

## **SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, and CROQUET CLUB**

### **CROQUET SECTION**

#### **Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

**Present:** Peter Nelson, Sue Dent, Pam Bowra, Marian Harris, Roger Hendy, Helen Pryor, Ian Simpson, Colin Walls.

**Apologies for Absence:** David Butler, Rob Matthews.

#### **Welcome to the New Committee Members**

Peter Nelson welcomed Pam Bowra as a returning committee member and extended a welcome to Ian Simpson.

**Minutes of the last meeting** held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013 were approved subject to the amendment below and signed by the Chair.

**Committee Reports:** amend Helen Pryor to read Marian Harris

#### **Committee Roles and Responsibilities.**

PN reported that as he had been elected as Chair at the AGM taking over from Mike Taylor there were, of necessity, changes in some committee roles. PN had asked CW to be Vice Chair; there is no expectation that the Vice Chair fills the Chair's role at the end of the term.

Peter Nelson	Chair
Colin Walls	Vice Chair/The Website/Publicity
Sue Dent	Secretary
Pam Bowra	Golf Croquet
David Butler	The Library/Booking Sheets/Website Calendar and assist with Publicity/Photography/Golf Croquet tournaments
Marian Harris	Social Secretary
Roger Hendy	Open Tournament Secretary and Internet Support
Rob Matthews	Grounds and Equipment
Helen Pryor	Internal Tournament Organiser
Ian Simpson	Treasurer

**SD** to send out draft 2012 roles and responsibilities sheet for comment and discussion at the next meeting.

Several significant roles are undertaken outside the committee:

David Temple	South West Federation Fixtures Secretary
Rob Mitchell	Membership Secretary
John Dixon	New Members Coaching Organiser
Graham Harford	Budleigh Friendlies/The Wheel

**PB** to ask Graham Harford if he is still prepared to undertake these roles and to pass on the committee's best wishes.

#### **Feedback from the AGM**

Favourable comments had been received; the Sidmouth Herald had published an article and half a photograph.

## **The South West Federation AGM – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

HP and David Temple will attend as voting representatives supported by PN. **PN** to respond to Julie Horsley on attendees and meals required. Travel expenses of £25 claimable by a single driver. Correspondence from IS and Ian Friedlander on the CA proposals passed to **PN** for appropriate action.

### **Forthcoming events**

#### **The Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

MH reported that 28 tickets have been sold. **MH** to compose an e-mail for Rob Mitchell to send out to members. MH offered to organise the raffle.

### **Documents for issuing at the Christmas Lunch**

#### **Internal Tournaments**

Papers were circulated by RH on ideas received on changes to some of the Internal block tournaments and the rationale behind them. An initial discussion was held. **ALL** requested to read the papers in detail and communicate via e-mail. **SD** to agenda a full discussion for next meeting. It is likely that the Internal Tournament papers will not be ready for inclusion in the Christmas Lunch documents. **RH** to send **PN** and **CW** the chart of 2013 competitors by tournament for an assessment of the potential impact if CW's proposal were to be adopted. **SD** to send the Budleigh Coaching Plan to PN and Richard Wood for information.

#### **The 2014 Programme**

Draft 2 circulated and used as the basis of discussion. **SD** to compile Draft 3 for the next meeting. Club Association afternoons agreed to be changed from Friday afternoons to Wednesday afternoons for an initial one-year period. **SD** to contact the Laidlers re a Treasure Hunt.

#### **Fees**

2013 croquet fees were set at £157. The committee agreed to PN's suggestion of a small increase to £160 for 2014 be proposed to the Club's GMC on 28<sup>th</sup> November with the internal tournament fee increasing from £2.50 to £3.00.

#### **Membership Renewal**

**HP** to update last year's form and send to Rob Mitchell for information.

### **Nailsea Short Croquet Tournament - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

PN had contacted Keith Thorley who agreed to manage the teams. Sufficient interest has been received to form two teams. **PN** to ask Keith Thorley to phone likely participants. **PN** to confirm two teams with David Temple.

### **Exeter University Request**

A request has been received from Talisker Weston of Exeter University who propose starting a croquet club and want to discuss the possibility of their members joining the Sidmouth Club with some reduced fee or club membership.

The committee proposed 2 lawns could be hired on (most) Sunday afternoons for a fee of £25 with no membership requirement. CW offered to provide/organise supervision and coaching. **SD** to respond to Talisker Weston, also noting the availability in summer of refreshments and the bar with CW to be the contact for further discussion.

### **Hut 3 / Hut 2**

RH reported that he had received some adverse comments on the shed below lawn 4, some preferring the shed to be within the extended hut 3. For this reason, the planning application submission had been delayed. Following discussion, it was agreed that the application

should be submitted by **RH** as previously agreed; any internal arrangements to be determined later. **RH** to liaise with David Temple, John Palmer and John Goodwin on the build.

### **Prospective New Members Coaching Arrangements**

PN had received information from John Dixon that, although he was happy to lead the coaching sessions, he would be abroad from mid-November until late March and therefore unable to make the arrangements. **RH** volunteered to take on the initial admin role. **SD** to notify John Dixon of **RH**'s role and ask that forms be sent to him electronically. **SD** to agenda the coaching sessions format for the January meeting.

### **Chairman's Matters**

PN reported that Neil Gamble had requested a lead contact for bulb planting. Mike Hide's name was put forward especially as snowdrop planting had already taken place under his supervision behind lawn 1 and he is to take delivery of further bulbs.

### **Committee Members' Reports**

**Marian Harris** reported that she had spoken to Gill Hodge on the catering fees; teas would continue to be £3.50 and lunch/supper £11. Neil Gamble had agreed that we could use the hatch on 11<sup>th</sup> February. The bar for that evening had been confirmed with Julie Clayden.

**Pam Bowra** reported that the golf club sessions had not been booked in early October and members had turned up expecting to play. The committee considered that this was now resolved with 'Regular Club Sessions ends' being included in the 2014 programme.

**Helen Pryor** reported that she will be holding a coffee morning for potential golf team members in the pavilion on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Any Other Business**

New Members Tournament trophy. PB asked that consideration be given to the new members tournament trophy being presented at the AGM rather than after the event itself. No decision was taken.

Golf Croquet players handicap. IS recommended that all golf members be assessed for handicap. As handicapping is undertaken by the handicap committee, **IS** to write to John Coombes as lead golf handicapper.

Evening Membership. IS would like the committee to consider evening membership being available for a reduced membership fee. There was interest in this proposal. **IS** offered to analyse booking sheets across 2014. **CW/DB** to pass the old booking sheets across to IS.

### **Dates of the next meetings**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 9.30 am at Peter Nelson's house

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 9.30 am (provisional)

## SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, and CROQUET CLUB

### CROQUET SECTION

#### **Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

**Present:** Peter Nelson, Sue Dent, Pam Bowra, David Butler, Marian Harris, Roger Hendy, Rob Matthews, Helen Pryor, Ian Simpson, Colin Walls.

**Apologies for Absence:** None

#### **Welcome to the New Committee Members**

Peter Nelson extended a welcome to David Butler.

**Minutes of the last meeting** held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

#### **Matters Arising:**

**Chairman.** The title to be Chairman rather than Chair in future documents.

**Golf Croquet Players' Handicap.** The handicap committee had not agreed with the proposal. However the SW Fed are expected to issue advice to clubs following a review of handicapping across the whole area.

**Roles and Responsibilities.** Only one response had been received. **SD** to agenda for discussion in the spring.

**Graham Harford** has agreed to manage The Wheel and run the friendlies against Budleigh with the assistance of Pam Bowra.

**Exeter University** have responded to Sidmouth's proposal, writing that 'they are trying to organise sufficient signatures to pass the Croquet Club through the Student Guild'.

**Bulb Planting.** Mike Hide had supplied an update on areas planted.

**Subscription Fee.** PN reported that the GMC had not accepted the suggestion of the croquet fee of £160 and wanted a 3% rise, bringing it to £162. **PN** to raise the issue of methodology with Neil Gamble. Match fees agreed by the committee to reduce to £2.

#### **Feedback from the South West Federation AGM**

PN reported that two significant proposals were agreed:

- 1) that for Association matches the highest handicap would be 24.
- 2) that handicap cards must be brought to all matches. No penalty was considered.

The afternoon session was devoted to discussion on the CA proposals regarding membership and fees which were generally inconclusive. However formal links between the CA and the Federations were recommended.

#### **Forthcoming events**

**The Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 12.30 for 1.00pm**

MH reported that 53 tickets have been sold with the e-mail reminder prompting several responses. **MH** to firm up arrangements with Maria at the Bedford. **PN** to give a short speech during coffee and introduce the raffle. **ALL** requested to attend from 12 noon.

#### **The One Ball Competition**

**MH** agreed to undertake the admin for the tournament as this is normally the responsibility of the Social Secretary. Competitors can enter on the Internal tournament form or enrol on the day. Payment on the day to be made to Marian. **SD** to ask Julie Horsley to manage the tournament itself. It was noted that Peter Hills had volunteered to go to the national final if the winner was unable to attend.

### **Internal Tournaments**

The documents circulated at the previous meeting formed the basis of the discussion. The changes agreed were that:

The Owen Cup be changed from a singles for handicaps 11-18 to a doubles event with a high handicap player paired with a low handicap player.

The Devonian to remain a 14 point game but all previous winners to be excluded.

The Humphrey Hicks from a handicap of 8 or below to be an Open event for level play.

The Woodward from handicap 6-11 to be 6-14.

The Belmont to be Open.

The Fermor to be Open.

The Sheila Adams for Advanced play, from handicap 11-16 to handicap 18 or below.

**HP** to amend the tournament sheets and share the draft with the committee.

These will only go out in the Christmas pack if agreed and ready.

### **Prospective New Members Coaching Arrangements**

RH circulated 2 papers for consideration. It was decided that there would be two, two hour sessions offered for each lesson; Tuesday mornings 10.30-12.30 and Wednesday afternoons 1.30-3.30. The Coaching fee to be reduced to £15 with this to be fully offset against the membership fee if the participant subsequently joined the club. **RH** asked to revise and simplify the paperwork. **SD** to agenda the arrangements and publicity for the January meeting.

### **Club Sessions / Coaching**

Item deferred. **SD** to agenda for January or February.

### **Documents for issuing at the Christmas Lunch**

The 2014 programme. Draft 3 circulated. Alterations to format suggested. **MH** to undertake detailed check against notes made at the previous meeting. The Laidlers have offered a Treasure Hunt in Ottery in the first two weeks of July (not a Thursday or Friday). The committee agreed to Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July in the early evening. **SD** to confirm this date with the Laidlers and include it in the programme. **SD** to send the final programme to DB for the website.

Membership Renewal. In discussion with Rob Mitchell a final version has been agreed.

### **Hut 3 / Hut 2**

RH reported that the planning application has been submitted. **RH** will get quotes for the work and discuss with CW and David Temple.

### **2014 Mc Weeney Trophy Tournament**

The papers had been previously circulated. Several members were prepared to offer hospitality (depending on dates agreed). **RM** to share possible dates of May 23-25, June 20-22, and July 4-6 with Colin Whitehall and respond to PN and SD.

**Chairman's Matters:** None

### **Committee Members' Reports**

**Sue Dent** reported that David Temple had asked to receive the minutes because of his involvement with the SW Fed and Hut 3 / Hut 2. This was agreed and also recommended that Rob Mitchell as Membership Secretary be sent the minutes. **SD** to include both on the circulation list.

**Colin Walls** reported that some roles and paperwork had been passed across to David Butler. In particular these were Booking sheets / Website Programme / back-up for photography and publicity.

**Pam Bowra** reported that she had spoken to Jack Thompson regarding the Budleigh friendlies which had been (98%) agreed as being at Budleigh on 22<sup>nd</sup> April and at Sidmouth on 9<sup>th</sup> September.

**David Butler** confirmed receipt of roles and paperwork as identified by Colin Walls.

**Rob Matthews** reported that he had approached volunteers for repainting equipment over the winter and that this is now underway.

### **Any Other Business**

Reciprocal arrangements with the Bowls Club. David Butler reported that he had been asked by a member of the Bowls Club if they could put a membership flyer in the Croquet Club. A friendly match had also been suggested. Both proposals were agreed.

**DB** to respond to the Bowls Club.

### **Dates of the next meetings**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 9.30 am at Peter Nelson's house

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February am (provisional)

## SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, and CROQUET CLUB

### CROQUET SECTION

#### **Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2014**

**Present:** Peter Nelson, Sue Dent, Pam Bowra, David Butler, Marian Harris, Roger Hendy, Rob Matthews, Helen Pryor, Ian Simpson, Colin Walls.

**Apologies for Absence:** None

**Minutes of the last meeting** held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

#### **Matters Arising:**

**Bulb Planting.** Bulbs have been planted alongside the fence in Station Road by Sailing Club members.

**One Ball.** Julie Horsley has agreed to manage the One Ball tournament and will be assisted by Helen Pryor.

**2014 Mc Weeney Trophy.** RM spoke to Colin Whitehall; two options were possible. **SD** to respond offering May 23-25<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Hut 3 / Hut 2**

PN reported that the town council (STC) had not supported the application. Subsequently PN had discussed the STC concerns with John Dyson, Chairman of the STC Planning Committee. EDDC are due to determine the application on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January. The outcome is awaited before deciding on the next approach.

#### **New Members Coaching**

RH reported that coaching notes had been developed for the 4 sessions and 6 potential coaches identified. CW reported that various publicity elements would be put in place – posters/entry on the BBC Sport website/local paper. An article for publication in The Herald's Nostalgia column was recommended which requires 600 words. **RH** to draft the report and David Temple approached for historical input. **IS** to order copies of the CA publication 'Croquet-Know the Game'. **RH** to bring application letters to the next meeting.

#### **Club Sessions / Coaching**

The existing arrangement of 2, one and a half hour games to continue, with the possibility of coaching in the context of a game to be on lawn 2 for the first session. It was suggested that a fewer number of session leaders be approached to give more continuity and these to have a team meeting before the season. **CW** to arrange. **PN** to ask Richard Wood to take a Lead Coach role and devise and advise on a coaching scheme. **SD** to send PN a copy of Mike Taylor's list of coaches, handicappers and referees for passing across to Richard. **PB** to ask who would be interested in attending a Golf Refereeing Course (Graeme Pryor, David Butler and Ian Simpson put their names forward).

#### **Chairman's Matters:**

**The Dorothy Toye tournament.** David Temple had commented that the dates of May 17/18 clashed with the Budleigh tournament which would impact on the numbers competing at Sidmouth. **SD** to check dates with Chris Donovan for consideration at the next meeting.

**Concern about Cricket Balls.** A Budleigh player had raised concerns about playing in the CA Open Golf Championship (on April 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>) regarding stray cricket balls. **PN** to raise with Colin Whitehall the siting of the wicket and ask that the customary "fore!" is shouted if necessary.

CA Tournament Bids 2016. Bids are required by 28<sup>th</sup> January 2014 for various tournaments, most of which would be held in September 2016. **PN** to advise **SD** on response for submission to the CA.

### **Committee Members' Reports**

**Rob Matthews** was asked to check with Roger Mills whether we could order one primary set and one secondary set of balls in the Spring.

**Helen Pryor** reported that she had already received 4 applications for internal tournaments.

**Marian Harris** reported on a successful Christmas Lunch with £112 taken on the raffle giving a profit of £70. The Bedford has been booked for next Christmas. Marian was thanked for organising the event.

**Ian Simpson** reported that the SW Fed subscription request had been passed to him for completion. He was advised to contact David Temple regarding the number of tournament entries. **SD** to find out SW Fed bank details so an electronic transfer can be made. Ian reported that Roger Mills would like expenditure to be by electronic transfer wherever possible – Ian is prepared to pay amounts of less than £100 by cash in the local area.

**Roger Hendy** reported that some CA tournament applications have been received in advance of the CA tournament publication.

**David Butler** reported that the programme is now on the website. **CW** to supply David with the notes of lawns needed.

**Colin Walls** responded to a query that only lawn 1 would be available for electronic booking and work on this was in progress.

**Pam Bowra** noted that April 19<sup>th</sup> programmed for the Golf Refresher is Easter Saturday but that arrangements would be made to offer an additional date if members were unable to attend.

**Sue Dent** reported that the programme dates had been entered in the Club diary.

### **Any Other Business**

IS suggested that a rectangle of 10' x 6' be mown between hut 3 and the fence for practising jump shots with two hoops. This was agreed. **RM** to ask Colin Whitehall to do this.

### **Dates of the next meetings**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 9.30am at Peter Nelson's house

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March am (provisional).



## SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, and CROQUET CLUB

### CROQUET SECTION

#### **Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

**Present:** Peter Nelson, Sue Dent, Pam Bowra, David Butler, Marian Harris, Roger Hendy, Rob Matthews, Helen Pryor, Ian Simpson.

**Apology for Absence:** Colin Walls.

**Minutes of the last meeting** held on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2014 were approved (subject to two name changes) and signed by the Chairman.

#### **Matters Arising:**

**Golf Refereeing Courses.** Golf Refereeing Courses have been offered at Budleigh along with other courses. **SD** to display the timetable in the mallet room window with details available on the noticeboard.

**The Dorothy Toye Tournament.** The programmed dates of May 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> clash with the Budleigh May Handicap weekend but not the Budleigh May Week. It was considered that few Sidmouth players would be affected. **SD** to notify David Temple.

**Concern about Cricket Balls.** PN had raised the issue with Neil Gamble who considered that the wicket siting could not take croquet concerns into account.

#### **Hut 3 / Hut 2**

Details had been previously circulated of EDDC's refusal of planning permission. **PN** to discuss with David Temple whether anything can be done with the space alongside Hut 2 for watching tournaments.

#### **Report on the SW Fed Golf Handicap Conference – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

HP and Keith Thorley had attended the conference. A written report had been circulated by HP to the committee. HP reported that both of the club representatives were somewhat disappointed with the outcome. **HP** to meet with the other members of the handicap committee to share outcomes. It was considered that the club's handicap committee should be accountable to the main committee and report back. **SD** to agenda for the next meeting.

#### **New Members Taster Session – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

- CW had sent a written report on advance publicity.
- SD** to drop leaflets in to the Sanditon mail boxes.
- PN** to prepare a programme and send it round the committee
- MH** to arrange coffee for the beginning and end of the session
- RM** to set up hoops and bring mallets from hut 3
- RH** to bring coaching application forms
- IS** and **SD** to bring 'Know the Game' books.
- SD** to provide name badges
- RH** to arrange a table for an indoor demonstration in case of bad weather.

#### **Club Sessions / Coaching**

RH reported that in discussion with Richard Wood eight coaches have been identified for the new members coaching and to take a role in ongoing coaching at the start of club AC sessions.

## **Association Refresher Session – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

Five training topics and leaders to be as 2013 except that Philip Harris may not be needed to stand in for David Temple. **PN** to confirm arrangements with all leaders. Sessions to be 20 minutes with a coffee break at 10.40 after the first 2 sessions.

## **Spring Lunch – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

PN had asked CW as vice-chairman to play the demonstration association game. **PB** to ask Gabby Macadam to invite players for a golf croquet game. MH reported that tickets are available at £12 with 20 tickets sold to date. **SD** to update the 2013 'New Season Information' (which is issued at the lunch) and send initially to RH for a paragraph on club AC session coaching and to HP for Internal Tournament details as below; the draft to then be shared with the committee before the next meeting.

## **Internal Tournament Formats**

Colclough and Sidmouth Doubles tournament. HP had received a suggestion that as the Owen Cup is to be a doubles tournament with partners allocated, the Colclough and Sidmouth Doubles Tournament could be played with a chosen partner. The suggestion was agreed.

Golf Croquet Level Play block tournament. HP suggested that these best of three 13 point games have a time limit of 50 minutes for each game. This was agreed.

Macadam Cups. HP recommended that these 19 point games be reduced to 1 hour 20 minutes to enable two matches to be played within a 3 hour time slot. This was agreed.

The Wheel. The Wheel competition should take account of the recent recommendation of the handicap conference that all matches played under CA rules should be recorded on the handicap card. **HP** to inform Graham Harford.

Handicap Cards. Players be asked to bring their handicap cards to all internal tournaments and friendlies.

## **Chairman's Matters:**

PN reported from the recent meeting of:

### The General Management Committee

- Refurbishment of the bar is imminent.
- A Health and Safety team is being headed by Roy Lurvey who requires a representative from each section. RM was asked and agreed to be the croquet section rep.
- The Cricket Colts and 3<sup>rd</sup> X1 can no longer play at Bicton. They have transferred to Newton Poppleford where Colin Whitehall will be required to do some grounds maintenance.
- The Club Fixture Booklet is being compiled by John Goodwin. Croquet details have been supplied by PN and SD.
- The Spring Newsletter will be collated by HP who requires details by 28<sup>th</sup> February; PN to supply the croquet element.
- Dan Baboula, an Australian, has been appointed as the professional cricketer for the 2014 season.
- A Wi-Fi connection will be required in the club house to enable electronic lawn booking to take place.
- Minor County cricket matches sometimes conflict with croquet tournaments and matches. MH stated that she was aware of this but arrangements are made with Gill Hodge for refreshments to be at different times.

-The Refreshments 'Pram'. The tennis section has asked that this be removed from their shed. The croquet committee could not offer a suitable alternative. PN will respond that re-siting of the pram was dependent on hut 3 / hut 2 alterations.

-The Club Treasurer requires all substantial payments to be by BACS transfer.

### **Committee Members' Reports**

**Rob Matthews** reported that he would be away from 11<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> March and he would therefore be marking the lawns out early with lawn 2 as two half lawns. He will ask for assistance as and when required depending on the weather.

**Helen Pryor** reported 81 applications for internal tournaments. The revised GC laws book is available on line and will be available in hard copy at the end of March.

**Marian Harris** reported that:

-The Illustrated Talk by David Temple was very enjoyable and well supported. 50 members attended resulting in a profit of £105. A bottle of wine was presented to David in appreciation. MH was thanked for organising the evening.

-Gabby Macadam has offered to speak next year on 'Teaching English as a Foreign Language'. The committee was in favour of this suggestion. MH asked that a contact telephone number and cost be noted on the 2015 programme.

-Marian has re-joined the section as a non-playing member because of ongoing hip problems but has asked to be included in the list of members. This was agreed.

-The Charity One Ball refreshments would change from soup and a roll because of difficulties in keeping soup hot, to a small buffet. This would be at a cost of £2.50 with coffees and teas available for 50p. **SD** to include this in the 'New Season Information'.

**Pam Bowra** asked for someone to take over responsibility for writing cards of good wishes and condolences. **PN** offered to take on this role.

**Roger Hendy** reported external tournament entries received from a variety of locations.

**Ian Simpson** suggested that the old videos in the croquet library be replaced with 4 CDs which are available from the CA at prices varying from £19 to £35. This was agreed. **IS** to place an order.

**David Butler** reported on behalf of CW that the croquet website had been hacked and subsequently reinstated from back-ups. Additional security features have been added.

The booking sheets have been compiled for the season.

**Sue Dent** reported that:

-A request for a friendly competition has been received from the Swanage club. This was agreed in principle. **SD** to clarify whether this is for AC or GC and bring suggested dates to the next meeting.

-The CA has issued a pack of documents. The subscription request was passed to IS; the External Tournament Levy forms were passed to RH. Interest was expressed in the inter-club competitions; **SD** to find out more details and report back.

### **Any Other Business**

HP informed the committee that Julie Horsley is to train up herself and Nancy Temple in Egyptian and Swiss tournament management.

### **Dates of the next meetings**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30am at Peter Nelson's house

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April am (provisional).

## **SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, and CROQUET CLUB**

### **CROQUET SECTION**

#### **Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

**Present:** Peter Nelson, Sue Dent, Pam Bowra, David Butler, Marian Harris, Roger Hendy, Helen Pryor, Ian Simpson, Colin Walls

**Apology for Absence:** Rob Matthews

**Minutes of the last meeting** held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014 were approved (subject to an amendment for clarity under Macadam Cup to read 'to enable a match to be played within a one and a half hour time slot') and signed by the Chairman.

#### **Matters Arising:**

Concern about Cricket Balls. A Budleigh player has withdrawn from Sidmouth tournaments.

Hut 3 /Hut 2. PN is to produce a report for the GMC meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> March.

The Golf Handicap Committee has decided that all new members will start with a handicap of 11. The following year those entering any competitions will do a hoop run test and have a game against an experienced player assessed to set their handicap. The Golf handicap of a low handicap Association player, playing for the first time in a Golf Croquet tournament will be guided by the chart in the CA Golf Croquet Laws book.

The Prospective New Members Taster Session was attended by 16 beginners; to date 12 have signed up to the coaching. **RH** to write an article for The Sidmouth Herald and send to CW for checking and submission.

The Wheel. Following comments received it was decided that The Wheel matches would not be recorded on handicap cards.

The Club Treasurer incorrectly reported to the GMC that payments would be made by BACS. It is actually an electronic transfer.

Storage of the Refreshment Pram. Discussions are ongoing.

The Exeter Club have contacted Keith Thorley for an Association friendly for 4 players. This has been agreed for Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Sidmouth players will book the lawns through David Butler.

#### **Lawn Preparation and availability at the beginning of the season**

RM (with others) has undertaken some hoop position preparation although the lawn boundaries have not yet been marked. **PN** to talk to Colin Whitehall regarding lawn availability. It is hoped that lawn 2 will be available as half lawns from 1<sup>st</sup> April.

#### **Handicap Committee Arrangements**

PN to talk to David Temple about arrangements and give consideration to a representative of the AC Handicap committee being on, or feeding back to, the main committee.

#### **Forthcoming Events**

##### **New Members Coaching.**

RH reported that all those who had signed up for the lessons were able to commit to at least three of the four lessons. The content of each lesson has been charted and will be distributed to the coaches together with names of attendees.

##### **Other Coaching Sessions during April**

As several coaches are available for the new members coaching dates, RH proposed that lessons for improvers be held at the same time, but on a different lawn, alongside lessons 3 and 4. This was agreed subject to **RH** discussing the issue with Richard Wood and gaining

his agreement. **SD** to draft a paragraph for the 2014 New Season Information and send to RH for approval.

#### Association Refresher Session – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

PN reported that this was in hand. **ALL** committee members attending were asked to assist with table set-up at 9.30am.

#### Spring Lunch – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

-MH reported that 38 tickets had been sold.

-The 2014 New Season Information draft was circulated for comment. Amendments discussed. **SD** to make amendments before printing this and the membership list for distribution at the Spring Lunch.

-PN invited two of the female committee members to join in a doubles game to open the Season. PB and SD were nominated.

#### Club Sessions / Coaching

RH has a meeting arranged with Richard Wood on the format of the Wednesday Club Afternoon coaching sessions.

#### Chairman's Matters:

-PN reported that an offer had been received from Bradfords if £350 of goods were ordered. Suggestions were made and noted.

-As a GMC member, PN had received a costing proposal for installation of Wi-Fi in the Pavilion. The details were shared for a view on reasonableness.

#### Committee Members' Reports

**Helen Pryor** reported that she had received a lot of applications for the internal tournament block tournaments and these were now closed. She had previously e-mailed a request for views on bisques for the revamped Owen Cup. The preferred arrangement was that it be played from a base of 12 with higher handicap players receiving bisques of half the difference between their handicap and 12. e.g. a player with a handicap of 24 receives 6 bisques, 18 receives 3 and 14 receives 1. This was agreed.

**Marian Harris** reported that:

-following discussion with Gabby Macadam re the 2015 Illustrated Talk, consideration be given to having this as a coffee morning rather than an evening function. **SD** to include in the agenda for 2015 programme discussion.

**Pam Bowra** reported that the new Golf Croquet level tournament was very popular with 16 entries received.

**Roger Hendy** reported on the External tournament entries which had been previously circulated and shared with Julie Horsley.

#### Any Other Business

HP informed the committee that Julie Horsley had trained up herself and Nancy Temple in Egyptian and Swiss tournament management. An organiser is required for the Canton tournament on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

#### Dates of the next meetings

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am at Peter Nelson's house.

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May (provisional)

## **SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, and CROQUET CLUB**

### **CROQUET SECTION**

#### **Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

**Present:** Peter Nelson, Sue Dent, Pam Bowra, David Butler, Marian Harris, Rob Matthews, Helen Pryor, Ian Simpson, Colin Walls

**Apology for Absence:** Roger Hendy

**Minutes of the last meeting** held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

#### **The Lawns condition and availability**

Some critical comments had been received from members that lawn 2 had not been available at the beginning of April. **SD** to agenda for the Autumn as there may be a cyclical lawn programme which needs discussion with Colin Whitehall. It was noted that lawn 1 was now available.

#### **Payment of Home Match Fees**

Roger Mills, Club Treasurer, had requested a change in the way that match catering was paid for. A proposal drafted by MH had previously been circulated recommending that fees for home matches should be banked and Gill paid for the teas by electronic transfer. This was agreed. **MH** to e-mail details to match managers. **MH** to send a copy of the invoice to IS for information.

#### **Club Membership position**

Roger Mills, Club Treasurer, had asked all sections to identify membership numbers going as far back as possible; there was concern that Club membership numbers in general are falling. SD had provided croquet information back to 1981. For 2014 we have reported 95+5 country members (this assumes three social members will join as full members during the season). The names of the 19 former members who have not re-joined were identified for information. 16 beginners are undertaking the coaching programme.

#### **South West Federation documents**

The South West Fed Golf Handicap Conference minutes had been previously circulated.

The South West Fed comments on the CA Working Party report had been received. **SD** to send a copy to PN, HP and IS.

#### **Budleigh Referee and Coaching Qualification courses**

Golf Refereeing Course. HP reported that Ian Simpson, Graeme Pryor, John Coombes and herself had attended the course. A golf refereeing test was likely to be available later in the year which they were all interested in taking.

Association Coaching Course. CW reported that he had attended the coaching course and was now a qualified AC Grade 1 coach (certificate and badge awaited). **SD** to update the list.

#### **Prospective New Members**

16 beginners are participating in the training; responses seem to have been positive. **SD** to draft a feedback sheet for circulation and comment. This would be issued at the new members evening and posted to those not signing up to full membership. **SD** to agenda new members' coaching for the Autumn for further consideration.

#### **Forthcoming Events**

CA Open Golf Championship – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April

HP reported that all was in hand; Amanda Haste is to present the Haste Cup. **IS**

to provide a bottle of wine for the runner-up. **HP** to pen an article for **CW** to submit to the local paper. Any photos to be sent to CW.

Club Golf Sessions – commencing Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

**PB** to ask Gabby Macadam to arrange some longer games and for play to start at corner 2 on some occasions to reduce lawn wear.

Club Association Sessions – commencing Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April

CW requested volunteers for these sessions. Coaching to be customer driven.

Visiting Medics – Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup>

15 visitors are expected. Gabby is organising the event.

Welcome evening for New Members

Bar open 5.30pm. **MH** to ask John Dixon to hand out tickets at the door. **SD** to bring labels.

Dorothy Toye Tournament – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May

HP reported that this was in hand.

**Chairman's Matters:**

Peter Nelson reported that:

GMC Matters

- the GMC is not committed to installing Wi Fi
- a GMC Safety Policy which has been drawn up in relation to cricket balls; this was tabled.
- further plans re hut 2/3 had been drawn up and shared with the GMC. PN is now to discuss the matter with John Dyson, Chair of the STC Planning Committee.

Presentation of End of Season Awards. Suggestions were invited of who to ask to present trophies. Eric Kitchener was considered.

Trophy for the July Tournament. A trophy for this new tournament is needed. An engraved glass goblet was suggested.

**Committee Members' Reports**

**Roger Hendy** had previously circulated his written report.

**Rob Matthews** reported that on ordering 2 sets of Dawson balls from the CA he was advised that there is an ongoing problem with the secondary colours and that Dawson balls may not be available for much longer. Only one set (a primary) has therefore been ordered. **RM** to send a copy of the order to IS.

**Pam Bowra** reported that:

- arrangements with Swanage for a friendly had not been finalised as they seem unsure of their numbers.
- 23 members participated in the golf refresher which was lead by Helen and Graeme Pryor.
- 2 teams attended the short croquet competition but as the weather was very cold and Sidmouth were relegated to the fourth division it had not been an enjoyable occasion.
- the Seagull trophy was won by Budleigh in the friendly competition.
- the Chairman's garden is maintained by croquet players. More assistance is requested. The next clearance date is Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm.

**Marian Harris** reported that:

- 50 attended the Spring Lunch, the Raffle made a profit of £44.

- the Charity One ball which raised £160 was won by Andrew Thomas with Richard Thurlow in second place. Both are to attend the final in Winchester. Travel expenses are available for one car.

-the Wine and Shared Buffet planned and diarised for Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June conflicts with a function for which Gill Hodge had been asked to cater. As the croquet event would like to use the pavilion if the weather were inclement, alternative arrangements were considered. Initial thoughts on transferring to Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June need further consideration. **SD** to agenda for the next meeting.

**Helen Pryor** tabled the 2013 travel expenses chart which the committee agreed to adopt for 2014 with no increase.

**Colin Walls** reported that:

- regrettably The Sidmouth Herald had not printed any of the recent articles submitted.
- the croquet website had received no further hacking
- coaching arrangements are in hand for the Association club afternoons
- the 'Anyone for Croquet' leaflet has been updated; copies are available in the mallet room.

**David Butler** reported that:

- the library borrowing sheets have been updated
- more booking sheets are being displayed in the mallet room
- corrections have been put onto the website

**Ian Simpson** reported that £150 had been received from Peter Miller for capital projects.

**Sue Dent** read out the amended narrative for the visitors' book and gained confirmation from the committee that members of other clubs wanting to join in our club sessions could do so for a £3/head fee.

### **Dates of the next meetings**

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am at Peter Nelson's house.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June (provisional)



## **SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, and CROQUET CLUB**

### **CROQUET SECTION**

#### **Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

**Present:** Peter Nelson, Sue Dent, David Butler, Marian Harris, Rob Matthews, Helen Pryor

**Apologies for Absence:** Pam Bowra, Roger Hendy, Ian Simpson, Colin Walls

**Minutes of the last meeting** held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

#### **Wine and Shared Buffet**

MH suggested Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July which is available in the club pavilion diary. This was agreed. A charge of £5 to include 2 drinks; additional drinks to be available at £1/glass. Event to be outside from 5pm (food at 5.45); Pavilion if wet. **MH** to do posters for change of date.

#### **Sid Vale Rotary Taster Session request**

SD reported that she had been contacted by the Sid Vale Rotary for a taster session with Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June suggested. Because of the short notice this had been agreed between SD and PN. The event to be from 5.30 onwards for 16-20 participants at a charge of £20. PN had contacted coaches to lead the session. SD had booked lawns 2,3 and 4.

#### **Sidmouth Town Council Questionnaire**

The club has been invited to suggest creative ideas for the improvement of the town. After discussion, a model boating pond was suggested. **SD** to submit the completed form to the council.

#### **Forthcoming Events**

The events for the coming month were identified and it was agreed that arrangements are in hand. **PN** to provide a bottle of wine for Julie Horsley as manager of the June Tournament.

#### **Chairman's Matters:**

Peter Nelson reported that:

#### **GMC Matters**

- the GMC has reported a £2,000 surplus for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014
- Liz Peace has offered to maintain the First Aid box in the pavilion and asked for a volunteer to notify her of requirements in the mallet room and hut 3. RM offered to undertake this as part of his equipment role
- Sheila Adams' term as President of the CT and C Club expires in mid-July. Maureen Bess is to take up the position for the next 3 years.
- Peter Cook has been nominated as a life member. Neil Gamble was also proposed.
- Neil Gamble had mentioned that further volunteers were needed for the Chairman's Garden.
- the croquet section has been given responsibility for painting the east side of the pavilion windows. RH had volunteered to assist PN.
- the GMC has approved a budget of approximately £4,300 including contingency for work on upgrading facilities at hut 2/3. (A useful meeting has been held between PN, David Temple and John Dyson, Chair of the STC Planning Committee. PN is to hold a site visit with a member of the EDDC's planning department.)

### Presentation of End of Season Awards.

It is no longer considered appropriate to invite Eric Kitchener to present the awards. Chris Donovan was suggested.

### Sidmouth Croquet Logo Clothing

PN considers that clothing with a logo looks smart for tournaments and will search the internet for a suitable company.

### Social Secretary

MH will complete her 3 years in this role at the end of the 2014 season. Suggestions are needed as to who (or a couple) would be prepared to fill this role.

### Committee Members' Reports

**Rob Matthews** reported on the condition of the lawns. Some clumps of grass are being left by the mower. There is considerable maintenance required in the next two weeks with the June tournament and other matches. **RM** was asked to buy, if possible, a single yellow Dawson ball.

**Marian Harris** reported that:

- 11 newcomers had attended the Welcome Evening together with 15 existing club members.
- the Charity One Ball regional final in Winchester was won by Richard Thurlow with Andrew Thomas second. Both participants travelled with their wives and no travel expenses were claimed. **MH** to submit a suggestion for the 2015 cancer charity to support.
- MH asked **SD** to obtain details from the Laidlers of the treasure hunt so that posters can be made.

**Helen Pryor** reported on the mixed results from the SW Fed golf croquet matches.

**Pam Bowra** reported (via Helen) that Gabby was happy for longer games to be played at some Golf club sessions if there were few participants, but though that starting from corner 2 would be confusing.

**Ian Simpson** had previously circulated his written report.

**Colin Walls** had previously circulated his written report.

**Roger Hendy** sent a written report

**Sue Dent** reported that:

- Brian Pollock has offered to give training on 'the Laws'.

### Dates of the next meetings

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 9.30, Peter Nelson's house

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July, (provisional)

**SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, and CROQUET CLUB**

**CROQUET SECTION**

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

**Present:** Peter Nelson, Sue Dent, Marian Harris, Rob Matthews, Helen Pryor, Ian Simpson, Colin Walls

**Apologies for Absence:** Pam Bowra, David Butler, Roger Hendy

**Minutes of the last meeting** held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**Matter's Arising**

**Dawson Balls** – RM had costed an individual Dawson ball at £95. He was asked to continue with that purchase.

**Forthcoming events**

**Corbett Spoons One Ball**

8 have signed up for the LH and 10 for the HH competitions. Entrants generally are down. Consideration to be given to reducing the number of tournaments next year. **SD** to agenda for the autumn.

**Treasure Hunt –Wednesday July 9<sup>th</sup>**

Posters have been displayed. John and Alsia Dixon have offered transport. Committee members requested to promote this at club sessions.

**C&S Handicap Doubles Tournament – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> –Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

20 entries have been received; a notice is up for inviting additional entries.

**Robert Case Shot Game – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

Notices are up for the game and the tea. The event is timetabled to start at 2pm. **SD** to ask Gabby to vacate lawns 3 and 4 at 12 noon and contact John Dixon to ensure this is satisfactory. **All** to attend at 12.30 to assist and participate in the committee members' round.

**Wine and Shared Buffet – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

Tickets at £5 to include 2 drinks will be available at the Robert Case game; Martin McInerney had declined to manage the bar. MH had approached Richard Thurlow who had agreed.

**CA Handicap Weekend – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>-Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July**

RH had passed on information that the Clarkes had withdrawn which left only 6 and consideration was needed as to whether the tournament should be cancelled. However as 2 others are interested, PN, as tournament manager, was happy to continue. Only 2 lawns will now be needed. **DB** to amend booking sheets.

**Chairman's Matters:**

Peter Nelson reported that:

**Hut 3 / Hut 2**

PN has had a site discussion on the plans with an EDDC Planning Officer. The budget agreed with the GMC assumes hands on assistance and commitment from members.

**Social Secretary**

Maureen Thurlow does not want to be considered for this post. Philip Harris to talk to Jeanette Pollock on the matter.

### Committee Posts

All committee posts need consideration. **SD** to agenda for the next meeting.

#### Graham Harford

PN had been notified of funeral arrangements by Sally Harford, as St Giles Church, Sidbury, 7<sup>th</sup> July at 12 noon. **PN** to post these details in the mallet room.

#### Eric Kitchener

Eric had died the previous night. **PN** would inform David Temple and David Clarke as requested by Eric and place a notice in the mallet room.

### Committee Members' Reports

**Helen Pryor** reported that:

-The Canton trophy might be better if it were handicap 20 and below. **SD** to include on the autumn agenda.

-The Owen Cup doubles are difficult for participants to arrange. Should this become a veteran's event? **SD** to include on the autumn agenda.

**Marian Harris** suggested that:

-the name badges could be engraved. **MH** to bring an example to the next meeting.

**Ian Simpson** reported that:

-The Croquet Gazette stated that the qualification for the Ascot Cup had been restructured. This seems no longer to include the Haste Cup CA open event. If this were so there would be implications for the calibre of players participating. **SD** to raise this matter with the CA.

-some of the internal tournaments have had few matches played to date and suggested consideration should be given to encouraging earlier season play.

**Colin Walls** reported that:

-The Federation League had recently won 6:1

-Club afternoons have been well attended.

**Rob Matthews** reported that:

-an inventory has been compiled of the first aid boxes. He is to meet up with Liz Peace.

**Sue Dent** reported that:

-the SWFed AGM has been notified as Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November at Lympsham. **SD** to inform David Temple.

### Any Other Business

The Croquet AGM. **PN** said he would formally invite Chris Donovan to present the awards  
Subscription refund. HP had been asked by a member if she could have a refund following an accident which meant she was not able to play for the remainder of the season. Following discussion this was turned down in accordance with the policy. **HP** to respond to the enquiry and encourage her participation in social events and as a spectator.

### Dates of the next meetings

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30, Peter Nelson's house

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September, 9.30. (provisional)

## **SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, and CROQUET CLUB**

### **CROQUET SECTION**

#### **Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

**Present:** Peter Nelson, Sue Dent, Pam Bowra, Marian Harris, Roger Hendy, Helen Pryor, Ian Simpson, Colin Walls

**Apologies for Absence:** David Butler, Rob Matthews

**Minutes of the last meeting** held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

#### **Matter's Arising**

##### **Name Badges**

MH circulated examples of the engraved name badges. At £4.99 per badge these were considered expensive. A printed card in a plastic slot was suggested; **CW** to create an example for the next meeting.

##### **The AGM**

Chris Donovan has accepted PN's invitation to present the trophies.

##### **The Ascot Cup**

John Bowcott, Chairman of the CA's Tournament Committee had phoned RH with the Committee's proposed changes on entry qualification for the CA Ascot Cup. Amongst others, Sidmouth's Haste Cup would no longer be a qualifying tournament. Liz Larsson has confirmed to SD that the CA Open Golf Championship held in Sidmouth can continue.

#### **Forthcoming events**

##### **CA Handicap Weekend – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>-Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July**

PN has received further applications and has amended the bookings to 3 lawns. **PN** to invite Barbara Clarke to present the Clarke Salver. The inconvenience of refunding cancelled applications was raised. **SD** to ask Liz Larsson whether there is a CA policy on refunds

##### **New Members Tournament**

**SD** to liaise with David Baldock, Howard Quarrell and John Dixon and encourage new members to sign up.

##### **CA B-Level Advanced Weekend**

16 have applied; Nancy is Manager. In hand.

##### **Internal tournaments – Various**

These are in hand with lists up to encourage further entries.

##### **CA C-Level Advanced Weekend – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

PN reported that 10 or 11 entries had been received. An engraved glass goblet has been purchased for the winner to retain.

#### **Committee Posts 2014**

The existing committee members offered to stand for re-election other than:

Marian Harris – Social Secretary

Rob Matthews – Grounds

**PB** and **PN** to speak to Barbara Clarke re Social Secretary.

**RM** to ask Andrew Thomas re Grounds Committee Post.

HP gave notice that she would only continue as Internal Tournament Organiser for one further year.

### **Chairman's Matters:**

Peter Nelson reported that:

#### **Concern with Cricket Balls**

Large hoardings have been erected alongside lawns 3 and 4 which have a safety implication in that croquet players cannot see balls about to come over on to the lawns. Other members expressed concern at the number of sponsors advertisements which affected the ambience of the club environment and similarly impaired visibility. Also the gap in netting on lawn 4. **PN** to voice concerns at the next GMC.

#### **Hut 3 / Hut 2**

The planning application has been formally submitted to EDDC. Once approved, John Palmer will lead on construction.

#### **CA Tournaments 2015**

Serious consideration needs to be given to the number and type of CA Tournaments run. **SD** to agenda for the next meeting.

#### **CA Diplomas**

The CA has notified the club that nominations can be made for CA Diplomas up until 17<sup>th</sup> August. PN suggested Julie Horsley and this was supported. **PN** to progress and submit the nomination.

#### **Condition of the lawns**

Comments had been received on the poor conditions of the lawns. Colin Whitehall's view is that the poor Winter was to blame.

#### **The Laws Talk**

Brian Pollock has offered to give a talk on The Laws of Croquet. PN has suggested Wednesday afternoon of August 13<sup>th</sup> when the normal club session is cancelled in preparation for the CA tournament. This was agreed.

#### **Trophy award at the AGM**

PN suggested a trophy be awarded to the member who has made an outstanding contribution in serving the club throughout the year. This was agreed.

### **Committee Members' Reports**

**Colin Walls** reported that:

- Publicity is going well; The Herald is publishing articles submitted and correctly attributing them.
- The website is receiving approximately 400 hits/week

**Helen Pryor** reported that:

- Of the golf croquet teams matches, the SW team have played 2 won 2, the SE team played 4 won 1, the level play team played 5 won 2.

**Pam Bowra** reported that:

- The B league have won all their matches and go through to the semi-finals.

**Roger Hendy** asked how much revenue was raised by external tournaments last year. **IS** to ask Roger Mills.

**Marian Harris** reported that:

- The Wine and Shared Buffet was very successful with ticket sales of 48 raising an income of £240 plus bar receipts of £23.60 giving an overall profit of £175. Richard Thurlow has offered to help on future occasions.

- The venue and date for the committee lunch needs to be considered. The Bedford on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September was provisionally agreed.

**Ian Simpson** reported that:

- The cash position is healthy.

**Sue Dent** reported that:

- The Treasure Hunt was very enjoyable and had made a £20 profit. A note of thanks has been sent to David and Jean Laidler. Following that event one of the tennis section has put her name forward to help with the Chairman's Garden. Contact details have been passed to RM and Mike Hide.

- A local resident had visited the lawns during a tournament and expressed interest in joining the club, in particular to play golf croquet at a social level. Mike Taylor gave him a single lesson which was considered sufficient to enable him to start playing golf croquet. An application form has been sent to him quoting the half fee for new players starting after 14<sup>th</sup> July.

- Neil Gamble has assured Roger Mills that during folk week the toilet and shower facilities will be regularly cleaned. In consequence SD has put her name down for one day as Club House Representative (as has Nancy Temple). **PN** and **HP** are asked to ensure the GMC put appropriate arrangements in place.

### **Dates of the next meetings**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September, 9.30, Peter Nelson's house

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October (provisional)

## SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, and CROQUET CLUB

### CROQUET SECTION

#### **Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

**Present:** Peter Nelson, Sue Dent, Pam Bowra, David Butler, Marian Harris, Ian Simpson, Colin Walls.

**Apologies for Absence:** Roger Hendy, Rob Matthews, Helen Pryor

**Minutes of the last meeting** held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

#### **Matter's Arising**

##### Name Badges

CW circulated examples of name badges which were well received. **DB** offered to create these for committee members and league team players for 2015.

##### Refunds for CA tournament applications

PN considers we should refund fees paid.

##### New Members Tournament

The 2014 event was cancelled by David Baldock. **PN** to talk to David in 2015 about discussing potential cancellation with the Chairman in advance of taking action.

##### Committee Posts

Since the last meeting Marian Harris has offered to stand for re-election as Social Secretary.

##### Trophy Award at the AGM

Following discussion it was agreed this would be 'The Chairman's Award' for the member who he regards as having made an outstanding contribution in serving the club. **PN** to see John Dixon re available trophies.

##### Wine and Shared Buffet

MH amended the profit recorded from the evening to £79.27.

##### Folk Week – Club House Representative

SD reported that the arrangements put in place had worked well.

##### Golf Referee Training

**HP** is asked to follow up the training given earlier in the year so that qualified referees are available for 2015.

#### **Forthcoming Events**

##### CA C-Level Advanced Weekend – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September

There are 13 entrants; PN has offered to give a game to a surplus player in the afternoons. A glass goblet and 2 bottles of wine have been purchased. No signature sheet is required for this competition.

##### Finals Weekend

Lists are up for finalists to indicate their availability.

##### Winter Activities

Table Tennis. Gabby Macadam has offered to continue to organise this.



Whist. **PN** to check if Graeme Pryor is managing this activity as the Clarkes no longer want to do so.

#### Swanage Friendly – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September

PB reported that arrangements are in hand. A fee of £15 was agreed.

#### Budleigh Friendly – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

PB reported that a draw had been carried out of all members wanting to play. A list of players has been posted on the board.

#### Hut 3 / Hut 2 and Hut 1

PN reported that he had been asked for further elevation plans, a floor plan and a conservation impact study. SD understood that the Sidmouth Town Council at their recent planning committee meeting had not supported the application.

The roofing felt on Hut 1 has recently been replaced by David Temple and John Palmer.

#### Committee Roles and Responsibilities

The Excel document previously circulated has been reformatted to Word. **SD** to circulate the amended version and agenda the item for the next meeting to consider the first four posts. It was agreed that duties carried out by non-committee members should also be listed.

#### CA Tournaments 2015

The application form has not yet been received from the CA but may need to be returned by the end of September. **PN** to meet with **RH, SD** and Julie Horsley to form a plan which does not conflict with Budleigh Tournaments. Likely to exclude the Handicap Weekend. It seems that in accordance with a CA proposal, tournaments hosted by Sidmouth would be open at short notice to Sidmouth players not holding CA tournament membership if there were vacancies.

#### Committee Posts 2015

PN had spoken to committee members not in attendance at today's meeting to confirm their intentions regarding 2015. The following would stand for re-election to their current post:

Chairman	Peter Nelson
Secretary	Sue Dent
Golf Croquet	Pam Bowra
Booking Sheets/Web Calendar	David Butler
Social Secretary	Marian Harris
Open Tournament Secretary	Roger Hendy
Internal Tournament Organiser	Helen Pryor
Treasurer	Ian Simpson
Vice chair/Publicity/Website	Colin Walls

Rob Matthews is standing down with Andrew Thomas prepared to fill the Grounds and Equipment post.

David Temple has agreed to continue as South West Federation Fixtures Secretary though not on the committee. He has asked for recommendations for team managers. Rob Mitchell has agreed to continue as Membership Secretary which is not a committee post.

#### AGM Arrangements – Wednesday October 15<sup>th</sup> - 6pm

Chris Donovan has agreed to present the trophies. His wife will accompany him.

**PN** to ask David and Nancy Temple to be their hosts.

**MH** to write place names for the Donovans, David and Nancy Temple and Peter Nelson.

**ALL** the committee are asked to attend at 5.15pm to assist in setting up.

**SD** to put up in the mallet room asap the chart of committee nominations, the narrative and the notice for any items for discussion to be submitted in writing. All closing dates to be 30<sup>th</sup> September.

**ALL** should consider asking individuals to propose and second them on the committee nomination notice.

**SD** to put up in the mallet room a copy of the minutes from the 2013 AGM and forward to **CW** for inclusion on the website.

**SD** to request all holders of trophies won in 2013 to be passed to John Dixon before 14<sup>th</sup> September or after 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

**PN** to ask David Temple as Association Croquet Handicapping Lead to determine the most improved HH and LH Association player.

**SD** to ask John Coombes as Golf Croquet Handicapping Lead to determine the most improved Golf Croquet player.

**HP** to provide John Dixon with the trophy winners list as soon as possible with winners decided at the Finals Weekend to be notified later.

**ALL** committee members to pen and circulate to the committee their draft reports before the next meeting. (SD holds most of the 2013 reports if needed)

**SD** to ask David Temple to give a SW Federation League report at the AGM.

**SD** to update the AGM agenda for consideration at the next meeting

**SD** to arrange for a collection to be made for Colin Whitehall and Julie Clayden.

**SD** to draft an e-mail for Rob Mitchell to send round to encourage new members to attend.

### **Chairman's Matters:**

Peter Nelson reported that:

-Neil Gamble has provided an article on the C T and C Club for the next edition of the local 'One' Magazine

-He is sad to note the death of Joan Hewetson, an active Golf Croquet Club Session until very recently

-A talk in the Spring has been offered by Gabby Macadam on 'Teaching English as a Foreign Language'. She had previously suggested this be held in the afternoon with tea and cake. MH to check that Gabby is still prepared to give this talk.

- The CA has formulated proposals relating to membership fees and the relationship of the Federations to the CA. Julie Horsley has asked for comments by 24th September. **SD** to circulate the proposals to the committee inviting feedback to PN within a week. **PN** to draft an e-mail for Rob Mitchell to circulate to members on the matter.

### **Committee Members' Reports**

**Pam Bowra** reported that:

- She had spoken to Tom Griffiths regarding CA tournament participants parking opposite the Bedford . He has agreed a fee for this year of £5.80/day providing that he is notified of the tournament in advance.

**Marian Harris** reported that:

- The committee lunch will be booked at Dukes for 12.30 on 18<sup>th</sup> September and she will invite Rob Mitchell to join us.

- PB will assist with the Christmas Lunch arrangements. The price has been held at £21.

**Ian Simpson** asked that:

- All receipts and expenses be notified to him asap so that the Annual Report can be finalised.

- Consideration be given to an Honours Board for the Level Play Golf Tournament. **PN** to discuss the matter with David Temple and the availability of a suitable trophy with John Dixon.

**Colin Walls** reported that:

- Publicity is going well; The Herald recently published 4 columns of croquet reports.

- The website continues to be viewed frequently.

**David Butler** reported that:

- He had removed the historic booking sheets from the mallet room for Ian Simpson to analyse.

**Helen Pryor** reported (by e-mail) that:

- Of the golf croquet teams matches,

the level play team played 6, won 2, drew 1, lost 3 – excellent for the 1<sup>st</sup> year

the SW team played 5, won 4, drew 1 and are in the semi-finals

the SE team played 6 won 1, lost 5 (she blames the opponents' lawns)

**Roger Hendy** reported (by e-mail) on the good entry for the C-Level Advanced tournaments but considered the Handicap Weekend should be dropped from the 2015 programme.

## **AOB**

### Coaching Pods

The CA has set up coaching pods in Cheltenham and Bristol/Nailsea. Details have been placed in the mallet room.

### Winter Croquet

SD has received details of Winter Croquet at a Portugal club. Previously Corfu has sent invitations. **SD** to bring details to the next meeting

### Handicapping

Ian Simpson expressed concerns about Golf handicap irregularities. **SD** to put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

### E-mails to members

Rob Mitchell has asked that any e-mails going to croquet members go to him for sending out. This is for consistency especially regarding blind copies.

## **Dates of the next meetings**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 9.30, Peter Nelson's House

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October (provisional).

## **SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, and CROQUET CLUB**

### **CROQUET SECTION**

#### **Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014**

**Present:** Peter Nelson, Sue Dent, Pam Bowra, David Butler, Roger Hendy, Rob Matthews, Helen Pryor, Colin Walls.

**Apologies for Absence:** Marian Harris, Ian Simpson.

**Minutes of the last meeting** held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

#### **Matter's Arising**

##### **CA Membership and Fees proposal**

PN had e-mailed members notifying them about the issue and their opportunity to vote. A letter has been sent to the CA, copied to the committee, with the Sidmouth response.

##### **Golf Referee Training**

HP has received confirmation from Cliff Jones that he is collating requests for Golf Croquet Referee training and testing and will progress the matter.

##### **Whist**

Graeme Pryor has agreed to take over the running of the Whist afternoons which start today, 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

##### **Golf Croquet Handicapping**

The issue raised by IS was covered in the March 2014 minutes. **SD** to copy the relevant section to IS and suggest he writes to the handicap committee with any specific issue.

#### **Forthcoming Events**

##### **End of Season lawn arrangements**

Lawns 3 and 4 have been taken out of use as from 1<sup>st</sup> October and are being actively managed by the ground staff. Club sessions have been written on the booking sheets for lawns 1 and 2. **HP/SD** to erase any club sessions after 10<sup>th</sup> October when club sessions are programmed to end. **SD** to remind Gabby Macadam of this date.

**The AGM** – see later

##### **The Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

MH reported that the menu is up in the mallet room and Hut 3; tickets will be on sale at the AGM from Philip Harris and PB.

#### **Trophies for new tournaments and redefined tournaments**

PN reported that a spare cup has been allocated to the Golf Level Play competition and the Chairman's Award purchased. **RH** to pass 2 spare cups to John Dixon via **PN** for possible future use.

#### **AGM Arrangements – Wednesday October 15<sup>th</sup> - 6pm**

The committee nominations sheet has been completed with all nominations supported by a proposer and seconder. An agenda item has been received from Edward Colman requesting lawn usage over the winter. A draft agenda was circulated for comment; **SD** to circulate an updated version with roles and responsibilities identified; copies of a generic version to be available on the evening. **HP** to provide a list of deceased former members. Name badges to be worn; **DB** to bring badges for those not at the last meeting. MH reported that upwards of 50 tickets have been sold for the supper.

### **CA Tournament dates 2015 confirmed**

The dates had been previously circulated to committee members. The CA Handicap weekend has been dropped but is likely to be run as a SW Fed one day, Saturday, event with a small charge to include tea.

### **Internal tournaments/programme 2015 – initial considerations**

**SD** to agenda a full discussion for the next meeting and supply a draft programme. The committee are asked to give consideration to the suggestions by:

HP – the Canton to be for handicaps 20 and below

HP – to reintroduce a tournament for handicaps 18-14

HP – to have one of the block tournaments finalised by mid-season

HP – amend the bisques for the Owen Cup doubles to give mid handicap players a better chance

PB – the Macadam final for HH and LH both to be the best of three games

MH – the talk by Gabby Macadam to be an afternoon in February ( not a Wednesday or weekend) perhaps at 2.30 to be followed by tea

### **Committee Roles and Responsibilities**

Based on the draft produced by Mike Taylor, the roles of Chairman, Secretary and Grounds and Equipment member were considered. **PN** and **SD** to make amendments for their roles on the 'word' document. **SD** to agenda 4 further roles for the next meeting.

### **Chairman's Matters:**

Peter Nelson reported that:

- The GMC met on Monday and decided that Wi-Fi will be put in place for the next season. CW commented that there would be an implication for lawn bookings.

- A cycle rack is now available for use alongside the tennis courts.

- The plans for Hut 3 which received planning permission in the 2013 season have been re-costed at £5,500 to include reroofing and this cost was approved by the GMC. This would require members to do the internal refit and external painting. **PN** to progress arrangements with a builder and John Palmer. **RM** with Andrew Thomas to determine which store items need to be retained and move them to the mallet room.

- Representation had been received from a member on another member's unethical conduct but as no name was given this would not be taken further. Various issues of inappropriate spectator interference and the role of referees to be considered for inclusion in the New Season Newsletter which would need referencing to the Laws book. **SD** to note for the Spring.

- Brian Pollock has offered another Association Laws talk. Next season was preferred. **PN** to respond to Brian.

- League team managers have been agreed for 2015 as:

- B League – Richard Thurlow

- Intermediate – Nancy Temple

- Federation – Philip Harris

- Parkstone - Richard Wood

- Golf Handicap - Helen Pryor

- Golf Level Play – Keith Thorley

**PN** to ask Keith Thorley to manage the Short Croquet Team and make arrangements for the beginning of the season.

### **Committee Members' Reports**

**Rob Matthews** reported that a set of Dawson Balls had been ordered and that he has received agreement from Roger Mills to purchase a further 2 sets at a cost of £1400 provided that they could be accounted for in 2015 and 2016. Following discussion **PN** offered to purchase a further set for reimbursement at a later date to enable all four sets of balls to be cascaded simultaneously. **RM** asked to place an order while stocks last and inform Roger Mills.

**Colin Walls** reported that:

- Association Club Sessions continue to be well supported with 13 attending the most recent session.
- The website continues to be viewed frequently. The climate of the internet has changed; on average the website is subject to 5 spam attacks and 10 attempted hacks each week.

### **AOB**

#### **Croquet Accounts**

**RH** asked for croquet accounts to be available for the next meeting. **IS** requested to provide a breakdown and if possible to compare this with previous years.

#### **Next Agenda**

**SD** mentioned that a number of issues had already been suggested for the next meeting:

Subscriptions (HP)

Lawn Usage (IS)

Coaching (RH)

Various Points (Richard Thurlow)

New Members coaching

#### **Rob Matthews**

**Rob** expressed his sadness at leaving the committee. **PN** thanked **Rob** for his 6 years of hard work and the valuable contribution he had made to the running of the Club

### **Dates of the next meetings**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 9.30, Peter Nelson's House

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 9.30 (provisional).

## **SIDMOUTH CRICKET TENNIS and CROQUET CLUB**

### **Minutes of the Croquet Section AGM**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

The Chairman, Peter Nelson, welcomed more than 50 members to the meeting.

Members then stood in silence to remember deceased former members Rex Simms, John Hatherley, Helen Smikel, Elaine Woodward, Margo Beauchamp, Graham Harford, Eric Kitchener and Joan Hewetson.

**Apologies for absence** were received from Margaret Piper, Sue Rogers, Sheila Adams, Edward and Margaret Colman, Marian Harris, Dudley Ractliffe, David Ridlington, Derek Hewett and Ann Holbeche.

**Minutes of the 2013 AGM** had been available for inspection for the previous month in the mallet room and on the section's website. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

#### **Treasurer's report**

Ian Simpson presented a financial report outlining the elements of income received in the year. Essentially the main Cricket, Tennis & Croquet Club holds the accounts which receives all the subscriptions. The section undertakes more of a petty cash role with income and expenditure being identified.

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

Sue Dent reported on membership issues with there being 109 members at the end of the season and thanked Rob Mitchell for his work as Membership Secretary.

#### **Committee Members' reports**

- **Marian Harris**, Social Secretary, was unable to attend. Her report was presented by Peter Nelson who spoke of a busy and well-attended social year.
- **Rob Matthews**, with Grounds and Equipment responsibilities thanked those who had assisted in moving hoops. He is now stepping aside from this role after 6 years but will be available to assist in future.
- **Colin Walls**, with publicity and website responsibilities among others reported on the continuing popularity of the website with about 500 visits per week made throughout the season. He also mentioned the coverage that croquet has been given by the Sidmouth Herald. Colin thanked David Butler for his support and for managing the booking sheets.
- **Roger Hendy**, Open Tournament Secretary, reported on the busy 2014 season and encouraged members to participate in tournaments held at other clubs.
- **Helen Pryor**, Internal Tournament Organiser, reported on the 22 tournaments held during the year, thanking those who participated and especially Pamela Bowra for organising the Golf Croquet events. Members were invited to submit suggestions for amendments to tournament formats.
- **Pamela Bowra**, Golf Croquet Representative, outlined the range of events held and commented on the increased skill and competitiveness of the Golf Croquet players.

#### **The South West Federation Fixtures Secretary Report**

This role continues to be taken by David Temple, although no longer a committee member. David spoke about the results of all the SW Federation League teams and encouraged others to gain experience in competitive play.

**The Association Handicap Committee Report** was also given by David Temple. He reported on certain players who had made considerable progress in the season.

### **Chairman's Report**

Peter Nelson:

-thanked all of the committee, also David Temple and Rob Mitchell for the specific roles they undertake and acknowledged all the assistance from so many other club members.

-thanked Rob Matthews for the 6 years on the committee in the Grounds and Equipment role and presented him with 'the Chairman's Award'.

-stated that Folk Week Parking had raised £30,000 for club funds and asked other members to volunteer in 2015.

-thanked all the team managers and players who have represented the Club.

-noted the success of Richard Thurlow and Andrew Thomas in the Charity One Ball competition, both locally and regionally.

-noted that Richard Wood had won the Club's most prestigious tournament, the Humphrey Hicks Cup which included a triple peel.

-congratulated Roger Mills for his success in winning the Gilbey Goblet at Southwick finishing with a triple peel; a very unusual achievement for a player of his handicap.

-noted that Julie Horsley was to be recognised by **the Croquet Association with a Diploma for Services to Croquet.**

-stated that approval and funding has been received from the Club's General Management Committee to implement an early planning consent for enhancing facilities alongside hut 3. Members' assistance will be required over the winter months.

-thanked Colin Whitehall, Gill Hodge and Julie Clayden for the management of the Club facilities.

### **Nominations for the new committee**

Peter Nelson reported that a nomination list for the 2014/15 committee had been on display in the mallet room and that 10 nominations had been individually proposed and seconded. These were:

Peter Nelson <i>Chairman</i>	Sue Dent <i>Secretary</i>
Pamela Bowra	David Butler
Marian Harris	Roger Hendy
Helen Pryor	Ian Simpson
Andrew Thomas	Colin Walls

These nominations for the new committee were proposed en bloc by Kelvin Dent, seconded by Nancy Temple and endorsed by the members.

Peter Nelson, as re-elected Chairman, chaired the remainder of the meeting.

### **Any Other Business as previously received.**

Peter Nelson reported that a written proposal had been received from Edward Colman that: 'Could we keep at least one lawn open for playing croquet during the winter.'



Several other clubs, including Exeter and Budleigh Salterton manage to keep their lawns open. It is appreciated that there will be occasions when due to weather conditions play will not be possible. Playing would be at the discretion of the Groundsman. It may be that a rotation of lawns would be required.

It is possible that the Groundsman might oppose the opening of at least one lawn, but unless he can prove that it would be truly detrimental to the lawns, then I believe we should fight our case!

The Chairman responded that a discussion had already taken place with Colin Whitehall who would be prepared to give it a try in 12 months' time possibly using a rotation of lawns 2 and 3. The groundsman at Budleigh is to be consulted on lawn issues. However, the priority must be to have lawns playable for the main season.

Several members commented on their previous experience of winter play in Sidmouth.

### **Presentation of Trophies by Chris Donovan**

Peter Nelson introduced Chris Donovan, Chairman of the Budleigh Salterton Croquet Club and his wife Lynn. Chris expressed pleasure at being invited to present the trophies. Trophy runners up and winners were announced by Helen Pryor. At the end of the presentation Roger Hendy expressed the section's thanks to Chris Donovan and to John Dixon for his work in getting the trophies ready for presentation.

### **Notices**

The Croquet Christmas Lunch is being held at the Bedford Hotel on Wednesday December 10<sup>th</sup>. Tickets, priced £21, are available from Philip Harris and Pamela Bowra.

### **Chairman's closing remarks**

The Chairman thanked the members for attending, closed the meeting and invited members to share in the buffet meal.

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