

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 9th November 1998

Present S. Adams, V. Callingham, B. Hills, G. Macadam, H. Quarrell, G. Sims, M. Smith, E. Woodward.

Apologies: None

Minutes of last meeting: The minutes of the last meeting were read and after some discussion, and an alteration regarding the use of the hockey pitch, were approved and signed.

Matters arising not covered by later items:

Elaine raised the question of arranging for match dates to be changed.

Sheila referred to correspondence she had received regarding fixtures for both Golf croquet matches and Federation Fixtures for 1999.

Details had been received of a Short Croquet Competition at Nailsea on the 12th June and it was agreed that further information should be requested.

Sheila also reported that a request had been received for Sidmouth to host the Federation League Final and the 25th or 26th September were suggested as possible dates.

Secretary's Report:

No outstanding matters at this time.

Report on Meeting of Management Committee:

Some discussion took place on the Meeting of the Management Committee. It was reported that all 4 lawns have now been assessed regarding levels.

Members' Reports:

It was reported that Eileen has agreed to supervise refreshments on table tennis mornings.

Arrangements were made to provide prizes for whist, and changes to dates were recorded. They are now 19th November, 16th December, 14th January, 17th February, and 18th March.

Any Other Business:

Val undertook to investigate possible locations for the Spring Luncheon in order to find the best venue.

Date to be arranged.

It was agreed that there would be no Christmas dinner this year.

It was also agreed that there would be lunch at the Bedford on the 9th December following the table tennis morning.

All members welcome.

Brian Smith will be responsible for coaching this year.

Tony Dunstan-Smith, Vera Henderson, Sue Rogers, Elaine Woodward and Sheila Adams will also act as coaches, and it was accepted that Gwynneth Dart and Iris Dwerryhouse had agreed to 'one to one' coaching, but not in April.

Arrangements are being made for a coaching weekend to be held on the 17th and 18th April 1999. Handicap 8 to 14.

John Toye and David Purdon will be the coaches for this event. A charge will be made.

It was suggested that arrangements should be made for - coaching evenings for handicap 18 and over, and that Brian should be asked if it is possible for coaching sessions to be arranged for handicaps up to 16.

Brian Smith, Sue Rogers and John Hatherley will form the handicap committee.

Sheila Adams agreed that she would act as Vice Chairman.

Date of next meeting: Meetings were arranged for Monday 14th December Monday 11th January Monday 1st February Monday 8th March

The meeting closed at 11.20 a.m.

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Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 14th December 1998

Present S. Adams, V. Callingham, B. Hills, G. Macadam, H. Quarrell, G. Sims, M. Smith, E. Woodward.

Apologies: None

Minutes of the last Meeting:

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

Matters arising not covered by later items:

The Chairman reported that she had received notification from David Purdon that it was not possible to arrange the coaching weekend for 17th and 18th April and the dates were changed to 24th and 25th April. This coaching weekend would be for handicap 10 to 16 and would be available to 16 players. The fee would be £10.00

Val has arranged for the Spring Luncheon to be held on Tuesday the 23rd March at the Victoria Hotel. Menus will be forwarded. The cost has yet to be agreed.

Secretary's Report:

Mary reported that the names of the Secretary and the Chairman have been changed on all notices including the library.

Notices regarding recruitment of new members had been placed around the town.

New membership and Direct Debit forms had been received from the C.A.

A notice had been received regarding Golf Croquet Championships It was agreed that Gabby would make any necessary arrangements. New subscription forms had been sent out by the Club.

The Croquet Subscription is unchanged at £90.

A cheque has been sent to the S.W. Federation for £56.

The names of this year's Chairman, Secretary and Fixtures Secretary have been registered with David Magee.

A letter has been received from the Hurlingham Croquet Association with proposed events that may be staged in Sidmouth in the year 2000. These may be the President's Cup 7th to 10th September or the Selectors Event 8th to 10th September. The Club is invited to apply.

Report on Meeting of Management Committee:

The new groundsman would be taking up his duties in February. The quote for refurbishing the kitchen has been accepted and work should begin in the new year.

The application for the Lottery grant is in hand.

John Goodwin has been appointed as the new Club Secretary. Councillors are looking at proposals for the underground car park.

Members' Reports:

Howard reported on the inspections and preparation of the lawns. It was agreed that when the new groundsman started Howard would liaise with Jonathan Coombes and through him to the groundsman. The inventory has been checked and agreed. In view of the necessity for providing for new tournament balls (Barlow G.T) it was agreed that a request should be submitted for funds to be provided for two new sets each year.

Refurbishment and replacement of clips was also necessary.

Drawings have now been prepared for the proposed new Croquet Pavilion on lawn 3. Cash to the value of £86 has been handed to the Club Treasurer. A float remains in the petty cash account.

In view of the condition of the benches it was suggested and agreed that a request should be made for volunteers to undertake the necessary repairs.

Sheila reported on progress with the arrangements for SW Fed matches. Some dates have provisionally been agreed.

Any Other Business:

The following dates were agreed for inclusion in the Spring Programme.

Lawns to open on Sat 3rd April (weather permitting)

Club Sessions to follow the same format as last year.

Mon 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Association Croquet

Mon 4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Golf Croquet

Wed 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Golf Croquet

Fri 4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. Golf Croquet

Times for training sessions to be arranged by Brian Smith.

The following dates were arranged for tournaments.

Sat 1st May - 14 point game - 18 and over handicap.

Sat 8th May - 14 point game - Handicap 16 and under (Dorothy T.oye Cup).

Sat 22nd May - Egyptian Tournament

Mon 7th June to Sat 12th June - Sidmouth Open.

Sat and Sun 3rd and 4th July - Handicap Doubles

Sat and Sun 10th and 11th July - Handicap Doubles

Mon 9th August - Shot Game

Mon and Wed 16th and 18th August - One ball

Mon and Tues 23rd and 24th August - Golf Croquet

Sat and Sun 4th and 5th September - Club Finals

Tues 7th September - Club Finals (if needed)

Sat and Sun 18th and 19th September - Open Weekend.

Other events to be arranged are:

Sat 20th February 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 Meeting for new members.

Tues 23rd March Spring Luncheon

Tues 4th May 6.00 p.m. Meeting new members after training

Fri 18th June - Sparkling Wine Evening Cost £5

Fri 9th July - Fun and Food Croquet Supper. Cost to be agreed.

Other suggested events

Mon 26th June - Participation in an Open Day at Castle Drogo. Notice to be posted asking Tony Dustan-Smith to be notified of any players who wish to participate.

It was suggested that evening challenge matches between the croquet and snooker clubs should be arranged. Dates to be agreed.

Also that a club lunch should be arranged in March (maybe on the 10th) in the pavilion following on from table tennis.

Date of next meeting: Confirmed as 11th January 1999

The meeting closed at 11.45 a.m.

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## SIDMOUTH - CROQUET SECTION

### Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 11th January 1999

Present S. Adams, V. Callingham, B. Hills, G. Macadam, H. Quarrell, G. Sims, M. Smith, E. Woodward.

#### Minutes of last meeting:

After two amendments the Minutes of the last Meeting were approved and signed.

Matters arising not covered by later items:

Val reported that the cost of the Spring lunch had been fixed at £14.50 which included a glass of wine and gratuities. Arrangements for participating in the Fun Day to be held at Castle Drogo on Monday 26th June to be arranged by Tony Dustan-Smith. He would also arrange the challenge evenings between the Snooker and Croquet Clubs. It was suggested that different teams could be chosen for the reciprocal events.

Members would be asked at the table tennis meeting on Wednesday how many members would be interested in attending a lunch at the Club on the 10th March.

#### Secretary's Report:

The kitchen will be closed for refurbishment from the 11th to the 30th April. It will be necessary for alternative catering arrangements to be made for any events being held at that time. The timing for repairing the hole in lawn 3 was discussed with Howard.

Advertisements for new members will be placed in the Sidmouth Herald on the 30th January and 13th February and posters will be placed on notice boards.

The attention of members will be drawn to the arrangements that have been made for Indoor Coaching on April 1st.

Letters will be sent to prospective new members who have already made enquiries and placed their names on the waiting list.

There are 107 members at present.

A questionnaire has been received from the C.A. concerning suggested changes in the rules and handicap system for Golf Croquet. Views were also sought on certain aspects of the game. The questions and answers were discussed.

Information was also received regarding an Indoor Tournament to be held on March 13th and 14th. Information will be posted on the notice board.

Details of Sidmouth Croquet Club will be placed on the C.A. web site. Details on data base confirmed as correct.

Posters requested from Paul Campion had been received and were available for use. Suitable display positions were discussed.

The poster regarding Club Sessions was now ready for display and would be put on Notice Boards in the Main Pavilion and the Croquet Pavilion.

The Spring Programme has been prepared and would soon be dispatched. This would show dates of events including March 18th Croquet Laws Refresher Meeting, March 23rd Croquet Lunch and March 25th Croquet Quiz.

Report on Meeting of Management Committee: Replaced this month by the Annual General Meeting.

Members' Reports:

Elaine reported that there would be practice games for One Ball on May 10th and June 21st and Shot Game June 14th and July 12th. Shot game practice would start at 2.30 p.m.

The Golf Croquet Tournaments were confirmed as 23rd and 24th August.

The need to ensure that handicap cards are used for all tournaments was emphasised.

Sheila has arranged matches for

Federation

Sun 27th June - Sidmouth V. Parkstone

Sun 18th July - Kingston M. v. Sidmouth

Sat 24th July - Sidmouth v. Budleigh

Intermediate

Sun 11th July Parkstone v. Sidmouth

Sat 17th July - Sidmouth v. Kingston M.

Sat 14th August - Sidmouth v. Bournemouth

B League

Wed 2nd June - Bournemouth v. Sidmouth

Tue 15th June - Sidmouth v. Budleigh

Sun 25th July - Sidmouth v. Parkstone

Sat 7th August - Kingston M. v. Sidmouth

5 fixtures to be arranged.

The Secretary will order copies of Croquet Know The Game and Laws of Croquet to be available at the meeting for new members. Howard reported that following on from the mandate given by a vote taken at the Annual General Meeting of the Croquet Club, a Sub-Committee was formed to process the new Lawn 3 Pavilion Plans.

The members are - Tony Duston-Smith, Brian Smith, Jonathan Coombes and Howard Quarrell.

They have held a meeting at which plans for the Croquet Pavilion have been discussed and some alterations made. The altered plans have been submitted to the E.D.D.C. for approval. The amended plans were shown to all Committee members.

Howard also reported that the sum of £40 had been passed to the L Treasurer.

Any Other Business:

Brian Smith will be getting in touch by letter to make arrangements with the coaches regarding lessons for new members.

Elaine discussed the necessity for a new Notice Board for tournaments.

The committee agreed that a ladder game would be operated this year. It would be played as an 18 point game. Mary agreed to organise name tags. All members may participate if they wish to do so. -

Starting Date for ladder games - 1st June 1999.

Date of next meeting:

Confirmed as 1st February 1999.

(The March meeting was changed from 8th to 4th March)

The meeting closed at 11.35 a.m.

*En. Sim*

## SIDMOUTH CTCH - CROQUET SECTION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on the 1st February 1999

Present S. Adams, V. Callingham, B. Hills, G. Macadam, H. Quarrell, G. Sims, E. Woodward.

Apologies: M. Smith

Minutes of last meeting:

After one alteration the Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

Matters arising not covered by later items:

It was agreed that Betty would photocopy the Lawn Booking Guide Lines Sheet and copies would be distributed so that any alteration could be discussed at the next meeting.

It was agreed that following the request from Sidmouth Snooker Club Lawns 1 and 2 would be left free on Fri 28th May and Fri 23rd July from 4.00 p.m. Golf Croquet would be played on lawns 3 and 4 on those evenings.

Gwen would now arrange for the croquet event at Castle Drogo.

Secretary's Report:

No report presented at this meeting.

Report on Meeting of Management Committee:

A letter from Sue Rogers was read at the meeting of the Management Committee regarding funding for replacement and refurbishment of croquet lawns. It was viewed favourably.

The plans for the croquet hut were rejected by the Town Council. A site visit is being arranged with a member of East Devon District Council before the plans come before their planning committee.

Neil Hancock has been appointed as the 'professional cricketer to the club.

The following social events have been arranged:

An American Evening, A Jazz Evening, A Curry Evening, A Caribbean Evening.

Members' Reports:

Sheila reported the following dates for matches have been fixed: Advanced League: Thu 15th July - Sidmouth v. Plymouth

Fri 20th Aug - Budleigh v. Sidmouth

Federation: Sat 19th June Sidmouth v. Exeter

Thu 1st July - Plymouth v. Sidmouth

Intermediate: Thu 24th June - Budleigh v. Sidmouth

Ron Selmes will be the June Tournament manager.

Val discussed arrangements to be made for teas and lunches on the 24th and 25th April when the kitchens will be closed.

The mid-week dinner during the June tournament will be held on the Thursday. Menu will be sent with booking form.

The club will arrange the food and Sparkling Wine for the Fun and Food evening on the 9th July.

Howard has forwarded £40 to the Treasurer. This is the profit from table tennis and whist.

It was agreed that a charge of £15 would be made to prospective new members for the training course and the Croquet - Know the Game book. Other books would be on display. Hoops would be set up outside (weather permitting).

Date of next meeting: Confirmed at 4th March 1999

The meeting closed at 10.45 a.m.

*S. N. Sims*

CROQUET SECTION      SIDMOUTH CTCH CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Thursday 4th March 1999

Present; S. Adams, V. Callingham, B. Hills, H. Quarrell, G. Sims, M. Smith, E. Woodward

Apologies: G. Macadam

Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

Matters arising not covered by later items:

A discussion took place as to the best method of publicising social events.

Sheila agreed that at the next Management Meeting she would ask Roger Packe if he would provide a list of Club social events so that these could be displayed in the mallet room together with notices of other social events.

The success of the New Members meeting was commented upon and it was reported that three playing members Peter Miller and Ron and Margaret Selmes were joining the club.

Secretary's Report:

A request has been made to the Club Treasurer to forward a cheque for £524.40 to the C.A. to cover the fee for 92 members.

The new handicap list contains the names of 100 members.

A letter has been sent to the C.A. nominating Paul Whittall for the Apps Memorial Bowl as the most improved player in the country.

It was confirmed that the Club has nothing on loan from the C.A. Elaine has received the questions for the croquet quiz.

Brian Smith will set the hoops for the June Tournament from Monday to Thursday. Another club member will do so for the rest of the week.

For the Fun Day on the Ham on June 5th the Rotary Club cannot make a charge but will accept a donation of £15 for their funds. They will sell programmes with a lucky number. Money from the Fun Day will be donated to pay for cardiac equipment for the Medical Centre.

Members will be asked to manage the croquet event.

The new address of the S.W. Federation Croquet Club's Publicity Officer is

Mr Shaun Carter  
1 Lipson Avenue  
Plymouth PL4 8SQ  
01752 222235

Notice had been received of two tournaments at Southwick. These events- are posted on the Club Notice Board.

The Summer Programme is now being prepared.

Gloria Evan's poem has been sent to the Croquet Gazette and the SWAN.

It was agreed that an obituary for Les Toye should be placed in the Croquet Magazine and the S.W. Regional Magazine (SWAN).

Report on the Meeting of the Management Committee:

The overflow pipe which had led to flooding has been cleared by Gerald Bess and John Palmer.

The tennis section are planning an American Tournament and young players weekend.

Tony Dustan-Smith was continuing to press the East Devon District Council in order to obtain agreement for the changes to the croquet hut.

Tony and Elaine were pleased that some private functions were now being held in the Pavilion.

It has been suggested that a Millennium Event should be organised by club members.

Members' Reports:

Sheila reported that a request had been received to arrange two friendly matches with Budleigh Salterton for both Association and Golf Croquet. Dates to be fixed.

Elaine showed the new Internal Tournament sheets. They were received very favourably and the revised form was agreed. This year the Belmont tournament will be open to everybody but players with a high handicap will play with an upper handicap limit of 18.

After discussion agreement was reached on changes to the Lawn Booking Guidelines. They will be prominently displayed in the mallet room and the croquet hut.

It was agreed not to supply extra entry forms for outside tournaments.

Val discussed the catering arrangements for the coaching weekend on the 25th and 26th April.

The date of the Food and Fun Evening will need to be changed. Val will discuss alternative dates with Elaine.

For the Open Tournament in June Sheila will provide accommodation lists if they are requested. Confirmation of entries will be made after the closing date.

Sheila will organise the whist on the 18th March and provide the prizes.

Date of next meeting:

To be held on Monday 12th April

The meeting closed at 11.55 a.m.

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CROQUET SECTION      SIDMOUTH CTCH CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 12th April 1999

Present S. Adams, V. Callingham, B. Hills, G. Macadam, H. Quarrell, G. Sims, M. Smith, E. Woodward

Minutes of last meeting:

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

Matters arising not covered by later items: None

Secretary's Report:

It was suggested and agreed that the Croquet Club AGM should be held on Thursday 21st October at 6.00 p.m. followed by a dinner.

The trophy boards need to be updated with the names of the 1998 winners. It was agreed that Tony Dustan-Smith should be contacted. A suggestion was made for enquiries to be made to see if it was possible to change the colour of the lettering to black in order to increase visibility.

It will be necessary for participants to provide their own lunches at the coaching sessions on 24th and 25th April. Morning coffee and afternoon tea will be available.

The date of the Fun and Food evening is now Tuesday 17th August 1999 at 4.00 p.m.

Devon was not successful in the draw for the Inter-counties Tournament this year. It will be re-considered next year.

A letter has been received from the C.A. notifying the Club that it has been selected for the Selectors weekend for the year 2000 tournament. It will be held on the 8th to 10th September 2000.

Preliminary enquiries had been made by Sidmouth Town Council as to whether the Croquet Club would be interested in participating in a proposed television holiday programme.

A list, has been placed in the mallet room for members to state whether they are C.A. members.

Members will also be asked to indicate if they only play golf croquet so that expenditure by the Club on C.A. 'literature may be reduced.

Michael Davis is no longer a member as he is leaving the area.

A letter of thanks for their work in the Club is to be sent to Philip and Iris Dwerryhouse.

A 'list has been placed on the notice board for members to indicate if they are interested in becoming C.A. assistant referees.

The proposed new rules for Golf Croquet have been endorsed by the C. A. and members will be encouraged to give them a 1 year trial after which the matter will be reviewed.

Copies of the new rules are available from the C.A. office price £2.

Report on the Meeting of the Management Committee

Sheila reported that a new security lock will be fitted on the front door by Gerald Bess.

Satisfaction was expressed at the results being achieved by the groundsman.

The opening of the Croquet Club lawns was reported.

Members' Reports

Mary reported that the C.A. has changed the handicap cards and has requested that opponents should initial cards after the game.

If a C.A. member is playing a non-member in an Inter-Club match their handicap cannot be affected.

Results must be entered in the cards as usual.

Sheila said that she had received applications for the June Tournament and competitors would be notified of their acceptance.

She suggested that it would be advantageous if the wording was altered in next year's handbook concerning the closing date for applications.

She would arrange for the cups to be returned by last year's winners.

There had been a good response to players for the Friendly matches against Budleigh and the lists were being completed and teams would be chosen.

Val discussed the Spring lunch and changes for next year. Howard had forwarded £400 to Peter Dart which was the profit from Tournament entries and the training programmes.

The New Zealand Croquet video purchased by the club was now available and a list would be placed in the club for members to sign when they borrowed it.

The Lady Fermor seat needs repair and it was suggested that it should be put into storage until this could be effected. Following on from this it was agreed that the Secretary would place a list in the mallet room asking members to volunteer for repair and maintenance jobs such as cleaning the Croquet Hut.

Gabby and Howard had played the new rules for Golf Croquet and a discussion ensued as to the best method of implementing these.

Gabby suggested that a list of the new rules for Golf croquet and a list of the main changes should be placed in the croquet hut.

Elaine said that entry forms for internal tournaments were now being received and information about the new handicap rules for the Belmont and Fermor cups was posted on the notice board.

Also on the notice board was information on handicap cards. The Bray system would be used for the Belmont and Fermor events as in 1998.

#### Any Other Business

Elaine suggested that late afternoon coaching sessions should be arranged for new members and that mentors would be asked to volunteer careers to help them.

Evening Coaching sessions might also be arranged.

Gwen discussed the arrangements for the Fun Day at Castle Drogo and will make arrangements.

Food will be provided by members and the wine by Tony D-S for the Sparkling Wine evening on Friday June 18th.

For the Fun and Food evening on Tuesday 17th August Elaine Hope will provide the food. and Tony the bar

The rota for Committee members to supervise Club afternoons was arranged.

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#### Date of next meeting

To be held on Tuesday 4th May Meetings were also arranged for Thursday 3rd June Monday 5th July

The meeting closed at 11.55 a.m.

Sgt Syme.

M.S. 4.5.99.

CROQUET SECTION      SIDMOUTH CTC CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 4th May 1999

Present S. Adams, V. Callingham, B. Hills, G. Macadam, H. Quarrell, G. Sims, E. Woodward

Apologies: M. Smith

Minutes of last meeting were, amended, approved and signed.

Matters arising not covered by later items:

Gwen reported that general planning permission had been refused for the changes to the croquet hut although permission had been given for the cesspit and toilet. An appeal is being considered but the initial refusal of planning permission will hold up progress in seeking lottery money.

Gwen then read a letter received from Mary which conveyed her thanks for the messages she had received while in hospital and detailed arrangements for the meeting to welcome new members to be held this evening at 6 O'clock.

Mary and Brian will organise an event on the Ham on Saturday 5th June and will hand out leaflets on that day giving details of club membership. Some members will assist.

Gwen also read the letter she, on behalf of the committee, had written to Philip and Iris Derryhouse regretting ill health had caused their resignation from the croquet section. She said how much their efforts on behalf of the club had been appreciated.

A reply from Iris was also read out.

A letter had been received Sheila Blenkinsop suggesting that the start of the ladder game arranged for the beginning of June should be changed to begin at the end of July in order to give more time to arrange matches. After discussion it was agreed that the date should remain unaltered.

A notice would be placed in the mallet room requesting cakes for the coffee morning on May 31st. Peggy and Gloria have volunteered to run the plant stall on that day

Secretary's Report:

No report at this meeting.

Report on the Meeting of the Management Committee:

Arrangements are being put in hand for arrangements to be made for car parking on the cricket field during Folk Week and a Sub-Committee has been formed. Following on from this some matters will be raised at the next Management Committee Meeting.

The kitchen is now back in use after refurbishment and general satisfaction was expressed at the result.

The tennis section now has 55 members.

The professional cricketer is now in residence.

Terry has moved the soil saving the contractor's fees.

The new cupboard built by John Palmer to store the bridge equipment was proving most useful.

Members' Reports

Sheila reported that the offer to host the Federation Regional League Final on Saturday 25th Sept had been gratefully accepted.

The subject of Wharrad Turns raised at the A.G.M. meeting had been deferred until the next A.G.M. Meeting and comment from team leaders was requested.

It had been requested that all team members should be aware of the use of Wharrad turns.

Some members had entered for the Golf Qualifying matches on the 20th June but the final at Nausea on the 20th September will now clash with the Sidmouth Tournament arranged for that day.

Sheila will 'notify them and an alternative event may be arranged for the 20th June.

For Golf croquet - internal rules will apply for any C.A. tournaments.

Acceptances have been sent out for the Sidmouth Open Tournament in June and cheques have been received. Ron Selmes will manage the June tournament.

The September tournament will be managed by John Toye and acceptances will be sent after all applications have been received

Howard asked if a missing library book Expert Croquet Techniques could be traced. A notice will be placed in the mallet room.

He will arrange for wooden boards to be placed in front of the concrete edges to protect the croquet balls.

£200 has been passed to Peter Dart with some money still in hand.

After discussion as to the best way to mark the half way point for Golf Croquet it was agreed that Howard would liaise with Terry to discuss the idea of placing markers.

Val discussed arrangements for the June tournament regarding lunches and teas and will make further enquiries before finalising arrangements.

A list will be placed in the mallet room for members to sign if they can supply food for the Sparkling 'Wine evening. Tony Dustan-Smith will supply the wine.

Gabby-said how successful Richard Clarke's presentation of the new rules for Golf croquet had been at the club event on Monday evening. Richard has agreed to repeat this at the Club morning on Wednesday.

An away friendly match has been arranged for Tuesday June 22nd at Budleigh Salterton.

A notice has been placed in the mallet room asking members to enter their names if they wish to play on that day.

Elaine said what a very successful day the Club Tournament held on Saturday had been.

She emphasised the importance of completing handicap cards.

It was suggested that next year it would be more advantageous if the Dorothy Toye Cup was held on two days instead of one. Any Other Business

Brian Smith will arrange coaching sessions on Thursday evening for players with handicaps 18 - 24.

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 3rd June

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CROQUET SECTION      SIDMOUTH CTC CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Thursday 4th June 1999

Present      S. Adams, V. Callingham, B. Hills, G. Macadam, G. Sims, M. Smith, E. Woodward.

Apologies: H. Quarrell

Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting were amended, approved and signed.

Matters arising not covered by later items:

Gwen raised the matter of the final dates for internal tournament and whether double banking would be necessary. It was agreed that the matter will be considered again at the next meeting when the position will be clearer and any necessary steps can be implemented.

Secretary's Report:

A cheque for £30 has been sent to the C.A. to pay for the use of the lazer equipment.

At the Fun Day leaflets from the C.A. will be available for distribution to people who show interest in croquet.

Howard will forward the £15 contribution from the, croquet club. Brian and Mary will set up the croquet event.

The rota for the remainder of the day was settled.

18 new members have joined the club.

4 more are still receiving lessons.

A suggestion was received from Suzanne Golding that during the eclipse (Wednesday 11th August) Golf croquet might be halted and some celebration might be arranged. It was agreed that this could be left to Suzanne and any other members to arrange if they wished to do so.

The question of the siting of the grass collecting boxes was raised and Gwen will raise the matter at the next Management Committee Meeting.

It was suggested that next year it would be helpful if members were asked if they wished to participate in the ladder game. 12 copies of the Croquet - Know the Game have been received from the C.A. and will be on sale at £4.99 each. They will be available at the Fun Day at the Ham and at Castle Drogo. There was a discussion as to whether changes should be made for entries to the Devonia competition next year. A decision was deferred.

The Club dinner on Thursday 10th June during the Sidmouth Open Tournament will be at 7.30 p.m. for 8 o'clock.

There are 40 members who play Association and Golf croquet, 42 who play Golf only and 32 who only play Association. 32 belong to the C.A. Full fees for non-members will therefore need to be paid to the C.A.

Report on the Meeting of the Management Committee:

The refurbishment of the Kitchen has left some deficit which it is hoped to cover next year.

Some of the grass machinery has needed repair.

The social Curry Night was very successful.

The need for additional security is under review.

Members' Reports:

Betty said that Gwen had agreed to take charge of the booking sheets for the next few weeks.

Val has received a notice from the Parkstone Club advising of a 50+ event on the 14th and 15th September. Further information to follow.

Tony has advised that 2 glasses of wine will be available at the Sparkling Wine Evening.

Arrangements were made for catering at the Sidmouth Open Event Sheila said that the cups for the Tournament are now being made available for presentation at the end of the week. The Tournament Fee will be sent to the C.A.

The question of the condition of the club mallets was raised. Suggestions were made as to how some replacements could be obtained.

Gabby asked if changes could be made so that Golf Croquet players could be sure that three courts would be available at Club Evenings. Some members had been very unhappy that only two courts had been available on Friday May 28th. Gwen will make contact to see if changes can be made for the event booked for the 23rd July.

Brian, Sheila and Val have volunteered to help Elaine with the setting up of the Practice Shot Game on 14th June Setting up will begin at 1.00 p.m. for 2.00 p.m. start: Club members may use lawns 1 and 2 from 1.00 p.m.

Any Other Business:

The question of placing further racks in the croquet hut for storing croquet mallets was raised by Betty. Howard will be consulted as to whether this can be done. Gwen raised the question of security. Mary will place a notice in a prominent position reminding members that mallets are left at their own risk.

12 people enrolled for the coaching weekend on the 24th and 25th April giving a ratio of 4 - 1 which was about right. Handicap 10 - 16 was thought to be more suitable in future years.

Date of next meeting:

Friday 2nd July at 9.30 a.m.

The meeting closed at 11.05 a.m.

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## SIDMOUTH CROQUET SECTION

### MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING AT MANOR GARTH ON FRIDAY 2nd JULY 1999.

Members Present Chairman Gwen Sims, Secretary Mary Smith, Sheila Adams, Elaine Woodward, Val Callingham, Gabby Macadam, and Howard Quarrell.

1. Apologies: Betty Hills.
2. Minutes of last meeting: were amended, approved and signed.
3. Matters Arising: Howard Quarrell agreed to investigate the possibility of extra storage space for mallets in lawn 3 hut
4. Secretary's Report: Mary Smith read a letter from Graham Dodd regarding his thoughts on the Bray System. The committee's intention is to examine the Bray System in more detail during the autumn and introduce any changes that may be considered necessary in time for next year's programme. It was agreed to ask Brian Smith and Tony Dustan-Smith to consider the points raised with regard to National Club events as outlined in C.A. Fixture book pages 36 to 38, reporting back their view in time for the next committee meeting. Confirmation of precise new Barlow Ball detail will be provided by Brian Smith before any further tournament ball order is placed. Despite Graham's criticism of lawn 3 and 4 it was decided that they will remain the main lawns for Federation matches. The suggestion of an extra lawn on the outfield would be looked into by Gwen Sims. A date for evaluation of games for the 'Fun Day' was agreed as Thursday 22nd July 1999 at 4pm., several committee members agreed to attend.
5. Management Committee Report: Gwen Sims advised that Tony Dustan-Smith had re-applied for planning permission for hut 3: that youths under the age of 16 are now banned from playing tennis on the grass court unless under adult supervision: that the Friends were most unhappy with the cricket section that had double booked the pavilion on the evening of their pre-arranged social event. It was noted that grass box emptying is planned once a year - at the end of the summer season, which produces a problem of rotting grass smells by lawn 3 hut. Howard agreed to ask the Ground Chairman to support the committee view and seek its removal to another more suitable site.

#### 6. Committee Member's Reports:

Sheila Adams confirmed 10 visitors and 6 Sidmouth applicants will be accepted for the September Tournament. There were problems getting volunteers to play for the 'B' league. Vera Henderson had volunteered to arrange training for potential 'B' league players if required. The following competition dates were noted: 14th September - at home to Budleigh Salterton (lawns 2,3 & 4 required from 10 to 4pm): 19th September - Nailsea for the South West Federation Golf Croquet Final with David Clarke, Val Callingham, Amanda Prowse and Paul Whittall representing Sidmouth. It was agreed to pursue the opportunity of hosting an Advance Tournament' on 15/16th April 2000. Ron Selmes is to be asked to manage the event.

Val Callingham confirmed the Fun & Food event to be held on August 17th will cost £7. Brian Smith is to be asked to produce posters and 60 tickets. Concerning the Castle Drogo event; Howard and Marjorie were congratulated for offering extraordinary support on the day. For the Doubles events of 3rd, 4th and 10th July, members are to be asked to provide their own coffee, though lunch and teas will be available at the pavilion.

Howard Quarrell provided a cash flow sheet for committee members, which showed a net profit of £1,049.48 p which has been paid into club funds. Howard advised that the hoops on lawns 1 & 2 had been moved and reset, and hoops on lawns 3 and 4 had

been reset. The view supported by the committee was that such essential maintenance was for the benefit of all club members and the inconvenience, though regrettable, should be accepted without argument.

Gabby Macadam reported that some Golf Croquet members had not read various notices concerning team selection and lawn management issues. A notice has now been placed in a prominent position reminding everyone to check all notice boards.

Elaine Woodward reminded all of the proposed Shot Game practice on July 12th. It may be necessary to allow double banking for the remaining internal tournaments, depending on how many games remain outstanding. A presentation cup for the new Advanced Handicap event is to be purchased for the Section by Tony Dustan-Smith. Enquiries are to be made before the purchase of a new cup for the 14-point game.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 11.40 am.

The next meeting dates will be Thursday 12th August and Thursday 9th September 1999.

Signed Chairman ..... *Tony Sims* ..... Dated 12.8.99 .....

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### SPARKLING WINE EVENING CASH FLOW

Income	
Tickets	£310.00 (6+2)
Extra Drinks	£15.50
Total	£325.50
Expenses	
Wine	£109.00
Plates etc	£5.25
Orange Juice	£3.19
Total	£117.44
Profit	£208.06

### JUNE TOURNAMENT                          COFFEE AND TEAS                          CASH FLOW

Income	£131.00
Expenses	
Coffee, tea milk etc	£29.58
Profit	£101.42

### TOURNAMENT FEES

Cash & Cheques	£740.00
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### PAID INTO CLUB FUND

Total	£1,049.48
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CROQUET SECTION      SIDMOUTH CTC CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Thursday 12th August 1999

Present. S. Adams, V. Callingham, B. Hills, G. Macadam, H. Quarrell, G. Sims, M. Smith, E. Woodward.

Apologies: None

Minutes of last meeting:

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

Matters arising not covered by later items:

Howard reported that the mallets stored in the croquet hut had been tidied and it was decided to leave any alteration to the hut pending decision on the proposed replacement hut. Club mallets will be inspected at the end of the season and a decision as to replacement and repair was left to be decided at the October meeting. The necessity for members mallets to be clearly labelled was emphasised.

He also reported that when the grass is emptied from the containers at the end of the season the container will be moved on Lawn 3.

Gwen said that the Croquet Section had been asked to provide cakes for the Friends' Coffee Morning on the 30th August.

4 Outdoor events had been planned. Events would be organised by the various sections.

Mary agreed to phone John Toye with a request that the Notice Boards should be brought up to date.

Secretary's Report:

Mary read a letter from Ron Selmes suggesting

a) a B level Advanced Play Tournament should be arranged for next season. The dates 14, 15, 16 April were suggested.

b) That there should be changes to the June Tournament with the event starting on Sunday instead of Monday with events following a different format. It was also suggested that the event should be played as an ongoing Egyptian Tournament with all games arranged by the manager.

It was generally agreed that these suggestions be accepted.

Report on the Meeting of the Management Committee:

The Cricket Section had achieved, very good results this year. It was hoped that they could obtain the use of a third pitch at Riverside.

It had been suggested that a later date for the Jazz Evening would be advantageous for families and July 23rd had been agreed as the date for next year.

The locks on the doors are to be changed.

The liability of Trustees would be looked into.

Members' Reports:

Sheila reported that the new cups for the 14 point game and the Advanced Handicap had been ordered.

The Open Tournament will be held from Sun 3rd June (amended as agreed) to 9th June 2000.

The List of players for the September Tournament will be available after the draw.

Results of matches to date:

Advanced League play Budleigh on 20th August. The winners will play Dyffryn at Bristol on Oct 2nd and the winners of that match will play in the 1st Advanced League in 2000 Parkstone Cup.

Intermediate players have won one and lost two and are playing Bournemouth on Saturday.

B League have won one and lost three.

More referees are needed for matches.

Val reported on arrangements to be made for various events.

On September 14th teas will be provided for 12 players at the friendly match with Budleigh Salterton

Meals will be available at the Open Weekend Tournament on September 18th and 19th.

On the 25th September the Federation League Final teas will be provided by members.

Final arrangements were also made for the Fun and Food Evening on August 17th.

Elaine reported that the internal tournaments were on schedule.

It was hoped to play all the Finals including the Doubles Finals on the agreed Final Days.

It had been suggested that lawns should be rotated for games during matches but this was impracticable because of the numbers involved so it was decided that a draw would be made before matches to decide which block would use a particular lawn.

The decision as to reading a monologue was left to the next meeting.

Howard reported that 2 hoops were missing and would need to be replaced.

Adjustment of the hoops will begin on the 31st August.

2 lawns will need to be closed for maintenance from the end of September.

#### Any Other Business:

Mary will prepare a report for the Sidmouth Herald on the very good results achieved at the Budleigh Tournament as soon as photographs are available.

Mary has received a letter from a player in New Zealand asking for information about the possibility of entering for the June Tournament. A reply has been sent encouraging them to apply.

An application from a group to book a lawn. Sunday 12th September was agreed as a suitable date. A fee of £20 will be charged.

A request for the club to provide 6 lessons of coaching for children at Castle Drogo. Mary will see if this will be possible.

Barlow G.T. balls are now used for tournaments. They cost £139 per set and the cost of 2 sets has been provided for in the club budget.

#### Date of next meeting:

Thursday 9th September at 9.30 a.m.

The meeting closed at 11.15 a.m.

*G.M.Smith*

CROQUET SECTION      SIDMOUTH CTCH CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Thursday 9th September 1999

Present S. Adams, V. Callingham, B. Hills, H. Quarrell, G. Sims, M. Smith, E. Woodward.

Apologies; G. Macadam

Minutes of last meeting:

The Minutes of the last meeting were amended, approved and signed.

Matters arising not covered by later items:

John Toye has been contacted by Mary regarding the Trophy boards. He had left the prepared names earlier in the season but as, despite inquiries, they could not be traced he will prepare them again when he prepares the list of this season's winners.

Mary has ordered and received 4 new sets Barlow G.T. balls in primary colours. The purchase of 4 sets of alternative colours has been authorised for next year.

Howard said that different sets of balls can be used for tournament provided this information is notified before the tournament.

Mary read a memorandum prepared by Brian in which he suggested possible team representation for Sidmouth, in the year 2000. Several low bisquers hope to be involved in a team representing Devon in the Inter Counties probably in the last week in May. Several of the same group hope (if successful against Dyffryn) to be involved in representing Sidmouth in Advanced Level Federation games throughout the season. Other events were considered with discussion of possible Sidmouth player involvement.

Planning permission for the refurbishment of the Croquet Hut has again been refused. It was suggested that funding for improving the existing hut should go in with the pending lottery grant appeal Ways in which the hut could be improved were discussed.

Secretary's Report:

The agenda for the AGM was discussed and agreed. It was agreed that there would be a collection for the groundsman during the meeting and that a box would be left at the end of the dinner for a collection for Elaine and Tony.

The chairman Roger Packe will be invited to the A G M

Rex Simms will be invited to present the prizes.

Howard will present a treasurer's report at the meeting.

Mary has received a letter from a Devon Life journalist Patricia Gerrish who is writing an article on croquet for the magazine Young at Heart. She wishes to visit Budleigh and Sidmouth croquet clubs. It has been arranged that she will be at the Sidmouth Club on the 18th September to arrange interviews and take photographs.

The Federation has been notified on the new event for next year for it to be entered in the Fixtures Book. It will be held 14 - 16 April and will be managed by Ron Selmes.

Tony Duston-Smith had suggested that a new book - Play Better Croquet by Jeffery Nailor which has been published in New Zealand could be very useful to the club. It was agreed that a copy would be purchased for the club library.

The dates for Whist were arranged. They are - Wednesday 20th October, Thursday 18th November, Wednesday 15th December, Thursday 20th January, Wednesday 23rd February, Thursday 23rd March.

Table Tennis will begin on Wednesday 13th October and will then be held every Wednesday morning until the start of the new croquet season.

As some members had expressed an interest in a Christmas dinner it was arranged that Val would make preliminary enquiries as to dates and cost and at the AGM members would be asked to express an interest in order to ascertain viability.

The S.W. Federation's Annual General Meeting will be held at Bath on Sunday 7th November. The 2 voting members will be the Club Chairman and the Committee member organising Federation matches Any members who wish to attend may attend as observers.

Mary has sent a letter to the manager at Castle Drogo offering a one day coaching course for children. She is still awaiting a reply. A method of financing teas for match referees was agreed. Tournaments for the year 2000 have been arranged.

An Advanced Play B level on the 14 - 16th April. It will be open to handicaps 1-5.

A June Week Tournament from Sunday 4th June to Saturday 10th June. The upper handicap limit is 18. There will be 3 events. Event 1 Handicap Singles starting Sunday. Event 2 14 point double splayed after tea Sun-Wed. Event 3 Advanced play Thurs-Fri-Sat. Modified Egyptian.

#### Report on the Meeting of the Management Committee

John Palmer had made necessary repairs to the door from the mallet room to the changing room.

A report was presented on the progress of the Croquet section. Bar profits were very satisfactory.

The former groundsman's house in Temple Street needs further repairs. Legal advice is being sought on Trustees liability.

#### Members' Reports:

Sheila reported that in the Advanced League Sidmouth had won the Group Two Qualifying Division.

The Federation League team was leading.

In the Intermediate League Sidmouth came 3rd

In the B League Sidmouth came 5th

Val said that there was a need to avoid double booking which had made catering difficult. After entries had been made in the diary by the croquet section other entries for the same day had been put in by other sections causing catering problems. She asked for the matter to be raised at a management committee meeting.

Arrangements were made for teas on the 14th September and the 25th September.

Howard reported that the sale of tickets for the Fun and Food Evening had produced a total of £490. It was estimated that this had produced a profit of £100.

Howard and Ron Selmes replaced the floor in the hut on lawn 1 but the direction of the hut meant that rain was still causing problems Various suggestions were made to alleviate the problem and consideration will be given to these in the hope of improving the situation It was hoped that steps could be placed in the corner of lawn 1 to improve access.

Two lawns will be closed after the September Tournament in order that the groundsman could use hired machinery to improve them. Other lawns will be worked on by the groundsman during the winter months.

Elaine reported on the successful conclusion of the internal tournaments.

Some suggestions had been made for changes and it was suggested that next year a small sub-committee might be formed to consider whether it would be advantageous to change any of the formats. There was also a discussion as to whether there should be an increase in entry fees.

Any Other Business:

Gwen asked Howard if he would prepare a forward budget for next year so that necessary expenditure could be presented to the Club Treasurer.

There was a discussion of items which needed replacement and facilities which could be improved. Howard will produce costings.

Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 5th October at 9.30 a.m.

The meeting closed at 11.35 a.m.

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Thoughts on possible team representation for Sidmouth in 2000.

Starting from the bottom up: several low bisquers (Tony D.S. John Toye - who will be joining as a full member, Paul Whittall, Ron Selmes and myself) hope to be involved in a team representing Devon in the Inter Counties - probably last week in May. Several of the same group hope (if successful against Dyffryn) to be representing Sidmouth in possibly 4 or 5 Advanced Federation games throughout the season. These commitments plus the involvement in other 'personal' tournaments will possibly preclude further 'team' commitment from this group for season 2000.

THE INTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: A team of 4 is required for this one and though there is no handicap restriction, all matches are played under advanced rules. The pool of people likely to be attracted to this event would I suggest be: Paul, Ron, Tony, Graham, Rowland and myself - though for the reasons given above only Graham and Rowland are likely candidates.

It's a similar situation for THE MARY ROSE INTER-CLUB TROPHY where the handicap range is 1 and above: same advanced play etc.

Then there is the LONGMAN CLUB TEAM CUP - handicaps 3.5 minimum, 4 in the team with the gross handicap at least 24, under standard handicap rules (this opens up eligibility to several others in theory, but current problems in getting a 'B' team together suggest it unlikely to succeed).

So, my considered opinion is that, beyond the anticipated team commitment of Inter Counties and Advanced Feds we are unlikely to see much more Sidmouth Team involvement. The other 'unknown factor' with the last three is the commitment - how many qualifying rounds are likely before the Finals as listed in the book.

Brian

CROQUET SECTION      SIDMOUTH CTCH CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 5th October 1999

Present S. Adams, V. Callingham, B. Hills, G. Macadam, H. Quarrell, G. Sims, M. Smith, E. Woodward

Apologies: None

Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting were amended, approved and signed

Matters arising not covered by later items:

Mary and Brian Smith have brought the boards completely up-to-date entering the names of the winners for last year and this year. Patricia Garrish came and saw members, obtained information and took photographs. She is preparing her article for publication. Mary will supply any further information required.

Betty referred to the previous minutes and the decision taken then regarding arranging a Christmas dinner. After discussion it was agreed that tickets would be on offer at the A.G.M. and the level of support would be assessed.

The lawns were still too wet for the machinery to be used and Howard had agreed with the groundsman they could still be used until closure was necessary.

Secretary's Report:

The price for the dinner after the A.G.M. had been agreed at £10. It has been suggested that the groundsman might attend a course on bowling green maintenance and Gwen will raise the matter at the next Management Committee Meeting.

Details were finalised to the Agenda and format of the A.G.M. meeting. Seating and dinner arrangements were also decided.

The Play Better Croquet Book has been purchased and was handed to Howard to be placed in the library.

A notice inviting nominations for the 1999-2000 Committee had been posted. Betty Hills had advised the Committee she was not seeking re-election, Gwen Simms has completed a three year term.

Report on the Meeting of the Management Committee:

More work still needs to be completed on the house in Temple Street.

Ian Davis was looking into the possibilities for alterations to the croquet hut before the application for Lottery funding. Roger Packe was speaking to solicitors about Trustees liability. Fixture cards should be submitted by February 29th.

A new deputy membership secretary was being sought as a deputy for Brian Hanson.

Rex Simms has been approached and asked if he will act as Bar Chairman.

The cricket section had a very successful season with the 1st team coming 3rd and other teams coming top of their league. Bar Takings are up on last year.

John Palmer will store the clock over the winter.

The Caribbean Evening had been very successful.

John Goodman asked that Section Reports should be handed to him by 20th October.

The Club A.G.M. will be held on December 1999

Members' Reports:

Sheila reported on the success achieved by members at the Budleigh Tournament.

Graham Dodd won the Egyptian Tournament.

Elaine Woodward and Sheila Adams gained bronze medals, David Clarke a silver medal.

At the September Tournament the winners were Brian Smith and David Maddock.

The Advanced League Match was won by Dyffryn by 3 games to 2.

In the Secretary's Shield which will be played in the year 2000 Sidmouth's Federation team will play winners of other groups. There will be a Knock-out of up to 3 games.

Val has the tickets for the dinner following the A.G.M.

She expressed her thanks for the help she had received during the year.

Howard distributed the sheet he has prepared showing outgoings and incomings during the year. Copies will be distributed at the A.G.M. The committee expressed their pleasure at the amount that had been raised.

Gwen had spoken to Iris Dwerryhouse about the hut and she had agreed that any necessary measures should be taken to prevent water entering. Ron Selmes is prepared to provide plastic sheets and there will be a programme of work over the winter months.

Ian Davis will look into the various possibilities for Hut 3, Howard will liaise.

Gabby reported that golf croquet attendance at the arranged golf croquet sessions was remaining high and it was agreed that organised sessions would continue to the end of October (weather permitting).

Elaine reported that all tournaments were now finalised and had been very successful.

Any Other Business:

Gwen reported that Mary Kirk had left the club a legacy of £1000. As more Sidmouth players wished to enter the September Tournament than could be accommodated John Toye has offered to run an identical tournament open to Sidmouth members only on the following weekend. It was agreed that this was a very good idea.

The question of arranging a lunch after table tennis on the 8th December was muted and Val agreed to ask Elaine if a lunch could be arranged for that day.

Date of next meeting:

To be arranged by new Committee.

The Meeting closed at 11.35 a.m.

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Sheila M. Adams  
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**MINUS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CROQUET SECTION HELD  
ON THURSDAY 21st OCTOBER  
1999 AT 6pm IN THE PAVILION.**

I. The meeting was opened at 6pm with a warm welcome to the 62 members present by retiring Chairman Gwen Sims.

A moment of silence was observed by everyone present in memory of Mary Kirk, Clifford Taylor, Les Toye and Gordon Wilcox who had died since the last AGM.

2. Apologies: The Secretary read out a short list of those who were unable to attend: Bob Callingham, David Clarke, Richard Clark, Jonathan & Lynne Coombs, Betty Davies, Gloria Evans, Mary Hardman, Dorothy Rotas, Enid Taylor, George Usher, Peggy Van den Bok. A full record of those in attendance will be filed with the original 1999 Minutes.

3. The Chairman reminded members that the Minutes of the AGM held on 22nd October 1998 had been displayed on the notice board, and asked they be taken as read.

Proposed for acceptance by John Webber and seconded by Sue Rogers they were approved and signed as a true record.

4. The Committee Report: Secretary Mary Smith furnished a comprehensive report covering issues of training, social events, 'away' and 'home' tournament results, the best handicap improvers, Golf Croquet, South West Federation League results plus detail of future tournament plans.

5. Adoption of Committee Report: Proposed by Katherine Holroyde and seconded by Gabby Macadam, the Report was accepted unanimously.

6. Treasurer's Report: Howard Quarrell addressed the meeting with detail of the financial events over the past 12 months and provided members with a prepared statement A total income in excess of £3,400 had been gained from fund raising, table tennis, whist, teas, books, tournament fees and paid into club funds after deduction of nominal expenses. Howard confirmed that primary Barlow GT balls had already been purchased and the secondary colour sets will be bought before the next season starts. A generous donation of £1,000 had been left to the croquet section by the late Mrs Kirk. Proposed by Tony Dustan-Smith and seconded by Ron Selmes, the Report was accepted by the meeting.

7. David Baldock gave a vote of thanks to the retiring committee - citing in particular the work done by chairman Gwen Sims and secretary Mary Smith

8. Chairman's Remarks: Retiring chairman Gwen Sims thanked all members of the committee individually for their valued support throughout the year. Ex members Phil and Iris Dwerryhouse were remembered in particular for their considerable contribution toward the revival of Sidmouth croquet many years ago, adding they will be greatly missed. The future however does seem bright with Sidmouth again hosting the Selectors Weekend in the year 2000, plus an additional 'advanced' tournament for handicaps 1-5 and an additional 'internal' tournament for Sidmouth players only, later in the year It is also intended that improvements to the lawn 3 hut will be pursued with possible grant support.

Groundsman Terry Riding was then accepted unanimously as an Honorary Croquet Member of the Section (proposed by Ian Davis and seconded by Tony Dustan-Smith).

9. Election of Officers and Committee: After identifying all that had agreed to stand for election, the new committee were elected en-bloc.

For the record the 1999/2000 committee are: Chairman Sheila Adams, Secretary Mary Smith, Committee Members - David Baldock, Elaine Woodward, Gabby Macadam, Val

Callingham, Howard Quarrell, Vera Henderson- Proposed by Esme Owen and seconded by Pam Clark-

10. Notified Other Business: Mary Smith advised members of the forthcoming South West Federation AGM on Sunday 7th November at The Lansdown Club, Bath.

11. Notices of Future Events: Members were reminded that the Christmas Dinner would be at the Fortfield Hotel and that tickets may be obtained from Val Callingham.

13. Presentation of Trophies: Club President Rex Sims presented the winners with their trophies.

14. A vote of thanks to the President was made on behalf of members and committee by Brian Smith.

Sheila Adams, the newly elected Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed..... Sheila M. Adams .....Chairman. Dated ...17<sup>th</sup> October, 2000.

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## CROQUET SECTION REPORT 1999.

Before the 1999 croquet season began, table tennis and whist proved again a very successful means of keeping most in contact - as well as producing worthwhile funds for the club.

**Advertising for New Members** in February resulted in 40 enquiries. 24 turned up on a sunny February morning to listen to a brief introduction about croquet and to try their hand at hitting a ball in front of the pavilion. Howard meanwhile was worked to a frazzle collecting fees and handing out literature for the intended lessons. A total of 30-completed the 6 lessons in April of which 20 are now members of the club.

**Our thanks go to John Hatherley** for his Laws Refresher on March 18th, though it must be said that support for this and especially the Fun Croquet Quiz on March 25th was very poor. The Spring Lunch, at the Victoria also in March attracted 38-again a poor attendance from a membership of over 100. As way of a change and in the hope of attracting more people, we may try holding it in the pavilion next year

**April** saw much head scratching from the challenges presented by Indoor Coaching. It was fun and we hope a little educational too. Helped by exceptional dry weather, coaching the new intake went very well. Those who were involved will, I am sure, wish to thank coaches Brian, Tony, Valerie, Vera, Sue, Sheila and Elaine, plus Gwynneth and John for their considerable time and effort over this period. This year we have seen two more of our members achieve Coaching status. Well done to Sue Rogers and Elaine Woodward. Further coaching on Thursdays continued throughout May and in June an opportunity for everyone to focus on their own coaching need was made available, with coaching by Tony, Sue and Brian. These 'Fix it' sessions proved very popular and will be repeated next year.

Good weather was not a feature present at the **Fun Day on the Ham**, when Brian and I attempted to advertise croquet on this Rotary Fundraising day - it was a wash out! We were more successful with the Sparkling Wine Evening and Golf Croquet on June 18th, and again at Castle Drogo on 26th where the croquet experience was offered to the public by several of our club members. Perhaps best of all, and again blessed by very good warm weather, was the Fun and Food Evening of August 17th. Lots turned out to enjoy a light-hearted session of croquet games, followed by an excellent buffet in the pavilion.

**Not wishing to take anything away** from the tournament presentation at the end of this meeting, suffice it to say that we have had a most successful season - both at home and away. Before offering congratulations to those who I know have succeeded in 'away' tournaments, could I ask that you to let me know results in writing on your return-otherwise I will remain unaware at times like this, and you will be disappointed. What I do know is: in June Vera won the C Class Cope Cup at Parkstone, Barbara won the Gilbert Spoons in the Veterans at Southwick with partner Ian Scott, and the doubles at Budleigh with partner Lionel Tibble.

Nearer home the West of England Championships at Budleigh in August was also good for Sidmouth with Paul Whittall winning the B Class and I won the D Class (and also the Most Improved Lady award). Later in September - again at Budleigh, Peter Miller reached the final of the main event and David Clarke won a Silver award with Sheila Adams and Elaine Woodward a Bronze, Graham Dodd picked up the Egyptian Event prize.

**Our June Open Tournament** saw all the Class Trophies go to outside' competitors, but we were more successful in the handicap blocks and Egyptian event with Graham Dodd winning both.

The September Open Tournament did see Sidmouth represented in the final when Brian won against John Toye: the second trophy going to David Maddocks of Cumbria. Our thanks go to John Toye for managing this tournament and agreeing to do so next year. Progress in this game is often a struggle for the majority, but some of those who succeeded this year are: An improvement of 3 steps - Jonathan Coombs - from 9 to 6 and Amanda Prowse (from 24 to 18): of 6 steps - Paul Whittall (from 6 to 2.5) and 9 steps - Graham Dodd (from 12 to 4). There were of course many other changes but these were the best of the bunch.

**We have a thriving Goff Croquet membership** in the club and this year all seem to have coped well with the new law changes. Our thanks go to Richard Clark for making the transition so easy with his diagrams and explanations at the beginning of the season.

The Friendly games, home and away against Budleigh Salterton resulted in 2 wins for Sidmouth - a welcome turnaround from previous years when we frequently came second.

Golf Croquet sessions this year have been very well attended and enjoyed by everyone..., and it was nice to see so many enjoying the Fun and Food Evening when Golf Croquet with a difference was the name of the game.

**The South West Federation League** results varied this year with the Intermediates - winning 2 out of 4 games and finishing 3rd overall. The 'B' League team struggled - winning only 1 out of 4 games.

We desperately need more members to join the 'B' team, so if your handicap is 16 or more and you see yourself willing to play in friendly competition with others of similar experience - do tell me or Sheila Adams.

The Federation team on the other hand did very well in winning all 7 games in the final against Nailsea, which was played here at Sidmouth in September. This win entitles us to play in the Secretaries Shield in the year 2000.

Advance Federation is a term we have hitherto not dealt with, but this year, with the improving standard of club play continuing; we did enter a team of 3. On a day of brilliant autumn sunshine mixed with atrocious heavy rain and hail, we lost to Dyffryn 3-2.

**Lawns and their maintenance.** A note of congratulations and thanks goes to our new groundsman Terry Riding for his lawn skills and considerable co-operation throughout the year Terry has adapted very well to his new work on croquet lawns and his ideas and techniques have done much to improve them. A programme of lawn improvement is now underway to level and re-seed all 4 lawns over the winter period - so next year's conditions should be even better.

It is with the encouragement of most members that a good working relationship does exist between our present groundsman and our Section; the consequences being evident to all. His willing apprentices: Howard, Roy and Brian have also done their bit with 48 hoop moves, hoop settings and various lawn repairs carried out throughout the season - often before they were open for use.

**Voluntary Help.** There have been lots of other tasks undertaken by many volunteers this past year, from teas to hut cleaning and, on behalf of the committee, I would like to thank everyone who has been involved. There are always more tasks awaiting, so I would like to call on your good nature again to be on standby for next year's - perhaps to include a keen gardener to improve and maintain the banking around lawn one.

**Where would we be** without Tony and Elaine Hope They have always been there to supply excellent lunches and teas and, to mark that win or loss, a refreshing drink or two at the bar. Thank you both very much.

**The future:** As an addition to the usual programme of Open Events at Sidmouth, we are planning to hold an Advance Level Play tournament for handicaps 1-5 in early April. There will also be a change to the usual format for our June tournament which will involve a mixture of advanced and handicap events. Our thanks go to Ron Selmes for agreeing to manage these two events.

We have again been fortunate in our bid for the Selectors Weekend which will attract some of our country's best to Sidmouth in September - again managed by Ron. And it looks favourite that many of our best players will form the core of Devon's Inter Counties team next year, which will be managed by Brian.

**And finally**, we have decided this year to have our Christmas Dinner at the Fortfield Hotel on Wednesday December 15th. Please see Val for your ticket if you would like to attend.

On behalf of the Committee I would like thank everyone for the support we have enjoyed this year, and hope to see you all on the lawns again in April.

SIDMOUTH C.T.C.H.C. CROQUET SECTION

CASH FLOW STATEMENT 3/11/98 – 1/10/99

Income

Bal. in hand	£ 18.45
Table tennis	£ 224.13
Whist	£ 38.17
Visitors/Library	£ 116.85
Training, Beg. & Int. Course	£ 535.00
Teas & Odd Sales (Laws etc)	£ 153.57
Tournaments Int. & Ext.	£ 980.00
Spring Lunch	£ 551.00
Sparkling Wine Eve.	£ 490.00
Refund from Rotary Club	£ 15.00
Total	<u>£ 3433.13</u>

Outgoings

Misc. (Phone, Postage, Prizes, ect)	£ 209.76
Tea, coffee, milk ect.	£ 42.69
Paid into Club Funds	£ 3147.33
Total	<u>£ 3399.78</u>

Cash in hand 1/10/99 £ 33.39