

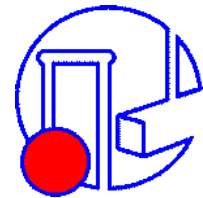
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# CORNWALL CROQUET CLUB

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## Killiwow

You may remember from the last newsletter, No 21 - March 2003, that we were waiting for a definitive estimate of the costs for operating at Killiwow. This has now been received, dated 16 July 2003!

To get straight to the bottom line, the income required by Killiwow to maintain completely the two courts for us would be about £6,000 per year. This would equate to a basic subscription of £120 per member per year, assuming a membership of 50 (more until that level were achieved).

The lawn construction and equipment costs would remain as outlined in the last newsletter.

Discussion at the AGM lead us to believe that a basic subscription at such a level together with the responsibilities associated with obtaining and honouring the conditions of any grants and loans obtained would be unacceptable to most members. We will therefore reply to Killiwow to the effect that we consider the proposals too expensive for us.

It was also discussed at the AGM whether it might be better to buy or rent an appropriate piece of land and "do-it-ourselves". We see no way that the necessary labour (and possibly some of the expertise) can be made available to build and then maintain such a facility to the required standard. Most people will wish to attend the Club to play Croquet, rather than for turf care and other maintenance tasks.

*So, what do we do now?*

## Porthpean

The owner of Porthpean Farm, who already operates a golf course there, is very keen to expand his operation and is considering the construction of two full size croquet courts. Part of the construction costs would be met with the help and advice of the Business-Link Grants and Support Scheme.

Matters are at a very early stage but the hope is that Porthpean Farm may be in a position to construct the two full-size courts, provide a small equipment hut and use of the golf clubhouse facilities. We would provide all playing and associated equipment (hoops, balls etc) and pay an annual subscription. The level of the annual subscription necessary is yet to be determined. Planning permission previously obtained by the Club is now expired but we see no reason for a new application to be denied.

This scheme could provide us with a long-term and secure Club headquarters.

We will call an extraordinary meeting to discuss developments at Porthpean at an appropriate time and if the negotiations start to look promising.

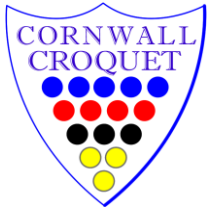
If this project goes ahead, progress will be rapid and we may find ourselves playing croquet at Porthpean to ward the end of the 2004 season!!



**In the meantime we have two new venues available to us in addition to Paul Schofield's and Malcolm Hooper's lawns, at Falmouth (see next item).**

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## Penmere Manor Hotel

The director of the Penmere Manor Hotel, Andy Pope, is keen on croquet (in fact he won our July tournament - see later!!). The hotel is on the outskirts of Falmouth in Mongleath Road.

He is establishing a lawn of about two-thirds size at the hotel site. The lawn is still a little raw but quite playable. Andy has invested in new "proper" hoops and balls.

Andy has offered his lawn for Cornwall Croquet use on Wednesday afternoons/evenings. There will be two sessions, one starting at 2pm and the other at 5pm. Sessions will start on Wed 30 July.

**Malcolm Hooper is the co-ordinator, so anyone wishing to play is asked to inform Malcolm by lunchtime on the previous Monday. Malcolm's number is 01326 250 344.**

*As the lawn is directly in front of the hotel players are requested to wear light and not-too-informal clothing and also to obtain any refreshments they need from the hotel - please not bring and consume your own.*

Please note - Paul Schofield's Wednesday sessions at Mellangoose are still active - you just have another venue for your convenience.

Andy and Malcolm are considering holding a tournament at Penmere in September.



## Croquet at Fowey

We have a new group of croquet players in the Fowey area. They are currently playing in the grounds of the local school on a regular basis, with a view to having a permanent court in the near future. Anyone interested please contact Rosemary Bradshaw on 01726 832 043.



## Badged Clothing

Just a reminder that white polo and sweat shirts are available embroidered with the Cornwall Croquet logo. Contact Ian Wilson 01872 870 793 for details.



## One-Ball Level Play Competition

**Saturday, 17 May, 2003** on David Laity's Lawn at Lostwithiel.

Despite the continuous rain, 14 players entered, from all parts of the County.

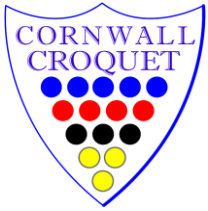
The winner was Ian Wilson on 18 points and the runner-up Elizabeth Schofield on 16 points.

The club thanks David Laity for making his courts available for the day.

Top six results: -

- 1, Ian Wilson (Camon Downs), 18 points
- 2, Elizabeth Schofield (Helston), 16 points
- 3, Paul Schofield (Helston), 14 points
- 4, David Laity (Lostwithiel) 12 points
- 5, Tony Backhouse (St Austell), 10 points
- 6, Gwen Cussans (Fowey), 9 points.





## July Tournament

**Saturday 12 July 2003** on Malcolm Hooper's Lawn at Budock Vean.

It appears that the sun shines on both the “righteous” and on croquet players, for the weather showed Cornwall at its best, providing one of the most glorious days of the year so far, resulting in the lawn playing fast, making for better croquet

This tournament was designed to encourage novice members of the Club and expand membership. To this end, the handicap system was adjusted slightly to favour the entry of newer players.

Ten members or guests participated in the knockout tournament with others providing encouragement and learning the intricacies of the game from the sidelines.

At midday a barbecue was enjoyed whilst members watched an impressive demonstration of croquet skills by Tony Treglown (4.5) and Tony Backhouse (8).

Games in the tournament were limited to one and a half hours and after four rounds ANDY POPE (18) emerged the winner beating PAUL SCHOFIELD (20) 13 to 9 on time in the final. This was an excellent match, Andy taking the lead with an impressive 6-hoop break but PAUL reserving his two handicap-shots (bisques) to make a valiant effort to obtain the lead late in the game. This was ANDY's first tournament and resulted in his handicap being reduced from 18 to 14.

The Club thanks Malcolm and Moira for their generous hospitality

