutes should record the Committee's thanks to G. Hewitt for organising the successful lunch held on 22 March.

In response to a member's query, M. Davis said that he dealt with the booking, sheets 3 weeks at a time.

Date of next meeting: Friday 1 June 1990 at 9.30 a.m. at M. Hardman's

*I. M. Dwerryhouse.*

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at M. Hardman's house 1 June 1990.

Present: I. Dwerryhouse, L. Kennedy, M. Hardman, M. Davis, E. Owen, G. Dart.

Apologies: G. Hewitt

Minutes of last meeting were read, approved and signed.

Matters Arising: Nil.

Correspondence: The Secretary reported that she had had 2 telephone conversations with Mr. Syd Jones, the new Chairman of the C.A. Development Committee, followed by a letter confirming that a grant of £500 was being offered to the Club; a loan of a further £500 was possibly available if application were made to the C.A. Treasurer. I. Dwerryhouse said that contact had since been made with the Treasurer, Alan Oldham, and a loan of £500 for 2 years free of interest proposed.

Reports:

1) L. Kennedy reported that at the General Management Committee meeting held on 29 May it was agreed that the levelling of Lawns 4 & 5 and the tennis court should go ahead. The contractor had been so instructed, and work would commence on 1 September. The project would take some 4 weeks at a total cost of £4700.

He said that at the meeting it had been stated that there had been big savings achieved on sundry known expenses (fence renewals) and these savings in conjunction with the help from the C.A. made the scheme viable. The Club would however hope for an increase in Croquet membership of some 25 persons, whose subscriptions would help to offset the cost involved. The target date for clearing the full cost was 3 years hence.

Ways of achieving this increase were discussed at length, and an immediate publicity possibility was recognised for action at the Club Garden Party on 20 July, with the proposal that continuous play on Lawn 1 accompanied by a commentary and the opportunity to try out strokes might arouse interest. M. Davis agreed to arrange.

2) M. Hardman reported that there had been a disappointing entry for the Short Croquet Tournament; 7 entries from away and the numbers being made up to a total of 16 by 9 Sidmouth members. Fees of £70 had been received, and prizes given as follows; 1st prize £5, 2nd prize £2.

The Groundsman received a gratuity of £8, at the rate of 50p. per player. Clear profit therefore was £55. There had been a disappointing lack of volunteers to help with the catering, but thanks were recorded to those who did assist, and it was reported that about £40 had been taken. The Dorothy Toye Cup went to Dennis Regan of the Kington Langley Club, the runner-up being John Hatherley.

The Intermediate League match against Bournemouth had resulted in a 4-1 win.

3) The Chairman on behalf of G. Hewitt said that only 2 entries had to date been received for the Regional Golf Croquet Tournament on 6 July.

4) The Cashier reported a balance of £54.59, and suggested that £40 should be passed to the Treasurer. This was agreed

Any Other Business

1) The Chairman requested that the minutes should record the Club's thanks to Lady Frances Fermor for the generosity of her gift of a shelter in memory of her brother Robert. Her wish that it should be known as "Robert's Hut" has been notified to the membership, and now that the identity of the donor has been revealed the Chairman has written a letter of thanks to her.

2) Money from the Friends had been voted by the General Management Committee to pay for the paving stone bases on Lawn 1.

3) It was agreed that a prominent notice should be put up both in the Mallet Room and in the small Pavilion to inform members of the lawn levelling project, and to warn them of the closure of Lawns 4 & 5 from 31 August.

Date of next meeting: Monday 16 July 1990 at 2.30 p.m. at M. Hardman's house.

*I. M. Dwerryhouse.*

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at M. Hardman's house 16 July 1990

Present: I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, G. Hewitt, M. Davis, L. Kennedy, E. Owen.

The Chairman welcomed G. Hewitt who had returned home recently after a stay in hospital.

Apologies: G. Dart.

Minutes of last meeting were approved and signed.

Matters Arising: In the Regional Golf Croquet Tournament held on 6 July 1990 20 Singles and 16 Doubles were played, with results as follows:

Singles Winner	L. Sage	Runner-up	E. Kitchener
Doubles Winners	E. Kitchener	Runners-up	A. Davis
	M. Stant		M. Davis
Prizes Singles	Winner £3	Runner-up	£1.50
Doubles Winners	£2 each	Runners-up	£1 each.

Fees amounted to £38 of which £7.60, being 20%, was sent to the S.W. Federation: teas expenses were £1.20: profit to the Club was therefore 18.70.

Correspondence: 1) For the Secretary it was reported that a letter had been received from the Friends of the Fortfield requesting the Section's help at the Garden Party on 20 July. A reply had been sent offering a Cake Stall and 3 or 4 competitions, and informing the Friends' Chairman of our intended recruitment drive demonstration on Lawn 1 on that day.

2) Receipt of a letter from the C.A. Treasurer to Philip Dwerryhouse confirming the C.A. grant (£500) and loan (not more than £500) was also reported. The Sec's reply to Mr. Oldham was read to the meeting and it was noted that the Club Treasurer would henceforth be dealing direct with the C.A. Treasurer on the financial negotiations.

3) The Chairman had received a letter from Tony Dustan-Smith suggesting that main water and other services should be laid under Lawns 4 and 5 and the tennis court, and that the re-laying of this area presented a suitable opportunity for the work to be carried out. The Chairman was asked to reply and to say that the Committee would require services to be laid round the perimeter of this area and not under it should they ever be needed.

4) The Chairman had received a letter from J. Toye regarding his proposed coaching session. It was agreed that this should be from 10 a.m. to 4 P.M. on 14 August 1990. He required 8 active participants, suggested handicap 8 and under, and other club members would be welcome as spectators.

Reports: 1) The Cashier reported that cash in hand amounted to £33.79.

2) M. Davis said that the demonstration and commentary on the game proposed for the Garden Party had been arranged. Three sideshows were discussed and organisers for these and the cake stall would be available.

3) M. Hardman reported on S.W. Federation results as follows:

Federation League	3 losses, 1 to play
Intermediate League	2 wins, 2 to play
B League	1 win, 2 walkovers result 3 wins.

M. Davis agreed to be Publicity Officer and to forward the results to the local press.

Any Other Business:

1) Presentation of prizes at the A.G.M. Discussion as to who should be invited to undertake this duty took place, and it was agreed that Mr P.A. Tunmer, a senior member of Budleigh and former member of Sidmouth, should be asked. In the event of his refusal Mr D. Purdon, a member of Budleigh and S.W. Regional Coaching Officer, should be approached.

2) M. Hardman read a message of thanks from G. Dart for kind enquiries received following her injury caused by a cricket ball when playing recently on Lawn 1. L. Kennedy said that he had taken up the matter with the chairman of the cricket committee both verbally and in writing.

3) I. Dwerryhouse suggested an all-day Club day to be held on Monday 30 July 1990, and that this should take the form of a competition played on the Paul Hands format. This was agreed.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 21 August 1990 at 2.30 p.m. at M. Hardman's house.

*I. M. Dwerryhouse.*

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at M. Hardman's house 21 August 1990

Present: I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, G. Hewitt, M. Davis, L. Kennedy, E. Owen, G. Dart.

Minutes of last meeting were approved and signed.

Matter arising: 1) The Secretary informed members that Mr Pat Tunmer had been delighted to receive an invitation to present the prizes, and would be attending with his wife.

2) The Chairman reported that the "Egyptian" tournament and John Toye's teach-in had both been successful ventures. The recruitment drive at the Garden Party had only had limited interest, but the cake stall & the side-shows had contributed well to the day's takings.

Correspondence: Nil.

Reports: 1) L. Kennedy spoke on research done into the sophisticated irrigation system which had already been installed at the Cheltenham Club. Costing upwards of £10,000 it was to be presented to the F & GP Committee as a suggested part of a 10 year programme of estimated expenditure. He reported, that Lawns 4 & 5 were to be closed on 24 August for watering and preparation; and the Contractor had confirmed his start date of 3 September.

2) M. Hardman said that the League team had lost to Kingston Maurward in their recent match. An Intermediate team would be going to Bristol on 1 September for a semi-final match against Plymouth. A 'B' League team was to play at Bournemouth on 9 September in a semi-final, opponent as yet undecided. The Final would be played at Nailsea. On the 9 September the Club was to host a League Semi-final between Cardiff and Kingston Maurward. The Chairman said that this match would attract a grant of £10 from the Federation, and that the Manager would be Peter Bradshaw, the League Tournament Secretary.

3) M. Davis referred to the problem caused by non-registration of the Club's All-England entry; and it was agreed that both K. Holroyde and L. Toye, the Club Round winners who should have gone on to the Regional Finals in Cheltenham, should receive a written apology from the Committee, and a £5 prize each, the money being taken from the entry fees which had totalled £13.50.

4) The Cashier reported a balance of £21.13.

5) G. Hewitt said that the Golf Croquet Match against Budleigh on 10 September would start at 2 p.m., and that the team would be 3 pairs. She said also that 6 clubs would be taking part in the Federation match on 8 September, and I. Dwerryhouse said that she would be Manager.

AGM. It was agreed that the Committee's Report should be the main report supplemented by Committee members answering questions from the floor should any arise.

L. Kennedy reminded members that the box for the Groundsman's Benefit should be in a suitable position.

It was suggested that Bill Ovens should be asked to propose a vote of thanks to Pat Tunmer.

Any Other Business: 1) M. Davis said that reprints of the booking sheets would be necessary next year, and sought confirmation that they should show 4 lawns and a double banking column. This was agreed.

2) The Chairman spoke of the Barlow croquet balls which cost £55 a set, and are being used by Budleigh (and approved). It was agreed that initially 2 sets should be ordered, and L. Kennedy was authorised to sell the Walker balls at whatever best price he could achieve.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 23 October 1990 at 2.30 p.m. at G. Dart's flat,

*I. M. Dwerryhouse.*

Minutes of Committee Meeting: held at G. Dart's flat 23 October 1990

Present: I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, G. Hewitt, M. Davis, L. Kennedy, C. Dart.

Apologies: E. Owen.

Minutes of the last meeting: were approved and signed.

Matters Arising: It was reported that £10 had been received as Green Fee for the Golf Croque Final on 8 September, and £15 for the League Semi-Final, £10 of which paid for teas.

Reports: 1) G. Hewitt reported result of the Golf Croquet match against Budleigh, which was lost 4-5. For the Cunningham Salvors Tournament there were 24 Singles participants, and 12 Doubles pairs. She expressed thanks to members who substituted at the eleventh hour, and suggested that entry dates should next year be delayed till nearer the tournament date. She thanked the Chairman for her helpfulness during her Committee service.

2) L. Kennedy reported on the illegal uses of the thatched shelter, and mentioned the potential fire risk He wondered if doors and windows should be fitted at some time. He said that the fence between Lawn 3 and the cricket field had been repaired - paid for by an anonymous donor. He told members that the present cleaner employed by the Club does some decorating, and could well be used to do the Mallet Room; any request for such work to go through B. Fitzgerald. He gave the latest information on the levelling project, and agreed that he should make a supplementary report at the GM. He thanked the Chairman and Committee at the end of his 3 years' service, and said he would be happy to see the project through.

3) M. Davis asked that holes in the fencing at the 4th corner of Lawn 3, and between Lawns 4 & 2 should be mended. He said that initially no preservative had been put on the woodwork of the new, pavilion - this should now be done. He too thanked Chairman and Committee.

4) M. Hardman reported match results - Intermediate Semi-Final at Bristol on 1 September lost 1-6; 'B' Semi-final at Bournemouth on 9 September lost 2-3.

5) I. Dwerryhouse for the Cashier reported a balance of £47.32, £40 of which was to be passed to the Treasurer. The cake stall on 6 October had made £34, and this money had already been paid in to the Treasurer.

AGM Arrangements: 1) It was reported that A. Harding would be proposing a vote of thanks to P. Tunmer; R. Peirce thanks to the Committee; V. Collier was arranging tea; a Herald photographer would be attending at 4.15 p.m. 2) The Handicap Committee had recommended that the awards for the most improved players should be decided without reference to the handicap restriction presently in force. The Committee agreed this recommendation with the rider that the present 'once only' ruling should be abandoned except that neither cup should be awarded to the same person in consecutive years. M. Davis proposed, L. Kennedy seconded, and the motion was carried nem. con.

Any other Business: M. Hardman queried the practice of home team members paying for visiting teams' teas, and suggested that the money should be perhaps taken from Croquet funds. NEXT COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER.

G. Dart raised the question of the cost of phone calls, and the Committee was reminded that all such expenses incurred should be submitted to the Secretary. NEXT COMMITTEE TO NOTE.

M. Davis agreed to continue next year as Publicity Officer.

The Chairman closed the meeting by thanking all committee members for their time in office, with special mention of L. Kennedy, M. Owen, G. Hewitt, M. Davis, who were not seeking re-election.

*I. M. Dwerryhouse.*

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CROQUET SECTION HELD  
ON TUESDAY 30 OCTOBER 1990 AT 2.30 p.m. IN THE PAVILION.

The meeting opened with a tribute to Fred Moores and John Holt who had died during the year, and members were asked to stand in their memory.

The Chairman then welcomed to the meeting Pat Tunmer (who was to present the prizes) and his wife Elizabeth; Hugh Read, Chairman of the main Club; and all members.

69 members attended the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Doreen Abraham, Sheila Adams, Anne Fell, Cecily Garrick, Jack Jeeves, Joan Reid, Rex Sims (Treasurer main Club), Cliff Walker, Tom & Joan Ward, Ian Wilson, Dale Wybrow.

Members accepted that the minutes of the A.G.M. held on 18 October 1989 which had been posted in the Mallet Room for 6 weeks from 1st September 1990, should be taken as read. They were accordingly approved and signed.

Committee's Report. The Secretary read the Report, which gave details of activities in general, and this was unanimously adopted. The Vice-Chairman spoke about the re-levelling, project on Lawns 4 & 5 and the tennis court, and at Mac Dawson's request gave details of the cost of the project and how it was being financed.

The Chairman thanked the Committee for their work during the year, with special mention of Dill Kennedy, Esme Owen, Gwen Hewitt, and Michael Davis, who had not sought re-election.

A Vote of thanks to the Committee, and, in particular to the Chairman, was then proposed by Reg Peirce and endorsed by the meeting.

Election of Officers Five Committee Members. The following nominations had been received and in the absence of any others the nominees were duly elected for the coming year:

Chairman Iris Dwerryhouse    Secretary Gwynneth Dart

Committee members. Bob Callingham, Mac Dawson, Eric Golding, Mary Hardman, Margaret Stant

Any Other Business. Notice was given of some forthcoming events, and the Chairman drew members' attention to the books and pamphlets held by the Section and available to members.

Handicap alterations were then announced by Iris Dwerryhouse as Chairman of the Handicap Committee.

The Chairman introduced Pat Tunmer, a former member of the Sidmouth Club, and invited him to present the Section's trophies; listed overleaf.

Alan Harding proposed a vote of thanks to Pat Tunmer, which the meeting heartily endorsed.

The Chairman of the Club, Hugh Read, spoke most flatteringly about the Section's friendliness and efficiency, and on this happy note the meeting closed and tea was served.

*I. M. Dwerryhouse.*



## COMMITTEE REPORT 1990.

The season started in fine style with the Club receiving the Apps Heley Award for 1989 from the Croquet Association. This award is given in recognition of efforts made to develop the Club's potential by improved standards of play, by increased membership, and by plans for bettering facilities; and it must be recorded that the vast amount of time and effort given to the Club by our present Chairman Iris Dwerryhouse, as well as by her predecessors in office, was assuredly instrumental in achieving this success. The award put Sidmouth well on the map with a write-up in the May issue of 'Croquet', the Association magazine; and the Club was also profiled in SWAN, the South West Federation publicity outlet. Most importantly the award was undoubtedly a factor in the C.A.'s decision to make a grant and a loan on interest-free terms towards the cost of re-levelling Lawns 4 & 5 in order to make Sidmouth a 4-Lawn Club. The Croquet Section is most grateful to the Main Club for its generosity in voting the balance of this expensive project as a charge to the Main Club.

In order to attract more revenue to the Club a higher membership figure is needed, and a target of some 25 more croquet members has been suggested. At present the membership is 93, with 3 Country members, and 29 people have expressed an interest in becoming members in 1991. A recruitment drive at the Club Garden Party in July bore little fruit, perhaps because the weather was too hot for concentration - certainly the demonstrators wilted in the heat.

Early in the season training sessions were arranged for potential new members, 8 of whom stayed the course. The Committee hopes they have had an enjoyable and instructive first season.

Training has continued throughout the season, with Monday afternoons given over to different aspects of the Association game. The 2-Ball game and the Shot game have also been practised and then played competitively.

Although training concentrated mainly on the high bisquers, and particularly first-year members, the low bisquers were not forgotten, and in August John Toye held an all-day teach-in for 8 members with handicap 8 or under. 5 members were also present as spectators. The Committee is grateful to John for sharing his expertise.

In May the Club organised a 2-day Open Tournament for Short Croquet at which the Dorothy Toye Cup was won by Dennis Regan of the Kington Langley Club. While the lawns were still marked for the short game a Members Only Tournament was played. In July a South West Federation Golf Croquet first round was played; and at the end of July an all-day 'Egyptian' tournament was arranged and enjoyed by all. In September the Club hosted the Federation Open Golf Croquet Final, which was won by members of the Swindon Club; and next day the Federation League Semi-Final between Cardiff and Kingston Maurward took place - a busy weekend for the Club.

A number of members played in C.A. Tournaments at Budleigh, but were unable to repeat the runaway success of 1989 - it is always hard to stay at the top. Michael Davis played in Tournaments at Cheltenham and Woking; and John Toye represented Devon and Dorset in the Inter-Counties Tournament.

A team was entered in the Longman Cup but lost in the first round to a very strong team from Bristol.

In the SW Fed. League, which this year was divided into 3 sections of handicap level, results were as follows:

In the Federation League (handicap 15 & below) Sidmouth lost all 4 matches.

In the Intermediate League (handicap 9 - 18) Sidmouth won 3 matches and was awarded a walk-over for the 4th thus qualifying for the Semi-Final. This match was against Plymouth and was played at Bristol, but Sidmouth lost 1-6.

In the B League (handicap 16 & over) Sidmouth won 1 game, was awarded 2 walk-overs; the 4th club withdrew before any match was arranged.

Sidmouth thus reached the semi-final which was against Budleigh and was played at Bournemouth. Sidmouth lost 2-3.

Golf Croquet has been played regularly on Wednesday mornings and Friday evenings, with a record number of 46 present some Wednesdays. Golf Croquet friendly matches against Budleigh Salterton were both lost, but the home match in September was a very close result; 5 to Budleigh, 4 to Sidmouth.

Two members, Katherine Holroyde and Leslie Toye were winners in the Club round of the All-England Tournament, and should have proceeded to the Regional Finals at Cheltenham. The administrative error which precluded them from so doing is much regretted by the Committee.

All the Club Tournaments were well supported, and the eventual winners will be receiving their just rewards at the close of this meeting.

Club facilities have been improved in a number of ways. Through the generosity of Lady Fermor in memory of her brother Robert Case, there is now a shelter on Lawn 3. We also have a pair of seats, to be placed next season on the new Lawn 4, given by Rev. Sheila Scarr to commemorate her husband Bill. Our very grateful thanks for these gifts must be recorded. Concrete bases were laid for the seats on Lawn 1, the semi-circular seat having been repaired by one of our members.

Fund-raising efforts arranged by the Friends of the Fortfield have been supported by the Section by individual attendance at the various functions, and also by taking responsibility for the cake-stall at coffee mornings and by running side-shows at the July Garden Party. The Committee is appreciative of the help given on these occasions, and the Friends have expressed their thanks for the Section's co-operation in the money-raising stakes.

The Croquet Section has made its own contribution to Club funds by passing to the Club Treasurer through the year a total of some £260, which total represents the surplus of income over expenditure after our purely Croquet requirements have been met.

Some of our income is achieved through social gatherings for Croquet members during the close season, which continue to be popular. Whist and Bridge Drives were held through the winter months and thanks are due to those who organised these events and those who served the teas.

The Annual Lunch was held at the Woodlands Hotel in March and 62 members attended.

Your Committee, Iris, wish to thank you for your energetic and selfless leadership through the year; and we give very grateful thanks to all of you who have helped in so many ways. During the year there is a multitude of jobs to be done, and volunteers are always much appreciated.

Your Committee wishes you all good health and good fortune into 1991.

### CLUB TOURNAMENTS 1990

Hicks Cup	Advanced play	J. Toye
Belmont Cup	Handicap singles	J. Hatherley
Fermor Bowl	Ladies handicap Singles	M. Hardman
Colclough & Sidmouth Cups	Handicap Doubles	O. Ragg & I. Dwerryhouse
Devonia Cup	High Handicap Singles	A. Dustan-Smith
Corbett Spoons	2 Ball High Bisquers	M Dawson
Low Bisquers	R. Peirce	
Robert Case Shield	Shot Game	A. Dustan-Smith
Tankard		G. Downs
Cunningham Salvors	Golf Croquet Singles	S. Rawkins
Doubles		G. & P. Dart
Longworth Cup	Most Improved Players	G. Dart
Sidmouth Croquet Club		A. Dustan-Smith

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### LEVELLING OF FORTFIELD LAWN AREA

Lawns 4 and 5 plus the tennis court area were closed as from and including the last week in August. This was done in preparation for levelling work to commence 1st September. Drought conditions made it necessary to decide on a month (plus) delay. The beginning of October saw improvement in the situation but work on level assessments and turf replacement estimating was not possible before Monday 15th October. Some areas of the lawn will need more turf replacement than originally anticipated. Cumberland turf will be used, this being placed in the central playing areas and the old to the surrounding areas.

Interested Ground Committee members are being kept informed of circumstances and progress as it develops.

Club members will appreciate that virtually the whole of the contractor's autumn programme has been disrupted by the summer drought, and for this reason, a new start date has not depended solely on the arrival of suitable weather conditions. Members are also asked to please bear in mind that the delay to this work programme may mean that the lawn area will not be available for play when the normal lawn opening date arrives next season. There could be a delay of a month.

At the time of this report, turf removal is going ahead.

*L. Kennedy*

(21/9/90)