

SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, CROQUET AND HOCKEY CLUB
Croquet Section

MINUTES

For committee meeting held at Dove Cott, Manor Road At 9.30 on Thursday 8th November 2007

Apologies for absence: Gabby Macadam and John Coombes

Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed after the following alterations. 'under 10' to read '10 and under' also GC Open Tournament dates are April 12/13

Matters arising: David Temple will discuss, at next GMC, the distance concerning Country members. Then a decision will be made about Cohn Bedall re level of his fees.

Cliff & Rita Field have offered to look after the Chairman's garden

Sheila Adams name will be inserted on relevant Awards board also Mr. Beaumont-Edmunds. Confirmed name of Rawkins.

Chairman's report

1. The S.W. Federation has stated that all clubs, under its aegis, will have a starting handicap of 28. B league players will play off a maximum handicap of 24. Club members, new last year, will remain at 24 this year. More handicap tests to take place. Sue Rogers to be asked to re-look at the handicaps of Roger Hendy, Mike Taylor, Ann Ractliffe and John Coombes. David Temple and Richard Mills offered to assist with handicap tests with John Coombes and David Baldock to be asked to test GC players. Various GC queries to be discussed at the December meeting.

2. List of committee members and finals dates to be displayed in Mallet room and Hut 3 now. Special dispensation if David T or Helen P in finals (due to change of date). Minutes will not be displayed in mallet room other than if there is an important change.

Secretary' Report

1. Reference letter from Julie Horsley; Finishing dates of internal tournaments will be as late as possible especially as there are 3 major tournaments being held at Budleigh.

2. Date to be confirmed re visit of Otter Valley Inner Wheel Club. It was suggested that a different Club be invited each year for a 'Taster' event.

Committee Members' Reports

Elaine Woodward

As the Club is affiliated to the C.A. it is not necessary for GC players to join the C.A. Corner flags have been changed to coloured bisque pegs at some clubs although flags are designated under the Rules.

A check will be made to discover if the Centenary Tournament etc., have been given space in the Croquet Gazette.

Graham Harford

1. John Dixon has offered to help with the clearing of the exhibition in the Museum
2. The mallet donated b Cohn Roberts to be placed on our display board.
3. Coaching to remain at £25 for 6 lessons with £15 off the membership fee £140.
4. Tournaments to be entered on Booking Sheets as soon as arranged.
5. It is confirmed that we will enter a team in the Parkstone Qualifier Tournament.
6. Manager Federation - David Clarke. Manager Intermediate -.Graeme Pryor.

Richard Mills

Agreed to assist Elaine with her tournament work. Will place posters around town about prospective members meeting Saturday March 1st. Write up to go in re opportunity to buy a coaching course as a Christmas present.

Helen Pryor

Handicap Doubles to take place over 3 days as a trial. A team to be entered in Winchester's Charity event. Entry fee not to be included in annual fee date for members to pay fees, to be fixed after discussion with Muriel. Dorothy Toye cup to revert to 14 point. 1 hour 20 minutes. Index 5 + or -. Ruling from SW Fed. B league tournaments to be played at base of 9 then halved. Devonia to follow suit. No advertising pens required.

Nancy Temple

Christmas lunch full but a few extra places offered by hotel. Nancy to make decisions who to fill them.

David Temple

All lawns to be opened on Sunday March 30th unless weather inclement. Negotiating for installation of pop-up system for Lawn 1. Terry Riding's contract will be ended at the end of January. DT on interview panel for new groundsman whose name will be given in the newsletter. Benches, mallet room, hoops etc will all have tlc during winter. A new set of balls to be purchased each year and stored pro tern.

AOB

1. For Dec meeting. ? total of GC handicaps to be a certain level for Doubles ? John Coombes to be GC handicapper.
2. Cliff Jones will complete referee course asap.
3. JD to ask Cliff that number is restricted for Summer Tournament? to go into fixture book.
4. All notices to be placed in Hut 3 as well mallet room.
5. Not accepted that internal winners take a year out.

The meeting ended late! Wishing John and Alsia a wonderful holiday in New Zealand.

Next meetings. Monday Dec. 10th 9.30 and Monday January 14th 9.30 both at David Temple's house.


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SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, CROQUET AND HOCKEY CLUB

Croquet Section

MINUTES

For committee meeting held at Frensham, Glen Road. Sidmouth at 9.30 am on Thursday.
13th December 2007

Apologies for absence John Dixon.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed after the following alterations. Cliff and Rita Field have offered to organise a group to look after the Chairman's garden. Under Chairman's report insert 'AC' Handicap Tests.

Matters arising

1. From Newsletter. - Charity Event is not for teams but individuals.
2. From AOB - Elaine will liaise with Cliff Jones re entry numbers for the Summer Tournament.
Barbara to send a card to Cliff Jones when up-to-date news heard.
3. The Engraver to be asked to check alignment when inscribing names in 2008. on the Doubles Board. Thanks to David T. for dealing with these boards.

Vice-Chairman's report

1. Club Afternoons. John Dixon to be asked to organise rota of members to run these weekly fun afternoons. It was agreed to have 2 sessions starting promptly at 1.00 pm and 2.30pm. The first such afternoon to be on Tuesday, May 6th Details to be advertised in mallet room and Hut 3

2. Swan Magazine is to advertise a list of Club handicappers. Barbara to send details; namely: AC will be Sue Rogers, Vera Henderson and Margaret Piper and GC will be John Coombes, David Baldock, Howard Quarrell and Derek Hewett

3. Wharrad turns still under discussion by SW Fed!!

4. Lawns - Colin Whitehall will be commencing duties as our groundsman from February 1st Terry will still be supervising the bar. A grant has been applied for from the CA towards the sprinkler systems. There are a few problems re water storage etc., but further discussion at next meeting when a definite estimate has been received and, hopefully, a grant from Croquet Assoc.

5. Association Coaching at Budleigh. Julie Horsley to be contacted. There will only be internal coaching here this year with the final part of the referee course taking place as soon as Cliff Jones is able to do so (or perhaps Julie could help here)

6. Advanced Handicap 8-14 Level will remain at this but will be re-discussed Nov. 2008. BC to phone Peter Hills to answer his query.

7. Museum clearance now been completed. Resting place of donated mallet to be discussed further.

8. Chairman's Garden This is a vast area. SCT&H Club ~~GMC~~ paid £300 for plants etc., Do want a plaque? David Temple to make enquiries.

9. SCT&H Club Fixture Book Richard Mills to write a short introduction to go with our calendar information.

10. Opening Day changed to Saturday 29th March. Nancy to talk with caterer re a light lunch on this day.

11. Photographs A donation of £20 to be given to Rosie's Fund (Philpott's Granddaughter) as a thank you for Tony's work for the Club. (DT please)

Secretary's report

1. Charity event one ball will be organised by Elaine and John Coombes. Nancy enquiring about simple lunch.
2. Letter from Sue Rogers confirmed all handicaps have been agreed
3. Correct Web Page. www.members.aol.co/sidmouthcroquet

GMC Country members to pay subscription as Chairman considers suitable DT to contact Cohn Beddall re paying £100.00

Committee Members' Reports

Helen Pryor £ 342 in the kitty - part to be transferred to GMC. Christmas lunch raffle (thank you Gabby) raised £88 thus making £88.00 profit for the Club.

Elaine - Nothing to report

Gabby Nothing to report

John C. Booking sheets will soon be in hand then all matches will be marked off.

A long discussion ensued re GC Doubles. This year the tournament on Aug 21 will be named Open Tournament and then there will be a further GC Doubles for Handicaps 4 - 6 on Wednesday. 10th September (cup needed) with all choosing their own partners.

Nancy

Everyone agreed that one should use our new caterer when possible but the Christmas lunch should be held outside the Club. Nancy to find the price for a repeat at the Westcliffe and, if agreed, will make a booking in April.

Whist players would like to book a light lunch for Thursday March 6th Nancy will be liaising with Jill early in January. Gabby will also want to organise a supper for friends from Budleigh.

Graham

Most of the SW matches have been booked but there is a delay as Cliff Jones's busy dates are still required. Details of his hospital dates will be forwarded as soon as possible.

Richard

Vouchers have been given to Muriel in case anyone wants to buy them as Christmas presents.

Amanda has passed the scrapbook over; this will be kept up to date.

Elaine to ask Roger Hendy to write an article for the Swan Magazine re Joining a Croquet Club.

AOB

Barbara suggested that new Golf Croquet players have a Golf Croquet player as a mentor as opposed to an AC player.

Next meetings. Monday 21st January 9.30 am at 8 Deans Mead (Barbara's Home)

Monday 25th February 9.30am at Dove Cott. Manor Road. (John's Home)



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Croquet Section

MINUTES

For committee meeting held at 8 Deans Mead. Sidmouth on January 21st 2008

Apologies for absence John Dixon and John Coombes

Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed after the following alterations. Insertion of Julie's surname Horsley. GMC to be read as SCTC&H Club 9. Insert SCTC&H Club - Fixture Book.

Matters arising

Museum Clearance. Mallet head can be found in mallet room! David Temple will discuss with John Dixon re whereabouts of gold medal. Graham Harford to retain, protem, the mallet lent to him for the museum exhibition.

Chairman's Garden The main Club will be organising a small reception as a thank you for all the group's hard work.

Opening Day 11.00 am Chairman v Secretary and golf Croquet game. Bar and 'Blackboard' lunch will be available. Names to Nancy please.

Charity Event Lunch Soup and Rolls

Scrapbook Amanda holds the one relative to last 2 years but considers it now belongs to her. David Temple to speak to her and Barbara will look in box given to her to see if it has been stored there in error. Gabby offered to keep scrapbook up to date in future.

Roger Hendy write-up. David Temple to remind him of closing date - Feb. 1st

Vice-Chairman's report

1. Subscriptions Cohn Beddall will pay £100 as he lives a fair distance away. The Wallmans will pay full fee even though they may be away for part of year. Betty Hills will not pay a fee this year, only, due to ill-health in 2007 which resulted in her not playing any croquet at all.
2. Inventory will be completed before next meeting.
3. David Temple will organise a working party for painting etc. with Gabby organising spring cleaning of huts and mallet room with, perhaps, a new carpet.
4. Cliff Jones is now in better health and will organise the 2nd Part of the referee course and a course in advanced croquet as soon as the lawns are open. David Temple to check with TDS re advanced training. Cliff expressed concern about the committee's management and especially the running of the Humphrey Hicks matches. (Richard Mills will ask Julie Horsley if, such a match at Budleigh, has semi-finals and finals being of the best of three). Cliff also expressed concern about the Main Club. He also considered that the membership fee was too high. David T. stated that the SCTCH Club expected the croquet fee to be up to £150 within 3 years.

Secretary's report 1. Peter Hills has been advised that the Handicap range for the Advanced Handicap will remain 8-14.

2. Payment of Members Club Fee passed to The Treasurer. 109 members at £6.70 each less a credit of £10.00 due to Mike Taylor joining the CA in the middle of last year.
3. The croquet report in the Fortfield Newsletter to be written by the Chairman by the end of February.

4. All Handicappers to be notified of the special SW Fed. Handicap meeting on March 9th Details to follow
5. Details have been received re Grass Roots competition for Golf Croquet players. Gabby will speak to John Coombes re same.
6. 74th April short visit by medics. No coffee. Discuss next month
7. For 19 May. Nancy will forward menu suggestions.

Gabby 1. Table Tennis to end on March 26th

1. Swanage Club wish to bring 16 members to enjoy a game whilst on holiday in Sidmouth. September 9th. to be offered using 3 lawns only. No tea required. Fee will be discussed at a future meeting together with pricing structure for all visitors.

Elaine Entries coming in slowly for all tournaments.

Confirmation that there will be only 24 entrants for the Midsummer tournament

Helen 1. There is £244 held in petty cash. £100 will be needed to purchase 20 'Croquet' books.

2. At a later date confirmation to be sought, from Esme, re the possibility of two doubles matches a day.

Graham 1. 27th July tournament now on 3rd August.

- 2 John Coombes to be reminded that all lawns to be closed on June 22
2. Barbara preparing coaching calendar ready for John Dixon's return
3. Graham will contact Amanda re booking sheets.

Richard 1. Revamp of write up for SCTCH Fixture book as it is not published Until April.

2. David Temple offered to distribute posters re prospective members' meeting. Details also to be inserted in What's On in Herald.

Nancy 1. Table tennis and whist lunches to be priced at £10. Spring Lunch will be £11.00.

2. Friendly matches Home games -players to pay £6.0 each to cover tea costs; no charge for away games. All other GC and AC matches will be costed at £4.0 per player.
3. Terry will be running the bar, as requested.

AOB 1 .Richard pointed out that there were GC coaching courses to be found in the Fixture Book

2. David Temple presented a financial statement re sprinklers etc. These details to be included with Spring Newsletter. David approaching CA re a grant.
3. Elaine has gathered quite a few names for running the Refresher courses.
4. Spare entrance keys are held by John Dixon, David Temple and Helen Pryor.
5. Elaine pointed out areas of fire risk.
6. David Clarke has offered to run the Whist from October 1st. It is hoped to change the meetings to Tuesdays.
7. In future, all notices of the mallet room window must be headed 'Croquet Notice' or such like.



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Croquet Section

MINUTES of meeting held on February 25th 2008

Apologies for absence. Helen Pryor due to Jury Service

Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

Matters arising.

Croquet Museum exhibition. John Dixon and David Temple to discuss the problem of missing articles.

Exhibited mallet. To be handed back to Graham Harford.

Roger Hendy's write-up. If not printed in the April Swan Magazine then arrange for it to be entered in the next issue.

Scrapbook. John and David T. to contact Amanda re the last 3 years entries and Ian F. as to who might have the original scrapbook. (Now Found)

Humphrey Hicks. Julie confirmed that the Budleigh equivalent of our Humphrey Hicks would have the best of 3 games for the semi-finals as well as the Final. (Accepted) Budleigh also have untimed games for their higher tournaments. (Not Accepted)

Chairman's report

1. Prospective Members Morning A programme for the morning has been prepared with 4 members speaking on a selection of topics.

Helen will be bringing Name Labels. Lawn 5, hoops and balls to be put out. Croquet books to be given to anyone who signs up for lessons.

2. Refresher courses to be run by Elaine. If anyone drops out Elaine and David Clarke will be available. Groups to be divided into handicaps.

3. Visitors. To pay £5.00 each for a three hour session (if over 18 years)

4. Medical visitors Gabby will introduce herself at the Woodland Hotel and organise the event. Also, will leave some leaflets with the Manager.

Secretary's report

1. Club Diary. Still not written up. Nancy will telephone Caroline to state that she is entering all events tomorrow, if that is more convenient for her.

2. Gill Hodge is advertising Mothering Sunday Lunch on March 2nd and an Italian Meal on March 20th.

3. Medical Visitors. Have been reminded that they will need to wear flat shoes.

4. SW Fed Handicap Meeting the 3 delegates will pay their own expenses.

5. Whist will remain on Thursdays during 2008/2009. David Clarke will run the sessions

Elaine 1 Nigel Graves to be told that there has been only 4 applications for the CA Golf tournament

2. Patel to be contacted re a write up about our Centenary Dinner and events.

3. Coaches to be listed in order of grading

4. Tournament entries are at a good level although half are from members of our club.

5. Colin, our groundsman, has removed bedding etc left in hut 4 from a tramp.

Richard 1. Notice re March 1st in Herald Gazette for 2 weekends

2. There will be a write up after medics visit - Gabby will write it. Tony Philpott to be asked to take photos.
3. Fortfield Newsletter being written by Chairman. Fixture entries to be sent to Caroline now.

Nancy 1. Table tennis lunch was a great success. Whist lunch takes place on March 6th

2. Spring lunch. Tickets selling well. Tickets only for Members until closing date then they can be offered to spouses
3. March 29th Bar lunch will be available. Please be sure to come, if you have so booked, even if it rains.
4. Golf croquet 'taster evening' players have been sent a menu.

Gabby Swanage visitors to pay £5.00 each. Lawns to be booked for morning only.

Graham 1. All SW federation tournaments now booked.

2. No referee required for Friendly matches. Handicap cards do not need to be marked
3. Julie Horsley has been told the date of the SW Fed. Intermediate Final. The Federation usually chooses its own Referee. Tea will be required
4. Charity event. Soup and rolls. Bring own mug
5. Handicap levels.

Parkstone Qualifier - No restrictions.	Manager Cliff Jones
Federation	H.Cap 15 and below Manager David Clarke
Intermediate	H.Cap 9 - 18 Manager Graeme Pryor
B. League	H.Cap 16 and above Manager Roger Hendy

John Coombes

1. Some members were querying whether to enter HH or LH Singles games. Handicaps for GC will be reassessed when the season commences.
2. CA InterClub Championship. Consider for 2009
3. Only a few members want to play in tournaments especially if to be played away.
4. Anyone can play in SW Fed. GC tournaments unless they are of a minus GC handicap.
5. Booking sheets are in hand. 5-6 weeks will be on file at a time.
6. Lawns to be closed 22 June, 14 August and 11th Sep for match preparation. These dates will be entered in mallet room diary.
7. Shot Games will be on Lawns 3&4. Lawns to be booked for all day.
8. SW Fed GC Tournaments will require 3 lawns.
9. The Wheel to be organised by Helen Pryor

David Temple 1. Inventory has been completed

2. Stripe on lawn 1 is recovering
3. Water System will need more financial input. Future policy is to have a sprinkler system on every lawn.
4. All members will have received a financial statement so someone may donate an amount! Should there be fundraising? A request for some finance to go to the Main Club. A Grant of approx. £2000 may come from CA

5. Application for a grant to go to Lottery funding and Sport England
6. Banner is in place. £45.
7. Chairman's Garden food and wine was very good. Robert Matthews has organised a watering system for it.
8. Hoops have been painted but there is still some work to be completed
9. A set of spare hoops will be given to the McInerney's Son.
10. Julie Horsley is not a coach

Helen Pryor. 1. Cash in hand £249.

2. only 15 AC members and 8 GC members have signed that they are willing to play in tournaments.
3. B. League bisques and Devonian. Base of 9 then difference between 9 and one's handicap is halved and that gives number of bisques allowed.
On half lawn. There would be a 26 point game with a base of 13½
5. Training books being reprinted - couples to share. They will be given to prospective members who fill in the training form on March 1st.
6. Charity One Ball - only 11 entries so far. (John Dixon to remind members at Spring Lunch?

Any Other Business

1. Match fee to remain at £4. per person.
2. Players who play in New Zealand at the major tournaments like the 'lawns' to be hard, dry and fast!!
3. Key for external tournament balls is held by John Dixon and David Temple.
4. Eileen Cox has decided not to join again.
5. Engraved pens to be ordered for use as runner up prizes etc.,

Next meeting at Dove Cott will be on Friday March 28 at 9.30 am



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MINUTES of meeting held on March 28th 2008

Apologies for absence. Graham Harford

Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

Matters arising

Samir Patel to be asked to write up re Chairman's Salver event.

We are responsible for write up re Centenary Tournament and Dinner.

All other items from the Museum exhibition have been found other than the Gold badge. The CA have been contacted. No replacement is necessary

Mallet head will be given to Cliff Jones.

Chairman's report

1. There are 12 entries for the Charity event.
2. CA Open Golf Tournament. 8 entries been received.
3. New Members first GC to be on first 2 Fridays not on opening day of GC.
4. There are 22 prospective members. All have been contacted re their coaching dates. They need to be encouraged to seriously consider playing mainly AC once the coaching has been completed. Re-discuss at next meeting? extra training on Thursday at 4.0 pm
5. Next year there will be a refresher course for GC.
6. Handicaps. To confirm - new AC players commence at 28. GC players to have 4 added to their present handicap and then further review by handicap committee. GC dividing line will be 7. Thus LH will be 0-7. HH over 8.
7. Roger Hendy has suggested offering coaching to the older band of school children. JD to discuss idea further with Roger especially Police clearance? possibility of interesting the young cricketers of our Club
8. Ken and Diana Wallman have kindly offered to host another Dinner Party in aid of the sprinkler system. This will be on August 6th at their home.
9. Iris has kindly offered an unwanted mallet. It will be placed in Hut 3.
10. A notice, in Hut 3, to be displayed asking members to provide their own mallets.
11. 2 sets of Dawson balls to be purchased. JD to contact Cliff Jones re the non-availability of balls for UpLyme club which is re-establishing.
12. Members to be encouraged to join the C. A. The club would receive £10.0 credit.
13. A silver cup is available for the new GC Doubles HH tournament.
14. £50 to be allocated for New Members evening. The committee offered to provide some plate food.

Secretary's report

1. Error in programme. Please read May 26th for May 5. Friends coffee morning.
2. Merit cards and pegging down forms to be kept in mallet room
3. New email Ian F. ian.friedlander@btinternet.com. Ian offered to alter GC handicaps. (I will write and explain about new handicap committee)

4. All organised re medics visit. Paperwork passed to Gabby.
5. Julie Horsley has been advised re new visitors' fees.
6. Notice in mallet room re High Bisquers event at Budleigh
7. Esme will continue washing the mallet room towels. Katherine Holroyde holds lists of all previous members for the past 20 years.
8. 93 members have paid their fees. Muriel will contact the 9 outstanding. Michael Siddell and Barbara and Peter Davis are not re-joining due to illness pro tem.
9. Application forms and welcome letter will be handed out to coaches to distribute after lesson 5. Other paperwork given on 2-May.
10. David Baldock will speak about Newcomers tournament (to include last year's players also) at newcomers evening.
10. List is up for advanced training course. The referee course will be resumed asap now that the amendments to laws have been printed.

Elaine

1. The new law books are now printed. Suggestion- old ones are sold at ½ price with 1 insert re amendments. Julie Horsley has put up a notice in mallet room.
2. Bookings are well in hand for the 3 CA tournaments. There are too many applications from Sidmouth players for June week. David Temple's application to be accepted so he can defend his cup.
3. There are 6 Sidmouth players in the 'B' level tournament.

David

1. (attended GMC on behalf of SD) Bore hole water being attended to. Also leak in pumping cupboard. All repainting etc., now up-to-date for start of new season - grateful thanks to all helpers. Urinal flushes every 15 minutes all day, every day.
2. The main club is short of money. (the committee has asked David to ask the GMC at the next meeting, to review the saving on water bills. Could not some of this come towards the sprinkler system?)
3. The work in the tennis section will cost £4000. The members are trying to raise Funds.
4. Only minimal grant would be offered by CA. Application to be made to Sport England by main Club?
5. Cricket nets were repaired by a charity donation.
6. Our new groundsman. Colin, is proving very co-operative. Grass is cut to 5mm at present and will then be gradually reduced. He advises that loam is not used to fill in rabbit holes. John Goodwin is setting up a working party.
7. Unfortunately we do not have a spare set of hoops for Jo and Martin's son. SD to suggest they make a request to CA
8. Replacement of hoops. Is it a groundsman job?

Nancy

There were 55 members for the excellent Spring lunch buffet and 22 for the whist and table tennis lunches. Christmas lunch will be at the Westcliffe Hotel.

Gabby

Notice is up re the cleaning of huts. Medics visit is in hand. There will be 1 more table tennis. £70 was raised at the last raffle. Terry should still be an Honorary member.

Helen

1. There is £212 in our account.
2. The Club now holds 40 (Barbara bought 10) pens for distribution by the Chairman when considered suitable.
3. Blocks will go up in mallet room now. Some have odd numbers.
4. Tournament Managers have now been all arranged although there might be some last minute alterations.

Richard

1. It is hoped to have 12 entries for CA Golf Tournament. Suggestion - should this be played at the end of April so save altering Lawn 2 back to a full lawn.
2. At the next meeting we need to discuss bidding for future CA tournament
3. It was suggested that Tony Philpott is given a calendar of dates we would like him to take photographs, if convenient. The committee want as much publicity as possible.
4. Scrapbooks are held by John Dixon.
5. Iris has offered to referee as much as possible.

John Coombes

Once the season commences the handicap committee will review which players should have their GC handicaps altered. Coaching is needed for members who are playing in SW Federation Tournaments. Captains to be encouraged to do this. Green handicap cards to be used by all tournament players.

Next meetings. 9.30 at the home of John Dixon.

April 28th and June 2nd 2008



4. New Laws books for GC and AC received from CA OFFICE.
5. Notices have been displayed re 2nd year members to have own mallets if possible and change in starting level for AC and GC.
6. Certificate received from CA for Civil Liability Insurance
7. Note attached, re availability of Club Rules, to application for fees. Form will be rewritten for next year

Nancy 1. See under Chairman 8.

2. Dates for social events to be on Wednesdays in future.....Sparkling Wine June 11th.....Tickets to remain at £4.00 . David Clarke and Martin to do the drinks Fun and Food to be held on July 23rd. starting at 4.0 pm

David/GMC

1. Lawns in good order. Coli will mow them 5 times a fortnight.
2. Roof of Hut 4 shelter needs repair. The matter to be discussed with John Palmer
3. A request has been made for a banister rail from cricket lawn to Lawn. 3 Quotes will be obtained followed by further discussion
4. If two sets of Dawson balls are bought each year, for 4 years, should a new peg be purchased also (Yes)
5. 3 old mallets have been given to the McInerneys for Matthew and his friends
6. The Mallet Room windows and outside seats need to be kept clean.
7. A modified appeal to CA has been made. £4000 donation to be discussed at next GMC meeting. towards the sprinkler fund

Elaine

1. Job specifications need revamping.
2. Trophy Book to be kept by Secretary and given to Manager of tournament near the end. The Secretary of the Tournament to be sure that the cup is returned in time.
3. Due to a large number of our Club members wanting to play in CA tournaments at Sidmouth everyone will have the opportunity of playing in 2 parts of Mid-summer tournament! B Level/Handicap weekend.
4. New members, and old members, to be told to use Fortfield gate when moving from lawns 2.3.4 to Pavilion. Also, not to cross behind tennis players whilst play is in hand.

John Coombes See Chairman 3.

Helen £199 in hand.....Old law books for sale at £2. also badges.

Graham We lost at the Budleigh Friendly. Mentors for AC new members to be considered

Richard David Temple having the cup engraved for the CA golf tournament. There was a low application.

Rediscuss re not holding it in future. Members played 18 games each. Herald is altering headlines etc of some of the articles submitted.

AOB Committee box may be left unlocked if necessary.

Spouses will not be placed in the same blocks of internal matches, if at all possible. At CA tournaments home members not to play against another home player for first Game, if at all possible.

Next Meetings June 9th. 9.30 am July 7th 2.0 pm

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MINUTES of meeting held on June 9th 2008

Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

Matters arising

David Temple will purchase a banister for lawn 3 steps

CA Golf Tournament to be held on April 25/26 2009 if agreed by Manager. Richard Mills to be Secretary. Elaine to forward details for Fixture Book.

Chairman's report

1. 5 Members have now received Police Clearance to assist with Youth training. Lessons will be at 4.30 on Tuesdays commencing the end of June.
2. Additional AC coaching for New Members will take place on Thursdays 4.0 pm John Dixon will invite them to coffee at Deans Mead on July 19th
3. Club afternoons. July 1st. John Dixon. July 8th. The Temples. July 15th Elaine (Shot game practice) July 27th Shot Game to commence at 2.0 pm July 29th Graham Harford.
4. Minutes to be placed on notice board in mallet room and Hut 3.
5. No request has been made to host any CA tournament in 2009 nor to host any part of the MacRobertson Shield. Still awaiting details re our offer for 2010.
6. The snooker Club has invited the committee and spouses to supper after playing golf croquet. JD to confirm date. **Thursday July 10th from 5.30.pm**
7. It has been agreed to offer the use of 2 lawns on July 29/30/31 for the Budleigh Summer tournament. JD to confirm. The fee
8. + will be £132
9. The Wallman's supper party will be on August 13th. Tickets to be prepared by Nancy. £20 each.
10. It was agreed that there will not be a dinner at the Club during the Summer Tournament.
11. Approx. 50 members will be enjoying the Sparkling Wine Evening. Gabby in charge of croquet. Lawns 2,3 & 4 to be used
12. High Handicap Tournament will be run by Margaret Piper. Commence at 9.30 am.
13. Elaine is finalizing entries to CA tournaments

Secretary's report.

1. One lawn offered for use by Lyme Valley Croquet Club on June 12th, 1-4pm. JD in charge.
2. There are 17 new members. One lady from Inner wheel evening wants to join now.
3. No one entered from our Club the advertised High Bisque Tournament at Cheltenham.
4. Nick (The Doctors Group) to be recontacted re date of visit in 2009
5. Badges - further thought to be given.

GMC Report

1. Folk week will take place over 8 days. Carpark helpers are needed. The bar will be open all day.
2. Brian Drake is the new President.
3. A loan of £4000 has been offered towards the cost of the Sprinkler system. This will be accepted and held until all finance is to hand.
4. All major purchases to be in the name of the main club in order for VAT to be reclaimed.
5. AGM will be held on July 21st at 6.30pm

Graham Harford

1. In future, Managers of each section of SW Federation will enter the names on the lists of members who are eligible.
2. It was noted that the bridge section has been able to give £1000 to the Friends.

Elaine

1. It is considered that the white lines need to be marked with a thicker solution.
2. Helen Pryor to take to GMC the need for a notice that Dogs are not allowed in the pavilion.
3. The Tournaments are almost finalised. Lunch will be available.

Nancy

1. The new members evening was a great success.
2. As the Inner Wheel ladies so enjoyed their evening and supper it is suggested that a different organisation is invited each year.
3. Fun and Food. Nancy to ask for a buffet to be served.

David Temple

1. The rabbit holes are to be dealt with immediately and lawns fully prepared for the Summer Tournament.
2. The walking waterer will be used now. 3 more pegs have been purchased. Lawn 1 has been scarified.
3. GC balls are in a sorry state - movement round of balls urgently needed.
4. John Coombes to help with hoop setting for Summer Tournament.

Helen Pryor

1. £116 in kitty.
2. David Clarke will replace Derek Powell in the Humphrey Hicks Tournament.
3. Details about future procedure of withdrawal from tournaments will be included on Internal applications forms and strictly adhered to.

John Coombes

1. GC home matches - Internal tournament balls to be used. Box of balls in Hut 3 to be kept closed during GC tournaments to avoid mixing.
2. Teatime to be discussed with Nancy.

Richard

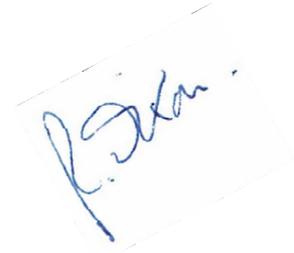
1. reports are being received and good coverage in Herald.

Gabby

1. Colin to be asked to ensure lawns are mowed by 10 am to enable GC games to commence on time.
2. Discussion re splitting GC Monday and Wednesday sessions into 2 definite timings. John Dixon will mention the idea at the Sparkling Wine evening and the fact that GC carries on until 1 pm
3. Lawn 1 not to be reserved for golf croquet unless it is free when the session commences.

Any Other Business

1. Colin to be asked to keep the lawn mown at the practice hoop on lawn 3.
2. Drinking water is available outside behind the internal drinks machine Next Meetings July 7th 2.0 pm and August 11th 2.pm



SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, CROQUET AND HOCKEY CLUB
Croquet Section

MINUTES of meeting held on July 7th 2008

Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

Matters arising

1. Helen has prepared tickets for the Wallman's supper.
2. Fixture book entries to be discussed at next meeting. Cliff J. has talked about revamping June tournament.
3. Committee to be available at 10.0 am on day of Shot Game,
4. Embroidered Badges - Gabby to investigate.

Chairman's report

1. Youth - no one interested. JD with Roger Hendy to make enquiries earlier next year.
2. The snooker club is being revamped so only a meal will be available. £12.50 each. If wet there will be just the meal at 7.30pm. JD will invite others so there will be 16 of us in all.
3. Only a very few new members turn up for extra training.
4. Club afternoons. August 5 - Richard Mills. 12th. John Dixon. 26th Barbara Clarke
5. Corbett Spoons being run by Nancy and Helen P. 10.0 am. 7 games
6. Shot Game to be followed by afternoon tea at £3.00. JD will run event.
7. Fun and Food. Commence at 4.0 pm. JD Quiz if wet.
8. New Members coffee a.m. JD will mention all social occasions etc.
9. New Members event in hand with David Baldock and Howard Quarrell.
10. Budleigh Tournament. Usage of 2 of our courts for 2 ½ days only. Play to commence at 9.30am. Not to be repeated!
11. Barbara to email Bill Arliss with offer to host either the Ascot Final or the All England Handicap Final for Golf Croquet.

Secretary's report.

1. Letter from Roger Hendy re dismay of no take-up from Youth.
2. Confirmation from Sue Rogers that 2009 Dorothy Toye Tournament will extend over 2 days.
3. Letter to CA re non-acceptance to host part of MacRobertson Shield.
4. Confirmation from Nigel Graves re GC Tournament dates April 25/26
5. Books from the CA, which are kept on the shelf under the booking sheets, are to be listed so that all members know of their availability.
6. Card was sent to Diane Davis re Ian's death JD will attend ceremony at Parish Church.

GMC Report

1. It was confirmed, at the AGM, that the Club would underwrite the £4000 required towards the sprinkler system.
2. It was considered that the general finances are in better health at the moment.

Elaine

1. Summer Tournament. Mike Duck had to cancel his entry due to illness. A refund was made.
2. Julie Horsley to be contacted re managing 1 or 2 tournaments here in 2009.
3. Bath Croquet Club is advertising a tournament Sept. 6-7. Dates of our finals.
4. JD will ask Cliff Jones if he is writing up a report re Summer Tournament for the CA Gazette. (Sidmouth did very well!)

Richard

1. Full article has been passed to the Herald re Summer Event
2. Most players want 2009 Doubles event to be over 3 days with 4 games each
3. Cliff Jones has suggested that Julie takes over running Sidmouth Tournaments.
4. TDS has stated that it is very expensive and time-consuming taking part in Parkstone Qualifier events knowing that, if our Club is raised to top status we will be playing almost scratch players. This was the situation previously. Only 3 people are in the team.

David Temple

1. The hoops were repainted for the Summer Tournament.
2. The lawns were considered to be as good as anywhere in the country.
3. The hoops had to reset during the tournament and then again for GC. (Thank you David)
4. Peter Miller has purchased 4 old balls.
5. The freshwater tap is in the tennis area behind the indoor drinks dispenser.
6. The bar and kitchen have drinking water.
7. White lines have been redone.
8. JD and DT will remove hoops during festival week.

John Coombes

1. It was confirmed that Bill Arliss has stated that there is to be no testing re Golf Croquet handicaps.
2. There is a GC tournament prior to the snooker evening.
Barnstable GC team wish to play a game of AC in the evening prior to their GC tournament. Visitors fee of £5. per player to be charged.
3. The grass needs cutting at the practice hoop on lawn 3.

Helen Prior

1. There is £111.11 in hand.
2. The date for next year's Doubles event to be considered at the next committee meeting ?Thursday/Friday/Saturday or another weekend.

Graham Harford

1. Complaints re Summer ? overbooked. However, if there were fewer players then there would be less spaces for Sidmouth players. A tighter rein was required during the tournament. Handicaps were suspect of some of the Sidmouth players. It was pointed out that all play in many tournaments and index cards are well checked.

Nancy Temple

1. Christmas lunch will be held at the Westcliffe. Price not known.
2. Sparkling Wine made a profit of £144. Price of tickets to remain at £4.00 next year.

Gabby

Members are happy. Largest number of participants has been 44 on a lovely sunny day.

AOB

1. Elaine is to be given a spare mallet. Condition to be considered.
2. NO DOGS notice MUST be displayed above bar. Helen P. To follow up.
3. Elaine has suggested that Barbara assist with CA Handicap tournament in 2009 if it fits in with Julie Horsley's schedule.
4. High Handicap Doubles will be on 10 September. Handicaps 4 - 6. Golf Croquet
5. Banister for Lawn 3 is on order.
6. Suggestion that Mike Taylor's GC handicap to be changed to 7

Next meetings at 2.0pm. August 11th and September 1st.

Jim
11.8.08

SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, CROQUET AND HOCKEY CLUB
Croquet Section

MINUTES of meeting held on August 11th 2008

Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed

Matters arising

1. Members to obtain own logos, if required.
2. Confirmation that the Dorothy Toye tournament would cover the two whole days.

Chairman's report

1. JD to thank Budleigh for their cheque for use of lawns during their Tournament stressing that it would not be possible for such action to take place again.
2. Feedback from coffee a.m. for new members - The lessons are too technical - JD to circulate to committee members a proposal for new coaching ideas.
3. Shot game analyse. Alterations are needed for the stop shot layout and hoop approaches. Scoring requires more details and the canes need replacing and carefully marked.
4. BC to arrange for non-committee members to run September Club afternoons.
5. Elaine to make her own decision re shortened games/22 point if weather inclement during 'B' Level
6. GC tournaments being run by John Coombes. 8+ Monday. 7 and under Tuesday. Doubles Thursday. September 10th GC for handicaps 4-6
7. Future programmes - Shot game to be followed by tea in the pavilion.
8. August 25th T. JD will be organising fun games - if fine!!
9. Later stages of tournaments - dates to be nearer the finals date, if possible.
10. 2008-09. David Temple and Graham Harford wish to leave the committee - many thanks for all your hard work. JD willing to stand for Chairman and BC for Secretary. Nominations list to go up this month.
11. JD to ask Gwyneth Dart to present the cups at the AGM

Secretary's report.

1. BC to prepare a skeleton programme for 2009 for discussion at next meeting. ? Doubles during first week of Wimbledon and Fun and Food later in the year.
2. Bid for CA sponsored GC Tournaments sent to Bill Arliss. Keep Sep 19-20 and 26-27 2009 free pro tem.
3. Letter re CA fixture book entries passed to Elaine
4. SW Fed AGM to be in Taunton on 2nd November at 10.30 am.
5. It was agreed that it was not viable to move our June Tournament to follow Budleigh's May Tournament although it would save in travel commitments for people living away.
6. Roger Hendy noted that other Clubs felt the handicaps of Nailsea players were exceptionally high. Kingston Maurward will probably refuse to play against Nailsea next year.
7. Secretary of the Friends has confirmed she will ensure that new members receive copies of their programme.

GMC Report

1. Ownership of the footpaths to be investigated.
2. The Tennis section is considering floodlighting the courts.
3. Vacancies: Social Secretary and a non-playing membership secretary.

Elaine

1. Discussion is taking place between Cliff Jones, Julie Horsley and self re the future management of tournaments.
2. Cliff Jones intends to write a new format for the June 2009 Tournament.

John Coombes

1. GC - won 3 Lost 3. SW Federation.
2. Primary balls in Hut 3. are being used too much. Secondary balls to be used at each session.
3. David Temple will contact Bill Arliss re testing for GC handicaps for High Handicap AC Players.
4. 2009 March refresher courses in the Pavilion will include details of GC play and Rules

Nancy

1. Christmas Lunch to be booked at the Westcliffe. £19.50 ? £20.00 to include tip
 2. 50 members/friends will be attending the Wallmans Supper Party. An engraved glass paperweight will be presented by JD
 3. The Chairman's garden won a gold award in Britain in Bloom. GMC to be asked that the photographs are displayed in the Pavilion.
 4. Donation to be made for children playing a game with club members
 5. George Buckley's mallet to be offered at £99.00 Eileen Cox's at £40.00. Iris's was sold at £30.00
- A mallet from the collection in Hut 3 to be sold at £25.00. All monies to go to sprinkler fund.
6. Betty Hills's waterproof to hang in hut 3.

David Temple

1. Team for resetting hoops - Rob Matthews/Mike Taylor/Keith Thorley/Michael Hide.
2. Hoops to be set at 1/16 for 'B' Level Tournament.
3. If two yard-lines are visible then the newest one is to be used.

Helen Pryor

1. There is £98.00 in hand.
2. Adherence to rules re withdrawing from some of one's tournaments are to be enforced next year.
2. Alteration to dates of tournaments to be noted in the diary by the Section Manager and the Secretary and Social Secretary to be notified.

Richard Mills

1. It is hoped to submit a better photograph for the Sidmouth Guide 2009

2. BC to contact Amanda Haste re brochures which were distributed a few years ago. New prints are required to display in Sidmouth Library. Graham H. to contact Sidsoft.
3. Many clubs reduce fees for members playing in their own Club's tournament. ? further discussion

Gabby

1. Sessions are busy as ever with an average of 24 + although on an excellent morning there are over 40 Players.
2. Table Tennis to commence on 29th October.

Graham

1. List for Friendly with Budleigh to be re-advertised. Consideration to be made re entry in Swan
2. Awaiting details re possible upgrade from Parkstone Qualifier to Parkstone Trophy status.

AOB

1. Consideration needed re raising Match fees to £5.00
2. AGM Minutes and nomination list to be displayed in Mallet room.

NEXT MEETING TO BE ON SEPTEMBER IT AT **9.30**

J. Dixon
1.9.08

SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, CROQUET AND HOCKEY CLUB
Croquet Section

MINUTES of meeting held on 1st. September 2008 at Dove Cott

Apologies for absence. Elaine Woodward

Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed

Matters arising

To be included on Internal Tournament form and January Newsletter. . . .details re cancelling of all matches if wanting to pull out of some. All Finals 2009 to be played on date as advertised.

Ian Friedlander managed the GC tournaments this year. John Coombes offered to do so next year or Graeme Pryor.

JD will place photographs of Chairman's garden in Main pavilion. Gold ribbon now adorns photo in mallet room.

Richard and Graham arranging for 100 brochures to be printed.

Chairman's report

1. Finals are being played over an extended time this year with TDS and Cliff Jones arranging their own date later in the year. HP to advise the Hendersons. **2009 All finals to be played September 26/27 followed by tea. (confirmation still awaited from Bill Arliss)**
2. Swanage Visitors. Gabby organising members to play against these visitors. Coffee will be brought round SOP and Visitors to pay £2.00 each and any tea and cakes they require.
3. GC Doubles Handicap being managed by JC. JD has had a small cup engraved. ?Name!
4. CA Handicap weekend. Sec. Elaine Manager, Julie Horsley.
5. SW Intermediate Finals.GH to make contact re monies that can be claimed. Tea will be provided.
6. Gwynneth is honoured but unable to present the Cups at the AGM. JD to ask John Palmer.
7. JD to ask Esme to Thank the Committee at AGM
8. Cohn to be invited to be an Hon. Member. .JD please
9. Committee to write minimal reports for AGM and bring them to our next committee meeting
10. 2009 proposed programme to be discussed at next meeting.
11. In future committee members will stay on the committee for 3 years only to bring in newer members - as we are all getting older! Nancy. Gabby and Helen will finish in 2009 with Graham Harford and David Temple ending this year. Many thanks.
12. The Club Treasurer asks that the Cashier remains constant for the 3 years.
13. Nancy to ask Mike Taylor if he would undertake Publicity.
14. After election JD to allocate jobs. Richard Mills to take over SW Federation. Gabby asked to appoint 2 GC players to start being in charge on specific days.
15. Coaching programme to be rediscussed at next meeting.

Secretary's report.

1. Reply received from Bill Arliss re our bid for CA Golf tournaments. (BC now phoned - unlikely to be accepted.)
2. Cards have been sent to Gordon Blenkinsop and family. Pam Sage and Esme Owen
3. Reply from Amanda re brochures passed to Richard
4. Julie Horsley checking that Budleigh Veterans Tournament will be 15-20 June
5. September Club afternoons being run by Mike. Derek, Peter. Ian and Margaret.
6. Details of Valuation of Trophies passed to JD to make enquiries re insurance.
7. SW Federation AGM details passed to Richard.
8. It is proposed to make the 2009 Programme more detailed with a separate sheet listing all matches and those at Budleigh. where possible.

GMC Report

1. JD to discuss insurance for Trophies considering their high value.

Graham Harford

1. All SW Federation matches have been played with 2 wins by default.
2. Our Club may be in the B. League semi-finals

Also, our club may be elevated to the Parkstone Trophy. It was suggested that the teams should consist of 4 players where possible.

Elaine Woodward

1. Confirmation that the Sidmouth CA Summer Tournament will take place June 8-13 under the auspices of Cliff/Julie
2. B Level Advanced Tournament players decided, that due to the inclement weather they would still play a 26 point game but reduce the time to 2 1/2 hours.
3. Should consideration be given to playing the Shot Game, One Ball and Golf Croquet tournaments later in the season as they were in latter years.
4. Accepted that JDs coaching ideas were excellent for our Club

David Temple

1. New material flags to be purchased
2. 2 sets of Dawson balls to be purchased the next 3 years.
3. Hoops have had to be repainted
4. Hoops have to be checked each day of a tournament and then at the end put back for general play
- 5 The Friends have donated £2000 towards the sprinkler system. (?JD to thank) Fund now £11000
- 6 Discussions are on-going re 3 phase electric supply/pumping system etc.
7. Cohn is spraying the lawns for worm casts. DT to find out the cost of a Switch to clear lawns.

Nancy Temple

1. Everything has gone well during the season
2. Cost of Smart mallet still to be determined.

3. Contact to be made by BC re group from West Hill to be invited to play
4. Emergency Key has been removed. JD will get a new one cut.
5. Gill to be asked to provide steak and kidney pie for the AGM dinner.

John Coombes

1. Managing the new GC Doubles Tournament
2. Confirmed that only new AC players would need to be tested to ascertain their GC handicap.

Helen Pryor

1. £127 in hand
2. Confirmation that if one does not play the Finals during the advertised weekend then the semi-finalist would take the place
3. GC handicaps do not change often as so few games are played. Suggestion re a GC Block event – to be discussed at next meeting

Gabby

1. Will run morning for Swanage players

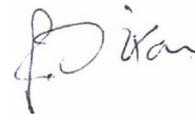
Richard

1. New photo has been sent for inclusion in the Sidmouth brochure

AOB

1. BC to price the cost of a small first-aid outfit
2. AGM to be held on a Wednesday in future

NEXT MEETING TO BE ON THURSDAY 9th. October 9.30 am followed by Lunch at the Blackhorse



SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, CROQUET AND HOCKEY CLUB
Croquet Section

MINUTES of meeting held on 9th October 2008 at Dove Cott

Apologies for absence.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and signed

Matters arising

1. The photos of the garden will be placed in the mallet room today.
2. Discussion with GMC re valuation/insurance of trophies will take place via JD as soon as possible.
3. Finals dates will be clearly shown on the Internal Tournaments paperwork and adhered to as well the withdrawal from tournaments procedure
4. CA Fixture info will be on web site soon
5. 1st. aid outfit to be tied up in Hut 3. Gabby to investigate the building of a shelf in hut')

Chairman's report

1. JD update photos of all trophies by referring to trophy book (please bring Trophy book to AGM)
2. JD to return to engraver re Ractcliffe which is mis-spelt.
3. Names on boards to be completed
4. AGM commences at 6.0 pm Seats to be reserved for supper for John Palmer and his wife
5. Microphone required. Gabby i.c. collection
6. Nancy to be Vice-Chairman
7. JD to take minutes at next meeting and Email to BD and committee.
8. Rob Mitchell offered to assist at any time. JD to ask re placing trophy details onto a disc
9. For Newsletter. Club afternoons will now be on Fridays 1-4
10. The new GC Block event will be organised by John Coombes. More discussion is needed.
11. New coaching programme will be given to all coaches by JD

Secretary's report.

1. For Newsletter - Locking of main club house door
2. No reply from Janet Dick of Inner Wheel. BC to approach Sidmouth Inner Wheel re playing GC followed by supper
3. Emergency contact Nos. will be mentioned in Newsletter
4. It is unlikely that we will host any more CA sponsored GC tournaments in 2009
5. Medics to be recontacted in February
6. JD needs all AGM reports - please let BC have copies for the file.
7. Programme is now finalised. To be displayed in mallet room now

8. Colin to be made an Hon. Member. He will be marrying Lynne on November 28th
Collection at AGM is for good services and wedding present

GMC Report

1. (from David Temple). £15000 was made during Festival week.
2. Gill to be asked to pay a higher franchise fee
3. Discussion is taking place re a fence at the beach end of the cricket pitch
4. In future, non-members may purchase drinks 4 times at the bar before joining the Club
5. £3000 profit has been made from the drinks machine
6. Next GMC meeting on November 7th Nancy as vice-Chairman attending?

Elaine Woodward

1. Cliff Jones has decided to run the Summer tournament on his own

Richard Mills

1. In touch with Amanda and Mike Taylor re publicity (where is the banner?)
2. The proposed ideas for discussion at the next SW Fed meeting in November to be discussed by our committee at the next meeting

Nancy Temple

1. 46 AGM supper tickets sold to date.
2. Gill to be asked to provide a shortened list of items available
3. £40 raised for serving coffee at CA tournaments

David Temple

1. SW Water Co. have examined the Bore Hole and found it to be in excellent condition
2. Lawns 3 & 4 were closed a few weeks ago to allow germination. 1 & 2 will be closed at the end of October
3. Corner flags need replacing. Would someone like to make them?
4. Bannister rail is on its way!!

Helen Pryor

1. £109 in hand
2. All claims for expenses required by the AGM

Graham Harford

1. Suggestion that the Friendly with Budleigh to be at the beginning of the season in 2009 at Budleigh and then the return match in September. Richard to investigate

John Coombes

1. Everything covered. GC handicaps to be forwarded to BC.

Gabby

1. A La Ronde have 2 croquet lawns. Gabby will coach visitors on the first Tuesday in May and then monthly.

AOB

1. The Writing up of calendars for the mallet room and Hut 3 will be suspended. The programme will be made more visible.
2. As soon as the new Club Diary is in place in the Pavilion Nancy and self will write in all our dates.

NEXT MEETING TO BE ON Monday 20th October 9.30am at Dove Cott and Thursday 20th November 9.30 at the Temples home.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nancy', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

SIDMOUTH CRICKET, TENNIS, CROQUET & HOCKEY CLUB

Minutes of the annual general meeting of the Croquet section held on Thursday 16th October 2008

The Chairman, John Dixon, welcomed 67 members to the meeting. Members stood in silence to remember Mike Channing, Buzz Palmer, Nick Carter, Ian Davis and Gwynneth Dart.

Apologies for absence from Robert & Annabel Hammond, John Coombes, Ann Newmarch, Peter Miller, Jo & Martin McInerney, Keith Thorley, Sheila Blenkinsop, Julie Horsley, Vera & Rowland Henderson, David & Jean Laidler, Barbara & Roland Hamer, Mavis Baldock.

Minutes of the 2007 AGM David Clarke proposed and Mike Taylor seconded that these minutes be approved and signed. There were no matters arising.

Cashier's Report Thanks were offered to Graham Dodd for auditing the accounts which showed that there was an increase in income of £3000

Committee reports were made by individual members followed by the report, by Sue Rogers, concerning the Handicap committee. Special mention was made of Vera Henderson who had served on this committee for many years spending many hours watching the play of various members! Tony Philpott proposed and Gwen Sims seconded that these reports be accepted.

Chairman's report John Dixon explained that 2 members of the committee were retiring - Graham Harford and David Temple and next year at least 4 members of the committee were retiring. Volunteers were urgently needed to back up committee members so they would be ready to take over in 2010.

A vote of thanks to the retiring committee was given by Esme Owen.

Election of committee for 2008/2009 Dorothy Rotas proposed and Tony Philpott seconded that the committee as listed should be accepted. Chairman: John Dixon. Secretary: Barbara Clarke. Members: Pam Bowra, John Coombes, Gabby Macadam, Robert Matthews, Richard Mills, Helen Pryor, Nancy Temple and Elaine Woodward.

Any Other Business as previously received. NIL

The Chairman welcomed John Palmer who presented the Trophies to the winners of the Internal Tournaments with David Clarke thanking him for his many years of service to the Club.

Any Other Business from the floor. Dudley Ractliffe suggested that whilst netting was being placed at the South end of the cricket pitch extra netting should be added to that at Lawn 4.

Notices There are some changes in the programme for next year the main one being that Club afternoon will be on Fridays and not Tuesdays.

The Chairman stated that he would be away until the end of February and would leave all in the capable hands of his Vice-Chairman, Nancy Temple.