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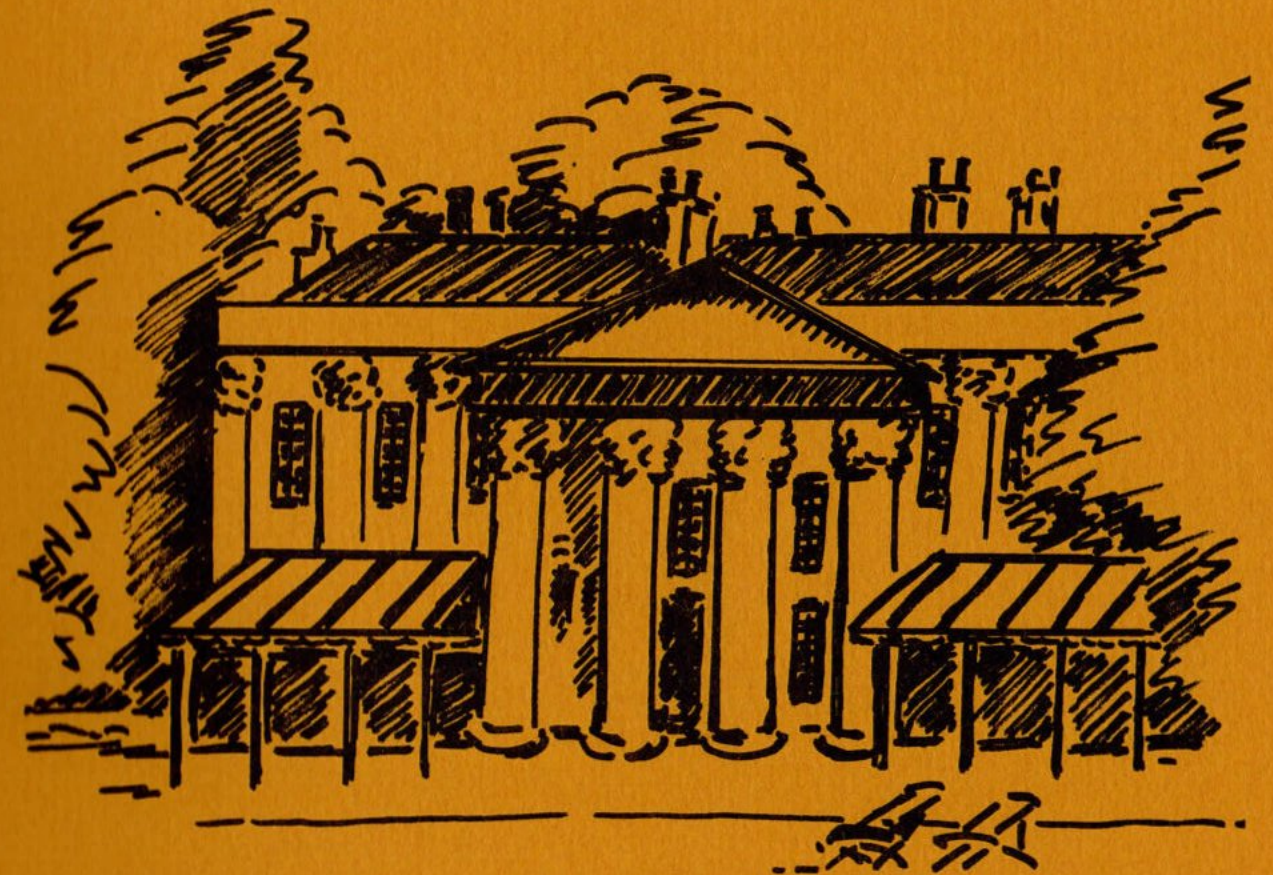
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EDITORIAL

This and subsequent issues of the gazette will be printed by Charles Hall of Colchester. Mr. John Lewis of Woodbridge, Suffolk, who is a typographer, has helped us with many of the features of the design of this issue, and we offer him our sincere thanks for his valuable assistance.

This issue is printed by offset lithography and the print is unjustified. John Lewis writes: "There has been a revolution in jobbing printing. Everything used to be done by letterpress i.e. from cast metal type and raised surface zinc or magnesium line blocks or copper halftone blocks. Today, the most inexpensive printing you can get is achieved by a combination of an IBM 72 typesetter (very like a typewriter) and simple offset machines using flat surface on which either text or pictures can be photographically transferred." Justified print is more expensive, since on the IBM 72 the text is first set unjustified and then re-set to get the spacing right. The budget for the gazette is very tight and justified print is substantially more expensive. This and subsequent issues of the gazette will be printed on A4 paper, now a standard size and only slightly different from that formerly used for the gazette. This change will only affect those who have their copies of the gazette bound. Associates may be assured that A4 paper, which is metrically measured, is likely to continue as a standard size for the foreseeable future.

While line drawings can be adequately reproduced by offset lithography, photographs cannot and require a different paper and method. To produce four pages of photographs would cost an extra £18, and it is very doubtful whether the present budget can run to this. I think it would be a pity if photographs were totally excluded from the gazette, and I believe that many associates would agree with me. If the gazette is to have justified print and photographs, additional C.A. finances will have to be raised for that purpose. Associates may feel that unjustified print is tolerable. As regards photographs, I think that some form of sponsorship may be the answer. Individuals or groups of people might like to raise the £18 necessary to have four pages of photographs.

The front cover of this issue is a reproduction of a drawing by Mrs. Alison Crane. We are very grateful to her for helping us in this way.

Although the distinction between official and unofficial tournaments has been dropped, it is editorial policy not to include accounts of weekend tournaments or of tournaments where the singles are played as an American tournament in blocks. Apologies are due to those who have written accounts for such tournaments this season. Although it would be possible to include such accounts when and if space were available, I think it is fairer if consistency is aimed at in such matters.

The Editors wish to apologise for the inconvenience caused by the late appearance of this issue, which is due to factors connected with the changeover to new printers and which are unlikely to occur again.

Rover Note

The following incident has been reported to us: A player, after time had been called, took her half-bisque, ran 3-Back (her hoop) the wrong way (i.e. as hoop 4), looked puzzled, but eventually put her clip on hoop 5. Her opponent failed or chose not to notice, and the game ended. To "un-score" four hoops in a turn in which no points may be made and to which the player was not entitled must, surely, be a record of some sort. Can any associate recall a similar incident in handicap play?

A Drawn Game of Croquet

There are only two balls left in the game. Red is a rover ball about 2 yards behind the Rover hoop slightly to one side. The Blue ball is in a good position for the Rover hoop, its hoop in order.

"I have 1½ bisques in hand, so I must not stick", says Blue, the striker, quietly to himself. He plays firmly, the ball does not touch a wire and comes to rest about 4 yards past Red.

"I have only to keep my head and prepare to play a half bisque", says Blue to himself and plays gently. The ball comes to rest about 18 inches short of Red. "A half bisque", says Blue aloud and studies the line of his rush which is towards the peg.

"If I hit the ball slightly on the right side, I could rush it into the jaws of the fifth hoop", says Blue to himself, sensing danger; "This is the one thing I must avoid". Alas, the very thought magnetised the balls and Red went smartly into the jaws of the fifth hoop.

"Oh dear, I must not flap", says Blue to himself ruefully, and immediately begins to flap madly. The result of this flap was to produce in Blue's mind a fixation that he must continue to play his ball towards the peg, and he could only do this by playing both balls through the hoop. Whilst he was shaping up for the stroke, his adversary, an angry and wounded Tiger scowling behind the check fence, piped up, "I want that stroke watched!"

His wound was recently self-inflicted when he had stuck in the Rover hoop with the game at his mercy and had given Blue this last chance. The sound of the Tiger's voice sent a shudder through Blue and his complexion mounted. Even the back of his neck was flushed.

A Referee who had not been watching the game came running to the scene. The Tiger took it upon himself to do the talking.

"Blue is a rover and has croqueted Red into the jaws of the fifth hoop", said the Tiger; "He proposes to play it back through the hoop and I want you to watch the stroke in case he makes a crush". No mention was made of the fact that Blue was playing a half bisque. "Is that so?" the Referee asked Blue. Blue nodded his head and just managed to ask meekly "Can you tell me what constitutes a crush?"

"Yes", said the Referee. "You cannot impart a crush to Red, but if your mallet is in contact with Blue when Blue is in contact with the hoop, that would be a fault."

Blue hastily made a fault. He could not do otherwise. It was a firm little jab stroke. His ball caught a wire and came

to rest about 3 inches behind the hoop. But the Red ball proceeded towards the peg, tickled it and remained in contact.

Blue looked on aghast. He looked wonderingly at the Referee and said "I've pegged him out". The Referee turned his eyes towards the peg in search of the Red clip. Blue then looked hard at the Tiger and said "I've pegged you out".

The Tiger did not face Blue's eyes. His eyes appeared to be wandering from chair to chair, inside the tent and under the trees which surrounded the Court. Finally his eyes caught Blue's eyes with their steadfast stare.

"You darned idiot", snarled the Tiger, "I'm not out. You are playing a half bisque Turn". Thereupon the most notorious spectator-interruptor who had half risen subsided again into his private portable chair.

"In that case" said the Referee, "you will play your continuation stroke, and, as I am here, I shall watch it".

But a transformation had come over Blue. He did not know how or why, but his instinct unerringly told him that he had won a moral victory over the Tiger, and miraculously his nerve returned.

In the circumstances he played a competent stroke and his ball finished about a yard short of the peg completely stymied by Red. The Referee was still on the Court.

"What happens if I hit the Red ball?" asked Blue.

"It will be pegged out", said the Referee.

"What happens if I jump Red and hit the peg?" asked Blue.

"It will be your game", said the Referee.

Blue's mind was now working like greased lightning and he added gaily "What happens if I jump and hit peg and ball simultaneously?"

"It will be a drawn game", said the Referee.

"Bisque", said Blue in confident tones.

As in the half bisque turn, the very thought magnetised the balls. His ball jumped and had just passed the peak of its arc as it struck Red and peg simultaneously.

I.C.B.

Correspondence

A Variant of Golf Croquet

from *The Secretary of The Ipswich and District Croquet Club*

Sir,

Our members were very interested to read of the "Cuddesdon Golf", as it closely resembles the game of "Four-Stroke Croquet" which we have played in the Ipswich Club for about seven years.

We used this type of game to interest new players when we were building up the club membership from 1965. At that time I wrote to The Secretary of the C.A. to enquire about possible rules for such a game. As this game was evidently not recognized we forthwith made our own rules, improving as the seasons went on.

This form of Croquet proved to be a very good exercise in the roquet shots and hoop running, and it was quickly learned and enjoyed.

From this we encouraged the game of Golf Croquet, with the tactics of placing balls as well as roqueting and hoop running.

These two variants help considerably in tackling the finer points in croquet. Both the "Four-Stroke" and Golf Croquet are played by several of our members who are only able to spare a short time for a game, but we are very pleased that a number of our players are now learning the game of croquet and approaching it with interest and ability.

Yours truly,

E.I. Wood.

Ipswich.

[The rules of "Four-Stroke Croquet" include an off-side rule, and roquet and continuation stroke, just as "Cuddesdon Golf" does. — Editor.]

A Drawn Game

from *C.G. Bennett*

Sir,

I was interested to read Professor Ross' letter as to the possibility of a drawn game. There is, in fact, another method whereby this might occur and it almost happened to the writer in a game at Edgbaston a few years back. Red and black were both for the peg, blue and yellow having already been pegged out. Playing red I took croquet off black and for a reason which now escapes me executed a pass roll shot with very little angle of divergence from about three yards from the peg. The balls were exactly level and immediately adjacent to each other when the black ball struck the peg dead centre. Red in fact missed the peg by a whisker, but it occurred to me at the time that it would have been possible for both balls to have struck the peg simultaneously.

Yours faithfully,

C.G. Bennett.

Edgbaston.

from *K.S. Schofield*

Sir,

I was intrigued by Mr. Alan Ross' article about the drawn game as for a long time I assumed that a draw was an impossibility.

A draw is clearly not a practicality in top circles with all that knowledge and skill. The experts gladly teach us novices lots of things, but there are, per contra, things which the beginners can show the experienced even if it be only the amusing mistake or "how not to do your shots".

I was concerned with some folks, not without talent, whose true bisquage would have been about 30, and saw a game in which Blue and Yellow had, in defiance of partners, pegged themselves out. Black then hit in on Red, lurking foolishly near, and roqueted it to near hoop 1. Taking croquet off it and careless of both direction and strength he caused Red to ricochet off hoop 5, and alas both balls brushed opposite sides of the peg together.

Pegged Out?

The striker is playing Blue which is for the Rover hoop. Blue has made a croquet on Red, a Rover ball, and is about to take croquet from Red midway between the penultimate and the North boundary, nearly but not quite parallel with the final hoops and the peg. He attempts a big roll stroke, trying to get position for the hoop and drive Red towards the South boundary. He makes the Rover hoop in the croquet stroke, but Red hits the peg. Is Red pegged out? One would naturally assume that Red would have hit the peg before Blue had run the hoop. Is that the test? But what happens if Red runs through the penultimate before hitting the peg and thereby loses speed so that Blue runs the hoop before Red hits the peg? And what happens if the two material events happen simultaneously? Or shall we talk of something else, something quite simple, like a drawn game.

I.C.B.

A draw? Why not! The replay is next Friday, Saturday and if necessary Sunday morning.

Yours truly,

Kenneth Schofield.

East Budleigh.

from I.C. Baillieu

Sir,

Professor Ross does not explain how the two balls left in the game reached what I shall call the Diagram position, namely, Red (to play) a Rover ball about two feet from the peg completely stymied by Blue, another Rover, about two inches from the peg. This could easily happen in a variety of ways, but all variations seem to converge to a stereotyped position before both players play their last turn before the Diagram position. One can pick up a game after Yellow has narrowly missed the peg with Red, and then the striker pegs out Yellow. Blue which is the only other ball in the game is for 4-back and has a lift. The striker takes the lift from the South boundary and roquets Red towards 4-back. He makes 4-back off Red but his rush is towards the North boundary. Blue rushes Red to the North boundary, takes off and runs the penultimate, but the best he can do is to get a close position for the hoop slightly to one side. Red now dribbles to the peg hoping to hit it, but comes to rest about two feet away. Blue now plays, runs the hoop but comes to rest about two inches behind the hoop. All that he can do is to play the ball back through the hoop and hope for the best. Blue then comes to rest about two inches from the peg stymying Red. Red would probably try the jump stroke because of the danger of knocking Blue on to the peg. Let us assume, as Professor Ross does, that he hits Blue and then both balls hit the peg simultaneously. This is not a draw. Red cannot make a point after he has made a roquet. To produce a draw in the Diagram position one must assume that, two strokes earlier in the turn, Red, already a Rover, had made a roquet on Blue, another Rover. It does not matter on what part of the court one assumes the roqueted ball to be when it came to rest, one cannot produce the Diagram position outside Wonderland. I gather that many players have tried to apply their ingenuity over this problem. In my view it can be produced in certain far fetched circumstances, but only in certain games and by use of a special expedient within the laws of croquet. For instance, it could never happen in the President's Cup. This is a clue, and if you want to read the clue aright you should give considerable weight to the phrase "for instance".

Yours faithfully,

Ian Baillieu.

Hurlingham.

Reasons for Missing a Roquet

from Lt.-Col. G.E. Cave

Sir,

G.F. Hallett, in his list on page 4 of Issue No.115, might like to complete his alphabet. I can offer two recent ones from Budleigh Salterton:-

(x) A 'dollop' on the head from a passing seagull.

(y) The sun was shining.

What about a competition for (z) with a prize for the best... but it must be true.

Yours faithfully,

G.E. Cave.

Budleigh Salterton.

Note from the Bristol Croquet Club

Nothing has been heard of us for some years but we are still flourishing. We have a total of thirty-seven members with a net increase of two this year. We are now making a special effort to increase our membership. Fewer go to outside

tournaments now but some, led by our steadfast Kathleen Ault, still do. We have a fairly new member, Roger Sykes, who won our Open Singles competition last year; if not quite up to the standard of Nigel Aspinall and John Simon, when they were here, he ought to be very soon. We have recently got a new 'Ride-on' mower which is improving our lawns a lot, and I feel we will now be able to ask a member of the C.A. down to give us advice and a demonstration.

Dr.G.L.Ormerod.

From The New Zealand Croquet Gazette

The Dominion Tournament 1971

This event for this year was held in Wanganui and the setting was in every way most suitable and also coincided with the fiftieth Anniversary of the Wanganui Club. The games started on 19 January and under the expert management by Mrs.Lynch and a number of expert games the event was finished on Friday the twenty-ninth, making it the shortest of the Dominion events for a long time, although the lawns were hard and dry and in good order.

The catering was well handled by members of various clubs. The weather was fine and hot, and produced many a pink spot that was uncomfortable to the unfortunate players. Regardless of the difficult playing conditions a number of triple peels were accomplished and Mr.Prince delighted the spectators with a quadruple. The publicity given by the press was very good and the television display of some of the players was of high interest to everybody. It is also very interesting to note the number of new players joining our ranks throughout New Zealand.

Results - Council Croquet Tournament

Results of the Council Croquet Tournament held at Wanganui were as follows:-

Open Championship: J.Prince.

Runner-up: A.J.Stephens.

Men's Championship: J.Prince.

Runner-up: A.J.Stephens.

Women's Championship: Mrs.J.Jarden.

Runner-up: Mrs.E.Hight.

Levels: Mrs.N.Boyes.

Runner-up: Mrs.W.Feilding.

Hurlingham Cup: A.J.Stephens.

Runner-up: R.Clarke.

Rose Bowl: D.W.Curtis.

Runner-up: L.Middlemiss.

Plate: Mrs.L.Middlemiss.

Runner-up: W.B.McNaught.

President's Invitation Event

Senior Section to be played at Hastings commencing 8th March 1971. The following players have been selected:

J.G.Prince, Wellington; G.D.Rowling, Nelson; Mrs.B.A. Jarden, Wellington; R.J.Clarke, Hawkes Bay; Mrs.L.G. Middlemiss, Franklin; J.W.McNab, Canterbury; K.Woollett, Wanganui; Mrs.L.M.Hight, Thames Valley.

A.J.Stephens, Manawatu, and D.W.Curtis, Hawkes Bay, were not available.

Reserves in order of preference:

W.Peters, Otago; W.B.McNaught, Wanganui; L.G.Middlemiss, Franklin; Mrs.K.Woollett, Wanganui.

From The Secretary of The South African Croquet Association

The South African Croquet Championships were played at Pretoria from 14 - 20 November 1970 at the Pretoria Croquet Club.

Singles Open Championship - The Belcher Cup and the United Kingdom Croquet Association Silver and Bronze Medals (38 Entries):

Semi-Final

C.A.Hambley bt. Mrs.J.Jarden +13

R.Wood bt. G.Hobbs +5

Final

C.A.Hambley bt. R.Wood +26 -5 +7

Doubles Open Championship - Lady Steel Silver Salver (18 Pairs):

Final

C.A.Hambley & G.Hobbs bt. D.G.Cunningham & A.L.Murphy +2.

Rondebosch Trophy - Singles Handicap (22 Entries):

Final

G.Turnbull (2) bt. D.G.Cunningham (-2) +5.

The most improved player was Roger Wood who was so nearly the Champion. Roger has been playing for less than three years, which lack of experience was obviously the cause of his bad judgement in the last game which lost him the title. He caused the first shock by beating David Cunningham (last year's Runner-Up) in the second round.

Mrs.Jean Jarden had an easy win in her first round singles, playing well with her easy flowing most attractive style. Her next two games were similar. Unfortunately when she had to play Clive Hambley, the holder, the altitude and heat had affected her and she was definitely not playing with her usual precision. Several players were similarly affected and many had gastric upsets.

In the first game of the final Clive Hambley took control right from the start, going to 4-back in a three-ball break. Both players gained and lost the advantage, then Hambley regained control going to 23 - 0. Roger Wood then hit in but failed his hoop, and Hambley went on to win +26. In the second game the fortunes of both players fluctuated, and Hambley gradually moved ahead to lead 12 - 5. Wood then rallied with an excellent seven point break, levelling at twelve all. He kept up the pressure and with the score at nineteen all he hit in and pegged out Hambley's blue ball. Hambley failed his roquet and Wood won +5. The third game started in terrific heat which was soon followed by heavy rain and hail. Despite this Hambley started well to lead 13 - 0. Wood returned to the attack and with a fine eight point break levelled at thirteen all. After much struggling by both players and with the score 24 - 19 (Hambley's black ball had been pegged out by Wood) Wood made the decision which cost him the game; he tried his opponent's ball in the hoop, missed and gave his opponent a ball with which to play. Clive Hambley later went on to win the Doubles title with Gilbert Hobbs.

[Roger Wood, who is English, has returned to this country and has been playing in the Compton tournament. - Editor]

The Cambridge University Croquet Club

With the dispersal of the 'Nottingham Brigade' and the disappearance of Keith Wylie into the maw of commerce, the University club has resumed its more normal roles of

organising an inter-college coppers competition and initiating a select few into the charms of serious croquet and the unbounded joy of playing on flat smooth lawns. Downing is, for some unknown reason, the most prolific source of recruits and both Terry O'Hanlon and Geoffrey Foster have shown the ability and intelligence required to become fine players. It was no surprise to find these two winning coppers although their opposition in the final, Downing's second team, put up a stout resistance.

We are very grateful to the clubs we have played for their hospitality and would like to thank them for this and for the enjoyable matches. So far this season we have played Wrest Park, Colchester and Roehampton. It is a source of considerable regret to us that Oxford have been unable to raise any team this year. This is a serious setback to croquet in both universities and perhaps for croquet itself as future generations of players will be strengthened by a steady influx of those who have played properly coming back into the game. It is to be hoped that the publicity committee will not regard the Latin quarter of Cowley as a lost cause.

Results 1971: drew with Colchester 3 - 3
beat Wrest Park 5 - 1

C.G.H.

The Heley Club

The idea of forming a club consisting of former members of the Cambridge University Croquet Club was first mooted eight years ago, and the club played its first matches seven years ago. It was named after Mrs.Heley who had done so much to stimulate university players into forming the Cambridge Club.

Since that time it has played friendly matches against various clubs every year. By the very nature of the club the number of players eligible to play in matches increases every year which has helped to compensate for the fact that in recent years several of the leading lights have been abroad and unavailable.

Ian Banks is now living in Vancouver working in the Ecology Department of the University of B.C., and Martin Murray has been doing university research in Germany. However, David Miller returned from Stanford University last year, and is now a lecturer at the University of Warwick. The observant may even have seen him swinging a mallet last year. Rupert Thorp will be available this year having just returned from Panama after two and a half years of jungle bashing. It is also hoped that now Peter Hallett is no longer commuting between Denmark and various parts of Britain he will be available for some of the future fixtures.

The fact that these and other players of the early sixties have been unavailable has enabled players of a younger generation to be 'blooded'. In the future it is intended to arrange sufficient fixtures to tax the considerable abilities of 'The Nottingham brigade'.

The Heley Club has welcomed the re-introduction of the Inter-Club Competition to the Calendar after many years absence, as this will present an ideal opportunity for the club to obtain additional fixtures, and great hopes are held for this year's competition.

A.R.

Obituaries

Leslie Webb

Leslie Webb has been tragically drowned in Borneo at the age of twenty-five. He had been teaching there for a year and a half, and had recently returned to take up a senior post in the English Department in the school in Brunei where he had been teaching; he was clearly making a success of his job, and was held in much affection by his pupils.

Leslie's distinctive personality quickly made its mark on the croquet world. He has always been thought of as the great friend and partner of David O'Connor: two fine croquet players and enthusiasts for the game. Our President writes of Leslie Webb: "He had an informed passion for athletic records of all kinds and an astonishing memory for them. A feeling had been growing up in my mind that it was high time that a book on the history of Croquet, of publishable length, should be compiled and that Leslie was exactly the right man to write it. He welcomed the suggestion, and had already begun some preliminary studies for it." The future of this project had been less certain after Leslie decided to return to Brunel.

David O'Connor writes: "I feel as if only part of me is writing this, as so much a part of my life is now gone. Leslie was like a brother to me, and, as he did with many people, his exuberance, joy, encouragement and love, inspired me to do many things that I could never have done without him.

The Men's and Women's Championships ("Caskets") June 14-19

Heavy rain during the preceding days made what apparently had been "unplayable courts" into a reasonable possibility, though perhaps something was still to be desired when play began on Monday morning.

Pat Cotter was the first to finish against Guy Warwick in the Men's, and looked likely to produce some of his old form during the competition. Bill Moore achieved the first break to 4-Back against John Solomon in a game which he all but won. Solomon later peeled through the Rover but made the usually fatal mistake of failing to complete the peg-out. Moore in his turn, being a competent player, pegged out Solomon and looked likely to win until he got hoop-bound after the 5th. Solomon won the match with a triple in the second game.

The draw had not been favourable to the tigers, four of whom were in the top half, and the first match involving them was between William Ormerod and Bill Perry. In the first game Perry pegged out Ormerod, whose other ball was for penultimate, but Ormerod never hit, and Perry was able to struggle round from the 5th and win. The second game was very much a reversal of this with Ormerod pegging out Perry and himself finishing the game from 3-Back. Perry soon had a commanding lead in the final game: he was for peg and penultimate and crosswired his opponent at the peg — a leave of doubtful sagacity since Ormerod was for the 2nd and 3rd, but almost criminal as he left him a double as well. Ormerod hit and finished the game in three more turns, Perry's shooting failing him in his hour of need, though his break play had been most accurate.

Meanwhile Bill Gladstone had achieved an unexpected win against Cotter in the first game, and suddenly all attention was focussed on him as the second game progressed. Cotter's shooting just did not connect, and Gladstone continued a succession of what superior players call "holy rollers" — more accurately than usual in this case — until he came to peg out from 2 yards. He missed with Cotter together and the match was squared. The third game was one of mixed fortunes, but finally Cotter took off short to the peg, missed a split peg-out from 3 yards and missed also with the mallet ball. Gladstone, being for 4-Back and penultimate, kept his nerve and emerged the winner, his opponent having missed three long shots.

Richard Rothwell as Manager had determined that he would get through the advertised programme, and as a result a good many best of three matches were taken in

Anyone who ever met him will have experienced an extraordinary young man full of vitality, joy and humour, and devoted to everything he did."

Our sympathies go out to Leslie's parents and brother, and to his close friend David O'Connor.

P.D.H.,

drawing on obituaries written by D.B.O'C and M.B.R.

Marjorie Hamilton-Miller

On Sunday June 13 the death occurred of Marjorie, wife of Dudley Hamilton-Miller, a most delightful and charming person. She had been very delicate for some years, but her final illness came suddenly. I feel sure all those associates who know Dudley will want to express to him, through this notice, their great sympathy at his loss.

H.R.

more than one bite. He was not afraid to put on matches at 5.30, and in order to get through the Doubles and the Du Pre as Draw and Process he had on a number of occasions to interrupt best of three matches after the first or second game in order to get ahead with the Doubles. Not an ideal situation perhaps, but all found it infinitely preferable to not finishing the tournament. As a result, some matches were spread over a longish period, a particular example being that between Hope Rotherham and Jocelyn Sundius-Smith which was played on three successive days. This was consequently a difficult match and one in which fortunes fluctuated a good deal. Jocelyn Sundius-Smith eventually emerged the winner.

In the other half of the Women's Championship a tough battle was fought between Kitty Sessions and Kay Longman. Miss Sessions won the first game, but Mrs. Longman, who has never been known to give up a fight, hit back and squared the match. The third game was very even until Miss Sessions, who hits the ball with such verve and with a mallet which seems to be nearly as big as she is, nosed ahead to emerge the winner.

Most noteworthy of the new entrants in the Women's Championship was Barbara Meachem. She first met Nora Elvey, who was playing rather better than she has been of late, and it is greatly to Mrs.Meachem's credit that she won the match by a close margin. She went on to play Miss Sessions in what must surely have been the match of her life to date. Striding across the court, hitting most things in sight, she was usually in the lead, and Miss Sessions, competent player though she is, must have wondered what else she could do to combat her opponent's activities. There could hardly have been three more closely fought games, and the final game was anybody's right up to the last stroke.

The other semi-final in the Women's was between Joan Warwick and Jocelyn Sundius-Smith. The former champion could not get going in the first game, but the second was much more even. Too many mistakes were made, however, and both players failed to take full advantage of the opportunities that were presented.

Meanwhile in the Men's two more tigers met in the form of Ormerod and Solomon. Ormerod was the first round to 4-Back, but Solomon followed almost immediately and soon finished the game with a triple. In the second game Solomon started another triple but came to grief at the 4th, and Ormerod profited by going to 4-Back. Solomon, however, hit the lift and concluded the match with a double peel.

In the meantime the Mixed Doubles had been progressing steadily. As always with this event, there were a number of couples who were always likely to upset the results that most people thought probable. The most notable of these were the Prichards, Lloyd-Pratt and Mrs.McMillan, and Guy Warwick and Miss Sessions.

As the scores show, there were some close-fought games. Perry and Miss Warwick had a close match with Whittington and Mrs.Rolfe. Perry pegged out Whittington when Miss Warwick was for Rover and Mrs.Rolfe for 4-Back. Each took position for her hoop, Mrs.Rolfe ran 4-Back but missed the shot, and the holders won by 3.

The Prichards met Solomon and Mrs.Sundius-Smith in both lives and gave them a good run for their money, particularly in the Process. Lloyd-Pratt and Mrs.McMillan had a great tussle with Perry and Miss Warwick in the final of the Process. Lloyd-Pratt peeled Miss Warwick but failed to peg her out, and since he had given contact it was relatively simple for Miss Warwick to turn the tables and peg him out. Perry was for 4-Back and Mrs.McMillan for the 3rd, so that the result was a foregone conclusion.

The week was now drawing to its closing stages with the finals being played. Miss Sessions had some difficulty at the beginning of the Women's final against Mrs.Sundius-Smith, but eventually had a great chance when starting with her second ball and arrived at a perfect situation for a triple peel. Alas, she stuck in the 3rd, and not long afterwards Mrs.Sundius-Smith was a game ahead. The second game provided some excitement when a somewhat similar situation developed, this time for a double peel which Miss Sessions was clearly going to attempt; this time the 6th hoop proved a stumbling block. Mrs.Sundius-Smith had reached Rover and peg when Miss Sessions got in with her forward ball and, after some deliberation, pegged her opponent out. Mrs.Sundius-Smith just failed to hit several shots until Miss Sessions' manoeuvres at 1-Back to avoid giving a lift allowed her to hit in, and with a good roll-up to the Rover Mrs Sundius-Smith became the Women's Champion. Throughout the week she had shown her strength in shooting, hoop-running and long approaches, and these factors combined to make her a formidable opponent.

In the Men's Lloyd-Pratt met Solomon in the semi-final, but was unable to produce the form that we have seen so often in the past. The first game was quickly over with a triple by Solomon. In the second Lloyd-Pratt did a good break to 4-Back which encouraged Solomon to perform another triple and to peg his opponent out. A good deal of wiring followed until Solomon judged it opportune to peg out his forward ball when his other ball was for 1-Back, his opponent being for the 2nd. The two-ball game which followed could have been disastrous for Solomon when Lloyd-Pratt got a break going and got to 2-Back, his opponent being then for 3-Back. Lloyd-Pratt's luck did not hold, and Solomon soon finished the game 3 points ahead.

The final of the Men's was between Solomon and

Results

The Men's Championship (19 Entries)

First Round		
Dr.W.P.Ormerod	bt. P.D.Hallett	+18 +19
B.G.Perry	bt. Commander G.Borrett	+ 9 +12
E.P.C.Cotter	bt. R.F.Rothwell	w.o.opp.scr.
Second Round		
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. T.G.S.Colls	+20 +26
E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake	bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	w.o.opp.scr.
J.W.Solomon	bt. W.E.Moore	+ 9 +11
Dr.W.P.Ormerod	bt. B.G.Perry	- 3 + 7 +3
E.P.C.Cotter	bt J.G.Warwick	+23 +15
Rev.W.E.Gladstone	bt. Lt.-Col.D.M.C.Prichard	+13 + 7
N.W.T.Cox	bt. W.H.Austin	+19 +11

Gladstone, who had had a great tussle with Whittington in the previous round which could well have gone the other way. Gladstone got going first, but was unable to maintain control of the game. Solomon got round with his first ball, and was soon starting the triple he can rarely refuse. The triple proved troublesome, however, and he had to resort to finishing with a straight double, which also failed. He did a backward peel through penultimate, sending the ball just past the peg; a very accurate cannot sent it a yard in front of Rover, and the problem then was whether to attempt a third cannon for the rover-peel. He elected not to try it, made the hoop and did another backward peel, hoping to rush an opponent ball behind his partner for a combination peg-out. This was not to be, however, and the turn ended with another cannon scattering the balls to achieve a standard lift position. (From the point of view of the spectators these manoeuvres were easily the most exciting moments of the week, the final cannon being considered a particularly difficult shot. Solomon was even more impressive here than in the many triples he achieved. Although he generally gave his opponents some opportunities, his victory in the Men's was very well deserved.) To continue the account, Gladstone missed the shot and Solomon was a game up. The second game did not rise to such heights, neither player producing the form he had earlier exhibited. Gladstone started the week, no doubt, with little idea that he would be competing in the final, but he had some good wins and played consistently well throughout the week.

The Mixed Doubles final was a play-off between Perry and Miss Warwick, the winners of the Process, and Solomon and Mrs.Sundius-Smith, the winners of the Draw. Both the men were soon round to 4-Back, but the ladies found things more difficult. It looked for a time as though the new Men's and Women's champions might together pull off this title also as Mrs.Sundius-Smith gradually drew ahead. Miss Warwick, however, was not to be defeated and in a fine break reversed the fortunes of the game by going to the peg. The lift was missed, and Perry was going out with a 2-baller from 4-Back when he stuck in the Rover. The singles champions, however, made only one further point before Perry hit, and the holders deservedly retained their title.

The DuPre produced some interesting battles with the honours being shared in both lives between Moore, Borrett, Hallett, Mrs.Prichard and Guy Warwick. It ended with a play-off between Moore and Borrett in yet another pegged-out finish which Moore won by 5 points.

Richard Rothwell is to be congratulated on his firm but friendly management which ensured the completion of the tournament and proved that this programme is a feasible one. He was ably assisted by Giles Borrett.

The Southwick Club rose to the occasion as they always do, sustaining the players with food and drink at all hours of the day and the early ones of the night. Despite the vagaries of the weather it was a tournament that was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

R.O.B.Whittington	bt. W.B.C.Paynter	+23 +13
Third Round		
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake	-13 +22 +6
J.W.Solomon	bt. Dr.W.P.Ormerod	+12 +17
Rev.W.E.Gladstone	bt. E.P.C.Cotter	+21 - 1 +2
R.O.B.Whittington	bt. N.W.T.Cox	+11 - 5 +9
Semi-Final		
J.W.Solomon	bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt	+25 + 3
Rev.W.E.Gladstone	bt. R.O.B.Whittington	- 1 + 3 +16
Final		
J.W.Solomon	bt. *Rev.W.E.Gladstone	+12 +16

(* Qualifies for a C.A. Silver Medal)

The Women's Championship (11 Entries)

First Round

Mrs.E.Rotherham	bt. Mrs.N.A.C.McMillan	+10 +19
Mrs.E.Peel	bt. Mrs.J.Neville-Rolfe	+ 6 +19
Miss K.M.O.Sessions	bt Mrs. H.F.Chittenden	+18 +17

Second Round

Miss E.J.Warwick	bt. Mrs. D.M.C.Prichard	+ 6 +21
Mrs.E.Peel	bt. Mrs.E.Rotherham	+12 - 4 +7
Miss K.M.O.Sessions	bt. Mrs.W.Longman	+11 - 6 +11
Mrs.J.B.Meachem	bt. Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey	+ 9 + 3

Semi-Final

Mrs.E.Peel	bt. Miss E.J.Warwick	+24 + 9
Miss K.M.O.Sessions	bt. Mrs.J.B.Meachem	+ 4 -10 +6

Final

Mrs.E.Peel	bt. Miss K.M.O.Sessions	+ 4 + 8
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The Mixed Doubles Championship (13 Pairs)

DRAW

First Round

E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake & Mrs.W.Longman	bt. W.E.Moore & Mrs.E.Rotherham	+11
J.W.Solomon & Mrs.E.Peel	bt. Cdr.G.Borrett & Mrs.J.B.Meachem	+24
J.G.Warwick & Miss K.M.O.Sessions	bt. P.D.Hallett & Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey	+ 7
Rev.W.E.Gladstone & Mrs.H.F.Chittenden	bt. H.A.Green & Mrs.E.M.Speer	+ 8
B.G.Perry & Miss E.J.Warwick	bt. R.O.B.Whittington & Mrs.J.Neville-Rolfe	+ 3

Second Round

Lt.-Col. & Mrs.D.M.C.Prichard	bt E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake & Mrs.W.Longman	+ 8
J.W.Solomon & Mrs.E.Peel	bt. J.G.Warwick & Miss K.M.O.Sessions	+16
B.G.Perry & Miss E.J.Warwick	bt. Rev.W.E.Gladstone & Mrs.H.F.Chittenden	+14
B.Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs.N.A.C.McMillan	bt. T.F.Colls & Mrs.R.E.Tucker	+19

Semi-Final

J.W.Solomon & Mrs.E.Peel	bt. Lt.-Col. & Mrs.D.M.C.Prichard	+11
B.G.Perry & Miss E.J.Warwick	bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs.N.A.C.McMillan	+11

Final

J.W.Solomon & Mrs.E.Peel	bt. B.G.Perry & Miss E.J.Warwick	+ 8
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PROCESS

First Round

P.D.Hallett & Mrs.G.F.Elvey	bt. T.F.Colls & Mrs.R.E.Tucker	+18
B.G.Perry & Miss E.J.Warwick	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake & Mrs.W.Longman	+18
Lt.-Col. & Mrs.D.M.C.Prichard	bt. Rev.W.E.Gladstone & Mrs.H.F.Chittenden	+10
B.Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs.N.A.C.McMillan	bt. H.A.Green & Mrs.E.M.Speer	+14
R.O.B.Whittington & Mrs.J.Neville-Rolfe	bt. W.E.Moore & Mrs.E.Rotherham	+ 9

Second Round

B.G.Perry & Miss E.J.Warwick	bt. P.D.Hallett & Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey	+ 6
J.W.Solomon & Mrs.E.Peel	bt. Lt.-Col. & Mrs.D.M.C.Prichard	+ 2
B.Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs. N.A.C.McMillan	bt. Cdr.G.Borrett & Mrs.J.B.Meachem	+23
J.G.Warwick & Miss K.M.O.Sessions	bt. R.O.B.Whittington & Mrs.J.Neville-Rolfe	+ 6

Semi-Final

B.G.Perry & Miss E.J.Warwick	bt. J.W.Solomon & Mrs.E.Peel	+ 5
B.Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs.N.A.C.McMillan	bt. J.G.Warwick & Miss K.M.O.Sessions	w.o. opp.ret.

Final

B.G.Perry & Miss E.J.Warwick	bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs.N.A.C.McMillan	+11
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PLAY-OFF

B.G.Perry & Miss E.J.Warwick	bt. J.W.Solomon & Mrs.E.Peel	+ 9
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The Du Pre Cup (16 Entries)

DRAW

First Round

P.D.Hallett	bt. Mrs.H.F.Chittenden	+ 6
Mrs.J.Neville-Rolfe	bt. W.B.C.Paynter	+21
W.E.Moore	bt. T.G.Colls	+12
Lt.-Col.D.M.C.Prichard	bt W.H.Austin	+21
Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake	+ 1
Cdr.G.Borrett	bt. R.F.Rothwell	+ 3
Mrs.W.Longman	bt. Mrs.N.A.C.McMillan	+14
Mrs.D.M.C.Prichard	bt. J.G.Warwick	+11

Second Round

P.D.Hallett	bt. Mrs.J.Neville-Rolfe	+ 7
W.E.Moore	bt. Lt.-Col.D.M.C.Prichard	+26
Cdr.G.Borrett	bt. Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey	+ 4
Mrs.D.M.C.Prichard	bt. Mrs.W.Longman	+ 7

Semi-Final

W.E.Moore	bt. P.D.Hallett	+ 7
Cdr.G.Borrett	bt. Mrs.D.M.C.Prichard	+19

Final

Cdr.G.Borrett	bt. W.E.Moore	+ 4
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Process

First Round

W.H.Austin	bt. Mrs.N.A.C.McMillan	+ 3
Cdr.G.Borrett	bt. W.B.C.Paynter	+19
J.G.Warwick	bt. T.G.Colls	+12
E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake	bt. Mrs.H.F.Chittenden	+24
R.F.Rothwell	bt. Lt.-Col.D.M.C.Prichard	+16
Mrs.D.M.C.Prichard	bt. Mrs.J.Neville-Rolfe	+ 5
W.E.Moore	bt. Mrs.W.Longman	+ 3
Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey	bt. P.D.Hallett	+17

Second Round

Cdr.G.Borrett	bt. W.H.Austin	+ 5
J.G.Warwick	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake	+ 2
Mrs.D.M.C.Prichard	bt. R.F.Rothwell	+ 5
W.E.Moore	bt. Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey	+24

Semi-Final

J.G.Warwick	bt. Cdr.G.Borrett	+ 7
W.E.Moore	bt. Mrs.D.M.C.Prichard	+11

Final

W.E.Moore	bt. J.G.Warwick	+ 9
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Play-Off

W.E.Moore	bt. Cdr.G.Borrett	+ 5
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Budleigh Salterton May Tournament: May 3-8

American Handicap Singles

Block Winners:	A. Rev.W.E.Gladstone (-1)	5 wins
	B. Sir Leonard Daldry (1)	5 wins

PLAY-OFF FOR THE GODFREY TURNER CHALLENGE CUP

Sir Leonard Daldry	bt. Rev.W.E.Gladstone	+ 7
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C. Mrs.G.H.Wood	(4)	6 wins
D. Mrs.G.E.Cave	(6)	5 wins

PLAY-OFF FOR THE J.K.BROWN MEMORIAL CUP

Mrs.G.E.Cave	bt. Mrs.G.H.Wood	+20
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E. K.S.Schofield (9)	4 wins
F. R.S.Stevens (11)	3 wins
G. Mrs.K.S.Schofield (13)	4 wins

PLAY-OFF (BAGNALL-WILDE)

Semi-Final:	K.S.Schofield	bt. R.S.Stevens	+16
Final:	K.S.Schofield	bt. Mrs.K.S.Schofield	+14

H. Mrs.D.J.Bird	3 wins
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Handicap Doubles

Semi-Final

Sir L.Daldry & Brig.H.E.Fernyhough	bt. Mrs.M.H.Vincent & Mrs.F.A.Sheil	+14
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Dr.W.R.Bucknall & C.Edwards	bt. Lt.-Col.G.E.Cave & Miss E.C.Clark-Lens	+10
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Final

Dr.Bucknall & Edwards	bt. Sir L.Daldry & Brig.Fernyhough	+ 7(T).
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The Peels, Cheltenham, May 10-15

Oh to be at Cheltenham in May for the Peels 1971. Blue skies, green lawns, the Cotswold hills, lilac and laburnum and kindly hosts, not to mention Edgar Jackson managing his first major tournament. With thirty-four entries, the best for a number of years, there was a very full programme which, with the usual problem of the same people being involved in the later stages of several events, looked as if it could not possibly be completed. But, skilfully managed, play went on till well after tea on the Saturday, and "The Peels" and The Golf Croquet Championships were successfully concluded. The extra event, the Open Handicap, could have been finished as far as time was concerned, but the finalists agreed to share the honours and the prize.

On the Monday in the Open Handicap Vulliamy eliminated Bateson, which meant that only one of these fast-improving players could go on in this event. On another court Miss E.H.Arkell (affectionately known as "The Arkle" owing to her speed of play) was round to the peg like lightning against Guy Warwick, but alas was then pegged out and lost an exciting end game by two. This seemed to unnerve her, and although she might very well have been expected to win the Women's Bowl, she lost her form in the Draw and Process and the Doubles and only retained it

for the 'Y'.

Bourke, another fancied candidate for honours, started off with a good win over Mrs.Prichard, followed by a victory over J.A.Wheeler in the Men's Draw. Tyrwhitt-Drake began the Process with a good win over David Prichard, but it turned out to be the Draw in which he went ahead. Gladstone, winner in 1969, extracted 5½ bisques from Bateson, and looked to be heading for a win when he played with the wrong ball; it was the end of him when he was beaten in the Process by Vulliamy. Meanwhile Meredith went on winning, one of his victories being revenge on Vulliamy, who had won a final against him the previous year. Until 4.30 on Friday afternoon Bourke was undefeated except in the Doubles.

In the Women's Bowl Daisy Lintern electrified everybody with convincing wins against Barbara Chittenden, Joan Warwick, Cecily Brumpton and Hazel Parker until, overcome by her efforts, she retired to Betty Prichard, who had a good lead, when the shades of evening were falling. In the Draw the Misses Brumpton were the finalists, and in the Process Barbara Meachem, the holder, thought not showing her best form reached the Final against Betty Prichard and won rather a dour struggle by three. However, in the play-off against Cecily Brumpton on a court slowed down by rain, which suited Barbara and displeased Cecily, the holder had two very fine breaks to win by 23.

In the Lady Murray Cups for the Doubles the Wheelers, Bateson and Bressey, Jackson and Allardyce established themselves as possible winners. Col.Wheeler in the first and second rounds used the bisques to triple-peel and peg out an opponent ball and win. But against Bateson and Bressey, although the peg-out was achieved, victory was denied. In the first three rounds Jackson and Allardyce played and won like a well-matched pair, but in the Final Bateson and Bressey were just too good for them.

Returning for the moment to the men, on the Thursday Bourke had an exciting game and beat Bateson by 3 to reach the Final of the Process; he also had a notable win over John Wheeler to become Finalist in the Draw. On Friday Bourke succumbed to Tyrwhitt-Drake, which was his first singles defeat of the week, but in the meantime he had reached the Final of the 'X' by beating Meredith, who had also had a good week.

Saturday morning alas produced a very prolonged game in the Final of the Process which took place between Bourke and Vulliamy; the Manager had to stop the game in the interests of the tournament when Vulliamy was well ahead. It will be a pleasure to watch the skilful execution of Vulliamy's shots when he speeds up his game by about 200%, and subjectively he will improve his play by maintaining rhythm. In the play-off it looked as though Vulliamy would defeat Tyrwhitt-Drake, who seemed to be mesmerised by his opponent's deliberation and the first hoop, but having overcome the latter Tyrwhitt-Drake played exceedingly well to win by 8. This was a fine performance for a -1½ handicap man against three such improving players as Vulliamy, Bourke and Bateson, to each of whom he had to concede several bisques.

It was good to see Kitty Sessions in form, giving so many bisques to so many people, with notable victories over Barbara Meachem (twice), Vulliamy and Edgar Jackson who actually received half a bisque. She was a semi-finalist in the 'X' and in the Women's Draw.

While this was going on, hoarse cries came from various directions to indicate that the Golf Croquet Singles and Doubles were in progress, the eventual winner of the Singles being the redoubtable Vulliamy, and of the Doubles John Wheeler and Liz Neal.

The Manager would even have completed a 'Z' event, but the Finalists preferred to watch the other Finals rather than play in the rain on a distant court.

Results

Event 1: Men's Singles (11 Entries)

DRAW

First Round

J.G.Warwick (-1)	bt. R.A.Lewty (10)	+18
Brig.L.E.Bourke (4)	bt. J.A.Wheeler (-½)	+ 7
R.N.Bateson (4)	bt. Rev.W.E.Gladstone (-1½)	+10

Second Round

Col.G.T.Wheeler (-½)	bt. Lt.-Col.D.M.C.Prichard (-3)	+17
Brig.L.E.Bourke (4)	bt. J.G.Warwick (-1)	+26
E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-1½)	bt. R.N.Bateson (4)	+ 2
F.W.Meredith (0)	bt. Col.E.L.L.Vulliamy (2½)	+ 1

Semi-Final

Brig.L.E.Bourke (4)	bt. Col.G.T.Wheeler (-½)	+18
E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-1½)	bt. F.W.Meredith (0)	+11

Final

E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-1½)	bt. Brig.L.E.Bourke (4)	+10
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PROCESS

First Round

Col.E.L.L.Vulliamy (2½)	bt J.G.Warwick (-1)	+11
E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-1½)	bt. Lt.-Col. D.M.C.Prichard (-3)	+10
F.W.Meredith (0)	bt. Col.G.T.Wheeler (-½)	+24

Second Round

Col.E.L.L.Vulliamy (2½)	bt. Rev.W.E.Gladstone (-1½)	+10
J.A.Wheeler (-½)	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-1½)	+ 8
R.N.Bateson (4)	bt. R.A.Lewty (10)	+10
Brig.L.E.Bourke (4)	bt. F.W.Meredith (0)	+15

Semi-Final

Col.E.L.L.Vulliamy (2½)	bt. J.A.Wheeler (-½)	+11
Brig.L.E.Bourke (4)	bt. R.N.Bateson (4)	+ 3

Final

Col.E.L.L.Vulliamy (2½)	bt. Brig.L.E.Bourke (4)	+14 on time
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PLAY-OFF

E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-1½)	bt. Col.E.L.L.Vulliamy (2½)	+ 8
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Event 3: Lady Murray Cups (16 Pairs)

First Round

Rev.W.E.Gladstone & Miss E.H.Arkell	bt. Col.E.L.L.Vulliamy & Brig.L.E.Bourke	+10
R.N.Bateson & Mrs.E.E.Bressey	bt. Miss K.M.O.Sessions & R.A.Lewty	+ 9
J.A.Wheeler & Miss E.C.Brumpton	bt. Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey & Mrs.F.A.Sheil	+18
Col. & Mrs.G.T.Wheeler	bt. Miss E.J.Warwick & Miss M.J.Lodge	+10
G.E.P.Jackson & Miss W.K.Allardyce	bt. Miss D.A.Lintern & Miss R.A.Allen	+ 5
E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake & Miss J.K.Samuel	bt. Mrs.J.B.Meachem & Mrs.B.G.Neal	+ 9
J.G.Warwick & W.J.Sturdy	bt. Mrs.H.F.Chittenden & Miss H.D.Parker	+22

Second Round

Bateson & Mrs.Bressey	bt.Gladstone & Miss Arkell	+ 4
Col. & Mrs.Wheeler	bt. J.A.Wheeler & Miss E.C.Brumpton	+ 6
Jackson & Miss Allardyce	bt. Tyrwhitt-Drake & Miss Samuel	+10
Warwick & Sturdy	bt.Meredith & Mrs.Povey	+ 7

Semi-Final

Bateson & Mrs.Bressey	bt.Col & Mrs.Wheeler	+12
Jackson & Miss Allardyce	bt.Warwick & Sturdy	+6

Final

Bateson & Bressey	bt.Jackson & Miss Allardyce	+19
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Event 2: Women's Singles (19 Entries)

DRAW

First Round

Miss D.A.Lintern (2½)	bt. Mrs.H.F.Chittenden (-½)	+19
Miss E.J.Warwick (-2)	bt. Miss J.K.Samuel (7)	+15
Mrs.J.B.Meacham (2½)	bt. Miss H.D.Parker (2½)	+14

Second Round

Mrs.D.M.C.Prichard (-1)	bt. Mrs.E.E.Bressey (5½)	+ 1
Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey (-½)	bt. Miss M.J.Lodge (13)	+10
Miss E.M.Brumpton (4)	bt. Mrs.B.G.Neal (6)	+11
Miss D.A.Lintern (2½)	bt. Miss E.J.Warwick (-2)	+ 9
Mrs.J.B.Meachem (2½)	bt. Miss W.K.Allardyce (8)	+14
Miss K.M.O.Sessions (-2½)	bt. Mrs.F.A.Sheil (8)	+ 8
Miss E.C.Brumpton (3½)	bt Miss E.H.Arkell (4)	+ 5
Mrs.J.Povey (4½)	bt. Mrs.E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (16)	+20

Third Round

Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey (-½)	bt. Mrs.D.M.C.Prichard (-1)	+18
Miss E.M.Brumpton (4)	bt. Miss D.A.Lintern (2½)	+20
Miss K.M.O.Sessions (-2½)	bt. Mrs.J.B.Meachem (2½)	+22
Miss E.C.Brumpton (3½)	bt. Mrs.J.Povey (4½)	+ 6

Semi-Final

Miss E.M.Brumpton (4)	bt. Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey (-½)	+20
Miss E.C.Brumpton (3½)	bt. Miss K.M.O.Sessions (-2½)	+25

Final

Miss E.C.Brumpton (3½)	bt. Miss E.M.Brumpton (4)	+18
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PROCESS

First Round

Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey (-½)	bt. Mrs.E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (16)	+19
Mrs.E.E.Bressey (5½)	bt. Miss E.H.Arkell (4)	+20
Mrs.D.M.C.Prichard (-1)	bt. Mrs.J.Povey (4½)	+ 7

Second Round

Miss K.M.O.Sessions (-2½)	bt. Mrs.H.F.Chittenden (-½)	+ 6
Mrs.J.B.Meachem (2½)	bt. Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey (-½)	+17
Miss W.K.Allardyce (8)	bt. Mrs.B.G.Neal (6)	+12
Miss J.K.Samuel (7)	bt. Mrs.E.E.Bressey (5½)	+ 2
Miss D.A.Lintern (2½)	bt. Miss E.C.Brumpton (3½)	+ 8
Miss H.D.Parker (2½)	bt. Miss M.J.Lodge (13)	+12
Mrs.F.A.Sheil (8)	bt. Miss E.M.Brumpton (4)	+ 7
Mrs.D.M.C.Prichard (-1)	bt. Miss E.J.Warwick (-2)	+18

Third Round

Mrs.J.B.Meachem (2½)	bt. Miss K.M.O.Sessions (-2½)	+13
Miss W.K.Allardyce (8)	bt. Miss J.K.Samuel (7)	+14
Miss D.A.Lintern (2½)	bt. Miss H.D.Parker (2)	+ 2
Mrs.D.M.C.Prichard (-1)	bt. Mrs.F.A.Sheil (8)	+ 9

Semi-Final

Mrs.J.B.Meachem (2½)	bt. Miss W.K.Allardyce (8)	opp.scr.
Mrs.D.M.C.Prichard (-1)	bt. Miss D.A.Lintern (2½)	opp.ret.

Final

Mrs.J.B.Meachem (2½)	bt. Mrs.D.M.C.Prichard (-1)	+ 3
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PLAY-OFF

Mrs.J.B.Meachem (2½)	bt. Miss E.C.Brumpton (3½)	+23
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Event 4a: 'X' Handicap (31 Entries)

First Round

Col.E.L.L.Vulliamy (2½)	bt. R.N.Bateson (4)	+19
Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey (-½)	bt. Miss E.M.Brumpton (4)	+ 6
G.E.P.Jackson (-3)	bt. Mrs.B.G.Neal (6)	+ 8
Miss K.M.O.Sessions (-2½)	bt. Mrs.J.B.Meachem (2½)	+ 4
Mrs.J.Povey (4½)	bt. J.A.Wheeler (-½)	+16
Miss W.K.Allardyce (8)	bt. Miss E.J.Warwick (-2)	+10

E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-1½)	bt. R.A.Lewty (10)	+12
Mrs.E.E.Bressey (5½)	bt. Miss H.D.Parker (2½)	+ 4
J.G.Warwick (-1)	bt. Miss E.H.Arkell (4)	+ 2
F.W.Meredith (0)	bt.Lt.-Col.D.M.C.Prichard (-3)	+8
Rev.W.E.Gladstone (-1½)	bt. Mrs.H.F.Chittenden (-½)	+14
Miss D.A.Lintern (2½)	bt. Mrs.E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (16)	+9
Brig.L.E.Bourke (4)	bt. Mrs.D.M.C.Prichard (-1)	+13
Col.G.T.Wheeler (-½)	bt. Miss E.C.Brumpton (3½)	+22
W.J.Sturdy (4)	bt. Miss J.K.Samuel (7)	+12

Second Round

Col.E.L.L.Vulliamy (2½)	bt. Mrs.N.C.Elvey (-½)	+16
Miss K.M.O.Sessions (-2½)	bt. G.E.P.Jackson (-3)	+15
Miss W.K.Allardyce (8)	bt. Mrs.J.Povey (4½)	+ 3
E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-1½)	bt. Mrs.E.E.Bressey (5½)	+21
F.W.Meredith (0)	bt. J.G.Warwick (-1)	+ 2
Miss D.A.Lintern (2½)	bt. Rev.W.E.Gladstone (-1½)	+16
Brig.L.E.Bourke (4)	bt. Col.G.T.Wheeler (-½)	+23
W.J.Sturdy (4)	bt. Mrs.F.A.Sheil (8)	+19

Third Round

Miss K.M.O.Sessions (-2½)	bt. Col.E.L.L.Vulliamy (2½)	+ 5
E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-1½)	bt. Miss W.K.Allardyce (8)	+ 7
F.W.Meredith (0)	bt. Miss D.A.Lintern (2½)	+10
Brig.L.E.Bourke (4)	bt. W.J.Sturdy (4)	+11

Semi-Final

E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-1½)	bt. Miss K.M.O.Sessions (-2½)	+16
Brig.L.E.Bourke (4)	bt. F.W.Meredith (0)	+ 6

Final

E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-1½)	bt. Brig.L.E.Bourke (4)	Divided
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Event 4b: 'Y' Handicap (16 Entries)

First Round

R.N.Bateson (4)	bt. Miss E.M.Brumpton (4)	+21
Mrs.J.B.Meachem (2½)	bt. Mrs.B.G.Neal (6)	+11
J.A.Wheeler (-½)	bt. Miss E.J.Warwick (-2)	+21
Miss.H.D.Parker (2½)	bt. R.A.Lewty (10)	+10
Miss E.H.Arkell (4)	bt. Lt.-Col.D.M.C.Prichard(-3)	+14
Mrs.H.F.Chittenden (-½)	bt. Mrs.E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (16)	+14

Inter-County Championship: May 25-28

This year's Counties week was memorable on two counts. After travelling up to 200 miles each year for the past twelve years the popular Devon team, who had so often nearly finished in first place, at last reached the top, albeit sharing the honour with Middlesex. Both Counties won four out of their five matches and both won the same number of games. It was a happy Bill Perry who took the handsome cup back to Budleigh on the Friday evening.

The other feature of note was the entry for the first time of a team from the Midlands. They won two of their five matches and all but prevailed in two others. Derek Caporn is to be congratulated on his enterprise in raising his team, and he and Gordon Hopewell were desperately unlucky to fail by the slenderest of margins in three of their games.

Harris and Tyrwhitt-Drake won all their five games for Sussex who, while winning only one match, were very near to winning two others and Giles Borrett and Kay Longman could count themselves unfortunate in just failing to garner the spoils against Solomon and Townsend of Middlesex. The latter county were without the services of Cotter, but drew on the aid of Aspinall and Hicks for a few matches.

Surrey when at full strength were a formidable side, but could not command their full resources in two crucial matches. It was good to see Brian Gilbert still performing with zest and efficiency.

Eastern Counties suffered acutely from the loss of Roger Bray and one or two others in the minus bracket. Brian Lloyd-Pratt who had taken over the captaincy had to ring the changes throughout the week with his available resources.

Miss E.C.Brumpton (3½)	bt. Mrs.D.M.C.Prichard (-1)	+21
Mrs.F.A.Sheil (8)	bt. Miss J.K.Samuel (7)	+14

Second Round

R.N.Bateson (4)	bt. Mrs.J.B.Meachem (2½)	+21
J.A.Wheeler (-½)	bt. Miss u.D.Parker (2½)	+16
Miss E.H.Arkell (4)	bt. Mrs.H.F.Chittenden (-½)	+17
Mrs.F.A.Sheil (8)	w.o. - opp.scr.	

Semi-Final

R.N.Bateson (4)	bt. J.A.Wheeler (-½)	+16
Miss E.H.Arkell (4)	bt. Mrs.F.A.Sheil (8)	+10

Final

R.N.Bateson (4)	bt. Miss E.H.Arkell (4)	+ 8
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Event 4c: 'Z' Handicap (14 Entries)

Final

Miss J.K.Samuel and Rev.W.E.Gladstone divided.

Event 5a: The Ascot Cup (Golf Croquet Singles) (20 Entries)

Semi-Final

Miss R.A.Allen	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake	by 2 & 1
Col.E.L.L.Vulliamy	bt. R.N.Bateson	by 3 & 2

Final

Col.E.L.L.Vulliamy	bt. Miss R.A.Allen	by 6 & 5
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Event 5b: The Delves Broughton Cup (Golf Croquet Doubles) 10 Pairs

Semi-Final

J.A.Wheeler & Mrs.B.G.Neal	bt. Miss E.J.Warwick & Mrs. F.A.Sheil	2 & 1
R.N.Bateson & Mrs.J.Povey	bt. Mrs.Meachem & Mrs. Jackson	4 & 3

Final

J.A.Wheeler & Mrs.B.G.Neal	bt. R.N.Bateson & Mrs.J. Povey	4 & 3
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An unusual feature of the week was that 3 Counties won 9 games each, and the remaining 3 each won 6 games. The weather was deplorable throughout most of the championship, cold and rain making for uncomfortable conditions. Whether this made the players more expeditious is doubtful, but virtually all games were in fact finished without time being called.

Miss Lintern, assisted by Mrs.Thom, presided in the Manager's tent with her customary efficiency and calm.

Analysis of Play

Devon won 4 matches: they beat Eastern Counties 2-1, Midlands 3-0, Middlesex 2-1, Sussex 2-1, and lost to Surrey 0-3.

Middlesex won 4 matches: they beat Eastern Counties 2-1, Midlands 2-1, Surrey 2-1, Sussex 2-1, and lost to Devon 1-2.

Surrey won 3 matches: they beat Devon 3-0, Eastern Counties 2-1, Sussex 2-1, and lost to Midlands 1-2 and Middlesex 1-2.

Midlands won 2 matches: they beat Eastern Counties 2-1, Surrey 2-1 and lost to Devon 0-3, Middlesex 1-2, Sussex 1-2.

Eastern Counties won 1 match: they beat Sussex 2-1, and lost to Devon 1-2, Midlands 1-2, Middlesex 1-2, and Surrey 1-2.

Sussex won 1 match: they beat Midlands 2-1, and lost to Devon 1-2, Eastern Counties 1-2, Middlesex 1-2, Surrey 1-2.

Southwick May Tournament: May 17-20

American Handicap Singles

<i>Block Winners:</i>	A. W.E.Moore	
	B. Mrs.N.W.T.Cox	
	C. H.A.Sheppard	
	D. E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake	
	E. D.A.Harris	
	F. W.H.Austin	
	G. J.H.J.Soutter	
<i>Quarter Finals:</i>	J.H.J.Soutter bt. D.A.Harris	+10
	Mrs.N.W.T.Cox bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake	+13
	W.E.Moore bt. H.A.Sheppard	+ 9
<i>Semi-Final:</i>	J.H.J.Soutter bt. W.H.Austin	+17
	W.E.Moore bt. Mrs.N.W.T.Cox	+ 6
<i>Final:</i>	J.H.J.Soutter bt. W.E.Moore	+16

Handicap Doubles 'X' (19 Pairs)

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
W.H.Austin & A.D.Craig	bt. Mrs.R.E.Tucker & Mrs.D.M.C. Prichard	+15
Mrs.H.Chittenden & Prof.Sandiford	bt. Mrs.Woodward & Mrs.N.W.T.Cox	+ 5(T)
<i>Final</i>		
W.H.Austin & A.D.Craig	bt. Mrs.H.Chittenden & Prof. Sandiford	+ 9 (T)

Handicap Doubles 'Y' (10 Pairs)

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
N.T.W.Cox & Mrs.W.A.Naylor	bt. Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey & C.W. Haworth	+ 1 (T)
E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake & Mrs.C.W.Haworth	bt. Major Driscoll & Mrs.E.Thompson	+ 3
<i>Final</i>		
E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake & Mrs.C.W.Haworth	bt. N.W.T.Cox & Mrs.W.A.Naylor	+ 3

Ryde Tournament: May 31 - June 5

New visitors to this fixture included Mr. & Mrs.Puxon from Colchester Mr.Wagnell, Mr. & Mrs. Mann and Professor and Mrs.Weitz (pronounced 'Oueets') from Caversham, and also Mr. & Mrs.Moorcraft from Woking. The Moorcrafts were popular winners of the Handicap Doubles.

One of the most exciting matches of the week was between Bernard Weitz and Mary Puxon in the first round of the Restricted 'B' Level Singles. Mary missed her peg-out with the croqueted ball; Bernard hit in and caught her up, and at the end of the game was laid up in front of the Rover wired from Mary. She miraculously ran that hoop backwards from the South boundary but most unluckily failed to hit the enemy. The 'B' Levels, by the way, is the only event in the Calendar now that is played under Law 37 (Semi-advanced play). This sensible variation is ideal for 'B' class singles as well as for the Counties matches. Newcomers to the Lift game can gain experience in preparing for and defending against, impending lifts at 1-Back, but do not have the end game complicated and prolonged by the 4-Back lifts.

Mary Puxon gained a notable revenge when she prevailed against Bernard Weitz in the Final of the Big Handicap. In fact Finals day was enhanced by several very close matches. In the morning Reg Simpson lost unluckily to Mary by one,

and the ever-green Bucknell from Nottingham defeated Mrs.Chaff by 2 in a 'Y' semi-final. This lady from Bowdon plays most elegantly. Like Mrs.Fotiadi of that club she has a beautiful style and good stroke production. If she could devote more time to croquet the thinning ranks of 'minus' ladies would acquire a welcome and much needed addition, and the same is true of Bette Weitz.

In the Opens Final Gerald Birch, Vice-President of the club, having convincingly defeated the holder Bryan Lloyd-Pratt in one half, had the misfortune to have the last shot hit against him and lost to him by one. Philip Mann was a deserving winner of the 'C' Restricted Handicap. His opponent, Ruth Mew, is to be congratulated on her improved play this year, as well as on her unselfishness in providing all the first-rate luncheons and teas that were so much appreciated.

Ryde specialises in a warmth and kindness that leave the visitors counting off the weeks until they are "on the Island" again.

Results

Isle of Wight Championship Open Singles

DRAW			
<i>First Round</i>			
D.H.Moorcraft	bt. Mrs.R.A.Simpson	+ 5	
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. Mrs.B.McMillan	+ 8	
E.H.Shelton	bt. G.Birch	+12	
R.A.Simpson	bt. Mrs.J.Earnshaw	+ 8	

<i>Semi-Final</i>			
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. D.Moorcraft	+17	
E.H.Shelton	bt. R.A.Simpson	+15	

<i>Final</i>			
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. E.H.Shelton	+22	

PROCESS			
<i>First Round</i>			
Mrs.N.A.C.McMillan	bt. Mrs.J.Earnshaw	+11	
G.Birch	bt. Mrs.R.A.Simpson	+10	
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. E.H.Shelton	+23	
D.H.Moorcraft	bt. R.A.Simpson	+15	

<i>Semi-Final</i>			
G.Birch	bt. Mrs.N.A.C.McMillan	+13	
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. D.H.Moorcraft	+ 4	

<i>Final</i>			
G.Birch	bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt	+20	

PLAY-OFF			
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. G.Birch	+ 1	

B class Level Singles - Chapman Cup

<i>First Round</i>			
Mrs.G.Wood	bt. Mrs.R.Chaff	+ 9	

<i>Second Round</i>			
B.Weitz	bt. Mrs.F.E.M.Puxon	+ 1	
Mrs.G.Wood	bt. Miss M.Bryan	+ 9	
R.Chaff	bt. F.E.M.Puxon	+10	
Mrs.E.Bressey	bt. A.J.Bucknell	+18	

<i>Semi-final</i>			
Mrs.G.Wood	bt. B.Weitz	+ 4	
Mrs.E.Bressey	bt. R.Chaff	+10	

<i>Final</i>			
Mrs.E.Bressey	bt. Mrs.G.Wood	+16	

C class Handicap Singles - Hutton Cup

<i>First Round</i>			
Mrs.K.Lowein (11)	bt. F.Millie (14)	+22	
P.Mann (8)	bt. Mrs.B.Weitz (8)	+ 8	
Miss L.Cooke (10)	w.o. Mrs.F.Millie (11)	opp.scr.	

<i>Second Round</i>			
Mrs.P.Mann (9)	bt. Mrs.A.J.Bucknell (11)	+ 5	
P.Mann (8)	bt. Mrs.K.Lowein (11)	+12	
Mrs.R.Mew (13)	bt. Miss L.Cooke (10)	+ 6 (T)	
H.Wagnell (9)	bt. Mrs.D.Moorcraft (13)	+ 8	

<i>Semi-final</i>			
P.Mann (8)	bt. Mrs.P.Mann (9)	+12	
Mrs.R.Mew (13)	bt. H.Wagnell (9)	+ 7 (T)	

<i>Final</i>			
P.Mann	bt. Mrs.R.Mew (13)	+ 5	

Handicap singles (X) - Dibley Cup

<i>First round</i>			
R.Chaff (5½)	bt. E.H.Shelton (½)	+ 6	
A.J.Bucknell (3)	bt. Mrs.F.Millie (14)	+18	
R.A.Simpson (0)	bt. Miss L.Cooke (10)	+17	
Mrs.G.Wood (4)	bt. Mrs.K.Lowein (11)	+11	
D.Moorcraft (½)	w.o. B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3)	opp.scr.	
Mrs.D.Moorcraft (13)	bt. F.Puxon (6)	+16	
Mrs.R.A.Simpson (0)	bt.H.Wagnell (9)	+15	
G.Birch (-1)	bt. Mrs.P.Mann (9)	+22	
Mrs.B.Weitz (8)	bt. Mrs.B.McMillan (½)	+22	
B.Weitz (4)	bt. Mrs.R.Chaff (6)	+16	

<i>Second Round</i>			
Mrs.F.Puxon (5½)	bt. Mrs.A.J.Bucknell (11)	+12	
R.Chaff (5½)	bt. Mrs.E.Bressey (5)	+14	
R.A.Simpson (0)	bt. A.J.Bucknell (3)	+ 2	
D.Moorcraft (½)	bt. Mrs.G.Wood (4)	+ 8	
Mrs.R.A.Simpson (0)	bt. Mrs.D.Moorcraft (13)	+ 9	
Mrs.B.Weitz (8)	bt. G.Birch (-1)	+15	
B.Weitz (4)	bt. F.Millie (14)	+16	
P.Mann (8)	bt. Miss M.Bryan (6)	+ 4	

<i>Third Round</i>			
Mrs.F.Puxon (5½)	bt. R.Chaff (5½)	+ 5	
R.A.Simpson (0)	bt. D.Moorcraft (½)	+ 3	
Mrs.R.A.Simpson (0)	bt. Mrs.B.Weitz (8)	+ 7	
B.Weitz (4)	bt. P.Mann (8)	+ 8	

<i>Semi-Final</i>			
Mrs.F.Puxon (5½)	bt. R.A.Simpson (0)	+ 2	
B.Weitz (4)	bt. Mrs.R.A.Simpson (0)	+21	

<i>Final</i>			
Mrs.F.Puxon (5½)	bt. B.Weitz (4)	+ 8	

Handicap singles (Y) - Benest Cup

<i>First Round</i>			
Mrs.E.Bressey (5)	bt. Mrs.A.J.Bucknell (11)	+13	
E.H.Shelton (-1½)	bt. Mrs.F.Millie (14)	+18	
Mrs.K.Lowein (11)	bt. Miss L. Cooke (10)	+12 (T)	
F.Puxon (6)	bt.B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3)	ret. on peg	
H.Wagnell (9)	bt. Mrs.P.Mann (9)	+ 5 (T)	
Mrs.R.Chaff (6)	bt. Mrs.B.McMillan (½)	+20	
F.Millie (14)	bt. Miss M.Bryan (6)	+17	

<i>Second Round</i>			
Mrs.E.Bressey (5)	w.o. E.H.Shelton (-½)	opp.scr.	
F.Puxon (6)	bt. Mrs.K.Lowein (11)	+ 3 (T)	
Mrs.R.Chaff (6)	bt. H.Wagnell (9)	+12	
A.J.Bucknell (3)	bt. F.Millie (14)	+ 5	

Semi-Final

Mrs.E.Bressey (5)	bt. F.Puxon (6)	+ 7 (T)
A.J.Bucknell (3)	bt. Mrs.R.Chaff (6)	+ 2

Final

A.J.Bucknell (3)	bt. Mrs.E.Bressey (5)	+ 8 (T)
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Handicap doubles - The Birch Cups

<i>First Round</i>			
Mr. & Mrs.D.Moorcraft (11½)	bt. Mr. & Mrs. R. Chaff (11½)	+13	
B.Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs.R.Mew (7)	bt. Mrs.B.McMillan & Mrs. F.Millie (14½)	+ 5	
Mr. & Mrs.B.Weitz (12)	bt. Mrs.R.A.Simpson & Mrs.G. Wood (4)	+ 9	
G.Birch & Mrs.E.Bressey (4)	bt. R.A.Simpson & Miss M.Bryan (6)	+ 5	
H.Wagnell & Mrs.P.Mann (18)	bt. Mrs.J.Earnshaw & F.Millie (18)	+ 1 (T)	
E.H.Shelton & Miss L.Cooke (9½)	bt. Mr. & Mrs. A.J.Bucknell (14)	+17	

<i>Second Round</i>			
Mr. & Mrs.D.Moorcraft (11½)	bt. F.Puxon & Miss K.Lowein (17)	+ 4 (T)	
Mr. & Mrs.B.Weitz (12)	bt. Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs.Mew (7)	+19	
Birch & Mrs.Bressey (4)	bt. Wagnell & Mrs.Mann (18)	+12	
Shelton & Miss Cooke (9½)	bt. P.Mann & Mrs. F.Puxon (13½)	+16	

<i>Semi-Final</i>			
Mr. & Mrs.Moorcraft (11½)	bt. Mr. & Mrs.Weitz (12)	+12	
Shelton & Miss Cooke (9½)	bt. Birch & Mrs. Bressey (4)	+10	
<i>Final</i>			
Mr. & Mrs.Moorcraft (11½)	bt. Shelton & Miss Cooke (9½)	+16	

Carrickmines: The Irish Open Championships June 7-12

The weather this year for the Carrickmines June Tournament was really atrocious - there was only one day of sun. It was raining for nearly all the other days. Unfortunately there was only one visitor - Eric Meredith from Cheltenham. He was unfortunate in meeting David O'Connor in the first round of the Championships, but he won the Plate Event and the Doubles (with Alex Craig).

David O'Connor won the Championship for the third time. He had just finished his university degree and had had no practice, but played well during the week. A lot of his enthusiasm for the game seems to have gone owing to the death of his great friend Leslie Webb. In the final he beat Frances Joly, who was the most improved player of the week. She beat David O'Connor easily in the Handicap event, and in general her play during the week was excellent. Myles McWeeney was also a force to be reckoned with during the week.

It was great to see Terence Read and Douglas Stracham playing again. They played in the Handicap event, but unfortunately did not have the time to play in the Championship.

The catering was excellently done by the new Club Steward, Jimmy Murphy, who made sure everyone got what he wanted.

The state of the lawns was praised; David O'Connor put a lot of work into the lawns and the usual pleasant Carrickmines atmosphere was ever present. It is to be hoped that next year many English visitors will come to play in this delightful tournament.

Results

Event 1: Championship of Ireland (8 Entries)

First Round

D.B.O'Connor	bt. F.W.Meredith	+18 +21
Mrs.H.M.Read	bt. Lady Fitzgerald	+17 +10
R.J.Leonard	bt. A.D.Craig	+10 +12
Miss F.Joly	bt. M.B.McWeeney	+23 + 5

Semi-Final

D.B.O'Connor	bt. Mrs.H.Read	+24 - 5 +15
Miss F.Joly	bt. R.J.Leonard	+ 9 +25

Final

D.B.O'Connor	bt. Miss F.Joly	+12 +20
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Winner of Leslie Webb Salver: Miss F.Joly

Event 2: Green Cup (4 Entries)

Semi-Final

Mrs.F.Regan (5)	bt. Mrs.I.Corbally (11)	+11
Miss G.Hopkins (3½)	bt. R.L.Hannon (4)	+12

Final

Miss G. Hopkins (3½)	bt. Mrs.F.Regan (5)	+ 8
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Event 3: Steel Cup (5 Entries)

First Round

F.W.Meredith (0)	bt. Lady Fitzgerald (1½)	+ 5
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Semi-Final

M.B.McWeeney (2½)	bt. R.J.Leonard (-½)	+ 6
F.W.Meredith (0)	bt. A.D.Craig (3)	+19

Final

F.W.Meredith (0)	bt. M.B.McWeeney (2½)	+19
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Event 4: Founder's Cup (15 Entries)

First Round

Miss F.Joly (1½)	bt. R.L.Hannon (4)	+25
F.W.Meredith (0)	bt. F.Regan (2)	+14
Miss G.Hopkins (3½)	bt. Mme.Omorchde (10)	+13
D.B.O'Connor (-2½)	bt. A.D.Craig (3)	+ 9
Mrs.H.M.Read (1)	bt. Mrs.I.Corbally (11)	+18
M.B.McWeeney (2½)	bt. Lady Fitzgerald (1½)	+ 9
T.O.Read (-1½)	bt. R.J.Leonard (-½)	+25

Second Round

Miss F.Joly (1½)	bt. F.W.Meredith (0)	+13
D.B.O'Connor (-2½)	bt. Miss G.Hopkins (3½)	+12
M.B.McWeeney (2½)	bt. Mrs.H.M.Read (1)	+ 3
D.F.Strachan (-3)	bt. T.O.Read (-1½)	+22

Semi-Final

Miss F.Joly (1½)	bt. D.B.O'Connor (-2½)	+23
M.B.McWeeney (2½)	bt. D.F.Strachan (-3)	+ 9

Final

Miss F.Joly (1½)	bt. M.B.McWeeney (2½)	+14
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Event 5: The Stonebrook Cups (6 Pairs)

First Round

F.W.Meredith & A.D.Craig	bt. D.B.O'Connor & Mrs. I.Corbally	+ 7
T.O.Read & Miss G.Hopkins	bt. Miss F.Joly & Mme. Omorchde	+12

Semi-Final

F.W.Meredith & A.D.Craig	bt. Mrs.H.M.Read & Lady Fitzgerald	+ 9
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R.J.Leonard & M.B.McWeeney	bt. T.O.Read & Miss G.Hopkins	+ 3
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Final

F.W.Meredith & A.D.Craig	bt. R.J.Leonard & M.B. McWeeney	+ 2 (T)
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Compton Tournament: June 7-12

The courts of this excellent club were in fine condition for this tournament. The cold, wet weather made them less fast and exciting than last year, which was lucky for Major Rothwell, the manager, as the games were quicker, and he was able to get the fixture through in spite of losing the Thursday's morning and evening play when the courts became unplayable. Some light-hearted bridge was enjoyed while the manager splashed disconsolately through the puddles that covered the grass. It speaks highly of Compton's warmth and friendliness that, although the players might be damp and shivering, no one felt that any trouble was spared by the members to make their tournament the enjoyable and friendly affair it always is.

The Open Singles was successfully defended by Bryan Lloyd-Pratt. Roger Wood made a promising debut, and Denno Harris did well to beat Bobbie Wiggins in the play-off for second place. Denno is not a stylish or subtle player, but he can be an effective one. Edward Tucker has made great strides since last season. The Restricted Level 'B' Singles were won by Lady Ursula Abbey who just got past Mrs. Temple in a close and protracted final. 'Mr.Punch' (Colin Edwards) and 'Judy' (Miss Clarke-Lens), after surviving a lucky first-round match by one on time, went on to win the Handicap Doubles. One very exciting encounter in this event was their match against Roger Wood and Mr. Jefferson. The latter pair, with half a bisque in hand, had pegged out 'Punch' when 'Judy' was for 2-Back and Jefferson for 1-Back. The lady, assisted by some tactical blunders that could be attributed to the other pair's inexperience, just prevailed in a 'photo-finish'.

The prize-giving was graced by Mr.Reckitt, our President. He spoke about Compton's historic importance to croquet, and thanked the Manager and all the members who had contributed to the week's success.

Results

Event 1: Open Singles (16 Entries)

DRAW

First Round

E.J.Tucker	bt. Mrs.E.Rotherham	+ 2
D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	bt D.A.Harris	+18
Mrs.H.F.Chittenden	bt. R.F.Rothwell	+ 2
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. Major C.J.H.Tolley	+22
Dr.W.R.D.Wiggins	bt. R.Wood	+ 5
M.F.Buller	bt. Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey	+ 6
N.W.T.Cox	bt. Mrs.H.G.Hall	+23
E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake	bt. W.H.Austin	+ 7

Second Round

E.J.Tucker	bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	+ 1
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. Mrs. H.F.Chittenden	+22
Dr.W.R.D.Wiggins	bt. M.F.Buller	w.o. opp.scr.
E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake	bt. N.W.T.Cox	+26

Semi-Final

B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. E.J.Tucker	+13
Dr.W.R.D.Wiggins	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake	+ 7

Final

B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. Dr.W.R.D.Wiggins	+26
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PROCESS

First Round

Mrs.H.G.Hall	bt. Major C.J.H.Tolley	w.o.opp.ret.
D.A.Harris	bt. Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey	+20
E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake	bt. Mrs. H.F. Chittenden	+10
R.Wood	bt. E.J.Tucker	+ 2
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt.M.F.Buller	w.o.opp.ret.
D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	bt. W.H.Austin	+ 7
N.W.T.Cox	bt. R.F.Rothwell	+18
Dr.W.R.D.Wiggins	bt. Mrs.E.Rotherham	+10

Second Round

D.A.Harris	bt. Mrs.H.G.Hall	w.o.opp.scr.
E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake	bt.R.Wood	+15
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	+13
Dr.W.R.D.Wiggins	bt. N.W.T.Cox	+19

Semi-Final

D.A.Harris	bt.E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake	+ 1
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. Dr.W.R.D.Wiggins	+ 7

Final

B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. D.A.Harris	+16
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PLAY-OFF FOR SECOND PLACE

D.A.Harris	bt. Dr.W.R.D.Wiggins	+ 5
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Event 2: B class Level Singles (5 Entries)

First Round

Miss H.D.Parker	bt. Miss M.Bryan	+17
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Semi-Final

Lady Ursula Abbey	bt. Miss H.D.Parker	+ 3
Mrs.E.M.Temple	bt. Mrs.M.Speer	+ 2

Final

Lady Ursula Abbey	bt. Mrs.E.M.Temple	+ 3
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Event 3: Restricted Handicap Singles (10 Entries)

First Round

Mrs.N.W.T.Cox (4)	bt. R.L.Everest (10)	+13
S.G.Stoker (4)	bt. N.V.Snell (6)	+13

Second Round

Miss E.G.Clarke-Lens (7½)	bt. L.Middleton (7)	+ 4
C.Edwards (5)	bt. Mrs.N.W.T.Cox (4)	+12
S.G.Stoker (4)	bt. M.B.Reckitt (5)	+ 1
G.Scott-Page (6½)	bt. Mrs.D.Waterhouse (12)	+11

Semi-Final

Miss E.G.Clarke-Lens (7½)	bt. C.Edwards (5)	+13
G.Scott-Page (6½)	bt. S.G.Stoker (4)	+10

Final

G.Scott-Page (6½)	bt. Miss E.G.Clarke-Lens (7½)	+1 (T)
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Event 4: Open Handicap Singles (30 Entries)

First Round

G.Scott-Page (6½)	bt. W.H.Austin (0)	+26
D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller (-3½)	bt. Miss H.D.Parker (2½)	+17
Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey (-½)	bt. M.B.Reckitt (5)	+19
R.Wood (1*)	bt. Mrs.E.Rotherham (-2)	+ 5
D.A.Harris (-½)	bt. M.F.Buller (½)	+16
C.Edwards (5)	bt. Mrs.D.Waterhouse (12)	+17
E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-2)	bt. Miss L.M.Cooke (10)	+17

N.W.T.Cox (-½)	bt. E.J.Tucker (1½)	+ 3
B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3)	bt. Mrs.E.M.Temple (2)	+20
S.G.Stoker (4)	bt. Miss M.Bryan (6)	+ 4
Mrs.M.Speer (3)	bt. N.V.Snell (6)	+ 8
Mrs.H.F.Chittenden (-½)	bt. L.Middleton (7)	+10
Mrs.H.G.Hall (5)	bt. Mrs.N.W.T.Cox (4)	+ 4
R.F.Rothwell (-2)	bt. R.L.Everest (10)	+ 8

Second Round

Lady Ursula Abbey (2)	bt. G.Scott-Page (6½)	+ 2
Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey (-½)	bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller (-3½)	w.o. opp. retd.
D.A.Harris (-½)	bt. R.Wood (1*)	+ 1
C.Edwards (5)	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-2)	+ 9
B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3)	bt.N.W.T.Cox (-½)	+19
S.G.Stoker (4)	bt. Mrs.M.Speer (3)	w.o.opp.scr.
Mrs.H.F.Chittenden (-½)	bt. Mrs.H.G.Hall (5)	w.o.opp.scr.
R.F.Rothwell (-2)	bt. Miss E.G.Clarke-Lens (7½)	+1

Third Round

Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey (-½)	bt. Lady Ursula Abbey (2)	w.o. opp.retd.
D.A.Harris (-½)	bt. C.Edwards (5)	+ 8
S.G.Stoker (4)	bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3)	+26
Mrs.H.F.Chittenden (-½)	bt. R.F.Rothwell (-2)	+ 7

Semi-Final

D.A.Harris (-½)	bt. Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey (-½)	+17
S.G.Stoker (4)	bt. Mrs.H.F.Chittenden (-½)	+24

Final

D.A.Harris (-½)	bt. S.G.Stoker (4)	+ 8
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Event 5: Handicap Doubles (14 Pairs)

First Round

C.Edwards & Miss E.G.Clarke-Lens	bt. Mrs.E.Rotherham & Miss M.Bryan	+ 1 (T)
R.Wood & R.W.Jefferson	bt. Mrs.H.F.Chittenden & R.L.Everest	+ 8(T)
N.W.T.Cox & Major R.Driscoll	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake & Mrs.H.G.Hall	+ 1
M.F.Buller & Lady Ursula Abbey	bt. D.A.Harris & E.J.Tucker	+ 9
S.G.Stoker & Miss L.M.Cooke	bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs.D.Waterhouse	+ 2 (T)
W.H.Austin & Mrs.M.Speer	bt. Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey & L.Middleton	+ 5

Second Round

C.Edwards & Miss E.G.Clarke-Lens	bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller & Mrs.E.Temple	+17
R.Wood & R.W.Jefferson	bt. N.W.T.Cox & Major R.Driscoll	+ 4
S.G.Stoker & Miss L.M.Cooke	bt. M.F.Buller & Lady Ursula Abbey	+ 1 (T)
M.B.Reckitt & Miss H.D.Parker	bt. W.H.Austin & Mrs. M.Speer	+ 7

Semi-Final

C.Edwards & Miss E.G.Clarke-Lens	bt. R.Wood & R.W.Jefferson	+ 3
S.G.Stoker & Miss L.M.Cooke	bt. M.B.Reckitt & Miss H.D.Parker	+ 1 (T)

Final

C.Edwards & Miss E.G.Clarke-Lens	bt. S.G.Stoker & Miss L.M.Cooke	+10
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Weekend Tournaments

Cheltenham I: April 10-12

<i>Block Winners:</i>	A	R.Chaff (4 wins)
	B.	Mrs.Wood and J.A.Wheeler (4 wins and 37 points each)
	C	Miss E.Arkell (5 wins)
	D	Brig. L.E.Bourke (5 wins)

Compton: April 16-18

<i>Block Winners:</i>	A	E.J.Tucker
	B	Mrs.M.Speer
	C	Miss E.G.Clarke-Lens
	D	Miss L.M.Cooke

Semi-Final: E.J.Tucker bt. Mrs.M.Speer +12
Miss E.G.Clarke-Lens bt. Miss L.M.Cooke + 7

Final: E.J.Tucker bt. Miss E.G.Clarke-Lens +14

Hunstanton: April 23-26

<i>Block Winners:</i>	A	S.Hemsted (0)	6 wins
	B	J.A.Wheeler (½)	5 wins
	C	C.Haworth (2½)	4 wins

PLAY-OFF (Bagnall-Wilde):

J.A.Wheeler bt. C.Haworth	+12
S.Hemsted bt. J.A.Wheeler	+ 6

Cheltenham II: May 29-31

<i>Block Winners:</i>	A	D.Moorcraft (5 wins)
	B	Captain H.F.Nalder (5 wins)
	C	P.W.Hands (5 wins)
	D	W/Cdr. E.M.Smith (5 wins)
	E	Miss E.H.Arkell (4 wins)

Nottingham: June 11-13

<i>Block Winners:</i>	A	H.C.Green (4 wins)
		Second: Miss S.F.Hay

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held at the Hurlingham Club on Monday 24 May 1971

PRESENT: The President, M.B.Reckitt, in the chair; Mrs.S.M.Adler, Miss W.K.Allardyce, G.N.Aspinall, I.C.Baillieu, Mrs.F.J.Bentley, Commander G.Borrett, Dr.R.W.Bray, Mrs.E.E.Bressey, D.C.Caporn, Mrs.H.B.H.Carlisle, A.J.Cooper, A.L.d'Antal, Mrs.F.H.N.Davidson, Major J.H.Dibley, E.P.Duffield, Miss B.Duthie, G.Victor Evans, J.B.Gilbert, Rev.W.E.Gladstone, Mr. & Mrs.C.W.Haworth, Mrs.A.D.Karmel, Miss D.A.Lintern, B.Lloyd-Pratt, Mrs. William Longman, Mrs.N.A.C.McMillan, F.R.Meachem, Mr. & Mrs. J.B.Meachem, Mrs.F.W.Morton, Prof. & Mrs. B.G.Neal, A.J.Oldham, W.B.C.Paynter, B.G.Perry, Lt.-Col.D.M.C.Prichard, Major J.M.Rivington, Mrs.Eustace Rotherham, R.F.Rothwell, Miss.K.M.O.Sessions, Mrs. A.W.Skempton, Mr. & Mrs.J.W.Solomon, Mrs.B.L.Sundius-Smith, Mrs.M.L.Thom, S.S.Townsend, J.G.Warwick, Miss E.J.Warwick, Dr.W.R.D.Wiggins, Gerald Williams, Keith Wylie.

In attendance. Vandeleur Robinson, Secretary.

APOLOGIES for absence were received from: G.Birch, Major E.J.Bromley-Fox, P.D.Hallett, Judge A.D.Karmel, E.A.Roper, Mrs.I.H.Turkentine.

	B	J.Rose (4 wins)
		Second: C.W.Haworth
	C	G.E.P.Jackson (4 wins)
		Second: D.H.Moorcraft
	D	A.J.Bucknell (4 wins)
		Second: H.G.T.Bolton
<i>Quarter-Final:</i>	H.C.Green (1½) bt. C.W.Haworth (3½) +16	
	G.E.P.Jackson (-3) bt. H.G.T.Bolton (8) +4	
	J.Rose (10) bt. Miss S.F.Hay (5) +11 (T)	
	D.H.Moorcraft (0) bt. A.J.Bucknell (3) +11 (T)	
<i>Semi-Final:</i>	H.C.Green (1½) bt. G.E.P.Jackson (-3) + 9	
	J.Rose (10) bt. D.H.Moorcraft (0) +24	
<i>Final:</i>	J.Rose (10) bt. H.C.Green (1½) + 9	

Woking: June 17-20

In spite of valiant efforts by the organisers, only short periods of play were possible at infrequent intervals during the weekend, and the tournament can only be described as "rained off".

The Longman Cup 1971

FIRST ROUND RESULTS (in order)

Southwick beat Woking by three games to two.
Compton beat Tunbridge Wells by four games to one.
Parson's Green beat Harrow Oak by three games to one, with one game unfinished.
Hurlingham beat Roehampton by three games to two.
Wrest Park beat Hunstanton by four games to one, and meet Colchester in the next round.
Radbrooke Hall beat Stourbridge by five games to nil, and meet Bowdon in the next round.

SECOND ROUND RESULT

Ellesmere beat Edgbaston by three games to one.

1. The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were taken as read.

2. The President, opening the meeting, spoke of a number of prominent Associates who had died during the year, including Sir Francis Barry (Claude Barry), Mrs.E.M.Bramwell, D.T.Figgis, Donald Himmens, Mrs. H.C.S.Perry, Mrs.R.Tingey, Miss Ivy Wainwright, Leslie Webb and R.V.N.Wiggins.

He also drew attention to the re-instatement in the Calendar of the Inter-Club Championship, and to the prospect of the visit of teams from Australia and New Zealand to play a series of Test Matches in 1973 or 1974.

3. REPORTS

(a) The Chairman of Council, enlarging upon his Report, which had been published in the Spring issue of the Croquet Gazette, mentioned the results already achieved by the Development Scheme, including demonstrations held at Maidenhead, Wellingborough and Birmingham, new clubs formed at Maidenhead, St.Albans and Wolverhampton, accession of new playing members to Leamington and Edgbaston Clubs, and coaching courses started at Southwick. He also announced that croquet equipment was being acquired for loan to newly-forming clubs.

(b) The Treasurer presented the Accounts (published in the Spring issue of the gazette) and explained the deficit on Income and Expenditure Account, which was mainly due to the failure to keep the publication costs of the Croquet Gazette within the sum budgeted.

These Reports were adopted by the Meeting.

4. ELECTION OF TREASURER

A.J.Oldham presented himself for re-election as Honorary Treasurer and was re-elected by acclamation.

5. ELECTIONS TO COUNCIL

(a) Seven of the eight members of the Council who returned by rotation had presented themselves for re-election and two other Associates had been duly nominated. As there were nine candidates for eight places a postal ballot had been held. Miss Duthie and Mrs.Skempton had counted the votes. Mrs.Skempton reported the result.

(b) Those elected were the seven retiring members (D.C.Caporn, Rev.W.E.Gladstone, Miss D.A.Lintern, Judge A.D.Karmel, Lt.-Col.D.M.C.Prichard, E.A.Roper, Dr.W.R.D.Wiggins) and Mrs.J.B.Meachem.

(c) The two ladies who counted the votes were thanked for their services.

(d) Mr.Gerald Williams asked whether it was really necessary to number the voting papers. The secretary explained that he numbered them because the Rules required him to do so, but, in order to ensure the secrecy of the poll, he did not record the number on the voting paper sent to each Associate. The general feeling was that numbering could well be dispensed with, but a decision to that effect could not be taken at the meeting because it involved an alteration in the Rules, and no notice had been given of a motion to do this. Mrs.McMillan gave notice to move such an amendment at the next General Meeting.

(e) The Secretary had sent voting papers to Life Associates and to Associates resident in the United Kingdom and Ireland who had paid their subscriptions for the current year. To some forty Associates whose subscriptions had not been paid he had sent reminders, promising voting papers by return of post on receiving their subscriptions. The response covered the cost of the election two or three times over; though doubtless a fair proportion of these members would in any case have paid eventually.

6. ELECTION OF AUDITORS

On the proposal of Miss E.J.Warwick, seconded by Rev. W.E.Gladstone, Messrs.Nicholass, Reid, Corney & Co. were re-elected as Auditors.

7. MOTION TO AMEND RULE XIV (a) (ii)

Lt.-Col.Prichard moved the amendment to Rule XIV (a) (ii) of which he had given notice: to add, after the word "Laws" in line 2, the following: "... and Regulations for Tournaments". He explained that the purpose was to apply to Regulations for Tournaments the procedure already applying to the Laws of Croquet, for revision by a sub-committee appointed by Council. This procedure avoided the need (involved in the other amendment procedure) for publication in the Croquet Gazette after first adoption by Council, but before ratification by Council. The Laws and Regulations were now being revised by the Laws Committee (appointed by Council as a revising sub-committee) with a view to the publication of a new edition in March 1972, by which time supplies of the existing edition might well be exhausted. If the adoption - publication - ratification procedure had to be applied to that part of the revision

which affected the Regulations, it would probably be impossible to finalise the text in time for the new edition to be published in March, when it would be needed.

Mr.Baillieu seconded the proposal.

Mr.Lloyd-Pratt sought an assurance that any substantive alteration, whether to the Laws or the Regulations, would be reported to Associates by publication in the gazette before ratification by Council. The proposer of the motion said he could not undertake that it would be possible to do this without incurring unacceptable delay in issuing the new edition.

The proposal to amend Rule XIV (a) (ii) was carried by a large majority.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A. *The Next Test Series*

(i) Mr.Solomon said that the next Series, in the United Kingdom would probably be played in 1974. It was not yet known how many members each team would contain, and therefore how many courts and how many days would be required for each Test Match; nor was it known over how many weeks the Series would be spread. These uncertainties made planning difficult. He was assuming, as a basis for planning, that the visiting teams' tour would last from six to nine weeks, and that each Test Match would be played between two teams of six players and would last three days.

(ii) In view of the Development Scheme, the formation of new Croquet Clubs and the generally increasing interest in Croquet, coupled with the likelihood of a number of spectators coming from Australia, he thought it might well prove possible to attract good audiences for Test Matches, thus bringing financial benefit to the Clubs which hold these Matches. Meanwhile, the possibility is being explored of raising funds by sponsorship.

(iii) The President remarked that he hoped some members of the two visiting teams would stay on and play in our Open Championships. Mrs.Carlisle suggested that if it was hoped to turn these into *World Championships*, we ought to approach other countries where croquet is played, such as South Africa. In this connection the Secretary reported that the President of the Rondebosch Club and her husband had already entered for this year's Opens.

(iv) Mr.Solomon gave warning that the incidence of a number of Test Matches was bound seriously to disrupt the normal Calendar of C.A.Tournaments and Club Tournaments in that year.

(v) With regard to hospitality, the obligations of the Host State applied only to the visiting teams and their reserves and Managers. Nevertheless, if large numbers of supporters came over by air charter, there might be practical problems when considerable parties attended Matches.

B. *The Gazette under New Editorship*

Major Rivington congratulated the new Editor on the excellence, in content and appearance, of the Spring issue.

Extract from Proceedings of Council Meeting held on 24 May 1971.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mr.S.S.Townsend and Professor B.G.Neal were elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively for the ensuing year.

2. MOTION BY MR.CAPORN

A motion by Mr.Caporn that a committee should investigate urgently the possibility of providing in

Greater London a minimum of five lawns within an existing sports club, or by the establishment of a new club with such facilities, was withdrawn. It was felt that the development scheme was a means ready to hand for seeking out such facilities.

3. REDRAFT OF LAWS

The Laws Committee was authorized to include in its mandate for re-drafting the Laws the re-drafting of the Regulations for Tournaments.

4. THE FUTURE OF THE STOKER BOWL

The Tournament Committee would be examining this subject and would then report to Council in the autumn.

5. TEST TOUR

It was agreed that a Test Tour Fund Committee should be formed.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

1. NEW ASSOCIATES (elected by Council in recent meetings)

United Kingdom

- Lady Cloutman
2 Old Hill, Highgate, London N.6.
- George A. Cook
Horbury, Linden Gardens, Belle Vue, Shrewsbury, Salop.
- R.H. Cox
37 Seymour Road, St. Albans, Herts.
- J.P. Danon
39 Highcroft Gardens, London W.11.
- Mrs. Elaine F. Dell
72 Warwick Park, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
- A.G. Dumont
Wrest Park Lodge, Silsoe, Beds.
- Brig. H.E. Fernyhough, C.B.E., D.S.O.
Milldown, Clyst St. Mary, Exeter, Devon.
- Bernal Hancock
4 Marine Parade, Budleigh Salterton, EX 9 6NS.
- P.M.V. Klein
7A The Vale, London, N.W.11.
- Miss D.G. Leach
44, Suffolk Road, Barnes, London, S.W.13.
- Miss M.J. Lodge
15 Richards Road, Beacon Park, Minchinhampton, Stroud, [Glos.]
- D.C. Lucas
64 Woodstock Road South, St. Albans, Herts.
- W.F. Morton
39 Chiddingstone Street, London S.W.6.
- Mrs. W.F. Morton
39 Chiddingstone Street, London S.W.6.
- P.B. Puxon
61 Paramount Court, University Street, London W.C.1.
- Capt. D.E. Reeves
Aldham Post Office, Colchester, Essex.
- Lady Shaw
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- K.F.W. Townsend
11 Knights Avenue, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton, Staffs.
- Mrs. K.F.W. Townsend
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- Mrs. S.S. Townsend
54 Lowther Road, Barnes, London S.W.13.
- Mrs. E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake
Five Acres, Groombridge, Sussex.

Overseas

- Mrs. A.E. Coetzee
9 Central Road, Fish Hoek, Cape, South Africa.
- Mrs. M. Parry
27 Birdwood Parade, Dalkeith, 6009 Western Australia.
- Steven A. Saunders [U.S.A.]
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HONORARY LIFE ASSOCIATES

- Mrs. V.C. Gasson (former Secretary of the Croquet Assn.)
The Lilas, Shipton Oliffe, Nr. Cheltenham, Glos.
- F.E. Corke (President of Sussex County Croquet Club)
Lynn Cottage, 60 Southwick Street, Southwick, Sussex.

2. CHANGES OF ADDRESS

- The Lady Ursula Abbey
Mansby, Coates Common, Fittleworth, Sussex.
- Mrs. C. Bagnall
Westhill, Ledbury, Herefordshire.
- C.G. Bennett
1 Beaminster Road, Solihull, Warwick.
- R.B. Berry
The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Edgbaston, Birmingham 15.
- Rev. Prof. S.E. Chavasse
18 College Road, Reading, Berks.
- R.S. Eades
Tall Timbers, Horton Close, Boulton Lock, Maidenhead.
- Mrs. V.C. Gasson
The Lilas, Shipton Oliffe, Nr. Cheltenham, Glos.
- Mrs. H.J. Gray
Stone End, Otham, Maidstone, Kent.
- H.C. Green
2 Lime Close, Flitwick, Bedford.
- Dr. M.T. Haslam
Chapel Garth, Crayke, Nr. York.
- Mrs. R.C. Hawkins
15 West Hill Court, Budleigh Salterton.
- M.E.W. Heap
59 Frederick Street, Edinburgh 2.
- R.O. Hicks
5 St. George's Square, London S.W.1. (NOT Berkeley Sq.)
- C.G. Hopewell
Dean House, Wychfield, Huntingdon Rd., Cambridge.
- Mrs. E.B. Lindsay-Sandes [Cape, S. Africa.]
c/o Hugh White, Hunter's Moon, Exeter Ave., Bishopscourt,
- F.R. Meachem
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- Mr. & Mrs. J.B. Meachem
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- D.J. Shelton [Rhodesia.]
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- Michael Stride
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- Mrs. J. Stride
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29 Telford Way, Leicester, LE5 2LX.
- Lt.-Col. E.D. Tims
49 Judea Road, Tauranga, New Zealand.
- Mrs. P. West
4 School Lane, Cookham Village, Maidenhead, Berks.
- Mrs. H. Wills
4 Sable Court, Westbury Road, New Malden, Surrey.
- R. Wood [Sussex.]
Royal Greenwich Observatory, Herstmonceux Castle,

3. CHANGES OF CLUB SECRETARIES

- Carrickmines* David O'Connor, Carrigdonn, Carrickmines, Dublin.
- Colchester* G.F. Hallett, 15 Roddam Close, Colchester, Essex. (Tel. Colchester 74933).

Crouch Hill Lady Cloutman, 2 Old Hill, Highgate Village, London, N.6.

Ellesmere Mrs. M. Worthington, 12 Meadow Lane, Worsley, Manchester, M28 4PL.

Sussex County (Southwick) W.H. Austin, 11 Victoria Road, Southwick, Sussex, BN4 4DN.

Tasmanian Croquet Association Mrs. P. Montgomerie, 7 Manning Ave., Sandy Bay, 7005, Tasmania, Australia.

West Australia Croquet Referees Association Mrs. E. Douglas, 2A Clearview Ave., Tuart Hill, 6060, Perth, West Australia.

4. NEW CLUBS (Addresses of Secretaries)

Maidenhead R.F.A. Crane, The Derver House, Bray-on-Thames.

St. Albans Miss Beryl Walters, 66 High Street, Sandridge, St. Albans.

Wolverhampton K.F.W. Townsend, 11 Knights Avenue, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton, Staffs.

5. NEW OFFICIALS

Referee: Sir Leonard Daldry.

Handicappers: Miss E.C. Brumpton, Rev. W.E. Gladstone, B.G. Perry, Mrs. B.L. Sundius-Smith, Mrs. D.M.C. Prichard.

Managers: Commander G. Borrett R.N., Mrs. D.M.C. Prichard, Mrs. B.L. Sundius-Smith.

6. We welcome the following visitors from abroad and any others not known to us: Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Hobbs, from the Rondebosch Club, South Africa; Tom Colls, from Canada; Dr. Henrietta Read, from New Zealand; Mrs. Dickson, from the Tainui Club, Dunedin, New Zealand; and from New South Wales Mrs. W. Horsfield, Miss H. Broly, Mrs. Donald, Mrs. Timbrell and Mrs. Sievers.

7. The following omissions have been noted from the prize list for 1970: Mrs. B.L. Sundius-Smith, Ladies' Field Cup 3. Mrs. W. Longman, Ladies' Field Cup equal 4.

8. The following Associates have died recently. It is hoped to print obituaries in the next issue. D.T. Figgis, Mrs. A. Isaacs, J.W. Kerr, R.F. Learoyd-Hine, Mrs. R. Tingey.

9. THE PRESIDENT'S CUP

This fixture will be played at Hurlingham in September, from Tuesday 7 September to Saturday 11 September, and *not*, as in the Fixtures Book, from Monday 6 September to Friday 10 September. This alteration was decided upon by Council on May 24.

June 1971.

Vandeleur Robinson,
Secretary.

CORRIGENDUM

A mistake occurred in the Return of Attendances at Council and Committee Meetings 1970/1971. Mrs. B.L. Sundius-Smith attended a total of 16 meetings out of a possible 17, and not 18, as stated.

Handicap Alterations

The following reductions of handicaps have been made by the Handicappers at Tournaments, and as a result of

the recent amendment to the Regulations are *not* provisional until ratification by the Handicaps Co-ordination Committee.

Requests by players for *increased* handicaps and recommendation by Clubs, as opposed to those of Official Handicappers in connexion with Calendar Fixtures, still need to be considered by the Handicaps Co-ordination Committee.

Hunstanton: April 23-26

J.A. Wheeler ½ to -½; S.R. Hemsted 0 to -1.

Budleigh Salterton: May 3-8

New Handicaps: Brig. H.E. Fernyhough 12; Miss M.J. Lodge 13; R.S. Stevens (N.A.) 11*; Mrs. M. Leach (N.A.) 13* D11; Mrs. C.J. Clements (N.A.) 13 D11.

After Play: Rev. W.E. Gladstone -1 to -1½; Sir Leonard Daldry 1 to 0; M. Granger Brown 4 to 3½; Mrs. G.H. Ward 4½ to 4; Mrs. G.E. Cave 6 to 5; K.S. Schofield 9 to 8 D7; Mrs. K.S. Schofield 13 to 11; Brig. H.E. Fernyhough 12 to 12 D10; R.S. Stevens (N.A.) 11* to 10 D9; Mrs. L.A. Davies (N.A.) 14 to 12; Mrs. M. Leach 13 D11 (confirmed).

The Peels: May 10-15

Col. E.L.L. Vulliamy 2½ to 2; E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake -1½ to -2; Mrs. J.B. Meachem 2½ to 2; Brig. L.E. Bourke 4 to 3; R.N. Bateson 4 to 3; Mrs. E.E. Bressey 5½ to 5.

Southwick: May 17-22

Mrs. N.W.T. Cox 4½ to 4; J.H.J. Soutter 5 to 3½.

Cheltenham Weekend II: May 29-31

Miss E.H. Arkell 4 to 3; P.W. Hands -2½ to -3; D.H. Moorcraft 1 to ½; W./Cdr. E.M. Smith 1 to ½.

Ryde: May 31-June 5

F. Millie 14 to 13; D.H. Moorcraft ½ to 0; Mrs. D.H. Moorcraft 13 to 12 D10; Mrs. F. Puxon 5½ to 5; B. Weitz 4 to 3½; Mrs. B. Weitz 8 to 6.

Compton: June 7-12

D.A. Harris -½ to -1½; S.G. Stoker 4 to 3; E.J. Tucker 1½ to ½; R. Wood 1* to ½.

Nottingham Weekend: June 11-13

H.G.T. Bolton 8 to 7.

Carrickmines: June 5-12

Miss F. Joly 1½ to ½.

"Caskets" June 14-19

Rev. W.E. Gladstone -1½ to -2; Mrs. B.L. Sundius-Smith -1 to -1½; Mrs. J.B. Meachem 2 to 1.

Colchester Club Recommendations

R.S. Alford 7 to 6½; E.A. Locke 14 to 13; D.E. Reeves 13 to 12; P.B. Puxon 9 to 8.

Requests for increased handicaps approved by the Handicaps Co-ordinations Committee

Mrs. D. Daniels -½ to +1; W.B.C. Paynter 2 to 4; C.W. Haworth 2½ to 3½; Mrs. F.R. Briggs 4 to 6; Mrs. I.M. Earnshaw ½ to 2½.

Parkstone: June 21-26

J.H.T. Griffith 12 to 11; Miss M.D. McMordie 5 to 4; J.H.J. Soutter 3½ to 3; R.H.C. Carder (N.A.) 8 to 7; Dr. C.A. Parker (N.A.) 12 to 9.

Challenge and Gilbey: June 28-July 3

Mrs. L.E. Hanmer 10 D9 to 10; R.S. Stevens 10 D9 to 7; K.S. Schofield 8 D7 to 6; Mrs. E.E. Bressey 5 to 4; C. Edwards 5 to 4; Mrs. H.M. Read 1 to ½; Mrs. M.H. Vincent 1½ to 1; Mrs. D.J. Bird 9 D7 to 9 D6.