

MANUSCRIPT MINUTES OF THE CROQUET CLUB

29 OCTOBER 1966 to 13 JANUARY 1975

Committee meeting held at the Club Pavilion on Monday 13 January 1975

Apologies for absence received from Mr Glover and Mrs Holt.

Mr Fletcher took the chair – also present Mrs Dwerryhouse, Dr M D Rawkins, H Ovens, A Verity.

The minutes of the C'tee meeting held on 4.11.74 were read and approved.

The minutes of the AGM held 21.11.74 were read.

Handicap Committee for 1975 will be Messrs H Ovens, V Stirrup and L Fletcher. Any 2 to form a quorum. CA handicaps to be dealt with by Mr Tunmer.

Secretaryship Dr D Rawkins (proposed by Mrs B Ovens and seconded by Mrs Dwerryhouse) accepted secretaryship. It was proposed that Mrs Togni be asked whether she would act as assistant secretary.

Report of meeting with Club general committee was given by Mr Ovens who attended in place of Mr Fletcher. Meeting held 15.12.74

Matters requested to be raised

Tea charges our letter of August 1974: our letter had been lost but it was felt prices had been overtaken by inflation anyway.

General Committee Meetings have to be held every 3 months in future – at least – to be last Sunday in March, June, Sept, December. Mr Ovens requested that his name be withdrawn as deputy to Mr Fletcher (Club Captain) to attend these meetings.

Parking of Cars by our lawn 1 on public footpath. The chairman promised to look into the matter but Lloyd Baker wants to park there. A difficult situation arises – but the secretary was asked to write to the Club requesting that if a rules was passed prohibiting parking the Croquet Club would adhere to this – in view of a remark that a Club member had parked on this footpath last season.

Cleaning of Ladies toilets etc The discussion concluded in an impasse which was not resolved. Report attached. The matter should be raised again.

It was resolved that Mr Scott as Chairman of Ground committee be final arbiter as to whether lawns are fit for play or not. An Officer on all croquet matters to liaise with Mr Scott was asked for -Mr Fletcher (proposed by Dr Rawkins, seconded by H Ovens) appointed. The Club and Croquet Members would be advised of this.

A list of Officers and Committee of the Croquet Section would be placed on the Club board.

Thanks were passed to Mr Ovens for his attending the Club General Committee.

“Opening Luncheon” Mrs Dwerryhouse had obtained details from Gables Hotel and Belmont Hotel. The former could not book Wednesdays and as the season had commenced, the latter could not provide a separate dining space for us. It was resolved to ask Mrs Dwerryhouse to obtain details from the Riviera Hotel- and to arrange a date (April 8, 9 or 10) with that hotel. Or with the green Gables. – as we would require to have sole occupation of a room for lunch & meeting.

Arrangements for 1975 it was resolved to hold a “Novices Doubles”.

Other tournaments and matters with CA to be discussed at the next Committee Meeting.

Messrs Ovens, Fletcher Verity Stirrup would assist in Golf Croquet sessions.

It was proposed by Mr Fletcher and seconded by Mrs Dwerryhouse that Messrs Verity and Stirrup be co-opted as Committee members for the year.

Equipment for 1975 it was resolved to ask the Club to purchase two sets of balls and a set of corner flags for the coming season.

The next committee meeting would be held on Monday 10 February at 11am

General Meeting of Members held at the Club Pavilion on Thursday 21.11.74 at 10.45

Mr Glover in the Chair and 43 members present

Apologies received from: Mr R Michelmore, Mr & Mrs Reid, Mrs A Mosser.

The minutes of the General Meeting held 25.10.73 read and approved.

The secretary read correspondence from the CA and asked for names of any members who would be interested in attending the Clubs conference at Hurlingham on 7 December. Also re a proposed match with a CA team next season. It was decided to accept the latter – perhaps with a team of four – CA to be advised. A drive is to be made for croquet association membership.

The report of the 1974 season was read and approved.

Arrangements proposed for the 1975 season

Singles = handicap – to be knock-out as in 1974 either an X/ Y or Draw & Process as C'tee decide.

Doubles knock-out as 1974 probably X but X.Y if numbers warrant.

Would the C'tee go into possibility of arranging a Doubles with the high bisquers only playing but instructed by the senior – playing a short course.

Golf Croquet afternoons as last season – fortnightly when no all-day cricket – then 2 during the latter period. Also considered to be given a morning start 11.30 with picnic lunch for a Golf Croquet session. Volunteers requested to help with these sessions and so 'spread the load'.

Ladder Discussed – a majority of members passed the suggestion that all names be entered on Ladder and those that do not wish to play should withdraw and not hold-up progress of tournament.

What action to be taken when a member is away for a 2 or 3 week holiday?

The committee to explore the possibility of a Croquet Gymkhana afternoon for all members.

Mr Fletcher was invited to arrange a further 'Refresher Course' in 1975.

A Finals Day for Club competitions to be arranged.

The Committee to arrange a luncheon date for members to open the new season.

Mr Fletcher reported on the percentages of Court usage and suggested new booking times which were agreed by the members. These are: 10.30 – 1, 2 – 4.30, 4.30 – Double banking on Court 1 at 4.30 in No 2 also booked. The session 1-2 is available for practice.

The List of Handicaps for 1975 season was exhibited.

Officers for 1975: Chairman Mr Glover, Captain Mr Fletcher, Committee: Mr Ovens, Mrs Holt, Mrs Dwerryhouse, Dr Rawkins (proposed by Mrs Ovens seconded by Mr Stirrup)

Mr Tunmer wished to resign as secretary but would be prepared to remain on committee. No nominations for secretary were received. Committee would deal with this at the next Committee meeting.

The awards for 1974 season were presented by H O Hicks.

The meeting closed at 12.05 with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

A social hour was then enjoyed by all present.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Pavilion on Monday 4 November 1974

All committee members present. Mr Glover in the Chair.

The minutes of the Committee meeting held 21.8.74 read and approved

Matters arising Mr Ironside and Mr Skinner had confirmed it would be in order for the croquet section to depute a C'tee member to attend the General C'tee in the place of the Captain if was unable to be present.

Finance Mr Tunmer informed the c'tee that he held an amount £4.05 being £2.35 received from Mr Fletcher as balance of Training Courses and £1.80 in competition fees collected. The c'tee confirmed a payment of £1 to the secretary as out of pocket expenses leaving a balance of £3.05 carried forward.

Cups to be presented at the AGM and to be presented by Mrs Michelmore.

Singles Competition Belmont Challenge Cup – Mrs E G Tunmer

Doubles Competition V Stirrup & Mrs Rawkins

Longworth Cup – for the most improved High Bisquer Dr D Rawkins

The Croquet Club Cup – for endeavour and service to the Club – H Ovens

Arrangements for the AGM were discussed. Mrs Holt & Mrs Dwerryhouse would attend to light snacks etc. (AGM on 21.11.74) Mrs Michelmore would be asked to present the Cups

Miss Ironside would be invited to attend.

1975 season. Competitions to be held:

Handicap Singles on X / Y basis

Handicap Doubles – type to be decided on by members at the AGM either 1. High Bisquer 16+ drawn with senior partners – only high bisquer plays – shortened course shortened game. Knock-out competition possibly X Y depending on number of entrants.

Or 2. Partners drawn by C'tee – high bisquer with low bisquer both partners to play. 3 hour game 22 point points.

The members would be asked whether they would wish the Ladder competition to run as before – the right to challenge 3 above or 1 across – all players on their second year automatically entered with the rest. OR put up a list for entrants to put their name down. It had been felt that some players automatically entered had not played games on the ladder during the season.

Members would be asked if a Refresher Course would be required in 1975 – Golf Croquet would be played as usual. Also to whether a one day match with a CA side could go forward – invitation had been received from CA. The following resolution proposed by Mr Glover and seconded by Mr Fletcher for booking times in 1975.

10.30 – 1 2 – 4.30 4.30 - The record of bookings maintained by Mr Fletcher that 3 pm had shown the fullest court use with 10.30 second. The hour from 1 to 2 could be used for practice (not booked). Double-banking allowed for the 4.30 session.

Officers for 1975. Mr Tunmer asks to be relieved of the secretaryships as he was now living away from Sidmouth. He would be prepared to continue as a committee member. The other officers were prepared to accept office 1975. The AGM would be asked if there were any other nominations.

The C'tee suggested that a notice should be placed on the members' board before the 1975 AGM inviting nominations for the c'tee (duly seconded and having established that the nominee is willing to serve.) There is no limit to the number of Committee at present. Perhaps this might be discussed in due course.

AOB Dr Rawkins wished the committee to explore the possibility of a FINALS DAY for the singles & Doubles competition in 1975. This would be discussed when finalising 1975 arrangements – early September was a possible time.

Mrs Dwerryhouse asked that representation be made to the General Committee about the regular cleaning of the Ladies toilets and Changing Room – so often in a very very dirty condition – as it was understood that this should be part of the duty of someone being paid for this work.

The next committee meeting fixed for 13 January 1975

Committee Meeting held at Lloyds Bank Flat Sidmouth on Tuesday 27 August

Present Mr M H Glover (Chairman), Mrs Holt, Mrs Dwerryhouse, Mr Ovens, Mr Fletcher, Mr Tunmer.

The minutes of the Meeting held on 15.7.74 were read and approved.

There was some discussion as to who would bear the cost of the 2 signs for the Pavilion's doors. It was decided to have the account sent direct to the Club as the labour on the work was being done by Mr Ovens.

Correspondence received was read by the secretary – one letter to the Club re 3 notices to be put-up as suggested by our committee was read – Miss Ironside had replied giving permission for the notices on the croquet door and the Ladies toilet could be proceeded with – but that the one suggested for the outside men's toilet should be labelled as such not "Visitors" which might lead to some confusion and embarrassment. The matter of catering charges would be brought before the next General Committee.

The Chairman would ask Miss Ironside whether a deputy from the Croquet C'ttee could attend ant General Committee Meeting if Mr Fletcher would not be able to be present. Mr Ovens would be prepared to do this. The secretary would speak to Mr Scott re the cutting of lawns and also the propose rubber underlay on the posts of the wire around lawn 1. Cutting should be done to allow games to begin at 10.30. If a 3 hour tournament game was to be played the competitors should inform the groundsman that they wished to commence at 10.

It was agreed that Visitors paying a green fee should only play on Lawn 3 – unless they are bona fide members of other CA clubs

It was agreed to appoint a Club Handicap Committee Messrs Tunmer, Ovens and Fletcher. They should meet regularly and have power to alter CLUB handicaps during the season. In order to increase differential of our members it was agreed that 20 should be the highest handicap in the Club

Next season from 18 as at present.

It was agreed to ask our representative on the ground committee to request them that:

1. A regular monthly C'ttee meeting should be called instead of the infrequent meetings arranged with very short notice – decision an urgent matter now much delayed.
2. To seek some solution to the parking of cars around the Pavilion and alongside the croquet lawn. Should not the gate at the entrance be kept locked?

The AGM would be arranged on Thursday 21 November at 10.45 am at the Club Pavilion – to be followed by a social session with bar and snacks. Mrs Michelmore would be asked to present prizes.

The possibility of a luncheon to open the 1975 season would be discussed at the AGM.

The next committee meeting arranged for Monday 4 Nov.

The chairman thanked Mr & Mrs Holt for their kindness and hospitality in enabling the meeting to be held at their home.

The meeting concluded at 12.30

TOURNAMENT RESULTS 1974

<u>SINGLES WINNER</u>		MRS E TUNMER	<u>RUNNER-UP</u>	F MOORE
"Y"	"	P TUNMER	DO.	V STIRRUP
<u>DOUBLES</u>	"	V STIRRUP	DO.	D RAWKINS
		MRS RAWKINS		MRS PRICE

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L FLETCHER
MRS NEWBURY

DO. F BONEHAM
MRS OVENS

GOLF CROQUET

WINNER

RUNNERS-UP

MAY 14	MRS LACEY & L FLETCHER	MRS MARSHALL & J HOLT
MAY 28	F BONEHAM & M TOVEY	MRS WILLCOCK & A VERITY
JUNE 11	MRS SHEPHERD & MRS VERITY	D RAWKINS & MRS TOVEY
JUNE 25	MRS RAWKINS & MRS VERITY	MRS SHERWIN & E PRICE
JULY 9	MRS PRICE & MRS MOSSES	MISS FIELD & J HOLT MRS M HOLT X A J REID
JULY 30	MRS SHEPHERD & MRS YORKDOWN	MRS PRICE & MRS GRATTON MRS F TOVEY & J HOLT
AUGUST 27	MRS SHERWIN & MRS TOVEY	A REID & MRS OVENS
SET 19	MRS M HOLT & A REID	A VERITY & MRS F TOVEY
SEPT 24	MRS E PRICE & L FLETCHER	J HOLT & MRS SHERWIN

			CUPS 1974	
TOURNAMENTS AT BUDLEIGH	C/GILBEY	W	L	<i>Belmont Challenge Cup</i>
MAY AMERICAN	P a Tunmer	6	2	<i>Mrs E Tunmer</i>
P A TUNMER	MRS TUNMER	4	3	<i>Doubles Cup</i>
MRS TUNMER	L FLETCHER	2	3	<i>Dr Rawkins</i>
Presented at AGM 21.11.74	<i>Croquet Club Cup</i>			<i>The Longworth Cup</i>
	<i>H Ovens</i>			<i>Dr Rawkins</i>

Committee Meeting held at the Pavilion on 15.7.74

Present Mr M H Glover (Chairman), Mrs Dwerryhouse, Mrs Holt, Mr Fletcher Mr Ovens, Mr Tunmer.

The minutes of the Meeting held on 28.5.74 were read and approved.

Matters arising Singles Competition

Confirmation given to the amendment made, before the competition started, for the games to be played for 2½ hours commencing at Hoop 3.

Golf Croquet Owing to the falling off of entries for the last 2 afternoons it was decided to put up a notice that 22 entries would be the minimum for the playing and the matter of the number of Golf Croquet sessions to be held should be discussed at the AGM.

Training Course

Mr Fletcher reported on his successful refresher course held on July 10 & 12th. Attendance was 19 on the first day and 15 on the second day. He had arranged for the use of the CA film strip and commentary which was most useful. His efforts were most appreciated by all who attended and the c'ttee expressed their thanks for all that he was doing in the Training Sphere. Thanks also to the CA for their help sec. suggested we should attain more CA association members for our Club.

Reimbursement from the Club would be sought for the 2 sets of hoops purchased by Mr Fletcher at £2.

Membership figures were reviewed again and Mr Fletcher's analysis chart of lawn usage was proving most useful. The secretary was requested to contact the Club Secretary with regard to Visitors [non-members] play. No advance booking to be allowed but they could be allotted lawns 2 or 3 if available for a session at the agreed fee – the groundsman to point out the mallets and balls available. Visitors could only play on Lawn 1 with a member and must pay the fee before playing.

Line marking again commented upon and sec again asked to draw attention to this at the ground c'ttee and request that all lawns be mown especially on Friday, prior to heavy weekend bookings.

The letter re the Catering Tea charge for the members was read and it was agreed to forward this to the Club Sec. for the attention of the General Committee (prop. Mr Ovens, sec Mr Fletcher).

"Croquet" members premises Discussed but agreed that no structural work could be suggested – but ears kept to the ground with the possible alterations to be required by the Fire Authority in the near future. The present notices could be enlarged by the members if agreed by the Club. Croquet Door to read "TENNIS and CROQUET CLUB MEMBERS ONLY". The outside toilet to be the visitors' toilet. The notice on the locker room in the tea room to be more prominent. This all implements the desire to exclude the public from the changing rooms. The Croquet Club would pay for this work. The Club's approval to be sought as soon as possible.

New wire surround discussed the ground staff's enthusiasm commended but it was felt that the system was not 100% good. The steel supports could be cushioned with rubber underlay to prevent damage to the balls.

Correspondence from CA was read re plans they would like to make for 1975 season re the development scheme. It was felt that our Club service most of the courses offered and the difficulty of obtaining sole use of the Clubhouse at weekends during the season would not be possible. A letter would be devised by Messrs Fletcher & Tunmer in reply. The offer of a CA team to visit for a day match in 1975 would be put to the members at the AGM.

The next C'ttee meeting arranged for 27 August at Mrs Holt's home. The meeting concluded at 12.30.

The Chairman would approach the Club Sec re three matters raised at this meeting including levy advice re cricket meeting to Mr Fletcher.

Committee Meeting held in the Club Pavilion 28.5.74

Present Mr M H Glover (Chairman), Mrs Holt, Mrs Dwerryhouse, Mr Fletcher Mr Ovens, Mr Tunmer.

The minutes of the Meeting held on 18.3.74 were read and approved.

Matters arising: None

Correspondence rec'd letters from Mrs N Moore (resignation owing to leaving the district) and Mr Case, a new member this year who will be joining the Club in mid-June.

The season competitions Decided to play singles & doubles on X / y basis. Draw was made for block competition 'X' round. Singles full course 3 hours time limit. Doubles full course 3 hours time limit. Entries were 19 for singles and 18 (9 couples) for doubles.

Golf Croquet dates arranged for the season. Appreciation expressed where we run our own tea and biscuits for the instance when no 'cricket tea' is available.

Training Course Mrs Fletcher will call together the members who have expressed a wish to join this course a arrange for as commencement date. He is still running successful Monday morning sessions for beginners.

Test Match England v New Zealand preliminary plans given – full publicity to all members when this is received. The Budleigh Club have asked if we could assist with transferring the New Zealand team members to and fro from the Devonia Hotel Sidmouth where they are staying. Several c'ttee members expressed their willingness to to join in this and we await further arrangement details from Budleigh. A list for volunteers will be displayed in the Pavilion here.

Our membership list now numbers 50 paid-up members. It was discussed if we should "close" the membership – but it was felt we would not recommend this at the moment. All the bookings of lawns was very heavy – Mr Fletcher was keeping details of this.

AOB Line markings have been poor – we would ask for those to be improved. *We have again written to Jacques re 2 new winning pegs.*

Mr Fletcher had been offered 2 sets of hoops at £1 each Recommended that the purchase be made.

Mr Ovens moved on behalf of several members, that a letter be sent to the Club complaining about the tea time prices now charged to members of the Club – and suggested we had now reached a position of diminishing returns as many croquet members will bring their own 'thermos'. This was agreed – it was felt that the cricket teas were being subsidised and that whilst the high prices no being charged should be levied on strangers that Club Members, many of whom help in the kitchen work, were being overcharged.

It was left to Messrs. Ovens & Tunmer to draw-up a suitable letter to be sent to the Club.

There being no more business the meeting closed at 12.30.

The next meeting fixed for Tuesday 27 August at the Club.

Committee Meeting held on 18 March 74

Present Mr M H Glover (Chairman), Mrs Dwerryhouse, Mr Ovens, Mr Tunmer. L Fletcher
Mrs Holt still abroad will be home on 2 April.

Minutes of the Meeting held on 11.2.74 were read and approved.

Matters arising. Mr Ovens proposed and Mr Fletcher seconded an amendment to the
booking times for lawns now to read: 1 – 3 and 3 – 5.30 Agreed.

Mr Fletcher displayed a plan for booking which was approved – he will have 100 of these
printed.

Luncheon 28 March 29 acceptances to date. The menu was discussed and Mrs
Dwerryhouse would inform the hotel that the suggested menu as rendered by them would be
acceptable.

The “Apps Heley” plaque would be displayed to members and thereafter would be set-up in
the Club bar.

After lunch the arrangements for the coming season would be stated & entries for
Tournaments accepted (an entry fee to the Club events – singles 10p – doubles 5p – would
be levied)

Mr Fletcher would organise an advance training course – details considered and approved -
4 sessions in all.

It was hoped to begin play at Easter.

The Ladder Mr Ovens proposed that this competition finishes on 30 September Agreed.

Golf Croquet dates would be made as soon as possible – organisation of these afternoons to
be shared by four or so members to help spread the work.

The meeting concluded at 12.05

No date arranged for next meeting.

Committee meeting held at the Club Pavilion – Monday 11 February 74 at 11am

Present Mr M H Glover (Chairman), Mrs Dwerryhouse, Mr Ovens, Mr Tunmer. L Fletcher

Apologies for absence received from: Mrs Holt

The minutes of the Meeting held on 18.10.73 were read and adopted. Mr Ovens welcomed to the Committee. The minutes of the general Meeting held on 25.10.73 were read.

Matters arising: Club Handicaps Proposed by Mr Ovens seconded by L Fletcher that all Club Handicaps as at the end of 1973 should be increased by 2 – to conform with CA intention – and that 18 be the highest handicap given by the Club rather than 16. Agreed

Double Banking with alternative colours

It was agreed to make booking periods for the lawns:

10.30 to 1 1 to 3.30 3.30 to 5.30 5.30 to 7.30 increase of 1 session per day.

Alternative Colour Double-Banking on all lawns 5.30 to 7.30 only

We should ascertain member reaction to these proposals during the season and amend if wished.

Secretary's Report & Correspondence

Letter received re the coming Test Match Series 1974 – One official programme ordered.

The Apps Heley Award (£10 cheque) was accepted by the secretary at Hurlingham's Clb Conference on 8.12.73. It was resolved that £3 travelling expenses be taken by the secretary – and the £7 balance be used for a 'plaque' to be made (7" x 3"?) to be put in the Club referring to the award. The secretary would obtain an estimate for the work involved and report back.

Equipment The Club be requested by the secretary to purchase one set of alternative coloured balls and one or two new pegs to complete a set of 3 for the lawns. We have 3 sets of playable colours and 1 set of alternatives colours & 2 new sets of first colours in stock. Mrs Dwerryhouse had in stock sufficient material for any further sets of corner flags. Mr Fletcher said he would make a new set of corner flags if required.

Captain's Report Mr Fletcher had attended 2 Club Committee meetings and his reports on these were read and appreciation expressed for his work in the matter.

Points for Minutes 1. The Club would place "Cycling Prohibited" notices at each end of the path through the ground.

2. The small gate from the Terrace to the Tennis Courts and 2 And 3 croquet lawns would be kept unlocked this season.

3. The No 3 lawn would be laid out, mown and rolled, in the space adjoining No 2 lawn – full size. It would show inaccuracies and work next Winter could be done to improve the condition of the new lawn.

Plans for 1974 Club Tournaments

Singles T'ment A knock-out on 2 life or x / y system 2½ hours limit.

Doubles T'ment High Bisquers partnered by low bisquers – knock-out also 2 life or x / y system 3 hours time limit.

Lists for entries to be withdrawn for draw on 25 May

Ladder All "second year" members together with all members to go on Ladder – and will be placed in order as drawn at the beginning of season. New members can automatically be placed on ladder. Rules as last season.

Golf Croquet A new “course” for play – to avoid delay around hoops had been suggested by Vincent Stirrup and it was decided to try this out. There would be 2 separate courses i.e. hoops 1, 2, 6 and 3, 4, 5. 25 Minute games – hoops / points score.

It was suggested that the Golf Croquet Tournament be held fortnightly on a regular day (Tuesday or Wednesday) from as early as possible in the season.

Training Courses It appeared that there would be no call for a full course in 1974. Mr Fletcher would be pleased to organise a “Revision Course” of 4 sessions for all who would be interested. The basis of this course would be from Lesson 3 onwards.

The Committee expressed their thanks to Mr Fletcher for all his fine work as an official coach.

C.A. Tournaments It was agreed to seek entrants for the “All England” competition – minimum of 4 required.

Entry for the ‘Longman Cup’ was discussed but difficulty of travelling etc caused “no action” to be decided.

Club Luncheon Messrs Ovens, Tunmer would contact 2 hotels re arranging this for Thursday 28 March and action would be left to them. The function would also give a chance to present the season’s plans to the members.

The next Committee Meeting was arranged at the Club on Monday 18 March at 11am.

General Meeting of Members held at the Club Pavilion on Thursday October 25th at 11am

Mr Glover in the Chair – 35 members present

Apologies received from: Miss Becker, Miss Catlin, H O Hicks, Capt & Mrs Vincent, J Hagger, Mrs M Sherwin and Mrs Dwerryhouse.

The minutes of the general meeting held on 19.10.72 were read and approved.

The Committee's report for 1973 was read and approved.

Arrangements for season 1974 were discussed.

Lawns: The Committee were asked to stress the need for a full-sized third lawn. The secretary assured the meeting that the Club would do all it could to improve the playing conditions of all the lawns etc. A new scarifier had been purchased and there would be 2 groundsmen appointed.

Mr Ovens asked whether any action had been taken re the children cycling on the footpaths etc and generally making a disturbance in and around the Pavilion and Croquet Lawn. The secretary read a letter sent to the Club on the matter suggesting that notices "Cycling strongly prohibited" be erected. Action had been taken by them and the cycling and things had improved, but we understand that the Club was against more notices on the ground. The meeting felt, however, that notices should be erected and so gave members authority to stop offenders by drawing their attention to them. The secretary would again press this with the Club.

Competitions 1974 American Singles Tournament, High Bisquers Doubles and Ladder as in 1973. Mr Tunmer requested that the name at the top of the ladder be placed at the bottom for 1974 – and the 2nd 3rd 4th be placed lower down. And the other names drawn around them. Agreed.

Miss Field asked what could be done for Beginners to get more games. The Committee suggested that all members capable of playing a game of croquet should be put on the Ladder with the right to challenge '3 above' or '3 below' them.

Golf Croquet. More afternoon sessions would be arranged. It was hoped these could be arranged when there was no cricket, to ease parking etc. The secretary especially requested any entrants to advise cancellations by them after the list had been withdrawn – up to the very last moment – to assist in the arrangement of games.

The meeting again stressed the problem of booking lawns for play. Mrs Corbett strongly advocated the use of "double banking" with the alternative colours on Lawn 1 – when 'friendly' games were being played. This was agreed – but no double-banking during Tournament games.

Committee for 1974

Chairman	Mr M H Glover
Captain of the Club	Mr L Fletcher
Secretary	Mr P A Tunmer

Committee: Mrs Dwerryhouse, Mrs Holt, Mr Ovens. Mr Ovens had been invited to join the committee and agreed so to do. Mr Fletcher was elected 'Captain' and so became the official representative of the Croquet Section on the Club Executive Committee. The above committee was nominated by F Moores and seconded by Mrs Newbury Carried.

The Cups for 1973 were then presented by Mrs Corbett – a founder member of the Club.

Handicap alterations were announced.

AOB It was suggested the secretary approach the Club Treasurer to ascertain if he could arrange a £10 float for Croquet Club purposes.

A small entrance fee would be asked for the competitions.

Owing to the way the black ball dilapidate the secretary would find out whether a set of 4 Black balls could be purchased for the same reduced sale as for a normal set of 4 balls.

The meeting closed at 12.15 with a vote of thanks to the Chairman and to the ladies who had prepared the light refreshments to be served at the ensuing "social" hour.

Committee Meeting held at the Club Pavilion on Thursday 18 October 73

Present Mr M H Glover (Chairman), Mrs Dwerryhouse, Mrs Holt, Mr Fletcher, Mr Tunmer (sec)

The minutes of the Meeting held on 2 July were read and approved.

Matters arising The secretary's letter to the Club re the Cycling and the noise around No 1 Lawn was read. No actual reply had been received from the Club. It was pressed that the unlocking of the lower gate on Fortfield Terrace should be taken-up again.

Report of 1973 Season Secretary's report was read and passed for approval at the General Meeting of Members to be held next week.

Arrangements for meeting on October 25 Agenda was agreed. Mrs Holt kindly offered to bring along some 'eats' and it was agreed to charge 5p per head to settle this.

Award of cups: American Singles – Mrs M Ovens, High Bisquers Doubles – F Moores & Miss Catling, Most Improved Beginner – V Stirrup, Endeavour & Service to the Club – jointly by L Fletcher & P Tunmer.

Season 1974 Competitions as this season. Members' Afternoon or 'The Ladder' to be asked at the meeting – also other suggestions. It was contended that the new High Bisquers Doubles had been very successful.

Golf Croquet tournaments to be held more often.

Lawns Mr B Scott (Club Ground Cttee) came to the meeting and advised meeting of the current situation with grounds staff. He was well aware of the work required on our lawns and would do all he could to get this effected. He would look into the possibility of a No 3 Lawn being transferred from the Tennis Court to alongside the present No 2 Lawn, even if the present condition of the lawn only allowed a small sized practice lawn as at present. He then withdrew.

Committee Mr Glover would be prepared to continue as Chairman. Mrs Holt & Mrs Dwerryhouse as committee members. Mr Tunmer would like to be relieved of some of his secretarial duties calling for his presence at the Club, he agreed to continue as Minute Secretary and Mr Fletcher agreed to being appointed Croquet Captain and so being the representative of the Section on the Club Committee & deal with Club officers on the ground generally. It was suggested that Mr Ovens be invited to join the Committee and assist in Golf Croquet arrangements. Mr Glover would invite him to do so.

Handicap Alterations for 1974

It was decided to have Club Handicaps not necessarily the same as C.A. handicaps which were all being raised by 2.

Club handicap recommendations:

F Boneham	13	to	12	
F L Fletcher	8	to	7	
Mrs Fletcher	11	to	10	
J Hagger	16	to	15	
J Holt	13	to	12	
H Ovens	10	to	9	(CA 12)
Mrs M Ovens	14	to	11	
Mrs E G Tunmer	6	to	5	(CA 6)

Handicaps awarded to:

F Moores	13
E Price	14
Mrs Price	14
V Stirrup	12
A Verity	13

1973 Golf Croquet Afternoons

	Winners	Runner-up
May 15	H Ovens & Mrs Price	Miss Catling & Mr Bodenham
June 12	Mrs Holt & Mrs Sherwin	A Verity & F Moores
July 3	H Ovens & Mrs Sherwin	Mrs Ovens & F Moores
July 24	Not completed – rain	
Aug 7	A Verity & P Tunmer	E Price & Mrs Tovey
Aug 21	J Hagger & K Field	F Boneham & B Moores C Catling & I Dwerryhouse
Sep 6	J Holt & Mrs Rawkins	Mrs Ovens & F Moores

American Tournament Singles 1973

Block Winners	Mrs D Fletcher	6 wins
	Mrs M Ovens	5 wins

Final: Mrs Ovens beat Mrs Fletcher +4 on time

Long Bisquers Doubles Competition

Final: F Moores & Miss Catling beat V Stirrup & J Holt

Cups Presented this season:

Belmont Challenge Cup	Mrs Owens
Doubles Cup	F Moores
The Longworth Cup	V Stirrup
Croquet Club Cup	P A Tunmer

Committee Meeting held at the Club Pavilion on Monday 2 July 1973

Present Mr Glover (Chairman), Mrs Dwerryhouse, Mrs Holt, Mr Fletcher, Mr Tunmer

The minutes of the Meeting held on 21 May were read and approved.

Matters arising

The Chairman and committee passed a vote of thanks to Mr Fletcher for his organising of the recent training course for beginners. He reported that although fewer numbers attended this year it was equally as successful as that held in 1972.

Mr Page has informed us that the green gee would be as in the past for visitors (20p per player per session).

The competitions as arranged were going well. 17 "Novices" had entered the Novice's Competition and experienced partners would be found for them to play in the Novice's Tournament – 6 hoops and the peg - 1½ hours – only novices playing. This would be a "Knock-out" tournament.

Match v Budleigh Salterton on Tuesday 17 July: The following players were named for a team for this match: but number of games had not yet been advised to us.

L Fletcher, H. Ovens, P Tunmer, Mrs Ovens, Mrs Tunmer, Mrs Fletcher (Doubles) and Mrs Corbett.

It was considered if we could invite Budleigh to a return match on our 2 Lawn later in the season.

The Summer Fayre 7 ladies were dressing in costume for the 2 croquet games. The Club was organising a "Crazy Croquet" as devised by John Holt and Len Fletcher.

Correspondence had been received from the Care the international matches to be played next year. 30 Raffle Books at 50p each had been received. We would sell all we can without prejudicing the Club raffle here.

Groundsman Benefit – was discussed – the secretary would discuss the system with Mr Page- it was felt the donations should be collected by us and handed direct to John Hams. We had suggested the sum of 50p last season.

AOB Cycling on the public footpath round the Club was mentioned – the secretary would try and ascertain the official policy about this. He would also mention the fact of the small gate on Fortfield Terrace being locked – causing croquet and tennis players to pass in front of cricket spectators to get to the lower lawns.

Thanks were passed to Mrs Tunmer for her valuable work in renovating some of the old mallets.

The meeting closed at 12.25 and the next committee meeting arranged for October 18 at 11 am at the Club.

Result of the Match v Budleigh Salterton Club played at Budleigh on Tuesday 17 July 1973

Sidmouth 5 Budleigh Salterton 3

Mrs Tunmer (6)	beat	Mrs Criden (7)	+7
H Ovens (10)	beat	D Marshall (14)	+20
P A Tunmer (5)	beat	Mrs Henshaw (5)	+8
L Fletcher	beat	Mrs Criden (7)	+14
Mrs Ovens (14)	lost to	Mrs Sheil (7)	-2
Mrs Tunmer & Mrs Corbett	beat	A. Evans & W M Hancock	+7
P A Tunmer & Mrs Ovens	lost to	C Edwards & Mrs Sheil	-2
L Fletcher & H Ovens	lost to	D Evans & W M Hancock	-5

Committee Meeting held at the Cub Pavilion on Monday 21 May 73 at 11am

Present Mr Glover (Chairman), Mrs Holt, Mr Fletcher, Mr Tunmer

Apologies for absence received from Mrs Dwerryhouse,

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Holt to the Committee.

The minutes of the Meeting held on 9 April were read and approved.

Mr Fletcher and Mrs Dwerryhouse were thanked for their work in providing 3 sets of corner flags

Plans for the season

Golf Croquet re-arranged as follows:

Tuesdays May 29, June 12, July 3rd, 24th August 7 & 21 management of these shared by Messrs Fletcher & Tunmer. The play will commence at 2pm and conclude, if possible, by 6pm. 2 games at a time on one court should make this possible.

American Singles Handicap names drawn for 2 blocks of 9 players (2½ hour limit- the game from Hoop 1)

The Ladder 22 entrants – names drawn for the ladder.

Novices Competition a notice would be placed asking for entrants “14 bisquers” and over – who would be allotted a non-playing partner – 6 hoops and peg. If sufficient entrants by next committee meeting a tournament would be arranged.

Beginners Course Mr Fletcher would go ahead and arrange this – 12 applicants for this.

Green Fees the secretary said he would refer this to Mr Page for his decision.

Mrs Holt would acquaint Rosemary Mathieson with the dates of the Golf Croquet sessions in the hope that teas may be provided for the players as was done at the opening afternoon.

Mr Fletcher suggested that the booking arrangements for the courts should be amended to read – each court could be booked by one name thus amending the present system when one name could only book one court until that booking had been played-off. After discussion it was held that the present system should be retained.

He also asked that the Committee should pass a regulation saying that unless the person booking the lawn turned-up to play within 15 minutes from the booking time any other player wanting a game could claim the lawn. The Committee resolved to make this 20 minutes after the booking time. This was agreed as there had been several cases recently where the courts had been booked but not claimed for play.

Mr Fletcher also requested that the set of alternative colours could be brought in for booking on Lawn 2 – thus enabling 2 games to be in progress at the same time. The Committee decided to implement this suggestion and to see how this worked.

Mrs Holt asked whether the 3rd lawn could be modified to be full length although kept to half width. Regulations, however, prevented this as lawns had to be laid out per the rule book – (35 x 28 = 25 x 20 – 20 x 16 etc).

Mr Fletcher gave a plan drawing of 1 croquet lawn with a module of 6 – and 2 full-sized tennis courts – which the secretary would discuss with the grounds cttee.

The meeting closed at 12.35

The next Committee Meeting arranged for 2 July.

Committee Meeting held at the Club Afternoon on Monday 9 April at 11am

Present Mr Glover (Chairman), Mrs Dwerryhouse, Mrs Holt, Mr Fletcher, Mr Tunmer

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Holt to the Committee.

The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 21st Feb were read and approved.

The plans for the coming season were discussed. Entry lists would be placed on the notice board for American Singles – the ladder – to be closed on Sunday May 20th.

The Ladder when the entries were closed it would be decided how to “run” this competition. It was felt that the best plan would be to “seed” say the 6 lowest handicaps and draw the others around these.

Novice's Competition Plans were discussed for this. It was planned to ask the qualified players at present to adopt one of the beginners and play games with these 6 hoops and peg - 1¼ hours maximum After some week's experience of this and American Tournament would be arranged.

Course for beginners

It appears that there are some 14 beginners already and a further course as held last year would be suggested to those members. Entrance fee 50p and covering 6 mornings over 2 weeks. Mr Fletcher would be prepared to arrange this but, would want copies of the text (11 sheets) provided. The secretary would speak to the Club about the possibility of this. A date about the third week in June was suggested for the course.

Golf Croquet It was decided to fix dates for these afternoons. Suggested to be on Tuesday afternoons -May 15th – June 5 – Jun 2 - July 10th – July 24th – and 2 further ones. Entry lists to be put up for each session – withdrawn on the Sunday evening prior to the Tuesday competition.

Green Fees for Visitors It was suggested 50p per session be suggested for visitors. Club to agree this.

Corner Flags As 3 new sets of corner flags were required Mr Fletcher agreed to provide 12 and Mrs Dwerryhouse would arrange for the flags.

Mrs Holt would ask for volunteers for helping at “Tea” when the members' meeting is held on Thursday next. The details of all the plans could be discussed then.

The meeting close at 12.35

The next Committee Meeting fixed for Monday 21 May

Committee Meeting held on Wed 21 Feb 73

Present Mr Glover (Chairman), Mr Fletcher, Mrs Dwerryhouse and Mr Tunmer. Mrs Holt away on holiday abroad.

The minutes of the meeting held on 6. 10.72 were read and approved.

Correspondence was read from the C.A. re a Referee's Course and from Rev Denbow re his mallet. This would be in the care of the Committee and held on the "Members" rack at the Club.

Reports Published in the Croquet Gazette of Dec 1972 were read and appreciation expressed.

Lawns it was decided to note how often the lawns were mowed 'diagonally' during the coming season.

Tournaments it was decided to hold the following in '73

1. American Singles Handicap in 2 blocks if more than 9 entries. Play off between block winners.
2. Novice's Singles American tournament in blocks if number of entrants make it necessary. Say minimum of 4 games each. Time about 1½ hours – 6 hoops & the peg. Novices only playing – senior players going round and advising. "Progress" Cup to the winner.
3. Ladder to be arranged – in 2 sections if numbers demand -Low & High handicaps separated.

The "Doubles" to be held this season – replaced by "Novices".

4. Golf Croquet afternoons arranged for Thursday 10 May (P. A. Tunmer) Saturday 9 June (L. Fletcher).

Third Lawn – demand for this to be kept-up – even if it means a "reduced size" lawn on one tennis court. This enables the Club to retain 2 lawns. A set of alternative colour balls to be ordered.

The Cricket Club Cttee approved the purchase of carpet for the Croquet Room.

Courses It was hoped to arrange a course for beginners at the end of May – early June when something similar to last year would be put on.

A Meeting of Members to be held on Thursday 12 April at 10.15 resume of last year's course and plans for the '73 season.

The meeting closed at 12.50 and the next meeting arranged for Wednesday 4 April at 11 o'clock amended to Monday 9 April at 11 o'clock.

General Meeting held on Thursday 19 October 1972 at the Club Pavilion

Mr M Glover in the Chair. 31 members present

Apologies for absence received from Mrs Morgan, Mr & Mrs Tovey, Mr & Mrs Price, Mr Stevens.

The Chairman welcomed all present. A moments silence was held to remember 3 members who had died during the season.

Mr P Tunmer (secretary) read a report on the 1972 season to be forwarded to the Club Secretary for inclusion in the Annual Report. Wording approved by all present. He then read correspondence received.

A memo to be sent to the Club on points raised at the last Committee meeting was approved. Also the members wished that a request for a 3rd lawn – even a small lawn – be provided because of the growth in membership.

The Chairman announced that Mrs Holt had accepted an invitation to join the committee – unanimously approval given by members present, also re re-election of Chairman (Mr Glover), Mr Tunmer (Secretary), Mr Fletcher and Mrs Dwerryhouse.

Mrs Dwerryhouse spoke of the fete to be organised by the Club next summer – to celebrate 150 years. The croquet section would be responsible for 2 stalls. Mrs Ovens cakes, Mrs Dwerryhouse Toys and Sweets. It was the intention to dress “Victorian” for this; help solicited from members to help. Mrs Tunmer also added that a Victorian Croquet match was to be presented – followed by an exhibition game (modern) by leading players.

Cups were then presented to this season’s winners by Mrs Vincent:

Singles	Mrs Elizabeth Tunmer
Doubles	Mrs S Boneham & Mr P Tunmer
Most improved	“High Bisquer” Mrs M Ovens
Service to the Club & Endeavour	Mr Fletcher

A token was presented to Mr Fletcher for his work in arranging the Training Course.

Mr Glove presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs Dwerryhouse for her help during the season and a token to Mr Tunmer for his work.

Handicap alterations were than announced.

Plans for next season – as suggested by the Committee – were approved. Golf Croquet afternoons to be increased in numbers. American Handicap Singles & Doubles to be arranged – also a “Ladder” competition and a “Novices” Competition (Knock-out) as proposed by Mrs Vincent would also be included (time limit – 6 hoops and stick) players 16-14 possibly partnered with a non-playing senior player

The meeting concluded at 12 o’clock with a vote of thanks to the Chairman proposed by Mr Ovens.

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Committee Meeting held at the Club Pavilion on Friday 6 October at 11.15

Present Mr Glover (Chairman), Mrs Dwerryhouse, Mr Fletcher, Mr Tunmer

The minutes of the meeting of 2nd June were read and approved.

Mr Tunmer reported that he had mentioned the possibility of “handicapping” to Mr H Hicks who said he would undertake such – but unfortunately, he had not been able to contact him since July – the Committee would make the alterations this season.

Mr Fletcher reported on the success of the training course – and how many players had now taken-up a real interest (i.e. “breaks”) in the game. It was proposed to ask the members at the AGM whether the course should be repeated next season – or whether we might avail ourselves of the C.A. film strips for this sometime in March or April.

Mrs Dwerryhouse would endeavour to ascertain whether the necessary equipment for showing these was obtainable in the district p and what expenses would be applicable.

The members would also be asked at the AGM for suggestions re play next season – introduction of a “ladder” – additional Golf Croquet Sessions etc.

Correspondence received by the Secretary included a most appreciative letter from Mrs Heal (Southern Organiser C.A. Training Scheme) in answer to our report on our Course and progress of the Club. Also from Mr Maurice Reckitt, President C.A., in appreciation of his morning visit to our opening Training Session.

The AGM would be held on the 19th October at 11 am. The secretary was to draw-up a report on the season for approval thereat.

The bar would be available from 12 o'clock – and some small snacks would be provided- the Club would contribute £1 towards these from Tournament levy.

Cups Awarded this season:

Handicap Singles – Mrs E G Tunmer

Handicap Doubles Mrs S Boneham & Mr P Tunmer

Most improved beginner Mr W Ovens

Service to the Club and General Endeavour Mrs M Holt

Handicap Revision for 1973

The following handicaps were proposed by the Committee:

Miss M Becker	from 16	to	14
Miss Catling	from 16	to	14
Mrs Corbett			9
Mrs Dwerryhouse	from 15	to	13
F L Fletcher	from 9	to	8
Mrs D Fletcher	from 12	to	11
M H Glover			11
Mrs I Newbury			15
H W Ovens	from 14*	to	12
Mrs M Ovens	from 16	to	14
J Holt	from 14*	to	13
Mrs M Holt			14
J H Pearce			14
R Stevens		CA	2½
P A Tunmer		CA	6
Mrs E G Tunmer	from 9	to	6

Capt. Vincent		8
Mrs M Vincent	CA	1
Mrs Bodenham		16
H M Tovey		16
Mrs Tovey		16
R Duerden		14
F Boneham		13
Mrs Boneham		16
M Shepherd		13
Mrs M Shepherd		14
Dr Rawkins		14*
Mrs S Rawkins		16
Mrs Morgan		16
Mrs K Togni		16
Mrs Price		16
Golf Croquet Afternoon Winners 1972		

May 13	L Fletcher & Mrs D Boneham
June 17	Mrs J Vincent & Mrs M Shepherd
July 15	F Boneham & Miss Catling
Aug 5	Mrs Holt & D M Bull
Sep 9	R Duerden & L Fletcher

The Committee decided to refer certain unappealing items to the Club:

1. Outside toilet should be from both ladies and gentlemen – notice to be re-affixed on outside door – unseen at present.
2. If ladies cannot be accommodated there, then entry to the “ladies” should be through the tea room.
3. The cricket gear at present housed in a locker in the Croquet Pavilion to be moved – as space required for additional croquet members’ gear.
4. Please stop the schoolchildren rampaging in the Croquet Pavilion as has happened this last season.
5. Lawns: Request that these be cross-mown, not always in the same direction – and sometimes diagonally with small roller.

Please improve No 2 Lawn.

Both Lawns to have heavy roller when conditions allow.

Stress again that players should not be talked to when playing their games.

The Committee wished the Chairman to invite Mrs Holt to join the committee in 1973

The meeting closed at 12.35

Committee Meeting held on 2 June 1972

Present Mr Glover, Mrs Dwerryhouse, Mr Hodgson, Mr Tunmer – Mr Fletcher by invitation
Minutes of meeting held on 9 May read and approved.

Matters arising Secretary has received acknowledgement from C.A. of the sum of £1.05 for 7 entries to the “All England Handicap”.

He had written to Col. Cave inviting him to consider becoming the Official Handicapper to our Club- but Col. Cave had to decline owing to ill health. He suggested we contact H. Hicks to accept the appointment. This would be done.

We had received 13 entries for the American style competition – resolved to run this in 2 blocks of 6 and 7 as follows:

Block A Mrs Vincent, P Tunmer, Capt. Vincent, L Fletcher, Mrs Dwerryhouse, Mr Pearce

Block B R Stevens, H Hodgson, Mrs Corbett, Mrs Tunmer, Mrs Fletcher, Mr Duerden, Mrs Holt

Doubles The following pairings were made:

Mr Fletcher & Miss Catling

Mrs Ovens & Mrs Boneham

Mrs Fletcher & Mr Boneham

Mr Hodgson & Mrs Newbury

Mrs Dwerryhouse & Miss Becker

Mrs Tunmer & Mrs Ovens

Mr Fletcher gave more details of the coaching proposal. 16 names had been entered and it was hoped to commence the courses in three weeks or so.

Mr Glover proposed and Mr Hodgson seconded the Mr Fletcher be co-opted to the Committee. He accepted the invitation.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm – Mr Glover being thanked for his hospitality.

Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 9th May at Club Pavilion

Present: Messrs Glover, Hodgson, Tunmer & Mrs Dwerryhouse

Minutes of the meeting held on 29. 3. 72 read and approved.

The Secretary reported on the Special Coaching Course which he and 4 members had attended at Budleigh Salterton 19/20 April. This was a most interesting course given by Dr Bray – and the experience gained had led Mr Fletcher to draw-up a 6 session course for beginners – this to be on 1 hour sessions over 2 weeks – a course fee of 50p to be levied to members - £1.50 to others - £1 to be returned to members and included with subscription if they join the Club. Mr Fletcher was thanked for his work- and given the appointment of “Official Coach” to the Club.

We had 7 entries for the “All England Handicap” and the draw was made for this. We would be entitled to send 2 players to the area finals.

Our own American Tournament would be played under C.A. instructions re scoring (+ or – scores) and the most number of wins winning the competition – and the time being as laid down on P7 of the C.A. rules.

Reduction in Handicaps. At the Budleigh Salterton May Tournament, Ray Stevens was reduced from 5½ to 4 and Pat Tunmer from 7 to 6½ - Club records amended.

Official Club Handicapper It was requested that the Secretary contact Col. Cave as to whether he would still be prepared to accept this appointment – bearing in mind that Mr Hicks was an official C.A. Handicapper.

The meeting closed at 12.35

Committee meeting held on 29th March 1972 at Farway, Roselands

Present M H Glover (Chairman) P Tunmer
 H Hodgson and Mrs Dwerryhouse

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Dwerryhouse to the Committee.

The minutes of the meeting held on 15. 10. 71 were read and approved.

Correspondence:

A letter from Mr Duerden was read in which he expressed his appreciation for the action taken by the Club with sympathy and thoughts following the decease of Mrs Duerden - it was agreed to make him welcome at the club in the coming season.

A letter from Capt. & Mrs Vincent expressing their appreciation at becoming members.

A letter from Rev Denbow to say he would be coming to Sidmouth in June for the first 2 weeks in June and he hoped for some croquet then.

A letter from the C.A. re training courses for coaches was read. It had been ascertained that a course would be held at Budleigh Salterton on April 19/20. Names would be forwarded for those attending. Messrs Fletcher, Stevens, Tunmer and Mrs Tunmer.

American Singles and Doubles Tournaments and also "All England Handicap" will be entered.

The Court No 1 would be opened at Easter- No 2 in 2 or 3 weeks after then.

Coaching of new members would be arranged in ½ hour sessions.

Golf Croquet Sessions would be held – the first on Saturday 13th May.

Mr Hodgson suggested making a purchase of copies of "Know the Game – Croquet" for members to purchase from us.

The meeting closed at 12.30 pm with thanks to Mrs Glover for her hospitality for that morning.

Committee meeting held at Sidmouth Club on Friday 15th October 1971

Messrs Glover, Hodgson, Tunmer present.

The minutes of the meeting held on 6. 7. 71 were read and approved.

Matters arising amended plans for the reconstruction of the Pavilion were discussed. It now appears that the Croquet room will be about the same size as at present – but sited to the North of the present Pavilion. It was noted that 50% of the croquet membership had subscribed to the Pavilion Fund and a letter had been received from the Secretary thanking the many who had helped in the recent jumble sale. It was understood that Mrs Michelmore was to be made a life member of the Club- proposal carried at the last meeting of the Club Committee.

Report on the 1971 season given – being a season of good progress.

Tournament winners – Singles Ray Stevens

Doubles R Stevens & Mrs Fletcher

It was suggested that a further presentation be made to the player who has merited award for endeavour in the game – to be awarded to Mrs Dwerryhouse (*endeavour and service to the Club*)

The matches v Budleigh Salterton were enjoyed – the results (2 wins) were highly satisfactory.

The July Croquet Afternoons proved highly popular – winners:

Saturday June 19th R Stevens & Mrs Fletcher
Thursday July 8th L Fletcher & Mrs Newbury
Thursday July 29th Block 1 J Holt & Miss Becker
Block 2 Miss Strack & Mrs Tunmer
Thursday August 23 L Fletcher & Miss Becker

American Tournament Tables

Singles

1. R Stevens	(10-8)	165pts
2. Lou Fletcher	(12-10)	164pts
3. Mrs E Tunmer	(7-5½)	153pts
4. H Hodgson	(7-5½)	129pts
5. Pat Tunmer	(7-5½)	128pts
6. Mrs D Fletcher	(15-12)	116pts
7. Mrs Elsie Corbett	(9-7½)	113pts
8. Mrs I Dwerryhouse	(18-14½)	94pts
9. J H Pearce	(14-11½)	75pts

Doubles

1. R Stevens & Mrs Fletcher	107
2. P Tunmer & Miss Catling	87
3. Mrs Tunmer & Mrs Ovens	82
4. H Hodgson & Miss Becker	80
5. L Fletcher & Mrs Dwerryhouse	80
6. Mrs Corbett & Mrs Newbury	65

Proposals for next season:

American Tournaments. Singles Doubles as this season – singles time limit 3 hours – full course – Doubles – 3 hours – all colours on 3rd hoop.

Golf Croquet Afternoons to be arranged.

Coaching for beginners – Individual coaching of one beginner at a time in 1½ hour sessions – to be arranged by the secretary.

All members to be made aware of booking arrangements of courts – notice to be placed board

HANDICAPS FOR 1972

D18	Miss M Becker	16
D20	Miss E Catling	16
9	Mrs E Corbett	9
18 D16	Mrs I Dwerryhouse	15
12	Mr F L Fletcher	9
15 D13	Mrs D Fletcher	12
11	M K Glover	11
7 CA8	H Hodgson	8
18 D16	Mrs M Holt	16
14	J Holt	14*
14	J H Pearce	14
D16	Mrs M Ovens	16
10 (CA5½)	R Stevens	5½
7 (CA7)	P Tunmer	7
7 (CA9)	Mrs EG Tunmer	9

To conform with C.A. rules members' handicaps will be altered during the season if warranted by Club Committee or as a result of competition in CA Tournaments.

The matter of the appointment of an official handicapper will be gone into. A letter was received from Col. Case who had been given a list of C.A. official handicappers. (He said that he might be available to become an official handicapper if we so wished) He confirmed that the figures given were just about right – and that Club Handicaps should be the same as C.A. handicaps

Croquet Sub-Committee - minuted at meeting held 15.10.71

Re

Annual business and social meeting called for Saturday morning 6th November .. as being the most convenient date for a maximum attendance of members.

In July Mr Glover had kindly undertaken to make arrangements for the above meeting, and he duly approached the Hon. Treas. of the Club on the matter of holding this meeting in the upstairs bar in the pavilion (as last year). Objection to this was raised by the Hon. Treas. On the grounds that the upstairs bar could not be reserved on a Saturday morning as this was a general opening time for all Club members. In view of this, and as it was then considered possible that reconstruction work on the Pavilion would have commenced by November, Mr Glover proceeded to make alternative arrangements for the meeting to be held in the lounge of the adjoining Sidmouth Club. The action of the Sidmouth Club committee in approving the use of their lounge is appreciated.

This week the Hon. Treas. Of the Cricket Club has requested that his strong personal feeling on this arrangement should be expressed to the Croquet Sub-committee, as he felt that the downstairs bar or the tearoom could have been "tarted-up" for the meeting.

The Croquet Club sub-committee have discussed the matter, and in view of the circumstances in Para 1 above, and of the lateness of the suggestion made in Para 2 (arrangements having already been finalised) approval of Mr Glover's action was recorded. It was unanimously regretted that the meeting could not be held on the Club's premises on this occasion. Sincere thanks were conveyed to Mr Glover for the personal hospitality he would be offering to the members and company at the coming meeting.

It was agreed to ask Mrs Dwerryhouse whether she would join the Committee for next season.

The meeting closed at 12.35 pm.

6. 7. 71

Committee meeting held at Pavilion at 11.30 am.

Messrs Glover, Hodgson, Tunmer present.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Progress of Season satisfactory progress in competitions. Membership now 28. One new set of balls has been ordered and delivery should be made soon – then for the next season's use. The Club Secretary has reported the progress to date to the C.A.

Pleasure was expressed in Ray Stevens' success in winning the Gilbey Cup in the Budleigh Salterton Tournament. The secretary has asked to have a write-up of this included in the Sidmouth Herald. Stevens official C.A. handicap now 7 – but he will retain 10 for the remainder of the Club Competition this season.

New Club Pavilion The committee were shown the minor concessions given by the Building Committee for extra space in the new plan. It was recommended that (a) a tap for water supply be provided adjacent to the lawns for the groundsman's use in dry weather for watering lawns. (b) the door leading into the croquet room in the new plan should have a glass window for light etc.

The Club Secretary would provide the Committee with an overall figure of donations towards the Pavilion Rebuilding Fund – Mr Tunmer would collect and pass to the fund any donations made by Croquet Players members – the named list of donors had been withdrawn from the main Club Board. Mr Gentle joined the Committee to discuss these matters.

Mr Hodgson proposed that Mrs R Michelmore should be asked to accept Life Membership of the Club in view of her long connection with the Club and for all the help given by her to the Club over many years – and more recently – in getting the Club started again. This was agreed and the proposal will be put forward by Mr Tunmer at the next Club Committee Meeting.

It was agreed that the "session charge" should be amended to 20p per person.

Handicaps. New handicaps were allotted to Mrs Newbury D16 and Mr Pearce 14

The meeting concluded at 12.30 pm.

Result of Match v Budleigh Salterton 16. 7. 71

H Hodgson	beat	Miss Lucks Latham	+9
L Fletcher	beat	Mrs Schofield	+2 (on time)
R Stevens	beat	Mrs Hammer	+15
P Tunmer	lost to	Mr Schofield	-15
Tunmer & Fletcher	beat	Schofield & Mrs Bird	+4
Hodgson & Stevens	beat	Mr Ovens & Mr Harrison	+16

Result Sidmouth 5 Budleigh Salterton 1 All matches played level

Golf Croquet Afternoons: 1971

Winner	(16)	June 12 th	R Stevens & Mrs Fletcher
	(10)	July 8 th	L Fletcher & Mrs Newbury
		July 29 th	Miss Strack & Mrs Tunmer
			J Hunt & Miss Becker
		Aug 23	L Fletcher & Miss Becker

Match v Budleigh Salterton

22. 9. 71

H Hodgson	beat	Mrs Hammer	+
R Stevens	beat	C Edwards	+
P Tunmer	beat	K Schofield	+
Mrs Tunmer	lost to	Mrs Schofield	-1 on Time
Hodgson & Stevens	beat	Edwards & Schofield	
Mr & Mrs Tunmer	beat	Mrs Bird & Dr Evans	

31. 5. 71

Committee meeting held at Pavilion 12am

Messrs Glover, Tunmer present.

Apologies for absence received from H. Hodgson.

Minutes of the last meeting received and approved.

Handicaps reviewed and confirmed – note being taken that Ray Stevens' is now reduced to 10 by Budleigh Salterton Tournament C'ttee.

A match has been fixed at Budleigh on Wednesday 16th June – 4 players

Handicaps for new players in our Club's tournament: -

Mrs Ovens 16, Miss Becker 18, Miss Catling 20

Doubles partners pairing:

R Stevens & Mrs Fletcher

L. Fletcher & Mrs Dwerryhouse

Mrs Tunmer & Mrs Ovens

P Tunmer & Miss Catling

HH Hodgson & Miss Becker

Mrs Corbett & Mr Newbury

The meeting concluded at 12.30 pm

23 October 1970

End of season meeting held in new bar in Pavilion. Mr Glover took the chair – 12 members present – apologies for absence from Mrs Michelmores and Mr Stevens.

Review of the season presented by Secretary.

The cups presented to winners by Mr Glover.

New handicaps for 1971 season announced by chairman – see the end of this report.

The meeting wished their thanks to be minuted to Mr Fletcher for the work on making and fixing the holder for members' mallets in the Clubhouse – also to John Harris for his good work on the main lawn.

The terms for the booking of lawns were again explained to the members – the secretary stated that the notice re booking would be placed in a readily seen position in the new booking calendar for 1971.

Members considered that individual practice sessions should be confined to the second lawn when more than one wished to play. Mrs Corbett suggested that the practice of using a further set of differently coloured balls could be introduced for games on the main lawn thereby doubling the use of the court – this system widely used in Australia.

The question of amendment of handicaps during the season was raised – to be discussed by the committee.

The meeting approved the matters of the "second lawn 2 and the request for a further set of new balls as raised in the report for the season.

After the business meeting Mr Glover invited the members and the "Club Executive" to take drinks and snacks with him. Appreciation duly recorded to him for this generous gesture.

Mrs Michelmores	5	L Fletcher	12
Mrs Tunmer	7	Mr Duerden	14
P. A. Tunmer	7	Mrs Fletcher	15 (D 13)
H Hodgson	7	Mrs Duerden	18 (D 16)
Mrs E Corbett	9	Mrs Dwerryhouse	18 (D 16)
M Glover	11	Mrs Holt	18 (D16)
R Stevens	11		

19 October 1970

Committee meeting

Report a highly satisfactory season.

Discussed the terms to be sent to Club Secretary for Annual Club Report – and approved.

Membership now 17 with 2 or 3 possible new members for next season. The committee feel that 20 members is the limit of use for 1 lawn. Our second lawn is certainly not in fit playing condition – more attention should be given to it – or, at least a good practice playing area with four hoops to be provided.

It is suggested that members should consider the sum of 10/- as a suitable figure for the groundsman's benefit but – this is purely voluntary – no obligation whatsoever – and should any player wish to donate more, then they do so – we are very pleased with the figure donated this season -£10.

It was decided to request the Club to purchase a further set of new balls – ours own members will provide some funds toward this – the tournament entry fees can be used for this purpose.

American Tournament 1970

Singles

1. Pat Tunmer	143pts
2. Elisabeth Lewis	142pts
3. Mrs Michelmore	138pts
4. Howard Hodgson	122pts
5. Mrs Elsie Corbett	109pts
6. Maurice Glover	103pt
7. Lou Fletcher	100pts
8. Iris Dwerryhouse	79pts

Doubles

1. Mr Fletcher & Pat Tunmer	102
2. Mrs E Lewis & Ray Stevens	94
3. H. Hodgson & Lou Fletcher	93
4. Elsie Corbett & Mr Duerden	76
5. Mrs Michelmore & Mrs Dwerryhouse	58
6. Mrs Holt & M. Glover	52

We were delighted to welcome several new players to these tournaments, in which all club members can join in games with all others.

Club Handicaps 1971

Mrs Michelmore	5	Mrs Dwerryhouse reduced from 20 to 18 (Doubles 16)
Mr Tunmer confirmed at	7	Mrs Duerden reduced to 18 (Doubles 16)
Mrs E Tunmer reduced from 8 to	7	Mrs Holt confirmed at 18 (Doubles 16)
Mr H Hodgson reduced from 8 to	7	Mrs Fletcher confirmed at 15 (Doubles 13)
Mrs E Corbett at	9	
Mr M Glover from 10 to	11	
Mr Stevens confirmed at	11	
Mr Fletcher reduced from 15 to	12	
Mr Duerden reduced from 15 to	14	

The cup for the most improved player of 1970 to be held jointly by Len Fletcher and Ray Stevens

26 May 1970

The Committee met and fixed doubles partners for the season's American Tournament.

They have been assured that the second court will be opened next week.

It was hoped to send a team of 4 to Budleigh in acceptance of an invitation to play a match during the week of July 20th.

Handicaps were given to: Mr Fletcher (15), Mrs Fletcher (20), Official C.A. handicaps given to K Hodgson (8), Pat Tunmer (7)

12 March 1970

The committee met and made plans for the coming season.

It was proposed to commence on Saturday 11th April.

American Singles and Double tournaments to be played as last year – entries closing on 9th May. Both competitions to start at 3rd hoop – time limit singles 2½ hours - doubles 3 hours
Entry fees 2/= per entry. Members' handicaps were reviewed and the following alterations approved for club purposes Mrs Tunmer 8 from 9

R T Duerden 15 from 20

Mrs Duerden 20

The secretary's report for last season was read and approved.

Equipment. We still await the new set of balls ordered by the Club – also report on one of the last set purchased which may be defective. We now have 4 sets of playable balls.

The secretary will examine all the mallets at the Club.

The second lawn will be provided with wire netting stop border – netting already owned by Club.

The new set of balls to be used only for tournament play.]The request by Budleigh to have our lawn for 5 days (July 6th - 10th) was approved. It is suggested they bring sets of balls with them.

The matter of a Club Day (suggested as Thursday) and a Golf Croquet tournament was to be held over until the next meeting.

11 November 1969

Courts closed 4th November

An end of season morning meeting held at the Pavilion – 9 members present -apologies for absence from Mr Waterfield.

Dr R Michelmore “chaired” the meeting and H.O. Hicks joined the social get-together after business was completed.

The secretary gave a report of the season:

Our American Singles Handicap was won by Mrs E Tunmer (175 points), Mrs Michelmore (159), Mr K Hodgson (153)

American Handicap Doubles was won by Mr Waterfield and Mr P A Tunmer (77).

Cups were presented to the winners by Dr Michelmore also a cup for the most improved ‘High Bisquer’ was presented to Mr R T Duerden.

Two members had entered competitions at Cheltenham and the Club had played a friendly match at Budleigh Salterton. Members from 5 other clubs had played on our courts.

A general discussion ensued:

It was agreed to recommence play about 13th April 1970

The American Singles & Double Tournaments to be held – entries to be completed 9th May and games started by 11th May.

A special effort to be made in the matter of increasing playing membership e.g. by having a special “Club Day” each week with matches being played with all present – also having some “Golf Croquet” Doubles to introduce non-players to the game. The retention of the second croquet court was considered essential - a suggestion was made that the ‘No 1’ court was closed once a week for grounds attention and play be switched to the ‘No 2’ court – and that the No 2 court receive attention on at least one day each week, if possible a regular day to be notified by the groundsman and so the “Club Day” can be held when both Courts are well playable.

A wooden stop-barrier to be set-up on Court 2 to prevent the balls from travelling onto the grass nursery.

The present committee pf Messrs Glover, Hodgson and Tunmer (secretary) was re-elected for season 1970 (proposed Mrs Michelmore, seconded Mrs Tunmer)

Committee meeting held on Thursday 5th June 1969

Present Mr Glover Mr Hodgson Mr Tunmer

Partners allocated for American Doubles Tournament.

10 entries received for doubles

9 entries for singles

Proposed to ask the Club to purchase a further new set of balls – Croquet section will fund up to £5 towards the cost,

Propose to ask Budleigh if we could send a team of 3 for singles & 4 for doubles to play a game with members there of about the same handicaps. Mr Hodgson Mr Waterfield [?] & Tunmer would play singles – endeavour to co-opt a fourth for doubles.

Committee to keep watch on condition of lawn and report at next committee meeting – it is felt it is not quite of the standard as last season.

Committee Meeting Saturday 19 April 1969

Present: Pat Tunmer, Mr Glover, Mr Hdgson

Minutes of the meeting on 17th April discussed. Entries to tournaments to be completed by May 24th.

Keys to croquet door to be retained by Messrs Tunmer and Glover.

Bisques were discussed and amendments to last year's were Mr Glover 9½ to 10 Mr Hodgson 9 to 8½.

Committee will select doubles partners.

It was decided to place a separate notice on the board to read “ Any Club Member may use the court for individual practice for no longer than 1 hour should any other members wish to play on the court.”

Mr Hodgson kindly offered to design the notices for the board.

Mr Glover passed the sum of £3 to Mr Tunmer as stated in the last meeting.

Letter from Colchester C. Club read re C.A. membership – no action to be taken.

Thursday 17th April 1969

An opening members meeting held at 5 pm after tea it was unanimously adopted that a vote of thanks be recorded in the minutes for all the hard work by Mr Glover as Secretary these last years. He is still a committee member with Mr Tunmer as secretary. A nomination for Mr Hodgson as a committee member was adopted.

Committee 1969: Messrs. Tunmer, Glover, Hodgson.

Competitions Decided that Singles and Doubles competitions be held on American Tournament arrangement.

Both competitions to be started at 3rd hoop by all colours [?] = entry fee 2/6 per player in each.

Time Limits start to time as last year Singles 2½ hours Doubles 3 hours.

List to be closed earlier than last year

Cups were seen and decided to play for Doubles – Singles cups this year.

Handicaps to be considered by Committee – adjusted for tournaments starting at 3rd hoop.

Second Court availability considered to be essential – although realising the Club was in no financial position to expend capital on it. – felt that regardless cutting and mowing should be done.

(Secretary has checked that last season there were 12 bookings of the courts and it was also used by visitors, especially during late July and August.) – a close record of its use will be kept of its use this season – as it is hoped to increase croquet membership.

Key Secretary of Cricket Club agreed to 2 duplicates of Croquet Club door key be struck and held by responsible members.

Membership of C.A. Secretary of Cricket Club approved Club sending £1/10/- sub to C.A. for Club.

Croquet Club Funds After expenses Mr Glover announced that £3 is now held and will be passed to Mr Tunmer. These funds to be used towards purchase of a new set of balls.

Wire or Wooden Barrier on seaward side of Court 2 Border it was held that arrangements should be made towards the provision of this – cost to be determined.

Fees for visitors It was recommended that all visitors be charged 5/- per session per person for use of green and available mallet and balls. To be collected either by Sec / Treas / groundsman or Club or by Committee Member of the Croquet Section. A receipt book is to be kept in the Croquet Section for use.

Apology for absence recorded for Mr Waterfield.

Meeting closed at 6 o'clock

7th October 1968

An end of season tea-party was held at 4.30 pm at the Cricket Pavilion which was attended by 13 members and enjoyed by all.

After tea a meeting of members was held and apologies were received from Mrs Michelmore & Mr H. O. Hicks. All present were sorry to hear of Dr Michelmore's illness and asked the secretary to write to Mrs Michelmore conveying their sympathy and hoping for his speedy recovery.

The secretary reported that Mr Shelton had won the American Singles Tournament and there was great competition for second place and eventually Mrs Michelmore and Mr Hodgson tied for this honour. The doubles were won by Mrs Michelmore and Mr Waterfield. The spoons were given by Mrs Corbett for which she was adequately thanked. The Hon. Sec. presented Mr Waterfield with the doubles prize and the secretary was asked to see that Mr Shelton received his spoon as soon as possible.

The secretary reported that he was retiring from that post at the end of the year and Mr Tunmer had promised to take over and carry on this work, he was duly elected unanimously.

Mr Glover was asked if he would stay on the committee to help out, this he promised to do. No other members were elected owing to the absence of Mr Shelton who is a Committee Member & this should be done at a later date.

The Hon Sec. reported that he had collected £4.12.6 for entry to the competitions over 2 years and that and that he would hand it over to Mr Tunmer.

It was suggested that next year 2 of the Cups now in the Sec. of the Cricket, LT & Croquet office should be played for next season,

After a vote of thanks had been given to the Hon. Sec. for his work the meeting was closed.

March 28th 1968 Sub-Committee met

Agreed season should open on 15th April.

Competitions American Singles and a Doubles comp. Time Limit for American Singles 3 hours & time limit for doubles 3¼ irrespective of rules under Tournaments Clause para. 8.

Prizes. It was decided to play for spoons 1 for singles winner & 1 each doubles.

Handicaps agreed to alter same as per list.

Coaching One person at a time say ½ hour to each person only if others are waiting. Those wishing to be coached to get in touch with and arrange time with coaches. Suggested that those with handicaps of 10 & under should be coached by Mrs Michelmore & Mr Fletcher. Those above 10 to be coached by Mrs Corbett, Hodgson, Tunmer etc.

Tea Party possibly to be held in early May, quite informal, long table if possible.

Mrs Shelton Size of Court to keep in touch with Harris.

Key of Clubroom A place to be arranged for the keys to be found so that players coming to play after the Pavilion & Hut are closed can find them.

Notes of Croquet Club Meeting Held in the Bridge Room of the Sidmouth Club at 11.30am 14th February 1967

Present Mrs Shelton, Mrs Michelmore, Mrs Corbett, Mrs Dwerryhouse, Mr Tunmer, Rev. ?. Hobson, Mr Hodgson, Mrs C Russell (Sec. Sid. Cricket, Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club) and Mr Glover Hon. Sec Croquet Club.

Centenary Handicap Singles The Secretary reported that he had received notices from Mrs Capon the details of this tournament. In these notices it was agreed that with 4 competitor from the Club we could play the 1st round at Sidmouth and the winner would receive a Bronze Medal and should entrants require a Certificate they were entitled to have one.

Number of entries in this competition to be sent to Budleigh by end of April (Budleigh being our Area Club). The entrance fee to be paid was 3/6. As to the presentation of the Bronze Medal it was agreed by all that Dr Michelmore should be approached by the Hon. Secretary to ask him to perform this for us.

Budleigh may Tournament If enough enter so as to make a block of 6/7 Col. Cave is going to suggest to his committee that we play this off at Sidmouth. Mrs Michelmore says remind him that it will be necessary to get a referee from the Panel.

Match Against Budleigh. We would like to play the high handicap match against Budleigh at Sidmouth and ask Col. Cave to suggest a date suitable to their Club. Say 2 singles am and 2 doubles pm, possibly in June.

All England Tournaments. Mrs. Michelmore – C. Association to enable anybody to enter for All England Tournaments.

Equipment. The secretary reports his conversation with Mr C Russell *the* Sec. Sid. Cricket, Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club he was present at the meeting. Mrs Dwerryhouse promised to make a new set of flags.

It was agreed to procure a gauge for the hoops of championship size 1/8 smaller than the size of the hoops.

Mr Russell promised us a new set of balls and to have the other sets washed.

Tennis Hut Mr Russell told us that we could have the large room and one dressing room as the Junior Lawn Tennis had finished using it. We are to have the second key in our room in the Cricket Pavilion. We are also to have the court next to the hut as our second court.

Sub-Committee The secretary asked that he might have two members one lady and one gentleman to help him in his work (to be called a sub-committee). This was agreed and Mrs Michelmore proposed that Mrs Corbett & Mr Shelton should be elected to do this Rev. Hobson seconded this and it was carried unanimously.

Coaches. Mrs Corbett suggested that there should be one of these, our more experienced players might do this. It was left to the sub-committee to deal with.

A tea party was held on **21st October 1967** at the Clubhouse, 18 members being present including Mr. H. O. Hicks.

The secretary reported that Kay Hookin was in hospital and had had a serious operation.

It was reported that the Croquet Club had grown from 11 members to 28 unfortunately 2 had left the neighbourhood.

Reported that the sub-committee had put the highest handicap to 24.

It was reported that due to a slight disagreement amongst the competitors that the prizes were held over.

It was suggested by Mrs R G Michelmore that all American Tournaments should finish at the end of 3 hours and supported by all members present.

It was suggested that the small lawn should be made bigger and it was left to Mr Shelton to see Harris the groundsman.

Centenary Year Mr Shelton was congratulated on winning the bronze medal played for at Sidmouth and the silver medal at the area finals played for at Budleigh Salterton and went on to reach the semi-finals in London.

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A meeting of the Croquet Club was held after having had tea at the Cricket pavilion. All members of the Club were present.

Centenary Year Special Handicap Singles. It was reported by the secretary that the names of contestants wishing to take part should be sent to the secretary by 21st February at latest.

Handicap Committee. After a long discussion it was passed by a small majority that this committee should be set-up consisting of Mrs Michelmore and Mrs Shelton.

Club Tournaments. It was passed that the Club should hold three tournaments during the 1967 season, namely 1. American Doubles Handicap 2. American Singles handicap 3. Knock out Singles.

Budleigh Tournaments. It was suggested that some members might like to go over to Budleigh to take part in their May Tournament.

It was also suggested that we might arrange to play a match against Budleigh possibly at Sidmouth.

Equipment. It was passed that a gauge for the hoops be procured, also that we should have wooden guards made for the second court and a small one to stop the balls being driven onto the Cricket ground ??? the pavilion.

Also that we required another set of corner flags. Also that 2 sets of balls be painted.

The secretary was asked to approach the secretary of the Cricket, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club about these matters.