

Minutes of committee meeting October 13th 1983 following the
Annual General Meeting, at the Pavilion.

Present: Valerie Collier, G. Cunningham, Aline Davis, Betty Moores, Eric Kitchener,
Noel Kirtley, Tom Ward.

A ballot resulted in the following appointments:

Aline Davis - Chairman

G. Cunningham - Vice Chairman

Eric Kitchener- Hon. Secretary

Noel Kirtley - Hon. Treasurer.

The next committee meeting was fixed for Thursday October 27th 1983 at 2 p.m, at the Pavilion.

Minutes of Croquet Sect meeting Wed. 27th October 1983 2 p.m. in Pavilion.

Present: Aline Davis E. Kitchener
G. Cunningham N. Kirtley
Valerie Collier T. Ward.
Betty Moores.

The minutes of Oct. 5th were read and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising. Competition Match forms. It was thought that these could be duplicated. Decision deferred until next year.

Faulty Balls. Reg Peirce would pass on information to Tom Ward on the situation regarding replacements.

Lawns. These would close on October 31st as agreed with the groundsman.

Booking Sheets. Analysis of Booking sheets and whether Lawn 4 would be available from the Tennis Sect next year affects the entry of new members. Sheets for next year would be duplicated leaving only dates to be filled in.

New matters. The allocation of duties to be undertaken by Committee members was agreed.

Aline Davis - Chairman and general oversight. G. Cunningham - Vice chairman, Golf croquet and related tournaments, Valerie Collier - Booking sheets, internal tournaments, notice board, Betty Moores - Social events, catering, annual luncheon, Eric Kitchener - Secretary, meeting, membership list, programmes, Tom Ward - Liaison with main committee, equipment, publicity, Noel Kirtley - treasurer.

New members Agreed that prospective new members should be asked to complete application forms, these to be returned to the Secretary for consideration by the Committee early next year.

Mallets. Agreed that John Toye be asked to fit the remaining club mallets with new heads.

Balls. John Toye had asked to buy old balls for use at Sidmouth School. Decision deferred until new membership agreed and Tom Ward had reviewed the equipment position.

Handicap Committee. Decision on membership deferred.

Croquet Association Tournament. A letter from Iris Dwerryhouse was read, asking for committee agreement to an entry for the Longman Cup competition, if a team could be raised. This was agreed - arrangements to be left to Iris Dwerryhouse.

Engraving of Cups. Iris Dwerryhouse will arrange for collection of trophies and engraving with names of 1983 winners. An enquiry would be made regarding price of attaching plaques to the 2 ball competition spoons, ready for engraving.

Social events. Dates agreed for Whist Drives - Nov. 2nd. Dec 1st. Jan. 13th and Feb 15th, 1984. These to be agreed. with Alan Reid. The New Year Party to be held on Friday January 6th, 1984. A Coffee morning for general club funds to be held on Saturday 10th December, entrance 25p. Agreed that a cake stall, raffle and tombola be arranged.

Committee Meetings. Agreed that as far as possible these would be held on the afternoons of 2nd Wednesday in each month.

The next meeting was arranged for Wed. Nov. 23rd, 2.30 p.m. at G. Cunningham's house.

G Cunningham
Vice Chairman

Minutes of Croquet Section Committee Meeting Wed. Nov. 23/1983 2.30 p.m. at G. Cunningham's house.

Present: G. Cunningham, V. Collier, B. Moores, N. Kirtley, E. Kitchener. G. Hewitt as substitute for A. Davis.

Apologies from: A. Davis, T. Ward.

Minutes of the meeting on October 27th were read and signed.

Matters arising. A letter from Tom Ward was read, reporting that posters for the Coffee morning on Dec. 10th were prepared and that an advertisement would be placed in Sidmouth Herald. The general management committee had voted a sum of £350 to cover the purchase of new balls.

Mallets. The possibility of members paying a small fee for the use of club mallets was discussed. Also whether we should ask the general committee for a further sum to cover the cost of new heads to existing club mallets. This could amount to £100.

Availability of tennis court. Agreed that a question should be asked at the General Club A.G.M. on Nov. 30th, as to when a decision would be made by the Tennis section on the use of the two courts to form a fourth Croquet lawn, as last year.

Coffee Morning Dec. 10th. Duties for committee members were agreed - also that preparations be made on Friday morning Dec 9th.

Party Jan 6th. Agreed that games & competitions be arranged.

Valerie Collier - Identity competition.

John Collie - Music competition.

Eric Kitchener - Place Names competition.

G. Cunningham - Pin tail on pig.

Also Give us Clue game to be run. £1 allocated for prizes for each game.

Annual Luncheon Betty Moores reported on some of the prices obtained and was asked to make further enquiries for lunch and the possibility of dinner in the evening.

Next meeting Thursday 12th January 1984 at Aline Davis's house.

Aline S Davis

Chairman

Minutes of Croquet Section Committee Thursday Jan. 12/84
10.30 am at Aline Davis's House

Apologies: G. Cunningham
Present: A. Davis. V. Collier. B. Moores. E. Kitchener
N. Kirtley. T. Ward. G. Hewitt as substitute for G. Cunningham.

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

Matters arising The Treasurer, Noel Kirtley, reported that he had £25 in hand. The coffee morning on Dec. 10th made a profit of £127.53 and £150 had been handed to the Club Treasurer.

Mallets. Tom Ward reported that there were 25 mallets belonging to the Club, including 7 with plastic heads. Decision of re-heading remaining 18 deferred.

Corbett spoons. Agreed that engraving be done.

Annual luncheon. Betty Moores reported that the Belmont Hotel had offered lunch for £6 per head between 6th & 23rd April., and the Westcliff Hotel dinner for an average of £4.50 to £5 for a 3-course meal & coffee. We could have music & dancing if required.

Agreed to charge £5.50 per head, to cover gratuities etc. to be held on March 21 or 22nd, and to ask John Collier to make a tape of music. Subsequently agreed, *Wed. 28th. March*, that tickets should be £6 and to engage an organist to provide dance music at a fee of £25.

Equipment. Agreed to have extra key cut for the locker containing tea, tablecloths etc.

Tom Ward reported having received 2 new sets of balls from Jacques, and these, with the replacements from last year's defective ones, gave a total of 8 sets in standard colours with 2 sets of alternative colours.

Agreed to purchase 1 set of each colour from Walkers of Chippenham, price approx. £44 per set, with 2 year guarantee.

Agreed that Aline Davis would try to obtain extra clips of the large clothes peg type.

Agreed that we should try to obtain a wooden strip fender along the east border of No. 1 court to prevent balls hitting the wall.

Tom also said we had 21 cracked or unserviceable balls. Agreed to allow John Toye to buy 3 of these and we would try repairs on the others.

Fourth lawn on tennis courts. Some members felt that we should express strongly to either the Tennis Club or the Main Committee, that the 4th lawn was absolutely essential in view of our large membership, and that we should not accept that the Tennis Club or any section had any automatic right to the use of any part of the grounds. Agreed that Tom Ward, as representative to the Main Committee should continue to press for an early decision.

New members. Nine applications had been received and 2 social members wished to become players. It was thought that 5 or 6 present members would not continue. Agreed to accept all applications. Secretary to inform them and the Club Office.

Spring Programme. Nine dates were agreed, covering February, March and until the probable opening of the lawns on April 7th. Agreed to have 90 copies duplicated, if possible by 18th January for distribution at the Whist Drive.

Next meeting was arranged for Wednesday 8th February, 2 pm. at Betty Moores house.

Aline Davis
Chairman

SIDMOUTH CRICKET, LAWN TENNIS,
CROQUET & HOCKEY CLUB

CROQUET SECTION

SPRING 1984 PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY, 15th FEBRUARY	2.00 p.m.	WHIST DRIVE
FRIDAY, 17th FEBRUARY	6.30 p.m.	COCKTAIL PARTY at BELMONT HOTEL (for whole Club) TICKETS: £3.00
THURSDAY, 1st MARCH	2.30 p.m.	CROQUET MEETING for present members with Pat Tunmer
TUESDAY, 6th MARCH	2.00 p.m.	WHIST DRIVE
THURSDAY, 15th MARCH	2.30 p.m.	CROQUET CLUB 'AT HOME' – new & present members
WEDNESDAY, 28th MARCH	6.45 p.m. for 7.30	CROQUET SECTION DINNER at Westcliff Hotel: Tickets £6.00
WEDNESDAY, 4th APRIL	2.00 p.m.	NEW MEMBERS Introduction to game
SATURDAY, 7th APRIL	<u>LAWNS</u> <u>OPEN</u>	(Ground & weather permitting)

Your Subscription is now due. If you do not wish to continue as a Member, please notify the Hon. Secretary, Eric Kitchener, Telephone: 2812.

Although Croquet is your game, the Club as a whole needs your help with various jobs, e.g., teas, bar, deck-chair money.

Will you please offer to help once or twice during the Season? Ring Croquet Chairman, Aline Davis (Telephone: 77123).

Minutes of Croquet Section Committee Meeting Wednesday February 8/1984
2 am. at Betty Moores house.

Apologies from G. Cunningham.

Present: A. Davis, V. Collier; B. Moores, N. Kirtley, E. Kitchener,
T. Ward, G. Hewitt sitting in.

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

Dinner. March 28th. Agreed that Betty Moores would collect ticket money, arrange lifts and tables according to members requirements. Agreed that Len Sage be asked to act as M.C. for dancing. Menu agreed: Asparagus soup, braised chicken with 2 vegetables, coffee gateau or cheese and biscuits and coffee.

Equipment. Tom Ward reported that the 2 sets of balls from Walkers had arrived and appeared satisfactory. He would ask John Toye to make two extra ball hods. The management committee had agreed that the lawns be ready by April 6th, weather permitting. Aline Davis agreed to prepare two finishing pegs in the alternative colours. Hoops would be painted before the playing season begins.

Handicaps. Agreed that the existing Handicap Committee consisting of Iris Dwerryhouse, G. Cunningham, Marian Holt and Fred Moores be asked to continue, and that the committee be asked if game cards or break records to be filled in by players would assist in fixing handicaps. The Secretary to write to the Croquet Association asking if they could offer any helpful ideas.

At Home Meeting March 15th. Agreed that the following be asked to act as instructors Iris Dwerryhouse, Valerie Collier, Katherine Holroyde, Mary Hardman, Elsie Corbett, Fred Moores, Robert Case, Reg Peirce, Bernard Whitmore, Eric Kitchener. Noel Kirtley (reserve). New, members would be paired with instructors.

Agreed. that Gordon Penman be invited to welcome new members and give a short talk about the Club in general.

Finance. Agreed that the Treasurer would hold present balance of about £20.

Whist Drives. The question of non-members attending was discussed. Agreed that notices should state clearly that members and guests only could attend.

Chairs. Agreed that the Club Treasurer be asked to return the £20 raised last year in a raffle so that the Croquet Section could purchase 2 or more chairs for the 'Small Pavilion.

The next meeting was arranged for Tuesday March 13th at 2.30 probably at G. Cunningham's house.

Aline Davis
Chairman

Minutes of Croquet Section Committee Meeting Tuesday March 13/84.
2.30 p.m. G. Cunningham's House.

Present: A. Davis G. Cunningham V. Collier B. Moores.
 N. Kirtley E. Kitchener T. Ward.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read, approved & Signed.

Chairs. Agreed to buy 5 plastic folding chairs from Norman's @ £3.99 each.

Booking sheets. Agreed that double banking be allowed on all lawns, except for tournament games. 2nd games to start ½ hr. after 1st start. 15 mins. grace allowed on booking times. The printing of booking sheets to be investigated.

Dinner. Reported 73 tickets sold - Len Sage to MC dancing. A few prizes to be bought for a free draw on ticket numbers.

At Home Meeting March 15th. Cakes, scones etc. to be bought. If members provide anything they will be paid. New members would be introduced to instructors. Ernie Whitton would welcome new members and give a short talk on the Club as a whole. A display, table of equipment & information would be set up by the bar. Agreed to have a question answer session after tea.

Handicaps. The information sheets from the Croquet Association have been passed to the Handicap Committee.

Club Sessions & Programme. Agreed to have Club Golf Croquet days on Wednesdays from 10 am to 3.30 pm. Starting May 2nd. Club days for various shortened games of Association on Tuesdays from 1 pm to 6 pm. starting May 1st.

Provisional Programme. April 4th. New members introduction to game April 7th - Lawns open (weather permitting).

April 17th. John Toye talk. May 1st. Club afternoon. Assoc.

May 2nd. Club Golf Croquet day. May 14/19 Budleigh Open Tournament.

4th Lawn. Agreed to be set up as two small practice lawns until later in the season,

Exeter Club. Letter received from Exeter asking for Golf Croquet Match at Exeter. Date to be agreed.

Matches against Budleigh. Dates to be agreed for Golf Croquet home & away and for Association home & away.

Next meeting arranged for Thursday April 12th 2pm.at Pavilion.

Aline S Davis
Chairman

Minutes of Croquet Committee meeting Thursday April 12th/1984
2pm at the Pavilion

Apologies from G. Cunningham.

Present A. Davis, V. Collier. B. Moores. N. Kirtley, E. Kitchener, T. Ward

Minutes of last meeting were read, approved and signed.

Matters arising: 1) The Chairman, Aline Davis, made a statement about the lunch held yesterday at the Royal Glen Hotel. She said that 28 members had not been able to attend the dinner and dance, and once it was obvious that the dinner would be well attended, these were sounded out about attending a lunch. 14 of these accepted and attended. Some committee members felt that any decision to hold a lunch should have been taken by the Committee and it was agreed that in future such a course would be followed.

Booking sheets. Valerie Collier has had more booking sheets duplicated and will carry on with the present method of joining the sheets together. A printer is prepared to quote, but the cost is likely to be high.

Dinner. Voted a very successful evening.

Funds. Noel Kirtley reported a balance of £23 and it was agreed to hand over £15 to main club funds.

Club Sessions. Agreed that committee members would take charge of club sessions as follows:

Tues. May 1st. 1pm. Eric Kitchener. 3pm. Valerie Collier.
Tues. May 8th 1pm. Aline Davis 3pm. Betty Moores.

Shortened games of association would be played to enable members to mix and have 2 games. Agreed by a majority to reserve No. 1. court for club sessions, as well as the others.

Golf Croquet. Starting Wed. May 2nd. and each Wednesday 10am to 3.30 arrangements left to G. Cunningham and B. Moores.

Matches. Dates of matches against Budleigh were approved.

Assoc. Away Thursday June 7th. Home Tues, Sept 18th
Golf. Away Tues June 19th Home Thurs. Sept 13th.

Other Matters. Internal tournaments. Entry lists to be on Notice Board by May 1st. Entries to close May 31st.

Gala. Date agreed for Friday June 1st. 2 p.m. Games and stalls as last year.

New trophy. Lady Frances Fermor has offered a silver rose bowl as an additional trophy. Agreed that it be presented to winner of a Ladies Singles Handicap Tournament for Association. Name of tournament to be agreed.

Repairs. Thanks were expressed to Tom Ward & Michael Davis for repairs to the small pavilion.

Talk. John Toye would give a talk & demonstration on Breaks on Tuesday April 24th at 2 p.m. and a demonstration game between John Toye & Brian Redford of Budleigh would take place on Tuesday May 29th.

Manor Car Park. The Club held 6 keys for members who are season ticket holders. Agreed that these should be reserved for playing members. Aline Davis would make a new list.

The next meeting was fixed for Thursday May 10th. 2 m at the Pavilion.

Aline Davis
Chairman

Minutes of Croquet Section Committee Meeting. Thursday May 10th 1983

2.30 pm at the Pavilion

1. Apologies received from V. Collier & N. Kirtley.
2. Present. A. Davis. G. Cunningham. B. Moores. E. Kitchener. T. Ward.
3. Minutes of the last meeting were read, approved & signed.
4. Matters Arising 1) Club Sessions agreed as under:

Tues. May 15th.	Association.	A. Davis
“ May 22nd.	2 Ball.	T. Ward
“ May 29th.	Demonstration game.	J. Toye & B. Redford.
“ June 5th.	Association.	B. Kitchener.
“ June 12th.	2 Ball.	B. Moores.
“ June 19th.	Association	V. Collier
“ June 26th.	Association.	N. Kirtley

2) Booking Sheets. A letter from Katherine Holroyde was read, and it was agreed that anyone playing at 1 pm could play until 3.30 pm double banking with games starting at 3 pm. Secretary to so inform K. H.

3) Internal tournaments Draw to be made as soon after May 31st as possible. T. Ward would ask John Toye if he could make a suitable base for the Fermor Rose Bowl.

4) Demonstration Game May 29th. Agreed that T. Ward & E. Kitchener would put out chairs in the morning. Tea to be provided at 3.30 pm.

5) Manor Car Parking. Agreed that John Toye should have the first choice of key from Leslie Toye, provided he has a Council season ticket.

6) Two Ball evenings Agreed that these should begin from July 1st.

7) Gala. Arrangements made: Mrs Penman to do teas. Mr. G. Penman to run Bowls competition. G. Cunningham to do Tombola. T. Ward - treasure hunt. B. Moores – cakes, B. Kitchener - Plants & produce.

Games as last year; Target square. Target round. Hoop running 2 lots. Pendulum. Plank running. Clock.

Agreed to ask club members to help set up the stalls & games on Friday Morning, June 1st and to take charge of the games.

New members. 3 applications received. Agreed to take these in,

2 Ball tournament. Date agreed. Mon. & Tues. August 13th & 14th,

The next meeting was fixed for Monday June 4th. 10.30 am at the Pavilion,

 **Cunningham**
Chairman

Minutes of Special meeting of Croquet Section Committee
Tuesday May 22nd. 1984. 11 am at G. Cunningham's house.

Present. G. Cunningham. V. Collier. B. Moores. N. Kirtley. E. Kitchener, T. Ward.

Following the retirement from the Committee of the Chairman, Aline Davis, due to ill-health, a discussion ensued on what action should be taken. G. Cunningham said that she did not wish to be Chairman and thought the duties should be shared by the Committee.

After a time, the following statement was approved. This to be put on the Club Notice board.

"It is with regret that the Croquet Section Committee have to announce that the Chairmen, Aline Davis, has had to retire for health reasons. Her duties will be taken on by the Vice Chairman for the time being. Gwen Hewitt has been co-opted as a Committee member.

Other business. Gala. Some further details of the arrangements were made.

Tournaments. Agreed that Valerie Collier & Eric Kitchener should make the draw for the Internal Tournaments on June 2 or 3.

Club sessions. Agreed that Tuesdays be reserved for Association, Wednesdays for Golf Croquet and Fridays from 3.30 for 2 Ball starting on June 8th.

 **Cunningham**
Chairman

Minutes of Croquet Section Committee meeting Mon. June 4/84
10. 30 am at G. Cunningham's house.

1. Apologies from. Gwen Hewitt,
2. Present. G. Cunningham, V. Collier, B. Moores. N. Kirtley, T. Ward, E. Kitchener.
3. Matters arising. 1) Gala. G. Cunningham thanked the Committee members for their work in arranging & running the Gala. Noel Kirtley recorded a profit of £134. 69. This was a satisfactory result considering the early date and the weather.
- 2) The following duties were arranged for 2 ball afternoons:
June 8th. E. Kitchener. June 15th G. Hewitt. June 22 Noel Kirtley.
June 29. Betty Moores. July 6. T. Ward.

2 ball game handicapping was discussed and the Secretary was asked to find out what the rules were, if any. Agreed that if nothing was laid down in writing, that games should be played with bisques, everyone starting at Hoop 1. 16 -18 Assoc. handicap receive 2 bisques. 13 - 15 handicap receive 1 bisque.

The 2 ball tournament rounds to be played by August 31st, entrants arranging their own games. Entry to remain open to June 30 - draw as soon after that as possible.

3) Booking Times Some confusion had arisen about golf croquet game times overlapping association games. Agreed to have notices put up in mallet room and small pavilion asking golf croquet players to mark through the times of booking and mark for golf croquet.

4) July Club Sessions. Arranged. July 3rd. E Kitchener. July 10th. V. Collier.

5) Date of Golf Croquet Tournament. Tuesday and Wednesday Sept 25/26.

A.O.B. Agreed wooden mallets with poor heads to be put away in locker.

G. Cunningham reported a request for a shelter for No. 3. lawn. After a discussion, during which C. Cunningham offered to help with labour costs, Tom Ward was asked to put the matter before the main committee to see if it would provide the materials.

Next committee meeting arranged for Monday July 2nd 2.30 pm at the Pavilion.

 **Cunningham**
Chairman

Minutes of emergency Committee meeting of Croquet Section
Tuesday June 12th. 10 am at G. Cunningham's house.

Present G. Cunningham, V. Collier. B. Moores, G. Hewitt, T. Ward, N. Kirtley.

Apologies from. E. Kitchener.

1. Meeting called to discuss the implications of the announcement in the Sidmouth Herald on Sat. June 9th that "The Sidmouth Tennis Club had been told that they could not use the new hard courts in hot weather and are now trying to negotiate with the Croquet Section for land to site grass courts. If the weather becomes too hot it would mean that the club members would have only one grass court in operation unless one of the croquet lawns could be converted for tennis,

2. Tom Ward said that he had been approached by telephone, in great consternation by Brian Fitzgerald that the lawns at present numbered 4 & 5 would be required immediately by the Tennis Section, but that the matter would be discussed at the Club Managements Committee meeting on Friday June 15th, at which he, Tom Ward, would be present.

3. The Croquet Committee resolved that Tom Ward should:-

A) express the consternation of all croquet members that after being promised the use of the lawns 4 and 5 for the whole season, additional members had been enrolled and many tournaments had been arranged, dependent on the use of the lawn for the whole season. Despite the strong feeling, it was acknowledged that all sections had a duty to the interests of the club, which had the ultimate right to allocate lawns as they considered reasonable.

B) Suggest that the lawn be allocated to the Tennis Section for the month of August only so that all croquet tournaments could be played as planned.

C) Failing the acceptance of August only then July and August be allocated to the Tennis Section and September to Croquet.

If despite these recommendations the lawn is allocated to the Tennis Section for the remainder of the season, then the Committee would reluctantly have to take the following actions:

1. Cancel the proposed 2 ball tournament.
2. Allocate the morning session 10am to 1 pm on No. 1 Lawn each Wednesday morning to Golf Croquet to alleviate the congestion on Nos. 2 and 3.
3. Keep under observation, the attendance at the 2 ball game on Friday afternoons.

The meeting closed at 11.05 am.

 **Cunningham**
Chairman

Minutes of Croquet Committee meeting, Wednesday July 18/8
at the Pavilion

Present. G. Cunningham, B. Moores, V. Collier, G. Hewitt, N. Kirtley. E. Kitchener.
Apologies from T. Ward,

1. The meeting opened with a prolonged discussion on the manner in which the 4th croquet lawn had reverted to tennis. A letter had been received from the management committee pointing out that the lawn had been granted in February, with the proviso that it could revert to tennis in case of extreme urgency. The general feeling was that the matter had not been well handled by the main committee, especially in view of the premature disclosure in the Sidmouth Herald.
2. The minutes of the two previous meetings were then read and approved.
3. Agreed that Valerie Collier & Eric Kitchener would arrange and run the 2 ball tournament on August 20th and 21st and also make the team arrangements for the return Association match with Budleigh on Sept. 18th.
4. A discussion on the times of Tuesday afternoon Club sessions resulted in a decision to leave the starting time at 1 pm.
5. The Secretary recorded that the main committee had no objection to a shelter on No.-3. lawn, but that the structure would have to be approved by the Trustees, and no club funds would be available. The previous offer of financial help from G. Cunningham was withdrawn and it was decided to take no further action.
6. The Secretary reported on a meeting on the proposed South West Croquet Federation, and the two leagues for Association matches in 1985. Agreed to refer the matter to Club members at the A.G.M. to choose 2 representatives to attend a formation meeting in November.
7. The date of the A.G.M. was fixed for Tuesday October 23rd at 2.30 pm. in the Pavilion.
8. Next Committee meeting arranged for Wednesday Aug. 22nd at 2.30pm.

 **Cunningham**
Chairman

Minutes of Croquet Committee meeting Wednesday August 22/84

2.30 pm. in the small pavilion

Present: G. Cunningham, V. Collier. G. Hewitt, B. Moores. N. Kirtley. E. Kitchener.
T. Ward.

Minutes last meeting were read, approved and signed.

Date of A.G.M. Confirmed for Tuesday October 23rd at 2.30 pm.

2 Ball Tournament. Valerie Collier reported on a very successful 2 days with a good number of entries. She was thanked for her organisation and work.

Matches. Golf Croquet against Budleigh on 13th Sept. Teas arranged by member. Association against Budleigh on 18th. Sept. Agreed to ask Millicent Gibbs to do teas with help. Tom Ward would ask for bar to be open on both days.

Club afternoons. Times to be left as at present. Duties were arranged.

Lawns. G. Cunningham had attended a Management Committee meeting in place of Tom Ward, and reported that No. 1 Lawn would revert to croquet from early September.

Lawn Edgings. A request had been made to have timber edgings put down, particularly on east side of No. 1. lawn. In view of the high cost, agreed to take no action.

1985 Committee. Notice of nominations to be on the notice board by Sat. 7th. Nominations to close on Sept. 30th to allow ballot papers to be prepared for the AGM.

Whist. Agreed to ask Alan Reid to run first whist drive on Wednesday November 7th at 2 pm.

Groundsman's Benefit. List for subscriptions to be put up by mid-September.

Budget for 1985. Amount requested for next year to be fixed at next Committee meeting.

Next meeting arranged for October 1st. 10.30 am at G. Cunningham' s house.

 **Cunningham**
Chairman

Minutes of Croquet Committee meeting Wed. 26 Sept/84

2.30 pm at the pavilion

Present: G. Cunningham, V. Collier, G. Hewitt, N. Kirtley, B. Kitchener. T. Ward.

Apologies from B. Moores.

1. Minutes of last meeting were read, approved & signed.
 2. Valerie Collier reported on the Association match with Budleigh. A very enjoyable day resulted in a draw of 3 games each.
- G. Cunningham reported a good day of golf croquet against Budleigh, which Budleigh won. A letter of thanks and appreciation had been received from the Budleigh Club.
3. Club afternoons. Agreed that the last dates should be Tuesday Oct. 16th for Association, Wed. 17th for Golf Croquet and Friday 19th for 2 ball, No. 1. court now closed for maintenance & re-seeding. No. 2. would be dealt with as soon as materials are available.
 4. Expenditure for 1985. Agreed to ask for the sum of £300 to be included in the main club budget to cover purchase of balls, corner flags & other items.
 5. Equipment. Concern was expressed that of 7 club mallets with plastic heads, only 4 were now in the clubhouse. All club mallets are marked with orange plastic tapes on the handles. Suggested that members be reminded that club mallets must not be taken home,
 6. Proposed S.W. Federation. Agreed in principle that we should take part. The matter to be put to members at the A.G.M. and two representatives chosen to attend the formation meeting at Tracy Park on November 4th.
 7. A.G.M. Agreed to ask Bernard Clark, a club member and local councillor to present awards, and to ask Bob Eastaugh and Noel Kirtley to act as tellers for the Committee Ballot.
 8. Awards. Agreed that cup for the most improved player be given to Len Sage. Decided that no award be made this year for outstanding serviced to the Club,
 9. Notices. Agreed that notice and agenda of the A.G.M. be duplicated and delivered to every member,

 **Satherley**
Chairman

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Croquet Section
Tuesday October 23rd 1984 2.30 pm. at Pavilion

The meeting opened with a welcome from the Chairman. 64 members were present. Apologies from M. Warren, E. Cole, M. Hart, E. Collier, T. Broomhead, G. Bamford, N. Bamford, N. Kirtley & H. Usher.

The minutes of the A.G.M. of 13th October 1983, were read, approved & signed. No. Natters arising.

The Hon. Sec. read his report, saying that the summer weather had enabled play to take place almost every day from April to Sept. The playing membership was 85 and a waiting list of 10 for next year. He referred to successful open tournament results by Michael Davis and John Toye, and good performances by 8 other members. Iris Dwerryhouse had been given position of Official Handicapper by Croquet Association. He referred to development work being undertaken by the croquet Assoc. and thanked members for their help during the year.

Tom Ward reported on equipment and the grounds – particularly asking members not to take club owned mallets away. Only one lawn was now in operation, the others being treated by the groundsman. He appealed to members to make some corner flags.

Valerie Collier gave details of the internal tournaments and thanked members for their co-operation in playing off games so promptly. She thanked those who had entered for the first time and hoped they were looking forward to next year's competitions. A new competition, a ladies singles handicap, had been played for, a silver bowl given by Lady Fermor.

She also referred to the successful 2 ball tournament, played over 2 days and the shot game devised by Robert Case.

Matches against Budleigh resulted in 1 win and a draw, and that against South Brent in a win. She asked members to make more use of the lawns in double banking.

'G' Cunningham thanked members for turning up so well for golf croquet days and said it was a good game for social activity.

Gwen Hewitt reported entries of 24 singles and 14 pairs for the golf croquet tournaments and thanked "G" Cunningham and John Holt for their work in organisation. The matches against Budleigh resulted in one draw and one lost and that against Exeter in a win.

Betty Moores reported on the successful military Whist Drives, run by Alan Reid during the winter. Also a happy New Year Party and an enjoyable Dinner Dance at the Westcliff Hotel in March. Two coffee mornings and a croquet gala had been held for general club fund raising.

Noel Kirtley gave the treasurer's report showing that the Section income was £476 and expenditure £101. Allowing for balances in hand, a total of £355 had been handed to the Club Treasurer.

Ballot for Committee. Prior to the ballot papers being handed out by the tellers, Noel Kirtley & Bob Eastaugh, a proposal was made by G. Cunningham that postal votes be allowed, following suggestions by some members unable to attend the A.G.M. Reg Peirce and Philip Dwerryhouse said that we should follow the customs of the Main Club which did not allow such votes and the motion was withdrawn.

Alfred Verity asked if the Chairman or Secretary would clarify the position- regarding members standing down after 3 years on the Committee. One or two members commented on the matter, saying that it had been left to individual members, and Robert

Case recalled that the wording had been that members should ordinarily not stand for more than 5 consecutive years.

The Hon. Sec. reported on 2 meetings at Cheltenham and Budleigh exploring the possibility of setting a South West federation of Croquet Clubs. An inaugural meeting would take place at Tracy Park nr Bath on Nov. 4th. and the present Committee had agreed in principle to our taking part. A league of matches between clubs south of Bristol was proposed under the Federation and we could take part if we wished. After some discussion it was agreed to give the new Committee a mandate to proceed with membership if it thought fit. Representatives to the meeting were agreed as Iris Dwerryhouse and Fred Moores and two observers, Philip Dwerryhouse and John Hatherley would also attend.

Tea was then served.

A.O.B. Katherine Holroyde asked if we would have metal corner flags, as used at Budleigh, as these did not wear out and the lawn numbers could be painted on them. Fred Moores pointed out the dangers to players stepping back on to sharp edges.

Elsie Corbett thought that stress should be laid on the etiquette relating to double banking games. Members said that the new laws book contained a section on this, and a notice was also displayed in the mallet room.

John Hatherley raised the question of whether it was right to allow practice on a lawn on which a game was in progress. He could foresee some difficulties about such double banking. Jo Stone said that she had done this several times and provided one paid sufficient attention to the game in progress, and allowed it preference, there should be no problem.

Muriel Rose thanked senior members who had given much help to newcomers with stroke play.

The Chairman then introduced Councillor Bernard Clark who gave an amusing talk on prize giving in general, with references to playing the game as well as playing to win. He then presented prizes as follows:-

Belmont Cup or Handicap Singles	John Hatherley
Fermor Bowl - Ladies Handicap Singles	Joan Goode
Colclough & Sidmouth Cups for Handicap Doubles	Joan Goode and Clifford Taylor
Devonia Cup - High Bisque Handicap Singles	Clifford Taylor
Longworth Cup Most Improved player -	Len Sage
Cunningham Salvors - Golf Croquet singles	David Rawkins
Doubles	Marion Holt and May Stephenson.
Corbett Spoons - 2 Ball Game Low Bisque	John Toye
High Bisque	Eric Kitchener

The result of the ballot for new committee members was then announced: The following were elected:-

Michael Davies, Valerie Collier, Iris Dwerryhouse, Mary Hardman, John Hatherley, Gwen Hewitt and Tom Ward. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the retiring committee by Robert Case.

 **Hatherley**
Chairman

Hon. Sec's Report to A.G.M. Croquet Sect. October 23rd 1984

Madam Chairman, Mr. Clark and fellow members.

We have enjoyed probably the best summer weather for many years, enabling play to take place almost every day from April to September. Although at times it was almost too hot and the water restrictions had an adverse effect on the lawns, I am sure that you will all have had as many games as you wished this year.

We have a playing membership of 85 and a waiting list of 10 for next year.

The season has not been without its trials and tribulations. In May, the Committee was unfortunate to lose the services of its elected Chairman, Aline Davis, through illness, but we are now glad to see her restored to reasonable health.

Our Vice Chairman, 'G', has acted as chairman since then, and the Committee has done its best to fulfil the task given to it last October - that is - to run the affairs of the Section.

Regarding Play - we congratulate Michael Davis on winning the Walters Long Trophy at the Budleigh May Tournament, thus following successful Sidmouth players in past years.

John Toye has had a successful year, winning the Daniels Cup at Cheltenham in July and three trophies at the Budleigh Club, including the Club Championship.

Our first venture into the Longman Cup, a national competition resulted in a narrow win for Worcester by 3 games to 2.

We have 10 members who have played in various outside tournaments this year, all - putting up good performances, and the experience has certainly helped the standard of play within the Club.

Our congratulations to Iris Derryhouse on being appointed an Official Handicapper by the Croquet Association Headquarters at Hurlingham.

The game of croquet required not only skilful ball play but also the ability to plan moves ahead, thus demanding a higher degree of mental & physical co-ordination than many games. There is strong evidence that it is increasing in popularity throughout the country with many young people showing keen interest.

There are proposals from the Croquet Association to further encourage new clubs and extend membership of existing ones, and it is expected that these efforts will be backed by the Sports Council.

Finally, I would like to thank, not only the members of the retiring committee for their work, but also those Club members who have helped so willingly with various fund-raising efforts, social events and dealing with equipment.

CROQUET SECTION A.G.M. 23 October 1984

EQUIPMENT AND GROUND REPORT:

My predecessor, Reg Peirce with the help of John Toye had seen to it that we started the season with a good stock of mallets. £64.52 had been invested in replacing damaged heads on nine mallets with polystyrene. This year we identified the club mallets with orange tape on the shafts and it is intended that these should be available for new members to borrow while they are gaining experience. Much as we applaud the enthusiasm of those who get in extra practise in their gardens at home, we do not really want them to take our mallets for this purpose. If any member has a club mallet at home, I would ask them to return it this week so that we can check our inventory.

During the 1983 season there had been a serious problem with the balls as Jaques has been having production difficulties. Fortunately, these were resolved in time for the 1984

season and we purchased two new sets for match play and managed to get some cracked ones replaced under guarantee. As these cost nearly £70 per set it was decided to invest in two sets from another manufacturer at £44 a set. Although these comply with all the regulations, the Association players find they react in strange ways in a croquet stroke. (I find this happens to me in any case) Fortunately, this problem does not arise for Golf Croquet players. One or two of the older balls have developed cracks and will have to be replaced but none of the new ones show any sign of deterioration.

It has been a long hot dry summer during which the groundsman has had a perfect alibi for not watering the lawns. We were able to start playing at the beginning of April and continue almost without a break. As the season progressed your comments on the condition of the lawns increased both in number and technical merit so it may interest you to know that at least one visitor from Budleigh wrote to say that our lawns were "much improved". Which only goes to prove something or other. We regret having to close first one and now three lawns before the end of October but we have to give the groundsman a chance to get them into condition for 1985.

The club as a whole has its financial problems and it seems certain that our subscriptions will have to be increased but I think it will probably continue to represent very good value for money.

Finally, we could do with some more corner flags. Perhaps one or two ladies would volunteer to buy the material and make them up. The treasurer will pay the bill for the materials and we will accept their labour of love with grateful thanks.