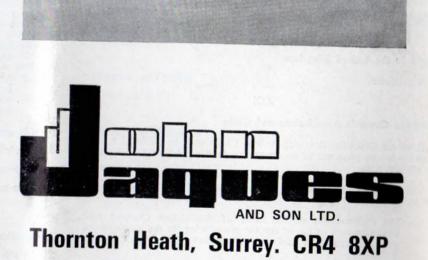
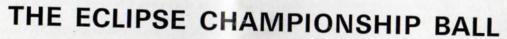
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C.A. Notes

Notice is hereby given of a SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the Croquet Association at 11.30 a.m. in the Hurlingham Club on Saturday, November 22nd, 1969, to approve the amendments to the Constitution set out hereafter in this issue of the Gazette.

This will be followed by a Delegates' Conference, and the Procedure will be as in past years-

- 1. Clubs holding an Official Tournament may send two Representatives.
- 2. All other Clubs may send one Representative.

N.B. Any Club member is welcome to attend the Conference, but only Official Representatives may vote.

- 3. It is hoped you will hold a meeting of members of your Club to receive suggestions for the Agenda and select your Representative/s.
- 4. These suggestions should be sent together with the name/s of your Representatives and the number you expect to attend from your Club to the Secretary of the Croquet Association by October 13th, who will then compile a full Agenda and circulate this to Clubs early in November so that it can be fully discussed and your Representative/s briefed.

We would ask the Clubs to take most active steps to produce new ideas and suggestions-it will be worth your while as the Council will very seriously consider any decisions arrived at during the

Clubs will NOT be circularised individually as this Notice published in "Croquet" covers all preliminary details.

The C.A. Tournaments being played at provincial Clubs this year proved very successful and our thanks are due to all Clubs con-cerned. It was a particular joy to see Challenge and Gilbey regain its important status. It had degenerated yearly until this year, and had become a poor American Tournament. Under the management of Colonel Cave and the Budleigh Club Tournament Committee, four Challenge Cups were played for and there was a good entry for the Gilbey Handicap Cups-from all aspects it was successful.

The Men's and Women's Championships were played at Southwick -with considerable success-reverting to the best of three games for the Women. As I write, the Ladies Field Candlesticks is going to be played after four years; Mr. Perry is kindly staging that at Compton.

The three Eights week starts on September 8th. We shall miss seeing J. W. Solomon and Douglas Strachan playing in the President's Cup-having had six weeks off for the Australian Tour, they could not afford the time. But John Solomon is to defend his title of Champion of Champions. It was very interesting to see his two sons play their first Croquet Tournament at Hurlingham, and very well they did, too. Another schoolboy, W. de B. Prichard, won two first prizes at Hurlingham and is now -1, playing confidently and

Wing Commander D. A. Allen has changed his address, which is now c/o Lloyds Bank Ltd., Terminus Road, Eastbourne. The telephone number of the Hon. Secretary, Nottingham Croquet Club, is

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LADIES' FIELD CUP Mrs. A. Fotiadi Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard Mrs. E. Rotherham Mrs. J. Neville Rolfe Miss K. M. O. Sessions Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith Miss E. J. Warwick Reserves Mrs. Elvev Mrs. Chittendon Mrs. Longman

HANDICAPS 1969

Ryde, June 2nd G. Birch 0 to $-\frac{1}{2}$. Mrs. K. L. Lowein 12 to 11. Miss J. L. Preston 6½ to 6. Mrs. W. J. Millie 16* to 16. W. J. Millie 16* to 16 (N.A.). Mrs. L. A. Davies 16* to 14. Mrs. E. W. Ward 7* to 7 (N.A.). Pearce-Jones 13 to 12/D 10 (N.A.). Carrickmines, June 7th Before play D. H. Moorcraft 4 to 3½ R. O. B. Whittington 0 to $-\frac{1}{2}$. Non-Associates Mrs. S. Moran 12, A. E. Sweetman 4. R. L. Hannon 5 (D 4). After play
D. H. Moorcraft $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$. R. O. B. Whittington *0 to $-\frac{1}{2}$ Non-Associates M. B. Weeney 6 to 5. Mrs. S. Moran 13 to 12. A. E. Sweetman 4 to 3½. R. L. Hannon 5 to 4. Woking, June 12th Capt. H. A. Nalder 3 to 21/2. K. S. Schofield 11 to 10. Miss J. Hill 12 to 11 Nottingham, June 13th M. T. Haslam *7 to $6\frac{1}{2}$ G. T. Slater $-\frac{1}{2}$ to -1. P. W. Elmes $-\frac{1}{2}$ to -1.

Compton, June 16th

S. G. Stoker 6 to 4.

Before play—own request Mrs. D. Waterhouse 16 D 14 to 14. Mrs. E. M. Kay 6 to 7.

After play
Mrs. N. W. T. Cox 9 to 6½.
D. A. Harris 2 to 1.
E. C. Tyrwhitt Drake 0 to -1 Mrs. D. Waterhouse 14 to 14 D 13. H. J. Devitt 7 to 61/2. Mrs. H. J. Devitt 8 to 71/2. Parkstone, June 23rd
G. E. P. Jackson $-2\frac{1}{2}$ to -3. R. O. B. Whittington $-\frac{1}{2}$ to -1. Mrs. P. Newton 10 to 8.

Miss M. C. Anderson $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $6\frac{1}{2}$. Miss D. Wayman 16 to 14 D 13. Dr. W. J. Bucknell 21 to 2. Miss Creed Meredith $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $6\frac{1}{2}$. P. Newton -1 to $-1\frac{1}{2}$.

Challenge and Gilbey Before play Col, G. E. Cave +1 to 0. After play Brig. A. E. Forbes 0 to -1

Maj. G. B. Horridge 5 to 4. Sir L. Daldry $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 2. F. Henshaw $6\frac{1}{2}$ to 6. Mrs. M. H. Vincent 21 to 2. Mrs. R. B. M. Smartt 1 to ½. J. A. Wheeler 3 to 2½. Mrs. F. A. Shiel 10 D 8 to 9 D 7.

C. W. Haworth 3½ to 2½. C. Edwards 10 D 8 to 8 D 7. **Budleigh Salterton** Before play Mrs. H. J. Whitehead

14 D 12 to 9. During play Mrs. H. J. Whitehead 9* to 7. After play Mrs. R. A. Simpson 1 to ½. Capt. Nalder 2½ to 2. E. C. Tyrwhitt Drake

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard $-2\frac{1}{2}$ to -3.

Hurlingham, confirmed July 18th, 1969, Southwick B. H. Biss 9 to 8.

H. B. H. Carlisle 1 to 0. Mrs. H. Carlisle 10 to 9. Gen. Davidson 6 to 7 (own request). F. Fletcher 9 to 8.
P. L. Gifford-Nash 2 to 1.
Mrs. P. Gifford-Nash

Mrs. A. D. Karmel 51 to 5. O. A. Kerensky 7 to 6. F. Learoyd Hine 9 to 8. Mrs. A. S. Oriel 12 to 10. C. B. Sanford 7 to 6. Mrs. A. W. Stempton 4 to 3. E. B. Tanner 9 to 8. R. A. W. Wing 9 to 8. Mrs. J. B. Meacham 8 to 7. Southwick Club

recommendations W. J. Baverstock 51 to 4. Miss K. M. Towers 61 to 6. Mrs. H. Brown-Jones 10 to 9. Mrs. E. Tucker 6 to 5½. Mrs. E. Higinbotham 8 to 7. Mrs. S. J. Turner $5\frac{1}{2}$ to 5. F. Reynold 6 to 5. Miss M. S. Tyrrell 9 to 8. W. G. B. Scott 7 to 61. Mrs. H. Wells 5½ to 5.

Non-Associates Miss D. J. Piper 10 to 9. Mrs V. Webb 71 to 7. Miss E. A. Pratt 71 to 7 H. F. L. Jenking 12 to 11. J. R. Pike 10 to 9.

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NOTES by ROVER

The Centenary of the Hurlingham Club

It is a happy conceit to believe that the powers that rule our lives produced this glorious summer in honour of the Hurlingham Club on the occasion of its Centenary. The Club started as a pigeon-shooting Club but it first became world famous as the centre of polo in England around the turn of the century. No polo has been played at Hurlingham since World War No. 2 because the polo grounds, with the exception of the practice field, were acquired by the London County Council. Nevertheless the Club remains world famous. There is probably no counterpart to this Club so near to the centre of any of the great capitals. As part of the Centenary celebrations a polo match was played on Sunday, June 29th, on the Club's old polo ground, which is now known as Hurlingham Park. Its patron, H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, was a guest of the Club for lunch and afterwards captained one of the teams. On Sunday, July 13th, there were further celebrations, involving matches between the Club and visiting teams of the games now currently played at Hurlingham. The visiting teams were entertained to lunch and prior to the beginning of the games about 1,000 pigeons were released on the front lawn. This was the beginning of a race and no gun was aimed against these competitors. The practice polo ground is now a cricket field full of charm, its main feature being a copper beech tree which itself must be unique for size and symmetry. In addition to the cricket match, there was a lawn tennis match, a bowling match and, of course, a croquet match. Hurlingham is now to croquet what Wimbledon is to lawn tennis. The home side was represented by J. Solomon, B. Lloyd-Pratt and B. Perry, all of whom are playing in the President's Cup later in the year. The visiting side was composed of B. Neal, N. Aspinall and R. Bray, three further competitors in the forthcoming President's Cup. There was a beautiful exhibition of croquet by masters of the game played on superb lawns in delightful weather. The honours went to the visiting team. At the conclusion of the games all competitors in all the games were presented with an engraved tankard to commemorate the occasion.

Perhaps the two most outstanding features of Hurlingham are its trees and its lawns. This, therefore, is an ideal setting for croquet and croquet has flourished at Hurlingham more or less since the beginning of the century. In June, 1907, there was a Hurlingham Croquet Tournament played over 14 lawns with 135 competitors. A subsequent tournament was played later in the year, August, at which there were 67 competitors. The Gazette pointed out that this was a very large entry because in those days it was not fashionable to be in London during August. This August Tournament has now developed into the most important Club Tournament during the calendar. In fact, the whole croquet calendar now revolves around this fixture, each other event being so many weeks before or after

The Hurlingham Club took the Croquet Association under its wing about 10 years ago when the C.A. had to move from its offices in Southampton Row. New offices were built in its own grounds and let to the C.A. at a moderate rent. Now each year the Club lends its lawns to the C.A. for the staging of the President's Cup. The Croquet Council holds its Meetings at the Club. The Annual General Meeting of the Croquet Association also meets each year at Hurlingham. If one looks elsewhere in this issue it will also be seen that a Special Meeting of the C.A. is also to be held at the Club this year, followed by a meeting between the delegates of Registered Clubs. On all these occasions the Club rooms are made available free of all charge and luncheon facilities are provided for all comers. The Croquet Association is deeply indebted to the Hurlingham Club and finds this a fitting occasion on which to express its appreciation.

The New Open Champion

It must be rare for a player to win the Open Championship when his first appearance in this event took place only three years previously. This is the achievement of Nigel Aspinall. Yet so obvious was his potential in 1966 when he narrowly lost to that Grand Master of the game, Humphrey Hicks, that it is remarkable that individual success in one of the classic events has eluded him up to now. In that same year he and John Simon did, of course, win the Open Doubles, a success which they repeated two years later.

Nigel could be accounted unlucky in 1968, when he so nearly prevented John Solomon's sixth successive win of the Open title, and came second to the British captain in the President's Cup by the narrowest possible margin. But what a second string for the Test Team! In Australia his play and confidence improved almost visibly each day, and so in the Third Test against New Zealand he played the top singles against John Prince, who had already recorded two good wins over John Solomon. The story of this great match has been written elsewhere, but rarely can there have been so swift and convincing a defeat of a player of John Prince's class. The unofficial title of World Champion was surely Nigel's for the time

But back in England there was the formidable figure of John Solomon waiting to defend the Open Championship. Providentially, in the absence of seeding, these two players were in opposite halves of the draw. Would the eagerly awaited final materialise? Other members of the Test Team clearly intended to prevent this if possible, and there was Brian Lloyd-Pratt, playing particularly well on the fast lawns, and Patrick Cotter, fresh from his triumph in the Men's Championship, to dispute the issue as well. But although John Solomon was severely mauled on the way, he and Nigel duly arrived in the final. And what a final it turned out to be, with Nigel's eventual triumph generously applauded by his opponent.

What can be said about his play that has not been said before? He was described as the Happy Warrior in a Rover note in 1968, and the description is apt. Would not any croquet player be happy to possess his extraordinary shooting powers, and his superb straight rushes of balls at a range of four or more yards? The secret, of course, is his beautifully natural and easy swing; lesser mortals cannot play with his fluency under pressure. He thinks and moves quickly in his matches; some say that his quickness leads occasionally to carelessness in his croquet strokes. An Aspinall leave is likely to offer his opponent only the most uninviting of lift shots, or often no shot worth taking at all.

It is a frightening thought that he may not yet have realised his full potential, despite his already phenomenal stroke-making ability. If pegged out, his idea of taking position for a hoop is to shoot to the boundary opposite that hoop, and he cannot remember when he was last hoop-bound. Stories of his matches already abound. Against John Solomon in the 1968 Open Final he went round with the third ball and pegged himself out, and against John Prince he completed a triple peel and peg-out in the fifth turn. In a recent Club handicap event he went round with one ball and peeled his partner's ball through the first six hoops. Adventurous, inventive, resourceful, and possessed of a splendid match temperament, his greatness as a player is matched by his willingness to serve the game by giving exhibitions and coaching whenever called upon. He is a most worthy Open Champion.

Australiana

Australians have a happy knack of inventing nicknames and expressions to fit the man or the occasion. In the last issue of the Gazette we learned that Tom Howat had christened Roger Bray "the Pawnbroker" because he won so many games with three-ball breaks. There was another player whom he called a strip-tease artist because she was forever taking-off. Taking-off finely is known as feathering. "Shall I take the hoop or feather to Blue and Black," Red might ask of his partner. Australians also use the expression, "A Square Break", which is considered definitely inferior to the orthodox four-ball-break with one ball in the middle of the court and one ball at the next hoop. The expression "a square break" is almost self-explanatory. Assuming the striker is making the first hoop with one ball and the third and fourth balls are at the second and third hoops, he is said to have a square break. Another expression is "playing the worm". "Oh look, he has played the worm," the lady spectator might explain derisively. This means that the striker has played a three-ball croquet stroke, but has not made a roquet or cannon on the third ball in the croquet stroke. What he had done is to play the worm by making the croqueted ball dribble out of the way, leaving the striker's ball with a rush on the third ball. The croquet world treats with scorn the striker who plays the worm. All this has been inspired by the reference to the "White Ball" elsewhere in this issue. The "White Ball" is frequently in use in Australia for on occasions it is customary to "double-bank", that is, to play two games simultaneously on the one lawn. "We have got to double-bank so bring out the lollipops," one might hear—and out will come the White, Pink, Green and Brown balls. What more fitting appellation?

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

T. O. Read $-\frac{1}{2}$ to -1. Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan W. de B. Prichard ½ to 0. Mrs. Prichard 0 to $-\frac{1}{2}$. N. W. T. Cox 2 to 11/2. Cheltenham, July 28th-August 2nd Mrs. J. H. Whitehead 7 to 61/2. Mrs. H. M. Read 21 to 2. T. O. Read 1 to $-1\frac{1}{2}$. J. A. Wheeler $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 2.

Miss R. M. Allen 3½ to 3.

R. O. B. Whittington

Dr. H. Rees 11/2 to 1/2.

Brig. L. E. Bourke 14 to 11. Col. G. T. Wheeler $-\frac{1}{2}$ to +1 at own request. Colchester Before play

Miss E. I. Wood 14 (D 12). Non-Associates R. S. Alford 13 D 11. Mrs. L. Cordy 12.

After play Dr. R. W. Bray $-3\frac{1}{2}$ to 4. C. S. Ratcliffe 3 to $2\frac{1}{2}$. E. Whitehead ½ to 0.

W. de B. Prichard ½ to 0.

-1 to $-1\frac{1}{2}$.

HANDICAPS

W. de B. Prichard 0 to $-\frac{1}{2}$.

A. Solomon 9* to 7 (D 6).

S. S. Townsend 0 to $-\frac{1}{2}$.

H. Wills 7 to 6. Hurlingham After play H. C. Green 3½ to 3. Miss S. A. Hampson $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 3. Mrs. J. B. Meacham 7 to 6. J. Parr 9* to 7 (D 6). Mrs. B. A. Nash 9 (D 8) to 7. J. R. G. Solomon Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith 9* to 7 (D 6). Before play 0 to $-\frac{1}{2}$.

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Ve Brizzolesi-La Torracia d. Sutri (Viterbo), Italy.

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING Monday, May 26th, 1969

1. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and Mr. S. S. Townsend were re-elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively.

Report on Test Tour and discussions with Australia and N.Z. on Laws and MacRobertson Shield conditions.

Mr. Solomon presented the report. (b) Amendment to Law 13 (a) (ii) (Lifts).

The Council approved the proposal that an upright inter-fering with the forward swing did not affect the stroke and

should not entitle the player to a lift.

It was agreed that Law 13 (a) (ii) should accordingly be amended by substituting the word "backswing" for "swing".

(c) Other proposals for minor alterations and clarifications of

the Laws were referred to the Laws Committee. (d) A Sub-Committee consisting of Mr. Baillieu, Mr. Solomon. Prof. Neal and Dr. Bray was appointed to consider proposed changes in conditions for the MacRobertson Shield

(e) Mr. Solomon said that Australia intended to produce an instructional film sponsored by Rothmans, and wished for our help. A Sub-Committee consisting of Dr. Bray (Chairman), Mr. Solomon, Prof. Neal and Mr. Aspinall was appointed to plan the film and give the necessary assistance.

(f) It was agreed that a Test Tour Reception Committee should be appointed in the autumn to plan hospitality and other arrangements for the next MacRobertson Shield series, which it was hoped would take place in England in 1973 or 1974.

3. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on contents of new C.A.

Subject to minor amendments the Committee's Report was approved, and it was agreed that the new Handbook to be published in 1970 should be issued free to all Associates. 4. Revised C.A. Rules.

(a) The Council considered the redraft by the special Ad Hoc Committee and approved them subject to a few minor

The Ad Hoc Committee's proposal to reduce the size of the Council from 24 to 21 was not approved, but the recommendation to delete Rule XXIII (thereby authorising professional croquet players) was agreed.

(b) It was agreed to submit the revised C.A. Rules to a Special General Meeting of the C.A. on Saturday, November 22nd, 1969, so that they could be incorporated in the new Handbook to be published in 1970.

5. Club Delegates' Conference.

To be held at the Hurlingham Club on Saturday, November 22nd, 1969.

6. Colchester Club Letter.

Consideration of the Colchester Club's proposals for re-organising the structure of the C.A. was deferred.

7. Date and Venue of next Meeting.

Saturday, October 25th, 1969, at the Hurlingham Club.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question: In the 1957 Reprint of the Laws, there is a reported decision of a Referee who disqualified a side because one of the side left the game before it was over. On appeal to the Chairman of the Laws Committee, it was held that the Referee was wrong It was ruled that provided the player in question played his ball into the game he could legally leave his partner to struggle on his own. Is this altogether accurate or is it possible to start a doubles game with only one of a side present?

Answer: Yes, it is possible and this happened recently at Hurlingham in a Club event. One of the four was missing but a telephone enquiry revealed that he was probably on his way. The other three waited some time and then his partner volunteered to start. The other side went in and made an orthodox opening with two balls on the East boundary. The adversary played his first ball into the second corner. It was for his absent partner to play the fourth ball. But the player on the spot placed his partner's ball in the third corner. This he is entitled to do under Law 40 (b). He then stood well clear of the ball and announced on behalf of the side that he deemed it to have been played. Law 31 (b) entitles the striker to deem his ball to have been played and in doubles the expression "striker" includes the partner of the striker-see Law 41. happened thereafter is another story, but the partner did arrive before the game was over.

myself! Parkner was J.A. HOLLWEG

Dear Mr. Editor, "Croquet":

As a newcomer to this delightful game may I first say how much I enjoy reading the magazine especially the refreshing and sometimes whimsical style which pervades many articles, reports (and even

CORRESPONDENCE

Being a beginner I am bad at hitting in and worse at making breaks but I am interested and consoled to read almost everywhere that the problems of the out-player are acute at all levels. I quote, what has bedevilled the game is the inability of the out-player to hit in. .

If therefore the novice is bad at hitting in (and equally bad at making breaks) and the expert is still worried about hitting in (but perhaps a little too good at sustaining breaks) . . . if all this, then perhaps we could find some simple solution which helps the former and impedes the latter.

To meet this I humbly suggest that we have on the lawn a fifth ball, neutral, perhaps white available for roquet (cum croquet) only on the initial shot of a turn, this ball being subsequently a hindrance inasmuch as any contact with it by any ball (including third neutral ball) would immediately cause the break to consequent third party ball) would immediately cause the break to cease. further suggest that this ball should always be contained in the rectangle bounded by hoops 1, 2, 3, 4 (or in the central square containing hoops 5, 6) and when necessary replaced on the boundary of this area—a sort of undrawn seven yard line.

From this basic idea several possible variants arise:-

Whether available after a bisque. Limit on number of times it can be hit (a kind of hit-in bisque allowance).

Whether this ball ranks for wiring.

Non use by a "Rover", i.e. finish of game to be Natural.

Whether to replace on fringe of rectangle at end of turn or immediately on hitting.

Lastly, I suggest that this ball be always detached from the hoop itself so as to prevent the "impasse" caused if both partner balls wanted this hoop and dare not venture near because of it being "out of bounds".

I feel that this might often considerably reduce the roquet distance confronting the forlorn out-player and would give occasional extra two-ball or three-ball targets, whilst its hazard value (as an untouchable) might be more than one supposes. It might even induce some subtle tactics by gently hitting and staying near the white ball as a 'lay-up" shot.

This idea, for what it is worth or what it might lead to, arose from a threesome which we sometimes have to play, each one using, and trying to monopolise, the fourth ball as a neutral.

K. S. SCHOFIELD.

I have been asked to comment on Mr. Schofield's letter. The suggestion of having a fifth ball is one which I have toyed with in my own mind for some time and stemmed from a form of indoor croquet with which some may be familiar, although I would personally treat the fifth ball rather differently. Let us first examine the problem of getting in and examine the length of shot offered in various forms of croquet.

There are for this purpose two distinct types of croquet. 1. Level play under the rules of advanced or semi-advanced play, and 2. Level play without any lifts in which category comes also handicap play.

With lifts the longest shot that can be offered to an opponent is about 19 yards, but by so doing the shot at your own balls in the corner is reduced to about the same as the short lift shot, 13 yards.

Without lifts, or in handicap play, the longest shot that can be offered is about 38 yards and it is easily possible so to arrange the balls that the shortest is about 24 yards.

It seems strange therefore that with lifts, in which only the more expert players play the longest shot is 19 yards whereas in handicaps the shortest shot can easily be 24 yards. This does not take into account the fact that frequently one cannot afford to take the short shot and will have to settle for one of 38 yards.

What does the introduction of the fifth ball achieve? In theory it does nothing to reduce the length of shot offered. In practice it must make the game considerably easier than at present. Consider the mere fact of breaking down. How often is this done on one's own ball, offering no advantage to the out-player. The odds are I suppose one in three on breaking down on one's own ball. With a fifth ball they become one in four, an increase of one-third. The practical advantage of this can only be realised, however, if the fifth ball can be struck with the mallet—in other words it is common to both sides. One player plays either blue, black or white; his opponent either red, yellow or white. When playing white one can make hoops for either ball though not of course for different balls in the same turn. I think also one should have to make rover and peg with one's own balls.

I believe that this is an experiment which should seriously be tried in some tournaments. The greatest drawback to croquet is its difficulty for beginners and particularly during the first 20 minutes when even better players are struggling to get the balls in from the boundary and build a break. If the fifth ball started one yard east or west of the peg it would make games very much quicker. (And here is another suggestion. What about extending the baulk line right round the court? That would get the balls into the middle

So far as handicap games are concerned, however, there is another and probably a simpler solution to this problem—that of the full bisque game. It has been inconceivable to me that there has been so much controversy about something so self-evidently obvious. In any C or D class event we are expecting players of say 5 or 6 bisques and over to play croquet under the same conditions as in the Open Championship except for the lifts. In a handicap game, if two 10 bisquers play each other they play level, and then we complain that they take four or five hours to finish a game. Surely it makes sense that they should each receive their full complement of bisques. A handicap is given to a player to enable him to play like a scratch player. Let him then always have the chance of playing like a scratch player.

It has been argued that this does not work when lower bisquers are involved; that 2 bisques to a 2 bisquer are of much more value than 12 to a 12 bisquer. This may be so but one season's play will soon achieve the necessary adjustment of handicaps. An experiment was tried some years ago, but it applied only to those over a handicap of 4. This was not experiment. It was prejudging

A perfect example of the absurdity of the present handicapping system occurred in this year's Hurlingham tournament in which my two eldest boys played for the first time, each with a handicap of *9. which was about right for each of them. In their first round one received 10 bisques, the other 2. They therefore had to play completely different games. It is, of course, argued that the one who received 2 bisques was "given" a number of others during the game by his opponent's mistakes, but these must be "taken" only at the time offered and do not allow any planned approach to the use of a predetermined number of bisques.

There is a considerable volume of support for the full-bisque game amongst the better players but considerable antagonism amongst the weaker players who would be the ones to benefit. I would like to think that the Council will order a trial of the full-bisque game in every tournament for one whole season. To try it in one event in one tournament would be a waste of everyone's time.

JOHN SOLOMON.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT

June 2nd-7th

Victorian spires, Osborne House, not a factory to be seen; the Isle of Wight typifies the nostalgic douceur of a less strident and hectic age than our own. What more perfect ambience, then, for a croquet tournament? Why do they not have to close the entries weeks in advance, as at Compton and Budleigh Salterton? Certainly Associates who have never supported this delightful tournament are missing a rare and most special experience, while those lucky ones from the mainland who have been, return year after year and are never jaded or disappointed with their stay.

I can assure the readers of this appreciation that the courtesy and warmth of the Ryde Croquet Club are unrivalled.

Some memories of the week: Miss Walker, at the tender age of

93, putting up a wonderful fight in the final of her class, and finding time (and energy!) to supply the club with her delicious cakes for tea; Mrs. Wood's efficiency on the court and, as secretary, off it; Miss Preston, the President, winning the "B" level event; Mrs. Mew, a welcome newcomer to the game; good courts; Major Dibley's genial (thank you, Maurice!) management; and, above everything, a kindliness that is hard to define in mere words but that can be looked back upon and treasured in the cold winter months until June is upon us once more.

Thank you, Isle of Wight.

RYDE TOURNAMENT

Isle of Wight Championship

DRAW First Round

B. Lloyd Pratt beat R. A. Simpson +24. G. Birch beat Mrs. J. Earnshaw Semi-Final

B. Lloyd Pratt beat Mrs. R. A. Simpson +20. E. H. S. Shelton beat G. Birch +5

Final B. Lloyd Pratt beat E. H. S. Shelton +5.

PROCESS

First Round B. Lloyd Pratt beat G. Birch +13.

Mrs. R. A. Simpson beat Mrs. J. Earnshaw +22. Semi-Final R. A. Simpson beat B. Lloyd Pratt +3. E. H. S. Shelton beat Mrs. R. A. Simpson +21.

Final E. H. S. Shelton beat R. A. Simpson +15.

Play-off B. Lloyd Pratt beat E. H. S. Shelton +23.

The Chapman Cup $(2\frac{1}{2}-6\frac{1}{2}$ bisques) First Round

A. J. Bucknell beat Mrs. G. H. Wood +4. Miss M. Bryan beat Mrs. C. Devitt +4. Semi-Final

Miss J. Preston beat A. J. Bucknell +11. Miss E. Walker beat Miss M. Bryan +7. Final

Miss J. L. Preston beat Miss E. Walker +5. The Hutton Cup First Round

Mrs. K. Lowein (12) beat Mrs. A. J. Bucknell (12) +7. Miss L. M. Cooke (14) beat Mrs. A. L. Millie (16) +15. Second Round

Mrs. E. W. Ward (7*) w/o Mrs. R. Creed Meredith (opp. scratched). Mrs. K. Lowein (12) beat Dr. W. F. W. Betenson (7) +23. Mrs. F. Mew (14) beat Miss L. M. Cooke (14) +15.

Mrs. L. A. Davies (16*) beat W. J. Millie (16*) +13.

Semi-Final

Mrs. E. W. Ward (7*) beat Mrs. K. Lowein +4.

Mrs. L. A. Davies (16*) beat Mrs. F. Mew +8. Final

Mrs. E. W. Ward (7*) beat Mrs. L. A. Davies (16*) +13. Handicap Singles "X"

First Round

Mrs. R. A. Simpson (1) beat Mrs. F. Mew (14) +20.

Mrs. J. Earnshaw (½) beat Miss L. M. Cooke (14) +18.

Mrs. K. Lowein (12) beat W. J. Millie (16) +7. Mrs. G. H. Wood (6) beat Mrs. L. A. Davies (16) +3 on time, Mrs. C. Devitt (6½) beat Mrs. W. J. Millie (16) +19. R. A. Simpson (0) beat Mrs. E. W. Ward (7) +10.
G. Birch (0) beat Miss M. M. Taylor (7) +5.
Dr. W. F. W. Betenson (7) beat Mrs. A. J. Bucknell (12) +2.

Second Round

Miss M. Bryan (6) w/o Mrs. R. Creed Meredith (opp. scratched). B. Lloyd Pratt (-3) beat A. J. Bucknell (3) +11. Mrs. R. A. Simpson (1) beat Mrs. J. Earnshaw (\frac{1}{2}) +22. Mrs. G. H. Wood (6) beat Mrs. K. Lowein (12) +4. Mrs. C. Devitt $(6\frac{1}{2})$ beat R. A. Simpson (0) +4. G. Birch (0) beat Dr. W. F. W. Betenson (7) +15. Miss J. L. Preston $(6\frac{1}{2})$ beat E. H. S. Shelton $(-\frac{1}{2})$ +4. Miss E. Walker $(5\frac{1}{2})$ w/o Canon R. Creed Meredith (opp. scratched). Third Round

B. Lloyd Pratt (-3) beat Miss M. Bryan (6) +18. Mrs. G. H. Wood (6) beat Mrs. R. A. Simpson (1) +8. G. Birch (0) beat Mrs. C. Devitt $(6\frac{1}{2}) + 16$. Miss J. L. Preston $(6\frac{1}{2})$ beat Miss E. Walker $(5\frac{1}{2}) + 10$. Semi-Final

B. Lloyd Pratt (-3) beat Mrs. G. H. Wood (6) +18, G. Birch (0) beat Miss J. L. Preston $(6\frac{1}{2}) + 10$.

B. Lloyd Pratt (-3) beat G. Birch (0) +3.

Handicap Singles "Y"

First Round

Miss L. M. Cooke w/o Mrs. F. Mew (opponent scratched).

Mrs. L. A. Davies (16) beat W. J. Millie (16) +19.

Mrs. E. W. Ward (7) beat Mrs. W. J. Millie (16) +21. Miss M. M. Taylor (7) beat Mrs. A. J. Bucknell (12) +6. Second Round

A. J. Bucknell (3) beat Miss M. Bryan (6) +8. Mrs. L. A. Davies (16) beat Miss L. M. Cooke (14) +1 on time. Miss M. M. Taylor (7) beat Mrs. E. W. Ward (7) +7. E. H. S. Shelton $(-\frac{1}{2})$ beat Miss E. Walker $(5\frac{1}{2})$ +13. Semi-Final

 A. J. Bucknell (3) beat Mrs. L. A. Davies (16) +11.
 E. H. S. Shelton (-½) w/o Miss M. M. Taylor (opp. retired). Final

A. J. Bucknell (3) beat E. H. S. Shelton $\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$ +9.

Handicap Doubles

G. Birch and Miss L. M. Cooke (14) beat Mrs. R. A. Simpson and W. J. Millie (15) + 3. Mrs. C. Devitt and Mrs. L. A. Davies (2012) beat E. H. S. Shelton

and Mrs. F. Mew $(13\frac{1}{2}) + 6$. R. A. Simpson and J. Pearce-Jones (10) beat A. J. Bucknell and Miss M. Bryan (9) +19.

Second Round

B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. W. J. Millie (11) beat Mrs. E. Ward and Mrs. A. J. Bucknell (19) +16.

G. Birch and Miss L. M. Cooke (14) beat Mrs. C. Devitt and Mrs. L. A. Davies (20½)

Mrs. J. Ernshaw and Mrs. K. Lowein (12½) beat Dr. W. F. W. Betenson and Miss M. M. Taylor (14) +11.

Semi-Final

G. Birch and Miss L. M. Cooke (14) beat B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. W. J. Millie (11) +5.
R. A. Simpson and J. Pearce-Jones (10) beat Mrs. J. Earnshaw and

Mrs. K. Lowein (12½) +13.

G. Birch and Miss L. M. Cooke (14) beat R. A. Simpson and J. Pearce-Jones (10) +6 on time.

CARRICKMINES

What a delightful tournament this was! In one of the most beautiful settings in the croquet world the Carrickmines lawns basked in uninterrupted sunshine for the whole of tournament week. The background of mountains, the palms before the club house, sun umbrellas and straw hats-the whole affair had a distinctly Mediterranean flavour. The result was the most relaxed and friendly croquet that anyone could imagine. If any of you are thinking of the South of France next year, take my tip and don't waste your money-go to Carrickmines instead.

The threatened English invasion was hampered by illness; those who managed to land were immediately overcome by a combina-tion of Irish charm and good croquet. A local member was reminded that she would have to give bisques to one of the visitors -a beginner playing in her first tournament-and it was suggested that it must be a long time since she had given away any bisques. She readily admitted this: "Sure, and it's so long that I've quite forgotten when to give them." (Repeat this in an Irish accent—it sounds better.)

In the Championship of Ireland David O'Connor swept all before him; indeed, the only player to take a game from him was Dick Whittington, from Parkstone, although Mrs. Lightfoot put up a determined struggle in the final. David is a great player to watch. He has the sort of croquet style aptly described as "fluent" and can be guaranteed to play an open and attacking game. He showed equal talent off the lawns, keeping the visitors entertained with a flow of stories just as good as his croquet.

The visitors pulled up their socks in the handicap events and indeed collected most of the cups. Dennis Moorcraft, from Woking, won the Founders and Green Cups, although he had a very tough struggle (tougher than the scores suggest) with some of the up-and-coming middle bisquers from the local club, notably Reggie Hannon and Myles McWeeney, both of whom play an enterprising and constructive game and are clearly going to reduce their handicaps as they gain experience. The Steel Cup was won by Dick Whittington, and he and Alec Craig, from Carrickmines, took the Stonebrook Cup for handicap doubles. These two produced great form in all their doubles matches, with perhaps their toughest game against the previous holders of the Cup—David O'Connor and Reggie Hannon.

Off the lawns there were some notable events too. We had firstclass lunches and teas, and I really do thank the ladies who produced these, especially when they had to work away in the kitchen when the rest of us were enjoying the sunshine outside. On Friday evening we were given a delightful buffet supper and were entertained afterwards by Douglas Strachan who (sadly) had been unable to take part in the tournament, but made amends by showing us his film taken on the recent Test tour. He showed himself as good a photographer as he is croquet player. The film even included dancing girls, live teddy bears, and a fine selection of men's croquet fashions which were duly noted for future tournaments.

A final word of thanks to Mrs. O'Reilly, who managed with great charm and tact, and to Messrs. Leonard, Regan and O'Connor who put in a lot of work behind the scenes. They can be more than satisfied with the result.

> CARRICKMINES TOURNAMENT Championship of Ireland Open First Round

Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot beat Miss F. Joly +8 +7. D. O'Connor beat R. O. B. Whittington -5 +24 +24.

Second Round
Lady FitzGerald beat Mrs. H. M. Read -9 +14 +6.
Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot w/o Mrs. E. McMillan (opp. scratched). D. O'Connor beat D. Figgis +11 +24. R. J. Leonard beat F. Regan +9 +14.

Semi-Final Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot beat Lady FitzGerald +6 +9. D. O'Connor beat R. J. Leonard +23 +17.

Final D. O'Connor beat Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot +24 +12.

> GREEN CUP TOURNAMENT Handicap Singles First Round

Mrs. F. Regan $(4\frac{1}{2})$ beat Mrs. D. Moorcraft (14) +8. M. B. McWeeney (5) bye. A. D. Craig (5) bye. Mrs. D. Moran (12) bye. Mrs. D. Figgis (51) bye. D. Moorcraft $(3\frac{1}{2})$ bye. H. M. Read (4) bye. Mrs. Corbally (11) bye.

Second Round M. B. McWeeney (5) beat A. D. Craig (5) +14. Mrs. D. Figgis $(5\frac{1}{2})$ beat Mrs. D. Moran (12) +6. D. Moorcraft $(3\frac{1}{2})$ beat Mrs. F. Regan $(4\frac{1}{2})$ +21. H. M. Read (4) beat Mrs. I. Corbally (11) +13.

M. B. McWeeney (5) beat Mrs. D. Figgis $(5\frac{1}{2})$ +9. D. Moorcraft $(3\frac{1}{2})$ beat H. M. Read (4) +13.

Final D. Moorcraft $(3\frac{1}{2})$ beat M. B. McWeeney (5) + 13.

STEEL CUP TOURNAMENT First Round

A. D. Craig (5) beat F. Regan $(3\frac{1}{2}) + 1$ on time Miss G. Hopkins $(3\frac{1}{2})$ w/o Mrs. D. Figgis $(5\frac{1}{2})$. D. Figgis (0) beat Mrs. D. Moran (12)

Second Round R. O. B. Whittington (0) beat Miss F. Joly $(1\frac{1}{2})$ +23. Mrs. H. M. Read (2) beat A. D. Craig (5) +12. Miss Hopkins ($3\frac{1}{2}$) beat D. Figgis (0) +11. Mrs. Moorcraft (14) beat Mrs. I. Corbally (11) +19.

Semi-Final R. O. B. Whittington (0) beat Mrs. H. M. Read (2) +19. Miss G. Hopkins (3½) beat Mrs. D. Moorcraft (14) +6 on time. Final

R. O. B. Whittington (0) beat Miss G. Hopkins $(5\frac{1}{2}) +23$.

FOUNDERS CUP First Round

R. L. Hannon (5) beat H. M. Read (4) +21. Miss G. Hopkins $(3\frac{1}{2})$ beat D. Figgis (Scr.) + R. J. Leonard $\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$ beat Mrs. D. Figgis $\left(5\frac{1}{2}\right) + 13$. Second Round

M. B. McWeeney (5) beat Mrs. I. Corbally (11) +13. Lady FitzGerald (+1) beat Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (\frac{1}{2}) +11. D. O'Connor (-2) beat Miss F. Joly (1\frac{1}{2}) +22. R. L. Hannon (5) beat F. Regan (3) +17. R. J. Leonard $\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$ beat Miss G. Hopkins $\left(3\frac{1}{2}\right)$ Mrs. H. M. Read (2) beat Mrs. F. Regan $(4\frac{1}{2})$ +5.

D. H. Moorcraft (3½) beat A. D. Craig (5) +12. R. O. B. Whittington (Scr.) w/o Mrs. E. McMillan (Scr.) (1).

Third Round M. B. McWeeney (5) beat Lady FitzGerald (1) +8.
R. L. Hannon (5) beat D. O'Connor (-2) +16.
R. J. Leonard (-\frac{1}{2}) beat Mrs. H. M. Read (2) +2.
D. H. Moorcraft (3\frac{1}{2}) beat R. O. B. Whittington (0) +16. Semi-Final

R. L. Hannon (5) beat M. B. McWeeney (5) +3. D. H. Moorcraft $(3\frac{1}{2})$ beat R. J. Leonard $(-\frac{1}{2})$ +5. Final

D. H. Moorcraft (3½) beat R. L. Hannon (5) +13.

STONEBROOK CUPS Handicap Doubles First Round

D. Figgis and Mrs. D. Figgis (5½) beat Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot and

Miss G. Hopkins (4) +12. D. H. Moorcraft and Mrs. D. H. Moorcraft (15 $\frac{1}{2}$) beat Mrs. Moran

and Miss F. Joly (13½) +10. D. O'Connor and R. L. Hannon (2) beat F. Regan and Mrs. F. Regan $(7\frac{1}{2}) + 14$.

Second Round R. J. Leonard and M. B. McWeeney (41) w/o Mrs. E. McMillan

and Mrs. R. Hannon (13). H. M. Read and Mrs. H. M. Read (6) beat D. Figgis and Mrs. D. Figgis $(5\frac{1}{2})$ +5 on time. D. O'Connor and R. L. Hannon (2) beat D. H. Moorcraft and Mrs.

D. H. Moorcraft $(15\frac{1}{2}) + 5$.

R. O. B. Whittington and A. D. Craig (5) beat Lady FitzGerald and B. O'Connor (8) +5.

R. J. Leonard and M. B. McWeeney (4½) beat H. M. Read and Mrs. H. M. Read (6) +13.
R. O. B. Whittington and H. S. C. B. C. B. Whittington and H. S. C. B. C. B.

R. O. B. Whittington and A. D. Craig (5) beat D. O'Connor and R. L. Hannon (2) +5. Final

R. O. B. Whittington and A. D. Craig (5) beat R. J. Leonard and M. B. McWeeney $(4\frac{1}{2}) + 21$.

WOKING AMERICAN TOURNAMENT June 20th-23rd

What a very friendly and happy week-end tournament it was! Although there were no matches between Tigers to make the spectators "gasp and stretch their eyes", every day produced games of interest and excitement and occasionally very good croquet.

Numbers one and two courts were their usual lush, smooth green-

ness and although the tennis courts were not of the same standard some good games were played on them. The weather on each of the first three mornings was as forecast-cool, windy and sometimes damp-but each afternoon unexpectedly turned golden, only the last day being depressingly wet from start to finish.

Capt. H. Nalder, playing deliberate and accurate croquet, dominated "A" Block and won all his games. In his game against D. Temple Page he finished with a run of four hoops, peeled Rover and pegged out both balls. He had an authoritative win against A. A. Reed, who throughout the tournament failed to find his true form.

Nearly all the games in "B" Block were close and exciting and Mrs. Trull, from Parsons Green, was shooting and rolling with deadly accuracy. Neither D. Moorcroft nor K. Paterson found that they could afford the bisques they had to give her. Against Mrs. Nalder on two occasions she shot at her opponents balls from great distances, unexpectedly missed and by marvellous flukes ran her "next in order" hoops. In spite of the fact that the great god of luck evidently intended her to win, Mrs. Nalder beat her!

The game on Monday morning between D. Moorcroft and T. G. Bennett was worth sitting in the rain for three hours to watch. A needle match on the result of which depended whether Moorcroft,

Bennett or possibly Paterson was the winner.

Bennett missed his tice and Moorcroft from the East boundary played a Solomon opening and went to Penultimate. From then on there was a fascinating contrast in styles - Moorcroft, when he managed to get in, playing a daring and often a brilliant offensive game and Bennett making stately and accurate "one hoop at a time" progress round the course. When time was called Moorcroft was leading by one hoop + in play but he failed to hit in and Bennett, who was for Rover and Four Back, made Rover and rolled his two balls to the peg. He pegged out his yellow ball but was reminded that he couldn't score it in a handicap game. Moorcroft again failed to hit in and Bennett found himself with a fortuitous "dolly rush" on yellow to Four Back. This he made, so winning by one point on time.

In "C" Block K. S. Schofield, of Harrow, a comparative new-comer to the game, steadily improved throughout the tournament and succeeded in being the block winner. However, he lost to Bennett, of "B" Block, in the semi-final. The Manager then decided that as it was not water polo that was being played the final between Nalder and Bennett should be at a later date.

Thanks are due to Derek Caporn for managing the tournament so smoothly and without fuss, and to the ladies for providing such excellent teas. Altogether a very enjoyable week-end.

RESULTS

Block A.—Capt. H. Nalder beat Reed +9, Sanders +15, Temple Page +13, Mrs. Farley +16 and Mrs. Bressey +7 on time.

Block B.—T. G. Bennett beat Moorcroft +1 on time, Mrs. Nalder

+15 and Mrs. Trull +17 and lost to Caporn -7 and Patterson

Block C .- M. T. Schofield beat Mrs. Caporn +22, Mrs. Moorcroft +3 on time and Miss Hill +3 on time.

Play-offs

Bennett beat Schofield +11. Bennett beat Capt. Nalder +8.

NOTTINGHAM CROQUET CLUB

Sparkling sunshine, blue skies, fast and exciting lawns. These summer attributes created an idyllic setting for the week-end tournament held by the Nottingham Club on June 13th/15th at their headquarters on University Boulevard, Nottingham.

In a well-diversified entry of 20 we had a bisque range from minus one to plus 12, with all shades of ability in between. This made for most interesting and speculative play and the four eventual block winners were all minus players—Martin Bushnell, Gordon Slater, Peter Elmes, all Nottingham products now at Cambridge, together with that seasoned campaigner Gerald Birch, also of the local Club. The eventual overall winner was the cheery and likeable personality Gordon Slater.

All our old friends supported the three-day event, and this year we were delighted to welcome for the first time three distinguished visitors from Roehampton—Miss D. A. Lintern, Mrs. B. G. Neal and Mr. D. C. Caporn. Also from Wrest Park, Bedford, we had Mr. H. Green. We trust they were impressed with the Nottingham set-up and all we ask is that they come again. They will be made to feel at home and we look forward to their second visit.

Visitors to Nottingham always comment on the first-class meals put on at all our tournaments. We claim they are the best in the croquet world, and this week was no exception. Mrs. E. Ward, with her small band of willing workers, can always be relied upon to tickle the most jaded palate.

On the playing arena Gerald Birch showed his flair in the position of manager and events progressed very smoothly.

Our main tournament is being held from August 18th to 23rd, and we invite croquet enthusiasts to come along and sample all the amenities the Nottingham Club can offer; you will find the opposition first-class, too.

NOTTINGHAM WEEK-END TOURNAMENT June 13th-15th

Winner, Block A: P. W. Elmes.
Winner, Block B: M. J. Bushnell.
Winner, Block C: G. T. Slater.
Winner, Block D: G. Birch.
Play-off: M. J. Bushnell beat P. W. Elmes.
G. T. Slater beat G. Birch.

Final: G. T. Slater beat M. J. Bushnell.

COMPTON TOURNAMENT

DRAW

First Round
Cdr. G. Borrett beat Col. G. T. Wheeler +18.
E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake beat Miss K. M. O. Sessions +5. Second Round

Mrs. E. Rotherham beat Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +23.
Mrs. W. Longman beat H. A. Green +16.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins w/o D. J. V. Hamilton Miller (opp. scratched).
Cdr. G. Borrett beat W. H. Austin +17.
E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake beat Major C. J. H. Tolley +12. B. Lloyd-Pratt beat Mrs. H. C. S. Perry +20.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey beat W. E. Moore +14. D. A. Harris beat G. E. P. Jackson +2. Third Round

Mrs. E. Rotherham beat Mrs. W. Longman +25. Cdr. G. Borrett w/o Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (opp. scratched). E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake beat B. Lloyd-Pratt +3. D. A. Harris beat Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +18.

Semi-Final Cdr. G. Borrett beat Mrs. E. Rotherham +5. D. A. Harris beat E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +7. Final

Cdr. G. Borrett beat D. A. Harris +14.

Play-off
Cdr. G. Borrett beat E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +24. PROCESS

First Round Mrs. E. Rotherham beat D. A. Harris +5. G. E. P. Jackson beat Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +17.

Second Round W. H. Austin beat Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +9.
Miss K. M. O. Sessions beat H. A. Green +25.
B. Lloyd-Pratt w/o Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (opp. scratched).
G. E. P. Jackson beat Cdr. G. Borrett +23. Col. G. T. Wheeler beat W. E. Moore +2. Maj. C. J. H. Tolley w/o Mrs. W. Longman (opp. scratched). Mrs. H. C. S. Perry w/o D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (opp. scratched). E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake beat Mrs. E. Rotherham +18.

Third Round

Miss K. M. O. Sessions beat W. H. Austin +8.
B. Lloyd-Pratt beat G. E. P. Jackson +4. Col. G. T. Wheeler beat Maj. C. J. H. Tolley +21. E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake beat Mrs. H. C. S. Perry +11. Semi-Final

B. Lloyd-Pratt beat Miss K. M. O. Sessions +23. E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake beat Col. G. T. Wheeler +12. Final

E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake beat B. Lloyd-Pratt +1.

"B" (2 bisques and over) DRAW

First Round Mrs. H. A. Hall beat S. G. Stoker +2. Mrs. E. M. Temple beat C. W. Haworth +19. Miss H. D. Parker beat M. B. Reckitt +6. N. W. T. Cox beat D. Himmens +2. Semi-Final

Mrs. E. M. Temple beat Mrs. H. A. Hall +6. Miss H. D. Parker beat N. W. T. Cox +4. Final

Miss H. D. Parker beat Mrs. E. M. Temple +9. Play-off: N. W. T. Cox beat Miss H. D. Parker +18. PROCESS

N. W. T. Cox beat Mrs. E. M. Temple +15. Mrs. H. A. Hall beat M. B. Reckitt +7. Miss H. D. Parker beat C. W. Haworth +9. D. Himmens beat S. G. Stoker +18. N. W. T. Cox beat Mrs. H. A. Hall +15.

Miss H. D. Parker beat D. Himmens +7. Final N. W. T. Cox beat Miss H. D. Parker +21.

RESTRICTED HANDICAP First Round

Mrs. E. M. Kay (7) beat Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens (8) +9. Second Round Mrs. H. J. Devitt (8) beat Miss D. Locks Latham (7) +2. Mrs. N. W. T. Cox (9) beat H. J. Devitt (7) +9. Mrs. E. M. Kay (7) beat W./Cdr. D. L. Allen $(6\frac{1}{2}) +2$. G. Scott Page (7) beat Miss M. Bryan (6) +6.

Semi-Final Mrs. N. W. T. Cox (9) beat Mrs. E. M. Kay (7) +5. G. Scott Page (7) beat Mrs. H. J. Devitt (8) +2. Final

Mrs. N. W. T. Cox (9) beat G. Scott-Page (7) +12.

OPEN HANDICAP First Round

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey $(-\frac{1}{2})$ beat W./Cdr. D. L. Allen $(6\frac{1}{2})$ +18. Mrs. E. M. Temple $(2\frac{1}{2})$ beat Miss D. Locks-Latham (7) +8. Mrs. E. M. Temple $(2\frac{1}{2})$ beat Miss D. Locks-Latinain (7) +8. C. W. Haworth $(3\frac{1}{2})$ beat Mrs. H. A. Hall $(5\frac{1}{2})$ +6. Mrs. N. W. T. Cox (9) beat Miss H. D. Parker $(2\frac{1}{2})$ +24. H. J. Devitt (7) beat Col. G. T. Wheeler $(-\frac{1}{2})$ +13. G. Scott-Page (7) w/o D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller $(-3\frac{1}{2})$ (opp. scr.). Mrs. E. M. Kay (7) beat Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) +12. W. E. Moore $(-\frac{1}{2})$ beat Maj. C. J. H. Tolley (2) +11. E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (0) beat G. E. P. Jackson $(-2\frac{1}{2}) + 14$. S. G. Stoker (4) beat W. H. Austin (0) +1. Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens (8) beat H. A. Green $(-\frac{1}{2})$ +5. Cdr. G. Borrett (-2) beat Miss M. Bryan (6) +20. D. A. Harris (2) beat Mrs. W. Longman $(-\frac{1}{2})$ +4. D. Himmens (3) beat M. B. Reckitt (2) +20. Mrs. H. J. Devitt (8) beat N. W. T. Cox (3) +10. Miss K. M. O. Sessions (-2) beat Mrs. H. F. Chittenden $(-\frac{1}{2}) + 12$. Second Round

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey $(-\frac{1}{2})$ beat Mrs. E. M. Temple $(2\frac{1}{2})$ +6. Mrs. N. W. T. Cox (9) beat C. W. Haworth $(3\frac{1}{2})$ +20. H. J. Devitt (7) beat G. Scott-Page (7) +1. W. E. Moore $(-1\frac{1}{2})$ beat Mrs. E. M. Kay (7) +12. E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (0) beat S. G. Stoker (4) +17. Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens (8) beat Cdr. G. Borrett (-2) +6. D. A. Harris (2) beat D. Himmens (3) Mrs. H. J. Devitt (8) beat Miss K. M. O. Sessions (-2) +3.

Third Round

Mrs. N. W. T. Cox (9) beat Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey $(-\frac{1}{2})$ +24.

H. J. Devitt (7) beat W. E. Moore $(-1\frac{1}{2})$ +5.

E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (0) beat Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens (8) +8.

D. A. Harris (2) beat Mrs. H. J. Devitt (8) +5.

Semi-Final Mrs. N. W. T. Cox (9) beat Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey $(-\frac{1}{2})$ +24. E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (0) beat D. A. Harris (2) +5. Final

Mrs. N. W. T. Cox (9) beat E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (0) +13.

HANDICAP DOUBLES

Cdr. G. Borrett and Maj. C. J. H. Tolley (0) beat D. A. Harris and Mrs. H. A. Hall $(7\frac{1}{2})$ +5. Miss K. M. O. Sessions and H. J. Devitt (5) beat Mrs. E. Rother-

ham and W./Cdr. D. L. Allen $(3\frac{1}{2})$ +16. W. H. Austin and H. A. Green $(-\frac{1}{2})$ beat Col. G. T. Wheeler and

Mrs. H. J. Devitt $(7\frac{1}{2})$ +9. W. E. Moore and Miss M. Bryan $(4\frac{1}{2})$ beat Mrs. H. F. Chittenden

and S. G. Stoker $(3\frac{1}{2})$ +4.

G. E. P. Jackson and G. Scott-Page $(4\frac{1}{2})$ beat Miss H. D. Parker and D. Himmens $(5\frac{1}{2})$ +9.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. D. Waterhouse $(13\frac{1}{2})$ beat Mrs. W. Longman and M. B. Reckitt $(1\frac{1}{2})$ +10.

Second Round

E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake and C. W. Haworth (3½) beat Cdr. G. Borrett and Maj. C. J. H. Tolley (0) +4.

Miss K. M. O. Sessions and H. J. Devitt (5) beat W. H. Austin and

H. A. Green $\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$ W. E. Moore and Miss M. Bryan (41) beat G. E. P. Jackson and

G. Scott-Page $(4\frac{1}{2})$ +7 Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. D. Waterhouse (13½) beat B. Lloyd-Pratt and Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens (5) +10.

Semi-Final E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake and C. W. Haworth (3½) beat Miss K. M. O. Sessions and H. J. Devitt (5) +4.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. D. Waterhouse (131) beat W. E. Moore and Miss M. Bryan $(4\frac{1}{2}) + 4$.

Final

E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake and C. W. Haworth (3½) beat Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. D. Waterhouse $(13\frac{1}{2}) + 6$. Report not received.

> PARKSTONE TOURNAMENT June, 1969

In warm sunshine and under the able management of Mrs. Chittenden, the Parkstone Tournament got off to a good start. It was nice to see a large contingent from Budleigh Salterton, while other clubs were well represented.

The standard of play was very high, but now and again there was too much defensive play. One of the main features was the large number of closely-contested games, of which the "B" finals was the most exciting. In one match P. W. Elmes pegged out Mrs. Temple's ball, and his own, when she was for 1 back and he for 4 back. Mrs. Temple eventually won. In another one-ball game Mrs. Newton hit a 25-yard roquet when for the Rover which she made but was unable to peg out. Whittington then hit in to win.

The lunches were excellent and the lawns in fine condition. The friendly atmosphere of the club makes this deservedly one of the most popular tournaments.

HANDICAP SINGLES

(7 bisques and over)

First Round

Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (10) beat Miss R. Brodie (16) +5.

Miss W. E. Creed Meredith (7½) beat Mrs. D. Wayman (16) +5. Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens (8) beat Miss M. M. Fickling (13) +8. Second Round

Miss M. G. Anderson (7½) beat Mrs. L. A. Davies (14) +11.

Miss W. E. Creed Meredith (7½) beat Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (10) +4.

Mrs. P. Newton (10) beat Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens (8) +15.

Mrs. D. J. Bird (9) beat Mrs. M. Goodricke (16) +17.

Semi-Final

Miss M. G. Anderson (7½) beat Miss W. E. Creed Meredith (7½) +7. Mrs. P. Newton (10) beat Mrs. D. Bird (9) +8. Final

Mrs. P. Newton (10) beat Miss M. G. Anderson $(7\frac{1}{2})$ +7.

HANDICAP DOUBLES First Round

Dr. W. R. Bucknall and Dr. E. L. Knowles (8) beat Dr. G. L. Ormerod and Mrs. Ormerod (14) +6 on time.

G. E. P. Jackson and Maj. F. Hill-Bernhard (2) beat J. G. Warwick and Mrs. D. J. Bird (5) +9. P. Newton and Mrs. P. Newton (7) beat P. W. Elmes and Mrs. G.

H. Wood (5) +2.

A. J. Cooper and Miss W. E. Creed Meredith (4) beat B. G. Perry

and Mrs. C. Devitt (3) +5. Miss E. J. Warwick and Miss M. D. McMordie (3) beat Rev. W.

E. Gladstone and Mrs. E. M. Temple (4) +13 Miss Anderson and Miss E. G. Clarke Lens $(15\frac{1}{2})$ beat R. O. B. Whittington and Miss K. D. Hickson $(2\frac{1}{2})$ +2 on time.

Mrs. E. M. McMillan and Mrs. D. Wayman (15) beat Mrs. E. M. Kay and Miss M. M. Fickling (19) +1 on time. Second Round

G. E. P. Jackson and Maj. F. Hill-Bernhard (2) beat Dr. W. R. Bucknall and Dr. E. L. Knowles (8) +4.

J. Cooper and Miss Creed Meredith (4) beat P. Newton and Mrs. Newton (7) +1.

Miss Warwick and Miss McMordie (3) beat Miss Anderson and Miss Clarke-Lens (15½) +8.

Mrs. McMillan and Mrs. Wayman (15) beat Mrs. Chittenden and Miss A. Mills (3) +3.

Semi-Final

G. E. P. Jackson and Maj. Hill-Bernhard (2) beat A. J. Cooper and Miss Creed Meredith (4) +7.

Mrs. McMillan and Mrs. Wayman (15) beat Miss Warwick and Miss McMordie (3) +3. Final

Mrs. McMillan and Mrs. Wayman (15) beat G. E. P. Jackson and Maj. F. Hill-Bernhard (2) +15.

HANDICAP SINGLES "X"

First Round

Mrs. E. M. Temple $(2\frac{1}{2})$ beat P. W. Elmes (-1) + 1.

G. E. P. Jackson $(-2\frac{1}{2})$ beat Mrs. D. Wayman (16) + 12.

P. Newton (-1) beat Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) + 4. Miss M. D. McMordie (6) beat A. J. Cooper $(-3\frac{1}{2}) + 22$ Miss M. D. McMordie (6) beat A. J. Cooper $(-3\frac{1}{2})$ +22. Dr. E. L. Knowles $(5\frac{1}{2})$ beat Mrs. L. A. Davies (14) +22. Mrs. E. M. McMillan (1) beat Mrs. G. H. Wood (6) +9. Mrs. P. Newton (10) beat Miss M. G. Anderson $(7\frac{1}{2})$ +16. R. O. B. Whittington $(-\frac{1}{2})$ beat Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (10) +15. Miss K. D. Hickson (3) beat Dr. G. L. Ormerod (4) +11. Rev. W. E. Gladstone $(1\frac{1}{2})$ beat Miss R. Brodie (16) +16. Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (scr.) beat J. G. Warwick (-2) +16. Dr. W. R. Bucknall $(2\frac{1}{2})$ beat Miss W. E. Creed Meredith $(7\frac{1}{2})$ +20. Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens (8) beat Maj, F. Hill Bernhard $(4\frac{1}{2})$ +20. Mrs. C. E. Devitt $(6\frac{1}{2})$ beat Miss A. Mills $(3\frac{1}{2})$ +2. Mrs. I. M. Purves (10) beat Mrs. D. J. Bird (9) +1 on time. Mrs. E. M. Kay (6) beat Miss M. M. Fickling (13) +13. Second Round G. E. P. Jackson $(-2\frac{1}{2})$ beat Mrs. E. M. Temple $(2\frac{1}{2})$ +3.

G. E. P. Jackson $(-2\frac{1}{2})$ beat Mrs. E. M. Temple $(2\frac{1}{2})$ + 3. P. Newton (-1) beat Miss McMordie (6) + 3. Mrs. McMillan (1) beat Dr. E. L. Knowles $(5\frac{1}{2})$ + 6. R. O. B. Whittington $(-\frac{1}{2})$ beat Mrs. P. Newton (10) + 1. Rev. W. E. Gladstone $(1\frac{1}{2})$ beat Miss K. D. Hickson (3) + 9. Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (scr.) beat Dr. W. R. Bucknall (2½) +11.

Miss Clarke-Lens (8) beat Mrs. C. Devitt (6½) +7.

Mrs. E. M. Kay (6) beat Mrs. Purves (10) +17.

Third Round

P. Newton (-1) beat G. E. P. Jackson $(-2\frac{1}{7})$ +11. R. O. B. Whittington $(-\frac{1}{2})$ beat Mrs. McMillan (1) +16. Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (scr.) beat Rev. W. E. Gladstone $(1\frac{1}{2})$

Mrs. Kay (6) beat Miss Clarke-Lens (8) +2.

R. O. B. Whittington $(-\frac{1}{2})$ beat P. Newton (-1) +22. Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (scr.) beat Mrs. Kay (6) +10.

R. O. B. Whittington $\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$ beat Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (scr.) +3.

HANDICAP SINGLES "Y"

First Round Mrs. D. Wayman (16) w/o P. W. Elmes (-1) (opp. scratched). Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) beat A. J. Cooper $(-3\frac{1}{2})$ +16. Mrs. G. H. Wood (6) beat Mrs. L. A. Davies (14) +12. Miss M. G. Anderson (7½) beat Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (10).

Miss R. Brodie (16) w/o Dr. G. L. Ormerod (4) (opp. retired).

J. G. Warwick (-2) beat Miss W. E. Creed Meredith (7½) +18.

Maj. F. Hill-Bernhard (4½) beat Miss A. Mills (3½) +12.

Mrs. D. J. Bird (9) beat Miss M. Fickling (13) +5 on time. Second Round

Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) w/o Mrs. D. Wayman (16) (opp. scratched). Mrs. Wood (6) beat Miss Anderson (7½).

J. G. Warwick (-2) beat Miss R. Brodie (16) +18.

Mrs. D. J. Bird (9) w/o Maj. F. Hill-Bernhard (4½) (opp. scratched).

Semi-Final Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) beat Mrs. G. H. Wood (6) +6. J. G. Warwick (-2) beat Mrs. D. J. Bird (9) +10.

First Round

R. O. B. Whittington $(-\frac{1}{2})$ beat B. G. Perry $(-3\frac{1}{2})$ +4. P. Newton (-1) beat A. J. Cooper $(-3\frac{1}{2})$ +7. Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) beat Mrs. E. M. McMillan (1) +24. Second Round

J. G. Warwick (-2) beat Rev. W. E. Gladstone $(1\frac{1}{2})$ +4. P. Newton (-1) beat R. O. B. Whittington $(-\frac{1}{2})$ +9. Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) beat P. W. Elmes (-1) +12. G. E. P. Jackson $(-2\frac{1}{2})$ beat Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (scr) +4.

Semi-Final J. G. Warwick (-2) beat P. Newton (-1) +14. G. E. P. Jackson ($-2\frac{1}{2}$) beat Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) +2.

Final G. E. P. Jackson $(-2\frac{1}{2})$ beat J. G. Warwick (-2) + 16.

PROCESS First Round

B. G. Perry $(-3\frac{1}{2})$ beat Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (scr.) +22. P. W. Elmes (-1) beat J. G. Warwick (-2) +3. G. E. P. Jackson $(-2\frac{1}{2})$ beat Rev. W. E. Gladstone $(1\frac{1}{2})$ +7.

Second Round

Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) beat B. G. Perry $(-3\frac{1}{2})$ +4.

A. J. Cooper $(-3\frac{1}{2})$ beat P. W. Elmes (-1) +15.

R. O. B. Whittington $(-\frac{1}{2})$ beat Mrs. E. M. McMillan (1) +11. G. E. P. Jackson $(-2\frac{1}{2})$ beat P. Newton (-1) + 16.

Semi-Final Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) beat A. J. Cooper $(-3\frac{1}{2})$ +2. G. E. P. Jackson $(-2\frac{1}{2})$ beat R. O. B. Whittington $(-\frac{1}{2})$ +11. Final

G. E. P. Jackson $(-2\frac{1}{2})$ beat Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) +16. Play-off for 2nd place: Miss E. J. Warwick beat J. G. Warwick +8.

LEVEL SINGLES $(2\frac{1}{2} \text{ to } 6\frac{1}{2} \text{ bisques})$

First Round

Miss K. D. Hickson (3) beat Mrs. G. H. Wood (6) +2.

Dr. W. R. Bucknall $(2\frac{1}{2})$ beat Dr. G. L. Ormerod (4) +20.

Maj. F. Hill-Bernhard $(4\frac{1}{2})$ beat Miss A. Mills $(3\frac{1}{2})$ +1. Second Round

Miss M. D. McMordie (6) beat Mrs. E. M. Temple (2½) +7. Dr. W. R. Bucknall (2½) beat Miss K. D. Hickson (3) +1. Maj. F. Hill-Bernhard (4½) beat Mrs. E. M. Kay (6) +18. Dr. E. L. Knowles (5½) beat Mrs. C. Devitt (6½) +16. Semi-Final

Dr. W. R. Bucknall $(2\frac{1}{2})$ beat Miss M. D. McMordie (6) +11. Dr. E. L. Knowles $(5\frac{1}{2})$ w/o Maj. F. Hill-Bernhard $(4\frac{1}{2})$ (opp. retd.). Final

Dr. W. R. Bucknall (2½) beat Dr. E. L. Knowles $(5\frac{1}{2}) + 3$.

CHALLENGE AND GILBEY TOURNAMENT Budleigh Salterton, June 30th-July 5th

The first Challenge and Gilbey Tournament to be held outside London was so fortunate in its weather and surroundings that it would have needed very captious competitors to fail to enjoy them-

Thanks to the invaluable West and his helper Thomas the lawns were in first-class condition and meals were of a very high standard.

Wednesday probably produced the highlights of the tournament when Bill Perry played John Cooper and Mrs. Rotherham and Miss Warwick were once more in opposition. In the first game Perry appeared to have the upper hand but Cooper suddenly struck form with two excellent breaks. Perry, who was on the boundary behind 3-back, decided that he must run the hoop to Cooper's blue and black which were at 4-back. This he did without touching a wire and then unfortunately missed what should have been for him a certain roquet. He had no second chance and Cooper won by 4. In the second match Mrs. Rotherham, playing with great confi-

dence, was at 4-back and penultimate before Miss Warwick made a hoop. Miss Warwick then hit the lift and was for 4-back and rover when Mrs. Rotherham pegged her out. From then on Miss

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Warwick hit every long shot and finally won by 1. This was a game which one felt neither player should have been the loser.

The Doubles produced their usual thrills before victory finally went to the hard-worked Manager, Colonel Cave (who was playing in only one event), and Mrs. Bird, who proved a formidable combination. In their semi-final versus Col. Wheeler and Mrs. Ross time was called when Cave and Mrs. Bird were in the lead by five hoops. Wheeler then drew level in the first turn of time and after that it was half-an-hour before the deciding point was scored.

The prizes were presented by the President of the Club. Mr. Coxe, and the President of the C.A., Mr. Reckitt, made an amusing speech in which he thanked the Budleigh Salterton Club for providing a new home for this famous tournament, also returned thanks for the visitors

In the following week the final of the Gilbey Cup was played and it was won by Maj. G. B. Horridge, who beat C. W. Haworth by 17 after a dour struggle.

THE CHALLENGE CUP First Round

Mrs. E. Rotherham beat Col. G. T. Wheeler +8. J. G. Warwick beat E. H. Shelton +8.

Second Round

Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes beat Comdr. G. Borrett +5. Miss E. J. Warwick beat Mrs. E. Rotherham +8. J. G. Warwick beat Miss M. K. O. Sessions +14. A. J. Cooper beat B. G. Perry +4 Semi-Final Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes beat Miss J. Warwick +11.

A. J. Cooper beat J. G. Warwick +9. Final

A. J. Cooper beat Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes +18.

THE COUNCIL CUP

First Round Mrs. R. B. M. Smartt beat Miss F. Joly +8.
D. V. H. Rees beat Miss A. E. Mills +10.
Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot beat C. W. Haworth +9.
Sir Leonard Daldry beat M. B. Reckitt +20. Second Round

Dr. R. B. M. Smartt beat Mrs. E. R. Briggs +20. Miss K. Ault beat J. Lee +6. Prof. A. S. C. Ross beat H. C. Green +15. Mrs. R. B. M. Smartt beat D. V. H. Rees +1. Mrs. R. B. M. Shall beat D. H. Kees +1.
Sir L. Daldry beat Mrs. Lightfoot +14.
Mrs. M. H. Vincent beat Lt.-Col. J. F. Laverty +2.
Mrs. H. M. Read beat Dr. W. R. Bucknall +9.
J. A. Wheeler beat Miss J. Cooper +21.

Third Round Dr. R. B. M. Smartt beat Miss K. Ault +10. Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt beat Prof. A. S. C. Ross +2. Mrs. M. H. Vincent beat Sir. L. Daldry +8. J. A. Wheeler beat Mrs. H. M. Read +12.

Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt beat Dr. R. B. N. Smartt +4. J. A. Wheeler beat Mrs. M. H. Vincent +6. Final

Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt beat J. A. Wheeler +10.

THE RECKITT CUP

First Round F. E. M. Puxon beat Miss D. Locks Latham +5. Second Round

Mrs. W. Nash beat Maj. G. B. Horridge +4. Mrs. A. S. C. Ross beat F. E. M. Puxon +8. F. Henshaw beat Mrs. R. C. Hawkins +17. H. M. Read beat Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon +15. Semi-Final

Mrs. A. S. C. Ross beat Mrs. W. Nash +4. F. Henshaw beat H. M. Read +16. Final

F. Henshaw beat Mrs. A. S. C. Ross +13.

THE STEVENSON CUP

First Round Mrs. F. A. Sheil beat Mrs. H. Harris +5. Dr. C. W. Evans beat Mrs. D. J. Bird (opponent retired). Semi-Final

Mrs. F. A. Sheil w/o Maj. Atchley (opponent scratched). C. Edwards beat Dr. C. W. Evans (opponent retired). Final

C. Edwards beat Mrs. F. A. Sheil +13.

THE GILBEY CUP BLOCK A First Round

G. R. Mills (4) beat Col. G. T. Wheeler $\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$ +18. J. A. Wheeler (3) beat B. G. Perry $(-3\frac{1}{2})$ +11. Second Round

Mrs. W. Nash (7) beat Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (1/2) +11.

Dr. W. R. Bucknall (2) beat G. R. Mills (4) +18. Mrs. F. A. Sheil (10) beat J. A. Wheeler (3) +24. G. B. Horridge (5) beat Lt.-Col. J. F. Laverty (\frac{1}{2}) +5.

Semi-Final Mrs. W. Nash (7) beat Dr. W. R. Bucknall (2) +7.
G. B. Horridge (5) beat Mrs. F. A. Sheil (10) +2 on time.

Final

G. B. Horridge (5) beat Mrs. W. Nash (7) +14.

BLOCK B

First Round

S. W. L. Daldry $(2\frac{1}{2})$ beat F. E. M. Puxon (7) +5.

J. Lee $(2\frac{1}{2})$ beat Mrs. M. H. Read $(2\frac{1}{2})$ +6.

Dr. H. Rees $(1\frac{1}{2})$ beat Miss J. Cooper (3) +17. Second Round

Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes (0) beat F. Henshaw (61) +3. I. Lee (2½) w/o Sir Leonard Daldrey (2½). Dr. H. Rees $(1\frac{1}{2})$ beat Mrs. F. R. Briggs (4) +19. A. J. Cooper $(-3\frac{1}{2})$ beat Miss K. Ault (3) +21.

Semi-Final

Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes (0) beat J. Lee $(2\frac{1}{2})$ +16.

A. J. Cooper $(-3\frac{1}{2})$ beat D. V. H. Rees $(1\frac{1}{2})$ (opp retd. on peg). Final

A. J. Cooper $(-3\frac{1}{2})$ beat Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes (0) +18.

BLOCK C First Round

Dr. R. B. M. Smartt (1) beat Miss E. Joly $(1\frac{1}{2})$ +25. Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) beat Maj. R. St. G. Atchley (10) +12. Second Round

J. G. Warwick (-2) beat Prof. A. S. C. Ross $(2\frac{1}{2})$ +2. C. Edwards (10) beat Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (1) +4. Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) beat E. H. Shelton $(-\frac{1}{2})$ +3. Comdr. G. Borrett (-2) beat Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (6) +6. Semi-Final

C. Edwards (10) beat J. G. Warwick (-2) + 13. Comdr. G. Borrett (-2) beat Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) +15.

Final Comdr. G. Borrett (-2) bear C. Edwards (10) +3.

BLOCK D First Round

Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) beat Miss M. K. O. Sessions (-2) +18. Miss E. Fisher (2) beat Mrs. H. Harris (13) +2. Miss A. E. Mills (3½) beat Miss D. Locks Latham (7) +9. Second Round

H. C. Green $(3\frac{1}{2})$ beat Mrs. A. S. C. Ross $(6\frac{1}{2})$ +8. Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) beat Miss E. Fisher (2) +15. C. W. Haworth $(3\frac{1}{2})$ beat Miss A. E. Mills $(3\frac{1}{2})$ +10. Mrs. M. H. Vincent $(2\frac{1}{2})$ beat M. B. Reckitt (2) +14. Semi-Final

H. C. Green $(3\frac{1}{2})$ beat Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) + 5. C. W. Haworth $(3\frac{1}{2})$ w/o Mrs. M. H. Vincent $(2\frac{1}{2})$.

C. W. Haworth (2½) beat Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) +12.

The Play-off of the Block winners Semi-Final

Maj. G. B. Horridge (5) beat A. J. Cooper $(-3\frac{1}{2})$ +25. C. W. Haworth $(2\frac{1}{2})$ beat Comdr. G. Borrett (-2) +23. Final

Maj. G. B. Horridge (5) beat C. W. Haworth $(2\frac{1}{2})$ +17.

THE ASCOT CUP GOLF CROQUET HANDICAP SINGLES

> BLOCK A First Round

Miss E. J. Warwick (0) beat J. A. Wheeler (1) by 2 up. D. V. H. Rees (0) beat H. M. Read (1) by 1 up. Miss D. Locks-Latham (1) beat Mrs. E. Rotherham (0) by 3 and 2. Comdr. G. Borrett (0) beat F. E. M. Puxon (1) by 5 and 3. Semi-Final

Miss E. J. Warwick (0) w/o D. V. H. Rees. Comdr. G. Borrett (0) beat Miss D. Locks-Latham (1) by 1 up.

Final Miss E. J. Warwick (0) beat Comdr. G. Borrett (0) by 2 up. BLOCK B

First Round Mrs. H. M. Read (1) beat J. G. Warwick (0) by 5 and 3. Mrs. M. Kitchin (3) beat Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (1) by 3 and 1. B. G. Perry (0) beat Miss J. Cooper (1) by 1 up. Mrs. D. J. Bird (2) beat H. C. Green (1) by 1 up.

Mrs. N. Kitchin (3) beat Mrs. H. M. Read (1) by 2 and 1. B. G. Perry (0) beat Mrs. D. J. Bird (2) by 2 and 1. Final

B. G. Perry (0) beat Mrs. N. Kitchin (3) by 3 and 1. Play-off

B. G. Perry (winner, Block B) (0) beat Miss E. J. Warwick (winner, Block A) (0) by 3 and 1.

GOLF CROQUET DOUBLES THE DELVES-BROUGHTON CUPS First Round

H. M. and Mrs. H. M. Read beat D. V. H. Rees and Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon by 5 and 3. Miss J. Cooper and Mrs. N. Kitchin beat H. C. Green and J. A.

Wheeler by 1 up. Comdr. G. Borrett and Miss D. Locks-Latham beat Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. D. J. Bird by 4 and 2.

B. G. Perry and Mrs. F. A. Sheil beat Mrs. E. Rotherham and F. E. M. Puxon by 5 and 3.

Semi-Final Miss J. Cooper and Mrs. N. Kitchin beat H. M. and Mrs. H. M.

Read by 4 and 2.

B. G. Perry and Mrs. F. A. Sheil beat Comdr. G. Borrett and Miss D. Locks-Latham by 4 and 2.

B. G. Perry and Mrs. F. A. Sheil beat Miss J. Cooper and Mrs. Kitchin by 2 up.

> HANDICAP DOUBLES First Round

Col. G. T. Wheeler and Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (6) beat S. B. Horridge and J. Lee $(7\frac{1}{2}) + 2$.

Mrs. E. Rotherham and Dr. C. W. Evans (9) beat A. J. Cooper and C. Edwards $(4\frac{1}{2})+7$. H. C. Green and J. A. Wheeler $(6\frac{1}{2})$ beat Miss E. J. Warwick and

Mrs. W. Nash (4) +15. Mrs. M. H. Vincent and Miss J. Cooper (5½) beat J. G. Warwick

and Mrs. R. C. Hawkins (4) +7. Mrs. F. R. Briggs and Maj. R. St. G. Atchley (14) beat G. R. Mills and E. H. Shelton (3\frac{1}{2}) +4 on time.

Second Round Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot and Miss F. Joly (2) beat Miss K. M. O. Sessions and F. E. M. Puxon (5) +17

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Mrs. D. J. Bird (7) beat Mrs. F. A. Sheil and W. R. Bucknall (10) +13.

Col. G. T. Wheeler and Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (6) beat Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (2) + 6. Mrs. E. Rotherham and Dr. C. W. Evans (9) beat H. S. Green and

J. A. Wheeler $(6\frac{1}{2}) + 1$ on time. Mrs. M. H. Vincent and Miss J. Cooper $(5\frac{1}{2})$ beat Mrs. Briggs and

Maj. R. G. Atchley (14) +15.

Brig, Rev. A. F. G. Forbes and C. W. Haworth (3½) beat Prof. A. S. C. Ross and Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (8½) +10.

Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty and Sir L. Daldry (3) beat H. M. Read and Mrs. H. M. Read (7½) +13.

M. B. Reckitt and D. V. H. Rees (3½) beat Comdr. G. Borrett and

Mrs. G. E. Cowe (4) +1 on time.

Third Round Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Mrs. D. J. Bird (7) beat Mrs. E. M. Light-

foot and Miss F. Joly (2) +19.
Col. G. T. Wheeler and Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (6) beat Mrs. E. Rotherham and Dr. C. W. Evans (9) +2.
Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes and C. W. Haworth (3½) beat Mrs. M. H. Vincent and Miss J. Cooper (5½) +8.

Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty and Sir L. Daldry (3) beat M. B. Reckitt and D. J. V. Rees $(3\frac{1}{2}) + 1$ on time.

Semi-Final Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Mrs. D. J. Bird (7) beat Col. G. T. Wheeler and Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (6) +1 on time.

Brig. A. S. C. Forbes and C. W. Haworth (3\frac{1}{2}) beat Lt.-Col. T. F.

Laverty and Sir L. Daldry (3) +4.

Lt.-Col. G. F. Cave and Mrs. D. J. Bird (7) beat Brig. Rev. A. S. C. Forbes and C. W. Haworth $(3\frac{1}{2}) + 10$.

> BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOURNAMENT July 7th-12th

By the end of the Gilbey Cup week the lawns were sunbaked and becoming very difficult. Faced with an entry that required 163 games on 11 lawns in the following week the task of manager Major Dibley looked an impossibility, and that number of games without the advertised extra. Providentially it rained steadily all day on Sunday when nearly half an inch was registered at the club. So by Monday morning, with all lawns fit for play, the courts were easy and for the morning's play at least were on the slow side. Until Thursday the weather remained fine but very cold. Thursday and Friday were tropically hot by comparison so that by Saturday they were getting fast and difficult again. By that time, however, Major Dibley had everything buttoned up. Admittedly the last of the scheduled events did not end until 7.45 p.m. on the Saturday, but every credit must be given to him for his skill in completing such an almost impossible task. Even the extra took place-completed on Sunday morning when Professor Ross beat Edwards by 5. The Open Singles was won from a strong field by Bill Perry who

was undefeated in both Draw and Process. In few of his ten games

was he seriously extended and when under pressure he invariably raised his game to an even higher standard to ensure victory. A tired man by Saturday evening but a very popular winner and a worthy name to added to the Colman Cup.

The "B" Singles final, played on the perfect surface of the bowling green, lasted 44 hours. Captain Nalder won in the end but Mrs. Read put up spirited resistance and very nearly pulled the game out of the fire several times. Another visitor, here for the first time, Mrs. Richardson won the "C" Singles.

The Open Handicap attracted 57 entries and was limited from the first round to a third-hoop start—a vise decision by the Manager if unpopular with some of the competitors. The final was not started until after tea on Saturday when Colonel Prichard and Tyrwhitt Drake had been on court in one event or another almost continuously from 10 a.m. Both were obviously tired, but it was the Council Chairman who lasted the course the better, a meritorious effort from $-2\frac{1}{2}$.

The Doubles produced its usual thrills, but what more can you ask when both semi-finals are decided by a single point after time has been called. In a hard-fought final Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. McMillan just managed to defeat that strong Budleigh pair Colonel Laverty and Dr. Bucknall.

The domestic arrangements and the lawns were up to the very high standard one has come to expect at Budleigh and all the visitors (surprisingly successful in the prize list this year against such a strong local contingent) are most grateful to the members of the club for their hospitality. That no visitor stood up after the prizegiving by Mrs. Cave, wife of the hard-worked Secretary, to offer a vote of thanks may perhaps be forgiven by the lateness of the hour -which was after 8 p.m. Entries for this year's tournament closed early in June, which may serve as a warning to those who intend coming again (and who doesn't) or those proposing to make their first pilgrimage to this fine and attractive oldest club in England.

> THE DRAW First Round

R. F. Rothwell beat E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +3. A. J. Cooper beat Mrs. E. Rotherham +22. B. G. Perry beat G. Williams +23. Mrs. R. B. M. Smartt beat Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes +22 C. H. L. Prichard beat Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave +4. Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard beat R. A. Simpson +6. Mrs. R. A. Simpson beat J. G. Warwick +3.

Second Round B. Lloyd Pratt beat D. Figgis +19.
E. H. Shelton beat Dr. R. B. N. Smartt +3. A. J. Cooper beat R. F. Rothwell +17. B. G. Perry beat Mrs. R. B. M. Smartt +18. C. H. L. Prichard w/o Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (opp. retired). Mrs. R. A. Simpson beat Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot +10.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard beat Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan +11.
Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty beat Miss E. J. Warwick +9.

Third Round

B. Lloyd Pratt beat E. H. Shelton +3. Mrs. R. A. Simpson w/o C. H. L. Prichard (opp. retired). Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard beat Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty +7.

Semi-Final B. C. Perry beat B. Lloyd Pratt +8. Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard beat Mrs. R. A. Simpson +11.

B. G. Perry beat Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard +16.

No play-off for 2nd place THE PROCESS

First Round Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard beat Dr. R. B. M. Smartt +18. E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake beat Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty +9. Mrs. R. A. Simpson beat D. Figgis +2.
B. G. Perry beat R. F. Rothwell +8.
E. H. Shelton beat Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan +14.

Miss E. J. Warwick beat Mrs. E. Rotherham +11. Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot beat B. Lloyd Pratt +2. Second Round

A. J. Cooper beat Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard +26. Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard beat Mrs. R. B. M. Smartt +18. E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake beat Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave +21. Mrs. R. A. Simpson beat G. Williams +15. B. G. Perry beat J. G. Warwick +24.

E. H. Shelton beat C. H. L. Prichard +14. Miss E. J. Warwick beat R. A. Simpson +22.

Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes beat Mrs. Lightfoot +7.

Third Round

A. J. Cooper beat Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard +26.
E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake beat Mrs. R. A. Simpson +8.
B. G. Perry beat E. H. Shelton +19.

Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes beat Miss F. I. Warnick

Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes beat Miss E. J. Warwick +10.

Semi-Final

A. J. Cooper beat E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +11. B. G. Perry beat Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes +15.

B. G. Perry beat A. J. Cooper +21.

"B" LEVEL SINGLES

First Round
M. B. Reckitt beat Prof. A. S. C. Ross +7.
Miss A. E. Mills beat Maj. E. C. Heathcote +3.
Second Round

Capt. H. F. Nalder beat Mrs. F. R. Briggs +17. Maj. G. B. Horridge beat Dr. W. R. Bucknall +8. Sir Leonard Daldry beat C. W. Haworth +16. M. B. Reckitt beat J. Lee +9.
Mrs. H. M. Read w/o Miss A. E. Mills (opp. retired).
Mrs. D. Figgis beat Miss E. Fisher +3.
Mrs. M. H. Vincent beat Miss K. Ault +20.

Miss F. Joly beat Miss J. Cooper +21.

Third Round Capt. H. F. Nalder beat Maj. G. B. Horridge +13. Sir L. Daldry beat M. B. Reckitt +17. Mrs. H. M. Read beat Mrs. D. Figgis +9. Miss F. Joly beat Mrs. M. H. Vincent +3. Semi-Final

Capt. H. F. Nalder beat Sir Leonard Daldry. Mrs. H. M. Read beat Miss F. Joly +11.

Capt. H. F. Nalder beat Mrs. H. M. Read +5.

Class "C" HANDICAP SINGLES

First Round

Mrs. E. L. Richardson (7) beat G. Laurence (12) +4.

Mrs. R. C. Hawkins (6) beat Mrs. P. West (12) +7.

Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (6½) beat H. J. Devitt (6½) +9. Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (6) beat Mrs. D. G. Waterhouse (14) +3. Mrs. F. A. Sheil (9) beat Miss D. Locks Latham (7) +8. Second Round

F. E. M. Puxon (7) beat Dr. C. W. Evans (14) +3.

Miss M. G. Anderson (6½) beat Maj. R. St. G. Atchley (10) +7.

Mrs. E. L. Richardson (7) beat Mrs. H. Harris (13) +7.

Mrs. R. C. Hawkins (6) beat Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (6½) +13.

Mrs. F. A. Sheil (9) beat Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (7) +5.

Mrs. H. W. Wick (7) beat Mrs. Mrs. W. Noch (7) +4. Mrs. J. H. Whitehead (7) beat Mrs. W. Nash (7) +4. F. Henshaw (6) beat C. Edwards (8) +1. Mrs. H. F. Nalder (6) beat Mrs. H. J. Devitt $(6\frac{1}{2})$ +8.

Miss M. G. Anderson (6½) beat F. E. M. Puxon (7) +6.

Mrs. R. C. Hawkins (6) beat Mrs. Richardson (7) +11.

Mrs. J. H. Whitehead (7) beat Mrs. F. A. Sheil (9) +11. F. Henshaw (6) beat Mrs. H. F. Nalder (6) +8.

Semi-Final Miss M. G. Anderson (6½) beat Mrs. R. C. Hawkins (6) +11. F. Henshaw (6) beat Mrs. J. H. Whitehead (7) +8 on time. Final

Miss M. G. Anderson w/o F. Henshaw (opp. scratched).

OPEN HANDICAP

First Round Miss K. Ault (3) beat Miss D. Locks-Latham (7) +5. H. J. Devitt (6½) beat Maj. G. B. Horridge (4) +5. Miss J. Cooper (3) beat Maj. G. B. Horridge (4) +5.

Miss J. Cooper (3) beat Mrs. H. M. Read (2½) +3.

J. Lee (2½) beat Mrs. Richardson (7) +4.

B. G. Perry (-3½) beat D. Figgis (0) +10.

Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (1) beat Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty (½) +2.

Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) beat Dr. C. W. Evans (14) +13.

Mrs. H. F. Nalder (6) beat Sir Leonard Daldry (2) +3.

Dr. W. R. Rucknell (2) beat Mrs. P. A. Simpson (1) +12. Mrs. H. F. Naider (b) beat Sir Leonard Daidry (2) +3.

Dr. W. R. Bucknall (2) beat Mrs. R. A. Simpson (1) +12.

Mrs. J. H. Whitehead (9*) beat Miss M. G. Anderson (6\frac{1}{2}) +19.

L. G. Warwick (-2) beat Miss E. Fisher (2) +7.

C. W. Haworth (2\frac{1}{2}) beat Mrs. R. B. M. Smartt (1) +10.

A. J. Cooper (-3\frac{1}{2}) beat E. H. Shelton (-\frac{1}{2}) +10.

E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (0) beat Mrs. B. Reckitt (2) +9. Mrs. A. S. C. Ross $(6\frac{1}{2})$ beat Mrs. D. Figgis (5) + 14. C. H. L. Prichard (1/2) beat B. Lloyd Pratt (-3) +11. Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (6) beat Mrs. H. Harris (13) +7.

H. M. Read (5) beat Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (0) +5.

Mrs. M. H. Vincent (2½) beat Mrs. P. West (12) +14.

Capt. H. F. Nalder (2½) beat Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (½) +8.

Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes (-1) beat Mrs. D. G. Waterhouse (14) R. F. Rothwell (-2) beat Mrs. F. R. Briggs (4) +5.

R. A. Simpson (0) beat C. Edwards (8) +1. Miss F. Joly (1½) beat G. Williams (-1) +7. Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (1) beat Miss A. E. Mills (3½) +2.

Maj. E. C. Heathcote (3) beat Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (0) +6. Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard $(-2\frac{1}{2})$ beat Miss K. Ault +7.

H. J. Devitt beat Miss J. Cooper +11.
B. G. Perry beat J. Lee +5.
Mrs. E. Rotherham beat Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan +4.
Dr. W. R. Bucknall beat Mrs. H. F. Nalder +7.
L. G. Warwick beat Mrs. J. H. Whitehead +9. A. J. Cooper beat C. W. Haworth +4.
E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake beat Mrs. A. S. C. Ross +2.
Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon beat C. H. L. Prichard +5.
Mrs. M. H. Vincent beat H. M. Read +6. Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes beat Capt. H. F. Nalder +7. R. F. Rothwell beat R. A. Simpson +10.

Miss Joly beat Dr. R. B. M. Smartt (1) +4.

Mrs. H. J. Devitt (7½) beat Prof. A. S. C. Ross (2½) +2.

Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) beat F. E. M. Puxon (7) +10.

Third Round Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard beat Maj. E. C. Heathcote +7. B. G. Perry beat H. J. Devitt +15.
Dr. W. R. Bucknall beat Mrs. E. Rotherham +20. J. G. Warwick beat A. J. Cooper +9. E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake beat Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon +5. Mrs. M. H. Vincent beat Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes +21. R. F. Rothwell beat Miss F. Joly +4. Miss E. J. Warwick beat Mrs. H. J. Devitt +9. Fourth Round Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard beat B. G. Perry +11. J. G. Warwick beat Dr. W. R. Bucknall +6. E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake beat Mrs. M. H. Vincent +7. Miss E. J. Warwick beat R. F. Rothwell +5.

Semi-Final
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard beat J. G. Warwick +8.
E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake beat Miss E. J. Warwick +6.

Final

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard beat E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +10.

HANDICAP DOUBLES

First Round M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (4) beat Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon $(9\frac{1}{2})$ +5.

Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes and Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot $(-\frac{1}{2})$ beat J. Lee and Mrs. H. Harris (15) +5.

E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake and C. W. Haworth (11) beat A. J. Cooper

and Dr. R. B. M. Smartt $(-2\frac{1}{2}) + 15$. Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard and C. H. L. Prichard $(\frac{1}{2})$ beat Miss F. Joly and Mrs. H. M. Read (4) +16. Miss E. J. Warwick and Sir Leonard Daldry (-1) beat G. Williams

and Mrs. F. A. Sheil (6) +14.

F. E. M. Puxon and Dr. C. W. Evans (19) beat Mrs. F. R. Briggs and Maj. R. S. G. Atchley (14) +8.

H. J. Devitt and Mrs. H. J. Devitt (14) beat Mrs. R. B. M. Smartt

and Miss J. Cooper $(3\frac{1}{2})$ +7. R. A. Simpson and Mrs. R. A. Simpson (1) beat Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave

and Mrs. W. Nash (7) +2.

B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (-2) beat Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. P. West (9) +9.

Capt. H. F. Nalder and Mrs. H. F. Nalder (8½) beat D. Figgis and

Mrs. D. Figgis (5) +14.

Second Round Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty and Dr. W. R. Bucknall (2½) beat J. G. Warwick and G. B. Horridge (2) +6.

M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. (4) beat R. F. Rothwell and Mrs.

A. S. C. Ross $(4\frac{1}{2})$ +4.

E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake and C. W. Haworth $(1\frac{1}{2})$ beat Brig. Rev. A.

F. G. Forbes and Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot $(-\frac{1}{2})$ +8.

Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard and C. H. L. Prichard $(\frac{1}{2})$ beat Miss E. J. Warwick and Sir L. Daldry (-1) +3.

F. E. M. Puxon and Dr. C. W. Evans (19) beat H. J. Devitt and Mrs. H. J. Devitt (14) +11.

B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (-2) beat R. A.

Simpson and Mrs. R. A. Simpson (1) +5.

Capt. H. F. Nalder and Mrs. H. F. Nalder (8½) beat Lt.-Col. D. M.
C. Prichard and Mrs. J. H. Whitehead (4½) +12.

Prof. A. S. C. Ross and Miss M. G. Anderson (9) beat E. H. Shelton

and C. Edwards $(6\frac{1}{2}) + 5$.

Third Round
Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty and Dr. W. R. Bucknall (2½) beat M. B.

Reckitt and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (4) +1. E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake and C. W. Haworth (1½) beat Mrs. D. M. C.

Prichard and C. H. L. Prichard (\frac{1}{2}) +11.

B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (-2) beat F. E. M. Puxon and Dr. C. W. Evans +11.

Capt. H. F. Nalder and Mrs. H. F. Nalder (8\frac{1}{2}) beat Prof. A. S. C.

Ross and Miss Anderson (9) +1 on time.

Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty and Dr. W. R. Bucknall (2½) beat E. C. Tvrwhitt-Drake and C. M. Haworth (1½) +1 on time.

B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (-2) beat Capt. H. F. Nalder and Mrs. H. F. Nalder (8½) +1 on time.

Final

B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (-2) beat Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty and Dr. W. R. Bucknall (2½) +6.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS July 14th-19th

This was a week of high summer. It was as if the sun, moved by a sudden envy at the knowledge that the attention of the whole world was about to be focused, a few days hence, upon the moon, had decided to bestow upon earth the full benediction of his power and glory. In a word, 'twas "brillig", and Mr. Noel Coward, if he had happened to witness our often laborious exertions, might well have murmured, "Mad dogs and croquet chaps go out in the mid-

The Southwick courts were fast and in places slippery, so that a marked degree of accuracy was needed for the execution of a break. Thus, in the early stages of the week, many games were in-and-out, even the more expert players being unable to sustain a high level of performance for the duration of a match of best-of-three games. Individual games of star quality were certainly seen, but it was left perhaps to Miss Sessions, Mrs. Rotherham and Lloyd Pratt to achieve, each on one occasion, a distinction of play maintained from start to finish of a match. Lloyd Pratt, indeed, completed the only triple peel of the week in his first round tie against William Prichard, which he finally won-but by so narrow a margin that both players deserve an equal measure of praise for the quality of croquet displayed.

In the Men's Championship, it became evident that the draw was singularly "top-heavy," Neal being called upon to face Bray, with Perry and Lloyd Pratt in close proximity and Cotter the probable semi-finalist, waiting for the winner of this group. On Monday, Neal, overcoming the handicap of a borrowed mallet, defeated Bray in two close games, in which neither player was as yet completely in touch with the run of the green; on Tuesday, Perry went down to Lloyd-Pratt in three well-contested games, where both players were seen to advantage, the exchanges—like the landscape on that recorded feast of Stephen—being "deep" in design and "crisp and even" in execution.

Lloyd Pratt now went on to meet Neal in a match which aptly illustrated the truth of that saying, "the little more and oh, how much it is!" For here, in the closing stages of the first game, with Neal in command and now about to make penultimate and finish, the scene underwent a sudden and totally unexpected transformation. Failure from an easy position at the rover enable Lloyd Pratt to advance his backward ball from number three to penultimate. Neal then obtained the innings and missing the peg-out from a fair distance went out with one ball. His opponent joined up, whereupon Neal missed the peg with his remaining ball. Lloyd Pratt now progressed by easy, or perhaps uneasy, stages from 4-back to the peg, surviving two accurate long shots which just failed to hit, and was home by one point! And although Neal won the next game hand-somely, he was unable to counter with an effective challenge in the final game, which Lloyd Pratt played with care and accuracy.

Meanwhile, in the lower half, Cox from the Southwick Club, making his debut in the A Class, squared his match with Hamilton Miller by hitting the last shot, when all four clips were on the peg, and went right away in the final game, playing with the assurance and skill of a minus rather than a plus two handicap. And later, having taken the first game from Cooper, he only failed to carry through a sustained and spirited challenge in the third game by taking croquet with his opponent's ball near the rover hoop, which Cooper was aiming to make. In the semi-finals, Cooper was not quite in touch and fell to Terence Read, a quick and attacking player, who has gained considerably more control and judgment, and on the day scored an impressive victory; while Cotter put an end to Lloyd Pratt's run of successes by establishing and keeping the upper hand in two games, the second of these being completed with all that delicate accuracy of touch which he is often able to command. In the final, both players were finding difficulty with the fast pace of number one court; and with Read not quite reproducing the high standard which he had hitherto displayed, Cotter's tactical experience and hitting-in proved the decisive factors in bringing him

In the Women's Championship, Mrs. Rotherham came through to the semi-final, having been taken to three games by Mrs. Prichard and also by Mrs. Rolfe in a match where the issue hung in doubt until the winning post was reached. She now met Miss Sessions, who had been quickly into her stride, playing attractive croquet to defeat Miss Warwick in the first round, and looked, on form at this stage, a most likely challenger for the title. In this match, however, Mrs. Rotherham was at her best, and with luck on two occasions helping her, she gave her opponent no chances in either game. Meanwhile, Mrs. MacMillan, a player of great determination and spirit, had emerged triumphantly from a series of close three-game matches, including a semi-final against Mrs. Fotiadi, which was fought out to the last gasp as the shades of night were falling. In

the final, fortune swung this way and that, especially in the closing stages of an exciting first game, but eventually Mrs. Rotherham got home in two games to win the title.

The Mixed Doubles Championship produced some thrilling finishes, notably that between Perry and Miss Warwick against Terence and Mrs. Read. With all four clips on the peg, Mrs. Read had the unenviable task of taking off from the fourth corner across to the second, where her opponents were lying in wait. The roquet, alas, just failed to connect and the game was lost—and won. Elsewhere, William and Mrs. Prichard had shown their combined mettle by defeating Cotter and Mrs. Sundius-Smith in no uncertain manner, Mrs. Prichard making a particularly fine break in this game. They now met Perry and Miss Warwick in the final, which was a game of tactical thrust and counter-thrust, where the in-player was always having to work to make every hoop. After William Prichard had reached 4-back in two turns and Perry's clip was on 2-back, a long inter-regnum occurred; Perry and Miss Warwick were forced into inaction, while Mrs. Prichard advanced by gradual stages to the penultimate. A counter-attack by their opponents at this point enabled them to make up some of the leeway but proved unavailing, and the Prichards went on to final victory by 12 points and the warm congratulations of their opponents no less than the spectators. This was indeed a most happy partnership and a notable success in a field with so many formidable pairs.

The Du Pre Cup, in which mention must be made of one "copybook" game played by Miss Warwick, was won in the most handsome style by Dr. Bray, who in his Saturday semi-final and final registered +26 +26, each game being completed in less than an hour. Tyrwhitt-Drake never took croquet, while Hamilton-Miller was in play twice, made two mistakes and went down for the count. Tyrwhitt-Drake incidentally in another match achieved the remarkable distinction of double-peeling his partner ball through 4-back and penultimate, after he himself had made the rover in the same

Under the kindly and efficient management of Mrs. Chittenden and Miss Lintern the tournament was brought to a smooth and enjoyable conclusion; and all the competitors, I am sure, would wish to congratulate and thank Miss Pirie and Miss Towers for those excellent lunches and teas, which proved so welcome in the heat of each day; and also to express gratitude to the Committee of the Southwick Club on this occasion—as always in the past—the most considerate and welcoming of hosts.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS DRAW

Prof. B. G. Neal (-4) beat Dr. R. W. Bray (-3½) +4 +7. B. Lloyd Pratt (-3) beat B. G. Perry +15 -4 +15. W. de B. Prichard (1) w/o H. M. Read (opp. scratched). A. J. Cooper (-3\frac{1}{2}) beat Comdr. G. Borrett +13 +5.

N. W. T. Cox beat D. J. V. Hamilton Miller -16 +1 +11. Second Round

P. C. Cotter (-5) w/o G. D. Rowling (opp. scratched).
P. Newton beat G. W. Williams +17 +20.
Prof. B. G. Neal beat E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +19 +12.
B. Lloyd Pratt beat W. de B. Prichard +24 -12 +3.
A. J. Cooper beat N. W. T. Cox -12 +11 +7.
Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish beat H. A. Sheppard -6 +3 +12. J. B. Gilbert beat W. H. Austin +18 +19. T. O. Read beat J. G. Warwick +2 +15.

Third Round E. P. C. Cotter beat P. Newton -3 +18 +16. B. Lloyd Pratt beat Prof. B. G. Neal +1 -24 +19. A. J. Cooper beat Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish +15 +22. T. O. Read beat J. B. Gilbert -1 +9 +25. Semi-Final

E. P. C. Cotter beat B. Lloyd Pratt +9 +3. T. O. Read beat A. J. Cooper +13 +12.

E. P. C. Cotter beat T. O. Read +9 +9.

PROCESS First Round

Mrs. N. McMillan (1) beat Mrs. H. F. Chittenden $\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$ -3 +20 +3. Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith (0) beat Mrs. D. A. Lintern (1) +8 +17. Mrs. H. M. Read $(2\frac{1}{2})$ beat Mrs. G. E. H. Elvey $(\frac{1}{2}) +5 +12$. Mrs. N. G. Fotiadi (0) beat Mrs. H. D. Parker $(2\frac{1}{2})$ +16 +14. Mrs. Neville Rolfe $(1\frac{1}{2})$ beat Mrs. E. Speer $(3\frac{1}{2})$ +13 +15. Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) beat Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (0) +15 -14

Mrs. W. Longman $\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$ beat Mrs. E. J. Lightfoot $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ +10 +8. Miss K. M. O. Sessions (-2) beat Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) +3

Mrs. N. McMillan beat Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith -6 +4 +18. Mrs. N. G. Fotiadi beat Mrs. H. M. Read +16 +12.

Ten

Mrs. E. Rotherham beat Mrs. Neville Rolfe -11 +19 +6. Miss K. M. O. Sessions beat Mrs. W. Longman +13 +4. Semi-Final

Mrs. N. McMillan beat Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi -4 +10 +5. Mrs. E. Rotherham beat Miss K. M. O. Sessions +21 +23. Final

Mrs. E. Rotherham beat Mrs. N. McMillan +4 +10.

First Round

Miss E. J. Warwick beat W. de B. Prichard +22. D. J. V. Hamilton Miller beat Mrs. E. Speer +12. J. G. Warwick beat W. H. Austin +4.

Second Round Mrs. H. M. Read beat Mrs. W. Longman +23. G. W. Williams beat Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +15. Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey beat Comdr. G. Borrett +6. D. J. V. Hamilton Miller beat Miss E. J. Warwick +7.
E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake beat Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish +22.
Dr. R. W. Bray beat P. Newton +22.
Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard beat Mrs. Neville Rolfe +21. J. G. Warwick beat M. Cox +7. Third Round

G. W. Williams beat Mrs. H. M. Read +26. D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller beat Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +19. E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake beat J. G. Warwick +23. Dr. R. W. Bray beat Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard +12. Semi-Final

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller beat G. W. Williams +7. Dr. R. W. Bray beat E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +26. Final

Dr. R. W. Bray beat D. J. V. Hamilton Miller +26.

DOUBLES

First Round B. G. Perry and Miss E. J. Warwick beat W. H. Austin and Mrs. E. Speer +21. Comdr. G. Borrett and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden beat A. J. Cooper

and Mrs. N. McMillan +4. Dr. R. W. Bray and Mrs. E. J. Lightfoot beat Prof. B. G. Neal and

Miss D. A. Lintern +5 J. G. Warwick and Miss K. M. O. Sessions beat B. Lloyd Pratt and

Mrs. Neville Rolfe +8. E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith beat P. Newton and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +6.

D. J. V. Hamilton Miller and Mrs. E. Rotherham beat J. B. Gilbert and Mrs. A. Fotiadi +10. Second Round

B. G. Perry and Miss E. J. Warwick beat T. O. Read and Mrs. H. M. Read +2.

Dr. R. W. Bray and Mrs. E. J. Lightfoot beat Comdr. G. Borrett and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +3.
E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith beat J. G. Warwick

and Miss K. M. O. Sessions +18.

W. de B. Prichard and Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard beat D. J. V. Hamilton Miller and Mrs. E. Rotherham +17. Semi-Final

B. G. Perry and Miss E. J. Warwick beat Dr. R. W. Bray and Mrs. E. J. Lightfoot +14. W. de B. Prichard and Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard beat E. P. C. Cotter

and Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith +21. Final

W. de B. Prichard and Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard beat B. G. Perry and Miss E. J. Warwick +12.

THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS July 21st-26th

There had been some apprehension that, coming after the crescendo of enthusiasm arising from the preparations for the Test Tour, the 1969 season might present a certain impression of anti-climax, and that in particular this might affect the entries for its major events. Happily, this unhappy situation has not been realised, at any rate so far as this fixture is concerned; five members of the Test Team had entered for it, as also such formidable challengers as Patrick Cotter (this year's Men's Champion), Brian Lloyd-Pratt, Bill Perry, Edgar Jackson and Mrs. Rotherham-now again, as so often before, the Lady Champion. Some much regretted absentees there certainly were; Douglas Strachan, Keith Wylie ("will ye no come back again?"), John Bolton, Humphrey Hicks, the Warwicks, and David O'Connor and John Simon who could only spare time to play in the Doubles. Some of these were known to be restrained by academic pressures or the fact of being "gainfully employed" elsewhere-shades of the prison house from which we cannot expect all of our brilliant young players to be always immune. It was regrettable that none of the powerful phalanx of "Sherwood Foresters" were in the lists this week.

Speaking generally, play on the first day was not very good; a great many hoops were missed and cries of "too tight" were heard (not to be taken as referring to the competitors but to the obstacles they were seeking to negotiate). But careful examination showed that, although on the severe side, it was rather the fresh paint upon the hoops than the actual width between the wires that was causing the trouble.

Solomon and Ormerod had predictably easy victories and Perry perhaps a more complete one than might have been expected. Bray never looked likely to lose his match, but both Aspinall and Neal took some time to settle down to their true form, though they won their second games without very serious challenge. There were some rather long matches, in one of which Townsend, making a vigorous if often rather temerarious challenge to Cotter, might have won the second game if he had not pegged out his rover ball in a rather incautious take-off when on the verge of victory. Lloyd-Pratt had a protracted struggle with Webb, in the closing stages of which, however, Bryan exhibited some of the most delicate play seen during the day. Another match, begun soon after lunch, was not finished until after five o'clock on the following day.

The outstanding match on the Tuesday was that between Perry and Aspinall; in the first game the former had looked as if he might well be going out on a triple had he not got two inches short of a tricky approach to hoop six; he never got another chance. In the second game he was first round to 4-back when his adversary announced that he was hungry and lunch was taken. Having consumed this, he proceeded to eat up his opponent also, with some of the most brilliant play so far seen this year—an extremely difficult "delayed triple" being brought to a successful conclusion. Ormerod had a good victory over Cotter in his deliberate manner. Forgetting a "contact lift" in the second game, he obtained the innings nevertheless with a 14 yard shot and picked up a difficult break to go out on after his partner ball had been pegged out. Other matches went much as might have been expected, although Mrs. Elvey made a very courageous effort to overtake Gerald Williams in their first game, which would probably have succeeded had she not four times failed to negotiate an absolutely formidable pen-

An outstanding match in the second round of the Singles remained to be settled on Wednesday morning, and in this John Solomon, playing Gerald Williams, gave a splendid exhibition of his delicate skill. In the first game it seemed as if he were certain to complete a "sextuple", the "peelee" having been put through all its hoops and John finding himself in front of the rover hoop with a not very difficult jump stroke, by the achievement of which the feat would almost certainly have been "finalised". But the jump was not a good one, the ball hitting the side wire, and that was that. In the second game the sextuple was well on the way but again the effort met with frustration. But the precision of John's play was for the most part that characteristic of our "Champion of Champions".

In the Open Doubles which occupied the rest of the day the strongest pairs were well spaced out in the draw and the results were mostly as expected. There was, however, a very close and interesting game between Wiggins and Hamilton-Miller on one side, Lloyd-Pratt and Mrs. Rotherham on the other. It was good to see the Doctor in something like the form of his best period, and when the game looked almost a certainty for the "Mixed" pair it was Bobby who hit the decisive last shot to give his side victory by two points.

So far England's five Test Match representatives had overcome

every competitor they had met, but at last, on the Thursday, came the moment when one found himself required to confront another. This was in the match between Aspinall and Bray. The first game went quickly to the former, but in the second Roger gave a brilliant example of how especially well he can play when there are only three balls on the court. When Nigel had only the peg to hit, his opponent started a break at the second hoop and only once making use of his adversary's ball went to the peg and laid for his partner ball, which was for 4-back. But at this point Aspinall hit a long shot and all was over. Two other matches in this round were remarkably close. After Solomon had won the first game by 26, Lloyd-Pratt thwarted the sextuple lay by putting his ball in the third corner. The upshot of this strategy contributed to produce two thrilling finishes. Bryan, playing with the accuracy which he so often shows on fast courts, won the second game of the match by three points and looked as if he would win the third by a much larger margin, he having laid a "cross-peg" which, had it been missed, would almost certainly have meant victory for him. But it was not missed and Solomon soon had his backward ball round and Bryan's rover pegged out, and this time the three point victory was John's. The play in this match was of a high order, but the same could scarcely be said of the match between Neal and Borrett. The first game was a long one, the Professor eventually winning by eight points. The second game, in which Neal was playing much better, seemed certain to go to him, but when his two balls were rovers with a laid rush to the peg Borrett began a truly phenomenal spell of long shooting which lasted with scarcely a single failure for over

an hour. This spell began with Borrett's balls for the fifth and sixth hoops and was watched by an admiring and wellnigh incredulous crowd until Giles' ball won a sensational victory by a single point. The third game was won after a tough struggle by Neal, but the challenge to the Test player by a player of less exalted status reflected great credit on the maker of it.

On Friday the semi-finals produced two somewhat protracted struggles, watched by a keen and well informed gathering of spectators on a perfect summer day. Neal began his challenge to Solomon with a careful and faultless victory in the first game. The other two games were of a very different sort, being real "cliff hangers" which deserve fuller treatment than it is possible to spare for them. In the second the Professor came within a single point of winning the match, but John has a sort of magic quality in such crises which enables him so often to rescue himself from the most desperate situations, as it did in this encounter. He produces that "little bit extra" which has made him our Champion of Champions; he will make his mistakes, but he seldom makes the last one, and this happy gift stole victory in the third game of this encounter with an adversary who had stood up to him with a high degree of skill matched by an equal spirit of resolution.

The match between Aspinall and Ormerod was marked by a remarkable exhibit of "touch" on a very fast court-some of the long split shot approaches by each of the players were of a barely credible degree of precision. Very good shooting by each player prolonged the contest, and if some hoops were missed which should not have been, some were in fact run which appeared highly problematical. There is no space for details here, but the crowning achievement was a wonderful turn by Aspinall which, starting from "nothing", with the adversary's balls in diagonally opposite corners, exhibited Nigel's skill in steadily coaxing his opponent's balls into a position from which a "triple" not only could be but actually was achieved. The feat was the more remarkable in coming at the end of a very tough struggle on a pleasant but increasingly hot day.

So the two finalists in this Championship last year had again, as was perhaps generally expected, fought their way through to the last stage of this unique event, although each had experienced a tough time getting there. Their contest on this occasion was a tense one to the very end. Aspinall, by playing with a wrong ball early in first game handed the innings to his opponent, who went round and aimed to set up his so much favoured sextuple leave but failed to do so satisfactorily. Soon afterwards, in trying to reconstruct the situation he missed a short roquet in an effort to make a sharp cut. Thus let in, Nigel took full advantage of his opportunity and was soon a winner by 19 points in the second game. It was he who was the first to set up the sextuple and his prospects looked good until he over-approached the sixth hoop. John, playing with perfect precision, did not take long to even up the score and at lunch time all was still to play for. In the final game John soon went to 4-back and Nigel, overcoming his ball's notorious dislike for corners, went into No. One. His adversary, refusing to display any frustration by this unwonted caution, began a most enterprising 3-ball triple which showed good promise of success until in using his opponent's ball to knock his partner ball through the penultimate he found himself wired from it in consequence. Nigel then went round and gave John contact, after pegging out his forward ball, from which the player succeeded in making 1-back and, soon afterwards, 2-back. Later the position was that John's ball was on the south boundary directly opposite 3-back and Nigel, being for the penultimate, found his two balls near the north boundary behind the second hoop. John ran his hoop without touching the wires and came right up the court beyond 4-back. Had he hit the shot at his opponent's ball he would most probably have won the game and the match, but his "magic" failed for once, the shot was missed by a very narrow margin and in a few minutes the Championship had gone to the brilliant young challenger who had so nearly won the title last year. It was one of those games in which the spectator's sympathies veered desperately from one side to another, but it was impossible to grudge the success to the dashing young challenger, one of the most attractive performers of this decade.

Seldom can a Championship have included so many thrills, and these continued to the very end. The "old firm" of Cotter and Solomon looked certain to win the Doubles when Dr. Wiggins hit several fine shots in the finals and having reached 4-back himself set up a good break for his partner Hamilton-Miller, who, in a nerve-taxing situation, managed to get as far as his partner had when he undershot an approach, allowing the opposition their tenth victory in the event, they having eliminated the holders, Aspinall and Simon, in the semi-final. Dr. Wiggins won the Association Plate after two very narrow victories over Giles Borrett (who seemed to be almost permanently occupying a court somewhere) and Mrs. Rotherham. The second win might not have been achieved had not Hope, rather carelessly, spoilt her approach to 4-back by hitting her partner ball into another when in possession of what looked like a winning lead. It is a pity Bobby cannot find more opportunities of exhibiting his skill of former days.

The tournament was blessed with five glorious days, only the Thursday being dull and chilly. The "galleries" on the last two days were large and appreciative, graced on the Friday by the attendance of two splendid players-Humphrey Hicks and Keith Wylie. Among those present on most days were two known to so many of us as old friends-Robert and Clare Tingey, and our New Zealand friends Gordon and Margaret Rowling. And all was presided over by the cool sagacity of Daisy Lintern as Manager, whose presence is a guarantee that all will go through without any "possible, probable shadow of doubt whatever". OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS TOURNAMENT

SINGLES First Round

J. W. Solomon beat Miss B. Duthie +22 +26. G. W. Williams beat Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +3 +10. B. Lloyd Pratt w/o M. F. Buller (withdrawn).

J. L. Webb w/o D. B. O'Connor (withdrawn).

P. Gifford-Nash w/o (opp. retired).
Dr. R. W. Bray beat D. J. V. Hamilton Miller +22 +15. B. G. Perry beat G. E. P. Jackson +25 +26.

G. N. Aspinall beat R. A. Godby +12 +24. Second Round

Prof. B. G. Neal beat Mrs. E. Rotherham +8 +26. Comdr. Borrett beat R. O. Hicks -6 + 11 + 6. J. W. Solomon beat G. W. Williams +26 + 25. B. Lloyd Pratt beat L. J. Webb -3 + 15 + 16. Dr. W. R. Bray beat P. Gifford Nash +15 +21. G. N. Aspinall beat B. G. Perry +11 +15.
Dr. W. P. Ormerod beat Mrs. W. Longman +24 +26. G. P. C. Cotter beat S. S. Townsend +10 +3.

Third Round Prof. B. G. Neal beat Comdr. G. Berrett +8 +1 +13. J. W. Solomon beat B. Lloyd Pratt +26 -3 +3. G. N. Aspinall beat Dr. R. W. Bray +26 +5. Dr. W. P. Ormerod beat E. P. C. Cotter +10 +3.

Semi-Final

J. W. Solomon beat Prof. B. G. Neal +8 +1 +13.

G. N. Aspinall beat Dr. W. P. Ormerod +9 -11 +19. Final

G. N. Aspinall beat J. W. Solomon +19 -13 +4.

DOUBLES First Round

J. W. Solomon and E. P. C. Cotter beat B. G. Perry and G. E. P. Jackson +15.

G. N. Aspinall and J. W. Simon beat Comdr. G. Borrett and R. A. Godby ± 2 . D. J. V. Hamilton Miller and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins beat P. Gifford

Nash and Miss B. Duthie +9. Prof. B. G. Neal and Dr. R. W. Bray beat M. F. Bullen and Mrs.

E. M. Lightfoot +25. Semi-Final

J. W. Solomon and E. P. C. Cotter beat G. N. Aspinall and J. W.

Simon +15.

D. J. V. Hamilton Miller and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins beat Prof. B.
G. Neal and Dr. R. W. Bray +4.

Final

J. W. Solomon and E. P. C. Cotter beat Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and D. J. V. Hamilton Miller +8.

First Round

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins beat R. A. Godby +10. G. E. P. Jackson beat S. S. Townsend +22. J. J. Webb beat Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +2. D. J. V. Hamilton Miller beat R. O. Hicks +6. Second Round

Comdr. G. Borrett beat B. G. Perry +1. Dr. R. W. Wiggins beat G. E. P. Jackson +26. D. J. V. Hamilton Miller beat L. J. Webb +4. Mrs. E. Rotherham beat P. Gifford Nash +23. Semi-Final

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins beat Comdr. G. Borrett +1. Mrs. E. Rotherham beat D. J. V. Hamilton Miller +4. Final

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins beat Mrs. E. Rotherham +1.

CHELTENHAM JULY TOURNAMENT

There was a feast of play for the 34 entries, though the small entry may have been a disappointment to the Club. Quite a number of Club members were away and much missed, the ratio of visitors to members being 2 to 1. But from the farewell party to the Yoxalls (come back soon) on the Sunday to the prize-giving at which we were delighted to see Dorothy Daniels presiding once more, it was the happiest of weeks. How unselfishly the few members cossetted us-some of them indeed were not even croquet players.

Col. Wheeler's 10 lawns, already renowned, remained in top condition thanks to Monday's drenching and were never empty thanks to Mrs. Chittenden. All classes were Draw and Process and a Y Doubles were added to the programme. Once again it was proved that full game Doubles with no time limits produce quicker results with a better standard of croquet, without the burden of time on their minds their attitude becomes less negative.

The most successful local member was Brig. Bourke who only joined this April; he won both sides of the "C"s. His closest games were against Mrs. J. H. Whitehead (formerly of Monmouthshire, now of Rondebosch, South Africa), who plays an attractive game but had to withdraw on Thursday. The Brigadier's grasp of the game is testimony enough to the great trouble this Club takes with newcomers. J. A. Wheeler won both his finals in the "B"s with surprising ease, as both Mrs. Read and Miss Allen had been playing really well all week, but for once their long shots missed and Wheeler rarely made a mistake—he has a nice touch.

The Opens provided many good close games culminating in two gripping finals. Paul Hands was involved in both. In the Process, Whittington pegged him out after rescuing his break by hitting an enemy ball in the 2nd corner after running penultimate, while Read in the Draw also pegged him out after Hands was round to 4-back and peg in 25 minutes. Hands is hitting his ball like a rocket this year and slams at his hoops, thereby losing some of his accuracy, but he does bring off some sensational hoops. However, this time he lost both games so that Read and Whittington had to play each other for the Opens and the big handicap. Both played well in the Handicap final, the ½ bisque swinging the game in Read's favour but neither was at his best in a fluctuating play-off. These two players must be strong contenders for the Invitation events, both perhaps being strongest at coming from behind to snatch games which everyone but themselves thinks lost.

T. O. Read finished a glorious day by winning the Doubles with his mother (Mrs. Read had also been in every event up to the Friday) and joins the immortal few to carry off the three big events. If he could spare more than the odd week to croquet he would certainly topple some crowns.

The Brumpton sisters always bring an old-world charm with them but let it not deceive the eye, Miss Maud won through to the "Y" final where Hands narrowly defeated her, while Miss Cicely won the "Y" Doubles with Miss Ault against some strong opposition. Mr. Lewty has improved, Mrs. Wallwork hits her ball as well and truly as ever, the Rev. Gladstone devoted himself to assisting the Manager and shows equal talent at this as at croquet. It is difficult to know whom to thank most for an excellent tournament, but surely most credit must go to Mrs. Chittenden, like Portia, "wise, fair and true."

CHAMPIONSHIP CUP DRAW

First Round

Miss K. M. O. Sessions beat Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard +21. P. W. Hands beat Mrs. N. C. Elvey +24. T. O. Read beat Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard +11. R. O. B. Whittington beat Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +11.

Second Round P. Newton beat Rev. W. E. Gladstone +10. Hands beat Sessions +9. Read beat Whittington +9. W. de B. Prichard beat Col. G. T. Wheeler +13.

Semi-Final

Hands beat Newton +11.

Read beat Prichard +4.

Read beat Hands +2.

PROCESS

W. de B. Prichard beat Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard +7. Rev. W. E. Gladstone beat Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +3. T. O. Read beat Col. G. T. Wheeler +15. R. O. B. Whittington beat P. Newton +2. Second Round

W. de B. Prichard beat Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard +14. Hands beat Gladstone +14. Read beat Sessions +9. Whittington beat Mrs. N. C. Elvey +23.

Semi-Final Hands beat Prichard +3.

Whittington beat Read +14. Final

Whittington beat Hands +3. Play-off: Read beat Whittington +6.

> MONEY SALVER DRAW First Round

Mrs. H. M. Read beat W. J. Sturdy +19. D. M. Anderson beat Miss H. D. Parker +17.

Fourteen

Miss E. M. Brumpton w/o Mrs. J. Povey (opp. scratched). J. A. Wheeler beat Miss R. M. Allen +14. Second Round

Miss K. Ault w/o H. M. Read (opp. retired).
Mrs. H. M. Read beat D. M. Anderson +15. J. A. Wheeler beat Miss E. M. Brumpton +10. Mrs. N. E. Wallwork beat Miss E. C. Brumpton +9. Semi-Final

Mrs. H. M. Read beat Miss K. Ault +6.
J. A. Wheeler beat Mrs. N. E. Wallwork +13. Final

J. A. Wheeler beat Mrs. H. M. Read +18.

PROCESS

Mrs. H. M. Read beat Miss E. C. Brumpton +11.

Miss R. M. Allen beat Miss K. Ault +6.

Mrs. N. E. Wallwork w/o Miss E. M. Brumpton (opp. scratched).

J. A. Wheeler w/o H. M. Read (opp. retired).

Second Round

Mrs. H. M. Read w/o Mrs. J. Povey (opp. scratched). Miss R. M. Allen beat D. M. Anderson +4. Mrs. N. E. Wallwork beat W. J. Sturdy +7. J. A. Wheeler beat Miss H. D. Parker +19. Semi-Final

Miss R. M. Allen beat Mrs. H. M. Read +24.

J. A. Wheeler w/o Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (opp. retired).

Final

J. A. Wheeler beat Miss R. M. Allen +20.
Mrs. H. M. Read and Miss R. M. Allen shared 2nd place.

THE CALTHROP CUP DRAW First Round

Mrs. J. H. Whitehead (7) beat R. A. Lewty (10) +2. Miss W. K. Allardyce (8) beat Mrs. P. Newton (8) +6. Miss M. M. Taylor (7) beat Mrs. K. M. Lowein (11) +16.

Mrs. J. H. Whitehead (7) beat Miss W. K. Allardyce (8) +17.
Brig. L. E. Bourke (14) beat Miss M. M. Taylor (7) +18.

Final

Brig. L. E. Bourke (14) beat Mrs. J. H. Whitehead (7) +1.

PROCESS

First Round

Brig. L. E. Bourke (14) beat Mrs. P. Newton (8) +12.

R. A. Lewty (10) beat Mrs. K. M. Lowein (11) +4. Miss M. M. Taylor (7) beat Miss W. K. Allardyce (8) +12. Semi-Final

Brig. L. E. Bourke (14) beat R. A. Lewty (10) +19. Miss M. M. Taylor (7) w/o Mrs. J. H. Whitehead (7) (opp. scr.). Final

Brig. L. E. Bourke (14) beat Miss M. M. Taylor (7) +16.

DANIELS CUP HANDICAP SINGLES "X"

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First Round

Miss R. M. Allen (3½) beat Mrs. K. M. Lowein (11) +8.

Rev. W. E. Gladstone (1½) beat Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (3½) +15.

W. de B. Prichard (½) beat Mrs. N. C. Elvey (-½) +26.

Miss M. M. Taylor (7) beat Miss H. D. Parker (2½) +13.

R. O. B. Whittington (-1) beat Miss E. M. Brumpton (4½) +22.

Col. G. T. Wheeler (-½) beat Mrs. P. Newton (8) +4.

Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (0) w/o Mrs. J. Povey (6) (opp. retired).

R. A. Lewty (10) w/o H. M. Read (5) (opp. retired).

I. A. Wheeler (2½) beat Miss K. M. O. Sessions (-2) +24. J. A. Wheeler $(2\frac{1}{2})$ beat Miss K. M. O. Sessions (-2) +24. J. A. Wheeler (2½) beat Miss K. M. O. Sessions (-2) +24.
T. O. Read (-½) beat P. Newton (-1½) +23.
Mrs. J. H. Whitehead (7) beat Brig. L. E. Bourke (14) +5.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-3) beat P. W. Hands (-2) +10.
Miss K. Ault (3) beat Miss W. K. Allardyce (8) +11.

Second Round

Miss R. M. Allen (3½) beat Miss E. C. Brumpton (3½) +22.
W. de B. Prichard (½) beat Rev. W. E. Gladstone (1½) +22.
R. O. B. Whittington (-1) beat Miss M. M. Taylor (7) +23.
Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (0) beat Col. G. T. Wheeler (-½) +11.
L. A. Wheeler (2½) beat R. A. Lewty (10) +16.

J. A. Wheeler (2½) beat R. A. Lewty (10) +16.

T. O. Read (-½) beat Mrs. J. H. Whitehead (7) +4.

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-3) beat Miss K. Ault (3) +20.

Mrs. H. M. Read (2½) beat W. J. Sturdy (5) +3.

Third Round

Miss R. M. Allen $(3\frac{1}{2})$ beat W. de B. Prichard $(\frac{1}{2})$ +7. R. O. B. Whittington (-1) beat Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (0) + 16. T. O. Read $(-\frac{1}{2})$ beat J. A. Wheeler $(2\frac{1}{2}) + 5$. Mrs. H. M. Read $(2\frac{1}{2})$ beat Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-3) + 7.

Semi-Final R. O. B. Whittington (-1) beat Miss R. M. Allen $(3\frac{1}{2})$ +4. T. O. Read $(-\frac{1}{2})$ beat Mrs. H. M. Read $(2\frac{1}{2})$ +3. Final

T. O. Read $\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$ beat R. O. B. Whittington $\left(-1\right)$ +11.

DOUBLES

First Round

Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard and Miss H. D. Parker (2½) w/o Miss K.

Ault and Mrs. J. H. Whitehead (10) (opp. retired on peg).

Mrs. H. M. Read and T. O. Read (2) beat J. A. Wheeler and Miss W. K. Allardyce $(10\frac{1}{2}) + 6$.

W. K. Allardyce (10½) +6.

R. O. B. Whittington and Rev. W. E. Gladstone (½) beat Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and W. de B. Prichard (-2½) +13.

Miss K. M. O. Sessions and Miss G. Douglas-Jones (6) beat Miss M. M. Taylor and R. A. Lewty (17) +13.

P. W. Hands and Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (½) beat Mrs. N. C. Elvey

and Mrs. K. M. Lowein $(10\frac{1}{2}) + 20$.

Second Round

Prichard and Parker (21) beat Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Mrs. N. E. Wallwork $(2\frac{1}{2})$ +4. Read and Read (2) beat Whittington and Gladstone $(\frac{1}{2})$ +13. Sessions and Douglas-Jones (6) beat Hands and Mathews (½) +2. P. Newton and Mrs. P. Newton (6½) beat Col. G. T. Wheeler and Mrs. G. T. Wheeler (12½) +7.

Semi-Final Read and Read beat Prichard and Parker +13. Newton and Newton beat Sessions and Douglas-Jones +4. Read and Read beat Newton and Newton +7.

First Round Miss E. C. Brumpton $(3\frac{1}{2})$ beat Mrs. K. M. Lowein (11) +7. Mrs. N. C. Elvey $(-\frac{1}{2})$ beat Mrs. N. E. Wallwork $(3\frac{1}{2})$ +1. Miss H. D. Parker $(2\frac{1}{2})$ beat Miss E. M. Brumpton $(4\frac{1}{2})$ +10. Mrs. P. Newton (8) w/o Mrs. J. Povey (6) (opp. scratched). Mrs. K. M. O. Sessions (-2) w/o H. M. Read (5) (opp. retired). P. Newton $(-1\frac{1}{2})$ beat Brig. L. E. Bourke (14) +7. P. W. Hands (-2) beat Miss W. K. Allardyce (8) +4.

Second Round

Miss E. C. Brumpton $(3\frac{1}{2})$ beat Mrs. N. C. Elvey $(-\frac{1}{2})$ +25.

Mrs. P. Newton (8) beat Miss H. D. Parker $(2\frac{1}{2})$ +8.

P. N. Newton $(-1\frac{1}{2})$ beat Miss K. M. O. Sessions (-2) +24. P. W. Hands (-2) beat W. J. Sturdy (5) + 12.

Semi-Final Miss E. C. Brumpton (3½) beat Mrs. P. Newton (8) +5. P. W. Hands (-2) beat P. Newton $(-1\frac{1}{2}) + 13$.

P. W. Hands (-2) beat Miss E. C. Brumpton $(3\frac{1}{2})$ +11.

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DRAW

First Round

G. F. Hallett beat K. H. Paterson +10. B. Lloyd Pratt w/o F. E. M. Puxon (opp. scratched). Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot beat Miss D. A. Lintern +4. Dr. R. W. Bray beat Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes +14. H. O. Hicks beat C. S. Ratcliffe +19. E. Whitehead beat R. K. Price +14.

Second Round G. F. Hallett beat Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon +8. B. Lloyd Pratt beat Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot +9. Dr. R. W. Bray beat H. O. Hicks +14. E. Whitehead beat Mrs. J. Neville Rolfe +26.

B. Lloyd Pratt beat G. F. Hallett +16. Dr. R. W. Bray beat E. Whitehead +25.

Final Dr. R. W. Bray beat B. Lloyd Pratt +26.

Dr. R. W. Bray beat Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon +23. Mrs. J. Neville Rolfe beat F. E. M. Puxon +8. H. O. Hicks beat G. F. Hallett +18. C. S. Ratcliffe beat K. H. Paterson +14. R. K. Price beat Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot +15. B. Lloyd Pratt beat E. Whitehead +22.

Second Round Dr. R. W. Bray beat Mrs. J. Neville Rolfe +26. H. O. Hicks beat Miss D. A. Lintern +25. R. K. Price beat C. S. Ratcliffe +11. Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes beat B. Lloyd Pratt +8.

Dr. R. W. Bray beat H. O. Hicks +16. Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes beat R. K. Price +5. Final

Dr. R. W. Bray beat Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes +23. Runner-up play-off: B. Lloyd Pratt beat Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes +26.

COLCHESTER TOURNAMENT

First Round

First Round

F. E. M. Puxon (7) beat Mrs. E. E. Bressey (7) +8 on time.

Mrs. H. A. Zinn (10) beat Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) +7.

G. F. Hallett (2) beat C. L. Robertson (9) +7.

K. H. Paterson (3½) beat Mrs. B. G. Neal (9) +16.

B. Lloyd Pratt (-3) beat C. R. Palmer (11) +16.

Mrs. G. S. Digby (10) beat Mrs. J. Neville Rolfe (1½) +11.

Capt. H. W. Greenham (11) beat Mrs. L. Cordy (12) +1 on time.

Second Round Miss D. A. Lintern (1) beat Mrs. E. Whitehead (8) +8.
C. S. Ratcliffe (3) beat Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (\frac{1}{2}) +5 on time.
F. E. M. Puxon (7) beat Mrs. H. A. Zinn (10) +2.
G. F. Hallett (2) beat K. H. Paterson (3\frac{1}{2}) +14.
Mrs. G. S. Digby (10) beat B. Lloyd Pratt (-3) +23.
Dr. R. W. Bray (-3\frac{1}{2}) beat Capt. A. W. Greenham (11) +19.
Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes (-1) beat Miss M. E. Day (9) +13.
E. Whitehead (\frac{1}{2}) beat Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (6) +10.

Third Round

C. S. Ratcliffe (3) beat Miss D. A. Lintern (1) +24. G. F. Hallett (2) beat F. E. M. Puxon (7) +20. Dr. R. W. Bray (-3\frac{1}{2}) beat Mrs. G. S. Digby (10) +16. E. Whitehead (\frac{1}{2}) beat Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes (-1) +4.

Semi-Final
C. S. Ratcliffe (3) beat G. F. Hallett (2) +13. E. Whitehead $(\frac{1}{2})$ beat Dr. R. W. Bray $(-3\frac{1}{2})$ +26.

C. S. Ratcliffe (3) beat E. Whitehead (1) +17.

"Y" HANDICAP SINGLES (Open to losers of first games in "X")

First Round

Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) beat Mrs. E. E. Bressey (7) +2. Mrs. B. G. Neal (9) beat C. L. Robertson (9) +15. Mrs. J. Neville Rolfe (1½) beat C. R. Palmer (11) +11.

Second Round

Mrs. E. Whitehead (8) w/o (opponent scratched).
Mrs. B. G. Neal (9) w/o Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) (opp. retired).
Mrs. L. Cordy (12) w/o Mrs. J. Neville Rolfe (retired on peg).
Miss M. E. Day (9) w/o Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (6) (opp. retired).

Semi-Final

Mrs. E. Whitehead (8) w/o Mrs. B. G. Neal (9) (opp. retired). Mrs. L. Cordy (12) beat Miss M. E. Day (9) +14.

Final Mrs. L. Cordy (12) beat Mrs. E. Whitehead (8) +6 on time.

DOUBLES

First Round

Mrs. G. S. Digby and Mrs. L. Cordy (22) beat C. L. Robertson and Miss E. I. Wood (21) +8 on time. C. R. Palmer and Mrs. H. A. Zinn (21) beat R. S. Alford and

Mrs. J. Neville Rolfe (12½) +3 on time.

Dr. R. W. Bray and Mrs. B. G. Neal (4½) beat Mrs. M. D. Cork and Miss M. E. Day (17) +11.

Capt. A. W. Greenham and Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (15) beat G. F.

Hallett and C. S. Ratcliffe (5½) +16.

K. H. Paterson and Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (4) beat F. E. M. Puxon and Miss M. Puxon (23) +1 on time.

Second Round

Mrs. G. S. Digby and Mrs. L. Cordy (22) beat B. Lloyd Pratt and Miss M. Palmer (4) +1 on time.

Dr. R. W. Bray and Mrs. B. G. Neal (4½) beat C. R. Palmer and

Mrs. H. A. Zinn (21) +1 on time.

Capt. A. W. Greenham and Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (15) beat K. H. Paterson and Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (4) +15.

Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. E. E. Bressey (8) beat E. Whitehead and Mrs. E. Whitehead (7½) +7 on time.

Semi-Final

Dr. R. W. Bray and Mrs. B. G. Neal (4½) beat Mrs. G. S. Digby and Mrs. L. Cordy (22) +12.
Capt. A. W. Greenham and Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (15) beat Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. E. E. Bressey (8) +8.

Dr. R. W. Bray and Mrs. B. G. Neal (4½) beat Capt. A. W. Greenham and Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (15) +16.

Report not received.

Fifteen

REVISED RULES OF THE CROQUET ASSOCIATION

to be submitted for approval at the Special General Meeting on Saturday, November 22nd, 1969.

Constitution and Objects

The Association shall be called "The Croquet Association" and shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents and Associates. Its objects shall be:—

- (a) To encourage, promote and develop the Game played in accordance with the Laws of Association Croquet and Golf Croquet and control the Game in the United Kingdom.
- (b) To promote, hold and manage Tournaments, Matches, etc., and to provide Official Managers, Referees and Handicappers.
- (c) To control the registration of Croquet Clubs in the United Kingdom and render assistance to any club whether registered or not.
- (d) To affiliate Overseas Councils, Associations or Clubs.
- (e) To sanction Championships.

II

Management and Control

(i) The management and control of the property, funds and affairs of the Association and to fulfil its objects except as otherwise provided by these Rules, shall be vested in a Council consisting of twenty-four members (exclusive of ex-officio members) who shall be elected by the votes of all members of the Association, and of whom one-third shall retire at each Annual General Meeting, by rotation, but shall be eligible for re-election.

(ii) Any member of the Council, who does not attend at least half the meetings to which he has been summoned during the year without leave of absence or an explanation satisfactory to the Chairman, shall be deemed to have resigned his membership of the Council and shall not be eligible for re-election for a period of twelve months.

III

Annual Meetings

A General Meeting of the Association, of which at least 28 days' notice accompanied by the Agenda giving details of business shall be given by the Secretary in the Official Organ of the Croquet Association (hereinafter referred to as "Croquet") or by post, shall be held annually in May at such time and place as the Council may determine.

IV

Special Meetings Not altered.

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V

Election of President and Vice-Presidents

Unchanged, except add at the end, "unless elected by the Council."

VI

Election of Council

- (a) Candidates for election shall consist of:
 - (i) Members of the Council retiring under Rule II (i) unless they have notified the Secretary by the 15th March that they are not willing to stand for re-election.
 - (ii) Associates duly proposed and seconded by two other Associates, of whose candidature notice in writing shall have been received by the Secretary at least twenty-one days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) (i) If the number of candidates does not exceed the number of vacancies such candidates shall be deemed to be elected to fill the vacancies.
 - (ii) If the number of candidates exceeds the number of full-term vacancies but does not exceed the total number of vacancies such candidates shall be deemed to be elected and the Council shall, at its first meeting, decide by ballot which Associates shall fill the full-term vacancies and which the part-time vacancies.

(iii) The election to fill vacancies on the Council shall be con-

At least ten days before the A.G.M. a numbered voting paper shall be issued to each Associate giving the names of the retiring members of the Council offering themselves for re-election, and giving the names of Associates offering themselves for election together with the names of the proposer and seconder of each.

In voting an Associate may not give more than one vote for any candidate and may not record more votes than there are vacancies. Any such error or errors will render the voting paper entirely null and void.

The voting papers must be returned to the Secretary so as to arrive not later than the first post two days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

Two scrutineers, not being members of the Council, shall be appointed by the Chairman or Vice-chairman. They shall report the result of the poll at the Annual General Meeting.

VII

Procedure

- (a) Not altered.
- (b) Any Associate desirous of proposing a candidate for the office of President or Hon. Treasurer or of moving a resolution at the Annual General Meeting, except on a question arising out of the Report and Statement of Accounts, must give notice thereof to the Secretary by the 1st March before the date of the Meeting. If there are no nominations or the nominees shall be unwilling or unable to stand, or shall withdraw, then the Council shall nominate a person for such office or offices as may be applicable up to and including the time of the A.G.M. without prior notice. If none of the said nominees be elected, and there is a vacancy, the Council may fill it as soon as possible.

VIII

Appointment of Hon. Treasurer

The Association shall appoint an Hon. Treasurer, who shall be elected annually at the General Meeting and unless already a Member of Council, shall be so ex-officio. Should there be a vacancy in the office of Hon. Treasurer during any year the Council shall appoint a substitute but until so appointed the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee shall act as Hon. Treasurer for the remainder of that year.

IX

X

XI

Quorum of Council

Not altered.

Election of Chairman

Not altered.

Appointment of Secretary

Not altered.

XII

Casual Vacancy

Any casual vacancy occurring in the Council during any year may be filled by the Council until the next Annual General Meeting.

XIII

Appointment of Committee, etc.

The Council shall have power to appoint Committees of their own body to fulfil any of their functions.

VIV

Alterations of Laws and Regulations

(a) (i) Subject to (ii) hereunder, the Council shall have power to make alterations in the Laws in the following manner.

The Council shall first pass a Resolution proposing the sug-

gested alterations. Such Resolution shall be published in "Croquet". After such publication, the Resolution shall be reconsidered by the Council at the first available occasion and shall become law if passed by a majority of 6 to 4. (ii) If the Council appoints a special sub-Committee to submit for approval a redraft of the Laws prior to reprinting, this fact shall be published in "Croquet". If, in pursuance thereof, a redraft is passed by the Council in the ordinary course of its business, by the majority as aforesaid, such redraft shall become law on publication or on any later date fixed by the Council, and such later date shall then be printed in the publication itself.

- (b) The Council shall have power to authorise the adoption of temporary variations in the Laws.
- (c) The Council shall have power to make alterations in and additions to the Regulations for Tournaments by passing a resolution by a simple majority of those present, which shall then either be published in "Croquet" or notified to Clubs holding Tournaments.

XV

Interpretation of Laws and Regulations

The Chairman of the Laws Committee shall decide questions arising on the interpretation of the Laws of Association Croquet and Golf Croquet or the Regulations for Tournaments, and his decision, when published in "Croquet" shall be final, until subsequently considered by the Council which passes a resolution disapproving thereof.

XVI

Annual Report and Statement of Accounts

The Council shall submit to the Annual General Meeting a Report and Statement of Accounts for the preceding year accompanied by a report from the Auditors and signed by the Chairman of the Council, which shall be published in "Croquet" with the notice convening the Meeting.

XVII

Election of Associates

Not altered.

XVIII

Clubs in the United Kingdom

Not altered

XIX

Overseas Councils Associations and Clubs

Overseas Councils, Associations and Clubs may be affiliated to the Association on payment of an annual fee as decided from time to time by the Council.

The duties and privileges of Affiliated Associations and Clubs shall be as follows:

- (a) The enforcement of the Laws of Association Croquet and Golf Croquet as issued for the time being by the Association, at all Tournaments held under the jurisdiction of the Affiliated Body.
- (b) Not altered.
- (c) Not altered.

Expulsion of Associate

XX

Not altered.

XXI

Investments

The Council shall have the management and control of the funds and all assets both real and personal of the Association and may hold and invest all or any part or parts of the funds not needed immediately for the ordinary purposes of the Association in the names of Trustees or Nominees, and/or a body corporate, to be appointed by the Council, in such securities including both real and personal estate as the Council may determine, with power to sell or vary such securities in such manner as the Council shall decide PROVIDED ALWAYS that the Council shall have the power to remove and to appoint Trustees or Nominees at any time.

The Council shall have power to appoint an Investments Sub-Committee to exercise the powers of the Council relating to investments subject to a report being submitted to the Council at their next Meeting on any action taken.

XXII

Eligibility and Privileges of Associates

- (a) The name and address of each candidate and of his or her proposer and seconder, who must be associates, shall be given to the Secretary, who shall enter them in the Candidates' Book. Notice of election shall immediately be given to the candidate by the Secretary. After entry in the Candidates' Book and pending the Council's decision as to election, a candidate may on depositing the amount of his or her subscription with the Secretary, be allowed to play in Calendar Fixtures as an associate.
- (b) An associate, on production of his or her card of membership for the current year, shall be entitled to admission to the ground at all Tournaments subsidised by the Association.
- (c) Associates shall receive "Croquet", have free admission to the ground at all Tournaments subsidised by the Association and to Devonshire Park at the time of the Tournament and admission to any Club when a Croquet Association Event is being played there subject to payment of such fee as the Club may impose.

XXIII

Delete.

XXIV (Re-number XXIII)

Subscriptions

- (i) (a) The annual subscription payable by an Associate shall be £4 which may be compounded by one payment carrying associateship for life of £60 for Associates of age 50 and upwards, and in the case of Associates under age 50 at a rate to be individually determined by Council (subject to Rule XX).
- (b) An Associate under the age of 24 years on 1st January in any year shall pay a subscription of £1 10s. 0d.
- (c) An Associate residing out of the United Kingdom from 1st January to 31st December in any year on giving previous notice to the Secretary shall pay a subscription of £1 10s. 0d. for that year.
- (d) and (e) Not altered.
- (ii) Deleted and moved to XXII as (c).
- (iii) Re-numbered (ii) not altered.
- (iv) Re-numbered (iii) not altered

XXV now XXIV

Resignation

Not altered.

XXVI now XXV

Alteration of Rules

Alterations in and additions to these Rules shall not be made except by a majority of 6 to 4 of the associates present and voting at an Annual or Special General Meeting. Such alterations and additions shall come into force forthwith unless otherwise decided.

XXVII now XXVI

Delete.

Not altered.

XXVIII