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May 11th - 16th	Peel Memorials—Cheltenham.
May 18th - 23rd	Southwick.
May 23rd - 25th	Cheltenham week-end.
May 26th - 29th	Inter Counties Championship, Hurlingham.
June 1st - 6th	Men's & Women's Championship, Southwick.
June 5th - 7th	Nottingham week-end.
June 6th - 13th	Carrickmines.
June 8th - 13th	Compton.
June 15th - 20th	Ryde.
June 18th - 21st	Woking week-end.
June 22nd - 27th	Parkstone.
June 29th - 4th July	Challege & Gilbey, Budleigh.
July 6th - 11th	Budleigh Salterton.
July 13th - 18th	Cheltenham.
July 20th - 25th	Open Championships, Hurlingham.
July 27th - August 1st	Colchester.
August 4th - 7th	Hurlingham.
August 10th - 15th	Hurlingham.
August 14th - 16th	Cheltenham week-end.
August 17th - 22nd	Nottingham.
August 17th - 22nd	Ladies Field Cup—Cheltenham.
August 24th - 29th	Southwick.
August 28th - 31st	Colchester week-end.
August 31st - Sept. 5th	Southwick.
August 31st - Sept. 5th	Hunstanton.
September 7th - 11th	President's Cup, Hurlingham.
September 7th - 11th	Chairman's Salver, Colchester.
September 7th - 11th	Surrey Cup, Nottingham.
September 12th - 13th	Championship of Champions.
September 12th - 19th	Carrickmines.
September 14th - 19th	Parkstone.
September 14th - 19th	Roehampton.
September 18th - 20th	Cheltenham week-end.
September 22nd - 24th	All England Handicap—Finals—Roehampton.
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C. A. NOTES

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The All England and the Longman Cup will be played for as usual, and we hope all Clubs will enter.

The yellow paper booklet on Tournaments compiled by Mr. Caporn, will be sent free to those paying full subscription and to Clubs. Copies can be bought for 2/6d.

Letter from IPSWICH AND DISTRICT CROQUET CLUB

The Ipswich and District Club has been presented with a Silver Salver by Miss Gladys Allen. She and her two sisters, Muriel and Hilda, have been enthusiastic players for many years and took part in several tournaments. Miss Allen has given the trophy in memory of her sisters, and appreciation of the family's association with the Ipswich Club.

The Allen Trophy is intended to be competed for by Doubles play in order to encourage less experienced players, this having been the special interest of the Allen sisters.

The Club greatly appreciate this gift, which is already proving of much interest to the newer members.

ERRATUM. Miss E. M. Brumpton (4½) reached the final of the Y. Event of the Cheltenham Tournament, and it was wrongly reported as Miss E. C. Brumpton (3½). Miss E. M. Brumpton's name should therefore be substituted for her sister's in all rounds of the Y. Event.

I do most sincerely thank all Managers of Tournaments, and all Secretaries of Clubs, for their work during the year. Without them there would be no C. A.!

Every good wish for a Happy Christmas, and all success in 1970.

V. C. Gasson

Examining Referee — Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard.

Referee — R. O. B. Whittington.

Managers — G. E. P. Jackson,
Rev. W. E. Gladstone.

HANDICAP ALTERATIONS

LADIES' FIELD CUP. August 18th-22nd.

Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith —½ to —1.

NOTTINGHAM. August 18th-23rd.

Dr. Nichols 2 to 0. M. J. Haslam 6½ to 6. Mrs. C. Chamberlain 12 to 10. Mrs. E. L. Richardson 7 to 6. G. Henshaw 7 to 6. Non-Assoc. A. W. Lewis 11 to 9.

SOUTHWICK. Official. August 25th-30th.

Mrs. J. B. Meacham 6 to 4½. N. W. T. Cox 2 to 1. Mrs. A. S. C. Ross 6½ to 6. D. Himmens 3 to 2½. Mr. R. E. Tucker 5½ to 5. Prof. A. S. C. Ross 2½ to 2. Mrs. W. Longman —½ to —1. E. Whitehead 0 to —½. M. Stride —1 to —2. W. G. B. Scott 6½ to 6. Assoc. H. F. Jenking 11* to 10.

SOUTHWICK. Non-Official. September 1st-6th.

N. W. T. Cox 1 to ½. Mrs. A. S. C. Ross 6 to 5. Miss L. M. Cooke 14 to 12. Mrs. S. J. Turner 5 to 4½. Mrs. G. T. Trull 7 to 6. Mrs. W. Longman —1 to —1½. Peter Goolden 9 to 8. Mrs. L. C. Farlie 6 to 5½. Miss M. M. Taylor 7 to 6½. Mrs. E. B. Cox 6½ to 6. F. Reynold 5 to 4½. Cdr. G. Borrett —2 to —2½. W. E. Moore —1½ to —2. Non. Assoc. Miss S. Pratt.

EDINBURGH. August 25th-30th.

Dr. R. M. Milne 3 to 2½. D. L. Lackie 7 to 8. Mrs. D. L. Lackie 12 to 14. Mrs. D. H. Moorcroft 14 to 13. F. V. X. Norton 10 to 8. I. Forrester 9* to 11. I. H. Wright 14 to 11. Mrs. V. Macpherson 11 to 11 D10. Non Assoc. Dr. Humphreys 10 to 9.

COLCHESTER. Week-end. September 1st-6th.

Miss W. K. Allardyce 8 to 7. C. S. Ratcliffe 2½ to 2. Miss M. Palmer 7 to 6. Non. Assoc. Dr. W. Dean 16 to 14. J. Cockayne 11 D9 to 7. D. E. Reeves 16 to 15 D13. Mrs. C. W. Haworth 16 to 14.

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1969 IN RETROSPECT

by MAURICE B. RECKITT

A is for Nigel, the Man of the Year,
B is for Roger who follows so near,
C are the Cups they both win at our game,
D is for Douglas of Dublin fame . . .

But we cannot go on like this, if only for the reason that it would take too long to reach S—or even J—and so pay tribute to our Champion of Champions who retained his title in one of the most brilliant and stirring contests this writer at any rate has ever witnessed on a Croquet court, and by one of the most sensational strokes ever made, John preserved the opportunity to win a crucial third game.

But S stands also for Summer, and this year we really had one. It was as if our climate pulled itself together after the solstice which so often mocks us under the name of Midsummer Day, and continued for a full three months and more to prove that sunshine was not a preserve of our friends who live under the Southern Cross. It was very pleasant to have several of their players with us in these delightful conditions.

That Nigel Aspinall was indeed the Man of the Year he began to prove immediately on his arrival in Australia. To win as many matches as he did in the convincing way that he did under unfamiliar conditions, and to follow this up by victories here in the Open Championship and President's Cup, marks him, at an early age, as one of the greatest masters in the history of the game. But it would be an injustice to his colleagues if his fame were allowed to overshadow the achievements of the team as a whole. Our players 'batted right down the card' and showed themselves to be probably the finest side which has ever represented this country overseas, though that with which we defeated the New Zealanders here in 1956 would at least have run it fairly close. This country has now set standards for our game which will challenge and, one believes, inspire our antipodean rivals, whom we hope to see here in half a dozen years time, and to offer an adequate welcome to whom we must soon be beginning to prepare, for if we have sometimes defeated the southerners on the court we have never bettered them yet in the generosity of our hospitality.

The feats of our Test Team have been fully reported in these pages and there is neither need, nor indeed space, to go over this ground again. It would be interesting to speculate on who may be chosen to represent us in (say) 1974, but it would scarcely be profitable. Two names might perhaps be recorded before we leave this subject. The very fact that we could send a team overseas, which did not include Keith Wylie, to win an overwhelming victory testifies to the quality of British Croquet at this time. It was a very great pleasure to have the opportunity to watch this splendid player at Hurlingham in September, where without having had the chance to play any serious croquet for more than a year, he finished in the top half of the President's Cup with only two wins fewer than were sufficient for victory in it. The other name is of one who also had almost no opportunity for tournament play this year—that of David O'Connor, who won the Chairman's Salver by a comfortable margin and is certainly the best of Irish native players since the days of the great Duff Mathews.

The strength of Britain's Croquet in depth was revealed on the one hand by the successes of such relatively senior players as Patrick Cotter, who displayed much of his old form by coming third in the President's Cup, after winning the Men's Championship, and Bobby Wiggins who came near (with Dudley Hamilton-Miller) to winning the Doubles Championship and did win the Association Plate and later the South of England Championship, as Dudley did in the following week win the Gold Cup at Eastbourne. And on the other hand by the throng of still very young players who play club croquet whenever they can and may not in future, despite this restriction, be ruled out of consideration for the C.A.'s Invitation Events. For example, the writer recently watched Peter Fidler at Roehampton defeat a Test Match player +26 +25 in not much more than an hour.

There is no lack of others. One who made a big impression in the Sussex Championship at Southwick was Michael Stride from Edgbaston who, though prevented by professional commitments from accepting an invitation to play in one of the 'junior' Eights this year, will almost certainly appear in one next season. Then there is Dr. Martin Murray who, working abroad this year, was unable to play in any tournaments here, but receiving an invitation to defend his tenure of the Surrey Cup, accepted it and emerged successful in a second consecutive year. There is young Paul Hands of Cheltenham, of whom we hear great things. We have seen almost nothing of the gifted group of 'Sherwood Foresters' from

the Nottingham area beyond the appearance of several of them in the ever invincible Cambridge University team, but the names of Bushnell, Hopewell, Elmes, Siater and Taylor, to mention a few of them, are not forgotten now that their student years have been succeeded by the restrictions upon leisure imposed by the beginning of their professional careers. But where, it is still asked, are the young ladies? We can think of three or four of them who are steadily improving, and we repudiate the ungallant notion of a speaker at a B.B.C. interview a few years ago who suggested that girls would not be welcomed by the young men since they preferred to concentrate in the afternoon and dissipate in the evening. In any case we see no reason why these dedications should not be pursued concurrently in daylight hours.

All that has been written so far is, we suppose, pretty generally recognized. What has perhaps been less generally noticed is the steady rise in the standard of play in all classes at our tournaments. In the case of the ladies, this improved form led to the restoration of the Ladies' Field Cup, which was played at Compton. Your reporter is writing with a memory of the game stretching now over more than sixty years, and he is quite sure that this is the case. It may seem a little difficult to account for this general improvement, but some causes of it may be suggested. On the one hand there would appear to be much more attention paid in many clubs to the coaching of newcomers than was formerly the case. Much unselfish energy is now devoted to this, but there may be 'selfish' reasons for this activity too, for obtaining new members for our clubs is only half the battle in our propagandist campaigns; it is no less important to hold and develop their interest by teaching them how to get more interest out of a game not easily learnt. A second cause may be found in the production of several admirable books on Croquet in recent years, and the continued admiration of Dr. G. L. Ormerod's handbook in the 'Know the Game' series, the best introduction to our esoteric pastime which we have had for many years. Finally, there are the Exhibition Games which our zealous Chairman of the C. A. Publicity Committee, Derek Caporn, principally promotes. A team sent all the way to Scotland not long ago perhaps did something to produce a second Scottish winner of the incongruously named 'All England' Handicap.

The development of tactics at the highest level is always a matter of the greatest interest, but it is doubtful whether there is much scope left for new discoveries in this field. The ingenious and extremely delicate devices developed, and often put into practice by Messrs. Wylie and Aspinall for effectively denying any open shots from a neighbouring baulk to their opponents demand a higher degree of skill to achieve than is at the disposal of any but a few of these, and are in essence more defensive than offensive. The sextuple 'lay' is, of course, the major example of the latter intention, but replies are being sought for to it, and if the sextuple itself is not achieved (as indeed it hardly ever completely is) it is liable, as has been suggested before in these pages, to involve certain not always avoidable perils. One defence against it which was exemplified at Hurlingham this year is to forgo the open shot from the first hoop to the second and retire to the third corner. While this surrender of a chance to obtain the innings may not completely frustrate the sextuple it does make it substantially more difficult to get this ploy going. It will be interesting to see how widely this self-denying ordinance may be adopted.

One criticism of the development of Croquet at the President's Cup level is that too much may—and often does—turn on the hitting of a single long shot. Indeed the manner in which some people now discuss the matter suggests that, in contrast to the trend of nearly all concern for Croquet's development for many years, there are those who feel that the time has come to protect the interests of the in-player rather than increase the chances of the out-player. One occasion which gives rise to this anxiety is the frequency with which the rush laid at the end of a second break on the east boundary is hit by the opponent from A baulk. 'What can you do?' moans the victim of what may have been a faultless turn which suggested good chance of a victory to him in his next one. Well, there is one thing which can be done, and was almost habitually done by Humphrey Hicks in the many years of his ascendancy. This is to lay the leave as a 'phoney rush', with the balls laid the 'wrong' way; this gives pause to the out-player from fear that a miss would provide his opponent with exactly the rush he has denied himself, or even perhaps a better one. He then resigns himself to taking a longer shot. If this misses, the in-player rushes his partner ball between the third hoop and third corner and arranges the other balls to his satisfaction, with no necessity to offer a lift to his adversary. One

wonders whether this sagacious tactic may be more generally adopted by some of our experts, who having failed to bring off their 'triple', may dread being robbed of a victory which they may have felt their otherwise flawless play had earned for them.

We hope that this article will not seem to have dwelt too predominantly on the play of the great ones at the top of our game; this has not been the intention, still less the wish, of the writer. For in Croquet, perhaps more generally than in any outdoor sport, the fortunes of those of all ages are invested, whether of those who cherish hopes of their improvement at it, or even of those who do not, but continue to play it nevertheless despite the harassments it involves for them—and their partners (if any). But a visit to Australia suggests that stagnation can overtake Croquet if the mass of those who play it take, or appear to take, no interest in the higher skills of the game and allow standards to fall below those which their forefathers maintained. This, one suspects, is largely a clue to the fact that we here, with our croquet population of only hundreds, have for two decades proved victorious against countries which number their addicts in many thousands. 'We needs must love the highest when we see it', as we should all try to see it, and perhaps even here do not frequently enough resort to Hurlingham to do so. There is a certain 'infection' spread by greatness which even if it does not do as much as we would wish to improve our technical skills and better understanding of Croquet's endless subtleties, does cement us more closely to the fortunes of the game of our choice. This 'infection' was clearly at work among the hundreds of players who flocked to watch our Test Team, and there is every reason to expect that it will be found to have produced results Down Under when we meet their players again.

PROFILE OF A PRESIDENT

Presidents of corporate bodies such as the Croquet Association are as often as not chosen more as figureheads than because of what they are likely to contribute to the purposes of the association of which they are to be the titular head. From this impeachment the Croquet Association can certainly claim exemption since most of those who have graced the office of president have been enthusiastic advocates of the game, and in some cases skilled performers. None can have brought such a dedication to the game and cause of croquet as our present President Maurice Reckitt who first broke upon the croquet scene as an Associate and player in open tournaments in 1907 as a stripling of 19. He is the sole bridge between the croquet of before, between, and after the two World Wars.

To do justice to all that Maurice has done for croquet would occupy a whole issue of the magazine. This condensed article singles out some of the more important aspects of his 62 years in croquet and draws heavily on a draft obituary which he himself prepared some years ago—presumably having in mind the custom of Roman emperors who liked to have their funerals during their lifetime.

Maurice has been wont to say that the only significant benefit he had ever conferred upon croquet was in inducing his brother Geoffrey to take it up, thus producing one of the most beautiful stylists the game has ever known. The brothers played together in frequent partnership between 1912 and 1926, and again after 1947, winning the Open Doubles Championship in 1950. This form of competition was one in which M.B.R. won most of his successes, four victories in the Doubles Championship and five in the Mixed Doubles Championship (four times with Miss Lintern), as well as a win in the Dominion Doubles Championship of New Zealand in 1958 with Ashley Heenan. He also won the Men's Championship on two occasions, represented England v. Australia in 1937 and v. New Zealand in 1956, and played on 18 occasions in 'Best Tens' or 'Eights', finishing second in 1934 and third in 1935 when he was perhaps at his best. His favourite tournaments are those at Southwick, Devonshire Park, Eastbourne, Budleigh Salterton and Woking, at all of which he has won the Open event one or more times. He has represented Surrey on no fewer than 40 occasions. A unique record surely, not merely for croquet but for any sport, is that he has not missed the Southwick August tournament over a period of 60 years.

Nevertheless, Maurice was never quite among the great players: he was notoriously inconsistent, and somewhat 'temperamental'. He is prone to admit that he had no natural gifts for the game and only got as far as he had by perseverance (though certainly not by patience!). From long experience he acquired considerable talent for tactics, though he himself considers his reputation in this matter as apt to be somewhat exaggerated, and believes that it had arisen by contrast to the low level in this respect to which tactical mastership of the game had fallen since its earlier days.

Maurice has had long experience as an administrator, for he became a member of Council as long ago as 1929 and continued as an elected member until his elevation to Vice-President in 1962

since when he has of course been an ex-officio member. He was Chairman of the Tournaments Committee for many years (too many as some of his colleagues thought!). He was Chairman of Council in 1937-1939, and held certain other important positions, particularly on a sequence of committees which prepared for the Test Matches. Indeed, it can be said without exaggeration that the maintenance of the Test Match series over the years has been largely due to Maurice's energies and enthusiasm.

As a writer in other fields (chiefly Christian sociology and social criticism) he has been more ready with his pen than most associates and has been for many years a contributor of accounts of tournaments, and occasionally of verse—generally signed M. BEAR or EMBER. When the old *Gazette* was superseded by CROQUET he formed the Editorial Panel and became the chief contributor to 'Rover Notes'. He is in inevitable demand as a speaker at croquet dinners and it has been said that no croquet function is complete without a speech from his lips. His ode delivered for the Test team at a dinner in 1962 is still recalled vividly by those present. His quick wit is illustrated in the following story. Two ladies were playing in the Hurlingham tournament some years ago, one very tall and thin as a lath, the other being of more than generous proportions. Towards the end of their game a violent downpour started and the two competitors who were due to occupy the lawn after the ladies retired to the bar, emerging half an hour later when the rain had stopped to find to their surprise that the ladies had finished their game. One player turned to Maurice who was at the lawn side and said "Surely they didn't play in that down-pour", "Indeed they did" replied Maurice, "they played on through thick and thin".

Whatever any failings as a player, an administrator and a man—Maurice would at least claim that he maintained an unwavering enthusiasm for the game of croquet. This found a main outlet in his authorship of CROQUET TO-DAY, published in 1954, a book which surprised its writer by its success, selling as it did over 2,000 copies in this country and in Australasia. Maurice, while naturally pleased by this, did not observe that it had done much to raise the standard of play among most of those who bought—and may be presumed to have read it. But in this—as in much also—he may have been mistaken, and would like to think so.

Finally, reference must also be made to his History of Croquet which Maurice has been patiently compiling over the years and which he completed last year. The work, in typescript in the C.A. office, is available for borrowing by Associates by arrangement with the Secretary.

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- HUNSTANTON.** September 1st-6th.
C. R. Palmer 11 to 9. Mrs. E. I. Wood 14 to 12. Mrs. A. A. Zinn 10 to 9. Mrs. M. S. Cordy 11 to 10. Mrs. P. Gifford-Nash 12 to 11. Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard $\frac{1}{2}$ to -1 . Miss J. K. Samuel 9 to 7. Mrs. H. B. H. Carlisle 9 to 7. Miss M. Mactier 16 to 14. Mrs. R. A. Simpson $\frac{1}{2}$ to 0. Non Assoc. W. H. Carlisle 9* to 10 D8.
- SURREY CUP.** September 8th-12th.
Dr. M. Murray $-1\frac{1}{2}$ to $-2\frac{1}{2}$. R. A. Godby -1 to $-1\frac{1}{2}$.
- CHAIRMAN'S SALVER.** September 8th-12th.
Brig. The Rev. A. F. G. Forbes -1 to $-1\frac{1}{2}$. D. B. O'Connor -2 to $-2\frac{1}{2}$.
- PARKSTONE.** September 15th-20th.
R. O. B. Whittington $-1\frac{1}{2}$ to -2 . S. Hemsted 1 to 0. Dr. W. R. Bucknall 2 to $1\frac{1}{2}$. Miss M. McMordie 6 to 5. Mrs. Wayman 14 to 13. Non. Assoc. L. Butter 8 to 7.
- CHELtenham.** Week-end, September 19th-21st.
M. J. Bushnell -1 to $-1\frac{1}{2}$. A. C. W. Davies $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$. R. D. C. Prichard 2 to $1\frac{1}{2}$. Brig. L. E. Bourke 11 to 10. Miss E. H. Arkell 16 to 14 D12.
- DEVONSHIRE PARK.** September 29th-October 4th.
G. Scott Page 7 to $6\frac{1}{2}$. E. J. Tucker 6 to 5. Mrs. G. T. Wheeler 15 D13 to 15 D12. Mrs. E. M. Temple $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 2. Mrs. J. Walker $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 4.
- 2nd Week.** October 6th-11th.
Miss F. S. July 2 to $1\frac{1}{2}$. Mrs. B. G. Neal 8 D7 to 6. E. J. Tucker 5 to 4. Mrs. J. Walker 4 to 3. H. J. Devitt 6 to 5. D. Himmens $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 1. Mrs. W. Longman $-1\frac{1}{2}$ to -2 . Mrs. J. Povey 6 to $4\frac{1}{2}$.

CLUB RECOMMENDATIONS

- PARKSTONE CLUB**
Mrs. C. Devitt $6\frac{1}{2}$ to 6. Mrs. Goodricke 16 D14 to 15 D13. Miss A. Ryan 16 D14 to 15 D14. L. Taylor $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$. Mrs. D. Wayman 14 to 13.
- CHELtenham CLUB**
A. R. Adcock 3 to 2. Miss W. K. Allardyce 7 to $6\frac{1}{2}$. Miss R. M. Allen 3 to $2\frac{1}{2}$. Miss N. A. Posford 7 to 6. Non Assoc. Mrs.

Gladstone 12 to 11. Non. Assoc. R. W. B. Gladstone 9 to 8. Non Assoc. Mrs. S. Blenkin 12 to 11. Non Assoc. A. Blenkin 14 to 12.

COLCHESTER CLUB

G. F. Hallett 2 to $1\frac{1}{2}$. F. E. M. Puxon 7 to 6. K. H. Patter-son $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 3.

ROEHAMPTON CLUB

P. J. Fidler $-1\frac{1}{2}$ to -3 . J. B. Gilbert -1 to $-1\frac{1}{2}$. J. L. Sanders $5\frac{1}{2}$ to 5. Mrs. D. F. Caporn 10 to 9. Mrs. E. Bressey 7 to $6\frac{1}{2}$. Miss S. F. Hay 8 to $7\frac{1}{2}$. Non. Assoc. Dr. Clayton 12 to 10.

WOKING CLUB

T. G. Bennett $5\frac{1}{2}$ to 5. Miss J. Hill 11 to 11 D9. Non. Assoc. G. Wiggins 14 to 13 D12.

ALL ENGLAND HANDICAP

Dr. R. M. Milne $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 2. G. Birch $-\frac{1}{2}$ to -1 .

The Apps Bowl is awarded to N. W. T. Cox and the Steel Rose Bowl to Mrs. J. B. Meacham who were chosen as the most improved players of the year.

COMPTON CLUB

D. Himmens 1 to 0. Mrs. D. G. Waterhouse.

BOWDEN CLUB

Mrs. Tyldesley $7\frac{1}{2}$ to 5. Mrs. M. Jackson 10 to 8. Mrs. E. Cocker 12 to 10. Mrs. H. Christie 13 to 11.

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING ON 25th OCTOBER, 1969

1. Matters arising from Meeting of 26th May, 1969

(a) Dr. Bray reported that Rothmans, who were sponsoring a series of instructional film strips at the request of Australia, who had asked for our help, had only provided enough money to pay for 3 strips, whereas 10 were needed to make a satisfactory film. Rothmans were to be approached to increase their grant.

(b) Date of next MacRobertson Shield contest to be held in England. Replies had been received as follows:— Australia 1973 if possible. New Zealand 1973 or if too early 1974.

2. Play-off for second place

Dr. Bray asked whether a play-off for second place in a draw and process (where this arose) or in the Presidents Cup (where a trophy was involved) was obligatory. It was decided that this should be left to the discretion of the Manager.

3. Correspondence

The Council was informed of the death of Mrs. Bell Chambers, President of the Croquet Players Association of New South Wales, and decided to write a letter of condolence.

4. Colchester Club Letter

It was decided that in view of the radical changes proposed by this letter in the constitution of the C.A. and the lack of information available at the moment to evaluate the repercussions, the matter required further examination. An Ad Hoc Committee was appointed to examine the question and report, consisting of:— Dr. Bray, Prof. Neal, Mr. Oldham (Treasurer), Mr. Townsend.

5. Appointment of Test Tour Committee

A Committee (with power to appoint Sub-Committees as necessary) was appointed to make all arrangements for the next MacRobertson Shield Test Tour in England, including venues of Test Matches and entertainment.

The following were appointed:— Mr. J. Solomon, Dr. Wiggins, Prof. Neal, Mr. Oldham (Treasurer), Dr. Bray. The Chairman at the time of the Tournament Committee.

6. Any other business

(a) Mr. Baillieu and Mrs. Sundius-Smith having decided to resign as Editor and Assistant Editor of "Croquet" after the January 1970 issue, Mr. Lloyd Pratt volunteered to undertake the task of Editor, and his offer was gratefully accepted.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Baillieu and Mrs. Sundius-Smith for their services in the past.

(b) It was agreed to send a letter of congratulations to the Edinburgh Club on the success of their inaugural tournament in August 1969.

7. Next Meeting

29th November, 1969.

CONFERENCE OF CLUBS 22nd NOVEMBER, 1969

Over 60 associates attended and much useful discussion took place. The majority agreed that the All England handicap should not be restricted to players of scratch or over. A Novices Competition as run by Budleigh Salterton was recommended to other Clubs for consideration. It was suggested that Clubs which cannot run tournaments should challenge each other. The majority were

not in favour of the full bisque game as a feature of Tournaments but some felt experiments within Clubs should be encouraged.

Both the C.A. Council and individual Clubs are pursuing means of publicising and expanding the game and are seeking aid from the Central Council of Physical Recreation. The proposed free distribution of the revised C.A. Handbook was welcomed and it was hoped associates would read it and also read "Croquet" more thoroughly to keep abreast of changes and developments.

Mr. Christopher Jaques gave an interesting talk on the manufacture of Croquet equipment. He said that lignum vitae, the hardest and heaviest wood for mallets is in short supply and that good Boxwood is unobtainable. A mahogany coloured wood called Rockwood is the only possible substitute. Round mallets are more liable to cracking than square ones. Man-made materials would be four times as expensive as wood. 50% of shafts are made of hickory which is also in short supply. Dagami, a boxwood-coloured wood from Cuba, is pliable and equally good. There is only a small demand for steel shafts. Mallets should never be oiled; they should be kept in an even temperature. A wax polish and varnish are beneficial.

Full minutes have been sent to Clubs.

Minutes of Special General Meeting of the Croquet Association held at the Hurlingham Club on Saturday, 22nd November, 1969

The President Mr. Reckitt took the Chair and said that the meeting had been called to approve the revised Rules of the Croquet Association as published in Croquet September 1969. These were unanimously approved subject to the following:—

Rule No.

I—Line 1. After "of" insert "a Patron". Proposed Major Tolley. I (c)—Delete "whether registered or not". Proposed Mr. Lloyd-Pratt.

VI (b) (ii)—Last line. For "part-time" substitute "part-term".

IX—For "five" substitute "seven". Proposed Major Tolley.

XIV (a)—First two lines to be amended to read "Subject to (b) hereunder, the Council shall have power to make alterations in the Laws and in the Regulations for Tournaments in the following manner." Proposed by Mr. Lloyd-Pratt.

XIV (c)—Delete whole sub-para. Proposed Mr. Lloyd-Pratt. Carried by 40 votes to 12.

XV—Line 3. After "Tournaments" insert full stop. Delete remainder of para. and substitute "His decision shall be published in 'Croquet' and shall be final, unless subsequently modified by the Council." Proposed by Mr. Lloyd-Pratt.

XVI—Line 4. After "Croquet" insert "or sent by post". Proposed Mr. Caporn.

The following points were discussed but not approved:—

II—Council members. Mr. Newton proposed that each Club holding an official tournament should have the right to nominate a member to the Council. Mr. Townsend replied that the Special Committee had considered this at length but had decided that it was too difficult to implement. Clubs already had the power to nominate an existing member of Council to represent them. Motion defeated 23 votes to 11.

VI (b) (iii)—Election of Council. Major Scott asked why voting papers were to be numbered. Mr. Caporn that this was common practice to avoid duplication and to check queries. Only the scrutineers would see the papers which are subsequently destroyed.

XIV (b)—Temporary variations in Laws and Regulations. Mr. Lloyd-Pratt proposed deletion of this sub-para but Mr. Reckitt and Mr. Solomon stressed the value of temporary variations in the development of the game in the past. Motion failed. No seconder.

XXIII—Professionals. Mr. Lloyd-Pratt proposed that this Rule should be retained and reworded. Motion defeated 30 votes to 18. Mr. Lloyd-Pratt then proposed that, as it might be vital to retain some control over professionalism, the Council's amendment should be rejected. Motion defeated 30 votes to 15.

XXIV (now renumbered XXIII)—Subscriptions. Major Scott wished to re-open the question of increased subscriptions, but the Treasurer pointed out that these had been set out in detail in Croquet, April 1969 (A.G.M. Agenda) page 3, and passed at the A.G.M. on 26th May (see A.G.M. Minutes Croquet, July 1969).

Extracts from Minutes of Council Meeting 29th November, 1969

1. Council Membership

(a) A letter was received from A. A. Reed resigning from the Council.

(b) Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan was elected to fill the casual vacancy under Rule XII of C.A. rules as approved at the A.G.M. on 22nd November, 1969.

2. Report of Tournament Committee

(a) The list of Calendar fixtures was approved. The main changes were as follows:—

(i) Men's and Women's Championships to revert to the former dates, i.e. 1st-6th June, to relieve the congestion of important tournaments in July and August.

(ii) Hurlingham Tournament to be split into two separate tournaments 4th-7th August and 10th-15th August.

(iii) Roehampton Tournament to be revived (14th-19th September).

(b) Peel Memorials

(i) An extra X Handicap (Y at discretion of Manager) to be included. Open to Associates only.

(ii) Golf Croquet Championships to be held at this tournament.

(c) Inter-Counties to be played under Laws of Advanced Play. Condition 1 (d) has been amended so as to read:—

"No one is qualified to represent a County who has represented a different County in the year immediately preceding the Competition unless he has previously represented that County, or except in the case of a County which has not competed during the previous year, or unless the County which he has represented in the previous year is not competing."

(d) The following conditions in the event of a play-off were laid down for 1970:—

(i) **Champion of Champions.** Best of three in all matches.

(ii) **President's Cup.** Single Tie—Best of three. Triple Tie or more—Bagnall Wild Single games.

(iii) **Chairman's Salver, Surrey Cup and Ladies' Field Cup.** Single Tie—Single game. Triple Tie or more—Bagnall Wild Single games.

(c) **Open Championships—Doubles** to be Draw and Process.

(f) **Men's and Women's Championships—Mixed Doubles** to be Draw and Process. Du Pre Cup to be Draw and Process at Manager's discretion.

(g) G. E. P. Jackson and Rev. W. E. Gladstone were appointed Managers.

(h) Managers, Referees, and Handicappers for C.A. Tournaments to be appointed by the Clubs at which they are held, who are also responsible for seeing that a report is written for 'CROQUET', C.A. to order the balls.

(j) Clubs to send in to the C.A. proposed Calendar Fixtures for 1971 by Tuesday, 21st October, 1970.

(k) In all best of three games in the Open and Men's and Women's Championships which start at the beginning of play in the morning, and are not interrupted by weather, etc., time shall be called at 9 p.m.

(l) To help Club Secretaries, players should state on their entry forms whether they are C.A. Associates or not, and their Clubs.

(m) Inter-Club Championship to be revived. Dr. Bray to write to all Clubs, and to report to the Council.

3. Report of Finance and General Purposes Committee.

The following were agreed:—

(a) Gratuities to be paid to groundsmen where C.A. events were held:— Hurlingham: £7. Cheltenham: £4. Budleigh Salterton, Colchester, Southwick and Compton: £2.

(b) Prof. Neal to explore steps towards applying for a grant from the C.C.P.R.

(c) 1970 C.A. Handbook to be sent free to all Associates.

(d) C.A. Fixtures Book (Yellow Book) to be sent free to all full subscription Associates, two to all Clubs holding tournaments and one to all other Clubs.

(e) Mr. Townsend and Mr. Oldham to constitute the Committee to select the new Secretary of the C.A.

(f) The Council should buy a plinth for the Steel Bowl.

(g) Estimated excess of expenditure over income for 1969—£16.

4. Report of the Laws Committee

The Laws Committee recommended amendments to the Laws as set out elsewhere in this issue, and the Council passed a resolution proposing their adoption.

5. Notices of Motion

(a) Mr. Reckitt proposed and Mr. Victor Evans seconded a motion to elect Major J. H. Dibley an Honorary Life Member of the C.A. in recognition of his long years of service as a Manager. Carried unanimously. Major Dibley thanked the Council and said how much he appreciated the honour.

(b) Mr. Reckitt proposed the following:—

Seeing that there are now a number of players of great ability who, owing to their employment or other compulsive reasons, are unable to find time to play in tournaments, the Selection Committee should seek to discover evidence of their successes at Clubs where a high standard of play is maintained. If as a result of this, it appears that their performances suggest that they could make a good showing in one of the C.A. invitation events, their absence from tournaments should not in itself prevent the Selection Committee from inviting them to play in these events.

Passed unanimously and it was agreed that the mandate of the Selection Committee should be amended accordingly.

6. Winners of Apps and Steel Bowls

The Chairman of the Handicap Coordination Committee announced that the following awards had been made for 1969:— Apps Bowls: N. W. T. Cox. Steel Bowl: Mrs. J. B. Meacham.

NOTICE OF ALTERATIONS IN THE LAWS Pursuant to Rule XIV.

At their meeting on 29th November the Council passed a resolution proposing the following amendments to the Laws:—

Law 2(d)

Delete the word "only" in lines 1 and 3 and add after the word "wood" in line 3 "or any other material providing that the player thereby gains no advantage over wood".

Law 3(b)

Add at the end of sub-law 3(b):— "In addition a peg or mark may define the east end of A Baulk and the west end of B Baulk".

Law 13(a) (ii)

(a) After "swing of the mallet" in line 2 add:— "prior to impact between mallet and ball".

(b) Substitute semi-colon for full stop at end of first sentence, and add the words:— "or if any part of the strikers ball is within the jaws of a hoop".

NOTE:— The amendment published in Croquet July 1969 page 4, whereby the word "back" was inserted before "swing" was NOT approved by the Council.

Law 23

Delete Law 23(b) and substitute:— "(b) Notwithstanding the generality of sub-law (c) below, a hole in a corner spot shall always be regarded as special damage and the striker may take action accordingly."

Law 43

Add new sub-para as follows:— "(c) When a side plays the first stroke of a turn with the wrong ball, a half bisque or bisque may be played subsequently by either player."

These alterations have to be ratified by the Council, after this publication, before coming into force.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

QUESTION: At a recent tournament, two minus players who started a game at the 3rd hoop, forgot that this was so and played on the assumption that the 3rd hoop was the 1st hoop. Accordingly after making the 4th hoop one and then the other went over to the 1st hoop and continued to play the course the wrong way round. It was over an hour before they realised what they had been doing. It is immaterial how the error was in fact discovered. For the purpose of this question let it be assumed that the Blue, Black and Red clips were on 2-Back, which the Player fondly imagined to be 4-Back. The Yellow clip was on the person of the striker and the yellow ball was in position for the 6th hoop. The precise position of the other balls is not relevant. The striker informs you that he was about to run what he thought to be the Rover when he noticed at last the absence of the red cross-bar on the crown of the hoop. He consulted his adversary, and they mutually discovered the iniquities of their ways. You are consulted as a Referee. What do you decide?

ANSWER: At the moment you have not got sufficient material on which to give a complete ruling. On the face of it, the Blue, Black and Red clips will be placed on the 5th hoop. But the position of the Yellow clip and the position of the balls and the right to play must all depend on the state of the game when Yellow began the turn still in progress, for any irregularity occurring during the turn can still be rectified under law 27. Since the Yellow clip was on the person of the striker it's a fair assumption that the striker had run at least one hoop during that turn. That one hoop would be the 5th hoop. If that was the only hoop he had run he would presumably be entitled to continue his turn and would be in position for the 6th hoop. The fact that the Yellow clip would have been on the side of the hoop does not alter the fact that he has regularly run his hoop in order and would be entitled to a continuation stroke and make further roquets. If, however,

he had started his break earlier, it is clear that he must have run one or more hoops not in order. When the striker did run any such hoop he would undoubtedly have played a continuation stroke to which he was not entitled. The balls should be replaced where they were before this imaginary continuation stroke was played. The Red clip would be placed on the 5th hoop and it would be the right of Blue and Black to play.

CONTINUATION QUESTION: What would be the position if you were called in between turns?

ANSWER: The problem is basically the same. What happened during the last turn is still within the Limit of Claims. If no hoop had been run during such turn, presumably there would be no irregularity to rectify. If the striker, however, had run a hoop out of order, the balls would go back and the adversary would play.

CONTINUATION QUESTION: Now, assume in handicap play, the striker makes a similar mistake by going from the 4th hoop to the 1st hoop and continues to make an all round break during which he takes several bisques. Assume further that the adversary then plays and misses so that the Limit of Claims has expired in accordance with Law 27. What happens if the original striker now discovers the irregularity?

ANSWER: Law 27 does not apply. Law 27 is in Part 2 namely, "The Laws of Ordinary LEVEL Singles play." Part 3 contains, inter alia, the adaptation of these Laws to Handicap Play. It is still within the limit of claims, see Law 39A. The balls would go back and the bisques would be restored. If ever the Laws are printed with "NOTES" there would be a warning note to call attention to this.

THE BIG FOUR—AN AFTERTHOUGHT

Nigel and Keith, Roger and John—
Three names are fresh ones to ponder upon.

Champion of Champions; the title is new;
John keeps his grip on it, what can we do?
Nigel, the toast of Australia, snoops
round the court, leaving the balls tucked in hoops.
Keith is the artist, displaying his zeal
with Quadruple, Quintuple, Sextuple peel.
While Roger strides smilingly round on his way,
with a Triple—taken—"Three times a day".

Solomon, Aspinall, Wylie and Bray:
Which is the one for your money today?

While you're deciding, remember the skill
of William, and Patrick, and Bernard and Bill:
Also David O'Connor, John Simon and Strachan
Who well may come back in unbeatable form:
The future is bright with a host of young stars,
But we do need a Venus to stand up to Mars.
So again I'll endeavour to sum the thing up:—

WHO will part John from that Championship Cup?

With apologies to M.B.R. . . . "Croquet Today", pp. 247, 248. **G.E.C.**

OBITUARY

Miss D. M. Law

The East Dorset (Parkstone) Croquet Club has suffered a sad loss in the passing of Miss Dorothy Law. A keen player and a member of the C.A. for many years. Before the war she and her mother were members of the Bournemouth Croquet Club at Dean Park, Miss Law then playing to a handicap of one.

A consistent player, with a sound knowledge of tactics. After the war the Bournemouth Club was given up, owing to the ground being taken over by the Hampshire Cricket Club, and Miss Law then joined the Parkstone Club, where for many years she was a familiar figure on the lawns.

Heart trouble and increasing arthritis forced her to give up playing in 1968. She always had the best interests of the Club at heart, and was a useful and generous helper at all tournaments. Only a few weeks before her death she was watching at the June Tournament. Always pleasant to play with, either as a partner or opponent, she will be greatly missed by many friends.

H.F.W.

AUSTRALIAN CROQUET COUNCIL

The 20th Annual Carnival was held in Adelaide, South Australia, during October, 1969. The "Eire" Interstate Cup was won by the South Australian team; by a narrow margin they defeated the holders, Victoria.

The Australian Singles Title went to Mrs. S. McDonald, from West Australia, for the first time. She beat Mr. T. Howat, from Victoria, who had been the Champion since 1961, in the final. The English Silver Medal was won by Mr. John Magor, South Australia, and Mr. T. Howat won the Bronze Medal.

Results of the Interstate Teams Contest: South Australia, 5 matches; Victoria, 4 matches; West Australia, 3 matches; New South Wales, 2 matches; Queensland, 1 match; Tasmania, 0 matches.

The A. B. Morrison Memorial Trophy for the Junior "A" player winning the most games in the Singles Championship Event was won by Mrs. E. Tronerud, from Victoria.

LONGMAN CUP RESULTS

HURLINGHAM v. WOKING

18th July, 1969 at Hurlingham

P. L. Gifford-Nash (1½) lost to D. H. Moorcroft (2½) —17.
Mrs. A. W. Skempton (4) beat Capt. H. F. Nalder R.N. (2) +7.
Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (5) beat Mrs. H. F. Nalder (6) +2.
Mrs. Skempton and Mrs. Davidson lost to Capt. and Mrs. Nalder —13.

Gifford-Nash and Mrs. Carlisle beat Moorcroft and Miss Hill +1 on time.

Hurlingham won by 3 matches to 2.

RYDE v. COMPTON

Singles

Miss J. L. Preston (6) beat H. J. Devitt (5) by 2.
Mrs. G. H. Wood (6) beat Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens (8) by 1.
Major J. H. Dibley (2½) lost to Mrs. H. A. Hall (5½) by 11.

Doubles

Miss J. L. Preston and Mrs. G. H. Wood (12) beat Mrs. H. A. Hall and Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens (13½) by 7.
Major J. H. Dibley and Dr. W. F. W. Betenson (9½) lost to H. J. Dextitt and Mrs. H. C. S. Perry (8½) by 11.
Result: Ryde beat Compton by 3 matches to 2.
Ryde names first.

COLCHESTER

(won by 4 games to 1)

Singles

K. Paterson beat Miss Day by 8.
Mrs. Puxon beat Mrs. Zinn by 7.
Mr. Cockayne beat Mr. Palmer by 2.

Doubles

Mrs. Puxon and Cyril Ratcliffe beat Mrs. Zinn and Capt. Greenham by 2.
Miss Day and Mr. Palmer beat Mr. Paterson and Mr. Cockayne by 2.

PARSON'S GREEN v. HARROW OAK

Singles

Mrs. L. Farlie (6) 26. Mr. K. Schofield (11) 19.
Mrs. G. Trull (7) 26. Mr. G. Martin (12) 9.
Mrs. G. Jones (12) 26. Mr. D. Scott (13) 20.

Doubles

Mrs. L. Fairlie and Mrs. G. Trull (13) 26.
Mr. K. Schofield and Mr. G. Martin (23) 7.
Mrs. P. Showan and Mrs. G. Jones (14½) 12.
Mr. D. Scott and Mrs. J. Schofield (27) 26.
Result: 4 games to Parson's Green; 1 game to Harrow Oak.

BOWDON v. EDGBASTON

Bowdon beat Edgbaston by 3 matches to 2. Further details not submitted.

HURLINGHAM v. PARSON'S GREEN

Mrs. A. W. Skempton (4) and Mrs. A. D. Karmel (5½) beat Mrs. L. C. Farlie (6) and Mrs. G. T. Trull (7) by 6.
I. W. Cheavin (4) and Mrs. H. B. H. Carlisle (10) beat Mrs. P. D. Showan (2) and Mrs. Jones (12) by 10.
Mrs. A. W. Skempton (4) beat Mrs. L. C. Farlie by 6.
Mrs. A. D. Karmel (5½) beat Mrs. G. T. Trull by 10.
Mrs. H. B. H. Carlisle (10) v. Mrs. Jones unfinished.
Result: Hurlingham won 4-0, one game unfinished.

SOUTHWICK v. RYDE**Longman Cup**

Played at Ryde on 4th July, 1969. (Southwick names first).

Singles

Mrs. H. Wells (5½) beat Major J. H. Dibley (2½) +19.
Mrs. S. J. Turner (5½) lost to Miss J. L. Preston (6) -5.
Mrs. E. Tucker (6) beat Mrs. G. H. Wood (6) +4.
W. G. B. Scott and Mrs. H. Wells (12½) lost to Miss J. L. Preston and Mrs. G. H. Wood (12) -19.
Mrs. S. J. Turner and Mrs. E. Tucker (11½) beat Major J. H. Dibley and Dr. W. F. W. Betenson (9½) +10.
Result: Southwick won 3-2.

ELLESMERE v. BOWDON**Doubles**

M. Jackson and N. Tylderley (Ellesmere) v. N. Wallwark and M. Grainger Brown (Bowden).
Result: Ellesmere lost -14.
E. Cocker and H. Christie (Ellesmere) v. J. Walker and P. Gelling (Bowden).
Result: Ellesmere won +1 on time.

Singles

N. Tyldesley won over N. Wallwark +15.
E. Cocker won over M. G. Brown +5.
H. Christie lost to J. Walker -9.
Result: Ellesmere won the match 3 games to 2.

COLCHESTER v. WREST PARK**Singles**

K. Paterson (3½) beat H. C. Green (3½) +3.
G. Hallett (2) beat J. A. Wheeler (3) +4.
J. Cockayne (11) lost to A. Davies (4½) -12.

Doubles

Paterson and Cockayne (14½) beat Davis and Green (8) +12.
Mrs. Digby and Hallett (12) lost to G. Cumming and Wheeler (10) -6.
Result: Colchester won 3-2.

HURLINGHAM v. SOUTHWICK**Singles**

A. W. Skempton (3) beat Mrs. H. Wells (5) +9.
Mrs. A. W. Skempton (3) lost to Mrs. S. Turner (5) -5.
B. H. Bliss (8) v. Mrs. E. Tucker (5½) unfinished.

Doubles

Mrs. A. W. Skempton and B. H. Bliss (11) beat Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Tucker (10½) +23.
A. W. Skempton and Mrs. H. B. H. Carlisle (12) beat W. G. B. Scott and Mrs. Wells (11½) +8.
Result: Hurlingham won 3-1, one game unfinished.

ELLESMERE v. COLCHESTER**Singles**

Mrs. Tyldesley beat G. Hallett +16.
Mrs. M. Jackson beat K. Paterson +9.
1 match unfinished.

Doubles

Mrs. N. Tyldesley and Mrs. M. Jackson beat K. Paterson and Mrs. M. Puxon +1.
Mrs. E. Cocker and Mrs. H. Christie beat G. Hallett and Mrs. Dickey +17.
Result: Ellesmere won 4-0, 1 match unfinished.

HURLINGHAM v. ELLESMERE (Final)**Singles**

Mrs. A. W. Skempton (3) lost to Mrs. N. Tyldesley (7½) by 8.
Prof. A. W. Skempton (3) beat Mrs. M. Jackson (10) by 15.
B. H. Bliss (8) v. Mrs. E. Cocker (12) unfinished.

Doubles

B. H. Bliss and Mrs. A. W. Skempton (11) lost to Mrs. N. Tyldesley and Mrs. M. Jackson (17½) by 4.
A. W. Skempton and Mrs. H. B. H. Carlisle (11) beat Mrs. E. Cocker and Mrs. H. Christie (25) by 14.
The third single could not be finished because of failing light. It was agreed that the match should be deemed a draw.

THE ALL ENGLAND HANDICAP SINGLES FINALS

Played at Roehampton 27th September, 1969

The day opened fine and warm as the competitors from 7 different areas assembled for the final battle—and what a battle it proved to be! In the first round, Dr. Milne, the Scottish Challenger, got off to a fine start and was quickly round with one

ball to three back. Eventually his opponent the Rev. W. E. Gladstone got round to 4 back, stuck twice and never did make it—I wonder what his illustrious ancestor would have said about that! Mr. Birch who had left Nottingham in the very early hours, and driven down to Roehampton, then went on the Court and played beautiful croquet to beat Mr. Paterson, who was much below par. In the third first round match, Nigel Aspinall proved too much for Mrs. Speer even with her 8½ bisques. Unfortunately she had never before come up against a player of this calibre and she was naturally nervous and thus did not use her bisques to the best advantage.

In the Semi-Finals, we saw two fine exhibitions of the correct use of bisques by Dr. Milne and Mr. Birch. In the former game, Dr. Milne was extremely nervous and this showed in a weak and scratchy break in which, for some reason, he kept doing his best to tear up his four ball break by removing whenever possible the ball in the middle of the Court! The easiest way to keep such a break going is to keep one ball near the peg. However, Dr. Milne kept going and eventually got round to the peg. Mr. Aspinall shot and missed and Dr. Milne then started on his second break but unfortunately got cross-wired at the fourth hoop. The former attempted a brilliant shot at Dr. Milne's ball by the fourth hoop, just missed it but unfortunately lodged in the hoop. Then followed some nerve racking croquet for the spectators, and no doubt for the competitors, Nigel Aspinall only had one clear shot in the game and that was from behind the 5th hoop to Dr. Milne's ball in the second corner which he missed. Dr. Milne then used up his remaining bisques to get his second ball round and when all seemed over the "little man" popped up in the middle of the Rover Hoop and there was no bisque left to knock him down! Mr. Aspinall then only had a shot at the Rover Ball which he just failed to hit but in hitting the wire he moved the ball in the Rover. There was debate amongst the Spectators as to whether there was a lift or not (look up the laws!) but Dr. Milne, whether he considered the possibility or not we do not know, ran the Rover and then had to trickle to his other ball near the peg which he hit and went out. Mr. Aspinall never took Croquet, fortunately for Dr. Milne, and the game finished in 1 hour. The other semi-final also only lasted about an hour. Gerald Birch was in great form and although Professor Neal took Croquet once and approached the first hoop, that was the extent of his effort. To give 3½ bisques to a Minus Player was too much for him. The time was now about 3 p.m. with only the final to play. The sun was shining from a clear blue sky and both finalists were only too pleased to carry on, as were the Spectators that they should. What a memorable final this proved to be. The first excitement occurred at one back with Red for 1 and yellow for 1 back and Mr. Birch's blue and black in the fourth corner. Dr. Milne decided to shoot with yellow and if he missed, which he did, to take a bisque. Would it not have been better to have shot with red? There is a moral here for long bisquers—think before you shoot as to whether you will take a bisque or not—too often we see them shoot first and think afterwards with often disastrous results! Soon afterwards Dr. Milne, with no bisques left, played an injudicious shot at blue and black just out of the second corner with blue for the second hoop. This, for a minus player, was an unexpected gift and Birch played a perfect break to the Peg. At this stage, Red and Yellow were for the Rover and black for the 3rd hoop. Red was just the other side of the 4th hoop and yellow near the 1st hoop, blue and black being laid up in the 3rd corner. What was Milne going to do? He had no bisques and to our surprise he shot yellow at red, missed and landed up in the fourth corner. Mr. Birch made the 3rd hoop and we thought it was all over but no! Black "feathered" the 4th hoop and missed the return roquet to Red—what luck for Dr. Milne! As Mr. Birch came off the Court he said, "Serves me right for not doing what I ought to have done with black on the boundary behind the 4th hoop and yellow in the 4th corner". What ought he to have done? Shortly afterwards, with red now for the peg, blue 5 yards from red with black on the boundary behind it about 15 yards away, Dr. Milne shot with red at blue, missed and finished up near black. At this point black was for the 6th hoop and again all seemed lost for Dr. Milne, but once again as sometimes happened things went wrong. The four back hoop was not made. We all lived again. Shortly afterwards black shot at Red and Yellow on the North boundary when they were lined up for a rush to the peg, and missed. Then drama intervened again, yellow rushed red towards the stick and we saw it travelling straight for the Penultimate. What would happen, would luck finally desert the gallant Dr. Milne? It held as the red passed safely through the hoop and stopped within a yard of the stick! Excitement to the end!

What an All England—a glorious summer day—at times brilliant croquet and iron nerves at other times human failings—the spectators see all and how easy it is to criticise, how easy to play from a deckchair!

This was the finest All England Finals that I have ever seen. Congratulations to all the competitors and especially to Dr. Milne the winner, and Gerald Birch the runner up. Congratulations too to the doyen of Managers, Miss Lintern, for her management to Mr. Birch for his delightful plaques, and our gratitude to the Roehampton Club for allowing this event to continue to be played on this premier ground, known to Croquet players all over the world and once the headquarters of the game.

Final thought—Scottish players have won this event 3 times in succession—can we any longer, therefore, call it the "All England"!

RESULTS**1st Round**

Dr. R. M. Milne (Edinburgh) (2½) beat Rev. W. E. Gladstone (Cheltenham) (1½) +17.
G. N. Aspinall (Caversham) (-5) beat Mrs. E. Speer (Southwick) (3½) +20.
G. Birch (Nottingham) (-½) beat K. H. Paterson (Colchester) (3½) +14.

Semi-Final

Birch beat Prof. B. G. Neal (Roehampton) (-4) +26.
Milne beat Aspinall +26.

Final

Milne beat Birch +5.

COMPTON CROQUET TOURNAMENT

15th to 21st June, 1969 (received late)

It has been well said that one of the delights of croquet is that it is played amid many charming surroundings. High up on the list of these must be the famous Saffrons at Eastbourne, adjacent to which, on the lawns of Compton Place, our first Royal Patron was accustomed to perform, on the strict understanding, it is said, that it was *lèse majesté* to defeat him, or even to complain of what, in a mere subject, might have been regarded as sharp practice. It seems, indeed, to have been almost synchronous with the accession of King Edward VII that the Croquet Club was started, and it has been the scene of a particularly popular tournament ever since—so much so that it is reported (with how much truth we cannot vouch) that competitors usually accompany their grateful farewells to the Secretary with a copy of their entries for the following June. Certainly to be admitted here is a great honour.

Among those whom it is normal to find at this tournament are two grandmasters (as chess players might designate them), who had indeed entered on this occasion, but were prevented by fell circumstance from putting in an appearance. We refer to Bobby Wiggins and Dudley Hamilton-Miller, whose absence was mourned by all, except possibly those who might have had the ill-fortune to have drawn them in the first round. Others whom most of those present might have preferred to avoid at this—or any other stage—were a handful of members of the two great Sussex Clubs, who seemed to most of those who arrived from other areas to be somewhat more well provided with bisques than their conspicuous merits deserved.

Those of us who had the good fortune to arrive on the previous Sunday, had the joy of a few practice games on what is now a relatively rare phenomenon—a really fast court. But, alas, the rain that fell on the first two days ruthlessly destroyed our anticipated pleasure, while still, admittedly, leaving us with courts that were far more satisfactory than are generally found in these circumstances. After this we had a great deal more sunshine than was allowed to us by the weather forecasts, or seems to have been enjoyed elsewhere. And the Committee had apparently arranged that any further rain should fall in the night.

But the play's the thing; and good play there was in plenty. Giles Borrett, who won the Draw and subsequently the Play-off, and Tiny Tyrwhitt-Drake, who won the Process, were worthy recipients of the Silver Medals, which the C.A. so generously provides. Giles's path was eased by Denno Harris's successive defeats of Edgar Jackson (who only arrived late on Monday afternoon and may have been unwise not to ask for a feel of the lawns), Nora Elvey and Tiny.

The most exciting match was undoubtedly that in which Bryan Lloyd-Pratt triple-peeled and pegged out Tiny and himself, leaving his own second ball in position for the rover and partially wired from Tiny, who was for three back. Tiny hit and, after the innings had changed hands several times, won by one.

Other players to catch the eye were Mr. and Mrs. Cox and Miss Parker, back to her old form on these lawns. The Devitts, as usual, presented problems to their opponents and the handicapper. Either can, and did, defeat fancied players only to fail at an apparently easy hurdle.

The Handicap Doubles event was given special importance, because there were, for the winners, the Kirk-Greene Challenge Bowls, presented by Helen Kirk-Greene in memory of Leslie. E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake and C. W. Haworth won the final by 6, the largest margin of any of their wins.

Wing Comdr. Allen, who had had a poor tournament for him, suddenly produced his true form in the Compton Plate, winning the Final by 26.

If the wind at times was cold—and it was for 'Flaming June'—the welcome was warm. The catering provided by Mrs. Chittenden, as for so many years, was of a quality and variety it would be hard to match anywhere. To say that Mike Perry was a host in himself would hardly be accurate, since his wife Nancy made so large a contribution on the secretarial side, that we owed much to her also. And the tournament was fortunate indeed to have Bryan Lloyd-Pratt as its Manager, for he added to enthusiasm and efficiency, the wit and the gusto that is always so characteristic (one almost wrote 'charismatic') in his case; and he may well have created a record on the Tuesday by getting played on one of the lawns, between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., no less than 6 matches.

PARKSTONE TOURNAMENT

15th-20th September, 1969

The weather, apart from Saturday, was unkind, and Thursday was atrocious, but the hospitality of the club members, the improved condition of the lawns under Piggott, the excellent catering and first class management by Mrs. Elvey more than compensated for this and made up the ingredients of yet another successful and happy Parkstone tournament.

The handicaps of two players in particular appeared over generous and were suitably dealt with by Mrs. Elvey after the week's play. Margaret McMordie threw off her burdens of hard worked and efficient secretary to win the "B" Opens and "Y" Handicap. Surely she will soon be knocking on the door of the "A" Class with her fluent all round stroke play. Young Stephen Hemsted played beautifully to win the "A" Opens (after winning the "B" and "X" last year) and will very soon become a menace to the top players if he can get more top class competition.

Dick Whittington showed no tiredness from his exertions of the previous week in the Surrey Cup and though he just failed to beat Hemsted in the Opens final won through in the "X" when he beat Dr. Bucknall in the final. The latter played well if much too slowly and his ultra cautious play cost him the match which on his ability and 3½ bisques one felt he should have won.

Another improving player is C. Edwards. He would be more popular with his opponents if he could lose that irritating golf habit on the croquet lawn of addressing his ball four or five times for every shot, even the simplest and straight forward. Local player L. Butler showed promise when winning the "C" Handicap.

A combination of two +2 players in doubles is always difficult to beat, as proved to be the case with the winners Dr. Bucknall and Sir Leonard Daldry from Budleigh, although they were made to fight hard in every round.

DRAW**OPEN SINGLES****First Round**

Col. D. W. Beamish (-1½) beat P. Newton (-1½) +6.
R. O. B. Whittington (-1½) beat Sir L. Daldry (2) +21.
Dr. W. R. Bucknall (2) beat Capt. H. Nalder (2) Opp. sex.

Second Round

R. F. Rothwell (-2) beat S. Hemsted (1) +6.
R. O. B. Whittington (-1½) beat Col. D. W. Beamish (-1½) +21.
Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (Scr.) beat Dr. W. R. Bucknall (2) 5 on time.

E. H. S. Shelton (-½) beat Mrs. E. M. McMillan (½) +15.

Semi-Final

R. O. B. Whittington (-1½) beat R. F. Rothwell (-2) +14.
E. H. S. Shelton (-½) beat Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (Scr.) +7.

Final

R. O. B. Whittington (-1½) beat E. H. S. Shelton (-½) +18.

PROCESS**First Round**

P. Newton (-1½) beat Mrs. E. M. McMillan (½) by 4.
S. Hemsted (1) beat Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (Scr.) by 16.
R. F. Rothwell (-2) beat E. H. S. Shelton (-½) by 18.

Second Round

P. Newton (-1½) beat Capt. H. Nalder (2) by Opp. Scr.
S. Hemsted (1) beat R. O. B. Whittington (-1½) by 6.
Dr. W. R. Bucknall (2) beat Col. D. W. Beamish (-1½) by 5.
R. F. Rothwell (-2) beat Sir L. Daldry (2) by 19.

Semi-Final
S. Hemsted (1) beat P. Newton (-1½) by 5.
R. F. Rothwell (-2) beat Dr. W. R. Bucknall (2) by 23.
Final
S. Hemsted (1) beat R. F. Rothwell (-2) by 15.
Play-off S. Hemsted (1) beat R. O. B. Whittington (-1½) +15.

RESTRICTED SINGLES (2½ - 6½)

First Round
Mrs. C. Devitt (6½) beat Miss A. E. Mills (3½) by 6.
Second Round
Major F. Hill Bernhard (4½) beat Mrs. G. H. Wood (6) by 6.
Mrs. C. Devitt (6½) beat Miss W. E. Creed Meredith (6½) by 7.
Miss M. D. McMordie (6) beat Mrs. H. Nalder (6) opp. scr.
F. Henshaw (6) beat Miss K. D. Hickson (3) 11.
Semi-Final
Miss M. D. McMordie (6) beat F. Henshaw by opp. scr.
Mrs. C. Devitt (6½) beat Major F. Hill Bernhard by 2.
Final
Miss M. D. McMordie (6) beat Mrs. C. Devitt (6½) by 17.

HANDICAP SINGLES

First Round
L. Butler (8) beat Mrs. E. M. Bird (9) by 5.
Second Round
C. Edwards (8) beat Mrs. M. Goodricke (16) by 12.
L. Butler (8) beat Mrs. L. Dewies (14) by 23.
Mrs. K. M. Lowein (11) beat Mrs. P. Newton (8) 8.
Mrs. D. Wayman (14) beat Miss M. M. Fickling (13) 12.
Semi-Final
L. Butler (8) beat C. Edwards (8) by 8.
Mrs. D. Wayman (14) beat Mrs. K. M. Lowein (11) by 9.
Final
L. Butler (8) beat Mrs. D. Wayman (14) by 16.

HANDICAP SINGLES "X"

Major F. Hill Bernhard (4½) beat Miss A. E. Mills (3½) by 9.
Mrs. P. Newton (8) beat Mrs. G. H. Wood (6) by 9.
R. O. B. Whittington (-1½) beat C. Edwards (8) by 23.
Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (Scr.) beat Mrs. H. Nalder (6) opp. scr.
Sir L. Daldry (2) beat P. Newton (-1½) by 14.
R. F. Rothwell (-2) beat Miss M. D. McMordie (6) by 4.
Miss K. D. Hickson (3) beat Capt. H. Nalder (2) opp. scr.
L. Butler (8) beat E. H. S. Shelton (-½) by 18.
S. Hemsted (1) beat Mrs. E. M. Bird (9) by 3.
Col. D. W. Beamish (-1½) beat Mrs. E. M. McMillan (½) by 16.
Miss W. E. Creed Meredith (6½) beat Miss M. M. Fickling (13) by 5.
Mrs. K. M. Lowein (11) beat Mrs. C. Devitt (6½) by 12.
Second Round
F. Henshaw (6) beat Mrs. D. Wayman (14) by 2.
Major F. Hill Bernhard (4½) beat Mrs. P. Newton (8) by 4.
R. O. B. Whittington (-1½) beat Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (Scr.) by 7.
R. F. Rothwell (-2) beat Sir L. Daldry (2) by 10.
Miss K. D. Hickson (3) beat L. Butler (8) by 4.
Col. D. W. Beamish (-1½) beat S. Hemsted (1) by 2.
Miss W. E. Creed Meredith (6½) beat Mrs. K. M. Lowein (11) by 11.
Dr. W. R. Bucknall beat Mrs. I. M. Purves (10) by 5.
Third Round
F. Henshaw (6) beat Major F. Hill Bernhard (4½) by 13.
R. O. B. Whittington (-1½) beat R. F. Rothwell (-2) by 10.
Miss K. D. Hickson (3) beat Col. D. W. Beamish (-1½) by 16.
Dr. W. R. Bucknall beat Miss W. E. Creed Meredith (6½) by 6.
Semi-Final
R. O. B. Whittington (-1½) beat F. Henshaw (6) by 16.
Dr. W. R. Bucknall (2) beat Miss K. D. Hickson (3) by 3.
Final
R. O. B. Whittington (-1½) beat Dr. W. R. Bucknall (2) by 8.

HANDICAP SINGLES "Y"

First Round
C. Edwards (8) beat Mrs. G. H. Wood (6) by 2.
P. Newton (-1½) beat Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (Scr.) by 7.
Miss M. D. McMordie beat E. H. S. Shelton (-½) by 15.
Mrs. E. M. McMillan beat Mrs. E. M. Bird (9) opp. retired.
Second Round
Miss A. E. Mills (3½) beat Mrs. D. Wayman (14) by 5.
C. Edwards (8) beat P. Newton (-1½) by 14.
Miss M. D. McMordie (6) beat Mrs. E. M. McMillan (½) by 26.
Mrs. C. Devitt (6½) beat Miss M. M. Fickling (13) by 7.
Semi-Final
C. Edwards (8) beat Miss A. E. Mills (3½) by 14.
Miss M. D. McMordie (6) beat Mrs. C. Devitt (6½) by 16.
Final
Miss M. D. McMordie (6) beat C. Edwards (8) by 9.

Fight

HANDICAP DOUBLES

First Round
Miss K. D. Hickson and Miss M. D. McMordie (9) beat S. Hemsted and L. Butler (9) by 2.
Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. E. M. Bird (10½) beat Mrs. K. M. Lowein and Miss M. M. Fickling (24) by 9.
P. Newton and Mrs. Newton (6½) beat R. F. Rothwell and F. Henshaw (4) by 1.
Second Round
E. H. S. Shelton and C. Edwards (6½) beat Mrs. C. Devitt and Mrs. M. Goodricke (20½) by 8.
Miss K. D. Hickson and Miss M. D. McMordie (9) beat Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. E. M. Bird (10½) by 11.
P. Newton and Mrs. Newton (6½) beat Major F. Hill Bernhard and Mrs. D. Wayman (17½) by 12.
Dr. W. R. Bucknall and Sir L. Daldry (4) beat Mrs. E. M. McMillan and Miss W. E. Creed Meredith (7) 2 on time.
Semi-Final
Miss K. D. Hickson and Miss M. D. McMordie beat E. H. S. Shelton and C. Edwards (6½) by 9.
Dr. W. R. Bucknall and Sir L. Daldry (4) beat P. Newton and Mrs. Newton (6½) by 5.
Final
Dr. W. R. Bucknall and Sir L. Daldry (4) beat Miss K. D. Hickson and Miss M. D. McMordie (9) by 10.

CHELTENHAM AMERICAN TOURNAMENT

Handicap Singles 19th-21st September

Blessed with fine weather, and true lawns, 30 competitors got through 79 Tournament games and 13 friendlies in 3 days. Only 4 games were won on time.
The week-end was certainly Martin Bushnell's "come-back"; it was good to see him playing so well again. He won the 5 games in his block, and 3 games in the play-off. The best was probably against A. C. W. Davies who was on Peg and Rover when his bisques ran out, and Bushwell had not started, but won by +1. Notable, too, was his semi-final against Peter Elmes, which he won +26. After a preliminary skimmish, Bushwell had two immaculate breaks, and Elmes one shot in between from cover to cover which, alas, narrowly missed. They were of course playing level at -1, with no lifts, which admirably justifies the wisdom of Advanced play. A. C. W. Davies also won all games in his block, with a points total of +58, which called for a deserved reduction in handicap.
Block A—Winner: P. W. Elmes (-1) beat Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-3) +22, Miss R. M. Allen (2½) +11, Miss E. H. Arkell (16) +18, lost to Dr. E. L. Knowles (5½) -8, and Col. G. T. Wheeler (½) -1.
Block B—Winner: M. J. Bushnell (-1) beat G. E. P. Jackson (-3) +4, J. A. Wheeler (2) +5, Mrs. J. H. Whitehead (5) +4, L. G. Ayliffe (6) +11, R. A. Lewty (10) +13.
Block C—Winner: A. C. W. Davies (4½) beat J. G. Warwick (-2) +10, J. N. Robinson (-½) +12, Prof. A. C. W. Ross (2) +15, Miss W. K. Allardyce (6½) +10, Mrs. S. Blenkin (11) +11.
Block D—Winner: P. W. Hands (-2) beat H. C. Green (3) +16, W. J. Sturdy (5) +21, Miss M. Palmer (6) +9, A. Blenkin (12) +21, and lost to Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (-1) -6.
Block E—Winner: R. D. C. Prichard (2) beat F. W. Meredith (½) +21, Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (5½) +6, H. Hodgson (9) +14, and lost to Miss K. M. O. Sessions (-2) -10, Brig. L. E. Bourke (11) -5.
Play-off: M. J. Bushnell beat A. C. W. Davies +1.
Semi-Final: M. J. Bushnell beat P. W. Elmes +26; R. D. C. Prichard beat P. W. Hands +21.
Final: M. J. Bushnell beat R. D. C. Prichard +13.

DEVONSHIRE PARK. 1969

There is an ancient permanence about Devonshire Park and this was a vintage year. For two whole weeks young and old came forth to play and were distilled by sunshine. The unhealed scars of a long dry season on the lawn were a small price to pay for this unwonted extension of summer.
Here Croquet is open to general view, uncocooned by the inhibiting aura of a Club, and this year literally hundreds of Confederers and holiday-makers wandered in and wondered and watched. If the Exhibition on the middle Sunday was aimed at them it misfired as there was no commentary this year and the strategy and complicated manoeuvres baffled even some of the many Croquet players watching. But it was a delight to watch Solomon, Aspinall, Neal and Wiggins; we marvelled at their skill on an imperfect lawn and appreciated their unselfishness in once more coming down solely to give us this Exhibition. One visitor was over heard

boasting: "I've seen proper croquet played. I saw the Duke of Marlborough play—in America."

The first week, a conventional programme, ran sweetly to its terminus. Major Dibley has a light touch and knows from experience the inevitability of gradualness. I would like a new word to suit him, omnipotent perhaps. There was a competition for a word to describe a ball-by-ball reconteur. 'Button-hooper', 'break-recorder', 'boron' were suggested but Cdr. Borrett won with 'Katie' ("What Katie Did", etc.) though perhaps Katydid, that repetitive persistent insect, might have been even better.

Dr. Wiggins is certainly no 'katydid', he aptly described one of his games as 'bang-bang 45 minutes'. He was defeated once only —by J. G. Warwick—and won the play-off against Col. Prichard after both had hit almost every long shot, belying some of the more exaggerated complaints about the lawns.

Cooper too shattered Mrs. Temple with his long-shooting to win the 'X'; both had cracked some tough nuts to reach the final. The Trevor Williams Cup was very open; Scott-Page and Mrs. Cane both seemed to play better as the week progressed. In the Luard Mrs. Woods greater experience was not sufficient to quell the irrepressible Tucker. There was a smallish entry for the Salver —there might well be a case for Draw and Process, as it is level advanced play. If all the entrants played like the finalists there would certainly be time; two more decided quick players than Gladstone and Wilson-Haffenden I have yet to see. No 'snailing' here.

But the highlight of this week was the tactical skill of Col. and Mrs. Wheeler in Handicap Doubles. The formula was patience, peeling and pegging-out. Col. Wheeler did not regard the game as started until the opposition senior partner had been tempted to run 4 back: immediately with a lavish use of bisques that partner was put out of the game—and the day was won. In the final R. O. Hicks and Miss Lintern were both at 4 back in no time, but Hicks was prevailed on to run it and the formula worked as before. Mrs. Wheeler is an ideal partner in guile; the sorcerer's apprentice.

The second week is an attractive but complex programme. With eleven finals and two play-offs it demands good weather and skilful manipulation. A Plate was introduced this year for players knocked out in the Opens to bring their minimum number of games up to that of the restricted stream. Two rounds of the big handicap were played on Monday and those knocked out demanded an extra or 'YY', which started that evening. But later in the week with courts and players fully occupied it became a burden and proved the planners right in not including an official 'Y'.

The guiding genius of management was Col. Cave. He moved his office to the lower balcony and there with arachnidian skill he wove his plans. The outstanding player of the week was Himmens, that fighting Temeraire the holder of the Apps bowl and justifying his selection by winning the restricted Handicap, the Handicap Doubles with Miss Parker, and being runner-up in the big 'X'. Then one remembers Borrett cutting his way through both halves until Cooper out-paced him in one side and both were overcome by Hamilton-Miller who won with the apparent ease and dignity of an ocean liner docking. The accuracy and concentration of Mrs. Longman earned much admiration. To beat Himmens at the end of two weeks hard play was triumph indeed, while her final against Mrs. Rotherham was diamond cut diamond. There is a flawless inevitability about Mrs. Rotherham's breaks that spellbinds opponents and spectators alike, and this week she produced them often enough to win both Draw and Process. Guy Warwick had moments of triumph and disaster and treated the 'two impostors just the same'. He again captured a Victor Vase; this time Tyrwhitt-Drake, who also won the Plate, was his partner.

There was evidence of an upsurge of improving women players. Watch, and watch with pleasure, Mrs. Neal—who will surely rocket down through the 'B's'; Mrs. Walker with the graceful Bowden pointed toe; Mrs. J. H. Whitehead who adorns the centre style; Miss Hay, the youngest, who hits her ball beautifully; Mrs. Cave, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Povey all still improving and, perhaps most improved of all, Mrs. Meachem. Mrs. Meachem withstood the ordeal of being watched by large groups of Councillors, with players explaining the game to them, and produced croquet of such quality that one remarked: 'I saw the men bang the ball about yesterday, but it was not until I saw the young lady in trousers play the gentleman with the beard that I realised what a scientific game croquet is'.

As we retire to our hibernacles we look back with gratitude to the architects of this fortnight. There will always be 'frogs in the marsh mud' who 'drone their old lament' but only a noisy few. Thank-you Mike Perry for undertaking the secretarial work which was not made easier by our deficiencies in reading, writing and arithmetic, and a very big thank-you to our successive and successful managers for giving themselves so much hard work and expense and us so much pleasure.

DRAW

IONIDES CHALLENGE TROPHY

First Round
Mrs. Chittenden beat Mrs. Fotiadi by 8.
Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard beat Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 18.
Mrs. Rotherham beat G. E. P. Jackson by 21.
Second Round
Cmdr. G. Borrett beat Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard by 13.
A. J. Cooper beat G. W. Williams by 12.
J. G. Warwick beat Mrs. N. C. S. Perry by 26.
Lt. Col. Prichard beat Mrs. Chittenden by 20.
R. O. Hicks beat Mrs. Rotherham by 13.
D. J. I. Hamilton-Miller beat Miss K. M. O. Sessions by 17.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins beat Miss E. J. Warwick by 21.
E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake beat Mrs. W. Longman by 6.
Third Round
A. J. Cooper beat Cmdr. G. Borrett by 11.
Lt. Col. Prichard beat J. G. Warwick by 19.
R. O. Hicks beat D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller by 16.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins beat E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake by 19.
Semi-Final
A. J. Cooper beat Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard by 8.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins beat R. O. Hicks by 5.
Final
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins beat A. J. Cooper by 16.
Play-Off: Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +14.

PROCESS

First Round
A. J. Cooper beat E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake by 4.
Miss E. J. Warwick beat Cmdr. G. Borrett by 11.
Mrs. W. Longman beat Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard by 6.
Second Round
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller beat Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 21.
A. J. Cooper beat Mrs. Rotherham by 14.
R. O. Hicks beat Mrs. N. C. S. Perry by 23.
Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard beat Miss E. J. Warwick by 5.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins beat Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi by 15.
G. E. P. Jackson beat G. W. Williams by 16.
J. G. Warwick beat Miss K. M. O. Sessions by 8.
Mrs. G. F. U. Elvey beat Mrs. W. Longman W.O. oppr. scrted.
Third Round
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller beat A. J. Cooper by 12.
Lt. Col. Prichard beat R. O. Hicks by 3.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins beat G. E. P. Jackson by 4.
J. G. Warwick beat Mrs. G. F. U. Elvey by 21.
Semi-Final
Lt. Col. Prichard beat D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller by 16.
J. G. Warwick beat Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins by 10.
Final
Lt. Col. Prichard beat J. G. Warwick by 10.

THE DEVONSHIRE PARK SALVER

First Round
D. A. Harris beat Col. G. T. Wheeler +10.
D. Himmens beat Lady G. Fitzgerald +3.
Miss F. J. Joly beat Miss H. D. Parker +10.
Second Round
Gen. D. J. Wilson Haffenden beat Mrs. E. M. Temple +24.
D. Himmens beat D. A. Harris +6.
Miss F. J. Joly beat Miss D. A. Lintern +25.
Rev. W. E. Gladstone beat M. B. Reckitt +10.
Semi-Final
Gen. D. J. Wilson Haffenden beat D. Himmens +5.
Rev. W. E. Gladstone beat Miss F. J. Joly +14.
Final
Rev. W. E. Gladstone beat Gen. D. J. Wilson Haffenden +10.

THE LUARD CUP

First Round
Miss M. Bryan beat Mrs. J. H. Whitehead +5.
E. J. Tucker beat Mrs. J. Walker +9.
Mrs. G. H. Wood beat Mrs. J. Povey +10.
Semi-Final
E. J. Tucker beat Miss M. Bryan +16.
Mrs. G. H. Wood beat W/Cmdr. D. L. Allen +21.
Final
E. J. Tucker beat Mrs. G. H. Wood +3.

TREVOR WILLIAMS CUP

First Round
Mrs. H. M. G. Cane beat C. S. Phillips +2.
Mrs. H. Harris beat Mrs. P. West +12.
Mrs. D. G. Waterhouse beat Miss S. F. Hay +3.
G. Scott Page beat Mrs. F. A. Shiel +7.

Semi-Final

Mrs. H. M. G. Cane beat Mrs. H. Harris +17.
G. Scott Page beat Mrs. D. G. Waterhouse +13.

Final

G. Scott Page beat Mrs. H. M. Cane +17.

OPEN HANDICAP 'X'**First Round**

Gen. D. J. Wilson-Haffenden (2) beat Mrs. J. H. Whitehead (5) by 9.
G. E. P. Jackson (-3) beat Mrs. A. Fotiadi (0) by 20.
A. J. Cooper (-3½) beat C. S. Phillips (10) by 16.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-½) beat Cmdr. Borrett (-2½) by 9.
Mrs. H. Harris (13) beat Mrs. D. G. Waterhouse (14) by 5.
Mrs. H. M. G. Cane (10) beat Miss H. D. Parker (2½) by 2.
E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (-1½) beat Col. G. T. Wheeler (½) by 14.
E. J. Tucker (6) beat Rev. W. E. Gladstone (1½) by 9.
Mrs. F. A. Sheil (9) beat Mrs. J. Walker (4½) by 10.
G. Scott Page (7) beat J. G. Warwick (-2) by 7.
D. A. Harris (½) beat Lady Fitzgerald (2) by 5.

Second Round

M. B. Reckitt (2) beat W/Cmdr. D. L. Allen (6½) by 8.
Mrs. J. Povey (6) beat Miss D. A. Lintern (1) by 6.
Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) beat Mrs. G. Wood (6) by 8.
Miss S. F. Hay (8) beat Mrs. P. West (12) by 8.
Gen. Wilson Haffenden (2) beat D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-3½) by 26.
A. J. Cooper (-3½) beat G. E. P. Jackson (-3) by 20.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-½) beat Mrs. H. Harris (13) by 10.
Mrs. H. M. G. Cane (10) beat E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (-1½) by 2.
E. J. Tucker (6) beat Mrs. F. A. Sheil (9) by 2.
G. Scott Page (7) beat D. A. Harris (½) by 23.
D. Himmens (2½) beat Mrs. W. Longman (-1½) by 6.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) beat Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-3) by 8.
Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (-1) beat Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (-½) by 14.
Miss F. I. Joly (2) beat Miss M. Bryan (6) by 2.
Mrs. E. M. Temple (2½) beat R. O. Hicks (-1½) by 15.
G. W. Williams (-1) beat Miss K. M. O. Sessions (-2) by 5.

Third Round

M. B. Reckitt (2) beat Mrs. J. Povey (6) by 12.
Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) beat Miss S. F. Hay (8) by 15.
A. J. Cooper (-3½) beat Gen. Wilson Haffenden (2) by 20.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-½) beat Mrs. H. M. G. Cane (10) by 2.
E. J. Tucker (6) beat G. Scott Page (7) by 16.
D. Himmens (2½) beat Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) by 13.
Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (-1) beat Miss F. I. Joly (2) by 16.
Mrs. E. M. Temple (2½) beat G. W. Williams (-1) by 16.

Fourth Round

Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) beat M. B. Reckitt (2) by 4.
A. J. Cooper (-3½) beat Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-½) by 15.
D. Himmens (2½) beat E. J. Tucker (6) by 8.
Mrs. E. M. Temple (2½) beat Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (-1) by 6.

Semi-Final

A. J. Cooper (-3½) beat Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) by 24.
Mrs. E. M. Temple (2½) beat D. Himmens (2½) by 8.

Final

A. J. Cooper (-3½) beat Mrs. E. M. Temple (2½) by 8.

HANDICAP SINGLES 'Y'

Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi (0) beat Mrs. J. H. Whitehead (5) by 3 on time.

Cmdr. G. Borrett (-2½) beat C. S. Phillips (10) by 2.
Miss H. D. Parker (2½) beat Mrs. D. G. Waterhouse (14) by 5.
Rev. W. E. Gladstone (1½) beat Col. G. T. Wheeler (½) by 22.
Mrs. J. Walker (4½) beat J. G. Warwick (-2) by 19.
Mrs. W. Longman (-1½) beat Lady Fitzgerald (2) by 6.

Second Round

Miss D. A. Lintern (1) beat W/Cmdr. D. A. Allen (6½) by 11.
Mrs. G. U. Wood (6) beat Mrs. P. West (12) by 12.
Mrs. Fotiadi (0) beat D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-3½) by 24.
Cmdr. G. Borrett (-2½) beat Miss H. D. Parker (2½) by 2.
Mrs. J. Walker (4½) beat Rev. W. E. Gladstone (1½) by 22.
Mrs. Longman (-1½) beat Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-3) W.O. opp. scrt.

Miss M. Bryan (6) beat Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (-½) by 26.
R. O. Hicks (-1½) beat Miss K. M. O. Sessions (-2) by 13.

Third Round

Miss D. A. Lintern (1) beat Mrs. G. U. Wood (6) by 16.
Cmdr. G. Borrett (-2½) beat Mrs. Fotiadi (0) by 19.
Mrs. J. Walker (4½) beat Mrs. Longman (-1½) by 15.
R. O. Hicks (-1½) beat Miss Bryan (6) by 8.

Semi-Final

Miss D. A. Lintern (1) beat Cmdr. G. Borrett (-2½) by 16.
Mrs. Walker (4½) beat R. O. Hicks (-1½) by 26.

Final

Mrs. J. Walker (4½) beat Miss D. A. Lintern (1) by 19.

HANDICAP DOUBLES**First Round**

Cmdr. G. Borrett and Miss N. D. Parker (0) beat A. J. Cooper and Mrs. P. West (8½) by 4.
Rev. W. F. Gladstone and General Wilson Haffenden (3½) beat Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. F. A. Sheil (4) by 8.
R. O. Hicks and Miss D. A. Lintern (-½) beat Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss M. Bryan (3) by 9.
Mrs. G. F. U. Elvey and Mrs. H. M. G. Cane (9½) beat G. E. P. Jackson and G. Scott Page (4) by 13.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and C. J. U. Tolley (-1½) beat Miss F. S. Joly and Lady Fitzgerald (4) by 7.

Second Round

Lt. Col. C. L. Prichard and Mrs. Povey (3) beat Mrs. E. M. Temple and C. S. Phillips (10½) by +7.
Miss K. M. D. Sessions and Mrs. H. Harris (-11) beat E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake and D. A. Harris (-1) +11 on time.
Cmdr. G. Borrett and Miss Parker (0) beat Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi and Mrs. J. Walker (4½) by 7.
R. O. Hicks and Miss D. A. Lintern (-½) beat Rev. W. F. Gladstone and Gen. Wilson Haffenden (3½) by 6.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and C. J. U. Tolley (-1½) beat Mrs. G. F. U. Elvey and Mrs. H. M. G. Cane (9½) by 7.
Col. G. T. Wheeler and Mrs. G. T. Wheeler (13½) beat Mrs. W. Longman and W/Cmdr. D. L. Allen (5) by 2.
Mrs. Chittenden and E. J. Tucker (5½) beat G. W. Williams and M. B. Reckitt (1) by 14.
J. G. Warwick and Mrs. G. U. Wood (4) beat Mrs. N. M. P. Prichard and Mrs. J. U. Whitehead (4) by 10.

Third Round

Miss Sessions and Mrs. U. Harris (-1) beat Lt. Col. Prichard and Mrs. Povey (3) by 8.
R. O. Hicks and Miss D. A. Lintern (-½) beat Cmdr. Borrett and Miss Parker (0) by 21.
Col. Wheeler and Mrs. Wheeler (13½) beat D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and C. J. U. Tolley (-1½) by 1.
Mrs. Chittenden and E. J. Tucker (5½) beat J. G. Warwick and Mrs. G. U. Wood (4) by 10.

Semi-Final

R. O. Hicks and Miss D. A. Lintern (-½) beat Miss Sessions and Mrs. Harris (11) by 1 on time.
Col. Wheeler and Mrs. Wheeler (13½) beat Mrs. Chittenden and E. J. Tucker (5½) by 4.

Final

Col. Wheeler and Mrs. Wheeler (13½) beat R. O. Hicks and Miss D. A. Lintern (-½) by 2.

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS—S. OF ENGLAND**DRAW****First Round**

Col. G. T. Wheeler beat D. A. Harris +14.
Col. D. M. C. Prichard beat E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +21.
G. W. Williams beat J. G. Warwick +4.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller beat Brig. A. F. G. Forbes +15.

Second Round

Cmdr. G. Borrett beat D. Figgis +21.
Col. G. T. Wheeler beat Col. D. M. C. Prichard +22.
D. S. M. Hamilton-Miller beat W/O G. Williams.
A. S. Cooper beat W. E. Moore +1.

Semi-Final

Cmdr. G. Borrett beat Col. G. T. Wheeler +16.
A. S. Cooper beat D. S. M. Hamilton-Miller +13.

Final

A. S. Cooper beat Cmdr. G. Borrett +4.

PROCESS**First Round**

A. J. Cooper beat D. A. Harris +26.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller beat D. Figgis +20.
G. W. Williams beat W. E. Moore +14.
Cmdr. G. Borrett beat Brig. F. E. Forbes +22.

Second Round

A. J. Cooper beat J. A. Warwick +13.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller beat E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +16.
G. W. Williams beat Col. G. T. Wheeler +7.
Cmdr. G. Borrett beat Col. D. M. C. Prichard +2.

Semi-Final

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller beat A. J. Cooper +3.
Cmdr. G. Borrett beat G. W. Williams +7.

Final

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller beat Cmdr. G. Borrett +18.
Play-off: D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller beat A. J. Cooper +18.

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS—S. OF ENGLAND**DRAW****First Round**

Mrs. E. Rotherham beat Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +21.
Miss E. J. Warwick beat Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot +20.

Second Round

Mrs. A. Fotiadi beat Miss K. M. O. Sessions.
Mrs. A. Rotherham beat Mrs. H. C. S. Perry +26.
Miss E. J. Warwick beat Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard +24.
Mrs. W. Longman beat Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +7.

Semi-Final

Mrs. E. Rotherham beat Mrs. A. Fotiadi +10.
Mrs. W. Longman beat Miss E. J. Warwick +13.

Final

Mrs. E. Rotherham beat Mrs. W. Longman +22.

PROCESS**First Round**

Mrs. A. Fotiadi beat Mrs. W. Longman +8.
Miss K. M. O. Sessions beat Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +3.

Second Round

Miss E. J. Warwick beat Mrs. H. C. S. Perry +23.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey beat Mrs. A. Fotiadi +8.
Mrs. E. Rotherham beat Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard +11.
Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot beat Miss K. M. O. Sessions +3.

Semi-Final

Miss E. J. Warwick beat Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +14.
Mrs. E. Rotherham beat Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot +5.

Final

Mrs. E. Rotherham beat Miss E. J. Warwick +23.

Winner: Mrs. E. Rotherham.

Play-off: 2nd place divided, Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. W. Longman.

THE FELIX CUP—RESTRICTED HANDICAP**First Round**

Mrs. H. Harris (13) beat W/O C. S. Phillips.
H. J. Devitt (6) beat Lady G. Fitzgerald (2) by 6.
E. J. Tucker (5) beat Mrs. J. Walker (4) by 17.
Mrs. J. Povey (6) beat Mrs. G. E. Bressey (7) by 5.
Miss H. D. Parker (2½) beat Mrs. P. West (12) by 12.
Mrs. G. Cave (6) beat M. B. Reckitt (2) by 21.

Second Round

D. Himmens (2½) beat C. H. Townshend (7) by 15.
Mrs. E. Temple (2) beat Miss D. A. Lintern (1) by 18.
H. J. Devitt (6) beat Mrs. H. Harris (13) by 15.
E. J. Tucker (5) beat Mrs. J. Povey (6) by 14.
Mrs. G. Cave (6) beat Miss H. D. Parker (2½) by 14.
Mrs. H. J. Devitt (6½) beat Miss F. I. Joly (2).
Mrs. B. G. Neal (8) beat Miss M. Bryan (6) by 5.
Mrs. J. Meacham (4½) beat Mrs. D. G. Waterhouse (14) by 9.

Third Round

D. Himmens (2½) beat Mrs. E. Temple (2) by 16.
E. J. Tucker (5) beat H. J. Devitt (6) by 4.
Mrs. G. Cave (6) beat Mrs. H. J. Devitt (6½) by 16.
Mrs. B. G. Neal (8) beat Mrs. J. Meacham (4½) by 16.

Semi-Final

D. Himmens (2½) beat E. J. Tucker (5) by 4.
Mrs. B. G. Neal (8) beat Mrs. G. Cave (6) by 10.
D. Himmens (2½) beat Mrs. B. G. Neal (8) +2.

HANDICAP 'Y'**First Round**

Mrs. J. Walker (4) beat Lady Fitzgerald (2) +19.
Mrs. E. E. Bressey (7) beat Mrs. P. West (12) +6.

Second Round

C. H. Townshend (7) beat Miss D. A. Lintern (1) +20.
Mrs. E. E. Bressey (7) beat Mrs. J. Walker (4) +6.
Miss F. Joly (2) beat M. B. Reckitt (2) +7.
Miss M. Bryan (6) beat Mrs. Waterhouse (14) +3.

Semi-Final

C. H. Townshend (7) beat Mrs. E. E. Bressey (7) +4.
Miss F. Joly (2) beat Miss M. Bryan (6) +9.

Final

Miss F. Joly (2) beat C. H. Townshend (7) +13.

HANDICAP 'Z'**First Round**

Miss D. A. Lintern beat W/O Mrs. Waterhouse.
Lady Fitzgerald beat Mrs. Temple +15.
Mrs. Harris beat W/O Mrs. West.

Second Round

Mrs. Povey beat M. B. Reckitt +7.
Miss D. A. Lintern beat Lady Fitzgerald +12.
Miss Parker beat Mrs. Harris +11.
Mrs. Meacham beat Mrs. Devitt.

Semi-Final

Mrs. Povey beat Miss D. A. Lintern +12.
Mrs. Meacham beat Miss Parker +12.

Final**DIVIDED.****HANDICAP SINGLES****SUSSEX UNION CHALLENGE CUP****First Round**

Mrs. W. Longman (-1½) beat Miss F. J. Joly (2) by 24.
H. J. Devitt (6) beat Mrs. E. E. Bressey (7) by 15.
Lady Fitzgerald (2) beat Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (-½) by 20.
J. G. Warwick (-2) beat Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-½) by 3.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-3½) beat Miss D. A. Lintern (1) by 17.
D. A. Harris (½) beat M. B. Reckitt (2) by 7.
Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-3) beat Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (½) by 14.

Second Round

Mrs. J. Walker (4) beat Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (-1) by 4.
Mrs. A. Fotiadi (0) beat Mrs. E. M. Temple (2) by 10.
Col. G. T. Wheeler (½) beat Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) by 10.
D. Figgis (-½) beat Miss H. D. Parker (2½) by 16.
Mrs. J. Povey (6) beat Mrs. H. Harris (13) by 13.
E. J. Tucker (5) beat Miss K. M. O. Sessions (-2) by 20.
Mrs. W. Longman (-1½) beat H. J. Devitt (6) by 13.
J. G. Warwick (-2) beat Lady Fitzgerald (2) by 20.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-3½) beat D. A. Harris (½) by 5.
Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-3) beat Miss M. Bryan (6) by 10.
Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes (-1) beat E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (-1½) by 11.
A. J. Cooper (-3½) beat Mrs. B. G. Neal (8) by 6.
G. W. Williams (-1) beat Mrs. P. West (12) by 16.
Mrs. H. J. Devitt (6½) beat C. S. Phillips (10) W/O.
Mrs. J. B. Meacham (4½) beat Rev. C. H. Townshend (7) by 9.
D. Himmens (2½) beat Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) by 14.

Third Round

Mrs. A. Fotiadi (0) beat Miss J. Walker (4) by 9.
Col. G. T. Wheeler (½) beat D. Figgis (-½) by 21.
Mrs. J. Povey (6) beat E. J. Tucker (5) by 8.
Mrs. W. Longman (-1½) beat J. G. Warwick (-2) by 5.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-3½) beat Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-3) by 13.
A. J. Cooper (-3½) beat Brig. Revd. A. F. G. Forbes (-1) by 12.
G. Williams (-1) beat Mrs. H. J. Devitt (6½) by 7.
D. Himmens beat Mrs. J. B. Meacham (4½) by 4.

Fourth Round

Mrs. A. Fotiadi (0) beat Col. G. T. Wheeler (½) by 6.
Mrs. W. Longman (-1½) beat Mrs. J. Povey (6) by 4.
A. J. Cooper (-3½) beat D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-3½) by 15.
D. Himmens (2½) beat G. Williams (-1) by 3.

Semi-Final

Mrs. W. Longman (-1½) beat Mrs. A. Fotiadi (0) by 15.
D. Himmens (2½) beat A. J. Cooper (-3½) by 24.

Final

Mrs. W. Longman (-1½) beat D. Himmens (2½) by 14.

OPEN DOUBLES—VICTOR VASES

First Round

Col. and Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard beat W. Moore and D. Harris +4.
E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake and J. G. Warwick beat Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +8.

Second Round

Mrs. A. Fotiadi and Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot beat Miss R. M. O. Sessions and Col. G. T. Wheeler +3.
Mrs. Rotherham and D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller beat Col. and Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard +19.
E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake and J. G. Warwick beat D. Figgis and Brig. R. G. F. Forbes +11.
A. J. Cooper and Miss E. J. Warwick beat Mrs. W. Longman and G. W. Williams +18.

Semi-Final

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and Mrs. E. Rotherham beat Mrs. A. Fotiadi and Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot +23.
E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake and J. A. Warwick beat A. J. Cooper and Miss E. J. Warwick +11.

Final

E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake and J. A. Warwick beat D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and Mrs. E. Rotherham +3.

HANDICAP DOUBLES

First Round

H. J. Devitt and Mrs. J. Walker beat Mrs. E. Bressey and Mrs. J. Povey +5.

Second Round

Lady Fitzgerald and Miss F. Joly beat Mrs. J. B. Meacham and Mrs. G. E. Cave +6.
H. J. Devitt and Mrs. J. Walker beat Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. B. A. Neal +12.
M. B. Reckitt and E. J. Tucker beat Rev. C. H. Townshend and Mrs. E. M. Temple +12.
Miss H. D. Parker and D. Himmens beat Mrs. P. West and Mrs. H. Harris +8.

Semi-Final

H. J. Devitt and Mrs. J. Walker beat Lady Fitzgerald and Miss F. Joly +22.
Miss H. D. Parker and D. Himmens beat M. B. Reckitt and E. J. Tucker +7.

Final

Miss H. D. Parker and D. Himmens beat H. J. Devitt and Mrs. J. Walker +14.

CHELTENHAM WEEK-END

17th-19th October, 1969

32 players were accepted but still some were left on the waiting list. Those who got in were very welcome, new faces as well as

the old faithfuls; from Ryde, Woking and Roehampton, Nottingham, Budleigh and Brighton, and goodness knows where else, not to mention the habitués from Wales and Wrest Park.

For October the first two days were glorious, but the last messed it all up! The intended play-off, for everyone to make a sixth match, could not be mounted, while the good idea of playing them as Doubles instead was spoilt by the shortage of time and the rotten weather.

In spite of this the company seemed to enjoy itself even to the last, and left the feeling that, providing continuous croquet results from 10 a.m. till after dark, players like being over-organised, brow-beaten and denied proper meal-times. So, if you want non-stop croquet go to Cheltenham!

G. N. Aspinall (-5) and Miss K. M. O. Sessions (-2) alone won all their five matches in the blocks. He narrowly beat her in the final by 5. Lt. Col. G. E. Cave (0) and Dr. E. L. Knowles (5½) shared third place. J. W. Kerr (7), in his first tournament, won the hidden prize for the player coming right in the middle of the average result.

BLOCK A

G. N. Aspinall (-5) beat Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (-1) by 16; Lt. Col. G. E. Cave (0) by 13; J. A. Wheeler (2) by 1; Mrs. J. B. Meachem (4½) by 24; J. W. Kerr (7) by 14.
Lt. Col. G. E. Cave beat Mrs. N. C. Elvey (-½) by 21; Miss D. A. Lintern (1) by 5; A. J. Bucknell (3) by 18; L. G. Ayliffe (6) by 7.
Mrs. G. H. Wood (6) beat G. E. P. Jackson (-3) by 24; Miss D. A. Lintern by 20; A. J. Bucknell by 8.
Mrs. J. B. Meachem beat Mrs. N. C. Elvey by 25; D. C. Caporn (½) by 20; D. H. Moorcraft (2½) by 14.
D. H. Moorcraft beat Jackson by 22; Miss D. A. Lintern by 11; Kerr by 14.
G. Birch (-½) beat Moorcraft by 4; Mrs. Wood by 8; Mrs. K. M. Lowein (11) by 19.
J. W. Kerr beat Mrs. Elvey by 3 on time; Caporn by 19; Mrs. Wood by 9 on time.
Mrs. Prichard beat Birch by 4; Miss Lintern by 13; Ayliffe by 6 on time.
Jackson beat Mrs. Elvey by 3; Caporn by 20; Mrs. Lowein by 14.
A. J. Bucknell beat Mrs. Prichard by 10; Wheeler by 4; Mrs. Lowein by 1.
J. A. Wheeler beat Caporn by 8; Ayliffe by 5.
L. G. Ayliffe beat Mrs. Meachem by 1 on time; Mrs. Lowein by 21.
Mrs. Lowein beat Miss Lintern by 7.
Mrs. Elvey beat Wheeler by 3.
D. C. Caporn beat Birch by 6.

BLOCK B

Miss K. M. O. Sessions (-2) beat E. H. S. Shelton (-½) by 19; Dr. W. R. Bucknall (1½) by 8; W. J. Sturdy (6) by 6; Mrs. G. E. Cave (6) by 5; Mrs. A. Bucknell (12) by 7.
Dr. E. L. Knowles (5½) beat Shelton by 14; Dr. Bucknall by 11; Sturdy by 25; Miss W. K. Allardyce (6½) by 21.
Rev. W. E. Gladstone (1½) beat Shelton by 7; Miss H. D. Parker (2½) by 13; J. L. Sanders (5½) by 16; Miss Allardyce by 4.
Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-3) beat R. F. Rothwell (-2) by 15; Rev. Gladstone by 1; Knowles by 15; G. Betts (9) by 10.
G. Betts beat Shelton by 11; Dr. Bucknall by 11; Sturdy by 14.
H. C. Green (3) beat Lt. Col. Prichard by 12; Dr. Bucknall by 1 on time; Sanders by 12.
J. B. Meachem (0) beat Rothwell by 21; Sturdy by 4 on time; Mrs. Bucknell by 22.
J. L. Sanders beat Rothwell by 3; Mrs. Cave by 17; Mrs. Bucknell by 3.
Mrs. Cave beat Meachem by 8; Miss Parker by 11.
Miss Allardyce beat Green by 1 on time; Mrs. Bucknell by 15.
R. F. Rothwell beat Miss Parker by 6; Miss Allardyce by 8.
Dr. Bucknall beat Meachem by 18.
Miss Parker beat Mrs. Bucknell by 18.
Sturdy beat Miss Parker by 12.
Shelton beat Green by 2.

G. N. Aspinall (-5) beat Miss K. M. O. Sessions (-2) by 5 in the Play-off.

PRIZE LIST 1969

The list includes all events (of which scores have been received for publication in the Gazette) at (1) Open Tournaments, (2) Tournaments open to all Associates, together with the All England Handicap, the Champion Cups, and the Invitation events.

Figures in the first brackets indicate the handicap of players at the beginning of the season, and the second brackets indicate the handicap at the end of the season if alterations have made. OS—Open Singles; LS—Level Singles ("B", "C", "D"); HS—Handicap Singles; HSX—(Y, Z) Handicap Singles (Event X) ("Y", "Z"); HSEX—Extra Handicap Singles; OD—Open Doubles; MOD—Mixed Open Doubles; HD—Handicap Doubles; MHD—Men's Handicap Doubles; WHD—Women's Handicap Doubles; RHS—Restricted Handicap Singles.

A

Allardyce Miss W. K. (8) Colchester week-end HD1 (6½).
Allen Miss R. M. (3½) Cheltenham LS equal 2 HSX3 (2½).
Anderson Miss M. G. (7½) Parkstone RHS2, Budleigh Salterton HSC1 (6½).
Andrews Rev. G. E. (3) Southwick LS Draw 2.
Aspinall G. N. (-5) Open Championship 1. President's Cup 1. Champion of Champions 2. Cheltenham week-end HS1, All England Handicap 3.
Atchley Major R. S. G. (10) Budleigh Salterton May Long Handicap Trophy HS1.
Austin W. H. (0) Southwick non-official HDY2.

B

Beamish Comdr. G. V. G. (0) Parkstone HSX2.
Bennett T. G. (5½) Woking week-end HS1 (5).
Birch G. (0) Ryde HSX1, HD1, All England Handicap 2 (-1).
Bird Mrs. D. J. (9) Challenge and Gilbey HD1.
Borrett Comdr. G. (-2) Compton OS1, Gilbey Cup 3, Southwick September HS1, Chairman's Cup 4, Eastbourne HSY3, MOS2 (-2½).
Bray Dr. R. W. (-3½) Du Pre Cup 1, Mixed Doubles Championship 3, Colchester OS1, HD1, HSX3, Hurlingham OS1, Colchester week-end HD1, President's Cup 2 (-4).
Bourke Brig. L. E. (16D14) Cheltenham Peels HD1, Cheltenham RHS1 (10).
Brompton Miss E. C. (3½) Hunstanton week-end May HS1, Nottingham HSY2, Hunstanton LS2.
Brompton Miss E. M. (4½) Cheltenham HSY2.
Bucknall Dr. W. R. (3) Budleigh Salterton America C & D Blocks 1, HD1, Parkstone LS1, Budleigh Salterton HD2, Southwick LS Draw 1, Parkstone September HSX2, HD1 (1½).
Bucknell A. J. (3) Ryde HSY1, Nottingham HSX3.
Buckland D. E. (3½) Southwick May non-official HDX1.
Bushnell M. J. (-1) Nottingham week-end HS2, Cheltenham American week-end HS1 (-1½).
Butler L. (8) Parkstone RHS1.

C

Cane Mrs. H. M. G. (10) Eastbourne RHS2.
Carlisle Mrs. H. B. H. (9) Hunstanton RHS2, HSY2 (7).
Cave Lt. Col. G. F. (0) Challenge & Gilbey HD1, Cheltenham week-end HS3.
Cave Mrs. G. F. (6) Eastbourne RHS3.
Caporn D. C. (½) Edinburgh OS Process 2.
Chamberlain Mrs. C. (12) Nottingham RHS2.
Cockayne J. (11) Colchester week-end HS1 (7).

D

Daldry Sir Leonard (2½) Challenge & Gilbey HD3, Budleigh Salterton LSB3, Parkstone HD1 (2).
Davis Miss L. A. (16) Ryde HSC2 (14).
Day Miss M. E. (9) Hunstanton HSY2.
Dehn Miss P. M. (7½) Southwick August RHSC2.
Devitt Mrs. C. (6½) Parkstone September LS2, Eastbourne HD2 (6).
Devitt H. J. (6) Eastbourne HD2 (5).
Dibley D. Jession (1½) Compton week-end April HS2.
Duffield E. P. (½) Colchester week-end HD2.

E

Edwards C. (10D8) Stevenson Cup 1, Parkstone September HSY2 (8).
Elmes P. W. (-½) Nottingham OS2, Cheltenham week-end HS3 (-1).
Elvey Mrs. G. F. H. (-½) Compton HS3, HD2.
Evans Dr. C. W. (16D14) Budleigh Salterton HD2 (14D12).

F

Farlie Mrs. E. (6) Southwick September non-official HSY2 (5½).
Figgis D. (0) Championship of Co. Dublin OS2, HS1 (-½).
Forbes Brig. A. F. G. (0) Challenge Cup OS2, Challenge & Gilbey HD2, Colchester OS3, Chairman's Cup 3 (-1½).
Fortiade Mrs. N. A. (0) Women's Championship 3, Ladies Field Cup 7, Eastbourne HS3.

G

Gifford-Nash P. (1) Hunstanton OS3, HSY3.
Gladstone Rev. W. E. (2) Cheltenham Peels Men's Handicap Singles 1, Eastbourne LS1 (1½).
Godby R. A. (-1) Surrey Cup 2 (-1½).
Goolden Peter (9) Southwick September non-official RHS3, HD1 (8).
Green H. A. (-½) Southwick HD3.
Green H. C. (3½) Southwick September non-official LS2, Hurlingham LSC2 (3).
Greenham Capt. A. W. (11) Colchester HD2.

H

Hallet G. F. (2) Colchester HSX3 (1½).
Hallet P. D. (-1½) Surrey Cup 3.
Hamilton-Miller D. J. V. (-3½) Du Pre Cup 2, Doubles Championship 2, Eastbourne OD2.

Hampson Miss S. G. (3½) Hurlingham OSC1, Ladies Field Candlesticks 1, Southwick August HD3, Hunstanton LSC1 (3).
Hands P. W. (-2) Cheltenham OS3, HSY1, Surrey Cup equal 4, Cheltenham week-end HS3.
Hannon R. L. (5) Carrickmines June HS2 (5D4).
Harris D. A. (2) Compton OS3, HS3 (1).
Hawkins Mrs. R. C. (6) Budleigh Salterton HSC3.
Haslam Dr. M. J. (6½) Nottingham HSX3.
Haworth C. W. (3½) Hunstanton week-end May HS2, Compton HD1, Gilbey Cup 2, Challenge & Gilbey HD2, Budleigh Salterton HD3, Nottingham HSX2 (2½).
Haworth Mrs. C. W. (14) Colchester week-end HD2.
Havery R. O. (2) Hunstanton HSX3.
Heathcote Maj. E. C. (1) Budleigh Salterton May "Crocks" Block 1, HD2.
Henshaw F. (6½) Reckitt Cup 1, Budleigh Salterton HSC2, Parkstone September HSX3 (6).
Henshaw G. (8) Nottingham RHS1 (6).
Hensted S. (1) Parkstone OS1 (0).
Hickson Miss K. D. (3) Parkstone September HSX3, HD2.
Hicks R. O. (-1½) Eastbourne HSY3, HD2.
Hill Bernard Major F. (4½) Parkstone HD2.
Himmens D. (4½) Southwick May non-official HS1, Southwick August HD1, Eastbourne HSX3, RHS1, HS2, HD1 (0).
Hopkins Miss G. (3½) Carrickmines June Plate event HS2.
Horridge Maj. G. B. (5) Gilbey Cup 1 (4).

J

Jackson G. E. P. (-2½) Cheltenham Peels Men's HS2, HD1, Parkstone OS1, HD2, Chairman's Cup 2.
Jenkins H. F. L. (11) Southwick August HSC1 (10).
Joly Miss F. I. (1½) Budleigh Salterton LSB3, Carrickmines August HD2, Eastbourne HSY1.

K

Kay Mrs. E. M. (6) Parkstone HSX3.
Kemp R. F. O. (3) Edinburgh OS Draw 2, HSX3, HD1.
Kitchen Mrs. N. Delves Broughton Cup Golf Croquet HD2.
Knowles Dr. E. L. (5½) Parkstone LS2, Cheltenham week-end HS3.

L

Lackie D. L. (7) Edinburgh HSY2.
Laverty Lt. Col. T. F. (1) Budleigh Salterton American May A & B blocks 1 (½).
Lee J. (2½) Budleigh Salterton May HD1.
Leonard R. J. (-½) Carrickmines June HS3, HD2, Carrickmines August HS2, HD1.
Lightfoot Mrs. E. M. (½) Mixed Doubles Championship 3, Championship of Ireland OS2.
Lintern Miss D. A. (1) Hurlingham OD2, Ladies Field Candlesticks 2, Southwick LS Process 2, Eastbourne HSY2, HD2.
Lloyd-Pratt B. (-3) Ryde OS1, HSX1, Compton OS3, Budleigh Salterton HD1, Men's Championship 3, Colchester OS2, Hurlingham HSX3, Edinburgh OS1, President's Cup 8, Hunstanton OS1.
Longman Mrs. W. (-½) Hurlingham OD1, Ladies' Field Candlesticks 1, Southwick August OS2, Southwick September non-official OS Process 2 HD2, Eastbourne WOS2, HS1 (-2).

M

Meacham Mrs. J. B. (7) Southwick August RHSB1, HS1, HSEX1, Eastbourne HSZ divided (4½).

Milne Dr. R. M. (2½) Edinburgh HSX1, HD1, All England Handicap 1 (Handicap 2).
Moore W. E. (-1½) Southwick non-official May HDY1, Southwick September non-official OS1, HSY3, Eastbourne LS2 (-2).
Moocraft D. (3½) Carrickmines June HSB1, HS1 (2½).
Moocraft Mrs. D. (14) Edinburgh RHS1 (13).
Murray Dr. M. (-1½) Surrey Cap 1 (-2½).

Mc

McMillan Mrs. N. A. C. (1) Parkstone HD1, Budleigh Salterton HD1, Women's Championship 2, Ladies Field Cup 6 (½).
McMordie Miss M. D. (6) Parkstone HD3, Parkstone September LS1, HSY1, HD2 (5).
McWhenny M. B. (6) Carrickmines HSB2, HS3, HD2, Carrickmines August HSB1, HD1 (5).

N

Nalder Capt. H. F. (2½) Budleigh Salterton LSB1, HD3 (2).
Nalder Mrs. H. F. (8) Cheltenham American May HS2, Budleigh Salterton HD3 (6).
Naylor Mrs. W. A. (5) Southwick non-official HDX2.
Neal Prof. B. G. (-4) Open Championship 3, Hurlingham MOD2, President's Cup 6, All England Handicap 3.
Neal Mrs. B. G. (9D8) Colchester HD1, Ladies Field Candlesticks 2, Eastbourne HS2 (6).
Neville-Rolfe Mrs. J. (1½) Ladies Field Cup 8.
Newton P. (-1) Parkstone HSX3, Cheltenham HSY3, HD2, Surrey Cup equal 4 (-1½).
Newton Mrs. P. (10) Parkstone RHS1, Cheltenham HD2 (18).
Nichols Dr. D. I. (2) Nottingham OS1, HS1, Edinburgh OS2, HSX2 (0).
Norton F. V. X. (10) Edinburgh RHS1, HSX2 (8).

O

O'Connor D. (-2) Championship of Ireland 1, Chairman's Cup 1 (-2½).
Ormerod Dr. W. P. (-4) Open Championship 3, President's Cup 7.

P

Page W. B. (10) Cheltenham American May HS1 (7).
Palmer C. R. (12) Hunstanton American April HS2 (9).
Parker Miss H. D. (2½) Compton LSB2, Southwick September non-official HSY2, Eastbourne HD1.
Pearce-Jones J. (13) Ryde HD2 (12D10).
Perry B. G. (-3½) Budleigh Salterton American May A & B blocks HS2, Ascot Cup Golf Croquet HS1, Delves Broughton Cup (Golf Croquet) HD1, Budleigh Salterton OS1, Mixed Doubles Championship 2, Hurlingham OS2, HSY1, President's Cup 5.
Povey Mrs. J. (6) Cheltenham Peels Women's Handicap Singles 2, Eastbourne HSZ divided (4½).
Preston Miss J. L. (6½) Ryde LSB1, HSX3 (6).
Prichard Lt. Col. D. M. C. (-2½) Budleigh Salterton Draw OS2, HS1, Chairman's Cup 5, Eastbourne OS2.
Prichard Mrs. D. M. C. (1) Cheltenham Peels Women's Handicap Singles 1, Southwick May non-official HS2, Mixed Doubles Championship 1, Ladies Field Cup equal 4, Hunstanton HSX2, HD1 (-1).
Prichard R. D. C. (2) Cheltenham week-end HS2 (1½).
Prichard C. H. L. (½) Cheltenham American HS3.
Prichard W. de B. (1) Cheltenham American April HS2, Mixed Double-Championship 1, Hurlingham LSB1, MOD1, Hunstanton XSX3, HD2 (-½).
Puxon Mrs. F. E. M. (6) Colchester HD2.

R

Radcliffe C. S. (3) Colchester HSX1, Colchester week-end HS2 (2).
Read Mrs. H. M. (2½) Budleigh Salterton LSB2, Cheltenham OSB equal 2, HSX3, HD1 (1½).
Read T. O. (-½) Men's Championship 2, Cheltenham OS1, HSX1, HD1 (-1½).
Reckitt M. B. (2) Hurlingham HS3.
Rees D. V. H. (1½) Hurlingham LSB2, HS1 (½).
Reynolds F. (5) Southwick non-official LS1 (4½).
Richardson Miss E. L. (7) Nottingham HSY1, HD2 (6).
Rigiani R. F. (5½) Nottingham HD1.
Robinson J. N. (-½) Nottingham HD1.
Ross Prof. A. S. C. (2½) Southwick August LS Process 1, Southwick September non-official OS Draw 2, HD1 (2).
Ross Mrs. A. S. C. (6½) Reckitt Cup 2, Challenge & Gilbey HD3, Southwick August HD2, RHSB2, Southwick September non-official HSY1 (5).
Rotherham Mrs. E. (-3) Women's Championship 1, Association Plate 2, Ladies Field Cup equal 4, Chairman's Cup 7, Eastbourne WOS1, OD2.
Rothwell R. F. (-2) Hunstanton OS2.
Rowe Mrs. C. (9) Edinburgh RHS2, HD2.
Rowe Comdr. J. E. (7) Edinburgh HSY1.

S

Samuel Miss J. K. (9) Hunstanton RHS1, HD1 (7).
Scott W. G. B. (6½) Southwick May non-official HDX1, Southwick August HS3 (6).
Scott-Page G. (7) Compton RHS2, Eastbourne RLS1 (6½).
Sessions Miss K. M. O. (-2) Women's Championship 3, Ladies Field Cup 3, Chairman's Cup 8, Cheltenham week-end HS2.
Sheil Mrs. F. A. (10D8) Stevenson Cup 2, Delves Broughton Cup (Golf Croquet) HD1 (9D7).
Shelton E. H. S. (-½) Ryde OS2, HSY2, Championship of Co. Dublin OS1.
Sheppard H. A. (1) Southwick HD3.
Simpson R. A. (0) Ryde HD2.
Simpson Mrs. R. A. (1) Hunstanton HSX1 (½).
Skempton Prof. A. W. (3) Hurlingham HSY3.
Slater G. T. (-½) Nottingham week-end HS1 (-1).
Smartt Dr. R. B. N. (1) Council Cup 3.
Smartt Mrs. R. B. N. (1) Council Cup 1 (½).
Smith W/Comdr. E. M. (2) Cheltenham HS3.
Solomon J. W. (-5) Open Championship 2, Doubles Championship 1, Champion of Champions.
Solomon J. R. G. (*9) Hurlingham RHS2 (8D7).
Spalding W. (4) Edinburgh RHS1.
Sundius-Smith Mrs. B. L. (0) Mixed Doubles Championship 3, Hurlingham LS3, HSY2, Ladies' Field Cup 2 (-1).

T

Taylor Miss M. M. (7) Southwick May non-official HDY2, Southwick September non-official RHS2 (6½).
Temple Mrs. E. M. (2½) Eastbourne HSX2 (2).

Temple-Page D. (5½) Carrickmines LS2.
Townsend C. H. (7) Eastbourne HSY2.
Townsend S. S. (0) Hurlingham LS3 (-1).
Trull Mrs. G. T. (7) Southwick September non-official RHS1 (6).
Tucker Mrs. E. (5½) Southwick HD1, Southwick September non-official HS3.
Tucker E. J. (6) Eastbourne LS1, RHS3 (4).
Turner Mrs. S. J. (5½) Southwick May non-official HDY1 (5).
Tyrwhitt-Drake E. C. (½) Compton week-end April HS1, Southwick May non-official HDX2, Compton OS2, HS2, HD1, Budleigh Salterton HS2, HD3, Du Pre Cup 3, Surrey Cup equal 4, Nottingham HS2, HSX1, HD2, Eastbourne OD1 (-1½).

V

Vincent Mrs. M. H. (2½) Council Cup 3.

W

Waterhouse Mrs. D. (14) Compton HD2 (14D13).
Walker Mrs. E. (5½) Ryde LS2.
Walker Mrs. J. (4½) Eastbourne HSY1, HD2 (3).
Ward Mrs. E. W. (7) Ryde HSC1.
Warwick Miss E. J. (-3) Parkstone OS2, HD3, Ascot Cup (Golf Croquet) HS2, Budleigh Salterton HS3, Mixed Doubles Championship 2, Ladies Field Cup 1, Surrey Cup equal 4, Eastbourne HSX3.
Warwick J. G. (-2) Parkstone OS3, Budleigh Salterton HS3, Hurlingham HSY3, Eastbourne OS3, OD1.
Wheeler Col. G. T. (-½) Cheltenham Peels HD2, Challenge & Gilbey HD3, Cheltenham American HS2, Eastbourne HD1 (½).
Wheeler Mrs. G. T. (15D13) Cheltenham Peels HD2, Eastbourne HD1 (15D12).
Wheeler J. A. (4½) Cheltenham American April HS1, Council Cup 2, Cheltenham OSB1 (2½).
Whitehead E. (½) Colchester HSX2, Southwick August OS3, Southwick September non-official OS2, HS3 (-½).
Whitehead Mrs. E. (8) Colchester HSY2.
Whitehead Mrs. J. H. (7) Budleigh Salterton HSC3, Cheltenham American HS1 (5).
Wayman Mrs. D. (16) Parkstone HD1, Parkstone September RHS2 (13).
Whittington R. O. B. (0) Carrickmines HS1, HD1, Parkstone HSX1, Cheltenham OS2, HSX2, Surrey Cup equal 4, Parkstone September OS2, HSX1 (-2).
Wiggins Dr. W. R. (-4) Doubles Championship 2, Association Plate 1, Eastbourne OS1.
Williams G. (-1) Hunstanton week-end April HS1, Du Pre Cup 3.
Wilson Haffenden Gen. D. J. (2) Eastbourne LS2.
Wills Mrs. H. (7) Hurlingham RHS1 (6).
Wood Mrs. G. H. (6) Budleigh Salterton American C & B Blocks HS2, Ryde HSX3, Eastbourne LS2.
Wylie K. (-5) President's Cup equal 3.

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Zinn Mrs. A. A. (10) Hunstanton HD2 (9).

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