

SIDMOUTH CROQUET SECTION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING AT THE PAVILION ON MONDAY 9TH NOV. 1999.

Members present: Chairman Sheila Adams, Secretary Mary Smith, David Baldock, Val Callingham, Vera Henderson, Gabby Macadam, Howard Quarrell and Elaine Woodward.

1. **Apologies:** None.
2. **Minutes** of Last Meeting: were amended, approved and signed.
3. **Matters** Arising: None.
4. Secretary's Report:

Mary Smith advised that the new C.A. Secretary is now Nigel Groves. The AGM Annual Report is now posted in the mallet room. The AGM report and photograph had been submitted and appeared in last Saturday's Sidmouth Herald. All trophies had been collected from the engravers at Honiton for a cost of £36.63. The Croquet Annual Report has been submitted to Club Secretary John Goodwin for inclusion in the Club Newsletter. Tony, Elaine, Terry and Jill have accepted our invitation to attend the Christmas Dinner at the Fortfield on Wednesday 15th December. A volunteer to re-design the croquet ladder was asked for..... it is hoped that someone may accept the task before the next season. Howard Quarrell was asked for an update of book prices. Vera agreed to take the South West Federation Shield for engraving.

5. Management Committee Report:

Sheila Adams reported that Rex Sims had been appointed Bar Chairman, and Peter Cooke - Ground Chairman: the Club AGM is planned for December 5th at 10.30 am. Howard Quarrell agreed to represent the croquet section at the next Management Committee meeting in place of Sheila Adams, with Iris Dwenyhouse representing the Trustees. The issue of Trustee Liability is to be dealt with by Richard Clark. All Sections were asked by the Management Committee Chairman to raise an additional £1,000 for the year 2000.

6. Committee Member's Report:

Val Callingham advised 67 tickets had been sold for the Christmas Dinner at the Fortfield Hotel; the issue of Hotel payment to be taken up with the hotel. The table plan will be prepared by Val and Elaine Woodward with some committee members on each table. Attending for the first time as committee members Vera Henderson agreed to organise all South West Federation League games, while David Baldock agreed to accept responsibility for publicity and booking sheets. Vera also offered, along with Ron Selmes to assist in the training of members for the 'B' League. A suggestion was made to improve the focus of attention on additional areas of interest for new members - once the 6 basic lessons have been completed: the committee agreed to forward the suggestion to those involved in coaching.

Howard Quarrell gave an outline of plans to improve the lawns and their environs over the winter period including, the purchase of wood planking to provide a smart edge to most of the lawns, with bark used to 'backfill' as necessary - costing approx. £300; the upkeep and improvement of all the benches and lawn fences. The working party will consist of Howard, Roy Hughes and Brian Smith. All hoops will be 'sandblasted' prior to re-painting. The Secretary was asked to enquire about the cost of 2 new hoops.

Gabby Macadam, on behalf of the Golf Croquet players, asked the committee consider granting an additional playing opportunity in the week. It was agreed to change the current arrangement of Monday 4-6pm to Monday morning 10am - 1pm. on lawns 2,3 and 4. The Golf Croquet club sessions for the year 2000 were agreed as: Monday 10-1pm, Wednesday. 10 - 1pm, Friday 4-6pm. it was noted the new Golf Croquet World Rules had been accepted for another year.

Elaine Woodward recommended the dates for all internal tournaments, with the odd exception, to follow the pattern of those set for 1999.

7. Any Other Business:

Protracted discussion arose over the many issues relating to the anticipated changes to available space in the pavilion and lawn 3 hut once the Lottery Grant has been obtained. As the submission of the Lottery application is imminent, it was decided to await the result before considering again. It was announced at the South West Federation AGM that the SWAN would recommence circulation next year: that Wharrad Turns would be continued: the 'B' League will remain a 14 point game on a full lawn and a 26 point game on a half lawn, played from a base of 13.5: that affiliation fees for SWF will be 60p per member to a maximum of £36. The Secretary was asked to apply to the C.A. for entry to the Secretary's Shield Tournament for 2000. Enquires are to be made by the Secretary about the possible purchase of cloth and metal badges with Sidmouth Croquet motifs.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

The next meeting will be Monday 13th December 1999 at the pavilion.

Signed Chairman Dated ... 1, JI., /93

Signed Chairman Sheila M. Adams Dated 13/12/99

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SIDMOUTH CROQUET SECTION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING AT THE PAVILION ON MONDAY 13th DECEMBER 1999.

Member present: Chairman Sheila Adams, Secretary Mary Smith, David Baldock, Val Callingham, Vera Henderson, Gabby Macadam, Howard Quarrell and Elaine Woodward.

Members were informed of the recent death of John Sweet-Escott

1. Apologies: None.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting: were amended, approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising: The South West Federation Shield has been engraved and returned to the pavilion. As no volunteer for the alteration of the croquet ladder had come forward, the Secretary agreed to request a volunteer in the Spring newsletter. Some discussion arose regarding the new club badge design and it was agreed that ideas would be brought to the next committee meeting.

4. Secretary's Report: The date for meeting new members was agreed as Saturday 19th February, 2000 from 10 to 12 noon. Various ideas were discussed about ways to raise the additional £1,000 as requested by the management committee; including an increase of internal tournament fees to £1.50; the sale of croquet club badges etc. in addition to the other fund raising events. A list of croquet events for 2000, requiring catering/bar support was given to Val Callingham to enable date confirmation with Catering Co-ordinator Rex Sims. Sidmouth croquet have been asked to consider a bid for various C.A. tournaments during 2001 and 2002, and a reply will be sent with our selection.

5. Management Committee Report: Howard Quarrell reported on behalf of Sheila Adams (who was unable to attend the management committee meeting) that Gerald Bess intended to fit the pavilion locks in the near future. The committee agreed to the croquet committee request to fit lawn edge boards: the work to be undertaken by John Palmer, with help from croquet section members. Detail of plans to improve the member's enclosure were mentioned.

6. Committee Member's Reports:

Vera Henderson provided dates for the 'Friendlies' with Budleigh Salterton as Tuesday 2nd May (at home on lawns 3 & 4), Thursday 10th August (away). All dates for the South West League are being arranged.

David Baldock sought and gained committee approval for the new booking sheet for next year.

Val Callingham confirmed the arrangements for the Christmas Dinner were well in hand with 75 people attending. 5 cancelled at the last moment due to illness. The committee agreed to Val's request to purchase 2 large 'pump' flasks for easier transport of hot water to lawns 2,3 and 4 during tournament play. Rex would be contacted regarding the menu for the Spring Lunch in March 2000.

Howard Quarrell brought members up to date with the latest finance report and expressed some concern over the need to raise the additional £1,000 next year.

Gabby Macadam agreed to deal with the golf croquet qualifying events - with help from Mary Smith.

Elaine Woodward spoke at some length about the changes to the internal tournament entry form, and will report back her conclusions at the next committee meeting. A sub-committee of Sheila Adams, Elaine Woodward, Vera Henderson and Mary Smith was formed to evaluate and decide upon the suggestions from members relating to the running of the

internal tournaments. The issue of club afternoon content would be carried forward to the next meeting.

7. Any Other Business: Detailed discussion on the Lottery Application action plan was not possible as Tony Dustan-Smith was unable to attend. The new system of croquet membership recording and subscription payments will be controlled by Sheila Adam f 2000.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

The next meeting dates will be Tuesday 11th January, 2000, followed by Tuesday 22nd February, 2000.

Signed Chairman Sheila M. Adams Dated 10th January 2000

SIDMOUTH CROQUET SECTION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD PEAKSIDE, COTMATON ROAD,
ON MONDAY 10th JANUARY 2000.

Members present: Chairman Sheila Adams, Secretary Mary Smith, David Baldock, Vera Henderson, Gabby Macadam, Howard Quarrell and Elaine Woodward.

Members were informed of the recent death of Cecilia Clarke, Olga Ragg and Bob Callingham.

1. Apologies: Val Callingham.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting: were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising: Sidmouth Croquet have applied to host the Ladies Barlow and Longman Tournaments on either 23rd to 27th August 2001 or 22nd to 26th August 2002. Mary Smith confirmed the arrangements for the Spring Lunch were in hand and awaiting menu detail from Elaine Hope. The pavilion door locks have yet to be fitted.

4. Secretary's Report: The S.W. Federation AGM. Minutes had been received and will be pinned on the notice board for all members to read. The Treasurer has been asked to forward the affiliation fees, plus League entrance fees totalling £56 to the S.W. Fed. Treasurer.

A refund of subscription had been made to Mrs Sweet-Escott following the recent death of her husband John.

It is intended to enter Sidmouth for the Secretary Shield Competition as soon as detail is available in the Fixture Book. It was reported that Castle Drogo do not require our coaches for their juniors, but would still like our support for their Fete on June 24th. A decision was taken regarding the style and design of a new club badge and the Secretary is to arrange for the badges to be made: it is hoped they will be available for the start of the new season. Various changes to previously supplied club activity dates were agreed, including that of the Sidmouth 'Closed' Tournament from September 23rd -24th to August 19th & 20th. Mary had declined a request to hold the All England Championships at Sidmouth as the date clashed with that of the Selectors Weekend already arranged for September 2000. A C.A. Marketing Plan will be pinned on the notice board for members to read.

It was agreed to discuss further the C.A. request to join in National Croquet Day, sponsoring Childline - a children's charity on 7th May at the next meeting, after members have had time to consider all other date options. It was noted that an indoor carpet is available for hire from the C.A. if needed.

5. Management Committee Report: Nothing to report as no meeting held since 13/12.

Tony Dustan-Smith provided the committee with detail of the Croquet Section Development Plan relating to the Lottery Bid. Following discussion it was agreed it be submitted on behalf of the Croquet Section. A vote of thanks was given to Tony for all the hard work he had undertaken so far.

6. Committee Member's Reports:

Vera Henderson advised that all dates for the South West League are being arranged. The kind offer to arrange publicity for the Section as offered by Paul Whittall and Amanda Prowse was declined as this is already dealt with within the committee.

Elaine Woodward confirmed agreement to raise the fee for internal tournament to £1.50.

The internal tournament sub-committee will hold its first meeting on Thursday 20th January at 9.30 am at Elaine Woodward's address.

David Baldock requested a plan of lawn usage throughout 2000. A copy will be provided, along with that for the groundsman and Howard Quarrell before the start of the season.

Howard Quarrell requested 25 more copies of 'Know The Game' - Mary agreed to E-mail the C.A. to ensure they arrive before the New Member's Morning on 19th February.

Howard asked it be noted that the management committee be advised of the arrangements in hand to raise additional funds (towards the requested £1,000) such as profit from the Spring Lunch and Raffle; by increasing the internal tournament fees, and by selling the new croquet club badge. The issue concerning C.A. fees was discussed at some length, concluding there may be some justification in challenging the cost of membership if tournaments are not played.

Sheila Adams proposed Elaine Woodward be elected Vice Chairman for the coming year: the committee agreed. Subscriptions were reported to be arriving steadily, but there are plans to abolish the Direct Debit system of payment to the club.

7. Any Other Business: The Christmas Dinner at the Fortfield Hotel was thought a success but there was mention of the relative small portions of starter and dessert, and the relative high cost of the wine. Because of the poor attendance in recent years it was agreed to change the club afternoon from Monday to Tuesday - 1pm to 4pm on lawns 2,3 and 4 and provide a varied programme of croquet activity for the coming season. A programme of afternoon events will be displayed at the beginning of the season. Howard Quarrell will advise the Secretary when the spare croquet balls are ready for sale.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed 12 noon.

The next meeting dates will be Tuesday 22nd February, and Monday 27th March 2000.

Signed Chairman Sheila M. Adams Dated 22-2-00

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CROQUET SECTION DEVELOPMENT PLAN

INTRODUCTION.

The Croquet Section of The Cricket, Croquet, Tennis and Hockey Club has been established in Sidmouth since 1906, and runs a very full programme of activities for approximately ninety plus members.

It enjoys a prime sea front position in the main conservation area of this historic town. There are four lawns, which are open from April until late September/October weather permitting, one of the longest playing seasons of any croquet club in England.

Until 1967 the croquet section operated with one lawn, the current lawn 1. However, with increasing membership, and a corresponding decline in tennis numbers at that time, the croquet section took over what is now lawn 2 and the small pavilion (built in 1965 for junior tennis members). In 1970, three other grass tennis courts were converted into the present lawns 3 and 4. No work was done on these apart from general maintenance until 1978, when lawn 4 had some of the worst undulations removed, and the original turf was re-laid. This exercise was repeated for lawn 3 in 1987.

Lawn 1 was laser levelled and re-turfed in 1994. This lawn is now one of the best croquet lawns in Devon.

The Croquet Section is affiliated to the The Croquet Association, and games and tournaments are regulated by the rules and standards of the Association. In addition to this, members may play 'golf croquet' which is a simpler and shorter version of croquet, and perhaps considered a more sociable 'fun' game. Golf croquet is extremely popular and special events are organized specifically for this. The more social side of the croquet section is well supported, with evening dinners, barbeques, and in winter table tennis and cards.

OBJECTIVES.

1. To increase our membership, and the age range of our membership.
2. To improve our training facilities both for new and established players, and the standards of our training instructors
3. To host important national and international croquet tournaments, thereby raising local awareness of our club facilities and raising standards of play.
4. To replace the small croquet pavilion with a new one, in order to provide members with toilet, lockers and storage.
5. To improve the existing lawns to provide a higher quality of croquet amenities
6. To extend the playing and training season for croquet by the shared use of an all weather playing surface.

TO OBTAIN THESE OBJECTIVES.

1. Membership. Croquet is one of the very few games that, by using a handicap system, can be played equally at all levels of fitness by male, female, young or old, It can appeal to many people because it does not require athleticism and strength. Women can therefore compete on an equal basis. In fact women constitute 50% of our members. At the present time our membership totals over ninety but with improved facilities and training we could increase this to a maximum of about 130. The age range of our membership is from 30 to 90 with the majority of the players from 55 to 75.

We are keen to attract younger players, and to encourage younger members we intend to offer them reduced membership fees. A series of free evening and weekend training sessions is being arranged this season for local schools. Our newly appointed liaison officer for schools is a teacher in the large local comprehensive and also a grade 3 croquet training

instructor (the highest grade). We have run successful training sessions in conjunction with the local adult education authority and hope to repeat this in the future.

The Croquet section has a publicity officer who provides leaflets to such public offices as the library, tourist information office etc. This officer also ensures that all important club events such as tournament winners, photos of social events etc that take place in the club are reported in the local press.

2. Training.

a) Training courses: The game of croquet is a difficult and complex game, one that takes several years to become proficient. We run a beginners' course for prospective new members consisting of six ninety-minute lessons held in early April each year. This is reinforced with group lectures and individual lessons with those who have subsequently joined the club. Over the playing season we also run an Improvers' courses aimed at different levels of skills.

b) Instructors: We have at present a comprehensive training scheme based on the Croquet Association approved and designed manuals. We have a total of eight instructors (five at Grade 1, two grade 2 and one grade 3), but we need more instructors to take the C.A. exams to improve the standard and quality of playing in the club. This will mean the club sending instructors to approved C.A. training schemes to train for and take these exams.

c) Training ground: To aid training we have to split lawn 2 into two small lawns early in the season before tournament play starts in the club. This enables us to train the prospective new members on these mini lawns while leaving the other three lawns for members to use. The use of an all-weather playing surface would enable our training programme to start earlier and our practice and playing season to be extended.

We are very restricted with the lack of space for indoor training during poor weather in the summer season, this means we have to postpone training sessions during poor weather and we have great difficulty in catching up before the start of the tournaments. Extra space in the main pavilion would solve this problem (as outlined in the main club proposals).

3. Tournaments

a). We have a very full playing season with four teams playing in the South West Federation of Croquet Clubs.

b) There is an extensive in-house tournament programme, one involving 13 competitions for association croquet, and 2 for golf croquet.

c) Every June, Sidmouth hosts an Open Tournament, attracting players from all parts of the country. There is a similar weekend event in September.

d) The Club now also hosts important tournaments organized by the Croquet Association (the governing body for croquet). For example, in 1998 we hosted the prestigious "Selectors Weekend" which chooses the players for the Great Britain international team. These events bring players to Sidmouth from all over the country together with many officials and followers. Sidmouth C.C. has again been chosen to host this event in 2000.

The poor state of the levels on lawn 3 & 4 have been receiving some criticism from the away players participating in these tournaments. We are concerned that if we do not rectify these undulations in these lawns we may lose the chance to host these important events.

4. Replacement of small pavilion: The Croquet club needs to replace the small pavilion on lawn three with a new building on the same site. The present pavilion is a thirty four year old tongue and grooved wooden shed with a bituminous felt roof in very poor condition. This pavilion had originally been the junior tennis pavilion and was taken over by the croquet section thirty-two years ago. The croquet section at that time had about fifteen members and one lawn. Now there are four croquet lawns and over ninety members, with the membership increasing every year.

The proposed replacement pavilion would provide the following facilities, badly needed by the club:

a) **Locker Space:** A need for individual storage for member's mallets, wet suits, flat shoes, change of clothes, etc. At present there are no lockers.

b) **Storage:** Secure storage is essential for several sets of tournament balls, hoops and other equipment amounting to several thousand pounds.

c) **Toilets:** The club toilets are over two hundred yards away in the main clubhouse. Games of croquet can take up to three hours: many members are elderly and will often need to visit the toilet at least once during a game. The long trip to the toilet not only spoils the game but it also means disturbing people watching the cricket match as members have to walk around the perimeter of the cricket outfield.

5. Lawns Work is urgently needed to bring two of our four lawns up to standard. These are:

Lawns 3 & 4: We have had the levels laser checked on these two lawns and they are so badly out of level that the only solution is to have them stripped of turf, levelled and re-turfed. It would also be an ideal opportunity to add a sprinkler system while this work was being carried out.

Lawn 1: The club raised the finance and laser levelled and re-turfed this lawn five years ago. Since this work has been carried-out we have been able to look after and treat this lawn to keep it in excellent condition. We are therefore confident that if we were able to obtain the finance to re-lay lawns 3 & 4 we would also be able to keep them in the same good condition.

Lawn 2: This lawn has been levelled in the past, and although not perfect we feel that with lots of work and top dressing it should make an acceptable lawn.

6. All weather playing surface. The croquet section would be able to use this surface to extend the training and playing season. At present we have to curtail a great deal of our training programme because of the wear and tear caused to the grass courts by the twenty to thirty prospective new members each year. Our training season has to start early to have the time and lawn space before our internal and external tournaments start. This early in the season lawns are not yet growing sufficient grass to take all this traffic.

With only four lawns and ninety plus members we have to close all the lawns at the end of our normal season (April to September), to enable the ground staff to top dress and work on them. With an all-weather-playing surface we could continue to play and run training sessions throughout the winter.

Minutes of Meeting 20th January 2000.

Present: S Adams, E Woodward, V Henderson, M Smith.

A discussion took place relating to the changes planned for internal tournaments this year. it was agreed that:

1. The 14-point game should be for handicaps 18 and over, and to be played off a base of 13.5. A referee or umpire should be available all day for each lawn.
2. Devonian: to be played off a base of 13.5 with a referee in attendance at quarter final stage and beyond.
3. Belmont and Fermor The Bray system is not to be used. Each game will last a full 26 points. Open to all members but those of a handicap of 16 and over will play off handicap 16.
4. Humphrey Hicks: no change.
5. Advance handicap: Open to those with handicaps between 8 and 14. Handicaps above 14 will play off 14. A bisque will not be allowed immediately following a 'lift'.
6. Shot Game: no changes.
7. The ladder game remains under discussion.
8. All Finals to have a referee in attendance. c.c. All Committee Members.

Mary Smith
Secretary
20. 2. 2000.

SIDMOUTH CROQUET SECTION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2000.

Members present: Chairman Sheila Adams, Secretary Mary Smith, Val Callingham, Vera Henderson, Gabby Macadam, Howard Quarrell and Elaine Woodward.

1. **Apologies:** David Baldock.

2. **Minutes of Last Meeting:** were approved and signed.

3. **Matters Arising:** It was decided that Sidmouth croquet club would not take part in the National Croquet Day sponsoring 'Childline' on 7th May. The Secretary advised that the dates for seeing the indoor croquet carpet were: Wednesday 29th March or Saturday 1st April at Wesley Hall, Exmouth, or Thursday 6th - Saturday 8th April at Budleigh Salterton Public Hall. The final copy of the Croquet Section Development Plan was approved by all committee members. A plan of intended lawn usage for the season was provided to David Baldock, Howard Quarrell and a copy was made available for the groundsman. Our application to host a ladies' tournament in either 2001 or 2002 was queried by Derek Trotman and a decision would be forwarded by him later concerning the possibility of linking the event with Budleigh to ensure the necessary 8 lawn requirement. The final design proof of the proposed club badge from the manufacturer was shown to the committee.

4. **Secretary's Report:** The committee were advised of the resignation as club coach of Mary Hardman. It was agreed to support the request from Tony Dustan-Smith asking for members to attend and provide a demonstration of croquet on the lawn of Branscombe Manor House on Wednesday 12th July. We are required to take mallets, hoops and balls. A legacy of £1,000 had been donated to the croquet section by late member Olga Ragg: this will be paid into the Club Trustee Account to earn high interest and remain secure for the benefit of croquet in accordance with the wishes of Olga. Donations had also been received in memory of Bob Callingham amounting to £436.56 p and passed to the Club Treasurer until a decision is taken on how it may best be used by the croquet section. It was noted that the C.A. Affiliation Fee has now been increased to £5.75 per member. The new Golf Croquet rules will be available by the end of March. Val Callingham will advise which of the 2 dates submitted to Rex Sims prove suitable for our next AGM in October.

5. **Management Committee Report:** It was noted that the slabs to improve the members area in front of the pavilion should be in place in time for the start of the cricket season. The Friends of the Fortfield had agreed to pay the £1,200 costs. This area is to be reserved solely for club members. Elaine Hope has been granted 2 free days per week, and she and Haley are now entitled to holiday pay. The bar takings were up £1,000 on last year's figures. The issue of Public Liability, relating in particular to club members, is to be examined by the Trustees.

6. Committee Member's Reports:

Vera Henderson confirmed that all dates for forthcoming Federation matches had been agreed, and a list will be placed on the mallet room notice board. The Club Treasurer is to be asked for the £15 entry fee for the Secretary Shield event.

Howard Quarrell had forwarded £332 to the Club treasurer resulting from new member enrolment last Saturday. £65 had been paid for the sandblasting of the hoops and Tony Hope has applied white Hammerite to them all. Lawn edging with 4" boarding is now being completed by John Palmer - who has also fitted a door onto the 'Dwerryhouse'. The painting of this door and other benches requiring same, will be done before the start of the season. Slabs to be placed in front of the 'Dwerryhouse' have been given by Roy Hughes. Ron Selmes has offered to make 4 new ball cradles. It was agreed not to place boards dividing lawn 2 for training purposes before the April tournament. Derek Hewett has repaired the white Fermor bench. It was agreed that the Secretary would write to both John Palmer and Tony Hope thanking them for their work for the croquet section.

Val Callingham obtained committee approval to purchase 2 flasks at £35 each for hot drink distribution at tournaments. It was confirmed that the croquet committee would provide coffee on all 3 days and tea on Sunday 16th April. Elaine Hope would provide lunches and teas on 14th and 15th April. The charge for Sunday tea was agreed at £1. Elaine Woodward confirmed all changes to the internal tournaments have now been included on the current application form.

7. **Any Other Business:** None.

The next meeting date will be Monday 27th March at 9.30 am in the clubhouse.

Signed Chairman Sheila M. Adams..... Dated 27th March, 2000

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SIDMOUTH CROQUET SECTION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27th MARCH 2000.

Members present: Chairman Sheila Adams, Secretary Mary Smith, Val Callingham, Vera Henderson, David Baldock, Howard Quarrell and Elaine Woodward,

1. Apologies: Gabby Macadam.

2 Minutes of Last Meeting were approved and signed -

3. Matters Arising Richard Clark will be asked to produce an updated version of the new Croquet Rules. They will be on display, at the start of the. Golf Croquet season: in May. The 2000 AGM date was agreed as Tuesday 17th October. The vacuum flasks have been purchased ready for the Open Tournaments. The Secretary confirmed that the C.A. Registration Fee is payable by all club members - regardless of whether they belong to the C.A. or not.

4. Secretary's Report: The 2000 Fixture Book and the 'Oldie' magazine are now available in the mallet room. The new C.A. laws will become effective on 1st January 2001. A cheque for £563.50 will be paid to the C.A. for 98 members at £5.75 each for 2000. Four sets of 'secondary' balls have now been received. A request from a club: based in Ottery St Mary called '50's World' asking we provide them an opportunity to learn more about the game was considered and dates in May and September will be offered. Final quotations for the levelling of lawns 3 and 4, including a sprinkler system and improvements to hut 3 with toilet facilities, have now been provided by Tony Dustan-Smith and handed to Roger Packe on 23rd March 2000. It was decided to purchase an engraved goblet for the new April Tournament - Vera Henderson to arrange. Various raffle prizes had arrived for the Spring Lunch draw, Vera and Elaine to sell tickets on the day. The Swan magazine will be available again this year with a new editor in charge.

5. Management Committee Report: It was stated that the Lottery Application will be submitted before the end of April. A new photo-copying machine has been leased to the club and will be available shortly. It was accepted that lockers for the croquet section were at present unnecessary. A Club Evening would be started at the end of April with bar and various games available for all members. Enquiries are still being made concerning Trustee and players Public Liability cover.

6. Committee Member's Reports:

Val Callingham expressed concern over the cricket match/croquet clash of dates involving the June tournament. The Secretary asked for more vigilance when considering any variation to our usual tournament format - especially when it involves extra days that require catering and bar support. The June tournament, as a consequence of the Sunday start, will be buffet only.

David Baldock advised that booking sheets for a 3 week period will be available in the mallet room. As much publicity as possible will be provided throughout the season. Howard Quarrell voiced his concern over the work problems created by the Sunday start of the June tournament, clashing with cricket, suggesting that all lawns may have to be shut for the afternoon on the day before the start of the tournament. An overtime payment for the groundsman will be requested if found necessary. It was decided that the new Barlow GT balls would be reserved only for Open Tournaments this year with the tournament manager being the only keyholder to the storage box.

Vera Henderson agreed to arrange the SW Region qualifying round for the Golf Croquet 2000 event on Saturday 15th July. It was noted that the winners will be required to attend Nailsea for the final and all contenders must be prepared to compete there. Anyone not prepared to attend the final will not be allowed to enter.

The Sidmouth entry for the Short Croquet Event at Nailsea has been cancelled.

'Friendlies' with Budleigh Salterton have been arranged for 4th May at home, 10th August - away.

Elaine Woodward mentioned that club members can enter for both August and September tournaments, with J. Toye deciding who takes part in the September Open.

7 Any Other Business None

The next meeting dates are Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 23rd May.

Signed Chairman Sheld M. Adams Dated 27/4/00
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SIDMOUTH CROQUET SECTION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27th APRIL 2000.

Members present: Chairman Sheila Adams, Secretary Mary Smith, Val Callingham, Vera Henderson, David Baldock, Howard Quarrell, Gabby Macadam and Elaine Woodward.

1. Apologies: none.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting: were amended, approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising: A request from Ottery St Mary's club - "50's World" to attend the club to learn about croquet was agreed: the date - Wednesday 24th May from 2 until 4pm on lawn 3. A charge will be made of £1 per head to include tea and biscuits. Sheila Adams and David Baldock will provide the instruction and Gabby will provide the tea.

4. Secretary's Report: The membership this year has increased slightly after a loss of 15 members and an intake of 26. The poster advertising our involvement in croquet demonstration at Castle Drogo is now in the mallet room. A list asking for volunteers to agree to attend certain times to assist will be pinned up shortly. The dates agreed with the CA for Sidmouth to host national tournaments are: 2000 - Selectors, 2001 - Barlow Ladies, 2002 - none. The new S. West Federation Directory is now in the mallet room. An e-mail sent to the C.A. detailing some financial loss relating to the April Tournament because of the very late issue of the Fixture Book, was read to the committee. Our request for a reduced tournament fee will be considered in July. A rota for committee member attendance during club afternoons for May has been drawn up. A letter received from the Secretary of the Friends of the Fortfield asking for support for the forthcoming club Coffee Morning on 29th May resulted in agreement to provide a cake stall (Betty Moores), and a plant stall - Sheila Adams to ask Ted and Esme Owen. Howard Quarrell agreed to organise the outside activities with the help of other committee members. Tony Dustan-Smith's request to provide a demonstration of croquet at Branscombe on Wednesday 12th July, met with approval and Vera Henderson agreed to organise it. The new club badge is now on sale at £5 each. Mary suggested that it may avoid confusion if Whist were played on the same day of the week next winter.

5. Management Committee Report: The recent failure of Sidmouth Rugby clubs' Lottery bid caused some concern about our own chances, and it was thought prudent to shelve such aims as the lighting of tennis courts and any major improvements to the pavilion, giving priority to the resurfacing of the tennis courts. Following complaints lodged about club room usage, it was agreed that the main sporting sections would be given priority if there should be a clash over dates.

6. Committee Member's Reports:

Gabby Macadam reported that Golf Croquet would commence on Monday 1st May. The 'Friendly' with Budleigh Salterton - the team will be chosen from members who play golf croquet on a regular basis.

Val Callingham thanked Gabby for all her help during the April Tournament

David Baldock was thanked for his very successful croquet promotion activity in the Herald.

Howard Quarrell apologised for the closure of lawns due to the very wet weather. The Spring Lunch draw had proved very successful in that £81 was made. The April Tournament teas made £31, with badge sales so far accounting for £75. Lawn 2 would be returned to its full size on Friday 28th April.

Vera Henderson reported that the Secretary's Shield match against Edgebaston should be played before the 7th June. A halfway venue - either Bristol or Cheltenham has yet to be decided. The team will consist of Tony Dustan-Smith, Paul Whittall, Graham Dodd, and Richard Clark. A 'Friendly' with Budleigh Salterton has been arranged for 4th May.

Elaine Woodward considered the 14 point game was too early for 18 handicaps to play in May, and perhaps next year we should hold the event at a later date. The Dorothy Toye Cup final would be held during the club finals in August.

Sheila Adams advised that for the June Tournament 12 visitors were expected and 12 members had been accepted from Sidmouth.

7. Any Other Business: None.

The next meeting date is Tuesday 23rd May 2000.

The meeting closed at 1 1.30ain.

Signed Chairman Sheila M Adams Dated 23rd May, 2000

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SIDMOUTH CROQUET SECTION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 23rd MAY 2000.

Members present: Chairman Sheila Adams, Secretary Mary Smith, Val Callingham, Vera Henderson, David Baldock, Howard Quarrell, Gabby Macadam and Elaine Woodward.

The Chairman read a note from Margaret Stant thanking everyone for their good wishes for a speedy recovery.

1. Apologies: None.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting: were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising: Betty Moore agreed to run the cake stall at the forthcoming Coffee Morning. Ted and Esme Owen declined to run the plant stall and Dorothy Rotas and Peggy Van den Bok agreed to take their place.

4. Secretary's Report: The price of the Sparkling Wine event tickets this year will remain at £5. 72 tickets have been provided to Gabby Macadam for sale. Val Callingham is to obtain paper plates, glasses and forks and Mary Smith is to order the Sparkling Wine from Tony Hope. The June Tournament dinner on June 7th will be roast beef, with a vegetarian dish available, followed by dessert and coffee. After some very poor attendance at club afternoons recently, the decision about continuation was deferred to allow a letter to be sent to all new members (1999 and 2000 entries). The Club Afternoon Rota for June is: 13th David and Val; 20th Mary and Howard; 27th Elaine with additional help. It was agreed that for 'advance' and Federation League games, lawns 1 and 2 would replace 3 and 4 for future games.

5. Management Committee Report: the Lottery Application for the Club is now in the hands of EDDC awaiting their decision. Croquet membership was reported to have increased by 26.

6. Committee Member's Reports:

Vera Henderson expressed concern over some loose hoops at a recent South West Federation Match, concluding that if more help were needed with hoop settings prior to important matches, it should be sought. The 'Advanced' match of 21st May against Budleigh Salterton was 3-4 in favour of Budleigh. The match in the Secretary's Shield, held at Bristol against Edgebaston, was won by Sidmouth 4-3. The next round will be against Tyneside, before the end of June; the venue to be

Edgebaston. It was decided by the South West Federation that no help with funding of the expenses involved by players should be expected.

Elaine Woodward advised that John Toye's name has been added to the Humphrey Hicks competition block. There is a need for new clips: the Secretary is awaiting further information from the C.A. office. The lock on lawn 3 hut needs oiling. Booking sheets will run for 3 continuous weeks. The Belmont Tournament, because of the need to include quarter finals, needs to be completed earlier than A others. The winner of the recent Egyptian Tournament was David Clarke with Peter Miller in the runner up position.

David Baldock with nothing to report, was nevertheless thanked for all the recent publicity he had created in the Sidmouth Herald

Val Callingham asked for more help with the proposed June Tournament teas. If there is a shortage of cakes, it was agreed they should be bought.

Howard Quarrell raised concern over the loss of lawn flags adding that Betty Hills has agreed to make some more. Too many items such as clip, chairs, balls etc. are being left on or about the lawns, and hut doors left open at the end of the game. All committee members agreed to remind others to look after club property properly which includes avoiding

unnecessary stamping on the hoops. £120 from badge sales was handed over by Mary Smith and a further £130 from Sparkling Wine ticket sales was handed over by Gabby.

Gabby Macadam reported that the Golf Croquet sessions were proving very popular with an average attendance of 30.

7. Any Other Business: No balls are available for sale to members at the present time. A request for the bar to be open for various events was noted.

A letter requesting a friendly croquet match against Sidmouth Snooker Club caused some concern as it appeared that arrangements had already been agreed without committee approval. It was concluded that in accordance with the letter's last paragraph, Tony Dustan-Smith be asked to book the lawns and make all arrangements as necessary.

The next meeting date is Friday 30th June 2000.

The Meeting closed at 11 .20am.

Signed Chairman Sheila M. Adams Dated 30th June, 2000

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SIDMOUTH CROQUET SECTION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 30th JUNE 2000.

Members present: Chairman Sheila Adams, Secretary Mary Smith, David Baldock, Howard Quarrell, Gabby Macadam and Elaine Woodward.

1. Apologies: Vera Henderson.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting: were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising: Following the sending of a letter to all 1999 and 2000 members, reminding of club afternoon content and of the need to support, numbers had risen slightly and it was decided to continue with the arrangement until 1st August. The Secretary asked if someone would address the lawn 3 hut lock problem. It was agreed that a notice should be made forbidding the stamping in of hoops.

4. Secretary's Report: The Management Committee will be asked by Sheila Adams for reimbursement of the Sidmouth Croquet Team Federation accommodation expenses. A letter from the Friends of the Fortfield was read to the committee thanking for the support given at the recent Coffee Morning. The Club Afternoon Rota for July is: 4th Brian; 11th Sheila and Elaine; 18th Sheila & Elaine; 25th David & Howard, August 1st T.B.A. It was noted that the Groundsman requires to be consulted on any fixture alterations to enable lawns to be cut in time.

The work that Ron Selmes had undertaken in producing the smart storage box was acknowledged by all present and the Secretary was asked to thank him on behalf of the committee. A pram frame, suitably modified for transporting drinks during tournaments, had been collected from Budleigh (for £2) by Brian Smith and a volunteer would be sought to make a box for the frame. A programme for additional coaching for everyone during July is being prepared and will be on display within the next few days. A suggestion by Mary for better management of the food supplied by members for the Sparkling Wine Event next year, was given to Chairman Sheila Adams. 6 tickets for the Fun & Food Event in August were given to all committee members present.

5. Management Committee Report: Following a Fire Inspection by the local Fire Brigade Officers it was recommended that smoking be restricted to the bar area only.

6. Committee Member's Reports:

In her absence a report by Vera Henderson cited venue and date changes for some of the Federation matches: that the Team Captain be responsible for tightening hoops prior to the start of each event, and that Ron and Margaret Selmes had agreed to provide a croquet demonstration in the morning and afternoon of Wednesday 12th July at Branscombe.

Elaine Woodward expressed concern about the number of games still remaining unplayed in the Belmont block. A list of members who may wish to play in the August tournament will be posted in the mallet room for names to be deleted or added as preferred. The 'Shot Game' on August 8th will start at 2pm. and it is requested that all participants remain until the end of the event. A lawn (3 or 4) will be closed at 12 noon for early preparation for this event. A complaint was voiced over sideline interruption to play by those watching tournament games.

David Baldock with nothing to report, was nevertheless thanked for all the recent publicity he had created in the Sidmouth Herald.

Howard Quarrell presented the cash flow situation as at June 2000. The Castle Drogo event had been very well supported by members and many visitors enjoyed playing golf croquet - often for the first time. The profit from the Sparkling Wine event amounted to £264.96 Gabby Macadam reported that the average attendance at the Golf Croquet sessions was 38. A friendly Golf Croquet match with Budleigh Salterton has been arranged for 27th July at 2pm. at Sidmouth.

Sheila Adams thanked everyone for their efforts in making the Sparkling Wine event such a success, and went on to advise that a cup for the Advanced Handicap Singles 'B Level' will be purchased and presented to Ted Owen (last year's winner) at the first suitable opportunity.

7. Any Other Business: None

The next meeting date is Thursday 20th July 2000.

The Meeting closed at 11.1 5am.

Signed Chairman Sheila M. Adams Dated 20th July, 2000

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SIDMOUTH CROQUET SECTION

Cash Flow June 2000

Sale of Badges	
35 @ £5	<u>£ 195.00</u>
June Tournt Teas	
Val. C. profit	£ 82.00
Paid to E. Hope scones, meat, etc.	£ 6.90
Paid to E. Hope R. Selmes food, etc.	£ 24.60
Profit	<u>£ 50.50</u>
June Tournt Dinner Sheila Adams profit	<u>£ 17.01</u>
Ottery Ladies	<u>£ 11.00</u>
Sparkling Wine Evening	
Tickets 67 Q £5	£ 335.00
Extra Wine Sales	£ 24.00
Paid to Val. C. plates, forks, etc.	£ 14.04
Paid to T. Hope wine	£ 80.00
Profit	<u>£ 264.96</u>
Overtime Payment to T. Riding	£ 40.00
Paid to Tres/Peter Dart	<u>£ 348.50</u>
H C Quarrell Hon Tres.	

SIDMOUTH CROQUET SECTION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20th JULY 2000.

Members present: Chairman Sheila Adams, Secretary Mary Smith, David Baldock, Val Callingham, Vera Henderson, Howard Quarrell, Gabby Macadam and Elaine Woodward.

1. Apologies: None.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting: were amended, approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising: It was decided that no expenses would be paid for those competing in the Secretary's Shield. A volunteer was still required to make the box for the pram frame. Because of poor attendance at the Club Afternoons this year, a new format will be considered before the 2001 season starts.

4. Secretary's Report: The new set of clips were approved and Mary was asked to order 8 more sets from the CA. No lawn charge would be made this year for those playing in the Snooker v Croquet event held recently, but a charge for 'non-croquet' members who play next year, will be required. All were reminded that the Croquet AGM would be on Tuesday 17th October at 6pm, - followed by dinner in the pavilion.

5. Management Committee Report: The grass box by hut 3 will be emptied and removed as soon as convenient. The area of ground surrounding the other boxes will be treated with sand to prevent seepage. It is anticipated that subscriptions will increase next year.

6. Committee Member's Reports:

Sheila Adams is to ask Graham for guidance regarding any proposed increase to croquet subscriptions. A letter from the club Secretary asking for volunteers to assist in the collection of deck chair fees is to be pinned in the mallet room. The dates for Whist this year will be on Thursday at 2pm. 12th Oct. 16th Nov. 14th December. Table tennis to start on Wednesday 18th October from 10am to 12 noon. The Millennium Cup, donated by Sheila Adams, has been presented to Ted Owen - last years winner of the Advanced Handicap 'B' Level tournament. Sheila was thanked for her generosity in providing this trophy.

Vera Henderson brought everyone up to date with recent S.W. Federation results.

Sidmouth, having won the last round of the Secretary's Shield will now play in the semi-final against Beverley (Yorkshire) at Cheltenham on 16th August 2000. Ron and Margaret Selmes had been thanked for their croquet exhibition work at Branscombe.

Elaine Woodward advised that the completion date for the Belmont block had been extended by 1 week to allow all outstanding games to be played. The Shot Game will be played on 8th August and the '1 Ball' on 15th & 17th August.

Val Callingham advised of the menu detailed for the 'Fun & Food' evening. Elaine will charge £5 per head for the food; coffee available for an additional 50p. All 60 tickets have been sold at £7 each.

Howard Quarrell was given the money so far collected from Fun & Food ticket sales. He asked that committee members meet on 11th August at 6.30 pm., for a briefing on the various Games.

7. Any Other Business: None

The next meeting date is Thursday 24th August 2000.

Signed Chairman Sheila M. Adams Dated 24th August, 2000

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SIDMOUTH CROQUET SECTION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 24th AUGUST 2000.

Members present: Chairman Sheila Adams, Secretary Mary Smith., David Baldock, Val Callingham, Howard Quarrell, Gabby Macadam and Elaine Woodward,

1. Apologies: Vera Henderson.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting: were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising: Enquiries are still being made concerning an alternative to the secondary clips now in use; Kevin Carter is to bring a sample of replacement clips to the 'Selectors' in September. It is anticipated that subscriptions will increase in 2001 to more than £100, probably £108. Graham would like the actual amount to be divisible by 12 to accommodate DDM payments. The Chairman thanked all for their efforts with the very successful Fun & Food evening.

4. Secretary's Report: The C.A. notice requesting support for the University of the Third Age advertising croquet to the elderly, was declined by the committee. A letter was read from Graham Dodd, offering suggestions toward improving the running of next year's Internal Tournaments. It was agreed there were several good points that should be considered further and possibly included in next year's plans. The Secretary will send a note of thanks. The dates for 2001 Whist were agreed as: 18th Jan, 15th Feb, 15th March. Due to club changes to the catering situation, the AGM dinner will not take place but be replaced by the provision of 'nibbles' after the presentation of trophies. Consequently the start time has been changed from 6pm to 6.30 pm.

The Secretary is to write to Iris Dwerryhouse inviting her to present the trophies after the AGM. Members were then asked to declare their intention to serve for another year on the committee. It was noted that having served 3 years, the Secretary Mary Smith must resign and David Baldock and Elaine Woodward would not be seeking re-election. Notices advertising the AGM, with related papers, will be posted in the mallet room.

5. Management Committee Report: New fire alarms are to be fitted within the club to meet the requirements of the recent fire inspection. Discussion had taken place concerning the groundsman's time and pay, which is likely to be increased. No new information was available concerning the Lottery bid. The tennis hardcourts are to be re-surfaced in the near future.

6. Committee Member's Reports:

Elaine Woodward advised her intention to resign at the next committee meeting, because of the difficulties that had arisen over the management of some Internal Tournaments. Val Callingham agreed to arrange the Christmas Dinner and report back after enquiries have been made re. Menu and cost.

Howard Quarrell reported that some £434 had been taken from ticket sales for the Fund and Food. After expenses to Tony, Haley and Val, the net total of £311.57 had been made for the croquet fund.

Vera Henderson reported that the Sidmouth team had won against Beverley at Cheltenham in the Secretary's Shield. The final is to be played against St Albans at Cheltenham on October 1.

7. Any Other Business: Some discussion took place concerning the proposed underground car park, but a 'wait and see' policy was thought best. Objections were raised concerning the number of tents that had been erected during Folk Festival week on the cricket ground. It is hoped that the situation will not be repeated next year.

The next meeting date is Wednesday 20th September 2000.

Signed Chairman Sheila M. Adams..... Dated 20th September 2000

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SIDMOUTH CROQUET SECTION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2000

Members present: Chairman Sheila Adams, Secretary Mary Smith, David Baldock, Val Callingham, Vera Henderson, Gabby Macadam, Howard Quarrell, and Elaine Woodward.

1. Apologies: None.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting: were amended, approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising: The Minutes were amended to show that the subscription for 2001 will probably be £108: that David Baldock will not be standing for re-election to the croquet committee, and the word 'ostensibly' was removed from line 1 of item 6. Iris Dwerryhouse had written agreeing to present the trophies at the AGM. The secondary clips brought by Kevin Carter to the Selectors weekend were similar 'clothes peg' type to those currently in use. More will be purchased when the required colours can be located.

4. Secretary's Report: Mary Smith advised that the S.W. Federation AGM will be on Sunday 5th November 2000: venue to be advised at a later date. The club detail for the C.A. Fixture Book has been sent and members were reminded that the date for the Ladies Barlow tournament has been arranged for 23rd- 27th August 2001. The dates for all Budleigh Salterton tournaments were also provided to the committee. Sheila Adams agreed to ask Sue Rogers, as Secretary Elect, if she would be prepared to take the Minutes at the AGM. It was thought that a rota for the organising of table tennis and whist was unnecessary.

5. Management Committee Report: As the committee was due to sit this evening, there was nothing to report,

6. Committee Member's Reports:

Vera Henderson provided a summary of the S.W. Federation results.

Elaine Woodward congratulated Howard and David for the 1999/2000 intake tournament, which had proved to be very popular and successful.

Val Callingham confirmed that the Christmas Lunch had been booked at the Belmont Hotel for Monday 11th December. The tickets will go on sale at the AGM for £15.

David Baldock, although not intending to serve on the committee next year, volunteered to continue with the work of Publicity Officer! Booking Sheets, if required. David provided a detailed chart of lawn usage over the whole season, identifying the most frequently used period as 10 to 1pm. with 68% usage. The chart will be filed with these Minutes for future reference. Howard Quarrell gave all members a detailed statement of croquet income and expenditure for the period 1/10/99 - 1/10/2000 - also filed with these Minutes.

Gabby Macadam will run the Golf Croquet sessions until the closure of lawns 3 & 4.

7. Any Other Business: Elaine Woodward is to organise a raffle at the AGM. Val Callingham is to purchase the 'nibbles'. Some members thought that the closure of lawns 1 & 2 today was too early this year and they should not be closed before the end of September. A questionnaire regarding future catering requirements for croquet members had been completed by Sheila Adams and returned to Catering Manager Rex Sims.

The next meeting date will be arranged at the A.G.M., which is on 17' October. Signed

Signed Chairman Sheila M. Adams Dated 20th October 2000
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LAWN USE	A / U = sessions available /								WEEKL Y	WEEKL Y	% use w'kly	Sessions * Not Available
									TOTAL	TOTAL		
Period	10am-1pm		1pm-4pm		4pm-6.30		6.30-On					
Wk Comm:	A	U	A	U	A	U	A	U	A	U	A	U
30 April	16	14	18	10	19	4	22	0	75	28	37	37
7 May	18	8	20	6	20	1	24	0	82	15	18	30
14 May	18	9	21	10	20	3	24	0	83	22	27	29
21 May	20	14	20	13	22	0	26	0	88	27	30	24
28 May	20	17	22	14	17	4	22	0	81	35	43	31
4 June	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	112
11 June	22	17	25	18	24	7	25	0	96	42	33	16
18 June	20	12	23	15	23	3	26	0	92	30	30	20
25 June	16	10	19	12	19	1	22	0	76	23	43	36
2 July	14	12	17	11	14	5	20	0	65	28	40	47
9 July	20	12	23	13	23	8	26	1	92	34	35	20
16 July	20	14	23	13	23	5	26	0	92	32	35	20
23 July	21	17	20	8	20	4	23	0	84	29	23	28
30 July	21	13	24	7	24	2	27	0	96	22	24	16
6 Aug	20	15	26	6	23	2	26	1	95	23	29	15
13 Aug	14	10	20	9	17	1	17	0	68	20	39	44
20 Aug	15	10	18	13	15	3	18	0	66	26	23	46
27 Aug	16	5	21	12	17	0	20	0	74	17	29	38
3 Sept	13	8	15	5	14	4	17	0	59	17	29	53
10 Sept	14	13	18	5	17	1	20	1	69	20		43
17 Sept	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
23 Sept	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
30 Sept	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total:	338	230	393	200	371	58	431	2	1,533	490		
% Use		68.04		50.89		15.63		0.464		31.963		

Total sessions available 1,533

Total sessions used 490

% use overall : 31.96

'Sessions available' per week = 7 X 16 = 112

'Sessions not Available' Includes Golf Croquet, Association Open Week / Weekends, Club Finals, Fun & Food, watering, mowing etc.

SIDMOUTH C.T.C.H. CLUB CROQUET SECTION
CASH FLOW STATEMENT 1/10/99-1/10/2000

<u>Income</u>	<u>98/99</u>	<u>99/00</u>
Bal. in hand	£ 18.45	£ 33.39
Table Tennis	£ 224.13	£ 236.14
Whist	£ 38.17	£ 59.39
Visitors/Library	£ 116.85	£ 109.00
Training, Begg.	£ 535.00	£ 492.00
Teas etc.	£ 153.57	£ 251.50
Tournaments Int.& Ext.	£ 980.00	£ 398.75
Tournaments Ext	£ 696.00**	
Sale of Badges	£ 250.00	
AGM Dinner 99.	£ 530.00	
Xmas Dinner 99.	£ 874.00	
Spring Lunch	£ 551.00	£ 504.00**
Spring Lunch Draw	£ 81.00	
Sparkling Wine Eve.	£ 331.00	£ 359.00
Fun & Food Eve.	£ 490.00	£ 434.00
Donations/Refund	£ 15.00	£ 32.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>£ 3,433.17</u>	<u>£ 4,131.17</u>
<u>Outgoings</u>		
Paid to Club Funds	£ 3147.33	£ 3157.80
Misc. (Phone, Postage etc.)	£ 209.76	£ 191.24
Catering	£ 42.69	£ 346.45
Prizes, Cups etc.	£ 66.15	
Overtime Pay	£ 65.00	
Coffee Flasks	£ 66.00	
Clips & Mallets	£ 72.70	
Hoop Maint.	£ 65.00	
Sec. Shield Exps.	£ 47.50	
Trg Refunds	£ 27.00	
Total	<u>£ 3,399.78</u>	<u>£ 4104.84</u>
Cash in hand	£ 33.39	£ 26.33
Social Events & Sales Profit 2000		
Spring Lunch Draw	£ 81.00	
Sparkling Wine Eve.	£ 264.00	
Fun & Food Eve.	£ 311.57	
Badge Sales	£ 50.00	
Tea Profits	£ 150.00	
Total	<u>£ 856.57</u>	

H.C.Quarrell Treasurer.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
CROQUET SECTION, HELD ON TUESDAY 17'
OCTOBER 2000 IN THE PAVILION.

1. Chairman Sheila Adams opened the meeting at 6:30 pm. with a welcome to everyone. Members stood for a moment of silence in memory of John Sweet-Escott, Olga Ragg, Cecilia Clarke, Bob Callingham, Roy Hughes, John Brightmore, Helen Keen and Connie Verity - all of whom had died since the last AGM
 2. **Apologies:** Ron & Edina Whitlam, Martin & Jo McInerney, Hugh & Doreen Cross, Paul Whittall, Gwen Sims, Diana Davis, Dorothy Rotas, Arnold Cox, Helen Pryor, Peter Smith and John Toye. A full record of those in attendance will be filed with the original 2000 Minutes.
 3. The Chairman reminded members that the Minutes of the AGM held on 21 October 1999 had been displayed on the notice board, and asked they be taken as read. Proposed for acceptance by Margaret Stant and seconded by David Clarke they were approved and signed as a true record.
 4. Committee Report: Secretary Mary Smith furnished a comprehensive report covering issues of training, social events, 'away' and 'home' tournament results, handicap improvements, golf croquet, S.W. Federation League results plus detail of future plans. A copy of this Report will be filed with the original 2000 Minutes.
 5. Adoption of Committee Report: Proposed by Tony Dustan-Smith and seconded by Valerie Collier, the Report was accepted unanimously.
 6. Treasurer's Report: Howard Quarrell gave the Meeting a brief summary of the accounts to-date. A total income in excess of £4,000 had been obtained from fundraising, table tennis, whist, teas, books, and tournament fees and paid into club funds after deduction of expenses. The additional £1,000 target set by the management committee had, he added, been exceeded.
 7. Katherine Holroyde gave a vote thanks to all the retiring committee for all the much-appreciated hard work undertaken this year.
 8. Chairman's Remarks: Sheila Adams thanked retiring Secretary Mary Smith for her splendid work over the last three years; Elaine Woodward for her work on internal tournaments, and David Baldock for his excellent publicity and booking sheet work. The remaining committee was thanked for its support throughout the year, and all others who have helped in any way whatsoever. The lottery bid is being considered and she added that if it fails, the agreement made several years ago by the croquet section to possibly fund any cost itself, may be pursued - possibly using some of the £1,400 left by legacy. A brief summary was given relating to the underground car park, but as yet it was thought to early to consider seriously.
- 9/10: Election of Officers and Committee: After identifying all that had agreed to stand for election, the new committee was elected en-bloc.
- For the record, the 2000/1 committee is: Chairman Sheila Adams, Secretary Sue Rogers, Committee members - Val Callingham, Ian Davis, Vera Henderson, Gabby Macadam, Howard Quarrell, and Dorothy Rotas. Proposed by Ron Selmes and seconded by Eileen Cox.
11. Notified Other Business: nothing received.
 12. Notice of Future Events: Mary Smith advised members of the forthcoming S. W. Federation AGM to be held on Sunday 5th November at the Lansdowne Club, Bath. A reminder was also given that the Christmas Lunch at the Belmont hotel will be on 110' December 2000.

13. Presentation of Trophies: Prior to the presentation of trophies, Iris Dwerryhouse was introduced to members as one of the stalwarts of the club who had held almost every committee post as well as managing tournaments over many years.

14. Ron Selmes proposed a vote of thanks to Iris, adding that to him and many others in the croquet world, the name Dwerryhouse will always remain synonymous with Sidmouth Croquet Club.

The draw was then made for the raffle.

The Meeting was closed and everyone was invited to stay for drinks and nibbles.

Signed Sheila M. Adams Chairman. Dated 30-10-2001

CROQUET SECTION REPORT 2000.

Before the croquet season began, table tennis and whist proved again a very successful means of keeping most members in contact - as well as producing worthwhile funds for the club.

Advertising for New Members in February resulted in 42 enquiries, most of whom arrived to listen to a brief introduction about croquet, and to try their hand at hitting a ball in front of the pavilion. An eager team of helpers, consisting of Howard Quarrell, Gwynneth Dart and Mary Smith worked hard to collect fees and hand out literature for the intended lessons. Altogether, 33 completed the 6 lessons in April of which 26 are now members of the club.

Our thanks go to John Hatherley for his Laws Refresher Course on March 24th, and Brian Smith for the Indoor Coaching session on March 30th, both of which could have been better supported. The Spring Lunch, at the club also on March 30th was a sell-out, and a most enjoyable introduction to the new season - that started 2 days later.

In April, helped by reasonable weather, coaching the new intake went very well. The new members involved will, I am sure, wish to thank coaches Brian, Tony, Valerie, Vera, Sue, Sheila, Elaine and Gwynneth for their considerable time and effort over this period. This year Sheila Adams passed her coaching course to 'officially' become a CA coach. Further coaching on Thursdays continued throughout May, and in June an opportunity for everyone to focus on their own coaching need was made available through a 'Coaching Clinic'.

We were extremely lucky again this year to have a sunny evening for the Sparkling Wine and Golf Croquet on June 15th. It was most gratifying to see between 60 and 70 members attend, what proved to be a most enjoyable event. By invitation, we again attended Castle Drogo on June 24th where the croquet experience was offered to the public by several of our club members. On the 12th July, **Ron and Margaret Selmes attended Edge Barton Manor**, Branscombe, open to the public for the first time in 30 years, and provided a demonstration of croquet for the visiting public. Several golf croquet games were enjoyed by adults and some very keen children, and a few people tried Association 'breaks'. Last of all, in this social programme, and again blessed by a very fortunate turn in the weather, was the Fun and Food Evening of August 18th. Lots turned out to enjoy a 'light-hearted session of croquet games, followed by an excellent buffet in the pavilion.

Not wishing to take anything away from the tournament presentation at the end of this meeting, suffice it to say that we have had a most successful season - both at home and away. Elaine Woodward warrants special mention for all the hard work she has put into managing all the Internal Tournaments.

As usual, several of our players contested some of the 'outside' tournaments in various parts of the country.

Success noted are: in June, for the second year in succession, Vera won the C Class Cope Cup at Parkstone, also for the second year, Mary won the 'D' Class Armada Plate at Budleigh Salterton in the West of England Championships. For the first time we held a 'B' level Advance Tournament in April for handicaps 1-5. This was won by Shawn Carter of Plymouth.

In our June Open Tournament, both the handicap and the advanced play events were won by Sidmouth players - Sheila Adams and Tony Dustan-Smith. The September Open Tournament also saw Sidmouth represented in the final when **John** won against **Brian**: the second trophy going to Margaret Selmes. Our thanks go to **John Toye** for managing this tournament again this year.

The '**Selectors**' Tournament also in September, attracted a powerful contingent from far and wide and was won by **David Harrison Wood of Parkstone**. This tournament and those of April and June, were all managed by Ron Selmes. Next year, instead of hosting the Selectors Event, we will be hosting the Ladies Barlow Cup in August - a prestigious event for

some of the best lady players in the country. The C.A. Awards this year were: **Gold - Brian Smith, Bronze - Esme Owen.**

Though not essentially a Sidmouth event, we did provide most of the team members for Devon in the Inter-Counties Tournament in May this year. **Graham Dodd, Tony Dustan-Smith, Brian Smith, John Toye and Paul Whittall** - all from Sidmouth, plus **Tony Bowers** from Budleigh, and did well to finish 7th out of 11 in Devon's first attempt for some 30 years. Well done team.....and we wish you success for next year.

Progress in this game is often a struggle for the majority, but some of those who succeeded this year are: An improvement of 4 handicap steps - Paul Whittall (from 2.5 to ½) An improvement of 3 handicap steps - Amanda Prowse (18 to 12), Graham Dodd (4 to 2.5) and Peter Miller (14 to 10). Many others have also lowered their handicap, but these were the best of the bunch.

We have a thriving Golf Croquet membership in the club and this year seems more popular than ever with an average of over 30 playing each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The growing success this year owes much to the organisation and attendance of Gabby Macadam thanks Gabby. The annual Friendly games, home and away against Budleigh Salterton resulted in 2 wins for Budleigh. It was nice to see so many enjoying the Fun and Food Evening when Golf Croquet with a difference proved great fun to play.

The South West Federation League results varied this year with the *Intermediates* - winning 2 out of 4 matches. The **'B' League team** struggled - winning only 1 out of 3 matches.

We desperately need more members to join the 'B' team, so if your handicap is 16 or more, and you enjoyed the high handicap event organised so well by Howard and David, you may see yourself willing to play in friendly competition with others of similar experience, if so please contact Vera.

The **Federation team** won 2 out of 3 matches. The 4th match was cancelled and Sidmouth just missed out on points. The Advance Federation team won 1 and lost 1; the 3rd match was cancelled.

Our team playing in the **Secretaries Shield** won 3 matches to reach the final, only to lose to St Albans. The team are to be congratulated on this result as we have never played in this Shield event before.

Thanks go to our groundsman **Terry Riding** for his lawn skills and considerable co-operation throughout the year. A programme of lawn improvement is now underway for all 4 lawns over the winter period - so next year's conditions should be even better.

His willing apprentices: Howard and Brian continued to do their bit with numerous hoop moves, hoop settings and various lawn repairs throughout the season - often before lawns were open for use. Help is needed in this area, so please volunteer if you can - Howard would love to hear from you.

There have been lots of other tasks undertaken by many volunteers this past year, from teas to hut cleaning and, on behalf of the committee, I would like to thank everyone who has been involved. Special thanks go to **Ron Selmes** for making all the new ball cradles, the door on the Dwerry House to keep out some of the rain and for the making of the new storage box in the mallet room - thanks Ron, for all your hard work. Thanks also to Howard and Brian for painting and repairing all the lawn fences prior to the start of the season- There are always more tasks awaiting, so I would like to call on everyone's good nature again to be on standby for next year.

In August, the club sadly lost the services of Elaine Hope, and in September Tony Hope resigned. The croquet section in particular will miss the excellent catering and bar support they provided-

Don't forget - there is Whist once a month on Thursdays and Table Tennis every Wednesday morning at 10am., so please do come along and support. We also have our own unique Sidmouth Croquet club badge. Designed by club members and depicting a view through a hoop to lawn, sea, cliffs and sky, now on sale at £5 each. If interested, why not see Gabby tonight.

And finally, we have decided this year to have our Christmas Lunch at the Belmont Hotel on Monday 11th December. If you haven't filled in your form yet, please do so this evening. See Val for your ticket.

On behalf of the Committee, and as this is my final duty as croquet secretary, I would like thank everyone for the support we have enjoyed this year, and I hope to see you all on the lawns again in April.