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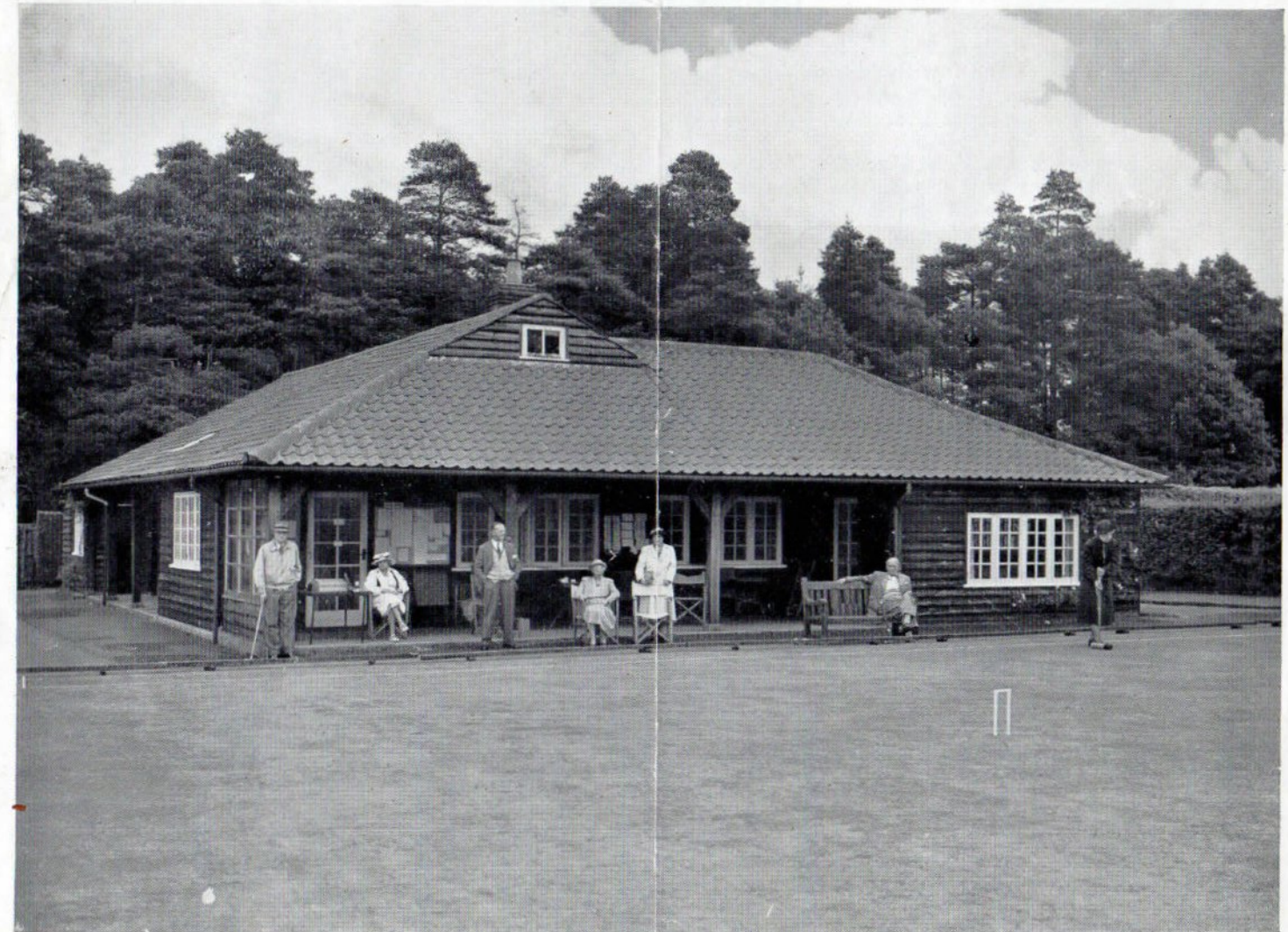
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'Get Them on the Court . . .'

"WHY," ran a popular riddle of our childhood, "is Mr. Chamberlain (or alternatively Mr. Asquith) like a moral goose?" "Because," we soon learnt to reply, "he sticks to his propaganda."

We suspect that our readers may sometimes be tempted to regard us as altogether too much like this goose, and may grow rather weary of our constant return to the propaganda theme. What have we done, or left undone, they may reasonably ask, that we should be for ever lectured to on this subject? Who knows better than we do that our clubs need new members, or that there are plenty of people who would enjoy Croquet immensely if they could only be induced to try it? But it's not so easy as all that: you may get your horse to the water (and your friend to the club), but you cannot make him drink—except at the bar! When we've told our intimates and our acquaintances what a wonderful game Croquet is, we all too often find, like the enthusiastic lover in the song, "They didn't believe me."

All this is only too true, and we should not return to this subject unless we had recently had a demonstration that it need not always been so. Or more precisely two, for we are emboldened to write on this matter now from the encouraging experiences gained at the exhibition games arranged at two clubs by the C.A.'s Publicity Committee in conjunction with the efficient and enthusiastic aid of the Central Council of Physical Education. The attendances at Watford and Woking were not to be compared with those at Wembley or Lords, but that they were keenly interested was obvious, and whether or not any had come to scoff, the great majority remained to play. "Get them on the court with a mallet in their hands" was the maxim of one of the keenest and most successful propagandist, our Association has ever known, the late Ben Apps. And how right he was. For in our opinion, the greatest value of these "demonstrations" in which our star players so generously assist lies not so much in the interest which their skill arouses among the spectators. It consists still more in the desire it stimulates to "have a go" oneself, to find out whether it is all as easy as (perhaps) it looks or as mysterious as, not unnaturally, it may appear. The neophyte "on the court with a mallet in his hands," and under the skilled tuition of an expert, has ceased to be a spectator and taken the first step to becoming a player—a club member—an Associate—a tournament entrant—and perhaps one day a champion. *C'est le premier coup qui coule.*

We hope that many more clubs will arrange occasions of this sort which, as these demonstrations proved, can be rewarding in membership to the committees enterprising enough to organise them. If they do, let them have no hesitation in inviting the younger folk to attend them. On one of the afternoons to which we have been referring a group of schoolgirls arrived who took the occasion with the greatest seriousness, all the more since they had a court in regular use at

their school, though it was "a bit bumpy." (Since then we have noticed in the press that another school now includes Croquet as a regular feature of its sports curriculum.) There was also present a group of young men who announced that they belonged to a club about 40 strong, and who showed not only a keen interest in but a well-informed knowledge of the game. All this suggests that many of us have perhaps too hastily assumed that the game we play is one which is only likely to attract those already middle-aged. It certainly was not so in the early years of the century and there is no necessary reason why it should be so now. No doubt the young people will not often be able to spare much time to play in our tournaments or even perhaps to join our clubs. But interest aroused now will "pay dividends" in the long run, and we shall at any rate increase the number of those who realise that Croquet is a skilful game and will be impatient of any foolish derogation of it by the ignorant.

Meanwhile the attraction of new players to our clubs from among those who will often have less time to give to it than have those among the leisured who have constituted so large a proportion of the game's adherents in the past, opens up an important question. Is there not more that we can do for such people than we have been accustomed to arrange for in the past? That it is our duty to teach them and to help them on in every possible way we all (presumably) recognise. We also realise too no doubt that there is nothing more discouraging to newcomers at any club than to find that the old hands will play only with each other and make no effort to bring them into their games. But are there not new forms of tournament with which we ought to experiment when we have players amongst us who can only compete after working hours? A week-end tournament might begin at 6 p.m. on Friday and continue at mid-summer till quite a late hour on Sunday night. Or an event might be arranged to run through a week or a fortnight with play beginning perhaps at 5.30 of an evening. The Official Calendar and the customary club competitions provide plenty of opportunities for those in full control of their time. But if Croquet is to expand as it should, it should offer something—and something good—to those who are doing the work of the world and who perhaps most deserve life's recreational delights.

"New occasions," said the poet, "teach new duties." Our post-war age is a "new occasion," and its pattern of life is quite different from those of the Victorian age in which the game was cradled and the Edwardian years in which it most mightily flourished. Our new duties will be suggested to us as we come to recognise this and face what is implied by it. A game which has attracted its thousands in our dominions should no longer be confined to its hundreds here; and, if, like the moral goose, we stick to our propaganda, we must be alert to what may come to be implied by its steadily increasing success.

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NOTES by ROVER

IF we were asked which of the Laws of Croquet was most often "more honoured in the breach than in the observance" we should be inclined to say it was that one (No. 29 (c)) which forbids a player to ask a spectator his opinion on a question of fact without reference to his opponent. We have been surprised to find how few people seem to be aware of the existence of this law at all, and there are still fewer who have any idea why what might seem to be a rather unreasonable prohibition should have been introduced. Yet on reflection it should be realised that the condition is in fact quite a reasonable one, for there is no good cause for making any spectator a final arbiter on a matter upon which he may have been in no position to form a well qualified opinion. In most cases no doubt an opponent will be quite willing that the spectator shall be asked for his opinion, but the law rightly protects him from the consequences of a verdict which in his view the looker-on may not have been rightly placed to give. For spectators who volunteer judgments without being asked for them, no words can be too harsh—as we never fail to admit when we commit this disgraceful offence ourselves.

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An inquiry has reached "Rover" from Australia, to which he is quite unable to give any

confident reply, and he would be interested to know whether anyone else can. It concerns the supplementary colours which are still, he understands, obtainable from some sports dealers by those who, for whatever reason, desire to have more balls in play on a court than the four to which we are accustomed. These colours are Green, Pink, Brown and White, and what we are asked is in what partnership these balls should properly play. It is possible, indeed very probable, that this matter was specifically dealt with in the codes of laws published at the end of the last century, when the game revived, but if so we cannot recall what the ruling was and do not know where an inquirer could now lay his hands on the relevant document. If it be asked why anyone in Australia or anywhere else should require such information, the answer we fancy is not that it is proposed to brighten Croquet by the introduction of an eight ball break. It is that in countries where the number of enthusiasts for the game largely exceeds the courts available to accommodate them, it is often necessary to play two games on a single lawn at the same time. But perhaps it will be well for us to settle this partnership problem in case our propagandist efforts succeed so well that our own clubs find themselves faced with the situation which our Australia friends have to meet.



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GETTING THEM ON THE COURT

A photograph taken at Woking

Beginners, Please!

A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE (2)

by The Rev. G. F. H. Elvey

ONE of the things that makes croquet so tremendously interesting is the infinite variety of method that may be adopted. The game may at times look monotonous, and yet no break is ever exactly like any other break. So in this lesson we are going to continue talking about ways of playing the four-ball break. Now in order to avoid error, and in these matters error creeps in fatally easily, I am going as far as possible to keep the same coloured assistant ball for the same hoops all the way through. We shall use Yellow for hoops 1, 3 and 5; and Red for hoops 2, 4 and 6. How easily a mistake can be made is illustrated by one towards the end of my last article when through a "printer's error" or otherwise "1-back" was put in when it should have been 2-back.

Now I want my pupils to realise before we proceed, that though I am going to explain different methods of making the four-ball break, the player must always be ready to go from one to the other as circumstances dictate.

I hope you have got that useful croquet board and counters before you, and if so I want you to make a line round the court Hoop 1 to Hoop 2; Hoop 2 to Hoop 3; Hoop 3 to Hoop 4, and Hoop 4-back to Hoop 1. You will observe that in doing so, you have drawn a perfect rectangle. Now draw two diagonal lines from hoop 1 to hoop 3, and hoop 2 to hoop 4. The exact point where these lines cross is, of course, where the Peg stands.

One method of playing the four-ball break then, is to try to keep the balls always within the rectangle. If you adopt this method you will try all you can never to allow a pioneer ball travelling to the next-hoop-but-one slip beyond it. We will go round the first seven hoops using this method.

Yellow assistant ball for hoop 1 should be close to the hoop but on the diagonal line. Croquet Red to hoop 2, going yourself to Black in the middle of the ground. Take care to roquet Black on to the diagonal line running from the peg to hoop 1, which should be the proper rush-line. Take off to get your rush on Yellow. Make hoop 1 off Yellow, then croquet Yellow to hoop 3 taking care to keep it within the rectangle and on the diagonal line, going yourself to Black. Rush Black on to the diagonal line between the peg and hoop 2. Take off to get your rush on Red. Make hoop 2 off Red, then send Red to hoop 4 going yourself to Black: Rush Black on to the diagonal line between the peg and hoop 3. Take-off from Black to get your rush on Yellow for hoop 3. Make hoop 3 off Yellow, then croquet Yellow to hoop 5 going yourself to Black. Rush Black on to the diagonal line from the peg to hoop 4. Take off Black to get your rush on Red for hoop 4. You will

notice that all these take-offs should be along the diagonal lines, which if you are doing well (and on the board with the counters you can do no other than do well) should also be the rush-lines for the strokes you are making. In going up the middle there will be some deviation from taking-off on the diagonal lines. But when you come to send Yellow to hoop 1-back you must take care to keep it within the rectangle on the diagonal line between the peg and 1-back, and you must take care to rush Black on to the line, so that you take-off Black along the diagonal line, which should be the rush line on Yellow for 1-back.

It need hardly be said that in actual play, things will not always work themselves out with the geometrical precision, that is easy enough on the board. But if you have the picture of the rectangle and the diagonal lines in your mind, you should be able to play your break broadly on the foregoing method, if you desire to do so.

Now what are the advantages of what we may aptly describe as the "take-off" method of playing the four-ball break?

In favour of this method, Locock claimed that it was easier to place one ball correctly than two, and therefore that the take-off was easier than other croquet strokes. Whether this is in fact the case, however, depends very much on the individual player. We have known one first-class player, a winner of the Open Championship, who would always use a take-off in preference to any other croquet stroke whenever possible, on the other hand we know another first-class player, who has every croquet honour to his credit, who prefers a difficult split, or indeed any other stroke to a take-off.

I would myself suggest that the only solid advantage of the take-off method is that in a series of games, there is less walking and therefore less fatigue. And in endurance tests such for example as the Ladies' Eight, and the Best Eight anything that reduces fatigue is certainly of value.

But Locock's suggestion that it is easier to place one ball correctly than two, overlooks two important points: (1) The success or failure of a take-off depends on the way the ball rolls when it loses its momentum, and this is the very time when it is most at the mercy of any unevenness that there may be on the ground, and (2) in view of the fact that the striker, so to speak, has so much more to hit against in stop-shots and drives, means that the margin of error in these strokes is greater; and as the mallet-ball stops relatively quicker in these strokes than in taking off, it is less at the mercy of the ground.

If then you are going mainly to use the stop-shot and drive method, you will not worry much about keeping within the rectangle, though you must be careful not to send your pioneer balls much outside it. But in sending your pioneer ball to hoops 3 and 1-back, and 3-back you will send it in each case just beyond the hoop, say, 2 feet from the hoop, between the hoop and the boundary, then you will get a rush on Black (our middle ball) to a point on the boundary on the rush line. Then with a drive or stop shot you will return Black to the middle of the ground getting your rush on Yellow, and it happens for our purpose in each case to be Yellow, for 3, 1-back, or 3-back.

I can justly claim to have been a pioneer of this method of making the four-ball break, and so naturally I favour it. But I would earnestly remind you not to become hide-bound to any one method, but to be ready to change from one to the other, as circumstances dictate.

There is yet one other method of playing the four-ball break that must be mentioned. It is a method favoured by Mr. P. Cotter. His idea is that the long drives when the pioneer ball is sent

to hoops 3 and 3-back, can well be avoided, by changing the balls at these points. Keeping the colours as heretofore. The player makes 1 off Yellow, then rushes it to the middle of the ground, going to Black. Then with an easy split, he sends Black to 3, and goes to Red at 2. He adopts the same method on the return journey, sending the middle ball to 3-back. What advantages has this method? Personally I believe that the only advantage is that if you are using a very light mallet, when possibly you exchange a heavy stroke for one requiring less weight and force.

Now as we come to the close of these notes on the four-ball break, there is a criticism that perhaps should be met. It might quite justly be suggested, that whereas these articles are meant for beginners, I have drifted into theories and methods of interest to first-class players rather than beginners, or even medium players. I would answer that one of the most important things for the beginner is to maintain his interest, and that as he realises what a great deal there is in Croquet his interest will be quickened, and his enthusiasm to conquer difficulties increased.

A QUESTION OF LAW . . . by Lex

IT has been suggested to Lex that in the light of his article in our last issue if his interpretation of the law is correct a pass roll must inevitably be a foul.

Lex therefore invited Mr. Crowther Smith to contribute an article on the pass roll stroke and to discuss its legality. This is what Mr. Crowther Smith writes:

The Pass Roll

Concerning the above subject it is not easy to write; but let us be clear as to what is meant by the pass roll, for there may be some who have never seen it employed.

Briefly, it means that in the croquet stroke the other ball—other than the mallet ball—is made to go quite a short distance while the mallet ball travels on quite a long way.

The writer was shown the most extreme example of the pass roll by the late C. J. Miller, captain of the Australian team that came over here in 1937. He would start a break from the first hoop with a croquet shot from the second corner, leaving that ball by the second hoop and following on with his own ball to the ball at the first hoop. This shot was so well played that, in those days, it was looked upon as quite in order. Was it? There was no double-tapping, and under Law 26(d) it was contended that the stroke was clean and fair because the striker's ball had first been struck "audibly or distinctly."

It seems indisputable that though the other ball from the second corner has been first struck

"audibly or distinctly," in order to leave it at the second hoop—AND get the mallet ball to travel on thereafter to the ball at the first hoop, there must be some considerable impetus given to the mallet ball to get it to travel there. Does the Law 26(d) really mean that as long as the croquet stroke has been made by an audible and distinct stroke the striker can thereafter push his ball to any desired spot such as is necessary in the case under review, namely, a distance of well over 20 yards?

The player mentioned made the stroke look and sound perfectly lawful, but in the opinion of most players there must be a foul involved, and that is my definite view of the pass roll.

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Can you answer the following?

1. A player takes off from a ball but the balls come apart before the stroke is taken and the croqueted ball does not move. The referee had the balls replaced as they lay when struck, i.e. not touching. This gave the player in the next turn a rush up the lawn, was this correct?
2. A player takes off from a ball and while watching its course allows the croqueted ball while still moving to hit his foot. Is this a foul?
3. A player takes off from a ball and watches its course. The player then moves forward to continue the turn and kicks the croqueted ball which had come to rest. Is this a foul?

Answers on page 8.

Your Turn to Play

by Tactician

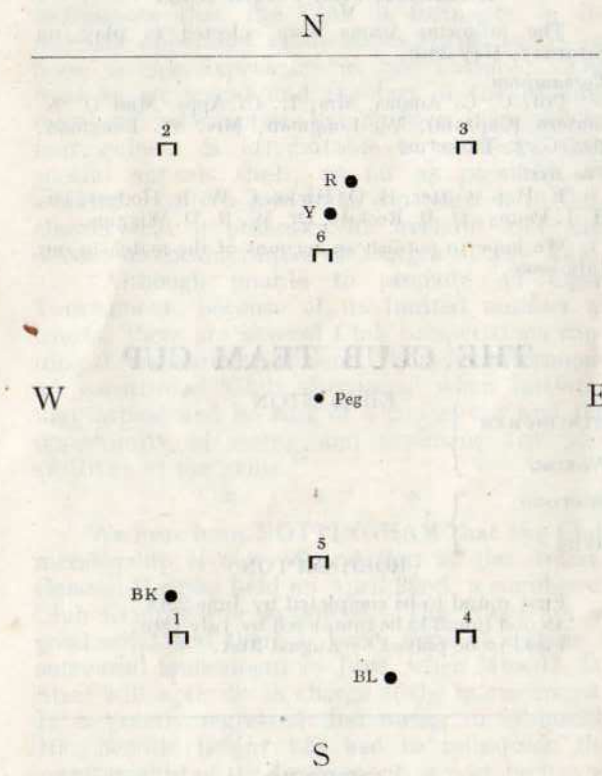
TACTICIAN would be very glad to have questions with their solutions sent to him which he can set in this competition. He is sure that there must be many minus players who could help him in this way. He is afraid that if questions always come from the same source they will lack that variety which they ought to possess.

Here are the two questions for our competitors this month:

Question 1

A, a scratch player, is engaged in a Handicap game against B, a 5 bisquer. His Yellow is for the penultimate and his Red for hoop 6, and he has just concluded his turn leaving Yellow a yard N.E. of the 6th hoop and Red a yard away from it. These balls are wired from Black which is about a yard north of 2-back; they are open to Blue, which is on the S. boundary about 11 yards W. of Corner IV, but there is no "double" for Blue.

B has two bisques left. His Black is for the rover hoop and his Blue for 1-back. It being now his turn to play, state what you think are his best alternatives and why, and give your reasons for showing which of these courses he should now adopt.



Question 2

Using the same diagram Red is for hoop 4. How can Red best establish a four-ball break?

The following is Tactician's solutions of the questions set in May.

Question 1

Red's first aim will be while getting Black as far into the court as possible, to make sure of a rush on Blue towards Yellow—if possible rushing Blue to beyond Yellow. On this rush everything depends. Red then croquets Yellow to the 4th hoop, the rush on Yellow being more important than the placing of Blue. Red makes the 4th hoop off Yellow and roquets and croquets Yellow to hoop 6 while going to Black. It is now important to get to the correct side of Blue to make the subsequent roquet and croquet shots to make hoop 5. To get to Blue Red will have roqueted Black and brought Black as near as the shot permits to hoop 6. After running hoop 5 Red sends Blue to one-back and goes to Black in such a way as to bring Black either by rush and/or croquet stroke to a position one yard N.W. of hoop 6. Meanwhile Red should be in such a position as to enable it to roquet Yellow close to one side of hoop 6 and with a small split shot to place itself and Yellow each in position for hoop 6 and the penultimate. Red runs 6 and peels Yellow, getting a rush on Black to the north boundary. A stop shot sends Black to 2-back and Red goes to Blue at 1-back which it makes in the normal way off Blue, afterwards croqueting Blue to 3-back while going to Yellow which is between the penultimate and rover hoops. If Yellow is near enough to the rover hoop and Black is well placed at 2-back Red can try a split shot to peel Yellow through the rover hoop, going itself to Black at 2-back which it runs in the normal way using Black, and afterwards sending Black to 4-back and going to Yellow. If Yellow failed to run the rover hoop Red can repeat the effort if the balls can be suitably manoeuvred while going to Blue at 3-back. Red runs 3-back and assuming Yellow has still not been peeled Red sends Blue to the penultimate while going to the side of Yellow that will permit a short rush of Yellow to the playing side of the rover hoop. Red then takes off to Black at 4-back makes this hoop in the normal way off Black. After running the hoop Red rushes or splits Black to the rover hoop and goes to Blue at the penultimate. If Red has rushed Black to the rover hoop he will probably be able to place Yellow exactly where required in front of the rover (or slightly to the side) and leave Black within a yard of Yellow while taking off from Yellow to Blue at the penultimate. Red makes the penultimate off Blue being careful to get a rush on Blue to within a yard or two of Black. Red roquets Blue to about 2 yards beyond the rover hoop and next roquets Black to such a position as enables him to send Black beyond the rover hoop and within a yard or two of Blue, himself getting behind Yellow. After the next roquet shot Yellow should be just in front of the rover hoop and an Irish peel should not be difficult. Red now has both Black and Blue at hand to enable it to get a rush on Yellow to the peg. If required, as will probably be the case as the hoop is likely to interfere with the rush, Red can use Black to cannon Yellow to a suitable position for

the final rush to the peg and use Blue to get to the rush position behind Yellow.

Question 2

Red shoots at Blue from the north baulk. Assuming he misses he takes a half bisque, roquets Blue and stop shots Blue to hoop 2 (or as near it as he can) while still being quite certain he can next hit Black. He roquets Black and rolls it to the west of the peg. He next roquets Yellow, stop shots Yellow to the playing side of hoop 1 and plays a slow accurate shot to get a rush on Blue (if required) to hoop 2. He now takes a bisque, hitting Blue, leaving it on the playing side of hoop 2, he takes off to Black—improving its position if necessary and takes off to Yellow and is then in a position to complete a normal four-ball break.

The following are the marks awarded for the May competition and the totals to date.

MAY COMPETITION					Grand Total (+ April)
Full Marks ...	Q1—5	Q2—4	Total		
Boxwood ...	5*	4*	9	16	
Flying Hackle ...	5*	3	8	16	
B. I. Rite ...	4	4*	8	15	
Old Faggot ...	4	4*	8	15	
Foot ...	4	4*	8	14	
†Chip ...	4	4*	8	8	
Reasoned ...	4	3	7	12	
Eagerheart ...	3	3	6	12	
Virtuous ...	3	3	6	10	
Tortoise ...	4	2	6	8	
Enterprise ...	4	1	5	12	
Ignoramus ...	3	2	5	12	
Bluebky ...	3	2	5	11	
Candy ...	3	2	5	10	
The Jay ...	2	3	5	8	
Boethus ...	3	2	5	7	
Canary ...	2	2	4	6	
Philjack ...	2	2	4	6	
Kim ...	1	2	3	4	
Lulu ...	1	0	1	4	

*Full marks. †New competitor.

A note on the May Competition

Tactician is pleased to find that this feature continues to prove of interest to readers. Nearly all the former competitors entered again, and were joined by a new entry, "Chip", who did well at his first attempt. The standard reached by the replies sent in was noticeably higher on this occasion, and it was encouraging to find that most of those competing had a fairly clear idea of the right way to go about a double peel. It will be interesting to see if this theoretical knowledge is put into practice by our B and C classes on the court as the season advances.

Competitors are somewhat apt to over-estimate what can be reasonably expected of the medium bisqued players whose strokes they describe. This is particularly the case in regard to split shots involving the securing of rushes on boundary balls, some of which not even our champions would be likely to attempt. There is a rather similar optimism shown over stop shots.

Question 2 on this occasion was one which could be convincingly tackled in a number of different ways, and in marking the papers we have not stipulated for any uniformity in the solution. There were also different methods of

tackling question 1, but none (in Tactician's view) so satisfactory as that which he advocates.

The competition is warming up and the half-dozen "top markers" are running each other very close. But there is still plenty of time for others to catch them up. So stick to it all of you!

THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Teams entered for the County Championships were:—

Hants and Dorset

Mrs. E. Rotherham (Captain), Mrs. L. H. Ashton, Com. G. V. G. Beamish, V. A. de la Nougerede, Major J. H. Dibley, Mrs. J. H. Dibley, Miss D. Jennings, H. O. Hodgson.

Middlesex

Miss D. A. Lintern (Captain), Mrs. L. C. Apps, D. E. Buckland, E. P. C. Cotter, H. T. Pinckney Simpson, Capt. H. G. Stoker, S. S. Townsend.

Oxon, Berks and Bucks

Col. J. G. Clarke (Captain), Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, G. E. W. Hitchcock, G. L. Jarratt, G. F. Rothwell, R. F. Rothwell, R. V. N. Wiggins.

Surrey

M. B. Reckitt (Captain), Major J. W. Cobb, T. F. Dalton, G. V. Evans, Dr. N. Oliver, Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts, Mrs. G. J. Turketine, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins.

ROEHAMPTON v THE REST

The following teams were selected to play on Saturday, May 28th.

Roehampton

Col. C. C. Adams, Mrs. L. C. Apps, Miss D. A. Lintern (Captain), W. Longman, Mrs. W. Longman, Mrs. G. J. Turketine.

The Rest

E. P. C. Cotter, H. O. Hicks, C. W. R. Hodges, Dr. H. J. Penny, M. B. Reckitt, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins.

We hope to publish an account of the match in our July issue.

THE CLUB TEAM CUP



First round to be completed by June 20th.
Second round to be completed by July 18th.
Final to be played by August 31st.

ANSWERS

1. No, the balls should have been put in contact as they were deemed to be when the stroke was made.
2. Yes. See Law 26(i).
3. No, the stroke was finished Law 10(c). It is an inadvertence. The ball kicked must be replaced and the turn continues.

Notes from the Clubs

WE print on the cover of this issue a photograph of the Club lawns at WOKING. It will interest our readers to learn that the Woking Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club celebrates its fiftieth birthday this year. It was founded initially by local croquet players including such well-known players as Messrs. Houghton, Brown, Druce and Wynne. Between the two World Wars, a large proportion of minus players were members as, for example, Captain J. B. Morgan and D. J. Hamilton-Miller who captained the team that visited New Zealand in 1950. It is interesting to note that on more than one occasion a Woking team's handicap totalled more than minus 11½.

The faith and foresight of the "founding fathers" have been amply justified. Present members of the Club owe them an unending debt of gratitude. The Club house and grounds in the Hook Heath district are in a pleasant and readily accessible part of Woking. What is most wanted at the moment is an increased croquet-playing membership.

Our COLCHESTER Club correspondent writes as follows:

"The new season finds the small, but lusty, Colchester Club in good shape. Its three courts have never looked better and there are clear indications that the Club is fortunate in its recently appointed groundsman, bringing as he does, a ripe experience in turf culture. The finances are sound and the fact of the playing members' subscription having been increased to four guineas is attributable to a desire that special appeals shall, as far as possible, be avoided. Only a few clubs can boast with Colchester that it possesses its freehold and this devoid of encumbrances or charges of any kind.

"Although unable to promote an Open Tournament, because of its limited number of courts, there are several Club competitions running throughout the season. Thursday afternoons are constituted 'Club afternoons' when initiates may attend and be sure of a cup of tea and the opportunity of seeing and exploring the possibilities of the game."

We hear from NOTTINGHAM that the Club membership is now 56 and that at the Annual General Meeting held on April 22nd, a number of Club fixtures were approved. The lawns are in good order and there is every hope of staging a successful tournament in June, when Miss D. D. Steel will again be in charge of the management. It is greatly regretted that owing to ill-health Mr. Neville Bright has had to relinquish the secretaryship of the tournament, a post he has so efficiently occupied for the last four years. His place will be taken by his very able nephew Mr. G. N. Bright. We need therefore have no fears for the future. Mr. Neville Bright has also felt obliged recently to resign from the Council of the Croquet Association. We hope we may still see him playing at some of the southern tournaments

and we hope, too, that Nottingham will soon have another representative on the Council.

The week-end tournament at HUNSTANTON in April was played in two sections. The five lawns, we are told, were in good condition in spite of the fact that only three weeks before the tournament was held they were under snow. The section winners were Mrs. B. C. Perowne and I. C. Baillieu. The latter won the play-off. We understand it is intended to make this competition an annual one to be held during the first week-end after Easter.

Our EDINBURGH correspondent sends us the following news:

"The Club re-opened for the season on 30th April, when 12 members braved a somewhat chilly afternoon to renew acquaintance with mallet and ball. The Club has now acquired space for a second court of almost full size instead of the miniature practice court which was last year squeezed in below the main court, and while the new ground has not yet been properly levelled, it is good enough to provide play requiring the same length of shots as on the original court. The Club has suffered the loss of nine members since last season for perfectly normal reasons, but already two new members have joined and as a result of an appeal, together with an Entry Form, recently issued to remaining members, the Committee feel confident of replacing losses. Normally the figure has stood around the 50 mark and includes at least two notable literary figures, Mr. Moray McLaren, well-known author and broadcaster, who founded the Club, and Sir Compton Mackenzie."

We hear from the ROEHAMPTON Club that an afternoon Match against Hurlingham took place on Saturday, 7th May, resulting in a win for Hurlingham 2 games to 1. A close game between Dr. N. H. Oliver and Mrs. H. J. Collins against S. S. Townsend and T. E. Miles was won by the latter pair plus 5.

J. B. Gilbert and Miss E. F. Rose were beaten by I. W. Cheavin and D. Buckland, all were for the Rover, when J. B. Gilbert missed a short roquet, which gave the game to the opponents. The Roehampton "C" pair J. A. Hollweg and Mrs. S. M. Adlar—both new comers to Match play—successfully won their game.

The competition for the Trevelyan Bowl and Memorial Tankard was held just before the "Peels" week, with an entry of 20, the finalists are Col. C. C. Adams, M.C., and Miss E. F. Rose, but the play-off has not yet taken place.

Roehampton was shocked—as indeed were all Croquet Associates, at the unfortunate accident to one of our most popular members Mrs. L. E. G. Nickisson, who had the misfortune to fall and fracture her hip. We all join in good wishes to Mrs. Nickisson for her recovery and a return to the Club, where she is very much missed, and we understand her progress is taking a normal course.

One Crowded Hour . . . by S.S.T.

"There's only an hour till dusk," said Archie. "Let's play some one-ball games."

"Good idea," said Bob. "There are six of us. Let's have a time limit of 10 minutes for each game and we can then all play each other and get 5 games each. And instead of counting games won, let's work on the points we score in each game and add them up at the end. That will help to speed up the games."

"What's a one-ball game anyway?" said Cuthbert.

"It's virtually the same as the real game except that we only have one ball each," interposed Daisy.

"What about time keeping?" said Ethelred.

"That's all right," said Gus the groundsman, "I will ring a bell to start each round and on the dot of 10 minutes I will ring it again. I will be the recorder too, me being a dab at figures and such."

"Just one more point," said Archie. "If more than one player finishes with the same aggregate number of points let's decide the result on which one has the most favourable margin of 'points for' over 'points against'."

Everything went well and the final round was completed just before the light went. The results were a little peculiar. In the first place, the score was different in every game. Archie, Bob, Cuthbert and Daisy scored 12, 14, 18 and 15 points respectively and strange to say each of them had the same number of points against as for. Nobody got beyond the sixth hoop in any game and there was only one game where a player failed to score, the one in which Archie beat Bob by 3-0.

The only other game where less than 4 points were scored was Ethelred's win over Archie by 2-1. The highest number of points scored in any game was when Bob and Cuthbert met.

Fernandel drew 3 games and won each of his other two by a margin of one point, scoring 18 points in all 5 games. Archie beat Cuthbert by 2 points, making the third hoop a split second before the bell, but he only scored one point against Daisy. Daisy beat Ethelred by 5-2 and both she and Archie had no drawn games.

Draw up the complete table of results. Who won?

BRIDGE by E. P. C. Cotter, *British International*

COUNTING THE HAND

THE ability to count the hand is the hall-mark of the expert bridge player.

A perfect count on a hand is the result of logical deduction from the opponents' bidding, from their leads and plays.

My first example is from Auction Bridge Duplicate where the declarer in one room made four tricks whereas the American wizard Sidney Lenz made eleven!

S-7, 3, 2.		
H-10, 8.		
D-K, J, 9.		
C-A, J, 9, 7, 3.		
S-Q, 10, 8, 4.	N	S-K, 6, 5.
H-A, 6, 5, 3.	W E	H-Q, J, 7, 4, 2.
D-Q.	S	D-6, 4, 3, 2.
C-8, 6, 4, 2.		C-K.
S-A, J, 9.		
H-K, 9.		
D-A, 10, 8, 7, 5.		
C-Q, 10, 5.		

West opened S4 and Lenz won the trick with the Ace. Then the D5 brought out West's Queen and South stopped to count.

The lead of the four of spades with the three and two visible indicated a four-card suit. With a singleton diamond West would appear to have four hearts and four clubs. In that case East could only hold a single club—and so the Ace of clubs is played! If West has the King he is welcome to make it but East must be kept out of the lead. South is rewarded by dropping the King of clubs and makes eleven tricks.

Here is a second example which demonstrates counting based on bidding and play combined.

I was playing South in a post-war congress at Bexhill. This was the bidding at love all:—

West	North	East	South
1D	No	No	Double
No	3C	No	3NT

West lead the H2 and this is what confronted me:—

North S—K, 9, 4.	South S—A, J, 7, 2.
H—10, 5.	H—A, 6, 3.
D—Q, 10, 4.	D—9, 8, 2.
C—A, Q, J, 6, 5.	C—K, 10, 4.

East played the HK and even at this early stage I could place most of the cards. The opening lead marked West with four hearts to the Queen, almost certainly only four diamonds to the Ace, King. East's pass of his partner's one bid was illuminating. After producing the King of hearts he could scarcely hold more than one knave beside.

The Ace of hearts was held up till the third round, then the clubs were run, West following twice and then throwing a diamond. He was marked with four hearts, four diamonds three spades (including the Queen) and a doubleton club. The squeeze and end play was clearly indicated. On the last two clubs West let go another diamond and the HQ. Dummy cashed the spade King and threw West in with a diamond and it was all over. The hands of West and East were as follows:—

West S—Q, 10, 3.	East S—8, 6, 5.
H—Q, J, 8, 2.	H—K, 9, 7, 4.
D—A, K, 7, 3.	D—J, 6, 5.
C—7, 2.	C—9, 8, 3.

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OBITUARY

We greatly regret to announce the death of Lieut.-Colonel Bryan Evans. He was a life member of the Warwickshire Croquet Club and had been an Associate for many years.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Sirs,

Your interesting item under "A Question of Law," namely that relating to balls in contact prompts me to suggest that Law 32 is more than generous in allowing the striker who has roqueted two or more balls simultaneously to take croquet from whichever he chooses.

It is my studied view that though this may sometimes be immaterial in the following case it is anything but.

A is a rover, and he has approached two boundary balls in contact, his ball being perhaps 6 yards from these two balls. Now one of these balls is his partner ball, also a rover, and it is left to him, first of all to decide that he has roqueted these two balls simultaneously, and then choose from which he will take croquet. Naturally, "the wish being father to the thought," he decides that he hit both balls simultaneously takes croquet from the other ball, gets a rush on his rover partner ball, and goes out.

Of course the key word is "simultaneously." But what an amazingly difficult point to decide, and the whole game might hang on it.

My suggestion therefore is that a referee must be called in in such a case, and the question cannot be left to the striker to decide as to having struck the two balls simultaneously.

Yours faithfully,

H. F. CROWTHER SMITH

SUMMARY OF ALL HANDICAP SINGLES GAMES PLAYED AND FINISHED AND REPORTED IN CROQUET, 1954

Bisques	Games		Percentage of Games Won
	Won	Lost	
1	— 5½	7	87.50
2	— 4½	7	77.78
3	— 4	39	72.22
4	{ — 2 ½	42	66.67
5	{ — 2	24	12
6	{ — 1	48	26
7	{ — 1	69	47
8	{ — 0	59	42
9	{ — 3	29	22
10	{ 5½	75	58
11	{ 4	50	39
12	{ 2½	74	63
13	{ 7	54	49
14	{ — 2½	11	10
15	{ — 1½	34	31
16	{ 1	40	37
17	{ — ½	28	26
18	{ 4½	17	16
19	{ 6	87	82
20	{ 10	88	88
21	{ — 3½	10	10
22	{ 5	49	51
23	{ 3	48	51
24	{ 1½	60	77
25	{ 3½	47	64
26	{ 8	79	87
27	{ 7½	18	26
28	{ 9	89	130
29	{ 14	17	27
30	{ 11	14	23
31	{ 6½	28	54
32	{ 8½	9	18
33	{ 12	25	56
34	{ 13	6	20
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PEEL MEMORIALS

This, the first Official Fixture of the season, was remarkable for the many long drawn out games, and the persistent high winds of a most unpleasantly cold temperature.

Regarding the first of these unfortunate features it is difficult to find a valid reason; for there were, among the men, five of the fifteen with a minus sign attached to their handicap, and the lawns appeared to the onlooker to be in first rate condition.

It seems, therefore, that we have to blame the cold winds for the general poor quality of the play. Incidentally, though everybody seemed to be quite certain that it was most unusual—and unkind—for "the Peels" to be so treated, on turning up the account of this very same Fixture of 25 years ago it commenced with a very similar "grouse" about the cold winds.

A most exemplary game—which stood out as the perfection of quick and accurate croquet—was that played by M. B. Reckitt in the second round of the Draw against Col. C. C. Adams. Reckitt won by +25, the double-peel prevented his opponent from making use of his half-bisque. Unfortunately, this fine example of celerity was not followed during the rest of the week. It is remarkable indeed that of the thirteen games played in the Draw only five were decided with double figures—Capt. H. G. Stoker was given a walk-over by Major J. R. Abbey in the first round.

Major J. W. Cobb stood out in contrast to the small figures of the Draw by winning with double figures against Lt.-Col. S. Mathews +17, Major J. H. Dibley +14, and that wonderful minus player, M. Spencer Ell whom he beat +18. Here, in the Final, he should have played Stoker; but very graciously he retired, for Stoker was engaged in such a long struggle in the final of the Doubles that otherwise it seemed doubtful that the Men's Singles could have been finished.

The Play-off, therefore, was between G. V. Evans, winner of the Draw, and Stoker, given a walk-over in the Process. Though Evans had beaten Stoker in the Draw he could not repeat that victory, and Stoker holds the handsome Silver Challenge Bowl. Mrs. S. Mathews is a promising five-bisquer; she has quite a good stance and the stroke that comes from it is well produced. As the score sheets show, she reached the final of the Draw, where she retired to Miss D. A. Lintern. In the Process, Mrs. Mathews was in the final after a w.o. from Lady Ursula Abbey and a rather long game against Mrs. M. H. Carrington.

Of the minus players, though there were three to be found in the semi-final of the Draw (Mrs. W. Longman, Mrs. G. J. Turketine and Miss Lintern); in the Process, all the five were beaten in the first round.

Mrs. H. J. Collins, the holder, beat Miss Lintern in this first round with a bisque in hand; her opponent could not get going with her backward ball to do a single peel of her partner and finish. It was these two players who last year met in the play-off when Mrs. Collins won. This year Mrs. Carrington beat Mrs. Collins in the next round and reached the final; she is an improving player.

The Play-off—Miss Lintern v. Mrs. Mathews—was somewhat prolonged unreasonably; each player seemed to have every chance of victory but it was not taken, and a long game went to Miss Lintern. Even when Mrs. Mathews had used all her eight bisques she seemed to have many chances to win—but they never materialised. For the second time, Miss Lintern holds this handsome trophy; she had won it in 1953, by being victorious in both Draw and Process.

The Doubles produced several interesting examples of this type of croquet, and one which often seems to give spectators the greatest entertainment. T. Wood-Hill and Mrs. D. Attfield put up a very strong opposition to Miss Lintern and Mrs. E. Haigh-Smith, and nearly succeeded in reaching the final in their stead. The final victors were Miss Lintern and Mrs. Haigh-Smith, and they defeated Stoker and Mrs. M. L. Thom after a very long game on which a time limit of one hour had to be placed.

The Extra event was won by Reckitt who defeated Mrs. E. Bristow. It was strange that he gave such a fine example of good croquet in the second round of the Draw—as related previously—and then disappeared from the event. Mr. V. A. de la Nougerede, though somewhat harassed by several disturbing conditions, made a successful début as manager.

MEN'S HANDICAP SINGLES.

A SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL.

("Two Life" System).

THE DRAW.

(15 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Major J. H. Dibley (1½) bt R. H. Newton (2½) by 7.
 G. Victor Evans (0) bt M. Spencer Ell (—½) by 4.
 Major J. W. Cobb (—½) bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (8½) by 4.
 T. Wood-Hill (1½) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (4) by 5.
 W. Longman (—3) bt L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (*10) by 2.
 Capt. H. G. Stoker (1½) w.o. Major J. R. Abbey (½) scratched.
 Col. C. C. Adams (—2½) bt Lt.-Col. S. Mathews (5½) by 18.
 The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

G. Victor Evans (0) bt Major J. H. Dibley (½) by 8.
 Major J. W. Cobb (—½) bt T. Wood-Hill (1½) by 6.
 Capt. H. G. Stoker (1½) bt W. Longman (—3) by 24.
 M. B. Reckitt (—3) bt Col. C. C. Adams (—2½) by 25.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. Victor Evans (0) bt Major J. W. Cobb (—½) by 14.
 Capt. H. G. Stoker (1½) bt M. B. Reckitt (—3) by 14.

FINAL.

G. Victor Evans (0) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker (1½) by 3.

PLAY-OFF.

Capt. H. G. Stoker (1½) bt G. Victor Evans (0) by 18.

PROCESS.

(15 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

T. Wood-Hill (1½) bt Col. C. C. Adams (—2½) by 22.
 Capt. H. G. Stoker (1½) bt G. V. Evans (0) by 12.
 Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (8½) bt M. B. Reckitt (—3) by 24.
 R. H. Newton (2½) bt W. Longman (—3) by 10.
 Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (4) w.o. Major J. R. Abbey (½) opponent scratched.
 Major J. W. Cobb (—½) bt Lt.-Col. S. Mathews (5½) by 17.
 Major J. H. Dibley (½) bt L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (*10) by 18.
 The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Capt. H. G. Stoker (1½) bt T. Wood-Hill (1½) by 11.
 R. H. Newton (2½) bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (8½) by 12.
 M. Spencer Ell (—½) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (4) by 11.
 Major J. W. Cobb (—½) bt Major J. H. Dibley (½) by 14.

SEMI-FINAL.

Capt. H. G. Stoker (1½) bt R. H. Newton (2½) by 2.
 Major J. W. Cobb (—½) bt M. Spencer Ell (—½) by 18.

FINAL.

Capt. H. G. Stoker (1½) w.o. Major J. W. Cobb (—½) opponent scratched.

LADIES' HANDICAP SINGLES.

A SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL.

("Two Life" System).

THE DRAW.

(15 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. W. Longman (—1) bt Mrs. L. C. Apps (—1½) by 4.
 Mrs. D. Attfield (6) bt Mrs. M. D. Staub (12) by 6.
 Mrs. M. D. Cork (9) bt Mrs. H. J. Collins (3½) by 6.
 Mrs. S. Mathews (5) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (10) by 9.
 Mrs. M. H. Carrington (12) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (4½) by 3.
 Mrs. G. J. Turketine (—½) bt Mrs. F. Pavia (4) by 11.
 Miss D. A. Lintern (—3) bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton (—½) by 16.
 The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. W. Longman (—1) bt Mrs. D. Attfield (6) by 1.
 Mrs. S. Mathews (5) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (9) by 2.
 Mrs. G. J. Turketine (—½) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (12) by 5.
 Miss D. A. Lintern (—3) bt Mrs. E. Bristow (7) by 17.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. S. Mathews (5) bt Mrs. W. Longman (—1) by 8.
 Miss D. A. Lintern (—3) bt Mrs. G. J. Turketine (—½) by 13.

FINAL.

Miss D. A. Lintern (—3) w.o. Mrs. S. Mathews (5) opponent scratched.

PLAY-OFF.

Miss D. A. Lintern (—3) bt Mrs. S. Mathews (5) by 4.

PROCESS.

(15 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. S. Mathews (5) bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton (—½) by 21.
 Mrs. D. Attfield (6) bt Mrs. G. J. Turketine (—½) by 5.
 Mrs. E. Bristow (7) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (9) by 3.
 Lady Ursula Abbey (4½) bt Mrs. L. C. Apps (—1½) by 21.
 Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (10) bt Mrs. F. Pavia (4) by 5.
 Mrs. H. J. Collins (3½) bt Miss D. A. Lintern (—3) by 10.
 Mrs. M. H. Carrington (12) w.o. Mrs. W. Longman (—1) opponent scratched.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. S. Mathews (5) bt Mrs. D. Attfield (6) by 4.
 Lady Ursula Abbey (4½) bt Mrs. E. Bristow (7) by 20.
 Mrs. M. D. Staub (12) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (10) by 24.
 Mrs. M. H. Carrington (12) bt Mrs. H. J. Collins (3½) by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. S. Mathews (5) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (4½) opponent retired.
 Mrs. M. H. Carrington (12) bt Mrs. M. D. Staub (12) by 17.

FINAL.

Mrs. S. Mathews (5) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (12) by 9.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

TWO SILVER CHALLENGE CUPS.

(Combined Handicap scratch or over).

(10 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Major J. W. Cobb and Mrs. S. Mathews (4½) bt L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts and Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton (9½) by 12.
 Lt.-Col. S. Mathews and R. H. Newton (7½) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts and Mrs. H. J. Collins (7½) by 1.
 The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Capt. H. G. Stoker and Mrs. M. L. Thom (8) bt Major J. H. Dibley and G. Victor Evans (½) by 12.
 Major J. W. Cobb and Mrs. S. M. Mathews (4½) bt M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. M. D. Cork (6) by 11.
 T. Wood-Hill and Mrs. D. Attfield (7½) bt Lt.-Col. S. Mathews and R. H. Newton (8) by 9.
 Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (7) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington and Mrs. D. M. Staub (22) by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.

Capt. H. G. Stoker and Mrs. M. L. Thom (8) bt Major J. W. Cobb and Mrs. S. Mathews (4½) by 16.
 Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (7) bt T. Wood-Hill and Mrs. D. Attfield (7½) by 5.

FINAL.

Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (7) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker and Mrs. M. H. Thom (8) by 4 on time.

EXTRA EVENT.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. M. D. Cork (9) bt T. Wood-Hill (1½) by 2.
 Mrs. E. Bristow (7) bt R. H. Newton (2½) by 10.
 Mrs. M. H. Carrington (12) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (10) by 9.
 M. B. Reckitt (—3) bt Mrs. D. M. Staub (12) by 12.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. E. Bristow (7) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (9) by 8.
 M. B. Reckitt (—3) w.o. Mrs. M. H. Carrington (12) opponent scratched.

FINAL.

M. B. Reckitt (—3) bt Mrs. E. Bristow (7) by 20.

SIDMOUTH

The Croquet Tournament here has to be held during the first week in May, owing to the demands later on of the Cricket and Tennis sides of the Club. The situation of the Club is one of the prettiest in England, being right in the middle of the sea front, and given fine weather visitors can enjoy a perfect week in such pleasant surroundings, and if they care to stay on, there is the Budleigh Salterton unofficial tournament the following week only seven miles away.

Everything is done to make one comfortable and the Tournament a happy one, with Miss A. E. Mills managing, and Mrs. Hockin and her staff attending to one's lunches and teas, which are excellent.

Now as to the play which was unfortunately marred by rain in spasms during the week.

The A Opens, which was like Hamlet without the Prince of Denmark, H. O. Hicks not defending the cup he has won each year since croquet tournaments restarted after the war, was played on the American system and the cup was won by Col. D. W. Beamish, who was playing very good croquet all the week, and was beaten by H. O. Hicks in the final of the Handicap Singles in a most interesting game.

Lt.-Col. Cave won the B Opens and the Golf Croquet event in his usual style, Mrs. Michelmore being the defeated finalist in each of these events.

Capt. Bald, R. N., an old pre first war player won the C's beating Miss Gough in the final.

The Handicap Doubles were won by Major Stone and Miss Cooper, who beat in the final Mrs. Rotherham and Miss V. E. Mills, after a most thrilling game. Mrs. Rotherham had been pegged out by Major Stone and Miss V. E. Mills nearly won the game for her side by her excellent long shooting.

The prizes were kindly presented by Mrs. Michelmore, and on the Friday evening, Dr. Michelmore, the President of the Club, and Mrs. Michelmore gave a delightful cocktail party at the Club, which was thoroughly enjoyed by Competitors, their friends and their relations.

OPEN SINGLES (CLASS "A").

(American).

(5 Entries).

Col. D. W. Beamish bt Major G. F. Stone 26 to 14, bt J. K. Brown 26 to 7, bt W. W. Sweet Escott 26 to 20; lost to Mrs. E. Rotherham 15 to 26.
 Major G. F. Stone lost to Col. D. W. Beamish 14 to 26; bt J. K. Brown 26 to 16, bt W. W. Sweet Escott 26 to 0, bt Mrs. E. Rotherham 26 to 7.
 J. K. Brown lost to Col. D. W. Beamish 7 to 26, lost to Major G. F. Stone 16 to 26, lost to W. W. Sweet Escott 20 to 26, lost to Mrs. E. Rotherham 7 to 26.
 W. W. Sweet Escott lost to Col. D. W. Beamish 20 to 26, lost to Major G. F. Stone 0 to 26, bt J. K. Brown 26 to 20, bt Mrs. E. Rotherham 26 to 24.
 Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Col. D. W. Beamish 26 to 15, lost to Major G. F. Stone 7 to 26, bt J. K. Brown 26 to 7, lost to W. W. Sweet Escott 24 to 26.
 Winner of Cup (on points)—Col. D. W. Beamish.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B").

(1 to 4½ Bisques).

(5 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. G. W. Solomon bt V. C. Cave by 16.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. R. G. Michelmore bt G. W. Solomon by 7.
 Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 10.

FINAL.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmore by 18.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C").

(5 Bisques and over).

(7 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Capt. G. R. Bald (6) bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot (5) by 16.
 W. J. Dixson (9) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (6) by 9.
 J. Weston Martyr (12) bt Mrs. C. A. G. Money (8½) by 17.

SEMI-FINAL.

Capt. G. R. Bald (6) bt W. J. Dixson (9) by 9.
 Miss S. C. Gough (13) bt J. Weston Martyr (12) by 10.

FINAL.

Capt. G. R. Bald (6) bt Miss S. C. Gough (13) by 9.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(20 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss A. Mills (1½) bt L. G. Walters (8) by 10.
 W. W. Sweet Escott (—½) bt Mrs. C. A. G. Money (8) retired.
 Major G. F. Stone (—3½) bt G. W. Solomon (3½) by 14.
 C. F. Bailey (6½) bt V. C. Cave (2) retired.

SECOND ROUND.

H. O. Hicks (—5½) bt Capt. G. R. Bald (6) by 11.
 J. Weston Martyr (12) bt Mrs. L. G. Walters (6) retired.
 Col. D. W. Beamish (—1½) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (1½) by 16.
 J. K. Brown (—1) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (6) by 5.
 Mrs. H. J. Philpot (5) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) by 6.
 W. W. Sweet Escott (—½) bt Miss A. Mills (1½) by 8.
 C. F. Bailey (6½) bt Major G. F. Stone (—3½) retired.
 Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (3) by 1.

THIRD ROUND.

H. O. Hicks (—5½) bt J. K. Brown (—1) by 11.
 W. W. Sweet Escott (—½) bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot (5) by 9.
 Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt C. F. Bailey (6½) by 12.
 Col. D. W. Beamish (—1½) bt J. Weston Martyr (12) by 11.

SEMI-FINAL.

H. O. Hicks (—5½) bt W. W. Sweet Escott (—½) by 12.
 Col. D. W. Beamish (—1½) bt Mrs. A. E. Rotherham (—3) by 16.

FINAL.

H. O. Hicks (—5½) bt Col. D. W. Beamish (—1½) by 14.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(8 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

W. W. Sweet Escott and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2½) w.o. V. C. Cave and Mrs. C. A. G. Money (10½).
 Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss V. Mills (½) bt J. K. Brown and J. Tanner (11) by 11.
 Major G. F. Stone and Miss J. Cooper (8½) bt C. F. Bailey and G. W. Solomon (10) by 22.
 Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Miss A. Mills (3) bt Mrs. L. G. Walters and Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (12) by 3.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss V. Mills (½) bt W. W. Sweet Escott and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2½) by 15.
 Major G. F. Stone and Miss J. Cooper (8½) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Miss A. Mills (3) by 11.

FINAL.

Major G. F. Stone and Miss J. Cooper (8½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss V. Mills (½) by 3.

GOLF CROQUET.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (1) bt G. W. Solomon (1) 3 and 2.
 Mrs. L. G. Walters (2) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) 1 up.
 Miss A. Mills (1) w.o. H. O. Hicks (0).
 Mrs. H. J. Philpot (1) bt C. F. Bailey (2) 6 and 4.

SECOND ROUND.

W. W. Sweet Escott (0) w.o. L. Price Harris (2).
 Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (1) bt Mrs. L. G. Walters (2) 4 and 2.
 Mrs. H. J. Philpot (1) w.o. Miss A. Mills (1).
 Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (1) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (0) 3 and 2.

SEMI-FINAL.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (1) bt W. W. Sweet Escott (0) 1 up.
 Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (1) bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot (1) 5 and 3.

FINAL.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (1) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (1) 1 up.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON
UNOFFICIAL

In spite of pessimistic forecasts early in the week the weather at Budleigh Salterton for the unofficial tournament defied the prophets, and except for an occasional light shower we enjoyed really good croquet weather for which it is hard to remember any parallel in 1954. The writer always particularly enjoys his return to the lists at Budleigh, for it was in 1903, at an indecently early age, that he made his debut as a tournament player. He will never forget the kindness and tolerance shown by the Budleigh players for those days to a mere schoolboy. They, alas, have all passed on, and new faces and new names, with the exception fortunately of that of Stone, have taken their place. Yet now that the writer is a veteran he finds the present generation of Budleigh players showing precisely the same characteristics as their predecessors, the same welcome and hospitality, and the same apparent satisfaction at any success a visitor might achieve. The writer too remembers the interest and welcome shown him by the then groundsman, Lawrence, on his annual appearance as schoolboy and as undergraduate. It is a pleasure to know that West, the head groundsman today, was once assistant to Lawrence. Budleigh is fortunate in possessing a man who shows such interest in his work. The condition of the lawns do him the utmost credit.

The singles, all handicaps, were played on the American system in four blocks, each player, however unsuccessful, being assured of four games. Possibly there was no more exciting, and certainly no closer game than that between Major Stone and the writer. The latter having pulled the game out of the fire at the eleventh hour seemed assured of victory when he proceeded to hand it back to his opponent and to lose by a single point. It was delightful, however, to see Major Stone showing once more his characteristic combination of brilliance and accuracy after a season or so of partial eclipse. In his present form he is as good as the best. Having played against them both the writer is well qualified to say, "Like father, like son." Major Stone, as expected, went on to win the whole event, though Mrs. Gatehouse, who had played very steadily throughout, put up a very creditable opposition to him in the final.

The final of the doubles was largely a Walters affair, in which Mrs. Walters partnered by Miss Cooper, her daughter Mrs. Vincent, partnered by Major Stone.

A feature of the Budleigh Club is the encouragement and careful coaching that the experts give their novices. Without necessarily being the best "horse" in the Budleigh stables, it is still possible for a player to have the distinction of heading the "list of winning trainers." Ex-novices or novices, who happened to catch the writer's eye, were Mrs. Vincent, Miss Cooper, Mrs. Newham-Davis and Mr. Pearce.

Finally we are all deeply grateful to Miss Mills for her management of the tournament. A long over-night session on Sunday enabled her to plan out in advance practically every game that was to be played throughout the week. Thus a player could peacefully lose in the bridge-room the money he fondly hoped he might have won at croquet without any fear of being ignominiously extracted.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(20 Entries).

GROUP "A"

NAME	Handicap	Mrs. E. Rotherham	Major G. F. Stone	J. K. Brown	W. W. Sweet Escott	Col G. E. Cave
Mrs. E. Rotherham	3	—	9	26	9	0
Major G. F. Stone	3½	26	—	26	26	26
J. K. Brown	1	23	2	—	19	1
W. W. Sweet Escott	½	26	25	26	—	3
Col G. E. Cave	1½	26	10	26	26	—

GROUP "B"

NAME	Handicap	Mrs. R. G. Michelmore	Miss V. E. Mills	Mrs. H. J. Philpot	Mrs. L. G. Walters	Miss A. E. Mills
Mrs. R. G. Michelmore	3	—	26	8	14	21
Miss V. E. Mills	3½	20	—	26	26	22
Mrs. H. J. Philpot	5	26	21	—	21	11
Mrs. L. G. Walters	5½	26	9	26	—	26
Miss A. E. Mills	1½	26	26	26	6	—

GROUP "C"

NAME	Handicap	Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse	Capt. G. R. Bald	T. A. Chignell	Mrs. C. A. G. Money	G. A. Black
Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse	6	—	26	26	21	26
Capt. G. R. Bald	6	17	—	17	26	24
T. A. Chignell	7	19	26	—	26	18
Mrs. C. A. G. Money	10	26	14	7	—	6
G. A. Black	9	16	26	26	26	—

GROUP "D"

NAME	Handicap	W. H. Pearce	Mrs. Newham-Davies	Miss S. C. Gough	Miss J. Cooper
W. H. Pearce	14	—	20	16	17
Mrs. Newham-Davies	14	26	—	24	14
Miss S. C. Gough	13	26	26	—	26
Miss J. Cooper	13	26	26	24	—

SEMI-FINALS.

Major G. F. Stone bt Mrs. L. G. Walters by 10.
Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse bt Miss S. C. Gough by 4.

FINALS.

Major G. F. Stone bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse by 9.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Combined handicap not less than 6 bisques)
(9 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss V. E. Mills and J. Weston Martyr (13½) bt J. K. Brown and T. A. Chignell (6) by 16.

SECOND ROUND.

Major G. F. Stone and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (6½) bt W. J. Dixon and G. A. Black (17) by 19.
Mrs. E. Rotherham and F. Liversey (8) bt Miss V. E. Mills and J. Weston Martyr (13½) by 5.
W. W. Sweet Escott and W. H. Pearce (11½) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Mrs. D. Newham-Davies (13½) by 7.
Mrs. L. G. Walters and Miss J. Cooper (16½) bt Miss A. E. Mills and Miss S. C. Gough (12½) by 17.

SEMI-FINAL.

Major G. F. Stone and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (6½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and F. Liversey (8) by 10.
Mrs. L. G. Walters and Miss J. Cooper (16½) bt W. W. Sweet Escott and W. H. Pearce (11½) by 7.

FINAL.

Major G. F. Stone and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (6½) bt Mrs. L. G. Walters and Miss J. Cooper (16½) by 18.

BRIGHTON

Thunder, lightning, hail, sleet, downpours of rain and a cold wind reaching gale force on Wednesday unfortunately spoilt the enjoyment of the players in the "Summer" tournament held at Brighton from May 16th to May 21st. The number of "walk-overs" in the results is entirely due to this freak weather. Competitors battled their way through driving rain and furious winds till it became too much for some of them, and on Friday afternoon no play was possible after tea as the courts had become waterlogged. Such are the vagaries of an English summer! Great credit is due to Major Dibley for completing the programme at all; as usual he was a most courteous and efficient manager. An innovation this year was the serving of "the complet" to the players on the lawns—this is much better than a mere "cup of tea". No praise is high enough for Mrs. Miller and her assistants for the way in which the catering was carried out. There were few outstanding games in the various events—perhaps again due to the appalling weather—but Mrs. Wooster's (7) defeat of Miss Steel (—4) by one point in the Handicap Singles is worth mention. L. Kirk-Greene again won the "Abbey" Cup in the open event. The final of the Doubles consisted of four players belonging to the Club, and Mrs. Oddie and Miss Morgan just managed to beat Mrs. Wooster and Mr. Woodhams by 5 points after an exciting last few minutes. It was good to see several visitors from other clubs including the two Miss Mills from as far off as Budleigh Salterton. The lawns were in first-class order and, except for the Friday deluge, stood up to the weather conditions very well. The number of entries was above the average.

OPEN SINGLES.

("Two Life" System).

THE "ABBAY" CHALLENGE CUP.

THE DRAW.

(9 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

E. V. Carpmael w.o. N. Oddie opponent scratched.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss D. D. Steel bt T. Wood-Hill by 26.
Miss M. J. Daldy bt E. V. Carpmael by 22.
Mrs. N. Oddie bt H. T. Pinckney Simpson by 11.
L. Kirk Greene w.o. J. R. Abbey scratched.

SEMI-FINAL.

L. Kirk Greene bt Mrs. N. Oddie by 8.
Miss D. D. Steel bt Miss M. J. Daldy by 5.

FINAL.

L. Kirk Greene bt Miss D. D. Steel by 21.

PROCESS.

(9 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

T. Wood-Hill bt Major J. R. Abbey by 4.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss M. J. Daldy bt Mrs. N. Oddie by 1.
E. V. Carpmael bt T. Wood-Hill by 21.
L. Kirk Greene bt N. Oddie by 21.
Miss D. D. Steel bt H. T. Pinckney Simpson by 20.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss M. J. Daldy bt E. V. Carpmael by 12.
L. Kirk Greene bt Miss D. D. Steel by 9.

FINAL.

L. Kirk Greene w.o. Miss M. J. Daldy scratched.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(40 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

S. F. Sopwith (2) w.o. Mrs. C. A. Money (10) opponent retired.
Capt. B. A. Millar (8) bt F. W. Snow (7) by 15.
Mrs. H. Roberts (8) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (9) by 11.
Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (2½) w.o. Mrs. H. T. Pinckney Simpson (0) opponent retired.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4½) bt Mrs. W. Wallwork (5½) by 10.
R. J. Hinnel (7) bt Mrs. F. De Coverley Veale (6½) by 10.
Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) bt Sir Douglas Crawford Jones (5½) by 3.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) bt R. H. Newton (2½) by 13.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss M. Tiffin (8) bt D. Woodhams (8) by 4.
E. A. Roper (5) bt A. L. Megson (1½) by 21.
D. J. Dibley (6) bt Miss M. Morgan (10) by 14.
Mrs. P. Heley (4) bt Miss D. L. Latham (9) by 12.
Miss D. D. Steel (—4) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan (6) by 6.
Mrs. H. D. Wooster (7) bt H. D. Parker (5) by 2.
Capt. B. A. Millar (8) bt S. F. Sopwith (2) by 9.
Mrs. H. Roberts (8) w.o. Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (2½) opponent retired.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4½) bt R. J. Hinnel (7) by 9.
Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) by 4.
T. Wood-Hill (1½) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) by 13.
G. E. W. Hitchcock (3) bt Miss M. Palmer (12) by 20.
Lady Ursula Abbey (4½) bt Mrs. C. Kiddey (9) by 4.
Mrs. H. Franc (4) bt Miss V. E. Mills (3½) by 8.
Miss A. E. Mills (1½) bt Miss M. J. Daldy (—1½) by 14.
W. P. H. Roe (7) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) by 4.

THIRD ROUND.

E. A. Roper (5) bt Miss M. Tiffin (8) by 18.
D. J. Dibley (6) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) by 17.
Mrs. H. D. Wooster (7) bt Miss D. D. Steel (—4) by 1.
Capt. K. B. Millar (8) bt Mrs. H. Roberts (8) by 4 on time.
Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4½) by 15.
G. E. W. Hitchcock (3) bt T. Wood-Hill (1½) by 6.
Lady Ursula Abbey (4½) w.o. Mrs. H. Franc (4) opponent retired.
Miss A. E. Mills (1½) bt W. P. H. Roe (7) by 8.

FOURTH ROUND.

D. J. Dibley (6) bt E. A. Roper (5) by 20.
Capt. K. B. Millar (8) w.o. Mrs. H. D. Wooster (7) opponent retired.
Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) w.o. G. E. W. Hitchcock (3) opponent retired.
Lady Ursula Abbey (4½) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1½) by 12.

SEMI-FINAL.

Capt. K. B. Millar (8) bt D. J. Dibley (6) by 5.
Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) w.o. Lady Ursula Abbey (4½) opponent scratched.

FINAL.

Capt. K. B. Millar (8) bt Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) by 16.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y."),

EVENT "X".

(48 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. C. Riddey (9) bt C. F. Bailey (6½) by 8 on time.
Miss D. D. Steel (—4) bt Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) by 2.
Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) bt H. T. Pinckney Simpson (0) by 13.
Miss A. E. Mills (1½) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (9) by 11.
Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (5½) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) by 12.
Miss V. E. Mills (3½) bt Capt. K. B. Millar (8) by 10.
Miss P. M. Hartridge (10) bt Sir Crawford Douglas Jones (5½) by 10.
D. Woodhams (8) bt Dr. F. De Coverley Veale (7) by 17.
A. L. Megson (1½) bt S. F. Sopwith (2) by 1.
R. J. Hinnel (7) bt W. P. H. Roe (7) by 10.
Mrs. De Coverley Veale (6½) bt Miss E. M. Palmer (12) by 10.
Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (3½) bt T. Wood-Hill (1½) by 7.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4½) bt E. A. Roper (5) by 7.
Miss H. D. Parker (5) bt Mrs. A. Nichols (5½) by 8.
E. V. Carpmael (0) bt Miss H. Franc (4) by 16.
Mrs. R. E. Pertwee (7) bt F. W. Snow (7) by 17.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss M. Morgan (10) bt Mrs. N. Oddie (-2½) by 20.
 Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan (6) by 5.
 Mrs. H. D. Wooster (7) w.o. Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) opponent retired.
 G. E. W. Hitchcock (3) bt Mrs. C. A. Money (8½) by 13.
 Miss D. D. Steel (-4) bt Mrs. C. Ridley (9) by 14.
 Miss A. E. Mills (1½) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) by 15.
 Miss V. E. Mills (3½) bt Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (5½) by 13.
 D. Woodhams (8) bt Miss P. M. Hartridge (10) by 10.
 R. J. Hinnel (7) w.o. A. L. Megson (1½) opponent scratched.
 Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (3½) bt Mrs. De Coverley Veale (6½) by 9.
 Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4½) bt Miss H. D. Parker (5) by 14.
 E. V. Carpmal (0) bt Mrs. R. E. Pertwee (7) by 12.
 Mrs. A. J. Robards (2½) bt Miss D. L. Latham (9) by 2.
 Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (2½) bt N. Oddie (1) by 4 on time.
 R. H. Newton (2½) bt Mrs. H. Roberts (8) by 8.
 Miss M. Tiffin (8) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) by 10.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) bt Miss M. Morgan (10) by 3.
 G. E. W. Hitchcock (3) w.o. Mrs. H. D. Wooster (7) opponent retired.
 Miss D. D. Steel (-4) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1½) by 9.
 Miss V. E. Mills (3½) bt D. Woodhams (8) by 14.
 R. J. Hinnel (7) bt Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (3½) by 3.
 Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4½) bt E. V. Carpmal (0) by 6.
 Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (2½) bt Mrs. A. J. Robards (2½) by 8.
 R. H. Newton (2½) bt Miss M. Tiffin (8) by 9.

FOURTH ROUND.

G. E. W. Hitchcock (3) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) by 7.
 Miss D. D. Steel (-4) bt Miss V. E. Mills (3½) by 5.
 Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4½) bt R. J. Hinnel (7) by 19.
 R. H. Newton (2½) bt Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (2½) by 1 on time.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. E. W. Hitchcock (3) bt Miss D. D. Steel (-4) by 7.
 R. H. Newton (2½) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4½) by 4.

FINAL.

R. H. Newton (2½) bt G. E. W. Hitchcock (3) by 11.

EVENT "Y".

(24 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

C. F. Bailey (6½) bt Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) by 1 on time.
 H. T. Pinckney Simpson (0) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (9) by 12.
 Capt. K. B. Millar (8) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) by 2 on time.
 Dr. F. De Coverley Veale (7) bt Sir Crawford Douglas Jones (5½) by 10.
 S. F. Sopwith (2) bt W. P. H. Roe (7) by 16.
 T. Wood-Hill (1½) bt Miss E. M. Palmer (12) by 14.
 E. A. Roper (5) w.o. Mrs. A. Nichols (5½) opponent retired.
 F. W. Snow (7) bt Miss H. Franc (4) by 6.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. N. Oddie (-2½) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan (6) by 12.
 Mrs. C. A. Money (10) w.o. Mrs. Carling (5½) opponent retired.
 C. F. Bailey (6½) bt H. T. Pinckney Simpson (0) by 16.
 Dr. F. De Coverley Veale (7) w.o. Capt. K. B. Millar (8) opponent scratched.
 S. F. Sopwith (2) bt T. Wood-Hill (1½) by 16.
 E. A. Roper (5) bt F. W. Snow (7) by 13.
 N. Oddie (1) bt Miss D. L. Latham (9) by 5.
 Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) bt Mrs. H. Roberts (8) by 13.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. N. Oddie (-2½) w.o. Mrs. C. A. Money (10) opponent retired.
 C. F. Bailey (6½) w.o. Dr. F. De Coverley Veale (7) opponent retired.
 E. A. Roper (5) bt S. F. Sopwith (2) by 19.
 Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) w.o. N. Oddie (1) opponent retired.

SEMI-FINAL.

C. F. Bailey (6½) w.o. Mrs. N. Oddie (-2½) opponent retired.
 E. A. Roper (5) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) by 14.

FINAL.

E. A. Roper (5) bt C. F. Bailey (6½) by 17.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(18 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

G. E. W. Hitchcock and Mrs. H. Roberts (11) bt Dr. F. De Coverley Veale and Mrs. De Coverley Veale (13½) by 13.
 Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) w.o. A. L. Megson and N. Oddie (2½) opponents scratched.

SECOND ROUND.

S. F. Sopwith and Miss M. J. Daldy (½) bt Mrs. A. Badcock and Mrs. C. A. Bishop (10½) by 3.
 V. E. Carpmal and Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) bt E. A. Roper and Miss V. E. Mills (8½) by 5.
 Mrs. N. Oddie and Miss M. Morgan (7½) bt Major J. H. Dibley and Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5) by 7.
 R. H. Newton and Mrs. W. E. Wallwork (8) bt L. Kirk Greene and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (½) by 5 on time.
 Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) bt G. E. W. Hitchcock and Mrs. H. Roberts (11) by 11.
 D. Woodhams and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (15) bt R. J. Hinnel and Mrs. M. Tiffin (15) by 4.
 Sir Crawford Douglas Jones and Capt. K. B. Millar (13½) bt Mrs. A. L. Megson and A. J. Bland (11) by 12.
 F. E. Corke and F. W. Snow (11½) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner and Mrs. G. Forbes Cowan (14) by 11.

THIRD ROUND.

S. F. Sopwith and Miss M. J. Daldy (½) bt V. E. Carpmal and Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) by 7.
 Mrs. N. Oddie and Miss M. Morgan (7½) bt R. H. Newton and Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (8) by 4.
 D. Woodhams and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (15) bt Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) by 6.
 F. E. Corke and F. W. Snow (11½) bt Sir Crawford Douglas Jones and Capt. K. B. Millar (13½) by 4.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. N. Oddie and Miss M. Morgan (7½) bt S. F. Sopwith and Miss M. J. Daldy (½) by 6.
 D. Woodhams and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (15) bt F. E. Corke and F. W. Snow (11½) by 8.

FINAL.

Mrs. N. Oddie and Miss M. Morgan (7½) bt D. Woodhams and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (15) by 5.

HANDICAPS CONFIRMED OR ALTERED BY THE HANDICAP CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

May 25th, 1955

SIDMOUTH

V. C. Cave 2 to 3.
 Miss J. Cooper 14 (D 12) to 14 (D 11).
 Mrs. C. A. G. Money 8½ to 10.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

R. Chignell *7 to 7.
 Miss J. Cooper 14 (D 11) to 12 (D 11).
 Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse 6 to 5½.
 Miss S. C. Gough 13 (D 11) to 12 (D 11).
 Major G. F. Stone -3½ to -4.
 Mrs. M. H. Vincent 11 (D 10) to 11 (D 9)
 Mrs. L. G. Walters 6½ to 5½.
 J. Weston-Martyr 14 (D 11) to 12 (D 10).

NON-ASSOCIATE

Mrs. Newham-Davies 14 (D 12) new handicap.

PEEL MEMORIALS

Mrs. S. Mathews 5 to 4.
 Capt. H. G. Stoker 1½ to 1.
 L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts *10 to 10.

BRIGHTON

R. J. Hinnel 7 new handicap.
 Capt. K. B. Millar 8 to 7.
 Miss M. Morgan 10 to 9.
 R. H. Newton 2½ to 2.
 Mrs. R. E. Pertwee *7 to 7.
 E. A. Roper 5 to 4½.
 Miss M. Tiffin *8 to 8.

NON-ASSOCIATE

W. P. H. Roe *7 to 8.

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Miss M. L. Hellyer 7½ to 9.

BUXTON

THE NORTH OF ENGLAND TOURNAMENT

The Pavilion Gardens, Buxton

Monday, June 20th—25th, 1955

Manager, Referee and Handicapper.—Miss D. D. Steel.
 Hon. Treasurer.—J. Hunter, Old Hall Hotel, Buxton.
 Hon. Secretary.—Mrs. D. E. Chorlton, 6 The Square, Buxton.

Committee.—Croquet Committee of the Buxton Club.

EVENTS.

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. North of England Challenge Cup. "Two Lives." Final—Best of three games. Variation B. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES. "Class B." Open to players of 3 bisques and over. Law 44 suspended. Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. "Class C." Open to players of 8 bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Unrestricted. "X.Y." Entrance Fee, 9s.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Unrestricted. Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d. each player.

CONDITIONS.

First and Second Prizes will be awarded for each Event in addition to Silver Trophies.

The Management claim the right to cancel any Event advertised should there not be sufficient entries. Six Lawns will be provided and Jaques' Balls and equipment will be used.

Morning Coffee and Afternoon Tea obtainable.
 Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

ACCOMMODATION.

A list of Hotels and Boarding Houses will be sent on application to the Hon. Secretary.

PLAY.

Play will commence at 10 a.m., unless otherwise stated.

ENTRIES.

Entries, made on the official form, and accompanied by the Entrance Fees, should reach the Hon. Secretary by Saturday, June 18th (excepting for Event 5, Entries for which close on Tuesday, June 21st).

THE DRAW.

The Draw for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4, will take place on Saturday, June 18th, at 8 p.m. The Draw for Event 5, on Tuesday, June 21st, at 5 p.m.

COMPTON, EASTBOURNE

AN OPEN CROQUET TOURNAMENT

The Compton Croquet Club, Compton Place Road, Eastbourne

Monday, June 27th, to Saturday, July 2nd, 1955

Manager and Handicapper.—Major J. H. Dibley, M.C.

Referee.—Mr. R. V. N. Wiggins.

Committee.—The Committee of the Compton Croquet Club, Major J. H. Dibley, M.C., Mr. R. V. N. Wiggins.

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. (Draw and process Variation B.) Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES. —3 bisques and over. (Single Game, Law 44 suspended.) Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d.

4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 6 bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d.

5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined Handicaps to be not less than Scratch. Entrance Fee, each Player 7s. 6d.

All entries to be sent to the Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. J. Speer, 2, Dunvegan, Dittons Road, Eastbourne), giving Eastbourne address and telephone number. Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 will close after first post on Thursday, 23rd June, and for Event 5, at midday on Tuesday, 28th June.

The Committee reserve the right to refuse an entry without assigning a reason. The Draw will take place at the Compton Croquet Club at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, 23rd June. Play will commence each day at 10 a.m. Players wanted at 10 or 11 a.m. on Monday will be notified. All others will report to the Manager on arrival each day. Five lawns will be available. Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

THE CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP AND THE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

will be played for at

ROEHAMPTON

(By kind permission of the Committee of the Roehampton Club)

On MONDAY, JULY 4th, 1955

AND FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager and Handicapper.—Mrs. G. J. Turketine.

Referee.—Mrs. Reeve.

Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.

EVENTS.

- 1.—THE CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP. Open to any Competitor (subject to Regulation 22). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Matches best of three games. Prizes: The Coronation Gold Challenge Cup and a medal, Runner-up a Silver Challenge Cup. Holder—A. G. F. Ross.
- 2.—THE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP. Open to any competitor (subject to Regulation 22). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. each person. Matches of single games. Prizes: A Pair of Silver Challenge Cups, presented by M. B. and the late G. L. Reckitt. Holders—E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon.
- 3.—THE ASSOCIATION PLATE. Open to competitors who have entered for Event 1 have not qualified for the third round. Matches of single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 6s. each entry as they qualify. Level play. Prizes: A Challenge Trophy, presented by W. Longman. Holder—M. B. Reckitt.

CONDITIONS.

Hoops 3¼ in. wide. Jaques' "Eclipse" Balls will be used.

No leave can be granted till after the draw.

The winners hold the respective Challenge Trophies for one year or until the next competition, whichever is the shorter period. Other prizes according to number of entries.

The Committee reserve the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason and to decide any question that may arise.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

ENTRIES.

The Entries, accompanied by the Entrance Fees for Event 1, must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., so as to reach her not later than the first post on **Wednesday, 29th June**, and for Event 2 by noon on **Tuesday, July 5th**. Competitors must give with their entries the address at which messages will reach them during the Tournament.

DRAW.

The Draw for Event No. 1 will take place at 4, Southampton Row, W.C.1., at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 29th, for Event 2 at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5th, and for Event 3 as will be announced on the ground.

PLAY.

Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily.

Competitors must report themselves to the Manager on arrival.

The semi-finals and finals of the Championships will be so arranged that play in them will extend over the afternoons of Friday and Saturday.

EXMOUTH

OPEN TOURNAMENT

THE EXMOUTH CROQUET AND LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Cranford, 42 Salterton Road, Exmouth

Monday, July 4th to Saturday, July 9th, 1955

Manager and Handicapper.—Miss A. E. Mills.

Referee.—To be appointed.

Tournament Committee.—Major G. F. Stone, Col. D. W. Beamish, Lt.-Col. C. S. Lazenby, Miss A. E. Mills.

EVENTS.

- 1.—Open Singles (draw and process Var. B.). Challenge Bowl. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d.
- 2.—Level Singles (Class B). 2½ Bisques and over (Law 44 suspended). Entrance Fee, 7s.
- 3.—Handicap Singles (Class C). 6½ Bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 7s.
- 4.—X, Y Handicap Singles. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d.
- 5.—Handicap Doubles, combined Handicaps to be not less than 2. Entrance Fee, each player 7s.

No player may enter for more than one of the first three events.

Hotels: Cranford, Devoncourt, Maer Bay, Moriglen (opposite Club).

CONDITIONS

Play will commence each day at 10 a.m. (or earlier if necessary). Players wanted at 10 a.m. on Monday will be notified. All others should be present on the ground by 11 a.m. Six Lawns (standard setting) will be provided. Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 close first post Thursday, June 30th, and the draw will take place at 11 a.m., Thursday, June 30th, at the Exmouth Croquet and L.T.C. Entries for the handicap doubles close at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5th. All entries to be sent to Miss A. E. Mills, Greyfriars, Budleigh Salterton.

Sandwich Lunches and Teas will be provided at the Club.

Free parking for cars in Club Grounds, at owner's risk.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

A CROQUET TOURNAMENT

will be held on

THE CLUB GROUNDS

On Monday, 11th to 16th July, 1955

Tournament Committee.—Mrs. E. Rotherham (Chairman), Major G. F. Stone, Miss A. Mills, Col. D. W. Beamish, Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse, and G. Black, Esq.

Manager and Handicapper.—Major J. H. Dibley, M.C.

Referee of the Tournament.—Mrs. Edmund Reeve.

Hon. Secretary.—L. G. Walters, Esq., "Braywick," Budleigh Salterton (Tel.: 333).

Eighteen

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. Draw and Process. The Colman Challenge Cup. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. *Except in the case of a bye, Competitors in this event will not be granted leave after 2 p.m. on Monday, 11th July.*
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES (Class B). Single games, Law 44 suspended. The Longman Cup. Open to players of 1 to 5 bisques. Entrance Fee, 9s.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES (Class C). Single games. Open to players of 5½ bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 9s.
N.B.—No competitor may enter for more than one of the above events.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Single games. The Oliver Bowl. Open to all. Entrance Fee, 9s.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Single games. The Le Messurier Cups. Unrestricted except that no two minus players may play together. Entrance Fee, 7s. each player.

Please note revised entry conditions for Event 5.

Notes.—The above Entrance Fees include the C.A. Levy.

PRIZES

First and Second Prizes will be given in each Event, and two equal Third Prizes where Entries are sufficient.

All Challenge Cups to be held for one year or until the next competition whichever is the shorter period.

ENTRIES

Entries, on Association Forms PLEASE, must reach the Secretary by the following dates: For Events 1, 2, 3 and 4, by the first post on Thursday, 7th July; and for Event 5 by 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 12th July, but the Committee reserve the right to close the lists earlier should they find it necessary to do so.

THE DRAW

The Draw for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4, will take place in the Cranford Club Pavilion, Exmouth, on Thursday, 7th July, at 11 a.m., and for Event 5 on Tuesday afternoon, in the Club Pavilion.

Luncheons and Teas at moderate prices. Bridge Rooms are available.

Standard Setting, 3¼ in. Hoops.

Play will commence each day at 10 a.m. or earlier if necessary.

Such flat-soled boots or shoes as cannot damage the court must be worn.

At least eight lawns will be provided.

CHELTENHAM

The Thirty-Ninth Annual Open Tournament

will be held on the CLUB LAWNS, Old Bath Road, on

MONDAY, JULY 18th, and FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS

(Under the Laws and Regulations of the Croquet Association)

Committee of the Cheltenham Croquet Club.—Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows (Chairman).

Manager, Referee and Handicapper.—Miss D. D. Steel.

Tournament Secretary.—F. Langley, Cheltenham Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.

EVENTS.

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. CHELTENHAM CHAMPIONSHIP CUP. To be held for one year or till the next Competition, whichever be the shorter period. "Two Life System". Holder, H. O. Hicks. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES. MONEY SALVER. To be held for one year or till the next Competition, whichever be the shorter period. For players with two or more bisques. Law 44 suspended. Holder, Mrs. V. C. Gasson. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.

3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. For players with five or more bisques. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.

No player may enter for more than one of the above events.

4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. X.Y. For everyone. Entrance Fee, 10s.

5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. BARWELL SALVERS. Unrestricted. To be held for one year or till the next Competition, whichever be the shorter period. Holders, J. K. Brown and E. G. Bantock. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. each player.

Two prizes at least will be given in each event. There will be ten club lawns. Play will begin each day at 10 a.m. Competitors must wear flat-soled footwear. Light Luncheons and Teas may be obtained on the ground. Buses run to and from town half-hourly.

Entries must reach Secretary by Midday July 14th. Draw for Singles events in Pavilion at 2 p.m. same day.

Hotels.—Beeches, Ellenboro, Irving, Langton, Lansdown, Eltham Lawn, Lilleybrook, Montpelier, Moorend Park, Moray House, Plough, Queen's, Regent, Royal, etc.

THE SILVER JUBILEE CUP

Challenge Cup presented to the C.A. in 1935 by H. T. Pinckney Simpson, Esq. Holder—Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (4).

Will be played for at the **Hurlingham Club** (by kind permission of the Committee of the Hurlingham Club)

MONDAY, JULY 25th, 1955, and four following days

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager and Handicapper.—Mrs. Ernest E. Turner. Referee.—L. H. Ashton.

Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.

OPEN TO ASSOCIATES ONLY

THE SILVER JUBILEE CUP, HANDICAP SINGLES.

An event open only to Associates who are classed at scratch or more. Entrance Fee, 6s. Matches of single games throughout. The Event will be drawn in two or more approximately equal Blocks, the winners of which will play off as for the Gilbey Cup.

Hoops 3¼ inches wide, and Jaques' "Eclipse" Balls will be used.

The winner will hold the Challenge Cup for one year or until the next Competition, whichever is the shorter period. Other prizes according to the number of entries.

The Committee reserve the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason, and to decide any question that may arise.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

ENTRIES

The entries, accompanied by the Entrance Fee, must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., so as to reach her not later than the first post on Wednesday, July 20th.

Competitors must give with their entries the address at which messages will reach them during the Tournament.

DRAW

The Draw will take place at 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, on Wednesday, July 20th, at 2.30 p.m.

PLAY

Play will begin at 10.30 a.m. on Monday and at 10 a.m. on other days unless otherwise notified.

Competitors must report themselves to the Manager on arrival.

Any Competitor who is not present, or is otherwise unable to play when called upon to do so, will be liable to be scratched.

HURLINGHAM

THE ANNUAL CROQUET TOURNAMENT

including the

"LADIES' FIELD" CANDLESTICKS

(Under the direction of the C.A.) will be held from

MONDAY, AUGUST 1st, to WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10th, 1955

Committee.—The Croquet Committee of the Club. Manager, Referee and Handicapper.—Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury.

Secretary.—Lieut.-Col. R. F. J. Hayward, V.C., M.C.

EVENTS.

- 1.—THE HURLINGHAM CUP. Holder, E. P. C. Cotter. Level Singles. Best of three games throughout. Entrance Fee, 11s.
- 2.—THE TURNER CUP. Holder, Miss M. S. Carlyon. Level Singles. For players handicapped at scratch or over not entered for Event 1. Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Ernest Turner. Single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- 3.—THE HURLINGHAM DOUBLES. Holders, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. E. Rotherham. Level Play. Mixed Pairs. Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Henry Franc. Singles games throughout. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. each player.
- 4.—THE YOUNGER CUP. Holder, Mrs. A. F. G. Ross. Level Singles. For players handicapped at 2½ bisques and over not entered for Events 1 or 2. Challenge Cup presented by Lt.-Col. J. A. C. Younger. Singles games throughout. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. **Law 44 suspended.**
- 5.—THE LONGWORTH CUP. Holder, K. E. Shelley. Level Singles. For players handicapped at 6 bisques and over not entered for Events 1, 2 or 4. Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. R. C. Longworth. Singles games throughout. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. **Law 44 suspended.**
- 6.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- 7.—THE "LADIES' FIELD" CANDLESTICKS. (Ladies' Handicap Doubles). Holders, Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss A. E. Mills. Open to Lady Members of the C.A. only. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. each player.
- 8.—MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
Tournament Plant by Messrs. John Jaques and Son Ltd., 3¼ in. Hoops and Standard Setting.

PRIZES.

The winners of Trophies will be entitled to hold them for one year. Other prizes in accordance with the entries.

ENTRIES AND DRAW.

All Entries with Fees for Events 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6, with the addresses of the competitors (and telephone number) must reach the Secretary, Croquet Tournament, The Hurlingham Club, Fulham, S.W.6, by first post on **Wednesday, 27th July**. Entries for Events 3, 7 and 8, will close at noon on **Tuesday, 2nd August**. The Draw for Events 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6, will take place at the Club on Wednesday, 27th July, at 2.30 p.m.; for other Events as announced on the ground.

GENERAL.

Non-Associates pay a tribute of 10s. to the C.A. when playing in an Official Tournament or 5s. if they compete in one Event only.

The Committee reserves the right of altering the conditions and refusing entries without assigning a reason.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

Play will commence at 10 a.m. daily (except Mondays, 10.30) and continue till 7.30 p.m. if necessary.

Competitors will be made Honorary Members of the Club for the duration of the Tournament.

At least six Lawns will be provided.

Luncheons, Teas and Dinners can be obtained at the Club.

CROQUET PUTTING COMPETITION.

There will be a Putting Competition with Croquet Mallets and Balls on the Club Putting Course from 2nd to 9th August (excluding the week-end). Entrance Fee, 1s. per round. Prizes will be given according to number of entries.

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May 30—June 4	CHELTENHAM	Men's and Women's Championships
July 2	HURLINGHAM	England v Eire
July 4—9	ROEHAMPTON	Open Championships
July 25—30	HURLINGHAM	Ladies' Field Cup
Aug. 11—20	ROEHAMPTON	Challenge and Gilbey Cups
Sept 5—10	ROEHAMPTON	President's Cup

For dates of other events see calendar on page 2

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