

# CORNWALL CROQUET CLUB

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### Personal

Peter Williams, having had a most unfortunate accident which caused serious damage to his shoulder, has still one more (only one, we hope) operation to go before he can start his recovery to full fitness.

This accounts for a silence on the matters of coaching, progress (if any) at Roserrow and the occasional use of his lawn. I am sure that we all wish him the best for his operation and subsequent recuperation.



There has been some gratifying interest in coaching this summer and Paul & Elizabeth Schofield, Jenny Burrows and Peter Dexter have all had sessions on Malcolm's lawn at Budock Vean. I am only sorry that we have not been able to do more but Malcolm has been away and, like all of us, has been tied up with family commitments. For some of us also Budock Vean is a fair distance and this makes short sessions or those with little notice somewhat difficult. Excuses, excuses!

### Millennium Tournament

This CA-run tournament was played at Cheltenham (11 gorgeous lawns,

pavilion, shelters, etc) on 2/3 September. It consisted of teams of 4 from CA-sponsored clubs, playing doubles in 14-point games (i.e. once round plus the peg). I entered a Cornwall team and then wondered who could play. In the end, I nominated Malcolm Hooper, Ian Wilson, myself (all with a handicap of 11) and Peter Dexter (no formal handicap but would play off 20). A week or so beforehand, Malcolm had to shoot off to Zambia to look at some copper mines there, so I recruited Tony Treglown (a Porthlevenner with a handicap of 5) who lives in Wiltshire but kindly consented to become a Country Member of the CCC. There were 20 teams entered, the eventual winners, after 8 games each, being from the Tyneside Club, led by Gail Curry (the editor of the Croquet Gazette, whose handicap is  $-1\frac{1}{2}$ !). We actually came 4<sup>th</sup> – which, considering how few players we have and how unpractised they are, was pretty creditable. I should admit that there



were about six other teams with the same overall score.

I haven't worked out how to do captions yet, but the photograph on the previous page shows our team with Ian Wilson, Tony Treglown, me and Peter Dexter at Cheltenham after our (comparative) triumph!

#### **Roserrow**

No news from Peter, nor any from Roserrow itself.

#### **Killiw**

No news from Killiw, either.

#### **Other Possibilities**

A further exciting possibility has emerged. The old Duchy School had an area of playing fields on 18 acres at Carnon Downs, just behind the campsite. This is now owned by Truro College and its use is being discussed between the College and the Feock Parish Council. I have put in a bid for space for two lawns plus, if possible, room to expand on two further lawns, and to share in the use of a pavilion. We now wait with bated breath for news of favourable progress. There are

a large number of other bids and so discussions and final decisions may take some time.

#### **Plymouth Croquet Club**

Some of us are Country Members (£60 p.a.) and others have made some use of this club. It is now in some difficulties, the land being rented from the City Council and maintained partially (and not very well) by Council staff. For the time being our membership may make a difference in its chances of survival. In the long term, its lack of security makes the establishment of a club in Cornwall even more important.

#### **Feed-Back**

One of the aspects of any club activity is the input of members to give feed-back to such matters as this Newsletter and to offer to host social activities for members for such as coffee mornings, barbecues or whatever. This allows some form of dialogue between, for example, me and those who might receive this letter but whom I may have only met once or not at all. Any thoughts? Anyone care to volunteer for Social Secretary? Anyone out there?

*Tom Lachase*

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