

## **Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2001**

**Present** Elaine Woodward (Chair), Graham Dodd, Ian Friedlander, Vera Henderson, Martin McInerney, Jo McInerney.

**Apologies:** Tony Dustan-Smith

### **Chairman's Report:**

E-mails have been received from Tony in Australia and he hopes to be back for the next committee meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting: were approved by those members who were present at that meeting.

**Matters arising:** none.

**Secretary's Report:** none

**Management Report:** There is now a spiking machine

### **Members' Reports:**

VERA said that no key had been available for the open tournament balls and that all keys need to be co-ordinated; there is a need for a box in which all equipment for open tournaments is kept; all corner flags to be brought in after open tournaments. No one from croquet section attended the S.W. Federation AGM but dates for tournaments are available to be co-ordinated with the cricket section. Vera and Elaine will liaise on dates for internal and open tournaments.

ELAINE reported that the club now has a caterer, Jackie Petherbridge, but she is only able to work weekends until May, will be available in May when required and will work full-time from June onwards. The kitchen must be kept clean and tidy by others using it as it will be inspected; all rubbish to be put in bin bags provided by the croquet section and put outside in the wheely-bin; there is to be a new lock fitted to the kitchen and the key to this will be kept in the coffee tin in the blanket box. Mary Hardman is reported to be suffering with a dislocated hip and Elaine volunteered to send a card wishing her well.

### **Any Other Business:**

1. The feeling was that Whist and Table-tennis should be organised by those members who played regularly and the presence of a committee member should not be necessary: Ian reported that no one had turned up for the Tuesday social morning and it was agreed that it should be cancelled; all members to be welcome to attend on Wednesday mornings.

2 The timings of internal tournaments were discussed and it was suggested that dates by which these must be played be sent out with initial information and these be strictly adhered to or players will be scratched.

3. Graham suggested that coaching should be available not only for new-corners but also for those members who had never broken an 18 handicap; he agreed to look into the possibility of getting David Purdon from Budleigh to assist with this. There is also a need for more members to train as referees as there is only one available at the moment.

4. A proposed date of March 30<sup>th</sup> was made for the opening of the lawns in 2002 depending on the weather.

5. Booking sheets had been marked up for 3 sessions of Golf Croquet until the end of the season, there was a discussion as to whether this was reasonable when 2 lawns were closed but no decisions were reached. Club afternoons will need to be organised.

**Date of next meeting; 18th December** 9.30 am Elaine to email Tony to confirm if this is convenient.

Meeting closed at 11.00 am

  
Elaine Woodward

## Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 18th December 2001

**Present** Tony Dustan-Smith (Chair), Graham Dodd, Ian Friedlander Vera Henderson, Martin McInerney, Jo McInerney, Elaine Woodward.

Minutes of the previous 2 meetings were agreed and signed.

**Matters arising:** none

### **Secretary's Report:**

A letter had been received from Devon Libraries who are compiling a list of local sports facilities available for children of 14 and under. It was agreed to send in details of the croquet section in the hope of encouraging young people to take an interest in the sport

SW Federation. Minutes of the AGM of the South West Federation have been received and with them a request for subscription and league fees.

**Management Report** none

### **Members' Reports:**

ELAINE; provisional dates for internal tournaments are available and some changes to handicaps and to bisque use have been made. These were discussed, for details see tournament booking sheet.

It is hoped to arrange an Open Golf Croquet Tournament to be played in September.

VERA; all provisional dates for external tournaments are now available.

After some discussion it was decided to return Club Afternoons to Tuesdays 13.00 to 16.00 Golf Croquet to remain on Mondays and Wednesdays 10.00 to 12.30 and Fridays 16.00 to 18.00

MARTIN; reported that he is well underway with the Inventory. New balls will be needed but he awaits decision as to which make to buy.

Starting date for the opening of the lawns is 30 March but subject to weather conditions and it was requested that the lawns stay open as long as possible at the end of the season. Tony suggested that the Management Committee be asked to finance a specialist training course for Terry to give him the opportunity to learn more about the care of fine turf.

IAN; voiced concern that some croquet players sometimes throw balls to a collective point rather than hitting or rolling and this causes lawn damage. It was decided to mention this at training sessions and at golf croquet sessions.

As Publicity Officer he awaits photographs, taken by David Baldock prior to this meeting of the committee watching a miniature lawn layout and also during debate, and the date of the New Members Meeting before further publicity.

Table tennis is to be continued on a Wednesday morning and ALL croquet members to be welcome to play or to socialise.

### **Any Other Business:**

Tony and Vera reminded committee members that any notices put on the mallet room notice boards should be named and dated

Elaine reported that Gwen Sims had kindly volunteered to be liaison caterer but did not wish for a place on the committee.

The Chairman suggested that all future committee meetings be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month and be followed by a session of fun croquet, this was unanimously agreed.

**Date of next meeting: 8th January at 09.30 in the pavilion**

Meeting closed at 11.20

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DATE 08/01/02

## Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 8th January 2002

**Present** Tony Dustan-Smith (Chair) Ian Friedlander, Vera Henderson, Martin McInerney, Jo McInerney, Elaine Woodward

### Apologies Graham Dodd

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed

### Matters arising

There has been no Club Management Meeting since our last Committee Meeting so the question of a training course for Terry has not yet been discussed.

### Secretary's Report

Cheque still needed for SW Federation subscription.

A letter has been received from the Croquet Association asking for a list of all members with addresses so that they can send a survey questionnaire to identify a typical croquet player in the hope of raising funds to help the game. It was suggested that Brian Smith has all this information on computer and could be asked to send it to the CA by email.

### Management Report None

### Members' Reports

VERA; new booklets are needed on handicapping and it was agreed to order 3. It would also be useful to have a low and a high handicapped regular player to help with handicapping, Roland Henderson will be approached and another is still sought. Open Tournaments were discussed and the decision to make them 50/50 or 60/40 for Sidmouth and visiting players was left to be considered and discussed at the next meeting. SW Federation games are all now organised except for one date awaited from Budleigh. The new set of CA rules is now available.

MARTIN; it has been decided to keep to Barlow balls and a set of primary and a set of secondary colours will be ordered.

IAN; Photos have been received from David Baldock and publicity posters and advert, will be arranged.

ELAINE; Internal tournament dates and entry forms are now available and will be distributed with the Spring newsletter. A list of new committee members was ready for the Club secretary and for the notice board. A catering meeting was arranged for Saturday 12 Jan. with Liz Dibble. Gwen Sims has volunteered to see to prizes for whist this month with the help of Dorothy Rotas, Dorothy has also offered to be available for any extra help needed generally.

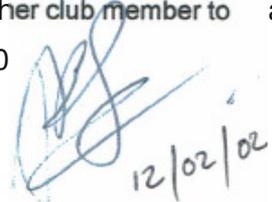
### Any Other Business

Dates were decided for:- NEW MEMBERS MEETING 9th March  
COACHING TO BEGIN 8TH April  
REFRESHER SESSIONS 15TH Feb./22d Feb/7th Mar.  
One of these to be on LAWS by John Hatherly  
SPRING LUNCH 13th Mar.

Subject to availability of Bedford Hotel, Elaine to check. Coffee and biscuits to be available for New Members meeting and refresher courses It is hoped that lunches and bar will be available for all well attended tournaments. Tony has plans for a whole summer of structured and progressive training for all levels of player and will meet with training officers to discuss these.

Help is required to help photocopy and pack/distribute Spring newsletter and Elaine and Jo arranged to meet on Thurs. 17<sup>th</sup> Jan each bringing another club member to assist.

**Date of next meeting 12th Feb.** Meeting closed at 11.0



## **Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 12th February 2002**

**Present** Tony Dustan-Smith (Chair) Ian Friedlander, Vera Henderson, Martin McInerney, Jo McInerney, Elaine Woodward

**Apologies** Graham Dodd

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed

### **Matters arising**

CA Questionnaire has been dealt with and some committee members have received these and returned completed forms.

Advertisements to attract new members have been distributed around the town

Speciality lawn course for Terry has not yet been discussed by Club Management.

It is not viable to have a low handicap player to help with handicaps and Sue Rogers and Vera are willing to continue with this task. It is regretted that not all clubs begin members at the same handicap level. The ratio for Open Tournaments has been decided on a 60/40 basis.

CA tournament rules are to be found at the back of the CA fixtures calendar book

### **Secretary's Report**

The Spring Newsletter has been distributed and thought must now be given to the Summer Newsletter in the hope of distributing it at the Spring Lunch.

The Sparkling Wine evening was fixed for Friday 28th June

Discussion on the Ladder Tournament led to the conclusion that no start date need be given. Rules for this event will be discussed at a future meeting.

Croquet Gazette for Jan. and Budleigh newsletter are available in mallet room.

Details for a law course at Budleigh and entry forms also available.

Bronze level coaching course by David Purdon will be available at Budleigh for players of 14 to 18 handicap but as take up has been slow it is suggested that interested persons with a higher handicap should apply in the hope of being accepted.

A Croquet Report for the Club Newsletter has been requested by the end Feb and ideas and information were sought from other committee members, Jo will prepare draft and distribute for comment

### **Management Report**

Elaine attended a management meeting and reported:-

An entertainment licence has been arranged to allow 12 events each year for outside bookings Any money raised by each sport section is to be handed in to central club funds

To allow ease of maintenance the fencing between lawns 2 and 3 is to be removed  
Management meetings may be held bi-monthly rather than monthly

### **Members' Reports**

VERA; All SW Federation games have had to be altered, new dates given. The planned Open Tournaments are being well supported

MARTIN; Inventory now complete. Club mallets are to be remarked with red tape.

Hoops are being repainted but some are in poor condition. It was decided to purchase a new set of Omega hoops. Sue Rogers has an idea for an improved mallet rack for the pavilion and Martin is to pursue the idea with John Palmer. Roland Henderson is making and

painting new bisques. Mallet room is in need of a spring clean and possible coat of paint. New booklets have been ordered for new members.

IAN; An article has appeared in the local paper about Brian Smith's recent croquet playing in Brussels and it is hoped to get another article in soon with date of new members morning.

ELAINE; Internal tournament entries are coming in.

### **Any Other Business**

Elaine felt that the Club constitution should be read and Tony will get a copy

Lapsed members who wish to re-join must apply to the Club

Some help will be needed with setting out hoops for the new season, Tony will approach some section members

Committee meeting for April to be Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> when Jo and Martin have returned from holiday.

**Date of next meeting 12 March.**

Meeting closed at 11.10

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## **Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 12th March 2002**

**Present** Tony Dustan-Smith (Chair), Graham Dodd, Ian Friedlander, Vera Henderson, Martin McInerney, Jo McInerney, Elaine Woodward

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

### **Matters arising**

Speciality lawn course for Terry. It has been decided to leave this until next winter. Meanwhile Tony plans to get expert advice on the present condition of the lawns and suggestions for a planned programme of treatment

A copy of the constitution has not yet been acquired.

Following Vera's suggestion at the previous meeting the mallet room has now been completely repainted and thanks were expressed to Martin and his helpers for their hard work.

### **Secretary's Report**

Summer programme has now been prepared and is ready for distribution at the Spring Lunch tomorrow (Jo thanked Vera for her help in checking both wording and dates) Report for the Club Spring Newsletter has been completed and handed in to Carol Symes.

Membership fees for the CA have been calculated at £6 per head for 105 members to come to £630 and forms have been passed to Club Treasurer for payment when due. Other forms have been completed and returned to CA

Date for Croquet Section AGM was set for October 29th 2002

### **Management Report**

The club has been unsuccessful in its application for a Lottery Grant. Discussion followed as to whether we should consider putting in a bid for the Croquet Section in its own right. Graham thought that this would hold up any work being done for another 3 years and it was generally agreed that our chances of success are slim.

Major tasks outstanding are the resurfacing of lawns 3 & 4 and the provision of improved facilities for the hut on Lawn 3. Tony said that planning permission had been granted for toilets to be installed on the site of the present hut but that the area of a new building could not exceed that of the present hut. He put forward ideas for underground facilities. Graham considered that maintenance and upgrading of playing surfaces should be financed by the Club as they were the basis of the Club's existence. Sources of finance for improvements of the Lawn 3 hut needed to be explored, including fundraising, borrowing and repayment over time from subscriptions. Tony will discuss these ideas at the Club Management meeting tomorrow.

### **Members' Reports**

VERA; Applications for CA Open Tournaments have been good, the 'B' level is almost full. Friendly matches have also been arranged and a notice displayed for members to sign if they wish to play. GRAHAM; Very pleased with the popularity of Saturday's meeting for prospective new members; 34 people signed in and applied for training paying a total of £495. There are still possibly 6 more to come. This means that 2 coaches will be needed for many of the planned sessions. A course to train new coaches is being run in Budleigh Salterton for players with handicaps under 14 and it was agreed to approach some club members to apply as we need more coaches.

MARTIN; The cost of a set of Omega Hoops and the pieces of equipment necessary for their use exceeds £600 and it was decided to delay their purchase and wait for reports from other clubs who are testing them for this season. The Barlow balls will be bought in April and more booklets will be ordered. There are still many more maintenance jobs to be done and

volunteers are needed to give assistance. Jo agreed to prepare a notice requesting help for this and other jobs that need to be done in the club.

IAN; Publicity for prospective new members seem to have been successful judging from the response. Could results of all matches be given in so that they could be reported in the local paper. Ian will help Brian and Tony put in the hoops ready for the season. Booking sheets will also be ready for the end of March. He will look into the possibility of displaying books for loan on an open bookshelf so that members can see what is available. Gabby Macadam will arrange Golf Croquet friendly match against Budleigh Salterton.

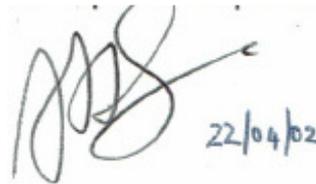
ELAINE; Discussed groupings for Internal Tournaments and will put up instructions for dates when all must be completed. Reminder to the committee that all deaths of any present members should be recorded so that they can be remembered at the section's AGM. Request for the grass storage box to be removed from the vicinity of the hut as the smell is overpowering.

### **Any Other Business**

Martin suggested that we should be aware of succession planning so that future committee members would be helped in taking over tasks when present members retire. Tony thought that job description and clear instruction was enough and hopefully retirees would be available to help when requested.

**Date of next meeting** MONDAY April 22.

Meeting closed at 11.05

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## **Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2002**

**Present** Tony Dustan-Smith (Chair), Graham Dodd, Ian Friedlander, Vera Henderson, Martin McInerney, Jo McInerney, Elaine Woodward

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

### **Matters arising**

The Club management committee have agreed to quotations being sought for the resurfacing of lawns 2 & 3. Tony will see this.

Books mentioned have been bought and balls will be ordered this month. A display shelf for books has not yet been provided. Yet more books are to be ordered due to the large number of possible new members.

There is a possibility of our own coaches training some members to be coaches. There is also a course for trainee coaches to be held at Budleigh Salterton

The grass box adjacent to lawn 3 can be moved if help can be given to empty it.

Repeat of request for volunteers for maintenance, etc. is to be placed on the notice board in the croquet hut for those members who do not regularly read the main noticeboard.

### **Secretary's Report**

Details of various Golf Croquet tournaments have been received from the CA, these will be displayed for those interested in watching or entering.

A refreshers' course is to be held at Budleigh Salterton on 27/28 April, 14 members have signed for this.

### **Management Report**

A plan is needed for the requirements necessary for the lawns and hut on lawns 3&4. Tony will work on his

Terry will return lawn 2 to full size in time for the commencement of golf croquet on 1 May.

### **Members' Reports**

VERA; Entry list for CA Open Tournament is now full. Friendly match with Budleigh Salterton is on 2 May. Is there a hope of coaching to be arranged for advanced level players? This has often been requested but so far has not happened. Standard and Silver level courses are needed. Graham promised to arrange this if time allows. Markers are required and Tony promised to buy some from Honiton Golf Club and to sell them on to club members.

GRAHAM; This year's new intake has been very fortunate with the dry weather and the coaches have worked hard to cope with the large number of trainees. There is to be a meeting for coaches to discuss future coaching following this meeting It is hoped to continue with help after the initial training.

MARTIN; Thanked those committee members and others who had set out the hoops in his absence. He will order 4 sets each of primary and secondary colour Barlow balls this month. He was reminded that keys to Open Tournament box need to be available for tournament organisers when necessary and he assured the committee that this should not be a problem. Volunteers signing to help with maintenance work have been disappointingly few and there is quite a lot of work needed. New appeals will be posted and we hope that new members may volunteer.

IAN; Golf Croquet sessions have become very popular, especially for the first 2 hours. Various suggestions were offered to try to stagger the number of players and it was left for Ian to sort this with Gabby Macadam's help.

ELAINE; Suggested a copy of the summer programme be displayed in both huts. Secondary colour clips need to be replaced and Roland Henderson has offered to weld on extensions if they are metal. Could there be wider stop boards between lawns 2&3 now the wire fence has been removed?

Internal Tournaments: All blocks to be completed by 3 August. /4 finals of Belmont by 17th August.

All semi-finals by 24th August

Coaching sessions for some club afternoons were arranged to include sessions for Shot Game and One Ball. Organisation and rules for Ladder have been given by Don Waterhouse and were accepted by the Committee.

Catering for all summer requirements will be organised with club caterers

### **Any Other Business**

Vera reported that Derek Powell, the ex-chairman of Letchworth Club, is moving into the area and is looking for a club to join. It is hoped that he may chose Sidmouth.

Meeting closed at 11.04

Next meeting 21st May at 11.00

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## **Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2002**

**Present** Tony Dustan-Smith (Chair), Vera Henderson, Martin McInerney, Jo McInerney, Elaine Woodward. Graham Dodd

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

**Apologies** None

### **Matters arising**

There is no coaching for club coaches available at Budleigh Salterton this season

Nothing has yet been done about the grass box by the hut.

### **Secretary's Report**

Bids made to host CA tournaments in 2003/4 have not been successful. Barlow Bowl will now always be held at Cheltenham and the Longman tournament will be at Nailea in 2004. Valerie Collier has donated 2 mallets to be sold for donations to club funds but the committee decided they were more valuable as club mallets but the cover could be sold to anyone interested. An invitation has been received to attend a Jubilee Civic Service in the Parish Church; Jo will ring around to find someone who may wish to attend. Enquiries had been made about club badges, Vera offered to chase up details and put contacts on the notice board, Elaine has metal badges and will sell them at the Sparkling Wine evening. Last year's intake and some other members are still unsure how to fill in handicap cards so a note was made that this needs to be explained annually. Tony will draw up an example and put on display

### **Management Report**

The new fencing in place at the top of lawn 2 is a great improvement. Tony has received an estimate for the resurfacing of lawns 3 & 4 but the specification was not up to the standard necessary so Tony is now writing a new specification and getting further estimates.

### **Members' Reports**

VERA: The new explanatory supplement to the Rules book is not yet published. Several successes were reported:- the friendly against Budleigh Salterton was a win for Sidmouth 5-3, Parkstone Trophy matches were also wins for Sidmouth against Worcester Norton 4-1 and against Budleigh Salterton 5-3. Congratulations are due to Amanda Prowse who won a Silver Medal for running 12 consecutive hoops without bisesques and winning the game. It was reported that Bear of Roxborough have pulled out of the Parkstone Trophy and that Torbay have cancelled their match so Sidmouth receives a walkover. It is proving difficult to find a B team to play against East Dorset on 9th June. Vera has marked the reservation sheet for the June Open Tournament as Ian had not, also she has reserved lawn 1 for visitors to practice the afternoon before. Vera protested that having put in a great deal of work last year on the CA's decision that handicap cards should be marked for all 14 point games giving a + or - 5 points, that this had not been implemented in the section's Dorothy Toye and Egyptian tournaments. It was discussed and the reason accepted was that our tournaments were too short to be fair to all players. Roland has added extensions to the secondary colour clips for which we are very grateful and Martin will paint them. We are awaiting delivery of markers.

GRAHAM: We have recruited a possible 26 new members and continued coaching is going well but needs to be continued through the season. A coaching course for club coaches is still needed and Tony offered to try and set one up with John Toye.

MARTIN: Thanks are due to John Palmer who has patched the mallet room roof which, unknown to us, was leaking. When all balls have been checked there will be some for sale for £10 - £25 depending on their condition. The notice explaining the game of croquet for observers needs to be displayed. Boards between lawns 2 & 3 will be raised when time and weather permit. Howard Quarrel has explained the fun games for the club coffee morning

and volunteers will be sought to man them on the day. Terry Riding had been a little unhappy when a lawn booked for 10.00 was not used after he had prepared it in readiness. It was agreed that his contract was to have all lawns available for play by 10.00 reserved or otherwise.

ELAINE: Tournaments are proceeding as planned. Sparkling Wine evening on 28th June will be catered by contributions, Jo to find list of foods. A friendly Golf Croquet match against Budleigh has been arranged for 26th July. Club afternoons to be marked on calendar in mallet room. A Cornish club visiting the area in Sept have been offered times to play. Tournament on July 13<sup>th</sup> for 18+ handicaps will be played with a bisque base as at B team level.

As there was no other business the meeting closed at 12.55

Next meeting 18th June at 09.30

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## **Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 18th June 2002**

**Present** Tony Dustan-Smith (Chair), Graham Dodd; Ian Friedlander; Martin McInerney, Jo McInerney, Elaine Woodward.

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

**Apologies** Vera Henderson

### **Matters arising**

Vera has researched information for badges and Jo now has catalogues and all details for anyone interested. Martin has raised the boards between lawns 2 & 3 but a hedge or fence is still needed. Coffee morning was well attended and enjoyed by all in spite of the inclement weather and the fun games raised approx. £40. Instructions for filling in membership cards were now clearly explained on the notice board.

Tony has results of laser levels of lawns 2 & 3 and is still receiving quotations from contractors re price of resurfacing these lawns.

### **Secretary's Report**

Sad news of the death of a member, Valerie Collier. Tony will attend the funeral. Derek Powell has joined and Don Waterhouse has re-joined the Club, both very welcome with low handicaps. In future a summary of decisions made in committee will be displayed in the mallet room.

### **Management Report**

There is a need for the Cricket section to provide parking for visiting premier league teams as from 2004. Discussion on use of the space adjoining lawn 1 followed but all agreed it would not be an ideal solution. Chubb locks have now been fitted on all external locks of the Club House. This will cause problems for those who wish to play croquet in the evenings, after Terry has locked up. The idea of hiding a key in lawn 3 hut was raised but no firm decision was made. The Management Committee wish to receive a forward plan from the section and members were asked to consider this for discussion at the next committee meeting.

### **Members' Reports**

MARTIN; thanked all those who had helped him to prepare and set hoops for the June Open Tournament. The bench on lawn 2 has been removed as it is unfit for use, it will hopefully be repaired during the winter. Meanwhile it will be replaced with a bench from lawn 1. The hut on lawn 3 needs new locks and reorganising and it was wondered how much work was worth doing on a hut that is in need of a complete refurbish if not replacement. Tony agreed to talk again to the Town Planning Committee and see if any replacement would be possible. This project should definitely be included in any future plan as our membership has now increased beyond the facilities available.

GRAHAM; was thanked for his good organisation of the June Tournament. He feels that it needs reorganising to encourage a livelier atmosphere in the evenings and on the final day. A social evening could be arranged for the first evening to encourage a community feeling and some catering needs rethinking. Cricket matches taking place during the tournament would create a livelier atmosphere. A complaint had been received about the cost of £16 to enter one tournament but this is a standard price. Some Sidmouth competitors felt they played too many matches against their own club members.

Coaching for new members now complete but they still need encouragement to join in with club activities to keep them playing. Ian remembered how he had enjoyed a tournament arranged for new members during his first year and it was suggested that David Baldock and Howard Quarrel be approached to see if they would be willing to organise a similar event this

year on the 17<sup>th</sup> August, Elaine agreed to ask them and Graham will ring all new members telling them of this and the change in the club sessions.

IAN; Club afternoons are still not well attended and something needs to be done. It was decided to try club EVENINGS for 5 weeks and provide a BBQ and have the bar open. This will take place as from June 25<sup>th</sup>, Jo to prepare a notice and Tony to provide a BBQ. The B team desperately needs a driver for their match on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June if one can be found. Golf croquet has not been overwhelmed as feared but this is probably due to the weather.

ELAINE; 14-point high handicap tournament on July 13 is to be from a base of 16. Handicap cards are to be marked. Bookings were made for visiting players from Cornwall for September. Finals of the Dorothy Toye and Egyptian tournaments are to be held on Club Finals weekend. In future handicap cards will be marked for these tournaments as requested by the CA and they will be of 1hr 30 mins or 1hr 40 mins duration.

VERA; £20 was agreed for the groundsman for the June tournament and £10 for each of the September tournaments. The June tournament cleared £400 profit after buying 3 goblets and 2 bottles and paying the levy. Federation win against Budleigh Salterton 5-2. Inters lost to Budleigh Salterton 3-4 and a dreadful day at Kingston Maurwood was lost 0-5 mostly due to using only one lawn all day. 'B' team had a bad day at East Dorset losing 2-5 in appalling weather conditions.

### **Any Other Business**

Graham asked if the ruling on non-booking of lawns for practice could be changed and it was agreed as long as at least 2 players were practicing. The meeting ended with a site discussion at the hut on lawn 3.

Next meeting 16<sup>th</sup> July 09.30



## **Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 16th July 2002**

**Present** Tony Dustan-Smith (Chair) Ian Friedlander; Martin McInerney, Jo McInerney, Elaine Woodward Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

### **Apologies**

Vera Henderson

### **Matters arising**

The Croquet Section has been given 2 master keys for the pavilion and Tony handed these to Martin who is to arrange a hiding place for them in the croquet hut. The key to the croquet hut is to be hidden on the outside of the hut. This is to allow access to those members who wish to play after the main clubhouse is locked.

Club evenings have enjoyed a good attendance of members and a profit of approx. £40 was made on the BBQ held on the first evening. There was some discussion on the best format for these evenings. Some members felt that setting up shot practice on one lawn was a good idea others felt that members would rather just play association games. It was decided to see which was preferred at each session.

### **Secretary's Report**

A letter of criticism of the organisation of the Colclough and Sidmouth Tournament has been received. Jo will reply with an explanatory letter. Mike Dibble has requested volunteers for parking duty during the Folk Festival. Jo will put up a notice to ask volunteering members to ring Mike.

### **Management Report**

Tony has received further quotations for the levelling of lawns 3 & 4 and has these ready for the next management meeting. It would be a good idea to have lawn 2 done at the same time when all the necessary equipment would be on site. It is doubtful if money would be made available for this. The condition of all lawns needs to be better and it is felt that reseeding and top dressing should be a continual process so that there is always a good layer of grass on them. Money for expert advice and work is to be requested from the Management Committee. The club has requested an age profile of all its members but this was considered not to be feasible. It is hoped that the parking of cars for the cricket section matches can be arranged along the edge of the cricket field with a netting to protect them from hard hit cricket balls.

### **Members' Reports**

MARTIN reported that a profit was made at each of the very successful social evenings. The Sparkling Wine Evening made £175.30 and the Fun and Food made £443 thanks were expressed to all those who had helped.

IAN thanked Elaine for organising a successful High Handicap Tournament on 13th July. He and Doreen O'Hara are the finalists

ELAINE will organise the Shot Game on 12th August and the One Ball high and low handicaps on 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> August. The singles and doubles Golf Croquet Tournaments on 27 and 28<sup>th</sup> August will be organised by Mary Smith.

VERA sent in reports of matches played. The B team had a good win at Lym Valley 4-1 but lost against Kingston Maurwood 2-3. Inters won at Bournemouth 3-2. Feds won at Plymouth where Amanda and Peter Miller played particularly well. It is hoped to send a 3 man team to Nailsea on 4th August.

Playing matches on lawns 1 & 2 is not convenient because it makes refereeing very difficult. If possible it would be better to play as previously scheduled. It had been requested by Terry Riding because of the pressure of his lawn maintenance schedule.

### **Any Other Business**

Betty Hills has asked if she may buy one of the mallets left to the club by Vera Collier and the committee accepted her offer of £30.

Amanda Prowse has been awarded a Silver Medal (running 12 consecutive hoops with no bisques and going on to win the game)

Sue Rogers has been awarded a Bronze Medal (running 10 consecutive hoops using bisques in a tournament and going on to win the game)

Date of next meeting 29th August at 09.30

*Changed to 23rd August at 10.00.*

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## **Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 23 August 2002**

**Present** Tony Dustan-Smith (Chair) Vera Henderson; Martin McInerney; Jo McInerney; Elaine Woodward.

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

**Apologies** Graham Dodd.

### **Matters arising**

The key to the Mallet Room has been hidden in the hut on lawn 1. 2 mallets have been sold @ £30 each for Club funds but the committee requested that in future no mallets were to be sold to provide funds but kept to replace very old ones for general use. Club evenings to continue when other tournaments or finals matches made them possible.

### **Secretary's Report**

Several requests from prospective members have been received these will be passed on to Graham. As one inquiry was for an 8 year old it was decided that Juniors should only be asked to pay Social Membership fees. The CA has sent Directory and Handbook, which will be displayed in the mallet room also a voting paper to which Tony has already responded. Brian Smith has asked for help to raise funds at the Club Coffee Morning on 26th August, Martin has agreed to set up some games and has a number of helpers. It was agreed NOT to hire lawns to Budleigh Salterton for their June Seniors Tournament, as it is a busy time for our own tournaments. Committee has received letters from 2 members with items for discussion. The first suggested that job descriptions should be placed on the notice board so that potential new committee members should know what each position entails and that all members should be made aware of the hard work done by committee members. This was agreed unanimously and members were asked to forward their job descriptions to Jo a.s.a.p The second letter covered several points: 1. That handicap points should return to +/-10 for all 14-point games. This evoked some discussion and it was finally agreed to send this idea as a proposal to the SW Federation AGM for consideration. 2. Some members had been appalled at not being allowed free parking during Festival Week and this will be raised at the Management Committee meeting along with a request for help with expenses when travelling long distances to play in inter- club matches.

3. Members who help committee members in various ways should receive a 'thankyou' in appreciation. It was agreed that to send a note to each individual would add extra work to the secretary but that a general thankyou would be displayed towards the end of the season.

It was decided to send a second proposal for discussion at the SW Federation AGM in that Wharrad turns should not be used in Advanced level games.

### **Management Report**

The levelling of the lawns has been postponed as the committee plan to reapply for a lottery grant this time using Sport England and stressing a 15-year plan of game standard improvements. Work on the hut on lawn 3 will hopefully go ahead this year and if lottery application fails the lawns should be levelled next year anyway.

A 'Future Development Plan' submitted to the Club includes appointing a manager to develop the Club as a business. The Croquet Section will vigorously oppose this. Howard agrees that Terry's work is not up to scratch because of his excessive workload and plans are in hand to deal with this.

### **Members' Reports**

MARTIN. Praised the work done by John Palmer on the bench on lawn 1 and Jo agreed to send a thankyou letter from the committee. Thanks were also noted to David and Nancy Temple who had volunteered to remove the hoops each evening and replace each morning during Festival Week. Hoops will be adjusted and checked by Brian Smith while Martin is

away in September. Lawns 1 & 2 will be closed for maintenance around the end of September but it was agreed that Golf Croquet could continue on lawns 3 & 4.

ELAINE. All tournament blocks have been completed and semi-finals have been played. There are 5 finals to be played on the Sat/Sun/Tues of finals weekend 7/8/10 Sept. The finals of the Dorothy Toye, Egyptian and High Handicap Doubles could be played on the Tues previous. Elaine to check on players availability and post a notice and arrange games so that those playing in the SW Fed league semi-finals are not down to play club tournaments on the same day.

VERA Will purchase goblets for the September Tournaments. She has received complaints that the croquet teas are not up to standard and many of the cakes are too dry. Catering arrangements for next year need to be discussed by management. The Parkstone Qualifier team have won all 6 games and now have a choice of being raised to a higher-level -the Parkstone Trophy- that will mean travelling much greater distances. We are top in the Federation having won 4 games out of 5. Inters have won 2 and lost 2. 'B' Team have won 2 and lost 3.

### **Any Other Business**

Time of the section AGM on 29th October was set at 18.00 with a meal to follow at 19.30

Table tennis will begin on Wed 30th October. Whist on 7th November

Cards to be sent to David Temple and Colin Cooper when they have their knee operations. Praise noted for Ian who has managed to get a regular report in the local paper.

**Date of next meeting Tues 1st October 09.30**



**Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2002**  
**Croquet section committee meeting held at the clubhouse 1 Oct 2002**

**Present** Tony Dustan-Smith (Chair) Ian Friedlander; Vera Henderson; Martin McInerney; Jo McInerney; Elaine Woodward.

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

**Matters arising**

Jo wished to minute that the reference to writing thankyou notes to all who helped out in Section activities had been misunderstood from the letter received (note 3 in last month's Sec Report) and the free car parking was the expected thank you. A communication has been received from Liz Dibble re catering plans for next year, these to be discussed at a later date. Menu for AGM supper was chosen from the options offered by Jackie.

**Secretary's Report**

A communication has been received from the CA office giving their new address and information on the increase in fees for next year in line with inflation. An Agenda for the AGM was agreed and it will be placed on the notice board. Jo asked for a resume of the year's activities from each section so that she can compile a committee report for the AGM. A request has been received for whist to be held at more regular intervals and the committee agreed that it could be held as often as players wished as long as the clubhouse is free and a player is available to org-anise it.

**Management Report**

The Management Committee has decided against the employing of a professional manager. The car parking for necessary Cricket league matches will be contained within the cricket area. The collection of deck-chair money will be the responsibility of the cricket section, it is requested that members involved sign in all guests the club. The refurbishing of the hut on lawn 3 is estimated to cost approx. £6,000 but the details are still under discussion The request for help in financing teams playing in away matches was refused but a small allowance could probably be offered from the Section's petty cash. Bar takings are down £2,100 on those of August last year and £3,600 on the whole of the year, an immediate stocktaking is to take place and will be taken at regular intervals in future. The Club Coffee Morning raised £510 and a special thank you was given to the Croquet Section for their major part in this event. £6,740 was raised from car parking during Festival Week and £600 on Regatta's Red Allows evening (half of this amount was given to the Regatta Funds) The request for free car parking for croquet members during Festival Week was refused and the normal half price will be made to all Club members using the car parking facility.

**Members' Reports**

ELAINE All tournament dates have been met and all finals successfully completed. The CA advanced B level tournament held in September is the same time as the Budleigh Salterton tournament but as it involves different players Elaine has decided that it is still the most suitable date.

VERA A total profit of £263 was raised on the September tournaments. Don Waterhouse has requested that dates of next year's tournaments be sent to him in Brazil. A notice of the starting date for table tennis has been posted but not for whist, Jo will remedy this.

MARTIN Offered thanks to all those who covered for him on his recent absence. He requested that all claims for expenses be handed to him asap so that he can prepare a summary for the AGM. He volunteered to help carry out an inventory in November and the committee agreed that no more secondary balls are to be bought for the present.

JAN Requested that a regular Golf Croquet player be present at the handicapping meeting for fixing golf croquet handicaps and volunteered to be that representative. He thanked Vera for her hard work and dedication in arranging all the teams and matches over the season.

### **Any Other Business**

A representative from the section will be found to attend the SW Federation AGM in November. Sue was suggested as she had out forwarded a proposal. The section has just received the Swan magazine although it was delivered to Budleigh Salterton in April; this is why it contains no items from Sidmouth. The grass box on lawn 3 has still not been emptied although its overpowering smell was first discussed in March. The Presentation of awards for the new members tournament are to be included at the AGM. Lawn 1 is to receive the best possible treatment during the winter but the other lawns will get only minimum maintenance, as they WILL be resurfaced in the near future.

A member has suggested that committee members each have a doppelganger and this has previously been discussed as a good idea if willing members can be found. Another member criticised the system used in the ladder game as set up by Don Waterhouse according to CA guidelines and Vera will deal with this.

Date of next meeting Tues 22nd October 09.30

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## **Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 22nd October 2002**

**Present** Tony Dustan-Smith (Chair) Ian Friedlander; Vera Henderson; Martin McInerney; Jo McInerney; Elaine Woodward.

**Apologies** Graham Dodd

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

### **Matters arising**

Golf Croquet handicaps have been settled provisionally but new information has been received and more is due in April so in the light of these changes the final results will be discussed at a future meeting and Ian and Howard will be consulted.

With regards to the Swan magazine being received at a late date it was decided that a report should be sent in from Sidmouth to Sue Mackay for entry next year especially noting our success and promotion to the Parkstone Trophy, Tony to see to this.

### **Secretary's Report**

No report except to make arrangements for the AGM, this to be dealt with under AOB

### **Management Report**

The Management have re-discussed the application for a Lottery Grant and the decision has been taken to purchase a preliminary consultation with a lottery application expert. Plans for the refurbishment of the lawn 3 and 4. are making progress.

Club finances are not sufficient for long term planning and renovation so a sub-committee has been formed to discuss ways of raising more money.

### **Members' Reports**

ELAINE. All trophies brought in to the club and will be available for AGM presentation.

VERA. Reiterated Golf Handicap situation. Automatic handicap system for association players can now be overridden down to an 8 rather than the previous 12. Future matches against Kingston Maurwood for all but B team are to be played at Sidmouth due to shortage of lawns at their club. Items submitted for SW Fed. AGM do not seem to be on Agenda for the meeting. Still undecided who will attend.

MARTIN Lawns have improved in condition since the rain and have been well used in October but now their condition is probably deteriorating following excess rain. Terry will remove hoops when play is no longer possible.

Ian. Reported that both Golf Croquet games against Budleigh Salterton had resulted in wins for Sidmouth. He also produced statistics for the usage of the lawns over the season.

### **Any Other Business**

The Christmas Lunch date is fixed for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec at the Bedford Hotel 12 for 12.30. Tickets £14

A letter thanking the Club for its hospitality and welcome has been received from the Cornish visitors. John Palmer has recently had a hip replacement and Jo agreed to send a card from the Croquet Section. A discussion followed on the format and arrangements for the AGM.

No further meeting has been arranged prior to the AGM

There being no other business the Committee retired to the Bedford Hotel for a pub lunch!



**SCTCH CLUB CROQUET SECTION**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION**  
**29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2002 AT 18.00 HRS**

The Chairman, Tony Dustan-Smith opened the meeting by welcoming the 59 members present. All were asked to stand for a moments silence to remember Valerie Collier who had died during the past season.

**Apologies for absence** were received from Sheila Adams, Alsia and John Dixon, Iris Dwerryhouse, Gloria Evans, Graeme and Helen Pryor, Pam Sage, Mary Hardman, Lynn Coombs, Derek and Maddy Pedder and Mavis Baldock.

The Chairman reminded members that the Minutes of last year's AGM had been displayed on the notice board in the mallet room for the statutory time and asked that they be taken as read. Approval was proposed by Brian Smith and seconded by David Clarke. The Minutes were signed.

**The Committee report** outlining some of the year's activities was read by the Secretary, Jo McInerney. A record number of applicants had applied for training and after coaching, 23 had become new members. This has raised the membership total to 124 plus 5 country members. Internal and Open tournaments had all gone well and social events have been well attended. Special mention was given to the Parkstone Qualifier team who, having won all their matches, have now been elevated to the highest level of the SW Federation, the Parkstone Trophy. Thanks were offered to all members who have given assistance to the committee throughout the season. A copy of this report is filed with the minutes.

Adoption of the report was proposed by Sue Rogers and seconded by John Hatherley.

**The Cash Flow Statement** was explained by Martin McInerney, the Section Treasurer, and there were no questions asked. A copy of this is filed with the Minutes.

A vote of thanks to the Committee was proposed by Gwen Simms and endorsed by the members.

**The Chairman in his report** remarked on the improved overall handicap level in the in the recently formed Devon County team of 5 players Sidmouth provides 3 or 4 of these. He outlined plans for improvements in the croquet facilities the provision of water and toiles and an extension of the hut on lawn 3 and the resurfacing of Lawns 2, 3 and 4. He reiterated the Secretary's thanks to all non-committee helpers and thanked his Committee for their support through the year. He made special mention of the retiring members, in particular Vera Henderson who has dedicated much time to all SW Federation work and the provision of teams for all inter-club matches. She has also acted as secretary for all Open Tournaments.

**Election of the new Committee**

Chairman - Tony Dustan-Smith. Secretary - Carol Symes

Committee - Barbara Clarke, John Dixon, Ian Friedlander, Derek Powell, Gabrielle Walker, Elaine Woodward.

All posts were unopposed and votes were unanimous

**Any Other Business** As no items had been received by the final date they could not be presented for decision but only as an item for discussion.

Clifford Walker asked if Ladder Games could count for handicap points.

David Laidler asked if new members could be given a better introduction to play and it was explained that regular attendance at Club Sessions would remedy this and also offer more coaching.

Tony Dustan-Smith reported that the Club was considering changing its name to The Sidmouth Sports Club that might help in the future application for a Lottery Grant. David Baldock questioned whether this might affect the Club's charity status but Graham Dodd, the Club Treasurer, reported that the Club is not a charity.

### **Notice of Future Events**

1. AGM of the SW Federation will be held in Taunton on 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov.
2. Please remove mallets from the premises at the end of the season.
3. Social Table Tennis/ coffee mornings take place weekly beginning on 30<sup>th</sup> Oct.
4. Whist takes place monthly at present beginning on 7<sup>th</sup> Nov.
5. Ladies Snooker takes place weekly and begins on 31<sup>st</sup> Oct.
6. The Section's Christmas lunch will be held at the Bedford Hotel on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12.00 for 12.30, cost will be £14 each, forms available now.

### **Presentation of Trophies**

The Chairman invited John Hatherley, a long standing club member, to present the trophies. Before doing so John reminisced on how the club and level of play has improved over the years of his membership but now there is a need for more members to train for the rewarding job of a croquet referee.

After the presentations David Clarke gave a vote of thanks to John.

The chairman reminded members that a box for donations was circulating for our Grounds man Terry Riding to thank him for his hard work on our behalf.

He thanked all members for attending and closed the meeting

## **SIDMOUTH CTCH CLUB**

### **CROQUET SECTION COMMITTEE REPORT 2001/2002**

Once the season closed at the end of last year 2001, the various winter activities began and members kept contact through the regular weekly table-tennis/coffee mornings, monthly whist meetings and, new for this season, snooker sessions for both gentlemen and ladies. Christmas Lunch at the Bedford was well attended and similarly the Spring Lunch at the same venue.

We had a fresh, clean start to this season with a newly painted mallet room, newly painted hoops and some brand new bisques, clips and balls. Our thanks to our grounds and equipment rep and his team of helpers who made this possible. Martin also made a new demonstration lawn, now known as 'Lawn 5' which was used both as a guide to new members and as an excellent way for Brian to show the more experienced players the skills and techniques involved in the advanced level game. Thanks again to Martin and to his VERY tolerant wife who could not get to the freezer or the washing machine during the week of its construction

A record number of 43 applicants signed up for training sessions in April, thanks to the success of our advertising campaign. It was due to the hard work of the training manager, Graham, and his team of coaches that 23 of these became section members. We now have a membership of 124 plus 5 country members. Because attendance at Club afternoons was low we tried a few weeks of Club evenings with a supper or BBQ and an open bar to follow and this proved to be popular and greatly increased the number of members attending. Our disappointment is that only a few new members have regularly turned up to book lawns to play during the season. We are aware that more coaching is needed for members at all levels of play and this will be considered in future planning. If anyone has any particular problems that they would wish addressed do have a word with the training manager or one of the coaches and they will do their best to help. Golf croquet has continued to be popular and well attended especially when the weather is sunny and warm. The annual battle with Budleigh Salterton has happily resulted in a double win for Sidmouth

We were lucky with the weather for both our social croquet evenings. The games continued until quite late on the warm and sunny Sparkling Wine Evening (this could have been due to the amount of wine available of course) The ingenious games of the Fun and Food evening made a change from the normal and they and the buffet supper which followed were enjoyed by all who attended.

All Internal Tournaments were well subscribed and have been successfully completed with only a few hiccups on the way. Blocks were almost all completed on time and the sun shone for all the finals, some of which were very closely fought. Thanks to Elaine, our Internal Tournament manager for her work in arranging all of these. An extra tournament was organised by Howard Quarrell and David Baldock for new and recent members in September and after a slow response it eventually attracted 16 players. You will be able to congratulate the winners of all tournaments at the end of the meeting when the trophies are presented.

There have also been some personal triumphs during the season. Sue Rogers and Barbara Clarke both gained their Bronze Award. Amanda Prowse, Peter Miller and Clifford Walker their Silver Award. Many of our members have also been successful at outside tournaments and Gwynneth Dart has completed her 10th year as the lowest handicapped lady player. Come on ladies there's a challenge for us!

The SW Federation teams have done exceedingly well this year. In particular the Parkstone Qualifier team who have won all their matches. This now elevates them to the Parkstone Trophy, the highest level of the SW Federation. They will now have to travel much further distances to play really top players and we wish them well. The Federation level won all but one of their matches and were only closely defeated in the semi-final, we hope for better luck

next year. The Intermediates won 2 and lost 2 of their games and the B team won 2 and lost 3. More players are needed for these 2 teams so please sign up if you are available. We thank Vera for her extremely dedicated and efficient work in arranging these fixtures and finding teams for each match.

The Open Tournaments in June and September were attended by players from far and wide and were very successful. Our own chairman Tony was the winner of the June event.

Visitors from Cornwall and from Florida have enjoyed our lawns this year, we welcome them and the fees they paid.

Throughout the season our publicity manager, Ian, has kept us in the public eye with regular reports and photos in the Sidmouth Herald, this has hopefully been an advertising medium for the Croquet Section although if we continue to increase our popularity, we could result in having a waiting list.

Many plans are in the pipeline for improvements to the facilities and for new ideas for the club so we could be in for an exciting time ahead.

The committee are continually grateful to all members who volunteer to help out with the many jobs that are so necessary to keep our section active and all helpers are much appreciated. There are many members who do not have a place on the committee but who give an enormous amount of time and effort into the running of our very successful Section. It isn't politic to name them in case any should be left out but you know and we know who they are and we thank them one and all. Those of us retiring from the committee this year would like to offer our best wishes to the members who have volunteered to take on the commitment for the coming year and wish them a very successful season.

*Jo M. Dineen*  
(Hon Sec.)

**SIDMOUTH C.T.C.H. CLUB**  
**CROQUET SECTION**

CASH FLOW STATEMENT 1/10/2001 TO 30/09/2002

<u>Income</u>	00/01	01/02
	£	£
Balance in Hand	26.33	50.27
Table Tennis/Whist	267.41	198.32
Visitors/Library	89.00	33.00
Training	304.00	495.00
Teas etc	124.21	35.36(net)
Sale of Badges/Laws/Mallets	56.94	119.90
Christmas Lunch	1035.00	347.62
Spring Lunch	841.00	770.00
Sparkling Wine Evening(profit)	179.99	175.30
Fun & Food Evening(profit)	50.00	6.88
BBQ (profit)	-	36.12
Donations/Refunds	36.00	-
Tournament Fees	1110.50	66.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>3476.14</u></b>	<b><u>2333.77</u></b>
<u>Outgoings</u>		
Paid to Club Treasurer	2841.75	1939.80
Miscellaneous (phone, postage etc)	78.04	110.27
Catering	175.91	-
Prizes, cups etc	42.30	-
Overtime Pay	-	20.00
Hoop Maintenance	111.57	95.00
Paint/Materials	-	136.70
Sundry Purchases	-	10.00
Tournament expenses	61.30	-
Training/Lunch/Tournament Refunds	115.00	-
Cash in Hand	50.27	22.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>3476.14</u></b>	<b><u>2333.77</u></b>

The marked difference between this year and last is due to the fact that this year, as a result of my absences, more monies were dealt with directly by the Club Treasurer and thus did not pass through my books. For example, income from tournament fees exceeded £1000, that for the Christmas Lunch was £899 while outgoings do not show expenditure on equipment (balls, clips etc) of £1236.

Martin McInerney Section Treasurer