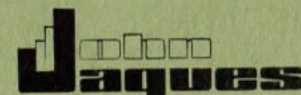


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Correspondence

'Croquet Literature'

from Roger Wood

Sir,

May I, through your columns, approach Associates for help and advice in gathering information relevant to the historical aspects of Croquet, especially the literary aspects. I have three inter-related aims in view in this connection:

- to collect such literature as is still obtainable.
- to compile a bibliography of the literature.
- to form a register of the particulars and whereabouts of rare items which are not generally available.

I use the term 'literature' in a rather loose sense, and would expect each of the above categories to include magazines, pamphlets, articles, entries in encyclopaedias, newspaper cuttings and the like, as well as books. Details and examples of engravings and photographs would also be of considerable interest.

I am sure that there is a great deal of information of the kind sought dispersed throughout the Association, and I would be very pleased to hear from any reader who would be willing to help me, in however small a way, in realising the aims listed above. I have already made a modest start on the first two points, but am currently in particular need of details of publications e.g. author, title, date of publication, number of editions and publisher.

Royal Greenwich Observatory Yours truly,
Herstmonceux Castle, Roger Wood
Hailsham, Sussex.

Obituary

Mrs K. Beamish

Much sympathy is felt for Desmond Beamish in the death of his wife Kitty. Though not a croquet player, she was a keen follower of the game and a member of the Association for many years.

G.E.C.

Retrospect of 1971

It is never easy to write a Retrospect of a Croquet Season — and for two opposite reasons: we are too near it to see it in true perspective and we are too far from the earlier months of it to recall what happened then. While there are some of us for whom the season begins in May with 'The Counties', there are others, especially perhaps the younger amongst us, for whom things really get going only with the Hurlingham Tournament in August.

What is the most remarkable feature of the past year? We could say that it was the striking record of Miss Kitty Sessions who won most of the level events in which she competed — though not the Women's Championship which went to her closest rival, Mrs Sundius-Smith. Her victories included the Women's Eight, the Veterans' Event (for entry to which many of us were very surprised to find she was qualified), the Surrey Cup and both Opens at Devonshire Park, a triumph which only two ladies, Miss Steel and Mrs Longman, have previously achieved. Miss Sessions combines a high degree of enterprise with great precision in her stroke play. We hope she will allow us the privilege of seeing her at Hurlingham next season — a compelling incentive to achieve this result might be an invitation to play in the President's Cup!

But such invitations are becoming increasingly difficult to earn. One obstacle is, we rejoice to say, being removed

by abolition of the requirement that players with ambitions to do so will no longer be expected to qualify as candidates for one of the younger invitation events. In many cases no doubt it is reasonable that they should be expected to do so, but there are others in which this is not practicable. Some may fear that to dispose of this demand might lead to a certain *folie de grandeur* inspired by a conviction that nothing but the best was good enough for them, but we believe this to be quite illusory. One player we know of told us only this year that he always kept "Eights' Week" open. "I don't care which I play in if there is a chance of my being offered the opportunity of 14 good games on good courts." That is the spirit, and I believe it in one that very generally prevails where a competitor is free to indulge it.

Good players are always coming on, but for the present the top players remain where they have been for some years. Solomon, Wylie and Aspinall have not been dethroned yet, though William Ormerod was up with two of them in the President's Cup and Roger Bray is never far away. We may see John Bolton as another rival next season. Among those still younger Paul Hands and William Prichard, who finished at the top of the Chairman's Salver, may ere long be bidden to 'come up higher'.

Besides those already mentioned there are plenty of players proving what two dozen years ago might have seemed nonsense — that 'Croquet is a young man's game'. Of some of them we should like to see still more, and inquiring of one such why he played so seldom we received the somewhat gnomic answer — "there are too few blithe spirits". Asking for some clarification of this we learnt from him that his phrase was a tactful way of saying "attractive young ladies". Perhaps if this lack was more widely known this deficiency might be remedied. Other objections have sometimes been advanced. Asking a young man some years ago why his sister did not play the game, I received the blunt reply — "Because she's much too stupid!" It would seem as though Women's Lib had a challenge before them here!

Much is naturally discussed about Croquet at the top, but what is perhaps even more significant is the steady advance of skill in the middle reaches of the game, which has been evident to this writer for several years. It is borne out by statistics which show that the greatest reductions in handicap in the past season have been of those between 3½ and 6 bisques. This is of course a good sign, but it led a speaker at a prize presentation last season to ask "Where have all the rabbits gone?" and to suggest that a sort of croquetical myxomatosis had set in. Players will do their game no good by taking shelter in their clubs and refusing to come out; there is no substitute for tournament play.

While croquet in England is in many ways so flourishing and we have proved ourselves to be the premier croquet country of the world, it is somewhat disturbing to realise on what a slender statistical basis our Association depends. Figures recording the membership of the C.A. at the end of this season are so discouraging that one is reluctant to quote them, and it is possible they have emerged as a consequence of a strict control of dead wood (what a metaphor!) by our so able secretary. But it has to be remembered that the prosperity of our game does not depend solely on the ability of our travelling propagandists to start new little clubs or even to revive old ones. If our Association is to do all it ought to do to forward our game — one of the few entirely amateur outdoor recreations left to us — it must be supported at the centre. We have not really 'got' a new player till we have made him conscious of this fact, and to strive for this is an obligation on all of us.

With the arrival of 1972 we shall have need to look forward for we shall be only some eighteen months away from a new series of Test Matches. It will be nearly twenty years since a Test series was played in this country; a 'three-cornered' contest never has been, and it does not seem to

be certain yet whether it will be in 1974, as New Zealand has not yet definitely declared itself on the subject. But Australia will certainly come, and so great has been the hospitality shown to our teams in the Antipodes that we shall have a high standard to live up to in this respect anyway.

A sartorial postscript may not be out of place at this point. Lady players at the other end of the world are accustomed always to play in white; this is a practice which not many of our ladies have adopted. But it was notable in the past season how many of them are taking to it — but with a difference. They play in trousers topped with a longish jacket and look as charming as they do workmanlike in doing so. Who will be the first lady from amongst us to be habited thus in a Test Match?

M.B.R.

The Development Scheme — Report 1971

Four years ago the C.C.P.R. and the Edgbaston Croquet Club organised demonstrations and coaching which led to the formation of the Stourbridge Croquet Club. It was armed with the experience gained from this, a similar venture in Wolverhampton in 1970, and the enthusiasm, assured support and encouragement from believers and little else, that the Development Scheme was started in October 1970. Financially the C.A. could not have achieved the results contained in this Report without a generous Government Grant towards the purchase of equipment and travelling and administrative expenses.

It was not immediately clear what shape our plans would take, so maps were stuck with coloured pins showing all the registered clubs and their proximity to each other. In doing this we found that the two areas chosen for the initial stages of the scheme, Southern and Midlands, presented two distinct problems: the South abounds with clubs, many of them small and little known, whilst the Midlands clubs, mostly more than fifty miles apart, are few, and though well-known and long established, in desperate need of new members. It is very exciting to see new clubs starting, but to give them every chance to flourish it is essential that there is someone with the backing of an established club within easy travelling distance, who can give help and encouragement and welcome them to inter-club activities. A network of clubs throughout the country can only be created by mushrooming outwards from the strong-holds of the game, and so unfortunately it just is not possible at present to start new ventures, in many parts of the south-west, east and north. For this reason we realised that the first call on the Development Scheme must be to assist any established clubs in need of help. Equally we felt that effort put into the development of new clubs would be misdirected if existing clubs were struggling through lack of support.

Letters were written to all the clubs where help had been requested and to others which it was thought might like to make use of the Scheme, and searches were made to find facilities suitable for starting new clubs. Suddenly, as from almost nothing, one project followed another and a programme for the season built up to alarming proportions. We were actually starting to say "no". We had written scores of letters, some of which had been answered, and talked endlessly, but now the real work began. As equipment is so expensive to buy, it was decided that it would be a great help for new groups to be able to hire it in their first season. Second-hand equipment was sought, bought, mended and despaired over (spare hoops just do not seem to exist). Many clubs and individuals also either lent or gave hoops and mallets, most generous amongst these being the Colchester Club. A poster blank was designed with hoop,

mallet and balls so that it could be over-printed to advertise demonstrations and coaching. A second leaflet was printed to join the Synopsis, this time about croquet in general. Parks, clubs, officials and individuals were visited, appraised, reassured, convinced and bullied. We attended a Conference of Sports Administrators at Lilleshall where we found ourselves exchanging ideas with representatives from the F.A., Cricket Council, L.T.A., Women's League of Health and Beauty, Golf, Judo, Shooting, Orienteering and some thirty other sports. We learnt of such things as current Management Techniques, the Structure and Constitution of Sports Bodies, how to organise Development Schemes, cope with the Press and Public Relations and seek Sponsorship. Photographs were taken and press releases compiled of people who had agreed to give demonstration games. Newspapers, local radio and television were all contacted and eventually, in May, the Development Scheme faced the public.

Two groups of coaches were recruited: Mrs. Neville Rolfe, Mrs. Sundius-Smith, G.N. Aspinall, G. Borrett, D.C. Caporn, W.E. Gladstone, G. Martin, B.G. Neal, F.E. Pearson, R.F. Rothwell. J.W. Solomon, S.S. Townsend, and J.A. Wheeler spent a weekend under the leadership of Dr. Bray at Hurlingham discussing and working out the best way of conducting a six lesson coaching scheme. Miss Templeton, G. Birch, A.J. Bucknell, A.C.W. Davies, J. Evans, G. Henshaw, R.A. Lewty, W. Loynes and K.A. Ross had a similar course for coaches at Lilleshall with Professor Neal. Many of these coaches also either played in or commented on demonstration games, and were here joined in their efforts by H.C. Green, R.O. Havery, S.R. Hemsted, C.G. Hopewell, B. Lloyd-Pratt, J.B. Meachem, M. Stride, young Andrew and John Solomon, and K.F. Wylie. In fact the coaching scheme was so enthusiastically greeted that W.H. Austin, G.E.P. Young, A.V. Camroux and D.H. Moorcraft were called in to supplement the original band of coaches.

Several clubs had asked for demonstrations through the Scheme, including Harrow Oak, the Wellcome Research Labs, St. Albans, Roehampton, Littlehampton, Leamington and Edgbaston; whilst Bowdon, celebrating its 60th anniversary, put on its own entertainment ranging from Edwardian elegance to the modern mini-skirted spectacular, gaining themselves eight new members and much valuable publicity. The success of these demonstrations depends to a certain extent on the weather. On one glorious sunny day a Maidenhead 100 spectators including several from the Inter Varsity Club came, even though it was Cup Final Day, and over 30 signed on to form a new club on an island in the Thames. Similar advertising at Harrow Oak produced about twenty spectators who stayed only an hour or so on a cold, bleak day, but we were glad of the support from members of the Crouch Hill Club who stuck it out in spite of the weather. Two members recruited that day later played for Harrow Oak in its Longman Cup team.

To the accompaniment of military bands and surrounded by other attractions we took part in the International Spring Festival and Festival of Youth in Birmingham. This attracted visitors from a wide area and formed the basis of a drive to recruit new members for the Edgbaston Croquet Club as well as providing publicity for the game throughout the Midlands. It is hoped that as a result croquet may be started in the Newton Primary School, Chester, and facilities be found for a new club at Shrewsbury. The 1971 effort in Wolverhampton resulted in a group of thirty-five enthusiasts looking for a home for their club and, at last, the day before the Walsall Festival of Sport, local radio and television burst forth with the "astonishing" news that the Wolverhampton Council had not only found a site, but were also granting them £200 towards perfecting a court. The spectators at Walsall could talk of little else, and it is hoped that the twenty-one people who subsequently mad

use of the coaching course there will follow in Wolverhampton's footsteps and form a new club in the beautiful Arboretum.

As a result of much advertising in the hotels, local press and radio, organised by D.A. Harris, the Devonshire Park demonstration in August attracted about 200 spectators, amongst them members of a new club at Hastings who were later invited to Compton for a day's croquet.

Recently we have pooled the experience of the season and find that it is impossible to give individual attention in coaching to groups of more than eight people, that the standards of play of those being coached should be similar, and that closely grouped lessons seem more beneficial than those organised at regular weekly intervals. Coaching is provided free for C.A. members in the beginners' class, but the bill for coaches' travelling expenses is high, so that it is reasonable that some small contribution should be made to the C.A.

The Preston Park Club at Brighton was so enthusiastic that it produced forty people eager to learn. It seemed that the coach would be exhausted before his own croquet season could begin, and no one else in the club would have a chance to use the courts. The problem was solved by two coaches, each with an assistant, taking two separate groups of 16 people and using two lawns. One group was coached at weekly intervals, and the other had an intensive long weekend course. Phyllis Court, the Wellcome Research Labs and Maidenhead also had coaching, but some clubs having "official" coaches amongst their members organised their own schemes: amongst them Hunstanton, which boasts ten new playing members this year; Edgbaston, which worked in conjunction with the C.A. and C.C.P.R., have ten new full members and six country members, most of the latter from the Stourbridge Club, and Leamington, following a demonstration in the club, which recruited three new members. Unfortunately, the Leamington Club has been largely taken over by tennis and the croquet section is not in a position as other clubs to offer reduced fees to beginners in their first year, so, although they gained £30, they lost a possible seven new recruits.

New clubs are usually started by attracting interest through a demonstration game and following this by a course of coaching. Someone, usually the coach, then helps with the business of actually forming the group into a club. This is what is being done or has happened at Maidenhead, Walsall, Wolverhampton, St. Albans and the school at Wellingborough. Wellingborough is the earlier site of the Northamptonshire Croquet Club where new boys from fourteen upwards are finding out that there is more skill and concentration needed in croquet than they had thought.

Joan Walker has taken over most of the organising of the Scheme in Manchester, and is helping to form croquet sections in the Blackburn and the Lymm Lawn Tennis Clubs. In the Midlands, at Bretby, members of the National Coal Board Establishment have had coaching, and it was discovered at the Maidenhead demonstration that the Southern Electricity Board had a croquet section to their Sports Club, and that next year they may like to have some help. In the south, Parkstone have been giving assistance to the Education Centre at Lymington following an enquiry through the C.C.P.R., and in London, the Honourable Artillery Company have hired equipment from the C.A. on several occasions.

None of this work could have been done without the tireless, one might say, dedicated, support of the demonstrators and coaches. The demonstrators have travelled miles, often to play on mediocre to bad lawns and sometimes in rotten weather with little assurance of an audience. The coaches, some of them having regularly over an hour's journey after a long day's work, have taken on all comers. Coaching is taxing, tiring and sometimes very frustrating, and certainly with the six lesson course, very trying. Strangely they all seem keen to carry on next year. Most

of these activities must take place early in the season, both to reap full benefit for those using the Development Scheme and also so that the C.A. members who are giving so much to the Scheme shall have time to organise and enjoy their own croquet season.

The plans for 1972 are being made now, so if you feel that you would like to make use of the Development Scheme please let us know as soon as possible.

The Development Scheme offers the following through the administrators,

Mrs. Meachem, 37a Queens Grove, St. John's Wood, N.W.8. and Mrs. Neal, 33 Marryat Road, Wimbledon, S.W.19.

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It is wise not to mix the standards, and so classes should be roughly divided into absolute beginners, 14 - 8 bisquers, and 7 bisquers onwards. As the standard rises coaching has to become more individual, and while a coach can cope with a class of 8 beginners, 6 is a better number for the other two categories.

Charge: £1.20 for 5 or 6 sessions.

Free to absolute beginners who are members of the C.A.

Special arrangements for fees can be made for schools and colleges.

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Equipment can be hired at the following rates for the first year. The charges will be increased by 50% in subsequent years.

A set of hoops and peg:	£2.50
A set of balls:	£2.50
Mallets: maximum of 4 to a club.	£1 - £2 each according to its condition.

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There are 2 poster sizes, 7½" x 10", and 15" x 20", both showing a design of hoop, mallet and balls with the word CROQUET in red. Particulars can be added with a felt pen or overprinted.

Posters are provided free.

Coaching at Bisham Abbey 19-21 May, 1972

A weekend residential course for six players will be given at the Sports Centre, Bisham Abbey from 19 - 21 May 1972. Coaching will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday 20th and finish at 5 p.m. on Sunday 21 May.

Bisham Abbey, originally a house of the Knights Templar, stands on the banks of the Thames one mile from Marlow. The C.C.P.R. have converted it into a Sports Centre and have taken great care that its panelled rooms and furnishings remain in keeping with its character. Bedroom accommodation is mainly in dormitories, but since we will be such a small group we may be able to have the few

double rooms available. Other facilities include a licensed bar and a lounge with television.

This course is intended for C.A. members who live too far from a club that can provide coaching. It is for players from the south rather than the north, as there will be a similar course run by the C.C.P.R. at Leamington on 13 - 14 May. The standard of players should be as nearly the same as possible, and while we will try to reserve places on a "first come first served" basis, we will run it for the majority. If a total beginner is the first to apply, but 8 medium bisquers apply later, we will take the first 6 of the medium bisquers.

The charge will be £5.00, which covers instruction and full board for supper on 19th to tea on Sunday 21st. Applications for places can be made now to Mrs. Neal, 33 Marryat Road, Wimbledon, S.W.19, and will close on 1st Feb. 1972. Payment of the course fee as confirmation will be required by 17 February. Cancellations after this date will forfeit £2.00.

Hunstanton: August 30 - September 4

Hunstanton lived up to its reputation for fun, friendliness and first rate croquet, and even the weather was fine too. Three generations of Solomons was an unusual if not a unique happening. Young John and Andrew both did well, winning the 'B' levels and the 'Y' respectively, and Anne partnered by Hugh Carlisle won one of the doubles cups. Naturally, the boys had their handicaps reduced substantially.

One of the highlights of the opens was a quintuple peel by John Solomon in his game against Bryan Lloyd-Pratt. John abandoned an attempt to triple peel Bryan after having completed the first two peels, Bryan missed a short lift shot and John then proceeded to do his quintuple - a splendid performance. Seven players from the tournament went on to the various "Eights" - quite a good proportion. William Prichard retained the Norfolk Challenge Cup with a good win against John Solomon in the play-off; he also played well to win the big handicap, where he beat Joan Simpson in the Final.

There is something about the air at Hunstanton which generates good will, and Joan Warwick and Richard Rothwell as joint managers ran the tournament splendidly so that everyone got the maximum of play. Light entertainment was provided by a one ball extra event which was organized by William Prichard; nearly everyone entered. Whenever there was an empty lawn, two or three games quickly sprouted and competition was fierce. One of the leading players distinguished himself by going for the wrong hoop. The excellent teas supplied by the bridge ladies were much appreciated, and many of us look forward to coming again next year.

Results

Event 1: Open Singles (16 Entries)

DRAW

First Round

Mrs. B.L. Sundius-Smith	bt. R.A. Simpson	+10
H.B.H. Carlisle	bt. R.F. Rothwell	+6
Miss E.J. Warwick	bt. J.B. Meachem	+11
A.D. Karmel	bt. R.O.B. Whittington	+6
J.G. Warwick	bt. Mrs. R.A. Simpson	+3
J.W. Solomon	bt. C.G. Hopewell	+6
W.de B. Prichard	bt. B. Lloyd-Pratt	+3
A.J. Cooper	bt. Lt-Col. D.M.C. Prichard	+6

Second Round

H.B.H. Carlisle	bt. Mrs. B.L. Sundius-Smith	+24
A.D. Karmel	bt. Miss E.J. Warwick	+6

J.G. Warwick	bt. J.W. Solomon	+16
W.de B. Prichard	bt. A.J. Cooper	+24

Semi-Final

H.B.H. Carlisle	bt. A.D. Karmel	+7
W.de B. Prichard	bt. J.G. Warwick	+3

Final

W.de B. Prichard	bt. A.D. Karmel	+15
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PROCESS

First Round

B. Lloyd-Pratt	bt. A.D. Karmel	+15
J.W. Solomon	bt. R.F. Rothwell	+26
J.B. Meachem	bt. A.J. Cooper	+3
Mrs. B.L. Sundius-Smith	bt. Mrs. R.A. Simpson	+21
C.G. Hopewell	bt. R.O.B. Whittington	+12
H.B.H. Carlisle	bt. Lt-Col. D.M.C. Prichard	+6
W.de B. Prichard	bt. Miss E.J. Warwick	+16
R.A. Simpson	bt. J.G. Warwick	+2

Second Round

J.W. Solomon	bt. B. Lloyd-Pratt	+14
Mrs. B.L. Sundius-Smith	bt. J.B. Meachem	+25
C.G. Hopewell	bt. R.A. Simpson	+26

Semi-Final

J.W. Solomon	bt. Mrs. B.L. Sundius-Smith	+4
W.de B. Prichard	bt. C.G. Hopewell	+2

Final

J.W. Solomon	bt. W.de B. Prichard	+24
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PLAY-OFF

W.de B. Prichard	bt. J.W. Solomon	+16
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Event 2: 'B' Level Singles (10 Entries)

DRAW

First Round

Miss E.C. Brumpton	bt. A.W. Solomon	+13
J.R.G. Solomon	bt. Mrs. J.N. Rolfe	+3

Second Round

Mrs. G.W. Solomon	bt. Miss S. Hampson	+5 (T)
Mrs. J.B. Meachem	bt. Miss E.C. Brumpton	+17
J.R.G. Solomon	bt. Miss E.M. Brumpton	+15
I.C. Baillieu	bt. Captain M.F. Buller	+5 (T)

PROCESS

First Round

I.C. Baillieu	bt. Mrs. G.W. Solomon	+5
Miss S. Hampson	bt. Captain M.F. Buller	+3 (T)

Second Round

Mrs. J.N. Rolfe	bt. Mrs. J.B. Meachem	+5
A.W. Solomon	bt. I.C. Baillieu	+12
Miss E.M. Brumpton	bt. Miss E.C. Brumpton	+18
J.R.G. Solomon	bt. Miss S. Hampson	+13

SEMI-FINALISTS REDRAWN FOR FINAL STAGES

I.C. Baillieu	bt. A.W. Solomon	+2 (T)
Mrs. J.B. Meachem	bt. Mrs. G.W. Solomon	+15
Mrs. J.N. Rolfe	bt. Miss E.M. Brumpton	+1

Semi-Final

Mrs. J.B. Meachem	bt. I.C. Baillieu	+3 (T)
J.R.G. Solomon	bt. Mrs. J.N. Rolfe	+2

Final

J.R.G. Solomon	bt. Mrs. J.B. Meachem	+11
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Event 3: Restricted Handicap Singles (6 Entries)

First Round

Mrs.F.J.T.Mew (12) bt. Mrs.A.Solomon (14) +15
Mrs.H.B.H.Carlisle (6) bt. Miss J.K.Samuel (7) +20

Second Round

Mrs.F.J.T.Mew (12) bt. W.H.Carlisle (9) +10
Mrs.H.B.H.Carlisle (6) bt. Miss M.Mactier (14) +14

Final

Mrs.H.B.H.Carlisle (6) bt. Mrs.F.J.T.Mew (12) + 5

Event 4a: 'X' Handicap Singles (32 Entries)

First Round

Mrs.R.A.Simpson (0) bt. R.F.Rothwell (-2) + 7
R.O.B.Whittington (-2) bt. Lt-Col.D.M.C.Prichard (-3) + 2
J.G.Warwick (-1) bt. Miss J.K.Samuel (7) +16
J.R.G.Solomon (4) bt. W.H.Carlisle (9) + 1 (T)
R.A.Simpson (0) bt. C.G.Hopewell (-1) +18
I.C.Baillieu (1) bt. Miss E.J.Warwick (-2) +12
Mrs.B.L.Sundius-Smith (-1½) bt. Miss S.Hampson (3) + 6
Mrs.F.J.T.Mew (12) bt. A.D.Karmel (-1) + 1 (T)
B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3) bt. Mrs.A.Solomon (14) +17
Miss E.C.Brumpston (3) bt. A.J.Cooper (-3½) + 5
J.W.Solomon (-5) bt. Mrs.H.B.H.Carlisle (6) +23
W.de B.Prichard (-1½) bt. A.W.Solomon (4) + 9
Mrs.J.B.Meachem (1) bt. Captain M.F.Buller (½) + 9
H.B.H.Carlisle (-1) bt. Miss M.Mactier (14) +16
Mrs.J.N.Rolfe (1½) bt. J.B.Meachem (-½) + 4
Miss E.M.Brumpston (4) bt. Mrs.G.W.Solomon (1) + 9

Second Round

Mrs.R.A.Simpson (0) bt. R.O.B.Whittington (-2) +10
J.R.G.Solomon (4) bt. J.G.Warwick (-1) +18
I.C.Baillieu (1) bt. R.A.Simpson (0) +11 (T)
Mrs.B.L.Sundius-Smith (-1½) bt. Mrs.F.J.T.Mew (12) + 4
Miss E.C.Brumpston (3) bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3) + 7
W.de B.Prichard (-1½) bt. J.W.Solomon (-5) +26
Mrs.J.B.Meachem (1) bt. H.B.H.Carlisle (-1) +16
Miss E.M.Brumpston (4) bt. Mrs.J.N.Rolfe (1½) + 9

Third Round

Mrs.R.A.Simpson (0) bt. J.R.G.Solomon (4) +10
I.C.Baillieu (1) bt. Mrs.B.L.Sundius-Smith (-1½) +20
W.de B.Prichard (-1½) bt. Miss E.C.Brumpston (3) + 7
Mrs.J.B.Meachem (1) bt. Miss E.M.Brumpston (4) +12

Semi-Final

Mrs.R.A.Simpson (0) bt. I.C.Baillieu (1) +22
W.de B.Prichard (-1½) bt. Mrs.J.B.Meachem (1) + 6

Final

W.de B.Prichard (-1½) bt. Mrs.R.A.Simpson (0) + 3

Event 4b: 'Y' Handicap Singles (16 Entries)

Final

A.W.Solomon (4) bt. Lt-Col.D.M.C.Prichard (-3) +22

Event 6: Handicap Doubles (17 Pairs)

First Round

Mrs.J.B.Meachem & A.W.Solomon bt. R.A.Simpson & Mrs. J.N.Rolfe +11

Second Round

Miss E.J.Warwick & J.R.G.Solomon bt. Mrs.R.A.Simpson & Miss S.Hampson +20
C.G.Hopewell & Miss M.Mactier bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs. F.J.T.Mew +17
J.W.Solomon & W.H.Carlisle bt. J.G.Warwick & Mrs.H.B.H. Carlisle +10 (T)

Mrs.Meachem & A.W.Solomon bt. J.B.Meachem & F.R. Meachem +13

W.de B.Prichard & Miss J.K.Samuel bt. A.J.Cooper & L. Batchelor +11

H.B.H.Carlisle & Mrs.A.Solomon bt. R.F.Rothwell & Mrs. G.W.Solomon + 2

Lt-Col.D.M.C.Prichard & Captain M.F.Buller bt. I.C.Baillieu & Mrs.B.L.Sundius-Smith +22

R.O.B.Whittington & Miss E.C.Brumpston bt. Mr. & Mrs.A.D. Karmel + 3 (T)

Third Round

Miss Warwick & J.R.G.Solomon bt. Hopewell & Miss Mactier + 3

J.W.Solomon & W.H.Carlisle bt. Mrs.Meachem & A.W. Solomon + 9

H.B.H.Carlisle & Mrs.A.Solomon bt. Prichard & Miss Samuel + 5 (T)

Whittington & Miss E.C.Brumpston bt. Lt-Col.Prichard & Captain Buller + 7

Semi-Final

J.W.Solomon & W.H.Carlisle bt. Miss E.J.Warwick & J.R.G. Solomon + 2

H.B.H.Carlisle & Mrs.A.Solomon bt. Whittington & Miss E.C.Brumpston +18

Final

H.B.H.Carlisle & Mrs.A.Solomon bt. J.W.Solomon & W.H. Carlisle +20

Southwick Tournament,
August 30 — September 4

Results

Event 1: Open Singles (21 Entries)

DRAW

First Round

Cdr G.Borrett bt. H.A.Sheppard +20
F.Reynold bt. G.W.Williams + 9
H.A.Green bt. Major R.Driscoll + 3
T.G.S.Colls w.o. W.H.Austin opp.retd.
R.O.Havery w.o. W.E.Moore opp.scr.
E.Whitehead bt. W.J.Baverstock +23
Mrs G.F.H.Elvey bt. Miss H.D.Parker +21
Mrs W.Longman bt. Miss K.Ault +21

Second Round

Cdr G.Borrett bt. F.Reynold + 7
T.G.S.Colls w.o. H.A.Green opp.scr.
R.O.Havery bt. E.Whitehead +18
Mrs G.F.H.Elvey bt. Mrs W.Longman + 5

Semi-Final

Cdr G.Borrett w.o. T.G.S.Colls opp.scr.
Mrs G.F.H.Elvey bt. R.O.Havery +13

Final

Cdr G.Borrett bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey +10

PROCESS

First Round

W.E.Moore w.o. D.C.Caporn opp.scr.
G.W.Williams bt. T.G.S.Colls +18
Major R.Driscoll bt. Prof.A.S.C.Ross + 2
H.A.Sheppard w.o. W.H.Austin opp.retd.
Miss D.A.Lintern bt. W.J.Baverstock + 7
F.Reynold bt. R.O.Havery +14
H.A.Green w.o. D.V.H.Rees opp.scr.
Cdr G.Borrett bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden +10

Second Round

W.E.Moore bt. G.W.Williams +17
H.A.Sheppard bt. Major R.Driscoll + 9
F.Reynold bt. Miss D.A.Lintern +17
Cdr G.Borrett bt. H.A.Green +22

Semi-Final

W.E.Moore bt. H.A.Sheppard + 4
Cdr G.Borrett bt. F.Reynold +10

Final

Cdr G.Borrett bt. W.E.Moore +20

Event 2: 'B' Level Singles (16 Entries)

First Round

Mrs R.E.Tucker bt. Miss E.Pratt +17
Mrs W.A.Naylor bt. Mrs H.Wills + 1
W.B.C.Paynter bt. C.G.Mayo +11
Mrs A.S.C.Ross bt. Mrs C.Devitt + 7
Mrs E.R.Cox bt. Mrs L.Farlie + 9
D.M.Horne bt. D.Temple Page + 6
W.G.B.Scott bt. Mrs G.Trull + 6
Mrs E.M.Speer bt. H.F.L.Jenking + 7

Second Round

Mrs R.E.Tucker bt. Mrs W.A.Naylor + 8
Mrs A.S.C.Ross bt. W.B.C.Paynter +11
D.M.Horne bt. Mrs E.R.Cox +15
Mrs E.M.Speer bt. W.G.B.Scott +20

Semi-Final

Mrs R.E.Tucker w.o. Mrs A.S.C.Ross opp.scr.
Mrs E.M.Speer bt. D.M.Horne + 8

Final

Mrs E.M.Speer bt. Mrs R.E.Tucker + 2

Event 3: 'C' Handicap Singles (12 Entries)

First Round

Miss M.Tyrrell (6½) bt. Mrs E.F.Dell (9) + 2
Mrs E.Thompson (7) bt. Mrs D.Temple Page (10) + 4
Mrs E.Whitehead (8) bt. Miss G.V.Pirie (6½) + 4
Revd C.H. Townshend (7) w.o. Mrs F.Griffiths (6½) opp.scr.

Second Round

Mrs I.N.Duveen (13) w.o. Miss M. Tyrrell (6½) opp.scr.
Mrs E.Whitehead (8) bt. Mrs E.Thompson (7) + 6
Revd C.H. Townshend (7) bt. Mrs D.F.Caporn (9) +18
Mrs H.F.L.Jenking (8) bt. Mrs C.H.Davies (12) + 7

Semi-Final

Mrs E.Whitehead (8) bt. Mrs I.N.Duveen (13) + 1 (T)
Revd C.H. Townshend (7) bt. Mrs H.F.L.Jenking (8) + 7

Final

Revd C.H. Townshend (7) bt. Mrs E.Whitehead (8) + 9

Event 4a: 'X' Handicap Singles (53 Entries)

First Round

H.F.L.Jenking (5½) w.o. Mrs E.R.Cox (4) opp.retd.
Mrs I.N.Duveen (13) bt. Mrs E.M.Speer (3) + 5
Mrs C.Devitt (6) bt. Mrs W.A.Naylor (5½) +18
Mrs C.F.Dell (9) bt. Miss M.Tyrrell (6½) + 4
D.Temple Page (5½) bt. Mrs E.Higinbotham (6) + 2
W.J.Baverstock (3) bt. Dr D.F.H.Creed (8) +16
F.F.W.Staddon (6) bt. H.A.Green (-½) + 5
Mrs G.Trull (5) bt. Miss H.D.Parker (2½) +18
Mrs E.Whitehead (8) bt. Mrs H.F.L.Jenking (8) +10
T.G.S.Colls (3) bt. W.G.B.Scott (6) +13
N.W.T.Cox (-½) bt. G.F.Paxon (6) +15

D.C.Caporn (½) bt. C.G.Mayo (4½) + 9
Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (-½) bt. Mrs H.Wills (6) +14
Miss M.K.A.Towers (6) bt. Miss D.A.Lintern (4) + 8
Prof.A.S.C.Ross (2) bt. D.M.Horne (5) + 7
D.V.H.Rees (0) bt. Cdr G.Borrett (-2½) +21
W.E.Moore (-2) bt. Mrs D.Temple Page (10) +18
Miss K.Ault (2½) bt. F.Reynold (½) +10
Mrs C.H.Davies (12) bt. Miss G.V.Pirie (6½) +15
Mrs W.Longman (-2) bt. Mrs E.Thompson (7) + 4
Mrs L.Farlie (5) bt. Mrs R.E.Tucker (4½) + 9
Miss E.Pratt (5½) bt. R.O.Havery (0) +12

Second Round

E.Whitehead (-½) bt. H.A.Sheppard (1) + 4
Major R.Driscoll (1) bt. Revd C.H.Townshend (7) +15
W.B.C.Paynter (4) bt. H.F.L.Jenking (5½) + 3
Mrs I.N.Duveen (13) bt. Mrs C.Devitt (6) + 9
Mrs C.F.Dell (9) bt. D.Temple Page (5½) +13
F.F.W.Staddon (6) bt. W.J.Baverstock (3) +16
Mrs G.Trull (5) bt. Mrs E.Whitehead (8) +10
N.W.T.Cox (-½) bt. T.G.S.Colls (3) +11
D.C.Caporn (½) bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (-½) + 5
Prof.A.S.C.Ross (2) bt. D.M.Horne (5) +15
W.E.Moore (-2) bt. D.V.H.Rees (0) +17
Miss K.Ault (2½) bt. Mrs C.H.Davies (12) + 2
Mrs W.Longman (-2) bt. Mrs L.Farlie (5) + 3
Miss E.Pratt (5½) bt. Miss J.Piper (7) +16
Mrs A.S.C.Ross (4½) bt. W.H.Austin (0) +13
G.W.Williams (-1) bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden (-1) +11

Third Round

Major R.Driscoll (1) bt. E.Whitehead (-½) + 4
W.B.C.Paynter (4) bt. Mrs I.N.Duveen (13) + 2
F.F.W.Staddon (6) bt. Mrs C.F.Dell (9) + 3
N.W.T.Cox (-½) bt. Mrs G.Trull (5) +18
Prof. A.S.C.Ross (2) bt. D.C.Caporn (½) +10
W.E.Moore (-2) bt. Miss K.Ault (2½) +16
Mrs W.Longman (-2) bt. Miss E.Pratt (5½) +16
Mrs A.S.C.Ross (4½) bt. G.W.Williams (-1) +21

Fourth Round

W.B.C.Paynter (4) bt. Major R.Driscoll (1) +12
N.W.T.Cox (-½) bt. F.F.W.Staddon (6) + 6
W.E.Moore (-2) bt. Prof.A.S.C.Ross (2) +16
Mrs A.S.C.Ross (4½) bt. Mrs W.Longman (-2) +10

Semi-Final

N.W.T.Cox (-½) bt. W.B.C.Paynter (4) +14
W.E.Moore (-2) bt. Mrs A.S.C.Ross (4½) + 8

Final

W.E.Moore (-2) bt. N.W.T.Cox (-½) + 7

Event 4b: 'Y' Handicap Singles (27 Entries)

Semi-Final

D.M.Horne (5) bt. R.O.Havery (0) + 7
Mrs E.R.Cox (4) bt. G.F.Paxon (6) +10 (T)

Final

D.M.Horne & Mrs E.R.Cox divided.

Event 5: Handicap Doubles (26 Pairs)

First Round

H.A.Green & H.F.L.Jenking bt. Mrs E.M.Speer & Mrs R.E. Tucker + 6
Cdr G.Borrett & Miss M.Tyrrell bt. D.E.Buckland & Miss G.V.Pirie +10
Mr & Mrs N.W.T.Cox bt. Mr & Mrs D.Temple Page +12
R.O.Havery & Mrs W.A.Naylor bt. Miss C.Cox & Mrs Woodward + 3

Mrs W.Longman & Mrs S.J.Turner bt. Mr & Mrs H. Higinbotham	+ 1 (T)
Mrs L.Farlie & Mrs I.N.Duveen bt. Mrs H.Wills & Revd C.H. Townshend	+10
W.E.Moore & Mrs A.S.C.Ross bt. T.G.S.Colls & Miss D.A. Lintern	+ 5
Mrs G.F.H.Elvey & F.F.W.Staddon bt. Mrs C.Devitt & Mrs C.H.Davies	+10
D.M.Horne & W.G.B.Scott bt. H.A.Sheppard & W.J. Baverstock	+ 4 (T)
Prof.A.S.C.Ross & P.Goolden bt. Mrs C.F.Dell & Mrs H.F.L. Jenking	+ 2

Second Round

Mr & Mrs E.Whitehead bt. W.H.Austin & Mrs G.Trull	+ 9
Green & Jenking bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden & Miss H.D. Parker	+10
Cdr Borrett & Miss Tyrrell bt. Mr & Mrs Cox	+ 6
Havery & Mrs Naylor bt. Mrs Longman & Mrs Turner	+ 1
Moore & Mrs Ross bt. Mrs Farlie & Mrs Duveen	+11
Mrs Elvey & Staddon bt. Horne & Scott	+10
Prof.Ross & Goolden bt. Major R.Driscoll & W.B.C. Paynter	+ 5
D.C.Caporn & Mrs D.F.Caporn bt. G.F.Paxon & Mrs E. Thompson	+ 2 (T)

Third Round

Green & Jenking bt. Mr & Mrs Whitehead	+ 7
Cdr Borrett & Miss Tyrrell bt. Havery & Mrs Naylor	+ 5
Moore & Mrs Ross bt. Mrs Elvey & Staddon	+ 3
Caporn & Mrs Caporn bt. Prof.Ross & Goolden	+13

Semi-Final

Cdr Borrett & Miss Tyrrell bt. Green & Jenking	+10
Moore & Mrs Ross bt. Caporn & Mrs Caporn	+ 9

Final

Moore & Mrs Ross bt. Cdr Borrett & Miss Tyrrell	+10
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Roehampton Tournament: September 13-18

Now that Roehampton is, thank goodness, firmly back in the Calendar, it must be only peculiar players who do not appear for these especially pleasant and prosperous proceedings. A Gold Cup, no less, for the Open, and other grand ones, all the way down the list, even including one for the 'Y'.

With such an attraction, there were naturally many old hands present and, in addition, a strong party of those experiencing their first tournament. How lucky they are to have discovered croquet! Three of them carried off prizes, G.B.Martin winning the 'C', P.J.R.Crawford taking the Big Handicap, and B.A.Meadows making an equally good score by being second in both the 'C' and the Doubles. How one would like to be able to record that R.O.Hicks and Miss Bartlett did it again to make three Roehampton doubles titles in a row. But it was not to be, for a disgracefully strong pair of straight shooters eliminated them right at the beginning of proceedings.

The week saw a higher than normal proportion of long games. A part of the reason for this was that the lawns were much faster on the South, the pavilion half; indeed a ball accelerated as it went South! A take-off from the third corner to an enemy in the first was not to be recommended for those with any kind of heart trouble! As good a game as any was the Doubles Final, which was won by Soutter and Mrs Weitz. (What a successful year both these players have had!) The advantage fluctuated dramatically, with each of the four players taking a hand at different times to retrieve the situation for his side. Meanwhile on an adjacent court a long drawn out Final of the Open was being contested. From the first Gilbert went ahead, and, though Jackson got in

several times, it seemed that he just could not make progress. Gilbert's shooting was deadly accurate, as was his wiring. His victory was well deserved after a week of very steady play. Good croquet, good fun and heavenly weather. Altogether a grand week, happily managed by Miss Lintern and certainly enjoyed by all.

Results**Event 1: Open Singles (9 Entries)**

DRAW

First Round

Mrs E.M.Lightfoot	bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	+10
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Second Round

G.E.P.Jackson	bt. D.C.Caporn	+19
S.S.Townsend	bt. Mrs E.M.Lightfoot	+ 1 (T)
J.B.Gilbert	bt. A.V.Camroux	+15 (T)
R.O.Hicks	bt. Miss B.Duthie	+ 3

Semi-Final

G.E.P.Jackson	bt. S.S.Townsend	+23
R.O.Hicks	bt. J.B.Gilbert	+22

Final

G.E.P.Jackson	bt. R.O.Hicks	+24
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PROCESS

First Round

G.E.P.Jackson	bt. R.O.Hicks	+ 5
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Second Round

J.B.Gilbert	bt. S.S.Townsend	+16
G.E.P.Jackson	bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	+15
Mrs E.M.Lightfoot	bt. Miss B.Duthie	+22
A.V.Camroux	bt. D.C.Caporn	+ 4

Semi-Final

J.B.Gilbert	bt. G.E.P.Jackson	+ 4
A.V.Camroux	bt. Mrs E.M.Lightfoot	+10 (T)

Final

J.B.Gilbert	bt. A.V.Camroux	+15
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PLAY-OFF

J.B.Gilbert	bt. G.E.P.Jackson	+ 7 (T)
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Event 2: 'B' Handicap Singles (16 Entries)*First Round*

Miss E.C.Brumpston (3)	bt. Mrs E.E.Bressey (4)	+ 2 (T)
R.N.Bateson (2)	bt. Mrs A.W.Skempton (2)	+11 (T)
M.G.Stainer (4)	bt. J.L.Sanders (5)	+15 (T)
Mrs B.G.Neal (6)	bt. P.J.R.Crawford (6)	+ 6
G.G.Strutt (4)	bt. Mrs G.W.Solomon (2)	+12
Mrs H.Wills (6)	bt. M.B.Reckitt (5)	+11
W.B.C.Paynter (4)	bt. Miss E.M.Brumpston (4)	+ 5 (T)
J.H.J.Soutter (1)	bt. Miss S.F.Hay (5½)	+10

Second Round

R.N.Bateson (2)	bt. Miss E.C.Brumpston (3)	+16
M.G.Stainer (4)	bt. Mrs B.G.Neal (6)	+15 (T)
Mrs H.Wills (6)	bt. G.G.Strutt (4)	+ 2 (T)
J.H.J.Soutter (1)	bt. W.B.C.Paynter (4)	+ 5

Semi-Final

R.N.Bateson (2)	bt. M.G.Stainer (4)	+12
J.H.J.Soutter (1)	bt. Mrs H.Wills (6)	+11

Final

R.N.Bateson (2)	bt. J.H.J.Soutter (1)	+13
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Event 3: 'C' Handicap Singles (6 Entries)*First Round*

G.B.Martin (10)	w.o. Mrs D.F.Caporn (9)	opp.scr.
B.A.Meadows (8)	bt. J.N.Crane (14)	+ 4 (T)

Semi-Final

G.B.Martin (10)	bt. Mrs S.R.Mew (11)	+ 3 (T)
B.A.Meadows (8)	bt. Mrs A.Solomon (12)	+18

Final

G.B.Martin (10)	bt. B.A.Meadows (8)	+ 1 (T)
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Event 4a: 'X' Handicap Singles (28 Entries)*First Round*

G.E.P.Jackson (-3)	bt. Mrs S.R.Mew (11)	+13
R.O.Hicks (-1½)	bt. Miss S.F.Hay (5½)	+ 4
G.G.Strutt (4)	bt. Miss E.C.Brumpston (3)	+12
Mrs A.W.Skempton (2)	bt. J.H.J.Soutter (1)	+ 6 (T)
Mrs E.M.Lightfoot (0)	bt. J.B.Gilbert (-1½)	+ 5 (T)
S.S.Townsend (-1½)	bt. A.V.Camroux (-½)	+ 2 (T)
B.A.Meadows (8)	bt. Mrs B.G.Neal (6)	+ 1 (T)
P.J.R.Crawford (6)	bt. Mrs E.E.Bressey (4)	+ 2 (T)
Miss E.M.Brumpston (4)	bt. Mrs H.Wills (6)	+21
J.L.Sanders (5)	bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller (-3½)	+ 2

W.B.C.Paynter (4)	bt. Mrs G.W.Solomon (2)	+10
M.G.Stainer (4)	bt. Mrs B.Weitz (6)	+16

Second Round

R.N.Bateson (2)	bt. D.C.Caporn (½)	+21
G.E.P.Jackson (-3)	bt. R.O.Hicks (-1½)	+ 8
G.G.Strutt (4)	bt. Mrs A.W.Skempton (2)	+19
S.S.Townsend (-1½)	bt. Mrs E.M.Lightfoot (0)	+ 4
P.J.R.Crawford (6)	bt. B.A.Meadows (8)	+10
J.L.Sanders (5)	bt. Miss E.M.Brumpston (4)	+ 8 (T)
M.G.Stainer (4)	bt. W.B.C.Paynter (4)	+ 8
G.B.Martin (10)	bt. J.N.Crane (14)	+ 7 (T)

Third Round

R.N.Bateson (2)	bt. G.E.P.Jackson (-3)	+ 4
G.G.Strutt (4)	bt. S.S.Townsend (-1½)	+ 9 (T)
P.J.R.Crawford (6)	bt. J.L.Sanders (5)	+ 6 (T)
G.B.Martin (10)	bt. M.G.Stainer (4)	+ 4 (T)

Semi-Final

G.G.Strutt (4)	bt. R.N.Bateson (2)	+ 7
P.J.R.Crawford (6)	bt. G.B.Martin (10)	+15

Final

P.J.R.Crawford (6)	bt. G.G.Strutt (4)	+ 3
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Event 4b: 'Y' Handicap Singles (14 Entries)

G.G.Strutt & P.J.R.Crawford	bt. W.B.C.Paynter & Mrs E.E.Bressey	+ 4 (T)
Miss E.C.Brumpston & Mrs H.Wills	bt. R.O.Hicks & Miss G.W.Bartlett	+ 8

Final

Miss S.F.Hay (5½)	bt. Mrs B.G.Neal (6)	+17
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Event 5: Handicap Doubles (14 Pairs)*First Round*

A.V.Camroux & B.A.Meadows	bt. J.L.Sanders & Mrs A.W. Skempton	+ 8
G.E.P.Jackson & Mrs B.G.Neal	bt. J.N.Crane & Mrs E.M. Lightfoot	+ 3 (T)
R.N.Bateson & Mrs G.W.Solomon	bt. M.B.Reckitt & M.G. Stainer	+12
J.H.J.Soutter & Mrs B.Weitz	bt. J.B.Gilbert & G.B.Martin	+ 5

Second Round

Camroux & Meadows	bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller & Mrs S.R.Mew	+15
Bateson & Mrs G.W.Solomon	bt. Jackson & Mrs Neal	+ 6
Soutter & Mrs Weitz	bt. Strutt & Crawford	+12
D.C.Caporn & Mrs D.F.Caporn	bt. Miss E.C.Brumpston & Mrs Wills	+ 5

Semi-Final

Camroux & Meadows	bt. Bateson & Mrs G.W.Solomon	+13
Soutter & Mrs Weitz	w.o. Caporn & Mrs Caporn	opp.scr.

Final

Soutter & Mrs Weitz	bt. Camroux & Meadows	+ 6
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Parkstone Tournament: September 13-18

Thanks be to the weather gods! Parkstone in the sunshine, which favoured us almost the whole week, is most attractive. The general consensus of opinion was in favour of the new arrangement of the courts, which makes for 'mateyness' and closer unity among the players.

Bryan Lloyd-Pratt defeated Dick Whittington in a rather small 'A' entry. We would congratulate L.S.Butler on being a worthy winner of the 'B's. The 'C' event was won by Dr.C.A.Parker.

The Final of the Doubles provided the usual cliff-hanging excitement. Bryan Lloyd-Pratt, having double-peeled Dick Whittington out, coaxed his competent partner, Mrs Duveen, hoop by hoop from the sixth to the Rover, while Mrs Digby struggled hard to gain the innings. A tragedy at the Rover hoop allowed her finally to hit the peg from about six yards.

A newly discovered disease called 'Pegitis' afflicted some of the home players. No less than three pegged out the advance ball in error.

Mrs Chittenden, assisted by the competitors, many of whom were long bisquers, is to be congratulated on getting through the programme despite the speed of the courts.

Results**Event 1: Open Singles (8 Entries)**

DRAW

First Round

B.Lloyd-Pratt	w.o. Dr.W.P.Ormerod	opp.scr.
Dr.W.R.Bucknall	bt. P.Newton	+10
Mrs G.F.H.Elvey	bt. I.C.Baillieu	+ 7
Sir Leonard Daldry	bt. R.O.B.Whittington	+ 1

Semi-Final

B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. Dr.W.R.Bucknall	+23
Sir Leonard Daldry	bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey	+ 7

Final

B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. Sir Leonard Daldry	+19
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PROCESS

First Round

R.O.B.Whittington	bt. Dr.W.R.Bucknall	+23
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. I.C.Baillieu	+19
Mrs G.F.H.Elvey	bt. P.Newton	+ 4
Dr.W.P.Ormerod	bt. Sir Leonard Daldry	+22

Semi-Final

R.O.B.Whittington	bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt	+17
Dr.W.P.Ormerod	bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey	+26

Final

R.O.B.Whittington	w.o. Dr.W.P.Ormerod	opp.scr.
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PLAY-OFF

B.Lloyd-Pratt bt. R.O.B.Whittington +10

Event 2: 'B' Level Singles (12 Entries)

First Round

F.F.W.Staddon bt. Miss W.E.Creed Meredith +10
 Miss M.D.McMordie bt. G.S.Digby + 3
 L.S.Butler bt. C.Edwards + 4
 Mrs G.S.Digby bt. Mrs G.H.Wood + 2

Second Round

Mrs C.Devitt w.o. Miss A.E.Mills opp.ret'd.
 Miss M.D.McMordie bt. F.F.W.Staddon + 3
 L.S.Butler w.o. Mrs G.S.Digby opp.scr.
 S.G.Kent w.o. Major F.Hill-Bernhard opp.scr.

Semi-Final

Miss M.D.McMordie bt. Mrs C.Devitt +20
 L.S.Butler bt. S.G.Kent +19

Final

L.S.Butler bt. Miss M.D.McMordie + 9

Event 3: 'C' Handicap Singles (13 Entries)

First Round

Mrs G.L.Ormerod (8) bt. Mrs L.A.Davies (12) + 5
 Miss L.M.Cooke (10) bt. Mrs D.Wayman (10) +12
 Mrs H.Harris (12) bt. Miss M.M.Fickling (13) + 5
 Miss M.Page (9) bt. Mrs E.M.Bird (9) + 2
 Dr.C.A.Parker (8) w.o. Mrs K.M.Lowein (11) opp.scr.

Second Round

Mrs G.L.Ormerod (8) bt. Mrs P.Newton (8) + 1
 Miss L.M.Cooke (10) bt. Mrs H.Harris (12) +14
 Dr.C.A.Parker (8) bt. Miss M.Page (9) +12
 Mrs I.N.Duveen (12) bt. H.B.Sully (10) + 4

Semi-Final

Miss L.M.Cooke (10) bt. Mrs G.L.Ormerod (8) + 8
 Dr.C.A.Parker (8) bt. Mrs I.N.Duveen (12) + 4

Final

Dr.C.A.Parker (8) w.o. Miss L.M.Cooke (10) opp.ret'd.

Event 4a: 'X' Handicap Singles (32 Entries)

First Round

L.S.Butler (5) bt. F.F.W.Staddon (6) +14
 Dr.W.R.Bucknall (0) bt. Mrs D.Wayman (10) +16
 Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (-½) bt. Mrs G.L.Ormerod (8) +15
 Miss M.Page (9) bt. G.S.Digby (6½) + 5
 Miss W.E.Creed Meredith (6½) bt. Mrs H.Harris (12) +14
 Miss M.K.A.Towers (6) bt. Miss M.M.Fickling (13) +11
 C.Edwards (4) bt. P.Newton (-2½) + 3
 I.C.Baillieu (1) bt. Mrs C.Devitt (6) +22
 Major F.Hill-Bernhard (4½) w.o. Mrs K.M.Lowein (11) opp.scr.
 Miss M.D.McMordie (4) bt. S.G.Kent (4) +18
 B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3) bt. Dr.C.A.Parker (8) + 2
 R.O.B.Whittington (-2) bt. Miss L.M.Cooke (10) +15
 Miss G.V.Pirie (6½) bt. Mrs G.H.Wood (3) + 8
 Mrs G.S.Digby (5) bt. Mrs I.N.Duveen (12) + 8
 Sir Leonard Daldry (-1) bt. Mrs L.A.Davies (12) +13
 Mrs P.Newton (8) bt. H.B.Sully (10) +14

Second Round

L.S.Butler (5) bt. Dr.W.R.Bucknall (0) + 6
 Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (-½) bt. Miss M.Page (9) +13
 Miss W.E.Creed Meredith (6½) bt. Miss M.K.A.Towers (6) + 6

I.C.Baillieu (1) bt. C.Edwards (4) + 3
 Miss M.D.McMordie (4) bt. Major F.Hill-Bernhard (4½) +21

R.O.B.Whittington (-2) bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3) +15
 Mrs G.S.Digby (5) bt. Miss G.V.Pirie (6½) +16
 Sir Leonard Daldry (-1) bt. Mrs L.A.Davies (12) +13
 Mrs P.Newton (8) ot. Sir Leonard Daldry (-1) +14

Third Round

L.S.Butler (5) bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (-½) + 6
 Miss W.E.Creed Meredith (6½) bt. I.C.Baillieu (1) + 5
 R.O.B.Whittington (-2) bt. Miss M.D.McMordie (4) + 2
 Mrs G.S.Digby (5) bt. Mrs P.Newton (8) +13

Semi-Final

L.S.Butler (5) bt. Miss W.E.Creed Meredith + 6
 (6½)
 Mrs G.S.Digby (5) bt. R.O.B.Whittington (-2) + 4

Final

L.S.Butler (5) bt. Mrs G.S.Digby (5) +17

Event 4b: 'Y' Handicap Singles (14 Entries)

The prize was shared between P.Newton, Dr.C.A.Parker and H.B.Sully.

Event 5: Handicap Doubles (15 Pairs)

First Round

Mr & Mrs P.Newton bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey & Mrs E.M.Bird +16
 R.O.B.Whittington & Mrs G.S.Digby bt. Miss W.E.Creed Meredith & Mrs L.A.Davies + 8
 L.S.Butler & Mrs G.L.Ormerod bt. Dr.W.R.Bucknall & C.Edwards + 2 (T)
 Mrs G.H.Wood & G.S.Digby bt. Miss A.E.Mills & Mrs D.Wayman +12
 B.Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs I.N.Duveen bt. Mrs H.Harris & Miss M.M.Fickling +17
 I.C.Baillieu & S.G.Kent bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden & Dr C.A.Parker + 8
 Sir Leonard Daldry & Miss M.D.McMordie bt. Major F.Hill-Bernhard & Miss L.M.Cooke + 8 (T)

Second Round

Whittington & Mrs Digby bt. Mr & Mrs Newton + 6
 Mrs Wood & Digby bt. Butler & Mrs Ormerod +11
 Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs Duveen bt. Baillieu & Kent +12
 Sir L.Daldry & Miss McMordie bt. F.F.W.Staddon & Miss G.V.Pirie +17

Semi-Final

Whittington & Mrs Digby bt. Mrs Wood & Digby + 6
 Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs Duveen bt. Sir L.Daldry & Miss McMordie + 9

Final

Whittington & Mrs Digby bt. Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs Duveen + 3

The Veterans' Championship, played at Cheltenham, September 20-25

This tournament was an innovation and an experiment and contained, it is believed, an entirely new element in a major Croquet event, inasmuch as it included a Swiss Handicap which went on during the full six days of the tournament. This report, therefore, will be much more an account of the mechanics of the tournament than a description of the games and the weather.

There was a good entry of sixteen for the Opens, in which number were included two 'B' class players and two 'c' class who, although beaten in their first rounds, thoroughly enjoyed their experience. There were twenty-

four entries for the Swiss, and twelve pairs for the Doubles. It was decided that, with the ten Cheltenham lawns and twelve matches in each round of the Swiss, the only way to complete the tournament was to start each day with 10 Swiss games at 10 o'clock, with the two follow up games to go on as soon as courts were available. When possible, the follow-up games were played by people not involved in the Opens in the afternoon. There was a 3 hour time limit for the Swiss and 3½ for the Doubles.

Strangely enough, it was the Opens which caused the problem of the week. Bill Gladstone, the Manager, has given the writer full permission to say that a managerial error was made on Tuesday night, when a competitor involved in the Opens requested leave of absence for a follow-up game on Wednesday morning, and he, against his better judgement, acceded to the request. What Manager would want to scratch a competitor on Tuesday evening from one side of the Opens or from the Swiss, and leave an odd number in the latter event? The follow-up game went on well into the afternoon, the subsequent Open game had to be pegged down twice, and one Semi-Final of the Draw, planned for Friday afternoon, was not played until Saturday morning. Meanwhile, because of the other affair, another Opens game was also pegged down twice. As ill-luck would have it, there was a play-off on Saturday in the Opens, and the Doubles Final did not start till 5.30, after the prize-giving. Luckily it was over in an hour and twenty minutes.

The four guaranteed rounds of the Swiss went smoothly, but after that complications arose because it became evident that two or three players would have to come out of the Swiss so that the Opens, the major event, could be completed. Gladstone virtually handed over the completion of the Swiss to Jackson, who is very interested in the mechanics of a Swiss Tournament. Jackson ran rounds five, six and seven with diminishing numbers, and a winner emerged, with three equal seconds. A 'leader' had emerged at the end of four rounds, but why stop on Thursday when there were plenty of courts and two more days to go?

Here let me say that surely history was made when on Monday afternoon two American Blocks of 5 were started by the Manager for those players not in the Opens or likely to be eliminated therefrom (See above). The ten players concerned were thus enabled to have a possible total of four more games each. One block produced a winner, G.H.Betts, and in the other block each player completed three out of four games.

Miss Sessions added the Veterans' Championship to the Ladies' Field Cup and the Surrey Cup. She played three games in the Opens on Saturday, all of which she won, and the Handicap Doubles Final with Meredith, which they lost. Who can blame Kitty if she was a bit tired?

The competitors completed an average of twelve games each during the week. Has any Tournament ever been quite like it?

Results

Event 1: Open Singles (16 Entries)

DRAW

First Round

Cdr G.Borrett bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller + 8
 Mrs G.F.H.Elvey bt. Mrs H.F.Nalder + 9
 Revd W.E.Gladstone bt. Miss J.K.Samuel +23
 Miss B.Duthie bt. Col.G.T.Wheeler + 8
 Miss K.M.O.Sessions bt. Capt.H.F.Nalder +17
 P.Newton bt. F.W.Meredith +12
 G.E.P.Jackson bt. Mrs.W.Longman +18
 R.O.B.Whittington bt. Mrs G.Day +21

Second Round

Mrs G.F.H.Elvey bt. Cdr G.Borrett + 2
 Miss B.Duthie bt. Revd W.E.Gladstone + 2
 Miss K.M.O.Sessions bt. P.Newton +11
 G.E.P.Jackson bt. R.O.B.Whittington +15

Semi-Final

Mrs G.F.H.Elvey bt. Miss B.Duthie + 6
 G.E.P.Jackson bt. Miss K.M.O.Sessions +23

Final

G.E.P.Jackson bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey +20

PROCESS

First Round

Mrs W.Longman bt. B.Duthie +21
 P.Newton bt. Mrs H.F.Nalder +10
 Revd W.E.Gladstone bt. Mrs G.Day +20
 Cdr G.Borrett bt. Capt. H.F.Nalder + 8
 Col.G.T.Wheeler bt. F.W.Meredith + 3
 Mrs G.F.H.Elvey bt. R.O.B.Whittington + 5
 G.E.P.Jackson bt. Miss J.K.Samuel +21
 Miss K.M.O.Sessions bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller +16

Second Round

P.Newton bt. Mrs W.Longman +18
 Revd W.E.Gladstone bt. Cdr G.Borrett + 3
 Mrs G.F.H.Elvey bt. Col.G.T.Wheeler +14
 Miss K.M.O.Sessions bt. G.E.P.Jackson + 3

Semi-Final

P.Newton bt. Revd W.F.Gladstone +16
 Miss K.M.O.Sessions bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey +11

Final

Miss K.M.O.Sessions bt. P.Newton + 4

PLAY-OFF

Miss K.M.O.Sessions bt. G.E.P.Jackson +17

Event 2: Swiss Handicap Singles (24 Entries)

After 7 Rounds: Winner F.W.Meredith (6 wins)
 Equal Second: W.J.Sturdy, Miss B.Duthie, Cdr G.Borrett (5 wins each)

Event 3: Handicap Doubles (12 Pairs)

First Round

Cdr G.Borrett & Mrs W.Longman bt. G.E.P.Jackson & Brig. L.E.Bourke + 3
 Revd W.E.Gladstone & W.J.Sturdy bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller & Mrs P.Newton + 6
 R.O.B.Whittington & P.Newton bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey & R.A.Lewty +18
 Miss K.M.O.Sessions & F.W.Meredith bt. Miss J.K.Samuel & Mrs G.Day + 9

Second Round

Col. & Mrs G.T.Wheeler bt. Dr & Mrs H.A.Pim + 9 (T)
 Revd Gladstone & Sturdy bt. Borrett & Mrs Longman +16
 Miss Sessions & Meredith bt. Whittington & Newton +16
 Capt. & Mrs H.F.Nalder bt. G.H.Betts & Sir Leonard Stone + 3 (T)

Semi-Final

Miss Sessions & Meredith bt. Capt. & Mrs Nalder + 5
 Revd Gladstone & Sturdy bt. Col. & Mrs Wheeler +14

Final

Revd Gladstone & Sturdy bt. Miss Sessions & Meredith +19

Devonshire Park Tournament: September 27 — October 9

There is a natural keenness among the players to seal or retrieve their fortunes in this last fortnight of the season but to me Devonshire Park is not so much the matches as the people: it is the happy knots contained by the glass windows of the verandah (made even happier by the welcome return of our Irish visitors); the silent watchers on the balcony; the strangers stretched along the lee-side of the lawns; the intermittent crowds of congressmen. It is the remote control and large clear writing of Jack Dibley and the small neat hand and direct impact of Gerald Cave; and above all it is the old friends immutably drawn back each year and the new ones who will surely return.

The first Monday morning gave no hint of the glories to come: after a stormy week-end the lawns were wet and woolly and only the lucky few were despatched to Compton. But from then on there was continuous sunshine cloaked only by morning mist and salty evening haze. Each lawn was alternately mown or rolled every day and as we adapted ourselves to, or made use of, the baseline tennis scars, both playing and watching became a delight.

If there were to be a Croquet Player of the Year I would nominate Kitty Sessions who joins Miss D.D. Steel and Mrs Longman as the only women to accomplish the double of Open Champion and Women's Champion at Devonshire Park. To win, in three successive weeks, the Surrey Cup, the Veterans Cup and the Championship of the South of England might well earn Kitty the soubriquet of 'man-eating tigress' but she is really more like Jerry who invariably succeeds against the size and might of Tom. Nothing daunts her; she never turns her back on a hoop or a peel — triple-peeling is her standard practice; discretion is not in her armoury; if she is playing badly, which she sometimes does at the beginning of a game though seldom at the end, she is no whit deterred from trying her most ambitious strokes. So quick were her games that she left us with the feeling that we had not seen enough of her and her opponents could merely 'bow and accept the end'.

A strong contingent from Cheshire was further strengthened by John Rose and Barry Keen from Radbrooke Hall. The former, playing off 1½ for the first time, was unbeatable (though Lady Ursula came within 2 of doing so) and he not only won the first week's big handicap but also divided the Devonshire Park Salver with Mrs Walker, while Keen won the Luard Cup. But playing together they were put out in the first round of the Doubles. The tactics and accuracy of Mrs Longman and Jenking, the winners of this event, were outstanding. Col. and Mrs Cave had played really well, though not always simultaneously, to become the other finalists. They had put out Col. Prichard and Mrs Povey (former holders) who in their turn had ousted an outstanding pair in Harris and Wood.

A feature of the second week was the success of players who had recently had their handicaps increased. Most notable of these was our President Maurice Reckitt: at 7 (a handicap he last held in 1908/9) he remained in so many events that he had to scratch from one side of the Felix Cup and he was only put out of the other on Friday by Lady Ursula Abbey who had also had her handicap raised. On Saturday it was Col. Prichard who beat him in the semi-final of the big handicap. Col. Prichard was not wasting his precision breaks, as he sometimes does, by sticking in hoops (these were admittedly generous) and he played 27 matches in the fortnight. In this event he achieved the 'impossible' by beating Mrs Meachem on the way and Mrs Walker in the final and after one week at -2½ he reverts to -3. He was put out of the Opens by John Cooper by the narrowest of margins and it was Cooper (now -2½) who won the coveted Gold Cup. Cdr Borrett had had to scratch from the final

because of dizziness (only a temporary attack I am happy to report) so Walker at 2½ in only his second full season found himself in the play-off. Having already beaten Hamilton-Miller and Gladstone (who had put out Lloyd-Pratt) he had certainly earned his place there and also a sizable reduction in handicap. Miss Lintern reached a final in both weeks but lost both, so she retains her 4' handicap. The increase in applications for the raising of one's handicap is a healthy development and even the restoration of ½ bisque seems to have a therapeutic effect on one's croquet. With Mrs Povey, who is a steady Doubles partner, Miss Lintern only just failed to pull off a last turn victory against Tucker and Pountney, who used to be tennis partners. This was Pountney's first tournament: he has good strokes and is observant, which argues well for his future in the game.

In the Open Doubles the Meachems reached the final after two of the longest games and narrowest wins of the week: by 1 on time after nearly 5 hours against the Walkers and by 5 after four hours against Mrs Rotherham and Hamilton-Miller — 'who reflects too much will accomplish little'. But Lloyd-Pratt and Hopewell, who were the runners-up last year, always looked likely, if not immaculate, winners. Mrs Meachem, however, was at her most brilliant in beating Miss Warwick in the Women's Opens and in the play-off for 2nd place she refused to be hypnotised by Mrs Rotherham's spell-binding breaks and fought back to lose by only 8.

For the first time the Restricted Handicap was run as Draw and Process. This was popular with the players as they remained in the second life until Thursday and were not relegated to the Y as they used to be after their first defeat. The standard was level and the matches long so that the event was not finished. Mrs Cave reached both finals and unluckily won neither. She had played steadily throughout the fortnight making a number of all-round breaks (usually with the first ball) and had reached two finals in the first week also without ultimate success. Mrs Wood, Mrs Povey and Mrs Temple were difficult to beat but Lady Ursula's excellent shooting swung the balance in her favour in some tough matches. She was awarded the Felix Cup as the other final merely faded away after the might-have-beens, the too-lates and the no-mores had said Farewell.

Results

First Week

Event 1: The Ionides Challenge Trophy (22 entries)

DRAW

First Round

D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller	bt. J.G. Warwick	+10
Dr W.R.D. Wiggins	bt. Mrs W. Longman	+ 5
G.E.P. Jackson	bt. D.A. Harris	+ 7
Mrs E. Rotherham	bt. R. Wood	+17
Cdr G. Borrett	bt. Miss F. Joly	+16
Lt-Col G.E. Cave	bt. Mrs D.M.C. Prichard	+11

Second Round

Mrs A. Fotiadi	bt. Mrs H.F. Chittenden	+21
A.J. Cooper	bt. G.W. Williams	+ 6
Miss K.M.O. Sessions	bt. D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller	+10
G.E.P. Jackson	bt. Dr W.R.D. Wiggins	+22
Mrs E. Rotherham	bt. Cdr G. Borrett	+15
E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake	bt. Lt-Col G.E. Cave	+12
Miss E.J. Warwick	bt. Col. G.T. Wheeler	+11
Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard	bt. Mrs G.F.H. Elvey	+19

Third Round

A.J. Cooper	bt. Mrs A. Fotiadi	+ 9
G.E.P. Jackson	bt. Miss K.M.O. Sessions	+22

E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake	bt. Mrs E. Rotherham	+10
Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard	bt. Miss E.J. Warwick	+19

Semi-Final

G.E.P. Jackson	bt. A.J. Cooper	+ 3
E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake	bt. Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard	+23

Final

E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake	bt. G.E.P. Jackson	+13
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PROCESS

First Round

Miss E.J. Warwick	bt. G.W. Williams	+13
Miss K.M.O. Sessions	bt. Mrs G.F.H. Elvey	+25
Mrs A. Fotiadi	bt. Mrs D.M.C. Prichard	+22
A.J. Cooper	bt. Col G.T. Wheeler	+13
Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard	bt. J.G. Warwick	+17
E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake	bt. Mrs H.F. Chittenden	+21

Second Round

D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller	bt. Miss F. Joly	+23
D.A. Harris	bt. Miss E.J. Warwick	+11
Miss K.M.O. Sessions	bt. R. Wood	+15
Mrs A. Fotiadi	bt. Mrs W. Longman	+18
Lt-Col G.E. Cave	w.o. Dr W.R.D. Wiggins	opp.scr.
A.J. Cooper	bt. Mrs E. Rotherham	+24
Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard	bt. Cdr G. Borrett	+ 2
G.E.P. Jackson	bt. E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake	+26

Third Round

D.A. Harris	bt. D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller	+ 2
Miss K.M.O. Sessions	bt. Mrs A. Fotiadi	+23
A.J. Cooper	bt. Lt-Col G.E. Cave	+13
Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard	bt. G.E.P. Jackson	+15

Semi-Final

Miss K.M.O. Sessions	bt. D.A. Harris	+23
Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard	bt. A.J. Cooper	+ 6

Final

Miss K.M.O. Sessions	bt. Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard	+ 6
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PLAY-OFF

Miss K.M.O. Sessions	bt. E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake	+19
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Event 2: The Devonshire Park Salver (12 entries)

DRAW

First Round

R.I. Walker	bt. Miss H.D. Parker	+17
M.F. Buller	bt. Mrs J.B. Meachem	+ 7
Lady Ursula Abbey	bt. E.J. Tucker	+ 3
Mrs G.H. Wood	bt. Lady FitzGerald	+ 4

Second Round

Mrs R.I. Walker	bt. M.B. Reckitt	+18
R.I. Walker	bt. M.F. Buller	+ 9
Lady Ursula Abbey	bt. Mrs G.H. Wood	+21
J. Rose	bt. Mrs E.M. Temple	+10

Semi-Final

Mrs R.I. Walker	bt. R.I. Walker	+ 8
Lady Ursula Abbey	bt. J. Rose	+ 2

Final

Mrs R.I. Walker	bt. Lady Ursula Abbey	+23
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PROCESS

First Round

J. Rose	bt. Miss H.D. Parker	+17
Mrs R.I. Walker	bt. Mrs G.H. Wood	+19

Lady Ursula Abbey	bt. Mrs E.M. Temple	+18
Lady FitzGerald	bt. M.B. Reckitt	+11

Second Round

J. Rose	bt. E.J. Tucker	+21
Mrs J.B. Meachem	bt. Mrs R.I. Walker	+11
R.I. Walker	bt. Lady Ursula Abbey	+ 6
Lady FitzGerald	bt. M.F. Buller	+10

Semi-Final

J. Rose	bt. Mrs J.B. Meachem	+13
R.I. Walker	bt. Lady FitzGerald	+14

Final

J. Rose	bt. R.I. Walker	+ 4
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PLAY-OFF: Not completed.

Event 3: The Luard Cup (10 entries)

First Round

G. Scott Page	bt. Mrs N.W.T. Cox	+23
Mrs G.E. Cave	bt. Mrs H. Oxley	+ 9

Second Round

B.A. Keen	bt. Miss M. Bryan	+12
Mrs J. Povey	bt. G. Scott Page	+ 9
Mrs G.E. Cave	w.o.	opp.scr.
Miss D.A. Lintern	bt. Revd. G.H.M. Hare	+11

Semi-Final

B.A. Keen	bt. Mrs J. Povey	+ 6
Miss D.A. Lintern	bt. Mrs G.E. Cave	+21

Final

B.A. Keen	bt. Miss D.A. Lintern	+12
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Event 4: The Trevor Williams Cup (5 entries)

First Round

Miss G. Clarke-Lens (7)	bt. Mrs B.A. Wheeler (15)	+10
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Semi-Final

Miss G. Clarke-Lens (7)	bt. Mrs D. Waterhouse (11)	+ 6
Mrs H.M.G. Cane (10)	bt. Mrs M.V. Burden (15)	+24

Final

Mrs H.M.G. Cane (10)	bt. Miss G. Clarke-Lens (7)	+ 8
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Event 5a: The Sussex Challenge Cup (46 entries)

First Round

Mrs H.M.G. Cane (10)	bt. R.I. Walker (3)	+15
Lady Ursula Abbey (4)	bt. Mrs H.F. Chittenden (-½)	+25
J. Rose (1½)	bt. D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller	+19
	(-3½)	
G.W. Williams (-1)	bt. A.J. Cooper (-2½)	+ 4
Mrs E.M. Temple (2)	bt. Mrs E. Rotherham (-2)	+ 6
Mrs W. Longman (-2)	bt. G. Scott Page (6½)	+ 7
Col G.T. Wheeler (0)	bt. Mrs J. Povey (4)	+15
Miss F. Joly (0)	bt. G.E.P. Jackson (-3)	+ 8
B.A. Keen (6½)	bt. Mrs A. Fotiadi (0)	+14
Mrs E.M. Speer (2½)	bt. D.A. Harris (-1½)	+10
Mrs R.I. Walker (2½)	bt. M.B. Reckitt (5)	+13
Lady FitzGerald (2)	bt. Miss G. Clarke-Lens (7)	+11
Mrs G.E. Cave (5)	bt. E.J. Tucker (½)	+17

Second Round

J.G. Warwick (-1)	bt. Capt. M.F. Buller (1)	+ 5
Mrs J.B. Meachem (½)	bt. R. Wood (½)	+17
Mrs G.H. Wood (3)	bt. Miss D.A. Lintern (4)	+11
H.F.L. Jenking (5½)	bt. Mrs G.F.H. Elvey (-½)	+ 9
Miss E.J. Warwick (-2)	bt. Mrs H.M.G. Cane (10)	+ 7
J. Rose (1½)	bt. Lady Ursula Abbey (4)	+ 2

Mrs E.M.Temple (2)	bt. G.W.Williams (-1)	+18
Col G.T.Wheeler (0)	bt. Mrs W.Longman (-2)	+25
B.A.Keen (6½)	bt. Miss F.Joly (0)	+21
Mrs R.I.Walker (2½)	bt. Mrs E.M.Speer (2½)	+11
Mrs G.E.Cave (5)	bt. Lady FitzGerald (2)	+15
Mrs D.M.C.Prichard (-1)	bt. Miss K.M.O.Sessions (-2½)	+22
Cdr G.Borrett (-2½)	w.o.	opp.scr.
Lt-Col G.E.Cave (0)	bt. Miss H.D.Parker (2½)	+25
E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-2)	bt. Miss E.M.Bryan (6)	+7
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard (-2½)	bt. Mrs D.Waterhouse (11)	+15

Third Round

Mrs J.B.Meachem (½)	bt. J.G.Warwick (-1)	+4
Mrs G.H.Wood (3)	bt. H.F.L.Jenking (5½)	+7
J.Rose (1½)	bt. Miss E.J.Warwick (-2)	+19
Col.G.T.Wheeler (0)	bt. Mrs E.M.Temple (2)	+13
Mrs R.I.Walker (2½)	bt. B.A.Keen (6½)	+5
Mrs G.E.Cave (5)	bt. Mrs.D.M.C.Prichard (-1)	+3
Cdr G.Borrett (-2½)	bt. Lt-Col G.E.Cave (0)	+4
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard (-2½)	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-2)	+2

Fourth Round

Mrs G.H.Wood (3)	bt. Mrs J.B.Meachem (½)	+13
J.Rose (1½)	bt. Col.G.T.Wheeler (0)	+22
Mrs G.E.Cave (5)	bt. Mrs R.I.Walker (2½)	+24
Cdr G.Borrett (-2½)	bt. Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard (-2½)	+13

Semi-Final

J.Rose (1½)	bt. Mrs G.H.Wood (3)	+18
Mrs G.E.Cave (5)	bt. Cdr G.Borrett (-2½)	+23

Final

J.Rose (1½)	bt. Mrs G.E.Cave (5)	+19
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Event 5b: 'Y' Handicap Singles (21 Entries)

Final

E.J.Tucker (½)	bt. R.Wood (½)	+13
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Event 6: Handicap Doubles (24 Pairs)

First Round

Capt.M.F.Buller & D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	bt. Lady Ursula Abbey & Miss F.Joly	+11
B.A.Keen & J.Rose	bt. E.J.Tucker & Mrs E.M.Speer	+7
R.Wood & D.A.Harris	bt. Mrs D.M.C.Prichard & R.W. Jefferson	+4
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard & Mrs J.Povey	bt. Cdr G.Borrett & Miss G.Clarke-Lens	+19
E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake & Miss L.M.Cooke	bt. Mrs G.H.Wood & J.G.Warwick	+12
Mrs G.F.H.Elvey & Mrs H.M.G.Cane	bt. Col. & Mrs G.T. Wheeler	+11
Miss H.D.Parker & M.B.Reckitt	bt. A.J.Cooper & Mrs R.I. Walker	+10

Second Round

G.E.P. Jackson & G.Scott Page	bt. Miss M.Bryan & Mrs H.F.Chittenden	+6
Lt-Col & Mrs G.E.Cave	bt. Mrs A.Fotiadi & Mrs H.Oxley	+15
Capt.Buller & Hamilton-Miller	bt. Keen & Rose	+6
Lt-Col Prichard & Mrs Povey	bt. Wood & Harris	+12
Tyrwhitt-Drake & Miss Cooke	bt. Mrs Elvey & Mrs Cane	+7

Miss Warwick & Mrs Meachem	bt. Miss Parker & Reckitt	+20
Miss K.M.O.Sessions & Miss D.A.Lintern	bt. Mr & Mrs N.W.T.Cox	+11

Mrs W.Longman & H.F.L.Jenking	bt. Mrs E.Rotherham & R.I.Walker	+6
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Third Round

Lt-Col & Mrs Cave	bt. Jackson & Scott Page	+7
Lt-Col Prichard & Mrs Povey	bt. Capt.Buller & Hamilton-Miller	+8
Tyrwhitt-Drake & Miss Cooke	bt. Miss Warwick & Mrs Meachem	+9
Mrs Longman & Jenking	bt. Miss Sessions & Miss Lintern	+7

Semi-Final

Lt-Col & Mrs Cave	bt. Lt-Col Prichard & Mrs Povey	+4
Mrs Longman & Jenking	bt. Tyrwhitt-Drake & Miss Cooke	+3

Final

Mrs Longman & Jenking	bt. Lt-Col & Mrs Cave	+6
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Second Week

Event 1: The O'Callaghan Gold Cup (14 Entries)

DRAW

First Round

C.G.Hopewell	bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt	+10
R.I.Walker	bt. A.D.Karmel	+20
D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	bt. J.G.Warwick	+18
J.B.Meachem	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake	+18
Cdr G.Borrett	bt. Col G.T.Wheeler	+22
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard	bt. D.A.Harris	+5

Second Round

Revd W.E.Gladstone	bt. C.G.Hopewell	+16
R.I.Walker	bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	+3
Cdr G.Borrett	bt. J.B.Meachem	+10
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard	bt. A.J.Cooper	+2

Semi-Final

R.I.Walker	bt. Revd W.E.Gladstone	+9
Cdr G.Borrett	bt. Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard	+11

Final

R.I.Walker	w.o. Cdr G.Borrett	opp.scr.
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PROCESS

First Round

D.A.Harris	bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	+3
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. Col G.T.Wheeler	+25
Revd W.E.Gladstone	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake	+9
Lt-Col.D.M.C.Prichard	bt. J.B.Meachem	+12
A.J.Cooper	bt. J.G.Warwick	+17
Cdr G.Borrett	bt. C.G.Hopewell	+11

Second Round

B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. D.A.Harris	+9
Revd W.E.Gladstone	bt. R.I.Walker	+19
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard	bt. A.D.Karmel	+6
A.J.Cooper	bt. Cdr G.Borrett	+15

Semi-Final

Revd W.E.Galdstone	bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt	+5
A.J.Cooper	bt. Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard	+2

Final

A.J.Cooper	bt. Revd W.E.Gladstone	+18
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PLAY-OFF

A.J.Cooper	bt. R.I.Walker	+5
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Event 2: The Franc Challenge Trophy (12 Entries)

DRAW

First Round

Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	bt. Mrs W.Longman	+5
Miss E.J.Warwick	bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden	+26
Mrs E.M.Lightfoot	bt. Mrs R.I.Walker	+7
Mrs A.Fotiadi	bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey	+19
Mrs J.B.Meachem	w.o.	opp.scr.

Second Round

Mrs E.Rotherham	bt. Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	+24
Mrs E.M.Lightfoot	bt. Miss E.J.Warwick	+6
Mrs A.Fotiadi	bt. Mrs J.B.Meachem	+2
Miss K.M.O.Sessions	bt. Miss F.Joly	+15

Semi-Final

Mrs E.Rotherham	bt. Mrs E.M.Lightfoot	+12
Miss K.M.O.Sessions	bt. Mrs A.Fotiadi	+15

Final

Miss K.M.O.Sessions	bt. Mrs E.Rotherham	+25
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PROCESS

First Round

Miss F.Joly	bt. Mrs R.I.Walker	+8
Mrs J.B.Meachem	bt. Mrs W.Longman	+14
Mrs E.Rotherham	bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey	+5
Miss K.M.O.Sessions	bt. Mrs A.Fotiadi	+17

Second Round

Mrs J.B.Meachem	bt. Miss F.Joly	+15
Miss E.J.Warwick	bt. Mrs E.Rotherham	+7
Miss K.M.O.Sessions	bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden	+21
Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	bt. Mrs E.M.Lightfoot	+7

Semi-Final

Mrs J.B.Meachem	bt. Miss E.J.Warwick	+7
Miss K.M.O.Sessions	bt. Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	+7

Final

Miss K.M.O.Sessions	bt. Mrs J.B.Meachem	+24
Miss K.M.O.Sessions	won both Draw and Process.	

Event 3: The Felix Cup (16 Entries)

DRAW

First Round

D.M.Horne (4½)	bt. Lady FitzGerald (2)	+7
Capt.M.F.Buller (1)	bt. Miss H.D.Parker (2½)	+13
C.G.Pountney (12)	bt. Miss D.A.Lintern (4)	+8 (T)
E.J.Tucker (½)	bt. Mrs A.D.Karmel (5)	+17
Lady Ursula Abbey (3)	bt. Mrs D.Waterhouse (11)	+14
Mrs J.Povey (4)	w.o. M.B.Reckitt (7)	opp.scr.
Mrs G.H.Wood (3)	bt. Miss M.Bryan (6)	+15
Mrs G.E.Cave (4½)	bt. Mrs E.M.Temple (2)	+13

Second Round

Capt.M.F.Buller (1)	bt. D.M.Horne (4½)	+7
E.J.Tucker (½)	bt. C.G.Pountney (12)	+3
Mrs J.Povey (4)	bt. Lady Ursula Abbey (3)	+5
Mrs G.E.Cave (4½)	bt. Mrs G.H.Wood (3)	+3

Semi-Final

E.J.Tucker (½)	bt. Capt.M.F.Buller (1)	+22
Mrs G.E.Cave (4)	bt. Mrs J.Povey (4)	+10

Final

This was not completed owing to failing light.

PROCESS

First Round

E.J.Tucker (½)	bt. Miss M.Bryan (6)	+5
Mrs J.Povey (4)	bt. Miss H.D.Parker (2½)	+11
Mrs G.E.Cave (4½)	bt. C.G.Pountney (12)	+16
Lady FitzGerald (2)	bt. Mrs D.Waterhouse (11)	+8
M.B.Reckitt (7)	bt. Mrs A.D.Karmel (5)	+8
Mrs G.H.Wood (3)	bt. Miss D.A.Lintern (4)	+10
Lady Ursula Abbey (3)	bt. D.M.Horne (4½)	+6

Second Round

Mrs J.Povey (4)	bt. E.J.Tucker (½)	+5
Mrs G.E.Cave (4½)	bt. Lady FitzGerald (2)	+14
M.B.Reckitt (7)	bt. Mrs E.M.Temple (2)	+6
Lady Ursula Abbey (3)	bt. Mrs G.H.Wood (3)	+3

Semi-Final

Mrs G.E.Cave (4½)	bt. Mrs J.Povey (4)	+18
Lady Ursula Abbey (3)	bt. M.B.Reckitt (7)	+10

Final

Lady Ursula Abbey (3)	bt. Mrs G.E.Cave (4½)	+6
Lady Ursula Abbey	was declared the winner in virtue of having won the Process.	

Event 4: The Sussex Union Challenge Cup (46 Entries)

First Round

G.W.Williams (-1)	bt. C.G.Pountney (12)	+2
B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3)	bt. Miss M.Bryan (6)	+6
Miss F.Joly (0)	bt. Mrs D.Waterhouse (11)	+7
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard (-2½)	bt. Miss D.A.Lintern (4)	+11
Mrs E.M.Lightfoot (0)	bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden (-½)	+5
Mrs J.B.Meachem (½)	bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller (-3½)	+25
D.A.Harris (-1½)	bt. J.G.Warwick (-1)	+8
J.B.Meachem (-½)	bt. Cdr G.Borrett (-2½)	+4
E.J.Tucker (½)	bt. Mrs A.Fotiadi (0)	+5
Mrs J.Povey (4)	bt. A.D.Karmel (-1½)	+22
Mrs R.I.Walker (2)	bt. Lady FitzGerald (2)	+22
D.M.Horne (4½)	bt. Miss E.J.Warwick (-2)	+5
Mrs E.M.Temple (2)	bt. Lady Ursula Abbey (3)	+17
Revd.W.E.Gladstone (-2)	bt. Miss E.G.Clarke-Lens (7)	+19

Second Round

Miss H.D.Parker (2½)	bt. C.G.Hopewell (-1½)	+14
M.B.Reckitt (7)	bt. Mrs H.Oxley (6)	+14
Mrs W.Longman (-2)	bt. Col.G.T.Wheeler (0)	+13
R.I.Walker (2½)	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-2)	+20
Mrs G.E.Cave (4½)	bt. G.W.Williams (-1)	+25
B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3)	bt. Miss F.Joly (0)	+6
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard (-2½)	bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden (-½)	+13

Mrs J.B.Meachem (½)	bt. D.A.Harris (-1½)	+20
J.B.Meacham (-½)	bt. E.J.Tucker (½)	+9
Mrs R.I.Walker (2)	bt. Mrs J.Povey (4)	+8
Mrs E.M.Temple (2)	bt. D.M.Horne (4½)	+9
Revd.W.E.Gladstone (-2)	bt. Mrs E.M.Speer (2½)	+9
Miss K.M.O.Sessions (-3)	bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (-½)	+21
Capt.M.F.Buller (1)	bt. Mrs G.H.Wood (3)	+3
Mrs D.M.C.Prichard (-1)	bt. Mrs E.Rotherham (-2)	+7
A.J.Cooper (-2½)	bt. R.L.Everest (9)	+7

Third Round

M.B.Reckitt (7)	bt. Miss H.D.Parker (2½)	+7
Mrs W.Longman (-2)	bt. R.I.Walker (2½)	+4
B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3)	bt. Mrs G.E.Cave (4½)	+13
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard (-2½)	bt. Mrs J.B.Meachem (½)	+2
Mrs R.I.Walker (2)	bt. J.B.Meachem (-½)	+18

Mrs E.M.Temple (2) bt. Revd.W.E.Gladstone (-2) +4
Miss K.M.O.Sessions (-3) bt. Capt.M.F.Buller (1) +16
A.J.Cooper (-2½) bt. Mrs D.M.C.Prichard (-1) +22

Fourth Round

M.B.Reckitt (7) bt. Mrs W.Longman (-2) + 2
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard (-2) bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3) + 7
Mrs R.I.Walker (2) bt. Mrs E.M.Temple (2) +14
Miss K.M.O.Sessions (-3) bt. A.J.Cooper (-2½) +16

Semi-Final

Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard (-2½) bt. M.B.Reckitt (7) + 9
Mrs R.I.Walker (2) bt. Miss K.M.O.Sessions (-3) +25

Final

Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard (-2½) bt. Mrs R.I.Walker (2) +12

Event 5: The Victor Vases (12 Pairs)

First Round

Miss E.J.Warwick & A.J.Cooper bt. Lt-Col & Mrs D.M.C. Prichard + 8
B.Lloyd-Pratt & C.G.Hopewell bt. Col.G.T.Wheeler & Miss K.M.O.Sessions +21
Mr & Mrs R.I.Walker bt. D.A.Harris & Revd.W.E. Gladstone +10
Mr & Mrs J.B.Meachem bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden & Mrs E.M.Lightfoot +16

Second Round

J.G.Warwick & E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake bt. Mrs W.Longman & Lt-Col G.E.Cave +11
Lloyd-Pratt & Hopewell bt. Miss Warwick & Cooper +15
Mr & Mrs Meachem bt. Mr & Mrs Walker + 1 (T)
Mrs E.Rotherham & D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller bt. Mrs A. Fotiadi & Mrs G.F.H.Elvey +16

Semi-Final

Lloyd-Pratt & Hopewell bt. Warwick & Tyrwhitt-Drake +14
Mr & Mrs Meachem bt Mrs Rotherham & Hamilton-Miller + 5

Final

Lloyd-Pratt & Hopewell bt. Mr & Mrs Meachem +16

Event 6: Handicap Doubles (9 Pairs)

First Round

E.J.Tucker & C.G.Pountney bt. Mrs E.M.Speer & Mrs N.W.T.Cox + 9

Second Round

Capt.M.F.Buller & Lady Ursula Abbey bt. Miss M.Bryan & R.E.Everest +12
Tucker & Pountney bt. Miss H.D.Parker & M.B.Reckitt + 6
Mrs G.H.Wood & Lady FitzGerald bt. Mrs E.M.Temple & R.W.Jefferson + 6
Miss D.A.Lintern & Mrs J.Povey bt. Mrs H.Oxley & Miss E.G.Clarke-Lens + 2

Semi-Final

Tucker & Pountney bt. Capt.Buller & Lady Ursula Abbey +18

Miss Lintern & Mrs Povey bt. Mrs Wood & Lady FitzGerald + 3

Final

Tucker & Pountney bt. Miss Lintern & Mrs Povey + 6

Event 7: Consolation Event (16 Entries)

Final

Mrs W.Longman (-2) bt. Col.G.T.Wheeler (0) + 4

Inter-Club Competition 1971

Thanks largely to Dr Bray's suggestion and his preliminary soundings of the clubs the Council decided to revive the Inter-Club Competition for the magnificent silver salver presented by the C.A. in 1906, last competed for in 1939 when it was won by Hurlingham.

In order to encourage as many clubs as possible to enter, the conditions were so framed that clubs could enter with a minimum team of 2, and thirteen clubs participated. There is no doubt that the experiment was an unqualified success and it is hoped that it will be repeated in 1972. Maybe notable absentees from this year's competition, namely Budleigh Salterton, Cheltenham, Nottingham and Parkstone of the larger clubs will wish and feel able to enter despite the problems and difficulties of travel.

Space (and lack of detailed reporting) does not permit descriptions of the early rounds, except it is worthy of note that in the 2nd round Nigel Aspinall (Caversham) completed a sextuple peel against Bernard Neal (Roehampton).

The final took place at Roehampton on Sunday 3rd October. Both Roehampton and the Heley Club fielded teams of six players, and in each case the combined handicaps amounted to -13½. On paper, therefore, excitement lasting almost to the final stroke. Three doubles were completed before lunch with Heley Club leading 2-1. After lunch four of the singles were played. Three were short games and the score was even at 3-all. Then Neal played Wylie. Neal set a long tice which Wylie missed but Neal hit and went to 4-back. Wylie got in and unaccountably stuck in 2-back. Neal hit the short lift shot and went out with a well-executed triple. The fourth game to start after lunch later resulted in a win for Gilbert over Hallett and Roehampton had won the match. They also won the sixth single to give them final victory by 6 matches to 3, but this apparent clear margin does not reflect the closeness of the struggle.

In the semi-finals the Heley Club beat Wrest Park by two games to one and Roehampton beat Compton by five games to nil.

Results of Final

(Roehampton names first):

M.Stride & P.J.M.Fidler bt. K.F.Wylie & C.G.Hopewell by 13
B.G.Neal & J.B.Gilbert lost to R.F.Thorp & P.Hallett by 17
A.V.Camroux & R.O. Hicks lost to A.A.Reed & D.Archer by 21
Stride bt. Hopewell by 14, Hicks lost to Reed by 21, Fidler bt. Thorp by 16, Neal bt. Wylie by 19, Gilbert bt. Hallett by 14, Camroux bt. Archer by 14.

NOTICE

For reasons of space it has been necessary to omit from this issue most of the results of 'Y' events. This economy may be employed on future occasions when space is limited; in that event no further notice will be given.

All-England Handicap 1971

248 competitors from 23 clubs were whittled down to eight Area winners who assembled at the historic Roehampton Club on Saturday 25th September to produce the ultimate winner of the Robert Tingey trophy.

In the first round all four games were well fought and close affairs. Pearson's eleven bisques just held out against Aspinall, but only just. Mrs Digby played a solid game against Col.Vulliamy who was not at his devastating best. Rose and Dr Duncan had a titanic struggle, both hitting well and also both missing easy chances, but in the end Rose put an end to Scotland's recent tight hold on the trophy. Strutt and Davies were the last to finish after a close in-and-out struggle.

In the semi-finals after lunch again there were two good matches. In 2½ hours Rose eventually beat Strutt who came up from behind but a good long shot at the right time produced a worthy winner. Mrs Digby and Pearson had a much longer match lasting nearly four hours. Both seemed afraid of each other at the start (the first hoop was tried for the first time after 35 minutes). Pearson went to the peg with his backward ball for 1-back. Mrs Digby coming up from behind pegged out Pearson's Rover when Pearson's other ball was for Rover and her backward ball for penultimate. After much excitement in which the principles of the pegged-out game were obviously unknown to either player Mrs Digby just failed to produce the first lady finalist for many years.

It was then too late to start the final which was played on Sunday morning. A close but somewhat uneventful game resulted with Rose a worthy winner. He started the season with a handicap in double figures, entered the Nottingham Area Final at 7, and left Roehampton for Devonshire Park with a mere 1½. If he can get play against good players he will doubtless improve even more.

Our thanks to the Roehampton Club for acting as hosts and to Daisy Lintern for successfully managing the final once again.

RESULTS OF FINAL STAGE

First Round

M.G.Pearson (Hurlingham) (6) beat G.N.Aspinall (Caversham) (-5) by 13
Mrs G.S.Digby (Colchester) (4½) beat Col.E.L.L.Vulliamy (Reigate) (1½) by 12
J.Rose (Radbrooke Hall) (2) beat Dr.R.Duncan (Glenochil) (1) by 4
G.G.Strutt (Harrow Oak) (3) beat A.C.W.Davies (Cheltenham) (3½) by 6

Semi-Final

M.G.Pearson beat Mrs G.S.Digby by 2
J.Rose beat G.G.Strutt by 6

Final

J.Rose beat M.G.Pearson by 7

Longman Cup Final: Wrest Park v. Hurlingham

(Wrest Park names first)

A.C.W.Davies & C.A.Cumming (8) lost to M.Pearce & Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle (12) - 6
T.Wilkins & N.Davren (15) bt. E.B.T.Tanner & R.G.W. Wing (13) + 4

A.C.W.Davies (3½) bt. M.Pearce (6) +10
C.A.Cumming (4½) bt. E.B.T.Tanner (6) + 6

Result: Wrest Park beat Hurlingham by three games to one.

Hunstanton Tournament: September 6-11

American Handicap Singles

Winner: Captain A.Greenham (6½) (7 wins and 191 points)
Second: E.A.Locke (12) (7 wins and 186 points)

Handicap Doubles (6 Pairs)

First Round

Mrs A.Zinn & S.Boddington bt. Mr & Mrs E.A.Locke + 1
Mrs B.G.Neal & Miss M.E.Day bt. C.Palmer & Miss M. Mactier + 8

Semi-Final

Mrs A.N.Rolfe & A.H.Jones bt. Mrs Zinn & Boddington +17

Captain A.Greenham & Miss E.I.Wood bt. Mrs Neal & Miss Day + 5

Final

Captain Greenham & Miss Wood bt. Mrs Rolfe & Jones + 8

Weekend Tournaments

Cheltenham IV: September 17-19

Block Winners: A. W/Cdr E.M.Smith (½) 5 wins
B. J.Rose (4) 6 wins
C. Miss I.M.Roe (4) 5 wins
D. Mrs D.M.C.Prichard (-1) 5 wins

Cheltenham V: October 15-17

Block Winners: A. Prof.B.G.Neal
B. Col.E.L.L.Vulliamy
C. D.H.Moorcraft
D. Miss E.H.Arkell
E. H.G.T.Bolton

Notice

Although we would normally expect to include the list of prize-winners in the December gazette, because of limited space it has been necessary to omit it. The list of prize-winners will appear in the April Gazette.

Note from Budleigh Salterton

Intending competitors at next year's Budleigh Salterton tournaments should note that Dr W.R.Bucknall is taking over as Tournament Secretary, while Miss E.J.Warwick will be the new club croquet secretary. Dr Bucknall's address is Norton House, 21 Vision Hill Road, Budleigh Salterton, Devon (Tel: 039 54 2141). Miss Warwick's address is Sherwood, 3 Westfield Road, Budleigh Salterton, Devon (Tel: 039 54 3423).

The Sidmouth Club is now resuscitated and has 26 members. There is only one court at present, but a second is being improved. The Secretary is P.A.Tunmer, whose keenness has done much to help the club. Sidmouth played two matches against Budleigh in the 1971 season and won them both by 5 games to 1. A particularly successful member is R.S.Stevens, who has this season come down from 9 to 5½.

Notice from Cheltenham

The Committee has decided that the entry fee for the Spring Holiday Weekend Tournament is to be £1.25 instead of £1. 50p will be returnable if the entrant finds it impossible to play.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Awards

The Handicap Co-ordination Committee has made its three awards for 1971:

The Apps Bowl to the male player who has made most progress in the year. This is awarded to John Rose.

The Steel Bowl to the lady player who has made most progress in the year. This is awarded to Mrs G.S.Digby.

The Apps Memorial Award to the club which has done most for croquet, or has made most progress in the year. This is awarded to the Stourbridge Croquet Club.

Extract from Proceedings of Council Meeting held on 23 October 1971

1. The Chairman of the Laws Committee outlined the plans necessary to ensure that the reprint of the Laws booklet would be available at the beginning of the 1972 season.
2. It was agreed to continue in 1972 the Handicapping procedure adopted experimentally for 1971. The Handicap Co-ordination Committee were empowered to review at the end of 1972 season, and modify if they consider necessary, handicap changes made during the season. They were further given power to act during the season in any cases which in their judgement called for modification.
3. Council agreed to the request by Mrs Stoker that the Stoker Bowl be in future awarded to the winner of the Croquet Championship of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club.
4. In connection with the proposed activities of the Test Tour Fund Committee it was reported that 1974 was the probable year for the next Test series, and that both Australia and New Zealand were hoping to send teams.

Extract from Proceedings of Council Meeting held on 20 November 1971

1. The 1972 Calendar fixtures were approved. The Veterans' Championship is to be continued and will be played at Southwick, the Men's and Women's Championships moving to Cheltenham. The Edinburgh Tournament is being revived. In the Inter Club Championship teams must now be of 4 players or more, not 2 or more which was the case in 1971.
2. The Redraft of the Laws and Regulations for Tournaments was approved. The reprint will be available in the spring at a price of 25p per copy, but Associates will initially be able to purchase at a reduced price of 15p (More details in the 1972 Spring issue of the gazette).
3. It was announced that the following awards had been made for 1971: Apps Bowl, J.Rose; Steel Bowl, Mrs G.S. Digby; Most deserving club, Stourbridge.
4. The Annual General Meeting is to be held on 22 May 1972 at 2.30 p.m.

Secretary's Notes

Subscriptions

May I repeat, very earnestly, my plea to Associates to pay their annual subscriptions in January and, if they do not have over-riding personal reasons to the contrary, to do so by Banker's Order.

So many Associates who do not use Banker's Orders overlook their subscriptions altogether. This gives our over-worked office endless trouble. First, I am left wondering whether they mean to pay or not, and at what point I had better cease sending them the Croquet Gazette which they have not yet paid for and perhaps won't pay for. This applies even more to the Fixtures Book, because it is a relatively expensive publication and it has to be sent out (postal strikes and other disasters permitting) in January, so that Associates have adequate time to enrol for the events in which they wish to play and to make their arrangements accordingly. It saves a great deal of examination of records and sending out of reminders if I am not faced with these problems. Moreover, if, as has happened two years running, there happens to be an election to the Council I must not send ballot papers to those whose subscriptions are overdue. There are therefore some solid reasons why it saves the Association time and money — neither of which is too abundant — if members feel able to do things the easy way.

I shall be happy to send a Banker's Order form to any Associate who will switch to this method of payment.

The new edition of the Laws is expected to come out in March. It is to be on sale at this office for 25p per copy, post free. Associates can buy a copy for 15p, provided they order it before the end of July 1972.

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Where husband and wife (or, for that matter, any two members of a family living in the same house) are both Associates, they are entitled to receive two copies of the Croquet Gazette. I have no desire to deprive them of these if they would like to continue receiving them, but if they prefer to receive only one copy I do not want to be wasteful, so any who are now receiving two copies but would like in future to receive only one are invited to tell me, and I will adjust the distribution arrangements accordingly. To those who do want to receive their two copies, I propose in future to send both copies in one wrapper or envelope, thus saving postage, unless they ask me not to.

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CHANGES OF CLUB SECRETARY

Budleigh Salterton. See Notes from the Clubs.

Harrow Oak. G.G.Strutt has moved (See changes of address) and is succeeded, temporarily, by G.B.Martin, 17 Trevone Gardens, Pinner, Middlesex.

Woking. D.Temple Page retires after seven years as Secretary, and is succeeded by D.H.Moorcraft, 11a, Guilddown Road, Guildford, Surrey. (Tel: Guildford (0483) 68731).

Vandeleur Robinson,
Secretary,
December 1971.

Handicap Alterations

Hunstanton: September 6-11

Captain A.Greenham 6½ to 6; E.A.Locke 12 to 10.

Roehampton: September 13-18

G.G.Strutt 4 to 3; R.N.Bateson 2 to 1½; Miss S.F.Hay 5½ to 5; Mrs B.G.F.Weitz 6 to 5½; G.B.Martin (N.A.) 12 to 10; P.J.R.Crawford 6 to 5; B.A.Meadows 8 to 8 D7.

Parkstone: September 13-18

Mrs G.S.Digby 5 to 4½; L.S.Butler 5 to 4; Mrs P.Newton 8 to 7½; Miss Creed Meredith 6½ to 6; Mrs I.N.Duveen 12 to 11; Mrs G.L.Ormerod 8 to 7½; Dr C.A.Parker 8 to 7.

Veterans' Championship: September 20-25

G.H.Betts 6 to 5½; W.J.Sturdy 4 to 3½.

Devonshire Park: September 27 - October 9

R.I.Walker 3 to 1; Mrs R.I.Walker 2½ to 1; Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard -2½ to -3; Mrs G.E.Cave 5 to 4; Mrs J.B.Meachem ½ to 0; Miss K.M.O.Sessions -2½ to -3; John Rose 1½ to 0; B.A.Keen (N.A.) 6½ to 5; Mrs H.M.Cane 10 to 9; H.F.L. Jenking 5½ to 5 and subsequently to 4½.

Cheltenham Weekend: September 17-19

R.S.Eades 9* to 9; Miss I.M.Roe 4 to 3½; W/Cdr E.M. Smith ½ to 0.

Cheltenham Weekend: October 15-18

Miss K.M.O.Sessions -3 to -3½; Mrs J.Povey 4 to 3½.

Omissions and Errors rectified

R.W.B.Gladstone 8 to 6½; S.G.Kent 5 to 4; Mrs L.A.Davies 14 to 12.

Handicap Increases approved

Lady Ursula Abbey 2 to 4; Miss I.M.Roe 2½ to 4; Col.G.T. Wheeler -½ to +½; A.J.Cooper -3½ to -2½; Lt-Col.D.M.C. Prichard -3 to -2½; Miss H.D.Parker 2½ to 3½; Mrs H.F. Chittenden -½ to +½; Mrs G.W.Solomon 1 to 2.

Colchester Club Recommendation

J.H.M.Cockayne 6 to 4.

Compton Club Recommendations

Miss E.G.Clarke-Lens 7½ to 7; R.L.Everest 10 to 9; E.E. Gadsden 8 to 6; Mrs H.G.Hall 5 to 4; Dr M.D.Nosworthy 12 to 9; Mrs M.D.Nosworthy 14 to 11; Mrs D.G. Waterhouse 12 to 11.

Southwick Club Recommendations

W.J.Baverstock 3 to 2; L.Brookes 4 to 3½; Miss C.Cox 5½ to 4; N.W.T.Cox -1 to -1½; Mrs P.M.Dehn (N.A.) 7 to 6; Mrs E.C.Goldbard (N.A.) 14 to 10; Mrs F.Griffiths 6½ to 6; H.Higinbotham (N.A.) 8 to 6; Mrs H.Higinbotham 6½ to 5; D.M.Horne 5 to 4½; H.P.Jeffery 9 to 7; H.F.L.Jenking 5½ to 4; Mrs H.F.L.Jenking 8 to 6½; E.N.Judge (N.A.) 14 to 12; Mrs E.N.Judge (N.A.) 14 to 10; W.E.Moore -2½ to -3; W.B.C.Paynter 4 to 3; Miss J.Piper (N.A.) 7 to 6; Miss G.V.Pirie 6½ to 5; Miss E.Pratt 5½ to 4½; C.G.Mayo 4½ to 4; Mrs W.A.Naylor 5½ to 5; G.F.Paxon 6 to 5; Prof.A.S.C. Ross 2 to 1½; H.A.Sheppard 1 to ½; F.F.W.Staddon 6 to 4½; Mrs E.Thompson 7 to 6; Miss M.Towers 6 to 5; Miss M.Tyrrell 6½ to 5½; Mrs M.Woodward (N.A.) 7 to 5½; Lt-Col.E.H.P.Mallinson (N.A.) 14 to 11; Mrs E.H.P. Mallinson (N.A.) 14 to 11.

Other alterations

Mrs K.S.Schofield 11 to 11 D9.