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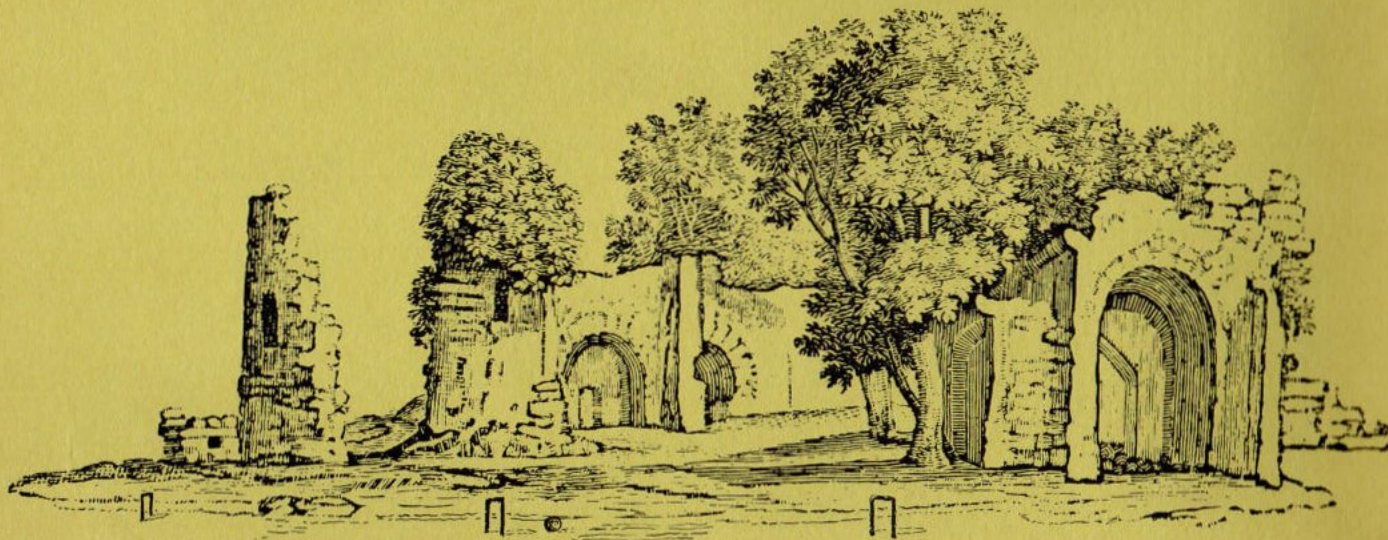
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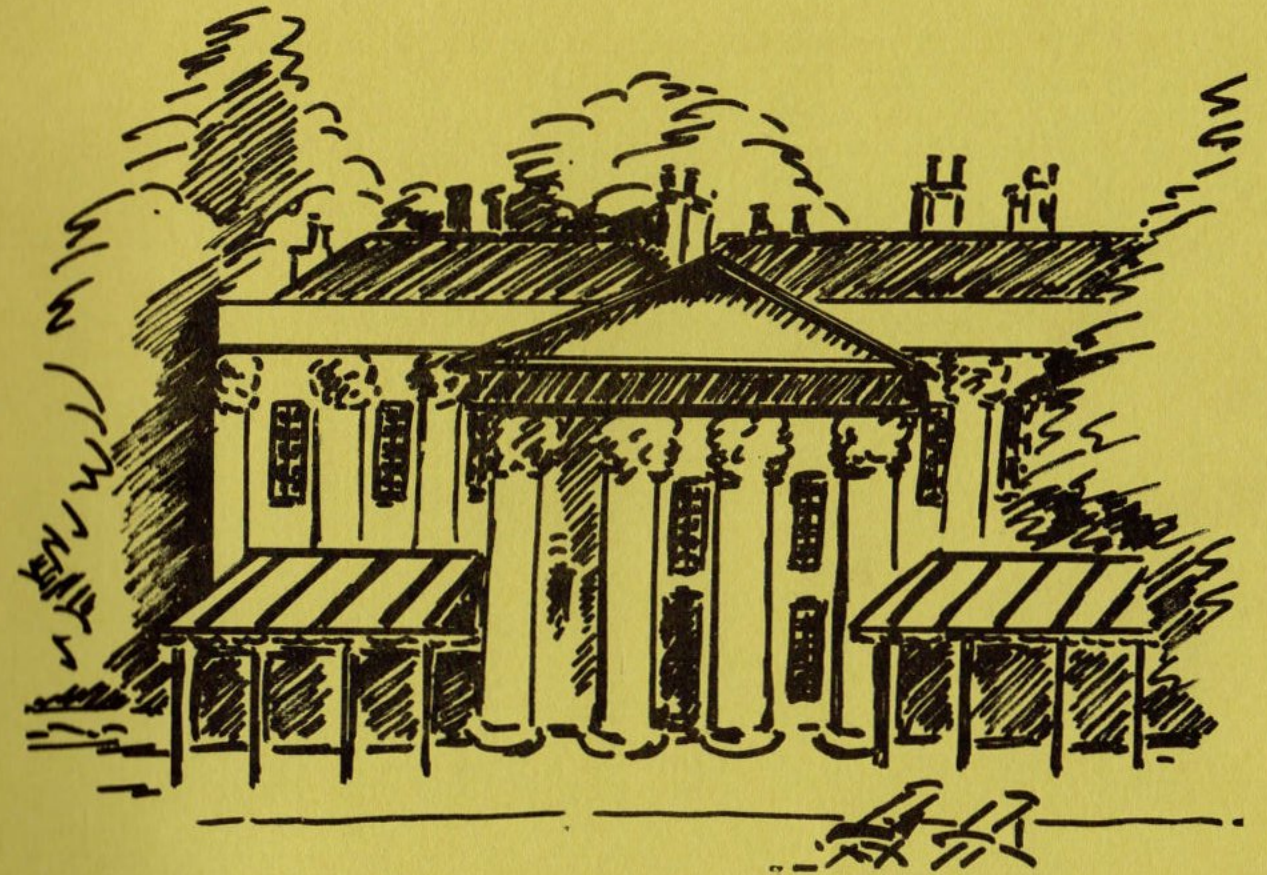
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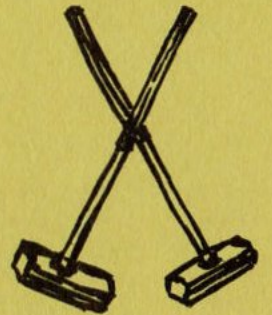


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### Correspondence

#### The All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club

from the Assistant Secretary of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club

Sir,

In reply to your letter dated 19th August, I am interested to know that your members would like to have some information about croquet at The All England Club.

The All England Croquet Club was founded in 1868 in Worple Road and changed its name to this present title in 1882 after tennis started to predominate and after the first Championship event was held — the Men's Singles Championship in 1877.

Croquet ceased to be played at Worple Road in 1904 and only started again in 1960 (the Club having moved to its present site in 1922). A three-quarter size court was put down and this is used keenly by a limited number of members. An Open and Handicap Tournament takes place annually.

The court is open to all Club members, but there is no croquet section as such.

Yours faithfully,

A.B.Cooper.

Church Road,  
Wimbledon S.W.19.

[This letter is a reply to a letter of mine in which I asked for some information about the decline of croquet at the All England Club, and whether it was possible for people to join as croquet members. I know that a number of clubs have both lawn tennis and croquet sections. I should very much like to hear from the secretaries of these clubs (club secretaries or croquet secretaries) about how the tennis members and the croquet members get on, and what sort of *modus vivendi* has been achieved, so that I can write a general article on the subject. Your co-operation in this matter would be very much appreciated. — Editor.]

#### 'Mon oncle' tries his hand at croquet

from Dr.W.R.Bucknall.

Monsieur,

Après bien des années d'absence, mon oncle est retourné en Angleterre. Vous vous rapellerez que, pendant ses visites d'autrefois, il a joué, avec une dextérité considérable, les récréations de 'Cricket' et 'Golf'. Ces activités étaient racontés à cette époque dans "The Sunday Times" par ses autres neveux et nièces.

Pendant ce faux-pas, il est devenu enchanté du jeu de 'Croquet'. Il est uni à une trefle et a acheté pour lui-même un petit-mal.

L'autre jour, son adversaire a commencé le gibier par envoyer son rejet-au-scrutin au coin de l'Orient. En riposte, mon oncle a frappé son bal communistique au côté de l'Occident. L'adversaire, avec son deuxième bal, a dirigé au bal communistique, mais il a fait une demoiselle.

Mon oncle, avec son bal lâchement, a frappé le bal communistique et donc a fait une parodie, mettant son bal lâchement devant le premier cri. Donc il a traversé ce cri, et au moyen d'un jonc, a jeté le bal communistique vers le deuxième cri. Il a continué et a fait un passage du désir ardent. Au moyen de beaucoup de petit-pains et plusieurs écorces de son bal communistique, il a vite couvert le plat. Bientôt, il a disparu, le vainquer.

Nous espérons que l'additionneur subtil continuera, qui permettra à mon oncle de jouer beaucoup de gibiers agréables de 'Croquet'.

Je vous adresse, Monsieur, mes salutations.

W.R.Bucknall.

Budleigh Salterton.

[Some years ago, there appeared in "The Sunday Times" a series of letters in French describing the exploits of "mon oncle" in cricket and golf. The reader is invited to spot the deliberate mistranslations of croquet terms with the aid of a dictionary and a fertile imagination. — Editor.]

#### Silver and Bronze medals presented to the South African Croquet Association

##### Silver

1953 E.L.Ward-Petley  
1954 Cdr. A.Clarke  
1955 (No competition)  
1956 Miss M.I.Simkins  
1957 E.L.Ward-Petley  
1958 G.D.Neaves  
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1960 G.D.Neaves  
1961 F.Hough  
1962 G.D.Neaves  
1963 Miss M.I.Simkins  
1964 Mrs F.Arbutnot  
1965 G.D.Neaves  
1966 G.D.Neaves  
1967 C.Hambley  
1968 C.Hambley  
1969 C.Hambley  
1970 C.Hambley

##### Bronze

1953 Cdr. A.Clarke  
1954 E.L.Ward-Petley  
1955 (No competition)  
1956 C.S.Richardson  
1957 G.D.Neaves  
1958 Miss E.Risley  
1959 Mrs B.Hough  
1960 Miss M.I.Simkins  
1961 Mrs B.Hough  
1962 F.Hough  
1963 Mrs B.Hough  
1964 Miss M.I.Simkins  
1965 Mrs B.Hough  
1966 F.Hough  
1967 D.Cunningham  
1968 Mrs F.Arbutnot  
1969 D.Cunningham  
1970 R.Wood

#### Obituaries

##### Dorothy Ruth Heley

Ruth Heley, as she was known to her many croquet friends, died after a long illness on July 11th 1971. Born in 1887 near Scarborough and educated at Roedean, she lived a great part of her life in and around Cambridge. She will be remembered by many there for her service to the Women's Institute and for her voluntary wartime work as Quartermaster at the soldiers' convalescent home at Trumpington Hall. Just before the second war she had become a widow; during it one son was lost in action and the other interned as a prisoner of war.

Her second husband, Tim Heley, introduced her to croquet shortly after the war. Her name can be found in prize lists every year from 1948 to 1960 and once or twice more thereafter. In 1957 she won the Ladies' Peels off a

handicap of 3½; in 1959 she played in the Ladies' Field Cup but, in her modesty, considered this a bad joke. She served as a member of Council from 1956 to 1961.

A Rover Note in *Croquet* for June 1956 informs us of a revival of interest in croquet at Cambridge University owing to 'the joint energies of Mrs Heley in the town and the brothers Ormerod at one of the Cambridge colleges [Pembroke]'. Mrs Heley was for some years secretary to the Cambridge Municipal Parks Croquet Club. It was not, however, until 1961 that, thanks to her coaching and her ceaseless encouragement, the University began to field a team and a Varsity match was played against Oxford. Thereafter progress was rapid; and during the next five or six years there were many who discovered that one of the pleasantest ways of spending a summer afternoon was to 'go to Mrs Heley's' at Newton Road, play a spot of croquet and sit in the sun eating enormous teas. She was always most generous and would readily sit and watch undergraduates monopolizing her lawn; but when she could be persuaded to take up her mallet, she became a formidable opponent, not least because of the skill with which she put to work her expert local knowledge of all the lawn's irregularities (especially in the somewhat unreliable third corner).

Throughout this time her enthusiastic support for the Cambridge team inspired it to many successes. And in 1964 the new graduates instituted the Heley Club as a means of recalling in their subsequent croquet the benefactress to whom they owe so much.

D.W.M.

R.F.T.

#### Clare Tingey

The recent death of Clare Tingey is a sad loss to the croquet world and, of course, to her husband Robert. Clare and

Robert were inseparable both on and off the croquet court. Robert was at his playing peak just before the last war. It was during the war that he married Clare in Cairo and subsequently introduced her to croquet. She became more and more formidable as a player. Her happy laughter and zest for the game will be much missed. Both Clare and Robert were members of Hurlingham and Roehampton. In recent years they had been living in Australia, and both clubs had always looked forward to their visits. Now, alas, only one of the inseparables can visit us, and we do hope Robert will do so soon.

I.C.B.

#### Douglas T. Figgis

Douglas Figgis died after a very short illness on December 28th 1970. Douglas Figgis was educated at Castlepark and Rossall schools before entering Trinity College Dublin. At the outbreak of the 1914 war he got a commission in the Royal Irish Fusiliers and served throughout the war. He was always keen on athletics and was a scratch handicap golfer at Dublin's famous Portmarnock Club. He was a founder member of the Leprechaun Cricket Club in which he was keenly interested before taking up croquet in latter years. He became a scratch croquet player and his main achievements at croquet included being selected for the Surrey Cup in 1968, sharing the South of England Men's Championship in 1968 and winning the Championship of County Dublin in 1961 and 1965. He was the most wonderful sportsman to play against and Carrickmines feel his loss very deeply. Our sympathies go out to Mrs Figgis whose devotion to her husband was a joy to see.

D.B.O'C.

#### The President's Cup: September 7 — 11

If our Masters Tournament this year did not present quite such an impressive 'star quality' as has been the case in recent years, some absences were unavoidable. Roger Bray, whom some would name as Britain's No.4, was serving the world of croquet in the Antipodes by stimulating their coaching movements. John Bolton, whom we were hoping so much to see again in the competition he won at the age of seventeen, was prevented by his new university from accepting the invitation extended to him. Saddest of all in some ways was it not to have our brilliant Open Champion with us as a competitor. Others who might have found a place, such as David O'Connor and Michael Stride, were prevented by professional obligations from putting themselves clearly in a position to qualify for one. The new comers were very welcome: Terence Read to represent Ireland when others were unable to do so, and Edgar Jackson whose striking record of success in the Chairman's Salver whenever he played in it surely merited an invitation to 'come up higher'. To forecast the finishing order of this team might — and did — seem even more difficult than usual.

One does not expect to see our experts at the very top of their form on the first day, renewing their acquaintance with — or possibly encountering for the first time — that esoteric phenomenon the 3<sup>11</sup>/<sub>16</sub> hoop; and in fact more were missed, or left players hoop-bound, than were likely to be later on. But one should add that some wonderful hoops were run. The hero of the day was the imperturbable Ormerod who was the only player to win all his games. William takes his time, but he was making remarkably good use of it, defeating both the holder, Aspinall, and that great artist Solomon, each of whom won his other games. Aspinall

started his game with Ormerod with an all-round break and prepared to attack his sextuple with some magnificent splits and rushes, but made a bad approach to the third hoop, and though the game went on for a long time after this he never did make it. Bernard Neal was another victim of Ormerod, but he went on to win his two other games. Lloyd-Pratt, Perry and Read won one each. Only the last-minute reserve, Edgar Jackson, failed to score.

On Wednesday, another glorious day despite a rather strong East wind, the standard of play became definitely higher; the players were by this time more familiar with both the hoops and the courts; the pace of the latter, though improving every day in general, was by no means uniform. When your reporter arrived about 10.40 Solomon had already won his morning game against Perry, hitting in with the 4th ball in play and (one was informed) going round at once and following with a triple, with never a ball an inch out of place. Edgar Jackson won his first game, but as the day went on the results began to indicate a dichotomy, with Ormerod unbeaten with 6, Solomon 5, Aspinall and Neal 4 at the top, and Read with 2 the best of the rest. This does not mean that no good play was seen from those in the lower half. Lloyd-Pratt, for example, made an excellent effort to snatch his game with Solomon out of the fire by some admirably precise play, only to be robbed by a long shot, which would most probably have been a last one, from John. This great player saved himself from what had begun to look like a heavy defeat by Neal through the picking up of a marvellous break demanding three almost incredible 'cuts' (described by his opponent as 'savage!'). The closest game of the day was won by Neal by a single point from Read, who often in the competition seemed to deserve more than he quite managed to achieve.



With the third day – another lovely one – of the contest came the completion at lunch time of the first round with an unbeaten record of 7 games for Ormerod, 6 for Solomon, 4 each for Aspinall and Neal, 2 each for Perry, Lloyd-Pratt and Read, and a single win for Jackson. By the end of the day – a late one, for the game between Perry and Read, with a splendid fight by Read, albeit unsuccessful, ended in semi-darkness at 7.35 – there was a strong indication of a duel between William and John. It was Solomon's day, for he won all his games, and Aspinall obliged him with a 25 point victory over Ormerod. It was a good day too for Perry, who raised his score to 4, lifting himself to the middle of the table. But it seemed as if the decisive day would be the morrow, opening as it would with the game between the two leaders, each so formidable in his own manner, and level now with 8 games.

On Friday the sun departed, and with it inevitably a certain amount of the pleasure both players and spectators had enjoyed in the earlier days. The crucial contest between Ormerod and Solomon was influenced early in the game by a treacherous roll which just carried one of William's balls across the distinctly unreliable east boundary of Court 3. John, let in thereby, proceeded to play perfect croquet and went out, subsequent to an all-round break, with one of his

standard triples. This put him one game ahead, and he never looked like losing his other two encounters, while Ormerod had a tremendous struggle to beat Perry in the evening in a match remarkable for some truly wonderful shooting by both men, with Perry making an admirable challenge from a very unpromising situation. Edgar Jackson was concerned in two close struggles during the day, the first of which he would most probably have won had he put out one of his rovers; his failure to attempt this gave rise to some very steady play by Terence Read which gained him a victory by two points. But it was good to see the Cheltenham player in something like his true form then, and afterwards in an interesting, though certainly not faultless contest with Aspinall, which in fact Edgar won. It is a curious feature of Nigel's appearances in this competition that while he seldom loses a match with rivals at the top end of the table he is prone to one or two defeats by players at the other end. At the end of the day the same four remained at the top, Solomon with 11 games, Ormerod with 10, Aspinall with 8 and Neal with 6.

On Saturday the sun – defying the forecast – came back to give us a lovely day for the final rounds. The position was intriguing. If Ormerod won both his games, as it seemed rather likely that he would, and Solomon lost one of his,

	J.W.Solomon	Dr.W.P.Ormerod	G.N.Aspinall	B.G.Perry	Prof.B.G.Neal	T.O.Read	B.Lloyd-Pratt	G.E.P.Jackson	W I N S
J.W.Solomon	-	-14	+26	+26	+ 3	+26	+ 4	+14	13
		+22	+ 4	+23	+ 6	+22	+14	+26	
Dr.W.P.Ormerod	+14	-	+15	+25	+18	+18	+26	+19	12
	-22		-25	+ 3	+13	+10	+16	+17	
G.N.Aspinall	-26	-15	-	+ 7	-25	+11	+ 7	+26	9
	- 4	+25		+26	+15	+26	+14	- 6	
B.G.Perry	-26	-25	- 7	-	+26	- 4	- 8	+17	6
	-23	- 3	-26		+25	+11	+17	+26	
Prof.B.G.Neal	- 3	-18	+25	-26	-	+ 1	+19	+25	6
	- 6	-13	-15	-25		- 9	+18	+ 6	
T.O.Read	-26	-18	-11	+ 4	- 1	-	+ 5	-19	5
	-22	-10	-26	-11	+ 9		+26	+ 2	
B.Lloyd-Pratt	- 4	-26	- 7	+ 8	-19	- 5	-	+24	3
	-14	-16	-14	-17	-18	-26		+16	
G.E.P.Jackson	-14	-19	-26	-17	-25	+19	-24	-	2
	-26	-17	+ 6	-26	- 6	- 2	-16		

which it seemed possible that he might, as he had the stronger opponents to cope with, there would have to be a play-off – on the following day. Ormerod did win both his games, though the second was won only after a stern challenge from Read. But both Solomon's games might have gone to his opponents, and nearly did. There is no space here to report these games at the length which their interest might seem to demand. Against Neal a breakdown by Solomon at the Rover hoop gave a chance to Bernard of which he made good use and a subsequent opportunity to make a second break. But his pioneer ball to the fourth hoop hit the peg, and though he secured the opportunity of a good rush to the fourth he cut this and missed the approach. What followed led to a situation in which Bernard was still for the fourth hoop with his partner ball pegged out by John, who had then a three hoop lead and pegged out his own ball also. What developed was at times a little mysterious, Bernard being determined to shoot every time when alternative tactics might have paid him better. He had got no further than 2-back, however, when John was able to achieve a win.

Solomon's next game was a terrific struggle against Aspinall when the fortunes of the players swung from side to side. It was a fascinating contest, watched with great interest by a 'gallery' of at least sixty, but space prevents the complexities of the match being elaborated here. It ended only when a very adroit piece of wiring deterred Nigel from attempting a shot at all and John went out with exemplary accuracy in a two-ball turn from 4-back, thus recording his ninth victory in this unique competition.

It was a well deserved win in a stern chase with a rival of such obstinate accuracy and indomitable patience as Ormerod displayed throughout. To lose only one game in such company speaks for itself. Not since 1962 (when John won all 14 games) has a score of 13 been demanded for victory. Few would deny, one thinks, that with Aspinall, though not quite at his brilliant best, hard on their heels, these three were in a class by themselves for skill, for

resource, for enterprise and for a consistent superiority in stroke production. Bill Perry improved as the competition went on. Neal, who had promised so well in the first half, could not do more than hold his own in the second. It was good to see Terence Read steadily improving as the week went on. But it was not perhaps quite the Best Eight that it might have been.\*

What are the impressions with which we were left? First, the remarkably high quality of the shooting, which was not confined to the top men. Again, the confident way in which the long roquets – up to about ten yards – were tackled, and with so much success, as were the long take-offs. Finally, the formidable nature of the 3<sup>11</sup>/<sub>16</sub>" hoop, which was more evident this year than on any previous occasion your reporter recalls. The chief problem with these obstacles is not how to get through them, but how to do so in such a way as not to be hoop-bound. Moreover, with these hoops it is dangerous to attempt to get a forward rush; again and again one witnesses the result of such an effort being that the player finds his ball between the wires. Furthermore the approach stroke tends to become appreciably more difficult, for the margin of error is much narrower than with normal hoops. Lastly, the 'mallet room' available for hitting the accompanying ball in cases of difficulty is smaller. A few years ago it was customary to say that the narrower hoop 'makes no difference'; no one watching the games throughout this week would be likely to make this mistake now.

Two things made the week memorable – the delightful weather, and the management of Col.Cave, with his attractive and illuminating 'coloured supplements' on the board; he has become so closely associated with this tournament that it is difficult to think of it now without him.

\* A fairly individual list of names would be: Solomon, Wylie, Aspinall, Ormerod, Bray, Bolton, Neal and Stride – with Hands and O'Connor as reserves.

### The Ladies' Field Cup, Compton: August 16 – 20

By custom anonymity partly veils the authorship of the report of a tournament. Let us remove at any rate six veils and confess that this one is all the Manager's own work. I feel emboldened to adopt this course because the players were all so co-operative and obedient, even when required to do the most uncomfortable or unattractive things, that perhaps they will be able to forgive me if I offend in the course of the report.

In general I have seldom seen so much remarkable shooting; best of all in this respect I think was Joan Simpson, whose opponents must have been in despair. "Distance no object" – she hit from anywhere to anywhere. By contrast nearly everyone at one time or another caught "hoopitis". There must have been a bug going round; no one was safe, though fortunately the attacks didn't last very long.

My main impression through the week was that caution didn't necessarily pay. Those who stuck to a naturally forward game seemed on the whole to prosper, and I saw several games lost through what may have been a too acute respect for the opponent and too little confidence in the player's own ability. Kitty Sessions and Barbara Meachem were refreshing examples of players refusing to be overawed by the occasion and playing as if there were far less at stake. Kitty undoubtedly played the outstanding croquet of the week. Although she never brought off a triple peel, she always seemed to be trying for one, and a double peel when that failed. When she was temporarily out of form, she never seemed to let herself believe it but went on as if she knew

she really could do it all the time.

Barbara's swing was the envy of us all: a little exuberant at times maybe, but never a poke or a lurch, the mallet doing all the work. As a result she achieved some marvellous long rushes apparently without the smallest effort. She was never afraid to go out for shots and breaks and though she got into trouble from time to time the results speak for themselves: she finished equal fourth in her first Ladies Eight.

The Lady Champion was her usual frighteningly efficient self, Joan Warwick imperturbable and cheerful as always. And Hope. . . If only Hope wouldn't go on to the court certain she was going to miss the roquet, and then positive she would stick in the hoop – she wouldn't, and no one would be able to stand up to her.

The programme I mapped out allowed two and three quarter hours per game, but every evening there was at least one pegged down game to finish, and on two mornings we had to start a pegged down game at 9.15. 9.15 to 8.30 is a very long day. I wonder, seeing that a large proportion of our best lady players are veterans or approaching that state, whether we should not acknowledge the fact and, for a few years until we have some female Aspinalls and Wylies, limit this event to six players. This would mean only two games a day and enable any morning game pegged down to be finished at a reasonable hour in the evening.

Finally appreciation must be expressed of the indefatigable enthusiasm of Referee Norah Elvey, and of the terrific work put in by the ladies of the Compton Club in looking after our creature comforts so superbly. We thank them from the bottom of our – stomachs!



	Miss K.M.O.Sessions	Mrs.B.L.Sundius-Smith	Mrs.E.Rotherham	Miss E.J.Warwick	Mrs.J.B.Meachem	Mrs.W.Longman	Mrs.D.M.C.Prichard	Mrs.R.A.Simpson	W I N S
Miss K.M.O.Sessions		+ 5	+14	-13	+17	+11	+15	+ 9	11
		+ 9	+20	-12	+19	+ 9	- 6	+11	
Mrs.B.L.Sundius-Smith	- 5		-17	+13	+ 9	+ 2	+22	+ 7	10
	- 9		+ 3	+ 1	+ 8	+16	+23	- 6	
Mrs.E.Rotherham	-14	+17		+ 7	- 2	- 9	+ 8	+18	8
	-20	- 3		+ 8	- 5	+ 2	+13	+ 5	
Miss E.J.Warwick	+13	-13	- 7		+22	- 4	+22	+10	7
	+12	- 1	- 8		+22	-16	-16	+10	
Mrs.J.B.Meachem	-17	- 9	+ 2	-22		+21	-11	+11	7
	-19	- 8	+ 5	-22		+ 5	+10	+ 9	
Mrs.W.Longman	-11	- 2	+ 9	+ 4	-21		+ 1	+19	5
	- 9	-16	- 2	+16	- 5		- 3	-15	
Mrs.D.M.C.Prichard	-15	-22	- 8	-22	+11	- 1		- 5	4
	+ 6	-23	-13	+16	-10	+ 3		- 8	
Mrs.R.A.Simpson	- 9	- 7	-18	-10	-11	-19	+ 5		4
	-11	+ 6	- 5	-10	- 9	+15	+ 8		

### The Chairman's Salver, played at Cheltenham, September 6 - 10

The modern tendency to accept an invitation only to the President's Cup is regrettable and tends to lower the status of the Chairman's Salver. With the well-deserved promotion of the constant Jackson, only Fidler survived from 1970 (when he was 3rd) and Borrett from 1969 and 1968 (when he was 5th and 4th respectively) to assist us in assessing the standard of this year's players. Their positions this year help to underline the fact that Hands is at least the equal of any former winner. He nearly became the first to win all 14 games in this event, but in his thirteenth game, with the salver already in the bag, his concentration flagged, and one shot, ill-advised because it missed, and two mistakes against the un-careless Fidler cost him this record. Hands' play has matured immeasurably since his appearance in the Surrey Cup in 1969. Triple peeling is now part of his armoury. He completed the only two of the event, one of them being against Thorp in 32 minutes. He is equipped

with automatic sights and range-finder so that both his croquet and single ball shots are equally brilliant.

Prichard started the week confidently, fresh from his victories at Hunstanton, and looked the only possible challenger to Hands. They met on Monday afternoon, when in the most dramatic game of the week Prichard peeled and pegged out Hands and also pegged out his own ball with his partner ball for 4-back and Hands' other ball for the 4th. When Prichard was in close position for Rover, Hands ran 1-back from near the second corner right through to the South boundary where he could just see the ball at Rover, but that was enough and he went on to win by 2. So the pattern of the week was set: Prichard won two games daily but did not again reach the peak he attained on Monday. He lost all hope of over-hauling Hands when he stuck at a rolly 5th hoop in his second game against him.

Meanwhile Fidler had a little trouble adjusting to the fast courts - not surprisingly as he only plays at Roehampton. However, 'slow but sure beats the might of the gods', and he was the only one to take a game off both Hands and Prichard.

His stop shots are startlingly good and enable him to build breaks well and to retrieve them. Perhaps the cleverest in-player of the week, his motto might well be 'no advance without security'. Thorp showed all his old mastery in a +26 win over Hopewell, but generally his performance forced him to curb his ambition to set up peeling situations. He had four narrow wins over the three older men and a very unlucky loss to Hands, who spent all Monday retrieving games successfully.

To begin with Borrett played really well and was equal second on Tuesday night, but three narrow losses to three young men on Wednesday and some pegged-down games deflated him, and he had to wait till the last game for his fifth win. Borrett missed too many short roquets and hoops (seldom did he miss long ones) especially at the end of games. Godby enjoys his croquet and shows it: his best win was over Prichard, and by the end of the week he was

playing such relaxed accurate croquet that I believe he would have lasted a third series better than any of them. Hopewell was a reluctant debutant, and although not at his best he was by no means outclassed. His beautiful swing is all mallet, his body a 'still point in a turning world'. Gladstone, who had come to the boil earlier this season, evaporated. He was so off-form that he might have been playing 'on a cloth untrue, with a twisted cue, and elliptical billiard balls'. It must have been disappointing for him, but he showed no signs of it and was a generous loser.

The Cheltenham courts are certainly not a 'cloth untrue'. Several of the players said that they are the best they have played on this year. For this the entire credit must go to Col.G.T.Wheeler, who has been steadily improving them for the past five years. They are now truly of Championship standard. The tournament was ably managed by Brig.L.E. Bourke.

	P.W.Hands	W.de B.Prichard	P.J.M.Fidler	R.F.Thorp	Cdr.G.Borrett	R.A.Godby	C.G.Hopewell	Rev.W.E.Gladstone	W I N S
P.W.Hands		+ 2	+ 5	+ 3	+16	+19	+10	+10	13
		+15	-19	+26	+20	+26	+18	+ 8	
W.de B.Prichard	- 2		+17	+16	+ 9	-12	+26	+18	10
	-15		-10	+13	+ 4	+ 9	+16	+24	
P.J.M.Fidler	- 5	-17		+15	+ 4	+17	- 3	+ 3	10
	+19	+10		+23	+ 3	+13	-14	+19	
R.F.Thorp	- 3	-16	-15		-10	+11	+26	+ 4	7
	-26	-13	-23		+ 3	+ 6	+ 9	+ 3	
Cdr.G.Borrett	-16	- 9	- 4	+10		+15	+14	+13	5
	-20	- 4	- 3	- 3		- 3	- 6	+ 2	
R.A.Godby	-19	+12	-17	-11	-15		+ 3	+16	5
	-26	- 9	-13	- 6	+ 3		+22	- 5	
C.G.Hopewell	-10	-26	+ 3	-26	-14	- 3		- 9	4
	-18	-16	+14	- 9	+ 6	-22		+ 7	
Rev.W.E.Gladstone	-10	-18	- 3	- 4	-13	-16	+ 9		2
	- 8	-24	-19	- 3	- 2	+ 5	- 7		



**The Surrey Cup, played at Colchester, September 6 - 10**

The Surrey Cup this year was a signal vindication of the work of the selectors in that the finishing order of the competitors was almost exactly the same as their ranking order. Joan Warwick was unfortunately obliged to withdraw at the last minute, and the fortunate sitting reserve turned out to be Gerald Hallett, father of Peter. Gerald was at first a little overawed by the company, but the margin of his losses quickly decreased and he finished with three good wins, one being over his son who had just recorded a substantial win over Kitty Sessions. In his victorious game with Peter he went to 3-back off a three-ball break in the first ten minutes. Peter retaliated, but found his forward ball pegged out when his other ball was only for 3-back and failed to hit again.

The weather, the state of the lawns, the new Colchester club house and some excellent catering made the conditions perfect. Edward Duffield was both Manager and Referee. It became apparent during the week that there is something of an art in knowing when to call a Referee and when not to, and that not all the players had acquired this art.

Wednesday afternoon saw the most exciting games, in two of which Tyrwhitt-Drake figured prominently. He

pegged out Jocelyn Sundius-Smith when several hoops behind and pulled through by 1, but against Kitty Sessions he was not so lucky. He pegged out two balls when he was for Penult and Kitty was for 4-back and left his own ball in front of Penult. In the event Kitty hit two last shots from about 10 yards and won by 1.

On numerous occasions Bill Moore was very well ahead early in the game, but failed to hit in the middle or closing stages. Simpson's play was at times open to criticism in many departments, but on Thursday evening he beat Dudley Hamilton-Miller by hitting the stick in virtual darkness from the South boundary when Dudley was laid up in a wired position to go out.

On the Friday afternoon Bill Moore defeated Kitty Sessions, and Peter Hallett defeated Dudley Hamilton-Miller to force a play-off, which was won by Kitty Sessions in an in-out sort of game by virtue mainly of superior courage and boldness, which nearly led to disaster when she failed an attempted half-jump through Rover from a distance of at least two feet. This writer felt that both Dudley and Kitty deserved to reach the play-off stage, but that in the end boldness rightly prevailed over caution.

Play-off: Miss K.M.O.Sessions bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller + 8

	Miss K.M.O.Sessions	D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	W.E.Moore	P.D.Hallett	Mrs.B.L.Sundius-Smith	E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake	R.A.Simpson	G.F.Hallett	WINS
Miss K.M.O.Sessions	/	+ 2	+ 5	+26	- 5	+10	+18	+ 7	10
D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	- 3	/	- 4	-20	+21	+ 1	+ 7	+25	10
W.E.Moore	- 2	+10	/	+ 6	+12	- 3	+ 9	+ 7	9
P.D.Hallett	+ 3	+ 4	- 8	/	+16	+ 6	- 2	+22	9
Mrs.B.L.Sundius-Smith	- 5	-10	- 8	+12	/	+18	+13	+10	8
E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake	+ 4	- 4	+ 8	- 5	+ 3	/	+18	+10	8
R.A.Simpson	-26	- 6	+ 8	- 8	+11	+ 1	/	+12	5
G.F.Hallett	+20	+ 8	- 8	-11	+ 8	+ 4	- 5	/	5
	+ 5	-12	-12	+ 8	+ 8	+16	+13		8
	-21	-16	+ 5	+11	- 1	+10	- 8		8
	-10	+ 3	-18	-11	- 8	+ 5	+ 2		5
	- 1	- 6	- 3	- 8	+ 1	- 7	+ 6		5
	-18	- 9	-13	- 1	-16	- 5	+11		3
	- 7	+ 2	-18	- 4	-10	+ 7	- 9		3
	- 7	- 7	-10	-12	-13	- 2	-11		3
	-25	-22	-10	+ 5	+ 8	- 6	+ 9		3

**The Colchester Tournament: July 26 - 31**

By far the most impressive feature of Colchester's eighth open tournament was the new pavilion. Surprising those who thought little good could come from modern architecture, this elegant if austere building provided the ladies of Essex and Suffolk with all the facilities they required to consolidate their position as purveyors of the finest lunches and teas to the croquet world. To sit, lingering over lunch, watching "lovely games" thoughtfully provided by the skilful management of Edward Duffield is one of the greatest joys of life.

Harry Green began the wrestling of the Championship of Essex from Roger Bray with a win by the narrowest of margins. Drained by this effort, he left as the main contender Brian Lloyd-Pratt, who summarily disposed of Hopewell's pretensions, as did Bray in the Draw. In the play-off Bray was receiving the same treatment until a careless approach to 2-back with Brian's second ball caused a classical breakdown. However, after some excitement and much good play on both sides, Lloyd-Pratt won through. Bray could take some consolation in earning a well-merited handicap reduction through stopping the favourite in the 'X', Mrs.Digby, who was perhaps unsettled by an expensive session of bisque taking in the opening stages of the game. She in her turn found revenge in the Doubles Final, which unfortunately had to be postponed until the Sunday. The unlucky Captain Greenham was able to take comfort in giving the victors of last year's epic final a sound beating. His game is excellent, and he must be tired of waiting on Rover in Doubles finals for a partner who never turns up. In the 'Y' Roy Alford looked a likely winner from the moment he left the 'X'.

The lawns, the pride and joy of Edward Duffield, were as smooth and level as ever despite the building work of the winter. The weather too played its part, and the many regulars were as pleased as the new visitors, who included the effervescent Gilbert Hobbs and his charming wife, to be in the oldest town in England.

**Results**

**Event 1: Open Singles (16 Entries)**

**DRAW**

**First Round**

Mrs.G.H.Hobbs	bt. G.F.Hallett	+ 3
C.G.Hopewell	bt. R.S.Alford	+10
R.A.Simpson	bt. P.B.Puxon	+25
K.H.Paterson	bt. F.E.M.Puxon	+11
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. Mrs.G.S.Digby	+25
Dr.R.W.Bray	bt. G.H.Hobbs	+ 7
H.O.Hicks	bt. Mrs.R.A.Simpson	+18
H.C.Green	bt. Mrs.F.E.M.Puxon	+13

**Second Round**

C.G.Hopewell	bt. Mrs.G.H.Hobbs	+ 5
R.A.Simpson	bt. K.H.Paterson	+ 3
Dr.R.W.Bray	bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt	+ 7
H.O.Hicks	bt. H.C.Green	+19

**Semi-Final**

C.G.Hopewell	bt. R.A.Simpson	+ 6
Dr.R.W.Bray	bt. H.O.Hicks	+25

**Final**

Dr.R.W.Bray	bt. C.G.Hopewell	+23
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**PROCESS**

**First Round**

Mrs.G.S.Digby	bt. G.F.Hallett	+ 4
H.O.Hicks	bt. R.A.Simpson	+22

C.G.Hopewell	bt. G.H.Hobbs	+13
K.H.Paterson	bt. Mrs.F.E.M.Puxon	+12
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. Mrs.G.H.Hobbs	+19
Mrs.R.A.Simpson	bt. P.B.Puxon	+14
Dr.R.W.Bray	bt. R.S.Alford	+25
H.C.Green	w.o. F.E.M.Puxon	opp.scr.

**Second Round**

H.O.Hicks	bt. Mrs.G.S.Digby	+24
C.G.Hopewell	bt. K.H.Paterson	+11
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. Mrs.R.A.Simpson	+22
H.C.Green	bt. Dr.R.W.Bray	+ 1

**Semi-Final**

C.G.Hopewell	bt. H.O.Hicks	+11
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. H.C.Green	+ 7

**Final**

B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. C.G.Hopewell	+26
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**PLAY-OFF**

B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. Dr.R.W.Bray	+ 8
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**Event 2a: Handicap Singles 'X' (23 Entries)**

**First Round**

G.F.Hallett (1)	bt. Mrs.L.Cordy (9)	+16
R.A.Simpson (0)	bt. Miss E.I.Wood (12)	+15
Mrs.F.E.M.Puxon (5)	bt. D.E.Reeves (10)	+18
C.G.Hopewell (-1)	bt. R.S.Alford (6½)	+15
G.H.Hobbs (1)	bt. Miss L.M.Cooke (10)	+ 5
B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3)	bt. A.W.Greenham (6½)	+ 9
G.S.Digby (6½)	bt. Mrs.R.A.Simpson (0)	+11

**Second Round**

Dr.R.W.Bray (-4)	bt. P.B.Puxon (7)	+ 4
Mrs.G.H.Hobbs (1)	bt. H.C.Green (1½)	+11
G.F.Hallett (1)	bt. R.A.Simpson (0)	+17
Mrs.F.E.M.Puxon (5)	bt. C.G.Hopewell (-1)	+ 5
B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3)	bt. G.H.Hobbs (1)	+11
G.S.Digby (6½)	bt. F.E.M.Puxon (6)	+17
E.A.Locke (12)	bt. C.S.Ratcliffe (2)	+10
Mrs.G.S.Digby (6)	bt. K.H.Paterson (3)	+19

**Third Round**

Dr.R.W.Bray (-4)	bt. Mrs.G.H.Hobbs (1)	+ 5
Mrs.F.E.M.Puxon (5)	bt. G.F.Hallett (1)	+21
B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3)	bt. G.S.Digby (6½)	+14
Mrs.G.S.Digby (6)	bt. E.A.Locke (12)	+13

**Semi-Final**

Dr.R.W.Bray (-4)	bt. Mrs.F.E.M.Puxon (5)	+23
Mrs.G.S.Digby (6)	bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3)	+ 6

**Final**

Dr.R.W.Bray (-4)	bt. Mrs.G.S.Digby (6)	+11
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**Event 2b: Handicap Singles 'Y' (12 Entries)**

**First Round**

Mrs.L.Cordy (9)	bt. Miss E.I.Wood (12)	+10
R.S.Alford (6½)	bt. D.E.Reeves (10)	+ 5
Miss L.M.Cooke (10)	bt. A.W.Greenham (6½)	+11
Mrs.R.A.Simpson (0)	bt. F.E.M.Puxon (6)	+ 1

**Second Round**

P.B.Puxon (7)	bt. H.C.Green (1½)	+14
R.S.Alford (6½)	bt. Mrs.L.Cordy (9)	+ 8
C.S.Ratcliffe (2)	bt. K.H.Paterson (3)	+ 3
Miss L.M.Cooke (10)	bt. Mrs.R.A.Simpson (0)	+10



<i>Semi-Final</i>			<i>Second Round</i>	
R.S.Alford (6½)	bt. P.B.Puxon (7)	+ 9	R.A.Simpson & Miss L.M.Cooke	bt. R.S.Alford & Miss E.I. Wood
Miss L.M.Cooke (10)	bt. C.S.Ratcliffe (2)	+ 1 (T)	Hopewell & Mrs.Digby	bt. Ratcliffe & Mrs.Cordy
<i>Final</i>			Dr.R.W.Bray & A.W.Greenham	bt. Lloyd-Pratt & P.B.Puxon
R.S.Alford (6½)	bt. Miss L.M.Cooke (10)	+10	G.S.Digby & Mrs.R.A.Simpson	bt. G.F.Hallett & K.H. Paterson
<b>Event 3: Handicap Doubles (11 Pairs)</b>			<i>Semi-Final</i>	
<i>First Round</i>			<i>Final</i>	
C.G.Hopewell & Mrs.G.S.Digby	bt. H.C.Green & Mrs.F.E.M. Puxon	+ 8	Hopewell & Mrs.Digby	bt. Simpson & Miss Cooke
C.S.Ratcliffe & Mrs.L.Cordy	bt. Mr. & Mrs.G.H.Hobbs	+13	Dr.Bray & Greenham	bt. Digby & Mrs.Simpson
B.Lloyd-Pratt & P.B.Puxon	bt. F.E.M.Puxon & E.A.Locke	+18	Hopewell & Mrs.Digby	bt. Dr.Bray & Greenham

**Hurlingham Tournament: August 3-14**

This was the second year of the Baillieu experiment of dividing the tournament into two sections, the first four days embracing the Big Handicap event and its ancillary consolation side pieces, the later period being devoted to the remaining seven events, including the three doubles which always constitute a potential headache to the Manager. As usual, most of the doubles games were very protracted affairs, one of the mixed games lasting nearly five hours.

Ian Baillieu managed the first four days where the jigsaw pieces fitted perfectly. The main body of the tournament was in the experienced control of Dr.Bray in whom we detected for the first time traces of concern during the middle stages regarding the problem of getting a quart into a pint pot. Aided, however, by a few scratchings, his efficient planning led to the customary successful consumation on the final day. At the prizegiving, presided over by the doyen of croquet Maurice Reckitt, it was announced to the regret of all that Roger would not be managing next year. He has set a high standard in what must be the most difficult tournament in the C.A. calendar.

The centrepiece of the tournament, the Hurlingham Cup, was won by Professor Neal who was rarely fully stretched. Among those who showed good form were Read and Thorp, the latter making a welcome return after some years abroad.

The Turner Cup and the Younger Cup were both played under the Baillieu variation of Draw and Process, and in the event saved the Manager a few games. The former was won by Wheeler, the greatly improved Wrest Park player who might well have had to contest the final with his colleague Rees, if the latter had not been obliged to withdraw on health grounds, leaving Reynold as the other finalist.

The Younger Cup deserves particular mention this year, as it was won by a popular visitor from Scotland, Howard Wright. His play throughout the week was of a high order, and he will no doubt have suffered a significant reduction in handicap. In the final of the Men's Handicap Doubles he made an effortless all-round break and, accompanied by the doubles expertise of Bryan Lloyd-Pratt, he contributed to one of the fastest games of the week. Brian also prevailed in the Mixed Open Doubles in the company of that experienced campaigner Hope Rotherham. Some of the games in this event were very drawn out and merited the imposition of a time limit.

The Candlesticks saw a successful partnership from Parkstone in the persons of Mrs.McMillan and Mrs.Wood. The latter struck some onlookers as potential Ladies Eight material at a not too distant date.

The Big Handicap attracted visitors from the thriving Caversham club, and one of them, the improving Soutter, sailed through most of his games and in the final defeated the elder Hallett who, as last year against the younger John Solomon, found the bisques too much for him.

**Results**

**Part 1: 4 Day Tournament**

**The Silver Jubilee Cup: 'X' Handicap Singles (44 Entries)**

<i>First Round</i>			
A.L.d'Antal (3½)	bt. Prof.A.W.Skempton (3)	+ 7	
S.S.Townsend (-1½)	bt. Mrs.E.E.Bressey (4)	+14	
Mrs.H.Wills (6)	bt. W.B.C.Paynter (4)	+12	
F.R.Meachem (7)	bt. Mrs.A.D.Karmel (5)	+ 6	
F.E.Pearson (3)	bt. G.W.Williams (-1)	+14	
T.S.Colls (3)	bt. Miss D.A.Lintern (2½)	+14	
J.H.J.Soutter (3)	bt. Mrs.A.W.Skempton (2)	+18	
H.C.Green (1½)	bt. Mrs.H.B.H.Carlisle (6)	+18	
R.O.Havery (½)	bt. Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey (-½)	+18	
Mrs.F.H.N.Davidson (5)	bt. Mrs.B.G.Neal (6)	+ 9 (T)	
E.J.Tucker (½)	bt. S.G.Kent (4)	+ 5	
Mrs.H.M.Read (½)	bt. Mrs.A.Solomon (14)	+16	
<i>Second Round</i>			
Mrs.J.B.Meachem (1)	bt. O.A.Kerensky (5)	+ 9	
Mrs.B.L.Sundius-Smith (-1)	bt. J.R.G.Solomon (5)	+ 6	
Mrs.E.M.Lightfoot (½)	bt. Miss B.Duthie (1½)	+ 8	
Miss S.F.Hay (5½)	bt. B.H.Bliss (7)	+ 7	
M.B.Reckitt (5)	bt. E.B.T.Tanner (7)	+ 8	
A.Solomon (5)	bt. M.G.Pearson (7)	+ 6	
G.F.Hallett (1)	w.o. opp.scr.		
T.O.Read (-2)	bt. Mrs.E.B.T.Tanner (12)	+16	
C.B.Sanford (4)	bt. Mrs.A.Turner (8)	+ 7	
Mrs.W.Longman (-2)	bt. Mrs.B.Weitz (6)	+ 1	
E.J.Tucker (½)	bt. Mrs.F.H.N.Davidson (5)	+ 6	
S.S.Townsend (-1½)	bt. Mrs.H.Wills (6)	+17	
R.O.Havery (½)	bt. F.R.Meachem (7)	+12	
J.H.J.Soutter (3)	bt. F.E.Pearson (3)	+22	
Mrs.H.M.Read (½)	bt. T.S.Colls (3)	+14	
A.L.d'Antal (3½)	bt. H.C.Green (1½)	+ 8	
<i>Third Round</i>			
Mrs.E.M.Lightfoot (½)	bt. Miss S.F.Hay (5½)	+ 7	
G.F.Hallett (1)	bt. T.O.Read (-2)	+ 8	
A.Solomon (5)	bt. A.L.d'Antal (3½)	+ 9	
R.O.Havery (½)	bt. S.S.Townsend (-1½)	+20	
J.H.J.Soutter (3)	bt. E.J.Tucker (½)	+ 2	
C.B.Sanford (4)	bt. Mrs.B.L.Sundius-Smith (-1½)	+ 7	
Mrs.W.Longman (-2)	bt. M.B.Reckitt (5)	+ 8	
Mrs.J.B.Meachem (1)	bt. Mrs.H.M.Read (½)	+10	
<i>Fourth Round</i>			
G.F.Hallett (1)	bt. Mrs.E.M.Lightfoot (½)	+14	
A.Solomon (5)	bt. R.O.Havery (½)	+20	
J.H.J.Soutter (3)	bt. Mrs.J.B.Meachem (1)	+13	
C.B.Sanford (4)	bt. Mrs.W.Longman (-2)	+10	
<i>Semi-Final</i>			
J.H.J.Soutter (3)	bt. C.B.Sanford (4)	+26	

G.F.Hallett (1)	bt. A.Solomon (5)	+ 8	<i>Final</i>	
<i>Final</i>			Prof.B.G.Neal	bt. T.O.Read
J.H.J.Soutter (3)	bt. G.F.Hallett (1)	+21	PROCESS	
<b>'Y' Level Singles (22 Entries)</b>				
<i>First Round</i>				
Mrs.H.B.H.Carlisle	bt. Prof.A.W.Skempton	+ 2	C.G.Hopewell	bt. M.Stride
W.B.C.Paynter	bt. Mrs.E.E.Bressey	+19	T.O.Read	bt. W. de B.Prichard
Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey	bt. Mrs.A.D.Karmel	+12	S.R.Hemsted	bt. Lt-Col.D.M.C.Prichard
S.G.Kent	bt. Mrs.B.G.Neal	+12	S.S.Townsend	bt. J.B.Gilbert
G.W.Williams	bt. Mrs.A.W.Skempton	+13	Mrs.E.Rotherham	bt. J.G.Warwick
A.Solomon	w.o. Miss D.A.Lintern	opp.ret.d.	R.F.Thorp	bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller
<i>Second Round</i>				
B.H.Bliss	bt. Miss B.Duthie	+22	E.P.C.Cotter	bt. Cdr.G.Borrett
Mrs.E.B.T.Tanner	w.o. Mrs.Bentley	opp.ret.d.	B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. Mrs.B.L.Sundius-Smith
M.G.Pearson	bt. Mrs.H.B.H.Carlisle	+12	<i>Second Round</i>	
Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey	bt. W.B.C.Paynter	+ 1	Prof.B.G.Neal	bt. C.G.Hopewell
S.G.Kent	bt. G.W.Williams	+13	T.O.Read	bt. Mrs.D.M.C.Prichard
O.A.Kerensky	bt. A.Solomon	+15	S.R.Hemsted	bt. Mrs.W.Longman
J.R.G.Solomon	bt. Mrs.A.Turner	+ 9	B.G.Perry	bt. S.S.Townsend
E.B.T.Tanner	bt. Mrs.B.Weitz	+ 9	Mrs.E.Rotherham	bt. H.B.H.Carlisle
<i>Third Round</i>				
B.H.Bliss	bt. Mrs.E.B.T.Tanner	+19	R.F.Thorp	bt. G.W.Williams
M.G.Pearson	bt. Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey	+ 1	R.A.Godby	bt. E.P.C.Cotter
O.A.Kerensky	bt. S.G.Kent	+14	B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. Miss E.J.Warwick
E.B.T.Tanner	bt. J.R.G.Solomon	+18	<i>Third Round</i>	
<i>Semi-Final</i>				
B.H.Bliss	w.o. M.G.Pearson	opp.ret.d.	Prof.B.G.Neal	bt. T.O.Read
E.B.T.Tanner	bt. O.A.Kerensky	+18	B.G.Perry	bt. S.R.Hemsted
<i>Final</i>				
B.H.Bliss	bt. E.B.T.Tanner	+ 8	R.F.Thorp	bt. Mrs.E.Rotherham
<i>Final</i>				
			Prof.B.G.Neal	bt. R.F.Thorp
<b>Event 2: The Turner Cup (17 Entries)</b>				
DRAW				
<i>First Round</i>				
J.H.J.Soutter	w.o. Mrs.H.M.Read	opp.scr.		
<i>Second Round</i>				
E.P.C.Cotter	bt. S.R.Hemsted	+17	R.O.Havery	bt. Captain M.F.Buller
C.G.Hopewell	bt. H.B.H.Carlisle	+ 3	Mrs.E.M.Lightfoot	bt. Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey
B.G.Perry	bt. Miss E.J.Warwick	+15	J.A.Wheeler	bt. Mrs.J.B.Meachem
Mrs.D.M.C.Prichard	bt. G.W.Williams	+ 5	J.H.J.Soutter	w.o. Mrs.N.A.C.McMillan
R.A.Godby	bt. Mrs.W.Longman	+12	F.Reynold	bt. T.S.Colls
Prof.B.G.Neal	bt. Mrs.E.Rotherham	+12	J.B.Meachem	bt. M.G.Pearson
Mrs.B.L.Sundius-Smith	bt. S.S.Townsend	+14	Mrs.G.W.Solomon	bt. I.C.Baillieu
W.de B.Prichard	bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	+14	D.V.H.Rees	bt. Miss B.Duthie
<i>Third Round</i>				
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. J.B.Gilbert	+24	Mrs.E.M.Lightfoot	bt. R.O.Havery
T.O.Read	bt. R.F.Thorp	+17	J.A.Wheeler	bt. J.H.J.Soutter
E.P.C.Cotter	bt. C.G.Hopewell	+ 4	J.B.Meachem	bt. F.Reynold
B.G.Perry	bt. Mrs.D.M.C.Prichard	+19	D.V.H.Rees	bt. Mrs.G.W.Solomon
Prof.B.G.Neal	bt. R.A.Godby	+19	PROCESS	
W. de B.Prichard	bt. Mrs.B.L.Sundius-Smith	+20	<i>First Round</i>	
Cdr.G.Borrett	bt. Lt-Col.D.M.C.Prichard	+19	Miss B.Duthie	bt. R.O.Havery
M.Stride	bt. J.G.Warwick	+25	<i>Second Round</i>	
<i>Third Round</i>				
T.O.Read	bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt	+25	I.C.Baillieu	bt. Mrs.N.A.C.McMillan
B.G.Perry	bt. E.P.C.Cotter	+25	F.Reynold	bt. Mrs.E.M.Lightfoot
Prof.B.G.Neal	bt. W. de B.Prichard	+26	J.A.Wheeler	bt. J.B.Meachem
M.Stride	bt. Cdr.G.Borrett	+17	J.H.J.Soutter	bt. Miss B.Duthie
<i>Semi-Final</i>				
T.O.Read	bt. B.G.Perry	+15	D.V.H.Rees	bt. Mrs.H.M.Read
Prof.B.G.Neal	bt. M.Stride	+14	Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey	bt. M.G.Pearson
			Mrs.G.W.Solomon	bt. Mrs.J.B.Meachem
			Captain M.F.Buller	bt. T.S.Colls



<i>Third Round</i>		
F.Reynold	bt. I.C.Baillieu	+13
J.A.Wheeler	bt. J.H.J.Soutter	+16
D.V.H.Rees	bt. Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey	+17
Captain M.F.Buller	bt. Mrs.G.W.Solomon	+ 5
SEMI-FINALISTS REDRAWN FOR FINAL STAGES		
Mrs.E.M.Lightfoot	bt. Captain M.F.Buller	+ 8
F.Reynold	bt. J.B.Meachem	+10
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
J.A.Wheeler	bt. Mrs.E.M.Lightfoot	+ 9
F.Reynold	w.o. D.V.H.Rees	opp.scr.
<i>Final</i>		
J.A.Wheeler	bt. F.Reynold	+17
<b>Event 3: The Hurlingham Doubles (18 Pairs)</b>		
<i>First Round</i>		
W. de B.Prichard & Mrs.W.Longman	w.o. B.G.Perry & Mrs. N.A.C.McMillan	opp.scr.
Lt-Col. & Mrs.D.M.C.Prichard	bt. M.Stride and Mrs.H.B.H. Carlisle	+ 7
<i>Second Round</i>		
Prof. & Mrs.B.G.Neal	bt. R.A.Godby & Mrs.G.Trull	+ 4
C.G.Hopewell & Miss S.Hampson	bt. I.C.Baillieu & Mrs. B.L.Sundius-Smith	+ 7
J.G.Warwick & Miss E.J.Warwick	bt. T.O.Read & Mrs. H.M.Read	+ 9
Prichard & Mrs.Longman	bt. Cdr.G.Borrett & Mrs.A.W. Skempton	+ 4
Lt-Col. & Mrs.Prichard	bt. T.S.Colls & Miss B.Duthie	+24
Mr. & Mrs.J.B.Meachem	bt. R.O.Havery & Miss D.A. Lintern	+12
S.R.Hemsted & Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey	bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller & Mrs.G.W.Solomon	+ 3
B.Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs.E.Rotherham	bt. Captain M.F.Buller & Mrs.E.M.Lightfoot	+17
<i>Third Round</i>		
Hopewell & Miss Hampson	bt. Prof. & Mrs.Neal	+24
Prichard & Mrs.Longman	bt. Warwick & Miss Warwick	+ 9
Mr. & Mrs.Meachem	bt. Lt-Col. & Mrs.Prichard	+ 5
Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs.Rotherham	bt. Hemsted & Mrs.Elvey	+26
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Prichard & Mrs.Longman	bt. Hopewell & Miss Hampson	+14
Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs.Rotherham	bt. Mr. & Mrs.Meachem	+10
<i>Final</i>		
Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs.Rotherham	bt. Prichard & Mrs.Longman	+ 5
<b>Event 4: The Younger Cup (14 Entries)</b>		
DRAW		
<i>First Round</i>		
Prof.A.W.Skempton	bt. Mrs.E.E.Bressey	+19
W.B.C.Paynter	bt. Mrs.H.F.Nalder	+ 3
S.G.Kent	bt. Mrs.A.W.Skempton	+ 7
Miss S.G.Hampson	w.o. H.M.Read	opp.scr.
Miss G.H.Wood	bt. Miss D.A.Lintern	+ 7
J.Howard Wright	bt. A.Solomon	+ 8
<i>Second Round</i>		
Prof.A.W.Skempton	bt. Captain H.F.Nalder	+15
W.B.C.Paynter	bt. S.G.Kent	+15
Miss S.G.Hampson	bt. Mrs.G.H.Wood	+ 3
J.Howard Wright	bt. Miss S.F.Hay	+11

<b>PROCESS</b>			
<i>First Round</i>			
A.Solomon	bt. Mrs.A.W.Skempton	+21	
Mrs.G.H.Wood	bt. Mrs.E.E.Bressey	+12	
Captain H.F.Nalder	bt. Miss S.G.Hampson	+ 9	
J.Howard Wright	w.o. H.M.Read	opp.scr.	
S.G.Kent	bt. Miss S.F.Hay	+20	
Prof. A.W.Skempton	bt. Miss D.A.Lintern	+18	
<i>Second Round</i>			
Mrs.G.H.Wood	bt. A.Solomon	+ 5	
Captain H.F.Nalder	bt. W.B.C.Paynter	+ 7	
J.Howard Wright	bt. Mrs.H.F.Nalder	+16	
Prof. A.W.Skempton	bt. S.G.Kent	+15	
SEMI-FINALISTS REDRAWN FOR FINAL STAGES			
Mrs.G.H.Wood	bt. Captain H.F.Nalder	+25	
W.B.C.Paynter	bt. Miss S.G.Hampson	+19	
<i>Semi-Final</i>			
Prof. A.W.Skempton	bt. Mrs.G.H.Wood	+ 2	
J.Howard Wright	bt. W.B.C. Paynter	+ 6	
<i>Final</i>			
J.Howard Wright	bt. Prof. A.W.Skempton	+ 3	
<b>Event 5: The Longworth Cup: 'X' Handicap Singles restricted (7 Entries)</b>			
<i>First Round</i>			
Mrs.H.B.H.Carlisle (6)	bt. Mrs.A.Turner (8)	+ 2	
Mrs.H.Wills (6)	bt. Mrs.B.G.Neal (6)	+21	
J.R.G.Solomon (5)	bt. M.B.Reckitt (5)	+23	
Mrs.A.Solomon (14)	bye		
<i>Semi-Final</i>			
Mrs.H.B.H.Carlisle (6)	bt. Mrs.H.Wills (6)	+ 7	
J.R.G.Solomon (5)	bt. Mrs.A.Solomon (14)	+17	
<i>Final</i>			
J.R.G.Solomon (5)	bt. Mrs.H.B.H.Carlisle (6)	+11	
<b>Event 6: The Ladies Field Candlesticks (12 Pairs)</b>			
<i>First Round</i>			
Mrs.G.W.Solomon & Mrs.E.E.Bressey	bt. Mrs.E.Rotherham & Mrs.E.M.Lightfoot	+ 5 (T)	
Mrs.B.L.Sundius-Smith & Mrs.H.M.Read	bt. Miss D.A.Lintern & Mrs.B.G.Neal	+17 (T)	
Miss E.J.Warwick & Mrs.H.B.H.Carlisle	bt. Mrs.A.W.Skempton & Mrs.A.Solomon	+ 2 (T)	
Mrs.N.A.C.McMillan & Mrs.G.H.Wood	bt. Mrs.W.Longman & Miss S.G.Hampson	+10 (T)	
<i>Second Round</i>			
Mrs.J.B.Meachem & Mrs.B.Weitz	bt. Mrs.D.M.C.Prichard & Mrs.H.F.Nalder	+ 9 (T)	
Mrs.Sundius-Smith & Mrs.Read	bt. Mrs.G.Solomon & Mrs. Bressey	+ 7 (T)	
Mrs.McMillan & Mrs.Wood	bt. Miss Warwick & Mrs.Carlisle	+ 4	
Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey & Mrs.B.Chittenden	bt. Mrs.H.Wills & Mrs. A.Turner	+ 6	
<i>Semi-Final</i>			
Mrs.Meachem & Mrs.Weitz	bt. Mrs.Sundius-Smith & Mrs.Read	+ 3 (T)	
Mrs.McMillan & Mrs.Wood	bt. Mrs.Elvey & Mrs.Chittenden	+ 6	

<i>Final</i>		<b>Results</b>	
Mrs.McMillan & Mrs.Wood	bt. Mrs.Meachem & Mrs.Weitz	+ 6 (T)	
<b>Event 1: The Championship of County Dublin (8 Entries)</b>			
DRAW			
<i>First Round</i>			
F.Regan	bt. Miss G.Hopkins	+ 4	
Miss F.Joly	bt. D.O'Connor	+ 2	
Mrs.E.M.Lightfoot	bt. Lady FitzGerald	+12	
R.J.Leonard	bt. A.D.Craig	+16	
<i>Semi-Final</i>			
Miss F.Joly	bt. F.Regan	+16	
R.J.Leonard	bt. Mrs.E.M.Lightfoot	+ 5	
<i>Final</i>			
Miss F.Joly	bt. R.J.Leonard	+13	
<b>PROCESS</b>			
<i>First Round</i>			
R.J.Leonard	bt. Miss F.Joly	+10	
Mrs.E.M.Lightfoot	bt. F.Regan	+ 8	
D.O'Connor	bt. Lady FitzGerald	+19	
Miss G.Hopkins	bt. A.D.Craig	+ 9	
<i>Semi-Final</i>			
R.J.Leonard	bt. Mrs.E.M.Lightfoot	+ 5	
D.O'Connor	bt. Miss G.Hopkins	+24	
<i>Final</i>			
D.O'Connor	bt. R.J.Leonard	+23	
PLAY-OFF			
D.O'Connor	bt. Miss F.Joly	+18	
<b>Event 2: Duff Matthews Cup (4 Entries)</b>			
<i>First Round</i>			
Madame Omorchde (10)	bt. Mrs.C.Leonard (14)	+ 9	
Mrs.F.Regan (5)	bt. B.O'Connor (12)	+12	
<i>Final</i>			
Mrs.F.Regan (5)	bt. Madame Omorchde (10)	+10	
<b>Event 3: Boxwell Cup - Open Handicap Singles (12 Entries)</b>			
<i>First Round</i>			
F.Regan (2½)	bt. Madame Omorchde (10)	+13	
R.J.Leonard (-½)	bt. Miss G.Hopkins (3½)	+11	
Miss F.Joly (½)	w.o. Mrs.I.Corbally (11)	opp.scr.	
A.D.Craig (3)	bt. Dr.S.R.Duff (1½)	+12	
<i>Second Round</i>			
Lady FitzGerald (1½)	bt. Mrs.F.Regan (5)	+10	
R.J.Leonard (-½)	bt. F.Regan (2½)	+ 7	
Miss F.Joly (½)	bt. D.O'Connor (-2½)	+ 8	
Mrs.E.M.Lightfoot (0)	bt. A.D.Craig (3)	+17	
<i>Semi-Final</i>			
R.J.Leonard (-½)	bt. Lady FitzGerald (1½)	+ 6	
Miss F.Joly (½)	bt. Mrs.E.M.Lightfoot (0)	+ 5	
<i>Final</i>			
Miss F.Joly (½)	bt. R.J.Leonard (-½)	+12	
<b>Event 4: Coronation Cups - Handicap Doubles (8 Pairs)</b>			
<i>First Round</i>			
Miss F.Joly & G.V.Byrne	bt. R.J.Leonard & Mrs.C.Leonard	+ 9	
Miss G.Hopkins & P.Mahony	bt. A.D.Craig & Madame Omorchde	+ 4	

**The Championship of County Dublin, Carrickmines, August 16 - 21**

The usual pleasant atmosphere of Carrickmines prevailed during the tournament, but it was disappointing that only one visitor, Mrs.Lightfoot, entered. Carrickmines have decided to switch their tournaments next year so that the main tournament, the Irish Championships, will be in August, and it is to be hoped that many English players will come over for this delightful tournament.

David O'Connor won the Championship again, his fifth consecutive victory in Championships at Carrickmines. He started very shakily on the first day, but by the Saturday he was playing extremely well and only just failed to complete a triple in the play-off against Frances Joly.

Frances Joly was superb all week. She won the big handicap event, and the Doubles with the Club's President George Byrne, who had never played croquet before. In the exciting final against David O'Connor and another novice Elizabeth Hannon, Frances was pegged out and George hit the peg on his 'last shot' from the third corner.

The Doubles event was very unusual and amusing. Nearly every partnership was composed of an experienced player and a complete novice. One to be watched in the future is Benedict O'Connor, David's brother.

David O'Connor managed the tournament ably, and Jimmy Murphy's cuisine was very highly praised. Special mention must be made here of Bob Boyce, the magnificent groundsman, whose lawns were given the hallowed praise of being 'better than Hurlingham'. Bob has been at Carrickmines for over twenty years and the lawns get better every year.



D.O'Connor & Mrs.R.L.Hannon bt. Lady FitzGerald & T.V. Murphy +17  
Mrs.E.M.Lightfoot & B.O'Connor bt. Mr. & Mrs.F.Regan +16

*Semi-Final*

Miss Joly & Byrne bt. Miss Hopkins & Mahony + 3  
D.O'Connor & Mrs.Hannon bt. Mrs.Lightfoot & B.O'Connor + 5

*Final*

Miss F.Joly & Byrne bt. D.O'Connor & Mrs.Hannon + 3

**The Nottingham Tournament: August 16 - 21**

While the rest of the country was saturated with rain, Nottingham, having started its tournament with two superbly sunny days, escaped the deluge entirely. The lunches and teas were managed equally well, with many members helping to provide excellent fare.

The Tournament Secretary, Christopher Haworth, had secured a good entry, which included six players selected for the three invitation Eights this year. Much interest was aroused by the play of three new comers to the game, Fletcher, Henry and Mrs.Coombs. Fletcher reached the semi-final of the doubles in partnership with Bateson. Henry, partnered by Hopewell, won this event, having survived an exciting semi-final against Paul Hands and Mrs.Haworth, whom they beat by 1 after Henry had hit a last shot. In the Final they beat Bryan Lloyd-Pratt and Jane Rolfe in only seventy-five minutes. Henry made a break from the 5th to 4-back, using only one bisque, and Hopewell tripled, using the remaining bisques.

Mrs.Coombs reached the Final of the 5 bisques and over event, but was beaten by Henry. She also had a fine win by 1 over Bernard Neal in the 'X' handicap, playing with great courage after being pegged out with her remaining ball for Rover.

The Robin Hood Cup, newly gilded, was won by Bernard Neal. In the Final he beat George Henshaw, who played well only after the bisques had gone. In fact Bernard was forced to peg out one opponent ball to subdue him. Ewart Whitehead had a notable win in this event when he beat Paul Hands by 26. Paul's relaxed, flowing style and superb shooting took him to the Finals in both Draw and Process, where he was defeated by Bernard Neal.

Tyrwhitt-Drake won the 'X' handicap, beating Bryan Lloyd-Pratt in the Final by a spectacular last shot across the full width of the lawn; a Tyrwhitt-Drake speciality, as several rueful opponents were willing to testify. The 'Y' handicap was won by George Henshaw, who played such fine breaks in the Final that Christopher Haworth was given no chance.

The tournament was skilfully managed by Bill Gladstone, who did not reproduce the fine form he displayed during the Caskets because of the many distractions to which a playing manager is subjected. He was most ably assisted by Miss Cicely Brumpton. All was finished by tea time on the last day, when the prizes were charmingly presented by Lady Graham.

**Results**

**Event 1: Robin Hood Gold Cup (23 Entries)**

*First Round*

G.K.Taylor (-½) bt. Miss J.K.Samuel (7) + 6  
P.W.Elmes (-1) bt. T.S.Colls (3) + 3  
P.W.Hands (-3½) bt. Mrs.A.J.Bucknell (11) +18  
E.Whitehead (-½) w.o. H.O.Hodgson (2) opp.ret'd.  
C.G.Hopewell (-1) bt. R.Bateson (2) +20  
Rev.W.E.Gladstone (-2) bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3) +24  
E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-2) bt. Mrs.E.Whitehead (8) +11

*Second Round*

C.W.Haworth (3½) bt. Mrs.J.N.Rolfe (1) +18  
G.Henshaw (6) bt. Miss E.C.Brumpton (3) + 2  
G.K.Taylor (-½) bt. P.W.Elmes (-1) +19  
P.W.Hands (-3½) bt. E.Whitehead (-½) +26  
Rev.W.E.Gladstone (-2) bt. C.G.Hopewell (-1) + 6  
E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-2) bt. Mrs.B.G.Neal +13  
Prof.B.G.Neal (-4) bt. Mrs.H.M.Coombs (9) + 9  
Miss E.M.Brumpton (4) w.o. opp.scr.

*Third Round*

G.Henshaw (6) bt. C.W.Haworth (3) + 4  
G.K.Taylor (-½) bt. P.W.Hands (-3½) + 3  
E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-2) bt. Rev.W.E.Gladstone (-2) + 5  
Prof.B.G.Neal (-4) bt. Miss E.M.Brumpton (4) + 5

*Semi-Final*

G.Henshaw (6) bt. G.K.Taylor (-½) +17  
Prof.B.G.Neal (-4) bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-2) + 9

*Final*

Prof.B.G.Neal (-4) bt. G.Henshaw (6) + 6

**Event 2: Open Singles (13 Entries)**

DRAW

*First Round*

E.Whitehead w.o. H.O.Hodgson opp.ret'd.  
R.Bateson bt. P.W.Elmes +12  
P.W.Hands bt. Rev.W.E.Gladstone +18  
E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake bt. G.K.Taylor +20  
C.G.Hopewell bt. Mrs.J.N.Rolfe +14

*Second Round*

E.Whitehead bt. T.S.Colls +23  
P.W.Hands bt. R.Bateson +25  
C.G.Hopewell bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake +16  
Prof.B.G.Neal bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt +12

*Semi-Final*

P.W.Hands bt. E.Whitehead +25  
Prof.B.G.Neal bt. C.G.Hopewell +11

*Final*

Prof.B.G.Neal bt. P.W.Hands +12

PROCESS

*First Round*

Prof.B.G.Neal bt. Rev.W.E.Gladstone +14  
Mrs.J.N.Rolfe bt. E.Whitehead + 5  
G.K.Taylor bt. T.S.Colls + 4  
B.Lloyd-Pratt bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake + 7  
C.G.Hopewell bt. H.O.Hodgson + 7

*Second Round*

Prof.B.G.Neal bt. Mrs.J.N.Rolfe +18  
P.W.Elmes bt. G.K.Taylor +16  
B.Lloyd-Pratt bt. R.Bateson +15  
P.W.Hands bt. C.G.Hopewell +10

*Semi-Final*

Prof.B.G.Neal bt. P.W.Elmes + 9  
P.W.Hands bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt +16

*Final*

Prof.B.G.Neal bt. P.W.Hands + 5

**Event 3: Restricted Handicap Singles (10 Entries)**

*First Round*

Miss J.K.Samuel (7) bt. Mrs.B.G.Neal (6) + 7  
Mrs.H.M.Coombs (9) bt. Mrs.A.J.Bucknell (11) +13

*Second Round*

Mrs.E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (16) w.o. opp.scr.  
Mrs.H.M.Coombs (9) bt. Miss J.K.Samuel (7) +16 (T)  
G.Henshaw (6) bt. Mrs.E.Whitehead (8) +20  
C.F.Henry (9\*) bt. R.H.Fletcher (14) +13

*Semi-Final*

Mrs.H.M.Coombs (9) bt. Mrs.E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (16) +17  
C.F.Henry (8) bt. G.Henshaw (6) +20

*Final*

C.F.Henry (8) bt. Mrs.H.M.Coombs (9) +17

**Event 4a: 'X' Handicap Singles (25 Entries)**

*First Round*

E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-2) bt. C.G.Hopewell (-1) +10  
Prof.B.G.Neal (-4) bt. Mrs.A.J.Bucknell (11) +13  
Mrs.H.M.Coombs (9) bt. Miss J.K.Samuel (7) +22  
E.Whitehead (-½) w.o. R.Bateson (2) opp.scr.  
Mrs.B.G.Neal (6) bt. Miss E.M.Brumpton (4) + 6  
Mrs.J.N.Rolfe (1½) bt. P.W.Elmes (-1) + 2  
Dr.H.M.Browning (8) bt. Mrs.E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (16) + 5  
B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3) bt. P.W.Hands (-3½) +13  
T.S.Colls (3) w.o. opp.scr.

*Second Round*

Mrs.E.Whitehead (8) bt. C.W.Haworth (3½) + 1  
E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-2) bt. C.F.Henry (8) + 3  
Mrs.H.M.Coombs (9) bt. Prof.B.G.Neal (-4) + 1  
E.Whitehead (-½) bt. Mrs.B.G.Neal (6) +12  
Mrs.J.N.Rolfe (1½) bt. Dr.H.M.Browning (8) + 9  
B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3) bt. T.S.Colls (3) + 8  
G.K.Taylor (-½) bt. G.Henshaw (6) + 3  
Miss E.C.Brumpton (3) w.o. H.O.Hodgson (2) opp.ret'd.

*Third Round*

E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-2) bt. Mrs.E.Whitehead (8) + 4  
E.Whitehead (-½) bt. Mrs.H.M.Coombs (9) + 9  
B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3) bt. Mrs.J.N.Rolfe (1½) +11  
Miss E.C.Brumpton (3) bt. G.K.Taylor (-½) + 3

*Semi-Final*

E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-2) bt. E.Whitehead (-½) + 4  
B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3) bt. Miss E.C.Brumpton (3) +12

*Final*

E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-2) bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3) + 4

**THE SEVEN AGES OF CROQUET MAN**

(As-we-don't-like-it)

All our world's a court,  
And all the men and women croquet players  
That have their innings, and that have their breakdowns,  
And each one in his time may reach some climax,  
Their acts showing different stages. First the children  
Pottering round wide hoops with little mallets.  
And then the bright young schoolboy, keen as mustard,  
Having no nerves, if not much tactics either,  
Annoyingly he wins. Next the shrewd graduate,  
Brilliant and brainy, makes the Surrey Cup  
And should go far, with no girls to divert him!  
Now he's the Master, striving for sextuples,  
Seeking the bubble reputation, even in the President's Cup.  
Then the past champion, still a minus player,  
But not the man he was, talks much of Laws  
Or dominates the Tournament Committee.  
But soon he's in the semi-final stage,  
A patent 'has-been', and he's forced to ask  
A rise in handicap. Last scene of all  
In this so sad declension, now he's eighty  
He enters on a second childishness

**Event 4b: 'Y' Handicap Singles (13 Entries)**

*First Round*

C.G.Hopewell (-1) bt. C.F.Henry (8) + 9  
Mrs.A.J.Bucknell (11) w.o. Miss J.K.Samuel (7) opp.ret'd.  
Miss E.M.Brumpton (4) bt. R.Bateson (2) +13  
P.W.Elmes (-1) bt. Mrs.E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (16) +21  
T.S.Colls (3) bt. P.W.Hands (-3½) +23

*Second Round*

C.W.Haworth (3½) bt. C.G.Hopewell (-1) +20  
Miss E.M.Brumpton (4) bt. Mrs.A.J.Bucknell (11) + 7  
T.S.Colls (3) bt. P.W.Elmes (-1) +25  
G.Henshaw (6) w.o. H.O.Hodgson (2) opp.ret'd.

*Semi-Final*

C.W.Haworth (3½) bt. Miss E.M.Brumpton (4) + 3  
G.Henshaw (6) bt. T.S.Colls (3) +22

*Final*

G.Henshaw (6) bt. C.W.Haworth (3½) +23

**Event 5: Handicap Doubles (12 Pairs)**

*First Round*

C.G.Hopewell & C.F.Henry bt. P.W.Elmes & G.Henshaw + 9  
R.Bateson & R.H.Fletcher bt. Prof. & Mrs.B.G.Neal +10  
Mr. & Mrs.E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake bt. Miss J.K.Samuel & T.S.Colls + 8  
Mr. & Mrs.E.Whitehead bt. Mr. & Mrs.A.J.Bucknell + 3 (T)

*Second Round*

P.W.Hands & Mrs.C.W.Haworth bt. Miss E.C.Brumpton & Rev.W.E.Gladstone +11  
Hopewell & Henry bt. Mr. & Mrs. E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake + 8  
Bateson & Fletcher bt. Mr. & Mrs.Whitehead +18  
B.Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs.J.N.Rolfe bt. Mrs.H.M.Coombs & C.W.Haworth +14

*Semi-Final*

Hopewell & Henry bt. Hands & Mrs.Haworth + 1  
Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs.Rolfe bt. Bateson & Fletcher +16

*Final*

Hopewell & Henry bt. Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs.Rolfe +25

Which is, croquetically, a mere oblivion,  
Sans strokes, sans shots, sans partners - sans the lot!

EMBER

**Fatal Day**

[A player at Devonshire Park was heard to complain 'I always die on Thursday'.]

I'm rather good on Monday,

On Tuesday I'm not bad;

By Wednesday I confess that

I'm feeling pretty sad.

I always die on Thursday:

If more I dared to risk

By Friday or by Saturday

(But preferably the latter day)

Opponents I would scatter - Hey!

I might lose half a bisque.

EMBER



**Southwick: August 23-28**

Southwick fooled the Meteorological Office which forecast rain on most days of the week. Nobody had to don water-proofs and for the most part play was in warm sunshine. One feature of the week was the attendance of players who have graced our August Tournament for many years. Maurice Reckitt, for instance, has not missed one for 51 years, and Kay Longman claims a 41 year tradition. T.G.S.Colls must have amazed his audience when he announced that he first played here in 1908. Either he is wearing uncommonly well or he made a very early start in the game! The Tournament was managed, as it has been for many years, by Major Dibley, around whom there is always a pleasant aura. Although he attributed the successful completion of games to the co-operation of players, it is a tribute to his management that no one was scratched in spite of the same players being in the finals of three events.

Some of the croquet was sparkling, and some of the games thrilling — notably the finals of the Doubles and the Draw and Process Play-Off. With a magnificent shot across the court Bill Moore virtually snatched the Gold Cup from the hands of P.Newton, whose accurate play in all departments throughout the week was noteworthy. These finalists qualify for the C.A. Silver Medal. Not since the days of Kirk-Greene has Southwick found a member to carry off this Trophy.

The Doubles victory was also snatched from Professor Ross and Mark Stainer, who might well have been justified in thinking that they had it in the bag. Allan Sheppard, however, becomes a tiger when things look black. With Freddie Reynold's ball pegged out and the opposition cosily laid up for the *coup de grace*, Allan shot hard from the boundary and I imagine that the peg must have been considerably weakened by the impact. This feat was uproariously applauded — such was the tension amongst the spectators.

In the Final of the Big Handicap Mark Stainer, doubtless concluding that his only chance against the sparkling play of Keith Ross was to peg him out, wasted 4 of his 5 bisques in an attempt altogether too ambitious. Perhaps his successful peg-out against Freddie Reynold made him overconfident. Anyway the experience will do him no harm: he's going to be a player, this boy.

We saw some graceful and effective play from Sir Leonard Daldry. His 'chop' shot with which he approaches his hoops is a model of accuracy and won him many points.

Amongst the ladies we saw some competent play from Mrs. H.F.L.Jenking who won the Monteith Bowl, from Miss Ault with her distinctive side style, and from Miss Hampson, who got many long distance connections to win the 'B' Levels against the redoubtable T.G.S.Colls.

A successful and very enjoyable tournament.

**Results**

**Event 1: The Sussex Gold Cup (16 Entries)**

**DRAW**

<i>First Round</i>		
Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey	bt. A.D.Karmel	+ 9
Mrs.W.Longman	bt. Sir L.Daldry	+ 6
Dr.W.R.Bucknall	bt. W.H.Austin	+ 1
P.Newton	bt. Mrs.H.F.Chittenden	+16
W.E.Moore	bt. E.T.Tucker	+26
D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	bt. Prof. A.S.C.Ross	+19
F.Reynold	bt. Cdr. G.Borrett	+19
K.A.Ross	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake	+16

<i>Second Round</i>		
Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey	bt. Mrs.W.Longman	+21
P.Newton	bt. Dr.W.R.Bucknall	+ 4
W.E.Moore	bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	+ 3

K.A.Ross	bt. F.Reynold	+23
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
P.Newton	bt. Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey	+19
K.A.Ross	bt. W.E.Moore	+ 6

<i>Final</i>		
P.Newton	bt. K.A.Ross	+14

**PROCESS**

<i>First Round</i>		
Sir L.Daldry	bt. F.Reynold	+ 9
W.H.Austin	bt. Prof.A.S.C.Ross	+14
E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake	bt. A.D.Karmel	+12
P.Newton	bt. E.T.Tucker	+10
D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	bt. Mrs.H.F.Chittenden	+23
K.A.Ross	bt. Mrs.W.Longman	+23
Dr.W.R.Bucknall	bt. Cdr.G.Borrett	+24
W.E.Moore	bt. Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey	+26

<i>Second Round</i>		
Sir L.Daldry	bt. W.H.Austin	+12
E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake	bt. P.Newton	+ 2
D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	bt. K.A.Ross	+14
W.E.Moore	bt. Dr.W.R.Bucknall	+22

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Sir L.Daldry	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake	+16
W.E.Moore	bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	+19

<i>Final</i>		
W.E.Moore	bt. Sir L.Daldry	+ 3

<b>PLAY-OFF</b>		
W.E.Moore	bt. P.Newton	+ 2

**Event 2: 'B' Level Singles (14 Entries)**

<b>DRAW</b>		
<i>First Round</i>		
H.A.Sheppard	bt. I.C.Baillieu	+ 9
Miss H.D.Parker	w.o. R.O.Havery	opp.scr.
Captain M.F.Buller	bt. Mrs.E.M.Temple	+ 9
Miss D.A.Lintern	bt. W.J.Baverstock	+10
Major R.Driscoll	bt. Mrs.E.M.Speer	+23
T.G.S.Colls	bt. Miss K.Ault	+10

<i>Second Round</i>		
Miss S.Hampson	bt. H.A.Sheppard	+ 3
Miss H.D.Parker	bt. Captain M.F.Buller	+ 3
Miss D.A.Lintern	bt. Major R.Driscoll	+ 2
T.G.S.Colls	bt. Lady Ursula Abbey	+17

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Miss S.Hampson	bt. H.D.Parker	+10
T.G.S.Colls	bt. Miss D.A.Lintern	+15

<i>Final</i>		
Miss S.Hampson	bt. T.G.S.Colls	+ 8

<b>PROCESS</b>		
<i>First Round</i>		
Major R.Driscoll	bt. H.A.Sheppard	+ 4
Miss S.Hampson	bt. Miss D.A.Lintern	+16
Miss K.Ault	bt. W.J.Baverstock	+24
I.C.Baillieu	bt. Mrs.E.M.Speer	+21

<i>Second Round</i>		
Lady Ursula Abbey	bt. Major R.Driscoll	+ 8
T.G.S.Colls	w.o. R.O.Havery	opp.scr.
Miss K.Ault	bt. Miss H.D.Parker	+23
Captain M.F.Buller	bt. I.C.Baillieu	+ 1 (T)

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
T.G.S.Colls	bt. Lady Ursula Abbey	+15
Miss K.Ault	w.o. Captain M.F.Buller	opp.ret'd.

<i>Final</i>		
T.G.S.Colls	w.o. Miss K.Ault	opp.ret'd.

<b>PLAY-OFF</b>		
T.G.S.Colls	bt. Miss S.Hampson	+10

**Event 3: The Franc Cup — 'C' Handicap Singles (16 Entries)**

<i>First Round</i>		
Mrs.A.S.C.Ross (4½)	bt. Mrs.E.R.Cox (4)	+ 5
D.M.Horne (5)	bt. C.G.Mayo (4½)	+11
W.B.C.Paynter (4)	bt. Mrs.R.E.Tucker (4½)	+15
M.B.Reckitt (5)	bt. Miss M.Towers (6)	+ 5
M.Stainer (6)	bt. Mrs.W.A.Naylor (5½)	+18
G.F.Paxon (6)	bt. Miss E.Pratt (5)	+ 1 (T)
F.F.W.Staddon (6)	bt. H.F.L.Jenking (6)	+11
Mrs.E.Higinbotham (6½)	bt. W.G.B.Scott (6)	+11

<i>Second Round</i>		
D.M.Horne (5)	bt. Mrs.A.S.C.Ross (4½)	+ 2
W.B.C.Paynter (4)	bt. M.B.Reckitt (5)	+ 7
M.Stainer (6)	bt. G.F.Paxon (6)	+13
F.F.W.Staddon (6)	bt. Mrs.E.Higinbotham (6½)	+ 2

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
D.M.Horne (5)	bt. W.B.C.Paynter (4)	+10
M.Stainer (6)	bt. F.F.W.Staddon (6)	+10

<i>Final</i>		
M.Stainer (6)	bt. D.M.Horne (5)	+ 3

**Event 4: The Monteith Bowl — Restricted Handicap Singles (5 Entries)**

<i>First Round</i>		
Mrs.H.F.L.Jenking (9)	bt. Mrs.P.Newton (8)	+ 2
<i>Second Round</i>		
Mrs.H.F.L.Jenking (9)	bt. H.C.Higinbotham (8)	+ 1
Miss L.M.Cooke (10)	bt. Mrs.E.Thompson (7)	+ 6

<i>Final</i>		
Mrs.H.F.L.Jenking (9)	bt. Miss L.M.Cooke (10)	+ 5

**Event 5: The Maurice Reckitt Bowl — Open Handicap Singles (48 Entries)**

<i>First Round</i>		
F.Reynold (1)	bt. Sir L.Daldry (-1)	+ 3
Dr.W.R.Bucknall (0)	bt. Miss H.D.Parker (2½)	+22
T.G.S.Colls (3)	bt. G.F.Paxon (6)	+19
H.A.Green (-½)	bt. Mrs.A.S.C.Ross (4½)	+ 5
E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-2)	bt. Cdr.G.Borrett (-2½)	+ 6
R.O.Havery (0)	bt. M.B.Reckitt (5)	+ 5
Lady Ursula Abbey (2)	bt. Major R.Driscoll (1)	+ 8
Miss E.Pratt (5½)	bt. Miss D.A.Lintern (4)	+13
H.A.Sheppard (1)	bt. E.T.Tucker (1)	+ 4
W.G.B.Scott (6)	bt. Miss L.M.Cooke (10)	+ 2
K.A.Ross (1)	bt. W.B.C.Paynter (4)	+18
Miss S.G.Hampson (3)	bt. Mrs.H.F.Chittenden (-½)	+21
Mrs.W.Longman (-2)	bt. Miss M.Tyrrell (6½)	+ 3
Mrs.E.M.Temple (2)	bt. Mrs.E.M.Speer (3)	+ 2

<i>Second Round</i>		
D.M.Horne (5)	bt. Captain M.F.Buller (½)	+20
Mrs.E.R.Cox (4)	bt. Mrs.P.Newton (8)	+11
M.Stainer (6)	bt. Prof.A.S.C.Ross (2)	+15
I.C.Baillieu (1)	bt. Mrs.W.A.Naylor (5½)	+12
C.G.Mayo (4½)	bt. Miss K.Ault (2½)	+10
P.Newton (-2½)	bt. W.J.Baverstock (3)	+15

F.Reynold (1)	bt. Dr.W.R.Bucknall (0)	+ 9
H.A.Green (-½)	bt. T.G.S.Colls (3)	+ 2
E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-2)	bt. R.O.Havery (0)	+ 9
Miss E.Pratt (5½)	bt. Lady Ursula Abbey (2)	+ 8
P.Newton (-2½)	bt. C.G.Mayo (4½)	+ 4
H.A.Sheppard (1)	bt. W.G.B.Scott (6)	+14
K.A.Ross (1)	bt. Miss S.Hampson (3)	+ 6
Mrs.E.M.Temple (2)	w.o. Mrs.W.Longman (-2)	opp.ret'd.
H.F.L.Jenking (6)	bt. N.W.T.Cox (-½)	+16
Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey (-½)	bt. A.D.Karmel (-1½)	+10
D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller (-3½)	bt. F.F.W.Staddon (6)	+ 6
Mrs.R.E.Tucker (4½)	bt. W.H.Austin (0)	+ 5

<i>Third Round</i>		
Mrs.E.R.Cox (4)	bt. D.M.Horne (5)	+ 8
M.Stainer (6)	bt. I.C.Baillieu (1)	+18
F.Reynold (1)	bt. H.A.Green (-½)	+20
E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-2)	bt. Miss E.Pratt (5½)	+ 9
H.A.Sheppard (1)	bt. P.Newton (-2½)	+10
K.A.Ross (1)	bt. Mrs.E.M.Temple (2)	+23
H.F.L.Jenking (6)	bt. Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey (-½)	+13
Mrs.R.E.Tucker (4)	bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller (-3½)	+ 8

<i>Fourth Round</i>		
M.Stainer (6)	bt. Mrs.E.R.Cox (4)	+ 7
F.Reynold (1)	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-2)	+19
K.A.Ross (1)	bt. H.A.Sheppard (1)	+23
H.F.L.Jenking (6)	bt. Mrs.R.E.Tucker (4)	+ 9

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
M.Stainer (6)	bt. F.Reynold (1)	+ 3
K.A.Ross (1)	bt. H.F.L.Jenking (6)	+25

<i>Final</i>		
K.A.Ross (1)	bt. M.Stainer (6)	+10

**Event 6: Handicap Doubles (24 Pairs)**

<i>First Round</i>		
F.Reynold & H.A.Sheppard	bt. Mr. & Mrs.P.Newton	+11
Miss D.A.Lintern & G.F.Paxon	bt. Cdr.G.Borrett & M.B.Reckitt	+ 4
Mr. & Mrs.N.W.T.Cox	bt. W.H.Austin & T.G.S.Colls	+17
E.T.Tucker & Mrs.M.Speer	bt. W.B.C.Paynter & F.F.W.Staddon	+15
R.O.Havery & Miss S.Hampson	bt. Major R.Driscoll & Mrs.S.Turner	+20
I.C.Baillieu & Miss M.Tyrrell	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake & Miss H.D.Parker	+ 2
Prof.A.S.C.Ross & M.Stainer	bt. A.D.Karmel & Mrs.E.Roper	+19
H.A.Green & Mrs.H.C.Higinbotham	bt. Captain M.F.Buller & Lady Ursula Abbey	+ 9

<i>Second Round</i>		
Dr.W.R.Bucknall & Sir L.Daldry	bt. D.E.Buckland & W.G.B.Scott	+12
Mrs.G.F.H.Elvey & Mrs.H.F.L.Jenking	bt. Miss C.Cox & Mrs.Woodward	+ 2
Reynold & Sheppard	bt. Miss Lintern & Paxon	+16
Mr. & Mrs.Cox	bt. Tucker & Mrs.Speer	+13
Havery & Miss Hampson	bt. Baillieu & Miss Tyrrell	+11
Prof.Ross & Stainer	bt. Green & Mrs.Higinbotham	+14
W.E.Moore & Mrs.A.S.C.Ross	bt. Mrs.H.F.Chittenden & Miss L.M.Cooke	+ 8
K.A.Ross & Mrs.R.E.Tucker	bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller & Mrs.W.A.Naylor	+ 6

<i>Third Round</i>		
Dr.Bucknall & Sir L.Daldry	bt. Mrs.Elvey & Mrs.Jenking	+11
Reynold & Sheppard	bt. Mr. & Mrs. Cox	+18
Prof.Ross & Stainer	bt. Havery & Miss Hampson	+17
K.A.Ross & Mrs.Tucker	bt. Moore & Mrs.A.S.C.Ross	+13



*Semi-Final*

Prof. Ross & Stainer bt. K.A. Ross & Mrs. Tucker + 7  
 Reynold & Sheppard bt. Dr. Bucknall & Sir L. Daldry + 4

*Final*

Reynold & Sheppard bt. Prof. Ross & Stainer + 4

**Cheltenham Weekend Tournaments 1972**

The first two American Tournaments will be held at Easter (April 1-3) and at the Spring Holiday weekend (May 27-29). Dates for the remaining weekend tournaments will be published in the Fixtures Book in due course. It has been decided that no bookings for any of these tournaments will be accepted before 1 January 1972. The full entry fee (£1) must be paid before the booking is accepted; half will be returned if the entrant finds it impossible to play.

**Weekend Tournaments****Cheltenham III: August 13-15***Block Winners:*

A. Dr. L.S. Harris (8) 5 wins  
 B. H.G.T. Bolton (7) 5 wins and 76 points  
 C. M.J. Evans (7½) 6 wins  
 D. R.S. Stevens (7) 6 wins

**Colchester: August 27-30***Swiss Tournament: Handicap Singles*

Winner: D.E. Reeves (10) 4 wins

*Doubles Final*

R.S. Alford & Mrs G.S. Digby bt. R.D.C. Prichard & Mrs G.M. Mann

+19

**OFFICIAL NOTICES****Secretary's Notes****AMENDMENT SHEETS TO THE C.A. DIRECTORY**

As this Directory (formerly called the Abridged Handbook) is constantly subject to correction, I have issued duplicated amendment sheets as follows: (a) a consolidated amendment sheet and supplement in October/November 1970; (b) a further amendment sheet and supplement in April 1971; (c) the latest amendment sheet on 6 August 1971. Any Associate who has a copy of the Directory and would like to have copies of the Amendment Sheets to bring it up to date can have them for 5p the set, post free, from this office (overseas by surface mail).

A new, up-to-date edition of the Directory will, it is hoped, appear next spring. This too will, during its currency, require amendment. It is hoped that it will be found possible to provide an amendment service to those purchasers of the new Directory who so request and leave their addresses. The prices which we shall have to charge for the Directory and for the amendment service have still to be considered.

**MATERIAL FOR THE NEW EDITION OF THE C.A. DIRECTORY**

A new edition of the Croquet Association Directory, formerly known as the Abridged Handbook, is being prepared for publication next year. I hope to have the script in the hands of the printers before Christmas. For this purpose I ask for the following help from Associates:

- If your address has changed from what was printed in the existing edition or its subsequent amendment sheets, please let me know your new address for publication in the new edition.
- If you have been given a postal code, will you please let me know? It may well be that during the life of the new edition it will become essential to prompt delivery of correspondence to include this code.
- If you have a telephone number and do not object to its appearing in the Directory, will you please tell me?  
 For numbers in the London (01) area this presents no problems. For others the preliminary figures are often different according to the place from which one is calling, so can I please have the name of the Exchange? (If you like also to let me know the figures to be dialled when calling from London, I shall be glad to record these at least in the office copy.)

- There are now very few Associates who have not paid their subscriptions for 1971, but if any such should read this, would they please put this right so as to ensure their inclusion in the new edition? If you would like to save yourself and me trouble and pay in future by Banker's Order, please say so and I will send you a form.
- Copies of the Directory are not sent free to Associates. If you would like to have one (the cost is 30p), please say so and send me the remittance.
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 Secretary.

**Handicap Alterations**

*Hurlingham: August 3-7*  
 R.O. Havery ½ to 0; Mrs E.M. Lightfoot ½ to 0; G.F. Hallett 1 to 0; J.H.J. Soutter 3 to 1; A. d'Antal 3½ to 3; C.B. Sanford

4 to 3; M.G. Pearson 7 to 6; E.B.T. Tanner 7 to 6; B.H. Bliss 7 to 6.

*Carrickmines: August 16-21*  
 B.O'Connor (N.A.) 12; G.V. Byrne (N.A.) 16 (D.14); P. Mahony (N.A.) 16; Mrs C. Leonard (N.A.) 14; Mrs R.L. Hannon (N.A.) 16 (D.14); Miss F. Joly ½ to 0.

*Nottingham: August 16-21*  
 G. Henshaw 6 to 5; Mrs L. Coombs 9 to 8 D7.

*Colchester Weekend: August 27-30*  
 D.E. Reeves 10 to 7; R.D.C. Prichard 1½ to 1; R.S. Alford 6 to 5½; Mrs G.S. Digby 5½ to 5.

*Ryde*  
 Mrs F.J.T. Mew 13 D10 to 12 D10 (omitted in error).

*Cheltenham Recommendations*

Col. E.L.L. Vulliamy 2 to 1½; Mrs J. Povey 4½ to 4; Sir Leonard Stone 16 D14 to 14; Mrs H.G. Hanley (N.A.) 14 to 12; R. Lea (N.A.) 13 to 12; A.B. Hope (N.A.) 9 to 7.

*Southwick: August 23-28*

H.F.L. Jenking 6 to 5½; Mrs H.F.L. Jenking 9 to 8; F. Reynold 1 to ½; K.A. Ross 1 to -1; Mark Stainer 6 to 4.

*Southwick: August 30 - September 4*

Dr. Creed 8\* to 9 (N.A.); W.E. Moore -2 to -2½; Mrs A.S.C. Ross 4½ to 4; Mrs E. Whitehead 8 to 7½; Rev. C.H. Townshend 7 to 6½; N.W.T. Cox ½ to -1; D.M. Horne 5 to 4½; Mrs E.M. Speer 3 to 2½; Mrs R.E. Tucker 4½ to 4; Mrs I.N. Duveen 13 to 12.

*Hunstanton: August 30 - September 4*

W. de B. Prichard -1½ to -2½; Lt-Col. D.M.C. Prichard -3 to -2 (at own request); R.F. Rothwell -2 to -½ (at own request); J.G. Warwick -1 to 0 (at own request); Captain M.F. Buller ½ to 1 (at own request); A.J. Cooper -3½ to -3 (at own request); Mrs J.B. Meachem 1 to ½; Mrs F.J.T. Mew 12 D10 to 11 D9; H.B.H. Carlisle -1 to -1½; C.G. Hopewell -1 to -1½; Mrs R.A. Simpson 0 to -½; Mrs A. Solomon 14 to 12 D9; J.R.G. Solomon 4 to 2; A.W. Solomon 4 to 2½.

*Chairman's Salver: September 6-10*

P. W. Hands -3½ to -4; R.F. Thorp -1½ to -2.

*All England (Woking Area Final)*

G.H. Betts 7½ to 6 (before play).