

Minutes of Croquet Committee meeting Wednesday October 24th, 1984. 9.45 am at T. Ward's house.

Present: Valerie Collier, Michael Davis, Iris Dwerryhouse, Mary Hardman, John Hatherley, Gwen Hewitt, Tom Ward.

Proposed Iris Dwerryhouse, seconded Tom- Ward- and agreed that John Hatherley act as Chairman for the coming year.

After discussion, agreed that following duties be undertaken

Vice Chairman and Booking sheets	M, Davis.
Secretary:	Mary Hardman
Treasurer & responsibility for golf croquet:	Gwen. Hewitt
Ground & equipment:	P. Ward
Tournaments & publicity:	V. Collier
Training and Social activities:	I. Dwerryhouse.

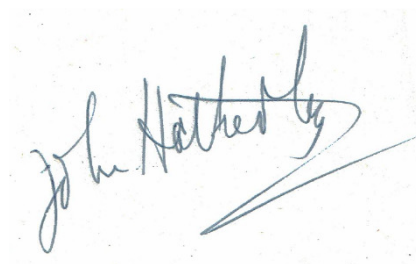
It was suggested that a list of croquet members names and addresses be given to every committee member - a decision on this was deferred.

Proposed that a letter be sent to "G" Cunningham, thanking her for her work on the Committee and for Golf Croquet and hoping that she would continue to take an interest in that game. This was agreed. A suggestion: that she be asked to continue to take charge of the club's golf croquet sessions was not adopted and a decision-would be taken later when the playing programme is agreed. Arrangements were made for the whist drive on Nov. 7th - and the Secretary asked to make arrangements for another drive on Tuesday Dec-4th if possible.

The Secretary would contact Connie Verity & Betty Moores to ask them to organise the cake stall for the Club coffee morning on. November 24th.

Details of arrangements for the S.W. Federation meeting on Nov. 4th were agreed.

Next meeting fixed for Wed. Nov. 21st. 2.30 at V. Collier's house.

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Minutes of Croquet Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 21st November 1984 at V., Collier's house.

Present: V. Collier, M. Davis, I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, J. Hatherley, G. Hewitt, T. Ward.

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

Matters arising 1) The letter had been sent to G. Cunningham and an acknowledgement received. 2) B. Moores and C. Verity had agreed to be responsible for the Cake Stall. 3) The next Whist Drive had been arranged for 4th December.

S.W. Federation of Croquet Clubs I. Dwerryhouse, as Club representative, gave a report of the Inaugural General Meeting held at Tracy Park on 4th November and the Chairman, who had attended the meeting as an observer referred to the organisers' enthusiasm for the project. M. Davis proposed, T. Ward seconded and it was carried unanimously that the Club join the Federation and pay the subscription of £15 forthwith. It was unanimously agreed that the Club should take part in the Senior League Fixtures and, by a majority of two, to take part in the Beginners' League. A copy of the Minutes of the Tracy Park meeting and other information together with a Fixture List had been received by the Secretary together with a request from the Bristol Club that the game between it and Sidmouth, scheduled to take place in Sidmouth, should be on Sunday 1st or Sunday 15th September 1985. After discussion it was agreed that the alternative dates of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 2nd, 3rd, 4th September should be offered and if none was suitable, 15th September would be acceptable.

Reports Treasurer - The Whist Drive on 7th November resulted in a profit of £19. T. Ward proposed, M. Hardman seconded and it was carried unanimously that the charge for Whist Drives in future should be 40p per person and 10p for the raffle.

M. Davis - Revision of booking sheets was in hand.

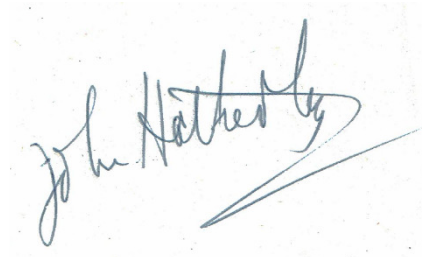
T. Ward - Budget for equipment amounted to £300. The Chairman suggested that checkboards between lawns 2 and 3 were desirable and that he would make them, the cost of materials being about £25.

Spring Programme I. Dwerryhouse gave details as follows:

Jan: 14th Beetle Drive (Members only), 13th Feb: and 12th Mar: Whist Drives, 18th February Introduction to Croquet for-prospective players, 5th and 20th Mar: Training sessions on Basic Rules of Golf Croquet and Association Croquet the first for 14 handicap and over and the second for 14 handicap and under. 6th April Lawns open, weather and ground permitting. It was agreed that the Club should hold a luncheon about the third week in March and I. Dwerryhouse would report back with details. She agreed to forward to the appropriate quarter a suggestion that the Cricket Club should hold a Dinner or Dinner/Dance.

I. Dwerryhouse reported that the Croquet Association was willing to arrange a Referees' Course at Sidmouth during a weekend in April and that one lawn would be required for two days. This was agreed.

Any Other Business 1) The Secretary agreed to ask Philip Dwerryhouse to arrange for the engraving of trophies. 2) The next meeting was arranged for Wednesday 9th January 1985 at I. Dwerryhouse's house.

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Minutes of Croquet Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 9th January 1985 at M. Hardman's house.

Present: V. Collier, M. Davis, I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, J. Hatherley, G. Hewitt, T. Ward.

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

Matters arising 1) The Secretary said that the Referees' Course, which would be for potential referees only, would be held during the week 13th-20th April. 2) The Club Lunch would be held at the Royal Glen Hotel on 28th March 1985 at an inclusive charge of £5 per person.

S.W. Federation of Croquet Clubs. The Secretary had received the Rules for the Federation Leagues and it was agreed that ten photocopies should be obtained for use by Committee members and display in the Mallet Room.

The dates of the matches to be played at Sidmouth had been arranged viz: v Bristol, Seniors and Beginners, Sunday 15th September 1985 and v

Bournemouth, Beginners only, Sunday 16th June 1985. Dates for away matches at Budleigh and Parkstone had not yet been arranged.

Longman Cup It was agreed unanimously that the Club should enter a team.

Reports T. Ward - One set of Eclipse balls and two yellow balls (Jaques) had been ordered.

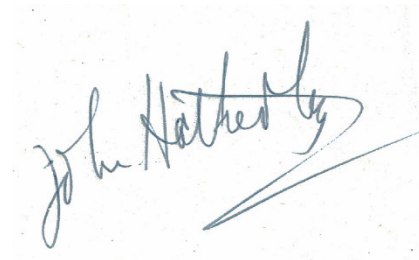
M. Davis - Appreciation was expressed for the excellence of M. Davis' new lay-out of the booking sheets and it was agreed that 70 sheets of this design-should be ordered from S & B Printers, Church Road, Exmouth, at an approximate cost of £16.

Treasurer - The profit on the Whist Drive on 4th December 1984 amounted to £19.79.

I. Dwerryhouse - Outlined the training programme and it was agreed that prospective members should be able to use the lawns accompanied by a member or members, until the end of April when a decision about joining the Club must be taken,

Handicap Committee - M. Hardman proposed, G. Hewitt seconded and it was carried unanimously that I. Dwerryhouse (official C.A. handicapper), J. Hatherley and P. Moores be appointed for the current year.

Any Other Business - The next meeting was arranged for Monday 4th February 1985 at I. Dwerryhouse's house.

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Minutes of a Croquet Committee Meeting held on Monday 4th February 1985 at I. Dwerryhouse's house.

Present: - V. Collier, M. Davis, I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, J. Hatherley, G. Hewitt, T. Ward.

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

Referees' Course. The Secretary said that this would be held on Monday and Tuesday 15th and 16th April. On Wednesday 17th April some participants would be able to take the Referees' Examination. One lawn would be required and it was agreed that Lawn I should be reserved for these three days. Participants, at present nine maximum twelve, would provide their own lunches; the Club would provide coffee and tea for morning and afternoon breaks respectively.

Dates and matches were agreed as:

S.W. Federation of Croquet Clubs follows:

v Budleigh at Budleigh Thursday 20/6/85
v Parkstone at Parkstone Tuesday 9/7/85

match details to be arranged
accept Parkstone's suggestion of
games format (see letter) and offer
10.30 a.m. start of play and 3 hour
games in all cases.

v Bristol at home Sunday 15/9/85

format of games as at Parkstone

v Bournemouth at home Sunday 16/6/85

Beginners only 4 players, 1 doubles, 2
singles in the morning, double banking
the singles. 4 singles in the afternoon,
with double banking. Pull size lawns
for all matches.

Team Selection Committees for 1985 Season 'M. Davis proposed, T. Ward seconded and it was carried unanimously that the following be appointed: Association Croquet - V. Collier, I. Dwerryhouse, J. Hatherley.

Golf Croquet - V. Collier, G. Hewitt, J. Hatherley.

Meeting of Prospective Players 18/2/85 It was agreed that prospective players should have training sessions on the, lawns on Thursday 11th April and Monday 22nd April; the times to be arranged at the meeting.

Reports Treasurer There was a loss of £2.46 on the Beetle Drive.
Funds amounted to £48.28

M. Davis. The cost of booking sheets amounted to £25.30 and the committee authorised the increased expenditure. J. Hatherley and M. Davis agreed to redraft the booking rules following discussion of those proposed it was agreed that the charge for guests playing croquet should remain at 50p per booking.

T. Ward 1 set of balls in the alternative colours to be obtained in addition to those already ordered.

Any Other Business V. Collier suggested that the Club should hold a Finals Day and this was noted. She referred to Devonian Cup for High Bisquers and it was, agreed that 14-point 2 hour games' should be played, each 'competitor having 5 bisques plus the usual handicap difference.

The next meeting was arranged for Monday 11th March' 1985 at M. Davis' -house.

M. Davis
11/3/85

Minutes of Croquet Committee Meeting held on Monday 11th March 1985 at M. Davis' house.

Present: V. Collier, M. Davis, I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, G. Hewitt, T. Ward. The Chair was taken by M. Davis.

Apology - J. Hatherley.

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

Matters arising 1) M. Davis said that he and J. Hatherley had agreed on the re-draft of the Booking Rules. 2) T. Ward said that the set of balls in the alternative colours had been ordered.

S.W. Federation of Croquet Clubs Bristol had agreed to the format of games and suggested 10.15 a.m. start and 3¼ hour time limit on all games. There would be a 2-hour seminar on Beginners' Coaching at Budleigh on Sunday 14th April and applications were invited. It was agreed that the officers should approach members who might be interested.

Programme for the Season Club days were agreed as follows:

Mondays Association Croquet 2.30 - 6 p.m. organisation to be arranged at next meeting

Wednesdays Golf Croquet 10.00 a.m.- 1 p.m. Organiser: G. Hewitt

Fridays 2-Ball Game 3.30 - 6 p.m.

beginning on 20th, 8th and 24th May respectively.

A programme including dates for S.W. Federation matches, Club tournaments and Finals Day, Training and demonstration sessions was drawn up; the final draft to be approved at the next meeting.

Shelter Lawn 3 J. Hatherley had suggested that a shelter for lawn 3 was required and it was agreed that a sub-committee consisting of himself, M. Davis and T. Ward should make enquiries regarding procedure, design, materials and finance and report back.

Reports

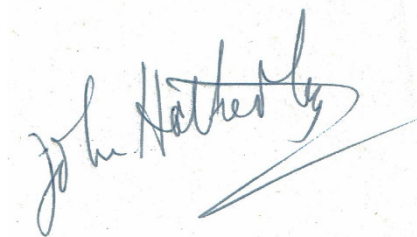
Treasurer Current expenditure had reduced funds to £22.07

T. Ward The hoops had been repainted by the groundsman. Repairs to wet and dry rot in the Clubhouse had been completed. The Club Management Committee was opening a Pavilion Improvement Appeal Fund.

J. Hatherley Checkboards for lawns 2 and 3 were now ready; total cost £12.21. He (through M. Davis) suggested that the Croquet section Committee Meetings should be held shortly before the Club Management Committee Meeting which was usually held on the second Friday in the month. This was noted.

M. Davis Booking sheets for the season would be available on 30/3/85.

Any Other Business The next meeting was arranged for Monday 1st April 1985 in the Clubhouse.



Minutes of Croquet Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 10th April 1985 in the Clubhouse.

Present: V. Collier, M. Davis, I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, J. Hatherley, G. Hewitt.
Apology - T. Ward.

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

Matters arising 1) S.W. Federation match against Bournemouth. The Bournemouth Club had written suggesting 10 a.m. start, 3 hour time limit for morning games and 2 hour time limit for afternoon games. 2) Eight members would attend the coaching seminar. 3) Shelter Lawn 3. J. Hatherley said that the approximate cost would be £260. Anonymous donor had offered to give £100 towards the cost plus a temporary loan of the balance.

Warm appreciation for this generous assistance was unanimously expressed; it was agreed that a letter requesting donations for the balance should be sent to all members when the Trustees' permission, and planning permission if required, had been obtained.

Summer Programme Association Croquet, Golf Croquet and 2-Ball sessions to be organised by M. Davis, G. Hewitt and T. Ward respectively. Budleigh Club had invited Sidmouth to a Golf Croquet match and suggested a return match here. The Secretary was asked to confirm these as follows:

at Sidmouth - Thursday 27th June; at Budleigh

Thursday 5th September 2 p.m. start, 4 couples to form a team and G. Hewitt to organise the Sidmouth team.

It was agreed to invite South Brent Croquet Club to a match at Sidmouth on either 21st or 23rd May. M. Davis suggested that 2 Association Club sessions after May 9th should take the form of the Shot Game. Detailed programme approved; copy attached.

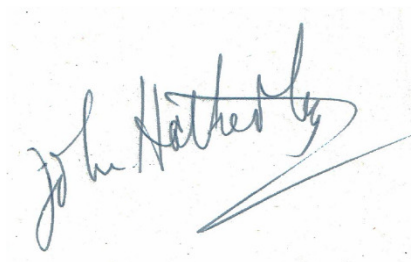
Reports M. Hardman Had received a request from the Fund Raising Committee for the Croquet Section to be responsible for the Cake Stall at the Club Coffee Morning on 27th April. It was agreed that she should ask B. Moores and C. Verity to take charge. She also said that P. Dwerryhouse, Club Secretary, had asked Len Sage to report that the lawns had been prepared for April 6th, as requested, despite the condition of the ground; that lawn 3 was not yet available as it was too wet and that lawns 2, 4, 5, would be in use within, a day or two.

V. Collier requested suggestions for fees for Club tournaments and 25p per person per entry was agreed.

G. Hewitt Funds amounted to £34.75p

I. Dwerryhouse. The lunch at the Royal Glen had taken place and thanks to her for her work in organising this were recorded.

Any Other Business The next meeting was arranged for Friday 10th May 1985 in the Clubhouse.

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Minutes of Croquet Committee Meeting held on Friday 10th May 1985 in the Clubhouse.

Present: V. Collier, M. Davis, I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, J. Hatherley, G. Hewitt, T. Ward.

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

Matters arising 1) Shelter. The Trustees' permission had been obtained and an application for planning permission was being made. The cost, including the fee for planning permission, was likely to be less than £200. 2) Matches. Arrangements for the Golf Croquet matches against Budleigh had been confirmed. G. Hewitt asked for handicap guidance in choosing players and it was agreed that these should be limited to handicaps of 5 and 6 (Golf Croquet). 3) The Cake Stall at the coffee morning realised £58.

Longman Cup The result of the away match against Bristol in, the 1st round was a win for Bristol 5 - 0. Thanks were expressed to the Sidmouth team for competing.

Members. 17 new members had joined the Club. As the training sessions were now over it was agreed that this should be explained to anyone enquiring about joining the club during the remainder of the season and that interested potential members should be encouraged to watch games in progress and to have their names put on to a Waiting List for 1986. Potential members who showed knowledge by reason of a C.A. handicap should be accepted at the discretion of the committee.

Club Garden Party 12/7/85 A request had been received from the Fund Raising Committee for the Croquet section to provide sideshows, similar to those arranged for previous Croquet Galas, at this Club event. It was agreed to accede to this.

Reports T. Ward Referred to gaps under netting in various places and said this could be temporarily improved pending permanent repair. M. Davis suggested that a gutter-board was required on the E side of Lawn 1 and it was agreed that filling in the gutter would meet the case.

V. Collier S.W. Federation of Croquet Clubs match at Budleigh- teams of 4 Seniors and 3 Beginners had been agreed. The Secretary was asked to invite Budleigh to a friendly match at Sidmouth on either 17th or 19th September.

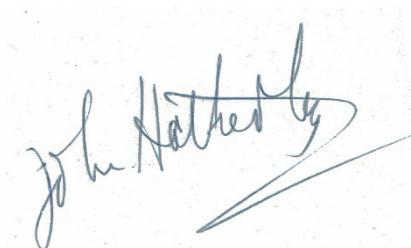
G. Hewitt Funds amounted to £31.88

I. Dwerryhouse Training sessions had gone well. Suggested weekly evening sessions of coaching and practice at 6 p.m. It was agreed that these should begin on Tuesday 21st May.

Any Other Business V. Collier raised the matter of keys to the Manor Pavilion carpark. The Secretary said she would consult records and include the item on the agenda at the next meeting.

I. Dwerryhouse suggested a social afternoon with tea and golf croquet. It was agreed that this should be on Tuesday June 4th at 2 p.m. Tea about 3.30 p.m.

The next meeting was arranged for Monday 3rd June 1985 in the Clubhouse.

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Programme - 1985

APRIL	6	Saturday	Lawns open
	11	Thursday	Prospective Players' Training 10.30 a.m.
	15/16/17	Mon/Tues/Wed	C.A. Referees' Course 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. daily
	22	Monday	Prospective Players' Training 10.30 a.m.
	25	Thursday	Training (1) 10.30 a.m. New and High Handicap Members Demonstration Game with instruction
MAY	29	Monday	Training (2) 10.30 a.m.
	2	Thursday	Training (3) 10.30 a.m.
	6	Monday	Longman Cup. 1st Round Match against Bristol; away
	8	Wednesday	Golf Croquet Club mornings start
	9	Thursday	Training (4) 10.30 a.m.
	20	Monday	Association Croquet Club afternoons start
	24	Friday	2-Ball Game Club afternoons start
JUNE	16	Sunday	S.W. Federation of Croquet Clubs League match against Bournemouth; at home. Beginners only 10 a.m.
	20	Thursday	S.W. Federation of Croquet Clubs; League match against Budleigh; away. Seniors and Beginners.
	27	Thursday	Golf Croquet match against Budleigh; at home. 2 p.m.
JULY	9	Tuesday	S.W. Federation of Croquet Clubs League Match against Parkstone; away. Seniors and Beginners
	26	Friday	2-Ball Club Tournament.
	27	Saturday	Finals of the above; morning
AUGUST	30	Friday	Club Tournaments Finals Day
SEPTEMBER	5	Thursday	Golf Croquet Match against Budleigh; away 2 p.m.
	11/12	Wed/Thurs	Club Golf Croquet Tournament
	15	Sunday	S.W. Federation of Croquet Clubs. League Match against Bristol; at home. Seniors and Beginners.

Minutes of Croquet Committee Meeting held on Monday 3rd June 1985 in the Clubhouse

Present: V. Collier, M. Davis, I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, J. Hatherley, G. Hewitt.

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

Matters Arising 1) Shelter. Nothing further to report. 2) The friendly match against Budleigh to be held at Sidmouth had been arranged for 17th September 1985.

Referees' Course The following members were successful in the examination at the conclusion of the course and are now official C.A. Referees: I. Dwerryhouse, J. Hatherley, R. Peirce.

Social Events and Matches 1) 4/6/85 Social afternoon with golf croquet; tea at 50p per person. 2) 12/7/85 Club Garden Party. A sub-committee of V. Collier, M. Davis and J. Hatherley was formed to invite members to arrange the same seven events as in previous Croquet Galas. 3) 16/6/85 S.W. Federation League Match against Bournemouth (Beginners). Doubt was expressed about Sidmouth being able to raise a team and M. Davis proposed, M. Hardman seconded, and it was carried unanimously that full powers be given to the team selection committee to come to a decision about the composition of the team, or withdrawal from the match, by 6th June. In the event of withdrawal, V. Collier proposed that an invitation to Bournemouth to play a friendly match at Sidmouth instead on the same day, should be sent. M. Davis seconded this proposal and the resolution was lost when put to the meeting. 4) 16/8/85 South rent, having been unable to accept dates in May, had agreed to come to Sidmouth on this date and had suggested 2 hour games; 2 singles in the morning and 1 double in the afternoon. It was agreed to accept these suggestions.

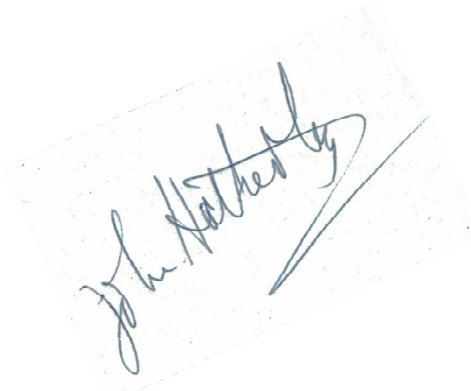
Manor Pavilion Carpark G. Hewitt proposed, I. Dwerryhouse seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that all keys should be recalled at the end of the season. The Secretary was asked to make a new list of key holders, car registration numbers and carpark ticket numbers.

Reports G. Hewitt Twelve members had not yet paid their subscriptions. Reminders would be sent.

V. Collier Had arranged for newspaper publicity at the social afternoon on 4th June.

Any Other Business

The next meeting was arranged for Monday 8th July 1985 in the Clubhouse.

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Minutes of Croquet Committee Meeting held on Monday 8th July 1985 in the Clubhouse

Present: V. Collier, M. Davis, I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, J. Hatherley, G. Hewitt, T. Ward.

The Chairman expressed sympathy for Philip Dwerryhouse following his recent operation and asked Iris Dwerryhouse to convey to him the good wishes of everyone for his speedy recovery.

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

Matters Arising 1) Shelter. Planning permission had not yet been granted but further donations had been promised which would ensure that the cost would be met. 2), Garden Party competitions had been arranged and C. Verity and B. Moores had agreed to run a cake-stall. 3) Following the match against Bournemouth, which resulted in a win for Sidmouth, a letter of thanks for hospitality had been received. 4) S. Brent had accepted the proposals for the match on 16/8/85. 5) Carpark. A new list had been put in the Mallet room. As one key had been lost, and in any case was not required by the holder, M. Davis was asked to get another made and it was agreed that this should be allocated to M. Sherwin. Cost of replacement to be paid out of Croquet section petty cash. 6) All subscriptions had been paid.

S.W. Federation League match against Parkstone All arrangements had been made and a letter from Parkstone detailing its team had been received.

Short Croquet Following the receipt of a letter and press release from the National Development Officer regarding the new game, the Secretary had asked for further details and had been told that a leaflet would be sent shortly.

Annual General Meeting It was agreed that this should be held on Tuesday 15/10/85 at 2.30 p.m. in the Clubhouse and that nominations for the Committee should follow the main Club's new arrangements i.e. nominations should be invited for Chairman, treasurer and Secretary and four Committee members. A notice for nominations should be posted in the mallet room on 1/9/85 and remain there until 30/9/85. It was also agreed that notice of the meeting including the agenda should be sent to all members.

Reports I. Dwerryhouse 54 members had attended the social afternoon on 4/6/85. With reference to coaching she suggested exploring the possibility of purchasing the video so that it would be available on more than one occasion and also that J. Toye be asked to give a talk to middle bisquers in August. Both suggestions were approved. Handicap reductions: J. Hatherley from 7½ to 7; E. Kitchener from 11 to 10.

M. Davis Requested repair to netting, or additional netting at S end of Lawn 1 to prevent balls rolling on to the cricket pitch. T. Ward would report this at the next Ground and Management Committee meeting. Suggested that a bench seat was required on Lawn 4 and that two were not needed on Lawns 2 and 3 and it was agreed to move one up to Lawn 4. Referred to the pressure of bookings on Lawn 1; the pressure on Lawns 2 and 3 and double banking was not so great.

T. Ward. Chippings had been ordered for the gutterings. The Ground and Management Committee would inspect the lawns at its next meeting.

V. Collier. Discussed problems relating to team selection and all members of committee expressed their views the general opinion being that teams should be chosen to win.

G. Hewitt. As funds amounted to £70 she suggested that a portion should be handed to the Club Treasurer and it was agreed that £50 was a suitable amount.

She also asked for clarification concerning competitors in the Club Golf Croquet Tournament and it was agreed that this was a Tournament open to all members of the Croquet section.

Any Other Business

V. Collier referred to cricket balls coming over on to Lawns 1 and 3 and the possibility of serious injury to croquet players. She asked if a letter could be sent to the Management Committee asking if cricketers could alert croquet players. T. Ward agreed to raise the matter at the next Management Committee meeting also to the fact that a player from Bournemouth had fallen down the concrete steps to Lawn 2 and had grazed her leg.

The next meeting was arranged for Monday 19th August 1985 in the Small Pavilion on Lawn 2.

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Minutes of Croquet Committee Meeting held on Monday 19th August 1985 in the Small Pavilion on Lawn 2

Present: V. Collier, M. Davis, I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, J. Hatherley, G. Hewitt.
Apology: T. Ward

The Minutes of the last meeting were read, approved after deleting part of a sentence at the request of M. Davis, and signed.

Matters Arising 1) Shelter. Planning permission had been refused and the Club was appealing against this decision. 2) Carpark Keys. The spare key had been given to M. Sherwin and it was agreed that the new Committee should decide how the keys would be allocated for 1985/86. The Chairman would make a statement at the A.G.M.

Finals Day It was agreed to ask R. Peirce to attend as Referee. Three singles at 10 a.m. and doubles at 2.30 p.m. Tea would be available for spectators.

Golf Croquet Tournament All lawns would be required and it was agreed to ask R. Peirce to attend as Referee. M. Davis proposed, G. Hewitt seconded and it was carried by 3 votes to two, that the Secretary should write, on behalf of the Committee, to G. Cunningham, giving her the dates of the tournament, inviting her to attend and to present the Cunningham Salvagers. at the conclusion of play.

Bristol and Budleigh Matches The former had been arranged. It was suggested that the Budleigh match should consist of 3 doubles and 4 singles.

Annual General Meeting It was agreed that notices should be circulated as soon as possible after September 1st and that printed ballot papers were unnecessary.

Reports I. Dwerryhouse J. Hatherley and J. Toye had each given training sessions in August; about 20 members had attended. The video had been purchased and was available to members with suitable equipment. Handicap changes: D. Barwick 18 to 17; M. Davis 11 to 10; M. Gibbs 18 to 16; J. Hatherley 7 to 6; E. Kitchener 10 to 9; R. Peirce 6 to 7; I. Ward 17 to 16.

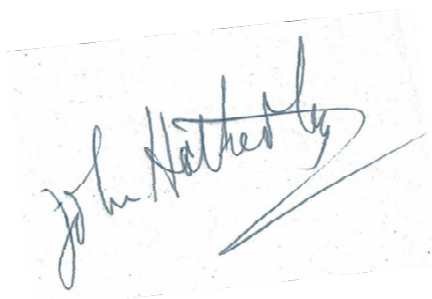
The date of the first social meeting of the winter to be fixed at the next committee meeting.

V. Collier The match against Parkstone resulted in a win for Parkstone in both Senior and-Beginners Leagues. In the friendly match against S. Brent, S. Brent won the singles and Sidmouth won the doubles.

G. Hewitt. Funds amounted to £44 and it was agreed to transfer £20 to Club funds.

Any Other Business. M. Davis said that as there were only 2 sets of match balls a further set was required; also that the set in alternative colours ordered earlier in the year would be required for the Bristol match. He would re-arrange ball sets and consult T. Ward about balls already ordered. He also said that roof of the Small Pavilion was in need of repair.

The next meeting was arranged for Thursday 3rd October 1985 at 10 a.m. in the Pavilion.

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Minutes of Croquet Committee Meeting held on Thursday 3rd October 1985 in the Clubhouse

Present: V. Collier, M. Davis, I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, J. Hatherley, T. Ward

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

Matters arising 1) The set of balls in the alternative colours which had been ordered earlier in the year had not yet been received and Jaques had said that it was not known when these would be available. A defective yellow ball had also been returned. T. Ward said he would write to Jaques on this matter. 2) With reference to the Golf Croquet Tournament, G. Cunningham had accepted the invitation to be present and had presented the Salvors thus bringing to a close a very successful tournament.

Annual General Meeting. The Secretary read the Report and this was unanimously approved for presentation at the meeting. After discussion it was agreed that the Chairman should invite Lady Fermor to present the trophies at the meeting and in the event of her refusal, he should invite either Robert Case or Brian Fitzgerald. On the recommendation of the Handicap Committee it was unanimously agreed that the Cup for the Most Improved Player should be awarded to Eric Kitchener. It was unanimously agreed that the Cup for Services to the Club should not be awarded this year. However, it was felt that this Cup should be awarded in future for some other merit and M. Davis suggested that a recommendation should be made to the A.G.M. for the approval of the members. After discussion it was agreed that the following recommendation should be made:

The Committee recommends to the A.G.M. that, in future the Longworth Cup (described above as the Cup for the Most Improved Player) should be awarded to the most improved player in the handicap range 13 and under, and that the Cup formerly awarded for services to the Club should be given to the most improved player in the handicap range 14 and over.

Membership. The Secretary read a letter from Mr W.A. Scarr in which he said that he and his wife, Mrs S.M. Scarr (handicaps 6 and 5 respectively) were moving to Seaton and wished to join the Club in 1986. As they had already played as visitors here application forms had been completed and would be considered at the October meeting of the main Club. The Committee approved the acceptance of these new members and agreed that the applications should go forward. * M. Davis asked that it be recorded that he did not agree with the procedure for handling this matter. Six members of the Club would not be renewing their membership next year and there were ten names on the Waiting List.

* following a vote in which 3 members voted for acceptance and 2 abstained.

Budget for 1986 It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting.

Reports I. Dwerryhouse. The charges made for teas at the Golf Croquet Tournament and later Matches had covered the costs.

V. Collier The 2-Ball Tournament on 26th July had been a very successful event; winners were: High Bisquers K. Holroyde; Low Bisquers J. Hatherley. Finals Day on 30th August had been equally successful; the spectators had enjoyed it and felt that it should be continued. She said it was a long day for those who had played twice and suggested that an earlier start of play should be considered in the future. The Federation match against Bristol resulted in a win for Bristol in the Senior League and a win for Sidmouth in the Beginners' League.

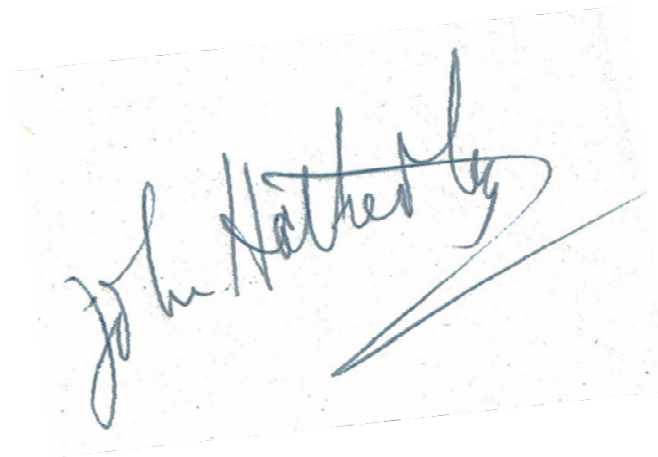
The Friendly match against Budleigh on 17th September resulted in a draw as only two doubles and four singles could be played as Budleigh had had difficulty in forming a team.

T. Ward Nothing further to report, having referred to correspondence with Jaques re balls. The Chairman asked T. Ward to report to the next Management Committee meeting that rabbits had burrowed under the Small Pavilion on Lawn 2.

Any Other Business I. Dwerryhouse suggested that the date of the first winter meeting should be arranged so that it could be announced at the A.G.M. Dates suggested were Tuesday 29th or Thursday 31st October and it was left to I. Dwerryhouse to make appropriate arrangements which would depend on the availability of the Clubhouse, in the event of repair work being in hand. If this should prevent the meeting being held in the Clubhouse, she was empowered to make suitable arrangements elsewhere.

As this was the last meeting of the present Committee the Chairman thanked the members for their work and help during the year.

M. Davis then thanked the Chairman and Secretary for their work.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "John Hatherly", is written on a piece of paper. The signature is written in a cursive style and is followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that extends to the right.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Croquet Section held on Tuesday 15th October 1985 at 2.30 p.m. in the Pavilion

The meeting opened with a welcome from the Chairman

He then asked members to stand in memory of Percy Ellicott and Monica Warren who had died during the year

66 members attended the meeting

Apologies for absence were received from Bob and Mary Easthaugh, Joan Goode, Alfred and Connie Verity

The Minutes of the A.G.M. of 23rd October 1984 were read, approved and signed

Committee's Report. The Secretary read the Report which gave details of Club activities in general, tournament results both internal and away. The playing membership was 97 and there was a waiting list of 10.

Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer reported a balance of £26 57p and said that the Whist Drives had resulted in a profit of £51 85p despite the fact that there had been one less than in the previous year.

Reports

Valerie Collier Tournaments There had been a record entry of 67 competitors for internal tournaments. Finals Day had been enjoyed by both players and spectators and it was hoped that this would become an annual event. She suggested that the period allowed for playing the initial games should be extended. With reference to the S.W. Federation League Matches she felt that the results did not reflect the quality of play and thanked those who had played for the club.

Michael Davis Booking Sheets There had been no pressure on the use of the lawns and very little double banking had been necessary.

Iris Dwerryhouse Social 50 members attended the lunch at the Royal Glen Hotel and the meeting was asked if a lunch should be arranged in 1986 There was unanimous approval for this suggestion. Alan and Joan Reid would again organise Whist Drives during the winter months, the first of these being on 29th October.

Training It was up to individual members to follow the various training sessions which had been arranged by practising on their own and by playing with other members.

The revised handicaps which would be announced later, reflected improvement in the overall standards of play.

Gwen Hewitt Golf Croquet This had been a year of mixed fortunes with enjoyable friendly matches, despite the results, and good attendances at the Wednesday morning sessions and tournaments. Golf Croquet provided a game for older members and gave opportunities for social contacts.

Muriel Rose asked if the committee would consider arranging tournament games over a longer period as it was sometimes inconvenient to devote two whole days to this. The Chairman said that this suggestion would be noted. Aline Davis expressed pleasure that "G" Cunningham had been able to attend the tournament and present the Salvors. Bernard Whitmore congratulated Gwen Hewitt on running the weekly sessions and said that the success of these mornings was due to her.

Tom Ward Equipment/Ground Referred to the good condition of the lawns and said that the excellence of playing facilities and the low annual subscription was the envy of visitors. There had been difficulty in obtaining balls from Jaques but this had now been overcome. Major repair work would begin shortly on the Pavilion.

Marian Holt commented on the lack of protective netting on the east side of Lawn 1 and thought this should be replaced. Philip Dwerryhouse, Club Secretary, replied that this had been/ removed some years ago to permit widening of the lawn and there was no longer sufficient space.

Keys of Manor Pavilion Carpark. The Chairman explained the use of keys and the history of their acquisition. The Committee felt that the concession of key-holding should be made available to members in turn and asked for keys to be returned now pending their re-allocation by the new committee. Gordon Bamford asked that the committee should consider the age of members, and their distance from the Club, and give them preference.

Election of Chairman and Secretary. The Chairman explained that the Committee had decided to follow the procedure of the main Club in inviting nominations for Chairman and Secretary and that only two had been made, himself and the present Secretary. Nominations for Treasurer had not been invited as the main Club Treasurer was responsible for all receipts and payments. A member of the new committee would be made responsible for all cash receipts.

Robert Case said that the new electoral procedure had been introduced without the approval of the Croquet section and proposed the following resolution: That the new and existing electoral procedure should be regularised, for the time being, by the vote of members at this meeting; with the proviso that the new committee be required to set up a sub-committee, including non-elected Croquet members, to examine and report upon both systems of election. Their findings to be published on the Notice Board, together with their recommendations for the method to be employed at the 1986 election for the Croquet Section Committee.

The Chairman then asked the Vice-Chairman, Michael Davis, to take the chair. Philip Dwerryhouse said that the resolution should be ruled out of order as notice had not been given to the Secretary. Bernard Whitmore seconded the resolution supporting the view that no alteration should be made except at a special meeting. Reg Peirce said that previously the Chairman and Secretary had been chosen from an elected committee and he thought that it was preferable for the A.G.M. to elect the Chairman and Secretary and five committee members. He proposed an amendment: that the new procedure be adopted. Tom Ward seconded the amendment and it was carried by a large majority. He then proposed the election, of John Hatherley as Chairman and Mary Hardman as Secretary; Jack Jeeves and others seconded this and it was carried unanimously. John Hatherley thanked the members on behalf of himself and the Secretary, for their support and Michael Davis for taking the chair and resumed as Chairman of the meeting.

Election of Committee Members As there were 7 nominations for 5 vacancies a ballot was held, Reg Peirce and Cliff Taylor being the tellers.

Sidmouth Croquet Club Cup. The Chairman explained that this cup. had been awarded previously for Outstanding Services to the Club. No award was being made this year and as none had been made in 1984 it was felt that it should be awarded for some other merit. The Committee recommended to the meeting that, in future, the Cup should be awarded to the most improved player, handicap 14 and over, and that the Longworth Cup should be awarded to the most improved player handicap 13 and under. The meeting approved the recommendation without dissent.

Any Other Business

John Holt reminded members that subscriptions should be paid early in the year as he felt that the concession made to prospective members of delaying until the end of May might result in delay on the part of others.

Joan Reid asked for verification of the limit of service of Officers and Committee members and the Chairman said that they were elected annually and that members should ordinarily not stand for more than three consecutive years.

May Stephenson referred to the padlock on the small gate leading to lawns 2, 3 and 4 and asked if keys would be available. Philip Dwerryhouse replied that both it and the main gate would be padlocked during the winter months, this being the decision of the main club committee.

Tea was then served -

Following this handicap reductions were announced by Iris Dwerryhouse

The Chairman then introduced Lady Fermor and asked her to present the trophies as follows:

Belmont Cup	Handicap Singles	Eric Kitchener
Fermor Bowl	Ladies' Handicap Singles	Mary Hardman
Colclough & Sidmouth Cups	Handicap Doubles	John Hatherley & Cliff Taylor
Devonia Cup	High Handicap Singles	Sally Harker
Longworth Cup	Most Improved Player	Eric Kitchener
Corbett Spoons	2-Ball Game	
	High Bisquers	Katherine Holroyde
	Low Bisquers	John Hatherley

Reg Peirce proposed a vote of thanks to Lady Fermor and this was cordially endorsed by the meeting. He then thanked the Officers and Committee for their work during the year.

Philip Dwerryhouse, on behalf of the main Club Committee, thanked the Croquet section for its support during the year, not only in fund-raising but in active participation in club management.

The result of the ballot for new committee members was then announced.

The following were elected: Donald Barwick, Michael Davis, Iris Dwerryhouse, Katherine Holroyde, and Eric Kitchener.

The meeting then closed

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Following an inaugural meeting in November 1984, the S.W. Federation of Croquet Clubs was formed and the Club joined entering teams in the Laue Matches in both the Senior and the Beginners' Leagues. In the Senior League the Club lost the three matches played and in the Beginners' League the Club won three of the four matches played.

A team was entered in the Longman Team Cup but lost the match in the first round which was against Bristol.

Friendly matches against South Brent and Budleigh have also been played resulting in a win for South Brent and a draw with Budleigh.

Golf Croquet Friendly matches against Budleigh resulted in a win for Budleigh on both occasions.

Ten members have played in C.A. Tournaments at Budleigh, Cheltenham, Hunstanton, Parkstone and Southwick and in a S.W. Federation Weekend Tournament at Budleigh. At the Budleigh tournament in May John Hatherley won the J. K. Brown Memorial Challenge Cup and Fred Moores was the runner-up for this trophy;

at the same tournament Michael Davis was the runner-up for the L.G. Walters Long Handicap Challenge Trophy. At the July Budleigh tournament John Hatherley was the runner-up for the Oliver Bowl in the Open Handicap Singles and in the same month John Toye won the Cheltenham Challenge Cup. John Toye also won the Budleigh Club Championship for the fourth consecutive year and played for Devon and Dorset in the Inter Counties Championship.

Club Tournaments have been well supported with the following results:

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Fermor Bowl	Ladies' Handicap Singles	Mary Hardman
Colclough & Sidmouth Cups	Handicap Doubles	John Hatherley & Cliff Taylor
Devonia Cup	High Handicap Singles	Sally Harker
Longworth Cup	Most Improved Player	Eric Kitchener
Cup for Outstanding Service to the Club		No award
Corbett Spoons		
2-Ball Game	High Bisquers	Katherine Holroyde
	Low Bisquers	John Hatherley
Cunningham Salvagers	Golf Croquet Singles	May Stephenson
	Doubles	David & Sue Rawkins

At the beginning of the season John Toye was the only C.A. Referee in the Club and it was felt that some members might be willing to take a course for Referees so a two-day course, tutored by Bernard Neal of Cheltenham, was arranged in April. Members from Budleigh and Exeter also attended and Sidmouth members who were successful in the examination at the end of the course and who are now C.A. Referees, were Iris Dwerryhouse, John Hatherley and Reg Peirce.

Six training sessions for new members were arranged in the spring and in August John Hatherley and John Toye each gave a coaching demonstration designed for middle bisquers. Several members attended talks and demonstrations at Budleigh during the winter.

Seven members attended a seminar for coaches arranged by the S.W. Federation at Budleigh in April.

A video of Association Croquet, with commentary, has been purchased for use during training sessions.

In the playing season there have been three occasions during each week when Club sessions have been arranged. Association Croquet was played on Monday afternoons, Golf Croquet on Wednesday mornings and the 2-Ball Game on Friday afternoons. These sessions have been attended in varying degrees depending on the weather and the availability of players.

The need for a shelter on Lawn 3 has been apparent for some time and generous anonymous or made it possible for one to be obtained without cost to the club. However, it was necessary to apply to the local authority for planning permission and this was refused. An appeal against this decision has been made the result of which is not yet known.

Checkboards have also been provided between Lawns 2 and 3 and the Committee is grateful to John Hatherley for making these.

During the year the main Club opened a Pavilion Restoration Appeal Fund and the Croquet Club has supported this by being responsible for the Cake Stall at three Coffee Mornings and by running competitions at the Garden Party in July. The Committee thanks all members who helped with these arrangements, in particular Betty Moores and Connie Verity who were responsible for the

Cake Stalls. The club has also contributed £70 to the main Club funds.

Whist Drives were held once a month during the winter and the Committee is indebted to Alan and Joan Reid for organising these with their usual efficiency. In January a Beetle Drive and New Year Party was held. The Annual Lunch at the Royal Glen Hotel took place in March and in June there was a tea party and social afternoon which included Golf Croquet. All these occasions provided opportunities for members to meet and were very enjoyable.

The Club has 97 members, 20 of whom joined during the year. There is a Waiting List of 10 for 1986.

Equipment and Ground

It looks as though the weather this October is trying to compensate for the wettest summer on record. The rain has helped to keep the grass green and thanks to the cooperation of the groundsman the lawns have all been in top condition for the various tournaments that have been organised this year. Thanks also to Fred Moore and Phil Dwerryhouse for resetting the hoops when needed. Members of visiting teams have expressed jealousy of our playing facilities and also for our exceptionally low annual subscriptions.

The poor weather has been bad for cricket and a major source of the Club's income has been hit- so it seems certain that there will have to be some increase in subscriptions next year.

Jaques, -have again proved difficult with supply of croquet balls and the set of alternative colours ordered last February did not arrive until after all the tournaments had been played. Unfortunately, the other manufacturers do not seem able to produce a ball which is generally acceptable, however if we continue to order well in advance we should be able to keep our stock up to standard.

We are indebted to our Chairman John Hatherley for producing the check boards between lawns 2 and 3 which have been very effective.

Major restoration work is planned for the pavilion and it's hoped that by the start of next season the outer walls-will have been insulated and re-clad. The work is due to begin shortly and unfortunately it is likely to mean that we shall be unable to use the pavilion for our whist drives this winter.