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CALENDAR, 1971

May 3-8	Budleigh Salterton.
May 10-15	Peel Memorials, including the Golf Croquet Championships—at Cheltenham.
May 17-22	Southwick.
May 25-27	Inter-Counties Championship.
May 31-June 5	Ryde.
June 7-12	Carrickmines: Irish Open Championships.
June 7-12	Compton.
June 14-19	Men's and Women's Championships ("Caskets")—at Southwick.
June 21-26	Parkstone.
June 28-July 3	The Challenge and Gilbey Cups—at Budleigh Salterton.
July 5-10	Budleigh Salterton.
July 12-17	Cheltenham.
July 19-24	The Open Championship, and The Doubles Championship—at Hurlingham.
July 26-31	Colchester.
August 3-7	Hurlingham I.
August 9-14	Hurlingham II (main tournament).
August 16-20	The Ladies' Field Cup—at Compton.
August 16-21	Carrickmines: Championship of County Dublin.
August 16-21	Nottingham.
August 23-28	Southwick.
August 30-September 4	Hunstanton.
August 30-September 4	Southwick.
September 6-10	Invitation Eights: The President's Cup—at Hurlingham; The Chairman's Salver—at Cheltenham; The Surrey Cup—at Colchester.
September 6-11	Hunstanton.
September 13-18	Roehampton.
September 13-18	Parkstone.
September 20-25	Veterans' Championship—at Cheltenham.
September 25 and 26	All England Handicap Finals—at Roehampton.
September 27-October 9	Devonshire Park.

WEEKENDS

April 10-12	Cheltenham I.
April 16-18	Compton.
April 23-26	Hunstanton.
May 29-31	Cheltenham II.
June 11-13	Nottingham.
June 17-20	Woking.
August 13-15	Cheltenham III.
August 27-30	Colchester.
September 17-19	Cheltenham IV.
October 15-18	Cheltenham V.

Full details of all the Tournaments are included in the C.A. Fixtures 1971 Book, together with particulars of the Inter Club Championship and the Longman Club Team Cup which are competed for throughout the season.

EDITORIAL

It is difficult, though not without precedent, for young men to take on the editorship of a magazine concerned with a sport played mainly by people older, and often much older, than themselves. But perhaps this is only one instance of the awkwardness that may sometimes be felt in a situation where a minority of younger people mix socially with older and often better-off people, at least to the extent of playing the game. Off the field the generations generally go their separate ways after the game is over. On the field ill-feeling can often arise over the question of handicaps. Younger people do tend to learn the game quicker, and their handicaps tend to go down quicker accordingly. They also tend to play faster, and this can heighten possible feelings of resentment in the older person who is being beaten by the younger person. Most of our best players are under 40, and younger players seem to win comparatively frequently. Still, the situation is there to be approached constructively. Older people and younger people often have much of value to communicate to each other, and in many respects can be said to be good for each other.

Sometimes the handicaps of younger players do not go down fast enough for the liking of the older players, but there are other occasions when handicaps go down too fast, and the younger player may find himself strangely frustrated on an off-day, or in a bad season. It may take a player several seasons to come to terms with his own fallibility, and adjust his tactics accordingly. The customs of the game and the complicated system of courtesies which surrounds it are by no means self-evident, and are learned only slowly and with difficulty. Perhaps most of us never approach perfection in the art of croquet courtesies. Demands of work always make it difficult for younger people to play in tournaments other than weekend tournaments, and it is likely to be increasingly the case that financial considerations will prevent younger people from attending many tournaments. When annual holidays are limited, only a small part of them can be spent on croquet.

This leads me to make some general remarks about the social *milieu* in which croquet is played. In view of some of the recent publicity this does seem to be called for. The only thing that all croquet players have in common is a love of croquet, and a desire to play it, if their health permits. (A greater willingness to watch games other than one's own ought to be encouraged.) The social *milieu* probably varies considerably from one club to another, and I am told that the Australian croquet scene displays a number of features that differ markedly from the English scene. New members, doubtless, are often recruited through personal friendships, and groups bound together by ties of friendship, kinship, and interests in common other than croquet, are formed at individual croquet clubs. So, while it is true to say that a great many croquet players do belong to the higher income groups, and often do spend their evenings

playing bridge during croquet tournaments, it is the smaller groups within the individual home clubs to which attention should rather be drawn. Perhaps unavoidably, *The Croquet Gazette* has always appeared to devote most space to tournament croquet players, and particularly to the most successful players, at the expense of the majority who attend few or no tournaments. However, it is the latter that forms the majority of our readers, and something needs to be done sometimes to redress the balance of emphasis. This majority may well have a very different picture of the social *milieu* in which croquet is played from the picture tournament players may have. The social *milieu* will be different at an industrial club, at Wrest Park, at Parson's Green, at the Hurlingham Club, and at a Cambridge college, and in each case smaller groups with other interests in common will exist. No difference of quality can or should be made between these or any other clubs or groups.

I suspect that croquet is a game for individualists. If there is a social enjoyment which accompanies enjoyment of the game itself, and I believe that there is, it is because individuals are interesting to talk to for their own sakes. Although croquet clubs have only a limited number of lawns, and for that reason can only accommodate a limited number of regular playing members, it is essential to encourage a constant but limited supply of new members, in a situation where the croquet population is ageing. Some clubs need new members very soon if they are to survive, and no club can afford to neglect the recruitment problem. While many recruits may begin to learn the game as a result of the 1971 publicity drive, it is to be expected that, as in previous years, only a small proportion of these will take up the game seriously, and reach the tournament circuit or become prominent in their local clubs. Strength of character is required for the beginner to persevere in learning croquet and, for this reason above all, recruits who reach the tournament circuit are likely to be people interesting to meet. If the 1971 publicity drive can bring about the formation of new clubs, and the utilisation of suitable land for the purpose of playing croquet, that will be all to the good. Such new clubs will doubtless develop their own character, and more people will be able to enjoy playing what we believe to be an excellent game.

The Australian Migration Office tells me that Mr. and Mrs. T. Armstrong, of Adelaide, South Australia, are devoting a lot of time to coaching Australian teenagers in the art of playing first-class croquet, in the hope of training a Test Team to beat England in four or five years time. We must look to our laurels.

P.D.H.

If you would like to contribute to *The Croquet Gazette*, the Editor would be happy to receive interesting correspondence, and literary articles of a suitable standard that need not be directly concerned with croquet.

GOLF CROQUET—A SILLY GAME?

Croquet is commonly held by those who play it to require intelligence and skill. Yet although croquet is full of little tricks which only an intelligent person would be able to find out for himself, most players acquire them by watching others play. Croquet is a game that requires much learning; it is a great mistake to observe experience and take it to indicate intelligence. Golf croquet takes much less time to learn, and is erroneously thought to require less intelligence. In fact, to play it one needs just the same ability to assess one's opponent's and one's own skill, and it is this elusive art that is involved in most of the important decisions in the two games.

The tactics of golf croquet are hardly worthy of lengthy discussion, but surprisingly many association croquet players are not aware of what few there are. One outstanding example of this occurs when the first ball has been played to near a new and distant hoop, but has failed to get in front of it. The temptation to go one better with the second ball and take position for the hoop is too much for most players, whereas as a rule the correct thing to do with the second ball is to attempt to find a spot wired from the first ball by the hoop, so that if the third ball succeeds in taking position the second one can clear it out of the way next time; at any rate one wants it to be as far as possible from the first ball but still within shooting range of the hoop. This particular case illustrates a general principle of golf croquet that one should not take position with a ball if it can be cannoned by an opponent to his own advantage—an obvious enough principle, but one which is often ignored. Another situation with which the average association croquet player has difficulty occurs when one ball is sitting half way through the hoop. This situation highlights the great strategic value of having a ball level with the hoop and two or three yards to one side, a position not generally appreciated. The main use of having a ball there is that if it is used to cannon away a ball which is in a position to run the hoop, it will often end up in a position to do so itself. At the same time if it is itself cannoned away, the cannoning ball will usually

AUSTRALIAN CROQUET COUNCIL

The twenty-first A.C.C. Carnival was staged in Hobart, Tasmania, during November. At the Welcome Reception, when 300 players and supporters from all the Mainland States were present, Col. Saalfeld was invited by the President, Miss McKenzie, to cut the birthday cake. Col. Saalfeld has been associated with the Council since its inception.

Results of the Inter-state Teams Contest for the *Eire Cup* are as follows:

South Australia	5 matches	24 games	702 points
Victoria	4 matches	22 games	688 points
West Australia	3 matches	15 games	612 points
New South Wales	2 matches	11 games	518 points
Queensland	1 match	9 games	438 points
Tasmania	0 matches	9 games	434 points

English Silver Medal:

Mr. J. Magor (S.A.) for the second year.

Runner-up: Mrs. S. McDonald (W.A.)—Bronze Medal.

Australian Singles Championship:

Mr. C. Rogers (Vic.).

Runner-up: Mrs. W. P. Lewis (S.A.).

Ladies' Singles (The English Cup):

Mrs. S. McDonald (W.A.).

Runner-up: Mrs. N. Dodd (Vic.).

end up some distance from the hoop. These and a few other tactical points can easily be mastered by a beginner within a weekend.

Just as much skill is needed in golf croquet as in association croquet, and to suggest otherwise is to display one's ignorance. Snooker is dismissed as requiring less skill than billiards by those who do not appreciate the importance of the positioning of the cue ball. It is true that golf croquet has no croquet stroke (just as snooker has no losing hazard or cannon), but whereas in association croquet the rush shot is usually played with the position of only one ball in mind, in golf croquet the cannon is a shot requiring a much greater amount of skill; the final position of the striker's ball depends critically both on the aim and on how much top spin is imparted to it, and the spin has to be given without making the ball perceptibly leave the ground. (The laws of golf croquet are not very satisfactory on this and other points, perhaps because of lack of interest in the game.)* Those who wish to improve their skill at the single-ball shots of croquet will find no better or more enjoyable way of doing so than playing golf croquet.

Although the variety of shots in golf croquet is smaller than in association croquet, the rate at which interesting incidents occur is much higher. This makes it arguably the more exciting spectator sport when played well. It is a great pity that the Delves Broughton and Ascot Cups are competed for during the Peels; surely the game deserves a more prominent place in the calendar.

KEITH WYLIE

* There appears in this issue a letter from Chancellor Garth Moore in which he proposes a kind of off-side rule. I should like to suggest an amended form:

"If at the end of the stroke in which a hoop is scored a ball is nearer to the next hoop than to the previous one it may contest the next hoop but may not score it without first recrossing the imaginary boundary between the two hoops. Exceptions to this rule are:

"(i) A ball for whose position neither the owner nor his partner was responsible.

"(ii) The striker's ball.

"(iii) Any ball shaken or moved in or as a result of the stroke."

Men's Singles (N.Z. Tray):

Mr. H. S. Clemons (Tas.).

Runner-up: Mr. J. Heyme (Vic.).

Australian Doubles Championship:

Miss J. Gehan, Mr. J. Magor (S.A.).

Runners-up: Mrs. J. D. Chapman, Mrs. H. Ives (S.A.).

A. B. Morrison Memorial Trophy:

Mrs. J. Hayward (Q'ld.).

Special Trophy for the game played in the shortest time (donated by Col. Saalfeld): Mrs. B. Mowforth (Vic.).

THREE WIVES

*The croquet wife's a treasure, fierce or tame;
She knows the lingo, understands your game;
But if the luck to marry one occurs,
Don't talk too much of your match, talk of hers.
Some croquet wives don't play—perhaps it's true
That they're too busy looking after you!
One day she'll take to it, so don't forget
That there's a chance she may defeat you yet.
The anti-croquet wife's a perfect curse,
You couldn't marry anybody worse;
But, if things get too bad, there is, of course,
Chance to "peg out" with an adroit divorce.*

EMBER

CORRESPONDENCE

REASONS FOR MISSING A ROQUET
from G. F. Hallett

Sir,

After some years' research on the reasons for missing a roquet, it appears that the main reasons are as follows:

1. *Reasons relating to the state of the court and its surroundings*

- (a) The grass had not been cut.
- (b) There were uneven patches on the grass.
- (c) There was a little dip near the hoop.
- (d) The white lines were not clear enough.
- (e) The corner flag was missing.
- (f) Watering of some patches and not others had made the run of the ball uncertain.
- (g) The groundsman had left a few cuttings here and there which had deflected the ball.
- (h) The court was exposed to a cross wind.
- (i) A bonfire was blowing smoke across the court.
- (j) The swallows flew down as the ball was being hit.
- (k) Someone talked as the ball was being hit.
- (l) Someone walked by or moved as the ball was being hit.
- (m) Someone tried to collect money for the groundsman as the ball was about to be hit.
- (n) Someone dropped a cup of tea as the ball was about to be hit.
- (o) A deckchair collapsed.
- (p) The phone rang in the clubhouse.
- (q) A dog barked.
- (r) A cat ran across the court.
- (s) A plane flew overhead.
- (t) A train made a noise.
- (u) The rain put me off.
- (v) The manager gave me the tennis court, which isn't fit to play on.
- (w) The furniture seems everywhere today.

2. *Reasons relating to the state of the player*

- (a) My glasses filmed up.
- (b) My glasses have been causing trouble.
- (c) I have forgotten my glasses.
- (d) I need a haircut, and my hair got in my eyes.
- (e) My wrist is sore, hurt, swollen.
- (f) My hand, elbow, finger, is hurt, sore, swollen.
- (g) My leg lets me down.
- (h) I can't focus, owing to last night's activities.
- (i) The milkman didn't come, and I had a foul breakfast.
- (j) The car caused me trouble and made me irritable.
- (k) My guests wore me out last night.
- (l) My wife said she sometimes felt croquet was all I ever thought about. Reaction set in and affected my play.
- (m) Those damned waterproofs got in the way, and the rain made me miserable.
- (n) I missed my morning nap.
- (o) I wanted my coffee.
- (p) My white trousers are too tight.
- (q) My swing hasn't been so good this year.
- (r) My mallet has been used by someone.
- (s) My mallet has a screw loose.
- (t) My mallet doesn't suit me.
- (u) My mallet is too heavy.
- (v) My mallet is too light.
- (w) My opponent has too many bisques, and I feel annoyed.
- (x) The draw wasn't to my liking.
- (y) I wish I hadn't eaten those onions.
- (z) I MISSED THE BALL!—This is hardly ever admitted.

Yours truly,

Colchester.

G. F. HALLETT

TIME LIMITS FOR HANDICAP SINGLES
from G. E. P. Jackson, C.B.E.

Sir,

As insufficient seems to be known about the expected length of handicap matches, the October Weekend Tournament at Cheltenham provided a good opportunity to add a little to this knowledge, as the forty players had a rather wide range of bisques. The list was complete between -3 and 9, except for $-1\frac{1}{2}$, $1\frac{1}{2}$, $5\frac{1}{2}$; to these a -5, a 12 and a 13 were added and there was little bunching, so the duration of every one of the 100 matches was recorded to the nearest five minutes, along with result and bisque content.

In brief, nine lasted sixty minutes or less; fifteen within the range of sixty-five minutes to one and a half hours; eighteen between ninety-five minutes and two hours; twenty-three two to two and a half hours; twenty-three two and a half hours to three hours; twelve overran the three-hour limit for all matches. Related to the sum of the bisques involved a fairly clear pattern emerged, as was to be expected. Quoting the top and bottom only, two out of twenty-two exceeded two and a half hours when the bisque concession was two and a half or less; only six out of forty-one took less than two hours when the bisque concession was nine or more.

One hundred provides only a small sample, and in the conditions prevailing over four days in one Club, yet the figures confirm intuitive expectations:

- (a) that timed matches of about three hours only hurt higher bisquers when they are playing each other.
- (b) that when obliged to curtail the duration of a whole event, to be fair all round, the time limitation should be graduated: e.g., if three hours is all that can be given to any match, a minus pair should have, say, two hours; two and a half for a two- and a three-bisquer; and three hours only between a seven and a seven or higher.
- (c) better still: with a deeper knowledge of this subject it should be possible so to manage a Tournament of handicap matches that each match has a reasonable time limit, none is particularly inconvenienced, the strategy of the game is not affected, and yet the manager can count on a smooth programme.

If there is sense in (c) the problem is to define the demarcations. The more records the better. I shall be very interested in any taken, and very willing to pass on copies of those I have.

Yours truly,

Cheltenham.

EDGAR JACKSON

A VARIANT OF GOLF CROQUET
from Chancellor E. Garth Moore

Sir,

Some of us (myself in particular) have devised a new game for the croquet-lawn which is such a good one that I think it possible that your Association may care to know about it, the more particularly since we have been playing it now for several years, so that it has been well tried out.

It is a variant of Golf Croquet and much better than Golf Croquet, and an excellent game for an occasion when there is not time to play Association Croquet. We call it "Cuddesdon Golf" after the place where we first devised it, though in practice it is now played probably almost exclusively on the court in Cambridge belonging to Corpus Christi College.

The rules are the same as in Golf Croquet with the following important variants:

1. If a ball runs a hoop, the player takes another stroke.
2. (a) If a ball makes a roquet, the player does not take croquet, but he takes another stroke from where his ball lies.
- (b) This rule does not apply to the second or subsequent occasion in the same turn that the player's ball makes a roquet on the same ball, unless, since making the first roquet, the player's ball has run a hoop in turn.

I hope that this adequately expresses what I mean, though my friend Ian Baillieu might have expressed it better. What it means is this: if one is playing with blue and one roquets red, one gets another shot and can go on either to roquet black and yellow or to run the hoop; but in that turn one does not get another shot for a second roquet on red; but as soon as one has run the hoop one can begin roqueting red again and getting another shot for doing so. It introduces quite interesting tactics, for, by a series of roquets, one can manoeuvre oneself into position to run a hoop. Equally, one must be careful where one leaves a ball, as this may provide one's opponent with an opportunity to make a roquet and then run a hoop.

As in Golf Croquet, one needs something like rule 5 (against advancing a ball prematurely). I do not think that in either game we have yet devised an adequate off-side rule. I have sometimes wondered whether we could devise a rule somewhat as follows:

When a ball runs a hoop in turn, any other ball which is over the (imaginary) half-way line to the next hoop must first recross that line. This rule shall not apply to the approach to the fifth hoop, or to 1-Back or to the penultimate hoop.

I am not enamoured of this suggestion; but I advance it for what it is worth.

I do, however, venture from experience to commend "Cuddesdon Golf" to the Association.

Yours truly,

E. GARTH MOORE

Corpus Christi College, Cambridge

[I understand that something like "Cuddesdon Golf" has been tried at a number of croquet clubs. Comments are invited from those who have tried it.—Editor.]

OBITUARIES

MRS. EDITH BRIGHT

The Nottingham Croquet Club has lost a very old member in the passing of Mrs. Edith Bright, widow of Neville Bright. Although practically blind for the past few years, Mrs. Bright continued to take a great interest in croquet and was most generous to the Nottingham Club.

MRS. E. L. RICHARDSON

Mrs. E. L. Richardson, who died in February, was an Associate and also a member of the Committee of the Nottingham Croquet Club, which has suffered a great loss in her passing. She will be remembered by Tournament Managers and visitors for her hospitality in entertaining them. We offer our warm sympathy to her daughter and grandchildren.

E.C.B.

NOTES FROM THE CLUBS

Budleigh Salterton

Budleigh Salterton finished the last of their club competitions on the day of the prizegiving, when there was also a general meeting, attended by fifty-four members. Bill Perry won four cups, including the club championship. Mrs. Vincent and Doris Shiel scored wins, and three novices got cups: Sandy Bacher in the club doubles, Alan Kent in the "Novices", and B. Hancock, who had an excellent win in the Autumn Handicap. Places were more evenly distributed, with Leonard Daldry and Marjorie Cave scoring two each. More novices are appearing, and the associates have been reinforced by Mr. and Mrs. Schofield. Thomas has taken over from West, and is now defending his lawns against the winter enthusiasts.

G.C.

THE SHORTENED GAME
from Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave

Dear Sir,

A few years ago much ink was spilt in these columns in an endeavour to set up a shortened game of croquet, acceptable to a majority and playable in tournaments. Several interesting games were proposed, and I venture to reopen the subject because a form of shortened game suggested by myself was, I was assured by more than one expert, the logical and obvious solution.

It was rejected, however, by many people without trial, on the grounds that the proposed rearrangement of the order of hoops was too difficult to be remembered by those accustomed to the normal sequence.

The officially approved shortened games remained, therefore, as the 1 and 4-back game, or the games starting at the 3rd, 4th or 5th hoops.

The first of these shortened games was the obvious choice of the minus player as, given his skill and a bit of luck, it was still possible, on making the first hoop and with the other clip now automatically on 4 back, to carry out a triple peel and thereby achieve the ambition of all minus players, to prevent the opponent ever having a turn at all.

This, however, is not the ambition of the longer handicap players. They want a "game" in which they have a reasonable chance of setting up a break, maintaining some control and making a reasonable number of hoops in competition with their opponent.

With this object in view, I suggest a slightly different form of my previous suggested game, which I will call, for convenience, the "Z" shortened game:

Hoops are made in the order 1, 2, penultimate, rover, 3 back, 4 back, penultimate, rover, stick: with, of course, both balls.

The advantages of this sequence are:

1. The game starts at the first hoop. There is never any difference in tactics, therefore, as to how to start "a game of croquet". Starting at the 3rd or some other hoop requires a quite different strategic concept and is most muddling to a beginner.
2. The sequence is easy to remember; in general, the next hoop is the nearest.
3. Consequently, the long split shots, the stop shots and the rushes to distant hoops are reduced to a minimum until a reasonable amount of skill has been acquired.
4. The finish of the game, from 3 back onwards is again in accordance with standard croquet, so no new tactics have to be learned.
5. The total points to be made are 18, an adequate number for a short game.

It is intended that this game should be played by players of, say, 7 to 16 bisques. Where players are of near equal handicap it should be played level. In a handicap competition, say, the players might be divided into three groups: A. 7 to 9½ bisques; B. 10 to 12½ bisques; C. 13 to 16 bisques. A group gives 2 bisques to B group, and 4 bisques to C group; B group gives 2 bisques to C group.

Players with less bisques than 7 are advised to concentrate on full sized breaks and should be thinking in terms of advanced play; minus players don't need a shortened game, anyway.



I feel, too, that this "Z" game would help in the initial teaching of croquet, though, in my opinion, by far the best way to teach croquet is on a half-sized lawn.

Yours truly,

GERALD E. CAVE

P.S. If low bisquers must have a shortened game, try moving the corner pegs to two yards from the corner flags and putting all line balls on two yards on instead of one yard; you'll be surprised.

THE DRAWN GAME

Though one may well never have happened in practice, a drawn game is theoretically possible. As follows. A is black-and-blue, B is red-and-yellow. A correctly pegs out red, and then black. At some later stage of the game, blue and yellow are both through Rover. Blue is lying very near the peg; yellow is lying between blue and the peg, so that the centres of the peg, blue and yellow are in a straight line. It is A's turn to play. He hits blue so that it jumps and hits the top of yellow; blue goes on to hit the peg, and yellow hits the peg at the same moment as blue does. A has thus essentially done the stroke that is used in some cases of a failed peel; if, for instance, a player's forward ball is in a hoop and his backward ball in front of the hoop and just behind his forward ball, he may hit the backward ball so that it jumps, hits the top of the forward ball, and both the balls go through the hoop. Rather naturally, the possibility of a drawn game is not envisaged in the Rules.

ALAN S. C. ROSS

It is with great regret that we have to announce the death of L. J. Webb, the news of which we received as this issue was going into print. An obituary will appear in the next issue.—Editor.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

I have sought to separate official notices as far as possible from the other matter included in the Gazette. It is intended to fill the first half of the Gazette with articles, letters and other literary matter, and to place matter giving factual information in the official section. This policy will, as far as possible, be adhered to in the future.—Editor.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held at

THE HURLINGHAM CLUB

on

MONDAY, MAY 24TH, 1971, AT 2.30 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the A.G.M. held on May 25th, 1970.
2. Report and Balance Sheet.
3. Election of Hon. Treasurer.
Mr. A. J. Oldham retires and offers himself for re-election.
4. Election of Members of Council.
There are eight vacancies for the Council. The following retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election:
D. C. Caporn
Rev. W. E. Gladstone
His Honour Judge A. D. Karmel
Miss D. A. Lintern
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard
E. A. Roper
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey retires by rotation and does not wish to stand for re-election.
5. Resolution to appoint Auditors.
6. Motion by Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard: To amend Rule XIV (a) (ii) of the Rules of the Croquet Association by adding "and Regulations for Tournaments" after the word "Laws" in Line 2.
7. Any other business.
8. Vote of thanks to the Chairman.

NEW ASSOCIATES

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CHANGE OF SECRETARY

SOUTHWICK CLUB: Mr. W. Howard Austin, Flat A, 11, Victoria Road, Southwick BN4 4DN. (Mr. Baverstock has retired from the Secretaryship.)

NEWS LETTER TO CLUBS

At its meeting on February 13th, Council decided to establish a new duplicated publication, a News Letter to Clubs, which would be issued at irregular intervals as needs require. It is hoped to publish the first issue some time in April. Every Club will receive two copies, the intention being for one copy to be put on general display. A limited number of extra copies will be available and Associates wishing to have a copy should apply, sending a stamped addressed envelope, to the Secretary.

The new publication will include such information as general correspondence between the C.A. and Clubs, news of C.A. and unofficial inter-club events, advice on grant-aid and help available from national organisations, guidance on the laying and upkeep of courts, reports from Clubs about matters of interest to other Clubs, and so on.

It is hoped that the News Letter will prove helpful to both the established and the new Clubs. But its success depends on support from the Clubs themselves. Club Secretaries, and others interested, are therefore invited to send suggestions and articles to the C.A. Secretary.

In the past the C.A. has been criticized for its general lack of concern for all but the major and well-established Clubs. In the News Letter the opportunity is now there for even the newest and smallest Club to make its voice heard. I hope we shall see much closer contact between the C.A. and Clubs in the future.

ROGER BRAY

(Chairman of Publicity and Development Committee)

THE FINAL OF THE LONGMAN CUP

The final was between Bowdon and Woking, and was played at Cheltenham on Saturday, October 24th, 1970. Here are the results, Bowdon players on the left. Handicaps in brackets.

Singles:

R. Walker (3½) bt. T. G. Bennett (3½) + 7.
N. Williams (4) bt. Canon Pym (3½) + 8.
E. Black (5) v. D. Temple Page (5½) unfinished.

Doubles:

Williams and Black (9) bt. Bennett and Temple Page (9) + 4 on time.
Walker and Mrs. Chaff (11) lost to Canon Pym and Mrs. Nalder (9) - 7.

Result: Bowdon won by three games to one, with one game unfinished.

VETERANS' TOURNAMENT

The Council have decided to hold a Veterans' Tournament in 1971, the qualifying age being 60 as on September 20th, 1971.

The tournament will be played at the Cheltenham Club from Monday, September 20th to September 25th, 1971.

Manager Rev. W. E. Gladstone
Referee Col. G. T. Wheeler
Handicapper Mrs. B. de C. Mathews
Secretary Tournament Secretary, Cheltenham Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire (telephone: Cheltenham (0242) 52650).

There will be three events open to Veterans as follows:

- Event 1** Open Singles. Veterans' Championship. Draw and Process. Entrance Fee £1.
Event 2 Open Handicap Singles. To be played as Swiss Knock-Out, each player being guaranteed four games. Entrance Fee £1.
Event 3 Handicap Doubles. Single games. Time Limit three and a half hours. No handicap restriction. Entrance Fee 75p each player.

Entries for Events 1 and 2 must reach the Tournament Secretary by first post on Monday, September 13th. Entries for Event 3 will be accepted on the ground up to 4 p.m. on Monday, September 20th.

Lunches and teas will be available.

CHEQUES in favour of Cheltenham Croquet Club with entries.

Players requesting leave on Monday are requested to enclose a stamped addressed envelope with their entry. Leave will be granted only at the discretion of the Manager.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

(1). Errors in the Fixtures Book

(a) Early in January a batch of carefully collated material for the Fixtures Book 1971 was lost in the post on its way to the Editor. Carbon copies, sent to replace it, also disappeared *en route*. Uncollated material had then to be sent instead, and collated in great haste (as publication had now been delayed). It was sent to the printer, whom it fortunately reached before the strike. These misfortunes are the principal cause of two important errors in the text, which occur on pages 7 and 25.

(b) Page 7, *Longman Cup*, paragraph 6 (beginning "Four Singles"). DELETE the existing text of this paragraph and substitute:

"The two *Doubles* shall be played first, followed by the Singles. If more than two courts are available (but not otherwise), this order may be varied if so agreed by both Clubs. If four *Singles* are played, three of them shall be nominated, before the beginning of the Singles, to form part of the match.

"The Singles shall be played with a time limit of three hours and the Doubles three and a half hours. These limits should be varied by agreement between the Clubs if this is necessary to ensure that a *decision* of the match is reached on the appointed day."

(c) Page 25, "NEW TOURNAMENT". This is an extension of the *Hunstanton* Tournament, NOT part of the *Nottingham* Tournament. In the last line of the particulars of this New Tournament (in the text, immediately above the heading "Nottingham Croquet Club"). The Secretary, to whom entries for the two events of the new tournament are to be sent, is NOT Mr. Haworth (of the Nottingham Club) but the Secretary of the Hunstanton Club, Mrs. J. Neville Rolfe, Weathercocks, Heacham, Norfolk.

2. Change of Conditions

On page 11 of the Fixtures Book, a change has been made by Council, since the publication of the Fixtures Book, regarding the date of entry for the **DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP**. Entries for the **Doubles Championship** must be received by 2.30 p.m. on Monday, July 19th, and the Draw will take place immediately afterwards.

3. Important Calendar changes

(a) Attention is specially drawn to the revival this summer of the **INTER-CLUB TOURNAMENT** (page 8) and to alterations in the conditions for the **ALL-ENGLAND HANDICAP** (page 6).

(b) The **Champion of Champions** contest has been discontinued.

(c) It will be seen from the Fixtures List in this issue of *The Croquet Gazette*, and from Mr. Rothwell's article else-

where in this issue, that a **VETERANS' CHAMPIONSHIP** is to be held at Cheltenham this summer, during the week beginning Monday, September 20th. Full details are to be found on another page.

4. Membership subscriptions

The subscriptions of Associates for 1971 were coming in reasonably well before the postal strike, and the flow has been resumed since it ended. It is much hoped that Associates who have not yet sent their subscriptions for this year will do so promptly, to assist the under-staffed office.

For budgetary reasons we are not sending the Fixtures Book to Associates until we receive their subscriptions, and further issues of *The Croquet Gazette* will also be held back until we learn to whom they are due.

It is intended to prune the records in respect of former Associates who did not subscribe in 1970, or in some cases not in 1969 either, and who have probably ceased to be interested. Early in January there were about sixty of these, and a circular was sent to them; about a quarter of the recipients replied. The plan was then to treat as having resigned those who did not reply by March 1st, or April 1st in the case of Overseas members. The postal strike plainly makes it necessary to extend the period of grace; but early in May it is proposed to delete from the membership book, Directory and card-indexes the names of those still in arrears for 1970 as well as 1971.

5. Membership Cards and Tributes

This year the membership cards issued to Associates on receipt of their subscriptions are being marked, in the left-hand edge, with a capital letter denoting the class of membership. This will be of particular use to the Secretaries of Calendar Fixtures who check the cards of players who enter for events in these tournaments. Associates whose cards are marked L (for Life Associate) or S (paying Standard Rate of £4) or J (Junior—under 26 on January 1st of the current year) are not liable for Tribute. Holders of cards marked R (Reduced Rate—non-tournament) or O (Overseas) should be charged Tribute unless it is the first time (in this or any earlier year) that they have played in a Calendar Fixture. An Associate whose card is marked R may, however, play free of Tribute in a Golf Croquet event.

6. Laws of Croquet: amendments

At its meeting on November 21st, 1970, the Council adopted some amendments to the Laws of Croquet and Regulations for Tournaments (including those mentioned in Section 3 above). These had to be published in *The Croquet Gazette* before being submitted to Council for ratification. Contrary to the arrangements made by the Editorial Board, the text of these amendments was omitted from the December issue of *The Croquet Gazette*. This made it necessary to print it in a special January issue, and ratification took place at the March meeting of the Council.

7. The Laws of Croquet: new edition

At its November meeting the Council decided to prepare for a new edition of the Laws of Croquet and Regulations for Tournaments in time for next year's season. It had already made the necessary resolution under Rule XIV (a) (ii) of the Rules of the Croquet Association, nominating the Laws Committee itself to be "a special sub-Committee" to carry out the necessary revision.

The Laws Committee has made good progress with the revision, and it is hoped that the revised text will be finalised in the autumn of this year and published in March 1972.

8. Prices of publications

It has been desirable for some time to re-examine the prices at which we sell copies of our publications from this office. Decimatisation made this urgent, particularly because several of our existing prices contained a sixpence, which, at 2½p, is a highly inconvenient figure to have to use. It has been decided to round up these prices to 5p.

Sales prices in this office (including postage) are now:
Laws of Croquet and Regulations for Tournaments (the existing 3rd edition):

To Associates	15p
To Non-Associates	20p
Instructions to Beginners	10p
Laws of Croquet Simplified	10p
Know the Game—Croquet	20p
C.A. 1970 (i.e. the Handbook)	30p
C.A. Directory (formerly the Abridged Handbook)	30p
Croquet Association Fixtures, 1971	30p
Pad of 25 Tournament Entry Forms	15p
C.A. Brooch (for lady Associates to wear)	40p

VANDELEUR ROBINSON,
March 1971. Secretary

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The past year has been eventful. It saw the inauguration of the Coaching Scheme on which I have already dwelt at some length in the special Winter number of the Gazette. Our President when writing a recruiting article some ten years ago remarked how often we hear it said "if only I had taken up this game sooner". Let it be our aim that the Coaching Scheme will lead to more people taking up this fascinating game earlier rather than later. Croquet suffers under a drawback from which other games seem to be free: most people have but the vaguest idea of how it is played. If only in a modest way, the Coaching Scheme will go some way to remedy this.

1970 saw the resignation as Secretary of Mrs. V. C. Gasson, who for eleven years had given such devoted service to the Association. The Council decided at its February meeting this year to recognise her work for croquet by making her an Honorary Associate. We have been very fortunate in her successor, Mr. Vandeleur Robinson. He has brought to his office the attributes of enthusiasm and initiative and soon became steeped in the ramifications of the job. He early overcame the disadvantage of knowing hardly any Associates and has commended himself to all he has met. He has greatly eased my task as Chairman during the past year and for this I am only too pleased to record my thanks. In the Summer number of the Gazette I paid a tribute to Mrs. Showan for all she had done for the Association and I should like again to record our appreciation.

Mr. Rothwell, Chairman of the Tournament Committee, deals elsewhere in this number with the coming season. It will be of particular interest to the Council to see how the revived Inter-Club Championship fares.

THE 1971 SEASON

The 1971 Calendar broadly follows the pattern for 1970, which appeared to meet with the general approval of Associates, except that the Men's and Women's Championships have been put back two weeks with the consequent adjustment of dates of club tournaments in June.

One old C.A. fixture is being revived—the Inter-Club Championship—instituted in 1906 and last played at Hurlingham in 1939 as a knock-out competition over three days when nine clubs (teams of six) took part and Hurlingham beat Compton in the final. Its revival on a more modest scale this year is largely due to the efforts of Dr. Bray whose soundings of the clubs last year showed sufficient interest to warrant its revival. It is, of course, open play and should not be confused with the Longman Club Team Cup which is played on handicap and will continue.

One new Championship is being instituted, a Veterans' Open Championship, and after long discussion the qualifying age has been put at 60. It will be played at Cheltenham, during the week starting on September 20th. Conditions appear elsewhere in this issue and it is hoped that this new venture will be well supported.

The conditions of the All-England Handicap have been altered to allow a large number of players to participate in the Area Finals. Plaques for the Area winners will be presented at the conclusion of each Area Final instead of *en bloc* after the Roehampton Finals.

As mentioned in the special Winter number of the

Important changes have been made for 1971 in Handicapping procedure. Hitherto, reductions in handicaps recommended by Tournament handicappers, although coming into operation immediately, have not become official until approved by the Handicap Co-ordination Committee. For this year the Council have decided that reductions made by Tournament handicappers shall be treated as confirmed with immediate effect. This places an extra responsibility on handicappers, and with this in mind the Council have authorised the issue of a Guide to Handicappers. This has been included in this number together with a summary of the revised procedure so that all Associates, and not merely Handicappers themselves, have all the relevant information.

Associates seeking an explanation of the substantial deficit in the Income and Expenditure Account shown in this number will find it largely in the article by the Chairman of the Editorial Board in the Winter number describing the circumstances surrounding the relinquishment by Mr. Lloyd Pratt of the post of Editor. I give a warm welcome to his successor, Mr. Peter Hallett, who will be assisted by Mr. Keith Wylie. Having myself had six years' experience in superintending the production of our magazine I am in a position to appreciate what the job entails and am very grateful to them for undertaking the task.

During his term of office the Chairman of Council becomes increasingly aware of the vast amount of work put in by so many Associates: to Managers, Handicappers, Referees, Club Secretaries among others my warmest thanks for all they do by way of service to croquet, and on a personal note may I pay a tribute to the Chairmen of the various Standing Committees of Council and the Treasurer who give so unsparingly of their time.

S. S. TOWNSEND

Gazette, the Champion of Champions contest is being discontinued. Consideration is being given, with due consultation, of course, with Mrs. Stoker, to the future of the handsome Stoker Bowl presented by her four years ago.

The recent practice of trying to avoid tournament clashes in the Calendar is leading to problems. Some tournaments are proving so popular (Budleigh Salterton in July and several of the Cheltenham weekends spring to mind) that entries are being refused many months before the advertised closing dates, sometimes in fact before the publication of the Fixture Book. One solution put forward is to limit acceptance of entries to within, say, two months before the advertised closing date. This to me seems a defeatist attitude, and with the hoped-for increase in tournament players as the new Training Scheme gathers momentum the better solution would surely be to induce clubs to hold more tournaments (which seldom fail to make money for the clubs concerned) so that the Calendar offers potential competitors alternatives during the popular months. Your Tournament Committee will be giving this their consideration during the coming months.

Lastly may I draw attention to Devonshire Park. In 1970 it did not receive the support it deserved. Agreed it is getting near the end of the season, but it offers two separate weeks each with plenty of croquet to serve as a good wind up for the season. May I wish all of you a happy and successful season in 1971.

R. F. ROTHWELL
Chairman, Tournament Committee

RETURN OF ATTENDANCES AT COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1970/1971

	Council	Laws	Tournament	Finance and G.P.	Publicity and Development	Handicap Co-ordination	Editorial Board	Selection	Total Attendances	Total Possible Attendances
S. S. Townsend, Chairman*	5	2	3	2	2		4		18	19
Professor B. G. Neal, Vice-Chairman*	5	1	3	1	2		4		16	19
A. J. Oldham, Hon. Treasurer*	5	—	—	3	2		4		14	19
G. N. Aspinall	5	—			1				6	8
I. C. Baillieu	5	2	3						10	10
G. Birch	4				1				5	6
Dr. R. W. Bray	5		3		2		4		14	14
Cdr. G. Borrett	5		3		1				9	10
D. C. Caporn	5		3		2				10	10
Major J. H. Dibley	4		2	3		5			14	16
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey	4			2	1	5		2	14	15
Rev. W. E. Gladstone	5		3						8	8
His Honour Judge A. D. Karmel	4							2	6	7
Miss D. A. Lintern	5		3	3	2	5		2	20	20
B. Lloyd-Pratt	4	2	3				2		11	12
Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan	4			2	1				7	9
B. G. Perry	3	2		1					6	10
Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard	5	2		2					9	10
E. A. Roper	3					2			5	10
Mrs. E. Rotherham	4		3						7	8
R. F. Rothwell	5	—	3						8	10
J. W. Solomon	4	—		2				2	8	12
Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith	5			3		5	3		16	18
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins	5	1							6	6

* *Ex-officio*, all meetings except Handicap Co-ordination and Selection Committees.

EXTRACT FROM PROCEEDINGS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

February 13th, 1971

- Mrs. V. C. Gasson was elected an Honorary Associate.
- Mr. P. D. Hallett was appointed Editor of the Gazette and Mr. K. F. Wylie Assistant Editor.
- It was agreed that a duplicated News Letter should be issued periodically to Clubs.
- It was agreed to establish a Panel of Coaches, from among whom coaches would be chosen to give courses in connection with the Development Scheme, and that two training courses for Coaches be held.
- That two Exhibitions be held at Devonshire Park, one during the Southwick Tournament and one during the Devonshire Park fortnight.
- An amendment to Rule XIV (a) (ii) would be put to the A.G.M. (see Notice of Meeting).
- The recommendation of the *ad hoc* Committee on the future of the Stoker Bowl was referred to the Tournament Committee to

consider the practicability of the proposed Veterans' Championship being included in the Calendar Fixtures List.

- Mr. Baillieu reported that Australia were prepared to take 5,000 copies of the 1972 Laws Book reprint.

March 13th, 1971

- A Guide to Handicappers was approved in the light of changes in handicap procedure for 1971. The Guide and new procedure were to be published in the Gazette.
- The alterations to Laws and Regulations printed in No. 114 of the Gazette were ratified.
- Mr. Oldham, the Treasurer, presented the Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for 1969, which was adopted.
- The Editorial Board were instructed to use their best endeavours not to exceed £800 for the net cost of the Gazette in 1971.
- A Veterans' Championship would be played this year at Cheltenham in September and would accordingly be added to the Calendar Fixtures List.

HANDICAPPING PROCEDURE 1971

The Council has decided, as an experiment for 1971, to alter the procedure laid down in the Regulations for Tournaments as regards Handicapping. The procedure for 1971 is as follows:

(1) REDUCTIONS

- All handicap reductions of Associates and Non-Associates recommended by *Tournament* Handicappers, resulting from play in Calendar Fixtures (including weekend tournaments) will be treated as confirmed, with immediate effect. Such alterations will be entered on Tournament White Forms by the Tournament Handicapper and sent to the Secretary of the Croquet Association so that the Official Handicap Books can be amended.

The player concerned will be notified of the reduction before he leaves the tournament, and will be handed an official card; this he must show to the Manager of any Tournament which he may enter before the reduction has been recorded in the Official Handicap Books. He should also inform the Handicapper(s) of his own Club or Clubs. It is the duty of a competitor to ascertain before leaving the Tournament whether his handicap has been reduced.

- Handicap reductions of Associates and Non-Associates recommended by *Club* Handicappers will take effect immediately, and will remain so unless and until varied by the Handicap Co-ordination Committee. All such recommendations should accordingly continue to be sent by the Club Handicapper to the Secretary of the Croquet Association.
- A player who disagrees with the Handicapper's decision has the right to appeal to the Handicap Co-ordination Committee, with the right of further appeal to the Handicap Appeals Committee.

(2) INCREASES

Handicap increases will be considered only on application from the individual player concerned, who should wherever possible submit it through a Tournament Handicapper (see Regulation 24 (e) in *The Croquet Gazette* No. 114) or through the Handicapper of his Club. The application should then be sent by the Handicapper concerned to the Secretary of the Croquet Association, accompanied by any recommendations thereon, for consideration by the Handicap Co-ordination Committee.

(3) APPEALS

Appeals against decisions of the Handicap Co-ordination Committee will be made by individuals through the Secretary of the Croquet Association to the Handicap Appeals Committee, whose decision will be final.

(4) AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATIONS FOR TOURNAMENTS

Appropriate amendments to the Regulations for Tournaments, to provide for the above altered procedure, have been published in *The Croquet Gazette*, No. 114.

- Since the Handicap Co-ordination Committee will not of its own initiative alter the handicap of any individual, it is important to remind Club Handicappers of their obligation to ensure that the handicaps of their players are realistic and are under

regular review, e.g., the handicap of a player who has played regularly at his Club throughout the season and is shortly to play in a Calendar Fixture for the first time that year.

(6) GUIDE TO HANDICAPPERS

As the revised procedures place an added responsibility upon Tournament and Club Handicappers, the following DIRECTIVE by the Council is forwarded to those concerned for their guidance:

- In Calendar Fixtures it is most desirable that the Manager and the Handicapper should not be the same person; the duties of the Manager may well prevent him from being able to fulfil properly the responsibilities of the Handicapper. There may be circumstances where this separation may not be possible, and the Council would not wish to enforce it; but they do feel that the posts of Manager, Referee and Handicapper should be filled by more than one person, so that the Handicapper can consult with his colleague(s) at the close of a tournament before making his recommendations for alterations in handicaps.
- It cannot be too strongly emphasised that reductions in handicaps should result from definite improvement in play, relative to the player's existing handicap, and should NOT be made automatically because a player has reached the final stages of an event.
- The quality and quantity of the entry, together with the general standard of play throughout the tournament, are obviously important factors in arriving at decisions. Handicappers should bear in mind cases where, throughout a tournament, the success of players reaching the final stages was due more to the errors or bad play of their opponents than to improved play on their own part.
- Weekend tournaments, which have been growing in popularity in recent years, will normally be expected to produce only isolated reductions in handicaps—partly because there may not always be the same rigorous approach to games as in a full tournament.
- It is considered undesirable that a player should have a Club Handicap different from his Association Handicap. If a player is considered to be worth a Club Handicap lower than his Association Handicap (perhaps because he plays only infrequently in Calendar Fixtures) it is up to his Club to recommend a reduction of his Association Handicap. Such recommendations should be made periodically throughout the season, as necessary; particularly at the conclusion of Club competitions.
- Club Handicappers should pay particular attention to the handicaps given to Non-Associates entering a Calendar Fixture for the first time, so that they are given a realistic starred handicap, which can be subsequently confirmed or adjusted by the Tournament Handicapper.
- Handicappers are reminded that play in Open events ranks for handicap reductions. Such reductions will normally be expected to occur less frequently than those resulting from play in Handicap events.

PRIZE LIST 1970

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

Figures in the first bracket indicate the handicap of a player at the beginning of the season, and the second brackets indicate the handicap at the end of the season if alterations have been made.

OS—Open Singles; RLS—Restricted Level Singles (B, C or D); HS—Handicap Singles; HSX, HSY, HSZ—Handicap Singles (Event X, Y, Z); RHS—Restricted Handicap Singles; HSEX—Extra Handicap Singles; OD—Open Doubles; MOD—Mixed Open Doubles; HD—Handicap Doubles; MHD—Men's Handicap Doubles; WHD—Women's Handicap Doubles; W/E—week-end.

A

Allardyce Miss W. K. (6½) Colchester W/E HD2 (8).
Allen Miss R. M. (2½) Cheltenham RLS1 (2).
Allen Wing Comdr. D. L. (6½) Compton RHS 2.
Anderson I. S. (8) Hurlingham RHS1, Roehampton RHS2 (6).
Anderson Miss M. (6½) Roehampton RHS2.
Arkell Miss E. H. (9) Cheltenham RHS2, Cheltenham 3rd W/E Block Winner, Cheltenham 5th W/E HS1, Awarded Steel Bowl (4½).
Aspinall G. N. (-5) Open Championship 2, Doubles Championship 1, President's Cup 1.
Atchley Major R. (10) Challenge and Gilbey RHS2.
Ayliffe L. G. (6) Cheltenham 5th W/E HS2 (5).

B

Bagnall Mrs. C. (5) Cheltenham RLS Process 2, HS2 (4½).
Baillieu I. C. (1) Hunstanton RLS2.
Barker Air Marshal (14) Challenge and Gilbey HS2.
Bartlett Miss G. W. (9) Roehampton HD1.
Bateson R. N. (9) Cheltenham RHS1, Roehampton RHS1, HSX1, Cheltenham 4th W/E Block winner (4).
Baverstock W. J. (4) Southwick RHS1 (3½).
Beamish Col D. W. (-½) Hurlingham RLS1.
Birch G. (0) Ryde OS Process 2, HS3.
Bird Mrs. D. J. (8) Budleigh Salterton May Block G, HS1, Cheltenham, HD2, Parkstone September RHS2.
Borrett Comdr. G. (-2) Southwick May HS3, Southwick September OS divided HD2, Surrey Cup 6.
Bourke Brig. L. E. (10) Cheltenham 2nd W/E Block winner, Cheltenham HS3, HD3, Cheltenham 3rd W/E Block Winner (4½).
Bowden Club Longman Cup 1.
Bray Dr. R. W. (-4) Parkstone June HD3, Colchester HS1, HD2, Hurlingham OS1, OD1, President's Cup equal 5.
Bressey Mrs. E. E. (6) Challenge and Gilbey HD1 (5½).
Brumpton Miss E. C. (3½) Peels HD2, Nottingham W/E Block Winner.
Brumpton Miss E. M. (4½) Roehampton HSY1 (4).
Bryan Miss M. (7) Compton HD2.
Bucknall Dr. W. R. (1½) Parkstone June HD1, Challenge and Gilbey Council Cup RLS1, Gilbey Cup Block D HS1, Southwick HS3, HD1, Parkstone September HS2 (0).
Bucknell A. J. (3) Ryde RLS1.
Buller Capt. M. F. (½) Eastbourne HD2.
Bushnell M. J. (-1½) Cheltenham OS Process 2, HD3, Nottingham OS2, HD2, Awarded Silver Medal.
Butler L. S. (7) Parkstone June RHS1, Parkstone September RLS1, HD1 (5).

C

Cane Mrs. H. M. G. (10) Eastbourne HSY2, HD2.
Caporn D. C. (½) Roehampton HD2.
Carlisle Mrs. H. B. H. (7) Ladies Field Candlesticks HD1, Hurlingham OD3 (6).
Carlisle H. B. H. (-½) Hunstanton OS2, Surrey Cup equal 2, awarded Silver Medal (-1).
Cave Lt.-Col. G. E. (0) Budleigh Salterton May HD1, Southwick May HDY1.
Cave Mrs. G. E. (6) Budleigh Salterton May HD2.
Chaff R. A. W. (7) Ryde RHS2, Cheltenham 4th W/E Block Winner (5½).
Chaff Mrs. R. A. W. (9) Ryde RHS1 (6).
Chittenden Miss H. F. (-½) Southwick HD3.
Clark-Lens Miss E. G. (8) Budleigh Salterton May Block C, HS2 (7½).
Clemons H. S. (-2) Compton HS2, Challenge and Gilbey OS2.
Cockayne J. H. M. (7) Colchester HS2 (6).
Cooper A. J. (-3½) Chairman's Salver 8, Eastbourne OS Process 2, HS2, Men's Championship OS2, HS3.
Cotter E. P. C. (-5) Men's Championship 2, Men's Doubles Championship 3, Open Doubles Championship 2, Southwick OS2, President's Cup equal 5.

Cox N. W. T. (½) Southwick May HS2, HD1, Compton HD1, Southwick September HSX1, HD1 (-½).
Cox Mrs. N. W. T. (5½) Southwick September HD1 (4y).
Cox Miss C. (6) Southwick May HDY1 (5½).
Craig A. D. (4) Carrickmines Green Cup 1, HS3.

D

Daldry Sir Leonard (2) Budleigh Salterton May Block 2 HS2, Challenge and Gilbey Block A HS2, Council Cup HS2, Southwick RLS2, HD1, Parkstone OS2 (1).
Davidson Mrs. F. H. N. (5) Hurlingham RLS2.
Davies A. C. W. (3½) Cheltenham 4th W/E Block Winner.
Digby G. S. (10) Budleigh Salterton RHS1, HS3 (8).
Digby Mrs. G. S. (10) Budleigh Salterton RHS2, Colchester W/E HS2, HD2 (7).
Dodd Mrs N. R. (-1) Mixed Doubles Championship 2, Carrickmines HS1 (-1½).
Driscoll Major R. (1½) Compton HD1, Southwick HD3 (1).

E

Edwards C. (7) Compton RHS1, HD2 (6).
Elmes P. W. (-1) Nottingham OS Process 2, HSY1, Cheltenham HD3.
Evans Dr. C. W. (6) Challenge and Gilbey HD3, Budleigh Salterton HD1.
Edgbaston Club—Mrs. Elizabeth Prichard Award.

F

Farlie Mrs. L. S. (5½) Southwick September LS2 (5).
Fidler P. J. (-3) Chairman's Salver equal 3.
Figgis Mrs. D. (5½) Carrickmines Green Cup HS2.

G

Gladstone Rev. W. E. (1) Parkstone June OS Draw 2, HS2, Cheltenham OS2, HSY2, Surrey Cup equal 2.
Godby R. A. (-1½) Association Plate 2, Hurlingham MHD1, Surrey Cup equal 2.
Goolden P. (8) Southwick September RHS2.
Granger-Brown M. (5) Budleigh Salterton May Block B1, HD1 (4).
Green H. C. (2½) Hunstanton W/E HS1, Ryde HS1, Colchester HS3 (1½).
Greenham A. W. (9) Colchester HD2, Hunstanton RHS2, HD2 (6½).

H

Hallett G. F. (1½) Hurlingham HS2 (1).
Hallett P. D. (-1½) Ryde OS Draw 2, HS2, Colchester W/E HS1, HD1, Surrey Cup equal 2 (-2).
Hamilton-Miller D. J. V. (-3½) Du Pre Cup 1, Championship of Ireland OS2, HD2, Surrey Cup 1, Eastbourne OD1.
Hands P. W. (-2) Cheltenham 2nd W/E Block Winner, Nottingham OS2, OS1, HSX2, HD1 (-2½).
Harris D. A. (½) Compton HS1, Eastbourne HS2 (-½).
Hawkins Mrs. R. C. (4) Gilbey Cup HS2.
Haworth C. W. (2) Compton RLS2, Budleigh Salterton HD2.
Havery R. O. (1) Southwick HS1 (½).
Hay Miss J. F. (7) Hurlingham RHS2, Roehampton RHS3, HSX3 (5½).
Henshaw Miss (16D14) Nottingham HD2 (15D13).
Hermon R. A. G. (6) Nottingham RHS1, HSY2 (5).
Hicks R. O. (-1½) Compton OS3, Roehampton HD1.
Hickson Miss K. D. (3) Parkstone June RLS2.
Himmens D. (-½) Southwick HSX2.
Hodgson H. (9) Budleigh Salterton May Block C1.
Hopewell C. G. (-1) Colchester HS3, Roehampton OS Draw 2, Eastbourne HD2.
Hopkins Mrs. G. (3½) Carrickmines September HS2.

I

Ipswich and District Croquet Club—The Apps Memorial Award.

J

Jackson G. E. P. (-3) Cheltenham 2nd W/E Block Winner, Parkstone June HS1, Chairman's Salver 2, Roehampton OS1, HSY2.
Jarden Mrs. J. (-3) Women's Championship 1, Parkstone HS3, Championship of Ireland OS1, Challenge and Gilbey OS Process 2, Gilbey HS1, Budleigh Salterton HD3, Hurlingham OS Draw 2, OD1, Ladies' Field Candlesticks HD3, Ladies' Field Cup 1, President's Cup equal 5, awarded a Silver Medal.
Jenkins Mrs. H. F. L. (12) Southwick September HD2 (10).

K

Karmel Judge (-1½) Hunstanton HSY1.
Kent S. G. (5) Hurlingham HS3 (4).
Knowles Dr. E. L. (5) Parkstone June RHS1, HD1 (4).

L

Laverty Lt. Col. T. F. (½) Cheltenham HS2.
Leonard R. J. (-½) Carrickmines September OS1, HS1, HD1.
Lightfoot Mrs. E. M. (½) Challenge and Gilbey HD3, Budleigh Salterton Block AHS2.
Lloyd-Pratt B. (-3) Men's Championship OS3, Mixed Doubles Championship 3, Compton OS1, Ryde OS1, HD1, Budleigh Salterton OS Draw 2, Cheltenham OS1, Colchester HD1, Hurlingham OS Process 2, Hunstanton HD1, Chairman's Salver 5, Roehampton OS2, Eastbourne MOS1, OD2.
Longman Mrs. W. (-2) Ladies' Field Candlesticks 2, Hurlingham HD3, Southwick OS3, Eastbourne WOS divided.

M

Maclean R. N. (7) All England HS1 (5).
Meachem J. B. (½) Hurlingham LS Draw 2, MHD2, Hunstanton HSX1 (-½).
Meachem Mrs. J. B. (4½) Peels WHS1, Budleigh Salterton RLS3, HS2, Southwick RLS Draw 2, Hunstanton RLS1, Eastbourne HS3, HSX1, HD1 (2½).
Meredith F. W. (0) Peels MHS Draw 2.
Mew Mrs. F. J. T. (14) Ryde HD1, Hunstanton RHS1 (13D10).
Middleton L. (7) Colchester RHS1.
Mills Miss A. E. (3½) Parkstone HSY2.
Mills G. R. (4) Parkstone HD3.
Mills Miss V. (2) Parkstone HD3.
Moore W. E. (-2) Du Pre Cup 2, Southwick OS Draw 2, HD3, Southwick non-official OS divided.
Moorcraft D. H. (2) Nottingham W/E HS1, Woking W/E HD1.
Moorcraft Mrs. D. H. (13) Colchester W/E HD1.
Morgan Miss (0) Ladies' Field Candlesticks 2.
Murray Dr. M. (-2½) Chairman's Salver equal 3.

Mc

McMillan Mrs. N. A. C. (½) Mixed Doubles Championship HD3, Parkstone HSY1.
McWeeney M. (3½) Carrickmines HS2, Carrickmines September HS1, Hurlingham MHD3 (3).

N

Nalder Capt. H. F. (2) Budleigh Salterton RLS3.
Nash P. Gifford (1) Eastbourne HS3.
Naylor Mrs. W. A. (5½) Southwick May HD1.
Neal Prof. B. G. (-4) Mixed Doubles Championship 2, All England Handicap HS2.
Neal Mrs. B. G. (6) Delves Broughton Cup HD1.
Newton P. (-1½) Parkstone June HD2, Budleigh Salterton OS Process 2, HS1, Parkstone September HD2, Chairman's Salver 6 (-2½).
Newton Mrs. P. (8) Parkstone June HD2.
Nichols Dr. D. I. (0) Nottingham Robin Hood Gold Cup OS1 (-½).
O'Morchoe M. M. E. (10) Carrickmines HD2.
Ormerod Rev. H. L. (2½) Cheltenham LS2.
Ormerod W. P. (-5) Men's Championship 1, Open Doubles Championship 3, Colchester OS2, President's Cup 8.
Ormerod Mrs. W. P. (16D14) Parkstone HD3.

P

Parker Miss H. D. (2½) Gilbey Cup Block B HS1.
Patterson K. (3) Carrickmines HS3, HD1.
Pearce-Jones (12) Ryde HD2.
Pearson F. E. (3) Roehampton HSX3.
Perry B. G. (-4) Men's Championship 3, Mixed Doubles Championship 1, Parkstone June OS1, Challenge and Gilbey OS1, Budleigh Salterton OS1, President's Cup 2.
Povey Mrs. J. (4½) Eastbourne HSX2.
Prichard Lt.-Col. D. M. C. (-3) Peels HD1, Budleigh Salterton May HD2, Eastbourne MOS Process 2.
Prichard Mrs. D. M. C. (-1½) Peels WHS2, Budleigh Salterton May Block A HS1, Ladies' Field Cup 7 (-1).
Prichard C. H. L. (½) Cheltenham 1st W/E HS2.
Prichard R. D. C. (1½) Cheltenham 2nd W/E Block Winner, Budleigh Salterton RLS2.
Prichard W. de B. (-½) Hurlingham RLS Process 2, OD3, Hunstanton OS1, awarded Silver Medal (-1).
Puxon P. B. (10) Challenge and Gilbey HD3, Colchester HD1, Nottingham RHS2, HD1, Roehampton RHS1 (9D8).

R

Read T. O. (-1½) Association Plate 1, Cheltenham HD1, Hurlingham OD2, MHD 3.
Read Mrs. H. M. (1½) Cheltenham HD1, Hurlingham OD2, Ladies' Field Candlesticks HD3, Carrickmines September OS2 (1).
Rees D. V. H. (½) Hurlingham RLS2 (0).
Regan F. (3) Carrickmines September OS2, HD2.

Regan Mrs. F. (3½) Carrickmines September HD2.
Reynolds F. (2½) Southwick May HS1, Hurlingham Men's HD3 (2).
Robinson J. N. (-½) Peels HSX2, Cheltenham HS1, Colchester OS Draw 2, HS1, Hunstanton HSX2, HD2, Chairman's Salver 7 (-2).
Roe Miss R. M. (2½) Cheltenham 3rd W/E Block Winner.
Rolfe Mrs. J. Neville (1½) Cheltenham HD3.
Ross Prof. A. S. C. (2) Southwick May HD2.
Ross Mrs. A. S. C. (5) Southwick May HD2 (4½).
Ross K. A. (2½) Southwick RLS1, HS1 (1).
Rotherham Mrs. E. (-3) Challenge and Gilbey HD3, Ladies' Field Cup equal 4, Eastbourne WOS Process 2, OD1 (-2).
Rothwell R. F. (-2) Hunstanton OS Process 2.

S

Saalfeld Lt.-Col. A. E. (-1) Compton HS3, Ryde HS3.
Samuel Miss J. K. (7) Golf Croquet HS2, HD2.
Sessions Miss K. M. O. (-2) Hunstanton W/E HS2, Woking W/E HS2, Ladies' Field Cup 2, Eastbourne OS2 (-2½).
Sheil Mrs. F. A. (9) Peels WHS Draw 2, Challenge and Gilbey RHS1, Budleigh Salterton HS3.
Sheppard H. A. (1) Southwick May HS3.
Simon J. W. (-3½) Open Doubles Championship 1.
Simpson R. A. (0) Ryde HD2, Budleigh Salterton July HS3, Surrey Cup 8.
Simpson Mrs. R. A. (0) Budleigh Salterton July HD3, Ladies' Field Cup equal 7.
Skempton Mrs. A. W. (2½) Hurlingham RLS1, Roehampton HSX2 (2).
Solomon Mrs. G. W. (1) Challenge and Gilbey HD1.
Solomon J. W. (-5) Doubles Championship 2, President's Cup 3, Champion of Champions 1, All England HS3.
Solomon A. W. (6) Hurlingham MHD1 (5).
Solomon J. R. G. (7) Hurlingham HS1 (5).
Soutter J. H. J. (7) Parkstone RHS1, HS1 (5).
Speer Mrs. E. M. (3) Southwick HS2, Eastbourne HD1.
Stainer M. (10) Southwick RHS1 (6).
Stoker G. (4) Compton W/E HS1, Compton RLS2.
Stanton Miss C. M. (12) Parkstone HD1.
Stride M. (2) Open Championship 3, Hurlingham OD3, MHS 3, Southwick OS1, HD2, Chairman's Salver 1, awarded Silver Medal (-3).
Strutt G. G. (6) Challenge and Gilbey RLS2, Roehampton RHS3, HD2.
Sturdy W. J. (5) Peels HSY1 (4).
Sundiss-Smith Mrs. B. L. (-1) Budleigh Salterton HD1, Mixed Doubles Championship 3, Ladies' Field Candlesticks 3, Southwick HS3, Hunstanton HSY2.

T

Thompson Mrs. E. (7½) Southwick RHS1 (7).
Townsend S. S. (-1) Hurlingham HS3, MHD2.
Tucker E. J. (4) Compton RLS1, Southwick RLS Process 2, HD3, Southwick LS1, Eastbourne HS1, HD1 (1½).
Turner Mrs. S. J. (4½) Southwick RHS2.
Tyrwhitt-Drake E. C. (-1½) Compton W/E HS2, Ascot Cup HS1, Delves Broughton Cup HD1, Compton HS3, Budleigh Salterton HD2, Eastbourne MOS Draw 2, All England HS3.

V

Vulliamy Col. E. L. L. (11) Cheltenham 1st W/E HS1, Peels MHS1, HD1, Eastbourne HSY1, awarded Apps Bowl (2½).

W

Walker R. J. (4½) Eastbourne RLS2, HD2 (3).
Walker Mrs. R. J. (3) Eastbourne RLS2, HD2, HD1 (2½).
Warwick J. G. (-2) Peels Golf Croquet HD2, Parkstone June HS3, Challenge and Gilbey OS Draw 2 (-1).
Warwick Miss E. J. (-3) Women's Championship 2, Mixed Doubles Championship 1, Challenge and Gilbey HD2, Ladies' Field Candlesticks HD1, Ladies' Field Cup equal 4, Eastbourne WOS divided (-2).
Waterhouse L. (12) Eastbourne RLS2.
Wheeler Col. G. T. (½) Cheltenham HS3, Cheltenham 3rd W/E Block Winner, Eastbourne RLS1, HS1 (-½).
Wheeler J. A. (2) Peels MHS2, HD2, HSX1, Carrickmines HD1, Nottingham HS1 (½).
Whittington R. O. B. (-2) Parkstone June OS2, Parkstone September OS1, Surrey Cup equal 6.
Wiggins Dr. W. R. D. (-4) Compton OS2, Eastbourne OS1.
Williams G. (-1) Eastbourne HS3.
Williams N. (6) Cheltenham 3rd W/E Block Winner (3½).
Woking Club—Longman Cup 2.
Wood Mrs. G. H. (6) Parkstone September RLS2, HD2, Ladies' Field Candlesticks HD3, Cheltenham 4th W/E Block Winner, Eastbourne RLS1 (4½).
Wylie K. F. (-5) Open Championship 1, President's Cup 4.

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1970**

Year ended 31.12.69 £		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	INCOME						
1,176	Subscriptions				1,655	13	0
147	Affiliation Fees and Overseas Members				169	7	6
543	Levy and Tribute				472	7	0
200	Sale of books, Laws, etc.				158	11	4
167	Dividends from investments (Net)				157	14	6
2,233					2,613	13	4
—	Add Surplus in Tournaments (Net)				24	13	8
2,233					2,638	7	0
	Less Expenditure:						
55	Net cost of tournaments				—		
599	Magazine (less income from advertisements and Donations)	1,011	15	10			
654					1,011	15	10
1,579					1,626	11	2
	GENERAL OVERHEADS						
233	Office rent and lighting, heating and cleaning	256	10	8			
340	Staff salaries	357	7	6			
168	Postages and telephone	129	15	0			
324	Printing, stationery and publicity	652	18	3			
40	Insurance	70	2	9			
287	Sundry expenses	324	19	10			
63	Audit and accountancy charges	63	0	0			
31	Maintenance of office furniture and equipment	17	3	3			
16	Depreciation of office furniture and equipment	15	0	0			
1,502					1,886	17	3
77					260	6	1
6	Surplus on sale of investment				5	16	7
(Surplus) 83	DEFICIT, being excess of Expenditure over Income				£254	9	6

INVESTMENTS HELD AT 31st DECEMBER, 1970

Nominal Value £ s. d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£
	QUOTED INVESTMENTS							
250 0 0	Bay Hall Trust Ltd. 10/- Ordinary Shares				399	3	6	950
75 0 0	Midland Bank Ltd. £1 Ordinary Shares				204	0	4	219
163 0 0	Omnium Investment Co. Ltd. 5/- Deferred Shares				186	18	10	766
	3% Savings Bonds 1965-75—Held for General Fund	449	13	1				
	—Held for Life Membership Fund	698	0	0				
566 15 10		1,147	13	1	1,216			
218 3 0	3% War Stock—Held for Apps Memorial Fund	115	10	0	78			
1,250 0 0	Greater London 7½% Loan Stock 1977	1,216	14	1	1,137			
400 0 0	The New Throgmorton Trust Ltd. Income Shares of 5/- each	478	15	0	390			
		3,748	14	10	£4,756			
	UNQUOTED INVESTMENTS							
10 0 0	Roehampton Country Club, £1 Shares				10	0	0	
450 0 0	Bank Deposit, Midland Bank Ltd.				450	0	0	
					£4,208	14	10	

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1970

As at 31.12.69 £		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	FIXED ASSETS						
148	Office Furniture and Equipment (at written down value)				138	0	0
2,000	Trophies (estimated to realise)				2,000	0	0
4,209	Investments (as per attached schedule)				4,208	14	10
6,357					6,346	14	10
	CURRENT ASSETS						
60	Sundry Debtors and Prepayments				3	0	0
1,067	Cash at Bank and in hand				1,148	10	2
1,127					1,151	10	2
7,484					7,498	5	0
	LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES						
86	Subscriptions received in advance				45	10	0
280	Accrued expenses				585	4	7
15	Taxation				13	10	0
381					644	4	7
£7,103					£6,854	0	5
	Net Assets						
	REPRESENTED BY:						
5,949	Accumulated General Fund as at January 1st of the year				6,031	15	6
83	Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year				254	9	6
—	Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year						
6,032					5,777	0	0
807	Life Membership Fund				807	0	0
115	Apps Memorial Fund				115	10	0
149	Dominion Tour Fund				154	4	5
£7,103					£6,854	0	5

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CROQUET ASSOCIATION

We have examined the books, vouchers and other records maintained by the Croquet Association for the year ended December 31st, 1970, and obtained such further information as considered necessary. To the best of our knowledge and belief the above Statement of Accounts and the annexed Income and Expenditure Account give a true and fair view of the state of affairs as at December 31st, 1970, and of the Deficit of Income over Expenditure.

Loves Cottage,
New Pound,
Wisborough Green,
Sussex.

February 4th, 1971.

NICHOLASS, REID, CORNEY & CO.
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS.

**HANDICAP ALTERATIONS AGREED BY THE HANDICAP
CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE**

Southwick, August 31st-September 5th
N. W. T. Cox 0 to —½; Miss L. M. Cooke 12 to 10 D.8; Major R. Driscoll 1½ to 1.

Longman Cup, Finals October 24th
(Bowdon Club members) R. Walker 3½ to 3; N. Williams 4 to 3½; E. Black 5 to 4½; Mrs. R. A. W. Chaff 6½ to 6; Mrs. Dell (non-Associate) 12 to 9 D.8; Mark Stainer (non-Associate) *7 to 6.

Sussex County (Brighton) Croquet Club
W. J. Baverstock 3½ to 3; P. Goolden 8 to 7;
H. F. L. Jenking 7 to 6; Mrs. H. F. L. Jenking 10 to 9.

CLUB RECOMMENDATIONS:

Nottingham
G. Henshaw 6½ to 6; Miss C. Chamberlain 10 to 8; Mrs. A. J. Bucknall 12 to 11.

Caversham
H. G. B. Wagnell 10 to 9.

Cheltenham
Rev. W. E. Gladstone 0 to —1.

Woking
T. G. Bennett 3½ to 2½ (not 1½); Canon Pym 3½ to 2½ (not 3); G. Wiggins (non-Associate) 12 to 10 D.9; J. Haigh (non-Associate) 14 to 10 D.9; F. Hutchins (non-Associate) 16 to 15.

Colchester
Mrs. G. S. Digby 9 to 7. (H.C.C. revised its earlier decision of 9 to 8.)

The Whins
J. Howard Wright 8.

HANDICAPS RAISED AT OWN REQUEST:

Miss W. K. Allardyce 6½ to 8; H. M. Read 5 to 7.
W. B. C. Paynter 1 to 2.