

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 20th November 2000.

Present: Sheila Adams, Val Callingham, Ian Davis, Vera Henderson, Gabby Macadam, Howard Quarrell, Sue Rogers, Dorothy Rotas.

Apologies: none

Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

Matters Arising:

Item 3 - Discussion about proposed subscription increase from £90 now, to £108 for 2001. It was remarked that at present our social facilities had decreased.

Secretary's Report: none

Chairman's Report:

Management committee: a) subscription cheque to be made out to SIDMOUTH CTCH CLUB and sent to Sheila Adams; b) cleaning of pavilion at present is being done by Jill Riding; c) outside repairs to pavilion and fencing are required (John Palmer); d) underground car park discussions continue - there would have to be a (£27,500) feasibility study, Tourism/Transport committee say it is not viable for possibly 5 weeks high use by cars and at other times probably a 'playground' for cyclists and skateboarders etc, the ground trustees have the ultimate veto, and although this appears a 'non-starter' it is 'wait and see'.

Members' Reports:

VERA had attended the South West AGM, she has a copy of the new rules and possible Wharrad turn changes; the minutes will be displayed in the mallet room when they are received.

Cricket dates for 2001 have been received from Rex Sims. VAL has sold 70 tickets for the lunch on December 11th.

The spring lunch will be on March 22nd 2001 (to be confirmed) at the Belmont Hotel, a draft menu was approved - the cost to be £15.50

IAN has spoken with David Baldock who will let Ian have spare Booking Sheets; David says he does not wish to be involved with the publicity.

Any Other Business:

1. AGM will be Tuesday 30th October-2001 at 6pm.
2. Indoor refresher training: Friday 2nd February & Thursday 8th March, both 10 am. – 12 md.
3. Meeting for potential new members - Saturday 10th February 10am.- 12 md. Posters needed for library etc and advert in local paper.
4. Lawns open at Terry's discretion, suggested March 24th if possible.
5. Golf Croquet sessions to start on April 30th.
6. SW Golf Croquet tournament 2001 - request had been received from Bryan Judson re Sidmouth hosting this. Discussion previously with Don Waterhouse had resulted in us not participating in 2001.
7. Discussion took place re lower handicap limit for club golf croquet tournaments.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 8th January 2001, in the Pavilion.

SIG: Sheila M. Adams
DATE: 8th January 2001

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Present: Sheila Adams, Vera Henderson, Gabby Macadam, Howard Quarrell, Sue Rogers, Dorothy Rotas.

Apologies: Val Callingham, Ian Davis.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

Matters Arising: a) Any Other Business - item 2 should read '...Friday 16th Feb..'

Secretary's Report:

1) Notice received from the SW Federation re a meeting to be held on Sunday 28th January at 2 p.m. at Budleigh Salterton with the Chairman of the CA - Don Gaunt. Names to be submitted by 15.1.01 2) Budleigh Salterton had sent a copy of their first newsletter.

Chairman's Report:

1) Noted that since the previous meeting Phil Dwerryhouse and Len Sage have died. 2) Howard will represent Sheila at the next Management Meeting. 3) Sheila confirmed that Ian Davis had resigned. Following discussion it was recommended that Sheila approach other members to fill the committee vacancy, (Bob Symes, Martin McInerney, Ron Whitlam or Ian Friedlander). If unsuccessful David Baldock would be asked to do 'publicity & booking sheets'. It was noted that if people are unwilling to stand for the committee, in due course there would be no effective croquet club.

Members' Reports:

Howard has only ten booklets for new players. He will contact the CA for more, will ask about new rule books, and secondary-colour clips. Leaflets about croquet need to have the secretary, name and telephone number altered, Howard will organise this. Discussion took place about corner flags and hoop setting.

Vera has managed to fix most of the tournament dates and Will produce a list for Sue and Howard, and others if required.

Any Other Business:

1) Spring Lunch - Gabby & Sue had visited local hotels for menus & information. The committee decided to go to The Salston Hotel on Wednesday 21st March, for their advertised Buffet, costing £13.75. Also 75p to be added for service charge totalling £14.50. A limit of 65 places would be available, for playing members only. It was agreed that if Brian Smith is asked to produce tickets, he is re-imbursed from the petty cash. Gabby would confirm with The Salston, and make contact with the other hotels visited, to be taken off their list.

2) The refresher sessions on 16/2 and 8/3 should include laws, table-tasks, etiquette and question/answer sessions. Sue will talk to Brian about it. Gabby (and Val) will arrange refreshments.

3) Meeting of potential new players to take place on Saturday 10th February. Advertisements to the Sidmouth Herald and the library. Gabby would arrange for free coffee and biscuits. All committee members and coaches should attend. After coaching completed all members would have the opportunity to meet with new members on Wednesday 9th May at 6 p.m.

4) The last table tennis this spring will be on March 28th.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 5th February, at 9.30a.m. in the

SIG: Sheila M. Adams
DATE: 5th February 2001.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 5th February 2001

Present: Sheila Adams, Ian Friedlander, Vera Henderson, Gabby Macadam, Howard Quarrell, Sue Rogers, Dorothy Rotas.

Apologies: Val Callingham.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

Matters Arising:

1. Ian Friedlander was welcomed to the committee to replace Ian Davis.
2. The SW meeting for January 28th had been cancelled.

Secretary's Report:

1. Refresher sessions had been confirmed by Brian Smith; various table-tasks for Feb 16th, and John Hatherley would talk about the changes in the laws on March 8th.
2. Iris Dwerryhouse had given Sue details of Phil's involvement with croquet, for a tribute to be printed in the CA gazette. This has been sent to the editor.
3. A letter had been circulated from a cricket spectator about non-spectators walking across the corner of the field during cricket matches; This will again be brought to the notice of croquet players.

Chairman's Report:

- Howard had attended the management meeting instead of Sheila.
1. Terry and John Palmer will continue to improve the lawn surroundings, especially around lawn 3.
 2. New solicitor needs to be appointed via trustees.
 3. Letter received re not accepting overnight stays during folk-festival week was discussed.
 4. Advertisement in local paper for a caterer; Terry will continue to work as barman.

Members' Reports:

Vera has been in contact with Ray Ransom and David Purdon for possible improvers' coaching, and David has agreed to come to Sidmouth for a day. Date to be confirmed. Vera has had SW league fixtures confirmed; also she will produce a notice for members to sign if they are willing to give teaching games to beginners. Howard stated that the white bench by lawn 3 hut is beyond repair and as Pam Sage would like to give a seat in memory of Len, it would be an ideal replacement. Betty Hills has two unwanted wooden seats, and Howard would be prepared to arrange for their removal to the grounds if wanted.

Howard confirmed that club mallets (with an orange strip) are kept in lawn 3 hut, and only personal ones in the mallet room; 2nd year players should buy their own; mallets will hopefully be sorted on Saturday 10th Feb. Howard had purchased new rule books to be given to all trainers, (referees have received theirs from the CA), he will sell to CA members for £4 and non-CA members for £6 (as advised by the CA); he will also order 2 golf croquet rule books.

Ian has placed notices re Feb 10th around the town, and will see if we can get an advertisement into the 'what's on' section of the paper. He now has the booking sheets to prepare.

Gabby has already sold many tickets for the Spring Lunch. Dorothy explained that she had taken the advertisement to the Herald offices 2 weeks before we would have liked

the first printing; the office staff were not helpful. She will follow this up with the editor on his return from holiday next week.

Sheila confirmed that most membership subscriptions have been paid.

Any Other Business:

1. Golf croquet to commence Monday 30th April; club afternoons to commence Monday 7th May.
2. Club tournament handicap limits to be non-flexible.
3. CA tournaments - April, June, September - entries are being received. It was noted that a charity coffee morning has been arranged for 13th February, Sheila will investigate.
4. Catering for CA tournaments will have to be sorted. Suggested that Val arranges a working party to discuss this, especially for the April tournament, and possibly for club tournaments also.
5. Sparkling wine evening arranged for Friday 15th June. Val to discuss at a later meeting. No decision made with regard to 'fun & food'.
6. Meeting for potential new members, Saturday 10th February, discussed. Coffee organised by Gabby and helpers for 30 people. Sheila asked that we be at the pavilion by 9.30 a.m. Howard will arrange for outside hoops etc.
7. Mallets from Phil Dwerryhouse given to the club, (if sold, donations to the club).

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 12th March, at 9.30 a.m. in the pavilion.

SIG: Sheila M. Adams

DATE: 12th March 2001

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on March 12th 2001.

Present: Sheila Adams, Ian Friedlander, Vera Henderson, Gabby Macadam, Howard Quarrell, Sue Rogers, Dorothy Rotas.

Apologies: Val Callingham.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

Matters Arising:

The wooden seats belonging to Betty Hills have now been sold privately.

AOB 3. The coffee morning is to be held on April 13th, not in - February! Sheila has spoken with the organiser about the croquet match, they have reached an amicable solution. The date was fixed earlier but not put in diary, (there was no reference to anyone)

Secretary's Report:

Sue had received a letter from Brian Smith re the new badge design which could be incorporated into a sweater, through a firm in Suffolk. Derek Hewett has contact with the firm. The 2" diameter computer produced badge cost £20. A decision was made, that until the total price of the sweater is known we cannot order a sample. Sue will contact Derek re prices.

Chairman's Report:

1. Catering - the only applicant was interviewed on March 7th, and will commence work on April 9th. In Val's absence, Sheila will liaise with Rex Sims re our requirements.
2. Most croquet subscriptions have now been received.

Members' Reports:

VERA The dates of the September tournament are 15th/16th not as previously listed. Before tournaments begin the rules re length of game etc must be established, e.g. Doubles – 3 hours, 22 point.

A book is to be produced to complement/explain the new laws book, probably in 2002!

Request that the names of those entering 'day' internal tournaments are given to the organisers as soon as possible after April 9th.

HOWARD List produced to show dates of tournaments and lawn requirements. Terry cannot open the lawns before March 31st due to the weather conditions. He has painted the hoops in readiness. 20 law books have been given to trainers and put in the mallet room and hut - only 7 others have been sold to date! £795.50 has been received for 55 tickets for the Spring Lunch on March 21st.

DOROTHY has received a few forms for internal tournaments - she will give the money to Howard.

IAN will be putting the first booking sheets out on Wednesday next.

GABBY will contact The Salston Hotel on Monday 19th to confirm the final number for the 21st (55 to date). We are to have The Grace, and a toast to the Queen, who is Patron of the Croquet Association. John Hatherley will help with the new Golf-Croquet rules. The catering sub-committee, arranged by Val, was told that there was a lack of volunteers. It was suggested that each person on our membership list be approached in turn.

Any Other Business:

1. Sparkling Wine evening 15th June. Sue has list of food requirements.
 2. Club afternoons - organisers arranged for May.
 3. Golf Croquet handicapping information given to Gabby.
 4. Golf Croquet championship to be played at Budleigh Salterton June 11-15.
 5. Handicap committee members should be 'around' more to watch play. A third person is needed and various names were suggested After discussion it was suggested that a new committee be formed. To be confirmed at next meeting, following approach to a few people.
 6. 16 people from the 2000 membership were no longer re-joining this year.
 7. It was stated that some charitable organisations have had requests turned down when they have asked to have a fund-raising event in the Pavilion. Others have been approved. Perhaps this could be discussed with the Management Committee please?
- Date of Next Meeting: April 9th 2001 at 9.30 am. in the Pavilion.

SIG: Sheila M. Adams.

DATE: 9th April, 2001

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 9th April.

Present: Sheila Adams, Val Callingham, Ian Friedlander, Vera Henderson, Gabby Macadam, Howard Quarrell, Sue Rogers, Dorothy Rotas.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

Secretary's Report:

SUE had received information re coaching for 'improvers' from David Purdon; some people had shown interest, and notification is in the mallet room. Also dates for the High Handicap tournament at Parkstone are in the mallet room. Derek has loaned a brochure re the sweaters (Minutes 12/3); it would be useful to see his sweater before buying, but no-one very keen at present.

Chairman's Report:

1. SHEILA had attended management meeting: tennis courts have a new tarmac surface, payment from club funds as only a small loan, unless there is specific fund-raising. (5K required).
2. SW Junior Cricket League to be given £100 towards their funding.
3. The newly appointed caterer, Mrs Jarrold, will commence duties on April 13th.
4. Two people had still not paid their subscription for this year; Sue to write, to request payment by the end of April.

Members' Reports:

DOROTHY has collated the internal tournament entries, just over £300 approximately, received. She and Sheila will do the blocks; and give names for other tournaments to Vera as soon as possible.

IAN has updated/clarified booking sheets. Report on weekend tournament to the local paper.

HOWARD paid £780 for the meal at the Salston Hotel. Some unable to attend did not want money returned - this to club funds. Grounds available for weekend tournament, not before. Lawn 2 will be available for coaching from Tuesday 17th; other lawns at Terry's discretion.

GABBY has had a number of complaints from some people re the Salston meal; despite other favourable comments she will not organise future social events.

VERA will arrange referees for League matches, teas will be £2.50 each. New rules for Wharrad turns are in the SWAN and the Gazette. A list is available for helpers for learning games, 8 people have entered the intermediate tournament, games will be 2½ hours. VAL has made arrangements for coffee for the players at the weekend, and for league matches. Lunches for club matches to be investigated. Re Sparkling Wine evening- people bringing food should do so at the start of the evening; Sue has a copy of the list for the amount of food, for Val.

Any Other Business:

1. Handicap committee - the following names had been suggested: Iris Dwerryhouse, Vera and Sue. After discussion this was agreed. Sheila to inform Brian.
2. 'Fun and Food' Val to ask if Mrs Jarrold can do this in August.
3. Tournaments 2002 - April not generally supported by the committee; keeping the same dates for the June tournament will coincide with half-term in 2002, (Queen's

Jubilee Holiday); look into moving it to the next week. Form for CA to be completed soon.

4. Bank Holiday coffee morning 28th May. We will be doing plants and cakes again; volunteers wanted!

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 21st May at 9.15 a.m. at 'Peaksides', Cotmaton Road, (Sheila's).

SIG: Sheila M. Adams
DATE: 21st May, 2001

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 21st May 2001.

Present: Sheila Adams, Val Callingham, Vera Henderson, Gabby Macadam, Howard Quarrell, Sue Rogers, Dorothy Rotas.

Apologies: Ian Friedlander.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

Secretary's Report:

SUE had received a letter from Castle Drogo inviting us to their annual summer fete on June 23rd, to play croquet. A reply would be sent that owing to the short notice no-one was free to attend. There are 15 new members this year.

A request, (in the mallet room from April), 'for volunteer hut cleaners' has had no response yet.

Chairman's Report:

Sheila at recent meeting of management committee;

1. The chairman would like to know of volunteers to help with aspects of maintenance, secretarial, teas etc.
2. Successful Cancer Research Coffee morning, no payment to club.
3. Treasurer requests more fund raising is pursued.

Members' Reports:

VERA requested clarification for the cost of lunches at tournaments. A Federation match v. Exeter is to be played on Tuesday, the Intermediate match v. Kingston Maurward on 13/5 was won by Sidmouth, 3:2. Vera showed a sweatshirt with the new badge the badge can be obtained separately. Gabby volunteered to look into prices for bulk orders of both, and order when appropriate.

VAL will put up list for food for Sparkling Wine evening; no sweets. There will be 75 tickets at £5 each, (Howard would like cost to be more, but he was out-voted). Val will see Rex and Jane re our catering requirements; Jane has had non-players demanding food, leaving little for competitors for whom food was requested. Request for some fresh fruit. 20-25 people will attend June tournament dinner on June 6th.

HOWARD finds he is usually alone to do the hoops. Either more people to be taught, or hoops may not be set for every match.

DOROTHY will be helping at the cake stall on Bank-holiday Monday. No further action on internal tournaments at present.

Any Other Business:

1. Club coffee morning - Sheila, Val and Howard will be organising fun games.
2. Coaching - none yet arranged; if people are not seen to be practising, coaching will be irrelevant. Sue to ask Brian
3. Club afternoons arranged for June: 11th - Val; 18th - Sue; 25th - Sheila.
4. Tournament arrangements: Shot game - all committee;
Golf croquet - Gabby (and Mary); Ladder - Sheila and Dorothy;
One-ball - Dorothy (and Iris).

5. Handicaps: CA have said to use Automatic Handicap System for all games (5 points +/- for 14 point games), we are affiliated to CA so will obey their rules, but some members are not happy with this. Sue was unhappy that the Devonian was being played off a base, i.e. bisques for all. Players with h'cap 18 and many years' experience would have a further unfair advantage.

6. Fun and food date to be arranged.

7. Grass bins were offensive when full, they were costly to maintain, and some were being used for paper rubbish.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 19th June at 9.15 am. at 'Peaksides' Cotmaton Road, (Sheila's).

Sig. 
Date. 19.6.2001

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Tuesday June 19th 2001.

Present: Ian Friedlander, Vera Henderson, Gabby Macadam, Sue Rogers, Dorothy Rotas.

Apologies: Sheila Adams, Val Callingham, Howard Quarrell.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

Matters Arising:

Handicaps-AOB 5- Vera had also said she was unhappy with Devonian participants playing off a base.

Secretary's Report:

SUE has written to John Beech re a replacement tournament Barlow black ball for the one that is blistering.

Letters had been received from: 1) Betty Hills re the handicapping system (previously discussed), and the ladder game. 2) David Haslam with thanks for hosting the June tournament.

Sue had had a request from local solicitors/estate agents re a social evening of croquet; but it was not possible to arrange a mutually convenient date. They will make earlier contact next year if they wish to play.

Members' Reports:

VERA The SW Federation Parkstone Qualifier match, June 21st, was cancelled due to the unavailability of a team, and re-scheduled for August 12th.

There were some complaints re the state of the lawns especially 3&4 at the June tournament. We should consider the next step now if they are to be levelled, and not wait to hear about a lottery grant. Tony Dustan-Smith had suggested we form a working party a.s.a.p. If work started in Sept/Oct would they be ready for next season; or start in 2002? The cost could be in the region of £12K Vera is concerned about the composition of the 2001/02 committee; many of the club members will not stand again, and others do not appear interested.

We need to gather information now re the format of matches for next year; June tournament dates? (BH a week later in 2002), and revert to the original format? Fixture book details needed soon.

IAN Reports of croquet to local paper; Graham will let Ian have report re June tournament, (does Sheila have photos?).

Ian queried whether there would be another 'doubles' match this year for beginners. 'Rules' should be defined before this is arranged.

GABBY had sold 45 tickets for the Sparkling Wine evening. The food and wine would be at lawn 3, unless it was raining.

Any Other Business:

1. Fun and Food from 4.00 pm. on Wednesday 19th September. Date clarified with Jane who will provide light refreshments - Val will discuss.

2. Jane is away on August 6th, NO tea following shot game unless we arrange it.

Jane is away on Sunday 5th August, (Parkstone Qualifier match) tea will have to be provided by members - organised by Val.

3. Club afternoons - Shot game practice 25/6 and 23/7 – all committee to help please.
July 2nd - Ian; July 9th - Sheila; July 16th - Howard; July 30th - Dorothy.

4. Coaching for new members - Wednesdays in July. See notice boards for details. Also for 'B' league players.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 24th July at 9.15am.in the Pavilion

Sheila M. Adams 24th July, 2001

CROQUET REPORT 2001

Fifteen new members joined the croquet section this year. The initial lessons in April-May were very much affected by unusually wet and cold conditions, but they and the coaches proved to have incredible stamina! There was some further coaching for newer players in July, and some have availed themselves of games with more experienced players.

We now have over 100 members, many of whom have played in internal and external competitions. (At the time of writing we still have two months of the season ahead of us so results are generally unavailable). Most competitors would say they had had a good game regardless of winning, but congratulations will be due to the winners. Congratulations too for the many personal achievements that were made in non-competitive games.

Our League Tournaments are played at Sidmouth and other venues in the South West. We have hosted two 'open' tournaments and have a third in mid-September. We also have 'home and away' friendly games with our nearest rivals at Budleigh Salterton.

We are honoured to have been chosen by the Croquet Association to host one of their prestigious events 'The Barlow Bowl' at the end of August. This is between the six best lady players in the country; as yet Sidmouth are not eligible! We were treated to delightful examples of tactics and expertise by advanced level players, who appreciated their visit to Sidmouth.

Over the winter the lawns will receive a rest and some treatment, so as to enable them to be ready for the start of the next playing season. Prospective new players are invited to make contact early next year in order to commence training in April.

However, throughout the year the croquet section has a variety of events, some open to the whole club, to help with the club funds. Support received from members is appreciated by the committee, all of whom give a lot of time to work hard for the successful running of the section.

Sue Rogers,

Hon.Sec. Croquet Section.

28 – 7 – 00

(Request from Carol Symes for September newsletter)

Minutes of Committee Meeting held On Tuesday 24th July 2001

Present: Sheila Adams, Val Elliott, Vera Henderson, Gabby Macadam, Sue Rogers.

Apologies: Ian Friedlander, Howard Quarrell, Dorothy Rotas.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed

Matters Arising: None

Secretary's Report:

SUE had received the '2001 Directory of Associates and Member Clubs' from the CA, together with information re Golden Jubilee celebrations for June 1-4 2002. The CA informs that within the next 12 months a new headquarters has to be found instead of that at Hurlingham, all ideas will be looked at.

The Barlow Bowl tournament will be from Friday 24th - Monday 27th August inclusive; 6 players; 3 lawns required. Graham Dodd will be manager.

A replacement black Barlow ball has been received from John Beech as requested.

A letter and AGM minutes has been received from East Devon Sports Council. Is there a club representative? Does the croquet section have to belong individually? To be discussed at management.

Chairman's Report:

SHEILA reported that the EDDC are responsible for sorting out the 'puddle' outside the pavilion.

The bank holiday coffee morning will be held as usual on Bank Holiday Monday, 27th August. We are asked to support this as usual.

The problem of the grass bins is being looked into.

Catering - in the absence of a caterer each section has been asked to look after their own needs. (The cricketers are supplied with plated sandwiches/cake at £3).

Members' Reports:

GABBY reported a successful day for the Golf Croquet at Budleigh Salterton. A return date is yet to be notified.

VERA has received comments about internal tournaments, which will be discussed by the next committee; suggestions from members should be in writing please! Refunds will be given to those who entered the Intermediate tournament which was cancelled due to lack of support.

Dates for the Parkstone Qualifier tournaments are confirmed as August 5th, 8th (home) and 12th (away).

The Dorothy Toye final has not yet been played.

HOWARD (in his absence), The CA is undecided about the future of the Barlow balls - not as good as anticipated; we will wait before ordering new ones, meanwhile those used for internal tournaments have been checked - we now have 4 good sets in use.

The hoops will be re-set for the Barlow Bowl tournament, meanwhile they will stay in situ - rabbit runs and all!!

DOROTHY (in her absence), will arrange for sufficient people to set up for the Shot Game tournament on 6th August; she will check the blocks for completion of games for

the ongoing tournaments; contact Iris re arrangements for the One Ball tournaments and check the list of helpers for the car parking during the folk festival.

VAL has spoken with the Salty Monk owners who can supply lunches for £10 minimum. She has also contacted Wendy Jackson (Turtle Herbs), and is arranging with them to provide lunches/teas for 24-27 August and 15-16 September. Wendy will liaise with Pam Sage re the coffee morning.

Any Other Business:

1. Fun and Food - Wednesday 19th September. Food will be provided by Turtle Herbs, in the pavilion after the 'fun'. Val will ask Brian for tickets and a poster. £5 per person. Games to be organised.
2. Dates of the AGM are posted up in mallet room and lawn 3 hut.
3. Some money has been taken from an envelope in the mallet room, the door should be shut when no-one is in there.
4. Open tournaments: a letter was received from Graham Dodd; Vera, Sue and Sheila to discuss format for 2002.
5. Two club afternoons in August: 13th - Sheila; 20th - Sue.
6. Coaching for 2000/2001 during July has been successful; others would like to have had something organised.
7. Car parking for folk festival: only those 'on duty' or visiting competitors may park free of charge. (Sheila will clarify with club chairman, due to dismay registered by committee).
8. Finals to be played 1st, 2nd, 4th September; Dorothy will arrange the order depending on the finalists. Sheila will check re Dorothy Toye finalists.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 21st August, 9.15am.in the pavilion

Sheila M. Adams.
21-8-01

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 21st August 2001.

Present: Sheila Adams, Val Elliott, Ian Friedlander, Howard Quarrell, Sue Rogers, Dorothy Rotas.

Apologies: Vera Henderson, Gabby Macadam.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

Matters Arising: Tickets for 'Fun & Food' will be £6.75 not £5.

Secretary's Report: no correspondence received.

Chairman's Report: Sheila reported that approx £,7000 had been raised from the car-parking during the Folk Festival. This will augment the general club funds. A letter of thanks had been received from Brian Drake (organiser) to the croquet members who had helped. (Concessions for members next year?).

The first 100 Club' draw would take place on Oct 12th. John Palmer now doing the cleaning.

Members' Reports:

IAN said that some Golf Croquet players had complained about matches on golf-croquet allocated days. This had only been when there had to be re-arrangements, and Ian had tried to explain this. One lawn available on Friday 24th and Monday 27th August.

HOWARD had been involved in removing all hoops and pegs prior to the Caribbean evening; labelled in order to be returned correctly the following day. One member asked that thanks be recorded to Howard for replacing them early on the Sunday. All the hoops and the peg that had been taken earlier have been returned.

Howard and Brian had re-set the hoops on Friday morning in readiness for the Barlow Bowl tournament.

VAL confirmed that 'Turtle Herbs' would be doing a restricted number of lunches during the Barlow Bowl tournament; and also for 15/16 Sept. Val will need helpers as they can provide, but not serve on the 15th. Liz Dibble is now having overall charge of catering with Jackie doing meals under her direction. She thinks there are some things, not specified, missing from the kitchen. Fun & Food - tickets are available from Val - helpers required.

Golf Croquet participants, 28/29 August, must provide own lunch, - the bar will be open, also tea/coffee at end of day. Val will put up a notice.

DOROTHY has arranged finals days as possible, (some finalists unable to manage every day) see list; to check for referees. Humphrey Hicks final to be played on Mon 27th Aug, from 1pm.

VERA (in her absence) sent notes: a) League matches: consider withdrawing from the Parkstone Trophy, no team since John Toye & Paul Whittall unavailable; Inters just failed to be in finals; all matches now completed. b) analysis of those who played in League matches - when opposition known people chosen for their handicap and ability. c) Finals dates were inaccurately posted, rules for playing should be the same for all tournaments.

Any Other Business:

1. Information for AGM will be notified early September, for 6 wks.
2. Civic Service on Sept 9th, Gwen to be asked to represent us.

3. Sue suggested that craft 'croquet players' be given as memento to Barlow Bowl players, sample shown, Unanimous agreement that this would be funded from Croquet petty cash, six at £5.45 each. Sue will arrange to collect them before Monday.

Dates of Next Meetings: THURSDAY 20th September, and MONDAY 15th October, both at 9.15 am. in the Pavilion.

Sheila M. Adams
20-9-01

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Thursday 20th September 2001

Present: Sheila Adams, Vera Henderson, Gabby Macadam, Sue Rogers, Dorothy Rotas.

Apologies: Val Elliott, Ian Friedlander, Howard Quarrell.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

Secretary's Report: Sue had received letter-s from the CA: a) fixture calendar 2002;. b) bids for CA tournaments 2003/04.

SW Federation information re AGM on November 4th at the Lansdown Club, Bath;
assistant referee course at Parkstone on October 14th;
holiday in Austria in 2002.

Information re the last three on the notice board.

Sue referred to the Weekend Tournament, 15/16 Sept: comments were received that guest supporters/players from other lawns, had been using the seats on lawns 1 & 3 - their conversation and smoking had been distracting and should not be accepted next year.

Chairman's Report: Sheila reported from the previous meeting:

- a) Club AGM will be on Sunday 16th December at 10 am.
- b) Pavilion hiring to be re-assessed.
- c) Pavilion repairs - roof ridges need replacing at approx £3K, (also those on the hut on lawn 3); alarms need to be linked - £1500; outside staircase and balcony need repair.
- d) croquet subscriptions not increased in 2002.
- e) Turtle Herbs catering will be doing 'functions' for the remainder of the year.
- f) the 'lottery progress' is to be investigated.

Members' Reports:

SHEILA reported the Barlow Bowl tournament had been successful and letters of thanks to all, had been received. She is aware that some visitors have not had lawn fees paid - visitors may play at booked sessions but to be discouraged from joining in group sessions, as there are many members at these already. This applies to both golf and association croquet.

VERA League matches: Parkstone trophy to continue in 2002; the last B league match was won by Sidmouth; Federation level did well. (The new material club badges are not wanted by the majority of the members' John Toye will do some coaching next year (not beginners); David Clarke to be encouraged to do coaching course next year.

DOROTHY asked for list of winners/runners-up of tournaments.

GABBY reported that the friendly Golf Croquet last week had been won by Budleigh 10-6. Tea had been provided by the helpers.

She enquired whether Table-tennis would be open to members' friends as well as club members?

Any Other Business:

1. Table-tennis to be for playing members (only) as there are many who wish to play; it was decided to try a separate day for a 'social coffee morning' as there is not a lot of room for too many non-t.t players. Table-tennis would start on Wednesday 24th October;

the cost would be 50p inclusive of coffee and playing. Coffee morning to start on Tuesday 23rd October (every 4th Tuesday), coffee/biscuits - 30p.

2. Whist to commence on Thursday 18th October, (other dates - 15/11; 13/12; 17/1; 14/2; 14/3). For past and present croquet members only at present. A letter had been received from Mary Smith asking if consideration should be given to opening this to all club members - this was rejected, but could be reconsidered.
3. Christmas lunch was booked for December 20th at the Bedford Hotel; a list is available for members to sign to ascertain support.
4. It was proposed that John Webber (retired member) be asked to present the trophies at the AGM. Sue will ask John.
5. A list of new equipment to be purchased had been produced Sheila and met with approval. The equipment inventory will then be appropriately amended.
6. All personal mallets should be removed from the pavilions at the end of the season.
7. Lawns 1 & 2 would be closed from 24th September, and 3 & 4 from the end of October. Much discussion ensued as this was thought to be far too early. Terry has had to order fertilizer etc for the tennis lawn and cricket pitch for this to be done at the same time. Terry is still working from recommendations produced some years previously by Jonathan Coombs, and should be updated for next year please.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 15th October at 9.30am;

to be followed by committee lunch at The Bedford Hotel.

Sheila M. Adams
15.10.01

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Monday 15th October 2001.

Present: Sheila Adams, Val Elliott, Ian Friedlander, Vera Henderson, Gabby Macadam, Howard Quarrell, Sue Rogers,

Apologies: Dorothy Rotas.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

Matters Arising:

- a) From Vera's report: it was Gabby who had said that new material badges were not required by golf croquet players.
- b) Sheila had produced the equipment list for Graham Dodd. c) Discussion re price for table-tennis; to revert to that charged previously (see AOB 1).

Secretary's Report: Sue reported the following:

- a) The SW Federation AGM would be at 10.30 am. on November 4th. The agenda had been received, but no-one was able to attend this year
- b) Form received re the league matches for 2002 - given to Vera.
- c) Fixture book entries had been sent to CA.
- d) Letter received from Axe Valley Community College re sports introduction - decided this was too far for the pupils, and Lym Valley Croquet Club was suggested.
- e) Tickets for the Christmas lunch, 20.12.01, would be available after the AGM from Sue. Terry and Jill to be given an invitation.
- f) Notices up-re taking home personal mallets at end of season.

Chairman's Report: no management meeting.

Members' Reports:

VERA said the corner flags and pegging-down forms were not readily available for SW Inter Finals. Must always be kept in the same place; cannot be left out because of theft; next year home captains will receive revised guidelines to include checking that flags are removed from the lawns.

VAL did not appreciate phone call from Liz Dibble a week after Fun & Food evening, asking her to remove stale food.

GABBY had been asked re indoor croquet: she will pursue this. She offers to assist with next year's croquet sessions.

HOWARD was aware that not all people paid for table-tennis/coffee Judging by numbers present, the money was short.

Any Other Business:

- 1) AGM arrangements: a) AOB items received from Val, and Iris. Sue to ask Iris to send hers for discussion for next committee. b) There will be a ballot at AGM as 8 names for 6 committee places If no nomination for secretary this is to be announced at the beginning to ask for a volunteer. Discussion for appointing 7 for the committee with one to be given the job of secretary, but this cannot be done without changing the constitution, and the members must have notice of this.
- c) Howard will organise a box for donations to Terry as groundsman
- d) Dorothy contacting all present trophy holders to remind them to return (cleaned) trophies immediately before the AGM, or earlier if they will not be present.

e) Committee members asked to be at pavilion by 5.30 pm. There is bridge until 5pm; Sue will speak to Iris re finishing time, and to Terry re possibly moving tables.

2) Val confirmed that supplies of biscuits/tea/coffee/sugar were available. We are allowed to use the kitchen for our events.

3) Ian reported a broken hoop from lawn 3, now in hut.

NO FURTHER COMMITTEE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED PRIOR TO THE AGM

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CROQUET SECTION
HELD ON TUESDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2001 AT 6.00 P.M. IN THE PAVILION

The Chairman, Sheila Adams, opened the meeting by welcoming the 55 members present and the Club Chairman (Derek Hewett). All were asked to stand for a minute to remember those who had died during the previous 12 months: (Len Sage, Helen Cox, Gerry Peachey & John Carver; and retired members - Phil Dwerryhouse & Allan Harding).

Apologies for absence were received from Nick Carter, Valerie Collier, Hugh & Doreen Cross, John & Alsia Dixon, Tony Dustan-Smith, Gloria Evans, Betty Hills, Peter Hills, Larry & Margaret Hooper, Martin & Jo McInerney, Peter Miller, Muriel Philpott, Hazel Ruberry, Gwen Sims, Janet Webber.

The Chairman reminded members that the minutes of the, AGM 17th October 2000 had been on the notice board for 6 weeks from September 1st 2001, and asked that they be taken as read. Proposed by Sheila Blenkinsop, seconded by Brian Smith unanimously approved, the minutes were signed.

The Committee's report was read by the Secretary, Sue Rogers, outlining some of the activities over the past year. After their coaching, 15 members had joined the section this year; the Barlow Bowl had been contested over 4 days in August; social events had been well supported and volunteers were thanked for their contributions to the croquet section.

Adoption of the report was proposed by Barbara Jennings, seconded by Rena Berriman and unanimously approved.

The cash flow statement for the past year was well explained by Howard Quarrell, who then answered the questions put to him.

A vote of thanks to the Committee was proposed by Doreen O'Hara and endorsed by the meeting.

The Chairman thanked Doreen for her remarks, and expressed her own thanks to each of the members of the committee for their work and commitment over the past year. Val Elliott, Gabby Macadam, Howard Quarrell, Sue Rogers, Dorothy Rotas and herself were not standing for re-election.

The Chairman thanked Brian Smith and Howard Quarrell for setting the hoops for tournaments, and the coaches for their work over the year, and also thanked many others including the volunteers. She also mentioned the successful Sparkling Wine and Fun & Food evenings, and hoped we would have similar events in 2002.

Thanks were also expressed to Terry Riding for the time and care he lavishes on the lawns; many compliments have been received over the season from visiting players.

The South West Federation AGM was mentioned by the Secretary. It will be held on Sunday 4th November at The Lansdown Club, Bath. The Chairman of the CA, Don Gaunt, will be speaking.

Unfortunately, no-one is able to represent Sidmouth, which means there is no 'voice' from us this year. Sue hoped that next year there would be more interest, as discussion there can affect the croquet in the South West.

Election of the new Committee:

CHAIRMAN - Tony Dustan-Smith. No other nomination.

Majority agreement; one against; 2 abstentions.

SECRETARY - Jo McInerney. No other nomination.

Majority agreement; 2 abstentions.

The nominations confirmed for the COMMITTEE were Graham Dodd, Ian Friedlander, Vera Henderson, Martin McInerney 2 abstentions, Elaine Woodward - one against, 3 abstentions. There was no other nomination for a sixth person.

Any Other Business:

1. Val Elliott thanked the people who had helped her with the catering arrangements throughout the year.
2. Iris Dwerryhouse a) suggested informing the committee about ideas etc, instead of whispering in the background. b) reminded everyone that rules of play were in the books provided through the CA. c) dates for internal tournament entries should be revised. Iris was asked to let the new committee have these comments.
3. On behalf of all new members, Maureen Turner thanked the coaches for their teaching and encouragement, and all members for their welcome and friendliness throughout the year.
4. Helen Pryor asked if there was any ruling about players not smoking on the lawns. This is up to the players concerned at the time; smokers should be aware that they may be causing distress /anxiety to others.

A few notices were given, including reading an E-mail from the newly elected Chairman in which he thanked the outgoing committee for their work. He would be returning from holiday in December; also details were given about the Christmas lunch on December 20th. The menu and application forms are now available.

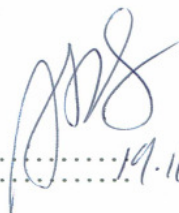
A collection was made as a gift for the groundsman, Terry Riding.

The Chairman invited John Webber (retired member) to present the trophies. After the presentations Sheila Blenkinsop thanked John Webber for attending, and obviously enjoying himself.

In the absence of the newly appointed chairman Sheila Adams closed the meeting.

SMR. 30.10.01

SIGNATURE.....
DATE.....


19.11.02

CROQUET SECTION REPORT - OCTOBER 2001.

The year 2000 was rounded off with a successful Christmas lunch in December. Towards the end of March we enjoyed a well-attended Spring Lunch at the Salston Hotel. You will remember we tried a different venue this year, and it was enjoyed by most people.

Table tennis and whist played throughout the winter months again proved popular, and we were able to give £267.41 to the club. These two events do much to help to keep the members together whilst we cannot play croquet.

During the spring we had some indoor teaching - we hope it was helpful to those who attended.

An unusually wet and cold April tested the stamina of our new members and the coaches! Unfortunately the weather was such that the first 2 or 3 lessons were indoors or on the cricket outfield. We had 29 enquiries, and 18 people began and completed their lessons. At the beginning of May we welcomed 15 new members, some of whom have spent much of their time playing both association and golf croquet. What did they do last year?!

A number of members did not renew their membership this year; and Ron and Edina Whitlam moved back to Norfolk in June, having been with us for 2½ years. At present our membership stands at 114 full members and 6 country members.

The internal tournaments were well subscribed, and we have some new winners to congratulate when the trophies are presented. There have been some personal achievements, and also some disappointments during the year.

We tried to introduce an 'Intermediate' tournament this summer, but after three entrants withdrew found it was not viable. We don't always get it right because we cannot please all the people all the time; we hope the new committee will have more success.

Our Open Tournaments in April, June and September were enjoyed by all participants. Our visitors were the winners in April and June but John Toye was again successful in September.

The South West Federation teams had varied success again this year; the Parkstone Trophy, second division, played 3 and won 1; the Federation league teams played 4 and won 3 games; the Intermediate teams played 4 and won 2 games - then went on to play in the semi-finals but unfortunately lost against Nailsea. We hosted the finals on a wet day at the end of September.

The 'B' league played 4 and won 3 games. Congratulations to all.

Golf Croquet continues to be popular. This year no-one entered the SW Golf Croquet event. The annual matches between Sidmouth & Budleigh Salterton resulted in a 'one all' draw.

Two friendly association games were also played between Sidmouth and Budleigh Salterton, (results S 1 BS 1).

We were privileged to have six of the best ladies in the country playing for the Barlow Bowl, over 4 days in August, and we were treated to some excellent and exciting croquet.

It was disappointing that so few people watched both this tournament and the club finals.

The Sparkling Wine evening in June got off to a promising start with 50-60 people playing games of Golf Croquet and chatting over the buffet supper. The evening came to an abrupt end, when unfortunately, by 7 pm it was raining quite hard.

The Fun & Food was held in September to avoid clashing with cricketers, and to fit in with our then caterer. Approximately 40 people took part in ingenious games of croquet, which were then followed by an enjoyable buffet meal.

As you know the club runs on the goodwill of members. I should like to thank the people who helped me by doing a lot of photocopying and looking after the photos and press cuttings. Thankyou also to the 5 people who volunteered to clean the huts and mallet room; and I know one or two others have also helped. They all know who they are! To all who have helped the committee to keep this section running - thankyou.



Sue Rogers,
Hon Sec Croquet Section.
October 30th 2001.

