Minutes of Committee Meeting held in the Club house at 10. 30am.

Thursday, 17th. January 1980.

Members present - Dr. D. M. Rawkins (Chairman) Mrs. O. Tovey, Mrs. I. Dwerryhouse, Mrs. G. Cunningham., Mr. R. Peirce, Mrs. C. Verity.

Apologies from Mr. J. Holt and Mr. F. Moores (Holidays)

1) Minutes of Committee Meeting held in Club house. on. 25th. October 1979 were read- and signed.

2) Annual Lunch to be held at the Royal Glen on 28th. February at 12. 30 for 1 o'clock. £3.30 per ticket.

Invitations - Mr. E. Whitton a. David's personal guest.

Mrs. Eve. Chadwick and Mrs. P. Galen. to -be invited and paid for by Club

Mr. &Ms. J. Hollands to be invited (not paid for)

Tickets. will be printed and delivered to members.

3) Membership and increase in subscriptions.

To date only two playing members resigned owing to increase in subscription.

Resignation - PLAYING MEMBERS

Mrs. J. Reid & Mr A. Reid Owing to increased subscription.

Mrs. K. Allen - Ill health

Mrs. D. Flight - member for only 1 year did not wish to continue.

Mr. H. Hicks -to far to come from Colyford for one or two games in the season.

Mr. & Mrs. Kirtley - Left district

Mr. & Mrs. Marshall. . "

Mrs. W. Thomas - lost interest now husband unable to play.

SOCIAL MEMBERS.

Mrs. M. Sherwin - ill health

Mr. G. Thomas - " "

Letter delivered to Connie to be read out the meeting and signed by 13 members who did not attend General Club A.G.M. protesting against the increase in subscriptions.

Second letter delivered at same time from 4 who did attend Club General A.G.M. on 21st December 1979 complaining at increase in subscriptions.

Letter was read from Connie suggesting action to be taken. A suggestion (not proposed or seconded) that an Extraordinary Croquet Section meeting should be held on 1st Feb. at 2 pm. In the Club house. All members should be advised even though an appreciable number have paid without protest and subscriptions are still coming in.

4) Election of Chairman. Dr. D. M. Rawkins elected to be Chairman

Robert Case to be co-opted on to Committee.

5) Whist Drive.- Allan. Reid had previously offered to run Military Whist drive on Tuesday 29 January, Clive and Iris volunteered to do teas.

6) Cups Reg. suggested Golf Croquet cups should be changed for Doubles cup.

Meeting closed at 12.15 pm.

Next Committee meeting to be held at the Club house at 2 pm. Friday, 8th- February 1980.

MINUTES of Extraordinary General Meeting of the Croquet Section at Pavilion on Feb. 1 1980

Present -

D. Rawkins Chairman)

I. Dwerryhouse — R. Peirce

G. Cunningham — R. Case (H.S.)

J. Holland G.Secy)

The Chairman opened proceedings by announcing the resignation of Mrs. Connie Verity as Hon. Secy. He wished to express his cordial thanks for her valuable service to the Club. A similar expression of thanks was given by all Members present.

The Chairman said that the Committee was short of Members; so they had co-opted Mr. Case, who had offered his services as Hon. Secy for the time being. The Committee proposed to co-opt Members as they deemed necessary, until it became possible to nominate and vote for Members formally at the next A.G.M.

The Chairman explained that the Meeting had been called to enable all Members to express their views about the decision to raise the Annual Subscription to £20.70 /annum for 1980. But first, he would call upon Mr. Holland to review the position with respect to the Constitution of the Sidmouth Cricket, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club. Copies of these Rules were laid upon the table and were available for all Members. Members would realise that the Croquet Section was bound by these Rules, although it was quite in order for this Section to set up its own rules respecting the games and similar activities that they sponsored.

Mr. Holland reviewed the position. He explained that within the General Committee, there was a sub-Committee (Finance) which, with the Assistance of an Auditor, reviewed and apportioned income and expenses in what they considered to be best for all Members. These recommendations were placed before the General Committee and, If approved, were subjected to the votes of all Members at the Annual General Meeting. Unfortunately, this year (1979) proceedings had been delayed for various reasons, but the recommendations regarding the raising of the Croquet Subscription to £20.70 had been passed by the Annual General Meeting.

Mr. Holland pointed out the each Section could (and did) appoint a representative who could represent their respective views to the Main Committee. Furthermore, the Constitution provided that 6 (or more) Members could demand the holding of a Special - General Meeting.

Replying to Prof. Whitmore, Mr. Holland said that the total Income administered by the Blub was in the order of £30,000/ annum.

The Chairman then opened the Meeting for the expression of such views as Members wished to express.

Mr. Elllcott's view was that, whatever differences might exist, nothing would be allowed to prejudice that remarkable friendliness that characterised the Croquet Section. Regarding the financial arrangements, he had calculated that, playing 80 games during the season, it would cost him 0.25 p/ game. he considered this to be by no means excessive.

Mrs. Collier expressed a feeling of injustice. She asked for a reassessment by the Main Committee based on a single charge for all Sections.

During a long discussion on questions of comparability between Sections, Mrs. Togni pointed out that the main committee provided balls and equipment. For the Croquet Section. In conclusion, it seemed generally to be accepted that the apportionment of funds on a comparability basis was hardly a practical proposition.

Mr. Easthaugh had not attended the A.G.M. but he understood that the Meeting had been somewhat of a “shambles” and that the Chairman had been twice over-ruled. The Chairman of the Croquet Section could not accept that the Meeting had been unruly. In any case, the role of the Chairman was to conduct the Meeting; it was perfectly in order for him to be over-ruled by dissenting Members, in voting, the Chairman possessed one vote; the same as any other Member.

On the question of comparability Mrs. Dwerryhouse pointed out that the public had access to the activities of the Cricket Section.

Mrs. Cunningham's sympathies went out to those increasingly embarrassed financially by inflation and hoped that the Croquet Committee might be able to devise means of assistance.

The views of Members having been expressed, Mr. Verity proposed, seconded by Mrs. Togni, that the main Committee's vote on raising the 1980 Croquet Subscription be accepted. However, Mr. Peirce proposed an amendment. He referred to the need for unity and friendship in the various sections and suggested that a rise of some 70% in annual subscription in one jump was excessive and would lead to resignations. The recent Membership of 57 was already down to 40, of which at least 5 had resigned. The balance might have left the district. He proposed adding, as an amendment to Mr. Verity's proposal that a basic subscription for all sections for the future should be recommended to the Main Committee, or that adequate notice of important proposals should be given.

Mr. Stirrup pointed out that the proposed amendment constituted a new motion. Mr. Peirce withdrew his proposal and Mr. Verity's proposal was put to the vote and carried by 24 to 9.

It was then agreed that Mr. Peirce's suggestions should be considered by the Croquet Section Committee

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The Chairman described negotiations ending with acceptance of car parking, under certain conditions, in the Manor Pavilion Car Park. The conditions were 4

(a) No parking during matinees and evening performances.

(b) Application to be made for a key, costing £1.00, to Mr. S. Knight, 8, Woolbrook Meadows, Woolbrook, giving existing Car Area Parking Ticket Number, number of car, name and address, and remittance.

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair, and Mr. J. Hollands.

D. M. Rawkins

Croquet Section Committee Meeting at the Pavilion on Fri. Feb. 8th. 1980
Present:-

Dr. Rawkins (Chairman)	I. Dwerryhouse
R. Peirce	F. Moores
G. Cunningham	R. Case (H.S.)

The Chairman announced that he had just heard that O. Tovey wished to resign because of moving house. He said he would convey to her the regrets of the Committee and their keen appreciation of the valuable work that she had done as a Committee Member.

Special General Meeting (Croquet Section) d. Feb. 1st.

The Minutes were read. Peirce questioned the recording of his proposal that a basic subscription should be levied on all Sections and that adequate notice of important proposals should be given. The passage was re-read and Mr. Peirce then agreed. The Committee left the problem unresolved. Minutes approved.

The Association Croquet Fixture List was noted and will be posted on the Notice Board.

Manor Park Parking Rules were read. The Committee were grateful to the Chairman for the considerable trouble that he had taken to bring this to a successful conclusion. The Rules would be posted on the Notice Board and suitable arrangements made by H.S. with those concerned.

Mr. R. Peirce's Handicap. H.S. would advise the Croquet Association that his handicap had been reduced from 8 to 7.

Liason with General Com. Mr. Moores kindly offered to continue to represent the Croquet Section till the Committee could make alternative arrangements. This offer was much appreciated.

Member Lists. Mr. Peirce's offer to prepare and circulate Member Lists on last year's lines was accepted.

Responsibilities. The Committee agreed that sole responsibility for the activities listed below should be vested as shewn. Other Members could be co-opted as necessary, to assist.

(a) Mr. Hollands - Lawns and outside maintenance.

NOTE. Members on no account to makes requests directly to the Groundsman.

(b) R. Peirce and I. Dwerryhouse - Association Croquet, Outside Matches, instruction courses.

(c) Golf Croquet. – G. Cunningham.

(e) R. Case Shot - Game.

(f) Not decided. - Social events.

(g) F. Moores (temporarily) - Liason with General Committee on Grounds and Equipment

(h) R. Case - Membership, publicity and subjects not listed above.

Croquet Section Fixtures. Golf Croquet twice monthly.

Shot Game once monthly.

Club Evenings weekly after 6.00 p. m on Tuesdays

Booking sheets. 10.00 - 1230

1.00 - 3.30

3.30 - 6.00

Membership. It appeared that the 1980 Season would start with about 37 playing Members. There should be a drive to bring membership up into the region of 60 playing Members. The means decided upon so far were

(a) I. Dwerryhouse would attach an invitation to join the croquet section to the Cricket Annual Dinner Notice.

(b) Chairman would exhort Members individually canvass for Members after the Croquet Section Luncheon Feb. 28th.

(c) R. Case would raise the subject with Members of the newly formed Probus Club.

(d) R. Case would approach the Herald for publicity and photos. He would compose a "press handout" and invite a Herald representative to the R. Glen lunch. Cost of this lunch would be defrayed by Funds from the Cricket Main Club. A Notice re recruiting would be placed on the Notice Board by Hon. Secy.

(e) Chairman would invite President E.E. Whitton to the R. Glen Lunch.

New Members. Prospective Members would be offered a one month free trial period free of charge before joining. Their introduction to the game would be under taken by those Members listed under “Responsibilities" above. At the expiry of this time, those desirous of joining should apply to Hon. Secy. for Proposal Forms.

Double Banking. F. Moores's experience in South Africa had demonstrated that double banking was entirely feasible and did not detract materially from enjoyment of the game. It was decided that double banking would be introduced for the 3.30 - 6.00 sessions if membership were increased sufficiently to warrant it.

Communications. No matter should be sent by post unless essential. Members would be advised accordingly by the chairman at the R. Glen Lunch. It would be for members to keep abreast of affairs through the Club Notice Board.

Whist Drive. I. Dwerryhouse would organise a Whist Drive on Tues. Mar. 25th, and arrange necessary notifications.

Annual Lunch. I. Dwerryhouse had collected 29 paid up members up to date. Tables for 4’s and 6's would be arranged. Informal seating arrangements.

Next Meeting. Next Meeting, Pavilion Weds. Mar. 5th @ 2.00 p.m.

D. M. Rawkins

Croquet Section Committee Meeting at Pavilion on
Weds. Mar. 5th. 1980.

Present: Dr. Rawkins (chair) G. Cunningham
I. Dwerryhouse R. Case.(H.S.)
F. Moores

Progress. (a) Manor Rules (Parking) will be posted.

(b) Meetings arranged for the Gen. Management Committee are as fellows

Sun	30th. Mar.	10.00 a.m.
Fri	25th. Apr.	19. 00 p.m.
Fri.	30th. May	19.00 P.M.
Fri.	27th. June	19.00 p.m.
Fri.	25th July	19.00 P.M.
Fri.	29th Aug.	19.00 p.pm.
Sun.	28th Sept.	10.00 a.m.
Sat.	25th. Oct.	10.00 a.m.
Sun.	30th. Nov.	10.00 a.m.
Sun.	28th. Dec.	10.00 a.m.

International Cricket Week is booked for the first week of July. The Croquet Club should avoid holding any tournaments or parties for that period.

F. Moores pointed out that having resigned, he might be precluded from voting ss Croquet's representative at the General Management Committee Meeting. The Croquet Committee hoped that this technicality would not be pressed, and F. Moores undertook to clarify the position before attending the next Meeting of the Gen. Man. Committee.

The question of replacing F. Moores on the G. M. Committee was discussed. Failing anyone else, the Chairman (Dr. Rawkins) kindly volunteered his services., he would return from Spain about May 16th.

(c) Mr. Peirce had promised to prepare and circulate a list of members Handicaps and Tele. Nos'.

(d) Hon. Secy. would post a list of "Responsibilities".

(g) Hon. Secy. reported that the publicity in the Herald had produced 7 "prospective" Members. He had announced the Club's proposals at the last meeting of the Probus Club.

(h) Mr. Peirce's kind verbal offer to Hon. Secy. To watch the Club's interests in the matter of grounds and equipment could not be accepted, as this was a "responsibility" of the Croquet Club's representative on the Gen. Man. Committee. Mr. Moores confirmed that 9 sets of balls were available.

(i) It appeared that to date the croquet club had

39 playing Members
14 "prospective" Members
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The Hurlingham pamphlet on recruiting and training had been circulated to Members, together with suggestions from Hon. Secy. regarding a sketch and a sectional scheme for the distribution of recruiting posters. The cost of the 'block would be about £8, and the posters would cost about £35 / 500 to print. The merits of the "screen" process were considered an alternative but was not pursued.

After some discussion, it was decided to print 20 posters for display on public notice boards, and that Hon. Secy. would draft the text and arrange details.

Note. Subsequent consideration brought to light a number of practical difficulties, particularly in controlling the response to such appeal. It was decided (by telephone) to abandon a public approach and to rely (pending experience) on “personal approach". The proposal passed during the Meeting d. Mar. 5th., was cancelled.

Although there would be no objection to Members playing as soon as the courts were available, it was decided to mark the opening of the Season formally with a "CROQUET AT HOME" in the form of Tea Party in the Pavilion on Sat. Apr. 26th. @ 3.00 p.m. Hon. Secy. would contact all prospective members beforehand with invitation to come. If fine, "prospectives" would be encouraged to go on to the lawns for a "knock up". If wet, I. Dwerryhouse and R. Peirce would devise an introductory "talk in". They would also take the opportunity of arranging with the prospectives the programme for training. If, in addition, "prospectives" wished to try out golf croquet they would be invited to contact G. Cunningham.

F. Mores undertook to lay out a double court on No. 2. Hon. Secy. produced a scale drawing which might help. The centre line between the courts would be a cord to avoid a white "marking line". The Court would be kept in play for 1 month, experimentally, both for training and gold croquet.

A draft letter inviting H. Hicks to become an Hon. Life member was read. But questions of procedure were raised which F. Moor promised to raise during the next Meeting of the Main Management Committee.

Hon. Secy. would post a list of Croquet Literature available through the Hurlingham Club.

Roy Steven’s invitation from the Budleigh Club for Apr. 22nd and 23rd for 4 of our members to attend a Course on Croquet Laws was taken up by I. Dwerryhouse, R. Peirce, P. Dwerryhouse and R. Case. It was regretted that time did not permit circularising Members generally about this.

I. Dwerryhouse reported on the successful Luncheon at the Royal Glen Hotel. There were 48 guests paid up at £3.30 each inclusive, totalling £158. Members agreed that it was an excellent lunch and special thanks were extended to I. Dwerryhouse for all the considerable time and trouble taken in getting this event organised. Heather Case of the Herald accepted our invitation to lunch and the Herald produced a. good photograph and writeup. An almost immediate result was an enquiry from 6 "prospective" Members.

The Chairman regretted that he would be abroad until May. 16th. It was proposed and accepted that R. Case would deputise for him, and the committee accepted with appreciation K. Togni's offer temporarily to help with secretarial work

F. Moores said that poles had been purchased to protect, with extra netting, the risk of injury from cricket balls. NOTE. After the Meeting F. Moores showed what had been done to level the East Boundary of No. 1 Court. He said that, a considerable quantity of dressing had been applied to No. 3 Court.

It might be that some members would not wish to play the full 2½ hours allotted for Association Croquet. In this event they should note the amended timing in the Booking Sheet.

The Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

The next Meeting would @2.00 p.m. be in the Pavilion on Wed. April 16t @ 2.00 p.m.

R Case
16/4

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Clubhouse on 16th April l980

Members present:

R. Case (Chairman) (in the absence of D Rawkins) E. Collier, G Cunningham, I. Dwerryhouse, J. Holt, F. Moores, R. Peirce and K. Togni (Acting Secretary).

Opening the meeting the Chairman thanked Eileen Collier for joining the Committee to serve in connection with the social side of the Club, and Kathleen Togni for deputising at this meeting as Hon. Secretary.

The minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved. Matters arising:

A member to replace Fred Moores on the general committee, in the event of his resigning from Club and Committee during the current season. The Committee were very pleased to learn from Fred that he was prepared to continue to serve for the time being, and we extend our grateful thanks to him in this matter. The Committee also wished to thank David Rawkins for his offer to take over Fred's duties in default. Fred also confirmed that the General Committee agreed that he should continue to act as the Croquet representative on the General Committee until such time as it may be necessary to appoint a new croquet member.

Fred Moores reported that the proposal to offer Hon. Life Membership to Mr Humphrey Hicks had been submitted to the General Management Committee and after discussion they had agreed to an Hon. Membership being offered but not an Hon. Life Membership. Accordingly the Hon. Secretary will forward a letter to Mr. H Hick, offering him Hon. Membership of the Croquet Club.

Reg Pierce reported that the membership and handicap lists will be available as soon as possible.

Prospective members. Two further names were submitted to the meeting - Miss Hardman, St. Julyans, Knowle Drive, Sidmouth and Mrs. Sheila Usher 2 Pauntley Gardens, Sidmouth.

With regard to No. 2. lawn, it was agreed that half will be identified as Lawn 2 East and Lawn 2 West respectively.

The Hon. Secretary had arranged with the General Management Committee to furnish the Booking Room completely with composition boards so that notices can be displayed more effectively. The recruiting notice in display in the window will be removed on April 24th – opening day.

Mr. Hollands was asked to join the Committee to discuss the following matter's:

Relaxation of subscription for husband and wife membership. Mr. Hollands said there was no provision for this category but he will bring the matter before the General Management Committee although no change in the rules would be possible before the next A.G.M. It was suggested that a subscription of £35 might be considered. Country membership. Mr. Hollands said that he would include in our request, the exact, definition of the category of “country playing membership”, which might apply to croquet members, but this subject should be treated with considerable caution.

Proposal to extend the booking room area. Mr. Hollands will submit this to the Gen. Management Committee, to be held shortly. Mr. Hollands confirmed that the hut on No. 2. Lawn will be cleared out, repaired and special locks fixed so that it can be used by the Croquet section.

Mr. Hollands then left the meeting and was thanked by the Charman for his assistance.

Arrangements for “Croquet at Home” afternoon on April 24th, at 2-45. Prospective members have been contacted, bringing potential membership to approximately 65. The Chairman and members of Committee will greet “prospectives" on their arrival at the Club. It was proposed by Fred that members and “prospectives” should be provided with tea and without charge on this occasion and this was agreed. Eileen Collier will be in charge of the tea arrangements and will contact Mrs. Chadwick and Mrs. Galen for their assistance.

Arrangement for fixed events.

Golf Croquet – Twice monthly on Wednesdays at 2-00 p.m. on Lawns 2E and 2W and Lawn 3

Shot Game – once a month on Mondays, at 2-00 p.m. Lawns 2E and 2W and Lawn 3.

Club evening. - Weekly, Tuesdays, after 600 p.m. Booking sheet to be marked Association croquet to be played.

Simplification of acceptance of new members. Proposal forms will be available in Booking room. Prospective members to be proposed and seconded by Committee members. The proposed member will pass the proposal form to the General Manager, together with Subscription. The proposal form will be posted on General Club noticeboard for two days, prior to formal acceptance, Proposed members will be allowed all Membership privileges pending acceptance.

Training sessions.

Reg Peirce outlined the training plan. There will be 1 instructor to each 4 members.

The Instructors will be: Robert Case, Iris and Philip Dwerryhouse, Marian and John Holt, Fred Moores, Reg Peirce and Vincent Stirrup. Instruction will be based on the "Croquet Association Training Session” manual.

On the opening day, instructors should meet at the Club about 2-00 p.m. The Committee wish to express their great appreciation to Iris and Reg. for all the work they are doing in connection with the training scheme.

Fred reported the absence of the groundsman through illness and the Committee thank him very much for his help in this connection and similar matters.

The General Management Committee advises that each section is expected to organise not less than three fund raising events - proceeds to be paid into general funds, but become available on request at the General Committee’s discretion. The Croquet section has already held two events in 1980, and the Committee wish to take this opportunity of expressing grateful thanks to Alan Reid for running the two most successful military whist-drives this year. The Secretary will write to Mr. Reid accordingly.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 4-15 p.m.

Next meeting 11th June - this date to be confirmed on the 24thApril

D. M. Rawkins

Minutes of Committee Meeting held 3rd June 1980 in the Clubhouse.

Members present: Dr. Rawkins (Chairman) Iris Dwerryhouse, John Holt, Fred Moores, Reg. Peirce and Kathleen Togni (deputising for Hon.Secretary,

absent through illness. Absent, Eileen Collier, Gee Cunningham and Robert Case. Apologies received from Gee and Robert.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Matters arising:

Following the letter sent to Mr. Humphrey Hicks, offering him Hon. Membership of the Croquet Club, a letter from Mr. Hicks, accepting with many thanks Hon. Membership of the Club., was read by the Chairman.

New Members. It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Iris Dwerryhouse that applications received up to the 31st May be accepted, and after that date, the names of all prospective members will be placed on a waiting list for consideration. According to the current list of applicants, there will be 22 new members, which will bring our total membership to approximately 60.

For future reference, the meeting discussed the best method of accepting new members, and it was agreed that applications should be proposed by a Committee member; and seconded by a Committee or Club member. Such applications would then be posted on the noticeboard in the main Clubhouse for two days, after which time such applications would be approved or otherwise, by one and not less than one more Committee member. In this way, it will not be necessary for prospective members to wait for acceptance at a Committee meeting, which might involve delay of a month or more.

Parking arrangements. John Holt had asked for the necessary carpark key for members who had paid for the facility now available at the Manor Pavilion, but according to Mr. Austin Knight of the Bowls Club, who is dealing with this matter, keys will be issued when it is known how many are required. Mr. Holt was asked to press for the keys to be handed out as soon as possible, as these are only required during the summer months

Handicapping. It was agreed that for the present, any member of the Committee can assess the handicap of a new member, if it is desirable. However, this matter should be reviewed at the next Committee meeting.

Letter to "Croquet Gazette". A draft letter, prepared by Robert Case was read to the meeting, when it was agreed that this letter, in the name of the Club should be sent to the new Editor of the "Gazette".

> Draft letter to Editor, Croquet Gazette.
>
> The Croquet section of the Sidmouth Club welcomes you as the new Editor of the Croquet Gazette and wishes you every success.
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> The Chairman's report (Croquet gazette, No. 155. Spring, 1980) contains the following passage, "...the obligation to strengthen the foundations of the game...".May we, as a small but enthusiastic Club of about 60 Members offer a few suggestions?
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> Our standards are not as high as we could wish. Would you consider printing a "beginners' Corner to deal with question that constantly arise among the inexperienced, and those who loyally support the game, but will never rise to the complexities of the triple peel, let alone the sextuple peel?
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> Some excellent books by M. Reckitt and others are out of print, and only one (Miller and thorp) still survives. Even this, it seems will soon be out of print.

We feel that there is a demand for a good text book, well-illustrated. The illustrations in Miller and Thorp are a convenient size (Pg. 68, for example).Most of those in "Croquet" (Nat. West. Bank) are too small and indistinct. Some (pg. 68) in Croquet (Solomon) are needlessly large. Croquet Handbook (Ross) has hardly any illustrations at all.

Could not the Association be persuaded to have printed an updated edition of, say, Reckitt? 2,000 of his book were sold, with (presumably)a smaller Membership than today. Or could the Association not go one step further and produce, or sponsor, their own text book?

There is a wealth of books on tennis and golf. The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers (a smaller organization, presumably, that the Croquet Association) sponsors a number of text books on the Art of Ringing.

We feel that the publication of an official text book would go far towards meeting ..."the obligation to strengthen the foundation of the game...".

Would you care to test the views of members about these matters through the Gazette or, perhaps, submit the suggestions to the Croquet Association Itself?

Yours sincerely,

Coaching session by Pat Tunmer. Pat has offered to come on a Monday morning, (date to be arranged with John Holt), to give members (particularly new ones) some general advice on rules and etiquette of the game, and the Club will welcome Pat's kindness in maintaining his interest in our Club.

The Committee hope that established as well as new members will attend this session. It is also hoped that further training sessions can be arranged with Pat Tunmer or experienced members of the Club, who are prepared to help with teaching. Iris and Reg. both confirmed that the present training sessions are going well and the new members are benefitting by the methods of instruction.

Coffee mornings. These have been arranged for the 14th June and 2nd August. At the golf croquet afternoon on the 4th June, members will be asked to offer their assistance, as help will be required to serve the coffee and to run the stalls and sell raffle tickets.

Watering the lawns. Fred Moores reported that the necessary watering had not been done because the hoses were split. The former groundsman had not attended to this nor to the repair of the lawn mowers. However, Fred had seen to it that the hoses and mowers were now in working order and the lawns have been watered.

The two half-lawns. This matter was discussed and it was agreed that these should be retained for a further month until the end of June, and will then be restored to the original No. 2. Lawn.

Tournaments. Reg. Peirce reported that so far, there are 6 singles entries .and 4 doubles. It was proposed and agreed that the entry list should remain open until the 7th June. Members' attention to be drawn to the advantages of entering the Club tournaments as an aid to improving play and also on social grounds.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 4-00 p.m. with thanks to the Chairman.

Next meeting called for 14th July in the Clubhouse, at 2-00 p.m.

R Case
14/7

Croquet Section Meeting, July 14th in Club House @ 2.00 p.m.

Present	Iris Dwerryhouse	E. Collier
	R. Peirce	J. Holt
	F. Moores	R. Case

Apologies. Apologies for absence were received from

D. Rawkins
G. Cunningham

J. Holt suggested that in the absence of the Chairman, D. Rawkins, that F. Moores should take the Chair, in addition to acting as Hon. Secy. This was agreed.

The following 4 items were carried forward as unfinished business from the Meeting of June 3rd.

1. Defective chairs etc. It was decided that Hon. Secy. would call Gen. Manager's attention to

(1) Disposal and repair of defective chairs.

(2) Hole in Pavilion roof pointed out by J. Holt.

(3) Locks have not yet been replaced on Pavilion doors.

(4) Prospects of repair of watering main.

(5)Suggestion that J's car might be parked round the corner of Pavilion to discourage others.

2. Correspondence between D. Rawkins and East Devon Council re "use of Manor Car Park" was laid on the table. The Committee were grateful to D. for the considerable trouble he had taken over this matter .In view of the Council's evident reluctance to grant our request for 6 keys, it was suggested that the Council's offer of 2 keys should not be accepted and that D. should advise the Council accordingly.

3. After reconsideration, it was decided that handicapping should be the responsibility of

H. Peirce
I. Dwerryhouse
E. Corbett
J. Holt.
and that any cases of doubt should be referred to the full Committee.

4. Hon. Secy. suggested that it was for our own players to invite H. Hicks for games. But the Committee decided that it would be more appropriate for H. Hicks himself to approach Members. In any case, H. Hicks was on tour and the subject could pend further consideration for 5 weeks. Hon. Sec was asked to find out whether H. Hicks would be willing to give us a demonstration on a suitable date. J. Holt would invite P. Tunmer to give a demonstration on Sept. 1st.

5. The time required and the method of conducting the proposed Golf Croquet Tournament was discussed. Aug. 2nd (which us also a Coffee Morning) was suggested. A decision was deferred until next Croq. Sect. Meeting.

6. The next "Coffee Morning" will be on Aug 2nd at 10.30 in the Pavilion. I. Dwerryhouse kindly offered to "run" the event. E. Collier kindly offered to handle the coffee. R. Case offered to make 4 posters. J.Holt would deal with publicity and allied details. Although maximum publicity was essential, it was decided that (because of the time factor) the Herald was not a suitable medium.

7. The following fixtures would be entered on the Booking sheets by the Hon. Secy:

July 22nd - 2.00 p.m. - SHOT GAME - tea provided.

Golf Croquet, -Aug. 30th – bring tea and biscuits.

Golf Croquet, - Aug. 13th.

8. It was decided that the large "Trophy" Cup should be awarded during our own A.G.M. to the winners of the "Senior event" i.e., Doubles. The Cup displaced thereby would be awarded to the winner of the Golf Croquet Tournament. For reasons of space on the cups and expense of engraving, it was decided no longer to engrave the names of winners.

10. No nominations were received for Membership of the Committee during the A.G.M. of Nov. 1979, and J. Holt proposed that there should be a 3 year limit of service followed by a 1 year ineligibility from such duties. While it was generally considered that this would be desirable, there were practical difficulties. The matter was deferred for consideration at the next full Committee Meeting. In any case, a decision would be a matter for the Annual General Meeting.

11. Hon. Secy was of the opinion that one lawn should be closed by Oct .15th to permit of thorough reconditioning. In his view, the meadow grass on No. 3. should be eradicated with Gammexene and reseeded. I Dwerryhouse thought that the existing grass would "fine down" in time, and that in any case, a re-seeded lawn would soon revert to coarse grasses. F. Moores pointed out that any such scheme was dependent upon the labour situation, and until this improved major improvement would have to be held in abeyance.

12. The committee were of the opinion that the restoration from two half lawns to a single lawn (No .2) not resulted in any ill effect upon the bookings.

13. Hon. Secy. was asked to inform the Chairman, Publicity, and Development Committee that our recruitment campaign succeeded in raising Membership by 23 to 68.

14. I. Dwerryhouse announced that, subject to confirmation) Budleigh Salterton Members would be invited for a day long session of play and for lunch on Sept. 9th, 10.00 – 5.00 p.m.

15. Next Croq. Sect. Meeting in Pavilion on Monday, August 18th @ 2.00 p.m.

D. M. Rawkins

Croquet Sect. Meeting Aug 18th. 1980 – Club House – 2-00 p.m.

Present:

Dr. Rawkins (chair)	J. Holt
I. Dwerryhouse	F. Moores
E Collier	R. Case. (H.S.)

Apologies for absence from R. Peirce & Collier was going to Canada

Minutes of meeting of July 14th. Approved and signed.

Unfinished business brought forward from July 14th. Meeting

(a) Chairs. F. Moores reported no progress. The subject was not brought up at the last Management Committee meeting. No minutes of the meeting had been received. The subject would be brought up at the next Man. Com.

(b) Pavilion roof leak & door locks. This could be handled on a D.I.Y. basis.

(c) Groundsman. It was understood that some 20 applications had been received. These were being sifted and applicants interviewed.

(d) Water main. The recent damage had been repaired.

(e) Manor Park Car Park Keys. J. Holt would take up 2 keys and they would be allotted (provisionally) to D Rawkins & N. Usher.

(f) P Tunmer gave a demonstration on Sept. 1st., mainly on "laws". This was well attended and much appreciated. J.Toye assisted in making it a success.

(g) Golf Croquet. It was decided o have a Golf Croquet session every Wednesday at 2.00 p.m. Members would bring their own teas and thus eliminate trouble and uncertainty regarding provision of Club Teas.

(h) H. Hicks gave a demonstration of various aspects of Association Croquet, assisted by J. Toye. This was well attended and much appreciated.

(i) The last of the Association Croquet games between H Hicks and Club Members arranged by Hon. Secy. Was played with R. Peirce on Sept 3rd. These games were enjoyed very much, on both sides.

(j) Golf Tournament (Singles & Doubles) organised by G Cunningham for Sept. 3rd., 4th., and 5th. was well attended and very successful. D. Hitchen won the singles F & B Moores won the doubles. The distribution of awards remains to be decided together with decision regarding engraving. The fee for the Golf Tournament was 10p per person / entry.

(k) The final decision regarding the 3 year service on the Croquet Committee & proposals for nominations would have to be settled at least 3 weeks before the Croq, Sect. Ann. Gen. Meeting. A definitive date for this should be settled.

(l) The Invitation Match with Budleigh players was held (in Hon. Secy's. absence) on Sept. 9th. It is for decision what, if anything, should be recorded about this.

(m) Chairman and Hon. Secy. Would have a preliminary discussion with Gen. Man., as soon as possible, with a view to stating in advance the Croq. Sect, wishes for the 1981 season.

Hon. Secy. Was asked to send a letter of condolence to Mrs. D. Pape. This has been done.

Next Meeting to be held Sept. 29th 1980 – 2.00 p.m. in the Club House.

D. M. Rawkins

Chairman

CROQUET CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING 29th September 1980 Clubhouse. 2-00p.m.

Present :Dr. D. Rawkins (Chairman), G. Cunningham, I. Dwerryhouse, F. Moores, R.Peirce, Mrs. K. Togni (deputising for R. Case), absent through illness. Apologies for absence, E. Collier, J. Holt.

Minutes of meeting held 18th August 1980, read, approved and signed.

Matters arising.

Report from F. Moores. Leak in roof of small pavilion has been repaired, but awaiting felting to complete the job. Water mains damage has been repaired

Groundsman. From a number of applicants, one has been approved and it is hoped he can commence his duties by end November / early December.

Manor Car park keys. The Chairman reported that he had now obtained permission for 6 Croquet Club members to have keys and it is hoped that the keys will be taken up by members who has applied.

Mowing of lawns. It was agreed that the lawns should be mown twice a week between 8.30 and 10 a.m. and a meeting will be arranged between the Chairman, Hon. Sec. and General Manager to see if all this can be done. The shortage of usable chairs and condition of the lawns also to be discussed with the Gen. Manager.

Demonstrations kindly given by Humphrey Hicks and Pat Tunmer were well attended and greatly appreciated by members, and official thanks should be given on behalf of the Club. The committee would also like to thank John Toye who assisted in the demonstrations.

Golf Croquet. The three-day event organised by Gee Cunningham was a great success and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the happy atmosphere of the tournament-cum picnic. The winners were - Singles - Mrs. Daisy Fletcher. Doubles Betty and Fred Moores. Mrs. Dwerryhouse is very kindly giving a challenge cup for the singles and Mrs. Cunningham a challenge award for doubles. The Committee wish to thank these two ladies very much indeed for their generous gifts. The Committee thank Gee Cunningham and congratulate her for a most successful event, held for the first time, which involved a great deal of work and Gee expressed her appreciation to Fred Moores and JoinI Holt for their assistance in running the tournament.

Award Winners.

1. Association Singles — Reg. Peirce.
2. Association Doubles. — Iris Dwerryhouse and Valerie Collier.

   (The Dr. F. W. Colclough Cup at present held by the Club will be added to the existing doubles cup, so that both players will hold an award.)

5. Golf Croquet Singles — Daisy Fletcher
6. Golf Croquet Doubles — Betty and Fred Moores.
3. Most improved player — John Toye.

4. G Cunningham - The Cup awarded for outstanding service to the Club will be decided at the next Committee meeting in October.

The A.G.M. will be held on Monday 10th November, at 2-00p.m., in the Clubhouse, with arrangements made for tea afterwards. This date will be a month prior to the A.G.M. of the cricket club on 11th December, at 7.30 p.m.

The Hon. Sec. has constructed a "magnetic board" on which croquet rules, strokes, etc., can be demonstrated. The Committee thank Robert Case very much for his ingenious invention, which will be most useful on many occasions, especially on a Club evening or when afternoon event has been rained off. The Chairman will thank Robert personally for this helpful piece of equipment.

Shot Game.It was agreed that there should be shot-game held Wednesday the 8th October, in place of golf croquet.

Iris Dwerryhouse reported that Alan Reid would be pleased to run a Military Whist Drive in the Clubhouse as last year. This will be held in the afternoon and the Hon. Sec. will ask Alan Reid for a date convenient to him, preferably after the 10th November so that the date can be announced at the A.G.M.

Budleigh Salterton match.

In the invitation match played at home on the 9th September, the result win for the home team by 14 matches to 2. The Committee wish to thank Connie Verity and her helpers for the work done in connection with providing lunch and tea, which was much appreciated by both teams.

A.G.M. notice and nominations.

Notice of this meeting will be posted in the clubhouse together with nominations list. All nominations must be proposed and seconded and agreement of the nominee obtained. The nomination list will also contain the names of members at present serving on the Committee, who are prepared to stand again.

Cricket Club A.G.M. 11th December 1980, at 730 p.m. in the clubhouse, It is hoped that as many Croquet Club members as possible will attend. It is also hoped that some members will be willing to be nominated to serve on the General Committee in order, if elected, to advance in the Interests of our section.

The meeting closed at 345 13 m. Next meeting 27th October, at 2-00p.m.

D. M. Rawkins

Chairman.

Minutes Croq. Secti. Monday, Oct. 27th. 1980

Present:	D. Rawkins (Chairman)	E. Collier
	Fred Moores	J. Holt
	I. Dwerryhouse	R. Case
	G. Cunningham	

Apologies from R. Peirce. D. Rawkins deeply regretted that he would be unable to attend the forthcoming A.G.M. It was agreed that I. Dwerryhouse would deputise for him.

Minutes of Meeting Sept. 29th. 1980, were read and confirmed, except that I, Dwerryhouse withdrew her offer of a Golf Croquet Challenge Cup in favour of G. Cunningham's offer to present two Challenge Salvers. The offer was accepted and the two ladies were thanked by the Committee for their generosity.

It was decided unanimously to award the Cup for outstanding services to the Club to G Cunningham.

For future years it was proposed to avoid awarding a Cup to a member adjudged to have given outstanding service to the Club, and for the Cup to be awarded for some other purpose to be decided by the 1980/81 Croq. Committee. The reason for this was the difficulties felt by the Committee in selecting one amongst so many worthy members.

F. Moores said that he understood that a groundsman had been appointed and that he would start work in Dec 1980.

Keys had been allotted for the Manor Park Car Park. It was hoped to continue the arrangement in 1981.

The following Summary was given of an informal Meeting between D. Rawkins, Fred Moores, R. Case and the General Manager, J. Hollands in the Cub House on Oct. 10.1980.

1. The lawns should be mown twice a week between 8.30 a.m and 10.00 a.m. If necessary, because of adverse weather or similar difficulties, special times would be arranged for the Booking Sheets.

2. 15 folding type chairs would be purchased for the use of Cricket Club Members.

3. Courts 2 and 3 would be closed for maintenance on Oct. .20th.

4 General Manager would arrange for the Mallet Room to be swept out at regular intervals.

5. It was considered vital, in their own interests, for the Croq, Sect, to have a say in the budgetary allocation. There would be 3 vacancies for ballot on the General Management Committee. The Croq. Sect. would nominate two Members and seek their election by ballot at the forthcoming Cric. Cub A.G.M.

6. It was confirmed that F. Moores was entitled to vote on the Management Committee.

7. Minutes of the Finance Committee would be made available to the Croq. Sect.

8. Hon. Secy's incidental expenses would be submitted directly for settlement to Gen. Manager.

9. Funds raised formally by the Croq. Sect. by way of Coffee mornings and similar, would be passed directly to General Manager and drawn upon by Croq. Club as necessary.

The following Estimate of Expenditure for the Croc. Sect. for 1980/81 was submitted to the Gen. Man. On 11.10.80.

£200 – extension of Mallet Room.

£100 – repair and rehabilitation of Small Pavilion.

£500.00 - levelling and general improvement of lawns (No. 1 in particular) additional to routine maintenance. This would be subject to expert advice and also discussion with the Groundsman.

£90.00 – renewal balls and clips.

£50.00 - contingencies.

£940.00

The Committee accepted the Estimates, and Members would be given details at the Croq. A.G.M.

Annual Luncheon will take place in Royal Glen Hotel on Weds. Apr. 1st 1981. The Press will be invited; also Mr. Whitton (as D. Rawkins' guest). The cost will approximate £3.30, and final details will be announced at the Croq. A.G.M.

It was decided that Cups and other Awards would be engraved at the expense of the Club.

Hon. Secy. suggested that a Golf Croquet and Shot Game Committee of three, with a Committee member as chairman, should be set-up for 1981 – This was approved in principle, but would be referred to new Croq, Com. (1980 /81)

The following items were selected for putting before the Croq. A.G.M.:

1. The Meeting would be chaired by Iris Dwerryhouse in the absence of David Rawkins.

2. Announce retirement of existing Committee (excepting I. Dwerryhouse) and decision to hold secret ballot for 6 of the 10 nominees named on the Ballot Paper.

3. After declaration of the names of the New Committee, the A.G.M. would be asked to accept two Members (to be named) to serve the interests of the Croq. Section, provided of course that they agreed to nomination at the time of balloting for the 1980/81 Cricket Management Committee.

4. Budget Estimates for 1980/81 would be announced for formal acceptance at the Croq. A.G.M.

F. Tovey's proposal that Golf Croquet should be restricted to one Court because of undue wear, was not accepted by the Committee. NOTE. It transpired subsequently that Mrs. Tovey's proposal, as put to the Committee, did not conform (due to misunderstanding on the 'phone) to her intentions. Hon. Secy. suggested that if she wished the matter to be ventilated at the Croq. Sect. A.G.M., she should send him a formal letter on the subject.

Next Meeting of Croq. Sect. was fixed (provisionally) for the New Committee for Monday, Dec. 1st. 1980 @ 2.00 p.m. in the Pavilion.

J Dwerryhouse

A.G.M. Croquet Sect. Nov. 10th. 1980, in the Pavilion.

Present - of the Committee:

I. Dwerryhouse	G. Cunningham
R. Peirce	R. Case
J. Holt	F. Moores.
E. Collier.	

42 Members attended the meeting

In the absence of the Chairman I. Dwerryhouse took the Chair.

Apologies. Dr. Rawkins very much regretted that, owing to an inescapable commitment, he was unable to attend. Apologies were received, also, from M. Hardman, Dorothy, John and Jane Toye, and Bob Easthaugh.

Minutes. The Minutes of the A.G.M. of Thurs. Nov. 8th. 1979 were read and approved.

Matters arising. J. Holt said that up to 6 keys could be allotted in 1981 for the Manor Pavilion Car Park. Thanks were due to D. Rawkins for his persistent and ultimately successful applications for this facility.

Reports by Committee Member: R. Case reported that in spite of a rise in annual subscription from £13.00 to just over £20.00, Membership had risen from 40 to 63. How this had been achieved was rather a long story; but, in common with the Croquet Association, an all-out drive had been made to "put Association Croquet on the map". Sidmouth Croq. Sect. participated wholeheartedly in this drive. The Croquet Gazette proposed to publish an analysis of results, and Sidmouth would undoubtedly be included as one of the most successful Clubs in this drive for Membership.

Although the Croq. Association laid special emphasis upon the development of Association Croquet; Sidmouth gave Golf Croq. special attention because of its importance in building up a corporate spirit within the Club. This policy was undoubtedly justified by results.

The Committee put up a strong case for an officially sponsored text book on Croquet; but, up to date, there has been no response. The Committee followed this up by useful publicity in the local press.

For various reasons, full use had not been made of the Shot Game. A Magnet Board had been devised, on which it would be possible to demonstrate tactics and assist beginners in acquiring skill in Assoc. Croq.

Members would applaud action by the Committee which led to World Champion H. Hicks becoming an Hon. Member of the Club. Several games had been arranged between him and various of our more skilled Members.

F. Moores reported upon work done upon the courts and upon the Small Pavilion. G. Cunningham explained what had been achieved with the Golf croquet side of the Game. J. Holt gave a summary of the accounts. R. Peirce dealt with the subjects of training, and competitions.

Secret ballot. The following 6 Members were voted to serve upon the New Committee of 7 Members - Iris Dwerryhouse remained upon the existing Committee.

R. Case	Marion Holt
G. Cunningham	Reg. Peirce
Kathryn Holroyd	Les Toye

The first Meeting of the new committee would be in the Pavilion, on Monday, Dec. 8th. @ 2.00 p.m.

Awards. The following awards were presented by Lady Fermor.

Association Singles	R. Peirce
Association Doubles	I. Dwerryhouse and V. Collier
Most improved player	J. Toye
Outstanding service	G. Cunningham

Mrs. Cunningham had generously given 2 Challenge Salvers for Golf Croquet, and she presented them herself as follows:

Golf Croquet Singles	D. Fletcher
Golf Croquet Doubles	Fred and Betty Moores.

Expenditure Estimates. These were presented by the Hon. Secy., moved for adoption by P. Dwerryhouse, seconded by K. Holroyd and passed unanimously.

A.G.M. Cricket Club. The Gen. Manager explained difficulties in fixing the date; but hoped to arrange it between Xmas and the New Year.

Annual Luncheon the Chairman had arranged for the luncheon to be held in the Royal Glen Hotel on Apr. 1st. 1981. The cost would approximate £3.30.

A Military Whist Drive would be held in the Pavilion on Nov. 18th.

Mrs. Tovey asked that the original form of ticketed Golf Croquet should be played regularly, if volunteers could be found to organise it. The suggestion was accepted.

Prof. Whitmore criticised the mowing programme and the failure to make use of the expensively installed irrigation equipment.

The Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Committee and to the Char.

J Dwerryhouse

chairman