



Sidmouth Croquet Club

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MINUTES OF THE CROQUET SECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2025

Present:: Peter Nelson, Ed Dolphin, Neil Price, Peter Regan, Margaret Regan.

1	Apologies Marian Gadian,	Action
2	The Minutes of the meeting on 1 st September were approved	
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. A sheet has been produced to inform what the groundsman should be doing each week. This will be monitored.II. Andrew and Peter R are to be asked to assess if we need new doors and windows at Hut3. They will then be asked for a specification and quotes for the cost of the work.	PN
4	Feedback <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. The AGM dinner was a success. Emma was thanked. Margaret and Sue L were thanked for setting up the tables. It was questioned if we should give a tip to Emma.II. The report from the open meeting have been circulated to members.III. The new members secretary is April Arnatt who will take over from Jon Ball asap.	
5	Jane Britten <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. A card was written to give to Michael to express the sadness the club feels for the loss of Jane.II. Margaret is to find out about flowers for the funeral.	MR
6	Mike and Nicky <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. These are new members who are experienced players.II. Peter will contact them to offer membership and will meet them at the club when they are able to come.III. Margaret is to speak to Phillip about putting them on the internet system for bookings etc.	MR PN
7	SWF AGM: <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. Ed will register to attend the meeting.II. The proposals were discussed and ED will register our votes as agreed at the meeting.III. He will feed back at the next meeting.	ED
8	Croquet England Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. The committee are aware that this funding is available but have no requests at this time.II. In the future we may look to ask for funding towards replacing Hut 3	ED



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9	SWF League Entries I. ED is happy to run the AC teams .He will discuss with Phillip if we are able to field an Intermediate and High handicap team. II. Peter Nelson is to liaise with Richard Wood about Parkstone advanced League, III. Richard Wood will organise the level play and High handicap fixtures.	ED PN
10	Club Membership renewal with Croquet England. I. This is all complete	
11	Club Programme 2026 I. This was looked at in full and Margaret is to produce a draft programme as agreed. Richard Abrahams id to be asked to run the GC Seagull games	MR PN
12	Christmas Lunch: I. 31 people have signed up so far. II. Everything is organised with the hotel.	MG
13	Xmas Box for grounds men I. Guy is being given a bonus by GMC II. Toby is not to receive any extra.	
14	Tournament Bidding: I. We have successfully bid for GC 3 rd Eight,29 th -30 th August 2026	
15	January Talk: I. Will be given by Peter Nelson and Roy Hubbard,	MG
16	Committee Handbook: I. This needs to be reviewed	PN
17	A.O.B. I. Margaret said that she and Cilla will not be organising the Friendlies next year. She suggested asking Richard Abrahams to take over. II. Margaret is to update the Committee list.	MR MR

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 2nd December 2026 at 10.00. At 17 Redlands, Manor Road.



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HELD ON MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2025

Present:: Peter Nelson, Ed Dolphin, Peter Regan, Margaret Regan, Marian Gadian

1	Apologies Neil Price	Action
2	The Minutes of the meeting on 3 rd November 2025 were approved	
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Andrew has repaired the windows in Hut 3. It was felt that we do not need a new door for hut 3 but one is needed for Andrew's workshop. II. Money will be donated to Charity in memory of Jane Britten £25. III. Ed has attended SWF meeting and sent out a sheet with decisions. IV. SWF league entries will be 2 x AC Parkstone advance play league. Chris D and Roger W to manage GC league – level play and high handicap 	<p>MR</p> <p>ED</p> <p>PR</p>
4	<p>Christmas Lunch:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. To be held at Belmont Hotel – 9th December – 12noon. 51 people have signed up to attend. Marian has organised tables and is asking people to bring money for a tip for staff. 	MG
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. The croquet Programme was finalised. II. Copy sent to each committee member III. Will be emailed out to all members in January 	MR
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Contact list updated. II. Copy sent out to each committee member. III. Copy will go up in Hut 3 and Mallet room 	MR
7	<p>A.O.B:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Sue Dent has the books given to new members. It was thought we should look for an alternative book. II. Cash fund - £907.92 III. GMC meeting: The tennis section has a new chairperson and 5 members on the committee. IV. Srg is very concerned about the croquet lawns. A committee is to be set up to look at how Toby could be encouraged to improve the management of the lawns. Peter N is to ask Doug if he could talk to the bowls grounds men, to give some advice V. The Charity that the GMC are adopting for next year will be our own Pavilion to raise money for the work needed to make it more disabled friendly. VI. The Harbour Hotel will give a discount to members of CCT club, 	GMC



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VII.	The steps going down to Hut 3 from the cricket lawns need to be made safe for members. Peter and Andrew were asked to complete work as needed.	PT/AT
VIII.	NO double banking in the winter season.	
IX.	Ed is to put out a reminder to members about repairing lawn damage.	ED
X.	Richard Thurlow is to be asked if he would organise and run new members coaching.	ED

1. Date of next meeting Tuesday 6th January at 10.00. At 17 Redlands, Manor Road.
2. Meeting closed at 12.02pm



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MINUTES OF THE CROQUET SECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 6TH JANUARY 2026

Present: Peter Nelson, Ed Dolphin, Neil Price, Peter Regan, Margaret Regan, Marian Gadian

1	Apologies	Action
2	The Minutes of the meeting on 2 nd September were approved	
3	i. Peter Regan will organise SWF teams. He has already had 14 people sign up to be in the teams. ii. Richard Thurlow will organise and run new member coaching after the taster days.	PN
4	Programme: I. There are one or two additions and corrections to put on the programme which Margaret will send out to all members. II. We will send out an email and contact members personally to ask for help in running the international competitions. This is to run them on the day and not for organisation.	MR
5	Budget: I. Subs increase. This will be decided by GMC (operations committee). Peter N will ask for them to be put up to £210 or £215. But we will go with the GMC ruling. II. Capital expenditure. It was decided that moving hut 4 was a no-go situation. III. The floor in hut 3 is to be looked at and a quote found for replacing the lino covering, IV. Peter N is to purchase a new fridge.	GMC PR/AT PN
6	Taster Days: I. Richard Thurlow has asked to do the publicity for the taster days. 4 th and 11 th April. They will run from 10am – 1pm. II. The taster days will be run by Peter N. Margaret will coordinate the paper work. III. Richard Thurlow will organise the coaching sessions.	RT PN MR
7	I. A.O.B. II. April asked when membership forms have to go out. This will be after the 19 th January GMC meeting where subs will be set. They will need to go out in mid February. III. Information and forms for internal competitions will go out at the beginning of February IV. Marian asked about the Spring to be held on 24 th March. It was decided to ask the Chatterry Café to cater for this again.	AA NP MG



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	V. Richard Wood will organise dates for SWF games.	RW
	VI. Andrew and Peter were thanked for putting in the new step going down to hut 3.	
	VII. April will be told to book the lawns for her Ramblers day on the best dates for the group.	MR
8	Date of the next meeting: The next meeting will be on Tuesday 3 rd March at 10am at Peter Ns flat. Please note there is no meeting in February..	PN



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MINUTES OF THE CROQUET SECTION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3RD MARCH 2026

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1	Apologies: Neil Price	Action
2	The Minutes of the meeting on 6 th January 2026 were approved	
3	Matther arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Peter Regan has organised the teams for the SWF. Emails will go out this week to all those playing.ii. Richard T has agreed to run the new members coaching.iii. Margaret will send out an email to ask for help at internal competitions.iv. There was no increase in subs for 2026.v. The floor of hut 3 no longer needs looking at.vi. Peter N is still to purchase new fridge.vii. The publicity for taster days is being organised by Richard T.	PR PN MR PN
4	Taster Days and Coaching: <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Peter N is to have a meeting with Richard T to agree organisation of taster days and coaching.ii. Margaret will co-ordinate the paper work on the taster days.iii. Margaret will send out email asking for help on taster days.	PN MR
5	Information for members: Peter N is to rewrite the members letter and send it out to all members with the subscription letters.	PN
6	Data Protection: <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Margaret read out April's letter regarding data protection and the need for the club to be more explicit in how the data is collected and used.ii. Stuart and April are dealing with these matters.	AA SH
7	Bids for Croquet England 2028: <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. We were awarded GC A Level series final on 23rd and 24th September 2028ii. Budleigh Salterton has asked us to host a qualifying event for over 60's tournament on 5/6th August 2027.iii. Peter Nelson is to point out to Budleigh that this is Folk Week.	PN
8	Groundsmen Situation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Toby will be leaving at the end of April.ii. A new groundsman will hopefully be appointed soon.	



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	iii. The croquet club are hoping that we will be able to employ a part time lawns person.	
9	Spring Lunch: All organised and ready to go.	MG
10	Handicap Committee: i. After the resignation of Tony Anthony and Christine Bowler, Peter Regan has agreed to take over. ii. Neil is to be asked if he will also help.	PN
11	Travel Expenses: i. Sue Dent has drawn up a schedule for travel expenses. She is happy to be responsible for this. ii. It was agreed 18p would be a reasonable price per mile. But this will be reviewed if petrol costs escalate.	
12	Setting up half lawns: i. It was agreed to set lawn four to be able to be playing short croquet. The lawn can be booked at any time with players being asked to make this clear on the booking form. ii. Short Croquet sessions will be held on Friday mornings.	
13	Hut3 and Mallet room Cleaning: Peter N is to discuss with Andrew what needs doing. If necessary, a day will be organised for cleaning.	PN
14	Capitation Fees: Margaret is to contact Jon Ball regarding this.	MR
145	A.O.B. i. Ed was very concerned about lawn divots and asked if he could send out an email to all members. Repairers are to be fixed to secondary colour poles on the corner of each lawn. ii. Peter to book two lawns for team training for the SWF teams	ED PR
	Date of Next Meeting: Monday 13 th April at 17 Redlands, Manor Road	