

# **SWANAGE CRICKET CLUB**

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Notice is hereby given that the

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Will be held at

**THE PAVILION, SWANAGE CRICKET CLUB**

On

**FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**

At 7.30 p.m.

### **AGENDA**

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairman's Report
5. Secretary's Report
6. Treasurer's Report<sup>(a)</sup>
7. Youth Report
8. Women and Girls Report
9. Captain's Reports
10. Croquet Report
11. Club Constitution – proposed changes<sup>(b)</sup>
12. Election of Officers and Committees
13. Subscriptions and Match Fees
14. Election of Auditors
15. Any Other Business

a) The accounts will be available at the AGM or on request via email to [secretary@swanagecricketclub.co.uk](mailto:secretary@swanagecricketclub.co.uk).

b) The proposed changes are summarised as attached. A version of the Constitution showing the changes and the reasons for making them is now available from the website.

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By order of the Committee  
Mr M Wells  
Hon. Secretary

# **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SWANAGE CRICKET CLUB HELD AT THE PAVILION ON FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017 at 7.30 p.m.**

## **PRESENT:**

President, Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, S. Gee, D. Haines, T. Ives, Mrs B Mitchell, D. Morton, Mrs M. Nash, M Nash, P. Norman, R. Norman, K. Southern, C. Wood, T. Yeates, C. Wells, P. Dyer, S. Howard.

Although the attendance was short of a quorum, the members present agreed to proceed with the meeting but to defer any contentious votes to an EGM should they arise.

## **APOLOGIES:**

Mrs Green, Mr and Mrs Claridge, R. Evans, R. Selby, Mr and Mrs Green, P. Barker, Mrs W. Wells, J. Constable, S. Orchard, Mrs J Collis, Mr A Roberts.

## **SILENCE**

The Chairman called the meeting to order by asking members to stand in a minute's silence for Roy Smith, Judy Vinson, Ethel Burden, Anthony Richardson and Eric Gosney who had all sadly passed away in the year.

## **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM:**

The Chairman expressed his thanks to Keith Southern for taking the minutes of the previous AGM which had been sent out with the notice of this meeting. The President advised that the names of those present should be amended so Mrs J Clarke read Mrs J Collis. Subject to this change the minutes were proposed by R. Barker and seconded by D. Morton as being a true record of that meeting.

## **MATTERS ARISING:**

There were no matters arising.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

The Chairman's report had been circulated with the notice of this meeting. The report was proposed by M. Wells and seconded by Mrs M. Nash.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

The Secretary's report had been circulated with the notice of this meeting. The report was proposed by R. Barker and seconded by Mr C. Wood.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the year. He said it had been a good year for the club financially with significant grants from Suez Waste Management and the ECB enabling the club to replace ageing ground equipment and to deck the front of the pavilion. Contributions from the Croquet Club, sponsorship and fund raising events also helped the club manage running costs and an increase in family membership suggested that the club was beginning to grow. There were other fund raising initiatives and projects in the pipeline to help continue the development of the club. Although the accounts showed an increase in utility costs this was due to actual readings being provided to replace estimated readings. He thanked people for their help running events and working behind the bar. The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for the report.

The report was proposed by Mr D. Morton and seconded by Mrs M. Nash.

## **YOUTH REPORT:**

The Youth Representative's report had been circulated with the notice of this meeting. The Chairman highlighted the fantastic work done during the year by Tim Ives and the team of coaches as the increase in the youth numbers and teams had been noticed by other clubs around the county. He added that the work had also helped the club to renew its Clubmark accreditation.

The report was proposed by D. Haines and seconded by D. Morton.

## **WOMEN AND GIRLS REPORT:**

A report on the newly created women and girls XI had been circulated with the notice of this meeting. Tim Ives explained that although there had been plenty of interest from players it had proved difficult to get games as few other clubs operated a similar XI. Fortunately some girls were able to play in boys teams but it was hoped that the situation would improve. The Chairman thanked Tim Ives and his team for their initiative and effort in establishing the XI.

The report was proposed by P. Constable and seconded by C. Wood.

## **CAPTAIN'S REPORT 2017: SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> XI** (presented by Ryan Norman)

When I took over as Captain I was under no illusions about what looked to be a difficult season ahead with a lot of uncertainty over player availability. Pleasantly to my surprise when the start of the season came around we were in fact blessed with the availability of a number of senior players which enabled us to make an exceptional start to the season by winning our first 7 games. This saw us awarded as 'Team of the Month' for May by the Dorset Cricket League.

Sadly a couple of narrow losses saw our lead at the top of the league reduced by the half way stage but credit must be given to the team for bouncing back in the second half to see us claim our best ever league finish as 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Premier Division. The fact that we had led the way for so long meant it was disappointing to be narrowly beaten into 2<sup>nd</sup> place. There was some wonderful individual performances but overall the spirit and never say die attitude of my team is something the club should be hugely proud of.

I would like to thank Kelly Norman for providing us with the best teas in the league again this year. Thanks also go to Tatty King for scoring, with the help of Pete Dyer and Peter Clark who stepped into the breach when necessary. I'd also like to thank Ron Barker, Dave Morton and the ground team for their work on the pitch which continues to improve and the Committee for all their support. Most of all I want to thank the players who have made this such a great season.

The Chairman thanked Ryan for his considerable efforts and congratulated him on his leadership during the season.

The report was proposed by D. Morton and seconded by M. Nash.

## **CAPTAIN'S REPORT 2017: SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> XI** (presented by Tim Ives)

After the disappointment of last year, where the 2nds struggled to get a team and failed to perform for much of the season, 2017 was a completely different year as good player availability for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI helped us field a strong side. The tone was set right from the first match as the Swanage opening pair got us off to the perfect start with a partnership of over a hundred and we never looked back.

With the perfect mix of youth and experience we looked like a team who would be competitive in most matches. After the opening win against Marnhull there was a tricky encounter against Broadstone when we scraped to our second victory. As the season progressed it seemed that someone was always able to step up when needed with a great innings, an accurate bowling spell, vital wickets or a crucial run out or catch.

Victories against Blandford and Martinstown left us top of the table before a last gasp victory at home to Witchampton saw us looking like real contenders for promotion. As Poole Town scratched we were comfortably ahead before our first defeat to eventual runners up Portland RT. The second half of the season saw crushing victories against Marnhull, Broadstone and Martinstown which meant we were almost there. Sadly, at this point the season rather fizzled out. With a weather cancellation against Blandford; Poole Town withdrawing from the league and a general lack of matches arising as there were now only 7 teams left in the league, we hardly ever seemed to play. However, as the other contenders continued to beat each other we were left riding high. End of the season defeats to Witchampton and Portland didn't matter and we finished the season as Champions, 19 points clear at the top of the table.

With 25 different players making up the team it would be a long list of names to highlight individuals, except to say that everyone played their part. I would like to mention two however. First, Pete Barker, who had inherited the poisoned chalice of the second XI captaincy last year leading out a weakened team week after week. This year he led from the front with his bowling. The other, Ryan, is someone who didn't play a single game for us but by getting a strong first team out every week meant the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI went into games with a good side, full of many potential match

winners. We are now back up into Division 4 where we can hopefully build on this year and continue our way up the leagues.

Tim ended his report by thanking Sharon Ives for her fantastic teas and the ground team for preparing the wickets and outfield. The Chairman congratulated Tim and the others who had led the side in his absence for their success during the season.

## **CAPTAIN'S REPORT 2017: SUNDAY XI**

There was no Captain's report for the Sunday XI.

## **CROQUET REPORT 2017:**

The croquet representative's report had been circulated with the notice of this meeting. The report was proposed by T. Yeates and seconded by D. Morton.

## **CLUB CONSTITUTION CHANGES:**

The Management Committee's proposal to amend the criteria under which a member could join the club as a Vice President had been circulated with the notice of this meeting. Craig Wells explained that the proposal involved a minor change to the current constitution so that people could be invited to apply to become a Vice President rather than simply become one by virtue of paying the appropriate membership fee. The Chairman said that he did not see any issues arising from the change which was aimed at tightening up the constitution and enable the Management Committee to consider and approve those who represent Swanage Cricket Club as a Vice President. The change also reflected the wording of the former constitution.

The amendment was proposed by the President and seconded by Mr C. Wells and carried by the meeting.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

The candidates and voting for Club positions were as follows:

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>CANDIDATE</b>	<b>PROPOSER</b>	<b>SECONDER</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
President	P. Clark	D. Haines	Mrs M. Nash	Carried
Chairman	R. Barker	D. Morton	Mrs B. Mitchell	Carried
Treasurer	P. Constable	D. Haines	M. Nash	Carried
Secretary	M. Wells	Mrs M. Nash	P. Norman	Carried
Fixture Secretary	P. Constable	R. Barker	D. Haines	Carried
Team Secretary	Vacant			
Club Welfare Officer	Mrs M. Nash	T. Ives	P. Constable	Carried
PR and Media Officer	M. Nash	R. Norman	D. Haines	Carried
Club Development Officer	P. Constable	D. Haines	R. Barker	Carried
Website Administrator	P. Norman	P. Constable	D. Morton	Carried
Social Secretary	The position of Social Secretary was held over			
Membership Secretary	D. Morton	R. Norman	T. Ives	Carried
League Secretary	M. Wells	P. Clark	R. Barker	Carried
Youth Coordinator	T. Ives	D. Morton	Mrs M. Nash	Carried
Disability Coordinator	Mrs J. Collis	D. Morton	D. Haines	Carried
Women/Girls Coordinator	Mrs J. Collis	D. Morton	D. Morton	Carried
Volunteer Coordinator	Mrs M. Nash	P. Norman	D. Morton	Carried
Pavilion Manager	D. Morton	P. Norman	R. Norman	Carried
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> XI Captain	R. Norman	S. Howard	R. Barker	Carried
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> XI Vice-Captain	R. Hatchard	R. Norman	P. Norman	Carried
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Captain	T. Ives	P. Constable	D. Haines	Carried
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Vice-Captain	P. Norman	P. Dyer	M. Wells	Carried
Sunday XI Captain	T. King	R. Norman	D. Morton	Carried
Sunday XI Vice-Captain	C. Wood	R. Barker	D. Haines	Carried
TT25 XI Captain	The position of TT25 Captain was held over			
TT25 XI Vice-Captain	The position of TT25 Vice Captain was held over			

SELECTION COMMITTEE				
1. Chairman	P. Barker	Mrs M. Nash	D. Morton	Carried
2.	M. Wells	P. Constable	R. Barker	Carried
3	Vacant			
4				
BAR COMMITTEE				
Chairman	R. Norman	P. Constable	Mrs M. Nash	Carried
1.	P. Barker	P. Constable	T. Yeates	Carried
2.	S Kent	D. Morton	R. Norman	Carried
3.	P. Constable	P. Norman	D. Morton	Carried
4.	C. Wood	D. Morton	R. Barker	Carried
5.	S. Howard	T. Ives	R. Norman	Carried
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE				
1.	H. Cocke	M. Wells	P. Constable	Carried
2.	D. Haines	T. Ives	D. Morton	Carried
3.	C. Wells	Mrs M. Nash	R. Barker	Carried
4.				

During the various elections a number of additional points were made:

- D. Morton highlighted that previous AGMs had voted for members of a ground committee. However, it was understood this was no longer necessary as the former position of Chairman of this committee no longer featured as an Executive Officer of the club.
- It was agreed to leave the position of Social Secretary vacant as it was suggested this role could be undertaken by a renamed Bar & Social Committee to provide a closer link between functions held and supplies/staffing required. It was therefore agreed to vote more than 4 members onto the Bar Committee with R. Norman acting as its Chairman. If the proposal worked in practise then a revision to the constitution would be submitted at the next AGM. During this discussion the Chairman highlighted the importance of members helping at functions as these were important fundraisers for the club.
- D. Haines agreed to act as Deputy Welfare Officer.
- The Captaincy and Vice Captaincy of the TT25 team would be discussed at the next committee meeting.

### **SUBSCRIPTIONS AND MATCH FEES:**

The Treasurer introduced the Management Committee's proposals to increase membership and match fees. The Chairman added that expenses were always increasing and although the club had been fortunate to be able to replace expensive ground machinery this would require regular servicing to maximise its lifetime. In the discussions that followed:

- It was agreed to remove the £1 supplement payable by 1<sup>st</sup> XI players as a contribution towards the cost of league umpires and to harmonise match fees for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI to £10.00. An increase of £1 was also agreed to the match fees for those playing matches on both a Saturday and Sunday of a weekend.
- It was confirmed that the Management Committee had the discretion to reduce membership and match fees in hardship cases. These should be directed to the Welfare Officer.
- P. Dyer proposed that the family membership fee be kept at £50 to encourage more members. However, after some discussion this proposal did not go forward to a vote as it was felt that the proposed increase to £60 still represented value for money.

The following fees and subscriptions were voted through:

SUBJECT	PROPOSAL	PROPOSER	SECONDER	VOTE
Senior Subs	£40.00 (was £35)	D. Morton	P. Constable	Carried
Social Subs	£25.00 (was £20)	D. Morton	P. Constable	Carried
Student	£25.00 (was £20)	D. Morton	P. Constable	Carried
Junior Subs	£20.00 (was £15)	D. Morton	P. Constable	Carried
Family Subs	£60.00 (was £50)	R. Wilcox	D. Haines	Carried
VP Membership	£40.00 (was £35)	R. Wilcox	D. Haines	Carried
Match Fees	Sat - £10.00 / Sun £7.00 Both - £14.00 (was £13) TT25 £5.00	D. Haines	C. Wood	Carried

Youth Match Fee (including full time education)	Junior – ½ the above (but £3 for TT25) fees	D. Haines	C. Wood	Carried
Mileage (unchanged)	Up to 75 miles - £12.00 over 75 miles - £18.00	D. Haines	R. Norman	Carried

## **ELECTION OF AUDITORS:**

The Treasurer indicated that it was no longer necessary to elect club auditors at the AGM as he was a qualified accountant and the accounts were verified by an independent examiner. This was compliant with the Constitution.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. M. Nash asked if the question of shirt sponsorship had been resolved as The Masala had indicated a willingness to sponsor them. M. Wells explained that the issue had been complicated as Ian Booth had made a large personal contribution towards the sponsored shirts on behalf of The Swanage Centre (TSC) but we were still lacking details about the length of sponsorship and an agreement on the logo design. The fact that Ian had since left TSC (and the country) had also delayed matters. It was agreed to discuss the way ahead at the next Management Committee meeting.
2. T. Ives confirmed that the cricket club had been chosen as one of only three beneficiaries of the 2018 local Co-op Community Fund Scheme which shares a % of money spent on Co-op branded products between the organisations chosen. Members could nominate the cricket club as their sole beneficiary via the Co-op website. Further publicity on how to do this would be issued on-line and K. Southern would highlight this to croquet club members.
3. The annual Nat West Cricket Force weekend had been set for 23-24<sup>th</sup> March.
4. The Club will host the Dorset Leopards v South Wilts match on August 12<sup>th</sup>. This recognised the continuing improvement to the square.

The meeting closed 9.47 p.m.

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## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2018**

I would like to start this report by thanking all Captains, players and members for their efforts over the past season. It amazes me just how much this club has achieved over the years and this is very much down to the efforts of those involved and our hard working Management Committee.

Sadly results didn't always match the glorious weather as the senior sides suffered injury and other availability issues which ultimately cost the 1<sup>st</sup> XI their place in the Premier League. Although this is obviously disappointing the fact that skipper Ryan Norman and his team maintained good humour and morale during the difficult campaign speaks volumes of his captaincy and their efforts. The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI also struggled but several match winning performances in the 2nd half of the season helped skipper Tim Ives and the team retain their place in Division 4. In doing so they were helped by a number of new players as well as some of the youth coming through Tatty King's Sunday XI and this is heartening for the future. Tim Ives' report gives more detail on the fantastic progress made by the youth section and I am delighted that many are being recognised at county level and are pushing for places in the senior sides.

Off the field the Management Committee continued to work hard and this year we hosted a Dorset Leopards v South Wilts match. This took a great deal of effort and planning to host successfully and I am delighted that the comments received from the respective league officials and players alike were very positive towards our ground and facilities. To see a wicket keeper stand 30 yards back to a fast bowler on a Swanage deck was a joy to behold! We also spent a good deal of time considering how best to celebrate the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the opening of our pavilion and decided to extend our annual awards dinner to invite those people who played a big part in its planning and building. This will be held on 17th November and will feature a digitalised version of cine film taken at the time the pavilion was being built. Many thanks to Dave Puckett for the loan of the cine film and to Paul Norman for doing the digital conversion work.

Funding wise we must acknowledge the croquet club for their annual contributions towards our ever increasing overheads and the legacy's from Roy Smith and John Cook. The Coop community fund has also contributed significantly during the season and we hope to start to use our funds to further develop the pavilion. How much

further has yet to be decided but if funding and grants allow our immediate aim is to extend our changing room facilities. Daily overheads are just about being covered but we will be looking to hold more fund raising events to help keep on top of things and so plan to resurrect the 250 club raffle as part of this drive. With ever increasing needs and costs in mind we are forever grateful to the many sponsors and advertisers mentioned in Mike Wells' report below.

My final round of thanks must go to Kelly Norman, Sharon Ives, Tasha Norman and Louise Church for their fantastic match teas during the season and all who have helped with youth catering and coaching. I know from my own travels just how good our teas are and how much we spoil our visitors. I must also congratulate Tim Ives on his wonderful achievement on winning the 2018 NatWest Dorset OSCA in the "Heartbeat of the Club" category. This was a very well deserved award for all the hard work Tim has done these past years and, with Tom Yeates' receiving the Lifetime Achiever award last year, underlines how lucky we are to have such dedicated volunteers. There is always room for more though!

**Ron Barker - Chairman**

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT 2018**

Injury and availability issues meant the senior Saturday sides lost the services of around ten regular players from the previous season. Against this background most clubs would suffer and the omens didn't look good when an early season injury to 1<sup>st</sup> XI Vice-Captain Rob Hatchard robbed skipper Ryan Norman of a wing-man as well as a front line batsman and bowler. However, the team's efforts and the captaincy of skipper Ryan helped keep morale and hopes alive and they came very close to avoiding relegation. Sadly it wasn't to be and although disappointing bigger clubs would have suffered the same fate in the circumstances. The lack of numbers also meant the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI suffered for most of the season but happily they survived in Division 4 after a strong end to the season saw crucial wins over fellow relegation candidates. Sunday matches also proved tough with some visiting clubs fielding sides that would have given the 1<sup>st</sup> XI a match.

It wasn't all gloom however as we managed to recruit some talented players during the season and more youth players gained valuable experience in adult cricket. So, thank you to all who made themselves available during the season, particularly those who were able to play every game and those who travelled long distances to battle on for the club. The willingness and commitment to the cause speaks volumes and is very much appreciated. Thanks also to skippers Ryan Norman, Tim Ives and Tatty King (Sunday XI) for their massive efforts on and off the field during the season. It obviously wasn't easy and no one should underestimate the pressure they were under in the heat of battle in an otherwise glorious summer.

As the club awards will be presented on 17<sup>th</sup> November I am unable to disclose the winners here as you will be reading this in advance of the presentations. However, performance wise youngster Ron Barker ended up the club's leading wicket taker with 32 league wickets followed by Mike Hernandez (20) and Ryan Norman (19). Ron, Mike Nash and Ryan Stearn each picked up a 5 wicket haul in the leagues. Elliot Baczala was top scorer with 521 league runs, hitting 2 centuries in the process. Other centuries came from Tom Salmon and Scott Orchard and there were also 22 scores of 50+ in league matches involving Craig Wells (4), Ryan Norman (3), John Lewis (2), Tim Ives (2), Elliot Baczala (2), Mike Nash, Steve Kent, Simon Goldsack, Geoff Willcocks, Sam Willcocks, Paul Norman, Tom Salmon, Scott Orchard and Jon Gregory. The Sunday XI saw Olly Roberts (2), Peter Barker (1), Phil Eades (1) and Chris Wood (1) each score 50's with Terry White (10) and Peter Barker (9) the leading wicket takers.

Off the field the sustained spell of hot weather presented our ground team of Ron Barker and Dave Morton with serious headaches and they had to spend hours and hours watering the wickets to help keep them in tip top condition. The fact that our square was ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> best in the league last season is testimony to the progress they, and previously Tom Yeates, have made over the past years. Needless to say the new ground equipment has helped but we have already upgraded our domestic sprinklers and hoses to make things easier should the drought conditions return next year.

The Management Committee will have met 12 times since the last AGM. Aside from introducing a new shirt sponsorship agreement with the Masala which covers all our senior sides we discussed how best to develop the pavilion, maintain the driveway and increase fund raising. We purchased a new till system to help control stock better and to take various payments by card. Sub-committees also met to discuss youth coaching, GDPR and how best to celebrate the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the pavilion. Needless to say the Committee have already started planning for the new season in the light of our aim to improve the pavilion and various youth nets sessions have already started.

In terms of ending this report I would just like to thank the Croquet Club for their continued contributions towards club overheads. We are also very grateful to all our sponsors and advertisers mentioned below for their support

and to all of you who have made donations to club funds throughout the year. However, it is not just financial support that is vital to the running of the club and we are truly indebted to all who help us. Although we are smaller club when compared to others we know many are jealous of what we have and what we continue to achieve and that can only be down to the efforts of all who help and volunteer. Needless to say if you feel you are able to help out in any capacity then please do let us know as we would be delighted to hear from you.

**Club Sponsors and advertisers: a big thank you to:** The Masala, Gee Whites, PTN Systems, Suttles, PJC Accounting, Purbeck Kitchens, Woodlands Landscaping and Building Services, C and C Engineering, Linkrider Coaches, Swanage Holiday Properties, Ellis Jones Solicitors, Neaves Rowing Services, 1<sup>st</sup> Call Training, MKL Accounting, GHPM. Oliver Miles, The Greyhound, Elysium and Jordan Williams Law, Dino's

**Mike Wells, Secretary**

## **YOUTH REPORT 2018**

Another hugely successful season as we built upon the progress of the last few years. Once again there were many highlights; with the U9s winning their league for the third year running, the U10s played in Division 1 finishing mid table and the U11s finishing 2nd in their league. Last years U8s also won the often-rearranged Plate Final right at the end of their U9 season.

**Membership** - Junior membership consolidated on last year with a final total of 104 juniors. Girl's membership continued to grow. Our numbers are greatest at the younger ages, so it will take time for the increased numbers to feed into adult cricket.

Whilst most players keep returning, sadly some juniors didn't return from the previous season - all of which were followed up as to why. It was mainly at the older age groups and mainly those who had only begun playing later. Very few of the younger children have stopped and many of them consider cricket as their number 1 sport.

### **Teams -**

U7s Kwik Cricket – a mix of returning players and new players meant this group got to 20 children and we had to put a hold on new members to stop the group getting too big

U8s – we only had a small number of U8s so decided not to put a side in this year. However, the U8s Plate final from the previous year was won by Swanage nearly a year later!!

U9s – won the Softball U9s for the third year in a row, winning a dramatic final game against Ferndown to snatch the title

U10s – played in Division 1 side and finished mid table after 4 wins

U11s – finished 2nd in Div. 2 and were finally able to put an age group team rather than rely on younger players to make up their team

U12s – finished 4th with 3 wins and 3 losses. Lots of great performances as the team continues to develop.

U13s – a great season with lots of wins and finishing 4th in their league

U15s – once again lacked matches but had some incredible games that always went to the wire. Several players began to make the transition to adult cricket playing on Sundays

**County and District** - We had a few new players at District level this year with Alex Alcock playing for the U9s, Regan Norman playing and captaining the County U10s and Sid Nash playing for the development squad and district U11s. Freddie Long represented the district U12s, while Jacob Pope played for the district U13s. Lily Wood and Safia Nadaf continued to play for the County U15s and India Pope began playing for the County U11s.

**Junior Players in Adult Sides** - Once again, several the older juniors made significant contributions to the adult teams and many other started to make the transition from junior to adult cricket. We hope to increase this over the next few years

**Catering at Youth Matches** - The catering continues to be a major part of youth cricket and we continued to get great feedback from other teams about how much they enjoy coming to Swanage to play. It continues to create a great buzz on match days. Saturday morning kitchen is run by different parents and we have now moved successfully to Friday evenings as well. Profit on the kitchen at junior matches and training reached over £450 which has been spent on kitchen equipment, youth kit and clothing. A big thanks to our Kitchen Team for making this all possible.

**School links** - We consolidated our links with the local schools getting into all the schools except for Swanage Primary – this will be happening next year though with contact already made

**Equipment/Clothing/Sponsorship** - We continued to invest in new equipment, so we had enough for each team. As well as discounting shirts, hoodies and training tops. None of this could have happened without the support of so many people and sponsors. A huge thanks goes to Woodlands Landscaping and Building Services, Linkrider Coaches, Purbeck Kitchens, Swanage Holiday Properties, Ellis Jones and Dino's, For the second year the Con Club and RBL for the raffle at their annual match.

**T20 Blast Hampshire v Somerset and Vipers v Yorkshire Diamonds** After last years wash out we were once again able to watch the cricket at the Ageas. This time a double header with a Women's Super League match before the men's game

**Fun Day and Presentation** - This was held on Sunday August 5th as we celebrated another fabulous year for Swanage Youth Cricket. The U9s received their trophies for winning their league. There were also lots of individual award winners from Kwik Cricket Awards to awards for best performance in each age group - listed below.

#### **Bronze Skills Award**

Sophie Constable	Charlie Spurling	Tom Spurling	Lucas Cartridge
Kaleb Fowler	Henry Titley	Dan England	Harry Steeden
Jacob Peake	Jenson Chadwick	Ethan Gadenne	Harrison Bedford
Felix Evans	Michael Barry	Lucas Uzzell	Joe Sutton
Isla Ashby	Hollie Corben	Lewis Wood	Jernimain Barry
Stanley Warden	Archie Cross	Immi Maidman	Isla Johnson
Luiza Kitcatt	Sophia Wiggins	Eleanor Ranger	Sky Moring

#### **Silver Skills Award**

Lucas Cartridge	Kaleb Fowler	Henry Titley	Dan England
Harry Steeden	Jenson Chadwick	Ethan Gadenne	Harrison Bedford
Michael Barry	Jernimain Barry	Stanley Warden	Archie Cross
Immi Maidman	Isla Johnson	Luiza Kitcatt	Sophia Wiggins
Eleanor Ranger			

#### **Gold Skills Award**

Zac Baker	Jernimain Barry	Stanley Warden	Archie Cross
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<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Best Batsman</b>	<b>Best Bowler</b>	<b>Best Fielder</b>	<b>Most Improved Player</b>
U10s	Josh Titley	James Harding	Seb Wright	Samuel Wells
U11s	Sid Nash	Alex Cox	Josh Wood	Vinny Thurgood
U12s	Freddie Long	Sid Nash	Regan Norman	Dexter Davids
U13	Jacob Pope	Regan Norman	Jake Streams	Spencer Grygiel
U15	Harry Long	Tia Norman	Andrew Handcock	Ella McKay

Finally, a huge thanks to all those who have been involved in whatever way this year once again there are far too many to mention. There is always someone to help when needed and the time is given willingly and generously.

**Tim Ives – Youth Secretary**

## **WOMEN AND GIRLS' SOFTBALL REPORT 2018**

After the success of the first year Swanage once again were able to organise a Women and Girls team. They represented the club at a county Softball competition. As last year the side was made up of some of the older youth players, women returning to the game and completely new players. We continued with Thursday training evenings, but attendance was mixed as players had lots of other commitments.

This winter sees the first time we've had indoor training and hopefully this will be a boost to numbers for next year. Girls' cricket however has gone from strength to strength with a dedicated Girls' U11 group which was well attended throughout the summer. Thanks to Jo Baker who helped out with this group throughout the summer.

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## **CROQUET REPORT 2018**

Having won the regional competition in 2016, Swanage narrowly failed to achieve a repeat performance in 2018 in the South West Federation Handicap League. After winning their section with 5 wins and 1 loss, in the playoffs the team had a comfortable victory in the semi-final at home to a Budleigh Salterton team by 10.5-5.5 (with the last round of 4 games not played) but in the final at a neutral venue against Abbey (who are based at Street) Swanage were soundly beaten 15-5 by a team that played significantly better than would be expected from their declared handicaps. In one of the two sections of the stronger Level Play League 3 wins, 1 draw and 3 losses led to a 5th place finish (of 8).

Friendly matches were used as opportunities to give experience to people who did not play in the established League teams but might be candidates to do so in the future. The results were encouraging. There were two close games against theoretically stronger East Dorset sides, a win at home (6.5-5.5) and a draw away (6-6). Against Wareham there was a win at home (8-4) but a loss away (4.5-7.5).

Membership started to decline from the numbers of previous years. At the beginning of the season all those on the waiting list were offered membership, although not all accepted. At the end of the season there were 92 members. In anticipation of the likelihood of further reductions on account of the ailing health of several members the Club ran two open evenings to attempt to attract new members. These produced a handful of expressions of interest but more efforts will be needed in 2019.

Attendance on club days also showed a decline on the previous year. In addition to the slight reduction in total membership, contributory factors were probably the poor health of some members, the weather being too hot for a relatively elderly group, and the difficult ground playing conditions consequent on the long dry spell.

William Ormerod and Keith Southern were members of the Dorset team for the inter-county competition played on an August weekend. With several new entries this was played as a 2 division event for the first time. Dorset retained its place in Division 1 by finishing 8th (of 11), about par based on player rankings.

18 people played in the Club's annual Bob Oliver competition. This was fewer than in previous years but the standard was higher. The trophies were won by Tim Hughes (for the second successive year) and Isobel Green (a first time winner). The singles competition introduced last year was expanded to 16 players this year; the winner was again Greg Vaughn. Another attempt was made to resurrect a short form of the former RNLI competition on Wednesday evenings over a 6 week period from late May to early July. Despite extensive efforts around various organisations only 5 entries materialized, this being insufficient to proceed with the event.

The condition of the croquet lawns was a major consideration during the year. Once the ground had dried out from the very wet early part of the year they were in good condition but the prolonged drought quickly made them too fast for quality play as the undulations were accentuated by dry bare patches. Towards the end of the season

plans were made to exploit the water in the nearby brook to enable regular watering next year of both the croquet lawns and the cricket square in a very cost effective manner.

The social side of the club included an annual lunch in January and a Cream Tea afternoon in July. The latter was attended by 53 people to celebrate the 100th birthday of Doreen Green, a regular playing member up to last year. The occasion was also used to unveil a memorial to Roy Smith in the form of a framed photograph together with the Croquet Association diploma awarded to him in 2011 in recognition of his efforts in establishing the Swanage Croquet Club. The chosen charity for funds raised during the year from raffles was the Lewis Manning hospice. A new innovation was the introduction of winter social meetings at the pavilion. These ran fortnightly and developed into indoor games mornings, being well attended by those who wanted to continue the companionship of regular croquet playing days.

The Club finished its financial year with a surplus of approximately £800; it has been agreed to use these funds to improve the outfield thereby benefitting both the Cricket and Croquet Clubs.

At the November 2017 AGM the main Officers of the club remained unchanged for 2018, but the expectation is that there will be a change of Treasurer for 2019.

The Croquet Club looks forward to the partnership with the Cricket Club continuing to go from strength to strength to the mutual benefit of both Clubs.

**Keith Southern**  
**Croquet Representative**

## **CLUB CONSTITUTION**

### **PROPOSED CHANGES TO CLARIFY THE VOTING RIGHTS AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND AGMS**

#### **Current Situation:**

Section 4 of the constitution states that voting members are limited to Full Playing Member, Student Playing Member, Family Member (full or student members only), Honorary Life Member, Honorary Member and Vice President.

Section 7 states that only “Executive Officers and the elected members of the Committee” are entitled to vote at Management Committee meetings. Executive Officers of the club are listed at Section 5.

Section 10 of the Constitution states that “each voting Member of the Club shall be entitled to one vote at General Meetings”.

#### **Reasons to change:**

The Management Committee considers the above inadvertently acts as a barrier to encouraging more people to participate in club affairs – for example:

- a) A parent holding family membership comprising only of junior members is unable to vote at the AGM as family membership only currently allows a vote to a full or student member.
- b) A social member who sits on the Management Committee and thereby serves the club for a year is unable to vote at the AGM.
- c) The President has traditionally been deemed to be an Honorary Officer rather than an Executive Officer of the Club. However, although there is no material reason why the President should not be eligible to vote at Committee Meetings or AGMs the officer holder is excluded from doing so.
- d) The croquet representative has previously been excluded from voting at Committee Meetings as the post is not an Executive Officer of the club. However, the proposals remove this to reflect the closer working relationship between the cricket and croquet clubs.

#### **Recommended changes**

To address the above issues a draft constitution has been uploaded to the club website with the proposed additions underlined and the proposed deletions scored through. The reasons for the proposed changes are included in italics at the relevant section.

Please note that the opportunity has also been taken to make some minor drafting changes at certain points at section 7, 8 and 9 of the constitution.

**The Management Committee  
November 2018**