

Minutes of Committee Meeting of 4th. December 1978 held in the ClubHouse.

Members present :- Dr. D. Rawkins (Chairman), Mrs. Cunningham, Mr. J. Holt, Mr. Kirtley, Mr. F. Moores, Mr. P. Peirce, Mr. A. Reid, Mrs. O. Tovey, Mrs. I Dwerryhouse and Mrs. C. Verity.

Minutes of the last Committee Meeting held 26th. October were read and approved and Minutes of A.G.M. held 6th. November 1978 were also read.

Matters arising

Handicap Committee.

The following offered their services for the above Committee for season 1979 :- Mr. John Holt, Mrs. E. Corbet, and I Dwerryhouse. Mr. John Holt suggested adding 2 to all handicaps to be in line with Association Tournaments. Only members with handicaps of 8 or under would be entitled to half bisques.

Appointment of Croquet Section Treasurer.

Mr. Noel Kirtley offered to be Treasurer for the Croquet Section and to take all money made by this Section except Visitors fees, which Mrs. C. Verity would keep and which would be handed to the General Secretary at the end of the season. Mr. Kirtley said he would keep note of all money passed from Croquet Section to General Secretary (or Treasurer) and this would be mentioned in the Section annual report and in the Club Annual report. It was decided that the Secretary could have a float £5 from the tea money for minor expenses.

Tournament Sub Committee.

Mrs. Iris Dwerryhouse and Mr. Reg. Peirce would arrange Club Tournaments for 1979.

Catering Sub Committee.

Mrs. Olive Tovey said she would supervise catering for small occasions in co-operation with Mrs. Eve. Chadwick and friend. Mr. and Mrs. Alan Reid and Mrs. Freda Tovey would continue to arrange and run all Whist Drives. Alan Reid said he would be responsible for Social Sub Committee.

Annual Club Lunch - this to be held April 5th. 1979 at the Belmont. Hotel. Iris had made all arrangements for the lunch, which would cost £2.75p each and Mr. Reg. Peirce took blank tickets for printing which would be distributed with a note advising members of an Afternoon Tea (members to bring a small contribution of food) on Monday, February 5th. at 2.30 p.m.

Whist Drives. First two Whist Drives have proved very successful, the second one made a profit of £11. The next Whist Drive will be held on 5th. March 1979.

State of lawns.

Mr. Fred Moores said he was quite satisfied with the progress being made on Lawn 3, and when new groundsman was appointed felt all lawns, with correct treatment, should be in good condition.

Golf Croquet. Mrs. Cunningham would again run Golf Croquet but there would be no small prizes for each fortnightly game. It was suggested that a Golf Croquet cup would be played for in a pre-arranged period of the season, which Fred and Reg. offered to organise. It was not decided at this stage whether it would be Singles or Doubles - further discussion is necessary.

New Members. Mr. and Mrs. E. Price and Mr. and Mrs. Grundy have application forms to apply for membership. Alan and Fred would propose and second Mr. and Mrs. Grundy.

Chairman 1979. The Committee voted unanimously for Dr. Rawkins to be chairman again for the 1979 season.

Visitors.

Guests wishing to play must be invited by a member and play with this member for a 2 hour session at a cost of 50p. Visitors book must be signed by this member at the time of play and money passed to Hon. Sec. (Mrs. C. Verity) or Committee member if she is not present. A guest can only play 3 times in one season. A notice to this effect will be on Club window at opening of season.

Date of next Committee Meeting. 15th. January 1979 - 10.30 a m at the Clubhouse.

Meeting closed at 12. 30 p.m.

D Rawkins

Chairman.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held 15th. January 1979 in the Clubhouse

Members present:-

Dr. D. Rawkins (Chairman) Mrs. I. Dwerryhouse, Mrs. O. Tovey, Mr. N. Kirtley, Mr. F. Moores. Mr. P. Peirce, Mr. A. Reid and Mrs. C. Verity.

l) Minutes of last Committee meeting held on Monday, 4th. December 1978 were read and signed.

Matters arising:-

Handicap Committee - Now to comprise of Mrs. I. Dwerryhouse, Mrs. E. Corbett and Mr. J. Holt.

Golf Croquet.

Mr. A. Reid has £10.96p from last year's Golf Croquet and it was decided to use this for this year's prizes - proposed by Mr. A. Reid and seconded by Mrs. O. Tovey. Prizes would not be continued after this coming season. Mrs. Cunningham has been advised.

New Members.

Five new members to be admitted for coming season:-

Mr. & Mrs. E. Price.

Mrs. D.M. Flight.

Miss F. Johnson.

Miss R.M. Buck.

This brings total to date to 57 Playing members and 6 non-playing members

Resignations :- Mr. D. Ketteringham (Playing member)

Mrs. P. Ketteringham (Non Playing Member)

Mr. G. Thomas transferred to non-playing member

Lunch - 5th. April 1979. Tickets were distributed for the Lunch plus list of Club activities up to this date. Invitations to be sent will be discussed at the next meeting.

Club Subscriptions. It was agreed that Croquet Club Subscriptions should be paid in future seasons by 1st. March, so that new members may take the place of anyone resigning. This arrangement will be announced at the Lunch.

Equipment for 1979. Fred said he would ask for 2 new sets of Croquet balls, plus extra balls to make up full sets.

General Committee -Liason Officer. Fred agreed to act as Liason Officer for the croquet Section for another year.

Insurance of cups. This information must be obtained from the General Committee after the Club A.G.M.

Golf Croquet Cup. This is held at the Bank, but will be obtained from them and be played for in this coming seasons Golf Croquet Tournament.

Parking. Dr. Rawkins said he would contact Mr. Davidge, Mr. Fryer and Mr. Whitton re the possibility of using the Manor Pavilion car park, and a letter would be sent to the Council after these meetings, if it was thought advisable

Tournaments. Time was insufficient to go into details of the running of the Tournaments and Golf Croquet Tournament, also 'Shot Game'.

Meeting closed at 12. 30 p.m.

Date of next Committee meeting - Monday 12th. March at 10.30 a.m.

D Rawkins

Minutes of Committee Meeting held. 12th. March 1979 in Clubhouse.

Members Present:-

Dr. D. Rawkins (Chairman), Mrs. I. Dwerryhouse, Mrs. O. Tovey, Mr. N. Kirtley, Mr. F. Moores, Mr. P. Peirce, Mr. A. Reid and Mrs. C. Verity.

1) Minutes of last Committee Meeting held on Monday, 15th. January 1979. were read and signed.

Matters arising.

Insurance of Cups. Mr. J. Hollands (General Secretary) told us that the Club cups were only insured against fire while held at the Club Pavilion. The committee would be very pleased for Alfred to make sketches of Croquet Club cups giving dimensions and silver or E.P.N.S. marks, also names and dates of holders so if lost exact replicas could be made.

Balls. Fred said we had

4 Good sets (Blue, red, black and yellow)

1 " (Pink, green, brown and white)

He is to ask the General Committee to obtain one pink ball (to complete a second pink set and one blue ball to complete a further blue set plus one or two extra complete sets - hoping to make nine good complete sets altogether - this will, depend on General Committee and expense incurred.

Car Parking. David had contacted Mr. Davidge and Mr. Fryer for permission for the Croquet Club to park at Manor Pavilion car park but they are responsible to East Devon County Council - so no further result. David said he would try and get in touch with the President of the Bowling Club - Allan suggested Mr. C.W. Spencer.

Subscriptions. Fred is to ask the General Committee if the Croquet Section could have ruling for subscriptions to be paid by 1st. March as we have nearly 60 members and limited to three lawns, and if subs not paid by this date we may lose new members. Mr. & Mrs. Marshall must pay full membership subscription, altho' they will be away for approximately 7 weeks, or come as visitors on 3 occasions during the season accompanied by full playing member each time (see visitors rule) and paying visitors fee.

Tournaments. Singles as last year in blocks - scoring official way (plus or minus) - blocks will be kept below 8 if possible. Closing date for entries 12th. May (Entry fee 20p)

Doubles, Individual entries - Committee to draw high and low bisquers as partners (Entry fee 10p)

Golf Croquet. Fortnightly sessions - Friday mornings.

Mrs. Cunningham's game - separate coloured playing cards for high and low bisquers. Five highest scorers in season to play off for cup at a given date before closing date (to be arranged). Start 4th. May 10.30 am. (Friday)

Engraving to be paid by Croquet Section from entry fees.

Shot Game. As and when we can during the season..

There was not enough support for the Ladder to be played this year.

Lunch. David is to take Mr. Whitton as personal guest.

Mrs. Eve. Chadwick and Mrs. P. Gaylorn (Tea ladies) to be Club guests.

Mr. & Mrs. G. Penman to be invited)

) Paying themselves

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hollands to be invited)

There may be tickets to spare for non-members to attend lunch.

One day Instruction Course. April 30th. (Monday) morning. Beginners to be taken round with experienced player to play against similar couple (6 hoops) to teach tactics etc.

Lawns. Fred said 1 and 2 Lawns should be ready for opening of season. To date No. 3 Lawn needs much more attention before playable.

Membership. - as list - 56 Playing members

6 Non-playing members

Reg. is having 1979 list printed giving handicaps and telephone numbers, but this year using Christian names.

Seats. 10 new chairs.

Seat given by Lady Fermor to be re-examined to see if repair needed.

Mallets. Members advised to have their own names on mallets when left at Club.

Croquet Social representatives for General Club. Mr. Hollands asked if 2 members would act as representatives for Croquet Section for General Social activities. Allan put forward names of Joan and Freda Tovey - Allan has confirmed that these two ladies will help in this way.

Date of next Committee meeting - Monday 9th. April 10.30 a.m. at Club house.

Meeting closed at 12. 30pm.

D Rawkins

Minutes of Committee Meeting held 9th. April 1979 In Club house.

Members present : -Dr D. Rawkins (Chairman), Mrs. I. Dwerryhouse, Mr. N. Kirtley, Mr. F. Moores, Mr. R. Peirce, Mr. A. Reid, Mrs. C. Verity.

Minutes of last Committee Meeting held on 12th. March were read and signed.

Matters arising.

Apologies from Mrs. O. Tovey and Mrs. G. Cunningham.

- 1) Tournament fees It was agreed that Noel (Section Treasurer) would collect Tournament fees.
 - 2) Fred reported that the General Committee had given permission for us to obtain further balls to make nine complete sets, but to get quotations from local firms as well as Jacques.
 - 3) Use of Manor Pavilion Car Park No further progress - David said Mr. Whitton would try again.
 - 4) Subs. It was agreed that Croquet Section subs, should be paid by 1st. March in future,
 - 5) Lawns. Depending on weather Lawns 1 and 2 should be ready shortly. No. 3 lawn will take several weeks.
 - 6) Lunch Our annual lunch was again very successful. Our grateful thanks to Iris. A letter of appreciation has been sent to Mr. Fitzgerald.
£6 from ticket money was passed to Noel and £3.66p from last year.
 - 7) Instruction Classes Iris offered to organise and will put list on Club house notice board. Start 30th. April.
 - 8) Competition with Budleigh Salterton
Bisquers between 7 and 14 - three dates were suggested 25th. or 28th. June or 12th. July. Budleigh want 23rd. May
Iris was unanimously voted for Captain.
David suggested Iris and Reg. choose players.
Light coloured clothing to be worn if possible.
 - 9) Membership Mrs. S. Norton accepted.
Mr. & Mrs. Barber resigned.
 - 10) Green Fee Fred to investigate further with Tennis Section.
(Mr. Rolland has now told Fred this does **not** apply to Croquet)
- Meeting closed at 12 pm.

Next Committee Meeting, Monday 14th. May at 10.30 a.m.

A Reid
August 14th 1979

Minutes of Committee Meeting held 14th. May 1979 in Clubhouse.

Members present :- Mr. A. Reid (Vice Chairman), Mrs. I. Dwerryhouse, Mr. F. Moores, Mr. Reg. Peirce, Mr. J. Holt and Mrs. C. Verity, Mrs .O. Tovey.

Apologies from :- David, Noel and Gee Cunningham.

Minutes of last Committee meeting held on 9th. April were read and signed.

Matters arising.

- 1) Lawns. Fred was quite satisfied with the condition of Lawns 1 and 2 and thought the groundsman was giving them good care under difficult weather conditions. He thought that No. 3. would not be playable for at least another month - according to weather and further top dressing. The Contractors have not yet been fully paid.
- 2) Club Tournaments. The singles were drawn at the meeting and the list had been put on the notice board. Entries: 12 Singles and 10 Doubles (list to close on 31st. May,)
- 3) Golf Croquet. Next meeting 18th. May at 10.30 a.m. It was agreed that in future Golf roquet would be on Fridays (fortnightly if possible) at 1.45 p.m., as only two Friday afternoon Cricket matches during the season. Many members have asked for this and also to have break in pavilion for tea as formerly done to make it more of a social event and also for any announcements to be made when most members are present and to help new members to meet the rest of the Club. It was also agreed that the 'Gee Cunningham' method would be continued.
Date for next Golf Croquet to be Friday, 8th. June, at 1.45 p.m.
- 4) Competition at Budleigh. Iris, as Captain, was arranging this Competition for 10. a.m. on Friday, 1st. June 1979.
6 Singles and 3 Doubles.
- 5) New members instruction Iris is to arrange two evening Instruction lessons for new members from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday 22nd May and Thursday 24th. May. Others may follow.
- 6) It was agreed that 'Get Well' cards be sent to David and Robert & Frances These were posted the following day.
- 7) Pat. Tunmer has offered to give talk on 'Tactics' on Monday 25th. June - notice is on the board.
- 9) Congratulations were given to Reg. on winning the L. G. Waters High handicap cup at the Budleigh Tournaments.
- 10) 1 New playing member - Mrs. Jarratt. Total playing members to date 57.
- 11) Next Committee meeting Thursday, 5th. July at 10.30 a.m.

Meeting closed at 12 p.m.

D Rawkins

Minutes of Committee Meeting (for Golf Croquet) held on 18th. June 1979 in Clubhouse.

Members present :- Mr. A. Reid (Vice Chairman), Mrs. I Dwerryhouse, Mrs. O. Tovey, Mr. J. Holt, Mr. N. Kirtley, Mr. F. Moores, Mrs. Gee. Cunningham and Mrs. C. Verity.

Matters arising.

For this coming Friday (June 22nd.) Fred proposed and Iris seconded that members should bring their own tea and this was carried. John suggested that tea should be made in the Club house but this was over-ruled.

Use of Club house by Croquet Section.

The Secretary reported the true position as expressed by the Club Manager (John Hollands) by 'phone and which was confirmed by letter 18.6.79 (copy attached). Allan and majority of Committee asked for final paragraph to be changed as per letter which has been sent - copy attached dated 19.6.79.

Alfred Verity offered to organise this Golf Croquet session Friday, 22nd. June.

D Rawkins

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SIDFORD.
Sidmouth.

19th. June 1979.

Dear John,

Thank you for your 'phone call yesterday morning.

We are pleased to have your confirmation that the Bridge Club have the use of the Club house from October to April only.

We were also pleased that you will advise the Bridge Club of this fact and that the Croquet Section have the right to use the Club house during the summer when there is no cricket.

We do not consider it safe to have 24 or more members playing Golf Croquet while there is a cricket match in progress, which leaves us with only Friday afternoons for Golf Croquet.

We shall not, of course, expect to use the Club house on the Friday of the Devon/Berkshire County Cricket match on Friday, July 27th.

We will try to work in harmony with the Bridge Club, but if it proves too difficult we reserve the right to bring up the subject at a later date.

Yours sincerely,

AV

(Hon. Sec. Croquet Section)

Minutes of Committee Meeting held in Club house 5th. July 1979 at 10.30 a.m.

Members present: Dr. D. Rawkins (Chairman) Mrs I. Dwerryhouse, Mr. A. Reid, Mr. F. Moores, Mr. P. Peirce, Mr. J. Holt, Mrs. Gee Cunningham and Mrs.C. Cerity

Apologies from:- Mrs. O. Tovey and Mr. V. Kirtley.

Minutes of last Committee meeting held in the Club house on 14th. May 1979 were read and signed. Also Minutes of short Committee meeting held on 18th. June (re Golf Croquet) held in Club house at 2.30. were also read and signed. This meeting was held under the Vice Chairman. (Mr. A. Reid) as Dr. Rawkins was in hospital, all other members were present.

1 Matters arising.

Lawns. Fred said No. 3 lawn was now open for play and was agreeably surprised at condition

Booking-of lawns. Notice to be put by booking sheets to ask members to register booking even if lawn only used for a short time.

- 2) Club Night. It was suggested that a weekly Club night be held at 5. 30 pm. each Tuesday for all members to attend. On arrival members would put their names on a board - the first four would take a lawn and play either Association doubles or Golf Croquet. The second and third fours would do likewise, Members arriving late would have to wait for a lawn but also play in fours. All three lawns would be in use. A notice has been put in Clubhouse.
- 3) Golf Croquet. Dr. Rawkins and Fred had a meeting with Mr. John Hollands (Manager) and Mr, J. Williams on Tuesday, 26th. June, at 10.30 a.m.in the Club house, and David read out the report of this meeting.
- 4) Coffee Morning. A successful Coffee morning was held in the Club house on Friday, 29th. June and £64 was raised for Club funds. Letters of thanks have been sent to Joan Reid and Freda Tovey for the very hard work they put in to this event.
- 5) It was suggested that Fred to ask Mr. J. Hollands for extra Fixture cards, as every member is entitled to one when subs, are paid.
- 6) Tournaments. When all members who have entered the Singles Tournament have played, the winner of Block A will play the runner-up of Block B and the winner of Block B will play the runner-up of Block A in semi-finals. The winners of these two matches will play in final.
- 7) The Secretary read out a letter from a Mr. A. C. Mason, Secretary of the Chester Croquet Club, also Secretary of the Federation of Northern Croquet Clubs asking if he and his wife and the friends they are staying with could have a game at our Club while they are on holiday (6th October to 13th. Oct.). This has been agreed but a further letter will be sent towards the end of September.

Next Committee Meeting to be held 13th. September 1979.

Meeting closed at 12 pm.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Dr. Rawkins house on ,2nd August
Thursday evening at 7.30 p.m.

Members present Dr. D. Rawkins, (Chairman), Mrs. I. Dwerryhouse, Mrs. O. Tovey, Mr, F. Moores, Mr. P. Peirce, Mr. J. Holt, Mr. N. Kirtley and Mrs. C. Verity.

Apologies: Mrs. G. Cunningham and Mr. A. Reid.

Minutes of last Committee Meeting held in the Club house on 5th. July were read and signed.

Matters arising.

Mr. P. Ellicott. A discussion took place on the unfortunate episode of Mr. P. Ellicott holding up play at the County Cricket match by taking the cricket ball which had rolled on to the 'croquet lawn on which Mr. Ellicott was playing. David offered to have a tactful meeting with Mr. Ellicott to ask him to apologise to Mr. J. Hollands (the Club Manager). This David has done, Mr. Ellicott has apologised, and the matter is now closed.

Budleigh Match at Sidmouth.

A definite date has now been fixed for the return match with Budleigh which is Tuesday, 11th, September at 10.0 am. Iris will again be captain. There will be 3 singles matches in the morning finishing at 1 pm, and 3 doubles matches in the afternoon starting at 2 pm, Mrs. O. Tovev and Mrs. C. Verity have offered to do the catering with two or three helpers.

Lunch will be served at 1 pm. consisting of soup, Ploughmans lunch, followed by a sweet and coffee.

Teas will be served from 3.30 pm. tea, sandwiches and biscuits.

The bar will be available.

Sidmouth players will pay for their Budleigh opponents meals,

Lawns. Fred agreed that No. 3 Lawn should have further top dressing and an extra £100 is needed for this. It was suggested that another money raising effort (Coffee morning?) should be held to help towards this cost.

Treasurer: As Noel is leaving the district shortly John has offered to act as Treasurer for the remainder of this season. Money in hand to-date

Tea	£4.18
Annual lunch	9.66 to be carried over to next annual lunch.
Tournaments	5.00 for engraving of cups,
Visitors (to-date)	2.50 This will be passed over to Mr. Hollands at end of season.
	<u>£21.34</u>

A vote of thanks was given to Noel for the work he has done for the Club during his short period of membership.

Next Committee meeting: Thursday, 13th. September at 10.30 am. at the Club house.

Meeting closed at 9 pm.

D Rawkins

Minutes of Committee Meeting held in the Club house at 10.30 am.
on Thursday, 13th. September 1979

Members present: Dr. R. Rawkins (Chairman) Mrs. I. Dwerryhouse, Mrs. O. Tovey, Mrs. G. Cunningham, Mr. A. Reid, Mr. J. Holt, Mr. P. Peirce, Mr. N. Kirtley, Mr. F. Moores and Mrs. C. Verity.

Minutes of last Committee Meeting held t Dr. Rawkins house on 2nd. August, 1979 were read and signed.

Matters arising. Our thanks were given to David on the tactful handling of the Mr. P. Ellicott incident.

1) Omitted from Committee Meeting 14th. July 1979.

David had talk 'with Mr. John Hollands and it was agreed that the Tennis and Croquet Sections should have copies of minutes of General Committee Meetings to eliminate confusion on any further matters.

2) Lawns. Fred said he would make attempts to have the wire netting made higher on No. 3 lawn and would get estimates for the material required. No. 1 lawn is deteriorating and should be levelled on the far side of the Club house. Also top dressing for Nos. 1 and 3 lawns -.Fred would discuss work necessary on all lawns at the end of the playing season.

3) Groundsman's Benefit. It was agreed that the Croquet Section would contribute towards the Groundsman's benefit and a suggestion of 50p Per member was made. John and Connie would collect contributions and a list was put up in the Club house.

4) Budleigh Match. A most successful day was enjoyed by both Clubs in the Sidmouth v Budleigh match which ended in a draw. A vote of thanks was given to Iris for being Captain and organising the team and players. Also thanks were given to Olive and Connie and their helpers for organising: the catering. £17 was taken towards expenses £11.88 was used, leaving £5.12 which the Committee decided should go towards the cost of top dressing etc for lawns.

5) Tournaments.

Results to date	Block A	Fred and Peg,
	Block B	Phillip and Robert
Golf Croquet	Four top scorers	Peg Peirce, Alfred, Valerie Collier Ann Statham White

These will be played off as singles for cup which David said would be available for A.G.M.

6) Golf Croquet. Procedure for Golf Croquet would be discussed at the next Committee meeting and. also at A.G.M. £10.96 held by Allan from raffles from earlier Golf Croquet meetings - this was decided to go to-wards extra money needed for lawn top dressing etc. and was given to John.

7) Visit of Secretary of Chester Croquet Club who is also Secretary of Northern Federation of Croquet Clubs during week 6th. 13th. October. In this particular instance it was agreed to waive our Club rule re visitors and he and his wife with their two Sidmouth friends could use lawns and pay green fees during their weeks holiday in Sidmouth.

8. Cash in hand. Owing to Noel leaving the district all monies were passed over to john - see John on money held.

9) Date for A. G. M. The date for the A.G.M. is Thursday, 8th. November 1979 at 10. 30am. in the Club house. This was announced at the Golf Croquet meeting on 14th. Sept. and notice put up in Club house on Tuesday, 18th. Sept. 1979.

10) Shot Game. It was unfortunate that no Shot Games were held this year owing to Robert's illness and other, commitments.

11) Next Committee Meeting. Thursdays 25th. October, at 10, 30 am, in the Club house.

Meeting closed at. 12. 15 pm.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held in the Clubhouse at 10.30 am.

on Thursday, 25th. October 1979

Members present: Dr. R. Rawkins (Chairman) Mrs. I. Dwerryhouse, Mrs. O. Tovey, Mrs. G. Cunningham, , Mr. J. Holt, Mr. P. Peirce, Mr. N. Kirtley, Mr. F. Moores, Mrs. C. Verity.

Apology from: Mr. A. Reid

Minutes of last Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 18th September 1979 were read and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

- 1) Allan still holds £10.96 from Golf Croquet raffles. The engraving of the Golf Croquet Tournament cup will be taken from this.
- 2) Cash in hand. £64 has already been passed from Croquet Section Coffee morning. John Holt will have report ready for for the A.G.M. giving details of money held and how much can be passed to General Secretary. Connie as Secretary, was given a further float of £5 for 1980 expenses.
- 3) Tournaments.

Singles	-	Reg. Peirce
Doubles	-	Valerie Collier and Reg. Peirce
Golf Croquet	-	Reg. Peirce

Members wishing to take part in the Tournament must add their names to the list on the notice board within the first three weeks of the season opening. The dates of the play off for each progressive stage will be shown on the notice board. If a player fails to play their match by the date shown a "walk over" to the next stage will take place.

Next year the Golf Croquet Tournament will be played as a Tournament and quite apart from the Golf Croquet sessions (Reg. Peirce's letter).

- 4) Golf Croquet. It will be discussed next year and at the A.G.M. what type of Golf Croquet – original method, Gee Cunningham method, also 'Shot Game', or all three.
- 5) Groundsman's Gratuity. The collection for the Groundsman will be completed at the A.G.M. and the total sum from the croquet section will be passed to John Hollands.
- 6) Lawns. Fred reported that the lawns are to be scarified and have top dressing and also No. 1 lawn to have some new turf at the Bridge Club side. Payment will come from the finance section (General Committee). No. 1 lawn to be left open for one more week to finish Tournament. Groundman has now completed Cricket and Tennis work and ready for Croquet lawns.
- 7) Letter for Alfred Verity. This was discussed but not passed. Having Association Croquet Section and Golf Croquet Section was too complicated. Also Committee should stay a maximum of 9 members – not 5 as suggested.
- 8) Increase in time of playing periods. Iris suggested that 2½ periods should be played and this was agreed and booking sheets will be adjusted to read

10 am – 12.30pm
12.30 pm. – 1pm (Practice)
1pm – 3.30 pm
3.30pm – 6pm

Groundsman to be advised of this earlier start,

- 9) Letter from Reg. Peirce. Day for Golf Croquet this will have to be discussed in Committee early next year after Cricket fixtures known. Members will be told of this at the A.G.M. Finals for Singles Tournament to be played if possible and weather permitting.
- 10) Thin Take Off. David suggested a new bye law that the width of the ball should be seen to have been moved by the playing ball, but after discussion it was decided that the present ruling should stand and should be left to the honesty of the player.
- 11) A.G.M. 1980 Committee. Unless any nominations are received the present Committee will stand again but next year a few members will have served three or more years and will probably wish to stand down and be replaced by other Club members, Connie said she would not do a third year as secretary. Fred said he would be willing to represent the Croquet Section on the General Committee for 1980,
- 12) Croque Association. No Committee member wished to attend the Conference at Hurlingham on December 8th 1979.

The Club Croquet Association membership fee has been raised from £3 to £4 per annum and this will be sent early in January 1980.

- 13) Social Activities for Winter months. Allan suggested Whist Drives and also perhaps an occasional Beetle Drive - this to be discussed at the A.G.M..
- 14) Handicaps for 1980. John on behalf of the Handicap Committee, read out a few changes in handicaps for next year.
- 15) Cups. It was unanimously agreed that Fred should have the cup for service to the Club. for 1979.
Also it was agreed that Professor Whitmore should be awarded the cup for making the most progress during the year.
- 16) Annual Club Lunch. Iris offered to get estimates from the Belmont Hotel, The Little Court and the Royal Glen for our annual lunch.. (David will be away from second week in March). Date and place to be agreed at the A.G.M.

Next Committee Meeting to be held. at the Club house on Thursday, 17th. January 1980.

Meeting closed at 12. 15 pm..

D Rawkins

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE AT
10.30am. ON THURSDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 1979

Committee Members present: Dr. D. Rawkins (Chairman), Mrs. O. Tovey, Mrs. I. Dwerryhouse, Mr. F. Moores, Mr. J. Holt, Mr. A. Reid, Mrs. G. Cunningham, Mrs. C. Verity. Plus 35 Members,

Apologies from: Sue Rawkins, Reg. and Hilda Pierce (Family bereavement)

Minutes of 1978 A. G. M. held in the Club house 6th. November were read and signed.

MATTERS ARISING.

Committee for 1980. No nominations were received so the present Committee will stand again for 1980,

Cup awards. Presented by Dr. P. Rawkins,

Singles Reg. Peirce.

Doubles Valerie Collier and Reg. Peirce.

Golf croquet Reg. Peirce.

Cup -for service to Croquet Section for 1979 – Fred Moores

Cup for most improved player for 1979 Bernard Whitmore,

REPORTS.

Tournaments. Iris regretted that Singles Tournament was not played off owing to holidays and weather, Reg. Peirce was awarded the cup as he had won all the games in his Block. Next year a date for each Progressive stage will be shown on the notice board for the Tournaments. Now there is a Golf Croquet cup, this will be played as a Tournament quite apart from the Golf Croquet sessions.

*Otherwise w.o.'s.
will be
considered by
the committee*

Lawns. Fred gave details of condition of lawns and said the groundsman had already made a start on Lawns 2 and 3 and was waiting to start on No. 1. Appreciation was given to the Groundsman's efforts on our lawns. Approval was awaited from the Finance Section of the Club for new netting and posts between Cricket ground and Nos. 2 and 3 lawns, turves for No. 1 lawn, also four new balls.

Finance.

	<u>Croquet Section Funds</u>	
<u>Tea Fund</u>	£9.72	
Less Secretary's expenses	5	£4.72
<u>Tournament Fees</u>	<u>£6.40</u>	6.40
<u>Club Luncheons</u>		
Surplus 1978	£3.66	
" 1979	<u>6</u>	9.66
<u>Golf Croquet</u>		
Raffles & teas	£10.96	10.96
<u>Visitors Fees</u>		
To 30-9-79	£11.15	
October	3	
	<u>14.15</u>	
Paid to main Club	<u>11.15</u>	3
		<u>£34.74</u>
Donation to Club		<u>15</u>
	Cash on Hand	<u>£19.74</u>

Social Activities. A coffee morning and Whist Drives have been held during the year and Allan said he would continue to hold these during next year. John Reid and Freda Tovey said they did not wish to continue to be responsible for these activities. It was hoped a coffee morning would be held in the Spring of 1980.

OTHER BUSINESS

Groundsman's Gratuity. The collection was completed at the A.G.M. and £24.50 was passed to Mr. J. Hollands.

Handicap list for 1980. A few changes had been made in handicaps and a full list will be put on the notice board next year. Handicap Committee will be the same as last year.

Booking Periods. It was agreed that the playing time would be increased to 2½ hour periods as follows:-

10 am – 12.30pm
12.30 pm. – 1pm (Practice)
1pm – 3.30 pm
3.30pm – 6pm

Groundsman to be informed of the changes in playing time.

MR. J. HOLLANDS (CLUB MANAGER)

Mr. J. Hollands said that at the next finance Committee meeting of the General Club it would be very probable that subscriptions would be increased for 1980.

Discussion of Catering / Kitchen service. Phillip Dwerryhouse said that there was an impression for lady members, in addition to paying their subscriptions, were expected to give service in the kitchen. Mr. Hollands stated that there was definitely no obligation – any service in the kitchen was entirely voluntary.

Golf Croquet. Alternate fortnightly sessions would have mixed games (1) Cunningham method and (2) Original method. The 'Shot Game' would probably be about three times in a season. Before 1980 season opens the Committee will discuss what day of the week and time of day for Golf Croquet sessions as it is understood that Cricket is to be played with more all day matches and also Fridays.

Club Nights. To be held on Tuesdays at 6pm. Association Croquet only, 6 hoop games.

New Members. Applications must be approved by the Croquet Committee before application forms and subscriptions are given to the Club Manager.

Manor Pavilion Car Park. Dr. Rawkins is still in communication Mr, Govier - awaiting result.

Club Lunch. A vote was taken and it was decided that the Club lunch before the opening of the next season would be held at the "Royal Glen" at the end of February. Date to be fixed and tickets ready later.

Vote of thanks. Robert Case gave a vote of thanks to the Committee for work done during 1979.

Meeting closed at 12.30 pm.

 **Dwerryhouse**