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Subscriptions:

I sent out a general appeal for subscriptions to cover costs on 20 May and some cheques have been received. I am sorry that one or two of those who had already paid felt insulted. This was not intended, I had thought they would like to be kept in the picture.

I will attach comments on the back of this for some of you but a red star means that this will probably be the last communication you will receive unless some contribution is made p.d.q. Otherwise we would appear to be down to about 20 members.

Lakeview:

I paid a visit to Lakeview yesterday and am happy to report that work has started. I just missed the Manager but hope to see him the next time I am able to get there. I will give him notice next time.

It looks to me as though it will not be ready for play before Spring, 1999.

Veryan:

Please add the following to the list of lawns sent out on 4 May:

Lawn Address: Trist House, Veryan. 01872 501422.

Host: Mr & Mrs Salmon.

Directions: From Tregony, follow the road through Veryan, past the church, round the bend going uphill and the drive is on the right with a smart lodge just inside on the left. Continue up the drive and park on the gravel by the house.

Comments: One lawn about 26 by 11 yards.

Site by Gyllingvase Beach :

When the working party tried to start work on 24 May, they discovered that a fence had been installed across the middle of the lawn. There is apparently a dispute over ownership and boundaries with the Kimberley Estate although our friendly owner has his title registered. We will have to wait with our fingers crossed on this one.

Budock Vean Hotel:

There is the possibility of establishing perhaps one lawn and a half-lawn here. Malcolm Hooper and I are hoping to open negotiations with the owner soon. This is a gorgeous site although a little out of the way for some. It does already have a clubhouse for the Golf Club and this would be available for use by members if this all proves to be a goer.

Coaching and Togetherness:

The reactions to this have been disappointing; one applicant for Tremethick (rained off); one for Plymouth and two (a married couple) for An Gwel. Nevertheless I propose to persist, further dates are added on the reverse side.

One of the objects of promoting coaching sessions was to meet each other, discuss what we want out of the club, talk about croquet, hear suggestions for future events, get support and encouragement. If dates are not suitable, give me a ring and I will see what can be arranged. With such a select group, it should not be too difficult to be flexible.

Coaching Dates for June and July:

Trist House: Friday, 26 June, 2 to 5 p.m.

Tremethick: Wednesday, 8 July, 2 to 5 p.m.

An Gwel: Wednesday, 1 July, 2 to 5 p.m.

Bareppa: Wednesday, 15 July, 2 to 5 p.m.

Pencarrow: Friday, 24 July, 2 to 5 p.m.

Plymouth: I can probably arrange dates and times to suit anyone interested as long as my wife does not have a prior booking for the car. Anyone interested in trying out a full-size or half-size lawn, please contact me.

Notes:

Please let me know if you intend or just hope to attend any of the above sessions at least by lunchtime the day before. If no-one is coming, then I will call off the session and inform the host accordingly. For the afternoon at Pencarrow, I need to know by early Wednesday, 22 July as I shall be going there that day to coach a WI group and make arangements for the Friday.

If anyone is unable to make the times proposed but would like to attend later, say 5.30 or 6 p.m., please ask and if we can arrange it, we will.

Tony Backhouse.