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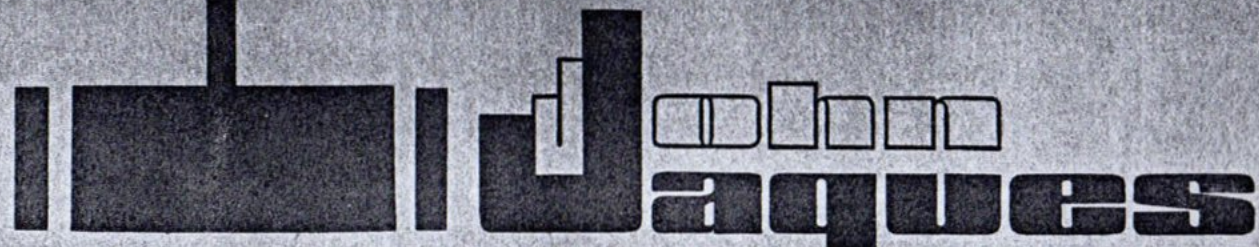

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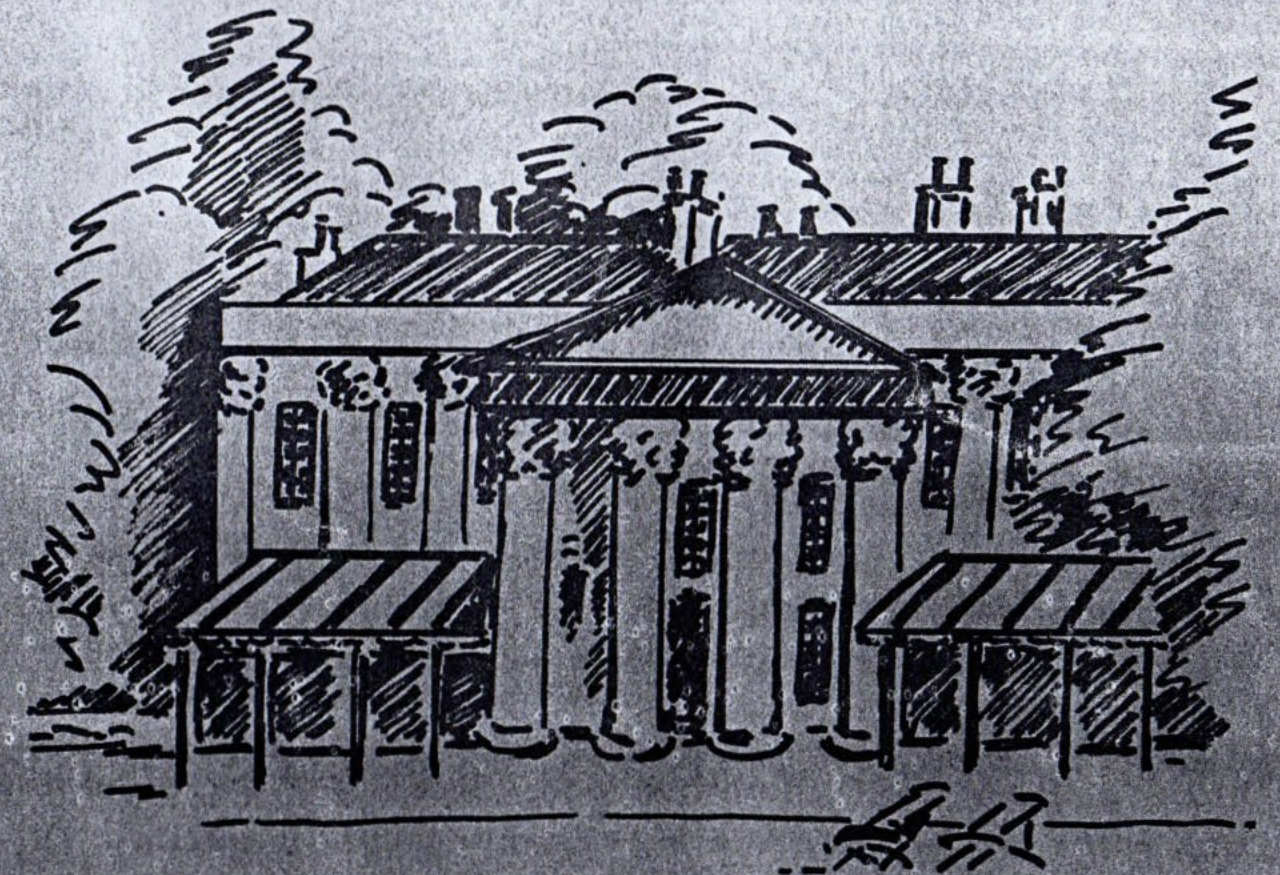
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## Editorial

Although I believe most Associates are satisfied with the content of recent numbers of the gazette, filled as they have been mainly with results, some Associates whose opinion I value have complained from time to time that the gazette has become boring. Among these is Mr J. Howard Wright, whose letter appears below and whose thoughts on the gazette formed the major stimulus for this editorial. I find myself in sympathy with many of the complaints which I have heard made about the gazette, and I think serious consideration ought to be given to all constructive suggestions which would help to make the gazette more interesting.

The Council at present requires that all tournament results should be published in the gazette. *The Croquet Gazette* is the only sporting journal, so far as I know, to publish results in full in this way. The croquet journals of Australia and New Zealand do not do this. In fact there are a few cases in which the publication of results in the gazette has been restricted: in the case of American Singles only the names of block winners are published, and it is sometimes necessary to restrict the space allotted to 'Y', 'Z' and Extra handicap events to the finals of those events. These, however, are only very minor exceptions to the general rule. It is fair to say that all members of The Council are, or have been tournament croquet players. A large proportion of Associates are probably not tournament players, or play only in one or two tournaments; these may well think differently about the publication of tournament results. (See below.) Mr Howard Wright suggests that only the results of finals of tournament events should be published in the gazette, and perhaps many would agree with him. In the event of a change of opinion, the Editorial Committee would discuss ways of restricting the publication of tournament results and pass their recommendation to The Council. To put full results in a "results broadsheet", as Mr Howard Wright suggests, might have its uses, but it would probably not save very much money unless such a broadsheet were sent only to a very limited number of persons, or to clubs only.

Money is the second problem. Printing costs are high and the budget for the gazette is limited. It is hoped that in 1972 the budget will permit of a few more pages in the gazette over the course of the year, but printing and postal costs could easily rise at any time. Our thanks are due to our new printers, Vineyard Press Ltd of Colchester, for giving us very good value for money. (Later in the year Associates will be receiving their gazettes folded once and inside a large envelope, instead of in wrappers as at present. It is hoped that this arrangement will meet with approval.) The gazette could be made more interesting if the budget were increased and more space were thus made available, but this would mean the levying of additional C.A. finances, or having additional advertising in the gazette, or both, and it is very doubtful whether these possibilities would be acceptable. The Council has recently confirmed that the annual budget for the gazette should be limited for the present to £800.

The editors have to operate within the framework of the budget allotted and the stipulation that tournament results should be printed in full. Their main function is the arrangement and presentation of material. The space available for correspondence, articles and literary matter in general is extremely limited, especially in the summer issues. I do not think that the editors can themselves be expected to write very many articles, especially as they do not happen to be gentlemen of leisure. Their task is rather to encourage others who do have ideas to write about them for the gazette. The response in 1971 was a little disappointing; let us hope that the flow of good articles will be increased this

year; the signs so far are encouraging. Many articles are received that for various reasons are not suitable for publication. Good articles are in short supply. It is possible to reprint articles from old gazettes, but I do not like to do this very often, as it seems symptomatic of a backward-looking approach. We really need a good supply of good articles in order to justify an increase in the budget for the gazette, but to say that is in the first place to make a plea for people to write articles and to articulate their thoughts.

As a result of a motion of Mr Bryan Lloyd-Pratt, The Council has recently reopened discussion on the reporting of tournament results in the gazette. As a result of the discussion, some members of The Council decided that it was time to test the opinion of Associates on the reporting of tournament results. The Questionnaire enclosed in this issue of the gazette is particularly aimed at discovering how many Associates who are not regular tournament players really want full coverage of tournament results in the gazette. I hope that a substantial number of Associates will complete and return the questionnaire form. This is an important opportunity to express your opinion; such an opportunity may not recur for a long time.

P.D.H.

## Correspondence

### 'Croquet in the U.S.A.'

from a letter written to Vandeleur Robinson by Mrs C.W. Burlison

Sir,

... Croquet, one of the most enjoyable endeavours devised by man, is not held in particular esteem in our community, but rather is enjoyed by a limited, if diverse, group of individuals who play more for the complexities of the game than the glory of striking home the final stake.

There have been some rather indecorous exchanges in our small Association, caused directly by an unusual trio of events: first, most of the sets imported into the United States come from Japan (and rather shoddy things they are, too); second, there are no rule and instruction books readily available to us here in Houston; and thirdly, as a consequence of the above two difficulties, we have had to make do with what are apparently rules which, first written in English, were translated into Japanese and then were translated again into an approximation of English, based obviously on a slang, popular in Tokyo, circa 1962. Needless to say, these rules are less than satisfactory.

You might be interested to know that we count among the members of our group a gentleman who comes from the state of Arkansas (one of our mid-central mountainous states). In his home town, Greenwood, many bucolic past-times have maintained themselves as integral forces upon the daily life of his fellow townsmen. Not among these from the bucolic standpoint, but high among these, in its force exerted on the community, is the game of croquet, played with nine arches and two stakes on a field of packed clay, circled by a brick-work boundary, located in the main square of the town. Several other towns of the area also count croquet as their more preferred social activity...

Good shooting (our metaphor for accurate play).

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. C.W. Burlison

Houston,  
Texas.

## 'The Croquet Gazette'

from Mr J. Howard Wright

Sir,

In your first editorial in the 1971 Spring issue you pointed out that most readers are people who do not attend tournaments, and yet there has been very little indeed in any of last year's issues likely to be of much interest to this majority of readers. I realise that you are in something of a cleft stick here because the Council requires that tournament results are published in detail, and you must keep within a budget which does not really allow for anything else.

While it is very interesting for those of us who have played in one or more tournaments to read how our friends and acquaintances fare elsewhere during the season, I am sure that the majority of readers would be very much more interested in features like "Rover Notes" and articles about croquet tactics, such as "Croquet on the Move" of a few years ago, or a regular series for beginners, or informed articles about the merits of various openings, or on end game tactics etc. The correspondence last year about drawn games and variations of golf croquet demonstrate the interest. (Most contributors were tournament players, so obviously that class of member would also be interested in a wider range of content.)

The problem is to find the space within the budget, and I would like to suggest one solution for your consideration. It is that the reporting of tournaments in the gazette should be confined to the written report and the results of the finals of each event, and that all the other information at present included should be presented on typewritten duplicated sheets. In the October issue this would have saved over 6 pages, and if the boxes giving the scores for the "Eights" were the same size as last year, a further two pages would have been saved. (Admittedly, the boxes used in 1970 were a little small for elderly eyes.)

With numbers issued in July, September and October you are obviously trying, successfully, to be more up-to-date with tournament and other news, and I think my suggestion could help you in this. The gazette in the form I have suggested could then be a true quarterly magazine, with the "results broadsheet" coming out every six weeks, or even monthly, during the season. The broadsheet for, say, June and September could go out with the gazette and save postage. This should give a more interesting gazette and make the tournament news even more up-to-date than you have managed this year without increasing the cost.

There could be one useful by-product from this suggestion, and that is an increase in the membership of the Association. At present the ordinary club member gets very little tangible benefit from joining the Association — just lists of results and descriptions of tournaments at which people they have never heard of compete. If the gazette carried interesting articles on croquet and how to play it, if the gazette were a magazine that the ordinary club member would enjoy reading and re-reading, then beginners would feel that there was something to be gained from joining the Croquet Association.

I hope you find this to be a constructive suggestion. It is in no way meant to be a criticism of your editorship, because I think you have done very well to produce such up-to-date reporting, and the new cover is most attractive.

Yours sincerely,

J. Howard Wright

17 Greygoran,  
New Sauchie,  
Clackmannanshire,  
Scotland.

## The Australian Croquet Scene

from a letter written to Vandeleur Robinson by A.V. Rutland

Sir,

... I do not know how familiar you are with the position here in Australia. Perhaps you might appreciate some background notes. Apparently the early clubs, for the most part, were formed as annexes to various bowling clubs. This was around the 1900-1910 period. Ladies, owing to the nature of their clothing, could not play bowls and some bowling clubs made a lawn available so that the wives of members could hit balls through hoops. This liaison has continued in some clubs to this day, especially in Victoria, so that such Croquet clubs exist by the grace of the bowling clubs. However, with the enormous growth of the bowling clubs, (There are some 4,000 clubs with over 200,000 members in N.S.W. alone) they looked around for additional space and unfortunately many of our croquet greens were swallowed by the bowling clubs. Also with the changes in women's fashions Ladies' bowling clubs have been formed and, looking for sites for their greens, they have cast covetous eyes on any independent croquet greens which exist.

Most of the independent croquet clubs play on land granted for their use by the various Municipal and Town Councils as Recreational Reserves in the 1920-1930 period. Pressure has been brought to bear on the various Councils from time to time, mainly by the lady bowlers, to reconsider the allotment of these Council areas. They claim that two croquet greens can at a maximum accommodate 40 players, whereas a bowling club can put 200 players on the same area. As many of the ladies bowling club members are wives of Council aldermen, they can exercise considerable pressure. However, we have always fought back and have not lost any of our greens in recent years, but the pressure is still being applied. The great attraction of bowls is the social atmosphere. Bowling clubs have bars and poker machines and are big business, some clubs having between twelve and twenty permanent employees. There is some prestige attached to being a member of a leading bowling club.

You must be surprised when I speak of accommodating 40 players on two croquet greens. Of course, we have to double up. The second set of balls is coloured green, white, brown and pink, and we have to ration the time at three hours to a game, so that two sets of players can play over a six hour period. If doubles are played, this means 32 players. However, it is not as bad as it sounds. We rarely have 32 players on the one day, and you get used to two games on the one lawn, although it is inconvenient sometimes. I might mention that with the second set Pink and White play together against Brown and Green.

We have 13 croquet clubs in Sydney, 12 of which are affiliated to the N.S.W. Croquet Players Association. The Thirteenth, the Sydney Club, prefers to remain independent. Membership varies, being generally dependent on the number of greens available. Chatswood with three greens has 70 members. Mosman with 2½ greens also 70, my club Cammeray with two greens 50 members, and they taper off to Epping with one green and 18 members. Altogether our Sydney clubs have an aggregate of some 500 members. Melbourne has 27 clubs with some 2000 members, Adelaide 15 clubs and 1000 members, Brisbane 12 clubs with some 700 members, Perth 10 clubs with 500 members and Hobart 3 clubs with 200 members. There are some 150 country clubs. Some of these are very small with only one green, but others in the bigger towns Toowoomba, Geelong, Ballarat etc. have quite substantial memberships. Altogether I estimate that there are some 230 clubs in Australia with some 7000 members. Remember that these figures are arbitrary, but I am fairly familiar with the Australian set-up. There are no complete figures available and one can only

estimate. The Australian Croquet Gazette has a circulation of 1,100.

Of the 7000 croquet players in Australia I would be surprised if more than 250 were men. The women dominate Australian croquet, and I suppose on a numerical basis we cannot object. However, there is a militant section of officials who seem determined to keep men out. When I first took up croquet eight years ago, I was informed that men were tolerated in the club but not encouraged. It was only the fact that I had purchased white clothing and a mallet that induced me to continue. Of course, the vast majority of women players either welcome men players or couldn't care less, but it is only within the last couple of years that some of the clubs have admitted men at all. One club, Hurstville, has only one male member, and he was only accepted on condition that he pledged himself not to stand for any office in the club.

One of our members Mr Bruce Buchanan, a player 33 years of age on a handicap of -4 who would certainly be in any Australian team if his employment permitted it (He is an executive Producer for the Australian Broadcasting Commission) informs me that when he was a member of a club in West Australia another male member of the club was elected as a delegate to the W.A. Croquet Association. The Committee of the W.A. Association refused to accept him, as they held their meetings in a women's club and no men were admitted. The militant section of the ladies seem to suffer from an inferiority complex and have an irrational fear that the men are out to take over the clubs. Nothing is further from the truth, as it is only with the utmost difficulty that men can be induced to take any office, and even when they do so it is usually something to do with the maintenance of the lawns.

Over the years we find that a good male player will generally defeat a good woman player, and as the overwhelming number of players in Australia are women, I cannot see how we can ever field a team to pace it with your brilliant young men. Of our 250 men only about 25 are class players, while I should say we have 50 women who could rank close to your women players. I suggested to Miss D. Lintern when she was out here that if Test Matches are to continue on the six a side basis, teams should consist of three men and three women on each side. This would give us some chance of making a more even contest. However, Miss Lintern would not hear of it; she stated that it should be "our best against your best".

Another contentious matter in Australia is dress. Uniform must be worn on practically all appearances on the greens, even to practise. I do not wish to enter into the pros and cons of this matter, but it can be detrimental to the progress of the game. There has been a determined effort to introduce young people to the game. (Even here, the conservatives have maintained that the game is for middle-aged and elderly people.) Mr & Mrs Armstrong of Adelaide have done a lot in introducing young people to the game and given much time to instructing them. However, young people, especially girls, just will not dress in the conventional attire and will not wear knee-length dresses, so there is a deadlock.

We are fortunate in N.S.W. and Queensland in that we have our lawns open the whole year except for a top dressing period of six weeks. However, the southern states are not so fortunate, so this (October) is the time that they and we travel North. A new tournament is to be held at Tweed Heads on the so-called Gold Coast South of Brisbane. I believe that over 100 croquet players are going there. Then in November quite a few of us are going over to Perth to participate in the annual Interstate Carnival and the Australian Championships. This is a long and expensive trip, but I understand about 200 are going . . .

Yours faithfully,  
A.V. Rutland.

17 Riley Street,  
North Sydney 2060,  
Australia.

[Mr Rutland asks me to say that, except in the cases of N.S.W., Victoria and Tasmania, the number of clubs he has given is only approximate. — Ed.]

## Obituaries

### F.E. Corke

It is with regret that we hear of the death on December 9th of F.E. Corke at the age of 95. He joined the Sussex County Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club soon after the last war and became Hon. Secretary in 1949, a post which he held until 1959. He was Vice-President from 1959 until 1963, when he was elected President. In recent years, owing to failing health, he was not able to be at the club much, but older members remember with affection his kindness and efficiency in whatever office he held and his willingness to go out of his way to help anyone in trouble or difficulty.

M.J.D.

### Edgar Norton Judge

The Croquet Section of the Sussex County Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club has suffered a sad loss with the death on November 21st 1971 of their Treasurer, Mr E.N. Judge at the age of 65. Edgar Judge, a former professional accountant, was an ideal Treasurer, but it is not so much his expertise that we shall miss as his kindly disposition, his ever courteous manner and his innate goodness.

W.G.B.S.

### Mr W. Adams

Southwick has indeed suffered a tragic loss through the sudden death on November 29th of Mr Adams at the age of 75. He was groundsman for over 17 years and worked up to the day of his death. No club could have had a more loyal servant. He was of a very retiring nature, a tremendous worker, always ready to down tools and come to one's aid, and did with a smile whatever he was asked to do. The club was his life, and this made him more of a friend to us all than an employee. It will, I am sure, be very difficult to replace such an outstanding man.

B.C.

### R.I. Walker

Richard Walker's sudden death came as a great shock to all who knew him. He joined the Bowdon Croquet Club in 1969, and after being ably coached by his wife Joan, won the Novices' Bowl in his first season on a handicap of 14. In October 1971 after having competed in two C.A. tournaments, and after a number of good wins, he found himself in the finals of the Men's Championships at Devonshire Park, where he only lost to his opponent by 5. His handicap was then reduced to 1. This is the quickest reduction of handicap of any of our club members within the memory of the writer. He will be sorely missed by all his club members, for he never failed to play with and help those members less able than himself. His talents were many, and playing croquet was but one of them.

A.F.

### Walter B. Laing

Following on the death of their President, Edinburgh Croquet Club have suffered a second severe loss, by the sudden death on December 13th 1971 of Walter B. Laing, Vice-President during the past nine years. Mr Laing was a founder-member of the club, and all through the years showed a deep and practical interest in everything about it, and about croquet in general. He was a keen player himself, and when no longer able to play he was still constantly to be seen at the lawns. His last piece of work for the club was to arrange the very successful 21st Anniversary Dinner, held less than three weeks before his death.

A.M.M.

### Clare Tingey

Col. J.G. Clarke writes:

'My wife and I have just heard from Robert Tingey in reply to our letter to him about the death of his wife Clare last February. We are very old friends and I was best man at his wedding. He is a bad correspondent and so he has asked us in almost the first letter he says he has written to anyone since Clare's tragic death to pass on his news to all his croquet friends.

'He says Clare had a sudden brain haemorrhage, followed by another, and died within a week on February 6th 1971, and that he misses her most terribly. He is staying on in his Sydney home, as it is near his Club and friends, and he manages to play golf, bowls and a little croquet.

'Clare's three sisters and their husbands are all very good to him and see him often.'

Announcement: The death has been announced of Wing Commander Allen.

## Triumphant Mallet

### With apologies to Wordsworth

Scorn not the mallet, sportsman, thou hast frowned  
Mindless of its just honours, with this wand  
Did Walter Whitmore point the way beyond  
The trivial garden pastime that he found.  
Ten thousand times the four ball break went round  
The narrowing hoops, till when a youthful blonde,  
A tiger Lily\*, champion laurels donned;  
Sexes were equal on the croquet ground.

From then great names shone forth upon the sward;  
Corbally first let Ireland lead the way;  
Undaunted, Womanhood showed forth her Steel†;  
But now we've greater wonders to applaud:  
John, Nigel, Keith, are with us to display  
The crowning glory of Sextuple Peel!

Ember

\*Miss L. Gower: Open Champion 1905.

† Miss D.D. Steel: Open Champion 1925, 1932, 1933, 1936.

## Notice

Roger Wood, whose address is c/o The Royal Greenwich Observatory, Herstmonceux Castle, Hailsham, Sussex, would like to buy a second-hand croquet set at a reasonable price. He would prefer 3¾" hoops, but 4" ones would do if they were cheap.

## The 1972 Season

In my notes for the 1971 season I referred to the problem of over subscription of the more popular tournaments. The trend towards weekend tournaments is growing, and it is gratifying to record that two new ones enter the Calendar for the first time — Ryde and West Park; it is hoped that they will be well supported to justify the hopes of their organizers. A weekend tournament appears to me to have two great advantages in this modern world. A person at work does not have to give up a full week to get tournament play, and in getting as many (or more) games during a weekend as he may have in a full week's tournament he finds that his hotel bill is halved. This trend is confirmed already in 1972 in that at the time of writing (early in January) I hear that all five Cheltenham weekends are already over-subscribed.

By the time these notes appear in print paid-up Associates will long since have received their copy of the 1972 Fixtures Book, from which it will be seen that the coming season broadly follows last year's pattern. In addition to the two new weekends referred to above, the Edinburgh week is being revived. As it falls within the Festival period, it is hoped that this will be an additional incentive to support it for those interested in the Arts.

Of the C.A. events the Caskets go to Cheltenham and takes place a week later than in 1971, and the Veterans' Tournament, which had such a good start at Cheltenham last year, moves to Southwick. For the Veterans the qualifying age is raised from 60 to 65, and there will be a new handicap event for the higher bisquers as an alternative to the open event. The Ladies' Field Cup, the Chairman's Salver and Surrey Cup competitions move to new venues in accordance with the policy of the Council to circulate all possible C.A. events around the clubs. As a result of the change of venue and date of the Caskets, the traditional dates for the main Cheltenham and Colchester tournaments are interchanged, and Parkstone will be a week earlier than in 1971.

The Inter-Club Championship revival in 1971 proved successful and the competition will be held again this year with the minimum number of players being increased from 2 to 4. A new system of deciding venues for both the Inter-Club and Longman Cup competitions has been evolved to avoid the possibility of any club having the advantage of home fixtures in successive rounds. The conditions for the All-England Handicap remain the same up to the final stage, when the eight Area winners will play off in blocks so that each player will have a minimum of three games.

In conclusion I would like to touch upon the question of Tournament Managers. A number who have given unstinted service over many years (to whom the gratitude of all Associates is unbounded) are finding that age is catching up. Not enough new blood is coming forward, and anyone willing to take up this interesting and necessary task should get in touch with the Tournament Committee. We would be only too pleased to appoint him (or her) as an Assistant Manager at a C.A. tournament so that he could gain experience before taking on a tournament on his own.

R. F. Rothwell  
Chairman,  
Tournament Committee

### From the Secretary of The South African Croquet Association

The South African Croquet Championships were played at Rondebosch, Cape Town, from 6-13 November 1971 on the grass courts of the Rondebosch Croquet Club and on the bowling green of the Mowbray Bowling Club.

**Singles Open Championship:** The Belcher Cup and the United Kingdom Croquet Association Silver and Bronze Medals (37 Entries):

#### Semi-Final

C.Hambley bt. F.Hough +24  
G.Turnbull bt. D.Cunningham + 5

#### Final

C. Hambley bt. G.Turnbull +14 +26

**Doubles Open Championship:** Lady Steel Silver Salver (17 Entries):

#### Final

D.Cunningham & A.L.Murphy bt. C.Hambley & G.Hobbs +7

**Rondebosch Trophy:** Singles Handicap (25 Entries):

#### Final

Mrs D.Hobbs (1) bt. C.B.Carter (4) + 7

### From the Secretary of The Australian Croquet Council

The twenty-second annual Australian Croquet Council Carnival was held in Perth, West Australia, during November 1971, and lasted three weeks. Included in the programme were the Inter-State Teams Contest, the English Medal Event, Australian Championships, Singles and Doubles, Men's Singles and Ladies' Singles (The English Cup).

A large number of supporters travelled from the Eastern States and enjoyed the hospitality and social outings arranged by the Host State. Included was the usual Civic Reception extended by the Lord Mayor of Perth to Officials, Team Members and Delegates.

His Excellency, the Governor of West Australia, Sir Douglas Kendrew and Lady Kendrew were official guests at the Annual Dinner held during the Carnival.

The results of the Carnival include several names familiar to our English fellow croquet players.

#### Inter-State Teams Contest: The Eire Cup

South Australia	5 matches	25 games	731 points
Victoria	3 matches	18 games	675 points
West Australia	3 matches	17 games	595 points
Queensland	2 matches	12 games	536 points
New South Wales	2 matches	10 games	569 points
Tasmania	0 matches	8 games	478 points

**English Silver Medal:** Mr H.S.Clemons (Tasmania)

**English Bronze Medal:** Mr T.Howat (Victoria)

**Australian Singles Championship:** Mr J.Magor (South Australia)

**Australian Doubles Championship:** Mr J.Magor & Miss N.Gehan (South Australia)

**Men's Singles (N.Z.Tray):** Mr G. Maslen (West Australia)

**Ladies' Singles (The English Cup):** Miss N.Gehan (South Australia)

**A.B.Morrison Memorial Trophy** (awarded to the Junior 'A' player winning the most games in the Singles event): Mrs E.McCracken (Queensland)

### Recent winners of silver and bronze medals presented by the C.A. to the Australian Croquet Council

	Silver	Bronze
1969	Mr J.Magor (S.A.)	1969 Mr T.Howat (Vic.)
1970	Mr J.Magor (S.A.)	1970 Mrs S.McDonald (W.A.)
1971	Mr H.S.Clemons (Tas.)	1971 Mr T.Howat (Vic.)

### Chairman's Report

The main feature of the past year was the launching of the Development and Coaching Scheme. Its first year of operation was necessarily experimental in some degree, but enough experience was gained to reinforce the view that the Scheme meets a much needed want in our Game. The December 1971 issue of the Gazette included a full Report on the results of the Scheme during 1971. Mrs Meacham and Mrs Neal have worked enthusiastically and efficiently in their capacity as Administrators, and in thanking them for their work I wish them continued success in their efforts in the coming season. In this they would be helped and encouraged by more Associates being willing to act as Coaches; from personal experience I, among others, find coaching can be a very satisfying expenditure of time and effort, and incidentally can often help to improve one's game.

Elsewhere in this number is an article by Lt-Col Prichard on the Laws Booklet reprint which follows an amount of redrafting and updating. Having been able to see the Laws Committee in action through my ex-officio membership during the period in which they have had the redraft under consideration I must pay a tribute to the tireless and conscientious way in which they have conducted their examination. Associates have sometimes complained that the Laws are too complicated, but simplification only too often leads to uncertainty. It has been the aim of the Laws Committee to keep the laws as simple as possible consistent with no loss of precision in meaning and intention. Lt-Col Prichard has been nobly assisted as Chairman of the Laws Committee by Mrs Betty Prichard in typing and proof reading; she has also made a generous offer which is referred to elsewhere, with the object of encouraging more referees.

The next Test series is now fixed for 1974 when we are to be hosts to teams from Australia and New Zealand coming to challenge for the MacRobertson Shield. Committees are already giving thought to such matters as Fund-raising, Hospitality, Test venues, the effect on the 1974 Calendar, etc.

The Council have decided to continue the experimental Handicapping procedure introduced for the 1971 season. A Note on the subject will be found in this number.

In my Report last year I mentioned a number of Associates to whom our thanks are due for the services they render to croquet, together with our indefatigable secretary Mr Vandeleur Robinson. To those thanked last year I would this year like to add those clubs who make their courts available for C.A. Tournaments. The Council are conscious of the amount of work entailed and are very appreciative that clubs are so willing to offer their facilities in this way. These remarks will have additional relevance in 1974 when the Test Matches take place. I would also like to thank the Hurlingham Club who make their delightful club-house available for Council meetings, as also for the Annual General Meeting which has been held at Hurlingham since 1955, although unavoidably this year it will take place at the Roehampton Club.

S. S. Townsend

### Annual General Meeting to be held at The Roehampton Club on Monday May 22nd 1972 at 2.30 p.m.

#### Agenda

- Minutes of the A.G.M. held on May 24th 1971.
- Report and Balance Sheet.
- Election of Hon. Treasurer.  
Mr A.J.Oldham retires and offers himself for re-election.
- Election of Members of Council.  
There are nine vacancies for the Council. The following retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election:  
G.N.Aspinall  
Commander G.Borrett  
Major J.H.Dibley  
Professor B.G.Neal  
Mrs E.Rotherham  
J.W.Solomon  
S.S.Townsend  
B.G.Perry retires by rotation and does not wish to stand for re-election.  
Mrs N.A.C. McMillan has also resigned.
- Resolution to appoint Auditors.
- Any other business.
- Vote of thanks to the Chairman.

#### Handicapping Procedure for 1972

The Council has decided to continue for 1972 the handicapping procedure adopted experimentally for 1971, with the following alterations.

- Handicap reductions made by Tournament Handicappers during 1972 will at the end of the season be reviewed and be subject to modification by the Handicap Co-ordination Committee.
- The Handicap Co-ordination Committee are empowered to act during the season in the case of any reductions which in their opinion call for modification.

In all other respects the procedure for 1972 remains as set out on page 11 of the Croquet Gazette No. 115.

The number of handicap reductions made by Tournament Handicappers during 1971 showed an increase of about one-sixth over that for 1970. While this does not necessarily mean that reductions were made too liberally, in as much as the general standard of play in 1971 could have shown a greater overall improvement than in 1970, the possibility remains that some handicappers may not at all times have paid sufficient regard to the Guide to Handicappers on page 11 of the Croquet Gazette No. 115.

The first paragraph of the Guide referred to the desirability of consultation between the Handicapper and the other official(s) at the Tournament. An additional measure which has been adopted by at least one Handicapper is to enlist the co-operation of other Official Handicappers present at the Tournament, so that the decisions made will follow from as wide an expression of views as possible. This is a practice which can be recommended with advantage to all Tournament Handicappers.

The opportunity is taken to draw attention to a few other aspects of handicapping procedure. Club Handicappers are again reminded of their obligation to ensure that the handicaps of their players are realistic and under regular review. It is important for example that a

player who is representing a club in an Area Final of the All England Handicap, but whose form has not yet been seen in a Calendar Fixture, should come to the Area Final with a realistic handicap. If clubs feel in need of advice in this matter the Handicap Co-ordination Committee will be very willing to help.

The 1971 season saw a significant increase in the number of players applying for an increase in handicap. The procedure for this is clearly set out on page 11 of the Croquet Gazette No. 115 and should be observed. The Handicap Co-ordination Committee require full and relevant evidence to be provided in support of applications, particularly the results of games extending over a number of months, together with comments from a Tournament or Club Handicapper through whom the recommendation should, if possible, be submitted.

Although the principle of applying for handicap increases should be encouraged where the player is obviously no longer able to play down to his or her present handicap, there are certain types of application which do not justify being put forward. Applications have in the past year been made on the basis that the player had not won an event or been a finalist for the past year or two. If this were regarded as providing a case for increasing handicaps, most Associates could produce similar evidence.

#### Extract from Proceedings at Council Meetings

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- A Motion to have seeding as an experiment in the 1972 Open Championship was defeated.
- A discussion took place on the desirability of reporting tournaments in the gazette in less detail in order to give space for more stimulating material. It was noted that there would be an Editorial comment on this subject in the next number of the gazette.
- It was decided that while the Apps Bowl or the Steel Bowl should not normally be awarded twice to the same person, this could be done if the Committee concerned thought fit. It was also decided that there should not be joint awards for either trophy.
- It was noted that the A.G.M. would this year be held at the Roehampton Club. (Notice of Meeting contained in this number.)
- A discussion took place on provisional plans for the 1974 Test series, and it was agreed that the clubs where it was hoped to hold Test Matches should now be written to.
- Dr Bray reported on the Publicity and Development plans for 1972. He also gave an account of his visit to Australia last autumn largely directed to the improvement of coaching facilities in that country.

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- Mr Oldham, the Honorary Treasurer, presented the Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for 1971, which were adopted.
- It was agreed that Mrs Heley's legacy of £100 be added to the Apps Memorial Fund and that interest be given each year, under the title Apps-Heley Award, to the most deserving club.
- It was decided to hold a Club Delegates' Conference on Saturday 25 November 1972 at the Hurlingham Club.
- It was agreed to send a provisional itinerary for the 1974 Test Tour to Australia and New Zealand for comment.
- The final draft of the MacRobertson Shield conditions was approved.

## RETURN OF ATTENDANCES AT COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1971/1972

	Council	Laws	Tournament	Finance and G.P.	Publicity and Development	Handicap Co-ordination	Selection	Total Attendances	Total Possible Attendances
S.S. Townsend, Chairman*	5	2	2	3	1			13	15
Professor B.G. Neal, Vice-Chairman*	5	1	2	2	1			11	15
A.J. Oldham, Hon. Treasurer*	5	—	—	3	1			9	15
G.N. Aspinall	5	1			1			7	7
L.C. Baillieu	5	4	1					10	11
G. Birch	3				1			4	6
Dr R. W. Bray	3		1		1			5	8
Cdr G. Borrett	4		1		—			5	8
D.C. Caporn	4		2	3	1			10	11
Major J.H. Dibley	5		1	3		4		13	14
Rev W. E. Gladstone	5		2					7	7
His Honour Judge A.D. Karmel	3						2	5	7
Miss D.A. Lintern	5		2	3	—	4		14	15
B. Lloyd-Pratt	5	4	2					11	11
Mrs N.A.C. McMillan	3			—	—			3	9
Mrs J.B. Meacham	5			3	1			9	9
B.G. Perry	2	2						4	9
Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard	5	4					2	11	11
E.A. Roper	1					2		3	9
Mrs E. Rotherham	5		1				2	8	9
R. F. Rothwell	5		2		1		2	10	10
J.W. Solomon	5	3		3			2	13	14
Mrs B. L. Sundius-Smith	4			3		4		11	12
Dr W.R.D. Wiggins	4	3						7	9

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

## The Third edition of the Laws and Regulations

A third edition of the Laws and Regulations is now on sale. Existing stocks of the second edition were nearly exhausted and the opportunity was therefore taken to produce a revised edition, with the object of:—

- Incorporating amendments published since the second edition (1968).
- Simplifying the wording where necessary.
- Clarifying points of law which have arisen and which are not at present covered or are capable of being misinterpreted. The majority of these points have actually occurred in tournaments during the past few years and have given rise to doubt and argument.
- Including more cross-references.
- Making certain corrections and additions, mainly in the Regulations.

There are very few changes in law, and most of these are of a minor nature; they will not affect players very often. The following is a brief summary of some of the alterations made:—

LAW 4 (*Introduction to the game*). No change in law, but it has been extensively re-written. Portions of this law are now repeated later in the book under the relevant laws, so that these are now self-contained.

LAW 5 (*Ball in hand*). Expanded to give a more complete list of examples defining a ball in hand. Note that, if at the beginning of a turn a player lifts his ball, it becomes a ball in hand at once, and he may not then change his mind and play with his other ball. But, if he does so and the adversary fails to forestall, the stroke is valid, and he cannot be accused of playing with the wrong ball.

LAW 13 (*Wired balls*). This Law was amended in the spring of 1970 and therefore, strictly speaking, does not come

within the scope of this revision. But as this may not be fully realised by all players, a brief explanation might come amiss. Prior to 1970, when the striker's ball was close to or against the wire, the striker was entitled to a follow through when striking the centre of the ball with the edge of the face of his mallet. This criterion no longer exists, the reason being that as the face of the mallet is narrower than the ball, where the ball would go the mallet would go also. To grant a lift in these circumstances was thought to be quite artificial. The only exception to this is when any part of the striker's ball lies within the jaws of a hoop. The old criterion, however, still holds good if the mallet has to pass part of the wire before making contact with the ball, as in this case there is a distinct danger of hitting the hoop before the ball.

LAW 14(v) (*Hoop points*). No change in law, but this new sub-paragraph clarifies a situation often arising, which was not easy to make out without referring to different sub-laws.

LAW 16(a) (*Special case of hoop and roquet in the same stroke*). This is a re-write of the old LAW 4(d) (*fictitious case of hoop and roquet*). The phrase "fictitious" and "fiction" puzzled many players. The principle of the law has not been changed, but it came too early in the laws and has now been moved to a more logical place and the wording has been re-drafted. One point has been clarified. The old law read: "if the striker's ball hits a ball on the non-playing side . . ." This was sometimes interpreted as meaning that if the object ball was in the middle of a hoop and the striker, by a half jump shot, hit the back of it which was sticking out on the far side, he had "hit a ball on the non-playing side". This interpretation was never intended, and has now been corrected.

LAW 17(c) and identical LAW 34(c). These have been re-worded to emphasise that a ball which has made a roquet may not be interfered with if it is going to hit another ball or affect the state of the game in any way. It is NOT a "dead ball", which phrase appears nowhere in the Laws.

LAW 19 (*The croquet stroke*). The wording has been considerably shortened and simplified.

LAW 22 (*Ball moving between strokes*). Under the old laws, a player might stick in a hoop, decide that his ball was not through, and then slowly begin to leave the court by a long route. By this time the adversary might be on the court and see that the ball must have moved and was now through. (This might well have been caused by the jar of replacing a clip.) Because the striker happened still to be physically on the court, his ball had not finally come to rest and the hoop counted. This was thought to be capricious, and the law has now been altered so that once a player has indicated that he believes that his turn has ended, that is that.

LAW 26 (*Definitions*). This is an entirely new law, defining certain terms used in connection with irregularities in play. It is convenient to have all these definitions gathered together in one law, rather than have to search for them in different places.

LAW 29(d). If a ball is wrongly removed from the court under the impression that it has been pegged out (e.g. in a handicap game when the striker's other ball is not a rover) and the subsequent play is therefore null and void, it has now been decided that, in a time-limited game, the lost time shall also be restored.

LAW 31(c) (*Definition of a stroke and the limits of the striking period*). The words "under control" have been added to assist in judging whether a player has genuinely quitted his stance and not toppled over in an effort to avoid a fault.

LAW 32 (*Making a fault during the striking*). The intention of this law has not been altered, but it has been partly re-written in the hope that it may be clearer. In addition to other re-wording, it now covers the little realised fault of a double tap or maintenance of contact when the striker's ball is very close to another ball which he has already roqueted.

LAW 34(b) (*Interference by outside agency during stroke*). This law has been shortened and simplified.

LAW 39(a) (*Restoration of bisques after irregularities in play*). These two sub-laws comprise the only fundamental alterations in the Laws, and both follow the same principle. In the 1961 Laws both these irregularities were drastically punished, the unfortunate bisque receiver, when the error was discovered, not only going back to where he started, but also losing all the bisques he might have used, with nothing to show for it.

In the 1968 re-draft this was altered, but the law then swung round to the opposite extreme. Not only were all the bisques restored, but all subsequent play was annulled if the error was discovered at any time before the end of the game. This might have the effect of cancelling all-round breaks made by the innocent adversary. This did not seem right, particularly in the case of the wrong ball, when the error is practically always discovered at once, within the limit of claims, or not at all. (The limit of claims has now been extended till the first stroke of the adversary's next turn.)

The new law is considered a fair and equitable compromise between the two former extremes.

LAW 49(b) AND REG.4(d) (*Claiming a lift*). The substitution of "turn" for stroke in lines 3 and 5 respectively rectifies a curious misconception that if a player asks whether he has a lift under Law 13(b), before he can be told, he must specify what stroke he is going to play if granted a lift (i.e. with which ball).

LAW 53 (*Emergency Law*). This has been added to deal with situations which do not appear to be covered by the Laws. SCHEDULE OF BISQUES (page 36). Many of the figures in this table were wrong, and they have now been corrected to the nearest half bisque.

REG.5(a). When a question of wiring arises, it has now been made clear that the benefit of the doubt should be given to the claimant. (i.e. if the test balls are in a dead straight line, a lift should be given.)

REG.7. Note the new limited powers given to spectator referees to intervene on their own initiative to correct certain errors.

REG.7(a). The powers of Umpires have now reverted to those authorised in 1966, soon after they were introduced. This means that they have restricted powers only. There is no longer an official list of Umpires, nor an Umpires examination, and they are to be appointed on an *ad hoc* basis for each individual tournament at the discretion of the Referee of the Tournament.

REG.8. (*Time Limits*). The minimum time limit, for weekend tournaments only, has been reduced to two and a half hours.

The definition of when a player has played the last stroke of his turn is clarified.

REG.20(c). The figures for compiling the Process have been revised and set out in a more logical form.

REG.20(e). The two life variation has been included for the first time.

GUIDE TO LIMITS OF CLAIMS. This potted guide has been introduced on the page facing the back cover.

D.M.C. Prichard

## Secretary's Notes

## 1. Croquet Association Literature.

## A NEW EDITION OF THE LAWS OF CROQUET

The new edition of the Laws of Croquet and Golf Croquet and Regulations for Tournaments is being printed and is expected to appear before this issue of the gazette comes out. Copies will be on sale at the C.A. office for 25p each.

As a special offer (applying in Great Britain and Ireland) any Associate may, until 1st July 1972, purchase a copy from this office at 15p. Registered Clubs may purchase a supply of copies at this price within the same time limit and are at liberty to sell them at a profit at the recommended price of 25p. N.B. this offer is strictly a cash transaction, and does not apply to the ordering of copies on sale or return.

## B C.A. DIRECTORY 1972-1974

The new edition of the Directory appeared early in March, and one copy has been sent to every Registered Club and to Associates who ordered copies in the terms of the notice in the previous gazette. Further copies may be purchased from this office at 35p.

## C AMENDMENT SHEETS TO THE DIRECTORY

New enrolment, deaths, resignations, changes of address and of handicap go on at all times, and to prevent the Directory becoming less than completely useful it is necessary from time to time to issue duplicated sheets of recent amendments. It is estimated that five such Amendment Sheets will be needed in the two years before the next edition appears. In the edition which has just been published, all copies are interleaved with blank pages so that the recipient of an Amendment Sheet can easily copy the alterations into his copy of the Directory.

Amendment Sheets will be sent free of charge to those Clubs which hold Calendar Fixtures. Other purchasers of the Directory may, if they wish, send us 25p and order the Amendment Sheets, which will be sent to them by post as they appear (post free in Great Britain and Ireland).

## D J.W. SOLOMON'S "CROQUET"

The C.A. has been enabled by the publishers to purchase a large supply of copies of the book "Croquet" by J.W. Solomon at an exceptionally favourable price. We are making them available to Clubs and Associates at 65p per copy, post free in Great Britain and Ireland, or at 50p if no postage is involved.

## E CLUB SUPPLIES OF LITERATURE ON SALE OR RETURN

Any Registered Club may order from the Secretary of the C.A. a supply of literature for re-sale to its members and others interested, as opportunity offers. These orders on sale or return include Solomon's "Croquet", but if copies of The Laws are included, they will not benefit from the "special offer" price of 15p.

## 2. Prize to Club recruiting most Referees.

In connexion with the publication of the new edition of The Laws of Croquet, Mrs D.M.C. Prichard has kindly offered to present a prize for the purpose of encouraging clubs to induce their members to qualify themselves in knowledge and application of the Laws and take the

examination to become Official Referees. The period of this competition is from the appearance of this issue of the gazette until 9 October 1973, comprising two playing seasons and one intervening winter. Provided that, overall, at least eight players qualify as Referees, the Club which has as members the largest number of those so qualifying will receive £5. If more than twenty persons qualify, the prize will be £10. The competition will be adjudicated by the Chairman of the C.A., after consulting the Chairman of the Laws Committee and the Secretary of the C.A.

## 3. Inspection of Membership Cards.

The co-operation of Secretaries and Managers of Calendar Fixture Tournaments is sought to ensure that TRIBUTE is charged to entrants who are not Associates, or, being Associates, do not pay the appropriate subscription for playing tribute-free in Calendar Fixtures. The way to do this is to inspect the cards of those who apply to enter for events, either when they apply or when they present themselves at the beginning of the tournament.

The Associates entitled to play in Calendar Fixtures without paying Tribute are those whose Membership Cards bear the current year's date and the appropriate letter in the left-hand margin: L (for Life Associate), J (Junior Associate), S (Standard Rate i.e. a subscription of £4). Also anyone who, not being so qualified, is having his "one free bite" i.e. the one tribute-free tournament which is permitted (not once a year but once in a life-time).

Associates whose cards are marked R (Reduced or non-tournament rate) or O (Overseas Associate) are not entitled to play in Calendar Fixtures without paying Tribute. However, when a Reduced Rate or Overseas Associate pays £2.50 Tribute, having already paid £1.50 for his R or O subscription, the Secretary of the C.A. should be informed, because this payment makes his subscription up to £4 and we will then issue to him a new Membership Card marked S.

Associates, of whatever category, who wish to watch a Calendar Fixture held at a club of which they are not members, and where an admission fee is charged to spectators, should in their own interest present their Membership Cards at the entrance, as they will then be charged either a reduced fee (about half) or no fee at all.

## 4. Membership subscriptions.

Membership subscriptions are coming in well, but those who have not paid theirs for 1972 are asked to do so without delay. Should there be need for a ballot for Council, ballot papers will be sent to Associates in Great Britain and Ireland who have paid their subscriptions for this year. At some stage in the year we shall be obliged to discontinue sending the gazette to those who have not paid.

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## Prize List 1971

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

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

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

## A

Abbey Lady Ursula (4) Compton RLSB1. Eastbourne 1st week RLSB Draw 2, 2nd week RHS1 (3)  
Alford R.S. (6) Colchester HSY1. Colchester W/E HD1 (5½)  
Allardyce Miss W.K. (8) Peels HD2  
Allen Miss R.M. (2) Ascot Cup (Golf Croquet) HS2  
Arkell Miss E.H. (4) Peels HSY2, Cheltenham W/E I Block C1 Cheltenham W/E II Block E1. Cheltenham W/E V Block D1 (3)  
Aspinall G.N. (-5) Open Championship 2, Doubles Championship 1. President's Cup 3.  
Ault Miss K. (2½) Southwick Aug. LS3  
Austin W.H. (0) Southwick May HS3, HDX1

## B

Ballieu I.C. (1) Hunstanton HSX3  
Bateson R.N. (4) Peels HD1, HSY1. The Delves Broughton Cup (Golf Croquet) HD2. Budleigh Salterton LS1, HD2. Roehampton HSB1, HSX3. (1½)  
Birch G. (-1) Ryde OS2 (-1½)  
Bird Mrs E.M. (9) Parkstone RHSC2  
Bird Mrs D.J. (9D6) Challenge & Gilbey HD1  
Bliss B.H. (7) Hurlingham 1st week HSY1 (6)  
Bolton H.G.T. (7) Cheltenham W/E III Block B1. Cheltenham W/E V Block E1 (6)  
Bolton J.P.R. (-4) Doubles Championship 2, Association Plate 1.  
Borret Cdr G. (-2½) Du Pre Cup 2. Southwick Sept. OS1, HD2. Chairman's Salver equal 5, Eastbourne 1st week HSX3, Eastbourne 2nd week MOS Draw 2. Veterans Championship Swiss HS equal 2  
Bourke Brig L.E. (4) Peels MHS Draw 2 Process 2 HSX divided. Cheltenham W/E I Block D1. (3)  
Bray Dr R.W. (-4) Open Championship 3, Colchester OS2, HSX1, HD2. Parkstone OS1. (-5)  
Bressey Mrs E.E. (5½) Peels HD1, Ryde RLSB1, HSY2. Challenge & Gilbey Reckitt Cup 1, HD2. (4)  
Brumpton Miss E.C. (3½) Peels WHS2, Cheltenham LS2, Nottingham HSX3. (3)  
Brumpton Miss E.M. (4) Peels WHS3  
Bucknall Dr W.R. (0) Budleigh Salterton May HD1, Parkstone June HSY, HD2  
Bucknell A.J. (3) Ryde HSY1  
Butler L.S. (5) Parkstone June HSC2. (4)  
Byrne G.V. (16) Championship of County Dublin HD1. (16D14)

## C

Camroux A.V. (-½) Roehampton HD2  
Cane Mrs H.M.G. (10) Eastbourne 1st week RLS1 (9)  
Caporn Mrs D.F. (9) Southwick Sept. HD3  
Caporn D.C. (½) Southwick Sept. HD3  
Carder R.H.C. (8) Parkstone HSC1  
Carlisle H.B.H. (-1) Hunstanton HD1 (-1½)  
Carlisle Mrs H.B.H. (6) Hurlingham RHS2  
Carlisle W.H. (9) Hunstanton HD1  
Cave Lt-Col. G.E. (0) Eastbourne 1st week HD2  
Cave Mrs G.E. (6) Budleigh Salterton May HS1. Eastbourne 1st week HSX2, 2nd week RHS Process 2 (4)  
Chaff R.A.W. (5½) Cheltenham W/E I Block A1

Chittenden Mrs H.F. (½) Southwick HDX2. Compton HS3  
 Clarke-Lens Miss E.G. (7½) Compton W/E HS2. Compton Juniors RHS2, HD1 (7)  
 Colls T.G.S. (3) Southwick August LS1  
 Cooke Miss L.M. (10) Ryde HD2. Compton HD2. Colchester HSY2. Parkstone RHS2.  
 Cooper A.J. (-3½) Challenge & Gilbey Roehampton Cup 1. Budleigh Salterton OS Process 2. Eastbourne 2nd week MOS1 (-2½)  
 Cooper Miss J. (3) Challenge & Gilbey Council Cup 2  
 Coombe Mrs L. (9) Nottingham RHS2 (8D7)  
 Cox Mrs E.R. (4) Southwick Sept. HSY divided  
 Cox N.W.T. (-½) Southwick May HDY2. Southwick Sept. HSX2 (-1½)  
 Craig A.D. (3) Southwick May HDX1. Carrickmines HD1.  
 Crawford P.J.R. (6) Roehampton HSX1 (5)  
 Creed-Meredith Miss W.E. (6½) Parkstone Sept. HSX3 (6)

## D

Daldry Sir Leonard (-1) Budleigh Salterton May HS1, HD2. Challenge & Gilbey Roehampton Cup 3. Budleigh Salterton OHS1. Southwick August OS Process 2.  
 Digby G.S. (8) Cheltenham HS1  
 Digby Mrs G.S. (7) Cheltenham HS2, HSX1. Colchester HSX2, HD1. Colchester W/E HD1. Parkstone Sept. HSX2, HD1. All England Handicap 3. Steel Bowl award (4½)  
 Dultrie Miss B. (1½) Veterans Championship Swiss HS equal 2.  
 Duveen Mrs I.N. (13) Cheltenham HD1. Parkstone Sept. HD2 (11)

## E

Edwards C. (5) Budleigh Salterton May HD1. Compton HD1. Budleigh Salterton HD1 (4)  
 Elvey Mrs G.F.H. (-½) Compton HS3. Southwick Sept. OS Draw 2. Veterans Championship OS Draw 2  
 Evans Dr C.W. (6) Challenge & Gilbey LS Process 2  
 Evans M.J. (7½) Cheltenham W/E III Block C1

## F

Fernyhough Brig. H.E. (12) Budleigh Salterton May HD2 (12D10)  
 Fidler P.J.M. (-3) Chairman's Salver equal 2 (-3½)

## G

Gilbert J.B. (-1½) Roehampton Ranelagh Gold Cup OS1  
 Gladstone Revd W.E. (-2) Budleigh Salterton May HS2. Peels HSZ divided. Mens Open Championship 2 (silver medal). Chairman's Salver 8. Veterans Championship HD1. 2nd week Eastbourne MOS Process 2  
 Godby R.A. (-2) Budleigh Salterton HD1. Chairman's Salver equal 5  
 Green H.A. (-½) Nottingham W/E HS2. Southwick Sept. HD3  
 Greenham A.W. (6½) Colchester HD2. Hunstanton Sept. HS1, HD1. (6)

## H

Hallett G.F. (1) Hurlingham 1st week HS2. Surrey Cup equal 7. (0)  
 Hallett Revd P.D. (-2) Surrey Cup equal 4  
 Hamilton-Miller D.J.V. (-3½) Association Plate 2. Surrey Cup 2  
 Hampson Miss S.G. (3) Southwick Aug. LS2  
 Hands P.W. (-2½) Cheltenham W/E II Block C1. Cheltenham OS1, HS3, HD2. Nottingham OS2. Chairman's Salver 1. (-4)  
 Hannon Mrs Championship of County Dublin HD2  
 Harris D.A. (-½) Compton OS2, HS1. (-1½)  
 Harris Dr L.S. (8) Cheltenham W/E III Block A1  
 Haworth C.W. (3½) Nottingham HSY2  
 Haworth Mrs C.W. (2½) Southwick May HDY1  
 Hay Miss S.F. (5½) Roehampton HSY1 (5)  
 Hemsted S. (0) Hunstanton April W/E HS1. (-1)  
 Henshaw G. (6) Nottingham HS1, HSY1. (5)  
 Henry C.F. (8) Nottingham RHS1, HD1  
 Hicks H.O. (-5) Cheltenham OS3

Hopewell C.G. (-1) Cheltenham HD1. Colchester OS3, HD1. Nottingham HD1. Hunstanton OS3. Eastbourne 2nd week OD1. Chairman's Salver 7. (-1½)  
 Horne D.M. (5) Southwick RHS2. (4½)

## J

Jackson G.E.P. (-3) Peels HD2. Presidents Cup 8. Veterans Championship OS2. Eastbourne 1st week OSD2.  
 Joly Miss F.I. (1½) Championship of Ireland OS1. Founders Cup HS1. Challenge & Gilbey Council Cup 1, Gilbey Cup 3. Championship of County Dublin OS2, OHS1, HD1 (0)  
 Jenking H.F.L. (6) Southwick August OHS3. Eastbourne 1st week HD1. (4½)  
 Jenking Mrs H.F.L. (9) Southwick August RHS1. Southwick Sept. HD3. (6½)  
 Jones A.H. Hunstanton Sept. HD2

## K

Karmel His Honour Judge A.D. (-1) Hunstanton OS Draw 2  
 Keen B.A. (6½) Eastbourne 1st week RLSC1. (5)  
 Knowles Dr E.L. (4) Parkstone HS3, HD2

## L

Leonard R.J. (-½) Carrickmines June HD2. Carrickmines OHS2  
 Lewty R.A. (10) Cheltenham HD2  
 Lightfoot Mrs E.M. (½) Hurlingham LS3. (0)  
 Lintern Miss D.A. (4) Eastbourne 1st week RLS2. Eastbourne 2nd week HD2  
 Lloyd-Pratt B. (-3) Ryde May OS1. Compton OS1. Colchester OS1. Hurlingham OD1, MHD1. Nottingham HSX2, HD2. President's Cup equal 7. Parkstone Sept. HD2, OS1. Eastbourne 2nd week OD1.  
 Lock E.A. (12) Hunstanton Sept. AHS2. (10)  
 Longman Mrs W. (-2) Hurlingham OD2. Ladies Field Cup 6. Eastbourne 1st week HD1. 2nd week Consolation Event HS1

## M

Mann Mrs P.H. (9) Colchester W/E HD2  
 Mann P.H. (8) Ryde HSC1  
 Martin G.B. (12) Roehampton RHS1, HD2. (10)  
 Meachem J.B. (-½) Eastbourne 2nd week OD2  
 Meachem Mrs J.B. (2½) Peels WHS1. Budleigh Salterton OHS2. Hurlingham Ladies Field Candlesticks 2. Hunstanton RLSB2, HSX3. Ladies Field Cup equal 4. Eastbourne 2nd week WOS Process 2, OD2. (0)  
 Meadows B.A. (8) Roehampton RHS2, HD2. (8D7)  
 Meredith F.W. (0) Carrickmines Steel Cup HS1, Stonebrook Cup HD1. Veterans Championship HS1, HD2.  
 Mew Mrs R. (13) Ryde RHS2, Hunstanton RHS2. (11D9)  
 Moorcraft D.H. (½) Ryde HD1. Cheltenham W/E II Block A1. Cheltenham W/E V Block C1  
 Moorcraft Mrs D. (12D10) Ryde HD1. (11D9)  
 Moore W.E. (-2) Southwick May HS2. Du Pre Cup 1. Southwick August OS1 (silver medal), Sept. OS Process 2, HS1, HD1. Surrey Cup 3. (-3)

## Mc

McMillan Mrs N.A.C. (½) Hurlingham Ladies Field Candlesticks 1.  
 McMorde Miss M.D. (5) Parkstone June RLSB2, HSX3. Parkstone Sept. RLSB2  
 McWeeney M.B. (2½) Carrickmines Steel Cup HS2, Founders Cup HS2, Stonebrook Cup HD2

## N

Nalder Capt. H.F. (2) Cheltenham W/E II Block B1. Budleigh Salterton RLSB2  
 Naylor Mrs W.A. (5½) Southwick May HDY2

Neal Prof. B.G. (-4) Open Championship 3. Hurlingham OS1, MHD2. Nottingham OS1, HS1. President's Cup equal 4. Cheltenham W/E V Block A1  
 Neal Mrs B.G. (6) Delves Broughton Cup (Golf Croquet) HD1. Roehampton HSY2  
 Newton P. (-2½) Parkstone OS3. Southwick OS2 (silver medal), Veterans Championship OS Process 2

## O

O'Connor D.B. (-2½) Championship of Ireland OS1. Championship of County Dublin OS1  
 Omorchde Madame (10) Carrickmines August RHS2  
 Ormerod Dr W.P. (-5) Parkstone June OS2. Doubles Championship 1. President's Cup 2.

## P

Parker Dr C.A. (12) Parkstone June HSX2, HD1. Parkstone Sept. RHS1. (7)  
 Paynter W.B.C. (4) Southwick Sept. HSX3. (3)  
 Pearson M.G. (7) All England Handicap 2. (6)  
 Perry B.G. (-4) Mixed Doubles Championship 1. Challenge & Gilbey Roehampton Cup 2. Budleigh Salterton OS1. President's Cup equal 4  
 Pim Dr H.A. (9) Budleigh Salterton RHS2  
 Pountney C.G. (12) Eastbourne 2nd week HD1  
 Povey Mrs J. (4½) Delves Broughton Cup (Golf Croquet) HD2. Eastbourne 2nd week HD2. (4)  
 Prichard Lt.-Col. D.M.C. (-3) Budleigh Salterton OHS3. Cheltenham HSY divided. Hunstanton HSY2. Eastbourne 1st week OS Process 2, 2nd week HS1. (-2)  
 Prichard W. de B. (-1) Budleigh Salterton HS3. Cheltenham OS2, HSY divided. Hurlingham OD2. Chairman's Salver equal 2. Hunstanton OS1, HSX1. (-2½)  
 Prichard Mrs D.M.C. (-1) Peels WHS Process 2. Ladies Field Cup equal 7. Cheltenham W/E IV Block D1  
 Prichard R.D.C. (1½) Colchester W/E III HD2. Hunstanton W/E HD2. (1)  
 Puxon Mrs F.E.M. (5½) Ryde HSX1. Colchester HSX3

## R

Read Mrs H.M. (1) Challenge & Gilbey HD2. (½)  
 Read T.O. (-1½) Cheltenham HSX2. Hurlingham OS Draw 2. President's Cup 6.  
 Reckitt M.B. (7) Eastbourne 2nd week HS3  
 Rees D.V.H. (½) Hurlingham RLSB3  
 Reeves D.E. (10) Colchester W/E HS Swiss 1. (7)  
 Regan Mrs F. (5) Carrickmines Green Cup HS2. Carrickmines August RHS1  
 Reynold F. (1) Hurlingham LS2. Southwick Aug. HS3, HD1. (½)  
 Roe Miss I.M. (4) Cheltenham W/E IV Block C1. (3½)  
 Roehampton Club - Winner of Inter Club Competition  
 Rose J. (10) Nottingham W/E1. All England Handicap HS1. Cheltenham W/E IV Block B1. Eastbourne 1st week RLSB Process 1, HS1. Awarded the Apps Bowl. (0)  
 Rolfe Mrs J. Neville (1½) Hunstanton Sept. HD2  
 Ross Prof. A.S.C. (2) Southwick August HD2. (1½)  
 Ross Mrs A.S.C. (4½) Southwick HSX3, HD1. (4)  
 Ross K.A. (1) Southwick August OS Draw 2, HS1. (-1)  
 Rotherham Mrs E. (-2) Hurlingham OD1. Ladies Field Cup 3. Eastbourne 2nd week WOS Draw 2.

## S

Samuel Miss J.K. (7) Peels HSZ divided  
 Sandford C.B. (4) Hurlingham 1st week HS3. (3)  
 Sandiford Prof. B.R. (2½) Southwick May HDX2  
 Schofield K.S. (9) Budleigh Salterton May HS1. Challenge & Gilbey Stevenson Cup 1. Gilbey Cup HS2. (6)  
 Schofield Mrs K.S. (13) Budleigh Salterton HS2. Budleigh Salterton July RHS1. (11D9)  
 Scott Page G. (6½) Compton RHS1  
 Sessions Miss K.M.O. (-2) Women's Championship 2, Ladies Field Cup 1, Surrey Cup 1, Veterans Championship OS1. Eastbourne

1st week OS1 (silver medal), Eastbourne 2nd week WO1, HD3. (-3)  
 Shelton E.H.S. (-½) Ryde OS Draw 2, HD2. Budleigh Salterton OS2 (silver medal), HD2. (-1)  
 Sheppard H.A. (1) Southwick August HD1. (½)  
 Simpson R.A. (0) Ryde HSY3. Surrey Cup, equal 7.  
 Simpson Mrs R.A. (0) Ryde HSY3. Hunstanton HSX2. Ladies Field Cup equal 7. (-½)  
 Skempton Prof. A.W. (3) Hurlingham RLSB2.  
 Smith W/Cdr E.M. (½) Cheltenham W/E II Block D1. Cheltenham W/E IV Block A1. (0)  
 Solomon J.W. (-5) Men's Open Championship 1. Mixed Doubles Championship 2. Hunstanton OS2, HD2. President's Cup 1.  
 Solomon Mrs A. (14) Hunstanton HD1. (12D9)  
 Solomon J.R.G. (5) Hurlingham RHS1, MHD2. Hunstanton LS1 (2)  
 Solomon A.W. (5) Hurlingham 1st week HS3. Hunstanton HSY1. (2½)  
 Soutter J.H.J. (5) Southwick May HS1. Parkstone June HSX1, RLSB1, Hurlingham 1st week, HS1. Roehampton RHS2, HD1. (1)  
 Speer Mrs E.M. (3) Southwick Sept. RLSB1. (2½)  
 Stainer M. (6) Southwick August RHS1, OHS2, HD2. (4)  
 Stevens R.S. (11) Budleigh Salterton HS3. Gilbey Cup 1. Cheltenham W/E III Block D1. (7)  
 Stoker S.G. (4) Compton HS2, HD2  
 Stourbridge Club - The Apps Memorial Award  
 Strutt G.G. (4) Roehampton HSX2. All England Handicap 3 (3)  
 Sturdy W.J. (4) Veterans Championship Swiss HS equal 2, HD1. (3½)  
 Sundius-Smith Mrs B.L. (-1½) Women's Championship 1. Mixed Doubles Championship 2. Ladies Field Cup 2. Surrey Cup equal 4, Hunstanton OS3

## T

Tanner E.B.T. (7) Hurlingham 1st week HSY2. (6)  
 Temple Mrs E.M. (2) Compton RLSB2  
 Thorp R.F. (-2) Hurlingham OS Process 2. Chairman's Salver 4  
 Townshend Revd C.H. (7) Southwick Sept. CHS1. (6½)  
 Tucker E.J. (1½) Compton April W/E1. Eastbourne 1st week HSY1. Eastbourne 2nd week HD1  
 Tucker Mrs R.E. (4½) Southwick Sept. RLSB2. (4)  
 Tyrrell Miss M. (6½) Southwick Sept. HD2. (5½)  
 Tyrwhitt-Drake E.C. (-1½) Peels MHS1, HSX divided. Southwick May HDY1. Nottingham HSX1. Eastbourne 1st week OS2. Surrey Cup 6.

## V

Vincent Mrs M.H. Gilbey Cup HS3  
 Vulliamy Col. E.L.L. (2½) Peels MHS2. Ascot Cup (Golf Croquet) HS1. Cheltenham W/E V Block B1. (1½)

## W

Walker R.I. (2½) Eastbourne 1st week RLSB Process 1. Eastbourne 2nd week MOS2. (1)  
 Walker Mrs R.I. (2½) Eastbourne RLSB Draw 2. Eastbourne 2nd week HS2. (1)  
 Warwick J.G. (-1) Du Pre Cup 3, Challenge & Gilbey HD1. (0)  
 Warwick Miss E.J. (-2) Mixed Doubles Championship 1. Budleigh Salterton OS Draw 2. Ladies Field Cup equal 4  
 Weitz Prof. B. (4) Ryde HSX2. Cheltenham RLSB1. Roehampton HD1  
 Weitz Mrs B. (6) Hurlingham Ladies Field Candlesticks 2. Roehampton HD1. (5½)  
 Wheeler Col. G.T. (0) Eastbourne 2nd week Consolation Event HS2  
 Wheeler J.A. (-½) Delves Broughton Cup (Golf Croquet) HD1. Cheltenham W/E I B Block equal 1. Hunstanton W/E HS2. Cheltenham HSX3. Hurlingham LS1.  
 Whitehead E. (-½) Nottingham HSX3  
 Whitehead Mrs E. (8) Southwick Sept. RHS2. (7½)  
 Whittington R.O.B. (-2) Parkstone Sept. OS2, HSX3, HD1  
 Wiggins Dr W.R.D. (-3) Compton OS3  
 Wood Mrs G.H. (4) Budleigh Salterton May HS2. Ryde RLSB2. Cheltenham W/E I B Block equal 1. Parkstone June HSY2. Ladies Field Candlesticks 1. Eastbourne 1st week HSX3. (3)  
 Wood Miss E.T. (12) Hunstanton Sept. HD1  
 Wood R. (½) Eastbourne HSY2  
 Wrest Park Club - Longman Cup  
 Wright J. Howard (8) Hurlingham 1st week OLS1, MHD1  
 Wylie K.F. (-5) Open Championship 1. Doubles Championship 2.

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1971

Year ended 31.12.70 £		£	£
	<b>INCOME</b>		
1,656	Subscriptions		1,694.32
169	Affiliation Fees and Overseas Members		174.68
455	Levy		399.75
17	Tribute		29.65
158	Sale of Books, Laws, etc.		251.28
158	Dividends from Investments (Net)		173.06
—	Donations		29.00
2,613			2,751.74
25	<i>Add: Surplus on Tournaments (Net)</i>		37.72
2,638			2,789.46
	<i>Less: Expenditure</i>		
1,012	Magazine, less income from Advertisements		876.06
1,626			1,913.40
	<b>GENERAL OVERHEADS</b>		
255	Office Rent, Lighting, Heating and Cleaning	259.65	
357	Staff Salaries (Net)	271.56	
130	Postages and Telephone	167.15	
653	Printing, Stationery and Publicity	298.86	
70	Insurance	60.17	
325	Sundry Expenses	207.75	
63	Audit and Accountancy Charges	63.00	
17	Maintenance of Office Furniture and Equipment		
15	Depreciation of Office Furniture and Equipment	14.00	
1,886			1,342.14
- 260			571.26
—	<i>Additional Expenditure on Development Scheme (Net)</i>		171.09
- 260			400.17
6	Surplus on Sale of Investments		—
(Deficit) <u>£254</u>	<i>Excess of Income over Expenditure</i>		<u>£400.17</u>

**INVESTMENTS HELD AT 31st DECEMBER, 1971**

Nominal Value £		Cost £	Market Value £
	<b>QUOTED INVESTMENTS</b>		
250.00	Bay Hall Trust Ltd., 50p Ordinary Shares	399.17	950
75.00	Midland Bank Ltd., £1 Ordinary Shares	204.02	390
163.00	Omnium Investment Co. Ltd., 25p Deferred Shares	186.94	957
1,439.06	3% Savings Bonds 1965/75	1,147.65	1,349
218.15	3½% War Stock — Held for Apps Memorial Fund	115.50	90
1,250.00	Greater London 7¼% Loan Stock 1977	1,216.71	1,287
400.00	The New Throgmorton Trust Ltd., Income Shares of 25p each	478.75	567
		3,748.74	£5,590
	<b>UNQUOTED INVESTMENTS</b>		
	Roehampton Country Club, £1 Shares	10.00	
	Guardian Building Society (Part held on account of Life Membership Fund)	1,800.00	
		£5,558.74	

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1971**

As at 31.12.70 £		£	£
	<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
138	Office Furniture and Equipment (at written down value)		129.00
2,000	Trophies (estimated to realise)		2,000.00
4,209	Investments (as per attached schedule)		5,558.74
6,347			7,687.74
	<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
3	Sundry Debtors and Prepayments	227.61	
1,148	Cash in Hand and at Bank	122.50	
1,151			350.11
7,498			8,037.85
	<b>LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
46	Subscriptions Received in Advance	84.00	
585	Accrued Expenses	611.66	
13	Taxation	8.00	
644			703.66
£6,854			£7,334.19
	<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>£7,334.19</u>
	<b>REPRESENTED BY:—</b>		
6,031	Accumulated General Fund as at 1st January of the year		5,777.30
—	<i>Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year</i>		400.17
6,031			6,177.47
—	<i>Less: Transfer to Life Membership Fund</i>		833.00
254	<i>Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year</i>		—
5,777			5,344.47
807	Life Membership Fund		1,715.00
116	Apps Memorial Fund		115.50
154	Dominion Tour Fund		159.22
£6,854			£7,334.19

S. S. Townsend, Chairman of the Council  
A. J. Oldham, Hon. Treasurer

**REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CROQUET ASSOCIATION**

We have examined the books, vouchers and other records maintained by The Croquet Association for the year ended 31st December 1971 and obtained such further information as considered necessary. To the best of our knowledge and belief the above Statement of Accounts and the annexed Income and Expenditure Account give a true and fair view of the state of affairs as at 31st December 1971 and of the Excess of Income over Expenditure.

Loves Cottage,  
New Pound,  
Wisborough Green,  
Sussex.

29th February, 1972.

NICHOLASS, REID, CORNEY & CO,  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTS.

**Handicap Alterations**

*Parkstone Club Recommendations:*

J.H.T.Griffiths 11 to 9; Mrs P.Newton 7½ to 7; Miss M.V. Page 9 to 8; Miss A.M.Ryan 15 D14 to 14 D13; Miss M.D. McMordie 4 to 3½; Major F.Hill-Bernhard 4½ to 5½.

*Nottingham Club Recommendations:*

G.Birch -1 to -1½; G.Henshaw 5 to 4½; Mrs L.A.Coombs 8 D7 to 7 D6; Mrs A.J.Bucknell 11 to 10; Mrs C.W.Haworth 15 to 13 D12.

*Apologies:*

Apologies are due to Miss Sessions, Mrs Povey and to The Handicaps Co-ordination Committee for the entry in the December gazette where it was stated that as a result of the Cheltenham Weekend (October 15-18) Miss Sessions and Mrs Povey had had their handicaps reduced. The handicaps to which it was stated that they had been reduced were in fact club recommendations and were not upheld by The Handicaps Co-ordination Committee. The correct handicap of Miss Sessions is -3, and that of Mrs Povey is 4.