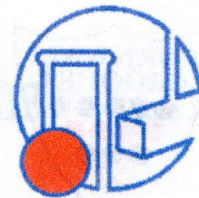


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AGM Minutes

The minutes for last AGM (Thu 28 Feb 2002) are enclosed with this newsletter.

Clothing

We are now have a profit of over £12 on the clothing sales having sold 22 items. Thank you to all those who have supported the club in this way

Paul's Lawn

Paul Schofield has constructed a FULL SIZE court at his home near Helston.

He invites all of us to go and play. Paul states that the court is still rough in places but will improve in time.

Once the weather is suitable he will be having a regular session each Wednesday afternoon beginning at 2 pm. Please contact him for details and to arrange ad hoc games on days other than Wednesdays.

Telephone : 01326 561 832

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Plymouth

As usual those of who are also members of Plymouth Croquet Club will be travelling there regularly from 1st April onwards. Please join us if you are interested - telephone 01872 870 793.

Killio

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

"The Saga continues !"

This is all a bit long winded but necessary to give you all a chance to consider what is being proposed before we discuss it at the AGM on Wed 2 April 2003.

3 Apr 2002 - As agreed at the 2002 AGM and reported in the last newsletter a proposal from Cornwall Croquet was delivered to Killio.

Here is a reminder of the main features of our proposal :-

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 Killio would construct and maintain the lawns and cover some of the essential running costs (such as public liability insurance).
4. Cornwall Croquet would raise funds itself to pay for playing equipment, storage hut, associated insurance cover etc..

Chairman

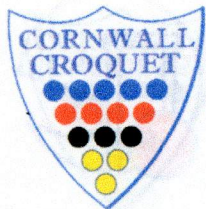
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16 Jul 2002 - Killiow responded positively but felt they were unable to bear all of the lawn construction costs. They would be prepared to provide the machinery and labour for the major earthworks involved in levelling the playing areas.

Cornwall Croquet would need to fund : -

1. Materials costs needed for the upper layers, as this would all have to be newly purchased (i.e. top-soil, sand and grass seed)
2. Some of the drainage costs (experience indicated that, considering our climate, a modest drainage system was highly desirable, to avoid the courts being unusable too often.).

This meant that the cost to Cornwall Croquet for two lawns was likely to be in the region of £15,000 to 20,000. This together with the of equipment costs of about £7,600 (current estimate) means we now need to find about £27,000).

We therefore investigated the requirements for a Sport England (Lottery) Capital grant.

7 Dec 2002 - Tony Backhouse met with the Regional Development Officer for South West Federation of Croquet Clubs (SWF) and the Croquet Association (CA), who also inspected the site.

6 Jan 2003 - We received a letter from Croquet Association offering full and enthusiastic support and an invitation to apply to the CA for a grant at the appropriate time (in writing).

20 Jan 2002 - After some verbal discussions with Killiow we sent a letter to them asking for written confirmation of a number of items required by us and/or the lottery (and also providing some information required by Killiow).

5 Feb 2003 - Killiow estate manager approved and passed our proposals to the Estate owners for a final decision.

4 Mar 2003 - We had a meeting with the Recreation Development Officer for Carrick District Council. This was a very instructive meeting. They will help with our lottery applications and may even provide a small grant.

6 Mar 2003 - The time of writing - we are still waiting for a decision from the owner of The Killiow Estate. This should include a more definitive estimate of the costs for the lawns.

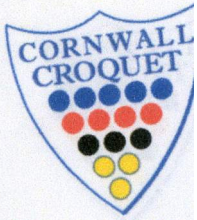
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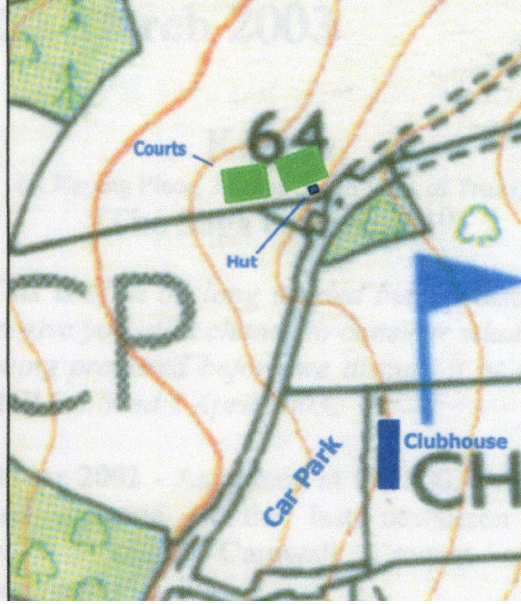
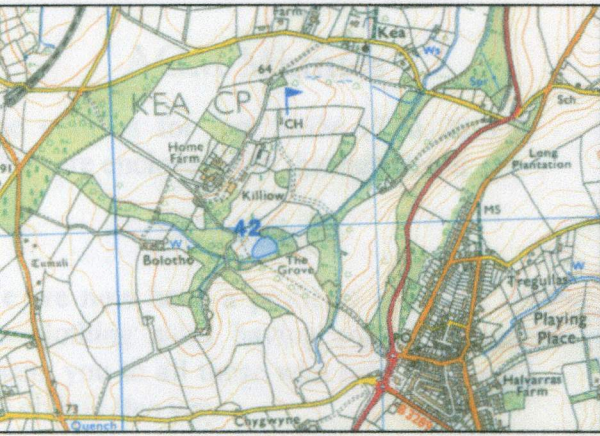
1. Carrick Community Grant (Max £500)
2. The Croquet Association (maybe up to £5,000)
3. The Awards for All scheme (up to £5,000)
4. The Sport England Capital scheme (over £5,000).

We would create two projects, one to pay for the croquet equipment & storage hut (about £7,000, item 3 would fund this) and the another to fund the court construction (£20,000 maximum, funded by item 4).

Our own contributions and funds from item 1 and 2 would comprise our share of the funding.

In the case of the Capital grant, item 4, we would be required to provide 35% of the costs i.e. up to about £7000).





Paul Schofield has announced a £100,000
8222 court at his home near Haverhill
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for who we will be playing on the courts
Proposed site for courts below
(facing West)



