

CORNWALL CROQUET CLUB

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A Personal View

At the A.G.M on 24 March, I stated that I would stand down as Chairman and Secretary as soon as the Roserrow lawn was opened, expecting this to be during the early summer. After four years, I felt it was time someone else took over as, apart from the Treasurer, this has been too much of a one-man band. I was also discouraged by how few people had taken advantage of the private lawns to learn something of the game and take advantage of the coaching offers. I have now decided to continue but in a reduced capacity, partly as a result of developments covered further down the page. As far as lawns are concerned, I know that Malcolm Hooper and David Laity are happy to have people use their lawns with the minimum of advance warning and to offer help where needed. Where and how to get in such with owners are still as publicised last year. I am prepared to coach if given a specific request but not at regular sessions which mostly go unattended.

Roserrow Country Club

Like Lakeview, progress has been disappointing. I had originally hoped, going on the word of the Head Groundsman, that a possible opening date for the croquet lawn would be 1st

May. To the best of my knowledge, the lawn has not yet been seeded so that any use will not be before Spring 2000 at the earliest.

Further Developments

We are now investigating the possibility of establishing a club with two lawns at a site about three miles from Truro. This is at an existing club with excellent facilities and including a clubhouse. Negotiations with the owner and with the Planning Authority are still at a very early stage. All I can say is that the situation looks hopeful.

Publicity

Earlier this month, Malcolm Hooper and I were fortunate in winning the Handicap Doubles event at the large Spring Tournament at Budleigh Salterton. (The club there has ten full-size lawns with two clubhouses, a bowling green and bridge rooms; we were green with envy). On return, I submitted a Press Release in the hope of gaining publicity for Cornish croquet. As a result, we are meeting a TV crew at Malcolm's beautiful, small lawn at Budock Vean on Thursday, 27th. I will try to include a Stop Press item to give the time and channel when the result might be shown.

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Stop Press : The filming was postponed until today and the result will be shown on WestCountry TV (Channel 3) at about 1.15 p.m. on Wednesday, 9 June.