

CORNWALL CROQUET CLUB

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Lakeview :

Progress has been non-existent - very sad. I have unilaterally told the General Manager there that we have to go back on our agreement to assist with funding in return for privileged access to the lawn - (but see the following paragraph). David Mundell, the manager, has been very understanding over this and hopes that we will use his lawn when it is finally constructed, which I am sure we will.

Roserrow Country Club

This housing development/golf club/tennis/bowls/country club etc has constructed a full-size croquet lawn, due to be turfed as soon as we get some dry weather. They are confident that it will be ready by the spring though I think mid-summer is more likely. (They also have an artificial surface bowling green alongside it. I hope we may be allowed to play on the latter but am negotiating on this difficult subject. But see under "Help Wanted".) They have welcomed our interest so we may be organising a ceremonial joint opening of the lawn far earlier than I had ever hoped a few weeks ago. I admit that Roserrow is somewhat out of the way for most but not as much so as Plymouth. For those who do not know it, it is near St Minver on the north side

of the Camel estuary - a beautiful stretch of country near the sea with houses being constructed with careful siting to be as unobtrusive as possible. More on this subject nearer the time.

Site by Gyllingvase Beach :

Nothing further heard on this. As far as I know, the legal position is still being clarified.

Budock Vean Hotel :

Although enthusiastic when first sounded out, the owner of the hotel and golf course changed his mind after we had got all excited about this possibility. For me, this was about the fifteenth good possibility to wither and die.

Coaching and Togetherness :

The reactions to this were disappointing; but I do appreciate only too well that it is difficult to be enthusiastic when we have no lawn of our own and no fixed timetable. If we do succeed in getting established at Roserrow, we will soon find out whether we are likely to be viable there. If so, we will need a larger and more active committee with Playing, Competition and Social members.

Help Wanted :

I am trying to persuade Roserrow that croquet can be played quite satisfactorily on an artificially surfaced bowling green. To this end, I have found out that Jaques make suitable hoops which are grounded with 12mm diameter steel rod, 150mm long. To take these, it would be best to drill holes in the concrete base and sleeve them for the hoops. When the latter are withdrawn so bowls can be played, we would need a white cap for each hole, mushroom shape, so that the holes could subsequently be located easily and also to minimise any effect the hole may have on the

woods. (Bowlers played on our croquet lawns at Woking when the hoops had the normal cone-shaped carrots and we never had any complaints about them. We would need similar arrangements for corner flags.

what the effect would be? If so, please let me know.

Also, thinking of an opening ceremony, does anyone know a suitable celebrity who might be willing to perform a ceremonial hit. We would like someone well enough known to draw the media and perhaps even spectators. Suggestions please to me.



Is there anyone who could make a simple, single pin plus sleeve and, if we are given permission, make an experimental hole to see

With very best wishes for Christmas and (particularly) New Year,

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