

Sidmouth Cricket, Tennis, Croquet and Hockey Club
Minutes of Croquet Section Committee Meeting
Meeting held at Frensham, Glen Road at 09.30 on 27th October 2005

Present David Temple (chair), Jo McInerney (sec), Graham Harford, Amanda Haste, Peter Hills, Gabby Macadam, Ann Ractliffe, Gwen Sims, Doug Sinclair.

Apologies for absence Helen Pryor

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th October were read and the following amendments made: -

7 vii) short of helpers on the final 2 weekends Open Tournaments

8 i) Clarke Salver is to be presented for the B Level Advanced CA Handicap Tournament
The minutes were then signed

Matters Arising

1 Proposals made by AR at the committee meeting on 13th September that Golf Croquet to be correctly taught with new rules and that extra coaching sessions be provided for improvers were agreed

2 Doug to price and arrange for sandblasting hoops, if approved by GMC, and for their repainting; also, for the repainting of some clips.

Chairman's Report

- 1 SW Fed AGM i) handicaps were discussed but no firm decisions made.
 ii) use of Wharrad turns was the decision of team captains.
- 2 Croquet AGM i) Peter Hills proposal was discussed and agreed in principle. Peter to research his idea.
 ii) Humphrey Hicks Board now complete, Awards Boards in progress.
 iii) Suggested dates for 2006 were given and are to be perused and any amendments advised.

3 Responsibilities of new committee members were discussed (see separate list¹) In addition:- Muriel Philpott has agreed to be Membership Sec.; Tony Philpott to be in charge of our website; Derek Powell, John Dixon, David Clarke have all offered assistance when needed.

Secretary's Report

- 1 CA and SW Fed have been informed of change of contact names
2 Future agendas and minutes will be circulated where possible by email

Any Other Business

- i) It was proposed by Ann and seconded by Gabby to appoint a golf croquet handicaps subcommittee. Members to be David Baldock, Ian Friedlander, Derek Hewett and Howard Quarrel. This was agreed. David to confirm
- ii) Ian Friedlander will be asked to arrange the golf croquet tournaments again.
- iii) Amanda will provide a simple booking sheet for the winter lawn.
- iv) Proposed by Amanda and seconded by Graham that subscriptions be raised by £5 to £125. To be paid by 1 Feb annually. Agreed.
- v) Doug suggested that we might apply for sponsorship for various activities and if agreed by GMC he will approach Sidmouth Garden Centre to take over care of the shrubbery

vi) Doug also suggested a coaching course for unqualified coaches to help with new members. Amanda will arrange this.

vii) Doug also agreed to carry out an unofficial analysis of members and their playing patterns to help find out where help might be useful.

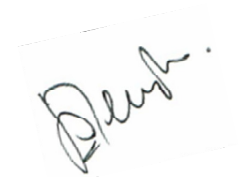
viii) It was agreed that mentors should be more active.

ix) Amanda pointed out that we need more members and asked for ideas as to where publicity leaflets might be left in Jan/Feb 2006. Doug said it would be a good idea to try and attract younger players and agreed to research this.

X) Amanda and Helen will write explanations of Internal Tournaments to aid new members

Date of next meeting Thursday 1 November at Frensham Glen Road

Meeting closed at 11.00

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Present David Temple (chair), Jo McInerney (sec), Graham Harford, Amanda Haste, Peter Hills, Gabby Macadam, Helen Pryor, Ann Ractliffe, Gwen Sims, Doug Sinclair.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 27th October were read and the following amendments made:

AOB i) Golf croquet handicap sub-committee proposed by Ann (not Amanda)
Correction of spelling "Hewett"

Matters Arising

2 One estimate for sand-blasting hoops & painting of £10 per hoop, other quotes to be obtained.

AOB i) Golf croquet handicap sub-committee formed and have had one meeting

ii) Jo to write to Ian Friedlander to formally request he arrange tournament

iii) Booking sheets for winter lawn prepared. Play possible only at discretion of groundsman.

v) No progress on sponsorship. David to speak to Howard Quarrell about maintenance of lower flower bed

ix) Suggestions for placement of leaflets were given and will be given out at Jan meeting

x) Explanations of tournaments and entry forms are ready for photocopying. Copy to be given to Neil Anthony for fixture booklet.

Chairman's Report

1 A letter has been received from Neil Anthony he will meet with Howard and Terry in the near future to discuss concerns.

2 Notice has been received of a Charity One-Ball event to raise money for Cancer Research UK. Heats to be held before April 9th. Suggested dates for Wed 5th Thurs 6th April depending on lawn conditions.

Secretary's Report

1 CA membership fee of £6.35 per member to stay the same as last year

2 CA are trying to arrange a national tournament for 'garden croquet players' the last tournament like this took place in the 1980's. Disadvantage is that they want to use ½ lawns for a weekend at either end of June or beginning July. This would be difficult for our club to manage. Jo agreed to speak to the organiser and offer lawns at the end of April or the beginning of May.

3 Information for January newsletter was collected

4 Jo will try, yet again, to change name of contact secretary in Sidmouth Diary

Committee Members' Reports

Graham Harford Open Tournaments contestants to be 30% Sidmouth to 70% visitors if possible

Amanda Haste Will not be available for refresher courses. David to find a replacement Croquet training as Christmas gift idea to be published in The Herald, Jo to be contact name. Summer booking sheets to be available. Doug to manage them when Amanda is away.

Peter Hills

- a) Some dates for SW Fed matches have been arranged. A full list available at the next meeting
- b) Peter to organise teams for SW Fed Matches, Ian Friedlander to organise teams for Intermediate matches Graeme Pryor to organise teams for B league matches
- c) New Members to be offered non-competitive days matches at end of coaching course. Any members wishing to progress into association croquet will also be invited

Gabby Macadam

- a) Table tennis to close on 27th March
- b) Castle Drogo request a croquet demonstration on a weekend next year. Date to be announced

Helen Pryor

- a) £186 cash in hand. All monies transactions to pass through Helen's hands.
- b) Proposal that an award for Low Handicap Golf Croquet Tournament be either bought or donated. Agreed
- c) Internal Tournament Organisers

Canton Trophy (Egyptian)	Sue Rogers
Dorothy Toye Cup	John Toye
14 Point High Handicap	To be announced
Handicap Doubles	Helen Pryor and David Temple
Corbett Spoons One Ball HH	Peter Hills
Corbett Spoons One Ball LH	Jo McInerney
Shot Game	Doug Sinclair
New Members' Tournament	David Baldock and Howard Quarrel]
Golf Croquet Tournaments	Ian Friedlander.

Ann Ractliffe

- a) Coaching for golf croquet will be offered in April with Ian and Howard
- b) Esme Owen has been thanked for her towel washing and has agreed to continue the task
- c) Ann will organise the cleaning/tidying rota for the year

Gwen Sims

- a) 41 members will attend the Christmas lunch.
- b) Raffle prizes requested. Gabby agreed to run raffle

Doug Sinclair

Inventory under progress

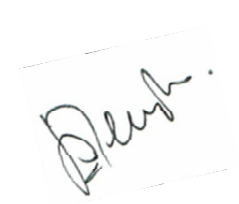
Any Other Business

1 Neil Anthony has suggested ideas to raise money for an automatic watering system for the lawns. One idea is a raffle to run through the year with suggested prizes of weekends away or meals in local restaurants, all of which he would hope to supply free of charge through various contacts. David will raise matter with GMC and question if money can be raised for a specific section of the club

Date of next meeting

Friday 6th January at Frensham, Glen Road at 0930

Meeting closed at 11.40



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Minutes of Croquet Section Committee Meeting

Meeting held at Frensham, Glen Road at 09.30 on 6th January 2006

Present David Temple (chair), Jo McInerney (sec), Graham Harford, Amanda Haste, Peter Hills, Gabby Macadam, Helen Pryor, Ann Ractliffe, Gwen Sims, Doug Sinclair.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th December were read and signed after amendments made to Peter's report a) some dates for SW Fed matches and c) new members to be offered several days of tournaments

Matters Arising

- 1 David has received a new estimate to sandblast and paint hoops for £6.50. Proposed and accepted
2. David and Doug to repaint clips as necessary.
3. Doug Sinclair has agreed to run the 14-point High Handicap tournament.
4. The Charity One-Ball event will take place on 5 April. Elaine Woodward has agreed to run it.
5. Winter lawn preparations have not been possible to date due to weather conditions. David will continue to discuss this problem with Terry.

Chairman's Report

1. The condition of the lawns is an ongoing problem and it was agreed that a second opinion of their condition would be beneficial. David will ask GMC to agree this.
2. A letter asking for ways to raise money for an automatic watering system was distributed and discussed. It was generally agreed that this could be extended to benefit the whole club and should be a matter to be discussed by the GMC and fund raising could then be a united effort.
3. Some errors on the display board have been pointed out and David will look into them being corrected.
4. David Laidler has suggested that he should run a charity competition based on golf croquet and also a Treasure Hunt It was agreed that these could be fund raising events for the watering appeal. David I will discuss this with David L
5. The bank of garden known as the Chairman's Garden is in need of attention but it was agreed that this is a matter for the GMC and not just the croquet section.

Secretary's Report

1. The Spring Newsletter is ready for distribution along with the details and entry forms for club tournaments
2. A letter has been received from the CA enclosing the Fixture Calendar for 2006, forms to update information on club premises and officials, a form for payment of 2006 membership fee and forms for individual CA membership and payment by Direct Debit which may be photocopied as necessary. Jo will fill in forms and return and also request a cheque from the Club treasurer for £635 to pay the membership fee. There was also a newsletter from the CA which will be posted on the notice board in the mallet room.
3. Sue Rogers has sent an updated list of association handicaps.
4. Concern was expressed over the date of the meeting for prospective new members. The proposed 25th March is too late if coaching is to start at the beginning April. The meeting was rearranged for the March. In the absence of the chairman and vice-chairman, the secretary has agreed to run this meeting

5. Jo will prepare a letter for prospective new members whose names were passed on from last year informing them of the Prospective New Members meeting and also to the one reply received from the Christmas gift advertisement in the local paper

Committee Members' Reports

Graham Harford a) On checking through the CA fixture calendar it was noted that the secretary for the June Open tournament has not been changed from last year. Graham will again inform the CA and liaise with Derek Powell.

Amanda Haste a) Booking sheets are ready for use.
b) There will be two days in February when 'How To Coach' courses will be offered to unqualified coaches
c) An advertisement will be displayed to attract new members.

Peter Hills a) All SW Fed fixtures now arranged but one to be changed as it is listed for a golf croquet day
b) The new members tournaments are to take place during the 1st **week of May**

Helen Pryor a) £212 cash in hand.
b) 20 more Golf Croquet and 10 more Association rule books are needed, Jo to order from CA
c) Petrol allowances for long distance matches to remain as last year

Ann Ractliffe a) Lawn and hut cleaning and tidying list arranged
b) Proposal that future committees always have 2 representatives for golf croquet Agreed.

Gwen Sims a) The Spring Lunch is to be a carvery with a cold starter and with one dessert to be a 'light' option. Helen offered to supply poster and tickets. Gwen and David to arrange seating.

Date of next meeting Thursday 2nd February at Frensham, Glen Road at 09.30 Amanda to take minutes

Meeting closed at 11.10

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Sidmouth Cricket, Tennis, Croquet and Hockey Club
Minutes of Croquet Section Committee Meeting
Meeting held at Frensham, Glen Road at 09.30 on 2nd February 2006

Present David Temple (chair), Amanda Haste, Graham Harford, Peter Hills, Gabby Macadam, Helen Pryor, Doug Sinclair.

Apologies for absence Jo McInerney, Ann Ractliffe, Gwen Sims.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 6 Jan were read and signed.

Matters Arising

1. Newly sandblasted and painted hoops have arrived.
2. One-Ball Tournament: Elaine Woodward not yet fully fit. Helen Pryor to arrange.
3. Fives Event. Date set for 16 May. Committee upheld previous decision not to allow club events to be used for external charity fundraising. It was agreed that a trial run would be advisable to clarify rules before the day.
4. Shot Tournament has been moved to 25 July to avoid clashing with other events.

Chairman's Report

1. Winter Lawn: Terry is to lay out now that ground is dry enough.
2. Sprinkler Appeal: Motion carried 5-2 in favour of canvassing members for their opinions before putting appeal in operation.
3. Awards Boards: Spelling corrections have all been made and are satisfactory.
4. At a meeting (DT, DS, Terry and Howard Quarrell), Terry agreed to cut the lawns three times a week and to water more frequently. The lawns are to be closed regularly on a rotation basis, to be booked in advance in the booking sheets. Terry continues to be able to close lawns at his discretion in adverse conditions. Internal tournaments are to start at 10am. (Open tournaments will continue to start at 9.30am). Any queries/complaints about the lawns are to be addressed to Doug Sinclair in first instance.
5. Lawns open 1 April. Schedule will be
 - 10.00 14pt Assn game - Chairman to nominate his opponent
 - 11.30 Golf Cq - Gabby to nominate both players
 - 12.00 Bar opens; lunches to be served.
6. Cq para in SCTCH yearbook approved.
7. More hooks for mallets have been erected in hut on Lawn 3.
8. Cleaning of chairs etc: arranged for 2pm Fri 10 Feb. [DS, HP, GH & AH have volunteered]
9. CQC: Cliff Jones has agreed to run a Club Coaches' Qualifying Course at Sidmouth 3-4 Apr. Cost £10pp. 10am start.

Secretary's Report

Has not sent letters to prospective members but has telephoned the possibles forwarded by Muriel.

Requested that coaching plans ready by Open Day on 4 Mar.

Gabby Macadam Anticipates problem gaining access to kitchen for tea/coffee preparation when Gary's franchise is finalised. Possibility of coffee machine. [To discuss with Gwen].

Helen Pryor Fewer away matches so more money in kitty for teas. Has ordered more Golf Law books. Will order enough 'How to Play' books for Open Day.

Peter Hills New Members' Tournament will be held 28 Apr - 5 May on Lawn 2 while split for training. Golf cq will be on Lawns 1, 3 & 4 for the first week in May.

Amanda Haste will be away 4 Mar - 30 Apr. Reiterated plea for tournament managers/team captains to pass on results/news to her for press reports. AH to give regular info to Tony Philpott for inclusion in website.

Open Day posters up; brochures being distributed.

Doug Sinclair to contact Neil A about sponsorship. Inventory done. [DT & DS to check huts etc.]

Graham Harford Having problems devising coaching timetable. It was agreed that flexibility was needed. [PH, DS & GH to meet and devise availability chart to distribute to coaches a.s.a.p.]

Any Other Business

1. Spring Lunch clashes with bridge. Change of date to be discussed.
2. New Members' coaching: should this be provided throughout the season? Logistical problem due to unavailability of training lawns and pressure on coaches.
3. Mentoring: should be extended. Agreed that more follow-up is needed for new members.
4. Award for low hp Golf Singles event. Some members to be approached with a view to providing trophy.

Date of next meeting: 9.30am on Thur 23 Feb at Manor Garth, Seafield Lane (off Manor Rd, opp Manor Pavilion)

Meeting closed at 11.40



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Meeting held at Manor Garth, Seafield Lane at 09.30 on 23rd February 2006

Present Amanda Haste (chair) Jo McInerney (sec), Graham Harford, Peter Hills, Gabby Macadam, Helen Pryor, Ann Ractliffe, Gwen Sims, Doug Sinclair.

Apologies David Temple

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 2nd February were agreed after amendments made to

1. Date of meeting.
2. Terry is to cut lawns 3 1/2 times each week.
3. Elaine Woodward to manage One-Ball Charity Games

Chairman's Report

- 1 Terry has promised Winter Lawn for Prospective Members morning, Doug to check
2. Bar will open on 16th April at 12.00 noon. Also for Charity One-Ball on 5th April
3. Course for Club Coaches Yellow Badge to take place on P and 4th April
4. Laminated coaching cards given to Graham
5. Club badly needs referees. Cliff Jones to run a course at Budleigh Salterton, Doug has volunteered to attend.
6. Terry's maintenance slots for lawns will not be needed until May.
7. Touch up paint needed for hoops, Doug will see to this. David has spoken to John Palmer about repairs to windows in hut on lawn 3
8. Thank you to all who helped to clean mallet room etc.
9. A squatter in lawn 4 hut has been diplomatically removed by Neil Anthony

Secretary's Report

1. Important for Summer Programme to be distributed asap because of change of lunch date and so many events taking place in early April. Copies of this and members list distributed for editing
2. Envelope of forms from CA referring to External Tournaments passed to Graham for perusal
3. Letter received from Iris Dwerryhouse referring to time allowed for Colclough and Sidmouth Handicap Cups Doubles Tournament was discussed and all agreed with her idea that the games should be 2 1/2 hours and 18 points starting at hoop 5. Jo to write to Iris to thank her for her observations.
4. Letters of resignation from and good wishes to the Croquet section from the Walkers and the Coopers were read to the committee.

Committee Members' Reports

Graham Harford

Arrangements for the organisation of coaching and the Prospective Members morning were discussed at length. Graham to prepare forms where prospective members can write their preferred times for coaching Graham reported that his request for help in coaching had been excellent.

Amanda Haste

Booking sheets are ready for use. Doug in charge when Amanda is absent

Publicity continues and Amanda hopes for more articles in the Sidmouth Herald to herald the start of the new season

Peter Hills

Forms for members to sign up their availability for match play will be posted on the notice board. Peter requested help from committee members when the tournaments for new members take place Some visiting teams prefer lunch to tea, Gwen to discuss with Gary if this would be possible.

Gwen Sims

Date of Spring Lunch now Thurs 6th April due to clash with Bridge afternoons. Gary happy with this date.

Helen Pryor

The Canton Trophy will not be marked on handicap cards, this to be noted when list of entrants is posted One-ball HH is for 16+ LH for 14-

Helen will order fewer croquet books for new members as we have some in hand

Doug Sinclair

Sponsorship not yet started.

Huts all cleaned and ready for use.

Golf Croquet.

A trophy for the low handicap golf tournament is to be discussed with John Hatherley - possibly the Hatherley Plate?

Gabby and Howard and Anne and Dudley will open the Golf Croquet game on April 1st

Date of next meeting Thursday 30th March at Frensham, Glen Road at 09.30am

Meeting closed at 11.13

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Meeting held Frensham, Glen Road at 09.30 on 30th March 2006

Present David Temple (chair) Jo McInerney (sec), Graham Harford, Helen Pryor, Ann Raciliffe, Gwen Sims, Doug Sinclair.

Apologies Amanda Haste, Peter Hills, Gabby Macadam

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd February were agreed

Chairman's Report None as Chairman has been away

Secretary's Report

- 1 Summer Programme and list of members has been distributed to all members
- 2 Updated fixture list and an item for entry in the Club Newsletter have been sent to Neil Anthony
3. Letter has been received from the CA Tournament Committee to inform us we have been awarded Association: Eights Week-The Chairman's 6 - 9 Sept 2007. Jo to reply with thanks and acceptance.
- 4 Prospective Members' Open Day, was a great success 28 people visited. Of those one new Member joined, two Country Members joined and 19 others have signed up for lessons.
- 5 Letters of introduction are ready for those taking lessons to receive at the end of lesson 4 and are awaiting application for membership forms (not yet available from Neil Anthony)
Jo suggested to the Committee that as prospective members have already paid £25 for lessons it might be more encouraging for them to join if that amount was deducted from the first year's subscription and they only paid a further £100. The committee present agreed and David will inform the GMC of this fact. Letters for distribution to new members will be retyped with this new rate.
- 6 Information packs for those joining are ready to be given out when subscriptions are paid.
7. Jo requested that Gwen and Gabby take over responsibility for informing Neil Anthony of times when the Pavilion and bar and food are needed for croquet functions.

GMC report

- 1 As the NO SMOKING rule is soon to become legislation it has been decided not to spend money putting an extractor fan in the Pavilion
- 2 Club is to run a raffle to raise money for new thatch for the pavilion. Prizes to be many and varied and each club member to be given 10 tickets to sell.
3. Bar facilities to be open during Festival Week under a temporary event licence and breakfasts, lunches and teas to be sold
- 4 Coffee machine has been installed but complaints re-quality are already many so it may need to be changed. Helen and Gwen to meet with Neil Anthony and Gary to discuss teas etc.
- 5 A young black S African man has been appointed as cricket assistant this year

Committee Members' Reports

Graham Harford

1. Response for training has been good-- 19 prospective members to receive lessons.

Amanda Haste Photos and information please

Peter Hills

1 Information concerning 'Beginners and Handicap 22 games 28th April – 5th May' were issued to members

2 SW Fed notice marking availability for match play is on Notice Board. Difficult to arrange all matches not to conflict with SOMETHING!

Gwen Sims

1. 54 Tickets sold to date for Spring Lunch

2. Gwen to meet with Gary and Neil to check on use of Pavilion and bar (see above)

Helen Pryor

1 The Charity One-Ball is fully booked and will be organised by Elaine with other helpers throughout the day

2 Gwen and Helen will distribute soup made by Jo and Nancy. Gabby to buy French sticks. As many people as possible to bring mugs for serving the soup as the kitchen cannot be used.

3 Internal Tournaments 4 members have entered 201 tournaments. 12 have signed up for the ladder

4. Finances- A lot of money in hand but cash will be needed to pay Gary so not yet banked.

Doug Sinclair

1 Winter lawn has been muddy and wet and not able to be used. Do we really want it?

2. Holes for hoops have been made and lawns marked out. All should be ready for Saturday.

Golf Croquet.

1 Anne asked that more use be made of Golf Croquet coaches during the training so that new members are able to join the golf croquet sessions as soon as they begin in May

2 Anne and Gabby to book lawns for golf croquet so new members have a chance to play some games before the lawns open officially for golf croquet.

AOB

Ideas for Club afternoons were discussed. David will run first on 2nd May. More ideas for next meeting

Next meeting 09.30 on 4 May at Frensham, Glen Road.

Meeting closed at 12 noon

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Meeting held Frensham, Glen Road at 09.30 on 4 May 2006

Present David Temple (chair) Jo McInerney (sac), Graham Harford, Peter Hills, Gabby Macadam Helen Pryor, Ann Ractliffe, Gwen Sims, Doug Sinclair.

Apologies Amanda Haste.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 30th March were agreed

Matters Arising

Secs. Report -The Management Committee had rejected a reduced fee of £100 for new members but agreed to a fee of £110

Peter repeated that his task of arranging SW Federation matches around other club activities or with those of Budleigh was very difficult and it was agreed that Friday pm golf croquet could be sacrificed if no other time was available.

GMC report-An objection was raised to the use of 'black' to describe the new grounds assistant. Helen said that it was merely a descriptive adjective used by the Management Committee so that members would be able to recognise the assistant and was not meant as a derogatory term. Objection was noted and agreed.

Chairman's Report

1. New Members evening. Hopefully as many committee members as possible will attend. New members to be given one free drink wine/beer/ or soft drink. David to say a few words of welcome.

2. Club Afternoons. David reported that the first afternoon of "Tasmanian Doubles" was a success particularly the mid-afternoon break when tea and cake (courtesy of Nancy) were served and suggested that this break in the afternoon be continued. Nancy was invited into the meeting and volunteered to provide tea and biscuits on the days they are at home and sell them for a small fee towards club funds. This idea was rejected on the grounds of the difficulties arising when the Temples are away and large flasks have to be filled and carried some distance. The mid-session break in play will continue and members encouraged to bring their own refreshments. Committee members will take turns in running club afternoons each free to try out their own ideas The following rota for the next few weeks was agreed:-

9 May Jo; 16 May Fives; 23 May Helen; 30 May Amanda; 6 June Doug; 13 June Peter; 4 July Shot Game practice Graham; 11 July Gwen; 18th July David.

3. Club Sports Quiz. The croquet section has raised 3 teams to enter

4. Fives on 16 May, organised by David Laidler, on Lawns 2, 3 and 4 from 10am. Bar will be open at lunch time and entrance fees will raise money towards Club funds.

Secretary's Report

1. A letter has been received from the organisers of the "Garden Croquet" requesting a half lawn on a Sat/Sun during mid May to mid June. In the absence of the Chairman Jo sent apologies that because of the sections commitments the lawns were fully in use during those times but with more notice we may be able to help in the future.

2. The Club diary has no croquet activities listed and it is therefore difficult to know if the Pavilion is available for functions. Neil had previously stated that only he was to write entries in the diary. It was agreed that Jo should enter in the croquet sections activities in pencil and talk to Neil on his return from holiday.

Committee Members' Reports

Graham Harford

1. Coaching programme seems to have gone well. 15 new members have paid and joined; 2 others may also join. 1 experienced player and 2 country members have also joined. It was speculated that a more relaxed style of coaching may be responsible for this high rate of new members. The committee thanked Graham for all his work.

2. It is hoped that coaching will continue throughout the season and a suggestion was made that a Thursday evening session from 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm be a regular event drawing on the expertise of the newly trained coaches. David agreed to contact the CA coaches and Graham to set up the evening sessions.

Peter Hills

1. The games for new/higher handicap members had gone well but a disappointing number of players had taken part and some of those had refused help. It had been a good idea not to make the games competitive. In retrospect it would have been better to co-ordinate the games for the new members as they were reluctant to arrange games for themselves. It would also be politic not to arrange games during golf croquet times.

2. The Committee thanked Peter for his time and effort and agreed that the games helped to consolidate the coaching.

Helen Pryor

1. £160 cash in hand

2. It is not possible to add names to internal tournaments once the final date of entry has passed and the only exceptions to this rule are if the numbers are uneven or a signed up **player drops out**.

Gwen Sims

1. Soup and bread at the One Ball Tournament was most appreciated.

2. Club Lunch was not a very successful meal. The catering for the Club is a problem. It is impossible to welcome visiting teams if no one is allowed in the kitchen. Tea from the machine is not acceptable for a lot of people. Gary will provide teas for £3 per head but our match fee is only £4 to cover 2 people.

David agreed to arrange a meeting with Neil Anthony and Neil Gamble to try and find a solution to the problems

Doug Sinclair

1. Doug reported on the final of the Charity One-Ball that he had attended as the winner of our section tournament. The standard was an eye opener as play was of such a high standard and shots so accurate.

2. A painting party is needed to paint boundary boards and a notice will be put on the mallet room notice board requesting volunteers for a working party.

3. Lawns are now being cut more often. The grounds assistant from S Africa has not yet arrived due to a problem with immigration. There is a problem with weeds particularly on lawns 3 & 4

4. Hoops will be moved twice a year and it is hoped to have a good surface for "The Chairman's" on 6-9 Sept.

Golf Croquet.

1. 10 new members came to the Golf Croquet session for new members on Friday 28 April

2. Proposed that Golf Croquet should be included in all coaching in the future. Agreed

3. Gabby to approach John Hatherley about name for trophy for Low Handicap Golf Tournament (see minutes for 23 Feb)

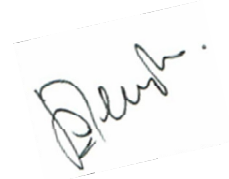
AOB

1. David proposed that thanks should be given to Cliff Jones for all the help he has given to our club. He agreed to write a letter of thanks to Cliff. He also suggested that Cliff might be offered an Honorary or reduced fee membership to the club but would need to propose it to the GMC at the next meeting.

2. Helen pointed out that the new Fixtures Book indicates that table tennis is open to all Club members but it should be noted that it is an activity for croquet section members only.

Meeting closed at 12.30 pm

Next meeting 09.30 on 2 June at Frensham, Glen Road.

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Meeting held Frensham, Glen Road at 09.30 on 2 June 2006

Present David Temple (chair) Jo McInerney (sec), Graham Harford, Amanda Haste, Gabby Macadam Helen Pryor, Gwen Sims, Doug Sinclair.

Apologies Peter Hills, Ann Ractliffe.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 May were agreed and signed

Matters Arising

1. Correction on Gwen item 2. Match Fee is £4 for team members for home or away matches
2. Amanda repeated firmly that matches should not be fixed to encroach on golf croquet sessions or Club afternoons. More matches could be played on Sundays and those who objected on religious grounds could choose not to play. She hoped that this would be noted for fixtures next year.

Chairman's Report

- 1 Arrangements for Club afternoons - Helen will organise 1st August. David will research non-committee member for 8th August
2. David Laidler's Fives day was played in poor weather but raised £42 for Club funds. Treasure Hunt will take place on 21 June. Helen suggested that if it is repeated next year it could be a walking local hunt and the committee agreed that this would be "greener".
3. Cliff Jones is unable to run the June Open Tournament due to ill health but he has arranged for Julie Horsley will substitute. Doug. will arrange for hoops to be reset each morning and for balls to be cleaned each day. Lawns to be mown regularly through the week. Gary will prepare lunches each day but needs to know for how many. Gwen will check with Derek Powell how many players request a lunch.
4. A special membership deal for Cliff Jones was not pursued after talks with the Club President, Iris Dwerryhouse
5. David did not raise the subject of a Sprinkler Appeal at the GMC because of the state of finances.
6. Tony Dustan-Smith would like to run an advanced training course. David will put up a notice for members interested to sign up.
7. Requests have been made for friendly matches with other clubs to take place. It was agreed that these would be limited to 2 per season plus the annual against Budleigh Salterton
8. David voiced his concern that the Friday evening Golf Croquet coaching for those wishing to play a more competitive game was not taking place as planned. He requested that Gabby take action to pursue this as soon as possible. Gabby agreed to phone Ian Friedlander.

Secretary's Report

1. Notification has been received of a change of Insurance Broker to Cheltenham Insurance Brokers Ltd. The Underwriter is Norwich Union.
2. Also received notification of increased subs for CA tournaments in 2007 and a CA newsletter. These will be displayed on the notice board.
3. David Clarke had rung to say he is confused as to which tournament he and Barbara had agreed to present a trophy. Jo has been researching this and feels it is for the Sept CA Handicap Weekend. She will make a few more enquiries and when confirmed will report to David.

GMC

1. Club finances are dire. A special meeting has been called for Monday 5 June to discuss action to be taken
2. The cricket squares and croquet lawns are still in a poor state. A specialist firm "Kestrel" is to be called in to give an in depth inspection. David would prefer that the CA lawn specialist contractors be called in for the croquet lawns but this could cause extra expense. David or Doug will phone "Kestrel" and ask what their specialist inspection involves.

Committee Members' Reports

Graham Harford

1. Arrangements have been made for 2 latecomers to be coached. If they wish to join for this season the full subscription will be requested.
2. Graham is still in the process of arranging the ongoing coaching for new members and will display details a.s.ap.

Amanda Haste

1. The recent TV programme gave a good image for our croquet section if not for Sidmouth.
2. Please keep sending in reports and photos

Helen Pryor

1. £160 cash in hand
2. Complaints have been made that the blocks for the Advanced Level Tournament are too large. If there are same number of entries next year 3 blocks may be necessary. Also that high handicap players are entering low handicap tournaments which may cause an imbalance to handicaps. Does this indicate that another tournament should be arranged for mid handicap players? David will discuss this with Sue and the subject will be reconsidered at the next meeting.

Gwen Sims

- 1 Teas prepared by Gary seem to be acceptable and he will be told they are to be served between 4.30 and 5.00 pm
2. Tickets for the Sparkling Wine Evening are selling slowly and members are signing up on the food list.

Doug Sinclair

1. There may be a need for help with watering if a dry period arrives.
2. John Hatherley had suggested a water butt on Lawn 3 and Doug will price this although David expressed doubts that this was a good idea as he had found that seagull droppings contaminated the butts and made them very unpleasant.

Golf Croquet.

1. See **Chairman's Report** 8. above

AOB

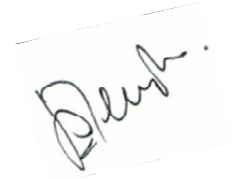
1. Centenary Year Plans - Amanda proposed that an Open Golf Croquet Tournament be arranged. She will discuss the possibility of this with an expert in the Golf Croquet world and report back to committee. Also that we open the year with some members playing in the dress of 100 years ago, maybe against those in modern whites.
2. The newly named Hatherley Cup to be awarded for the Low Handicap Golf Croquet Tournament.

3. Some discussion occurred over preparation of teas for friendly matches. Maybe they could be hosted in a nearby member's house if there was no possibility of making tea in the club kitchen. Further discussion to be had when the dates are finalised.

3. Doug proposed that advantage be taken of the recent interest in croquet due to the publicity given to the game by the Deputy Prime Minister, John Prescott. Amanda agreed to run extra press coverage in the Sidmouth Herald and training will be considered if response is good

Meeting closed at 11.40

Next meeting to be held at Frensham on Friday 30 June at 09.30

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Sidmouth Cricket, Tennis, Croquet and Hockey Club
Minutes of Croquet Section Committee Meeting
Meeting held Frensham, Glen Road at 09.30 on 30 June 2006

Present David Temple (chair) Jo McInerney (sec), Amanda Haste, Gabby Macadam Helen Pryor, Gwen Sims, Peter Hills, Ann Racthffe.

Apologies Graham Harford, Doug. Sinclair

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 2nd June, were agreed and signed

Matters Arising

1. Amanda and Peter (finally at a committee meeting together) amicably discussed the problems faced when arranging external matches. We think (hope) they have now come to an understanding.
2. It was suggested that the Advanced Level Tournament being set at an 8-14 handicap level marginalized those players with a handicap of 6 or 7. Should the tournament include handicaps 6 - 14? The decision was left for further discussion.
3. David will organise or make other arrangements for Club afternoons on 18th July and 8th August 4 We are uncertain as to whether the Open Handicap or the Knock Out Competition is in need of a Trophy - David and Jo will go through the Trophy Book and report.

Chairman's Report

1. The grass box on lawn 3 still has to be removed - David to prompt Keith Baker once again.
2. Doug still has to investigate pricing and placing of a water butt
3. Doug also has to check boards at present stored behind the hut and find a place to store those that are still usable
4. Friendly matches against Budleigh are still not arranged as we are awaiting dates from Budleigh.
5. Tony Dustan-Smith's coaching for advanced players is going well
6. Graham's coaching for beginners on a Thursday evening is not well attended and new members need to be encouraged to join in and Graham needs Peter to give more help.
7. Dianne Wallman has only needed 2 refresher lessons so it was agreed to charge her £5. We have had 20 new members join this year, which is encouraging.
8. Iris Dwerryhouse is the only referee available for most matches but Amanda is willing to cover for all those for which she is available
9. As winners are awarded a cup for winning in the Open Tournament it was agreed that the addition of goblets as well was an unnecessary expense.

Secretary's Report

1. Club contact details have been updated on request from Sidmouth Library
2. A proposal has been received from Iris Dwerryhouse and seconded by Gwynneth Dart that committee members who have been promoted to serve as Chairman or Secretary during their time in committee should have the option to serve for a further 3 years in their new capacity. However after much research and discussion with long-term members Jo could find no reference to a 3 year rule and proposed displaying a notice informing members of this fact so that they are aware of it when voting at the next AGM. This was agreed. (Copy in Election Procedure folder.)

3. The CA Tournament Committee have contacted us and asked us to bid for hosting tournaments in 2008 and 2009. It was agreed that Jo and David would consider the list and give preference to hosting a Golf Croquet Tournament.

GMC

1. The AGM of the Club takes place on Monday 3rd July and all members are encouraged to attend as there are some important decisions to be made.

2. David is determined to pursue the Sprinkler Appeal. He has researched the cost of drilling a borehole and estimates it will be around £8,000. Part of this cost will be funded by the Cricket Section and David and Jo will liaise and contact various sports charities for additional monies. This project could eventually save the Club money, as the present water bill is very high.

3. Raffle tickets to sell for the Roof Fund were distributed and most Committee members accepted them unwillingly.

Committee Members' Reports

Amanda Haste

1. Offered to run a laws/referee course for interested members in Jan/Feb 2007.

2. Suggested our Centenary Year be launched with an Open Golf Croquet Tournament in April. Amanda will discuss this with Gabby and draw up plans.

3. Please keep sending information on all Club events for publicity

Helen Pryor

1. £200+ in hand

Canton Trophy went well, Robert Hammond won, Peter Hills was runner up

14 point High Handicap was well organised by Doug with all entrants having the chance to play 4 games during the day. The winner was Tony Gittins with Mike Taylor (a new member this year) runner up.

Gwen Sims

1. Plans for Fun and Food evening are underway and tickets are on sale. Doug and John Dixon will organise games and Gary will provide a jacket potato meal plus dessert

2. The Sparkling Wine evening was a great success and raised £180 profit.

Peter Hills

1. Peter will help Graham to organise and encourage beginners to attend coaching on a Thursday evening.

2. SW Federation matches are progressing. The Intermediate have done very well, others not so well. Teas provided by Gary have been good

3. Suggested we have a Section ruling that when possible Federation players are handicaps 0-10, Intermediate players are handicap 11-16 and B league players are handicap 18+.

Golf Croquet.

1. Gabby reported that she had asked Ian Friedlander to help with Golf Croquet but he only attended for one session.

2. A notice has been prepared for display to ask for those wishing to play more competitive golf croquet to sign and commit themselves to a regular practice time.

3. Ann said that she had been asked why Sidmouth was not reported in the SW handbook Peter offered to investigate how to place an entry and we may consider joining a Golf Croquet league next year.

AOB

In Doug's absence David reported that Kestrel had not been to assess lawns but another expert has inspected the cricket square and found it to be in poor condition due to mismanagement.

Meeting closed at 11.40

Next meeting to be held at Frensham on Friday 26th July at 09.30

NB Proposed dates future meetings Fri 25th August

Thurs 28th September

Sidmouth Cricket, Tennis, Croquet and Hockey Club
Minutes of Croquet Section Committee Meeting
Meeting held Frensham, Glen Road at 09.30 on 28 July 2006

Present David Temple (chair) J0 McInerney (sec), Graham Harford, Gabby Macadam Helen Pryor, Gwen Sims, Doug. Sinclair.

Apologies Amanda Haste, Peter Hills, Ann Ractliffe

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 30 Ju'y were agreed and signed

Matters Arising

1. Club afternoon 8 Aug still not covered, David to check with other members
2. Grass box not yet moved
3. It was decided that a water butt is unnecessary
4. Boards still behind hut 3 but Doug will move them SOON.
5. Raffle tickets not selling well but this is a matter for the GMC

Chairman's Report

1. Fun and Food was a good sunny evening, the food was good but the FUN was missing. This evening needs rethinking or maybe replacing next year
2. One-ball went well and it was good to see some of the newer members competing
3. A referee is needed for the CA 'B' level tournament. David to discuss with Iris and ask Elaine, Tony Dustan-Smith, Derek Powell and John Hatherley if they can help.
4. Helpers for car parking duties and hoop removal are needed for Festival Week. Gabby and David will do car parking with helpers. Gwen and Rex will remove hoops and David will replace each morning. Jo and Martin are held as reserves.
5. Members living some distance away have asked if they could be notified when they have booked a lawn but that lawn is closed due to adverse weather conditions. It was generally agreed that this would be difficult to arrange at present but could be discussed with the new Club Social Organiser in future.
6. There has been a complaint about members entering Advanced Play Tournaments when they do not know the rules. A notice will be placed with the tournament entry form about this next year.
7. Budleigh Salterton have still not suggested dates for friendly matches.
8. It has been difficult to arrange coaching lessons for those who want to join after the main coaching course had finished. All agreed that it is now too late to accept new members.
9. David is of the opinion that a member of the Handicapping Committee should watch the 14 point High Handicap Tournament so that they might assess the progress of players, he will ask for this to happen in 2007

Secretary's Report

1. Jo reported that she had discussed the Trophies with Gwynneth Dart, Iris Dwerryhouse and Derek Powell and they had all reached the conclusion that the Clarke Salver should be awarded for the CA Handicap Weekend in September. The Clarkes are now aware of this. It was also agreed that the winner of the Knockout Tournament (part of the Midsummer Open Tournament) should be awarded a Goblet.
2. Regarding the Bids for Tournaments for 2008/2009. The Barlow and Longman Ladies' Tournament has been suspended indefinitely due to lack of entrants. It was decided that a

bid would be put in for the Golf Croquet Ranelagh Doubles 26/27 July 2008 stating that we only have 4 lawns and also for the GC All England Final on the 19/20 September 2009.

3. A request for a friendly tournament, probably of golf croquet, with Northampton Croquet Club during a visit to Sidmouth sometime in 2007 has been received. It was agreed that Jo should send an open reply stating that it could be possible if we had a space in the calendar at a time they required

GMC

1. The next meeting takes place on Monday 31 July. The main item for discussion will be the Club finances. A proposal from Robert Hammond to turn part of the Club into a car park is on the agenda and also the state of the grounds and the profits taken from the bar by Terry Riding.

2. John Goodwin has replaced Howard Quarrel as Grounds Representative

3. Caroline Miles has agreed to take on the task of Social Organiser

Committee Members' Reports

Amanda Haste (Report sent by email)

1. Thank you to all who send information and photos, please keep them coming.

2. After correspondence with Bill Arliss the CA's GC rep. The idea of a Centenary GC Tournament sounds a possibility. Suggestion is that we go for a 2 day event and make it a qualifying event for the national championship (Ascot Cup) to attract the better players. A manager for this event could be provided by the CA. This would be held over the 3rd weekend in April which would mean converting lawn 2 back to full size for that weekend which Doug agreed could be done. A small local event was also suggested but the committee voted to aim initially only for the one major tournament and to ask Amanda to go ahead with planning this for 2007.

Graham Harford

Ongoing coaching for beginners is variable but is available for those who want it

Gwen Sims

Coffee for tournaments is difficult but the problems are surmountable. All is arranged for the remaining tournaments of the season.

The committee were asked to decide if they want the Christmas lunch to be in the Club or out. 'Out' was the answer so Gwen will check local hotels for price and availability during the first week of December

Helen Pryor

This year the SW Federation matches have produced a profit of £20.60 but this was because one match was cancelled and the 'B' league Final has still to be catered. It was proposed and agreed that the match fees should be increased to £5 for next year.

Cash in hand £210.

The Club treasurer has asked that everyone should try to get a VAT receipt for all purchases. Internal tournaments are nearing completion, a little extra time has been allowed in some cases.

Helen also suggested that a group get together to clear out the blanket boxes in the mallet room. It was worrying that the blanket could not be found for Esme when she had a 'funny turn' a few weeks ago. This to be arranged.

Doug Sinclair.

Balls need to be sorted and moved on. Old balls to be offered for sale to members. The committee felt that it was too late in the season for this to happen now but that the balls should all be changed during the winter. He also proposed that some old equipment be replaced with strong plastic but he was reminded that the Club is in financial difficulties so this would have to wait.

Helen said that an extra board was needed between lawns 3 & 4 and Doug agreed that he would see to painting some more white boards.

Much of the equipment is in need of refreshment and the hut on lawn 4 is in need of cleaning due to seagull occupation. Doug agreed to ask John Palmer if a gate could be placed at the entrance to stop the gulls getting in. All grounds equipment must be checked and refurbished before the CA Tournaments and Doug accepted the task of organising this.

Golf Croquet

Coaching for new members on a Friday evening is continuing well with help from John Hatherley, Derek Hewett and David Baldock.

David voiced his disappointment that the coaching for more 'serious' golf croquet on a Thursday evening seemed to have caused some discontent with the general GC players and only Association players had signed up. He asked Gabby if she knew the reason for this. It was generally thought that the wording of the original notice stating that those who signed had to 'commit to attending EVERY Thursday' could have been at fault. Gabby was asked to see if her group that normally play at 6.00 pm could start a little earlier and join in with the earlier group so that the number of 'groups' could be reduced. Gabby agreed to see if this was possible. No further action to be taken this season.

AOB

Jo said it was time to discuss plans for the AGM as she had to post notice of the AGM by early September and needed to know which committee members were prepared to put their names forward for re-election next season. All but Peter Hills and Gwen Sims were agreeable to stand again.

Each committee member agreed to read out their own reports at the AGM

David will ask Peter Dart to present the prizes and Jo will ask Martin to give a vote of thanks to the committee.

Meeting closed at 11.55 am

Next meeting to be held at Frensham on Friday 25th August at 09.30

NB Proposed date for following meeting Thurs 28th September

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Sidmouth Cricket, Tennis, Croquet and Hockey Club
Minutes of Croquet Section Committee Meeting
Meeting held Frensham, Glen Road at 09.30 on 25 August 2006

Present David Temple (chair) Jo McInerney (sec), Graham Harford, Gabby Macadam, Helen Pryor, Gwen Sims, Doug. Sinclair, Peter Hills, Ann Ractliffe

Apologies Amanda Haste.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 July were agreed and signed

Matters Arising

1. As the grass box and boards are still not dealt with it was agreed to set up a working party on Wednesday am 30 August. Doug and David to organise.
2. Clearance of blanket box in mallet room and clearing of ladies changing room will be organised by Gabby
3. A shelf in ball boxes would enable tighter storage of balls and leave more space for storage. May be possible to remove one blanket box. David to approach John Palmer
4. Friendly matches with Budleigh Salterton are cancelled for this year due to lack of time
5. John Palmer has repaired a seat that was damaged during Folk Festival week and put doors on the hut on lawn 4 to keep seagulls out

Chairman's Report

1. The B level Advanced Tournament was a great success and it has been requested that Sidmouth run a "60+" tournament next year
2. Selectors' Weekend is the next open event. David and Jo have finally heard about arrangements and who will be organising the event. Doug to ensure that all is made ready.
3. The formula for the Devonia is causing some concern in that the number of bisques issued is too high This should be considered and a decision made at the next meeting.
4. It is hoped that a referees' course will be run during the winter. David to contact CA with the request.
5. Suggestions for next years' committee were made. John Combes has been approached to consider the job of Grounds rep. John Dixon may be willing to cover SW Fed possibly with help from Peter Hills, Doug or Elaine Woodward? Sheila Highieak and Edna Webb were suggested as Catering reps.

Secretary's Report

1. SW Federation AGM is to be at Taunton Sports Club on 5 November. David and Nancy will attend. Jo to check if John Dixon and David and Barbara Clarke will also attend

A proposal was made to be put on the agenda for the meeting. The B League handicapping system needs to be changed to reduce the number of bisques

Proposal to read: **"It is proposed that for the B league games the present handicapping system for a 14 point game be kept at a 13½ base but the number of bisques should be halved as is usual for 14 point games"**

Jo to send this to the SW Fed in time for the meeting

2. CA notice board pamphlet was read to the committee and a ballot paper with a proposed addition to the Rules of the CA has been left with David for his perusal and attention
3. Jo requested a report from each member to help in compiling a report for the Autumn news letter

4. A notice will be placed on the notice board to request that all trophies be returned to David on the 3rd October ready for engraving before the AGM.

GMC

1. There is an agreement throughout the Club that Terry Riding is unable to give enough time to the care of the grounds along with his other duties. Neil Gamble and his committee have sent a letter to Terry and await his response

2. As one of the main problems with the grounds is lack of watering David proposes to proceed with an Irrigation Appeal. Research has been done and it seems that to dig a borehole and to install a 'walking irrigation system' would cost in the region of £6,000. Hopefully this sum could be raised through donations and grants.

3. Parking during Folk Festival Week raised £12,000 for Club Funds

4. A proposal from Robert Hammond to turn the tennis hard courts into a car park is being considered.

5. The Club Raffle has been a disaster.

Committee Members' Reports

Graham Harford

There is a moderate progression with some new members to play association croquet.

Amanda Haste (Report sent by email)

Publicity Many thanks to all - keep it coming! Regardless of my whereabouts I do file a report every week, in advance if a potential problem is anticipated, but PLEASE don't send anything to the Herald without consulting me first. I'm not being a control freak, but if info comes in from all over the place they don't bother with it all and we will lose coverage. Besides, I archive match reports and pix to use in slow news weeks!

Golf Croquet Centenary Tournament

Jo has contacted the CA re dates, and I have followed this up with emails to the two clubs most likely to clash with us. Surbiton are checking their fixture dates and I'm awaiting a reply from Bury. Bill Arliss and Tom Weston (both 'A' Class GC players) have already expressed interest in entering.

Refereeing Duties Available from 12 Sept please let me know when needed

Peter Hills

SW Federation results are much improved Intermediate players are to play Taunton in the semi-finals Golf Croquet.

There are on average 30 members turning up for each GC session

The GC tournaments were a great success and enjoyed by all who entered

Gwen Sims

Coffee for tournaments remains difficult. Water for urn MUST be run off before using in the am. Dorothy Rotas will be in charge of coffee for the Selectors' Weekend.

No arrangements have been made for the Christmas lunch as hoteliers say it is too early to fix dates Gary needs constant reminders, especially to provide a light alternative to the lunch menu.

As Gwen is retiring from the committee this year someone is needed to organise the whist afternoons once a month. Gwen will ask one of the regular players to take on the task.

Food for the AGM was discussed and a menu of Salmon or Steak and Kidney + a dessert was agreed. Meal to be at 19.30 and price to be requested.

Helen Pryor

£250 in hand. Cost of trophy engraving still to be met.

Internal Tournaments are due to be all played by 1st September

A discussion ensued to decide how winners and runners up of groups is decided. Winners are those who win most matches, if some are equal does it then go on who beat whom or on number of hoops run?

Jo to ask Cliff Jones to give CA ruling

Doug Sinclair.

1. Lawns are suffering from the hot dry spell.
2. Hoops were moved before the B level tournament with the help of John Dixon and Martin McInerney
3. David has repainted all clips used for external tournaments and pegs have been completely repainted and taped as necessary
4. Lawns will close at the discretion of Terry, David and Doug.

AOB

Table tennis, Whist and Ladies Snooker will begin in October

Meeting closed at 11.40

Next Meeting on 28 Sept at the same venue

Sidmouth Cricket, Tennis, Croquet and Hockey Club
Minutes of Croquet Section Committee Meeting
Meeting held Frensham, Glen Road at 09.30 on 28 September 2006

Present David Temple (chair) Jo McInerney (sec), Graham Harford, Amanda Haste Gabby Macadam Helen Pryor, Gwen Sims, Peter Hills, Ann Ractliffe

Apologies Doug. Sinclair.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 August were agreed and signed

Matters Arising

1. The grass box and boards are now dealt with but the clearing behind hut on lawn 4 still remains to be done, a working party will attend to this soon. Doug and David to organise.
2. Clearance of blanket box in mallet room and clearing of ladies changing room is in progress organised by Gabby who will also arrange for a First Aid kit for the mallet room.
3. A shelf in ball boxes has been postponed as a winter job for the new grounds rep

Chairman's Report

1. The Selectors' and B level Advanced Tournaments were very successful and the Club was complimented on welcome, lawns and catering. It was suggested that we might run a 60+ tournament next year
 - 2 Irrigation Appeal. David is still waiting for Terry to find time to visit the system at the Rugby Club. It was agreed that Appeal letters should be distributed at the AGM. David to prepare.
 3. The formula for the Devonian is to await the decision of the SW Fed AGM on bisques for B league matches
 4. Cliff Jones is to run a laws course in the autumn. Date to be announced. This could lead to members taking the Referees' exam
 - 5 A letter has been received from Sue Rogers with observations and suggestions regarding Association Tournaments and Handicaps. These were discussed at some length but it was decided to delay a decision until the new committee is in place
 6. AGM Amanda will provide amplification for speakers. Gabby will provide collection box for a tip for Terry. 2 bottles of wine for Mike the cleaner, will be bought in France by Martin McInerney - budget £10 max.
- Jo will prepare agenda and attendance list for signatures.
- 7 As there is no board to display winners of the Advanced Handicap trophy David will look into the cost of a new one.
 - 8 Final lawn closure dates will depend on Terry getting the machinery for the treatments needed.

Secretary's Report

1. CA notice board pamphlet was read to the committee and will be displayed on the notice board.
- 2 Jo requested copies of section reports at the AGM for the records
3. The GC tournament planned for 28/29 April 2007 is now in place. A manager will be sent from the CA but we need a liaison member on site. Who? Is to be decided by the new committee
4. An appeal for mallets and balls has been received from Dawlish Gardens Trust (a centre for adults with learning difficulties) We will sort some out during the winter. Jo will write and explain this.

GMC

1 Terry has responded to the pressure put on him and the lawns have improved since it has rained. He has had a very good Australian assistant this summer. It is hoped the winter work will be up to standard

Committee Members' Reports

Amanda Haste

Again thanks for information sent. Will help Cliff Jones with referee course if dates are compatible.

Peter Hills

SW Federation Intermediate team only just lost the final 4-3 against Dyffrn at Nailsea

Golf Croquet

As lawns 3 & 4 are now closed, lawns 1 & 2 have been booked for golf croquet sessions

Gwen Sims

Coffee for tournaments remains difficult. The system may need rethinking for next season.

The Christmas lunch will be at the Royal York and Faulkner on December 12. Tickets £17 per head. No extra will be added for club funds but hopefully some money can be made on the raffle

Helen Pryor

£146 cash in hand

Internal Tournaments are completed and list of finalists and runners up is on the notice board.

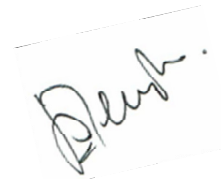
AOB

Amanda will prepare a proposal to be presented at the AGM that all members with internet access give their permission for information in future to be sent on line to reduce mailing costs

Meeting closed at 11.40

NB Not mentioned in committee but the CA ruling on winners of competitions is as follows:

The winner of a competition is the person who has won the most matches. If some players are even the next criteria is who beat who followed by the number of points scored.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, possibly reading 'D. Haste', is written on a rectangular piece of paper with a dashed border.

SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, CROQUET & HOCKEY CLUB
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
CROQUET SECTION HELD ON THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER 06
IN THE FORTFIELD PAVILION

1 The Chairman David Temple welcomed 62 members to the meeting. Members stood in silence to remember John Elliott, Linda Kitchener and Arnold Cox

2 **Apologies for absence** were received from Sheila Adams, Sheila Blenkinsop, Ruth Brown, Eileen Cox, Barbara and Peter Davis, John Hatherley, Roger Hendy, Joan and Peter Hewetson, Derek and Jill Hewett, Betty Hills, Katherine Holroyde, Esme Owen, Marjorie and Howard Quarrel, Dorothy Rotas, Gwen Sims, Doug Sinclair, John Toye, Richard Wood, Tim Haste,

3 Minutes of the 2005 AGM: Tony Dustan-Smith proposed and Gabby Macadam seconded the approval and signing of the minutes

4 **Matters Arising:** none

5 Committee reports were made by individual committee members and are on file together with the Chairman's Report¹.

6 Handicap committee report (also on file¹) was given by Sue Rogers

7 A vote of thanks to the retiring committee was given by Mar McInerney

8 Election of committee for 2006/7. The committee as listed were accepted en-bloc: proposed by David Clarke and seconded by Tony Dustan-Smith

They are as follows: Chairman - David Temple; Secretary - Jo McInerney; Members- John Coombes, John Dixon, Graham Harford, Amanda Haste, Gabby Macadam, Helen Pryor, Nancy Temple, Elaine Woodward.

9 A motion was proposed by Amanda Haste as follows:

In the interests of keeping admin costs to a minimum, it is proposed that members are given the option of receiving newsletters by email. This will mean any amendments, reminders or news of forthcoming events can easily be circulated at no cost to the club. Some mailings may be in the form of attachments so members will need to be able to open and print these.

Email addresses will be used ONLY for the purpose of club mailings and will NOT be posted in the public domain (eg the mail room) or divulged to any third parties.

Members unwilling or unable to give an email address will continue to receive mailings by post or by hand.

The club will need signed consent to use email addresses, so if the proposal is passed please sign the list available at the AGM".

The motion was carried unanimously

10 **Any Other Business:**

i) Nancy Temple asked for a volunteer to take care of the flower bed and pots by lawn 3 hut. Cliff Field volunteered.

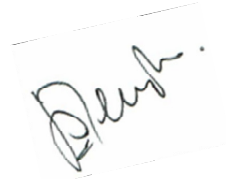
ii) David Laidler asked if a league team for golf croquet was a possibility and was told it was hoped it would be.

iii) A discussion about provision of coffee for external tournaments followed and this will be reviewed by the new committee.

11 The Chairman introduced Peter Dart who presented the trophies to the winners of the Internal Tournaments

12 The Chairman informed members that 2007 is our Centenary Year and requested any ideas for celebrations to mark the occasion. A proposal of a float in next year's carnival was not received with any enthusiasm. He asked that members collect a letter about the proposed sprinkler appeal and a form to provide email addresses. He thanked everyone for attending and reminded members that tickets for the Christmas Lunch were now on sale.

¹ Not attached with original minutes

A small, rectangular piece of paper with a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature is cursive and appears to be 'D. Smith'.