

# **SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, CROQUET AND HOCKEY CLUB**

## **Croquet Section**

MINUTES of meeting held on 25th November 2008 at Frensham

### **Apologies for absence.**

John Dixon. Gabby Macadam. Pam Bowra

Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed

### **Matters arising**

**Entry Keys. Honours boards.** David Temple has offered to take these to the engraver. Festival Week The money raised (£ 15000) was from car parking charges.

### **Chairman's Report.**

From John Dixon 1. JD been in touch with Pam and Robert. Mike Taylor to be asked to take care of Library and videos. Gabby still setting up scrapbook.

2. A report concerning Gwynneth Dart has been sent to the croquet Gazette.
3. Anne Reece's Husband has died.
4. Cups for internal tournaments have now been all engraved and presented.
5. David Temple will be passing Trophy Book to Rob Mitchell for attention.

### **From Nancy Temple.**

1. **Withdrawals** Letters from Roger Hendy & David Clarke were discussed and also the reply from John Dixon to Roger - Copy to go to David Clarke. Helen pointed out that the policy was not new and details have always been on the notice board. Richard had received details from other Clubs stating that they do not hold withdrawal rules. Most hold a finals w/end. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to ask JD to write to all members (via Spring Newsletter) re withdrawal procedures. Richard to prepare a paper for JD's return and committee discussion.

2. **Finals Dates** to remain as advertised but consideration will be given re members' exceptional circumstances.

3. **Christmas lunch.** Nancy has asked the Westcliffe hotel to reduce numbers to 40-50 as there are other events organised under the auspices of the Club. All leaders of extra activities are asked to contact the social sec/secretary so that future events can be co-ordinated.

4. **Friends** Application for membership to be included with Membership form.

5. **Referees** Cliff Jones to be contacted by Nancy re re-revamping this course as soon as possible.

6. **SW Federation** More discussion needed before representatives attend the 2009 meeting. Cliff Jones is i.c. Youth and Coaching East Dorset is writing a review re rules for 14-point games in the B League.,

### **Refresher course for GC**

7. Cliff to be asked to be part of the second refresher course in March.(Nancy) Ian Friedlander to be asked to manage this event (John Coombes) David Temple to be asked to attach the plaque to our boards in the Pavilion - won for the Parkstone Qualifier. Peter Hills will manage the teams for the Parkstone Trophy.

### **Secretary's Report,**

1. Mike Taylor has prepared banner for next year and has also found outlets for posters re recruitment. Also been in touch with Amanda re brochures. (Committee agreed to 100 being printed, photograph to be altered) Mike states that this year's would not be as good as the last one and brochures will be used in 2010 etc.)
2. BC contact Muriel re fees - £145. Coaching to remain at £25 - £15 reduction when joining.
3. Sidmouth Inner Wheel been contacted re a Taster evening in 2009. Decision in February. BC to contact Ann Hale who is a member of this association.
4. Please be sure you have new web site address. <http://www.sidmouthcroquet.org.uk>. Tony Philpott keeps this up to date.
5. Visit of Medics now to be on Wednesday April 22<sup>nd</sup>. BC to contact re a match to be played with a small trophy being provided by the Medics. John Coombes to organise. Gabby to be asked to be the welcomer.
6. Charity event finals now on April 25/26. Elaine i.e. of our event on April 2.

### **GMC Report**

1. Gill's franchise charge was discussed and will be raised slightly.
2. David Mason is now in charge of the main diary and all entries must go via him.
3. Sprinkler appeal. The CA will consider a minimal grant for lawns 2.3.4. as long as they are all dealt with at the same time. David Temple to be asked (Nancy) to present an up-to-date report re finances etc., at the next committee meeting.
4. The Britain in Bloom certificate is to be displayed in the Pavilion

### **John Coombes**

1. The new Golf Croquet block tournament is for all members. John Coombes to present suggested format at the next meeting.
2. New GC members to commence at handicap 12 to be reduced to 10 after one year.

### **Elaine Woodward**

1. The CA 2008 levy was not paid by the Manager of the June Tournament. This situation must not arise again.
2. Roger Hendy to be asked to resubmit his article to the Swan (BD contact)
3. June Tournament will now be run by Julie Horsley with Derek Powell and Elaine as locum managers if required.

### **Robert Matthews**

1. JD discussed this post and further discussion has taken place with the groundsman.
2. Hut 3 locker room is to be shelved.
3. Contact will be made with David Temple re sandblasting the hoops
4. Some lawn dividing boards need to be replaced. White ones will be used lawns 3 & 4

### **Helen Pryor**

1. £123 in hand
2. 40 Croquet books to be ordered.

3. Robert to remind Colin that tournaments commence at 9.30 am

**Richard Mills**

1. Still awaiting details of SW tournaments. A list of dates to be forwarded to BD and Tony Philpott.
2. All paperwork for matches will now be computerised.
3. Tony P has been paid £25 for new website.

**Any Other Business**

1. Nancy to purchase another kettle.
2. Geoff Cambridge has died. BC to send card to Shirley.
3. Cyril Spencer is in local hospital with a kidney problem. BC to send a card.

**NEXT MEETINGS/Monday January 19th and February 9<sup>th</sup> at Nancy's home**

**Monday March 2. at Dove Cott**

*Nancy P. 100*

## **SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, CROQUET AND HOCKEY CLUB**

### **Croquet Section**

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 19th January 2009 at Frensham

1. **Apologies for absence**; John Dixon, Barbara Clarke, Gabby Macadam
2. Minutes of last meeting on 25th November 2008: Nancy, as acting Chairman, gave all present an almost corrected, tidier version of the minutes. A few points mentioned are in matters arising.

### **3. Matters arising:**

1. The Honours Boards have been updated. (Entry Keys)
2. Tournament Withdrawals - Richard had sent all committee members a revised statement regarding this. As all had not yet received it, discussion will take place at the next meeting, then finalised after John Dixon's return. Members were reminded that the original notice regarding this had been on the notice board every year since 2005. (NT 1)
3. Helen pointed out that the start 9.30 am start of tournaments applied to Open Tournaments, and should have been under Rob's name. (HP 3)
4. John Coombes - It was decided at the meeting that new members would have a Golf handicap of 12 and it would remain at 12 for the following year. (not dropping to 10 as in the previous minutes (JC 2). As this is not quite clear, Nancy asked John to contact Bill Arliss next month to clarify what is recommended by the SWF.
5. Regarding the Club Tournament Finals - Nancy has changed the wording from 'important diary dates to 'exceptional circumstances'. (NT 2)
6. Elaine pointed out that the Charity One Ball final is at Winchester. (Sec. Report 6)

### **4. General Report: (Nancy Temple)**

1. Correspondence:

Nancy had received the minutes from the SWF AGM in November and details of the Golf Croquet tournaments.

'Get Well' cards have been sent to Iris Dwerryhouse and Ann Ractliffe.

Nancy has been in contact with Mike Taylor re publicity. He has distributed posters asking for new members. She will ask him to put an insert in the Sidmouth Herald under 'What's on' the week before the open morning.

A newspaper cutting of the Clarkes' success in New Zealand was shown, and Nancy wondered if it could be for publicity.

2. AC Laws Course. Nancy had spoken to Cliff Jones who, in November, was willing to arrange laws courses for Association and for Golf. Since then, Cliff has been in communication about this and it is not certain if he can do the Golf Croquet one. The Association course is on March 30th and 31<sup>st</sup>. Nancy has contacted Bill Arliss about arranging one for the Golf Croquet, and has also sent him various e-mails thanking him. If she has not heard again from him by Feb 10<sup>th</sup> she will send him another e-mail. John C asked if we could suggest people to go on the GC Laws Course (if there is one). He will ask certain members. Nancy loaned John C a CD about a Golf Croquet referees course.

3. Refresher Sessions: March 14th AC - Elaine and John D will organise and Pam will do the coffee. Julie Horsley will also be there. Match 21st GC -John Coombes is to ask Ian Friedlander to organise this, aided by Derek Hewitt, Howard Quarrell and David Baldock (all to be asked). Nancy will do a notice reminding members about the courses. John C suggested that we remind newer members about the GC one in particular.

4. Mallets: Nancy mentioned the Jacques Mallet that had been given to the club. New it would be over £200, but this is now for sale at £50 plus (if wanted) the cover for £20. Nancy will check out the numbers of club mallets with a view to selling any surplus.

#### **5. Committee Members' Reports**

##### **Elaine Woodward -**

1. Elaine asked Richard M about how many games were to be played in an Open Tournament. At the meeting in December 2008 Richard said he thought players in the June tournament would like to be guaranteed 3 games a day. This is done at other clubs, the 3rd game usually being optional. However, because we have fewer lawns there is less room for manoeuvre in wet weather and Elaine feels this cannot be done. This is with the backing of Julie Horsley as it puts a strain on the Tournament Organizer.

2. Elaine would like to get a copy of the Fixtures Book when it is out. Nancy will let her know.

##### **John Coombes -**

1. John presented a draft of his very sound proposals for organising and running the new Golf Croquet Tournament. After discussion and comments, Helen will re-word one section and return it to John. This will be further discussed when we know how many entries there are.

##### **Rob Matthews -**

1. Rob has a quote of £5 per hoop for sandblasting and painting the hoops. This will be done. Helen asked that the invoice be made payable to the SCTC&H Club.

2. Rosemary Aldridge has kindly offered to make new corner flags.

3. Colin Whitehall will make some tubes to be sunk at the corners of the lawns for the flags to be placed in. He may be asked to do some for the yard pegs also.

4. Rob is in the process of tidying the store shed on lawn 3.

5. Pam Bowra asked about "1/2 way" markers for Golf croquet - to avoid disputes. Most present felt they were not really necessary except for tournaments.

##### **Richard Mills -**

1. Richard's Tournament withdrawal re-write will be discussed at the next meeting when everyone has read it. SWF tables will be sent to Helen, so she can enter people's names (as she has the list).

2. Richard said it had been difficult to fix the SWF matches and that meant, in some cases, that 2 or more were close together. He will send contact numbers to all opposing teams. Match report forms will be on computer. Nancy asked Richard for a date list of all Home SWF matches so she can give it to Gill. She asked that numbers are given by the manager a week before a match.

3. A 'Friendly' Tournament against Budleigh has been arranged for Monday 27th April.

##### **Pam Bowra -**

Pam produced a lovely poster for the Spring Lunch on March 26th. This will be displayed.

##### **Helen Pryor -**

1. Cash in hand £196.

2. 40 'Know the Game' books have been ordered and received.

##### **Any Other Business:**

1. Nancy will approach the Westcliff Hotel and book the Christmas Lunch - earlier in December than it was in 2008

2. David Temple came and gave the committee the latest report on the Sprinkler Appeal. Any shortfall in funding will be covered by the Club. Work will start soon to put pop-up sprinklers on lawns 2,3&4. Richard Mills proposed that we record our thanks to David for all his hard work. All agreed

**Dates of next meetings:**

Monday February 9th at Frensham

Monday March 2nd at Dove Cottage (may be changed to the 3rd)

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SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, CROQUET & HOCKEY CLUB  
CROQUET SECTION

MINUTES of meeting held on February 9<sup>th</sup> 2009 at Frensham.

Present: Nancy Temple (Chair), Richard Mills (minutes), Gabby Macadam, Elaine Woodward, Pam Bowra, Rob Matthews, Barbara Clarke.

**1. Apologies for absence**

John Dixon, John Coombes, Helen Pryor.

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

These were accepted.

**3. Matters arising**

(3.1) Entry keys: new locks have been fitted. A new Yale key will be required to replace the existing Chubb key to the mallet room.

(4.3) Hewitt should read Hewett.

(4.4) Mallet sold for £70 (to sprinkler appeal).

(Elaine 1) December should read November.

(Richard 1) Names of SW Federation players will not come from Helen's club tournament entry forms. It seems simpler to post Fed fixtures on the board with space for players to sign up where they wish to play. Managers can select teams from these lists.

(AOB 1) Christmas lunch is booked for Dec 8th at Westcliff Hotel.

(Date of next meeting) Undecided: please reserve March 2nd and 3.

**4. Acting Chairman's Report**

a) John Dixon had posted copies of his coaching scheme. General outlines were discussed and approved. **ACTION:** A coaching meeting would be necessary with **JD** prior to the course to discuss details.

b) Nancy had rung Bill Arliss re referee course for Golf: Bill will liaise with Cliff Jones.

c) Laws course March 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> more applicants needed. **ACTION: BC** add to March newsletter and **NT** to contact more members.

d) Refresher mornings in March 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> **ACTION: EW & JD** to organise the first session: **Howard Quarrell & Ian Friedlander** to organise the second

e) Richard's rewrite of the club tournament withdrawal rules were discussed and amended. **ACTION: Rich M** to write amended rules for presentation at next meeting.

f) Friendly Golf competition against Dowlish Wake at home. Two dates to choose: July 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> **ACTION: JC** to decide.

g) Teas for SW Fed home and away games: £5. Friendly games to be decided.

**5. Secretary's Report**

a) Medical visitors event moved to April 22<sup>nd</sup> (am). BC & GM in contact.

b) Leaflet/pamphlet for new members. **ACTION: BC** to contact Mike Taylor.

c) Ann Hale/Otter Vale ladies' evening May 19<sup>th</sup> **ACTION: NT** food; BC confirm date.

d) A donation of £50 has been received for the sprinkler appeal.

e) Request from Jonathan Wolf re Sidmouth CA B-league. **ACTION: BC** to reply.

- f) An internal tournament form from L Bridges received. **ACTION: BC** to forward to HP.
- g) E Devon 'Active Devon' letter. **ACTION: BC** to forward to Mike Taylor for action: suggested he involve Tony Philpott re the Club website.
- h) BC has received from Mike Taylor a list of library books and videos for mallet room, including request to purchase 2 books and to deposit videos in mallet room. (No hire charge to be made). **ACTION: BC** to confirm approval with MT.
- i) Golf tournament in Greece. **ACTION: BC** to post notice in mallet room.
- j) Spring newsletter to be published asap after March committee meeting. **ACTION: BC.**
- k) Lymington Croquet Club requesting information. **ACTION: BC** to reply.
- l) Richard Stevens request for lawn open dates. **ACTION: Rob M** to reply.
- m) We have been offered provisional CA Spencer-Ell tournament for Sept 8-12, 2010. CA wants clubs to gain sponsorship. **ACTION: BC** to ask David Clarke to contact Nigel Graves for further information about sponsorship, and to confirm date, as we would need to alter the CA handicap weekend event for 2010.
- n) Golf Grass Roots Competition. Richard had found this to be a good introduction to 'beginners' competitive play at his previous club. **ACTION: BC** to forward to J Coombes for consideration.
- o) Payments due/made for Club membership of SW Fed and CA. **ACTION: NT** to seek clarification.
- p) Cameo ladies' evening (West Hill singers) request a golf taster and meal on May 6<sup>th</sup> **ACTION: NT** to confirm.
- q) Minutes to be sent to Mike Taylor re his role as press/publicity contact. **ACTION: secretary.**

## **6. Committee Members' Reports**

### Richard Mills

1. Only three applicants so far for CA Golf Tournament in April.

### Gabby Macadam

1. A scrapbook of last season's press reports has been compiled.

### Elaine Woodward

1. CA tournament applications are doing well: allocation date March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Pam Bowra

1. Arrangements for prospective members morning, March 7<sup>th</sup>, were discussed: coffee would be free!
2. Other catering arrangements were also discussed.

### Rob Matthews

1. Inventory to be updated (David Temple holds current list).
2. Rosemary Aldridge has kindly made corner flags.
3. Repairs to boundary boards to be organised.
4. Repainted hoops are ready for collection.



pp Helen Pryor

1. Helen has typed John Coombes' internal golf competition proposals and members received copies.

2. Cash in hand: £155.

Other

1. Mallet room clean up on Friday Feb 27<sup>th</sup>, 10 am.

**7. GMC Report**

1. Locks have been changed.

2. Club website proposed. Croquet Section has one at <http://www.sidmouthcroquet.org.uk>

3. Proposal for a marquee during August (starting folk week) is under discussion.

4. Folk week parking fees to be raised substantially.

**8. AOB**

1. The committee thanked Nancy Temple for her hospitality and excellent work as vice-chairman during John's long winter absence (holiday!).

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

To be confirmed: please reserve March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Venue: Dove Cottage

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## **SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, CROQUET & HOCKEY CLUB**

### **CROQUET SECTION**

**MINUTES** of meeting held on 3rd March at Dove Cottage

Present: John Dixon (Chair), Nancy Temple (V-Chair), Barbara Clarke (Secretary), Richard Mills, Gabby Macadam, Elaine Woodward, Pam Bowra, Rob Matthews

**1. Apologies for absence:** John Coombes

**2. Minutes of last meeting:** These were accepted

**3. Matters arising:**

3.1 J Dixon to raise at the next GMC Meeting the availability of key for mallet room,

4.g Friendly games Home £6 per match

6.1 'B' level applications only doing well. Slow response for other open tournaments.

**4. Tournament withdrawals**

Richard Mills' new draft rules re withdrawals were agreed. He will arrange for a laminated copy to be displayed on notice board. The Spring Newsletter to include reference to this. J Dixon to write to David Clarke and Roger Hendy explaining the background to these arrangements.

**5. Coaching arrangements for 2009 Prospective Members**

It was agreed to implement the revised coaching arrangements for this year on a trial basis. If unsuccessful, the previous (2008) arrangements would be reinstated.

J. Dixon to meet all coaches prior to the commencement of the new arrangements to ensure a unified approach is made. The emphasis will be on an initial simplified introduction. Efforts will be made to encourage as many prospective members as possible to play the Association game.

**6. March Events**

**7th March** Prospective Members' Meeting.

Programme of events was agreed.

**14<sup>th</sup> March** Refresher Session of Association play.

EW and JD to arrange coaches and topics

**21st March** Refresher Session of Golf Croquet

Howard Quarrell to organise and run the session. JD to discuss format with him. Agreed that the new GC internal 'block' competition would be covered in the session.

**26th March** Club Lunch. Good response reported for ticket sales.

Raffle prizes requested please.

**28th March** Lawns Opening JD to play RM (standing in for BC who is indisposed). GM to arrange the opening GC Match. Bar and Lunch available. Members to be encouraged to support the lunch.

**30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> March** Laws Course. Cliff Jones to run Association Testing. Awaiting further information on whether or not Golf Testing Will take place. NT will try to resolve.

**2<sup>nd</sup> April** Charity One Ball. PB and LM to organise refreshments (soup)

## 7. Secretary's Report

BC was called away from the meeting before she was able to make her report, but left items with NT, who reported on her behalf-

It was agreed that the Spring Newsletter would be prepared by JD from the notes left by BC. Reference would be made to the tournament withdrawals. Further information needs to be obtained re the 2010 Spencer Ell and the 2011 All England final tournaments.

## 8. Members' Reports

- Helen P      £206 Cash in hand. There will be no change to the travel payment for away matches.
- Elaine W      Only 10 entries so far for the Midsummer June tournament.
- Pam B          The Mallet Room has been given a spring-clean. Thanks to all those involved.
- Richard M      Only 8 entries for the Open Golf Croquet Championship. RM to seek further entries from Club members. Need to encourage members to support the SW Fed matches have all been arranged.
- Rob M          Discussing new ideas with Colin for the fixing of corner flags and corner pegs. Equipment Inventory part completed. The new corner flags made by Rosemary Aldridge were shown. JD to thank her for her efforts.  
New sets of Dawson balls to be ordered. JD to check on previous committee decision on this.
- Gaby M          There will be no visit from Swanage Club this year.

## 9. Any Other Business

GMC to be asked to agree to electrical cable to be installed at the same time as the water pipes for the proposed sprinkler system on the lower lawns.

## 10. Date of next meeting

**Tuesday, 14th April at 2pm at Dove Cottage**



## **SIDMOUTH CRICKET TENNIS CROQUET AND HOCKEY CLUB**

### **CROQUET SECTION**

Minutes of meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at Dove Cott.

1. Apologies for absence. Richard Mills. Gabby Macadam, Pam Bowra, Rob Matthews
2. Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### **3. Matters arising**

- a.** The AC and GC courses and mini refresher classes were well attended and exceedingly well run by Cliff Jones.
- b.** There are still 8 vacancies for the CA Summer Tournament
- c.** Tournament withdrawal notice is now to be displayed in the mallet room

#### **4. Chairman's Report**

- a.** GC handicaps to remain as advertised - sticking to the rules. Notice to be taken of members of AC 10 and under as their GC handicap should be altered as and when their AC handicap alters. AC handicap committee to be asked to review handicaps of Pam Bowra and Keith Thorley.
- b.** Loan of demonstration mallet to be supervised by JC.? 10% towards sprinkler system if sold.
- c.** Taster evening for Cambridge Society to be arranged next year. JD
- d.** Visit by Girl Guides not to take place. BC
- e.** Exeter School request for coaching in hand. JD
- f.** Car Parking permits. Notice to be prepared (BC and JD) for dates that our 2 permits would be available. It was agreed that the cricket section would be able to use them on a Saturday if we did not have a tournament.
- g.** EW to gather names of Chairmen for the last 20 years approx. A board will be prepared.
- h.** Trophy Book. Rob Mitchell upgrading this which is held by RM at present. He will pass it to EW.
- i.** All present decided that the new system for arranging games at GC sessions would commence on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, GMac was not at the meeting but JD will meet up with her to explain. BC to thank the McInerneys for their work in preparing the equipment and offering to start off the system.
- j.** 29 prospective members are receiving coaching.
- k.** 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Gmac meeting up with medical visitors at Dukes. JC and GMac planning the mini match. JC to contact Tony Philpott re photos of the event.
- l.** GC Open Tournament will require all lawns.
- m.** New Members evening. NT preparing 'drinks' tickets for new members. Nibbles will be served. BC labels for committee and new members. JD speaking to Sue Rogers about leaflets re advancement in play.
- n.** Club afternoons. May 1. JD and NT. May 8 JC later EW. May 15 NT and later EW. May 22 HP. May 29 The Clarkes. BC to contact non-committee for future dates.

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

- a.** Confirmation received re our hosting the Spencer-Ell tournament 8-12 September 2010 and All England Handicap Final AC 17-18 September 2011. David Clarke to

seek sponsorship although the cricket section have canvassed the main hotels/companies.

- b. Certificates for Runner-ups a good idea but re-consider for next year.
- c. July 21<sup>st</sup>. Dowlish Wake visit is for Friendly GC not a taster event.
- d. Non-playing members. Payments to be encouraged.
- e. July 2<sup>nd</sup> invite for new members to meet with JD for coffee.

### **GMC Report**

The thatch needs replacing and that of Hut 4. Each section to send a representative to a meeting to discuss fund raising. JD to approach Mike Taylor/Roger Hendy. (JD going).

Allocation of parking permits still under discussion.

The grounds of the old nursing home - Glenside have offered their grounds for parking for a year at a fee of £30 which would be given to the Club.

### **Members' Reports**

**John Coombes** discussion re the new GC tournament. No name at present in case it is Only run this year. Members to be encouraged to play as many games as possible in a 3 hour stretch.

Should there be a test for membership after new trainees have completed their coaching course? This would be similar to bowls clubs.

The Ractcliffes to be asked by JC to run the May 19th Inner Wheel taster evening.

**Nancy Temple**. All events are organised. Mallet sold for £40. Spring lunch raised £59 with the raffle making £71. £180 raised towards the sprinkler system from Cliff's classes.

Bill and Pam Arliss to be offered lunch and any other expenses like petrol etc. Lunches will be Pay-as-you-go 12.30 - 1.30. All welcome.

David Temple has offered to spruce up a few mallets and put them up for sale with proceeds towards sprinkler fund. Gmac to be asked to run a special raffle at the Fun and Food evening to raise monies for the thatch costs.

### **Elaine Woodward**

CA Tournament has only 4 players from away and there are still 4 vacancies for September. Derek Powell will stand in for Julie Horsley if necessary.


No one representing our Club at the Charity Match finals.

**Helen Pryor** A notice to be displayed re locking up at night. BC. £260 in hand Internal tournaments managers.

Dorothy Toye	Derek Powell
Canton	Elaine Woodward
14 Point Game	Margaret Piper
One Ball HH	Nancy Temple
One Ball LH	Helen Pryor
Shot Game	John Dixon and Elaine Woodward
Doubles	John Dixon and Helen Pryor.
Other tournaments? ask GC payers.	

**Future Meetings.** 11<sup>th</sup> May 10.15

22<sup>nd</sup> June 9.30am

  
11.5.09

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2009 at Dove Cottage

**1. Apologies for absence** - Barbara Clarke, Helen Pryor and Richard Mills

**2. Minutes of last meeting** were agreed and signed

**3. Matters arising -**

(a) Car Parking Permits Two permits for the Fortfield Terrace are now housed in the Mallet room for use by members on a "first come" basis.

(b) This season's New Members, who have chosen to play the Association game, have been provided with cards detailing the steps required to reduce their handicaps from 28 to 24 [att].

(c) Raffle Tickets are now available to help fund the pavilion thatch replacement, which is due to take place in early 2010. A notice will be posted in the Mallet room and also Hut 3 to request members to help with the sale of tickets. Further consideration to be given to how the raffle for the Fun & Food event on 29th July should be organised, in view of the "Thatch Tickets".

**4. Chairman's Report**

(a) Edge Boards have been provided to the North side of Lawn 2 to prevent the possibility of balls running through the railings on to Fortfield Terrace.

(b) Coaching Progress Further publicity will be made available to encourage this season's new players to take advantage of Thursday afternoon Association training.

(c) The Arrangements for forthcoming events were discussed -

May 19<sup>th</sup> INNER WHEEL TASTER - to be run by Gabby assisted by Ann and Dudley Ractliffe

May 25<sup>th</sup> FRIENDS' COFFEE MORNING - Games to be organised and run by Dixons and Elaine

May 30/31<sup>st</sup> DOROTHY TOYE TOURNAMENT - JD to arrange who is running the tournament rill

June 4<sup>th</sup> CANTON TROPHY - Elaine to run the event

June 8<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> MID-SUMMER TOURNAMENT

The Groundsman to be requested to leave preparation of lawns 3 and 4 until the afternoon of Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, to enable golf croquet to take place.

Julie Horsley will run the event.

June 16<sup>th</sup> HIGHER HANDICAP TOURNAMENT - JD to confirm that Margaret Piper will run the event.

June 24<sup>th</sup> SPARKLING WINE EVENING - JD to seek volunteers to obtain and serve the drinks. £4.00 charge (as previous years) will apply. If wet, the event will be held in the pavilion and commence at 6 pm (as against 4 pm if held outside on lawn 3). JD to provide indoor "games" if wet. As a result of earlier discussions about the completion of the Sprinkler system, it was considered that, at some stage during the evening, it would be a good idea to demonstrate its operation for all to see. JD to talk to the groundsman on this.

*Derek  
Powell*

**5. Secretary's Report**

In the absence of the Secretary, the Chairman reported that -

**The Medical Visitors** were enthusiastic in their praise of their visit to the Club, especially of Gabby, and were looking forward to next year's visit.

**6. Committee members' reports**

**Nancy & Pam** Arrangements were in hand for both the Mid-Summer Tournament and the Sparkling Wine Evening.

JD reported that he had received adverse comments about the food provided for the recent friendly match with Budleigh Salterton. This was endorsed by the other members and Nancy reported that it had been made known to Jill. It was felt that this was probably a "one off" situation and would not occur in the future.

**John Coombes** Following comments by John (and later by Gabby) the overall membership number of the club was discussed, in the light of the high number of members opting for Golf croquet it was agreed that the subject should be given serious consideration at the end of the season.

- should membership be capped?
- do we need to recruit new members next year?
- should we only accept Association players, etc?

**Gabby** Trials had taken place on the "allocation board" prepared by Martin and Jo McInerney but, although modifications had been made, it was considered to be too difficult to apply to the large numbers of players involved. It was agreed, therefore, that the Golf players would revert to their original system. Our thanks will be expressed to Martin and Jo for all their efforts.

Although there were considerable numbers attending the Golf sessions, it was agreed that lawns 2, 3 and 4 would be used on a regular basis, with lawn 1 only used as a "back-up" in exceptional circumstances.

#### **Elaine**

- **The Spencer-Eli event in 2010** would necessitate our altering the date of the CA Handicap Weekend.
- More information was needed on the sponsorship for the 2011 All England H/C Final
- Julie is running both the Midsummer and the H/C Weekend events. The entries for the September Handicap event were still low.
- With the help of Katherine Holroyde and other long-standing club members, a list of Past Chairmen had been prepared. Subject to further checking, this will be used to prepare a board to go with the existing award boards in the pavilion. It was provisionally agreed that the list would go back to ~~1980~~ 1981 which would cover all of the Past Chairmen still with the Club.

#### **Rob**

- Further Dawson balls to be ordered
- Check to be made on the number of clips
- Three further sets of balls have been "found" and added to the Golf Croquet locker.

#### **AOB**

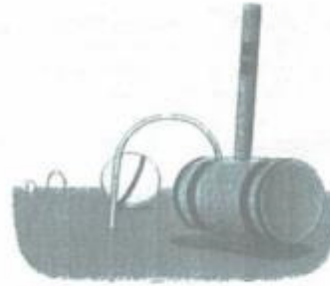
The success of the recent Laws Course and the Master Classes were recognised and our thanks will be made known to Cliff Jones and Bill Arliss

The lack of Club referees was discussed. Attempts to be made to encourage members to take the course.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting - This will be held at Dove Cottage on Monday, 22nd June at 2.00 pm**



# SIDMOUTH CROQUET



## ASSOCIATION CROQUET –

Starting handicap of 28 after introductory course.

You need to build up knowledge and playing ability to be given a handicap of 26, then 24.

To reduce to 26 you should know:

- 1) lawn size and layout
- 2) importance of yard lines & baulk lines
- 3) order of hoops, approach shots and hoop-running
- 4) roquet, croquet and continuation
- 5) different croquet shots
- 6) how to calculate number of bisques, and when to use them
- 7) how to book lawns, and be seen practising shots and attempting games

At 24 you should be able to play a 14-point high-handicap game.

As you achieve each exercise, please have your card signed by a Coach, Referee, Club Handicapper or Senior Player.

To reduce to 24 you should:

- 1) own a rule book and start to use it
- 2) know simple terminology
- 3) start to learn lawn etiquette
- 4) demonstrate different croquet shots, the ratio, and when to play each
- 5) know different openings
- 6) know how to peg out
- 7) know about 3 and 4 ball breaks, try to achieve using a few bisques to set up
- 8) know how to complete a handicap card



# **SIDMOUTH CRICKET TENNIS CROQUET AND HOCKEY CLUB**

## **CROQUET SECTION**

Minutes of meeting held on June 22'. 2009

1. Apologies for absence. Pam Bowra and Robert Matthews
2. Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

### **3. Matters arising**

1. Graham Harford to run the Egyptian event.
2. 2010 membership to be discussed at a later date
3. List of Chairmen will be back-dated to 1981

### **4. Chairman's Report**

1. Raffle tickets for the renewal fund for the Thatch to be widely advertised amongst members and friends.
2. Coaching - Response has been poor.
3. July 2<sup>nd</sup> - Coffee is for new members. JD writing to them and reminding them re sparkling wine evening.
4. Gabby will organise games at sparkling wine evening. Nancy and BC organising food and David Clarke with Mike Taylor in charge of drinks. David Temple to turn sprinkler on at 7.0 pm on lawn 2.
5. Corbett Spoons. HH Helen Pryor. LH Nancy
6. Shot Game followed by cream tea and lemon slice. JD organise. Committee arrive at 10.0. JD/Derek Powell alter stop shot test!
7. JD to ask all members to wear Whites for tournaments and only to book 1 Association game at a time.
8. Dowlish Wake. Friendly. John Coombes. £6.00 each
9. Fun and Food. ? A buffet so 60 members can enjoy the evening. JD to sell thatch Raffle Tickets. Mini raffle(free) to all. Bottle JD. Jam Helen P. JD organise

### **Secretary's Report**

1. Letter from Sue Rogers re possibility of visiting teams parking at Glenside. Details re Club parking permits to be relayed to Captains
2. Letter from Nigel Grant re possibility of a day of games. BC to invite Nigel to take part in the Doubles.
3. Medics. April 21<sup>st</sup>. 3 hours probably. A friendly match for The Trophy

### **GMC Report**

1. AGM 1st. July 6.30 pm
2. Thatch Raffle tickets are now on Sale.

### **Members' Reports**

#### **Robert Matthews**

1. Another set of Dawson balls are now in use. Sufficient clips are available for all ball sets.
2. The perimeter fence has been repaired.

3. Hoops on lawns 2,3,4 were moved prior to the Midsummer Tournament. Lawn 1 hoops will be moved shortly.

### **Elaine Woodward**

1. The list of past Chairmen is in hand.
2. Julie Horsley has offered to prepare the block paperwork for Internal Tournaments 2010
3. Julie Horsley will manage the June Tournament which will be in a smaller format and only run for 4 days.
4. JD to thank Julie for running the Summer Tournament in such an excellent manner.
5. Details re Veterans 2010 to be confirmed.
6. September 2010 dates to be altered as we are hosting the Spencer Eli Tournament. David Clarke to attract some Sponsors.

### **Richard Mills**

1. Discussion re Parkstone Trophy. Dates have been altered to accommodate Cliff Jones as he is managing so many tournaments.
2. Contact to be made with Nigel Graves re date for GC April Tournament.

### **Gabby**

1. 41 members played this a.m. with most leaving by Noon although the lawns were booked until 1.0 pm
2. Two new Members have been 'found' from the A La Ronde sessions run by Gabby. Insurance is under the auspices of A La Ronde
3. A notice is to be re-displayed in Hut 3 re the necessity for members to buy their own mallets after year one.

### **Nancy**

1. The Inner Wheel enjoyed their Croquet and meal. They paid £51 for use of the lawns.
2. The tennis section is removing the old BBQ which will give more room for the 'Pram' in the hut adjacent to the lawns.
3. Gill, the caterer, has been asked to use thinner bread for sandwiches. She has mentioned that it is not in her contract to provide meals for croquet tournaments.
4. The salad bar proved very popular at the tournament lunches
5. Captain of Home matches to provide coffee from the machine to the visitors or arrange to make fresh coffee. Cost to be paid out of Club Funds
6. Esme has kindly bought a silver cup - The Owen Cup. Further discussion planned. JD to write.

### **Helen Pryor**

1. £161.00 in hand. Dawson balls cost £420. JD to advise Robert M. to confirm with main Club before spending a large amount!
2. Discussion re longer games in the finals other than the Humphrey Hicks which is the best of 3. Vote taken. Defeated.

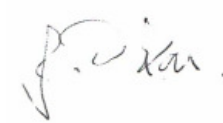
### **John Coombes**

1. Some SW Fed GC matches have been booked rather close.
2. More discussion needed re time allowance for GC matches in the new tournament.

**Any Other Business**

1. Keys for Tournament balls are kept by John Dixon, Robert Matthews and David Temple. Dorothy Toye Cup. Discussion in future. ? 1 hour and 30 minutes.
2. Egyptian. No cards used at present. Discuss later.
3. Electricity has not been installed in Hut 3

Next Meeting at Dove Cott. Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 2.0 pm

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Dixon".

## **SIDMOUTH CRICKET TENNIS CROQUET AND HOCKEY CLUB 2**

### **CROQUET SECTION**

Minutes of meeting held on July 20<sup>th</sup> 2009

1. Apologies for absence. Richard Mills
2. Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### **3. Matters arising**

1. Graham Harford actually ran the Egyptian
2. Hoops on Lawn 1 not 2 will shortly be moved
3. Date re CA Golf Tournament - Elaine will follow up
4. A La Ronde players do not wish to join Club pro tern
5. Apologies from Robert Matthews for overspending without prior permission!!!

#### **4. Chairman's Report**

1. Thatch Raffle. Draw will be in November. Friends have given a very generous donation. More effort to be made in selling these raffle tickets.
2. 9 new members are playing Association
3. Nomination list to be displayed later in August.
4. Dowlish Wake Friendly. Our members to pay £6.00. Handicap Cards to be used if visitors so wish.
5. Fun and Food. Tickets almost sold out. Gabby will sell the raffle tickets and give each buyer a 'raffle ticket' for the free draw. Nancy to phone Julie Horsley. Gill has agreed to reduce the cost of tickets to £9.00 if more than 45 sold. Reconditioned mallets £25 will be on sale together with badges.
6. Shot game contestants will need to buy a ticket to ensure the tea will be needed even if it rains.
7. August 14-16. Richard Mills will be returning from Cheltenham with the Cup.
8. August 17-18. Manager Rob Mitchell HH? Graeme Pryor LH
9. Friends Coffee. Cakes, bric a brac and raffle prizes required please.
10. JD to remind GMC that the bank at Hut 1 belongs to the Fortfield Hotel.

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

1. Cards have been sent to Margaret Andrews and John Hatherley
2. Medics visit starting time to be re-scheduled
3. No interest was shown re electricity being installed in Hut 3
4. CA leaflets re recruiting New Members were passed to Elaine
5. The Friendly v. Budleigh will be on September 17th.
6. Letter received from Exeter Senior Club but were are unable to offer a team of over 85's!
7. Details of SW Federation AGM passed to Elaine. Note new venue.
8. JD contacted the Paynes (Branscombe holidayers) re tuition early September
9. JD has written to Julie Horsley thanking her for her excellent management of the mid-Summer Tournament.

10. Letter from a member of Wellington Club - we are unable to offer a use of a lawn for coaching
11. Spencer-Ell Tournament 2010. JD to speak with Neil Gamble re overall sponsorship.
12. Comments from new members coffee morning were discussed. Main pointers. Could coaching be in some evenings / weekend or could one buy in private coaching. More discussion needed re wearing white/partial whites for social occasions.

### **GMC Report**

1. No meeting has been held recently.
2. At the AGM the Croquet Section was especially thanked for the work on the Chairman's garden, the installation of the Sprinkler system and the excellent rise in Membership.

### **Members' Reports**

#### **Robert Matthews**

1. The new balls have arrived
2. John Palmer has put up some shelves in the tack room - this needs painting
3. The flags are fading. ? plastic flags are better
4. More discussion required re pegs for GC and corner pegs.

#### **Nancy Temple**

1. The pram is now housed in Hut 3 tack room -? is this a suitable place?

#### **Elaine Woodward**

1. The list of past Chairmen has been completed. JD to thank Katherine Holroyde
2. 2 spare croquet balls and an old hoop required for a friend.
3. Summer Tournament will last only 4 days and will be for 18 handicaps and under. 24 entries will be accepted. More details next meeting.

#### **Helen Pryor**

1. £228 in hand. Usage of GC handicap cards within the experimental tournament has been mis-understood by some players. A notice to be displayed, by Helen, stating that for ¼ finals etc. a Match (of 2 games) will count as one addition or subtraction of 10 points. As this is an experimental match the GC rules are not being strictly adhered to.

#### **Gabby**

1. 45 members played GC today but most soon left after mid-day.

### **AOB**

1. Next year it is suggested that lawns 2 and 4 are divided into one and a half hour slots NOT 3 and 4
2. JD to speak to Esme re the Cup. A name of the new GC Tournament is to be decided upon.

Next Meeting at Dove Cott. Monday August 24<sup>th</sup>. at 2.0 pm

*J. Dixon*  
24th Aug 09

**SIDMOUTH CRICKET TENNIS CROQUET AND HOCKEY CLUB**  
**CROQUET SECTION**

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2009

1. Apologies for absence. Richard Mills Robert Matthews
2. Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.
3. **Matters arising**
  1. The Land Registry has confirmed to the GMC that The Bank at Lawn one belongs to our Club.
  2. Position of Pram can be in tennis shed during Tournaments. Further conversation ensuing.
  3. 2 players from A La Ronde have expressed an interest in joining next year.
  4. ? Flags to be repaired. Corner pegs can be used to mark GC halfway points or a rawl plug be inserted outside the yard line.
  5. Electricity is at hand in Hut 3. Socket being inserted.

**4. Chairman's Report**

1. Mike Taylor will replace Sue Rogers on handicap committee. David to lead the committee. JD to write to Sue
2. There is to be a tightening up, by authorities, of terrace parking
3. Cliff Jones has offered to give further training to this year's AC new members. Ian Friedlander has offered to give further training to GC players who play in competitions.
4. The Raffle is for various East Devon charities. JD still has a lot of books of tickets to sell.
5. GC at Killerton will be run by JD
6. The Girl Guides had again asked for a game of croquet but the committee voted against it as before.
7. Esme has asked for a tournament for players over 75 when she will award the Owen Cup. JD to confirm with Esme.
8. The new GC tournament award to be rediscussed at next meeting. Next year there will probably be a new cut-off point for entrants.
9. Spencer Ell. JD will follow up possibility of Fields being involved. Gill has offered to provided salad bar as there are only 8 players in this tournament.
10. GC ~~Singles~~ Doubles Manager Pam Bowra. GC Open Doubles - Manager Graham Pryor. CA Handicap - Manager Julie Horsley.
11. September 30<sup>th</sup> all lawns will be used for GC Friendly v Budleigh. Pay-for-your-own-lunch. No tea. No match fee to be paid.
12. End of season cream tea. Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup> JD to ask Vera Henderson to present cups at AGM

**Secretary's Report**

1. Certificates for Tournament runners up to be investigated.
2. There is no central directive re sponsors. File passed to JD

**GMC Report from David Temple**

1. The sprinkler deficit of £4,683 is covered by the main club. The appeal is still open and there is monies coming in from sale of revamped mallets.

2. Neil Gamble is giving a lunch for members who look after the garden that has, once again, won a Gold Award.
3. Clashes between diary bookings need to be discussed.

### **Members' Reports**

#### Elaine Woodward

1. All dates for the 2010 Fixture Book have now been confirmed. BC to prepare pro forma timetable for all committee members to peruse - and comment upon- before the next meeting.
2. The £25 fee for the Summer Tournament was agreed by the committee.

#### John Coombes

1. To confirm that Lawns 2 & 4 will definitely be divided into 1 and a half hour sessions next year.

#### Richard Mills

1. Committee confirmed all details of GC Tournament 24-25 April

#### Helen Pryor

1. £190.00 in hand
2. Nearly all Internal tournaments are in hand.
3. Suggestion that the new GC tournament should consist of a 19 point game as per regulation book. 1¼ hours.
4. B. League finals being held in Weston Super Mare. There will not be a match fee and a donation towards petrol will be given.
5. Gill to be told how many teas are needed at the tournaments on the previous evening - re-discuss.
6. JD preparing item for newsletter. Temples, Pam Bowra and Elaine will help with delivery.

#### Gabby

1. Although the notices state 'Friends Coffee Morning' Members are reminded that it is for all sections. Please bring raffle prizes, cakes, Jams etc and bric-a-brac. Elaine and JD will be running ball games

#### Pam Bowra

Tickets are being prepared for AGM and Christmas lunch. 50-60 places reserved at Westcliffe Hotel.

#### Nancy Temple

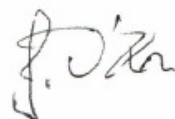
1. Many good comments were received re Fun and food and John's Quiz

### **Any Other Business**

1. Cards sent to Iris for her 90th. birthday and to Jo McInerney.
2. The Collection at the AGM to be just for Colin our Groundsman

Next Meeting at Dove Cott. At 10.0 am on September 23'. followed by lunch at the Black Horse. BC to book table.

**Please bring your AGM reports to the next meeting.**



## **SIDMOUTH CRICKET TENNIS CROQUET AND HOCKEY CLUB**

### **CROQUET SECTION**

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>. September 2009

1. Apologies for absence. Robert Matthews
2. Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.  
Correction to Item 10 Chairman's Report. GC Doubles. Pam Bowra. GC Open Doubles Graeme Pryor

#### **3. Matters arising**

1. JD providing collection box for Colin also wine for Lynn

#### **4. Chairman's Report**

1. John thanked the committee for all their work and support during the year.
2. This year a token cup will be presented to the winner of the new GC Tournament.
3. The Owen Cup will be for players over 75 on April 1st. 2010 and play will be at level advanced.
4. Humphrey Hicks Finals to be played as the best of 3 games.
5. **AGM.** BC contact Tony P re photos and Howard Q. re 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> year tournament and Sue Rogers. Richard Mills to collect Vera and Rowland. Gabby collect Iris. JD to organise taxi home for these 3.
6. BC read out list of nominations for new committee.
7. JD to introduce Vera and David Clarke to thank her after presentation of cups.

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

1. Vera has agreed to present the cups.
2. Esme has agreed for the committee to decide the format for Owen Cup. JD contact Esme
3. JD thanked Sue Rogers for her work on the Handicap committee. David Temple is now lead member.
4. Reminder for CA Members to send in their votes for the new President.
5. Budleigh Club is asking that we remind prospective members that there are vacancies in their Club!
6. John and Alsia coached a few lawyers at Killerton last month and were well fed and watered—they have offered to return next year!
7. Gabby stated that she would like to continue running both mornings of GC with, perhaps, the new committee GC Member running the Friday evening. John Coombes has offered to help advise re running SW GC tournaments.

#### **GMC Report**

1. 3500 raffle tickets are on sale. This raffle is for a selection of charities. Quite a large amount has already been raised but much more is needed to enable the work on the thatch to commence.

#### **Members' Reports**

##### Gabby Macadam

1. Club sessions have been well supported with an average of 30/35 playing.



2. Parking tickets are not always being returned. Subject to be noted in the Spring Newsletter. When the lawns are closed for the season the tickets are not to be used for 'shopping.' The parking question is being reconsidered at the next GMC meeting. JD to report to Elaine.

Elaine Woodward

1. The Spencer - Ell tournament will be managed and organised by CA representatives. Gill has agreed to do lunches although the numbers may be minimal.
2. SW Federation annual meeting will not be in Taunton this year.

Helen Pryor

1. £160 in hand
2. Extra towels will be passed to Esme
3. Paperwork re Charity event to be passed to Graham Harford together with the Wheel paperwork and name cards.

Nancy Temple

1. Christmas Lunch is at the Westcliffe £20. Tickets on sale at the AGM
2. The Salad Bar has been very popular.

Richard Mills

1. JD to speak to Colin re the suggestion of purchasing a Dew Switch.
2. It was agreed that the handicap entry level for the Belmont would not be reduced.
3. Further discussion re entry levels for all other tournaments would follow.
4. The next committee will need to discuss the new Regulations of Tournaments booklet. The main area being policy to follow when there is more than one contender as a finalist.
5. Further discussion to follow re Membership numbers for 2010.

John Combes

1. Final list of Handicaps to be passed to John C. by BC so that GC handicaps can be aligned with AC handicaps where necessary.

Any Other Business

1. JD is completing the Board for the list of previous Chairmen of the Croquet Section. There is room for it to hang near the Award Boards.
2. 'Lawns Closed' ? different wording needed. Discuss.
3. Reminder that the Spring Lunch will take place after the Opening Day games.
4. March 4<sup>th</sup> Whist Lunch. March 24<sup>th</sup> Table Tennis lunch.

AGM Reports. Everyone then read out their reports.

Nancy then thanked John for his excellent work as Chairman having thanked Alsia for her innumerable cups of coffee and biscuits. She was presented with a small plant.

Everyone then went to the Blackhorse Inn where John, our future ex-Chairman spoilt us rotten! Thank you, John.

AGM Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Next meeting at Deans Mead will be on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 10.0 am

*E. Woodward.*

Report on GMC committee meeting held on Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 2009

Draw ticket sales for thatch replacement are disappointing.

Suggestions for raising money for thatch:

1. One off £500 for life membership (social members)
2. One off levy of £10 from all members.

The Chairman has sent out an appeal letter for the thatch fund.

Tennis Section want to install floodlights and have asked for help from the GMC for funding same. No one against the floodlights in principle but tennis section must raise 90% + of the money required. Fortfield Lawn residents were aware of planning permission for the lights when they purchased their flats. The planning permission was granted for high spec lights with minimal impact on the environment.

Health and Safety Officer needed.

Treasurer: Festival parking yielded £18,338.50 less expenses.

Drinks machine showing a profit of £1,631.76 "this year" so far. Total profit since purchase £5,153.91

Bar profits up from £50,372 to £51,734

Friends' coffee morning on August BH showed £834.24 profit.

Grounds: A letter of congratulation has been sent by the chairman to Colin Whitehall for bringing about a dramatic improvement in all the playing surfaces.

House: JP has proposed an archive room upstairs in the now defunct flat.

The Cricket section have had their most successful season ever. The return to minor counties Cricket was a great success.

Tennis section membership now 160, half of whom are adults.

## **SIDMOUTH CRICKET TENNIS CROQUET & HOCKEY CLUB**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Croquet Section Wednesday October 14<sup>th</sup> 2009 The Chairman, John Dixon welcomed over 70 members to the meeting. Members then stood in silence to remember John Reece, Geoffrey Cambridge, Peggy Webber and Joan Gillibrand.

**Apologies for absence** Sheila Blenkinsop, Diana Price, Sheila Adams, Robert & Annabel Hammond, Barbara & Roland Hamer, Derek Hewett, Anne Holbeche, David Earwood, David & Mavis Baldock

**Minutes of the 2008 AGM** Martin McInerney proposed and David Clarke seconded that these minutes be approved and signed. There were no Matters arising.

**Cashier's Report** It was noted that the accounts are prepared by Graham Dodd. The electricity expenditure was a proportion of the total cost of rewiring the Pavilion. Contribution to the Main Club was slightly higher than last year. Graham Pryor proposed and Nancy Temple seconded that these accounts be approved.

**Committee Reports** were made by individual members followed by Sue Rogers on behalf of the Handicap Committee and Howard Quarell concerning the New Members Tournament.

**Chairman's Report** John Dixon gave a large thank you to all the extra people who do the little jobs that are necessary to keep the Club running to a good standard. A special mention was made of Mike Taylor our Publicity Manager. He explained, that although he has enjoyed his time as Chairman, he has decided to-relinquish the post and offered the new Chairman any assistance needed.

A vote of thanks to the retiring committee was given by David Temple.

**Selection of Committee for 2009/2010** David Temple proposed and Jo McInerney seconded that the committee as listed should be accepted. Chairman-Elaine Woodward. Secretary-Barbara Clarke. Members-Rosemarie Aldridge, Pam Bowra, Graham Harford, Robert Matthews, Richard Mills, Muriel Philpott, Derek Powell and Keith Thorley.

**Any Other Business** as previously received. NIL

The Chairman welcomed Vera Henderson who then presented the Trophies to the winners of the Internal Tournaments, David Clarke thanked Vera and listed all the tournaments she had won over the years.

**Any Other Business from the Floor** Ian Friedlander spoke of his disappointment that no members watched the finals of the New Golf Tournament.

Notices Congratulations were given to Rob Mitchell on becoming a Golf Croquet Referee. Good Wishes were passed to Sue Rogers who will be moving to Worcester.

**The Chairman** thanked John Dixon for his advice on being Chairman.

E. Woodward.