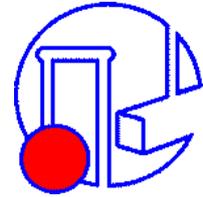


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AGM Minutes

The minutes for last AGM (Thu 28th Feb 2002) are enclosed with this newsletter. An amended constitution was adopted at the AGM - copies available from the Secretary on request.

Clothing

The 'badged' clothing has sold quite well although we still need to sell a few more items to cover the set-up costs. So if anyone had intended to purchase but has not yet done so, it is not too late! Contact Ian Wilson (01872 - 870 793) for current prices and/or a details sheet.

Details (but not prices) are on the club website (address above).

Killiw

(at Playing Place, 3 miles South West of Truro)

Since the AGM at the end of February Tony Backhouse and Ian Wilson have tendered a proposal to Killiw as instructed by the meeting. We await a response from the owners of the estate. They have acknowledged receipt of what they describe as a detailed and businesslike proposal, so we remain hopeful of some progress soon. There is little doubt that Killiw wishes to accommodate the Cornwall Croquet Club in principle. The Golf Club at Killiw also seems willing to co-exist with the croquet.

Killiw's basic requirements are :-

1. A commercially viable proposition.
2. A show of commitment from Cornwall Croquet.

Main features of our proposal are :-

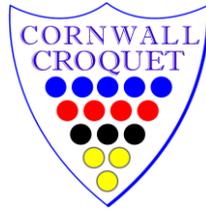
1. Contribution to the construction costs of lawns for two full size courts, £2000.
2. Annual membership fee of £70 per member.
3. In return for the above Killiw would construct and maintain the lawns and cover essential running costs, such as Association fees, public liability insurance and so on.
4. Cornwall Croquet would raise funds itself to pay for playing equipment, storage hut, associated insurance cover etc..

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We estimate the costs for equipment, storage hut and initial publicity may be about £6000. This can be realised with a combination of members' gifts & loans and grant applications to the Lottery "Awards for All" scheme, local Councils, the Croquet Association and the South West Federation of Croquet Clubs.



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Three club members have already promised interest free loans amounting to £3000 (three thousand). In addition we are already holding about £475 in the form of repayable loans from members.

[So if any of you would be willing to pledge gifts or loans please contact the club chairman or secretary.](#)

When we have definite news from Killiow we will write to everyone again.

If anyone has any comments at all about the current proposals please contact the secretary or chairman and let your views be known - all help needed and most welcome.

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Other Club news

[Budleigh Salterton May Tournament](#)

Tony Backhouse (9) and Malcolm Hooper (8), easily the club's two best players, entered the Handicap Section of this tournament for the J. K. Brown Memorial Challenge Cup.

Malcolm is the current holder of this cup, having played Tony in the final in 2001.

This is six day tournament (Mon - Sat) and includes matches for Advanced Association play and Handicap Doubles as well as the normal Association Handicap play.

Malcolm and Tony played so well that they ended up playing each other in the final once again. Malcolm ended victoriously and in addition earned a handicap reduction from 9 to 8.

Congratulations to you both!

[Referee & Coach Qualifications](#)

Working towards the day when the club has a proper home we realised we would need at least one nationally qualified referee and coach.

To that end Ian & Tony submitted themselves for examination and were successful as indicated below.

[Tony Backhouse](#) qualified as a [Croquet Association Referee](#) on 10th March 2002.

[Ian Wilson](#) qualified as a [Croquet Association Club Coach](#) on 19th May 2002.

What these mean in practice is that the club can advise competently on the Laws of Association Croquet and teach Croquet to beginners to nationally recognised standards and practises.

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Membership

A membership list is included with this newsletter.

You will see that the list is still quite small so if you can interest anyone else please encourage them to join (only £5 this year to cover mailing costs etc.).

[Enquiries to the Chairman or Secretary at any time - they are *always* pleased to meet anyone interested in finding out more about our sport - the "Queen of Games".](#)

Please do contact anyone on the list and arrange to have a game. Some members have their own lawns which they kindly make available for games or practice, until the club has it's own facilities.

Please use the web site for croquet information at

<http://cornwall-croquet.org.uk/>