



# CORNWALL CROQUET CLUB



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## Introduction

I am sorry not to have sent out an earlier Newsletter, even if only to wish you all a happy Christmas. Instead I can only wish you a prosperous New Year and, with any luck, some successful Croquet. One reason for doing nothing earlier is that so little had happened. However there are now one or two things to think about and decide on and I hope you will not hesitate to let me have your views, preferably in writing, by mail, fax or e-mail.

## A.G.M.

We normally try to have an A.G.M. in the Spring but only three or four have ever turned up. I am reluctant to spend about £20 for a room in Truro at the British Legion when we could use my kitchen table at home. If you would like to come, let me know, please, NOW. One subject is finance and subscriptions. At the moment, not counting repayable loans, we have a balance in the region of £130. I therefore see little purpose at present in trying to chase up subscriptions for the dubious purpose of circulating Newsletters with little in them when we have quite enough to cover expenses for the

time being. Let me know what you think but, first, read on.

## Killiw

The management at Killiw inform me that they have every intention of getting on with the construction of two lawns

next to the stable conversion on the estate when they have done the major work on their second 18-hole golf course. However there is no sign of this as yet. My fingers and toes are all

crossed as I write. This situation is ideal in the long-term. Two lawns are the minimum necessary for competitions between clubs to be run, there is a clubhouse within a few hundred yards and the estate is very central geographically. But it remains pie in the

sky until there is planning permission and some visible progress.

## Roserrow

I went over to Roserrow this morning (27 miles each way for me) and behold, they have a lawn. There is still work to be done, a bit of over-seeding, some rolling and a little tender, loving care and they hope it will be ready for use by late Spring or early Summer!

**EUREKA!**

It really looks as though we might have a full-size lawn in Cornwall this summer.

See under "Roserrow"



We are now discussing equipment, opening ceremony, coaching sessions and suchlike and I see every hope of achieving a start in three or four months. How many of you think you might be interested in playing at last on a full-size lawn, convertible to two short lawns as and when needed, in Cornwall (though admittedly not very central, to say the least) or even just turning up for the opening and having a short game or hit-about to see what it is like.

It is certainly a gorgeous piece of country, a mile short of Polzeath with a fine clubhouse, complete with all mod. cons. And a good deal more (and NO, I do not have shares in it!)

### LET ME KNOW!

With best wishes for CROQUET in 2000

*Tom Bach*

