

Minutes of Committee Meet of Sidmouth Croquet Club. Feb. 10th. 1975.

Present. Chairman Mr. P. Tunmer, Hon. Secretary Dr. M. D. Rawkins, Mrs. Dwerryhouse, Mr. W. Ovens, Mr. A. Verity and Mr. V. Stirrup.

Agenda.

- (1) Assistant Secretary. Mrs. K. L. Togni was elected.
- (2) Parking of Cars on the public footpath between the pavilion and no. 1 court. The secretary was instructed to write a letter of protest to the cricket club Secretary.
- (3) Equipment. Mr. Tunmer was asked to request a second set of croquet balls in addition to the one already asked for.
- (4) Club Luncheon. To be held at the Belmont Hotel on March 21st. 12 30 fo 3 1 o'clock. Tickets to cost £1.40. Tickets to be obtained and paid for by March 14th. Later to take coffee in the ante-room. Each committee member was given the names of members to contact and distribute tickets and collect the money.
- (5) Representative. to attend the general committee meetings and to act as club liaison officer with Mr. Scott on ground matters.
Mr. A. Verity agreed to take on these duties. The Secretary was instructed to inform the general Secretary of this giving Mr. Verity's Address and telephone number.
- (6) Handicap Committee. Mr. W. Ovens, Mrs. E. Corbett and Mr. V. Stirrup were elected.
- (7) Tournaments 1975. Singles and doubles. Knock out only .X & Y lists to be discontinued. Mr. V. Stirrup to take charge.
Ladder: - already dealt with by the late Captain.
Golf Croquet: First Meeting Tuesday 29th april. Further meetings to be arranged after this has taken place.
- (8) C.A. Match 1975. Secretary to write regretting that we are unable to arrange this this year.
- (9) Croquet Coaching Booklets. delivered to Mr. L. Fletcher to be offered for sale at the Club luncheon. Mr. W, Ovens to be reimbursed.
- (10) Film strip for coaching to be cancelled by Secretary.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 24th at 11 o'clock.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING. SIDMOUTH CROQUET CLUB. MONDAY 24TH MARCH 1975

Present. The President Mr. M. Glover the Chairman Mr. P. Tunmer, The Captain Mr. W. Owens, the Hon. Sec. Dr. M. D. Rawkins, The Misses Holt and Dwerryhouse, and Messrs Stirrup and Verity.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read, agreed and signed by the President

Subjects arising from the last meeting on Feb. 1st 1975.

1. Supply of second additional set of croquet balls as requested. Mr. Tunmer stated that he had applied to the Treasurer who replied that owing to the fact that so many members had not yet paid their subscriptions for the coming season funds were not available. Mr. Tunmer then suggested that a further application would be made later,

It was suggested that application for -subscriptions, due each 1st. January, should be made to individual members each December. This was negated on account of expense.

2. Croquet Coaching Booklets. No reimbursement was owing for their purchase because they had already been paid for by our late captain. Later the sum would be paid to Mrs. D. Fletcher. These, six in number, would be offered to new members for 35p each.

3. Floral tribute to the late deceased Captain. This was paid for by a gift 10p from each committee member.

4. Number of club members. The number of playing members will be estimated at the next A.G.M. to be held on Monday April 8th. at 11 O'clock. The total will be roughly restricted to fifty, but applications for new membership will be considered by the committee on receipt of the new application forms duly proposed and seconded.

5. Assistant Hon. Secretary. Mrs. K. Togni, already appointed, will be invited to attend the committee meetings.

6. Car Parking. At the A.G.M. of the combined Sidmouth Cricket, Croquet and Tennis Clubs our representative, Mr. A. Verity, reported that a sub-committee of five members was appointed and met on 20th. March. After considerable opposition it was agreed that only two cars would have authority to park. One for the groundsman and one for a member of the Cricket Club.

A notice board, NO PARKING, would be attached alongside the entrance gate which would be locked on the days of cricket matches.

A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Verity for his efforts.

7. CLUB CAPTAIN. It was decided at the club luncheon on March 21st. that it was desirable to have a captain and Mr. W. Owens was unanimously elected. At this committee meeting it was agreed that the captain should be elected by popular vote, annually, but no dates were fixed for this.

8. Green Fees. These will be 25p per game, subject to courts not being booked.

Court no.3. Open to all comers.

Court No. 2. Available only to members of other Croquet Clubs.

Court No. 1. Available only to visitors playing with members of the Sidmouth Club.

9. Family Members. Green fees will not be charged to two children of existing members nor to relatives of members staying in their houses or in boarding accommodation paid for by members, providing they have previously been nominated to the club Hon. Secretary.

10. HELP TO NEW MEMBERS. will be provided by Mrs. M. Holt with the assistance of Mr. Tunmer by arrangement.

ii. HANDICAPS. Novices 16+ Advanced players 15-

12. A vote of thanks was unanimously given to Mr. P. Tunmer, the retiring Hon. Secretary for his outstanding services to the club over many years and for his ever-willing time spent in helping the beginners. It may well be said that he is primarily responsible for the standard of play of many of us. In fact he has been THE CLUB. And so say all of us, all the members as well as the committee.

The meeting terminated at 12.30.P.M..

Next meeting Monday 14th April 11 o'clock.

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Minutes of Committee Meeting of Sidmouth Croquet Club. April 14th. 1975.

Present. The President Mr. M. Glover, the Chairman Mr. P. Tunmer, Messrs Ovens, Verity, Stirrup, Rawkins and the Misses Dwerryhouse, Holt and Togni.

Subjects arising from the last meeting on March 24th. 1975.

1. Club luncheon. A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. I. Dwerryhouse for the hard work she had put in in connection with the club luncheon. It was unanimously agreed that it was a great success.

Parking. At the A.G.M of the Cricket, Tennis and Croquet clubs on April 8th Mr. Ovens drew the attention of the meeting to the restriction of car parking already agreed to and hoped that this rule would be strictly enforced.

Agenda

1. Captain's Report. The cricket section proposed to use turfs from the end of number 3 court for returfing the cricket table. Our captain spoke to Mr. Scott and it was agreed to take the turfs from the east side of the little pavillion facing number 2 court, number 3 court being already smaller than standard.

It has been suggested that it might be possible to take over one tennis court on temporary loan to provide an extra croquet court. This would be explored later.

The captain had visited the Sid Vale Press and had drawn their attention to the printing error Gold for Golf in the Cricket Club membership card. This will be corrected in the next issue.
2. Tournaments arrangements. Lists are now up. On the same lists a request for the names of volunteers to help will be added.

A charge of 5p will be made for tea and biscuits at golf croquet sessions. It is proposed to hold a picnic golf croquet session on Tuesday May 27th. Play will commence at 10.30 A.M. Players will bring their own food. Drinks can be bought at the bar. Opinions on this will be sought at the first normal session.
3. Ground. It is hoped to commence play on courts numbers 2 and 3 on Monday 21st of April and on court number 1 on Monday 28th of April. Appropriate notices will be exhibited in the pavillion window.
4. Social activities. None suggested. A charge of 50p. is made for the use of the club kitchen and utensils for the provision of teas etc..
5. Club membership. Applications for membership for Mr. and Mrs Thomas and for Prof. Whitmore were received and approved. Their applications were handed to the general Secretary. No further applications will be recommended at present as the agreed number of members had already been exceeded. Applications not to be answered by the croquet section secretary.
6. Equipment. Before this meeting all club equipment was examined by the committee Chairman, the Captain and the Secretary, Adjustment of hoop widths and the painting of some balls will be carried out by the groundmen. The current equipment was considered to be adequate for the club requirements.
7. Any other business. At the A.G.M. of the combined sections of the club held on the 8th of April, during the Treasurer's report the word vultures was

mentioned when referring to requests for balls by the cricket and croquet sections. Our Secretary drew attention to this and since with over fifty members our only request was for two new sets of balls and new corner flags he hoped that the croquet section would not seriously be considered as vultures. The Chairman replied that he felt quite sure the club would supply any necessary equipment.

The meeting closed at 12.30 P.M.

Next Meeting 10.30. on Monday 19th of May 1975-

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Minutes of Committee Meeting of Sidmouth Croquet Club. May 19th. 1975.

Present. President Mr. M. Glover, Mes Dames Dwerryhouse and Holt, Messrs Ovens, Verity, V. Stinrup, M. D. Rawkjns.

Subjects Arising from the last meeting on April 14th, 1975.

£3.40 is being held by the Secretary (The balance of the Apps Hele Award) This sum will be used for any suitable purpose at the discretion of the Committee.

Agenda.

1. New Members. Mr. & Mrs. P. Ellicott, Mr. C. Master-Curtis, and Mr. R. C. Case were accepted.
2. The Committee accepted with thanks the offer by Mr. P. Tunmer to give a talk on the rules and etiquette of croquet. This will be given on Wednesday 25th of June at 10.45 A.M. Coffee will be served. The Secretary was asked to announce this on the notice board.
3. Doubles Competition. Twelve members have entered. Partners for this were arranged by matching handicaps.

The first round would be played before June 30th. The second before July 31st. The date of the final will be decided later and will take place on the same day as the Singles Final.
4. Singles-Competition. Twenty-two members have entered. Mr. Tunmer, Mrs. Ovens Dr. Rawkins, Mr. Stirrup and Mr. Ovens were seeded. The names of the players and their opponents were drawn. First round by 15th. June, 2nd. By 6th. July. 3rd. by 27 July. Final see above.
5. Novices assisted Handicap. Twenty-three members have entered. They will be assisted by twelve experienced players and will be played off in two blocks.
6. The Secretary was asked to have the golf croquet results inserted in the Sidmouth Herald after the May 27th. meeting.

The first was won by Mrs. S. Rawkins and Mr. A. Reid. April 29th.
The second was won by Mrs. B. Moores and Mr. A. Verity.
7. Mr. Verity had a discussion on ground maintenance with Mr. Scott. Mr. Scott stated that the total of the croquet section subscriptions had already been spent on the lawns. Mr. Ovens, referring to the combined club's balance sheet, pointed out that that was not so. It was a fact that Mr. Scott had, on occasion, mown the lawns himself.

It was appreciated by the committee members that it was the desire of the main club to maintain our lawns in as good condition as possible and as a token of good will on our part volunteer helpers would be asked for from the croquet section to help in maintenance work if called upon.
8. Temporary closing of croquet lawns. It may be necessary, infrequently to close one or other of our lawns for one or two days for the application of fertiliser. It would not be possible to give to give forward notice of this because the closures must depend on the weather. A notice signed by Mr. Scott and Mr. Verity would be exhibited on the court concerned as and when required.
9. The Captain reminded the committee that it was imperative that only Mr. Verity was entitled to discuss ground maintenance with the ground manager and staff.

Minutes of Committee Meeting of Sidmouth Croquet Club. Sept. 9th. 1975.

Present. President, Mr. M. Glover, The Captain Mr. H. Ovens, and mwmbers Mes Dames Dwerryhouse Holt and Togni. and Messrs Veritv. Stirrup and Dr. Rawkins.

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Subjects arising from last meeting on May 19th. Not any.
3. Minutes of last meeting of last meeting were approved.
4. Handicap Final. To be played on Thursday the 18th of Sept, to be postponed to earliest later date agreed by those involved if weather prevents play.
5. A.G.M. to be held on Thursday 6th of November at 10.30. A.M.
6. Ground Staff Donations. The desirability of omitting from the list the amount subscribed bu individual doners was discussed. Decision on this will be made by members at the A.G.M.
7. The Ladder. The present arrangement is unsatisfactory. Unless challenged at the top have no opportunity of playing. It was suggested that either challenges should be allowed three up and three down or American tournaments should be substituted. To be decided at the A.G.M.
8. Court booking times. As from Monday Sept. 22nd. sessions will be 10.30.-1.0., 1.0.-3.30., 3.30. onwards. The booking sheets will be amended.
9. Votes of thanks. To Mr. P. Tunmer for his talks to members on rules and etiquette and to Mr. G. Thomas for repairs to and painting of balls. These will be included in the A.G.M. Report.
10. Congratulations. To our captain Mr. H. Oven on reaching the finals in his class and the round before the semifinals in the open doubles at Southwick and also in winning the L. G. Waters Cup at Budleigh last May. Also to Mrs. Ovens who reached the semifinals in her class and the round before the semifinals in the open double also at Southwick.

The Meeting closed at 12.30 P.M.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY OCTOBER 21ST.AT 10.30. A.M.

Minutes of Committee Meeting of Sidmouth Croquet Club October 21st 1975

Present. Messrs Ovens, Verity, Stirrup and Rawkins, and Mes Dames Dwerryhouse, Holt & Togni.

1. Apologies for absence from Mr. M. Glover and Mr. P. Tunmer.
2. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
3. Matters arising. Next season those taking part in the ladder would be entitled to challenge three above or three below.
4. Retirement of the Chairman. The Secretary stated that Mr. M. Glover had telephoned him To say that owing to age he wished to retire. The Secretary was asked to write a letter of appreciation for his services to the club. Subsequently the Secretary was in touch with Mr. Glover who agreed to attend the A.G.M. and would then hand over the chair to the newly elected Chairman.
5. Retirement of the Captain. Mr. Ovens stated that he had now joined the Budleigh Club and therefore wished to retire from the committee and to relinquish the Captainsy of the Sidmouth Club, he would, however, remain a member for the coming season.
6. Tournaments. It was decided to discontinue the Novice doubles handicaps and to introduce American handicaps in place of the handicap singles as previously played. Mr. Stirrup agreed to take charge of the tournaments.
7. A.G.M. The Agenda was considered and agreed for the meeting to be held at 10.30. A.M. on November the 6th.

A collection will be made to enable members to subscribe to the Ground staff fund fund, who have not already done so.

The refreshments will be supplied by Committee members and their wives.

8. Court maintenance. Mr. Verity agreed to continue to be our representative on the general committee and would give a resumé on the present arrangements with particular reference to water supply which was still under discussion.
9. Coffee Mornings. To raise funds for specific aids to help improvement of condition of courts. This was discussed but it was suggested that great care should be exercised on this because it was primarily the responsibility of the general committee and not of the croquet section.
10. Croquet Section subscription. The committee would agree to an increase in the club as a whole but not to an increase of the croquet section in particular. Mr. Verity stated that this; had never been suggested to his knowledge.
11. Ladies helping with teas. It was requested that Mrs. E. Williams be approached to ascertain the number of helpers from the croquet section helpers and that this should be included in the annual report.
11. Date of next committee meeting. to be decided at the A.G.M.
12. Club Lunch. Mrs. Dwerryhouse would ascertain prices for a date in March. Announce at A.G.M.
13. Next season opening dates. About April 15th. Weather permitting.

Minutes of Committee Meeting of Sidmouth Croquet Club. November 6th. 1975

Present. - Mr. M. Glover, Messrs Ovens, Verity, Stirrup, Rawkins. Mes Dames Dwerryhouse, Holt, and Togni.

1. Retirement of Chairman. A new Chairman would be selected at the next committee meeting.
2. The necessity of a captain for next season was discussed. This would be voted on at the A.G.M.
3. The Longmore Cup for the high bisquer making the most progress. Mr. Ovens stated that those eligible were members with handicaps over 14. It was agreed that Mr. Masters Curtis had made most progress but as his handicap had been reduced during the season he was not eligible. It was felt that this was not altogether satisfactory, the cup would be awarded to Mr. R. Case but that a more satisfactory rule would be made at the next meeting.
4. Mr. Pat Tunmer was leaving the club and it was decided to bring up at the A.G.M. to decide some recognition for his long and distinguished service to the club.

Maurice S Glover
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Mr. L. Fletcher. The sorrow of the club was expressed for the death of one of our distinguished members. He will leave behind him many happy memories,

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Sidmouth Croquet Club. 6 November 1975.

Present. The committee, and 36 members,

Apologies for absence were recorded from Mr. P. Tunmer, Mr. and Mrs. Mossee and Mr. and Mrs. Yorke-Davis.

Minutes of the last A.G.M. were read and approved.

Retirement of the Chairman Mr. M. Glover was announced. A vote of thanks was passed for Mr. Glover's services over the years. He became Secretary in 1965 when the club was reformed in 1965. Later and until now he has been the Committee Chairman. He will remain a member of the club.

Club Captain. Mr. Ovens is leaving the club to join Budleigh. A vote of thanks was passed in recognition of his services. It was decided that it was not necessary a new captain to be appointed.

Election of Committee for 1975. The present Committee was reelected with the addition Mr. F. Moores.

General Committee.

Member& were asked if any croquet member wished to be nominated to the General Committee. There was no reply.

Presentation of Cups. by Mr. M. Glover. Singles was won by Mr. Masters Curtis, Doubles by Mrs. Moore and Dr. Rawkins. High Bisquers to Mr. R. Case and the cup for outstanding service to the club during the season to Mr. A. Verity.

The Ladder. In future competitors would be allowed to challenge 1, 2 or 3 up or down.

Singles handicap. This will be replaced by american tournament in blocks.

Doubles Handicap. Partners will be arranged by choosing one high and one low bisque.

Novices assisted handicap. Will be discontinued.

Accomplishments of members in outside competition. Only four members entered at Budleigh in May Bill ovens won the L. G. Walters Challenge Trophy. At Southwick in August he was defeated in the final of his class event. In the Open Doubles he and his partner lost in the semi-final. In the same Tournament Marion Ovens reached the round before in both these events. In the September three day Tournament at Budleigh she was runner up in her block and received a small money prize.

In the open Championships July 14-19th Hr. H. O. Hicks was in the second round. In the 1921 handbook he already had a handicap of 2. and here he was 54 years later in the Open Championship. No wonder his knowledge of the game is unrivalled and that his skill and stamina are so little impaired. "He is entitled to be a Prima Donna." (Croquet Gazette Oct. 1975)

Club Lunch. Will be held at the Belmont Hotel on Wednesday the 31st of March 1976. Tickets will be £1.60 each. Money for tickets must be paid by March the 17th. A vote of thar was passed to Mrs. Dwerryhouse for making the arrangements.

Ground Improvements. Mr. Verity gave a resume of arrangements for fertilising and reseeding and possible provision of improved watering facilities. Our thanks to the main committee for their co-operation in these matters was recorded.

Mr. P. Tunmer. A collection was made to purchase some permanent token of the club's appreciation of his services.

Ground staff. A collection was made to enable those who had not already subscribed do so.

Opening Date About 15th of April weather permitting.

Next Committee Meeting Tuesday 9th December at 10.30. at the flat of Mrs. M. Holt.

Any other business. Not any.

The Meeting closed at 12.15. p.m.

SIDMOUTH CRICKET, LAWN TENNIS & CROQUET CLUB.

CROQUET SECTION. Report of the Committee for 1975.

Due in part to the marvellous summer and in great measure to the continued enthusiasm of our members, the Croquet section of the Club has had a most enjoyable season, with our membership maintained at just over 50. Bearing in mind the fact that we have at present, only two playing lawns plus a practise lawn, approximately 50 members is the maximum that can be catered for.

Once again, several of our members entered for outside tournaments, Bill Ovens being successful in winning the L. G. Walters Challenge Trophy at Budleigh Salterton, and he and Mrs. Ovens doing very well in other outside events. There was good support for our Club Tournaments, the Singles Cup being won by C. Masters-Curtis and the Doubles event by Mrs. Betty Moores and David Rawkins. The most improved "long bisquer" of the season was judged to be Robert Case, who received the cup for this event, and that for special service to the Club during the year, was awarded to Alfred Verity. As in previous years, the Golf Croquet Tournaments proved extremely popular and were held fortnightly throughout the season. This event brings together the great majority of Members regularly in happy accord and apart from the social aspect, we hope it improves the hoop-running of all of us. The Committee would like to thank all those members who gave up their time to run the Golf Croquet matches throughout the season. Our ladies have been very generous in giving their services to help with the teas throughout the cricket season and also at our regular golf croquet sessions and we thank them all for their hard work on our behalf.

At our A.G.M. the Club was able to pay it's last tribute to our late Captain. Len Fletcher, who died prior to the opening of the season in 1975. Len gave of his time unstintingly over the years, and was dedicated to the improvement in the quality of play, and everybody who was privileged to attend his refresher courses on the game will have benefitted greatly by his patient help. His wide knowledge and advice are still greatly missed.

The Club have accepted with great regret, the resignation as our Chairman of Mr. Maurice Glover. Maurice was thanked for his many years of service and support, first as Club Secretary in 1965 and later as Chairman of the Croquet Club. We are happy to know that he will continue his membership of the Club and interest in the game. Bill Ovens tendered his resignation as Captain, and we thank him for his services to the Club in this capacity. It is not proposed to appoint a new Captain for the Coming season.

We have also to record, with great regret, the resignation from the Committee and as a member of the Club, of Pat Tunmer, on his leaving Sidmouth to live at Budleigh Salterton. Over the years, Pat has been instrumental in building up the success and happy relationships which exist in the Club today. However, Pat has offered once again, to give sessions of instruction on the strategy of the game and we are sure that all members will be grateful for his continued help in this direction.

The Committee welcomes the election to the Committee of Fred Moores and the other Members hope that he will be happy to serve with them.

We all look forward to our third annual Croquet Club luncheon which will take place on the 31st March 1976, at the Belmont Hotel and we are sure it will be as happy an event as on the two previous occasions.