

Minutes of Croquet Committee Meeting held on Thursday 17th October 198 in the Clubhouse

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Present: D. Barwick, M. Davis, Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, J. Hatherley, K. Holroyde, E. Kitchener.

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

Allocation of Duties This was agreed as follows:

Vice-Chairman

Representative on Management Committee Ground/Equipment M. Davis

Cashier/Booking Sheets D. Barwick

Tournament s/Matches/Publicity E. Kitchener

Tournament Secretary S. W. Federation of Croquet Clubs

Training/Handicapping I. Dwerryhouse  
J. Hatherley

Team Selection K. Holroyde  
E. Kitchener

Social K. Holroyde

Golf Croquet K. Holroyde  
D. Barwick

Association Croquet I. Dwerryhouse  
M. Hardman

2-Ball Game To be arranged

Correspondence Details of the S. W. Federation of Croquet Club's A. G. M. at Tracy Park on 3rd November 1985 had been received.

I. Dwerryhouse and E. Kitchener agreed to attend as the Club's representatives and L. Kitchener and P. Dwerryhouse would attend as observers. The representatives were empowered to vote at their discretion.

Budget for 1986 M. Davis and J. Hatherley would consider the equipment and report to the next meeting with a proposed figure. T. Ward had said that the alternative colour balls had now arrived and this expense would now have to be included in the 1986 budget.

Any Other Business K. Holroyde asked if it would be possible to have one lawn open throughout the winter. M. Davis said that he would raise the matter at the next Ground Committee Meeting.

The next meeting was arranged for Wednesday 6th November 1985 at 10 a.m. at M. Hardman's house

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

S. W. Federation of Croquet Clubs E. Kitchener reported on the A. G. M. held at Tracy Park on 3rd November.

Budget for 1986 M. Davis gave details of requirements for 1986 and it was agreed that £260 would suffice.

Spring Programme The following arrangements were approved:

Whist Drives on 14th January, 11th February and 11th March; video sessions for present members on 6th and 20th March with tea and biscuits at 30p per person; meeting for prospective players to introduce them to croquet using the video on 3rd March and on 17th March the first of six lessons for prospective players. I. Dwerryhouse proposed, E. Kitchener seconded and it was carried unanimously that a fee of £3 for the course of six lessons should be made, that it should be paid on 17th March and that literature should also be made available for purchase.

Arrangements for the Annual Lunch were left to K. Holroyde and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, suggested dates being the first week in April.

Tournaments It was agreed that the club should enter teams in the Senior and Beginners' Leagues of the S. W. Federation and also a team for the Longman Cup.

Reports::

M. Davis with reference to the opening of a lawn during the winter it had been suggested that an area of the main pavilion between the two hockey pitches could be used as the croquet lawns should be rested. No play while hockey was in progress. It was agreed to accept this suggestion and that only 2 sets of balls should be available.

The new set of balls in alternative colours had arrived and it was agreed that these should be reserved for match play.

The groundsman would repair the netting on lawns 1 and 3 and also repaint the hoops.

M. Davis would arrange for sundry repairs to be undertaken by members.

Any Other Business The Secretary said she would ask P. Dwerryhouse to arrange for the engraving of trophies as before.

The next meeting was arranged for Wednesday 8th January 1986 at 10 a. m. at M. Hardman's house.

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SIDMOUTH CRICKET, LAWN TENNIS CROQUET & HOCKEY CLUB

CROQUET SECTION

SPRING PROGRAMME 1986

Tuesday	14th JANUARY	2. 00 p. m.	BEETLE DRIVE (Members only) at Heydon's Hall
Tuesday	11th FEBRUARY	2. 00 p. m.	WHIST DRIVE
Monday	3rd MARCH	2. 00 p. m.	INTRODUCTION TO CROQUET FOR PROSPECTIVE PLAYERS
Thursday	6th MARCH	2. 00 p. m.	ASSOCIATION CROQUET VIDEO SESSION 1 FOR PRESENT MEMBERS Tea and biscuits 30p
Tuesday	11th MARCH	2. 00 p. m.	WHIST DRIVE
Monday	17th MARCH	2. 00 p. m.	FIRST OF SIX LESSONS FOR PROSPECTIVE PLAYERS ONLY
Thursday	20th MARCH	2. 00 p. m.	ASSOCIATION CROQUET VIDEO SESSION 2 FOR PRESENT MEMBERS Tea and biscuits 30p
Thursday	3rd APRIL	12. 30 p. m. for 1. 00 p.m.	CROQUET SECTION LUNCH AT ROYAL GLEN HOTEL Tickets: £5-20
Saturday	6th APRIL	LAWNS OPEN	(Ground and weather permitting)

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Your subscription is due on January 1st. Please pay it promptly. If you do not wish to continue as a Member, please notify the Hon Secretary, Mary Hardman. (Telephone: Sidmouth 4131).

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

Will you please offer to help once or twice during the Season? Ring the Chairman of the Croquet Section, John Hatherley. (Telephone: Sidmouth 3589).

Minutes of Croquet Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 8th January 1986 at M. Hardman's house

Present: D. Barwick, M. Davis, I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, J. Hatherley, K. Holroyde, E. Kitchener

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

S. W. Federation - W. I. Scheme. An informal committee meeting was held on 20/11/85 to consider a request from the Federation that the Club should participate in a scheme to introduce Croquet to Women's Institutes in this area by offering a single session comprising a short demonstration, basic instruction etc. The members present agreed unanimously to take part and suggested Wednesday 26/2/86 at 2 p. m. as a convenient date. M. Davis was the only absentee from this meeting and he had notified the Chairman that he was not in favour of agreeing to this request.

Allocation of Manor Pavilion Carpark Keys. The Chairman proposed, and it was unanimously agreed, that David Rawkins should have a key in recognition of his efforts, when Chairman, to obtain keys. It was agreed unanimously that a draw for the remaining five keys should be held at the Beetle Drive on 14/1/86; three further names to be drawn forming a reserve list. Successful members to give car registration and carpark season ticket numbers to the Secretary before the end of April who would then give them keys.

Membership It was agreed unanimously that the following applications should be forwarded to the Club management committee for approval: Mrs E. M. Price, Mr A. J. Wasdell.

Mr Humphrey Hicks. The Chairman said that Mr Hicks had presented his mallet to the Club together with a photograph of himself. The Chairman suggested that the mallet should be mounted and the photograph framed and that both should be displayed in the Clubhouse. This was agreed and M. Davis said he would ask for approval to display these, together with the shield for the Apps-Heley Award, at present in the Club bar, at the Management committee meeting on 10/1/86. He also referred to a possible request from the Sidmouth Museum for the temporary loan of items of interest connected with the Croquet section. A sub-committee of M. Davis and K. Holroyde would arrange display details.

Reports:

M. Davis. The budget for 1986 had been approved; repair jobs were progressing; the new set of balls in alternative colours had been returned as they were defective; a set of standard colour balls and two sets of clips had been ordered.

D. Barwick There had been a profit of £24 on the first three Whist Drives and £7 had been received from the sale of balls.

I. Dwerryhouse Suggested a weekend training session for handicap 14 and under and it was agreed that the Training committee should arrange this.

K. Holroyde. Suggested that the charge for the Beetle Drive should be the same as for Whist Drives and this was agreed.

Any Other Business

The next meeting was arranged for Monday 10th February 1986 at 10 a.m. at M. Hardman's house

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Minutes of Croquet Committee Meeting held on Monday 10th February 1986 at M. Hardman's house

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Present: D. Barwick, M. Davis, I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, J. Hatherley, K. Holroyde, E. Kitchener

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

Matters Arising 1. W. I. Training Scheme. The Secretary said that the S. W. Federation had requested a date in May or June instead of the one offered and after consultation with the Chairman and I. Dwerryhouse Tuesday 20th May at 10 a.m. had been suggested on the understanding that no training could be arranged this year for any interested participants. This had been accepted by the Federation.

2. Carpark Keys. A letter had been sent to David Rawkins informing him that he had been allocated a key and he had replied expressing thanks. The result of the draw for the remaining five keys, and for three reserves, was as follows in this order: G. Hewitt, A. L. Ward, J. Stone, N. Kirtley, M. Kirke. Reserves: J. Page, A. Rose, M. Hubbard. Those not present at the draw had been informed.

3. Humphrey Hicks. M. Davis said that the Management Committee had agreed in principle to display the mallet, photograph etc in the tearoom but that the actual position would have to be agreed with the House and Ground Committee. Suggested position was the NW corner for preference or the NE corner.

Prospective Players' Meeting. The Secretary said that there were now 14 names on the list of whom 2 had not replied, 10 would attend and 2 were unable to attend but would come to training sessions. The dates agreed for these were 17th March, 7th, 9th, 14th, 16th and 21st April.

Reports:

M. Davis suggested that an increase in Croquet green fees should be considered and it was unanimously agreed that these should be raised to £1 per person per session and 50p for Juniors (i.e. under 18 years of age) for the same period.

The Secretary said that John McCullough had told her that the Walker mallets on loan from the Federation could probably be exchanged for Neal mallets and that he would have further information in April.

I. Dwerryhouse It was agreed that the Training Weekend for present members should be held on Saturday and Sunday 12th/13th April and that participants should bring picnic lunches. This would be announced at the March video sessions when names would be taken in order to facilitate arrangements.

Any Other Business.

The next meeting was arranged for Monday 24th March 1986 at M. Hardman's house.

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Minutes of Croquet Committee Meeting held on Monday 24th March 1986 at M. Hardman's house

Present: D. Barwick, M. Davis, I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, J. Hatherley, K. Holroyde, E. Kitchener

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

Matters Arising 1. H. Hicks Memorabilia. The House and Ground Committee had agreed on the NW corner of the tea-room but details of the display had yet to be arranged. 2. Confirmation that the Walker mallets on loan from the SW Federation had been received and I. Dwerryhouse would be responsible for this.

Correspondence

SW Regional Coaching Officer Peter Danks had written to advise the Club of his appointment and duties and giving details of a Seminar at Budleigh on 13/4/86 for those wishing to train as Grade I coaches. The Secretary to reply offering congratulations and indicating that there might be little response owing to previous commitments.

SW Federation Current Newsheet had been received; attention was drawn to the weekend tournament at Cheltenham on 21/22 June.

Membership It was agreed unanimously that:

1. the following application be forwarded to the Management committee for approval:  
Mr L. E. Toye
2. for the rest of the season applicants who were non-players should be referred to the 1987 Waiting List and that applicants with handicaps would be considered at Croquet Committee meetings.

Tournaments It was agreed that closing dates for entries to Club tournaments should be as follows:

Fermor Bowl, Belmont Cup and Doubles	10/5/86
Devonia Cup,	31/5/86
Two-Ball	12/7/86
Golf Croquet	30/7/86
Entry fees for all club tournaments	30p per entry

Programme for the Season The following was approved:

Association Croquet Club afternoon Mondays beginning 19/5/86

Golf Croquet Club mornings Wednesdays 9 7/5/86

Two-Ball afternoons to be incorporated in Association Croquet afternoons

Finals Day September 2nd; semi-finals to be played by 30/8/86

Golf Croquet Finals Day September 3rd; preliminary heats to be played on 13/20/27 August

The remainder of the programme was also approved; copy attached.

Winter 1986/67 Dates The Club Secretary having requested the dates on which the tea room would be required it was agreed that:

A. G. M. Tuesday 21/10/86

Whist Drives 11th Nov: 9th Dec: 13th Jan: 10th Feb: Mar 10th

all afternoon bookings; further training session would be held. in March 1987, dates to be arranged later.

Reports:

M. Davis New balls and clips still remained on order. The outside of the small pavilion would be redecorated. The appeal against the refusal of a shelter for lawn 3 having been lost the possibility of having a tent would be investigated, as would access to the small pavilion for the benefit of players on lawn 4.

D. Barwick Funds amounted to £66 and it was agreed that £50 should be transferred to the Club Treasurer.

I. Dwerryhouse Suggested that a donation already made towards the proposed shelter for lawn 3 should now be spent on a seat and that she would arrange this.

#### Any Other Business

1. The Chairman announced that P. Dwerryhouse had recently been appointed an official C.A. Referee and offered his congratulations which were heartily endorsed.
2. The next meeting was arranged for Wednesday 30th April 1986 at 10 a. m. at M. Hardman's house.

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Programme - 1986

APRIL	5	Saturday	Lawns open
	7/9	Mon/Wed	Prospective Players' Training 2 p.m.
	12/13	Sat/Sun	Training weekend for present members
	14/16	Mon/Wed	Prospective Players' Training 2 p.m.
	21	Monday	- do -
	26	Saturday	Club Coffee Morning
MAY	7	Wednesday	Golf Croquet. Club mornings start
	19	Monday	Association Croquet. Club afternoons start
JUNE	1	Sunday	S. W. Federation of Croquet Clubs. B League Match against Bournemouth; away
	20	Friday	S. W. Federation of Croquet Clubs. Federation and B League Matches against Parkstone; at home.
JULY	2	Wednesday	S. W. Federation of Croquet Clubs. B League Match against Cranford(Exmouth); away
	11	Friday	Club Garden Party,
	25	Friday	2 - Ball Club Tournament
	26	Saturday	Finals of the above; morning
AUGUST	10	Sunday	S. W. Federation of Croquet Clubs. Federation League Match against Nausea; away
	23	Saturday	Club Coffee Morning
	13/20/27	Wednesdays	Golf Croquet Club Tournaments; preliminary heats
SEPTEMBER	2	Tuesday	Association Croquet Club Tournaments Finals Day
	3	Wednesday	Golf Croquet Club Tournaments Finals Day
	11	Thursday	S. W. Federation of Croquet Clubs. Federation and B League Matches against Budleigh; at home

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Closing dates for tournament entries:

Fermor Bowl, Belmont Cup and Doubles	10/5/86
Devonia Cup	31/5/86
Two-Ball Tournament	12/7/86
Golf Croquet Singles and Doubles	30/7/86



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Present: D. Barwick, M. Davis, I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, J. Hatherley, K. Holroyde, E. Kitchener

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

Matter Arising I. Dwerryhouse said that the seat had been purchased and that a plaque was being made for it.

Membership The training sessions for prospective players having been completed it was agreed unanimously that the following applications be forwarded to the Management Committee for approval:

Mr R. E. Callingham, Mrs P. M. Dawes, Mr H. M. Dawson, Mrs C. Garrick, Mr. and Mrs C. A. Hooper, Mr and Mrs G. Wilcox.

Handicaps I. Dwerryhouse reported on the review of the handicap system carried out by the C.A. Handicap Co-ordination Committee. This had resulted in re-assessment of some members' handicaps. The maximum C.A. handicap had been increased to 18 (D14).

Reports:

M. Davis Referred to the lack of supplies of equipment from Jaques which had been ordered, and paid for, from the Sidmouth Sports Shop despite its repeated requests for information. It was agreed that a letter setting out details should be sent to the Croquet Gazette for publication but that, before doing so, a draft should be sent to Jaques inviting their comments.

At the next meeting of the House and Ground Committee he would ask if a door could be made at the E end of the small pavilion and steps to Lawns 4 and 5 to allow access, indicating that the Croquet section could do the necessary construction.

H. Hicks was in hospital, and now improving, and this had caused delay in arranging the display in the tearoom.

I. Dwerryhouse Despite poor weather there had been a satisfactory attendance at the training weekend for present members on 12/13 April. Further training would be arranged for prospective players who had joined the club.

K. Holroyde. 48 members had attended the lunch at the Royal Glen hotel.

Any Other Business

1. The Secretary said that she had been informed by the Sports Council that the W. I. Training Session arranged for 20/5/86 would not now be required.
2. The next meeting was arranged for Tuesday 3rd June 1986 at 10 a. m. at M. Hardman's house.

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Minutes of Croquet Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd June 1986 at M. Hardman's house

Present: D. Barwick, M. Davis, I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, K. Holroyde, E. Kitchener

An apology was received from J. Hatherley

The Chair was taken by M. Davis

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

Matters Arising 1. I. Dwerryhouse said that the plaque had now been fixed to the seat.

2. With reference to the W. I. training session the Sports Council had written apologising for the confusion over dates. A cheque for £10, the grant promised in respect of the session, had been received. John McCullough had told the Secretary that this should be retained and it had now been paid to the Club Treasurer.

Correspondence Letters had been received from:

1. Budleigh Salterton Golf Croquet Section regarding friendly matches. The following arrangements had been made with the approval of the Chairman and K. Holroyde: Matches at Budleigh on 26/6/86 and Sidmouth on 10/9/86; play to begin at 2 p.m.; four couples; no handicap restriction.

2. Gwen Hewitt and Reg Peirce criticising, in no uncertain terms, the Committee's decision regarding the applications, which they had sponsored, of the Reverend and Mrs E. Normington as playing members of the Croquet section. The former had been accepted but the Committee had felt unable to accept Mrs Normington. As a result Mr Normington had written a letter of protest which did not ask the Committee to reconsider the matter but did withdraw his own application. However, the sponsors had asked the Committee to reconsider its decision. After lengthy discussion the Committee agreed unanimously to let the decision stand.

Reports:

E. Kitchener Sidmouth won 4-3 in the S. W. Federation B League match against Bournemouth. A Club Garden Party would be held on 11/7/86. I. Dwerryhouse would arrange for seven side-shows and K. Holroyde would arrange for a cake-stall.

K. Holroyde Team selection for the Golf Croquet match against Budleigh was in hand.

I. Dwerryhouse Further training sessions for new members were being held. at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays. Club afternoons were continuing successfully.

M. Davis Approval had been given in principle to the request for access to lawns 4 and 5 on the understanding that the work should be carried out as inexpensively as possible. The window in the Small Pavilion would be re-glazed with clear glass instead of replacing it with a door. Arrangements were continuing for the display of Hicks memorabilia.

Any Other Business

The next meeting was arranged for 2 p. m. on Tuesday 8th July 197. M. Hardman's house.

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Minutes of Croquet Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 8th July 1986 at M. Hardman's house

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Present: D. Barwick, M. Davis. I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, J. Hatherley, K. Holroyde

An apology was received from E. Kitchener

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

Matter Arising. The Chairman said that he had informed Gordon Penman, Chairman of the Club, of the situation regarding the applications of the Reverend and Mrs E. Normington and had handed him the correspondence. Following this the Chairman had been invited to attend a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 14th July next.

Correspondence A letter had been received from Mrs J. Stone in which she said that as it was unlikely she would be playing again she was returning the key to the Manor Pavilion carpark which had been allocated to her. The key would now be given to Mrs J. Page who was the first on the reserve list.

Annual General Meeting The date having been fixed for 21/10/86 it was agreed that notice of the meeting including the agenda should be circulated to all members on 23/9/86 and that a notice inviting nominations for Chairman, Secretary and five committee members should be posted in the Mallet Room on 10th September and remain there until 10th October.

Reports:

M. Davis Some restriction of access to the main Pavilion had now been introduced but the existing arrangements regarding the key for the Mallet Room were to continue. The Sports Shop had been promised delivery of outstanding orders by the end of June by Jaques. This promise had not been fulfilled. M. Davis reported, with regret, the death of H. Hicks on June 9th. Church service followed by cremation had taken place on the 16th.

I. Dwerryhouse The attendance at Club afternoons was not high and it was supported mainly by less experienced members. No further training sessions were being held at present.

D. Barwick Asked that a notice be placed in the Mallet Room reminding members that mallets and personal property were left at the owners' risk.

K. Holroyde On behalf of E. Kitchener reported that the B League match against Cranford resulted in a 2-1 win for Cranford; he also enquired whether a fee was payable for the 2-Ball Tournament. It was agreed that this should be 30p.  
There would be no organised Golf Croquet on 23rd July which would be the day of the Royal Wedding.

Any Other Business

The next meeting was arranged for 10 a. m. on Tuesday 9th September 1986 at M. Hardman's house.

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Minutes of Croquet Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 9th September 1986 at M. Hardman's house

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Present: D. Barwick, I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, J. Hatherley, K. Holroyde, E. Kitchener

An apology was received from M. Davis

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

Matter Arising Outstanding orders from Jaques had now been received.

Correspondence. The S. W. Federation of Croquet Clubs would hold its A. G. M. at Tracy Park on Sunday 2nd November 1986; further details would be sent.

Annual General Meeting With reference to the award of cups for the Most Improved Players, it was agreed that a sub-committee of I. Dwerryhouse, J. Hatherley and E. Kitchener should be formed to recommend names which would be announced at the meeting.

Reports:

D. Barwick Receipts were: Visitors' fees £30; Tournament entries £40; cash in hand £66

I. Dwerryhouse Suggested that a Demonstration Game for the benefit of potential members should be held before the season ended and it was agreed that it should be at 2. 30 p. m. on Saturday 27th September on Lawn 2.

E. Kitchener The Chairman congratulated E. Kitchener on his appointment as a Grade I coach.

In the Federation League matches the two games played had been lost and there was one to play. The B League had won two, lost one and had one to play.

Following Vi. A. Scarr's suggestion that the club should enter the All England Handicap the preliminary tournament had been held resulting in M. Hardman and M. Davis representing the club in the Area Finals at Bath where M. Davis was successful in reaching the second round.

K. Holroyde There had been some criticism of the arrangements for the Golf Croquet Tournament. She would refer to this in her report at the A. G. M. indicating that the Committee would reconsider the method. The display of H. Hicks memorabilia would be completed by the A. G. M. and she suggested that Mrs Hilary Mabon, god-daughter of H. Hicks, should be invited to present the trophies. There was unanimous approval for this suggestion.

Any Other Business

The next meeting was arranged for 10 a. m. on Friday 17th October 1986 at M. Hardman's house.

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Minutes of Croquet Committee Meeting held on Friday 17th October 1986 at M. Hardman's house

Present: D. Barwick, M. Davis, I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, J. Hatherley, K. Holroyde, E. Kitchener

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

Matter Arising Mrs Hilary Mabon had accepted the invitation to present the trophies.

Correspondence

1. Following a suggestion from the S.W. Federation of Croquet Clubs that Sidmouth should host the All England Area Finals on 12/13 September 1987, and subsequent approval of all Committee members, the Secretary had informed the C.A. that the Club was willing to do so.

2. Details of the S.W. Federation A. G. M. had now been received and it was agreed that I. Dwerryhouse and E. Kitchener should be the Club's representatives and that L. Kitchener and P. Dwerryhouse would attend as observers. The Club would again enter the Federation and B League matches but would not participate in any W. I. "Taster" scheme arranged in 1987.

Annual General Meeting. The Report, having already been circulated to Committee members, was unanimously approved for presentation at the meeting.

Reports:

I. Dwerryhouse 11 potential members had attended the Demonstration Game on Sept: 27th resulting in a successful afternoon.

M. Davis In conjunction with J. Hatherley enquiries had been made about the cost of re-laying Lawn 2. This would be approximately £2, 500. The F. and G. P. committee was in favour of a lawn improvement programme and might provide part of the cost. Discussion followed on methods of fund-raising for the project and the Chairman said he would raise the matter at the A. G. M. and invite the members to comment.

E. Kitchener In the B League final against Nailsea the latter won 4-3.

K. Holroyde The H. Hicks display would be completed for the A.G.M.

D. Barwick Sufficient booking sheets for next year were on order.

Budget for 1987 M. Davis said that £400 plus the cost of worm killer for Lawn 3 would suffice and this was approved.

The Chairman then thanked the Committee members for their work and support during the year, in particular M. Davis who did not seek re-election for the coming year.

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

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Croquet Section held on Tuesday 21st October 1986 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 Douglas Booth, Mary Hart and Humphrey Hicks who had died during the year  
53 members attended the meeting

Apologies for absence were received from Gordon and Nan Bamford, Robert Case, Aline Davis, Frances Fermor, Joan Goode, John and Marian Holt, Noel and Mary Kirtley, Fred and Betty Moores, Jocelyn Page, John Wasdell

The Minutes of the A.G.M. held on 15th October 1985 were read, approved and signed Committee's Report. The Secretary read the Report which gave details of Club activities in general and, after an addition at the request of Reg Peirce, it was unanimously approved.

Reports:

Donald Barwick Cashier Funds had been satisfactory and £100 had been paid to the Club Treasurer during the year.

Booking Sheets No double banking had been necessary.

Eric Kitchener. Tournaments Thanked the participants for playing matches promptly. The members playing in the B League had done particularly well. He thanked the referees and those who had checked hoop settings and corners for matches.

Iris Dwerryhouse Training This year, for the first time, a charge had been made for the training course for new members. The coaches were willing to help members at any time with the interpretation of the Laws and etiquette on the lawn. Mac Dawson expressed appreciation of the training course for beginners. Alan Harding asked if coaching could be arranged for handicaps 14 and under and the Chairman replied that at present there was no-one in the Club who was recognised officially by the C. A. as a Grade II coach. Sheila Scarr said she was willing to help in an informal capacity. Leslie Toye. appreciated the special training sessions for the League teams and asked if these could be arranged in future at the beginning of the season.

Katherine Holroyde Golf Croquet There had been a good attendance at the Wednesday morning sessions and she expressed thanks to Donald Barwick for his help in organising these.

Gwen Hewitt thanked both organisers for a happy season. Social Whist Drive afternoons had been successful but the Annual Lunch had been attended by fewer members than usual.

Michael Davis Equipment/Ground All equipment was now in good order. Arthur Ward asked if Lawn 2 could be improved and also about arrangements for servicing during the winter months. Michael Davis replied that normal winter work was carried out and in addition a worm killer would be applied to Lawn 3. The Chairman said he would be speaking on the condition of Lawn 2 later in the meeting and reminded members that all business with the groundsman should be conducted through the appropriate committee member. Valerie Collier asked if a Lawn 2 could be marked out on the outfield for winter use and the Chairman said this could be arranged.

Election of Officers and Five Committee Members The following nominations had been received and in the absence of any others the nominees were duly elected for the coming year:

Chairman John Hatherley      Secretary Mary Hardman

Committee Members Donald Barwick, Iris Dwerryhouse, Katherine Holroyde, Jack Jeeves, Eric Kitchener

The Chairman thanked the members for their renewed support and the retiring committee for its work during the year.

### Any Other Business

The Chairman spoke about the condition of Lawn 2 and said he had investigated the possibility of re-laying at an approximate cost of £2,500. This would be the beginning of a programme of improvement of all lawns.

He referred to methods of fund-raising by means of donations and temporary levies on subscriptions and asked for comments. The feeling of the meeting was that funds could be raised in this way and several members asked if grants or loans from the E.D.D.C. and the Sports Council would be available. The Chairman replied that these possibilities would be explored and invited members to indicate on slips provided how much they could donate to the project.

Tom Ward asked for further assistance in order to complete the Bar Duty Rota.

Bill Scarr asked if a representative had been appointed to attend the Club Conference at Hurlingham in December and that he would be willing to consider this. The Chairman replied that no decision on this matter had been taken as yet and thanked him for his offer.

Alan Harding thanked the Officers and Committee members for their work which had resulted in a happy atmosphere in the Club.

Following this handicap reductions were announced by Iris Dwerryhouse.

The Chairman then spoke about the mallets and medals now on display in the tearoom which had belonged to the late Humphrey Hicks, an Honorary Life Member of the Club and a player of international status. He gave a brief account of Humphrey Hick' achievements and his connection with the Club, to which Humphrey had given his mallets earlier in the year. After his death Mrs Hilary Mabon, his god-daughter, had presented his medals thus making a complete record of his many achievements.

The Chairman then introduced Mrs Mabon and, after thanking her for her generosity invited her to present the Club trophies.

Club trophies were presented as follows:

Before doing so Mrs Mabon made a short speech giving her personal recollections of her god-father and some amusing anecdotes concerning him.

Belmont Cup Handicap Singles		John Hatherley
Fermor Bowl - Ladies' Handicap Singles		Joan Goode
Colclough & Sidmouth Cups - Handicap Doubles		Sheila Scarr & Jack Jeeves
Devonia Cup - High Handicap Singles		Cliff Taylor
Longworth Cup - Most Improved Player Handicap 13 & under		Alan Harding
Sidmouth Croquet Club Cup		
Most Improved player Handicap 14 & over		John Wasdell
Corbett Spoons - 2-Ball Game	High bisquers	Len Sage
	Low Bisquers	Michael Davis
Cunningham Salvors	Golf Croquet Singles	David Rawkins
	Doubles	David & Sue Rawkins

Bill Scarr proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs Mabon during which he referred to his own recollections of Humphrey Hicks. He hoped that she would retain an interest in the Club thus maintaining the link. This was cordially endorsed by the meeting.

The meeting then closed and tea was served.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

In the spring Humphrey Hicks, an Honorary Life Member of the Club, presented his mallets and other trophies to the Club. These were accepted with pride as Humphrey was an internationally known player noted for the brilliance of his tactics and for his record of wins of various championships which totalled 33. It was decided to display these mementoes in the tearoom, and to invite Humphrey to a social gathering, but the Committee regrets that Humphrey died in June before the display could be completed.

It has not been possible to arrange for a shelter on Lawn 3 as the appeal against the refusal of planning permission was unsuccessful. However, as a generous donation towards the cost of the shelter had already been made by Miss Amy Toomer, through Iris Dwerryhouse, it was decided to purchase a seat instead and this has been much appreciated.

In the S. W. Federation League Matches the Club lost the three matches played. In the B League the Club reached the Finals but lost 4-3 to Nailsea. The Committee congratulates all those who played in the matches which contributed to this result. A team was entered in the Longman Cup but lost the first match which was against Nailsea.

The Club entered the All England Handicap for the first time and was represented at the Area Finals at Bath in September by Mary Hardman and Michael Davis, the latter reaching the semi-finals.

Golf Croquet Friendly Matches against Budleigh resulted in a win for Budleigh and a win for Sidmouth.

Eleven members have played in C.A. Tournaments at Cheltenham, Budleigh, Southwick and Parkstone. At the Budleigh Tournament in May John Hatherley was the runner-up for the J. K. Brown Memorial Challenge Cup. Philip and Iris Dwerryhouse won the Open Doubles Handicap event at Southwick in June and in August at Parkstone Philip Dwerryhouse was the runner-up for the Deshon Cup.

Club Tournaments were well supported with the following results: -

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In the spring six training sessions were arranged for new members and these were followed by six more on Tuesday evenings in May and June. Present members also had an opportunity to see the video of Association Croquet produced by the C.A., and to attend the training weekend in April for which, despite poor weather, there was a reasonable attendance.

In September a Demonstration Game was arranged for the benefit of next year's potential members. Players were available to explain the game and the eleven people who attended were given the opportunity of handling mallets and playing singles strokes. The Club has a Handicapper, five Referees and six Grade 1 coaches, all of whom are officially recognised by the C.A.

There have been two Club sessions during each week in the playing season. On Monday afternoons Association Croquet, the 2-Ball Game and the Shot Game have been played and



the games chosen have varied each week. Golf Croquet has been played on Wednesday mornings and the attendance at both sessions has been satisfactory.

Support has been given to fund-raising efforts arranged by the main Club chiefly by taking responsibly for the cake stalls at coffee mornings and arranging side-shows at the Garden Party in July. The Committee appreciates the help, both practical and financial, which members give so generously and in particular that given by Betty Moores and Connie Verity who have organised the cake stalls.

Whist Drives were held once a month during the winter with the exception of January when there was a Beetle Drive. Our thanks are due to Alan and Joan Reid for their capable organisation of these. 48 members attended the Annual Lunch at the Royal Glen Hotel which was held in April.

The Club has 93 members, 15 of whom joined during the year. There is a Waiting List of 20 for 1987.

- Sheila Scarr won the Halse Cup and