

Sidmouth Cricket, Tennis, Croquet and Hockey Club
Minutes of Croquet Section Committee Meeting
Meeting held Frensham, Glen Road at 09.30 on 27 October 2006

Present David Temple (chair) Jo McInerney (sec), John Coombes, John Dixon, Graham Harford, Gabby Macadam, Helen Pryor, Nancy Temple, Elaine Woodward

Apologies Amanda Haste

The Chairman welcomed the new members of the Committee

Officers were appointed as follows-

John Coombes	Assist grounds and golf croquet and booking sheets
John Dixon	Grounds and equipment
Graham Harford	SW Federation and Coaching new members
Amanda Haste	Publicity and booking sheets
Gabby Macadam	Golf Croquet, rota for lawn litter clearing and assist social
Helen Pryor	Internal Tournaments and Cashier
Nancy Temple	Social
Elaine Woodward	Open Tournaments and assist coaching

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 September were agreed and signed

Matters arising

- 1 John Palmer has updated a First Aid box for the Pavilion. Gabby agreed to ensure there is a First Aid box in the hut on Lawn 2
2. Clearance of blanket box in mallet room is in progress organised by Gabby and aided by Helen and Nancy
3. John D will organise a work party to clear behind huts on lawns 4 and 1
4. David will find cost of providing board for High Handicap Tournament
- 5.. David will ask Ian Friedlander to be contact for Golf Croquet Open Tournament

Chairman's Report

- 1 Cliff Jones' Law course has been excellent and well attended. It produced a small profit to the club funds.
2. Money is also due from hosting the Selectors' weekend. David will contact CA to ask for this.
3. John D will provide a barrier across the front of the hut on Lawn 3 during the Golf Croquet Tournament.
4. Sprinkler Appeal has already attracted over £3000.
5. Match fees and fees for Open Tournaments will need to be raised for next season.
- 6 Thanks due to Helen for excellent financial report for AGM
- 7 Centenary Year. After some discussion it was decided to make the June Open Tournament a Sidmouth Centenary Tournament taking place 18-23 June 2007 Possible extra medals/goblets to be awarded?
- 8 Enquiries to be made by Jo to see if Charity One-Ball tournament will take place next season
- 9 The following decisions were made re Sue Rogers query about Internal Tournaments.
 - a) Advanced Handicap to be 14-8 but 16 may enter as long as they have played the advanced game rules
 - b) Belmont 16 and under. 18's may enter but play off 16

- c) Fermor remains the same
- d) Dorothy Toye 18 point to be marked on handicap card
- e) Canton Trophy 14 point NOT marked on handicap card
- f) 14 point High Handicap remains the same

10 A notice will state that anyone forgetting to turn up for an arranged tournament match automatically gives a walk-over to their opponent

11 Finals weekend is to be brought forward to 31 Aug/1 & 2 Sept.

Golf croquet tournaments will be 20/21/23 Aug. The Chairman's 6-9 September

12 A member of the committee is needed to support the Manager of each Open Tournament

13 Elaine to check that Graham Dodd is willing to manage September Open Tournament

Secretary's Report

1. Letter received from David Laidler suggesting that a tournament for new members be held at the end of the season rather than directly after coaching He also noted his enthusiasm for a more competitive section for golf croquet

2. A letter from Dawlish Garden Trust thanks us for our promise of mallets and balls

3 Jo is compiling a data base of email addresses of section members.

GMC

1 Terry has responded to the pressure put on him but the Cricket section are still not happy with the square.

2 The water bill has risen dramatically recently

Committee Members' Reports

Helen Pryor

£130 cash in hand £20 profit was made on AGM supper

Nancy Temple

Ways to solve problems faced by serving coffee at tournaments are under consideration

John Dixon

Will sort mallets and balls during the winter

Meeting closed at 11.45

Date of next meeting Thursday 16 November 2006



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Meeting held Frensham, Glen Road at 09.30 on 16 November 2006

Present David Temple (chair) Jo McInerney (sec), John Coombes, John Dixon, Graham Harford, Amanda Haste, Helen Pryor, Nancy Temple, Elaine Woodward

Apologies Gabby Macadam

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 October were agreed and signed

Matters arising

1. Cost for framing of board for Advanced High Handicap Tournament is approximately £25, updating present boards is also necessary. It was agreed to go ahead with these and send bill to GMC
2. Ian Friedlander agrees to be contact for GC Open Tournament. Jo to inform Nigel Graves and Bill Arliss
3. Money still owing from CA for Selectors weekend and coaching course - David still chasing Cliff Jones.
4. Working party for jobs arranged for next week. Jo will attempt to clean carpet in mallet room

Chairman's Report

1. SW Federation AGM No positive decisions made. Motion put forward by Sidmouth was not passed. Minutes on file
2. Dates for next season were discussed and agreed. See programme for next year for details

Devonia to be played according to B league rules

Dorothy Toye 18 point 1% hr games to be marked on handicap card. David will ask John Toye if this is acceptable

Canton Trophy for handicaps 20 and below

Match fees and fees for Open Tournaments for next season will be raised in line with Budleigh Salterton. Elaine to check.

Internal Tournament entry fees will be increased to £2.50

3. Sprinkler Appeal. Donations of £5,155 have been promised to date with an additional £2,280 promised over 4 years. David to remind Cricket Section that they still have to canvas for support.
4. Cliff Jones is offering to run Bronze Level Coaching course, possible date 21 - 22 April and a Tournament Management course Jan/Feb 2007

Secretary's Report

1. Data base of email addresses of section members is still under progress
2. Request for SW fees for £36 has been received, also for entry fees for SW Fed tournaments @£5 per team. Total of £56 - bill sent to GMC. It was agreed that we should reduce the number of Swan booklets
3. A firm selling white clothing and waterproofs have offered a display of goods for members. Jo to write and suggest combining with Bowls Club and suggesting a static display during the GC Tournament in April

Committee Members' Reports

John Coombes

1. Has spoken to various members keen to play GC at league level and will liaise with Graham re dates
2. Will help Amanda with booking sheets

John Dixon

- 1 Mallet room and Hut 3 have been tidied and all equipment is stored in hut on Lawn 3
2. An inventory of all equipment has been taken and is on file
3. Working party will meet next week.
4. Many spare keys have been found and will be kept until identified

Graham Harford

1. Awaiting information from SW Federation re league match dates
2. Format for arranging coaching sessions for next season is prepared.

Amanda Haste

- 1 Requested that David should write obituary notice for Ted Owen for CA Gazette
2. Will write an article for Herald re Centenary Year Also suggest giving croquet lessons as a Christmas gift.

Helen Pryor

1. Cash in hand £134. Reminder to ask for VAT receipts where possible.
2. Subscriptions for 2007 will rise in line with inflation to £130. New members to pay £25 for lessons then £115 to join

Elaine Woodward

1. Elaine and David and Amanda will write an introduction for June Centenary Tournament for Swan magazine

Nancy Temple

1. To date 39 tickets sold for Christmas lunch. Raffle prizes requested.
2. Gary (caterer) is now a father to Charlie. Nancy will deliver a bottle of champagne and a card to the family
3. Date for Spring Lunch at the pavilion is planned for 30 March 2007

A Sub Committee of Nancy, Elaine and David was formed to plan 2007 Centenary June Tournament.

Meeting closed at 11.50

Date of next meeting Friday 15 December 2006. 09.30 at Frensham



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Present David Temple (chair) Jo McInerney (sec) John Dixon, Graham Harford, Amanda Haste, Gabby Macadam, Helen Pryor, Nancy Temple, Elaine Woodward.

Apologies John Coombes

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 November were agreed and signed after correcting Sees. Report 2 'fees for entries to SW Fed. Tournaments, bill of £56 sent to GMC'

Matters arising

1. Mallet room carpet has been shampooed
2. Cliff Jones still has not paid monies due or sent badges for coaches
3. Fees for entries for Open Tournaments are not to be raised
4. Obituary notice for CA Gazette and intro for Centenary June Tournament have been sent.

Chairman's Report

1. 2007 programme was discussed and some changes and additions made.
2. Charity One-Ball date changed; Jo will email Kevin Carter to say we will run a heat on 5 April. Elaine will manage tournament. £3 entrance fee donated to Cancer Research. Entries limited to 24. Nancy and Jo will provide soup and rolls
3. Tournament Management Course will take place on 20-21 Jan at The Sidmouth Club. Committee made a ruling that if future courses need use of lawns then Club catering and facilities must be used.
4. Sprinkler Appeal now has a promised £8,520 from this section. The cricket section did not raise the subject at their AGM as promised but have now circulated an appeal to their members. It was agreed that with the approval of the GMC we go ahead to arrange for the digging of a bore hole.
5. Ken and Diane Wallman have offered to arrange a Sprinkler Appeal fund raising supper on 8 August. Food and drink will be provided at a cost of £20 per head, numbers limited to 50.

Secretary's Report

1. Reply sent to Cotswold Bowls Centre re display of clothing
2. Report from CA news (on file)
3. Sidmouth Museum croquet display will be arranged by Bob Symes. Amanda will make contact to see if he needs any assistance.

Committee Members' Reports

John Dixon

1. David has cleared behind hut on lawn 4 and has repainted clips
2. Flags are repaired and centre pegs will be repainted by John Coombes
3. Hoops are now ready for painting by a working party this week
4. All other equipment sorted-balls have been moved down and there are now 31 spares-2 sets will be available for Dawlish Garden Trust along with 4 mallets

John will now be away until 25 March

Graham Harford

1. SW Fed matches are being arranged. To date there will be 8 matches, 5 Home and 3 Away. See file/programme for dates.
2. Will organise coaches and arrange Refresher Sessions for 10 & 17 March with the help of Elaine, Gwynneth and Iris. Lawn etiquette to be a subject for refreshing

Amanda Haste

1. Croquet for Christmas article in Sidmouth Herald has brought in 2 enquiries
2. Will produce a Laws Quiz for refresher session.

Helen Pryor

1. £152 cash in hand
2. Christmas lunch made £66.50 profit from the Raffle-thanks to Gabby for arranging
3. Will buy 20 new How to Play Croquet books for Prospective new members.

Nancy Temple

1. Gift taken to Gary to celebrate birth of son Charlie
2. Dates for next year to be given to Gary and to Caroline early in January.
3. Buffet preferred for Spring Lunch in pavilion on 30 March.
4. Centenary Week Spring Tournament will have a drinks party on the Monday evening, a dinner on Wed or Fri at which we hope the President of the CA will give a talk.
5. The search continues for an old pram but help is at hand as Graham may have access to one.

Elaine Woodward

1. Coaching manual has been received from CA

Meeting closed at 11.10

Date of next meeting Monday 22 Jan 2007

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Present David Temple (chair) Jo McInerney (sec) John Coombes, Graham Harford, Amanda Haste, Gabby Macadam, Helen Pryor, Nancy Temple, Elaine Woodward.

Apologies John Dixon

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 December were agreed and signed.

Matters arising

1. Money due from Cliff Jones and badges for those attending the Club Coaches Course has finally been received Cliff Jones has gone into hospital. Jo will send card
2. Details of the Golf Croquet Qualifying Tournament were not listed in the Fixture Book but were mentioned in errata section and word of the tournament is being passed around. Nigel Graves will manage the tournament

Chairman's Report

1. Sprinkler Appeal. Action is in progress and a test hole by the bins on the edge of the cricket field will be drilled at the end of February. Money for the Appeal continues to come in and a small amount £250 has been given by the cricket section. There is also money promised from the GMC. A suggestion was made that a note of thanks should be published to all those who have donated, some members were against listing names and proposed a general thank you to all. Amanda agreed to prepare a draft copy.
2. The Centenary Tournament. The President of the CA, Bernard Neale, has agreed to give an after dinner address to all attending the dinner on Wednesday 20 June.
3. Squatters are taking advantage of the huts on lawn 3 & 4 but no damage has been done although they do leave a mess. Some form of barrier will be considered if any damage is done
4. A member has suggested running a car boot sale to raise funds but the committee decided against this.
5. The Wallman's supper at £20 per head will include a swim and drinks with the meal
6. The new Awards board is ready for display
7. The people in charge of the croquet display in the museum have asked for some assistance David and Amanda will help and provide some material.

Secretary's Report

1. The CA have sent
 - a) copy of the Fixture book, for the mallet room
 - b) a request for list of club officials, filled in and returned
 - c) a request for member club fee of £737, given to David to pass to Club treasurer
 - d) information of two Golf Croquet competitions, passed to John C and Gabby
 - e) notice of a survey to find how many club members are CA members, Jo will research
3. Jo will inform The Sidmouth Diary that Sheila Adams is now the Social contact for the club

GMC

A meeting of section officials reports that all subs must increase. Croquet must reach £150 each within 2 years.

Committee Members' Reports

John Coombes

1. Huts on lawns 3 & 4 are in need of treatment. This will be done before the start of the season
2. Lawn 1 is in need of some reseeding and this should be done in the spring, Lawns 3 & 4 will be the first to open in April. Lawn 2 will open in the second week to be ready for training. David will pass this information to Terry.

Graham Harford

1. John Grimshaw has requested that we host the "B" league final on Sunday 30 September
2. One SW Fed match has been rearranged - see fixture list
3. Notice of a Golf Croquet referees course on 17 April and a SW Golf Croquet training day on 8 May were passed to John C and Gabby for circulation
4. Refresher Days will be organised by Elaine with Graham as assistant. Amanda will prepare a laws quiz

Amanda Haste

1. Booking sheets are all prepared and marked out and were passed to John Coombes
2. 1907 type clothes to be used for opening day can be borrowed from Heather Hodge on 577816. Gabby to make contact and see what clothes are available.
3. An idea for a competition in the Sidmouth Herald to advertise croquet lessons was well received. Notices to advertise croquet will be printed by Helen for distribution early February

Helen Pryor

1. £156 cash in hand. All were reminded to get VAT receipts where possible
2. A manager is needed for the Dorothy Toyne competition, Helen will ask Sue Rogers
3. A contribution to petrol money is given for matches over 80 miles away, players should be reminded that they should each pay a contribution to the car driver for all matches. Helen will prepare a reminder notice.

Nancy Temple

1. Tickets are on sale for the Spring Lunch. Emails informing members of date change have not all been received. Jo will resend.

Elaine Woodward Open tournaments are under control.

A.O.B.

- 1 Ladder to become a wheel. David to make?!

Meeting closed 11.50

Next meeting 23 February 2007



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Apologies John Coombes, John Dixon

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 January were agreed and signed after corrections 1 Lawns 2,3&4 will open at beginning April

2. Sheila Adams is non-playing membership sec. Caroline Miles is social sec for the club.

Chairman's Report

1. Sprinkler Appeal. It is planned to drill the borehole sometime in the middle of March
2. The Golf Croquet Tournament. Bill Arliss has responded to David and to Amanda but NOT to Elaine. Entries are slow to come in so David will send an email to the CA website stating that this is a qualifying competition for the National Championship and if oversubscribed applications will be taken on the basis of ranking
3. £250 has been received from the CA, due from tournaments hosted in Sidmouth
4. Prospective members morning. Amanda will set up amplification equipment. John Coombes will arrange for mallets, balls and hoops to be at hand. David or Jo will give welcome and information. Jo will prepare labels for members and committee. Nancy will provide coffee and biscuits.
5. Subscriptions are slow to come in so it was decided to include a detachable reminder to next year's newsletter.

Secretary's Report

1. Jo will correct entry for Sidmouth Diary
2. Mallets and balls were delivered to Dawlish Garden Centre and received with great enthusiasm
3. On rethinking request from CA for contact details of non-Associates Jo thought this would be unethical, as we had promised security to our members. It was agreed that Jo would inform the CA that, although we will continue to encourage our members to join the CA, we are unable to agree to their request.

GMC (Report from Helen as David was absent)

1. Catering. After poor reports on kitchen hygiene the kitchen is to be thoroughly cleaned.
2. Folk Week Parking. Helpers may not 'officially' direct traffic at the entrance to Fortfield Terrace. Yellow jackets will not be worn. To volunteer contact Mike Dibble
3. NO SMOKING rules will come in to force on club premises as from April 1
4. 'Friends' are to buy a drinks machine at the cost of £4000. This machine will serve hot and cold drinks and will give change. Any profits will go to Club funds
5. Bar profits are up a little. In future Terry will not receive 50% of profits over £30,000
6. 18th birthday parties will no longer be welcome on Club premises
7. Mike Dibble is to become an honorary life member of the Club

Members' Reports

Graham Harford

- 1 All SW Fed. Matches are now arranged and forms are ready for team captains.
2. Comprehensive forms for prospective members on Saturday are prepared.

Amanda Haste

1. Publicity has continued throughout the winter months. Photos and information of any event is welcomed.
2. Display for the Museum needs a Golf Croquet laws book and a display hoop and a set of balls. David will check display when all is prepared. A wine and cheese reception will be held in May 1 or 4 or 11. Amanda will confirm.

Gabby Macadam

1. Will view possible 1907 clothes for opening day on 22 March. Volunteers to dress up are to be found.
2. John will circulate information of GC coaching courses.
3. Replied to Swanage Croquet Club inviting them to GC sessions when they visit.

Helen Pryor

1. £213 cash in hand. Please could all cheques except membership fees pass through Helen's hands?

Nancy Temple

1. Spring Lunch is a sell-out; even non-member spouses are unable to attend. Gabby & Nancy will do flowers for the tables
- 2 A pram for serving coffee to the lawns has been bought for £35 from raffle profits. David has volunteered to adapt it to purpose.

Elaine Woodward

1. Only 4 entries so far received for GC tournament but the June tournament already **oversubscribed.**

A.O.B.

1. Jo reported that Iris has offered to give a drinks evening to retired members as a Centenary celebration. The 26th April was suggested as a date. Jo will contact Iris and check that the pavilion is free
2. Lawns Opening Day Committee will meet at 10.45; photos at 11.00. David & Jo and other committee members play one-ball or golf croquet for half an hour. Jo will ask Tony Philpott to take action photos. 12 noon. Bar open

Meeting closed 11.30

Next meeting 23 March 2007



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Apologies John Coombes, John Dixon, Amanda Haste,

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 February were agreed and signed

Matters arising

1. Email re GC Tournament has been sent to CA for publication.
2. Museum display wine and cheese launch has been arranged for 1 May.

Chairman's Report

1. Bore-hole is promised any day now.
2. Bronze coaching course still has available spaces. £10 per head charge.
3. Croquet display in pavilion has been re-arranged to make space for new display board
4. Announcements will be made at Spring Lunch
 - a) Introduction of committee and their tasks explained
 - b) Plans for Centenary Year including museum display and wine and cheese evening.
 - c) Opening Day plans
 - d) Ladder changed to a wheel.

Secretary's Report

1. CA papers received passed to relevant committee members. CA news repeats that all members joining the CA for the 1st time this year earn their club £10. A request is made for items of interest and news of events etc. for the magazine and to pass message to Amanda.
2. Membership list almost up to date. Plans to distribute at Spring Lunch.
3. Letter from Northampton visitors re visit in May. Gabby will welcome them to GC on Monday am 21 May and Jo will arrange opponents for them in the afternoon. Charge for visitors will be £2.50 for GC and £5 per head for Association. Members Reports

John Dixon/John Coombes (dealt with by David in their absence)

1. Hut on Lawn 3 needs painting to be completed. Kick boards need some attention
2. A chair washing session was arranged for Tuesday am at 09.30
3. John Palmer has put in a socket and shaved the door in the mallet room. Rita Field has planted the garden.

Graham Harford

1. 9 members have signed on for lessons and all are planned for April.
2. Discussion ensued on a game/tournament for new players. Helen suggested that the first Club Afternoon should be reserved for this. There was also a suggestion that one lawn be reserved for new players during Club Afternoons. Final decisions were reserved until the standard of the new players has been assessed.
3. A young lady has requested information re croquet, Graham requested a female member also attend the meeting, Nancy and Jo offered to be available.

Amanda Haste (by email)

1. Photos and information of any event PLEASE.

Gabby Macadam

1. 1907 clothes for opening day have been arranged for Martin & Jo & Gwen & Roland. Jo volunteered to make a notice for the board stating plans
2. Prizes for raffle are needed. Money from the raffle will be used to pay hire charges for clothes and also for coffee pram.

Helen Pryor

1. £208 cash in hand.
2. More law books will be ordered.
3. Tournament rules were clarified. If a game is a draw the final result will be on number of wins, who beat whom and then points. 14 point games will be played from base 16 in a game of 1/2 hours
4. It was confirmed that Elaine will organise the Dorothy Toye tournament.
5. Newsletter and fixture list book will be delayed due to printer's delay.

Nancy Temple

1. The new drinks machine has arrived in the club and seems popular.
- 2 The coffee pram was displayed and Nancy and David complimented on their talented hard work.
3. It has not been possible to contact Gary but Spring Lunch is hoped to be a buffet with nibbles to go with first free drink.
4. Saturday lunches for the GC Tournament and for the Bronze Coaching Course will be discussed with Gary.
5. Match teas need to be smaller and possibly cheaper? Again this needs to be discussed with Gary.
- 6 Soup for Charity One-Ball will be in heated flasks and served with bread. Players will be asked to bring a mug each.
7. A bottle of malt whisky has been presented by Doreen O'Hara to raise money for the Club. Ideas for how to turn into as much cash as possible will be discussed at the next meeting.

Elaine Woodward

1. 11 entries now in for GC Tournament. Cheques for the first 2 Open Tournaments have been paid in
2. Will send report of Refresher Courses to Amanda. Unfortunately no photos were taken.

Meeting closed at 11.15

Next meeting to be held on 26 April at 09.30

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Elaine Woodward', written in a cursive style.

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Meeting held Frensham, Glen Road at 10.00 on 26 April 2007

Present David Temple (chair) Jo McInerney (sec) John Coombes, John Dixon, Graham Harford, Amanda Haste, Gabby Macadam, Helen Pryor, Nancy Temple, Elaine Woodward.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 March were agreed and signed

Chairman's Report

1. Borehole is still promised, this time during May Bank Holiday week. The mobile walker will also be delivered soon and can be fitted to the mains if bore hole is delayed.
2. Open GC tournament. All is ready for each day to begin at 09.30.
3. "Meet the new members evening" will hopefully welcome 12 new arrivals to the club. Their first drink will be free.
4. Centenary June Tournament Preparations are underway. 30 players are expected and Elaine will email a letter (written by Amanda) to each of them to send them a menu of the dinner to be held at the club on Wednesday 20 June. This meal must be ordered in advance so that the catering can be organised and we will then know how many spaces are available for committee and members. Gary is charging £14.50 for the meal and it will be sold at £15. There will be no drinks evening as previously considered. Bernard Neal will be attending and David will arrange for him to play a friendly game during his visit, possibly at Budleigh. Bernard and his wife will receive a free meal
6. Club Afternoons Committee members to run each afternoon during June were organised.
7. A friend of Graham Harford has donated an antique mallet to the club and it is at present on display at the museum.
8. Mavis Budden, a new member in 2006 has been killed in a car accident.

Secretary's Report

1. Letters have been prepared and sent to new members and packs of information are available for them as subs are paid. Notice has been posted about a high handicap tournament at Cheltenham in July
- 3 The Charity One-Ball tournament raised £693 for Cancer Research. Peter Hills attended the finals at Winchester and made 3 wins and 4 losses.

GMC

- 1 David attended a meeting with the cricketers earlier this morning and all expressed their concern over the state of the grounds. David has requested that no action be taken before October.

Members Reports

John Coombes

- 1 GC league teams of 8 players are arranged and team captains are left to organise practice. Plymouth have withdrawn from the league so there are fewer matches to be played
2. It was arranged that John will buy marker pegs for the GC tournament games

John Dixon

1. Edge boards will be in place for the protection of the spectators at the GC tournament
- 2 £45 has been raised by the sale of old croquet balls.

Graham Harford

1. Coaching has all gone well although because of holidays there are still a few lessons outstanding. All who signed up are expected to join except for one couple that dropped out due to illness.
2. Thursday evening coaching from 4-6pm will hope to be continued a.s.a.p.

Amanda Haste

- 1 There is a need for more referees in the club. David to ask Cliff if he would run a course.
2. Forward notice that this post will need a replacement for next season, meanwhile please keep reporting on events.

Gabby Macadam

1. Golf Croquet due to start on Monday, all is ready and members are keen.
2. Museum display and cheese and nibbles are not provided by the museum as we thought but to cover costs a charge of £1.50 will be requested at the door.
3. Volunteers for the cleaning rota will be organised soon.

Helen Pryor

1. Cash in hand £163.
2. Spring Lunch profit is £138.
3. Nancy will manage the 14 point game on 26 June
4. Club afternoons will be managed as follows: 1/5 Graham H; 8/5 Jo; 15/5 Helen & Elaine; 22/5 Amanda & Graham H; 29/5 John Dixon; 5/6 tba; 12/6 David and Nancy

Nancy Temple

1. Coffee for matches will be available from the machine if needed; teas will be provided at £3 per head
2. Coffee for tournaments will cost 50p and will include a biscuit It will be delivered in the "pram" trolley.
3. Menu for the June Open Tournament Dinner at a cost of £15 was approved and will be sent to players and their wives to order in advance. Any spare seats will be offered to committee and then to members
4. Gary's lunches are very acceptable and will be available at weekends

Elaine Woodward

1. GC Tournament will be managed by Cliff and Nigel but Elaine will be on hand.
2. 3 more tournaments to come and places in them all.

AOB

1. Jo proposed that following on from Cliff's course might it be a good idea to play the wheel games from a base? This was discussed but a definite solution could not be agreed upon so it was decided to leave as is for this year but reconsider for next season.

Meeting closed at 12 noon

Next meeting to be held on 14 May at 09.30

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Meeting held at Frensham, Glen Road at 09.30 on 14 May 2007

Present David Temple (chair) Jo McInerney (sec) John Coombes, Graham Harford, Amanda Haste, Gabby Macadam, Helen Pryor, Nancy Temple, Elaine Woodward.

Apologies: John Dixon

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Chairman's Report

1. Borehole has been drilled. Water was found at 8 metres and the hole was drilled to 30 metres. The pump is to be installed on 4 June. A sum of £3000 was donated to our appeal by the Edwin and Joyce Hill Trust to which David has expressed our thanks.
2. Canton and Dorothy Toyne tournaments are to be organised by Elaine, all is under control.
3. "Meet the new members evening" was very successful
4. Club Afternoons are still under progress of organisation

Secretary's Report

1. Letters have been received requesting friendly matches for visiting players from Northumberland and Purley Bury clubs and these have been arranged with members of matching handicaps.

GMC

1. David will be away for the next meeting but Helen and Gabby will attend.

Members Reports

John Coombes

1. GC handicaps are unfair as Cornwall's were much higher than ours making the scores unrealistic. A review of our golf handicap system is necessary. John and Gabby to discuss.
2. For future GC teams a list will be placed on the notice board so that members can sign up to play as they do with association matches
3. John would like a refresher course on hoop setting and will find others to join him for reminder lessons with Martin.

Graham Harford

1. Some coaching still outstanding but the percentage of joiners of those taking lessons is one of the highest of recent years. It was commented that this might be due to the more relaxed style of coaching to include golf croquet and one-ball.
2. Thursday evening coaching from 4-6pm begins on 17 May. Notice posted in mallet room
3. Budleigh Salterton promise to get in touch to arrange the annual friendly match soon.

Amanda Haste

- 1 Search for replacement publicity committee member is still under way.
2. The future of the GC Open Tournament is encouraged to become an annual event by Timothy King (one of the finalists at Sidmouth this year) who has offered to become "an enthusiastic mouthpiece for the event" to be held "in such a wonderful location" If we do make this an annual event it will be necessary to purchase a trophy for the winner. David and Nancy will look into buying a silver salver from the profits generated.

Gabby Macadam

1. A few volunteers for the cleaning rota are still needed from association players for lawns 1 & 2. Committee members are asked to encourage these places and coffee serving places to be filled a s a p.

Helen Pryor

1. Cash in hand £175.
2. Posters and tickets are prepared for the Wallman's party
3. Some grumblings have been heard about the gap between playing semi-finals and finals. Time is needed to arrange times convenient to each finalist but the dates will be reconsidered and a few more days allowed. Jo suggested that a memo should be put on the notice board to ask for such comments to be put in writing in the committee box for proper discussion.

Nancy Temple

1. 14 point handicap tournament would be better run by those on handicap committee so that progress of players could be noted and handicaps adjusted accordingly. David to ask for a volunteer.
2. Centenary dinner. 24 players have accepted to attend with their spouses. Remainder of tickets to be offered to committee members, club president and to stalwarts of the club before opening to all members. The bottle of whisky donated by Doreen O'Hara will be raffled at the dinner. Tickets to be £1 each and Jo and Martin will organise raffle.
3. Sparkling Wine evening. Tickets will be £4 each to include 2 glasses of bubbly or wine or soft drink. Martin will purchase wine and hire glasses and David and Martin will act as barmen. Gabby to organise games and finger food to be requested with the sale of tickets.
4. Helpers are needed for the Wallman's party and Nancy will try to find volunteers from those members who signed up to help with fund raising.

Elaine Woodward

1. Referees are still needed for some tournaments. Amanda to help and Iris will be asked.

AOB

1. A word of congratulations was given to David and Graham and Margaret Piper for their success at the Budleigh Open Tournament last week. Jo will publish a notice giving details

Meeting closed at 11.20

Next meeting to be held on 8 June at 09.30



Sidmouth Cricket, Tennis, Croquet and Hockey Club
Minutes of Croquet Section Committee Meeting
Meeting held at Frensham, Glen Road at 09.30 on 8 June 2007

Present David Temple (chair) Amanda Haste (sec) John Coombes, John Dixon, Graham Harford, Gabby Macadam, Helen Pryor, Nancy Temple, Elaine Woodward.

Apologies Jo McInerney.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 May were agreed and signed

Matters arising None

Chairman's Report

1 Condition of lawns is may be a problem for Chairman's Salver. DT agreed to approach CA with these concerns.

2. Problem with bore hole as club plumbing is a mystery. Using water for showers, WCs as well as lawns would necessitate stringent testing. UV steriliser needed for kitchen. Should the overall club pay for this as they will benefit?

3. Club afternoons: July 3 Graham Harford (may delegate); July 10 John Dixon.

4. Wallman's party: Gabby to provide tables from St Teresa's Hall.

5. Fed matches: lively discussion on whether club should play best team or be more inclusive. Concluded that should include as many as poss for B League and GC, refining for more advanced, especially when club is title contender. Agreed preference should be given to those willing to travel to away games.

Secretary's Report (emailed from Jo)

1. BBC filming Country Diaries at Castle Drogo and wish to film croquet players 22 Jun (tx July). Time tbc. John C to arrange 4 people incl self (1 car). Will liaise with Gabby. Jo to inform John C of more info (time etc).

Thankyou letter received from Northampton following visit. It was noted that they each paid £3 for GC but had failed to pay any more for Assn in afternoon. This loss of lawn fees was put down to experience, but it was agreed that in future an informal captain should be appointed, to be responsible for explaining club rules and collecting lawn fees.

Members Reports:

Gabby Macadam

1. GC badly oversubscribed. Wants to encourage Assn coaching. Weekly session agreed 12-1 Lawn 2 on a GC day, Elaine to do 11 Jun; John D & DT to help on future dates.

2. Gabby to organize players for Sparkling Wine Evening. Bell to stop play for food.

3. Notice to go up emphasizing that no GC visitors can play unless they belong to a CA club.

John Coombes

1. GC A v Barnstaple postponed.

2. Thanks to John D for hoop-setting. John C/John D agreed to communicate re hoop setting in future.

Elaine Woodward

1. Canton Trophy: 19 entries. Has adjusted bisques due to short games and large entry.

2. John D to check Egyptian board.

3. Deleted

4. Elaine does not wish to be secretary for the GC Open Tournament if it is held next year.

Graham Harford

1. Coaching going well. Tony Dustan-Smith has offered some advanced coaching.

Helen Pryor

1. Cash in hand £127.
2. 14pt tourn: Margaret Piper to manage.
3. Doubles tourn: final to be played on Lawn 3 as Lawn 1 subject to flying cricket balls during matches.
4. 40 Assn & 20 GC hp cards received (no cost).
5. Gary not making any profit from cq teas. Suggestion of providing own teas vetoed.

Amanda Haste

Referees desperately needed. After Amanda leaves in June 2008 Julie Horsley will be the only referee.

Nancy Temple

1. GC teas: 18 people. Home players to bring own cakes & 2 mugs; water in thermos. Picnic table Lawn 3, pavilion if wet.
2. 30 Sparkling Wine tickets sold to date. Sweet dishes still needed.
3. Centenary Tourn:
 - a) Cost of dinner for Bernard Neal +1, also Manager's lunches/teas, to be claimed from club funds.
 - b) Top has been provided for 'Cq Café' so drinks can be poured.
- c) On Wed of tourn Pam B and Ann Rees to provide cake; tea from machine (no catering due to tourn dinner).
- d) Muriel & Tony Philpott to be invited to tourn dinner. 50 guests incl players & selected members.

John Dixon

1. Peg extensions to be freed and realigned; benches need cleaning/painting; will erect awning over seat between Lawns 3 & 4 for shelter/shade during Centenary Tourn.
2. No more surplus balls or hoops available to be sold.
3. John to mark tourn ball cradles to avoid confusion.

AOB

1. Elaine suggested that the present programme of open tournaments was too ambitious, given the over-commitment of committee members. It was agreed that this should be taken into consideration when planning for 2008.
2. A letter from Peter Miller suggesting revision of hp index scoring for Dorothy Toye tournament due to short games was discussed. An index change of 5 points per game was agreed for 2008.

Meeting closed at 11.15 am

Next meeting to be held on Mon 2 July at 09.30



Sidmouth Cricket, Tennis, Croquet and Hockey Club

Minutes of Croquet Section Committee Meeting

Meeting held at Seafield, 11a Cliff Road 09.30 on Monday, 2 July 2007

Present David Temple (chair) Jo McInerney (sec) John Coombes, John Dixon, Graham Harford, Amanda Haste, Gabby Macadam, Helen Pryor, Nancy Temple, Elaine Woodward.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 June were agreed and signed after correction to: Nancy 3c) Jo, provided tea from the machine and cake for the tournament players.

Chairman's Report

1. Bore-hole is now installed. The control of the jets is under question and it will be necessary to experiment when there is a dry day with only a little wind. It is planned to connect the water to the pavilion for all non-drinking purposes, this will save on expenses. The water is potable but a little high in aluminium content. A long-standing leak under the tennis court was discovered and repaired.

David has sent a letter of thanks to the Edwin and Joyce Hill Trust for their donation and will write again to inform them of progress on the work.

2. The lawns are still NOT in good condition although a report was included in recent publicity saying they are. No action is being taken until the end of the season.

3. The Centenary Open Tournament was reasonably successful but as it was over-subscribed it resulted in players having to wait for games. However, the dinner was a great success and a vote of thanks was given to Nancy for the hard work she had put in to make it so. John Dixon was thanked for his stalwart work setting hoops during the tournament. Michael Hide also helped with hoop setting and may be willing to join the team in future. Jo reported that the whisky donated by Doreen O'Hara raised £66 for the Sprinkler Fund.

There was not a trophy to present for the "Knockout" or the "Egyptian" competitions but as Tony D-S has given 2 from his care David has had them engraved to cover this omission.

The GC Open Tournament is to become a regular club event and a trophy will be necessary for this. After some discussion a 10 1/2" trophy was chosen from a selection and Amanda agreed to present it as a farewell gift to the club. Name of trophy to be announced. A club secretary for contacts is also needed as Elaine is not willing to do this although she is the contact for all other Open Tournaments. It would preferably be a member with email access and neither GC reps have this. Matter to be decided in near future

4. Future club afternoon organisers were arranged and cover and management of future club tournaments organised.

Secretary's Report

1. The May CA Noticeboard leaflet was read out. New Registered Club Handbook (RCH) and Directory of Associates and Member Clubs have been placed in the Mallet room. Questions were asked about the format for the RCH and it was agreed that the present format is acceptable - Jo to reply to CA office. The Civil Liability Insurance Certificate has been received and placed on file. A reminder about the non-smoking rule in public spaces was included.

2. Jo reported on the visit to Castle Drogo by a group of members. some filming took place and will be included in a BBC production called Country Diaries to be broadcast each morning for a week beginning 10 August at 11.00 am. Jo has displayed a notice in the mallet room to inform other members. A photographer and reporter from Devon Life were also there so we may feature in a future magazine.

3. A request has been received from the Otter Valley Inner Wheel Club for a "Golf Croquet Taster" evening on 19th May 2008 with a possibility of supper at the club after. The evening

would start at 6 pm. The committee agreed that this would be possible. Final details will be arranged with the committee of 2008.

GMC

AGM is on Wednesday 4 July. As many members as possible should try to attend.

Members' Reports

John Coombes

1. GC match against Barnstaple is rearranged for Thursday 10th July.

John Dixon

1. Shot game practice will take place tomorrow Tuesday 3rd July.
2. Fun and Food games will be organised and will include the fast association play as well as variations on golf croquet.
3. Ball cradles for Internal Tournament play have now been labelled as such.

Graham Harford

1. Friendly match with Budleigh is now arranged for 18th Sept, Tuesday, at Budleigh.
2. Taunton match for this Thursday has been postponed as they could only send 2 players
3. Tony D-S is planning a series of advanced croquet coaching sessions beginning this Friday from 4.00 to 6.00 pm
4. Club policy on choosing of teams for Federation matches was discussed and "Guide lines on how to choose a team" for captains of Federation teams are to be drawn up by John D and David T for use in 2008.

Amanda Haste

1 Apologies to Alsia for the mis-spelling of her name in the Sidmouth Herald due to overzealous sub-editing by the Herald. Also to David T when the trophy he had won was attributed to David Clarke this was due to misinformation. There were also some captions and comments that had been added to the reports.

A warning to future committee that the Publicity Officer is at the mercy of informants and editors

2. Contact slips will again be available in the mallet room for reports to be sent while Amanda is away
3. Esme has reported that the CA Directory in the mallet room is 10 years old and could we have a new one, Jo will investigate this.

Helen Pryor

1. Cash in hand £144.
2. Dorothy Toyne tournament has again come under discussion and it has been decided to revert to the previous format of a 14 point game registering 5 points on the handicap cards.
3. The Doubles Tournament was also discussed as many members had voiced the opinion that to play this tournament over 2 weekends is unnecessary. Helen pointed out that with 11 couples it was impossible to play the whole tournament in 1 weekend. The possibility of a 3 day tournament was discussed. No final conclusion was reached but it is an item for further talks before next year.

Nancy Temple

1. The Sparkling Wine evening was very successful and raised a profit of £84

2. Posters are up for the Fun and Food evening, to begin at 4pm. Nancy is still discussing food arrangements with Gary but it is hoped to provide rice or jacket potatoes with various fillings and salad plus a light dessert for £7. Tickets will go on sale at £8 each. Coffee will be available at £1 extra cost.

3. Plans for the Wallmans' Party are underway. It has been decided to change the posters to indicate that wine is also included in the ticket price of £20.

Elaine Woodward

1. Requested a list of June Tournament winners from David.

AOB

1. Committee members wishing to resign at the end of 2007 are David Temple as Chairman (but willing to take over as Grounds Rep.); Jo as Secretary and Amanda as Publicity. David Baldock has volunteered to take responsibility for Publicity but would not wish to be on the committee.

Meeting closed at 11.30

Next meeting to be held on 6 August at 09.30

Following meeting on 4 September

Final Meeting followed by lunch on 16 October

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Sidmouth Cricket, Croquet, Tennis and Hockey Club

Minutes of Croquet Section Meeting

Meeting held at "Frensham" Glen Road 09.30 on Monday, 6 August 2007

Present. David Temple (chair), Jo McInerney (sec) John Coombes, John Dixon, Graham Harford, Gabby Macadam, Helen Pryor, Nancy Temple, Elaine Woodward

Apologies. Amanda Haste

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Matters arising: Jo reported that the CA Handbook in the mallet room is for this current year; Esme had been looking for it in the place where it had been kept 10 years ago.

A reply has been emailed to the CA with ref to format of the Registered Club Handbook.

Chairman's Report

1. The new trophies for the Knockout section and the Egyptian for the June Open Tournament and the Haste Cup for the GC Open Tournament were displayed and admired by the committee. The Chairman's Salver is now also in our possession ready for the September Tournament.
2. The watering system appeal now stands at £10,500 and more is still being raised. The chairman asked for and received the approval of the committee to go ahead and price for a pop-up system for Lawn 1. Jo suggested that as David had initiated and managed the appeal that he should act as Bursar for it and be its representative on the GMC even if he is not chairman of the section next year. This was agreed.
3. The GC players have made complaints about rabbit-runs and it was thought that more of the members could help with repairs. John C will enquire for volunteers.

Secretary's Report

2. Report on visit to Castle Drogo is in the August edition of Devon Life. The BBC programme 'Countryfiles'. The Summer Diaries will be screened on weekdays for 2 weeks at 11 am on BBC1 starting on 20 August.

The SW Fed AGM will be held at Taunton Sports Club on Sunday 4 Nov at 10.30 am any proposals to be sent before 1 Sept

4. Members were asked for their thoughts re our section AGM as notice of the meeting has to be given before the next committee meeting. It was decided to keep the format as before and to offer a supper after.

GMC

1. Gary has resigned as catering manager for the Club. It is hoped that a replacement will be found. David expressed his disappointment as he felt Gary had served our section well

Committee Members Reports

John Coombes

We still need a tournament sec for the Open GO and David agreed to ask various members.

It is hoped that in 2008 GO tournaments could be spaced out across the season instead of all at the beginning.

John Dixon

Only 20 people entered the Shot Game but all had gone well.

Ideas for 2008 Start at 2.00 pm. Include shot practice on some club afternoons? A club afternoon programme could be the responsibility of one committee member? Stop-shot measurements should be adjusted as at present almost no one can score in that section.

Lawns will be closed for play on the day before each Open Tournament. Practice will be possible in the evening

Graham Harford

General coaching sessions have not been well attended and sometimes the coaches have had no one to coach. Probable cause is that members do not read notices.

A letter has been received from Graeme Pryor about the B team match away against Nailsea. Not only are their handicaps based on a 30 start but also, although they offer 2 full sized lawns for matches, they in fact changed these to 4 half size lawns on the day. It was proposed to send them a letter at the end of the season stating our concern. Also to raise our teams' handicaps to match a 30 start level when playing Nailsea and Cornwall, who follow the same system. It was also agreed to propose a motion to discuss handicapping for the SW Fed AGM; John D and Graham to compile the proposal and send to David for approval and to Jo to send to SW Fed.

A suggestion was made that GC handicaps should be tested according to guide-lines laid out in the GC handbook. John C to arrange this with GC handicap committee. David will discuss with the Assoc Handicap committee that some assoc. handicaps need adjusting.

Helen Pryor

Cash in hand £181. Fun and Food evening made a profit of £43.80. Some members have complained about paying match fees for away matches and friendly matches but it was pointed out that costs had to be met and figures were produced to show that this was the fairest way. Tournaments are well under way and a reminder is being posted to finalists and semi-finalists as to the date the semi-finals must be played. GC tournaments will be managed by Ian Friedlander. It has been noted that a new member, Colin Beddall, has joined as a country member but does not live far enough away to qualify. David agreed to inform him of this to ensure he pays a full sub. for next year.

Please hand in claims for expenses as a p

Nancy Temple

Fun and Food evening in spite of the weather and thanks go to John D for arranging alternative fun games and to Gary for a very good meal.

The Wallmans' Party is well under preparation. 40 tickets have been sold and all expenses are being met by the hosts as their contribution to the Sprinkler Appeal. It was suggested that all money for tickets should be paid to Ken and Diana and they in turn can give the cash to the club and we can then collect a refund of 28% in returned tax. It was decided that Nancy will buy a book about Sidmouth as a gift to thank the Wallmans for their efforts, money to come from petty cash

Nancy will attend GC on Wed to ask for volunteers to man the tea trolley for the September tournament.

The Christmas lunch will be held at the Westcliffe Hotel on Wed 12 December 2007. Tickets £17.

Elaine Woodward

"B" level tournament is well subscribed with club members on the waiting list.

AOB

An approach has been made for the club to sell cards with a croquet illustration but this was not approved.

Volunteers needed for parking duty during Folk Week

Meeting ended 11.30

Next meeting 4 September (same time, same place)

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Sidmouth Cricket, Croquet, Tennis and Hockey Club

Minutes of Croquet Section Meeting

Meeting held at "Frensham" Glen Road 09.30 on Tuesday, 4 September 2007

Present. David Temple (chair), Jo McInerney (sec) John Coombes, John Dixon, Graham Harford, Gabby Macadam, Nancy Temple, Elaine Woodward

Apologies. Amanda Haste, Helen Pryor.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and corrections made to:-

Nancy's Report; The Wallmans' Party profits are their extra contribution to the Sprinkler Fund.

Matters arising:

See **Chairman's Report 2** - as only one member from each section is represented on the GMC it could only be the incoming Chairman or David. This to be sorted out by the new committee in consultation with Neil Gamble

Chairman's Report

1. The Chairman's Salver Tournament takes place this coming weekend and lawns will be prepared and ready. Lunch is being provided.
2. The Handicap Tournament is the following weekend and Graham Dodd will organise it
3. The new Sprinkler System is in action and is proving very successful. In spite of his initial lack of interest Terry is now using it with enthusiasm
4. The cricket section is determined that the groundsman must be changed and steps are being taken by the GMC.
5. John Dixon has circulated a letter with a proposal to the SW Federation with regard to uneven handicap usage. It is felt that all has been said before and no action has been taken. As we are already too late for the proposal to be accepted it was decided to write a more forceful proposal in 2008.
6. The handicap committee are to remain unchanged
7. Committee retiring lunch to be booked at The Black Horse.

Secretary's Report

1. Notice of the forthcoming AGM has been posted and a list for proposing the new committee will soon be in place.
2. A notice requesting the return of Trophies by October 3 will be put on the notice board
Committee Members Reports

John Coombes

1. A newly formed club from Swanage are booked to play friendly Golf Croquet games with Sidmouth on Monday 8 September. Each will pay a £3 green fee.
2. GC handicap checks are being arranged. John will seek the assistance of Howard Quarrel and Derek Hewett

John Dixon

1. Mentioned his appearance on TV during the croquet filming at Drogo and offered a rental of the recording to anyone interested!
2. Hoops will be checked before the Tournament with David's assistance

Graham Harford

- 1 General coaching sessions have not been well attended and sometimes the coaches have had no one to coach.
2. Diana Wallman has finally finished her 6 training lessons.
3. The friendly match with Budleigh now arranged will be played in the near future.

Amanda Haste (by email)

1. Urgent request for reports of Club finals. Photos have been received from Tony but reports are missing. John Dixon agreed to write and send these.

Helen Pryor (by email)

1. Cash in hand £213.
2. Please hand in claims for expenses a s a p

Nancy Temple

1. Gary has regrettably resigned as caterer for the club. His replacement, Jill Hodge, is in the process of preparing the kitchen for her use. She will provide plated lunches for the tournament players and others if ordered in advance.
2. Nancy expressed disappointment at the lack of volunteers to assist serving coffees, lunches etc. at the tournaments.
3. Gill will be asked to provide a supper after the AGM.
4. An additional committee member to help with catering is requested for next year.

Elaine Woodward

1. The entry for the 2008 Fixtures Book is due. The June Tournament may need to be moved as it clashes with other tournaments. Julie Horsley will be asked to take over the management of the September Tournament as Graham Dodd will not be available.

2. A secretary for the CC Tournament has still to be found

AOB

- 1 Cliff Jones has requested that the Parkstone Trophy team be reinstated as he feels we could now raise a team of that standard. Graham will discuss this with Cliff.
2. It was reported that the cleaning of the Pavilion is of a low standard and Gabby agreed to comment on this at the next GMC meeting.

3. A friend of John C is making mallets and asks permission to leave a couple with adjustable handles for practice [at his own risk]. Agreed.

Meeting ended 11.35

Next meeting 3 October (same time same place)

A final meeting to be held at 11.30 on 16 October before departing for lunch

CROQUET SECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at Frensham, Glen Road, 19 September 2007 at 19.30

Present

David Temple (Chair) Jo McInerney (Sec) John Coombes, Graham Harford, Gabby Macadam, Helen Pryor, Nancy Temple, Elaine Woodward.

Apologies

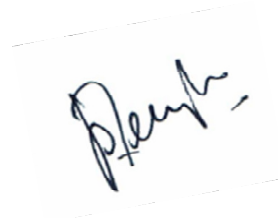
John Dixon, Amanda Haste (opinions and vote cast by email)

This special committee meeting was called to discuss the renewal or termination of the groundsman's, Terry Riding's, contract at the end of the month.

David outlined the case that the cricket section is unwilling to renew the contract as the cricket square is not up to the standard necessary to attract matches from other clubs and therefore a lot of revenue is being lost. The croquet section had the lawns re-laid three years ago and since then the maintenance has not been as recommended by the lawn experts and therefore the standard of the surfaces is gradually deteriorating. Terry is not willing to take advice or attend courses on lawn maintenance and is not cooperative with members even when assistance is offered. With the generous donations of members a bore hole has been dug and a new sprinkler system bought, all to save the club money and to make the task of watering easier, but this has only been sparingly and grudgingly used by Terry.

After much discussion the general verdict of the committee was that because Terry now runs the bar as well as looking after the grounds he is not able to keep the grounds up to the necessary standard. As the grounds are our principal asset this cannot continue and the committee voted by 7 votes to 2 that his contract should be terminated.

Jo McInerney

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Sidmouth Cricket, Croquet, Tennis and Hockey Club

Minutes of Croquet Section Meeting

Meeting held at "Frensham" Glen Road 09.30 on Wednesday 3 October 2007

Present. David Temple (chair), Jo McInerney (sec) John Coombes, John Dixon, Graham Harford, Gabby Macadam, Helen Pryor. Nancy Temple, Elaine Woodward

Apologies. Amanda Haste,

Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed

Chairman's Report

1 Application has been made to the CA Development Grant section and they have replied asking how much money is needed. Prices for the installation costs of a pop-up sprinkler system on Lawn 1 are still being researched.

2. The motion received from Sue Rogers re Wharrad Turns was too late to be sent to the SW Fed for inclusion at their AGM but Julie Horsley has been asked if it could be discussed in AOB. The standardising of handicaps has been forwarded for discussion.

3 A letter has been sent to Nigel Graves re our proposed GC Open Tournament in April.

Secretary's Report

1. Copies of the report to the Autumn newsletter were passed to members

2. Bids to host CA tournaments for 2009 & 2010 were discussed. Bids were made for 5 September tournament in 2010 (see filed copy¹)

3. Details of the AGM of the SW Fed have been received and various motions discussed and the committee agreed that all motions should be voted for. (see filed copy¹)

4. The format for the AGM will be as in previous years. The vote of thanks to the retiring committee will be given by Sue Rogers. Trophies will be presented by Eric Kitchener. John D will arrange the collection for the groundsman. Amanda will provide her sound system. To date the proposals for new committee members matches the vacancies available

GMC

1. Car parking during Folk Festival week raised £14,000

2. The cleaning of the kitchen for the new caterer cost £1,000

3. The position of the groundsman is still not finally resolved

Committee Members Reports

John Coombes

GC Handicaps will be checked early next season, priority being given to those members willing to play in SW Fed matches. Handicap cards will be issued.

Helen was asked to include a space on the internal tournament application sheet for members to mark if willing to play in Golf and/or Association matches.

John Dixon

Lawns are infested with leather jackets, Terry is aware of the problem and they will be treated as part of winter maintenance. Lawns 3 & 4 will be closed as from Monday 8 October. Priority for CC will be given on Monday and Wednesday mornings. John C will mark this in the booking sheets and David will put up a notice

Graham Harford

The friendly match with Budleigh was enjoyed by all who played and it is proposed to fit in 2 such matches each season. Entering a team in the Parkstone Trophy is considered to be nonstarter as we do not have enough players with low enough handicaps

Gabby Macadam

CG players have asked if there could be a separate doubles tournament for low handicap players as there is with singles. It was agreed to put this in practice next season. Tournaments will be for players with 1/3 and 4/6 GC handicaps. All members wishing to play GC should be tested but no test for GC will be necessary for Association players with a handicap less than 10. Budleigh GC players have asked if they could have a social lunch with our GC players over the winter months. This could be possible after discussions with Gill Hodge, numbers could not be less than 12. The cleanliness of the pavilion has been mentioned to John Palmer who has taken it on board.

Helen Pryor

Cash in hand £232

Subs for 2008 need to be increased. After some discussion a vote was taken and the sum agreed was £140. Cohn Beddall who lives in Bridport is not eligible to be a country member but taking into consideration his regular visits and the 35 miles he has to travel it was agreed to ask him to pay a sub of £100.



Nancy Temple

Gill Hodge has made an excellent start. She has coped with 2 weekend tournaments and provided a very good tea for the B league final. She is not going to be able to make small numbers of teas pay so all should be encouraged to come and buy food on these occasions. AGM supper tickets £10 each are selling well in spite of an increase in price of £3 more than last year. 54 have been sold. Possible to seat 60+

Christmas lunch poster and tickets will be ready for sale at the AGM

Barbara and Muriel have offered some support with catering for next year.

It should be possible for us to make coffees for table tennis and whist days using a kettle.

Elaine Woodward

The Fixture Book entries have all been sent in. Entry costs for Open Tournaments have all been increased by £2

AOB

A request has been received for a handrail to be put on the steps leading down to Lawn 3 from the cricket outfield. David will discuss this with John Palmer.

Meeting ended 11.45

A final meeting to be held at 11.00 on 16 October before departing for lunch

Sidmouth Cricket, Croquet, Tennis and Hockey Club

Minutes of Croquet Section Meeting

Meeting held at "Frensham" Glen Road 11.00 on Tuesday, 16 October 2007

Present. David Temple (chair), Jo McInerney (sec) John Coombes, John Dixon, Graham Harford, Amanda Haste, Helen Pryor. Nancy Temple, Elaine Woodward

Apologies. Gabby Macadam

Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed

Matters arising: Elaine pointed out that under Gabby's report it was stated that members with Assoc. handicaps under 10 or under need not be assessed. This is because there is a format in place that automatically gives all low handicap players a GC handicap.

Chairman's Report

1. The question of distance from the club to be a country member will be brought up at the next GMC meeting.
2. 2008 GC Open Tournament will take place over the weekend of 12/13th April. Nigel Graves will manage this.
3. As Sheila Adams presented the cup for the Advanced level B tournament, she would like this fact to be included on the relevant notice board
4. The box holding the pump and works for the watering system has now been fully insulated, by David, against cold weather.
5. John Goodwin has requested help to upkeep the Chairman's Garden. A request for anyone willing to help will be made at the AGM
6. AGM - The format and plan for the evening were discussed and committee members read out their reports so that the committee could edit them.

Secretary's Report

1. A notice offering winter weekend tournaments at Hamptworth Croquet Club has been received and will be posted on the notice board for interested parties
2. A final check on numbers planning to attend the SW Fed. AGM so that lunches may be ordered.
3. Jo will check with Iris Dwerryhouse to ascertain if there is a Rawkins cup or a Hawkins cup Committee Members Reports

Graham Harford

The friendly match with Budleigh could be played in April but 4 lawns would be needed. This would mean altering the half sized coaching lawn. This will have to be changed for the GO tournament so is not impossible.

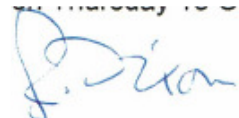
Helen Pryor

1. The Club treasurer has requested that any cheques sent to her should state where they come from and what they are for.

Meeting ended 12.20

The committee then retired to the Black Horse for a convivial lunch

Next meeting to be the AGM on Thursday 18 October



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