

## **SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, CROQUET & HOCKEY CLUB**

### **CROQUET SECTION**

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at Deans Mead on 17/10/2011

**Apologies:** Muriel Philpott

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and signed.

**Ex-Minutes.** Graeme Pryor's mention re white border tapes should have read 'string. Matter to be considered at a later date.

It was noted that Gabby had changed the table tennis day to Tuesday without consultation with the Committee. **EW** to telephone

#### **Chairman's Report**

- a) SWF Managers - Richard Wood, Roger Hendy, Philip Harris, Pam Bowra, Helen Pryor. **BC** to thank Nancy Temple.
- b) January 19<sup>th</sup> Slide Show. David Baldock - Through the Seasons/ Nibbles/Peter Hills - Norway. Tickets £2.00
- c) Folk Week. Roger Mills to be asked to manage Parking. **BC** inform Mike Dibble.
- d) Tournaments 1/2/3 days. High Handicap - Margaret Piper, Canton - Graeme Harford with Julie Horsley, Corbett Spoons LH - David Clarke, HH - Helen Pryor High, Bisquers - Nancy Temple, Shot Game - John Dixon, Golf - Helen Pryor.
- e) Summer Programme to be re-vamped where necessary. ? assistant to learn re management and paperwork preparation for Charity Match.
- f) Golf Handicap committee - John Coombes, Howard Quarrell, Ian Friedlander, Keith Thorley.

#### **Secretary's Report**

- a) **MT** dealing with SWFed paperwork. MT to discuss with Members going to the AGM about a Proposal that entry to Federation games require a different Handicap Level. CA Golf Tournament to be advertised in December Newsletter.
- b) **BC** to reply to SWAN letter re any special entries suitable.
- c) **BC** to ask David Temple for September GMC Report
- d) Sheila Blenkinsopp to be advised that there are no changes to internal tournament handicaps this year.
- e) Proposed programme being revamped. A vote was taken re non-inclusion of a specified 3 day Finals event. 6 Yes - 1 abstention and one no vote. KT will state a date when all finals must be concluded.
- f) Suggestion for a Golf Croquet award for an improved player 2012

#### **Membership Secretary and Cashier's Report** (read by EW)

- a) Match fees to remain at £5.00 per player
- b) Charity One Ball - Pink theme
- c) Know the game books have been ordered
- d) £120 was collected for Cohn and Lynne

#### **Rob Matthews**

- a) Copy of programme will be given to Cohn and Terry

- b) Lawn 1 to be closed 24/10 and Lawn 2 the following week
- c) Richard Thurlow, Roger Mills and Derek Andrews have offered to help with jobs especially out of season.

**Keith Thorley** No report

**Mike Taylor** No report

**Helen Pryor**

- a) Refresher session dates for Golf Croquet and Association to be switched.
- b) Suggestion of less tables at refresher mornings so one can spend more time on each topic.
- c) Note. Golf session organiser - Howard Quarrell. Association - EW

**Marian Harris**

- a) Hotel price per ticket is £19.95. Cost per person £21 to cover gratuities.
- b) Raffles, at our special events, to be run by different members. £30 approx. to be spent in buying suitable prizes to complement those brought by participants. Money to be refunded from sale of tickets. David and Barbara will run raffle at the Christmas Lunch. Marian to ask hotel for 1 'bottle'
- c) Christmas lunch tickets will be available at the Tuesday table tennis and whist sessions. (Note Tuesday Not Wednesday)
- d) As there is a large lounge at the rear of the Bedford a request will be made for coffee to be served in there.

**Any Other Business**

- a) Colin Walls now in charge of Publicity together with the Booking Sheets
  - b) **MT** will organise display of posters re New Members morning
  - c) Coaching will be organised by John Dixon
  - d) Block Tournaments The paper presented was not accepted by the whole committee. **KT** after lengthy discussion it was proposed that the handicaps for internal tournaments stayed the same as 2011 6 YES 1 abstention and one no vote.
- It was agreed that all members should receive a copy of the original Draft Proposal. **EW** to email. This matter will appear on the next Agenda, please.

Next meetings 9.30 am. Deans Mead. November 14 and December 12

*Elaine Woodward.*

## **SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, CROQUET & HOCKEY CLUB**

### **CROQUET SECTION**

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at Deans Mead on 14.11.2011

#### **Apologies** None

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted and signed.

#### **Matters Arising**

Block Tournaments to be re-discussed during 2012

BC to contact Colin Walls re publicity and photography with Mike Taylor being his channel of communication.

#### **Chairman's Report**

- a) KT. To place a notice in mallet room re either player inviting the other to play their tournament.
- b) Roger Mills agreed to manage Folk Festival parking for one year.
- c) RM will look into the purchase of a selection of new chairs.
- d) KT proposed and MP seconded the proposal to invite Peter Nelson to come onto the committee. He will be asked to take charge of the booking sheets.

#### **Secretary's Report**

- a) Final programme is completed - it will be dated.
- b) MT will attend part of the tennis event and will contact a few members also.
- c) It was agreed that EW would mention Katherine Holroyde's bequest in her Spring Report.
- d) MP will ask the men members to clean the seats on the lawns.
- e) Keith Owen Fund to be discussed with David Temple.
- f) EW to write to Pam Bowra thanking her and all the others who care for the Chairman's garden and won excellent awards.
- g) Pam Bowra to send all necessary 'care' cards pro tem.

#### **Membership Secretary and Treasurer's Report**

- a) GC and AC Laws books are in stock together with 25 Know Your Game.
- b) 50 Christmas card packs were sold. £24 profit. Rita has decided not to design further Christmas cards.
- c) The archives have been safely stored for the winter.
- d) BC to thank Gabby for keeping the Scrapbook up to date.
- e) A float of £200 is held.
- f) MP to pass spare raffle tickets to David Clarke.

#### **Helen Pryor**

Further discussion re Golf Croquet handicaps held over until after SW Fed.AGM

#### **Marian Harris**

- a) Savoury Snacks will be served as opposed to a buffet meal on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

b) 43 tickets sold for Christmas Lunch. Members will be encouraged to move into the resident's lounge prior to lunch being served. The seating plan will be displayed there and raffle tickets will be on sale.

After the meal, coffee will be served in this room - not at the tables.

### **Robert Matthews**

Colin, our groundsman, will be away at the beginning of June. Unfortunately, it is not possible to change the date of the CA Midsummer Tournament. EW will speak to John Goodwin, Grounds Chairman, as lawns will need to be mowed and white ~~strips~~ lines marked. Re-discuss February when details of ground assistants should be available.

### **Mike Taylor**

HP. EW and David Temple will be joining Mike for the SW Fed. AGM. There are 15 proposals. The committee agreed that our representatives should vote as they think best. Mike was congratulated on all the study he has given to these proposals.

### **Derek Powell**

Nigel Graves is seriously ill and unable to manage the Golf Croquet. Tournament in April. Helen Pryor has agreed to take his place and will send a card of friendship.

### **Any Other Business**

Visitors do not have to sign a visitor's book as anyone is permitted to buy a drink at the Club.

Next meetings. Monday 12th• December and Monday 16th January. 9.30 am

Elaine Woodward.

## **SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, CROQUET & HOCKEY CLUB**

### **CROQUET SECTION**

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at Deans Mead on 12.12.2011

#### **Apologies** None

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted and signed.

#### **Matters Arising**

15 Know Your Game booklets in hand.

Change of plan. Coffee was served at the tables at the Christmas lunch.

Read 'lines' instead of white strips.

#### **Chairman's Report**

- a. Peter Nelson was welcomed onto the Committee.
- b. Illustrated Talk January 19<sup>th</sup> Philip will assist Marian re placing of screen etc., Due consideration needs to be given to the decorators who will be on site.
- c. Peter Nelson will be helping Roger Mills with the Folk Week parking
- d. Details from GMC Report.
  1. Graham Dodd has been presented with a Crystal tankard in recognition of his many years he has worked for the Club.
  2. All sections raised their Subscriptions for 2012
  3. £500 received from the estate of Cyril Spencer
  4. The Friends events are not being so well supported as previously. Friday night suppers have been cancelled although Burns Night will still be celebrated.
  5. Badgers have caused damage on Lawn 1. Colin monitoring same.
  6. Discussion re new changing room for cricketers. (Keith Owen Fund)
  7. ? Broadband in the Pavilion - under discussion.
  8. Colin's assistant will be coping with the lawns whilst he is away in June.

TDS photograph will be on the front of the Fixture Book.

#### **Secretary's Report**

- a. It was decided to forward Philip Harris's Name for a CA award as the most improved player in 2011. No name suitable for Gold Croquet nor Lady player! MT
- b. It was assumed that our Club was not the Main Club for Rosemary Bradshaw. This to be noted when sending to CA the Membership Fees.
- c. Next year, members will be asked to indicate on their application forms whether they are members of the CA or not. HP
- d. PN was asked to organise the list re Club afternoons. Non-committee members to be approached.
- e. Next Agenda. Discussion re high netting at Lawn 1.

#### **Membership Secretary and Treasurer's Report**

£100 has been forwarded to the Main Club with £126 still in hand. The Raffle raised almost £90 including £30 which was spent on prizes.

### **Helen Pryor**

Decision by this committee. Regular Golf Croquet competitive players' handicaps to remain be as per their cards.

New Members to commence with a handicap of 11.

Experienced CA Players to take The Test and their Cards to be altered as appropriate. KT will advise the GC Handicap Committee.

### **Marian Harris**

The Christmas Lunch was very successful. Next Booking for the Bedford Hotel. Wednesday December 5<sup>th</sup> 2012. It was suggested that there should be a wine waiter.

Confirmation that only events requiring catering or bar facilities should be entered in the Pavilion Diary.

### **Peter Nelson**

In touch with Colin Walls re Booking Sheets.

### **Mike Taylor**

1. The Parkstone Trophy will now have 3 divisions. Our Club is in Division 3
2. In future all players in a SW Fed. Match must play off their own Handicaps. Only one player permitted of a higher handicap with only 2 steps difference.
3. Federation handicaps to remain at 14 and below with Intermediate 9 - 18

### **Any Other Business**

Elaine. If the January 19th event is successful perhaps David Temple could be asked to give his talk on Being a Vet. ? Other offers?

Helen Confirmation that Lawn 2 to be available on Tuesday afternoons for competitive play practice. *Golf Croquet*

Barbara David Laidler to be contacted re a Summer Treasure Hunt around Sidmouth  
Chris Donovan, Chairman of Budleigh Club, would like to be a social member of our Club. HP - Suggestion - would we like a joint event with Budleigh? Skittles?

Next Meetings. Monday January 16th 9.30am. Friday. February 10th 9.30am

*E. Woodward*

GMC report Nov. 28th 2011 from Elaine

Neil Gamble welcomed Graham and Helen Dodd to this meeting, to thank him for all his hard work as club treasurer, auditor and financial adviser. Neil presented Graham with an engraved Dartington Crystal tankard.

Subscriptions for 2012, all sections have had a small percentage increase. Croquet £155, Non-Playing £20.

Neil congratulated the tennis section on the completion of their major project and on the excellent gala evening on 20th November.

Unsuccessful attempts had been made to persuade the EDDC to take some responsibility for the drainage problems on the pathway adjacent to lawn 1. In due course, Russell Belairs would be employed to clear the blocked drain but an application to the local authority for road closure might be necessary.

Cyril Spencer - the club has received £500 from the estate of the late Cyril Spencer.

**Friends** - Howard Quarrell reported an "up & down" autumn for the Friends. Sunday lunches have been well attended (45-50 people), but the numbers attending Fridays suppers have been so poor that they have been cancelled until further notice - except for "Burn's Night" on Friday 27th. January 2012.

Howard reminded everyone about the Punch & Mince Pies on Boxing Day morning, courtesy of the Friends.

**Grounds** - Wildlife, Probably badgers, have shown an interest in Lawn 1. Colin has been targeting the leather jackets, thinking that could be what the Badgers are interested in, Colin is monitoring the situation.

**Proposed new changing room** - There is a proposal to move the visitors CH. Room upstairs into the loft space, it is under discussion. Neil is applying to the Keith Owen fund

**Fund raising** - The cricketers will be more active this year with banners, etc. and deckchair monies.

Technology - There is increased pressure with regards to having Broadband in the pavilion, the cricketers are interested but I said at the moment I thought "no" from the croquet section.

Colin is away for the start of our June T. - Colin usually does the white lines, John Goodwin 'said not to worry, Colin's assistant will manage'.

David Temple was considering applying to the Keith Owen fund, for sprinklers for lawn 1. Neil suggested that the Katherine Holroyde bequest was used instead.

**SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, CROQUET & HOCKEY CLUB**

**CROQUET SECTION**

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at Deans Mead on 16th• January 2012

Apologies Robert Matthews

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted and signed.

**Matter Arising**

AOB Helen. Enter Golf Croquet

**Chairman's Report**

- a. Sue Rogers presided at the Service for Robert Hammond at the Crematorium. Guests to the 'wake' had been invited by Robert Hammond's family. Robert's croquet paperwork to be stored in the Croquet Archives with mention in the Spring Newsletter.
- b. Terry Riding has now recovered from his recent hospital stay.
- c. Neil Gamble is in discussion with the tennis committee re using the grass court in April.
- d. Next GMC meeting being held at the end of January.
- e. John Dixon sorting out the Honours Boards.
- f. Cliff Jones plans to hold a 2-day course entitled 'Towards the Triple Peel'. It is hoped that it will now be held at Budleigh. Handicap 9 and under. Tony Dustan-Smith wishes to run a course on Cannons and Richard Wood on Better Breaks. Re-discuss later in season. MT and BC to meet up with John Dixon re slightly altering the format of coaching for new members and suggesting that all coaches are used throughout the season.

Refresher sessions . AC to be run by EW and GC by Howard Quarrell or HP. ?. Etiquette details to be spoken of at beginning of Sessions.

- g. The Badger has moved away.

**Secretary's Report**

- a. Golf Croquet Improvers Cup. KT to discuss with GC Handicap Committee.
- b. No further discussion re High Netting at Lawn 1.
- c. Coaching charges to remain at £25 for 6 lessons. Reduction in fees to be discontinued.
- d. All England AC Area Final. We are not offering this facility this year.
- e. No name from this Club is to be put forward as Coach of the Year Award this year.
- f. High Bisquers Tournament at Budleigh April 21/22. Mention to be made in Spring Newsletter and advertised in mallet room

**Membership Secretary and Treasurer's Report**

- a. £214 was raised from hosting the AC All England Handicap Finals.
- b. Rob Mitchell has offered to take on the membership paperwork 2012/2013
- c. David Temple has presented the Club with a large number of yard sticks which he has made whilst away from home. BC to thank.
- d. Muriel and Tony Philpott's Special Coffee Morning to be advertised in the mallet room.

**Marian Harris**

- a. The Friends Coffee morning will not take place on June 5. - as previously programmed.



- b. The Whist lunch. On March 1<sup>st</sup> will consist of hot dishes with the Spring Lunch being a Cold Buffet.
- c. Copy of Bar opening times to be passed to BC
- d. BC to contact Roger Hendy re pre-drinks on Opening Day. (Roger supplying)

**Keith Thorley**

Golf Croquet players' handicaps to remain as per their cards with new players commencing with handicap 11. Experienced AC players to be tested!

**Helen Pryor**

Suggestion re fewer tables at refresher sessions.

**Peter Nelson**

Colin Walls has the Banner in hand and all publicity re Prospective Members morning.

**Mike Taylor**

Other than Wellington all Home Matches are now booked.

Parking Permits for visiting Club Managers of teams to book, via Colin, a parking permit for each match. Details to be entered into the main diary.

**Any Other Business**

1. Please automatically email your Agendas to EW for committee meetings.
2. SW Federation AGM. One driver to receive £12. towards petrol costs.
3. Colin Walls would be interested in becoming a committee member 2012/133

Next committee meetings at Deans Mead 9.30am Friday February 10th and March 9th 2012

*E. Woodward*

## **SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, CROQUET & HOCKEY CLUB**

### **CROQUET SECTION**

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at Deans Mead on 10th February. 2012

#### **Apologies** Helen Pryor

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted and signed.

#### **Matter Arising**

A card has been sent to Julie Horsley on the death of her Mother.

#### **Chairman's Report**

a) Etiquette will be mentioned, at both refresher sessions - after members have formed into study groups.

A mention to be made in the Spring Newsletter and John Dixon to be asked to advise coaches to give a few relative etiquette details during coaching. Etiquette details also to be advertised in the mallet room and Hut 3.

b) David Temple states that the sprinkler system will soon be in place.

c) No decision has yet been made about the use of the tennis court in April.

d) GMC Report EW to contact Tony Salvidge re the unsuitability of a floral display on the wire netting in memory of Cyril Spencer.

Gill Hodge to carry on as Caterer. Further discussion re Folk week meals which are provided by herself.

Work is now complete for the cricketer's upstairs changing room.

e) Honours Boards. There is still room for a slight adjustment but the matter will be left pro tem.

f) Coaching. John Dixon will endeavour to use all the coaches with Tony Dustan-Smith and Richard Wood arranging special courses later in the year.

g) Refresher Courses - Discuss at next Meeting.

#### **Secretary's Report**

a) At the next AGM a Cup will be awarded, if suitable, to the most improved Golf Croquet Player. It will be inscribed The Jubilee Cup.

b) All Courses to be held at Budleigh are now advertised in the Mallet room.

c) BC to contact John Palmer re the paintwork in the mallet room and poor state of the lino leading into the toilets.

d) BC To reply to letter, from Inclusion Manager of CE Primary School, re the fostering of Community Links.

e) Graham Harford organises the Library and Videos.

#### **Membership Secretary and Treasurer's Report**

At present 8 Members are not re-joining this year. 50 Members have paid their Subscriptions.

#### **Keith Thorley**

Golf Handicaps have now been published with only one or two adjustments. Graham Harford is managing the Charity One Ball tournament. EW to contact Julie Horsley re assisting at same.

### **Marian Harris**

1. Charity One- Ball. Marian to ask for soup-makers. MH to provide crusty bread and also prepare a poster reminding Members to bring their own mugs.
2. Pre-season social evening was a great success and it will be repeated next year. £36 profit was made. Thank you Marian.
3. Spring Lunch Tickets will be on sale after February 21<sup>st</sup>. A cold buffet will be served.
4. Confirmation that the notice re spring lunch to also include Golf Croquet MH to contact Gabby re names of players.

### **Mike Taylor**

The Wellington Match will be played on July 28<sup>th</sup>

Due to Colin being away and road parties taking place in Sidmouth, MT to ask Plymouth to change the date of the proposed match.

### **Helen Pryor**

Ian Friedlander and Graeme Pryor will organise the Golf croquet refresher session with Helen P. mentioning Etiquette. It is hoped that some committee members will attend.

### **Derek Powell**

Could consideration could be given to a more structured approach to prospective members first attempt at croquet. It was decided to leave the morning in the usual format, pro tem.

**REMINDER John Dixon** will need help with bringing the mallets/balls and hoops up from - and returning to Hut 3. Chairs to be placed in 'casual' rows in the Pavilion.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Esme has offered to wash the towels during the season.

BC to price metal labels for committee members.

KT to prepare a list of managers of internal tournaments

*E. Woodward*

Next committee meetings at Deans Mead 9.30 am March 9<sup>th</sup> 2012 and April 5<sup>th</sup> 2012

As discussed & agreed at the meeting with grounds reps. Due to the increase use of the grounds & facilities, when EXTRA events (that is extra to the published diary of events) are to be booked please discuss with the groundsman before booking.

E.G. Sept 2013 competition discovered on the Croquet website.

Thanks Rob Matthews.

## GMC Report

Points raised in GMC meeting 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2012

1. WiFi in the pavilion probably inevitable in the long run. Approx 70 people or couples in the Croquet Section have access to computers. The exact percentage of the membership with this facility could be easily calculated.
2. Flowers not acceptable on the netting fence near where deceased members' ashes have been laid. "This is a sports club not a cemetery".
3. Gill Hodge to continue with the catering but hasn't agreed to give a fixed cut from her profits during folk week and similar back to the club. Negotiations are continuing.
4. The major part of the changing room alterations has been completed. The alterations are thought to have improved the dining room ambience with better lighting etc. There is only limited standing room in the new upstairs changing area owing to the pitch of the roof.
5. The Tennis section wants access to the grass tennis court as early as possible in April. A meeting was organised with representatives from the Croquet and Tennis sections plus John Goodwin and Colin Whitehall. *David Thorley Eqpt.*
6. The Tennis Section need more equipment and more groundsman's time for maintenance of the hard Tennis courts. An assistant groundsman for the summer months has been proposed. The coach, Sue Wiltshire, has resigned but will continue on a temporary basis if necessary.
7. The Fixture Book will be ready for printing by the end of February.
8. Mike Dibble is to arrange a meeting with Roger Mills re the Folk Week parking.
9. Margaret Stant has left a legacy to the Croquet Section.
10. The Badger incident on Lawn One has not been repeated...maybe Brock has been blamed incorrectly?
11. The Cricket Section has raised many sponsors for next season.
12. The Croquet Section is hoping to complete the Sprinkler system by adding Lawn One. Costings have been received and, in view of the two recent legacies from ex Croquet members, the GMC agreed to the Section proceeding with the work.

**SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, CROQUET & HOCKEY CLUB**  
**CROQUET SECTION**

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at Deans Mead on 9th March 2012

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted and signed.

**Matter Arising**

Robert Matthews comments at the last meeting to be appended to these minutes.  
Discussion ongoing re number of lawns to be opened at the start of the croquet season.

**Chairman's Report**

- a. EW preparing details re Etiquette. This will be sent to all committee members and displayed in the mallet room and Hut 3.
- b. The Sprinkler system is now operative and has been paid for from the Katherine Holroyde.
- c. Discussion is on-going re use of Tennis court in April. PN and RM to further discuss with our groundsman.
- d. Charity One Ball will be managed by Graham Harford and Julie Horsley.
- e. All Handicaps shown as 28 to be changed to 26.
- f. Cliff Jones coaching is progressing well at Budleigh. Contact with Richard Wood and Tony Dustan Smith will be made later in the season.
- g. Association Croquet refresher course is to be organised by EW. 20 minutes will be spent at each table.

**Secretary's Report**

- a. Tournament Withdrawal Notice will be displayed in the mallet room and Hut 3.
- b. EW to present request, at the next GMC meeting, for the painting of the mallet room and replacement of lino to be undertaken by outside contractors. Dr. Margaret Stant's bequest to be used.
- c. Coffee at Golf Croquet sessions is not considered possible.
- d. Paperwork, to be given to new members at the New Members evening, will be revamped by PN
- e. BC to contact the Director of the All England AC Handicap. This year our Club will not be running any more outside events.
- f. EW to scan and distribute leaflets sent by CA re membership payments etc.

**Membership Secretary and Treasurer's Report**

- a. It was decided to ask Rob Mitchell to take over all the Membership tasks when MP comes off the committee. It was considered it was not suitable to establish an online for membership etc.,
- b. Half of last year's members have re-joined
- c. Sue and Kelvin Dent are keen to become involved with committee work.
- d. Photo in paper is very small this week. Should CW discuss the matter with the editor?
- e. Golf Croquet refresher course is too early in the year. Note made for 2013.

**Marian Harris**

- a. Charity One Ball. ~~Tickets to be priced at~~ Soup & Roll £2.00. Poster to remind players to bring their own cup.

- b. Confirmation of walking Treasure hunt on May 23<sup>rd</sup> run by David Laidler. £1.00 per person.
- c. Tickets for meals in club House. Two weeks prior to events tickets to be available for all members. Graham Harford and Sally to be offered 2 tickets.
- d. Spring Lunch. Gabby to be given £20.00 to purchase a few raffle prizes.
- e. Roger Hendy has lent us a 3 2 very large thermoses pro tem. If suitable 2 will be purchased
- f. Apparently the kitchen is still used by the hockey section to actually cook meals. EW to ask GMC that Gill is approached for use of the kitchen. very occasionally, just to make coffee.

### **Mike Taylor**

SWF Matches now all organised with Plymouth playing here on May 27. Keith Thorley March 10 is the closing date for all entries. Allocation will take place at the beginning of April.

All internal matches now have named Managers with reserves available, if necessary.

### **Helen Pryor**

All arrangements in hand for Golf Croquet refresher course.

The word 'session' needs adding to Golf Croquet details. (noted for 2012-2013) Peter Nelson

Booking Sheets are now in place in the mallet room.

No play is possible before 10 am other than CA Open tournaments.

### **Robert Matthews**

All preparations for the new season are well in hand. The Chairs and benches need cleaning.

Hoops for Parkstone and B level tournaments are set at one sixteenth otherwise hoops are set at one eighth.

Jubilee Cup to be engraved and passed to MP

### **From last committee meeting**

Due to the increased use of the grounds, before Extra events are booked, please discuss details with the Groundsman.

### **Derek Powell**

All Open Tournaments are now full. RM holds key for Open Tournament balls.

### **Any Other Business**

- a. EW to deal with CA recent paperwork.
- b. Neil Gamble dealing with the situation re flowers on the netting.
- c. Gill, the caterer will make a donation to the Club re Folk Week.
- d. On next years' membership forms there will be a space to note if one is a member of the CA.
- e. MP holds the Trophy book. This will be passed to the Managers when needed.

NEXT MEETING on Thursday April 5<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am in the Club House. BC to mark diary.

*Elaine Woodward.*

## SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, CROQUET & HOCKEY CLUB

### CROQUET SECTION

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at the Club House at 9.30 am on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2012

**Apology** Barbara Clarke

#### **1) Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair subject to the following amendments: Paragraph a. of MH's report: The price of tickets to be deleted (there are no tickets) but the cost of soup and roll to be £2.

Paragraph e. of MH's report: Roger Hendy had lent 2 (not 3) large flasks.

#### **Matters Arising:**

HP confirmed that Renewal Forms now include a box to tick if one is a Croquet Association Member

EW reported that she had not needed to ask GMC for the use of the kitchen to make coffee as MH and PB, were all right as they were.

#### **Chair's Report**

The Chair reported on the last meeting of the GMC on 26<sup>th</sup> March.

Neil Gamble had spoken to Mrs Spencer with regard to flowers on the fence and the problem appeared to have been resolved

The Tennis display at the Library was very good. **It was agreed that MT would have a word regarding the Croquet Section doing a similar display in the Spring.**

Classic Car Day on 4th June. Cars will park on the esplanade if the weather is in doubt with access to the club house for food and drink. A Jazz Band will play in the enclosure, the Scouts and Guides will have stalls and there will be two bouncy castles.

John Goodwin praised Colin for the good state of the grounds at the beginning of the season. He noted the considerable volunteer activity on the croquet lawns.

A locked gate will be erected to control access to the grass court by non-Members. The Tennis Section will need to spend more on looking after the courts because of wear and tear due to increased membership.

John Palmer reported on the new changing room. John will be standing down as House Chair of the GMC Committee at the AGM in July but will still be around the club.

EW had tried to raise the issue of the Croquet subs but she was told that the issue would be discussed in November. **It was agreed that a strong point needed to be made regarding the difference between the subs of Croquet and Cricket and those of Tennis.**

Association Refresher. It was felt that more time should be allocated for the session When it is repeated next year.

Grass Court. It appears unlikely that we will have the use of the grass tennis court again. **It was agreed that the grass court was unlikely to be required provided Co/in opens 3 lawns early in the season.**

Richard Wood's coaching. Details are up in the mallet room.

Handicaps. All 28 handicaps have now been reduced to 26 in accordance with previous practice. The only exception is for players who have entered competitions whose handicaps have been reduced to 24 to enable them to participate.

Travel Expenses. In view of the increase in the cost of petrol, **it was agreed to raise expenses for travelling to matches as follows: £6 to £6.50, £12 to £13, £18 to £19, £24 to £25.50 and £30 to £32. MT would reprint the list of expenses.**

Large puddle on the footpath. This appears to have disappeared at present.

### **1. Secretary's Report (delivered by EW and MP).**

Visitors from Weston Super Mare on 27<sup>th</sup> September would be discussed at the next meeting.

Carpet has been laid in the small passageway by the ladies changing room.

List of Members has been distributed by MP

### **2. Membership Secretary's Report (MP)**

105 Members have re-joined and paid. 2 members still have to pay. There are 13 prospective new Members. This would bring the total to 120 which is about constant. 24 members do not have the benefit of e-mail.

The Membership Secretary is in touch with the Visiting Medics with details to give to Gabby Macadam.

24 players have entered the Charity one-ball competition. 2 people have withdrawn.

A letter had been received from Tipton St John Scouts Requesting a try-it croquet session. **It was agreed that MP should reply to the Scouts agreeing in principle provided sufficient leaders who have been CRB checked are in attendance. The Scouts could choose which of the dates that they suggested is most convenient for them (i.e. June 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> or July 9<sup>th</sup> but not June 11<sup>th</sup>).**

### **Helen Pryor's Report**

Macadam Cup. The arrangements are that no final will be held. The winner will be the player who wins the most matches and, in the event of a draw, the player who wins more games. If the number of games is equal, the winner will be the player who runs more hoops.

Tuesday pm golf croquet sessions. A number of players had asked why secondary colour balls are not used. RM agreed to provide 4 sets of primary and 4 sets of secondary colour balls in wooden boxes.

### **3. Social Secretary's Report (MH)**

Charity one-ball competition. Catering (soup and a roll) would be provided for 25 people. Coffee would also be on sale. Any net profits would be passed to MP to forward to the charity concerned.

New Members evening. New members will be invited to meet existing Members and will be entitled to a free drink. Flyers about the event will be given to coaches to distribute and **MH agreed to liaise with John Dixon.**

Treasure Hunt. MH had spoken to David Laidler who confirmed the date of 23<sup>rd</sup> May. The event will be open to all Sections and proceeds to go to the Club.

### **4. Rob Matthew's Report**

John Dixon had helped him to empty the tool shed where they had found numerous coloured clips, a centre peg with a gold band and spare hoops. He was grateful for assistance from David Temple, Colin Walls, John Dixon and Philip Harris to mark the lawns and fit the hoops on 26<sup>th</sup> March. There was still a need to re-varnish benches and a bit of painting round hut 3. New pegs had been made and painted. **It was agreed that a very good start to the season had been made.**



When a lawn is closed e.g. because of waterlogging, the centre peg is removed. **RN agreed to put a note to that effect in the mallet room and in hut 3.** A "lawn closed" sign was also suggested to hang near the closed lawn. **It was also agreed that, as well as Colin, RM should be authorised to close and open lawns as necessary.**

#### **5. Derek Powell's Report**

Strong entries had been received for the tournament on 28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> April. Because of a rule that last year's runner up is entitled to enter KT had kindly agreed to stand down. **EW agreed to present the winner's cup.**

#### **6. Keith Thorley's Report**

All blocks had now been completed for the Association competitions. There were 9 entries for the Devonian and there was a discussion regarding what would happen if any of the players reduced their handicap. **It was agreed that a place would be available for them in the Belmont but they may only remain in the Devonian if they had already played at least one game.**

#### **7. Peter Nelson's Report**

A list of Association facilitators and dates of club afternoons would go on the notice board shortly.

Observations were requested on the Chair's draft letter and information to new Members. **It was agreed that reference to the use of coins to mark balls should be removed from Customs and Etiquette.**

#### **8. Any Other Business**

The padlock on the Terrace Gate needed to be removed and the EW reminded Members about not crossing the cricket pitch when a game is in play.

Roger Hendy had given an excellent PowerPoint presentation. He had written to MP to say that he had given MH £20 to provide refreshments but he had had to incur a further £28 to hire a lap-top because of technical problems with the lap-top that he had agreed to borrow. He asked whether the Club would be willing to contribute £25 towards the cost. It was agreed to re-imburse Roger £28 for hiring a lap-top for the presentation.

#### **9. Dates of next meetings**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 9.30 am in the Club House**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30 am in the Club House**

The meeting closed at 11.30am

*David Philpott*

## **SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, CROQUET & HOCKEY CLUB**

### **CROQUET SECTION**

Minutes of the Committee Meeting in the Pavilion on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012

**Apologies** for absence. Elaine Woodward. Derek Powell. Robert Matthews

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted and signed by MP Vice Chairman

### **Matter Arising**

HP. Mcadam Golf Croquet low handicap will have a final.

HP Both Primary and Secondary balls are now available in Hut 3.

### **Chairman's Report**

- a. No special topics for the Next GMC meeting. EW to appoint a member of the committee to take her place if necessary.
- b. A majority vote decided that there was not a need for short croquet.
- c. The main path is now free of large puddles of water.
- d. Members to be discreetly reminded to assist clearing lawns after a tournament especially if there are mainly away players.

### **Secretary's Report**

- a. David Clarke will not be available to run the bar at the Sparkling Wine evening. MP to ask Martin McInerney to run it with another member. Tickets to be £4.00 each. 2 drinks available with extra drinks at £1.00. There will be only one food request list. This will be in the mallet room.
- b. Insurances for 2012/2013 are all in hand.
- c. BC to purchase suitable small pad of paper to hang at Booking Sheets. MP to keep an eye on envelopes for visitors' payments.

### **Membership and Treasurer**

- a. Charity event. Our Club raised £180. Larger amount than most clubs. Total amount raised was £2500 which will be raised to over £3000 after Gift Aid has been applied for. Next year the tear off slips are to include a portion re signing for claiming for Gift Aid. It was decided to recommend that the money raised is for Breast Cancer again.
- b. The Medics have booked their next match. April 17<sup>th</sup> 2013. £25 was paid to the club. There were 13 players. Thank you, Muriel for organising this event.
- c. Scouts. About a 14 scouts will try their hand at croquet on Wednesday July 18<sup>th</sup> 7 - 8.30. No charge to be made. There will be 4 scouters with John Dixon and David Baldock (they have police clearance) to assist. MP liaising with David Baldock.
- d. 8 new players have paid their membership fees. 3 have not completed their coaching course yet. It was considered that the time/dates available for coaching should be minimised next year. BC to ask John Dixon to let EW know the date of the coffee morning for new members as some of the committee would like to attend.
- e. MP attending to any refunds due re CA Golf Croquet tournament etc.,

### **Keith Thorley**

- a. There are 12 players for the Dorothy bye Tournament. Lawn 1 will not be needed.
- b. 14-point game. There are only 6 entrants at the moment. KT will contact some 'possibles'.

- c. The list is up re the Canton Trophy. Muriel is managing same.
- d. High Bisquers Tournament - only a few entrants pro tem.

#### **Mike Taylor**

7 members of our club played in the semi-finals/finals at Budleigh during last week.

#### **Marian Harris**

- a. The New Members evening was voted a success. Thank you Marian.
- b. Treasure Hunt. Unfortunately, there are a few other commitments on this date. Committee are asked to advertise the event. All sections of the Club have been given the details.

#### **Robert Matthews**

Our thanks go to Philip Harris for resetting the hoops during the CA Golf Croquet tournament and his offer to assist, when necessary, with half way pegs and hoop setting

#### **Peter Nelson**

4 lawns are reserved, during May, for Club afternoons.

#### **Helen Pryor**

- a. Tuesday afternoon competitive Golf Croquet practice is progressing very well. There may be a possibility for 2 teams next year.
- b. Our thanks go to Philip Harris and Derek Powell for their stalwart work during the CA Golf Croquet Tournament, which suffered terrible weather.
- c. Christmas Newsletter. A note to be included that Parking Permits are only for use when playing or watching croquet.
- d. Probably only 2 lawns will be needed for June 12<sup>th</sup> High Handicap Tournament.

#### **Any Other Business**

- a. The Trophy Book is circulated by MP pro tem.
- b. During the Summer, buffet lunch is available on various Sundays. Booking is advised.
- c. Large Thermos flasks hold 2.2 litres. Very large flasks (Roger Hendy's) hold 5 litres
- d. It was only possible to send a team of 3 to play in the Parkstone Trophy at Taunton. We lost.
- e. WSM Visitors, via the Clarkes. More details at the next meeting. '
- f. Return Friendly match versus Budleigh - invitation will come later in the season.

NEXT MEETING (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE) June 15th At Peter Nelson's home. Manteca, Redwood Rd. Sidmouth 9.30 am

Elaine Woodward.

## **SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, CROQUET & HOCKEY CLUB**

### **CROQUET SECTION**

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2012

#### **Apologies for absence** Robert Matthews

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted and signed by the Chairman

#### **Matter Arising**

(Helen Pryor) c. Parking Permits may be used **if free** by all members, at any time, when using the Club.

The Croquet Section now own 2 large thermoses

17 Members participated in the Treasure Hunt. BC to write David Laidler and apologise that the actual date became filled up with other activities. Next year suggest date arranged only a few weeks prior to the event.

Club afternoon now using only 3 lawns

#### **Chairman's Report**

1. Further discussion to follow re booking sheets.
2. Internal tournaments progressing well, but slowly.
3. New set of 8 Dawson balls to be purchased. EW to organise
4. Reminder re Club AGM July 4<sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm

#### **Secretary's Report**

1. Sponsors may use lawn 1 on July 12<sup>th</sup> David Clarke to organise. BC to ask John Dixon to help.
2. Letter re BBC Things To Do received from Head Office. BC to write re agreement of idea but unable to participate.
3. Autumn booking in diary. Table Tennis (Gabby) Sep. 17 Whist (David Clarke) Oct. 4
4. Awaiting contact with Budleigh re joint event with visitors from Weston Super Mare to late September.
5. Sheila Adams, the Club President, to be asked to present our Trophies in October. BC write.

#### **GMC Report by Mike Taylor**

1. Club Treasurer. Roger Mills will be invited to replace Tony Holland. Graham Dodd will continue as Auditor
2. Fortfield Hotel. Should the trees near Lawn one be removed? It is confirmed that the bank belongs to the club. Agreement - WAIT.
3. The Management of the Flats are interested in, perhaps, establishing a croquet lawn in their garden area - WAIT
4. Confirmation that Parking Permits are not to be used for shopping but only for when using the Club.
5. It is proposed that a more detailed main diary is used next year
6. Tennis Gate. A combination lock to be purchased.
7. Discussion is in hand re raising the level of Insurance.
- 8.

### **Membership and Treasure**

1. About 16 Scouts will be trying their hand at croquet on June 18<sup>th</sup> - note date change. David Baldock and John Dixon will be organising.
2. Croquet members will be given the tennis gate code.
3. Members who paid full subscriptions this year but have been unable to play any games, due to ill health, will not be charged next year.
4. Visitors from abroad etc., who have a croquet handicap, can arrange for a member to book them a lawn. Either paying a visitor fee of £5.00 or a full fee as a Country Member. No play is permissible without a handicap or by receiving the 6 coaching lessons.

### **Peter Nelson**

Concern re cancellation of High Bisques Tournament. Proposal EW, Seconded MP that discussion will take place next year about re-installing same. Accepted.

### **Keith Thorley**

1. 14-point game won by Marian Harris. Congratulations
2. Corbett Spoon Managers. David Clarke and Helen Pryor
3. More entries are needed for Doubles Tournament.
4. John Dixon managing Shot Game. Committee to set stations up at 10 am and then take their turns before other players arrive at 2 pm
5. Devonian. Discussion re Roger Mills unusual handicap changes. It was agreed that, as he has played a game already, he is eligible to participate still. The Handicap committee has the matter in hand.

Proposer BC. Secunder MT Accepted.

### **Mike Taylor**

Federation and Parkstone matches are progressing well with the B-League Federation winning its first 2 matches.

### **Helen Pryor**

1. One lawn is booked every Tuesday afternoon for any members who plays competitive Golf Croquet. If there is a further lawn then it can be used also.
2. New Member, Ian Simpson, has now joined the Group.

### **Marian Harris**

1. Treasure Hunt was a success. £17.00 profit less £10.00 for prizes. This event was advertised throughout the Club but take up was disappointing. It was decided not to pass the advertising next year to the Tennis Club
2. Sparkling Wine moved up to the Pavilion due to inclement weather. 24 Members played Golf Croquet. It was considered there was not a need to state a supper time. Peter Nelson has offered to run the bar next year as long as there is ~~NO sparkling Wine!~~ Profit £104.00. BC thank John Dixon for excellent Quiz.
3. Tickets will soon be on sale for the Fun and Food evening. £11.00. Salad bar and one hot dish ? Lasagne. John Dixon to be asked to organise the 'How many bisques to go round' on Lawn 1 not on LAWN 3. BC
4. Shot Game. Members to purchase tickets for Tea prior to the event.
5. Proposal KT. Secunder PN. These 2 social events to be part of next year's calendar. Passed.

### **Derek Powell**

1. Due to inclement weather and numbers the Rawkins Cup was not presented at the Summer Tournament. A new format is suggested for 2013.
2. August B Level is well subscribed.
3. Due to withdrawals there are a few vacancies for the September Tournament.
- 4.

### **Any Other Business**

1. More stacking chairs are required for use in the mallet room. It is suggested 6 are kept in the Changing Room. EW organising.
2. Charity One Ball. Over 300 players participated in 27 heats raising over £3000. Congratulations to Peter Nelson who won our heat. Opportunity for Gift Aid signature will appear on future paperwork.
3. MT to review Croquet booklets which are displayed in the Reference library
4. Elaine, Derek, Muriel and Keith have decided not to put their names forward for 2012/2013 election.

Next Meeting at Peter Nelson's home on Monday July 23<sup>rd</sup> and then at 8, Deans Mead on September 10<sup>th</sup> At 9.30

E. Woodward

Sidmouth Cricket, Tennis, Croquet and Hockey Club

**CROQUET SECTION**

Minutes of the committee meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2012

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

**Matters Arising**

**Helen Pryor.** Parking Permits may be used, if available, by all members, at any time, ONLY when using the Club.

1. ... used if free.

**Mike Taylor.** Read Federation in place of B. League

**Marian Harris.** Delete ..No Sparkling Wine.

**Chairman's Report**

1. Sub-committee decision. The Croquet Section will keep spare key, to Grass Tennis Court, securely locked away.
2. DP to liaise with Julie Horsley re 2013 CA Fixtures
3. Total cost of Dawson Balls is £720. EW to ask Roger Mills re availability of finance for club to purchase further sets. (None were purchased last year) A record of purchases and possible cascading to be kept on inside lid of storage Box.
4. Doubles were selected by David Temple with Helen Pryor arranging the schedules.
5. Corbett Spoons. Good entry for LH but not for HH
6. Shot Game. 24 members took part followed by excellent tea. ~~weather the bar is at a~~
7. End of season Lunch will be held at the Bedford Hotel on October 8<sup>th</sup> following the last meeting of the present committee. BC to book tables.

**Secretary's Report**

**2013 proposed programme was presented to the committee.**

1. Fun and Food. Confirmation received that John Dixon will arrange the speed game to be on Lawn 1. Philip Harris will contact John Dixon re the Ricochet Game to be organised on Lawn 2.
2. Treasure Hunt. Further discussion to take place next Summer
3. Olympic Challenge. Details were given re a Sports Quiz taking place at All Saints Church Hall on the opening day of the Olympics.
4. Details were given re Cruise/GC croquet holidays.
5. Sheila Adams is honoured to accept our invitation to present the Cups at the AGM in October. EW will do the Introduction. BC to reserve Parking Permit. MH reserve supper ticket. KT with John Dixon will 'organise' the Cups and MP will be in charge of the Trophy Book.
6. Details were now finalised re the visit of members from Weston Super Mare Club. 1 lawn 25<sup>th</sup> Sept. pm, 1 Lawn 26<sup>th</sup> pm, 1 lawn 27<sup>th</sup> am and 1 lawn 27<sup>th</sup> pm. Other games will be held at Budleigh. It is hoped a Sidmouth team will visit WSM next year.
7. South West Federation letter was passed to MT. - to be discussed with new committee.
8. Confirmation that the Selectors' Event will take place at our Club 6-8 September 2013
9. Committee reports to be emailed to EW as and when they are ready.

10 KT to contact John Dixon re the cup for Best Improved GC player.

**Muriel Philpott**

Roland and Barbara Hamer have moved to 39 Cottington Court.

**Peter Nelson**

As agreed previously, Club afternoon only to use 3 lawns other than at the beginning of the season or when Shot Game Practice is part of the afternoon.

Members need to watch for date deadlines of tournaments

GC members have been invited to play at Exeter club in the winter.

**Robert Matthews** will be away 7-12 August leaving the lawns in the capable hands of Philip Harris. MT will take home the new Dawson balls pro tem. They will then be stored with RM. Personal Booking. August 22<sup>nd</sup>. To 5ersonal Booking. August 22<sup>nd</sup> 1.0 to 5.30;

**Mike Taylor.**

Peter Miller won the D class at Budleigh. His handicap is now 11

DS has spoken with Paul Griew re his slowness in play.

**Helen Pryor**

All internal matches are progressing well. Suggestion. Instead of holding an internal Refresher course on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2013 the coaching to be outside on 2 lawns 10 – 1 pm

It was agreed that teams playing in semi-finals and finals of SW Fed. Would not pay match fees.

As previously discussed, there is no refund of fees if a member only plays a few games during the year.

July 31st. Practice for jump shots.

**Marian Harris**

To contact David Baldock re the tea for members playing in the game on August 13<sup>th</sup> and also to mention that the committee would like 2nd Year members to take part as well as 1<sup>st</sup> Years. Handicap -22

**Derek Powell**

More players needed for September Handicap weekend. B Level is always well supported The Rawkins Cup was not presented this year due to inclement weather. It is in safe-keeping with Philip Harris.

David Temple's French visitors should be asked to pay the fee.

**Any Other Business**

1. The Friendly against Budleigh will be on Tuesday September 25<sup>th</sup> at Budleigh
2. Only notices relevant to the Croquet Section are to be displayed in, and on the windows, of the Mallet Room.
3. Julie Horsley had mentioned, in general conversation, that it may be a good idea to alter some internal tournaments to Knock-Out. Not accepted.
4. MT suggested we ask Cliff Jones to run coaching/referee/club coaches courses, further discussion with new committee next year. EW to contact Cliff Jones.

Next meetings. Monday September **9.30 am** at Deans Mead

Monday October 8<sup>th</sup> **10.30 am** at Deans Mead followed by lunch

*Elaine Woodward.*



## **SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, CROQUET & HOCKEY CLUB**

### **CROQUET SECTION**

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 10 September 2012

**Apologies** for absence: Barbara Clarke

Minutes of the last meeting ~~held on 10 September~~ were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

**Matter arising**: Chairman's Report, Para 6: omit words "weather the bar...."

#### **Chairman's Report**

1. Helen will manage the CA Golf Croquet Open Tournament in April 2013.
2. £26,000 was raised in car parking fees during the Sidmouth Folk Festival Week and just under £900 at the Friends Coffee morning.
3. Two new sets of Dawson balls have been purchased and are held by Mike Taylor.
4. Cliff Jones will hold a development course in Advance Play on Wednesday/Thursday 15 and 16 May 2013
5. Richard Wood has also agreed to give some coaching again, including, coaching for the higher handicap players.
6. Lawn 1 corner 1 needs some work to level it.
7. The Jubilee Cup has been found.
8. The GMC report included: a) the water in the borehole has been tested and is of good quality; b) John Goodwin is now Ground and House Chairman; c) Roger Mills was thanked for his organisation of the car parking.

**Secretary's Report** given by Muriel on behalf of Barbara.

1. Dates for the Advanced Play Course to be inserted into the 2013 programme.
2. Bedford Hotel has been booked for the committee lunch on 8 October.
3. Visit from Bleadon Club still to be finalised.

**AGM reports**: Committee members read out their AGM reports.

#### **Committee members' reports**:

##### **Helen Pryor**

A discussion took place as to whether a proposal should be made to the SW Federation for semi-finals and finals to be played on neutral lawns. The proposal was not supported by the committee.

Ian Simpson has asked if a friendly Golf match could be organised between his old club, Dogmersfield (Hampshire) and Sidmouth.

##### **Derek Powell**

The dates for next year's CA tournaments are being sorted for the Fixtures Book. Entry fees will remain the same as for 2012.

##### **Mike Taylor**

Nailsea are holding a Short Croquet Tournament; a notice will be displayed to ascertain whether we can send a team (4 or 8 players?)

##### **Marian Harris**

Table Tennis will begin on 17 October.

**Keith Thorley**

Most matches have been played on time but the Belmont semi-final and final matches will be played on 8 and 9 October respectively.

Exeter has invited Sidmouth for a game in the winter.

**Rob Matthews**

2 lawns were booked with the committee's approval for a social occasion with members and visitors attending. Unfortunately, a member thought that 1 lawn was crossed out and decided to play a tournament. This caused unpleasantness and awkwardness.

6 green chairs will be purchased for Lawn 1.

**Date of next meeting:** Monday 8 October 2012 10.30am in the pavilion followed by lunch at the Bedford.

Elaine Woodward.

## **SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, CROQUET & HOCKEY CLUB**

### **CROQUET SECTION**

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 8 October 2012

**Apologies** for absence: Barbara Clarke, Rob Matthews, Derek Powell.

**Minutes of the last meeting** held on 10 September were accepted and signed by the Chairman.

**Matter arising**: Mike Taylor: several people have signed up for the Nailsea Short Croquet in April.

#### **Chairman's Report**

1. Flowers have been sent to Barbara from the Croquet Section in gratitude for all her hard work.
2. Sheila Adams is unable to present the trophies at the AGM but would like to be asked in 2013. Pam Sage has kindly agreed to do the presentations.
3. Keith will read Rob Matthews report at the AGM in his absence.
4. Rob and Liz Matthews and Pam Bowra will be presented with their cups at the Christmas Lunch as they are unable to attend the AGM.

#### **Acting Secretary's Report**

1. Marian Harris will organise the Charity One-Ball. The Sidmouth heat will be held on Thursday 11 April 2013 in aid of the Prostate Cancer charity.
2. The "Medics" file will be handed over to Sue Dent.
3. Sue Dent will take charge of the Trophy Book.
4. Hut 3 First Aid bag is now in the Mallet Room for the winter.
5. There are 10 Association Laws books in hand which Peter Nelson will hold.
6. More copies of the book Croquet - Know the Game need to be ordered before the new members' morning; there are 2 in stock.

#### **Membership Secretary's Report**

Rob Mitchell now holds the members database and membership lists.

#### **Committee members' reports:**

##### **Keith Thorley**

1. John Dixon will have as many of the trophies engraved as possible.
2. Members should be reminded that when their handicap changes they should notify a member of the Handicap Committee.

##### **Peter Nelson**

The Lawn Booking sheets will be made out until 24 October.


##### **Helen Pryor**

Dowlish Wake was the overall winner in the SW Federation Golf Croquet League beating Nailsea Central 13-7.

**AOB**

1. Rob Mitchell has offered 4 chairs to the club but as they are not in a very good condition the committee declined the offer.
2. There was discussion as to the best way forward to keep all croquet club members happy with the lawn space.

Date of next meeting: Monday 15 October 2012 at 9.30 am in the pavilion.

 15/10/12 -

SIDMOUTH CRICKET TENNIS CROQUET & HOCKEY CLUB  
Minutes of the Croquet Section AGM  
Wednesday 10 October 2012

Chairman Elaine Woodward welcomed just under 60 members to the meeting.

Members then stood in silence to remember Robert Hammond, Margaret Stant, John Packer, Ruth Brown and Roland Hamer.

**Apologies for absence** Pam Bowra, Barbara and David Clarke, Vera and Rowland Henderson, Derek Hewett, Anne Holbeche, Jo & Martin McInerney, Liz & Rob Matthews, Lorna & Rob Mitchell, Derek Powell and Daphne Snape.

**Minutes of the 2011 AGM** Acceptance proposed by Roger Hendy, seconded by Tony Phitpott, approved and signed.

**Membership Secretary's and Cashier's reports**

1. Rob Mitchell is taking over the duties of Membership Secretary; the membership is currently at 117.
2. The section holds a cash float of about £200; with larger transactions being handled by the Club Treasurer.

**Secretary's Report** (read in her absence by the Vice-Chairman)

The Secretary reported on a full and busy season with the committee working hard and many other members filling vital and useful roles.

Committee members' reports

- **Helen Pryor** reported on a very successful Golf Croquet year and hopes to enter 2 teams in the SW Federation Golf league in 2013.
- **Marian Harris** spoke of a busy and well-attended social year.
- **Mike Taylor** gave a resumé of the SW Federation games - 25 in all.
- **Keith Thorley** talked about the Internal Tournaments which attracted a good number of entrants especially the Belmont.
- **Rob Matthews** (read by Keith) thanked a band of helpers for moving hoops and remaking new corner flags.
- **Derek Powell** (read by Peter Nelson) reported on the Open Tournaments.

**Association Handicap Report** was given by David Temple who praised the number of players who had considerably lowered their handicaps this season.

**Chairman's Report** Elaine Woodward thanked everyone, both committee and members, for their help in the smooth running of the 2012 season. She especially thanked Barbara Clarke for all her hard work over the years.

The retiring committee Nancy Temple gave a vote of thanks to the retiring committee especially to Muriel Philpott and Derek Powell (both of whom had served for 6 years each and were not seeking re-election) and Keith Thorley (also not seeking re-election). Especial thanks were given to retiring Chairman Elaine Woodward for 14 years of committee work, the last 3 as Chairman.

**Nominations for the new committee**

Mike Taylor - Chairman	Sue Dent – Secretary
Marian Harris	Roger Hendy
Robert Matthews	Peter Nelson
Helen Pryor	David Temple
Colin Walls	

The new committee was elected en bloc proposed by Graeme Pryor, seconded by Ian Friedlander.

Elaine Woodward introduced Pam Sage, chairman Friends of the Fortfield, who presented the trophies; she was thanked by John Dixon.

**Any Other Business** none.

Incoming chairman Mike Taylor presented Elaine with a bottle of wine and then closed the meeting.

 9/10/13 .