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Calendar 1970

C.A. & Official Tournaments

- September 7th-11th **Invitation Eights: The President's Cup; The Chairman's Salver - at Colchester; and the Surrey Cup - at Nottingham.**
- September 12th-13th **Championship of Champions (Stoker Bowl).**
- September 12th-19th Carrickmines: Championship of County Dublin, and the Coronation Cups.
- September 14th-19th Roehampton: Ranelagh Gold Cup, and Creyke Cups.
- September 26th-27th **All England Handicap Finals - at Roehampton.**
- September 28th-October 10th **South of England Open, Ladies', Gentlemen's, and Doubles Championships. Devonshire Park.**

Non-official fixture

September 14th-19th Parkstone (Bournemouth Bowl)

Week-ends

September 18th-20th Cheltenham IV
October 16th-18th Cheltenham V

Invitation Eights

The following have been selected to compete

PRESIDENT'S CUP

(alphabetical order)

G. N. Aspinall
Dr. R. W. Bray
E. P. C. Cotter
Mrs. J. Jarden
Dr. W. P. Ormerod
B. G. Perry
J. W. Solomon
K. F. Wylie

Reserve: Professor B. G. Neal

CHAIRMAN'S SALVER

(in ranking order)

G. E. P. Jackson
P. J. M. Fidler
B. Lloyd-Pratt
M. Stride
P. Newton
A. J. Cooper
Dr. M. Murray
J. N. Robinson

Reserves (in ranking order): The Rev'd W. E. Gladstone, H. B. H. Carlisle, Lieut.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard, M. J. Bushnell and P. W. Elmes.

Mrs. N. R. Dodd, T. O. Read and A. A. Reed were not able to accept any invitation.

LADIES' FIELD

(alphabetical order)

Mrs. J. Jarden
Mrs. W. Longman
Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard
Mrs. E. Rotherham
Miss K. M. O. Sessions
Mrs. R. A. Simpson
Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith
Miss E. J. Warwick

Reserve: Mrs. A. Fotiadi

SURREY CUP

(in ranking order)

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller
P. D. Hallett
P. W. Hands
R. A. Godby
Miss E. J. Warwick
Cdr. G. Borrett
R. A. Simpson
R. O. B. Whittington

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The Editorial

The Editorial Panel has requested us to make it clear that views expressed in the leading article and the Rover Notes are not a reflection of Council's deliberate policy. Such views may happen to coincide with what the majority of Associates think, and, equally, they may not. The words "Official Organ of the Croquet Association" above mean that, for example, alterations in the Laws, Handicap changes, and the List of New Associates, published over the Secretary's name in the C.A. Notes and Official Notices at the end of each

issue, are printed with the authority of the Croquet Association. When the *Gazette* announces that the Peel Memorials are being held at Cheltenham, unless there has been a misprint or a "breakdown in communications" (Law XXVI!), it is reasonable to suppose that that is where the Tournament will take place.

However, just as the Editorial of Crockford's Clerical Directory does not pretend to be the authoritative voice of Convocation, so the *Gazette* is independent in its views but "Official" in its announcements.

Rover Notes

Crème de la crème

The sadness that often comes with growing up and going out into the world, as experienced by some of the "Brodie Set" in Muriel Spark's masterpiece, is not inappropriate when thinking about undergraduate Croquet at the Universities. Our game has certainly had its share of brilliance this year. Of the Croquet players at Cambridge, four have achieved the distinction of First Class Honours Degrees. Peter Elmes and Martin Bushnell, Wranglers; Geoffrey Taylor in Theoretical Physics; and Gordon Slater in Modern Languages (German and Spanish). But what of the future? With Mrs. Heley no longer, alas! in Newton Road, Croquet at Cambridge is at the mercy of the predilections of each successive batch of undergraduates. It has not put down roots that are able to withstand periods of neglect. Dons seem to be irrevocably wedded to the idea of "vicarage lawn" footling. Who, we wonder, will want to compete for the "Cuppers Cups" that the Association gave to Oxford and Cambridge? Cambridge has the old Luard Cup that was deleted from the Challenge Cups at the Challenge and Gilbey meeting some years ago. And what of the 'Varsity match itself? It is difficult to know what the C.A. can do about these problems; but it would surely repay the Publicity Committee to attempt some constructive solutions, rather than to pursue the chimera of "Croquet for All".

And then there are the young players themselves. Work, and what is usually worse, wives, all too soon snatch the "little victims" from our courts. Rupert Thorp, James Laurenson,

John Bolton, Christopher Dashwood . . . the list is growing apace. Yet all is not lost. A game that can attract some of the best young minds in the country is not a game that needs to be fearful of the future. Besides, those who have experienced the fascination of competitive Croquet in their youth are not irretrievably lost to the game. *They will return.*

Tournament Helpers

If our Clubs were not able to draw upon a very large band of volunteers who are unselfish enough to put the good of Croquet before their own enjoyment, the Tournaments that grace the calendar could not take place.

This hardly needs to be said; but the reason for saying it is that, at the beginning of this season, the Editor sent round to the main Clubs asking about Tournament reports and about how, now that we are restricted to only five *Gazettes* a year, monotony of subject-matter can be avoided in issues that are congested with results.

One constructive idea was well received—putting the Manager's name at the beginning of each account. But when it came to naming all the local helpers as well, it did produce a rather provincial and naive effect: "White Elephant Stall, Mesdames Bingley, Dint and Robertson and Misses Alworthy and Wart. Others taking part were . . ." and so on. If people who have slaved for weeks to make their Tournament a success are not mentioned by name in the account, it does *not* mean that they are unappreciated.

From the South African Croquet Association

Sir,

May I, on behalf of the South African Croquet Association and all its members, thank you most sincerely for the message you gave us in the *Gazette* No. 111 of 1970.

I have had dealings with the Croquet Association for

many years, starting in 1955 when taking over as Secretary of the Natal Croquet Association (which I still am) and also President of the South African Association, and have always had wonderful co-operation from the Secretary, from which I have felt the Croquet Association had our interests at heart.

Several members have in the past played in England and participated in your Tournaments, and they have always spoken of the welcome they always received. It was therefore most heartening to have this feeling of fellowship corroborated so forcefully in your message. We do appreciate your remarks and feel as you do that politics should never enter the fields of sport.

May I reciprocate by assuring you that we in South Africa are always delighted to welcome any Croquet player from England or the Commonwealth at any time—here in Natal we are lucky and can play all the

year round. Perhaps one day, when our finances improve, we might even have a Test.

Unfortunately, I have never been in England long enough to visit any Clubs, but hope to do so in the not too far future.

Congratulations on the "New Look" *Gazette*. Its contents have been most interesting and informative.

Thanking you again.

Yours truly,
MYRLE SIMKINS,
President.

Obituaries

Mrs. B. C. Cumberlege

A.M.D. writes:

Mrs. Cumberlege came to Cheltenham after leaving Southwick. She was an extremely popular member here. After giving up Croquet she lived, until her death, at Faithfull House in Cheltenham.

Miss Ivy Wainwright

R.E.S. writes:

Many English and Irish Croquet players will be very sorry to hear of the recent death of Ivy Wainwright.

She was the youngest member of the New Zealand team in 1956 which contained so many distinguished names in the Croquet World such as Arthur Ross; and, playing in the President's Cup that year, she had the distinction of being the only player besides the incomparable Mrs. Watkins to achieve a win against Patrick Cotter. At that time I met one English player who said he always carried around with him a photograph of her playing Croquet, as an example of what he considered "the perfect Croquet swing".

After the Open Championship and Test matches she came over to Carrickmines and played with me in the Doubles, she and her mother staying with us; and a year has never passed since, that we did not receive a letter from her giving us news of New Zealand. Though I was on one occasion in the final of the Irish Championship, and one of the very few who ever took a game off Duff Matthews in Championship play, I certainly did not do justice to her skill on that occasion, nor indeed have I repaid the debt I owe to the kindness of my English friends in accepting an entry from me over several years for the Men's Championship, where at Roehampton I met the New Zealand team. Indeed, I have not had a mallet in my hands for years, but I always look back with great pleasure to Ivy's very clear and painstaking teaching, and in particular to any success I have had with that fascinating facet of Croquet—corner cannons.

Soon after 1956 she gave up Croquet completely and devoted the rest of her life to gardening and things she may have felt were more creative. No doubt others gained what, however, to Croquet was a great loss. Some years ago, after an operation for cancer which was found to be incurable, Ivy realised that the inevitable was only a matter of time. Her last letter to us, in which she said a final goodbye, was typical of her courage as it must have been an incredible effort to write. To her mother, who at one time shared the enjoyments of Croquet with her and to whom she was devoted, our sincerest sympathy goes out.

Requiescat in Pace

Mrs. A. H. Ozanne

A.M.D. writes:

Mrs. Ozanne was a member of the Cheltenham Croquet Club for many years until she returned to Guernsey. She and her mother were interned by the Germans in Guernsey during the war. She had an extremely bad time, contracted T.B. and had to be carried off the Island.

Mrs. Ozanne went with the team to New Zealand in 1950, but did not play in a Test. She and Mr. Ward Petley were involved in a serious car accident while out there.

Mrs. H. C. S. Perry

The Croquet World mourns the death of a most talented Associate.

Nancy Perry, whose witty and original contributions to the *Gazette* will be sorely missed, was one of the most outstanding personalities in our game. Like many who are endowed with an astute mind, Nancy was, *au fond*, an extremely kind and lovable person. Her courage and gaiety can ill be spared.

Her elegant parody of Sir John Suckling's "The Constant Lover" is published posthumously in this issue.

M.B.R. writes:

The sudden death of Nancy Perry, on September 7th, will have come as a great shock to many Associates, which must include anybody who has taken part in a tournament at Eastbourne, whether at the Compton Club, which she and her husband have served so faithfully and for so long, or at Devonshire Park.

As a consequence of an accident in childhood, Nancy played under certain physical handicaps, nor was she free to travel to Tournaments away from her home, but she made a rapid advance as a competitor and had got her handicap down to 1.

Nancy had strong literary interests and was outstandingly successful as a prize-winner in competitions in weekly periodicals. She was a lady of many talents and a most interesting companion to sit beside at a Tournament.

The very deepest sympathy will be felt by all for her husband, Mike, with whom she shared great interest in many games, especially tennis and rugby.

CROQUET ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENTS

The Open Championships

July 20th-25th

Manager: Miss D. A. Lintern

The entry for this historic event was so satisfactory both in quantity and quality that one's first reaction on learning of it was to cry out "Everybody's in". Thirty-three entries is well up to the average of recent years, and the presence of all last year's President's Cup players was enough to guarantee a high standard of performance. But on second thoughts there were revealed to be at least half a dozen whom one would like to have seen in the lists; for example, John Bolton, whom one had much hoped to see once again at Hurlingham, John Cooper, Edgar Jackson and the Warwicks. To this must be added the names of such enforced absentees as David O'Connor, now in New York, and Leslie Webb, now in Borneo. But as compensation we had such welcome visitors as Mrs. Jarden, Mrs. Dodd, and more frequent figures here from what was once called Australasia as Harold Clemons, Albert Saalfeld and Cam Paynter.

The courts at Hurlingham, taken as a whole, looked to be in as superb a condition as we have come to take (perhaps too much) for granted there, allowing for a reasonably fast but true run of the ball and calling for no excessive energy in one's Croquet strokes. The cricket field lawns, though not of course of equal quality, seem to be slowly improving every year, though the slight slope down from east to west boundaries on court eight does call for some careful calculation—or as some might prefer to say, lucky guesswork. In the early stages of the competition some lawns at the hospitable Roehampton had to be called upon, and these must have involved some problems for those not accustomed to their so different pace.

On Monday morning the chief interest was to be found in the contest on the court opposite the Managers' tent between the Champion of Devon and the Champion of Champions. Play in this match came as near to perfection in what may be called "standard" top class Croquet as can be imagined, with three triples and scarcely an error from either man. Up to the middle of the second game, Perry had things all his own way; from this point it was broadly true to say that it was Solomon's shooting which decided the issue. The London player might have recalled Belloc's famous couplet "Whatever happens, we have got the maxim gun—and they have not", John's "maxim gun" being the power to hit the lift, though if he had not—very narrowly—succeeded in doing so in the second game the match would most probably have gone to his opponent. Few other games in this round attained to anything like this standard of dual performance, but Aspinall had a conclusive win against Lloyd-Pratt, and Keith Wylie, whom it was a special pleasure to see competing in this event again, had a fairly easy victory against Terence Read from Ireland, as Ormerod did over Harold Clemons. One of the few matches which went to three games was that in which Bidy Dodd gained a good, if rather exhausting, victory over Roger Hicks at Roehampton.

But in the evening came what must be called the sensational victory of Michael Stride over Solomon. The quality of the Birmingham player's skill was not unfamiliar to those who had seen him competing at Southwick last August, but it would be difficult to remember such a feat as this performed by any player at his first visit to the Open Championships, though Aspinall came very near to this in his match against Hicks in 1966. It has to be said that John had the misfortune to break his mallet, a trusty ally through many years, in the course of the contest. This contributed to a distinctly larger number of errors than our great Champion is accustomed to offer to his adversaries. But this ought not to detract from the skill and nerve which Stride showed in taking advantage of them. Here is a player of great promise, and the pleasure of watching him is increased by the confidence and rapidity of his performance on the court, which won him his Silver Medal. A fine occasion on which to win one.

On Tuesday a start was made with the Doubles. This was necessitated by the fact that these Doubles were in fact designed to be doubled this year by being played as "Draw and Process". Various opinions were forthcoming as to the best way to cope with this novel arrangement, some of them verging on a very optimistic note. It was, for

example, declared that it should be possible to play three rounds of Open Doubles in a day. Whether or not it "should be", it soon became evident that it would not be, several of the games in the first round lasting for a full four hours, and in one case longer. Readers may amuse themselves by glancing at the score sheets and guessing which these were! In any case it had been decided that the afternoon should be devoted to finishing the third round of the Singles. Among the matches then completed Peter Hallett made a good fight against Roger Bray, winning a game from him, and Brian Gilbert had a long struggle against Patrick Cotter and came very close to winning both games from him.

On Wednesday, indisputably what the B.B.C. would have called The Match of the Day, was that between Keith Wylie and Mrs. Jean Jarden. By this time the courts had quickened up a good deal and called for just what each of these players most notably possesses, an exquisite "touch". Even so, amidst a lot of fine play from both of them more hoops were missed than might have been expected. Just as the lady looked an almost certain winner of the first game, Wylie seized the innings and soon it was he who seemed almost a certain victor until a failure at 3-back allowed Mrs. Jarden to win what Crowther-Smith used to call a "boat race-game"—in-out, in-out! The second game was Wylie's all the way, but in the third Jean renewed her challenge till the moment came of an almost miraculous hoop jump by Keith, achieved by a swing more reminiscent of golf than croquet and so effective that it served as a rush from the first hoop to the sixth and produced a turn which took him to victory. The round was completed by a rather long match which gave Ormerod a win against Simon, and some very good form by Mrs. Dodd which gave her a convincing victory over Dudley Hamilton-Miller.

The rest of the day was occupied by Doubles, some of which were quite thrilling—and others which were not. There was some beautiful play by Wylie in a match in which he pegged out Dr. Wiggins. As neither of their partners showed equivalent form the match was a protracted one, but Hamilton-Miller produced a fine spurt at the end. An exciting encounter was that between a former Championship pair, Aspinall and Simon, and Bray and Neal, in which Bray, whose partner was pegged out, looked like winning when a faulty approach to the rover hoop led to Aspinall, then for the first hoop, collecting a break which took him round and out. The "old firm" of Cotter and Solomon eventually beat Strachan and Mrs. Jarden, a game in which two of the competitors missed the second hoop a total of four times.

The quarter-finals of the Singles were not, in general, especially interesting. Perhaps the best play was seen in the match between Wylie and Neal, as the score of three 26s may be taken to indicate, the first game bringing a "bloodless" victory to the latter, after which Wylie displayed his unique talents chiefly in the power to finish his breaks in such a way as virtually to prevent his opponent obtaining any opportunity to interrupt his progress. Cotter offered some challenge to Aspinall in the first game; "I had to work to win that", said Nigel; he did not have to work very hard to win the second. The match between Ormerod and Bray was also a shade "laborious" for both players, but the latter has so far failed to reproduce his splendid form of last year. A more exciting contest was that in which Mrs. Dodd earned in each game a winning lead against Stride, the conqueror of Solomon, but sacrificed this by what could be called "mental accidents", failing to remember a lift in the first game and to peg out her own along with her opponent's ball when this would have given her an almost certain win. Even so, final disaster came to her by her missing an easy rover hoop. But Mrs. Dodd showed herself to be a more skilful and enterprising player than her narrow defeats during the season had allowed her to appear. Yet if Bidy did not win all her games, she has certainly won all our hearts.

For the rest of the day the doubled Doubles proliferated and by the end of it the famous combination of Cotter and Solomon looked to be establishing a strong claim to an eleventh victory in this Championship.

The semi-finals of the Singles opened in steady rain and continued in the afternoon in a deluge. The courts stood up—or rather lay down—wonderfully well to these conditions, and the players did equally well to cope with the altering pace of the lawns. Another who stood up well to his task

was Michael Stride who, with his fine shooting, never ceased to offer a challenge to the holder of the title. When Aspinall, having performed the triple, which is his regular contribution to the proceedings, failed to get more than one of his balls out in the first game, Stride promptly hit in, took one of his balls to the peg and was laid up with the other for 2-back when Nigel hit a long shot and that settled the matter. The new challenger made some good headway in the second game, too, but when his opponent collected his balls for another triple he made no mistake about finishing it. But Stride was to be congratulated on the success of his visit to Hurlingham; he was never outclassed, and may well do even better still when he next arrives there. Certainly he had made a notable *début*.

The match between Wylie and Ormerod took much longer; indeed it was not concluded (with a few inevitable pauses during the worst downpours) till 6 o'clock. In the first game Wylie settled an encounter of fluctuating fortunes with a brilliant quadruple. Of the second game, it can perhaps be most charitably said that interest was well sustained. Neither the spectators nor, it appeared, the players seemed to know what was going to happen next. One cannot recall ever seeing two players of this class being affected in its closing stages by such a contagious attack of crippling nerves. Somebody had to win somehow, however, and the lucky man proved to be Ormerod. The third game was a complete contrast to this, for in it neither player can be said to have made a serious mistake at all. Ormerod was first round, the lift shot was hit, and Wylie followed suit, leaving the sort of unpromising situation for his adversary of the devising of which he is such a master. A triple was started by Keith when William had failed to find an answer to the problem which his opponent had posed to him, but it was not completed and the rover hoop remained to be run. One of the doctor's balls had been left protruding from the hoop and his shot at this, which he ought in his own interest to have had watched, went so close to this hoop on its hitting the wire that the verdict of the spectators was invited. But nobody was found who firmly believed that the ball had in fact been hit, and the majority at any rate were sure that it had not. So in the next turn the match went to Wylie, thus producing a confrontation in the final, which had been widely expected after Solomon had been eliminated.

Finals Day was cold and cloudy with a strong west wind, but not far short of a hundred people assembled to watch what promised—and proved—to be a splendid match. There seemed something unnatural about a Championship final which did not include John Solomon as a competitor; it was, in fact, only the second time he had failed to be so since 1958. The first game lasted until nearly lunchtime and offered good opportunities to both players; the last of these was handed out to Wylie when Aspinall suddenly missed a two-yard roquet after making the second hoop, when he looked to have a good chance of a winning break. When play was resumed he soon revenged himself for his error and, after Keith made two ineffective efforts to start, ran away with a victory by maximum points. Then followed a game which, despite several incredible errors by both men, culminated in equally incredible achievements. When Wylie started a turn from the second hoop, one of his opponent's balls was in the first corner and the other was near the fourth. From this point Keith, with a series of daring and dazzling rushes from side to side of the court, proceeded to make hoop after hoop from situations which did not provide him with any situation recognized as an established break until he reached 3-back, which break he finished with a couple of peels that enabled him to put his partner ball on the rover hoop. Aspinall failing to hit the consequent lift, it looked almost certain that the Championship title would go to Wylie, when he suddenly missed a long rush. From this situation Nigel showed himself determined to show that the sort of thing we had been witnessing was no monopoly of his opponent and, after a brilliant split-shot approach to the fourth hoop from the middle of the east boundary, went round to the peg and pegged out one of his adversary's balls. Left ultimately with two long shots at the peg, the second of which would almost certainly have been his last, Wylie hit the peg from the north boundary. The excitement caused by these tremendous deeds in the spectators was comparable to that which greeted last year's great match for the Championship of Champions here.

Two Doubles remained to be played to decide this Championship. The first of these was very protracted, and on one

side seemed to suggest that in some cases two heads are not better than one. The emerging winners were Cotter and Solomon who had to do battle in the play-off with Aspinall and Simon; these four had, between them, been Champions in three of the last four years. Solomon was soon round, but his partner rather hung fire. John, having got in, thought it might improve Patrick's chances, should he peg out Aspinall, which he did, but though Cotter then made progress the other John (Simon) hit and, playing well, won the game for the pair for a third time in five years, the new partnership thus beginning to rival the "old firm".

Owing to the duplication of the Doubles, Miss Lintern thought it necessary to restrict the numbers* for the Association Plate. Some of those qualified to enter for this important event, which has in past years been won by such notable players as Solomon, Ormerod (three times), Wylie (in 1968) and Wiggins last year, did not do so, yet we feel it ought not to be by-passed by any of those able to play in it. This year it attracted what someone described as a "regular prowl of Prichards"; yet it was none of these three who won it, but another very worthy winner, Terence Read from Ireland, whom we are always so pleased to see competing over here.

The prizes were presented by our charming visitor, Mrs. Dodd, who spoke with feeling of the pleasure she had experienced over here, of which we can only say that it cannot have been greater than that which she has spread wherever she went. The President, competing for a hearing with the Hurlingham band, low-flying aircraft and a strong west wind, was (if only partially) heard to acknowledge our gratitude to Daisy Lintern for her firm but always cheerful handling of a very complex programme—he might have added (and doubtless meant to add) a tribute to her able assistant in the task, Mrs. Thom. He did refer to the splendid work which Tom Gray and his *aides* had put in to produce, at their best, the famous Hurlingham courts, the repute of which, we think, has gone round the world. There is, we believe, no croquet centre anywhere which can beat our headquarters for the beauty of its house and the loveliness by which it is surrounded.

EVENT I (33 entries)

Open Championship

1st Round

Dr. W. P. Ormerod bt. H. S. Clemons +19 +24.

2nd Round

K. F. Wylie bt. T. O. Read +23 +13.
Mrs. J. Jarden bt. G. W. Williams +13 +26.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt. Miss B. Duthie +3 +5.
Prof. B. G. Neal bt. Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard +18 +24.
Dr. R. W. Bray bt. W. de B. Prichard +8 +12.
P. D. Hallett bt. W. B. C. Paynter +23 +10.
J. W. Simon bt. Lieut.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld +21 +15.
Dr. Ormerod bt. Lieut.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard +11 +25.

D. F. Strachan bt. Cdr. G. Borrett +11 +6.
G. N. Aspinall bt. B. Lloyd-Pratt +24 +26.
J. B. Gilbert bt. R. A. Godby -21 +13 +19.
E. P. C. Cotter w.o. Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (opp. scr.).
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt. Mrs. H. M. Read +4 +19.
Mrs. N. R. Dodd bt. R. O. Hicks +11 -24 +22.
J. W. Solomon bt. B. G. Perry -25 +17 +26.
M. Stride bt. A. V. Camroux +26 +9.

3rd Round

K. F. Wylie bt. Mrs. Jarden -8 +23 +18.
Prof. Neal bt. Mrs. Rotherham +26 +21.
Dr. Bray bt. P. D. Hallett +26 -11 +14.
Dr. Ormerod bt. J. W. Simon +22, +10.
G. N. Aspinall bt. D. F. Strachan +10 +26.
E. P. C. Cotter bt. J. B. Gilbert +4 +3.
Mrs. Dodd bt. D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller +11 -6 +17.
M. Stride bt. J. W. Solomon +6 +16.

*[The Plate conditions state: "Open to competitors who have not qualified for the third round of the Championship, or at the discretion of the Manager". As there was only one match in round one (Ormerod v. Clemons) it meant that this year nearly all the competitors' first matches were in round two. By applying the conditions rather strictly, Miss Lintern ensured the completion of the "Two-Life" Doubles—an innovation that transformed the Tournament.—Editor.]

Quarter-Final

K. F. Wylie bt. Prof. Neal -26 +24 +26.
Dr. Ormerod bt. Dr. Bray +13 +9.
G. N. Aspinall bt. E. P. C. Cotter +13 +26.
M. Stride bt. Mrs. Dodd +3 +3.

Semi-Final

K. F. Wylie bt. Dr. Ormerod +22 -4 +16.
G. N. Aspinall bt. M. Stride +7 +13.

Final

K. F. Wylie bt. G. N. Aspinall +14 -26 +4.

EVENT II (16 pairs)

Doubles Championship

DRAW

1st Round

Prof. Neal & Dr. Bray bt. H. S. Clemons & Col. Saalfeld +11.
Dr. Wiggins & D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt. T. O. Read & Mrs. Read +2.
Mrs. W. Longman & Mrs. Prichard bt. A. V. Camroux & Mrs. Dodd +3.
G. N. Aspinall & J. W. Simon bt. B. Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs. Rotherham +15.
Col. Prichard & W. de B. Prichard bt. W. B. C. Paynter & Miss Duthie +23.
K. F. Wylie & R. O. Hicks bt. Cdr. Borrett & M. Stride +10.
J. W. Solomon & E. P. C. Cotter bt. Dr. Ormerod & B. G. Perry +18.
D. F. Strachan & Mrs. Jarden bt. P. D. Hallett & R. A. Godby +8.

2nd Round

Prof. Neal & Dr. Bray bt. Dr. Wiggins & D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller +21.
G. N. Aspinall & J. W. Simon bt. Mrs. Longman & Mrs. Prichard +23.
K. F. Wylie & R. O. Hicks bt. Col. Prichard & W. de B. Prichard +26.
J. W. Solomon & E. P. C. Cotter bt. D. F. Strachan & Mrs. Jarden +18.

Semi-Final

G. N. Aspinall & J. W. Simon bt. Prof. Neal & Dr. Bray +2.
J. W. Solomon & E. P. C. Cotter bt. K. F. Wylie & R. O. Hicks +26.

Final

G. N. Aspinall & J. W. Simon bt. J. W. Solomon & E. P. C. Cotter +22.

PROCESS

1st Round

J. W. Solomon & E. P. C. Cotter bt. B. Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs. Rotherham +17.
Dr. Wiggins & D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt. K. F. Wylie & R. O. Hicks +2.
A. V. Camroux & Mrs. Dodd bt. P. D. Hallett & R. A. Godby +4.
Prof. Neal & Dr. Bray bt. W. B. C. Paynter & Miss Duthie +21.
G. N. Aspinall & J. W. Simon bt. Cdr. Borrett & M. Stride +2.
D. F. Strachan & Mrs. Jarden bt. T. O. Read & Mrs. Read +20.
Dr. Ormerod & B. G. Perry bt. Mrs. Longman & Mrs. Prichard +16.
H. S. Clemons & Col. Saalfeld bt. Col. Prichard & W. de B. Prichard +4.

2nd Round

J. W. Solomon & E. P. C. Cotter bt. Dr. Wiggins & D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller +26.
Prof. Neal & Dr. Bray bt. A. V. Camroux & Mrs. Dodd +12.
G. N. Aspinall & J. W. Simon bt. D. F. Strachan & Mrs. Jarden +6.
Dr. Ormerod & B. G. Perry bt. H. S. Clemons & Col. Saalfeld +10.

Semi-Final

J. W. Solomon & E. P. C. Cotter bt. Prof. Neal & Dr. Bray +26.
Dr. Ormerod & B. G. Perry bt. G. N. Aspinall & J. W. Simon +6.

Final

J. W. Solomon & E. P. C. Cotter bt. Dr. Ormerod & B. G. Perry +7.

PLAY-OFF

G. N. Aspinall & J. W. Simon bt. J. W. Solomon & E. P. C. Cotter +8.

CONSOLATION EVENT (15 entries)

The Association Plate

1st Round

Mrs. Prichard bt. Miss Duthie +11.
R. O. Hicks bt. W. B. C. Paynter +12.
R. A. Godby bt. G. W. Williams +11.
W. de B. Prichard bt. B. Lloyd-Pratt +12.
Col. Prichard bt. H. S. Clemons +2.
A. V. Camroux bt. Cdr. Borrett +17.
T. O. Read bt. Col. Saalfeld +17.

2nd Round

Mrs. Prichard bt. R. O. Hicks +17.
R. A. Godby bt. W. de B. Prichard +3.
Col. Prichard bt. A. V. Camroux +11.
T. O. Read bt. Mrs. Read +21.

Semi-Final

R. A. Godby bt. Mrs. Prichard +4.
T. O. Read bt. Col. Prichard +19.

Final

T. O. Read bt. R. A. Godby +10.

The Challenge and Gilbey Tournament

June 29th - July 4th—at Budleigh Salterton

Manager: Lieut.-Col. G. E. Cave

The Challenge and Gilbey Tournament, held for the second year at Budleigh Salterton, opened with a dramatic first round match of great interest between the new Lady Champion, Mrs. Jean Jarden, of New Zealand, and the local champion, B. G. Perry.

Perry hit his "tice" and went to 4-back. Mrs. Jarden hit the lift fair and square and went to 4-back. Perry then hit his lift and, in an endeavour to set up his triple, sat on the line behind the second hoop with a beautiful but unlucky split shot. Mrs. Jarden then set up her triple, but her forward ball refused to co-operate, and she settled for stick and penult. Perry again hit the lift and set up his triple. Going to 4, he was short, but survived on a good jump shot. At the fifth he was again short, and the jump shot failed. One up to Mrs. Jarden.

On Saturday morning—and one must continue with this saga—they met again in the final of the Process. Starting at eleven o'clock, Mrs. Jarden was on stick and coming up to rover, with an out-of-touch Perry on 3 with both balls, and lunch comfortably in sight. Alas, she missed a "controlled" hoop, and at 3.30, still lunchless, Perry pegged out, almost literally.

Perry then had to tackle the Tasmanian, Harold Clemons, in the play-off. With both balls for 4-back, Perry tried a peel from a minimum distance. He was so intent on watching the progress of his forward ball that he omitted to quit his stance or withdraw his mallet. The back ball, not liking the view on the far side of the hoop, fell back on to the mallet. Clemons promptly hit the double and, from hoop 1 and 1-back, got to penult with both balls, before Perry could hit in and win an exciting match and the Roehampton Cup by 6.

There were, however, other players in the tournament. In the Council Cup Dr. Bucknall and Sir Leonard Daldry were obviously going to become finalists and possibly finalists in the Gilbey as well. Sir Leonard's approach was the more cautious and, abandoning the Gilbey, he staked his all on the Council Cup. Bucknall, having disposed of two Gilbey opponents on the Saturday morning, one of them Mrs. Rotherham, then played Sir Leonard and won a tough and interesting match by 6. With the cup in his pocket, he gave up the quest for the Gilbey, but too late for Mrs. Jarden and Mrs. Hawkins to play that night.

In the Reckitt Cup, Colin Edwards's awkward-looking but effective shooting was too much for the more stylish G. G. Strutt, and though Strutt, for stick and rover, pegged out

Edwards's forward ball, Edwards, still on penult., shot and shot again, and eventually made his three points before Strutt could finish the game.

Mrs. Sheil, with the aid of a bye, an opponent who was forced by illness to retire in the semi-final, won her only full game against the one-handed Major Atchley in the final of the Stevenson Cup.

These two handsome cups deserve a bigger entry and, if such an entry was forthcoming, it might not be necessary to fill in with a Draw and Process for the Roehampton Cup. The Council Cup always attracts a good entry of about 20 each year.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Solomon and Mrs. Bressey, having resisted Miss Warwick's invitation to start at the first hoop in the final of the Doubles, allowed themselves to be talked out of a time limit, and the game, with Air Vice-Marshal Barker as Miss Warwick's partner (his maiden tournament effort), is, as far as the writer knows, still going on.

In the Gilbeys, there were four blocks of twelve. Miss Parker, playing consistently well, won one block, but lost the first of the play-offs to Mrs. Hawkins. Play in the lower half was held back. Mrs. Rotherham refused to lie down and die quietly, either in the Doubles, playing with Dr. Evans, or in the Roehampton Cup. Eventually Dr. Bucknall disposed of her, but it was left to Mrs. Jarden to take on Mrs. Hawkins on Sunday morning. This she did in her quiet and efficient manner and so holds the trophy which Major G. B. Horridge won last year, and has had so handsomely re-gilded and restored.

Stop Press. Miss Warwick and her partner, who would have won on time if time had been agreed on, lost to Mrs. Solomon and Mrs. Bressey. It was sad that our two popular visitors won the only event for which there are no trophies.

One final point. The manager has asked that he be allowed in this account to thank those who so kindly helped in playing some of the following week's crowded programme during the week.

EVENT I (11 entries)

Roehampton Cup

DRAW

1st Round

Mrs. E. J. Warwick bt. E. H. Shelton +7.
H. S. Clemons bt. Col. D. W. Beamish +20.
Mrs. J. Jarden bt. B. G. Perry +13.

2nd Round

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt. Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot +15.
H. S. Clemons bt. Miss Warwick +18.
A. J. Cooper bt. Mrs. Jarden +15.
J. G. Warwick bt. Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +25.

Semi-Final

H. S. Clemons bt. Mrs. Rotherham +21.
J. G. Warwick bt. A. J. Cooper +3.

Final

H. S. Clemons bt. J. G. Warwick +12.

PROCESS

1st Round

Miss Warwick bt. J. G. Warwick +11.
A. J. Cooper bt. Mrs. Lightfoot +16.
Mrs. Rotherham bt. Mrs. Chittenden +21.

2nd Round

B. G. Perry bt. Miss Warwick +3.
A. J. Cooper bt. Col. Beamish +25.
Mrs. Jarden bt. E. H. Shelton +12.
Mrs. Rotherham bt. H. S. Clemons +8.

Semi-Final

B. G. Perry bt. A. J. Cooper +20.
Mrs. Jarden bt. Mrs. Rotherham +20.

Final

B. G. Perry bt. Mrs. Jarden +3.

PLAY-OFF

B. G. Perry bt. H. S. Clemons +6.

EVENT II (22 entries)

Council Cup

1st Round

Miss K. Ault bt. Lady FitzGerald +6.
C. W. Haworth bt. Dr. R. B. N. Smartt +2.
M. F. Buller bt. Major E. C. Heathcote +16.
Mrs. R. C. Hawkins bt. Mrs. J. B. Meachem +4.
Sir Leonard Daldry bt. Prof. A. S. C. Ross +25.

2nd Round

Dr. W. R. Bucknall bt. Lieut.-Col. T. F. Laverty +7.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon bt. Miss F. Joly +6.
Miss Ault bt. Major G. B. Horridge +4.
C. W. Haworth bt. M. F. Buller +13.
Sir L. Daldry bt. Mrs. Hawkins +6.
Miss J. Cooper bt. G. R. Mills +11.
Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt w.o. Mrs. F. R. Briggs (opp. scr.).
J. Lee bt. Miss H. D. Parker +12.

3rd Round

Dr. Bucknall bt. Mrs. Solomon +19.
C. W. Haworth bt. Miss Ault +15.
Sir L. Daldry bt. Miss Cooper +10.
J. Lee bt. Mrs. Smartt +11.

Semi-Final

Dr. Bucknall bt. C. W. Haworth +15.
Sir L. Daldry bt. J. Lee +23.

Final

Dr. Bucknall bt. Sir L. Daldry +6.

EVENT III (8 entries)

Reckitt Cup

1st Round

Mrs. E. E. Bressey bt. F. E. M. Puxon +6.
C. Edwards bt. Miss D. Locks Latham +12.
G. G. Strutt bt. Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon +14.
Mrs. A. S. C. Ross bt. F. Henshaw +9.

Semi-Final

C. Edwards bt. Mrs. Bressey +15.
G. G. Strutt bt. Mrs. Ross +5.

Final

C. Edwards bt. G. G. Strutt +3.

EVENT IV (7 entries)

Stebenson Cup

1st Round

Major R. St. G. Atchley bt. Mrs. H. Harris +9.
Dr. C. W. Evans w.o. Mrs. D. J. Bird (opp. scr.).
Dr. G. Laurence bt. P. Puxon +7.

Semi-Final

Major Atchley bt. Dr. Evans +5.
Mrs. F. A. Sheil w.o. Dr. Laurence (opp. scr.).

Final

Mrs. Sheil bt. Major Atchley +14.

EVENT V (48 entries)

The Gilbey Cup and Trebor Williams "Supplementary" Cup

BLOCK A 1st Round

Major Horridge (4) bt. Miss Warwick (-3) +8.
Dr. Smartt (1) bt. Mrs. Solomon (1) +15.
P. Puxon (10) bt. Dr. Evans (10) +1.
Mrs. Hawkins (4) bt. Miss E. Fisher (2) +11.

2nd Round

Sir L. Daldry (2) bt. M. F. Buller (1) +18.
Major Horridge (4) bt. Dr. Smartt (1) +6.
Mrs. Hawkins (4) bt. P. Puxon (10) +3.
Lieut.-Col. G. E. Cave (0) bt. G. R. Mills (4) +16.

Semi-Final

Sir L. Daldry (2) bt. Major Horridge (4) +16.
Mrs. Hawkins (4) w.o. Col. Cave (0) (opp. scr.).

Final

Mrs. Hawkins (4) w.o. Sir L. Daldry (2) (opp. scr.).

BLOCK B 1st Round

Mrs. Harris (12) w.o. Mrs. Briggs (4) (opp. scr.).
Lady FitzGerald (2) bt. J. Lee (2½) +10.
Mrs. Lightfoot (½) bt. C. Edwards (6) +4.
Mrs. W. Nash (6) w.o. Miss Ault (2½) (opp. scr.).

2nd Round

Miss Parker (2½) bt. F. E. M. Puxon (6) +12.
Lady FitzGerald (2) bt. Mrs. Harris (12) +14.
Mrs. Nash (6) bt. Mrs. Lightfoot (½) +11.
Mrs. Ross (5) bt. Miss A. E. Mills (3½) +11.

Semi-Final

Miss Parker (2½) bt. Lady FitzGerald (2) +7.
Mrs. Ross (5) bt. Mrs. Nash (6) +10.

Final

Miss Parker (2½) bt. Mrs. Ross (5) +3.

PLAY-OFF

Mrs. Hawkins (4) bt. Miss Parker (2½) +12.

BLOCK C 1st Round

Prof. Ross (2) bt. Mrs. Smartt (½) +20.
Miss Joly (1½) bt. Mrs. Puxon (6) +10.
Mrs. Bressey (6) bt. Mrs. Chittenden (-½) +10.
B. G. Perry (-4) bt. A. J. Cooper (-3½) +19.

2nd Round

Col. Laverty (½) bt. G. G. Strutt (6) +10.
Prof. Ross (2) bt. Miss Joly (1½) +8.
Mrs. Bressey (6) bt. B. G. Perry (-4) +7.
Mrs. Jarden (-3) bt. Miss Cooper (3) +10.

Semi-Final

Col. Laverty (½) bt. Prof. Ross (2) +6.
Mrs. Jarden (-3) bt. Mrs. Bressey (6) +9.

Final

Mrs. Jarden (-3) bt. Col. Laverty (½) +5.

BLOCK D 1st Round

Dr. Bucknall (1½) bt. Mrs. Meachem (3½) +12.
H. S. Clemons (-2½) bt. J. G. Warwick (-2) +19.
Mrs. Rotherham (-3) w.o. Col. W. R. Healing (-½) (opp. scr.).

C. W. Haworth (2) w.o. Dr. Laurence (12) (opp. scr.).

2nd Round

E. H. Shelton (-½) bt. Miss Locks Latham (7) +13.
Dr. Bucknall (1½) bt. H. S. Clemons (-2½) +1.
Mrs. Rotherham (-3) bt. C. W. Haworth (2) +6.
Mrs. Sheil (8) bt. Miss V. E. Mills (2) +14.

Semi-Final

Dr. Bucknall (1½) bt. E. H. Shelton (-½) +25.
Mrs. Rotherham (-3) bt. Mrs. Sheil (8) +5.†

Final

Dr. Bucknall (1½) bt. Mrs. Rotherham (-3) +23.

PLAY-OFF

Mrs. Jarden (-3) w.o. Dr. Bucknall (1½) (opp. scr.).

FINAL

Mrs. Jarden (-3) bt. Mrs. Hawkins (4) +11.

EVENT VI (23 pairs)

Handicap Doubles

1st Round

Major Horridge & J. Lee (6½) bt. Miss Joly & Lady FitzGerald (3½) +9.
Mrs. Jarden & Mrs. G. E. Cave (3) bt. Col. Healing & Mrs. Ross (4½) +13.
Mrs. Solomon & Mrs. Bressey (7) bt. Dr. Bucknall & C. Edwards (7½) +3.
Miss V. E. Mills & G. R. Mills (6) bt. E. H. Shelton & Miss Ault (2) +3.
A. J. Cooper & Mrs. Sheil (3½) w.o. Mrs. Briggs & Major Atchley (14) (opp. scr.).
Sir L. Daldry & Col. Laverty (2½) bt. H. S. Clemons & Mrs. Puxon (3½) +2.

†Denotes a win on time.

2nd Round

Mrs. Rotherham & Dr. Evans (5) bt. Mrs. Chittenden & Miss Cooper (2½) +5.
Dr. Smartt & Mrs. Bird (8) bt. Prof. Ross & Mrs. Meachem (5½) +6.

Mrs. Jarden & Mrs. Cave (3) bt. Major Horridge & J. Lee (6½) +6.†

Mrs. Solomon & Mrs. Bressey (7) bt. Miss Violet Mills & G. R. Mills (7) +9.

Miss Mills & Miss Parker (6) bt. A. J. Cooper & Mrs. Sheil (3½) +2.

Mrs. Lightfoot & P. Puxon (10½) bt. Sir L. Daldry & Col. Laverty (2½) +14.

J. G. Warwick & F. E. M. Puxon (4) bt. Mrs. Smartt & Major Heathcote (3½) +8.

Miss Warwick & Air Vice-Marshal C. C. Barker (11) bt. C. W. Haworth & G. G. Strutt (8) +5.

3rd Round

Miss Warwick & Air Marshal Barker (11) bt. J. G. Warwick & F. E. M. Puxon (4) +3.

Mrs. Rotherham & Dr. Evans (5) bt. Dr. Smartt & Mrs. Bird (8) +10.

Mrs. Solomon & Mrs. Bressey (7) bt. Mrs. Jarden & Mrs. Cave (3) +7.

Mrs. Lightfoot & P. Puxon (10½) bt. Miss Mills & Miss Parker (6) +10.

Semi-Final

Mrs. Solomon & Mrs. Bressey (7) bt. Mrs. Rotherham & Dr. Evans (5) +4.

Miss Warwick & Air Marshal Barker (11) bt. Mrs. Lightfoot & P. Puxon (10½) +11.

Final

Mrs. Solomon & Mrs. Bressey (7) bt. Miss Warwick & Air Marshal Barker (11) +3.

The Constant Loser

(After Sir John Suckling)

Curses on it! I have lost
All my games this season;
And, unless I triumph soon,
Well may lose my reason.

Vanished is my former skill;
Gone is all my cunning.
Soundly beaten have I been
Twenty-five times running.

Not a solitary win
Have I to my credit.
Croquet once provided fun;
Now I simply dread it.

I would make my fortunes change,
Could I be the chooser,
Since despondency engulfs
Such a constant loser.

N.P.

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENTS

Carrickmines

June 6th-13th

Manager: Lady FitzGerald

Carrickmines! There is a name which must have sacred associations for those croquet players who have what Henry James called a Sense of the Past. It was in Dublin that the new Croquet of the 20th century emerged. From this country the first "Irish Terrors", as the English players described them, assembled themselves for the assaults upon Championships in London, notably R. N. Roper, two Corballys, Leslie and Dick O'Callaghan and, a little later, Duff Mathews (Cyril Corbally won the Open Championships five times out of only seven attempts). In Co. Dublin one must suppose the first triple peel was determined, dared and achieved. This great tradition is by no means exhausted, it is maintained today by Douglas Strachan and David O'Connor, unfortunately neither of whom was able to compete at Carrickmines this year.

The Club is beautifully situated with a view of Dublin and Wicklow Mountains and surrounded with trees, though in roasting weather during the tournament we could have done with more shade on the grounds themselves.

Nancy, Noreen and Margaret, Frances and Geraldine enhance the charm of their surroundings and often exhibit a high standard of play upon the courts. They were, however, in some ways eclipsed by the ladies from the Antipodes, Jean Jarden and Biddy Dodd; the former with her serene and fluent swing, and her exceptional accuracy, is not only the best lady player in the world today, but one of the finest of all time. The Irish Championship seemed to be in her pocket from the first day, challenged in the final by Dudley Hamilton-Miller, a former champion, who was not at his best—he seemed tired after the strenuous week. Mrs. Dodd won the handicap event (Founders' Cup), without being very closely challenged, a minus 3 in Australia she played at minus 1 here, but she is too good for that—her play is swift and justifiably confident, and she is to win many events before returning home in August. Another visitor from Victoria was Barry Murphy, who obviously has a good deal of potential; this is true also of a local young hopeful, Myles McWeeney, whose play is enterprising, if a trifle over-optimistic. With more experience in good company, he could get his handicap down to scratch. A successful competitor in several events was Mr. A. Craig. If he will improve his hoop stroke and learn how to learn from wise advisers, he should reduce his handicap—he is an excellent long shot. The same is true of those most experienced competitors, Mrs. Lightfoot and Mrs. Read, both of whom played some fine Croquet. Perhaps the most obviously improved player of the week was J. A. Wheeler, who got a game in the Opens from Hamilton-Miller and with Mr. Paterson won the Doubles. The list of those responsible for our happiness during the week was duly recited at prize-giving by Mr. Figgis, but here one must only mention the lady in command of the admirable catering, and Lady FitzGerald in command of everything else, though badly afflicted with sciatica, she not only kept us happy, but never failed to appear so herself.

EVENT I (13 entries)

Championship of Ireland

1st Round

Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot bt. Mrs. N. R. Dodd -12 +1 +1.
K. Paterson bt. M. McWeeney -5 +21 +15.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt. J. A. Wheeler +18 -4 +14.
D. Figgis bt. Miss F. Joly -13 +6 +6.
Mrs. J. Jarden bt. Mrs. H. M. Read +8 +5.

2nd Round

Mrs. Lightfoot bt. R. J. Leonard +6 +7.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt. K. Paterson +15 +5.
Mrs. Jarden bt. D. Figgis +26 +10.
B. Murphy w.o. M. B. Reckitt +7 (opp. scr.).

Semi-Final

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt. Mrs. Lightfoot +13 +8.
Mrs. Jarden bt. B. Murphy +26 +17.

Final

Mrs. Jarden bt. D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller +16 +21.

EVENT II (6 entries)

Green Cup

1st Round

Mrs. D. Figgis (5½) bt. Miss G. Hopkins (3½) +5.

Semi-Final

Mrs. Figgis (5½) bt. Mrs. F. Regan (4) +10.
A. D. Craig (4) bt. Mrs. D. Moran (10) +17.

Final

A. D. Craig (4) bt. Mrs. Figgis (5½) +10.

EVENT III (20 entries)

Founders' Cup

1st Round

J. A. Wheeler (1) bt. R. J. Leonard (-½) +3.
Mrs. Jarden (-3) bt. R. L. Hannon (4) +24.
Miss Hopkins (3½) bt. H. M. Read (4) +13.
B. Murphy (4) bt. Miss Joly (1½) +12.

2nd Round

Mrs. Figgis (5½) bt. F. Regan (2½) +4.
A. D. Craig (4) bt. Mrs. Lightfoot (½) +9.
M. McWeeney (3½) bt. M. B. Reckitt (2) +18.
J. A. Wheeler (1) bt. Mrs. Jarden (-3) +4.
B. Murphy (2) bt. Miss Hopkins (3½) +23.
Mrs. Dodd (-1) bt. Mrs. Read (1) +1.
K. Paterson (3) bt. Mrs. Regan (4) +22.
Lady FitzGerald (1½) bt. D. Figgis (0) +19.

Quarter-Final

A. D. Craig (4) bt. Mrs. Figgis (5½) +15.
M. McWeeney (3½) bt. J. A. Wheeler (1) +7.
Mrs. Dodd (-1) bt. B. Murphy (2) +20.
K. Paterson (3) w.o. Lady FitzGerald (1½) (opp. scr.).

Semi-Final

M. McWeeney (3½) bt. A. D. Craig (4) +6.
Mrs. Dodd (-1) bt. K. Paterson (3) +9.

Final

Mrs. Dodd (-1) bt. M. McWeeney (3½) +9.

EVENT IV (10 pairs)

Stonebrook Cups

1st Round

J. A. Wheeler & K. Paterson (4) bt. Miss Joly & Mrs. Moran (11½) +13.
Mrs. Read & A. D. Craig (5) bt. M. B. Reckitt & Mrs. Lightfoot (2½) +15.
R. J. Leonard & M. McWeeney (3) bt. B. & Mrs. Murphy (1) +11.

2nd Round

Mrs. Jarden & Mrs. Figgis (2½) bt. Lady FitzGerald & F. Regan (4) +20.
J. A. Wheeler & K. Paterson (4) bt. Mrs. Read & A. D. Craig (5) +24.
R. J. Leonard & M. McWeeney (3) bt. D. Figgis & R. L. Hannon (3½) +9.
Madame O'Morchoe & D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (7) bt. Mrs. Dodd & Mrs. Regan (3) +2.†

Semi-Final

J. A. Wheeler & K. Paterson (4) bt. Mrs. Jarden & Mrs. Figgis (2½) +20.
Mme. O'Morchoe & D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (7) bt. R. J. Leonard & M. McWeeney (3) +9.

Final

J. A. Wheeler & K. Paterson (4) bt. Mme. O'Morchoe & D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (7) +1.†

Compton

June 8th-13th

Manager: Major R. F. Rothwell

On the first day of Open Singles one of the mighty fell and another stumbled but recovered to become the tournament winner; Dr. Wiggins was defeated by Roger Hicks, who took his yellow from the first hoop to the peg when all seemed lost and pegged out black. Blue hit the lift shot, ran the rover and laid up near the peg, but at his next turn Dr. Wiggins missed the short shot for the peg! Roger Hicks, ensuring that blue was wired for the peg, won, giving Dr. Wiggins only one chance of bringing off a long shot.

Bryan Lloyd-Pratt was nearly defeated by Himmens, whose long roquets saved him on many occasions. When victory seemed certain he funk'd a short return roquet after running rover with blue. Later he overshot his approach shot to rover with black and did not get in again. Bryan, beginning at 3-back, finished in fine style with a very difficult double peel.

The triple peel was not achieved in this tournament, perhaps because the hot dry weather made the lawns too fast and too hard for the accurate placing of the balls; and very frequently the long fine take-off was followed by a cry of dismay as the striker's ball went off.

In the Handicap events, the bisque-givers defeated the bisque-receivers in the proportion of nearly 3 to 1. Harris is to be congratulated for winning the Handicap Singles. His speed in break-making and his long roquets achieved, it seemed, almost without taking aim, were unnerving his opponents.

The three overseas visitors, Miss Morgan, Col. Saalfeld and Clemons, acquitted themselves as well, perhaps, as they could expect, and greatly appreciated the friendliness and hospitality of all members of this very hospitable Club. Miss Morgan, on her first visit to England, marvelled at the sight of so many lawns laid out within the confines of one compact area.

All praise to the officials, and especially to Richard: never ruffled, never making unreasonable demands on the players, he "managed" to arrange that the last game of the tournament, appropriately the final of the Open Singles, should end precisely at 7 p.m. on the last day. How he achieved this is a mystery, the secret of which he alone knows.

EVENT I (21 entries)

Challenge Cup

DRAW

1st Round

W. H. Austin bt. Lieut.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld +15.
H. S. Clemons bt. N. W. T. Cox +13.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey w.o. G. E. P. Jackson (opp. scr.).
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt. E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +13.
Miss D. Morgan bt. Cdr. G. Borrett +6.

2nd Round

R. O. Hicks bt. H. A. Green +12.
Mrs. H. C. S. Perry bt. Major R. Driscoll +5.
D. A. Harris bt. W. H. Austin +2.
H. S. Clemons w.o. Mrs. Elvey (opp. scr.).
Miss Morgan bt. Mrs. Rotherham +8.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt. D. Himmens +2.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt. Mrs. W. Longman +15.
Major R. F. Rothwell bt. Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +2.

3rd Round

R. O. Hicks bt. Mrs. Perry +4.
D. A. Harris bt. H. S. Clemons +19.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt. Miss Morgan +16.
Dr. Wiggins bt. Major Rothwell +25.

Semi-Final

R. O. Hicks bt. D. A. Harris +17.
Dr. Wiggins bt. B. Lloyd-Pratt +10.

Final

Dr. Wiggins bt. R. O. Hicks +9.

PROCESS

1st Round

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt. H. A. Green +20.
D. A. Harris bt. Major Rothwell +10.
Mrs. Perry bt. Mrs. Longman +21.
R. O. Hicks bt. Dr. Wiggins +1.
Mrs. Chittenden bt. Major Driscoll +7.

2nd Round

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt. N. W. T. Cox +21.
Mrs. Rotherham bt. D. A. Harris +11.
Mrs. Perry w.o. G. E. P. Jackson (opp. scr.).
Miss Morgan bt. W. H. Austin +2.
R. O. Hicks w.o. Mrs. Elvey (opp. scr.).
Col. Saalfeld bt. Cdr. Borrett +7.
Mrs. Chittenden bt. E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +2.
H. S. Clemons bt. D. Himmens +17.

3rd Round

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt. Mrs. Rotherham +25.
Miss Morgan bt. Mrs. Perry +17.
R. O. Hicks bt. Col. Saalfeld +22.
H. S. Clemons bt. Mrs. Chittenden +14.

Semi-Final

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt. Miss Morgan +13.
R. O. Hicks bt. H. S. Clemons +11.

Final

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt. R. O. Hicks (opp. ret.).

PLAY-OFF

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt. Dr. Wiggins +14.

EVENT II (6 entries)

RESTRICTED LEVEL SINGLES

1st Round

E. J. Tucker bt. Mrs. E. Temple +18.
Miss H. D. Parker bt. Miss M. Bryan +4.

Semi-Final

E. J. Tucker bt. Mrs. H. Hall +16.
C. W. Haworth bt. Miss Parker +16.

Final

E. J. Tucker bt. C. W. Haworth +12.

EVENT III (8 entries)

RESTRICTED HANDICAP SINGLES

1st Round

Miss M. G. Anderson (6½) bt. N. V. Snell (6) +3.
W. Cdr. D. L. Allen (6½) bt. Mrs. D. Waterhouse (12) +16.
C. Edwards (7) bt. Mrs. N. W. T. Cox (5½) +17.
G. Scott-Page (6½) bt. Mrs. H. M. G. Cane (10) +6.

Semi-Final

W. Cdr. Allen (6½) bt. Miss Anderson (6½) (opp. ret.).
C. Edwards (7) bt. G. Scott-Page (6½) +9.

Final

C. Edwards (7) bt. W. Cdr. Allen (6½) +9.

EVENT IV (33 entries)

Handicap Cup

1st Round

Miss Bryan (6) bt. N. W. T. Cox (0) +10.

2nd Round

C. W. Haworth (2) bt. D. Himmens (-½) +18.
C. Edwards (7) bt. W. H. Austin (0) +17.
E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (-1½) bt. Miss Anderson (6½) +9.
Miss Morgan (0) bt. Mrs. Cane (10) +13.
D. A. Harris (½) bt. Mrs. Cox (5½) +4.
Cdr. Borrett (-2½) bt. Mrs. Waterhouse (12) +21.
W. Cdr. Allen (6½) w.o. Mrs. Elvey (-½) (opp. scr.).
Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens (7) bt. Miss Bryan (6) +2.
R. O. Hicks (-1½) bt. Mrs. Longman (-2) +19.
Major Driscoll (1½) bt. G. Scott-Page (6½) +5.
E. J. Tucker (4) bt. B. Lloyd-Pratt (-3) +10.
H. S. Clemons (-2) bt. Miss Parker (2½) +21.
Mrs. Chittenden (-½) w.o. G. E. P. Jackson (-3) (opp. scr.).
Col. Saalfeld (-1) bt. N. V. Snell (6) +15.
Mrs. Rotherham (-3) bt. H. A. Green (-½) +14.
Major Rothwell (-2) bt. Mrs. Temple (2) +19.

3rd Round

C. W. Haworth (2) bt. C. Edwards (7) +1.
E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (-1½) bt. Miss Morgan (0) +12.
D. A. Harris (½) bt. Cdr. Borrett (-2½) +21.
W. Cdr. Allen (6½) bt. Miss Clarke-Lens (7) +10.
Major Driscoll (1½) bt. R. O. Hicks (-1½) +2.
H. S. Clemons (-2) bt. E. J. Tucker (4) +14.
Col. Saalfeld (-1) bt. Mrs. Chittenden (-½) +12.
Major Rothwell (-2) bt. Mrs. Rotherham (-3) +8.

Quarter-Final

E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (-1½) bt. C. W. Haworth (2) +4.
D. A. Harris (½) bt. W. Cdr. Allen (6½) +5.
H. S. Clemons (-2) bt. Major Driscoll (1½) (opp. ret.).
Col. Saalfeld (-1) bt. Major Rothwell (-2) +7.

Semi-Final

D. A. Harris (½) bt. E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (-1½) +13.
H. S. Clemons (-2) bt. Col. Saalfeld (-1) +9.

Final

D. A. Harris (½) bt. H. S. Clemons (-2) +6.

EVENT V (15 pairs)
Kirk-Greene Cups

1st Round

D. A. Harris & E. Tucker (4½) bt. Mrs. Rotherham & Mrs. Cane (7) +9.
B. Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs. C. W. Haworth (11) bt. Cdr. Borrett & Mrs. Temple (-½) +4.
Col. Saalfeld & Miss Morgan (-1) bt. Mrs. Longman & Mrs. Hall (3½) +11.
Major Driscoll & N. W. T. Cox (1½) bt. R. O. Hicks & Major C. J. H. Tolley (½) +6.
E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake & C. W. Haworth (½) bt. D. Himmens & Miss Parker (2) +9.
Miss Bryan & C. Edwards (13) bt. Mrs. Chittenden & Mrs. Cox (5) +1.†
H. S. Clemons & W. Cdr. Allen (4½) bt. W. H. Austin & H. A. Green (-½) +2.†

2nd Round

D. A. Harris & E. Tucker (4½) bt. B. Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs. Haworth (11) +9.
Major Driscoll & N. W. T. Cox (1½) bt. Col. Saalfeld & Miss Morgan (-1) +1.
Miss Bryan & C. Edwards (13) bt. E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake & C. W. Haworth (½) +3.
H. S. Clemons & W. Cdr. Allen (4½) bt. Miss Clarke-Lens & Mrs. Waterhouse (20) +19.

Semi-Final

Major Driscoll & N. W. T. Cox (1½) bt. D. A. Harris & E. Tucker (4½) +2.
Miss Bryan & C. Edwards (13) bt. H. S. Clemons & W. Cdr. Allen (4½) +3.†

Final

Major Driscoll & N. W. T. Cox (1½) bt. Miss Bryan & C. Edwards (13) +16.

Ryde

June 15th-20th

Manager: Major J. H. Dibley, M.C.

Visitors to the Ryde Tournament 1970 included strong contingents from Bowdon and Nottingham Clubs. The absence was regretted of Miss M. M. Taylor and Mrs. Hill, Miss Walker and her sister Mrs. Cowper-Blake. The fine weather, which lasted nearly all the week, often made the lawns difficult. Nevertheless, the standard of play this year was considered to have improved as compared with last year's. The fast lawns particularly suited the style of Bryan Lloyd-Pratt, who dominated most of the play. In the Opens, Bryan had little difficulty in holding off the challenge offered by Gerald Birch and Peter Hallett; he also won the Doubles with the able assistance of Mrs. Mew. Mr. and Mrs. Chaff, of Bowdon, playing their first tournament, had a good week and ended up playing each other in the final of the C Levels. We hope to see much more of them. Harry Green and Gerald Birch played the cliff hanger of the week in the semi-final of the Big Handicap; Harry Green deserved to win by virtue of consistent play. A. J. Bucknell had a good week and won the B Levels in fine style.

The customary thanks are due to the tournament organizers, to the manager, Major Dibley, and to those responsible for the catering.

Certain observations arising out of the tournament occurred to the present writer. How much profit is it reasonable for a club to make from catering? Would it not be possible to avoid visiting members of the same club being drawn against one another in the first round of an event? It is most important in the general interests of Croquet that "Croquet wives" be made to feel welcome. Finally, an observation of Bryan Lloyd-Pratt's: "A bad lawn favours the better player". What do readers think?

EVENT I (10 entries)**Championship of the Isle of Wight****DRAW***1st Round*

E. H. S. Shelton bt. Miss D. Morgan +12.
P. D. Hallett bt. Mrs. J. Earnshaw +13.

2nd Round

H. Green bt. R. A. Simpson +3.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt. E. H. S. Shelton +14.
P. D. Hallett bt. Mrs. R. A. Simpson +10.
G. Birch bt. Lieut.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld +7.

Semi-Final

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt. H. Green +7.
P. D. Hallett bt. G. Birch +11.

Final

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt. P. D. Hallett +17.

PROCESS*1st Round*

Col. Saalfeld bt. R. A. Simpson +4.
G. Birch bt. H. Green +3.

2nd Round

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt. P. D. Hallett +11.
E. H. S. Shelton bt. Col. Saalfeld +21.
G. Birch bt. Mrs. Earnshaw +22.
Mrs. Simpson bt. Miss Morgan +7.

Semi-Final

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt. E. H. S. Shelton +22.
G. Birch bt. Mrs. Simpson +8.

Final

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt. G. Birch +18.

EVENT II (7 entries)**Chapman Cup***1st Round*

S. G. Stoker bt. Miss J. L. Preston +12.
A. J. Bucknell bt. Miss M. Bryan +9.†

Semi-Final

S. G. Stoker bt. Mrs. C. Devitt +6.
A. J. Bucknell bt. Mrs. E. W. Ward +18.

Final

A. J. Bucknell bt. S. G. Stoker +15.

EVENT III (19 entries)**Hutton Cup***1st Round*

R. Chaff (7) bt. Mrs. F. J. T. Mew (14) +14.

2nd Round

T. Pearce-Jones (12) bt. Mrs. S. Creed Meredith (15) +12.
R. Chaff (7) bt. Miss L. Cooke (12) +14.
Mrs. R. Chaff (9) bt. Mrs. A. J. Bucknell (12) +13.†
Mrs. K. Lowein (11) bt. Mrs. N. Duveen (16) +4.

Semi-Final

R. Chaff (7) bt. T. Pearce-Jones (12) +17.
Mrs. Chaff (9) bt. Mrs. Lowein (11) (opp. ret.).

Final

Mrs. Chaff (9) bt. R. Chaff (7) +9.

EVENT IV (22 entries)**Dibley Cup***1st Round*

H. Green (2) bt. Miss Bryan (6) +2.†
Miss Preston (6) bt. G. Henshaw (6½) +13.
E. H. S. Shelton (-½) bt. Mrs. Duveen (16) +16.
R. Chaff (7) bt. R. A. Simpson (0) +1.
P. D. Hallett (-1½) w.o. B. Lloyd-Pratt (-3) (opp. scr.).
Mrs. Ward (6½) bt. Mrs. Bucknell (12) +7.
Mrs. Earnshaw (½) bt. Mrs. Creed Meredith (15) (opp. ret.).

2nd Round

G. Birch (0) bt. Mrs. Lowein (11) +4.†
A. J. Bucknell (3) bt. Miss Cooke (12) +9.
H. Green (2) bt. Miss Preston (6) +5.
E. H. S. Shelton (-½) bt. R. Chaff (7) +4.
P. D. Hallett (-½) bt. Mrs. Ward (6½) +4.
Mrs. Earnshaw (½) bt. Mrs. Chaff (9) +3.
Col. Saalfeld (-1) bt. S. G. Stoker (3) +7.
Mrs. Simpson (0) bt. Mrs. Devitt (6) +19.

3rd Round

G. Birch (0) bt. A. J. Bucknell (3) +7.
H. Green (2) bt. E. H. S. Shelton (-½) +17.
P. D. Hallett (-½) bt. Mrs. Earnshaw (½) +17.
Col. Saalfeld (-1) bt. Mrs. Simpson (0) +2.

Semi-Final

H. Green (2) bt. G. Birch (0) +3.
P. D. Hallett (-½) bt. Col. Saalfeld (-1) +11.

Final

H. Green (2) bt. P. D. Hallett (-½) +11.

Consolation event ("Y") won by: R. A. Simpson (0).

Runner-up: Mrs. R. Chaff (9).

EVENT V (13 pairs)**Birch Cups***1st Round*

E. H. S. Shelton & Mrs. Ward (6) bt. Mrs. Devitt & Mrs. Creed Meredith (20) +16.
B. Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs. Mew (11) bt. H. Green & Miss Morgan (2) +7.
Col. Saalfeld & Mrs. Duveen (13) bt. G. Henshaw & Mrs. Earnshaw (7) +11.
S. G. Stoker & Miss Bryan (9) bt. P. and Mrs. Hallett (12½) +6.†
R. A. Simpson & J. Pearce-Jones (12) bt. A. J. & Mrs. Bucknell (15) +14.

2nd Round

E. H. S. Shelton & Mrs. Ward (6) bt. G. Birch & Miss Cooke (11) +3.
B. Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs. Mew (11) bt. Col. Saalfeld & Mrs. Duveen (13) +11.
R. A. Simpson & J. Pearce-Jones (12) bt. S. G. Stoker & Miss Bryan (9) +11.
R. & Mrs. Chaff (16) bt. Mrs. Simpson & Mrs. Lowein (11) +6.

Semi-Final

B. Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs. Mew (11) bt. E. H. S. Shelton & Mrs. Ward (6) +3.
R. A. Simpson & J. Pearce-Jones (12) bt. R. and Mrs. Chaff (16) +1.

Final

B. Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs. Mew (11) bt. R. A. Simpson & J. Pearce-Jones (12) +7.

Parkstone

June 22nd-27th

Manager: Dr. R. W. Bray

Parkstone in June and as ever a week to remember. Not a year when sterling deeds on the courts simplified the task of your correspondent, but many close battles, many familiar faces, constant good friendship and no monsoon on Doubles day. In particular, thanks are due to Dr. Roger Bray for his efficient management. Protesting that he was a high bisquer at

the art he nevertheless rushed everyone to their courts, peeled them through all their difficulties and brought them to the peg on time on finals day.

Early skirmishing in the Draw saw Perry beating Jackson with a classical triple, and Bucknall proving the story of the tortoise and the hare against William Ormerod. Gladstone, who played well throughout the week, held Perry to a close-fought 5 in the final. In the Process Whittington beat Perry in another close match only to lose his chance in the play-off when, through amnesia, or temporary colour-blindness, he played the wrong ball during his turn.

In the big Handicap Sweepstake Jackson drew Gladstone and vice-versa. It appeared inevitable, therefore, that the two horses (or was it two owners?) should appear in an all-Cheltenham final. In this the financial incentive of losing was forgotten in a hard-fought contest won by Jackson who, although not at the top of his form during the week, was, as ever, a joy to watch. His semi-final against Mrs. Jarden reputedly lasted longer than the average air trip to New York.

The Doubles as always provided a high standard of amusement and competition. Who would have thought Guy Warwick could leap so high, even in exasperation, when on missing a short cut rush he left his surviving opponent a mere yard from the peg? A gallant effort by Mrs. W. P. Ormerod, who had only recently taken up the game, and her partner, Dr. Bray, ended in the semi-final. The final between Mr. & Mrs. Newton and Bucknall/Knowles was distinguished by a gallant rear-guard action by Newton, who came from behind to peg out one of his opponents. His look of disbelief as the remaining opponent pegged out with a slow curling shot from the corner, more reminiscent of St. Andrews than Parkstone, was fully justified.

The B Level event was won by Dr. Knowles by courtesy of his opponent, Miss Hickson, who after taking both balls round through hoops that must have looked like goalposts suddenly found that the rover looked like a hairpin. A local success in the C Level final saw Butler changing his tennis racquet for a mallet and yet retain his speed around the court. He confirmed that keenness allied to ability can lead to rapid improvement and will in future be a force to contend with in the B Section.

So ended another happy Parkstone week. Our thanks go to all those members of the local Club who worked so hard, to all those on the catering side who dispensed so many 5-star meals, and to the groundsman who as usual during this week was there at the crack of dawn. We missed Canon Creed Meredith but knew he would have been proud to see the continuation of the sporting comradeship that is Parkstone in June.

EVENT I (12 entries)**The Dorset Salver****DRAW***1st Round*

G. E. P. Jackson bt. G. W. Williams +26.
B. G. Perry bt. Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan +19.
P. Newton bt. Miss E. J. Warwick +15.
Mrs. J. Jarden bt. R. O. B. Whittington +14.

2nd Round

Dr. W. R. Bucknall bt. Dr. W. P. Ormerod +9.
B. G. Perry bt. G. E. P. Jackson +26.
P. Newton bt. Mrs. Jarden +17.
The Rev'd W. E. Gladstone bt. J. G. Warwick +20.

Semi-Final

B. G. Perry bt. Dr. Bucknall +21.
Rev. W. E. Gladstone bt. P. Newton +20.

Final

B. G. Perry bt. Rev. W. E. Gladstone +5.

PROCESS*1st Round*

G. E. P. Jackson bt. Rev. W. E. Gladstone +12.
R. O. B. Whittington w.o. Dr. Ormerod (opp. scr.).
Miss Warwick bt. J. G. Warwick +5.
Mrs. Jarden bt. Dr. Bucknall +26.

2nd Round

P. Newton bt. G. E. P. Jackson +9.
R. O. B. Whittington bt. Mrs. McMillan +20.
Miss Warwick bt. G. W. Williams +16.
B. G. Perry bt. Mrs. Jarden +25.

Semi-Final

R. O. B. Whittington bt. P. Newton +2.
B. G. Perry bt. Miss Warwick +15.

Final

R. O. B. Whittington bt. B. G. Perry +2.

PLAY-OFF

B. G. Perry bt. R. O. B. Whittington +5.

EVENT II (11 entries)*Evans Cup**1st Round*

W. Cdr. D. L. Allen bt. Mrs. C. Devitt +14.
Dr. E. L. Knowles bt. Miss M. D. McMordie +6.
Miss K. D. Hickson bt. G. R. Mills +6.

2nd Round

Major F. Hill-Bernhard bt. Dr. G. L. Ormerod +8.
Dr. Knowles bt. W. Cdr. Allen +21.
Miss Hickson bt. Mrs. G. H. Wood +15.
Miss W. E. Creed Meredith bt. Miss A. E. Mills +13.

Semi-Final

Dr. Knowles bt. Major Hill-Bernhard +11.
Miss Hickson bt. Miss Creed Meredith +15.

Final

Dr. Knowles bt. Miss Hickson +3.

EVENT III (12 entries)*Cope Cup**1st Round*

L. S. Butler (7) bt. Mrs. M. Goodricke (15) +14.
Miss M. M. Fickling (13) bt. Mrs. S. Creed Meredith (15) +16.
Mrs. I. N. Duveen (16) bt. Mrs. D. J. Bird (8) +1.†
Mrs. D. Wayman (13) bt. Miss M. Page (9) +12.

2nd Round

Mrs. H. M. Harris (12) bt. Mrs. P. Newton (8) +2.†
L. S. Butler (7) bt. Miss Fickling (13) +15.
Mrs. Wayman (13) bt. Mrs. Duveen (16) +13.
Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (8) bt. Mrs. L. A. Davies (14) +11.

Semi-Final

L. S. Butler (7) bt. Mrs. Harris (12) +8.
Mrs. Wayman (13) bt. Mrs. Ormerod (8) +10.

Final

L. S. Butler (7) bt. Mrs. Wayman (13) +16.

EVENT IV (32 entries)*Gold Cup**1st Round*

Mrs. Newton (8) bt. Mrs. Bird (8) +4.
J. G. Warwick (-2) bt. W. Cdr. Allen (6½) +10.
G. R. Mills (4) bt. Mrs. Duveen (16) +23.
Miss V. E. Mills (2) bt. Mrs. Devitt (6) +9.
Miss McMordie (5) bt. Miss Warwick (-3) +9.
Rev. W. E. Gladstone (1) bt. Mrs. Wood (6) +13.
L. S. Butler (7) bt. Mrs. Harris (12) +12.
Dr. Bucknall (1½) bt. Mrs. McMillan (¾) +14.
Miss Hickson (3) bt. Dr. G. L. Ormerod (4) +16.
Mrs. Jarden (-3) bt. Major Hill Bernhard (4½) +24.
R. O. B. Whittington (-2) bt. Dr. Knowles (5) +6.
Miss Page (9) bt. Mrs. Ormerod (8) +6.
P. Newton (-1½) bt. Miss A. E. Mills (3½) +5.
B. G. Perry (-4) bt. Mrs. Davies (14) +14.
G. E. P. Jackson (-3) bt. Miss Creed Meredith (6½) +8.
Mrs. Wayman (13) bt. G. W. Williams (-1) +15.

2nd Round

J. G. Warwick (-2) bt. Mrs. Newton (8) +6.
Miss Violet Mills (2) bt. G. R. Mills (4) +2.
Rev. W. E. Gladstone (1) bt. Miss McMordie (5) +13.
Dr. Bucknall (1½) bt. L. S. Butler (7) +13.
Mrs. Jarden (-3) bt. Miss Hickson (3) +23.
R. O. B. Whittington (-2) bt. Miss Page (9) +15.
P. Newton (-1½) bt. B. G. Perry (-4) +25.
G. E. P. Jackson (-3) bt. Mrs. Wayman (13) +11.

3rd Round

J. G. Warwick (-2) w.o. Miss Violet Mills (2) (opp. scr.).
Rev. W. E. Gladstone (1) bt. Dr. Bucknall (1½) +19.
Mrs. Jarden (-3) bt. R. O. B. Whittington (-2) +14.
G. E. P. Jackson (-3) bt. P. Newton (-1½) +5.

Semi-Final

Rev. W. E. Gladstone (1) bt. J. G. Warwick (-2) +7.
G. E. P. Jackson (-3) bt. Mrs. Jarden (-3) +8.

Final

G. E. P. Jackson (-3) bt. Rev. W. E. Gladstone (1) +13.

Consolation Event ("Y") won by: Mrs. McMillan (¾).

Runner-up: Miss Mills (3½).

EVENT V (17 pairs)*Handicap Doubles**1st Round*

Rev. W. E. Gladstone & Mrs. Wood (7) bt. B. G. Perry & Mrs. Devitt (2) +4.

2nd Round

Mrs. Jarden & L. S. Butler (4) bt. Major Hill Bernhard & Mrs. Harris (15½) +17.
Dr. Bray & Mrs. W. P. Ormerod (10) bt. W. Cdr. Allen & Miss Fickling (19½) +12.
Miss Mills & Mrs. G. Hill (11) bt. Miss Creed Meredith & Mrs. Goodricke (19½) +1.†
Dr. Bucknall & Dr. Knowles (6½) bt. Rev. W. E. Gladstone & Mrs. Wood (7) +9.
Mrs. McMillan & Mrs. Wayman (13½) bt. G. W. Williams & Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (7) +6.
Miss Violet Mills & G. R. Mills (6) bt. Mrs. Duveen & Mrs. Davies (28) +17.
P. & Mrs. Newton (6½) bt. J. G. Warwick & Mrs. Bird (5) +5.
Miss Warwick & Miss McMordie (2) bt. G. E. P. Jackson & Miss Page (6) +13.

3rd Round

Dr. Bray & Mrs. W. P. Ormerod (10) bt. Mrs. Jarden & L. S. Butler (4) +7.
Dr. Bucknall & Dr. Knowles (6½) bt. Miss Mills & Mrs. Hill (11) +20.
Miss Violet Mills & G. R. Mills (6) bt. Mrs. McMillan & Mrs. Wayman (13½) +12.
P. & Mrs. Newton (6½) bt. Miss Warwick & Miss McMordie (2) +14.

Semi-Final

Dr. Bucknall & Dr. Knowles (6½) bt. Dr. Bray & Mrs. W. P. Ormerod (10) +8.
P. & Mrs. Newton (6½) bt. Miss Violet Mills & G. R. Mills (6) +5.

Final

Dr. Bucknall & Dr. Knowles (6½) bt. P. & Mrs. Newton (6½) +6.

Budleigh Salterton

July 6th-11th

Manager: Major J. H. Dibley, M.C.

This tournament was once again in the capable hands of Major Dibley, who got through a very large entry by Saturday evening.

We welcomed our many visitors, especially those from overseas, from New Zealand, Australia and Ireland.

There were 30 entries for the open singles, including six internationals, and quite a few had played in the President's Cup, though, alas! some of those, through Anno Domini, were past their best.

It was most unfortunate for Mrs. Jarden that she had to pull out of two of her four lives on Thursday evening, as she was defeated in the other two the following day, thus depriving her of further games, and the spectators of watching her lovely style and superb skill.

Undoubtedly the best player in the tournament was B. G. Perry, who always plays such an attractive attacking game. The final of the Process between him and P. Newton was certainly the finest game of the week, both players playing

wonderful croquet. Perry, having won both Draw and Process, retained the Colman Cup. Newton is to be congratulated, not only on this game, which he so nearly won, but for possibly winning his silver medal*, as well as the Open Handicap event from a field of 61 entries. His mother was, in her day, a good croquet player and a member of this club.

Dr. Bucknall, always a difficult player to beat, won the Longman Cup in the "B" level Singles, his second major triumph in the fortnight. Robert Prichard was his victim in the final, and Mrs. J. B. Meachem, daughter-in-law of F.R., also looked a likely winner in this event. The latter, who plays with a firm, attractive style, is also to be congratulated on reaching the final of the Open Handicap.

The final of the "C" class Handicap Singles was played between Mr. and Mrs. Digby, and was won by the former, who also reached the semi-final of the Open Handicap. This was their first away tournament and was an excellent start to their Croquet career.

"Double, Double, Toil and Trouble" . . . Shakespeare must have been a Croquet player. In the Handicap Doubles there were many very strong-sounding couples. The final was between Mrs. Sundius-Smith and Dr. Charles Evans, who had had a very narrow victory in the semi-final over Mrs. Jarden and Mrs. Sheil; and E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake and Christopher Haworth, conceding three bisques, and the former won, not without some anxious moments. Dr. Evans supported his senior partner most nobly.

There is always a friendly atmosphere about this tournament, but I must end on a sad note. This was the last tournament for West, our Head Groundsman. He first came to the club in 1919 as a youngster of about 20. He left in 1939, but came back in 1952 as head groundsman, a job he has carried out so very well. He has now reached 70 and is retiring. He will be greatly missed and all will, I am sure, wish him well.

EVENT I (30 entries)*Colman Cup**DRAW**1st Round*

E. H. Shelton bt. Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot +16.
Lieut.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld bt. Lieut.-Col. G. E. Cave +1.
Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt bt. Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard +18.
Mrs. W. Longman bt. Mrs. E. Rotherham +9.†
R. A. Simpson bt. Miss D. Morgan +20.
E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake bt. Lieut.-Col. T. F. Laverty +12.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt. Dr. R. B. N. Smartt +19.
J. G. Warwick w.o. C. H. L. Prichard (opp. scr.).
A. J. Cooper bt. Miss E. J. Warwick +12.
Mrs. J. Jarden bt. Mrs. R. A. Simpson +18.
H. S. Clemons bt. Lieut.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard +8.
B. G. Perry bt. Major R. F. Rothwell +5.
Col. D. W. Beamish w.o. G. W. Williams (opp. scr.).
Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith bt. Mrs. N. R. Dodd +1.

2nd Round

E. H. Shelton bt. Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan +10.
Mrs. Smartt bt. Col. Saalfeld +18.
R. A. Simpson bt. Mrs. Longman +12.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt. E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +8.
A. J. Cooper bt. J. G. Warwick +4.
B. G. Perry bt. Col. Beamish +25.
P. Newton bt. Mrs. Sundius-Smith +4.
Mrs. Jarden bt. H. S. Clemons +4.

3rd Round

E. H. Shelton bt. Mrs. Smartt +19.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt. R. A. Simpson +7.
B. G. Perry bt. A. J. Cooper +4.
P. Newton bt. Mrs. Jarden +17.

Semi-Final

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt. E. H. Shelton +2.
B. G. Perry bt. P. Newton +23.

Final

B. G. Perry bt. B. Lloyd-Pratt +26.

PROCESS*1st Round*

B. G. Perry bt. Dr. Smartt +22.
H. S. Clemons bt. Mrs. Smartt +11.
R. A. Simpson bt. Mrs. Dodd +8.
Miss Warwick bt. Mrs. Lightfoot +12.
Col. Beamish bt. Col. Laverty +9.
Col. Cave bt. Mrs. Simpson +11.
Mrs. McMillan w.o. C. H. L. Prichard (opp. scr.).
J. G. Warwick bt. Major Rothwell +16.
E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake bt. Mrs. Sundius-Smith +1.
Col. Saalfeld w.o. Mrs. Jarden (opp. scr.).
B. Lloyd-Pratt w.o. G. W. Williams (opp. scr.).
Col. Prichard bt. Mrs. Prichard +1.
P. Newton bt. Miss Morgan +23.
A. J. Cooper bt. E. H. Shelton +23.

2nd Round

B. G. Perry bt. H. S. Clemons +19.
R. A. Simpson bt. Miss Warwick +3.
Col. Cave bt. Col. Beamish +17.
Mrs. Longman bt. Mrs. McMillan +6.
Mrs. Rotherham bt. J. G. Warwick +6.
E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake bt. Col. Saalfeld +18.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt. Col. Prichard +16.
P. Newton bt. A. J. Cooper +17.

3rd Round

B. G. Perry bt. R. A. Simpson +13.
Mrs. Longman bt. Col. Cave +21.
E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake bt. Mrs. Rotherham +3.
P. Newton bt. B. Lloyd-Pratt +3.

Semi-Final

B. G. Perry bt. Mrs. Longman +21.
P. Newton bt. E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +10.

Final

B. G. Perry bt. P. Newton +3.

EVENT II (20 entries)*Longman Cup**1st Round*

Capt. H. F. Nalder bt. Miss F. Joly +11.
Prof. A. S. C. Ross bt. Maj. E. C. Heathcote +25.
C. W. Haworth bt. Sir Leonard Daldry +5.

2nd Round

Mrs. A. S. C. Ross bt. M. B. Reckitt +7.
Dr. W. R. Bucknall bt. Major G. B. Horridge +10.
Miss E. Fisher bt. Lady FitzGerald +4.
Capt. Nalder bt. Prof. Ross +6.
Mrs. J. B. Meachem bt. C. W. Haworth +5.
Miss K. Ault w.o. Mr. F. R. Briggs (opp. scr.).
R. D. C. Prichard bt. Miss A. E. Mills +23.
Miss J. Cooper w.o. J. Lee (opp. scr.).

3rd Round

Dr. Bucknall bt. Mrs. Ross +13.
Capt. Nalder bt. Miss Fisher +2.
Mrs. Meachem bt. Miss Ault +24.
R. D. C. Prichard bt. Miss Cooper +3.

Semi-Final

Dr. Bucknall bt. Capt. Nalder +11.
R. D. C. Prichard bt. Mrs. Meachem +2.

Final

Dr. Bucknall bt. R. D. C. Prichard +21.

EVENT III (16 entries)*Stone Cup**1st Round*

C. Edwards (6) bt. Mrs. P. Newton (8) +8.
G. S. Digby (10) bt. Mrs. G. H. Wood (6) +2.
Mrs. F. A. Sheil (8) bt. Mrs. E. E. Bressey (6) +8.
Dr. C. W. Evans (10) bt. P. Puxon (10) +5.
Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (6) bt. Mrs. H. Harris (12) +9.
Mrs. H. F. Nalder (5½) bt. Maj. R. St. G. Atchley (10) +14.
Mrs. G. S. Digby (1) bt. Miss D. Locks Latham (7) +11.
F. E. M. Puxon (6) bt. F. Henshaw (6) +9.

*[Unless the Council reverses Colonel Prichard's ruling (see "Notes and Official Notices"), Mr. Newton will have to try for his Medal another season.—Editor.]

2nd Round

G. S. Digby (10) bt. C. Edwards (6) +11.
Mrs. Sheil (8) bt. Dr. Evans (10) +5.
Mrs. Puxon (6) bt. Mrs. Nalder (5½) +11.
Mrs. Digby (10) bt. F. E. M. Puxon (6) +20.

Semi-Final

G. S. Digby (10) bt. Mrs. Sheil (8) +10.
Mrs. Digby (10) bt. Mrs. Puxon (6) +17.

Final

G. S. Digby (10) bt. Mrs. Digby (10) +8.

EVENT IV (61 entries)

Oliver Bowl

1st Round

Mrs. Smartt (½) bt. Major Rothwell (-2) +23.
Mrs. Nalder (5½) bt. Mrs. Simpson (0) +11.
Mrs. Meachem (3½) bt. Major Heathcote (3) +8.
Mrs. Sheil (8) bt. Mrs. Puxon (6) +23.
Mrs. McMillan (½) bt. J. Lee (2½) +6.
B. Lloyd-Pratt (-3) w.o. M. B. Reckitt (2) (opp. scr.).
Col. Cave (0) w.o. G. W. Williams (-1) (opp. scr.).
H. S. Clemons (-2) bt. Mrs. Rotherham (-3) +24.
Col. Prichard (-3) bt. Mrs. Wood (6) +4.
Miss Fisher (2) w.o. Mrs. Harris (12) (opp. scr.).
Mrs. Ross (5) bt. Mrs. Hawkins (4) +10.
G. S. Digby (10) bt. Mrs. Dodd (-1½) +18.
E. H. Shelton (-1½) bt. Col. Beamish (-½) +2.
E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (-1½) bt. Miss Cooper (3) +15.
Sir L. Daldry (2) bt. Mrs. Prichard (-1½) +18.
Mrs. Lightfoot (½) bt. Dr. Bucknall (1½) +3.
Dr. Evans (10) bt. Col. Saalfeld (-1) +13.
Col. Laverty (½) bt. Miss Morgan (0) +15.
Miss Joly (1½) bt. Mrs. Bressey (5½) +7.
R. D. C. Prichard (1½) bt. Major Horridge (4) +9.
Dr. Smartt (1) bt. Mrs. Newton (8) +15.
R. A. Simpson (0) bt. Miss Ault (2½) +9.
C. W. Haworth (2) bt. Capt. Nalder (2) +2.
F. E. M. Puxon (6) bt. Lady FitzGerald (2) +2.
C. Edwards (6) bt. Mrs. Sundius-Smith (-1) +5.
Mrs. Longman (-2) bt. Prof. Ross (2) +11.
Mrs. Digby (10) w.o. C. H. L. Prichard (½) (opp. scr.).
P. Newton (-1½) bt. Miss Locks Latham (7) +19.
J. G. Warwick (-2) bt. P. Puxon (10) +6.

2nd Round

Miss Warwick (-3) bt. Mrs. Smartt (½) +14.
Mrs. Meachem (3½) bt. Mrs. Nalder (5½) +4.
Mrs. McMillan (½) bt. Mrs. Sheil (8) +14.
B. Lloyd-Pratt (-3) bt. Col. Cave (0) +9.
H. S. Clemons (-2) bt. Col. Prichard (-3) +18.
Miss Fisher (2) bt. Mrs. Ross (5) +12.
G. S. Digby (10) bt. E. H. Shelton (-½) +17.
E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (-1½) bt. Sir L. Daldry (2) +8.
Miss Lightfoot (½) bt. Dr. Evans (10) +11.
Col. Laverty (½) bt. Miss Joly (1½) +19.
R. D. C. Prichard (1½) bt. Dr. Smartt (1) +14.
R. A. Simpson (0) bt. C. W. Haworth (2) +15.
C. Edwards (6) bt. F. E. M. Puxon (6) +15.
Mrs. Longman (-2) bt. Mrs. Digby (10) +4.
P. Newton (-1½) bt. J. G. Warwick (-2) +17.
Mrs. Jarden (-3) w.o. Mrs. Briggs (4) (opp. scr.).

3rd Round

Mrs. Meachem (3½) bt. Miss Warwick (-3) +17.
B. Lloyd-Pratt (-3) bt. Mrs. McMillan (½) +21.
H. S. Clemons (-2) bt. Miss Fisher (2) +20.
G. S. Digby (10) w.o. E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (-1½) (opp. scr.).
Mrs. Lightfoot (½) bt. Col. Laverty (1½) +19.
R. A. Simpson (0) bt. Dr. Smartt (1) +13.
C. Edwards (6) bt. Mrs. Longman (-2) +23.
P. Newton (-1½) w.o. Mrs. Jarden (-3) (opp. ret. on peg).

Quarter-Final

Mrs. Meachem (3½) bt. B. Lloyd-Pratt (-3) +26.
G. S. Digby (10) bt. H. S. Clemons (-2) +3.
R. A. Simpson (10) bt. Mrs. Lightfoot (½) +9.
P. Newton (-1½) bt. C. Edwards (10) +12.

Semi-Final

Mrs. Meachem (3½) bt. G. S. Digby (10) +8.
P. Newton (-1½) bt. R. A. Simpson (0) +21.

Final

P. Newton (-1½) bt. Mrs. Meachem (3½) +8.

EVENT V (30 pairs)

Le Mesurier Cups

1st Round

Mrs. Jarden & Mrs. Sheil (4) bt. Miss Joly & Lady FitzGerald (3½) +4.
Col. Beamish & C. Edwards (5½) bt. Major Rothwell & Mrs. Wood (4) +12.
Mrs. Sundius-Smith & Dr. Evans (7) bt. Mrs. Dodd & Mrs. Bressey (4) +2.
H. S. Clemons & Col. Cave (-2) bt. G. S. & Mrs. Digby (20) +6.
B. G. Perry & Mrs. Meachem (-½) bt. Mrs. Longman & Mrs. Lightfoot (-½) +8.
B. Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs. McMillan (-2½) bt. Miss Ault & J. Lee (5) +4.
E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake & C. W. Haworth (½) bt. E. H. Shelton & Mrs. Puxon (5½) +3.
Capt. & Mrs. Nalder (7½) bt. Dr. Bucknall & Col. Laverty (2) +7.
Col. Saalfeld & Miss Morgan (-1) bt. Dr. Smartt & P. Puxon (11) +1.
P. & Mrs. Newton (6½) bt. A. J. Cooper & Prof. Ross (-½) +5.
Mrs. Rotherham & Mrs. Hawkins (1) bt. Miss Cooper & Mrs. Smartt (3½) +4.
Mrs. Prichard & Miss Mills (2) bt. F. E. M. Puxon & Mrs. Ross (11) +5.

2nd Round

Miss Warwick & Sir L. Daldry (-1) bt. Col. Prichard & R. D. C. Prichard (-1½) +3.
Mrs. Jarden & Mrs. Sheil (4) bt. Col. Beamish & C. Edwards (5½) +15.
Mrs. Sundius-Smith & Dr. Evans (7) bt. H. S. Clemons & Col. Cave (-2) +12.
B. G. Perry & Mrs. Meachem (-½) bt. B. Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs. McMillan (-2½) +15.
E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake & C. W. Haworth (½) bt. Capt. & Mrs. Nalder (7½) +16.
P. & Mrs. Newton (6½) bt. Col. Saalfeld & Miss Morgan (-1) +10.
Mrs. Prichard & Miss Mills (2) bt. Mrs. Rotherham & Mrs. Hawkins (1) +8.
R. A. & Mrs. Simpson (0) bt. J. G. Warwick & Major Horridge (2) +6.

3rd Round

Mrs. Jarden & Mrs. Sheil (4) bt. Miss Warwick & Sir L. Daldry (-1) +6.
Mrs. Sundius-Smith & Dr. Evans (7) bt. B. G. Perry & Mrs. Meachem (-½) +16.
E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake & C. W. Haworth (½) bt. P. & Mrs. Newton (6½) +1.
R. A. & Mrs. Simpson (0) bt. Mrs. Prichard & Miss Mills (2) +12.

Semi-Final

Mrs. Sundius-Smith & Dr. Evans (7) bt. Mrs. Jarden & Mrs. Sheil (4) +1.
E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake & C. W. Haworth (½) bt. R. A. & Mrs. Simpson (0) +5.

Final

Mrs. Sundius-Smith & Dr. Evans (7) bt. E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake & C. W. Haworth (½) +8.

Cheltenham

July 13th-18th

Manager: Mrs. H. F. Chittenden

The popularity of the Cheltenham Open Tournament was clearly shown by the fact that so many visitors came. Not only were there members of English clubs from as far apart as Budleigh Salterton, Nottingham, Bowdon, Colchester, Eastbourne and the Isle of Wight, but Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Read and their son from Ireland, Miss Morgan and Colonel Saalfeld from Australia and Mr. Clemons from Tasmania helped to make the tournament representative of a large part of the Croquet World. All the visitors must certainly have felt very appreciative of the kind welcome they received, of the excellent catering arrangements and of the efficient management of the tournament. The week, though mainly sunny, brought some wide variations in temperature, but no variation in the spirit of friendliness which made those who came knowing

few of the other competitors feel very happy and completely at home from the start. Mrs. Prichard helped to make the week all the more enjoyable for many of those who were knocked out of the tournament by organising two extra events: Handicap Singles and Level Doubles.

The Championship Cup Competition had 23 entries. Bryan Lloyd-Pratt's play throughout the week made him a worthy winner of both Draw and Process.

In the B class Level Singles the careful accuracy of Miss R. M. Allen's play won her all her games by double figures.

R. N. Bateson's triumphant progress to possession of the Calthrop Cup will certainly result in a reduction of his handicap of 9.

The two finalists in the Open Handicap Singles for the Daniels Cup are both to be warmly congratulated. J. N. Robinson demonstrated that there is a real art in giving as well as in taking bisques. In an earlier round Miss Arkell (handicap 9) beat Meredith (0) in 35 minutes—one of the highlights of the tournament.

The Barwell Salvagers for the Handicap Doubles remain in the possession of Mr. T. O. Read and Mrs. H. M. Read—and deservedly so. It was, however, very sad that Colonel Laverty and Mrs. Bird, the gallant veterans from Budleigh Salterton, who had fought through to the Final, had to scratch owing to an injury the Colonel had sustained to his hand.

Altogether it was an excellent tournament. All those who took a week out of their annual holiday to take part in it must certainly feel that it was a week very well and very enjoyably spent.

EVENT I (23 entries)

Cheltenham Championship Cup

DRAW

1st Round

The Rev'd W. E. Gladstone bt. Mrs. H. M. Read +17.
Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe bt. H. S. Clemons +7.
Lieut.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt. Colonel G. T. Wheeler +6.
P. W. Hands bt. M. J. Bushnell +3.
Lieut.-Col. T. F. Laverty bt. Miss D. Morgan +11.
G. E. P. Jackson bt. Lieut.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld +11.
Miss K. M. O. Sessions bt. Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot +9.

2nd Round

J. N. Robinson bt. T. O. Read +9.
H. O. Hicks bt. Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +21.
Rev. W. E. Gladstone bt. Mrs. Neville Rolfe +11.
P. W. Hands bt. Col. Prichard +13.
G. E. P. Jackson w.o. Col. Laverty (opp. scr.).
Miss Sessions bt. F. W. Meredith +1.
Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard bt. Mrs. A. Fotiadi +22.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt. P. W. Elmes +7.

3rd Round

J. N. Robinson bt. H. O. Hicks +4.
Rev. W. E. Gladstone bt. P. W. Hands +10.
G. E. P. Jackson bt. Miss Sessions +24.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt. Mrs. Prichard +17.

Semi-Final

Rev. W. E. Gladstone bt. J. N. Robinson +14.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt. G. E. P. Jackson +1.

Final

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt. Rev. W. E. Gladstone +16.

PROCESS

1st Round

P. W. Elmes bt. Mrs. Neville Rolfe +10.
F. W. Meredith bt. Mrs. Elvey +2.
Rev. W. E. Gladstone bt. Mrs. Prichard +3.
J. N. Robinson bt. Mrs. Lightfoot +7.
Mrs. Fotiadi bt. H. O. Hicks +1.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt. Mrs. Read +8.
T. O. Read bt. Miss Sessions +11.

2nd Round

P. W. Elmes bt. Col. Saalfeld +20.
M. J. Bushnell bt. F. W. Meredith +18.
Miss Morgan bt. Rev. W. E. Gladstone +8.
J. N. Robinson bt. Col. Prichard +6.
G. E. P. Jackson bt. H. S. Clemons +16.
P. W. Hands bt. Mrs. Fotiadi +6.
B. Lloyd-Pratt w.o. Col. Laverty (opp. scr.).
T. O. Read bt. Col. Wheeler +12.

3rd Round

M. J. Bushnell bt. P. W. Elmes +16.
J. N. Robinson bt. Miss Morgan +16.
P. W. Hands bt. G. E. P. Jackson +17.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt. T. O. Read +2.

Semi-Final

M. J. Bushnell bt. J. N. Robinson +7.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt. P. W. Hands +11.

Final

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt. M. J. Bushnell +6.

EVENT II (9 entries)

Money Salver

DRAW

1st Round

Miss I. M. Roe bt. Mrs. N. Wallwork +21.

2nd Round

The Rev'd H. L. Ormerod w.o. H. M. Read (opp. scr.).
Miss Roe bt. G. R. Mills +23.
Miss R. M. Allen bt. Mrs. C. Bagnall +16.
Mrs. E. M. Temple bt. W. J. Sturdy +10.

Semi-Final

Rev. H. L. Ormerod bt. Miss Roe +5.
Miss Allen bt. Mrs. Temple +17.

Final

Miss Allen bt. Rev. H. L. Ormerod +15.

PROCESS

1st Round

Mrs. Temple bt. Rev. H. L. Ormerod +11.

2nd Round

Mrs. Bagnall bt. G. R. Mills +2.
Miss Roe bt. Mrs. Temple +23.
W. J. Sturdy bt. Mrs. Wallwork +8.
Miss Allen w.o. H. M. Read (opp. scr.).

Semi-Final

Mrs. Bagnall bt. Miss Roe +14.
Miss Allen bt. W. J. Sturdy +10.

Final

Miss Allen bt. Mrs. Bagnall +13.

EVENT III (10 entries)

Calthrop Cup

1st Round

R. A. Lewty (10) bt. Miss J. K. Samuel (7) +9.
R. N. Bateson (9) bt. Brig. L. E. Bourke (8) +22.

2nd Round

Miss E. H. Arkell (9) bt. W. Cdr. D. L. Allen (6½) +9.
Mrs. D. J. Bird (8) bt. R. A. Lewty (10) +15.
R. N. Bateson (9) bt. Mrs. K. M. Lowein (11) +17.
G. Scott-Page (6½) bt. Miss W. K. Allardyce (6½) +17.

Semi-Final

Miss Arkell (9) w.o. Mrs. Bird (8) (opp. scr.).
R. N. Bateson (9) bt. G. Scott-Page (6½) +17.

Final

R. N. Bateson (9) bt. Miss Arkell (9) +19.

EVENT IV (41 entries)

Daniels Cup

1st Round

G. E. P. Jackson (-3) bt. R. N. Bateson (9) +1.
B. Lloyd-Pratt (-3) bt. Miss Allardyce (6½) +19.
Rev. H. L. Ormerod (2½) bt. P. W. Hands (-2) +25.
Miss Sessions (-2) bt. Mrs. Lightfoot (½) +5.
Brig. Bourke (8) bt. Mrs. Prichard (-1½) +12.
G. Scott-Page (6½) bt. Rev. W. E. Gladstone (½) +3.
Miss Roe (2½) bt. Mrs. Elvey (-½) +19.
J. N. Robinson (-½) bt. Col. Prichard (-3) +22.
Mrs. Neville Rolfe (1½) bt. W. J. Sturdy (5) +20.

2nd Round

Miss Arkell (9) bt. Col. Saalfeld (-1) +17.
 F. W. Meredith (0) bt. G. R. Mills (4) +15.
 Mrs. Bagnall (5) bt. Mrs. Wallwork (4) +3.
 Mrs. Fotiadi (0) bt. R. A. Lewty (10) +8.
 T. O. Read (-1½) bt. Mrs. Povey (4½) +3.
 G. E. P. Jackson (-3) bt. Mrs. Temple (2) +9.
 Rev. H. L. Ormerod (2½) bt. B. Lloyd-Pratt (-3) +24.
 Brig. Bourke (8) bt. Miss Sessions (-2) +13.
 Miss Roe (2½) bt. G. Scott-Page (6½) +2.
 J. N. Robinson (-½) bt. Mrs. Neville Rolfe (1½) +19.
 H. S. Clemons (-2) bt. Mrs. Read (1½) +18.
 Col. Laverty (½) bt. Miss Samuel (7) +13.
 Mrs. Bird (8) bt. Mrs. Lowein (11) +4.
 Col. Wheeler (½) bt. Miss Morgan (0) +4.
 M. J. Bushnell (-1½) bt. H. M. Read (5) +19.
 P. W. Elmes (-1) bt. W. Cdr. Allen (6½) +8.

3rd Round

Miss Arkell (9) bt. F. W. Meredith (0) +26.
 Mrs. Bagnall (5) bt. Mrs. Fotiadi (0) +23.
 G. E. P. Jackson (-3) bt. T. O. Read (-1½) +7.
 Brig. Bourke (8) bt. Rev. H. L. Ormerod (2½) +17.
 J. N. Robinson (-½) bt. Miss Roe (2½) +14.
 H. S. Clemons (-2) bt. Col. Laverty (½) +5.
 Col. Wheeler (½) bt. Mrs. Bird (8) +17.
 M. J. Bushnell (-1½) bt. P. W. Elmes (-1) +17.

Quarter-Final

Mrs. Bagnall (5) bt. Miss Arkell (9) +17.
 Brig. Bourke (8) bt. G. E. P. Jackson (-3) +11.
 J. N. Robinson (-½) bt. H. S. Clemons (-2) +24.
 Col. Wheeler (½) bt. M. J. Bushnell (-1½) +4.

Semi-Final

Mrs. Bagnall (5) bt. Brig. Bourke (8) +4.
 J. N. Robinson (-½) bt. Col. Wheeler (½) +21.

Final

J. N. Robinson (-½) bt. Mrs. Bagnall (5) +12.

Consolation Event ("Y") won by: P. W. Hands (-2).
 Runner-up: Rev. W. E. Gladstone (½).

EVENT V (21 pairs)

Barwell Salvagers

1st Round

Col. Saalfeld & Miss Morgan (-1) bt. Col. Wheeler & Miss Sessions (-1½) +6.
 G. E. P. Jackson & G. Scott-Page (3½) bt. Mrs. Chittenden & Mrs. Bagnall (4½) +11.
 B. Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs. Lowein (8) bt. Mrs. Prichard & Miss Samuel (5½) +17.
 Col. Laverty & Mrs. Bird (7½) bt. E. Sidwell & R. A. Lewty (11½) +4.
 J. N. Robinson & P. W. Hands (-2½) bt. H. S. Clemons & W. J. Sturdy (2½) +10.

2nd Round

T. O. Read & Mrs. Read (0) bt. Miss Allen & Mrs. Povey (7) +19.
 Miss Roe & Mrs. Wallwork (6½) bt. W. Cdr. Allen & Mrs. Fotiadi (6½) +10.
 M. J. Bushnell & P. W. Elmes (-2½) bt. Col. Saalfeld & Miss Morgan (-1) +17.
 B. Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs. Lowein (8) bt. G. E. P. Jackson & G. Scott-Page (3½) +15.
 Col. Laverty & Mrs. Bird (7½) bt. J. N. Robinson & P. W. Hands (-2½) +2.
 Rev. W. E. Gladstone & Mrs. Temple (2½) bt. Rev. H. L. Ormerod & Miss Allardyce (9) +2.
 Brig. Bourke & Mrs. Neville Rolfe (9½) bt. G. R. Mills & R. N. Bateson (11) +13.
 F. W. Meredith & Miss Arkell (7) bt. Col. Prichard & Mrs. Lightfoot (-2½) +6.

3rd Round

T. O. Read & Mrs. Read (0) bt. Miss Roe & Mrs. Wallwork (6½) +12.
 M. J. Bushnell & P. W. Elmes (-2½) bt. B. Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs. Lowein (8) +15.

Col. Laverty & Mrs. Bird (7½) bt. Rev. W. E. Gladstone & Mrs. Temple (2½) +1.
 Brig. Bourke & Mrs. Neville Rolfe (9½) bt. F. W. Meredith & Miss Arkell (7) +3.

Semi-Final

T. O. Read & Mrs. Read (0) bt. M. J. Bushnell & P. W. Elmes (-2½) +6.
 Col. Laverty & Mrs. Bird (7½) bt. Brig. Bourke & Mrs. Neville Rolfe (9½) +7.

Final

T. O. Read & Mrs. Read w.o. Col. Laverty & Mrs. Bird (7½) (opp. scr.).

Colchester

July 27th-August 1st

Manager: E. P. Duffield, Esq.

The dates given above are somewhat misleading, since, owing to the exceptionally large entry, some games were played off on the Saturday and Sunday prior to the official start. The courts, well known for their excellence and speed, lived up to expectations and were, for the second half of the tournament, so fast as to slow down play considerably. In spite of this, the Manager, E. P. Duffield, succeeded with tact and firmness in carrying through a very full programme.

The opens boasted a distinguished line-up of a minus five, two minus fours and a minus three. Several middle handicap players entered, undeterred by this formidable collection, and provided some very watchable games. Most notable was Miss Maud Brumpton's game against B. Lloyd-Pratt, when she gallantly fought round to 2-back and 3-back before Lloyd-Pratt could peg out. As might have been expected from their play, Drs. Bray and Ormerod dominated the final stages of the opens, with J. N. Robinson the only interloper. An exciting play-off, notable for an unusual number of mistakes, resulted in a win by 3 for Dr. Bray over Dr. Ormerod.

H. C. Green played very well in the Big Handicap, and it was unfortunate that he was unable to stay for the finals. He retired on the peg in the semi-final to J. H. M. Cockayne, a player whose game is improving rapidly. In the other half, G. C. Hopewell played some sterling "Aunt Emma" to beat Lloyd-Pratt, but lost to Robinson in a close semi-final. Robinson, on his best form, beat Cockayne in the final.

The most exciting game of the tournament was undoubtedly the doubles final between two classic pairs, Dr. Bray and Capt. Greenham and B. Lloyd-Pratt and P. Puxon. Greenham played immaculately round to rover, with very little help from his partner, before their opponents had made more than one hoop. Lloyd-Pratt then went round and, using the side's only bisque, pegged out Greenham with Puxon's ball still on 1 and Bray's ball on 2-back. The game looked to be over, but Puxon played the close-wired game so beautifully, under the inspired direction of his partner, that Bray did not hit in until his opponent was on rover and Lloyd-Pratt had pegged himself out. After many vicissitudes Lloyd-Pratt and Puxon won by two, an amazing feat after snatching the apparently desperate hope of pegging out their opponents' weaker member.

This report would not be complete without some mention of the exceptional lunches provided by the club, which contributed not a little to the success of this very enjoyable tournament.

EVENT I (19 entries)

Championship of Essex

DRAW

1st Round

E. Whitehead bt. H. O. Hicks +4.
 J. N. Robinson bt. Miss E. M. Brumpton +15.
 G. F. Hallett bt. Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon +13.

2nd Round

Dr. W. P. Ormerod bt. B. Lloyd-Pratt +20.
 C. G. Hopewell bt. Capt. H. F. Nalder +6.
 K. H. Paterson bt. Miss E. C. Brumpton +14.
 J. N. Robinson bt. E. Whitehead +22.
 Mrs. N. R. Dodd bt. G. F. Hallett +24.
 Dr. R. W. Bray bt. Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +11.
 Mrs. H. M. Read bt. H. C. Green +4.
 R. O. B. Whittington bt. F. E. M. Puxon +16.

3rd Round

Dr. Ormerod bt. C. G. Hopewell +14.
 J. N. Robinson bt. K. H. Paterson +25.
 Dr. Bray bt. Mrs. Dodd +18.
 R. O. B. Whittington bt. Mrs. Read +11.

Semi-Final

J. N. Robinson bt. Dr. Ormerod +4.
 Dr. Bray bt. R. O. B. Whittington +19.

Final

Dr. Bray bt. J. N. Robinson +14.

PROCESS

1st Round

Dr. Ormerod bt. H. C. Green +18.
 R. O. B. Whittington bt. C. G. Hopewell +6.
 B. Lloyd-Pratt bt. F. E. M. Puxon +24.

2nd Round

Dr. Ormerod bt. J. N. Robinson +7.
 Mrs. Dodd bt. Miss Brumpton +26.
 R. O. B. Whittington bt. G. F. Hallett +7.
 H. O. Hicks bt. Mrs. Chittenden +5.
 B. Lloyd-Pratt bt. Miss Maud Brumpton +12.
 Dr. Bray bt. K. H. Paterson +18.
 Mrs. Puxon bt. Capt. Nalder +6.
 E. Whitehead bt. Mrs. Read +9.

3rd Round

Dr. Ormerod bt. Mrs. Dodd +16.
 H. O. Hicks bt. R. O. B. Whittington +12.
 Dr. Bray bt. B. Lloyd-Pratt +21.
 E. Whitehead bt. Mrs. Puxon +3.

Semi-Final

Dr. Ormerod bt. H. O. Hicks +21.
 Dr. Bray w.o. E. Whitehead (opp. scr.).

Final

Dr. Ormerod bt. Dr. Bray +18.

PLAY-OFF

Dr. Bray bt. Dr. Ormerod +3.

EVENT II (31 entries)

Franklin Cup

1st Round

C. G. Hopewell (-1) bt. Mrs. Puxon (6) +7.
 G. F. Hallett (1½) bt. Mrs. W. J. Millie (14) +17.
 Capt. Nalder (2) bt. G. S. Digby (8) +6.
 B. Lloyd-Pratt (-3) bt. C. L. Robertson (9) +20.
 W. J. Millie (14) bt. Mrs. Chittenden (-½) +5.
 J. N. Robinson (-1) bt. Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) +15.
 Mrs. Read (1½) bt. Miss Maud Brumpton (4½) +2.
 Mrs. Dodd (-1½) bt. Dr. Bray (-4) +23.
 Mrs. Digby (9) bt. Miss Brumpton (3½) +4.
 J. H. M. Cockayne (7) bt. H. M. Read (5) +24.
 Mrs. H. F. Nalder (5½) bt. Mrs. E. Whitehead (8) +12.
 K. H. Paterson (3) bt. P. B. Puxon (10) +13.
 E. Whitehead (-½) bt. R. O. B. Whittington (-2) +7.
 A. W. Greenham (9) bt. C. S. Ratcliffe (2) +15.
 H. C. Green (2½) bt. Miss H. D. Parker (2½) +4.

2nd Round

C. G. Hopewell (-1) bt. G. F. Hallett (1½) +9.
 B. Lloyd-Pratt (-3) bt. Capt. Nalder (2) +21.
 J. N. Robinson (-1) bt. W. J. Millie (14) +13.
 Mrs. Read (1½) bt. Mrs. Dodd (-1½) +2.
 J. H. M. Cockayne (7) bt. Mrs. Digby (9) +4.
 K. H. Paterson (3) bt. Mrs. Nalder (5½) +17.
 E. Whitehead (-½) bt. A. W. Greenham (9) +1.
 H. C. Green (2½) bt. Mrs. L. Cordy (10) +4.

3rd Round

C. G. Hopewell (-1) bt. B. Lloyd-Pratt (-3) +5.
 J. N. Robinson (-1) bt. Mrs. Read (1½) +19.
 J. H. M. Cockayne (7) bt. K. H. Paterson (3) +8.
 H. C. Green (2½) bt. E. Whitehead (-½) +13.

Semi-Final

J. N. Robinson (-1) bt. C. G. Hopewell (-1) +4.
 J. H. M. Cockayne (7) w.o. H. C. Green (opp. ret. on peg).

Final

J. N. Robinson (-1) bt. J. H. M. Cockayne (7) +13.

Consolation Event ("Y") won by: R. O. B. Whittington (-2).
 Runner-up: G. S. Digby (8).

EVENT III (14 pairs)

Clark & Cork Trophies

1st Round

B. Lloyd-Pratt & P. B. Puxon (7) bt. J. H. M. Cockayne & J. N. Robinson (6) +15.
 R. S. Alford & G. F. Hallett (10½) bt. H. M. Read & C. L. Robertson (14) +21.
 Miss Brumpton & Miss Parker (6) bt. W. J. & Mrs. Millie (28) +20.
 Mrs. Digby & Mrs. Dodd (7½) bt. C. G. Hopewell & Mrs. Read (½) +10.
 Dr. Bray & A. W. Greenham (5) bt. G. S. Digby & R. O. B. Whittington (6) +2.
 E. & Mrs. Whitehead (6½) bt. K. H. Paterson & Mrs. Puxon (9) +2.

2nd Round

B. Lloyd-Pratt & P. B. Puxon (7) bt. Mrs. Chittenden & Mrs. Cordy (9½) +13.
 R. S. Alford & G. F. Hallett (10½) bt. Miss Brumpton & Miss Parker (6) +11.
 Dr. Bray & A. W. Greenham (5) bt. Mrs. Digby & Mrs. Dodd (7½) +1.
 Capt. & Mrs. Nalder (7½) bt. E. & Mrs. Whitehead (6½) +12.

Semi-Final

B. Lloyd-Pratt & P. B. Puxon (7) bt. R. S. Alford & G. F. Hallett (10½) +3.
 Dr. Bray & A. W. Greenham (5) bt. Capt. & Mrs. Nalder (7½) +12.

Final

B. Lloyd-Pratt & P. B. Puxon (7) bt. Dr. Bray & A. W. Greenham (5) +2.

Hurlingham

August 10th-15th

Manager: Dr. R. W. Bray

The experiment of dividing this popular tournament into two sections was widely welcomed. Ian Baillieu, who conceived the idea and managed the first part, will be gratified with the reception it received. Young John Solomon won the Silver Jubilee Cup and if his tactics begin to match his execution he will soon be suffering further reductions in handicap.

Turning to the main week, which was this year once more in the capable hands of Dr. Roger Bray, space limitations prevent a reference to all the interesting features. The main event, the Hurlingham Cup, was won, as last year, by Dr. Bray. He was beaten in the Process by Bryan Lloyd-Pratt, who passed serenely to the final, where his form gave scant opportunity to Mrs. Jarden. This popular lady from New Zealand was also unsuccessful in the final of the Draw, against Dr. Bray. In the play-off Bryan went to the peg on the fifth turn, but left an imperfect contact position and failed to garner the spoils.

Col. Beamish's success in the Turner Cup with his 80th birthday not far distant over the horizon was much admired. Three games on Friday and two on Saturday left him still agile in spirit if rather spent physically.

Two Hurlingham ladies contested the final of the Younger Cup, Nancy Skempton prevailing against Barbara Davidson, having previously lowered the colours of young John Solomon. A welcome newcomer in the person of Mr. Anderson won the Longworth Cup after a number of tight games, including one against Andrew Solomon, who, however, shared with Robin Godby in winning the handsome Wine Coolers for the Men's Handicap Doubles.

A noteworthy feature of the other two Doubles events was the way in which Veronica Carlisle kept on popping up on the winning side. Miss Warwick piloted her to victory in the Candlesticks after a series of fairly comfortable victories, and,

bolstered by Michael Stride, she won two rounds of the Mixed Opens. This latter event was won by the most fancied couple, Dr. Bray and Mrs. Jarden.

In what is Tom Grey's last year as Head Groundsman, mention must be made of the high standard of the lawns in what must have been a very trying summer. Mention must also be made of Col. Ramsay, the new Games Manager, who worked unobtrusively but efficiently to further the success of the Tournament.

EVENT I (23 entries)

The Hurlingham Cup

DRAW

1st Round

Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard bt. R. O. Hicks +11.
Lieut.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld bt. H. B. H. Carlisle +22.
M. Stride bt. H. S. Clemons +9.
Dr. R. W. Bray bt. E. P. C. Cotter +10.
Mrs. J. Jarden bt. Lieut.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard +5.
Cdr. G. Borrett bt. Mrs. N. R. Dodd +6.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt. R. A. Godby +15.

2nd Round

Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith bt. Mrs. E. Rotherham +14.
Miss E. J. Warwick bt. Mrs. W. Longman +3.
Mrs. Prichard bt. Col. Saalfeld +10.
Dr. Bray bt. M. Stride +12.
Mrs. Jarden bt. Cdr. Borrett +12.
T. O. Read bt. D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller +5.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt. G. W. Williams +12.
B. G. Perry bt. J. G. Warwick +26.

Quarter-Final

Miss Warwick bt. Mrs. Sundius-Smith +21.
Dr. Bray bt. Mrs. Prichard +23.
Mrs. Jarden bt. T. O. Read +13.
B. G. Perry bt. B. Lloyd-Pratt +10.

Semi-Final

Dr. Bray bt. Miss Warwick +16.
Mrs. Jarden bt. B. G. Perry +11.

Final

Dr. Bray bt. Mrs. Jarden +18.

PROCESS

1st Round

J. G. Warwick bt. Col. Saalfeld +9.
T. O. Read bt. Mrs. Longman +18.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt. R. O. Hicks +24.
Mrs. Rotherham bt. R. A. Godby +22.
Miss Warwick bt. G. W. Williams +25.
B. G. Perry bt. Mrs. Prichard +8.
Mrs. Sundius-Smith bt. D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller +12.

2nd Round

Mrs. Dodd bt. J. G. Warwick +15.
Dr. Bray bt. T. O. Read +25.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt. Col. Prichard +1.
H. S. Clemons bt. Mrs. Rotherham +4.
H. B. H. Carlisle bt. Cdr. Borrett +6.
Miss Warwick bt. E. P. C. Cotter +15.
Mrs. Jarden bt. B. G. Perry +23.
M. Stride bt. Mrs. Sundius-Smith +21.

Quarter-Final

Dr. Bray bt. Mrs. Dodd +8.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt. H. S. Clemons +5.
H. B. H. Carlisle bt. Miss Warwick +2.
Mrs. Jarden bt. M. Stride +25.

Semi-Final

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt. Dr. Bray +8.
Mrs. Jarden bt. H. B. H. Carlisle +20.

Final

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt. Mrs. Jarden +14.

PLAY-OFF

Dr. Bray bt. B. Lloyd-Pratt +12.

EVENT II (25 entries)

Turner Cup

DRAW

1st Round

R. O. Havery w.o. The Rev'd J. F. Andrews (opp. scr.).
J. B. Meachem bt. Miss D. A. Lintern +1†.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt. W. B. C. Paynter +1.
E. H. S. Shelton bt. Miss B. Duthie +2†.
D. V. H. Rees bt. P. L. Gifford-Nash +23.
Mrs. H. M. Read bt. Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +1†.
F. Reynold bt. Miss F. Joly +12.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon bt. I. C. Baillieu +7.
W. de B. Prichard bt. H. C. Green +10.

2nd Round

Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot bt. J. A. Wheeler +10.
Capt. H. F. Nalder bt. Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan +15.
J. B. Meachem bt. R. O. Havery +12.
E. H. S. Shelton bt. Mrs. Chittenden +20.
D. V. H. Rees bt. Mrs. Read +23.
F. Reynold bt. Mrs. Solomon +13.
W. de B. Prichard bt. Lady FitzGerald +10.
Col. D. W. Beamish bt. Miss D. Morgan +25.

Quarter-Final

Capt. Nalder bt. Mrs. Lightfoot +2†.
J. B. Meachem bt. E. H. S. Shelton +12.
D. V. H. Rees bt. F. Reynold +11.
W. de B. Prichard bt. Col. Beamish +21.

Semi-Final

J. B. Meachem bt. Capt. Nalder +9.
D. V. H. Rees bt. W. de B. Prichard +4.

Final

D. V. H. Rees bt. J. B. Meachem +4.

PROCESS

1st Round

Col. Beamish bt. Mrs. Read +1†.
Miss Lintern bt. Lady FitzGerald +12.
Mrs. McMillan bt. Mrs. Solomon +11.
H. C. Green bt. R. O. Havery +2†.
J. A. Wheeler bt. Miss Joly +18.
Miss Morgan bt. Mrs. Elvey +3.
Capt. Nalder bt. I. C. Baillieu +8.
W. de B. Prichard bt. Rev. J. F. Andrews +22.
F. Reynold bt. Mrs. Lightfoot +5.

2nd Round

Col. Beamish bt. Miss Lintern +5.
Mrs. McMillan bt. Miss Duthie +8.
D. V. H. Rees bt. H. C. Green +4.
J. A. Wheeler bt. Mrs. Chittenden +13.
J. B. Meachem bt. Miss Morgan +13.
Capt. Nalder bt. E. H. S. Shelton +16.
W. de B. Prichard bt. P. L. Gifford-Nash +9.
F. Reynold bt. W. B. C. Paynter +20.

Quarter-Final

Col. Beamish bt. Mrs. McMillan +14.
J. A. Wheeler bt. D. V. H. Rees +6.
J. B. Meachem bt. Capt. Nalder +16.
W. de B. Prichard bt. F. Reynold +7.

Semi-Final

Col. Beamish bt. J. A. Wheeler +5.
W. de B. Prichard bt. J. B. Meachem +10.

Final

Col. Beamish bt. W. de B. Prichard +1.

PLAY-OFF

Col. Beamish bt. D. V. H. Rees +8.

EVENT III (21 pairs)

The Hurlingham Doubles

1st Round

B. Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs. Rotherham bt. J. B. & Mrs. Meachem +1†.
J. G. Warwick & Miss Warwick bt. E. P. C. Cotter & Mrs. Dodd +2.

T. O. Read & Mrs. Read bt. B. G. Perry & Mrs. McMillan +23.
Col. & Mrs. Prichard bt. Capt. Nalder & Mrs. Solomon +7.
W. de B. Prichard & Mrs. Longman bt. R. O. Hicks & Mrs. Chittenden +2.

2nd Round

Cdr. Borrett & Mrs. A. W. Skempton bt. P. L. Gifford-Nash & Miss Duthie +11.
M. Stride & Mrs. H. B. H. Carlisle bt. H. S. Clemons & Mrs. Lightfoot +8.
B. Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs. Rotherham bt. Prof. B. G. Neal & Miss Lintern +10.
T. O. Read & Mrs. Read bt. J. G. Warwick & Miss Warwick +15.
W. de B. Prichard & Mrs. Longman bt. Col. & Mrs. Prichard +21.
Col. Saalfeld & Miss Morgan bt. D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller & Lady FitzGerald +1†.
I. C. Baillieu & Mrs. Sundius-Smith bt. J. A. Wheeler & Miss S. Hay +24.
Dr. Bray & Mrs. Jarden bt. R. A. Godby & Miss H. D. Parker +12.

Quarter-Final

M. Stride & Mrs. Carlisle bt. Cdr. Borrett & Mrs. Skempton +15.
T. O. Read & Mrs. Read bt. B. Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs. Rotherham +12.
W. de B. Prichard & Mrs. Longman bt. Col. Saalfeld & Miss Morgan +14.
Dr. Bray & Mrs. Jarden bt. I. C. Baillieu & Mrs. Sundius-Smith +10.

Semi-Final

T. O. Read & Mrs. Read bt. M. Stride & Mrs. Carlisle +8.
Dr. Bray & Mrs. Jarden bt. W. de B. Prichard & Mrs. Longman +15.

Final

Dr. Bray & Mrs. Jarden bt. T. O. Read & Mrs. Read +21.

EVENT IV (11 entries)

Younger Cup

1st Round

M. McWeeney bt. I. W. Cheavin +8.
Prof. A. W. Skempton bt. Mrs. H. F. Nalder +11.
Mrs. Skempton bt. Mrs. Meachem +7.

2nd Round

Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson bt. Mrs. E. Bressey +19.
M. McWeeney bt. Prof. Skempton +21.
Mrs. Skempton bt. J. R. G. Solomon +15.
Mrs. A. D. Karmel w.o. H. M. Read (opp. scr.).

Semi-Final

Mrs. Davidson bt. M. McWeeney +13.
Mrs. Skempton w.o. Mrs. Karmel (opp. scr.).

Final

Mrs. Skempton bt. Mrs. Davidson +8.

EVENT V (10 entries)

Longworth Cup

1st Round

A. W. Solomon (7) bt. Mrs. P. L. Gifford-Nash (10) +19.
I. S. Anderson (8) bt. Mrs. J. F. Hay (7) +20.

2nd Round

J. Parr (7) bt. Mrs. Carlisle (7) +2†.
I. S. Anderson (8) bt. A. W. Solomon (8) +7.
Mrs. B. G. Neal (6) bt. Mrs. J. W. Solomon (16) +6†.
Miss Hay (6) bt. Mrs. G. H. Wood (6) +15.

Semi-Final

I. S. Anderson (8) bt. J. Parr (7) +4.
Miss Hay (7) bt. Mrs. Neal (6) +15.

Final

I. S. Anderson (8) bt. Miss Hay (7) +5.

EVENTS VI & VII (13 pairs, and 16 pairs)

The C.A. Ladies', and Gentlemen's Handicap Doubles results (The Ladies Field Candlesticks, and The Wine Coolers) have, on account of lack of space in this issue, to be held over until the next *Gazette*.

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NON-OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT

RESULT

Hurlingham. August 4th-7th (48 entries)

Manager: I. C. Baillieu, Esq.

Silver Jubilee Cup

Winner: J. R. G. Solomon (7).
Runner-up: G. F. Hallett (1†).
Third: S. G. Kent (5), S. S. Townsend (-1).

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WEEK-ENDS

WOKING

June 19th-22nd (25 entries)

After the excitement of the Election, which pushed the event forward a day, the Woking Week-end opened with bright sunshine and bleary eyes. The former lasted and the latter cleared through the days and all enjoyed the congenial company, Caporn's efficient relaxed management and the usual mixed fortunes of croquet played.

Barbara Meachem's faultless demonstration of bisque taking against an experienced layer of traps (Caporn) was a lesson in resisting temptation and the imaginative use of bisques (+22). Also Miss Hill, a local member in her first tournament, used bisques for attack rather than rescue and making accurate roquets could have exasperated all comers but for her sporting determination and cheerful grin.

First visitors to Woking found that Moorcraft has a nice wife who brings a new hat and, let us hope, a new husband and wife Doubles pair to croquet. Following his fortunes from winning the block to winning the first prize we meet him against Soutter (who won his block in his first tournament), Soutter suffered a dramatic reversal of fortune when he had his yellow for peg, red for 3-back, a bisque in hand and his opponent's black unstarted. With hunched concentration Moorcraft progressed his forward ball, pegged out yellow and then got his black round with two-ball breaks until a near miss by Soutter gave black a three-ball finish from 3-back. In a final of one and a quarter hours, against that fine player Miss Sessions, Moorcraft's use of four bisques gave her little chance to show the seemingly effortless skill with which she won her earlier rounds. Previously, Moorcraft was assisted by Isaak Walton, who tempted Bennett to retire on the peg by offering him other fish to fry on Finals Day.

Bennett under full sail had until then looked unsinkable in spite of squalls against Neil Robinson when all balls went mad. Four times in succession they ran off the boundary by the opponent's ball and four times Robinson studiously directed a ball straight into the peg.

Mrs. Nalder and Paterson played well and in the end game there were three on the peg and one on rover. She accidentally pegged his one ball but got into position for her final hoop only to lose when, in his last chance in the game, Paterson hit in from twenty-five yards.

Temple Page, with all bisques flown, outshot J. B. Meachem and scored a fine win by a long run home with his second ball.

After the prizes had been given and the speeches made, a few who had entered for the unfinished two ball extra decided to play on (between visits to the bar) to keep Mrs. Neal and Captain Nalder company in a gay battle at a block game whose result was not of great importance to anyone else. The person who reckons she would have won the two ball extra reported that many missed a most exciting and amusing finish. Time being called during Mrs. Neal's turn, she needed to get from 4-back to the peg with one ball and to peel her other through rover to equalize. With Captain Nalder's encouragement and an occasional gentle hint she nearly made it, but unfortunately the croqueted ball went off after she had made rover and was all set to peel, so Captain Nalder won on time by one. The delight on the faces of both players typified the atmosphere of this tournament. It was not without its stars, needle matches and noteworthy play, but it also offered an enthusiastic welcome to new challengers (Bateson, also from Harrow), heated discussions for croquet lawyers and tacticians, perfect weather and a pleasant band of ladies who successfully combined tournament play with catering hospitality.

Letters to the Editor

EDITORIALS ATTACKED

from J. H. J. Soutter, Esq.

Sir,

As a new Associate I have only read the last two issues of the *Croquet Gazette*, but I am fascinated to discover that Colonel Blimp still lives and edits this publication.

I feel, however, that the arrogance of the editorial in your spring number should not be allowed to pass unchallenged. Such diatribes against the present age will only serve to confirm the worst fears about croquet and croquet players of those who might otherwise become interested in the game. In your summer issue you state that you have no intention of departing in the smallest detail from the non-political tradition of the *Gazette* but then you proceed to do just that, or is it that your views are non-political and the other man's aren't? Certainly England has not gone mad, but has become a more civilized and humane country to live in. While I would be on balance in favour of welcoming a South African team, there are respectable and responsible reasons for not doing so, and ones that should not be lightly dismissed out of hand.

Yours truly,

JOHN SOUTTER.

Henley.

from the Rev'd C. H. Townshend.

May I add that I find the sentiments expressed by the Editor of the latest *Gazette* on the subject of South Africa regrettable, to say the least?

CHARLES TOWNSEND.

Warlingham.

from J. N. Robinson, Esq.

Sir,

I would like to begin by congratulating those responsible for the new format of the *Gazette*. I must, however, express alarm about certain sections of the current issue, no. 111, in that they appear to disregard the admirable non-political traditions of the *Gazette*. Such phrases as "our halcyon days before socialism and punitive taxation", attributed to you, Sir, contribute to my impression that a certain rightward bias is creeping into the editorial contents.

Might I express my fervent hope that my impression will not be confirmed in future issues?

Yours truly,

J. N. ROBINSON.

Walsall.

from C. G. Miller, Esq.

Sir,

You begin your leader "For the South African Croquet Association" with the words "The entirely non-political tradition of the *Gazette* has always been rigidly, though tacitly, observed . . ." You go on to say "A small clamorous minority, using the threat of disorder and violence, has caused the enforcement of a political ban on the forthcoming Cricket Test Matches".

Sole tragedy of the tournament was Colonel Wheeler, who appointed nine assistant referees and still failed to finish his crossword.

PLAY-OFF OF BLOCK WINNERS

1st Round

D. Moorcraft (2) .w.o. G. Bennett (4½) (opp. ret. on peg).

2nd Round

Miss K. M. O. Sessions (-2) bt. D. Temple-Page (5½) +8.
D. Moorcraft (2) bt. J. Soutter (9) +3.

Final

D. Moorcraft (2) bt. Miss Sessions (-2) +23.

CHELTHENHAM III

August 14th-16th (30 entries)

Block Winners: Miss I. M. Roe (2½), N. Williams (6), Brigadier L. E. Bourke (7), Miss E. H. Arkell (9), Colonel G. T. Wheeler (4).

This latter statement is itself a blatant political jibe. By all means let us keep the *Gazette* apolitical, but allow me to say first, Sir, that you do not speak for us all in this matter, and at least one Associate rejects utterly your partisan comments and, indeed, the whole tone of your provocative and gratuitous leader. Your motives may have been admirable, but your methods can only be deeply regretted.

Yours truly,

CHRIS MILLER.

Lambeth.

[Lieut.-Col. the Honble. Oliver Blimp replies: If to say that Croquet's being a quality sport is its greatest strength and not a weakness is "arrogant", it could be urged that the opposite view ("Croquet-For-All-in-Our-Modern-Democratic-World") is half-witted.

The "Threat of disorder and violence" sentence in the previous Editorial seemed to us a sober statement of the truth. The sort of truth, and this must be admitted, that usually does provoke a tantrum or two from the real "Blimps" of today.

Indeed, all the correspondents above seem to share something of the woolly and petulant fatuity of the "Angry Young Men" of two decades ago. *Passé*, and a little *sad*.—EDITOR.]

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LETTER TO THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

from E. A. Roper, Esq.

S. S. TOWNSEND, ESQ.

Sir,

With reference to the footnote by the Editor to the account of the Men's and Women's Championships at Southwick, in which my management was criticized, may I draw your attention to the following points?

(a) Leave of absence in this Tournament for Monday made absolutely no difference. One man asked for leave for the whole day and two for leave until lunch time. All three drew byes. One lady asked for full leave and two for leave till lunch time. It was not possible to give the full-time-leave lady a game on Monday and the other two played in the afternoon.

(b) Single games had been brought up to a reasonable state on Tuesday evening—31 matches having been played—the ladies' games in some cases being very protracted.

(c) Top-class players clashing in three events on Friday made it quite impossible to complete the Process Doubles, as the writer of the report confirms, and the advertised programme for du Pré Draw and Process (involving 51 games) could not be completed at all—let alone "quite easily".

The Editor should be sure of his facts before making unwarranted statements and criticizing the management of this Tournament in the dogmatic way which he has done.

Yours truly,

E. A. ROPER.

Hurstpierpoint.

[The matter is being looked into by the Tournament Committee.]

MATCHES

Cheltenham v. the C.A.

On June 13th and 14th a team of eight assorted players representing the Association, ranging from Fidler to Mrs. Neal and including our Chairman and Miss Lintern, spent a most enjoyable week-end playing Cheltenham Club. The Club fielded a very strong team, with Jackson and the most impressive Miss Sessions, and Meredith batting as low as five, but the Association, with a little tactical substitution in the order, held it to a margin of two games in 24. The lawns, slow after recent thunderstorms, ran beautifully true, and the superb surroundings were guaranteed to ensure success for the week-end. The Association would be pleased to arrange other similar matches (teams need not be so large); those interested should contact Derek Caporn.

Varsity Match

Four singles matches played, and two Doubles

Oxford, for the fourth year running, were convincingly beaten by Cambridge—John Simon, the Oxford Captain, being the only winning member of the Oxford team. In this match both players were obviously out of form—and after a great deal of preliminary sparring Simon made two quick breaks to win by 18. In fact this was John Simon's first game of the season—he had previously been working for schools. Julian Freeland and William Thomas were both at Christ Church and for a long time played "semi-croquet" on the Christ Church lawns before they were introduced to croquet proper. They are both promising players and William, in particular, should be a good player in a few years' time. He often plays on the Prichards' lawn in Monmouthshire.

As for the Cambridge team, they were the same Nottingham gang! who have represented Cambridge for the last three years. They played competently and unadventurously. In a match such as this, in which it was well-known before play that Cambridge would win easily, it was sad to see such a lack of enjoyment in their game.

Once again we must thank the Hurlingham Club for allowing us to play the Varsity match at Hurlingham. We must also thank Colonel Ramsay, who saw that everything went off smoothly, and finally we must thank Tom Grey and the rest of the Hurlingham ground staff for preparing such marvellous lawns for us.

Cambridge:

Gordon Hopewell
Gordon Slater
Martin Bushnell
Peter Elmes

Oxford:

John Simon
Julian Freeland
William Thomas
Jeremy Groom

Cambridge beat Oxford 5—1.

Hurlingham v. Colchester, July 16th

Hurlingham won 4—2.

NEWS FROM NEW ZEALAND

PRINCE "PIPS" WYLIE ON THE "POST"

On March 30th of this year, in the Final of the Hawkes Bay Open Tournament at Napier against F. Bennett of Hastings, John Prince, the New Zealand Men's Champion, completed a standard sextuple peel.

This was achieved from the usual leave—Bennett cross-wired at hoop 1, the forward ball wedged in 1-back, and the opponent required to miss the back ball so that he can be picked up from the north boundary.

Warmest congratulations to John Prince from all devotees of expert croquet in England. Unless news comes through to contradict us, this really is the first match-play sextuple to have been completed.

NOTES AND OFFICIAL NOTICES

The President's, Mr. Reckitt's, MSS. on the History of Croquet and "Croquettes" are available for borrowing from this office. Associates *must*, though, sign for them, please.

If any reader who has a copy of Maurice Reckitt's "Croquet To-day" would care to sell this, please communicate with Professor R. E. Steen, Mountsandel, Carrickmines, Co. Dublin, Ireland.

ERRATUM

The Hon. Secretary of the Cheltenham Club is Miss W. K. Allardyce and not W. J. Sturdy, Esq., as was printed in the previous *Gazette*. Mr. Sturdy is their Hon. Treasurer.

NEW CLUB SECRETARY

Bretby. Hon. Secretary: R. M. WOOD, ESQ.

NOTE FOR INTENDING REFEREES

from J. G. Warwick, Esq., Examining Referee

In examining candidates wishing to qualify as Referees, as well as in general discussion on the Laws, I have noticed that there are ten sections which consistently give trouble. I recommend anyone who wishes to check up on his knowledge of the Laws to re-read these sections very carefully: 4b (last three lines), 4d, 13 ii (with amendments), 19c, 29a, 30b and c, 32 v, vi and vii, 39a and b, and Regulation 8a and c.

J. G. WARWICK.

SILVER MEDALS

The Chairman of the Laws Committee, Lieut.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard, has ruled that, in a "Two-Life" system A Opens event for which over fifteen and under thirty-two *bona-fide* competitors have entered and actually play, a Silver Medal can only be gained by winning either the "Draw" or the "Process". Thus, at a Tournament where such an event's two halves are both won by the same player, the winner of the "play-off for second place" is *not* entitled to a Silver Medal. According to our Rule XV this decision is "final unless subsequently modified by the Council".

HANDICAP ALTERATIONS AGREED BY THE HANDICAP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

Peel Memorials, May 11th-16th, at Cheltenham

After play: Miss E. H. Arkell 9 (D.8) to 9 (D.7).

Southwick, non-official, May 18th-23rd

N. W. T. Cox ½ to 0; F. Reynold 2½ to 2; Miss C. Cox 6 to 5½; Mrs. N. W. T. Cox 6 to 5.

[Non-Associate: P. Mann 9 to 8].

Cheltenham, Week-end II, May 23rd-25th

Brigadier L. E. Bourke 10 to 8.

Nottingham, Week-end, June 5th-7th

Dr. E. L. Knowles 5½ to 5; Mrs. A. J. Bucknell 12.

Carrickmines, June 6th-13th

M. McWeeney 3½ to 3.

Compton, June 8th-13th

D. A. Harris ½ to 0; C. Edwards 7 to 6; Miss D. Morgan 0.

Ryde, June 15th-20th

H. C. Green 2 to 1½; Mrs. R. Chaff 9 to 7½.

Woking, Week-end, June 18th-21st

G. Bennett 4½ to 3½; J. Soutter 9 to 8; R. N. Bateson 9 to 8 (D.7); D. Moorcraft 2 to 1.

Parkstone, June 22nd-27th

The Rev'd W. E. Gladstone 1 to ½; Dr. E. L. Knowles 5 to 4; Mrs. I. N. Duven 16 to 15; Mrs. D. Wayman 13 to 12; L. S. Butler 7 to 6; Mrs. W. P. Ormerod 16 (D.14).

Challenge & Gilbey Meeting, June 29th-July 4th, at Budleigh Salterton

Mrs. E. E. Bressey 6 to 5½.

Budleigh Salterton, July 6th-11th

Mrs. N. R. Dodd -1 to -1½; P. Newton -1½ to -2½; Dr. W. R. Bucknall 1½ to 1; Mrs. J. B. Meachem 3½ to 3; G. S. Digby 10 to 8; Mrs. G. S. Digby 10 to 9; Dr. C. W. Evans 10 (D.8) to 9 (D.7).

Cheltenham, July 13th-18th

Brigadier L. E. Bourke 8 to 7; Miss R. M. Allen 2½ to 2; Mrs. C. Bagnall 5½ to 4½; R. N. Bateson 8 (D.7) to 7; J. N. Robinson -½ to -1; The Rev'd W. E. Gladstone ½ to 0.

CLUB RECOMMENDATIONS:

Edgbaston

Mrs. W. Stride 16 to 14; Mrs. F. Haddon 16 to 14.

Rochampton

R. O. Havery 2 to 1½; Mrs. J. F. Hay 7½ to 7; Miss S. Hay 7½ to 7; Mrs. M. H. Carrington 7½ to 7.

Hurlingham

G. E. Kerensky 6 to 5; F. Byrne -1 to -2; H. B. H. Carlisle 0 to -½; T. E. Miles 3 to 2; C. B. Sanford 5 to 4; A. Solomon 8 (D.7) to 7 (D.6); J. R. G. Solomon 8 (D.7) to 7 (D.6); E. B. T. Tanner 8 to 7; R. G. Wing 8 to 7.

[Non-Associates: B. H. Bliss 8 to 7; Mrs. P. L. Gifford-Nash 12 to 10; M. G. Pearson 8 to 7].

Southwick

Mrs. H. F. L. Jenking 12 to 10; C. G. Mayo 5 to 4½; L. E. Brooks 5 to 4; Mrs. H. Dehn 7½ to 7; Mrs. A. S. Ross 5 to 4½; Mrs. E. Higinbotham 7 to 6½; H. F. L. Jenking 9 to 7; Miss G. V. Pirie 7½ to 6½; Mrs. E. M. Speer 3½ to 3; Miss M. S. Tyrell 8 to 7; Mrs. H. Wells 5 to 4.

[Non-Associates: Miss D. J. Piper 9 to 8; W. P. H. Roe 5½ to 6; Mrs. M. Woodward 9 to 8].

Personal Request

M. B. Reckitt 2 to 2½.

Appeal upheld by the Handicap Appeals Committee

M. B. Reckitt 2½ to 5 (D.4).

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