

Minutes of Committee Meeting held 20 November 1990 at M. Hardman's house.

Present: I. Dwerryhouse, M. Stant, M. Hardman, R. Callingham, E. Golding, H. Dawson  
G. Dart.

The Chairmen opened the meeting by welcoming the four new members. Minutes of last meeting were approved and signed.

Matters arising:

- 1) Fence mending and the need for preservative on the woodwork of the thatched pavilion noted for action by E. Golding.
- 2) Question of payment for teas to be considered at a later meeting.

Correspondence: The Secretary reported that the SW Federation AGM was to be held on 9 December at Keynsham. It was unanimously agreed that Chairman and Secretary should be the voting delegates; M. Hardman and P. Dwerryhouse would attend as observers.

Reports:

The Cashier said that the recent Whist Drive had made £18 with £3.27 expenses; and that the present balance in hand was £25.90. The Groundsman's Benefit at the AG-M. had been £30.

Any Other Business:

- 1) Allocation of duties: These were agreed as follows.

Chairman I. Dwerryhouse	Secretary G. Dart;
Representative on Management & Ground Committee Equipment	E. Golding M.
Tournaments – Federation Domestic	M. Hardman H. Dawson
Booking Sheets	M. Stant
Cashier	R. Callingham
Golf Croquet	M. Stant
Social Activities;	
Luncheon arrangements	M. Stant
Other activities	Shared duties, with co-opted help
Handicap Committee	I. Dwerryhouse, E. Kitchener, J. Hatherley
Selection Committee	I. Dwerryhouse, E. Kitchener, M. Hardman

- 2) Affiliation Membership of C.A.

The Chairman explained the hope of the C.A. that all non-Associate members of registered clubs should in the interest of boosting membership figures become affiliates of the Association, as recommended in the May issue of 'Croquet', and referred to again in the Sept. issue. The Secretary read to members the letter from the C.A. in May notifying the Club of the Apps/Heley Award, the last paragraph of which read 'In return we would expect that you would be joining the Affiliate scheme'. The meeting agreed, after some discussion, that there was some moral pressure to join, that it would be of benefit to the C.A. to have the increased membership, that though there seemed to be no particular advantage to our club neither was there any hidden disadvantage. The Secretary read the draft of a proposed letter to all members, and it was agreed that this explanatory letter should be sent out with the Spring Programme at the end of January, and that at the same time a letter should go to the

C.A. giving the required names and addresses of Club members. Proposed by M. Dawson, Seconded by M. Hardman, carried.

3) The Chairman said that the C.A. required that a plaque be provided showing the name of one S.S. Townsend as a donor of more than £100 towards the Four Lawn Fund from which our grant had come. This matter to be dealt with at a later date.

4) The Secretary reported that attendance at the AGM had been a very satisfactory 73+, and members agreed that the format of the meeting had been acceptable. M. Stant suggested that at the presentation ceremony some clarification of what each trophy had been played for would be of interest especially to newer members. This was noted for action at the 1991 AGM.

#### Any Other Business

5) Annual Lunch - M. Stant was commissioned to make preliminary enquiries and to report back at the January meeting.

6) The Chairman told members that Associates were being asked individually for contribution to a presentation to the retiring Secretary of the of the C.A., Brian MacMillan. She said that monies were being collected to send to send-up as one cheque, and asked that the club should make the amount up to £20 out of Club Funds should this be necessary. The Committee agreed this and the Secretary was instructed to send a cheque for 320 with an appropriate letter of good wishes.

7) M. Hardman voiced her anxiety about the availability of practice areas for the 1991 season. The Chairman said that maybe Lawn 3 Th could be sub-divided for the month of April; but that no firm decision could be taken at the present time.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 8 January 1991 at 2.30 p.m., venue to be notified later.

*J. M. Dawson House.*

January 1991

AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP CROQUET ASSOCIATION

Dear Member,

In 1990 the Croquet Association decided to create a new grade of AFFILIATE membership, available only to members of registered Clubs, which would boost official membership figures and enable the Association to have a higher profile in the world of sports sponsorship. Because of the financial help given by the Association towards the creation of our 4th Lawn, we have been under some pressure to participate in this scheme.

Each year the Club pays to the Association a registration fee based on the number of members within the Club, less those members who individually pay for Associate Membership. This year, instead of just giving a number, a membership list of names and addresses will be provided with the registration fee, thus automatically making each of you an Affiliate Member; and in the fullness of time you should receive a C.A. Affiliate Membership card and a complimentary copy of a news sheet called 'Croquet News' (Should you wish to receive regular copies of this publication you would have to take out an annual subscription, current cost £2, but there is NO pressure so to do.)

Assurances have been given that no cost is involved either to the Club or to individual members and that no names and addresses will be divulged to any other organisation. ASSOCIATE members are assured that in developing more benefits for Clubs and their members as a result of increased membership figures, the C.A. will be careful to maintain preferential treatment for them as the paying customers

You may prefer to enjoy the benefits of Associate membership yourself, in which case will you please notify me as soon as possible. Iris Dwerryhouse or I will be glad to give you any extra information you may need.

G. DART

Hon. Secretary Croquet Section

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held 8 January 1991 at G. Dart's flat.

Present: I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, M. Stant, R. Callingham, H. Dawson, G. Dart.

Apologies: E. Golding

Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

Matters Arising: 1) It was reported that bad weather had prevented attendance at the Federation AGM

2) M. Stant reported back on arrangements for the Annual Lunch, and the Committee agreed details follows:

Venue: The Woodlands Hotel  
Date Thursday 7 March  
Time 12.15 p.m. for 12.45 p.m.  
Cost £6.50 a head.

3) The secretary said that the Macmillan presentation cheque had been acknowledged. The Cashier said that only £4 from Club Funds had been needed to make the amount up to £20.

Correspondence: The Tournament Secretary reported that she had received League match proposals from the League Tournament Secretary as follows:

B League	3 matches
Inter.	3 matches
Fed.	5 matches

Of these 7 matches would be Away and 4 Home.

Reports. The Cashier said that the December Whist Drive had realised £12, with expenses of £4.47; balance held was £31.93.

Fixtures Dates:

- a) The date of 5 July was agreed for a Golf Croquet QRE, entry fee £2, G. Dart to give her name as contact.
- b) A Short Croquet Copen Tournament to be hold 21/22 May, managed by I. Dwerryhouse assisted H. Dawson; to be advertised in SWAN – Maximum entry 24. Entry fee £5.50 (£3.50 to Sidmouth Members- 8 places Sidmouth. To be followed by a Club Short Croquet Tournament on 23 May.
- c) It was agreed. to enter the Longman Cup competition for 1991.

Domestic Tournaments: H. Dawson's proposals were agreed as follows:

- a) Closing, date for entry should be earlier.
- b) Finals days should be arranged for August.
- c) Shot Game should be fee-paying.

Booking sheets: It was accepted that a thinner paper would be adequate.

Any Other Business:

- 1) H. Dawson initiated a discussion on the question of team selection for League matches, and suggested having a Team Captain for each category, elected for the season. it was agreed however that the present system provided more opportunity for more players.
- 2) the Secretary reported that the balance (£100+) of money left in the 'Robert's' Hut account had now been absorbed into Club Funds, with a note on the file specifying Lady Fermor's wish that the money should be used towards the cost of steps between Lawns 4 M 2.

Date of next meeting. Monday 4 February 1991 at 2.30 p.m. at M. Hardman's house.

*I. M. Dwerryhouse.*

SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, CROQUET AND HOCKEY CLUB

CROQUET SECTION

SPRING PROGRAMME 1991

Tuesday	5th	February	2.00 p.m.	WHIST DRIVE
Wednesday	6th	March	2.00 p.m.	WHIST DRIVE
Thursday	28th	February	10.00 a.m. 12 noon	PRE-SEASON CROQUET REFRESHER
Thursday	7th	March	12.15 p.m. for 12.45 p.m.	ANNUAL LUNCH AT WOODLANDS HOTEL
Saturday	6th	April	<u>LAWNS OPEN</u>	(Ground & weather permitting)

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Your Subscription of £70 is NOW due. Please make cheque payable to Sid-mouth Cricket, Tennis, Croquet & Hockey Club and send to the Club Treasurer, Rex Sims, Manor Garth, Seafield Lane, Sidmouh EX10 SUP.

If you do not wish to continue as a member please, at your earliest convenience, notify the Hon. Secretary, Gwynneth Dart, 1 Norton Garth Court, Station Road, Sidmouth EX10 8NY (Tel: 516635).

As the Club operates entirely with volunteer help it would be much appreciated if you would offer your services occasionally during the Season for such jobs as office duty, collection of deck chair money, bar or tea duty.

The Croquet Section is responsible for manning the bar on Thursdays from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. when there are home Cricket Matches, and for this roster Eric Golding will be glad to have your name (Tel: 512639).

Tickets for the Annual Lunch (Cost £6.50), are available. from Margaret Stant, Coldies Cottage, Chapel Street, Sidmouth EX10 8ND - cheques made payable to her, and a s.a.e. sent with ticket order, please.

Please support the Refresher' morning in the Pavilion on 28th February: a chance to remind ourselves how to play!

Minutes of Committee Meeting held 4 February 1991 at M. Hardman's house.

Present: I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, M. Stant, R. Callingham, E. Golding, G. Dart

Apologies: H. Dawson

Minutes of last meeting: After an addition had been made to the Short Croquet information, the minutes were approved and signed.

Matters arising: Nil.

Correspondence: The secretary reported that a) the Fed. AGM minutes had been received; b) the Fed. Sub. of £18 had been paid; c) The Fed's proposed date of 7 September for the Golf Croquet Final had been accepted; d) the CA registration fee had been increased to £1.50 per non-CA member; e) the Longman Cup fee had been increased, to £20; f) a number of books had been ordered from the CA on a sale or return basis.

Reports. 1) The Chairman gave members the latest information on the Lawn project, and said that the Groundsman was now empowered to work on the part (more than half) which had been levelled. It was agreed that the Tennis Section should be approached to request use of that area through April should the rest of the ground not yet be ready for use. The secretary was asked to express to L. Kennedy the thanks of the Committee for the considerable amount of time and effort given by him to the project and it was agreed that a phone call at the present time followed by a letter of thanks at the completion of the work would be appropriate.

2) E. Golding reported that repainting of the Mallet Room was well under way.

3) M. Hardman detailed those match dates already arranged, and reported the existence of a new club, Lym Valley, with whom a 'B' League home fixture had been agreed. The amended figure for League matches in 1991 was therefore 7 matches away and 5 home.

4) M. Stant reported that more than half the tickets for the Annual Lunch had been sold.

5) The Cashier said that the January Whist Drive had made £16, with expenses of £4.07; balance held was £44.11, and it was agreed that £20 should be passed to the Treasurer.

Training: It was reported that an initial meeting for training potential new players had been arranged for the morning of Wednesday 13 March. After some discussion it was agreed that a charge of £12 should be made for a course of 6 lessons (each 1½ hours) to include a 'Play Croquet' booklet, selling price £2.95. There would be an option of dropping out after 2 lessons, in which case there would be a refund £5.

Booking sheets: It was accepted that a slot on all lawns should be provided for practice availability from 1 p.m. to 1.30 p.m., thus making afternoon sessions slip to 1.30 - 4, and 4 - 6.30.

Draft Domestic Tournament Dates. On behalf of H. Dawson drafts were given to each Committee member for consideration at the March meeting.

Any Other Business. 1) The Chairman said that a garden seat was to be presented to the Club in memory of Lady Fermor.

2) Members accepted with thanks E. Owen's offer to be responsible for the flower troughs again this season.

3) It was agreed to make the draw for the Manor Car Park keys at the Lunch.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 12 March 1991 at 2.30 p.m. at M. Hardman's house.

*I. M. Dwerryhouse.*

Minutes of Committee Meeting held 12 March 1991 at M. Hardman's house.

Present: I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, H. Dawson, E. Golding, G. Dart

Apologies: M. Stant, R. Callingham,

Minutes of last meeting: These were approved and signed.

Matters arising: The secretary reported that a) the CA Registration fee had been amended to £1.25, and the amount therefore paid had been £88.75, based on the figure of 71 non-CA members as at the qualifying time of 30 September 1990.; b) the Tennis Section was agreeable to the request for use of their area through April, but would need the lawn on 28 April for a tournament; c) the Car Park draw had been made, and key holders were as follows: A. Ward, G. Hewitt, C. Garrick, A. Rose, D. Rawkins, G. Peachey. Reserve names were: M. Kirke, M. Smekal.

Correspondence and Secretary's Report.

- a) An unsolicited section of books had been received from the CA as well as the books ordered. Members agreed that they should be returned forthwith.
- b) Three members had in January become Associates; H. Dawson, B. Longley, A. Dustan-Smith; and a Prize application had been sent to the CA.
- c) A list of 64 names for Affiliate membership had been submitted.
- d) As at 6 March the membership was 25 Associates, 54 Affiliates, 1 member whose parent Club was Exeter, and 1 Country member. There had been 4 resignations and 1 member re-joining after a year's break.

Programme for the season. After some discussion this was agreed; copy of programme to be issued to members attached.

CA Tournament for 1992: The Chairman reminded members that the Club was committed to hosting an open Tournament as from 1992, and that details would have to be finalised in good time to meet the Fixtures Book deadline of August. Possibilities were for 1) a CA-run event, e.g. Veterans, when all entry fees would go to the CA, who would pay a hire fee to the Club for use of equipment, etc., but the Club would expect to make its money out of catering. 2) a Club-run event, either weekend or 5/6 days, where entry fees would be retained by the Club, less a 30% 1 levy to the CA. Suggested timing was for late May, early June. It was agreed full discussion would take place at the April meeting.

Reports. 1) B. Golding reported that he had attended a ground committee meeting as well as a main Club meeting; that a quote was to be made for the proposed steps between Lawns 4 & 2; and that the rolling-financial plan for the next 10 years did include the possibility of auto-watering. The support of the Section was sought for the 200 Club and for the Cambridge Draw.

It was agreed that more hoops, clips, and 2 sets of secondary colour balls should be purchased.

2) M. Hardman reported that all Federation matches were now arranged.

3) For the Cashier it was reported that the Whist Drives in February and March had made £18 each, with expenses of £5.18 and £4.79, and after sundry outlays the balance held was £51.92.

Any other Business: 1) The problem of SWAN distribution was raised, but the matter held in abeyance for the time being.

2) It was reported that a W.I. in the Swanage area was a potential customer for two 2 Sets of Walker balls – selling price £10 per set.

3) G. Dart requested that appreciation of the training meeting held on 28 February should be minuted. 25 members attended under the instruction of 5 coaches.

4) The thanks of the Committee were expressed to M. Stant for her organisation of the successful lunch held on 7 March.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 17 April 1991 at 2.30 p.m. at M. Hardman's house.

*I. M. Dwerryhouse.*

SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, CROQUET AND HOCKEY CLUB

CROQUET SECTION

SUMMER PROGRAMME 1991

April	6th	Lawns open subject to conditions
April	20th	Club Coffee Morning 10.00 a.m. (Croquet Section Cake Stall)
April	27th	Closing date for entries in Club Tournaments
May	21st 22nd	Short Croquet Open Tournament (8 places reserved for Club & members, £3.50 entry Fee, closing date for entry 14 May)
May	23rd	Club members Short Croquet Tournament (no entry fee)
June	10th	Egyptian Tournament
July	5th	Federation Open Golf Croquet Tournament
July	22nd & 23rd	Two Ball Club Tournament
August	19th	Shot Game Tournament
August	29th & 30th	Club Tournament Finals
September	3rd & 4th	Golf Croquet Club Tournament (Handicap 14 & over)
September	7th	Federation Open Golf Croquet Final

ASSOCIATION CROQUET

Most Monday afternoons from April 29th will be Club afternoons from 1.30 p.m. unless shown otherwise on the Booking sheet.

April 29th      Coaching demonstration & training from 1.30 to 3.30 p.m.

May 6th, May 27th, June 17th, July 8th;      2-Ball practice on all lawns

June 3rd. June 24th, July 15th                      Shot Game practice on lawns 2 & 3

GOLF CROQUET

Organised Sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 1000 a.m. and Fridays from 6.30 p.m. starting from May 8th. Prior to May 8th personal lawns bookings only, for a maximum of 4 members per lawn per session, so as to avoid excessive wear & tear on the area around the hoops early in the season.

PLEASE NOTE: The Club Coffee Morning on April 20th is an important fundraising event, as this year there will NOT in July be an afternoon tea party, Please support with your presence and gifts of cakes for our stall. Bric-a-brac also will be welcome,

REMINDER: Members' personal equipment, such as Mallets, items of clothing, etc. left in the Mallet Room, are at Owner's Risk. It has been suggested members should make certain such items are covered under their own insurance policies.

Your Committee hopes that all members will enjoy a happy and successful season,

G. DART

Hon, Sec. Croquet Section



Minutes of Committee Meeting held 17 April 1991 at M. Hardman's house.

Present: I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, M. Stant, R. Callingham, H. Dawson, E. Golding, G. Dart

Minutes of last meeting. these were approved and signed.

Matters arising. The Secretary reported that the Walker balls had been sold for £20.

Correspondence: 1) A letter had been received from the National Development Officer enclosing a £12 voucher as reward for recruiting 3 new members for the CA; a further recruitment form had been enclosed.

2) The Chairman said that at the request of the Club Chairman details of groundsman's duties and responsibilities in connection with croquet requirements had been set out. Members agreed the duties and mentioned Seat maintenance a possible inclusion for Winter jobs.

3) The secretary reported a letter from the CA regarding a) Handicapping b) National Sports Day. It was agreed that these letters should be considered fully at a later meeting.

4) The Chairman said that the CA wished to promote increased playing of the advanced game and had suggested the use of bisques. It was accepted for this year at least the Humphrey Hicks Tournament should remain a level play tournament.

5) One resignation from the Club – Ralph Foster was reported.

Reports. 1) Training. 24 potential new members attended a meeting on 13 March. 28 people had begun training, though 2 had since dropped out.

2) Domestic Tournaments. H. Dawson said the entries were slowly coming in.

3) Grounds E. Golding said that the 4th Lawn had been top-dressed and was beginning to take shape., though play would not yet be possible.

4) Fed. Matches. M. Hardman reported that Sidmouth had been given a bye for the first round of the Longman Cup (which had to be completed by 2 June) the 2nd round would be against either Plymouth or Parkstone, to be played before 7 July.

5) Golf Croquet: It was agreed that Lawn 1 should not be made available for Wednesday mornings Golf Croquet.

6) The Cashier reported a balance of £164.31, £100 of which should be passed to the Treasurer.

CA Tournament 1992. Members were recommended to consider for discussion at the May meeting the advisability of asking to have a CA-run Tournament perhaps the Peel Memorial or the Challenge and Gilbey.

Dates of AGM and Whist 91-92 These were agreed; as follows: Whist dates Wed. 13 November; Tues. 10 December, Wed. 8 January, Tues. 11 February, Wed. 4. March.

AGM Tuesday 29 October.

The Chairman's suggestion that Mr Alan Oldham, CA Treasurer, be asked to present the prizes at the AG-h was unanimously accepted and the Secretary was instructed to write a formal invitation.

Any Other Business. Members expressed their appreciation of Mrs Betty Moores' generous gift of a seat in memory of her husband Fred, and it was agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent.

Date of next meeting: Saturday 25 May at 9.30 a.m. at M. Hardman's house.

*I. M. Dwerryhouse.*

Minutes of Committee Meeting held 25 May 1991 at M. Hardman's house.

Present: I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, M. Stant, R. Callingham, H. Dawson, E. Golding, G. Dart

Minutes of last meeting were approved and signed.

Matters arising. The secretary reported that Mr. Alan Oldham had accepted with pleasure the Section's invitation to present the prizes at the AGM.

Correspondence: Rev. Sheila Scarr's letter asking that her membership should lapse for this year only was read to the members, who agreed her request.

Reports: 1) M. Stant said that she had contacted Budleigh Salterton with regard to the annual 'friendly' Golf Croquet matches but no reply yet.

2) The Cashier reported £103.50 taken in entry fees for Club Tournaments for the 3 days of Short Croquet £17.50 profit had been made on teas: a balance of £55.74 was currently in hand, a total of £484.09 having been passed to the Club Treasurer since the start of the season.

3) M. Hardman reported a) a successful 2 days of Open short Croquet, with a profit of £57 on fees; 3 prizes of £5 each having been handed out and a £9 gratuity (50 pence each of the 18 players) given to the groundsman. There were 3 block winners; Audrey Whittaker of Bath, Kay Yeoman of Bath, Leslie Toye of Sidmouth. The Dorothy Toye Cup was won by Audrey Whittaker.

b) The 2nd round of the Longman Cup was to be played on 30 June against Plymouth, and as there was no previous record of location, it was agreed that it should be played at Sidmouth. The 3rd round would have to be played by 4 August, and would be against either Dyffrin or Bears of Rodborough.

c) Arrangements been finalised for a B League (Hi) match on 2 June, and an Intermediate (A) match on 9 June.

4) E. Golding reported that a) the cost of provision of steps between Lawns 4 & 2 had been mentioned at a recent Main Committee meeting. A discussion of detailed requirements ensued. It was proposed by H. Dawson, seconded by G. Dart, that a sub-committee of R. Callingham, H. Dawson, E. Golding should agree and perhaps cost a scheme.

b) a lawn had been marked out on part of the relevelled area, and was to be available for use on a limited basis until such time as the groundsman declared it fit for tennis use. It was agreed that 1 June, designated by the CA as National Croquet Day, was a good start day; but notice would be posted giving limitations of 2 players only per game and a Golf Croquet ban, to protect the new surface from excessive wear.

. 5) H. Dawson reported 61 entrants for Club Tournaments, a total of 212 entries for events He asked that a stencilled notice should be put on Tournament Balls locker.

Advanced play - it was suggested that later in the season a 2 day tournament might be held.

CA Tournaments members agreed with the Chairman's proposals that a bid should be made for the peels Memorial Tournaments to be played at Sidmouth in 1992, the preferred date optiob being early June, with a possible second choice of September. The secretary was instructed to write accordingly.

Any other business: a) The Secretary reported that the final tally of new members in 1991 was 23.

b) It was agreed that the former ruling of unlimited visitor play for CA members be rescinded. The ruling for all visitors was a maximum of 3 times in a season, and the continuing low green fee was for the benefit of family and house guests of members.

c) The question of payment for match teas was raised, but the issue remained unresolved.

d) For National Croquet Day it was agreed that players were to be asked to wear white.

Date of next meeting 25 June at 4 p.m. in the Lawn 2 Pavilion.

*Amended to  
Wed. 19 June*

*I. M. Dwerryhouse.*

Minutes of Committee Meeting held 19 June 1991 at Lawn 2 Pavilion

Present: I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, M. Stant, R. Callingham, E. Golding, G. Dart

Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

Matters arising: Nil

Correspondence: 1) The secretary read to members a letter from Mr Alan Oldham giving information about Mr S.S. Townsend whose financial help towards the 4th Lawn has to be recorded on a plaque. The contents were noted for action at a later date.

2) Members discussed J. Reid's suggestion (letter received 19 June) that Club afternoons for the rest of the season should be devoted to Golf Croquet. The idea was rejected. on several grounds - Golf Croquet already had 2 official sessions to Association's 1; staggered play to utilise the full 3 hours of the Wednesday morning session would lessen waiting time for play on this day; play on Lawn 4 would soon be allowed. The Secretary was asked to reply accordingly.

Reports. 1) M. Stant reported that a Golf Croquet match had been arranged at Budleigh Salterton for 25 June with a team of 8 players. A return match at Sidmouth would be arranged for a date in September. Members were reminded that a Golf Croquet QRE would be taking place on 5 July, and that the closing date for entry would be 1 July. The Secretary reported that no entries had been received from other Clubs in the Federation.

2) The Cashier reported a balance in hand of £82.36, and it was agreed that £50 should go to the Treasurer.

3) E. Golding gave the sub-committee's report on the proposed steps, details of which would be given by him to the Main Committee, together with the quotation of £404 (ex VAT). Members agreed this was a very reasonable figure, and the Chairman thanked the sub-committee for their work.

4) M. Hardman. reported details of 5 Federation matches played.

B League v Bournemouth	walk-over
Intermediate v Bournemouth	lost 2-3
Intermediate: v Cranford	won 5-0
B League v Budleigh Salterton	won 3-2
Federation v Budleigh S.	won 4-3
Forthcoming matches were	B League v Lym Valley (H) on 28 June
	Longman Cup v Plymouth (A) on 30 June
	Federation v Plymouth (A) on 3 July
	Federation v Kingston Maurward (H) on 7 July 5)

5) The Secretary reported recent details of clubs hosting area finals of the All England Handicap Tournament. The venue for this area was Bristol, with 16 players. Sidmouth would be sending 1 player.

Forthcoming Television coverage: The Chairman reported that the Club had been approached by TV SW who were putting together a programme on minor Sports to be shown in August. It had been arranged that John Toye and David Purdon (Regional Training Officer) should meet the TV crew at 2 p.m. on 24 June on Lawn 2. The Shot game practice was therefore postponed to 4 p.m.

Any Other Business. 1) A. Bell's resignation was reported.

2. It was agreed that the recent application by H. Read to join the Section should be approved subject to the usual coaching requirement.

3) The Chairman said a set of old balls had been sold to a member for £2.

Date of next meeting 19 July 1991 at 9.30 a.m. at M. Hardman's house.

*I. M. Dwerryhouse.*

Minutes of Committee Meeting held 19 July 1991 at M. Hardman's House

Present: I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, M. Stant, R. Callingham, E. Golding, H. Dawson, G. Dart

Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

Matters arising: Nil

Correspondence: The secretary reported that the Peel Memorials bid had been acknowledged by the CA Secretary on 6 July.

Reports: 1) H. Dawson reported that domestic tournaments were being, played but that time was getting short to complete all blocks. He expressed reluctance to extend his agreed deadline of 11 August. He reported a successful Two Ball Tournament held on 22 July, the winners being J. Hatherley (Low Bisquers) and R. Callingham (High Bisquers). The Committee agreed his proposal to hold a Tournament on 9/10 September for 16 entrants, handicap 15 and under, playing the advanced game with bisques.

2) E. Golding reported that at a recent Main Club Committee Meeting it had been agreed that the cost of the steps between Lawns 4 & 2 should be an expense borne by the Club The Chairman thanked him for his work and said how excellent the steps were.

He gave details of the groundsman's hours of work, and said that an assistant was being employed as needed during July/August. The Club Secretary's hint that "the croquet section's pressure" would help towards increasing the assistant's hours of work was noted.

3) M. Hardman gave further match results:

H League v Lym Valley	Lost 2-3
Federation v Plymouth	Lost 2-5
Federation v Kingston Maurwaard	Los: 1-4
Federation v Parkstone	Lost 2-5

In the Longman Cup the 2nd round v Plymouth was won 3-2; the 3rd round would be v Bears of Rodborough at Nailsea on 28th July.

4) The Cashier gave a balance in hand of £65.61, and reported a total to date in Visitors' fees of £22.

5) M. Stant reported on the golf Croquet 'friendly' at Budleigh on 25 June. Out of 16 games to be played 4 were won, 8 lost, 2 drawn when the match was abandoned because of rain. Suggested dates for the return match at Sidmouth were 6th or 11th September.

In the QRE held on 5 July there were 16 singles, 16 double. Prize money amounted to £10.50; (£6 920% takings) was paid as a levy to SW Fed; profit was £17.50.

Results were as follows: Singles Winner	G. Dart	£3
Singles Runner-up	K. Holroyde	£1.50
Doubles Winners	G. Hewitt & B. Palmer	£2 each
Doubles Runners-up	E. Golding & G. Sims	£1 each

Winners and runners-up would all play in the Fed. final on 7 September.

She was pleased to report that now that there were 3 lawns in use for club days (Golf Croquet) all members were getting plenty of games.

The Chairman told the meeting that TV SW had spent the afternoon of 18 July at the Club, that the programme would be shown on at 6 p.m. on 5 August.

She said that M. Davis had asked to be relieved of his post as Publicity Officer; M. Stant volunteered her services.

Any Other Business. 1) The Chairman said that H. Read had completed his training and was to be accepted as a Section member.

2) The secretary gave the Section membership as at July 1991 to be 110. Waiting list names to be carried over from 1991 were 9, and 3 new names had been received for the 91/92 list.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 20 August 1991 at 9.30 a.m. at M. Hardman's house.

*I. M. Dwerryhouse.*

Minutes of Committee meeting held in Pavilion Lawn 2 on 19 August 1.991

Present: I. Dwerryhouse, M Hardman, M. Stant, R. Callingham, E. Golding, H. Dawson, C. Dart.

Apologies nil.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed

Matters arising nil.

Finance. A full discussion was held on the Income & Expenditure Budget figures for 91/92 requested by the Club Treasurer and it was agreed the detail should be collated by H. Dawson and sent with a covering letter.

CA Tournament 1992. The Chairman confirmed details of the Tournament to be held from 1-5 June 1992, notice of which had been sent on 1 August for inclusion in the 1992 Fixtures Book. Her suggestion that Dartington Glass. might be approached for trophies and maybe sponsorship was approved as an excellent idea in principle and to be considered further.

Correspondence. The Secretary reported receipt on 3 August of the CA's letter rejecting our Peel bid in favour of Surbiton, and the Chairman told members that it was her unofficial pre-knowledge of this rejection which had prompted the decision to run our own Tournament and to give, notice thereof by the 1 August Fixtures Book deadline.

The Secretary also reported that the file concerning the 4th Lawn re-levelling had now been passed to her by L. Kennedy, and a letter of thanks for his protracted involvement had been sent to him.

Reports. 1) E. Golding reported on the. recent Main Club Committee Meeting

2) H. Dawson said that 12 names had been received for the 2 day advanced event planned for 9/10 September. There would be 2 blocks of players, each player getting 4 games each, over the 2 days.

3) M. Hardman reported that all Federation matches had now been played. A Federation match at Exeter was lost 2-5, and an Intermediate match at Home v Parkstone had been won 4-3.

Lym Valley had won the Section in the B League by 1 point; in the intermediate Section Sidmouth might be qualifying for the semi-final.

4) M. Stant said that a Home Golf Croquet match v Budleigh had been agreed for 6 September from 1.45 p.m.

The Club afternoon on 12 August had been well supported and £4 profit had been made on the tea and biscuits.

5) The Cashier gave the current balance as £78.31, and it was agreed that £50 should be passed to the Treasurer.

AGM arrangements. It was agreed that nominations should be sought for the 91/92 - committee as from early September, at which time also the Agenda for the AGM should be posted in the Mallet Room with a copy of the 1990 AGM minutes for members to read. It was proposed and agreed that John Hatherley be asked to propose the vote of thanks-to Alan Oldham for presenting the prizes.

Any Other Business.

Date of next Meeting. Monday 14 October at 2.30 p.m. at M. Hardman's house.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 14 October 1991 at M. Hardman's House

Present: I. Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, M. Stant, R. Callingham, E. Golding, H. Dawson, G. Dart.

Apologies: Nil.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

Matters arising: H. Dawson reported that the requested estimates for 91/92 had been sent to the Treasurer.

He reported also that Dartington Glass had been approached. They were not interested in sponsorship., but were possibly prepared to consider discount facilities. NEXT COMMITTEE TO PURSUE.

Correspondence: 1) The Secretary reported on a new Fixtures Book ruling that the type of ball to be used in Open Tournaments must be specified. It was agreed that extra BARLOW balls should be bought for use in next year's June Tournament, and that the Fixtures Book Editor be notified accordingly.

2) Details of the SW Federation AGM on Sunday 3 November at Tracy Park were given, and it was agreed that Voting representatives attending should be J. Hatherley and G. Dart; Philip & Iris Dwerryhouse, M. Hardman, & P. Dart could attend as observers.

AGM Arrangements: Further details for the AGM on 29 October were discussed and agreed.

Voucher Prizes: It was decided that the 2 vouchers received as Associate Membership recruitment prizes should be used to obtain Associate membership for the 2 most promising new entrants: - K. Dawes and Mrs P. Webber.

Reports: 1) M. Stant reported on an excellent week of Golf Croquet at the beginning of September, which included 2 days of Club Tournament a 'friendly' v Budleigh which resulted in a draw, and the SW Fed. Final. She thanked the Chairman and H. Dawson for their help. She reported that details had been sent to the 'Herald'.

2) The Cashier gave the current balance in hand as £46.31.

3) E. Golding reported on the recent Management Committee meeting.

4) H. Dawson said that the 'advanced' event in September had been interesting but hardly worth repetition.

Any Other Business The Chairman thanked members of the Committee for their service in the past year, and gave special thanks to M. Hardman for her 'Conference Room' facilities, which were much appreciated. All members concurred.'

M. Hardman on behalf of all members thanked the Chairman for her 3 years in office and congratulated her on achieving her ambition of making Sidmouth a. 4 Lawn Club,

The Chairman then closed the meeting.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "John Hatherley". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned in the lower right area of the page.

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CROQUET SECTION

HELD ON TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER 1991 AT 2.30 P.M. IN THE PAVILION

The Meeting opened with a request from the Chairman to stand in memory of Arthur Ward whose death had sadly occurred early in the season

The Chairman then welcomed to the meeting Colin Campbell, Club Secretary who was to present the prizes; Rex Sims, Club Treasurer; and all members

57 members attended the meeting.

Apologies, for absence were received from Sheila Adams, Nan Bamford, Margaret Barwick, Joyce Biles., Aline Davis, Larry & Margaret Hooper, Margaret Izard, Linda Kitchener, David & Sue Rawkins, Hugh Read, John 'Ruberry, Margaret Stant, Tom .& Joan Ward

Members accepted that the minutes of the AGM held on 30 October 1990, which had been posted in the Mallet Room for 4 weeks, from 14 September 1991, should be taken as read. They were accordingly approved and signed.

Committee's Report. The Secretary read the report on the year's activities. Adoption of the report was proposed by Leslie Toye, seconded by Keith Dawes, and unanimously agreed.

The Chairman thanked the committee for their support through the year, and paid a special tribute to Bill Kennedy for his work in connection with the 4th Lawn. She referred also to the groundsman's helpfulness through the season and expressed the hope that members would show their appreciation.

A vote of thanks to the Committee and in particular, to the retiring Chairman, was then proposed by Reg Peirce and endorsed by the meeting.

Election of Officers & Five Committee Members. The 'Chairman announced that only one nomination had been received for the office of Chairman, and only one for the office of Secretary. Appointments were as follows:

Chairman John Hatherley; Secretary Gwynneth Dart

The Secretary then gave the names of seven Committee member nominees, and reminded the meeting that only five members could be chosen. Alan Harding, Rex Sims, and Eric Kitchener volunteered their services as tellers, and the following were elected to serve for the coming year: Peter Dart, Mac Dawson, Tony Dustan-Smith, Eric Gelding, Gwen Sims

During the vote-counting notice was given of some forthcoming events.

The Chairman spoke briefly on the subject of the C.A. 4 Lawn Fund and the Section's obligation to acknowledge a substantial donation from a Mr S.S. Townsend. A plaque had been prepared and would be hung in the Humphrey Hicks corner.

The Chairman then spoke of the Open Tournament, scheduled, for June 1992 and expressed the hope that it would be a successful venture.

Members were told that under the terms of a CA Recruitment Drive the Section had become eligible for 2 free. Non-Tournament Association memberships. These had been awarded to the 2 most promising beginners: Keith Dawes and Peggy Webber.

Acting in her capacity as a CA Handicapper, the Chairman told. members that handicap changes had already been posted in the Mallet Room, and no further changes were to be announced at the AGM.

### Any Other Business.

1) Barbara Dawes, on behalf of all new members, expressed thanks for the helpfulness and friendliness shown to them in their first year.

2) The Chairman asked members for their views on staggering Tournaments through the season, perhaps having different events at specific times. A number of interesting comments, particularly regarding the Doubles event, were made, and were noted for consideration by-the incoming committee.

Presentation of Trophies. The Chairman invited Colin Campbell, the Club Secretary, to present the Section' trophies, thanking him particularly for stepping in at the last minute to replace the CA Treasurer, Alan Oldham.

John Hatherley proposed a vote of thanks to Colin which all members heartily endorsed, and in his reply the Club Secretary congratulated. the Section on a successful year, thanking the Section for its substantial financial contribution to the funds of the Club.

Chairman then closed the meeting and tea was served.

### CLUB TOURNAMENTS 1991

Humphrey Hicks Cup	advanced SINGLES	John Hatherley
Belmont Challenge Cup	Handicap Singles	Mac Dawson
Fermor Rose Bowl	Ladies Handicap Singles	Gwynneth Dart
Colclough & Sidmouth Cups	Handicap Doubles	Iris Dwerryhouse. Phil Palmer
Devonia Cup	High Handicap singles	Peter Dart
Corbett Spoons	2 Ball High Bisquers Low Bisquers	Bob Callingham John Hatherley
Robert Case Shield	Shot Game Tankard	Bob Callingham Ted Owen'
Cunningham Shivers	Golf Croquet Singles Doubles	Keith Dawe John & Peggy Webber
Longworth Cup	Most improved Players	Mac Dawson
Sidmouth Croquet Club Cup		Peter Dart



## REPORT: 1991

As the new committee took office in November of last year, hopes were high for the releveling project just getting under way, at the completion of which Sidmouth would enjoy the status and prestige of being a 4 Lawn Club. You will all know that considerable difficulties conspired to delay the work, and it was not until July of this year that Lawn 4 was marked out for unlimited play. The Tennis Section's co-operation in allowing us use of their lawn tennis area through June was much appreciated; the sterling work by the groundsman Peter Montgomery is already bearing fruit and our thanks are due to him for the particular interest he has taken in this new lawn; and special words of gratitude must go to Bill Kennedy whose protracted involvement in a tangled web of problems deserves recognition, particularly as after November of 1990 he was no longer a committee member.

A condition implicit in our acceptance of financial help from the Croquet Association is that our lawns should from time to time be available to host Open Tournaments. As you will appreciate, Open Tournaments bring revenue to the Club, a certain cachet within the C.A., and an excellent chance for our members to compete with members from other clubs in the comfort of their own surroundings. Your committee has decided that our 1st venture will be a 5-day tournament from 1 - 5 June. Iris Dwerryhouse has volunteered her expertise to be Manager and Secretary for the event, will be giving more details of this later in the meeting.

Membership. You will recall that in the Committee report for 1990 the notional figure of some 25 new members was suggested as a desirable target for 1991. I am glad to tell you that out of 30 people interested enough to take the 6-lesson initial training course, 24 have become playing members. This response to a daunting challenge was only possible through a considerable amount of time, effort and dedication on the part of our team of coaches, and I know you would all wish to recognise and applaud their service to the club. We hope our new members have had an interesting first season. Some have already had success in competitions, and great things are expected from you all in your 2nd year.

Our total membership is at present 110 plus 1 Country member. 4 members became Associate members of the Croquet Association early in the year, and 2 more have recently joined, thus making the number of Associate members within the Club 29. All other members were in March registered automatically as Affiliate members, since as a Club we are registered with the C.A., but we would like to encourage more members to become Associates; and newer members of the club are reminded that Associate membership is a necessary qualification for entering Open Tournaments as individuals.

A number of our members did play in Open Tournaments this year. Our Chairman and the Club President played at Southwick in the Veterans Tournament; and we were well represented at Budleigh in May, August and September. In the August event Tony Dustan-Smith won the Oliver Bowl, the trophy for the Open handicap singles; and also qualified for a Bronze Award, a CA merit award given for a break of 10 hoops or more, using bisques. Congratulations, Tony.

SW Federation. We have had mixed fortunes in the SW Federation matches this year. In the B League only one point on aggregate prevented us from being semi-finalists. In the Intermediate we reached the semi-final when we were beaten in a very close match by , Plymouth. In the Federation League we won only 1 of the 5.

In the Longman Cup we got to Round 3, though I have to confess that we did have a bye in Round 1.

7 members entered for the All-England Handicap and Tony Dustan-Smith went to Bristol as an Area Finalist.

In May we hosted a Federation Short Croquet 2 day Open Tournament and hoped to witness the interesting spectacle of Leslie Toye presenting the Dorothy Toye Cup to himself. He was however beaten into 2nd place by Audrey Whittaker, one of a very competitive contingent from Bath.

On the following day a friendly (no prizes) Club Short Croquet. Tournament was enjoyed by members.

An Egyptian Tournament in June was very popular; and at the end of the season we tried out a new singles competition, played by Advanced Play rules but with normal handicaps - in simple terms a cross between the Belmont and Humphrey Hicks tournaments. It was good fun and an interesting experiment, but in the judgement of the 12 who took part, hardly worth repeating next year.

The yearly Club Tournaments were well supported, with a total of 239 entries for the various events. Matches were not being played off as early in the season as our organizer would have wished, but a last-minute flurry of activity produced the required finalists, and the 2 days of Finals at the end of August were enjoyable. You will be reminded of all the results at the end of the meeting when the prize giving takes place.

Golf Croquet enjoyed its usual popularity as the season got under way and the weather improved. The traditional friendly matches with Budleigh Salterton were held, in July at Budleigh. The Budleigh team were ahead when rain stopped play; in September the return match at Sidmouth produced a draw. A Qualifying Regional Event for the SW Federation was played in July and the Club hosted the Regional Finals in September.

Training. At the end of February a pre-season Croquet Refresher morning was well attended and much appreciated; and Monday afternoons through the season were reserved as Club-afternoons for training in different aspects of the game.

There are a couple of new facilities to report; a seat on Lawn 1 in memory of Fred Moores - our thanks to you, Betty, for your generous gift; and steps from Lawn 4 down to Lawn 2, the cost of which was borne by the Main Club helped by a gift of over £100 from the late Lady Ferrnor.

Finance. The Croquet Section's contribution to the funds of the Main Club continue to be substantial. This year it is expected to top £6000, an increase of 56% over 1989/90. The cost of maintaining the croquet lawns, and buildings comes out of this sum of course, so it is not all profit.

Social Activities. In the winter months help, to maintain our contact with one another, when our monthly Whist Drives provide amusement and companionship as well as some £100 towards funds. Our continuing thanks to those who organise and those who serve tea.

The Annual Lunch was held in March at the Woodlands Hotel, and was fully subscribed. Now that our numbers are so large, we may have to seek out an alternative venue for next year's event, Any suggestions would be welcomed.

Publicity. This being the designated Year of Sport we were asked early in the year to give special attention to publicizing Croquet. This did present some difficulty as we already had a lengthy waiting list and too many interested parties could have been an embarrassment. Our location anyway provides a continual public image. We did on National Croquet Day, 1 June, turn out in immaculate whites, but as the day was particularly inclement, we did not attract the crowds.

in July however a team from TV SW spent 4 hours filming one of their number being coached by David Purdon, the Regional Training Officer, on Lawn 2 and this emerged as a 4 minute slot in a programme on 'Minor Sports'. Our thanks to David for giving his time- in the interest of presenting the right image of the game - it did come over very well. Both Iris Dwerryhouse and John Hatherley had walk-on parts in the final presentation.

There have been a number of problems this year in connection with the creation of the new lawn, notably one of providing practice availability. The Committee has been conscious of the need to have practice slots, particularly for new members, and hopes that the mid-day half-hour was of some use. Double banking proved to be essential requirement in friendly Association games, and it must be said that although it was not wholly popular it was in fact good training because frequently in Federation games and Open Tournaments double banking is the order of day. The Golf Croquet players also had the frustrating restriction early in the season of only 2 lawns for play. This was unfortunately necessary so as not to cause damage by over-use of the lawn tennis area, so generously lent through June. Your Committee does thank you all for your forbearance during a nail-biting time.

We have been compensated for our early problems by having a greatly extended season this year thanks to the interest and enthusiasm of Peter Montgomery, the Club's groundsman. I am sure you would wish to register your appreciation of his excellent work on our behalf.

Last year's report contained the phrase 'a multitude of jobs to be done'. This continues to be true because we are a self-help Club running on the proverbial shoe-string, and willing hands are always needed. There are far too many of you for me to dare to start naming names but your Committee is most grateful for the help given in so many ways through the past year by so many of you. One name that must be mentioned, of course, is that of our retiring Chairman. Your Committees, Iris, over the past 3 years, thank you for 3 years of dedication and selflessness, and patient teaching of those of us who in the world of croquet have been willing but woefully ignorant. We owe you a great deal.

Your Committee hopes that you have all had a good year of croquet, and wishes you all good health and good fortune into 1992.