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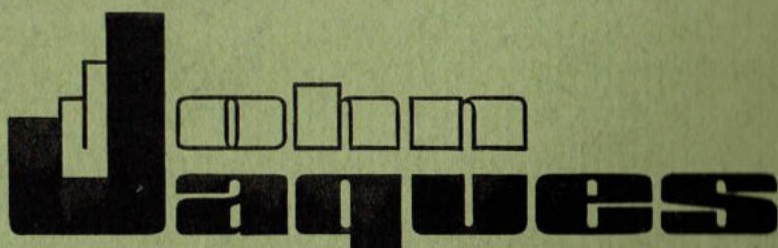

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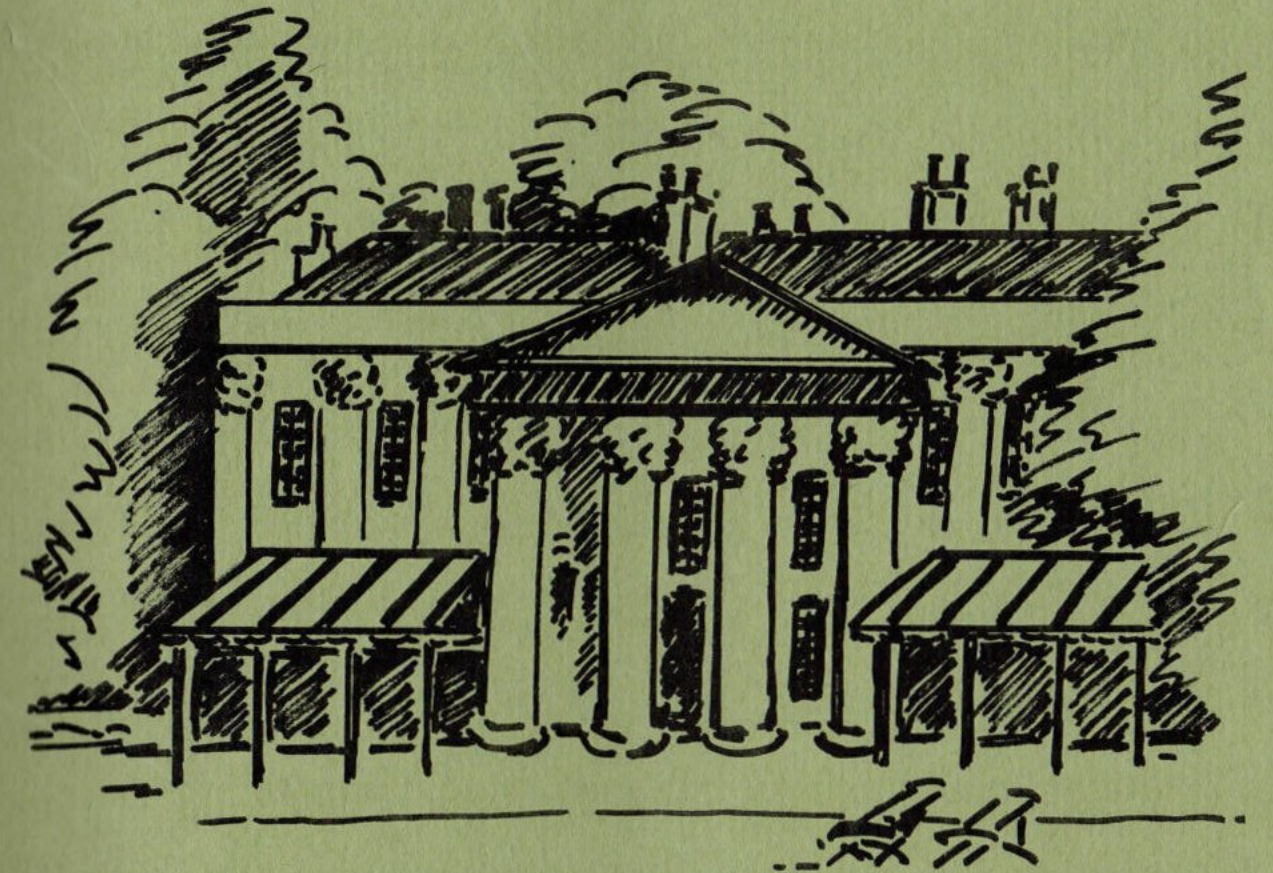
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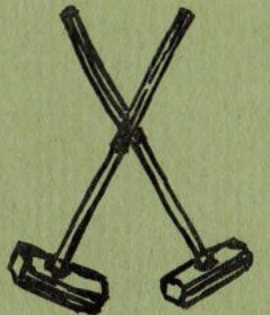
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Correspondence

'The Croquet Gazette'

from M.B.Reckitt

Sir,

The propriety of a President contributing to the gazette is a matter which would appear never to have been raised — though perhaps it will be if this letter reaches print! But I would value the opportunity to refer to two matters: first, to congratulate you, sir, on the splendid record of punctuality you have maintained in the appearance of our journal, and on the good use to which you have put its restricted space.

But this leads to the second matter to which I would like to make some reference and upon which you have made such sage comment in your Editorial in the April number. This is the challenging letter from Mr Howard Wright, a contribution of the highest importance. It is not necessary to agree precisely with either the desirability or the practicability of all that he proposes to concur in this judgement. Perhaps I may be guided by a certain prejudice arising from his reference to 'Rover Notes' which were an established feature during that halcyon period of croquet journalism 1954 — 1970. These were, by a wise convention, anonymous, but I will now flout this by revealing that I wrote the majority of them myself. If, as I believe, this feature had a value, it was perhaps in the opportunity it provided to make comment immediately on problems as they arose, for which there has been no substitute since — or hardly any. We need, in my view, to re-establish such an opportunity.

As to the other kinds of reading matter for which Mr Wright's letter pleaded, many of us would agree with him. But as you tactfully hint in your Editorial, should you call for such contributions from the vasty deep of Cambridgeshire, would they come — or if they did, would they be of adequate quality? Perhaps your readers will promptly quench my doubts about this by flooding you with such material.

But on the main issue I am at one with Mr Wright. He is correct in writing that we need a "magazine that the ordinary club member would enjoy reading and re-reading" — and not he only but members of the public into whose hands it might fall. It was with such thoughts in mind that 'Croquet' was launched by Basil Brackenbury in 1954, and I can only regret that that title was abandoned for one which suggests something between a 'Court Circular' and the numbing statistics of a Gazetteer.

Yours faithfully — though not officially,
Maurice B. Reckitt

'Croquet Literature'

from Roger Bray

Sir,

It may cause some surprise to your readers to know that the Croquet Association, in its 75 year history, has failed to establish a comprehensive collection of books published on croquet. It has a small selection, housed in the Croquet Association Office and from which Associates may borrow, but a large number of the important treatises on the subject are missing. This is perhaps not so surprising in view of the fact that over 80 titles have appeared in print and that about half of these were first published before the United All England Croquet Association (the original title of the C.A.) was founded.

In the hope that it may prompt some readers to offer copies to the C.A., and for the interest of others, I give below a list of those books published since the appearance of the first gazette in 1904. I hope that you will be able to publish a second list of the earlier books in due course. The items marked with an asterisk would be particularly welcomed as additions to the C.A.'s collection.

It is noteworthy that comparatively few new books have appeared in the last twenty years: in the period covered by the list there are signs that the croquet player is no longer as adept at the pen as he was. We clearly miss the services of Locock, Crowther Smith, Handel Elvey and Tollemache, all of whom must have devoted an enormous amount of energy to expounding the details of the game — sometimes amusingly and sometimes at very great length! — both in their books and in the columns of the gazette. Yet neither the twenties nor the sixties can boast that all their champions have given the world their cherished theories. Only Cotter and Solomon from the President's choice of a "best ten" appear below. Where are the names of Corbally (apart from a preface to Mainwaring's book), O'Callaghan, Duff Matthews, G.L.Reckitt, Joseph, Humphrey Hicks, Aspinall and Wylie? In the last century a champion would not have been worthy of the name unless he had at least one slim volume to his credit . . . and for that matter, where are the ladies?

Although I have had some invaluable assistance from Maurice Reckitt, David Prichard and Roger Wood, there can be no claim to the list's completeness, and I would be most grateful to hear of any additions or corrections.

I will gladly provide further details of any of the publications to anyone who requests them: the information is in a somewhat condensed form in order to leave a few inches in your columns for today's budding authors (sic).

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Yours truly,
Roger Bray.

From the New Zealand Croquet Gazette

The Dominion Tournament 1972

The ultimate performance — a six hoop peel in a national tournament — was achieved by John Prince of Wellington in the New Zealand Croquet Council's 1972 tournament at Nelson last month. Prince's achievement thus becomes an historic event and sets a standard for players of the future comparable to the four minute mile on the athletic field.

Prince won the Men's Championship title and also the Heenan Plate, but the main event, the open championship, went to nineteen-year-old Richard Clarke of Gisborne. Clarke and his partner Tony Stephens of Dannevirke won the Doubles Championship and Clarke gained a third title by taking the Hurlingham cup in the handicap singles. He also had three triple peels during the tournament.

Another youthful player, Dennis Bulloch of Dunedin, took the Levels event with both lives intact, but Mrs B.A. Jarden of Wellington showed that youth is by no means a prerequisite for top honours in croquet by winning the women's championship for the ninth time.

Gordon Rowling of Nelson also had a good tournament and was runner-up in both the open and the men's championship. In the final of the open Rowling had one clip on three-back and the other on four-back, in the third game, before Clarke had scored; but Clarke hit in and took his first ball to four-back. Rowling missed the lift shot and Clarke began his second round after a sensational cut-rush from the fourth corner to near the second hoop. He had his break well laid out when he went overboard and it

looked as though he had thrown the game away. But Rowling also met with disaster when he mis-hit after making a hoop and the innings returned to Clarke who provided a grandstand finish.

Rowling's elimination of Prince in the first round of the open championship was one of several upsets in the tournament. This reversal had little effect on Prince's subsequent play with five triple peels, a sextuple, and he just missed an earlier attempt at a sextuple when his partner ball stuck in the rover hoop. Prince was in complete dominance in the men's championship beating Clarke in two games with a triple peel in each . . .

A continuous spell of dry sunny weather caused a deterioration in lawn surfaces which made play difficult on some lawns but a night's irrigation restored them to reasonable condition.

Winners and runners-up were:

New Zealand Open Championship: Richard Clarke, Gisborne.
Runner-up: G.D.Rowling, Nelson.

N.Z.Doubles Championship: R.Clarke, and A.J.Stephens, Dannevirke. Runners-up: J.Prince, Wellington & K.Woollett, Ohakune.

Men's Championship: J.G.Prince, Wellington.
Runner-up: G.D.Rowling.

Women's Championship: Mrs B.A.Jarden, Wellington.
Runner-up: Mrs L.Peters, Christchurch.

Heenan Plate: J.G.Prince.
Runner-up: W.Penham, Christchurch.

Levels: D.Bulloch, Dunedin.
Runner-up: Mrs F.Bartrop, Nelson.

Hurlingham Cup (Handicap Singles): R.J.Clarke.
Runner-up: J.G.Prince.

English Rose Bowl: Mrs L.Peters, Christchurch.
Runner-up: C.Anderson, Gisborne.

President's Invitation Event, Senior Section

The following players have accepted the invitation to play in this event which commences at Gore on 28th February 1972.

G.D.Rowling (Nelson), Mrs B.A.Jarden (Wellington), K.Woollett (Wanganui), Mrs L.G.Middlemiss (Franklin), J.W.McNab (Canterbury), Mrs J.N.Ward (Waikato-King Country), Mrs K.Woollett (Wanganui), C.Anderson (Hawke's Bay).

R.J.Clarke (Hawke's Bay), J.G.Prince (Wellington), A.J. Stephens (Manawatu) and C.T.Wadsworth (Auckland) were unavailable.

Rover Note

It is the croquet stroke which differentiates the proper game of croquet from all other ball games. I believe that this stroke emerged in Ireland in the 1850s.

In Co. Louth in the 1840s the player had to hit the object ball three times before he could put his foot loosely on his own ball and drive both balls to advantageous positions. A good player contrived to leave the balls touching at the third stroke — if he missed at the second or third hit his turn was ended, just as though he had missed at the first stroke. But by the 1850s a ball which made a roquet became 'in hand' and could be placed for the croquet stroke.

This information comes from an article written by Miss Kathleen Waldron in 1899 for Arthur Lillie's "Croquet Today".

Notes from the Clubs

Reigate Priory

Thanks to the hard work put in by our Honorary Secretary Colonel Vulliamy and our Honorary Treasurer Mr John Ede we have managed to keep going over the past difficult years. This year, given good weather, should be a good one. We have the promise of some new members, and our hard-working and efficient groundsman has greatly improved the condition of the lawns during the winter months.

Budleigh Salterton

Dr Roger Bray came to give members of our club a coaching demonstration on April 19 - 20. Members of the Sidmouth club joined in. Twenty potential coaches enjoyed his instruction and the excellent film strips which were shown. Dr Bray managed to dodge railway strikes, and a Royal Blue bus helped with transport.

Southwick

At the Annual General Meeting of the Sussex County Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club held on April 8th 1972 Mrs W.A. Longman was elected President of the Club following on the death of Mr F.E. Corke. Mrs Longman now holds the same office as her late husband who was President for many years. When she took the chair on election she recalled that she had first met that great player at Southwick when she, with 18 bisques, was his doubles partner.

Lectures on Coaching

Southwick was chosen as the South Eastern centre for the lectures on coaching organised by the C.A. Publicity and Development Committee in conjunction with the Australian Croquet Council. Mrs Neal, who made the initial arrangements, handed over to Mrs Meachem before leaving for Teheran with her husband.

Members from the following clubs attended the weekend session 29 - 30 April: Caversham, Compton, Folkestone, Preston Park, Reigate, Southwick, Tunbridge Wells and Woking. There were about twenty people in all.

The seven lectures, delivered by Dr Roger Bray, were illustrated by film strips made in Australia, and though they were colour "stills", the sequence was so well arranged that they gave the impression of being live. Dr Bray infused life and humour into material which might have seemed dull on paper, and still further enlivened the lectures by introducing personal experiences and anecdotes. There is no doubt that those who came to learn how to teach others also learnt from Dr Bray how to improve their own play. Col. Vulliamy (Reigate) thanked the lecturer on behalf of the visiting clubs and associated them with Dr Bray's appreciation of the reception given by Southwick.

Notice

For general reference, the Secretary of the Croquet Association is Mr Vandeleur Robinson, The Hurlingham Club, London S.W.6. The standard rate of subscription to the C.A. is £4, except for Juniors (under 24), Overseas Residents and non-tournament subscribers for whom the rate of subscription is £1.50. The Editor of the Croquet Gazette is Revd P.D. Hallett, Teversham House, 18 Hillside, Sawston, Cambs. Copy for the next issue should reach the Editor by Saturday August 5th.

Croquet: A brief history of the game

by Elizabeth Prichard

The French game of Pall Mall became popular in England in the 1660s, but whether this game developed into Croquet or not has never been authenticated.

What is known is that a group of travellers from Ireland saw the men of a village in Brittany playing the game on the beach with bent willow rods for hoops and crooks called "croquets". They introduced - or re-introduced - the game into Ireland and one of them hawked it round the manufacturers in London in about 1850. A Mr Spratt of Brook Street bought the set but soon sold it to Mr John Jaques, the founder of the famous firm, who had already become interested in the game, which then swept England.

Code of Laws

Jaques produced the first code of laws in 1857 but there were soon as many different rules as there were manufacturers. Disraeli, referring to the game in Lothair, says "it seemed a game of great deliberation and of more interest than gaiety", while John Leech made Croquet the subject of one of his cartoons in *Punch*. Paradoxically in a Larousse of 1870 Croquet is defined as "un jeu Anglais".

In 1867 croquet was developing into an intellectual game and it only needed the energy and enthusiasm of Walter Jones Whitmore to launch it as a competitive one. He wrote articles in *The Field*, held a tournament at Evesham - which he himself won - and organised the first open championship near his home, Chastleton House, at Moreton-in-Marsh in 1868.

All-England Club

The same year he published the first book on tactics and soon after he and Mr Walsh, editor of *The Field*, helped to found the All England Croquet Club with its Headquarters at Worple Road, Wimbledon - though they were later to quarrel and lead different factions. The Women's Championship followed in 1869, setting a precedent which lawn tennis was to follow 15 years later and golf 24 years after.

Jones Whitmore tried to bring some order to the multiplicity of rules by instigating a conference from which emerged the first commonly accepted code of laws in 1870. Now Mr J.H. Hale, a former Sussex cricket captain, introduced a new setting with only six hoops, a turning peg and a winning peg, which was adopted by all serious players. The huge hoops "grew small by degrees and beautifully less" and the frivolities of cage and bell and tunnels were relegated to the realms of toys and garden parties.

Lawns were constructed at feverish pace all over the country, in country houses, vicarages and even in London squares, and the outdoor social life of this country was revolutionised. Women could play on equal terms with men - though at one time all players were allowed to play with one hand only because women had to hold a parasol in the other!

In these early days when "taking croquet" (that is, after having hit another ball with one's own ball, the making of a further stroke with the two balls in contact - the vital distinguishing feature of the game) the striker placed his foot on his own ball so that it did not move at all, whilst the other ball went a great distance. This was known as "tight" croquet and soon gave way to "loose" croquet which allowed the striker to split both balls to any position on the court he desired - within his capabilities - thus enabling him to build up those breaks which make the game so fascinating.

A serious game

The image of the game has never recovered from this period of long skirts, tight croquet and sending the enemy into the bushes.

But just as croquet was becoming acknowledged as a serious game it was pushed out into the cold by the latest craze, Sphairistike, as lawn tennis was first called. There were no championships from 1882 until 1896 when the United All England Croquet Association was formed. It was soon to drop the first three words and has ever since been known as "the C.A."

Foremost among the pioneers of the revival was W.H. Peel, a former champion and cousin of Walter Jones Whitmore. He also initiated a Croquet News sheet, which in 1904 became the Croquet Gazette and which has ever since been issued by the C.A.

Stars of the game

Lawns were re-established at Wimbledon but after dissension over their use for the big tennis tournaments the headquarters moved first to Sheen and then to Roehampton. Affiliated clubs were formed all over the country and by 1913 there were 150 tournaments in the calendar and over 2,000 members of the Association.

The first star of this golden age was Miss Lily Gower. When the Beddow Cup was inaugurated in 1901 as an invitation event to the ten best players in the country she was selected and finished equal second, being at that time in her early twenties. She won the even in 1904 and became the first woman open champion in 1905. That same year she married R.C.J. Beaton, who had himself achieved the same double and she continued playing top class croquet for over 50 more years. At this time she was the solitary holder of a -3 handicap, the lowest awarded at that time (it is now -5).

Three Irishmen soon stole the scene, the slim accurate Cyril Corbally, the brilliant Leslie O'Callaghan and the graceful, popular "Duffer" - P. Duff Matthews. They made popular a heavier mallet and centre style and many people were drawn to tournaments to watch them, especially at Devonshire Park in Eastbourne, where ten courts are still specially prepared every year for the final two weeks tournament of the season.

The advent of the Great War cut short many a brilliant career, Keith Izard, a young New Zealander, and Maxwell Browne were two of the most outstanding never to return.

Although it took some time to re-establish croquet in the 1920s, it was then that some long-mooted reforms were effected. The old-fashioned sequence game in which the balls had to be played in order, Blue, Red, Black, Yellow, was abolished forever and the more flexible "either ball" game adopted. The turning peg was discarded and the winning peg placed in the middle of the court. To help long-bisquers in Handicap play bisques (extra turns) could now be used in sequence instead of one at a time, while in Open play an optional lift to baulk was introduced to give the out-player a better chance of getting in.

A Men's Championship was introduced and the brothers G.L. and M.B. Reckitt presented trophies to inaugurate an Open Doubles Championship - previously there had only been Mixed Doubles Championships (since 1899) as there had been a prejudice against two men playing as partners! and by 1930 the membership of the C.A. was up to 1,700.

President's Cup

Again it was a woman player who first hit the headlines: Miss D.D. Steel. D.D. was in the Best Ten every year from

1922-1939. After winning the Beddow Cup four times it became hers outright in 1933. The President's Cup was then presented for this premier croquet event (it became a Best Eight in 1946) and this too she won twice. Her fiercest male rivals were D.L. Joseph and B.G. Klein and her most regular partner Lt-Col W.B. Du Pre.

In 1925 Australia, where the game had flourished for many years, sent a croquet team to England to contest the MacRobertson Shield. England won this first international but lost when they sent a team to Australia both in 1928 and 1935. New Zealand joined in on this last occasion to make it a triangular series. England as host again won in 1937.

Internationals

There have been four Internationals since the second World War of which England has won three. The last in 1969 in Australia saw probably the best team ever fielded - it was certainly the youngest - and it did not lose a single match. The next series of Test Matches will be in England in 1974.

I have not dwelt on the three men who dominated English croquet from after the last war until the middle '60s. H.O. Hicks, E.P.C. Cotter and J.W. Solomon, nor have I mentioned the continued infusion of good, even great players into the game, as they are the present, but what of the future? The strength of a game lies in its clubs and it is at Cheltenham, Budleigh Salterton and Brighton, the earliest of our clubs, at Hurlingham (now the Headquarters of the C.A.) and Roehampton, at Carrickmines and Ryde that croquet has developed and still flourishes. One hundred years ago Capt. Mayne Reid wrote:

"Though hitherto restricted to the lawn of the lordly mansion and confined within the palings of the park, 'croquet' will ere long escape from aristocratic keeping and become equally the property of the paddock and the village green . . . let us hope it may become a passion of the people."

With the help of the C.C.P.R. such a development is now possible: in the last few years clubs have been formed in public parks to join other small clubs at works' sports grounds and research establishments - some in the most aristocratic of settings. The older clubs are already playing host to the new ones and adapting their tournaments to a faster moving age. Croquet is established, but it will not stand still.

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Notes for a Croquet Ladder

1. The names are placed vertically with the first name at the top on a board displayed prominently in the clubhouse, the board being so constructed that the name cards of the players can be slid out readily and moved from one rung to another (rather like a hymn board).
2. To start the Ladder the names of those wishing to take part are drawn by lot, the first out of the hat being placed at the top, the next drawn on the second rung from the top and so on. Some spare rungs should be left at the bottom to accommodate late comers.
3. All matches are played as single games on current handicap. It is normally found unnecessary to impose time limits on matches, but with the passing of time

it must be realised that a successful challenge might not be valid at the end of a protracted match if other challenges by that time have made the gap between the two players greater than the number permitted.

4. A player may challenge the person occupying the rung immediately above him on the Ladder, or two above him, or even three above him. If the number of players on the Ladder is less than about 15 it is advisable to limit the number to two. A challenge must be accepted within ten days, otherwise the challenger is deemed to have won the challenge. After an unsuccessful challenge the defeated player may not re-challenge the same person within one week.
5. After a successful challenge the name of the winner takes the place of the defeated player on the Ladder and intermediate names, if any, are moved down. Example: Four players on the Ladder A, B, C and D in descending order. D challenges A and wins. D's name card is removed from the Ladder. C's name is placed in the space previously occupied by D. B's name is placed in the space previously occupied by C. A's name is placed in the space previously occupied by B, and finally D's name is placed in the space previously occupied by A. The revised order in the Ladder would thus be D, A, B, C in descending order.
6. A successful challenger is responsible for moving all the relevant names on the board as described above immediately after the end of the match.
7. Towards the end of the season a closing date should be fixed at least two weeks in advance (unless this

is decided at the beginning of the season) after which date the player whose name is at the top of the Ladder would be deemed the winner for the season.

8. To give some incentive it is desirable to have a challenge trophy to be awarded to the winner, held until the end of the next season.
9. A player wishing to join the competition after it has started would normally be placed at the bottom of the Ladder; hence the spare spaces.
10. At the beginning of the next season the names can either be drawn out of a hat as before, or the player finishing at the top in the previous season is placed at the bottom of the Ladder and so on, with the player finishing at the bottom in the previous season at the top at the start of the new season.
11. At the start of a new season new players can be placed at the top, in the centre or at the bottom or, of course, drawn by lot.
12. The above notes are based on experience over a number of years and should provide a basis for starting a Ladder competition. Local conditions may necessitate alterations. The number of rungs a challenger can jump, time limits for a challenge, time limits for a re-challenge, time limits for individual matches for instance may have to be amended. The main advantage of a Ladder is that a definite number of matches does not have to be completed during a season to produce a result.

R.F.Rothwell

Obituary

G. Victor Evans

The death of this player, after a long period of poor health, will be felt as a loss by his many friends in the Association of which he had been a member for many years. He had served on the Council for longer, I believe, than anyone else now living except the President, and was made a Vice-President a few years back in recognition of his long service.

Victor, as most of us knew him, was, I think, the last player of any eminence to play in what is commonly — though not in a very illuminating way — called the 'side style' i.e. in a manner suggestive of cricket or golf, with his mallet swung opposite to and not beside the body, as is rarely seen today. He was an effective player without being a really good one, and was a useful member of the Surrey team in the fifties and early sixties. Once invited to play in the Surrey Cup, on the strength of a single win he at once agitated for the authorisation of a tie for this event, as earlier he had been foremost in promoting our official flag, sometimes (though less often than one would wish) seen to be flying at some of our foremost clubs at their tournaments.

He was a man of very generous nature who on several occasions made helpful contributions to the Association, the best remembered of which are perhaps the Victor Vases competed for in the Open Doubles at Devonshire Park.

Victor, a very friendly person by nature, had an engaging habit of calling ladies whom he hardly knew by their Christian names. If he was unable to discover what these were he would seize on an initial and take a chance by calling them by some name he had invented for them. This might seem perhaps an unwelcome practice, but I have never heard of any lady being annoyed by it. Victor was too kind a person to provoke rebukes.

M.B.R.

Puzzle

One year during the President's Cup competition a hoop was broken, and with the C.A. unable to produce a replacement $3\frac{11}{16}$ " hoop the manager decided to appoint a referee as hoop-basher-in to stand permanently beside the court ready to change the wide hoop of $3\frac{3}{4}$ " with any narrow one so that the players never actually ran the wide hoop. The manager stipulated that the referee was to do the absolute minimum of hoop-changing to avoid interrupting the game, and secondly that he was to do the minimum walking necessary. At the beginning of the game the referee pondered for a couple of minutes to decide his general strategy and then placed the wide hoop somewhere in the lawn. Describe the course of that hoop according to the best strategy.

The situation described above is fictional. Replies, marked "Puzzle" in the top left-hand corner of the envelope, should be sent to the Editor of the Gazette by 31st August. All replies will be read by G.N.Aspinall, and the best answer or answers will be published in a later issue of the Gazette.

Brighter Days for Ipswich

This is a success story. Eight years ago the Ipswich Club had nine members, one irregular lawn, and a bank balance of £13 16s 0d. Today it is thriving and energetic, with over £300 in the bank. Its forty-three members are playing on their two lawns levelled for the first time this season with an optimism which would have been unimaginable ten years ago.

How did all this happen? There is an element of luck in most things, and here it took the form of two sisters, Miss Wood and Mrs Zinn, who were already members, taking over as Secretary and Treasurer. Luck held once more when, three years later, Captain Greenham became their Chairman, but it was hard work, determination and a business-like approach,

with an eye always open for publicity, that has made the Ipswich Club what it is today.

Miss Wood and Mrs Zinn lost no time in re-organising the club's affairs. They took over in October 1964 and at once made the club's existence known by advertising in the local Press and writing to several organisations, including the Youth and Adult Activities groups, the Women's Institute and the Townswomen's Guild by personal contact with one of the members. The membership fee was adjusted to £2 for all members (it is now £3), and the next season started with an already doubled membership. This brought in just enough to cover the rent of the one lawn, but there was no money over and so extra income had to be found. It came from visitors' fees, teas, competitions, tournaments and raffles. The largest single item of income is the A.G.M. which has developed into a social evening with buffet supper, to which members are encouraged to bring friends. Guests have included Aldermen and Councillors, whose support and sympathy have thus been enlisted.

In the realisation that golf croquet is the financial mainstay of the club, a proper balance has had to be ensured between the two types of croquet. Every Saturday afternoon is a social occasion when golf croquet is played. Competitions are also devised in which anyone can take part, irrespective of whether or not they have played before. A special committee ensures that attractive teas will add to the funds, and last year the profit on teas alone was over £12. Since a competition score card costs 25p, the take on these afternoons is not inconsiderable. The raffles which are held at most tournaments have brought in nearly as much as the competitions themselves. Not only is there a financial gain; it is through these friendly events, where visitors are warmly welcomed, that new members are recruited. Such was the success of these occasions that by 1967 the proposal to restrict the numbers to forty had to be seriously considered.

The Bank balance, assisted by at least one very generous donation, was rising, and by 1967 the club was able to afford the rent for both the available lawns, but there were two serious defects which spoiled the pleasure of the members. These were the poor quality of the lawns and the condition of the pavilion facilities. It is difficult to know which infuriated and embarrassed members most. They felt that as things were they could not invite other teams to play at Ipswich, and whilst the Association Croquet members had had enormous help and encouragement from the Colchester Club, how could they repay such kindness? For several years they grappled with this problem, doggedly seeking help from the Town Hall, the Sports Advisory Council and the C.C.P.R. They snatched at every opportunity for publicity. In 1969 when the Test Team went to Australia they had a window display on croquet in the town. The *Evening Star* ran a weekly series on local activities in the Ipswich community, and croquet got an excellent write-up with a photograph of their four leading players posed in white

Although so much is done for the golf croquet members, the players of Association Croquet have taught beginners and encouraged them to play in their tournaments. There is a trophy for a Novices' Event for which a beginner is eligible during his first two years. Now there are equal numbers playing Association Croquet and golf croquet, and more members are going away to tournaments at other clubs, a sure sign of improving standards. East Anglia, now well supplied with three established clubs, is becoming a stronghold of the game from which yet more clubs may be formed and much latent talent discovered.

summer clothes on what was actually a freezing winter's day. There are forty-four articles from newspapers in the club cuttings book covering the last five years. B.B.C. radio broadcast a recorded interview. Here was a unique opportunity, and the tireless Captain Greenham and Miss Wood

were outspoken about the poor lawns and terrible facilities. Such talk in public of these shameful conditions was the final shake the authorities needed, and the Council have now agreed to improve both, while the Ipswich Club will gladly contribute a suitable sum. The battle has been won, good relations are now firmly established with the Parks Superintendent and the Town Council, and there is every prospect of the club's continuing from strength to strength. The members would now be delighted for other clubs to visit them.

Budleigh Salterton May Tournament: May 1 — 6

This year the tournament attracted many more entries than for some time, and it was therefore necessary to impose a time limit of 3 hours for all Singles games. There were seven blocks with seven players in each block.

Visitors from abroad included H.S.Clemons from Tasmania who seems to arrive in England regularly with the swallows, and R.A.Carte and his sister, Mrs Aubrey, from South Africa playing croquet in England for the first time. For many of the 22 visitors it was their first tournament, and these novices made a big impression. Mrs Sebestyen, playing with Mrs Lightfoot, shared the glory of beating both pairs of last year's Doubles finalists.

In the Singles there were many fine games. Joan Warwick, who managed the tournament very competently, had the only +26 win, and that was against Bill Perry. Nevertheless Perry was the winner of Block A with 4 wins and a net score of +32, whilst Clemons was second with 4 wins and a score of +25.

In Block B there were four players with 3 wins, Dr Bucknall having the best points score. There was a long, hard tussle between him and Bill Perry for the Godfrey Turner Cup, Perry winning by 6.

For the J.K.Brown Cup there was a play-off between the winners of Blocks C, D and E. Stevens beat Mrs Rolfe and was then beaten by Schofield. Both Stevens and Schofield played very well all the week and well deserved the lower handicaps awarded to them by Gerald Cave on the final day.

For the Walters Long Handicap trophy Dr C.W.Evans (Block F) had a ding-dong match with Miss M.J.Lodge (Block G) before winning by 6.

The Doubles provided yet another opportunity for Ken Schofield to show his ability; he was ably partnered by B. Hancock, playing in his first tournament.

Because of a number of varied factors, it has been decided that no long-term reservations of places for any of the 1973 tournaments will be accepted, and entries will not be considered before 1st February 1973.

Results

AMERICAN HANDICAP SINGLES

Block Winners:

A.	B.G.Perry (-4)	4 wins and net score +32
B.	Dr W.R.Bucknall (0)	3 wins and net score +47
C.	Mrs J.N.Rolfe (1½)	4 wins and net score +58
D.	R.S.Stevens (5½)	6 wins
E.	K.S.Schofield (6)	5 wins
F.	Dr C.W.Evans (9)	6 wins
G.	Miss M.J.Lodge (14)	4 wins

PLAY-OFF FOR THE GODFREY TURNER CHALLENGE CUP

B.G.Perry (A) bt. Dr W.R.Bucknall (B) + 6

PLAY-OFF FOR THE J.K.BROWN MEMORIAL CUP
(BAGNALL-WILDE)

Semi-Final

R.S.Stevens (D) bt. Mrs J.N.Rolfe (C) + 9

Final

K.S.Schofield (E) bt. R.S.Stevens (D) + 5

PLAY-OFF FOR THE L.G.WALTERS LONG HANDICAP
CHALLENGE TROPHY

Dr C.W.Evans (F) bt. Miss M.J.Lodge (G) + 6

Handicap Doubles

Semi-Final

K.S.Schofield & B.Hancock bt. Mrs E.M.Lightfoot & Mrs P.M.Sebestyen + 1
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard & Mrs H.A.Pim bt. R.A.Carte & Mrs D.M.Aubrey + 5

Final

K.S.Schofield & B.Hancock bt. Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard & Mrs H.A.Pim + 4

The Peel Memorials: May 8 - 13

It was too much to expect the weather to be good for the fourth year running, and it was indifferent, to say the least of it. However, the Cheltenham lawns and hospitality appeared to make up for the cold and the rain.

There was a record entry for many years, 19 in the Men's event, 23 in the Women's, 20 pairs in the Doubles, 36 in the Golf Croquet Singles and 16 in the Doubles, so with a Handicap X and target Y as the supporting events it was a tremendous programme to get through. However, the tournament was completed by 8 o'clock on the Saturday night, except for the final of the Y played on the Sunday between two Cheltenham players, but only achieved through the Manager regretfully scratching two or three people in the supporting event.

The Doubles was restricted to 3½ hours throughout and the Draw and Process to 3 hours, but there were not too many games finished 'on time', and they usually involved the same players!

Of the men, the outstanding performer was G.E.P. Jackson, with a complete return to his top form; note his succession of victories to get through to win the Draw, and then the Play-Off, from an H.S. Clemons fresh from winning the Australian Championship.

In the Women's Draw Mrs Prichard and Mrs Aubrey, a promising player from South Africa, drew the eye to the Semi-Finals when they narrowly beat Mrs Meachem the holder and Mrs Lightfoot respectively. In the Final, Mrs Aubrey won convincingly by 20.

Mrs Aubrey went down to Mrs Cave by one point on time in the Process, but Mrs Prichard had a succession of very good wins to get the opportunity of a Play-off against Mrs Aubrey, and this time, after a game which swung first one way then the other, Mrs Prichard was triumphant at 8 p.m., to win the Bowl for the second time in four years.

The Doubles provided some interesting play in the earlier rounds, notably Col. Prichard steering Sir Leonard Stone to two good wins over Col. and Mrs Cave and Prof. and Mrs Weitz. However, against Mr and Mrs Tyrwhitt-Drake, who had the advantage of bisques, they went down by 6 on time. The brother and sister from South Africa R. Carte and Mrs Aubrey caught the eye as possible winners when they defeated Messrs Jackson and Scott-Page, and in fact they came through to beat the Tyrwhitt-Drakes in a very close

Final. Mrs Aubrey tells us that her prizes are the first she has won; they surely will not be the last.

The Handicap X proved a triumph for a newcomer to tournament play, R.H. Lee from Leamington, who had been coached at Cheltenham throughout the winter. He was not under-handicapped at +8, as is shown by his performance in the Draw and Process, but he improved during the week and was perhaps lucky to win the Final from G.H. Betts. Betts too had played very well during the week, but in the Final in peeling his ball through rover he sent it off the court hard by his opponent's yellow, and Lee seized the opportunity and won by +2.

G.E.P. Jackson managed the Golf Croquet with great enthusiasm, winning the Singles title himself from R.N. Bateson by 4&3, and reaching the Finals of the Doubles with Mrs G.W. Solomon where they lost by one down to Col. G.T. Wheeler and Miss Sessions.

At the prize-giving the Club Chairman commenting on the tournament wondered whether or not the Croquet should be joined with the Golf Croquet. If so large a club as Cheltenham were asked to stage the Peels again, it appearing to be an increasingly popular tournament, was it not a pity to have to close the entries in order to accommodate the Golf Croquet?

One last point concerning the calling of time. One feels that it would be a good thing if it could be specifically laid down whose responsibility it is for noting the time of commencing a time-limited game, as uncertainties do occur, with results that should be avoided. [Law 45 and Regulation 4(i) ostensibly cover this point, but there would seem to be a case for a new sublaw in Law 45 -Ed.]

Results

Event 1: Peel Memorial Silver Challenge Bowl (Men) (19 entries)

DRAW

First Round

G.Scott Page (6½) bt. R.H.Lee (8) + 2 (T)
Col. G.T.Wheeler (½) bt. Prof. B.Weitz (3) + 1
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard bt. R.Carte (3) +11
(-3)

Second Round

Revd W.E.Gladstone (-2) bt. G.H.Betts (4½) + 5
W.J.Sturdy (3) bt. H.S.Clemons (-2) +16
Sir Leonard Stone (14) bt. Capt. H.F.Nalder (2) +22
G.Scott Page (6½) bt. Col. G.T.Wheeler (½) + 9
G.E.P.Jackson (-3) bt. Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard +15
(-3)E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-2) bt. Brig. L.E.Bourke (3) +10
D.Moorcraft (0) bt. Lt-Col G.E.Cave (0) + 5
R.N.Bateson (1½) bt. Col. E.L.L.Vulliamy +11
(1½)

Third Round

W.J.Sturdy (3) bt. Revd W.E.Gladstone + 3
(-2)
G.Scott Page (6½) bt. Sir Leonard Stone (14) +4
G.E.P. Jackson (-3) bt. E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (-2) +6
D. Moorcraft (0) bt. R.N. Bateson (1½) +13

Semi-Final

W.J.Sturdy (3) bt. G.Scott Page (6½) + 4
G.E.P.Jackson (-3) bt. D.Moorcraft (0) + 6

Final

G.E.P.Jackson (-3) bt. W.J.Sturdy (3) + 6

PROCESS

First Round

D.Moorcraft (0) bt. Revd W.E.Gladstone + 3
(-2)W.J.Sturdy (3) bt. Col. E.L.L.Vulliamy + 1 (T)
(1½)
G.H.Betts (4½) bt. R.N.Bateson (1½) +26

Second Round

D.Moorcraft (0) bt. Col. G.T.Wheeler (½) +21
G.E.P.Jackson (-3) bt. Sir Leonard Stone (14) + 2
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard bt. W.J.Sturdy (3) + 2
(-3)Brig. L.E.Bourke (3) bt. R.H.Lee (8) + 3
Prof. B.Weitz (3) bt. G.H.Betts (4½) +16
Capt. H.F.Nalder (2) bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-2) +9
H.S.Clemons (-2) bt. R.Carte (3) +16
Lt-Col G.E.Cave (0) bt. G.Scott Page (6½) + 3 (T)

Third Round

D.Moorcraft (0) bt. G.E.P.Jackson (-3) +23
Brig. L.E.Bourke (3) bt. Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard + 6
(-3)
Capt. H.F.Nalder (2) bt. Prof. B.Weitz (3) + 6
H.S.Clemons (-2) bt. Lt-Col G.E.Cave (0) +15

Semi-Final

Brig. L.E.Bourke (3) bt. D.Moorcraft (0) +16
H.S.Clemons (-2) bt. Capt. H.F.Nalder (2) + 5

Final

H.S.Clemons (-2) bt. Brig. L.E.Bourke (3) +16

PLAY-OFF

G.E.P.Jackson (-3) bt. H.S.Clemons (-2) +18

Event 2: Peel Memorial Silver Challenge Bowl (Women) (23 entries)

DRAW

First Round

Mrs J.Povey (4) bt. Mrs B.Weitz (5½) + 6
Miss R.M.Allen (2) bt. Miss J.K.Samuel (7) +10
Mrs J.B.Meachem (0) bt. Mrs D.Moorcraft (11) + 2
Mrs D.M.C.Prichard (-1) bt. Miss D.A.Lintern (4) +15
Mrs C.Bagnall (4½) bt. Mrs F.A.Sheil (8) +13
Miss I.M.Roe (3½) bt. Miss E.M.Brumpston (4) + 3
Mrs D.M.Aubrey (3) bt. Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake +11
(16)

Second Round

Mrs G.E.Cave (4) bt. Mrs G.W.Solomon (2) + 7
Miss E.H.Arkell (3) bt. Mrs H.F.Nalder (5½) + 8
Miss R.M.Allen (2) bt. Mrs J.Povey (4) +17
Mrs D.M.C.Prichard (-1) bt. Mrs J.B.Meachem (0) + 6
Mrs C.Bagnall (4½) bt. Miss I.M.Roe (3½) +13
Mrs D.M.Aubrey (3) bt. Mrs E.M.Lightfoot (0) + 9
Miss K.M.O.Sessions (-3) w.o. Mrs E.E.Bressey (4) opp. scr.
Miss W.K.Allardyce (8) bt. Miss E.C.Brumpston (3) + 5

Third Round

Miss E.H.Arkell (3) bt. Mrs G.E.Cave (4) + 8
Mrs D.M.C.Prichard (-1) bt. Miss R.M.Allen (2) +18
Mrs D.M.Aubrey (3) bt. Mrs C.Bagnall (4½) + 9
Miss K.M.O.Sessions (-3) bt. Miss W.K.Allardyce (8) + 2

Semi-Final

Mrs D.M.C.Prichard (-1) bt. Miss E.H.Arkell (3) + 3
Mrs D.M.Aubrey (3) bt. Miss K.M.O.Sessions +22
(-3)

Final

Mrs D.M.Aubrey (3) bt. Mrs D.M.C.Prichard +20
(-1)

PROCESS

First Round

Mrs G.E.Cave (4) bt. Mrs D.M.Aubrey (3) + 1 (T)

Mrs J.Povey (4) w.o. Mrs E.E.Bressey (4) opp. scr.
Mrs E.M.Lightfoot (0) bt. Miss E.H.Arkell (3) + 7
Miss E.C.Brumpston (3) bt. Miss R.M.Allen (2) + 9
Mrs G.W.Solomon (2) bt. Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake +9
(16)
Mrs B.Weitz (5½) bt. Miss W.K.Allardyce (8) + 4
Miss K.M.O.Sessions (-3) bt. Mrs H.F.Nalder (5½) +14

Second Round

Mrs D.Moorcraft (11) bt. Mrs G.E.Cave (4) + 7 (T)
Mrs J.Povey (4) bt. Mrs C.Bagnall (4½) +15
Mrs D.M.C.Prichard (-1) bt. Mrs E.M.Lightfoot (0) + 9
Miss I.M.Roe (3½) bt. Miss E.C.Brumpston (3) + 6
Mrs G.W.Solomon (2) bt. Mrs J.B.Meachem (0) +13
Mrs F.A.Sheil (8) bt. Mrs B.Weitz (5½) +18
Miss K.M.O.Sessions (-3) bt. Miss D.A.Lintern (4) +16
Miss J.K.Samuel (7) bt. Miss E.M.Brumpston (4) + 3 (T)

Third Round

Mrs J.Povey (4) bt. Mrs D.Moorcraft (11) + 9
Mrs D.M.C.Prichard (-1) bt. Miss I.M.Roe (3½) + 5
Mrs F.A.Sheil (8) bt. Mrs G.W.Solomon (2) + 1 (T)
Miss J.K.Samuel (7) bt. Miss K.M.O.Sessions + 1 (T)
(-3)

Semi-Final

Mrs D.M.C.Prichard (-1) bt. Mrs J.Povey (4) +13
Mrs F.A.Sheil (8) bt. Miss J.K.Samuel (7) +15

Final

Mrs D.M.C.Prichard (-1) bt. Mrs F.A.Sheil (8) +13

PLAY-OFF

Mrs D.M.C.Prichard (-1) bt. Mrs D.M.Aubrey (3) + 5

Event 3: The Lady Murray Memorial Silver Challenge Cups
(20 entries)

First Round

Miss K.M.O.Sessions & Mrs F.A.Sheil (4) bt. Capt. & Mrs H.F.Nalder (7½) + 5 (T)
Brig. L.E.Bourke & Miss E.H.Arkell (6) bt. Mrs G.W.Solomon & Miss J.R.Samuel (9) +16
Prof. & Mrs B.Weitz (8½) bt. Mrs E.M.Lightfoot & Miss W.K.Allardyce (8) +11
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard & Sir Leonard Stone (9) bt. Lt-Col & Mrs G.E.Cave (4) +14

Second Round

R.Carte & Mrs D.M.Aubrey (6) bt. W.J.Study & Mrs C. Bagnall (7½) +21
G.E.P.Jackson & G.Scott-Page (3½) bt. Mrs J.B.Meachem & Miss D.A.Lintern (4) + 4
Mrs D.M.C.Prichard & Miss E.C.Brumpston (2) bt. Col. & Mrs G.T.Wheeler (12½) +10
Miss Sessions & Mrs Sheil bt. Brig. Bourke & Miss Arkell + 7

Lt-Col Prichard & Sir Leonard Stone bt. Prof. & Mrs Weitz +15

Mr & Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (12) bt. Mr & Mrs D. Moorcraft (9) + 4 (T)
H.S.Clemons & Mrs J.Povey (2) bt. Col. E.L.L.Vulliamy & G.H.Betts (6) + 3
R.N.Bateson & L.G.Ayliffe (6½) bt. Revd W.E. Gladstone & R.H.Lee (6) + 8 (T)

Third Round

Carte & Mrs Aubrey bt. Jackson & Scott Page +13
Miss Sessions & Mrs Sheil bt. Mrs Prichard & Miss E.C. Brumpston + 5(T)
Mr & Mrs Tyrwhitt-Drake bt. Lt-Col Prichard & Sir Leonard Stone + 6 (T)
Bateson & Ayliffe bt. Clemons & Mrs Povey + 8

Semi-Final

Carte & Mrs Aubrey bt. Miss Sessions & Mrs Sheil +22
Mr & Mrs Tyrwhitt-Drake bt. Bateson & Ayliffe + 7

Final

Carte & Mrs Aubrey bt. Mr & Mrs Tyrwhitt-Drake + 3

Event 4a: 'X' Open Handicap Singles (42 entries)*First Round*

Miss R.M.Allen (2)	bt. Miss E.M.Brumpston (4) +18
Sir Leonard Stone (14)	w.o. G.Scott Page (6½) opp. scr.
R.H.Lee (8)	bt. Miss D.A.Lintern (4) +16
Mrs D.M.Aubrey (3)	bt. Revd W.E.Gladstone +11
	(-2)
Miss W.K.Allardyce (8)	bt. Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake +12
	(16)
Mrs J.Povey (4)	bt. Mrs G.E.Cave (4) + 8
G.H.Betts (4½)	bt. Col. G.T.Wheeler (½) + 3
D.Moorcraft (0)	w.o. Mrs F.A.Sheil (8) opp. scr.
G.E.P.Jackson (-3)	w.o. Mrs E.E.Bressey (4) opp. scr.
H.S.Clemons (-2)	bt. Mrs D.Moorcraft (11) +13

Second Round

Miss E.C.Brumpston (3)	bt. Prof. B.Weitz (3) + 3
Mrs H.F.Nalder (5½)	bt. Mrs G.W.Solomon (2) + 8
Mrs E.M.Lightfoot (0)	bt. Miss K.M.O.Sessions +16
	(-3)
Capt. H.F.Nalder (2)	bt. Miss E.H.Arkell (3) + 3
R.N.Bateson (1½)	bt. W.J.Sturdy (3) + 6
Miss R.M.Allen (2)	w.o. Sir Leonard Stone (14) opp. scr.
R.H.Lee (8)	bt. Mrs D.M.Aubrey (3) + 1
Miss W.K.Allardyce (8)	bt. Mrs J.Povey (4) +16
G.H.Betts (4½)	bt. D.Moorcraft (0) + 6
H.S.Clemons (-2)	bt. G.E.P.Jackson (-3) + 2
Brig. L.E.Bourke (3)	bt. Lt-Col G.E.Cave (0) +19
Mrs B.Weitz (5½)	bt. Mrs D.M.C.Prichard + 2
	(-1)
Col. E.L.L.Vulliamy (1½)	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-2) +4
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard (-3)	w.o. Mrs J.B.Meachem (0) opp. scr.
Mrs C.Bagnall (4½)	bt. R.Carte (3) +17
Miss I.M.Roe (3½)	bt. Miss J.K.Samuel (7) +21

Third Round

Miss E.C.Brumpston (3)	bt. Mrs H.F.Nalder (5½) +12
Mrs E.M.Lightfoot (0)	bt. Capt. H.F.Nalder (2) + 7
R.N.Bateson (1½)	bt. Miss R.M.Allen (2) +26
R.H.Lee (8)	bt. Miss W.K.Allardyce (8) +14
G.H.Betts (4½)	bt. H.S.Clemons (-2) +22
Mrs B.Weitz (5½)	bt. Brig. L.E.Bourke (3) +14
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard (-3)	bt. Col. E.L.L.Vulliamy (1½) +8
Miss I.M.Roe (3½)	bt. Mrs C.Bagnall (4½) +14

Fourth Round

Mrs E.M.Lightfoot (0)	bt. Miss E.C.Brumpston (3) + 6
R.H.Lee (8)	bt. R.N.Bateson (1½) +17
G.H.Betts (4½)	bt. Mrs B.Weitz (5½) +10
Miss I.M.Roe (3½)	bt. Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard +22
	(-3)

Semi-Final

R.H.Lee (8)	bt. Mrs E.M.Lightfoot (0) + 8
G.H.Betts (4½)	bt. Miss I.M.Roe (3½) +16

Final

R.H.Lee (8)	bt. G.H.Betts (4½) + 2
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Event 4b: 'Y' Open Handicap Singles*Final*

D.Moorcraft (0)	bt. W.J.Sturdy (3) + 5
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Event 5a: The Ascot Challenge Cup (Golf Croquet Singles)*Final*

G.E.P.Jackson	bt. R.N.Bateson	4 & 3
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Event 5b: The Delves Broughton Challenge Cup (Golf Croquet Doubles)*Final*

Col. G.T.Wheeler & Miss K.M.O.Sessions	bt. G.E.P. Jackson & Mrs G.W.Solomon	1 up
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Southwick May Tournament: May 15 - 20

The outstanding feature of this tournament was the lawns. Saddened but not daunted by the loss of Adams a group of volunteers have been working hard to help the part-time groundsmen restore and prepare the courts. The wet spring has had a silver lining in that they did not suffer a set-back from drought, and the result was a green, level and excellent playing surface conducive to good croquet.

Cox has benefited from his return to the ranks of the quick - he was once regrettably impressed by the solemn stillness of one of our Master players. He won nine singles and four Doubles in less time than some who only played the minimum of seven games.

Carte and Mrs Aubrey had yet another success in Doubles. They never consult on the court or interfere in any way while the other is playing - "We have such different ideas, we would never agree", explained Mrs Aubrey. If this is the secret of their success imitators will be garlanded.

Other laurels were earned by: Sheppard for winning his block yet again and at over 80 having his handicap reduced to scratch; the play of another octogenarian Driscoll with long bisquer Millie in reaching the 'Y' Doubles final; Professor Ross for winning four out of five games so speedily in the Swiss Draw Extra (only understood by the Manager); Miss Cooke for a leap forward in the quality of her play - the next step must be to speed up all processes; the pose for her roll shot, the execution of which is above reproach, is reminiscent of the Discus-thrower. A special laurel goes to the Club for its lively participation in tournaments - but oh for a few referees!

Results**AMERICAN HANDICAP SINGLES***Block Winners*

A.	N.W.T.Cox
B.	R.A.Carte
C.	H.A.Sheppard
D.	Prof. A.S.C.Ross
E.	W.J.Baverstock
F.	Miss L.M.Cooke

Quarter Finals

N.W.T.Cox	bt. Prof. A.S.C.Ross	+ 4
W.J.Baverstock	bt. Miss L.M.Cooke	+ 1
N.W.T.Cox	bt. R.A.Carte	+18
W.J.Baverstock	bt. H.A.Sheppard	+14

PLAY-OFF

N.W.T.Cox	bt. W.J.Baverstock	+16
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This photograph shows the late Tom Grey, formerly Head Groundsman at Hurlingham, outside the Hurlingham Club. Also shown (in the background) are Major J.M. Rivington, Chairman of Hurlingham, Christopher Reynolds, Secretary of Hurlingham and "Wally", the Hall Porter.



The new Colchester clubhouse, with the old clubhouse in the background. J.H.M.Cockayne took the photograph.



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Disraeli temporarily interrupts a game of croquet to hold forth on a current political issue at Lady Londonderry's garden party.



In this photograph Jack Prosser, Director of Public Relations, Carreras, is presenting eight audio visual sets to S.S. Townsend, Chairman of the Croquet Association, for use in the Development Scheme. The following appear in the photograph (in order from left to right): Vandeleur Robinson, Secretary of the C.A., Mrs B.G.Neal, Mrs J.B.Meachem, Jack Prosser, Dr R.W.Bray, Professor B.G.Neal, S.S.Townsend, Chairman of the C.A. and M.B.Reckitt, President of the C.A. (Professor B.G.Neal is now Chairman of the C.A.)



Four leading Ipswich players (in order from left to right):
The late Captain A.W.R.H.Greenham, Miss E.I.Wood, C.R.Palmer and Mrs A.Zinn;



The Ipswich croquet lawns, Lower Arboretum, Christchurch Park, Ipswich.

Handicap Doubles 'X' (19 Pairs)

Semi-Final

R.A.Carte & Mrs D.M.Aubrey bt. W.J.Baverstock & Mrs A.S.C.Ross + 7
H.S.Clemons & Mrs B.G.Neal bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey & Mrs M.Speer + 9

Final

R.A.Carte & Mrs D.M.Aubrey bt. H.S.Clemons & Mrs B.G.Neal +11

Handicap Doubles 'Y' (9 Pairs)

Semi-Final

Major R.Discoll & W.J.Millie bt. Cdr G.Borrett & Mrs W. Naylor +16
Mr & Mrs N.W.T.Cox bt. H.A.Sheppard & Miss G.V.Pirie + 8

Final

Mr & Mrs N.W.T.Cox bt. Major R.Discoll & W.J.Millie +11

Inter-County Championship: May 23 - 26

There were six teams competing in "The Counties" this year, just as there were last year. The general standard of play was rather low even for "The Counties", but the miserable weather probably contributed to this. Only Apsinall and Wylie produced some really good form, but even they sometimes failed to complete the peg-out in the same turn as they completed the triple. Apsinall completed a triple in each of his five games except in one where he completed a quadruple instead. Wylie was only available for one day, but he left his mark on the competition. He and Harry Green were playing Cotter and Jocelyn Sundius-Smith. Wylie triple-peeled and pegged out Jocelyn Sundius-Smith, though this manoeuvre was not completed in a single turn; Harry Green was then on the third hoop and Cotter at about the same stage. After this game lasted nearly an hour. Cotter hit in three times, and got as far as Penult before exhaustion set in. To the casual observer Wylie's tactics must have resembled "The night we went to Bannockburn by way of Beachy Head". It was a truly remarkable exhibition of the working out of different tactical theories of the three-ball game, and an exhibition which was evidently more intriguing to spectators than enjoyable to the contestants. Harry Green kept his head and did what he had to do, and he and Wylie eventually won by three.

Until the Thursday afternoon Midlands had failed to win a single game, though they always looked stronger than the results seemed to show; against Middlesex alone they really showed their undoubted ability. Eastern Counties, led by Bryan Lloyd-Pratt, varied their team more than any other side. With Peter Hallett, Keith Wylie and Rupert Thorp they perhaps might have done better, but somehow they failed to find any inspiration against Surrey and Middlesex.

Surrey and Middlesex always looked the stronger teams, and so it proved. Up to the Friday both teams had won all their matches, but then Middlesex sustained a remarkable loss to Midlands. In the afternoon Middlesex met Surrey with everything at stake. Middlesex won the first two games, and that left each team with four games and nine wins, so all depended on the third game, which was eventually won by Hamilton-Miller and Havery for Surrey by 12 on time. If a team wishes to win "The Counties" they do well to manage a 3-0 win in the early stages of the competition; this made all the difference to Surrey, whose victory was really by a very narrow margin.

Analysis of Play

Surrey won 4 matches and 10 games: they beat Sussex 2-1, Midlands 3-0, Devon 2-1, Eastern Counties 2-1 and lost to Middlesex 1-2.

Middlesex won 4 matches and 9 games: they beat Devon 2-1, Eastern Counties 2-1, Sussex 2-1, Surrey 2-1 and lost to Midlands 1-2.

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

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

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

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

Ryde: May 29 - June 3

Results

Event 1: Isle of Wight Championship (3 Entries)

DRAW

Semi-Final

B.Lloyd-Pratt bt. G.Birch +9 -9 +16

Final

B.Lloyd-Pratt bt. E.H.Shelton +15 + 2

PROCESS

Semi-Final

B.Lloyd-Pratt bt. E.H.Shelton + 4

Final

B.Lloyd-Pratt bt. G.Birch +16 +24

Event 2: 'B' Level Singles (6 Entries)

First Round

H.G.T.Bolton bt. Miss M.Bryan +17
M.J.Evans bt. G.Henshaw +20

Semi-Final

A.J.Bucknell bt. H.G.T.Bolton + 9
M.J.Evans bt. Mrs E.E.Bressey +20

Final

M.J.Evans bt. A.J.Bucknell +19

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

First Round

Mrs H.G.T.Bolton (14) bt. Mrs P.West (12) +14
Mrs E.Dell (9*) bt. Mrs H.A.Pim (12) +10
C.G.Pountney (10) bt. Mrs A.J.Bucknell (10) +15
Mrs P.H.Mann (8) bt. S.Boddington (13) + 6
Miss L.M.Cooke (8) w.o. Mrs F.Mew (11) opp. retd.

Second Round

Dr H.A.Pim (8) bt. Mrs K.A.Lowein (11) + 2
Mrs H.G.T.Bolton (14) bt. Mrs E.Dell (9*) +10
C.G.Pountney (10) w.o. Mrs P.H.Mann (8) opp. scr.

P.H.Mann (7½)	bt. Miss L.M.Cooke (8)	+ 8
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Dr H.A.Pim (8)	bt. Mrs H.G.T.Bolton (14)	+18
C.G.Pountney (10)	bt. P.H.Mann (7½)	+16
<i>Final</i>		
C.G.Pountney (10)	bt. Dr H.A.Pim (8)	+19
Event 4a: 'X' Handicap Singles (23 Entries)		
<i>First Round</i>		
B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3)	bt. Mrs A.J.Bucknell (10)	+16
G.Birch (-1½)	bt. M.J.Evans (3½)	+ 3
Mrs E.Dell (9*)	bt. C.G.Pountney (10)	+ 3
H.G.T. Bolton (6)	bt. P.H.Mann (7½)	+24
Dr H.A.Pim (8)	bt. Miss E.I.Wood (12)	+11
Mrs F.Mew (11)	bt. Mrs P.H.Mann (8)	+ 2
Mrs H.A.Pim (12)	bt. Mrs P.West (12)	+ 6
<i>Second Round</i>		
G.Henshaw (4½)	bt. Miss M.Bryan (6)	+16
Mrs A.Zinn (9)	bt. A.J.Bucknell (2½)	+14
G.Birch (-1½)	bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3)	+ 3
H.G.T.Bolton (6)	bt. Mrs E.Dell (9*)	+21
Dr H.A.Pim (8)	bt. Mrs F.Mew (11)	+ 6
Mrs H.A.Pim (12)	bt. Mrs K.A.Lowein (11)	+10
Mrs E.E.Bressey (4)	bt. S.Boddington (13)	+ 8
E.H.Shelton (-1)	bt. Miss L.M.Cooke (8)	+12
<i>Third Round</i>		
G.Henshaw (4½)	bt. Mrs A.Zinn (9)	+ 9
H.G.T. Bolton (6)	bt. G.Birch (-1½)	+ 9
Dr H.A.Pim (8)	bt. Mrs H.A.Pim (12)	+10
E.H.Shelton (-1)	bt. Mrs E.E.Bressey (4)	+18
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
H.G.T.Bolton (6)	bt. G.Henshaw (4½)	+19
E.H.Shelton (-1)	bt. Dr H.A.Pim (8)	+15
<i>Final</i>		
H.G.T.Bolton (6)	bt. E.H.Shelton (-1)	+ 9
Event 4b: 'Y' Handicap Singles (12 Entries)		
<i>Final</i>		
M.J.Evans (3½)	bt. Miss L.M.Cooke (8)	+ 7
Event 5: Handicap Doubles (12 Pairs)		
<i>First Round</i>		
C.G.Pountney & S.Boddington	bt. Miss M.Bryan & Mrs E.Dell	+15
G.Birch & Mrs E.E.Bressey	bt. E.H.Shelton & Miss L.M.Cooke	+ 3
B.Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs F.Mew	bt. Dr H.A.Pim & Mrs P.H.Mann	+ 7
P.H.Mann & Mrs H.A.Pim	bt. M.J.Evans & Mrs P.West	+15
<i>Second Round</i>		
A.J.Bucknell & Mrs K.A.Lowein	bt. Mrs A.Zinn & Miss E.I.Wood	+ 4 (T)
G.Birch & Mrs E.E.Bressey	bt. C.G.Pountney & S.Boddington	+ 3 (T)
B.Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs F.Mew	bt. P.H.Mann & Mrs H.A.Pim	+12
Mr & Mrs H.G.T.Bolton	bt. G.Henshaw & Mrs A.J.Bucknell	+ 8
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Birch & Mrs Bressey	bt. Bucknell & Mrs Lowein	+ 7
Mr & Mrs Bolton	bt. Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs Mew	+ 2
<i>Final</i>		
Mr & Mrs Bolton	bt. Birch & Mrs Bressey	+ 3 (T)

Carrickmines: June 3 - 10

In weather more suited to amphibians the tiny but resolute band who had entered for the Championships of Co. Dublin at Carrickmines struggled through the week to complete an enjoyable, if drenching, tournament. It is to be hoped that the present unfortunate state of tension in Northern Ireland had nothing to do with the paucity of overseas visitors to this normally popular tournament. Indeed the only raised voice heard all the week was that of the Manager Lady FitzGerald imploring the players to brave the Arctic conditions and go out and play their matches. All praise must be given to the brother and sister team of Dorothy Aubrey and Richard Carte from South Africa who coped so cheerfully and effectively with a climate so alien to their own without a murmur of complaint - just the odd wry smile. Mrs Aubrey, in fact, coped so well that she scooped the Championship and the handicap singles with an ease which left some of the home players somewhat red-faced. She played a rock-steady game all the week, never flashy or flamboyant, and her consistency was unnerving to her opponents. Her brother too played well, but with less success, and both were extremely pleasant companions for the week.

Of the home players, only two people raised their game above their normal standards. These were Madame O'Morchoe and Charles Gamble, both relative newcomers to the game. Madame O'Morchoe won the Duff Matthews Cup, which is a great fillip to any aspiring player, and she also won the doubles with her sister Frances Joly. Charles Gamble will be a real force to reckon with in the near future. He plays with a tremendous verve and confidence, and he has been called the Jackie Stewart of the croquet lawns - such is the speed with which he disposes of his opponents.

David O'Connor was sadly missed with his cheerfulness and irrepressible enthusiasm. However, he intends to throw off the shackles of work and grace the lawns with his presence for the August tournament, when it is hoped we can welcome many English visitors.

Results**Event 1: Championship of Co. Dublin (11 Entries)****DRAW***First Round*

R.J.Leonard	bt. Miss F. Joly	+10
Mrs D.M.Aubrey	bt. A.D.Craig	+15
R.Carte	bt. M.B.McWeeney	+ 3

Second Round

Mrs H.M.Read	bt. Miss G.Hopkins	+ 4
Mrs D.M.Aubrey	bt. R.J.Leonard	+10
R.Carte	bt. R.E.Steen	+25
Lady FitzGerald	bt. F.Regan	+ 7

Semi-Final

Mrs H.M.Read	bt. Mrs D.M.Aubrey	+ 2
R.Carte	bt. Lady FitzGerald	+21

Final

R.Carte	bt. Mrs H.M.Read	+14
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PROCESS*First Round*

Mrs H.M.Read	bt. F.Regan	+18
Mrs D.M.Aubrey	bt. M.B.McWeeney	+24

Miss F.Joly	bt. R.Carte	+13
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Second Round

A.D.Craig	bt. Lady FitzGerald	+20
Mrs D.M.Aubrey	bt. Mrs H.M.Read	+13
Miss F.Joly	bt. Miss G.Hopkins	+22
R.J.Leonard	bt. R.E.Steen	+24

Semi-Final

Mrs D.M.Aubrey	bt. A.D.Craig	+13
R.J.Leonard	bt. Miss F.Joly	+ 7

Final

Mrs D.M.Aubrey	bt. R.J.Leonard	+11
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PLAY-OFF

Mrs D.M.Aubrey	bt. R.Carte	+11
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Event 2: Duff Matthews Cup (4 entries)*First Round*

Mrs F.Regan (5)	bt. Mrs N.Figgis (4)	+21
Madame O'Morchoe (10)	bt. B.O'Connor (7)	+18

Final

Madame O'Morchoe (10)	bt. Mrs F.Regan (5)	+ 4
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Event 3: Boxwell Cup (15 entries)*First Round*

C.A.Gamble (8)	bt. Mrs N.Figgis (4)	+25
M.B.McWeeney (2)	bt. Madame O'Morchoe (10)+4	+13
Mrs D.M.Aubrey (2)	bt. Mrs H.M.Read (½)	+16
R.J.Leonard (-½)	bt. R.E.Steen (3)	+ 3
Mrs F.Regan (5)	bt. A.D.Craig (3)	+15
Lady FitzGerald (1½)	bt. F.Regan (2½)	+20
Miss F.Joly (0)	bt. Miss G.Hopkins (3½)	+20

Second Round

C.A.Gamble (8)	bt. R.Carte (2½)	+22
Mrs D.M.Aubrey (2)	bt. M.B.McWeeney (2)	+22
R.J.Leonard (-½)	bt. Mrs F.Regan (5)	+ 2
Miss F.Joly (0)	bt. Lady FitzGerald (1½)	+20

Semi-Final

Mrs D.M.Aubrey (2)	bt. C.A.Gamble (8)	+ 7
Miss F.Joly (0)	bt. R.J.Leonard (-½)	+ 6

Final

Mrs D.M.Aubrey (2)	bt. Miss F.Joly (0)	+26
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Event 4: Coronation Cups (8 Pairs)*First Round*

Miss F.Joly & Madame O'Morchoe	bt. Lady FitzGerald & T.V.Murphy	+19
R.J.Leonard & B.O'Connor	bt. Miss G.Hopkins & Mrs N.Figgis	+ 3
Mr & Mrs F.Regan	bt. A.D.Craig & C.A.Gamble	+ 5
Mrs D.M.Aubrey & R.A.Carte	bt. Mrs H.M.Read & R.L.Hannon	+ 3

Semi-Final

Miss Joly & Madame O'Morchoe	bt. Leonard & B.O'Connor	+22
Mrs Aubrey & Carte	bt. Mrs & Mrs Regan	+16

Final

Miss Joly & Madame O'Morchoe	bt. Mrs Aubrey & Carte	+ 5
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Compton Tournament: June 5 - 10

Who would not be at Compton in June when the swallows fly ball-high there over the bluish grass of Court 3? Where small boys play cricket alongside - all arriving at the run - outpaced by their motor bike mounted master, the bike resplendent with orange mudguards and laden with stumps and pads and bats. Where countless devoted helpers give up their croquet and their time to succour us, and so successfully that starvation is the order for the ensuing week.

And they play croquet there too: lots of it, though towards the end of the week some players may not have relished being hounded out into the wind and rain by the temporary substitute manager to play in the unfinished Compton Plate.

Almost every final produced a dramatic or exciting finish, showing how well the contestants were matched. In the C's Middleton for Rover and Peg put out one of Everest's balls when Everest was also for the Peg and paid the penalty. In the A's Jackson, still at 6 and 4 back, hit in when Clemons was both for the Peg, but Clemons got his own back in the play-off.

As usual, the doubles caused the greatest fun, especially for the spectators. In an early round Lloyd-Pratt, having a fine up and coming partner who had got to 3 back, found himself with 4 (of her) bisques and so proceeded to do, or at least to try, a quadruple peel. The first peel was simple as they were laid up there. Bisque 1 went in getting the enemy balls into play; Bisques 2 and 3 in positioning and repositioning for 3 and 4 back (several hearts in mouths). Then all went well till there was a short approach to 3 back, when the last bisque was wisely taken and the job done.

The Doubles Final was an outstanding match. Tucker and Pountney had done so well that they were for 4 back and Peg respectively, while the enemy were still both for hoop 1. Wood hits, goes round and pegs out Pountney. Tucker, by various means, gets to Rover and is then despatched to the 3rd corner, the enemy laying up by the first hoop. What does Tucker do? Why, run the Rover from the 3rd corner.

From among the distinguished and skilful company, which included the C.A. Poet-President, special mention should be made of several people. Clemons for getting to the final of both Draw and Process. Nosworthy and Pountney for their potential, their smooth swings and their thoughtful play. Tyrwhitt-Drake and Tucker for their prowess in handicap play: neither can know what it is not to be fully employed on Friday and Saturday. Rothwell for his good-natured management, and D.A.Harris for doing everything else: the veritable opposite of Pooh-Bah, much action - no trumpets.

Results**Event 1: Open Singles (13 Entries)****DRAW***First Round*

Dr W.R.D.Wiggins	bt. Mrs E.Rotherham	+18
H.S.Clemons	bt. D.A.Harris	+ 7
R.F.Rothwell	bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden	+13
G.E.P.Jackson	bt. E.J.Tucker	+19
Mrs G.F.H.Elvey	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake	+ 1

Second Round

Dr W.R.D.Wiggins	bt. W.H.Austin	+22
H.S.Clemons	bt. R.F.Rothwell	+ 4
G.E.P.Jackson	bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey	+19
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. R.Wood	+13

<i>Semi-Final</i>			<i>Final</i>		
H.S.Clemons	bt. Dr W.R.D.Wiggins	+ 5	R.L.Everest (8)	bt. L.Middleton (7)	+ 2
G.E.P.Jackson	bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt	+ 7	Event 4: Open Handicap Singles (36 Entries)		
<i>Final</i>			<i>First Round</i>		
G.E.P.Jackson	bt. H.S.Clemons	+ 2	E.J.Tucker (0)	bt. Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake +11 (16)	
PROCESS			G.E.P.Jackson (-3)	bt. Miss M.Bryan (6)	+17
<i>First Round</i>			E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-2)	bt. L.Middleton (7)	+ 7
W.H.Austin	w.o. E.J.Tucker	opp. retd.	C.Edwards (4)	bt. Mrs A.Millns (13)	+19
H.S.Clemons	bt. R.Wood	+ 4	<i>Second Round</i>		
Mrs E.Rotherham	bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey	+ 8 (T)	Dr M.D.Nosworthy (9)	bt. E.A.Roper (0)	+19
E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake	bt. Dr W.R.D.Wiggins	+ 7	R.L.Everest (8)	bt. Captain M.F.Buller (2)	+14
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. D.A.Harris	+13	R.Wood (½)	bt. G.Scott Page (6½)	+16
<i>Second Round</i>			Mrs H.F.Chittenden (½)	w.o. M.B.Reckitt (7)	opp. retd.
H.S.Clemons	bt. W.H.Austin	+24	H.S.Clemons (-2)	bt. N.V.Snell (6)	+15
R.F.Rothwell	bt. Mrs E.Rotherham	+10	B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3)	bt. Mrs D.G.Waterhouse (11)	+20
E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake	bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden	+ 7	R.F.Rothwell (-½)	bt. D.A.Harris (-1½)	+ 2
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. G.E.P.Jackson	+14	E.J.Tucker (0)	bt. G.E.P.Jackson (-3)	+11
<i>Semi-Final</i>			E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-2)	bt. C.Edwards (4)	+22
H.S.Clemons	bt. R.F.Rothwell	+14	Mrs E.Rotherham (-2)	bt. Revd G.W.M.Hare (6)	+20
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake	+14	C.G.Pountney (9)	bt. Mrs E.M.Temple (2)	+24
<i>Final</i>			W.H.Austin (0)	bt. Mrs C.W.Haworth (13)	+19
H.S.Clemons	bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt	+ 8	Mrs H.A.Hall (4)	bt. H.C.Green (1)	+ 5
PLAY-OFF			Lady Ursula Abbey (3)	bt. Miss E.G.Clarke-Lens (7) +8 (T)	
H.S.Clemons	bt. G.E.P.Jackson	+ 8	Miss H.D.Parker (3½)	bt. C.W.Haworth (3½)	+ 6 (T)
Event 2: 'B' Level Singles (8 Entries)			Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (-½)	bt. Mrs W.A.Naylor (5)	+12
<i>First Round</i>			<i>Third Round</i>		
H.C.Green	bt. Mrs H.A.Hall	+ 6	Dr M.D.Nosworthy (9)	bt. R.L.Everest (8)	+ 5
C.Edwards	bt. C.W.Haworth	+ 9	R.Wood (½)	bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden (½)	+13
Lady Ursula Abbey	bt. Mrs E.M.Temple	+17	B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3)	bt. H.S.Clemons (-2)	+ 8
Captain M.F.Buller	bt. Miss H.D.Parker	+15	E.J.Tucker (0)	bt. R.F.Rothwell (-½)	+ 8
<i>Semi-Final</i>			E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-2)	bt. Mrs E.Rotherham (-2)	+19
H.C.Green	bt. C.Edwards	+ 6	C.G.Pountney (9)	bt. W.H.Austin (0)	+18
Captain M.F.Buller	bt. Lady Ursula Abbey	+ 8	Lady Ursula Abbey (3)	bt. Mrs H.A.Hall (4)	+10
<i>Final</i>			Miss H.D.Parker (3½)	bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (-½)	+22
H.C.Green	bt. Captain M.F.Buller	+17	<i>Fourth Round</i>		
Event 3: 'C' Handicap Singles (18 Entries)			Dr M.D.Nosworthy (9)	bt. R.Wood (½)	+13
<i>First Round</i>			E.J.Tucker (0)	bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3)	+20
Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (16)	bt. Mrs D.G.Waterhouse + 1 (T) (11)		E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-2)	bt. C.G.Pountney (9)	+ 2
Mrs E.J.Tucker (16)	bt. Mrs W.A.Naylor (5)	+ 1 (T)	Miss H.D.Parker (3)	w.o. Lady Ursula Abeey (3)	opp. retd.
<i>Second Round</i>			<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Dr M.D.Nosworthy (9)	bt. Mrs R.W.Jefferson (14)	+23	Dr M.D.Nosworthy (9)	bt. E.J.Tucker (0)	+12
C.G.Pountney (9)	bt. N.V.Snell (6)	+11	E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-2)	bt. Miss H.D.Parker (3½)	+15
R.L.Everest (8)	bt. M.B.Reckitt (7)	+ 4	<i>Final</i>		
Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (16)	bt. Mrs E.J.Tucker (16)	+10 (T)	E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (-2)	bt. Dr M.D.Nosworthy (9)	+ 9
L.Middleton (7)	bt. Mrs M.Appleton (15)	+17	Event 5: Handicap Doubles (17 Pairs)		
G.Scott Page (6½)	bt. Revd G.W.M.Hare (6)	+ 6 (T)	<i>First Round</i>		
Miss E.G.Clarke-Lens (7)	bt. Mrs A.Millns (13)	+14	D.A.Harris & Mrs E.J.Tucker	bt. H.C.Green & Mrs A. Millns	+ 8
R.W.Jefferson (10)	bt. Miss M.Bryan (6)	+19	<i>Second Round</i>		
<i>Third Round</i>			Mrs H.F.Chittenden & Mrs G.F.H.Elvey	bt. Captain M.F. Buller & Lady Ursula Abbey	+ 3 (T)
Dr M.D.Nosworthy (9)	bt. C.G.Pountney (9)	+ 6 (T)	R.Wood & R.W.Jefferson	bt. Miss H.D.Parker & W.H.Austin	+ 8 (T)
R.L.Everest (8)	bt. Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake +6 (T) (16)		B.Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake	bt. C.W.Haworth & E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake	+11
L.Middleton (7)	bt. G.Scott Page (6½)	+ 2	D.A.Harris & Mrs E.J.Tucker	bt. H.S.Clemons & Mrs C.W. Haworth	+13
Miss E.G.Clarke-Lens (7)	bt. R.W.Jefferson (10)	+ 8	C.G.Pountney & E.J.Tucker	bt. C.Edwards & Miss E.G. Clarke-Lens	+ 6 (T)
<i>Semi-Final</i>			G.E.P.Jackson & G.Scott Page	bt. Mrs E.Rotherham & Mrs D.G.Waterhouse	+23
R.L.Everest (8)	bt. Dr M.D.Nosworthy (9)	+ 8	R.L.Everest & Miss M.Bryan	bt. Mr & Mrs E.A.Roper	+18
L.Middleton (7)	bt. Miss E.G.Clarke-Lens (7)	+12	L.Middleton & Mrs M.Appleton	bt. R.F.Rothwell & M.B.Reckitt	+ 1 (T)

<i>Third Round</i>			<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Wood & Jefferson	bt. Mrs Chittenden & Mrs Elvey	+10	E.J.Tucker	bt. D.W.Archer	+ 2
Harris & Mrs Tucker	bt. Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs Tyrwhitt-Drake	+ 3 (T)	R.L.Everest	bt. N.V.Snell	+ 6
Pountney & Tucker	bt. Jackson & Scott Page	+ 5	<i>Final</i>		
Everest & Miss Bryan	bt. Middleton & Mrs Appleton	+ 1 (T)	E.J.Tucker	bt. R.L.Everest	+ 6
<i>Semi-Final</i>			Hunstanton: April 21 - 24		
Wood & Jefferson	bt. Harris & Mrs Tucker	+ 6	<i>Block Winners</i>		
Pountney & Tucker	bt. Everest & Miss Bryan	+ 1 (T)	A. H.Green (1)	3 wins	
<i>Final</i>			B. J. Wheeler (-½)	4 wins	
Pountney & Tucker	bt. Wood & Jefferson	+14	C. R.Forth (9)	4 wins	

Weekend Tournaments

Cheltenham I: April 1 - 3

<i>Block Winners</i>		
A. Miss E.H.Arkell	4 wins	
B. A.J.Bucknell	4 wins	
C. F/O N.G.Betts	5 wins	
D. W.J.Sturdy	5 wins	
E. A.B.Hope	4 wins	

Compton: April 14 - 16

<i>Block Winners</i>		
A. D.W.Archer	3 wins	
B. E.J.Tucker	4 wins	
C. N.V.Snell	3 wins	
D. R.L.Everest	4 wins	

PLAY-OFF (BAGNALL-WILDE):

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
R.Forth	bt. H.Green	+ 6
<i>Final</i>		
J.Wheeler	bt. R.Forth	+13

Colchester: May 20 - 22

<i>Swiss Tournament</i>		
First with 4 wins	- Mrs G.S.Digby (4½)	
Second equal with 3 wins	- D.E.Reeves (7), G.S.Digby (6½), Dr. M.Murray (-2½), J.Cockayne (3).	

Cheltenham II: May 27 - 29

<i>Block Winners</i>		
A. Professor B.G.Neal (-4)	6 wins	
B. R.A.W.Chaff (5½)	5 wins	
C. J.H.J.Soutter (1)	5 wins	
D. R.F.Rothwell (-½)	5 wins	

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Roehampton Club on Monday 22 May 1972

PRESENT: The President, M.B.Reckitt, in the chair; Mrs S.M. Adler, Miss W.Adye, Miss W.K.Allardyce, G.N.Aspinall, I.C.Baillieu, Dr R.W.Bray, Cdr G.Borrett, D.C.Caporn, Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle, Major J.H.Dibley, E.P.Duffield, Revd W.E. Gladstone, Revd P.D.Hallett, Mrs A.D.Karmel, Mrs E.M. Lightfoot, Miss D.A.Lintern, B.Lloyd-Pratt, Mrs William Longman, Mrs J.B.Meachem, F.R.Meachem, Prof. & Mrs B.G.Neal, A.J.Oldham, W.B.C.Paynter, B.G.Perry, Miss G.V. Pirie, Mrs Prentis, Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard, Mr & Mrs E.A. Roper, R.F.Rothwell, W.G.B.Scott, Miss K.M.O.Sessions, Mrs A.Solomon, Mrs G.W.Solomon, Mrs M.L.Thom, Miss M.K.A.Towers, S.S.Townsend, Miss E.J.Warwick, J.G. Warwick, Dr W.R.D.Wiggins.

In attendance, Vandeleur Robinson, Secretary.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Major E.J. Bromley-Fox, E.P.C.Cotter, Judge A.D.Karmel, Mrs E. Rotherham, J.W.Solomon, Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith, R.O.B.Whittington.

1. The President, opening the meeting, remarked upon the difficulty sometimes experienced by the membership in removing a President, since no provision for this was provided in the Rules.

He expressed the pleasure he felt at being able to revisit, for the Annual General Meeting, the club which was for over half a century the headquarters of croquet and of the C.A.

Official Notices

Corrigenda

1. As many Associates will have noticed, the April number of the gazette was incorrectly numbered; it should have been numbered 120.

2. THE NEW EDITION OF THE LAWS, REGULATION 20 (c) (ii): In the new edition of the Laws and Regulations for Tournaments, in the table at the top of page 50 for compiling the Process for 17-32 entries, the figure 25 appears twice, whilst 23 is omitted.

The horizontal column 17-32 entries, second quarter should read:-

"2nd Qtr 3 19 11 27 7 23 15 31"

3. In the results of the Southwick Tournament of 23-28 August 1971, recorded on pp. 16-17 of number 118 of the Croquet Gazette, the play-off of the 'B' Level Singles reads:

T.G.S.Colls bt. Miss S.Hampson +10

This is incorrect and should read:

Miss S.Hampton bt. T.G.S.Colls + 3

Apologies are due to Miss Hampson and to Mr Colls for this mistake.

He reported the very recent death of one of the Association's Vice-Presidents, Mr G. Victor Evans. He also mentioned the passing of F.E. Corke, Mr Adams (Southwick Groundsman), R.I. Walker, R. Moray McLaren, Mrs Heley, Mrs Tingey and Mrs Bolitho. Other members mentioned Lady Marcia Miles, Wing-Commander Allen and Mr Grey, the groundsman of Hurlingham until about a year ago.

He reported the generous legacy of Mr Spencer Ell to the C.A., and the receipt of a letter from Oxford about an intended marathon croquet match to be held at Christchurch for charitable purposes and expected to run 48 hours non-stop.

2. The Minutes of the A.G.M. held on 24 May 1971, having been published in the July gazette 1971, were taken as read.

(b) Mr G.N. Aspinall raised the question of the most suitable day of the week to hold the A.G.M. He preferred a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday. Mr Hallett thought Saturday a good day, but Mr Warwick pointed out that it might clash with the finals of tournaments. Miss Lintern suggested having it outside the croquet season, for example, early in the Spring. Mr Aspinall suggested the Saturday at the end of the Inter-Counties Championship.

(c) Cdr Borrett drew attention to the difficulty clubs experienced in obtaining Tournament Forms, and the high cost when they discovered them and bought small quantities. He thought the C.A. should obtain them in bulk and supply them on sale to clubs.

(d) The Secretary drew attention to the fact that the last date for entries for the All-England Handicap was Saturday 27 May, and that some clubs which were likely to participate had not sent in their enrolments.

(e) Prof. Neal was asked by the President to speak about the Test Tour Reception Committee. He reported that it had been arranged that each team should play both of the others three times, making a total of nine matches. The Test Matches would be three-day events, the first day being devoted to Doubles. A programme for the visitors' tour, beginning on 24 June 1974, had been worked out by the Committee and approved by the Australian Council; it would come before the New Zealand Council shortly.

(f) Mr Caporn spoke on the Test Tour Fund Committee. The Committee had fixed a target of £2,000, though even this sum might not be sufficient. Means considered for raising this sum were:—

- (i) a raffle intended to raise £750 less cost of prizes;
- (ii) a request to Clubs to raise some funds;
- (iii) some members might like personally to undertake and finance excursions to such places as Windsor or Chartwell for the visitors;
- (iv) it might be found possible to obtain some sponsorship;
- (v) it was pointed out that Clubs which held Test Matches might find it possible to make large profits from their bars and catering.

(g) Col. Prichard asked whether, if only three courts were needed for a Test Match, Roehampton could be included as the venue of one.

The President suggested that a part of the legacy received from Mr Spencer Ell might be devoted to meeting the extra cost of reporting the Test Matches in full in the Croquet Gazette, and suggested that the Finance and General Purposes Committee should look into the matter.

(h) The meeting ended with thanks being expressed to the President.

3. REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET

(a) The Chairman's Report had been printed in the April gazette 1972. Mr Townsend, elaborating upon this, reported on the courses being held at which briefing was given to Associates who would themselves be conducting courses of coaching under the auspices of the Development Scheme. He also referred to a satisfactory movement in the Midlands towards co-operation among croquet clubs; a Midlands Committee had recently been formed. There was also a revival of croquet in the North of England, in connexion with which Mrs Meachem had attended meetings at Newcastle-upon-Tyne. The President remarked upon the need for mallets, and appealed for the gift of any no longer required by their owners.

(b) The Treasurer referred to the Accounts which had been printed in the April gazette 1972. In 1971 income exceeded expenditure by about £400, whereas in the previous year there had been a deficit. He pointed out that only a quarter of the salaries paid out had been a charge upon the C.A.'s normal funds, because 75% had been defrayed by a grant received from the Department of the Environment (in future to be awarded by the new Sports Council). On the whole, the Development Scheme did not cost us anything. Money for investment had formerly been kept in a Deposit Account at the Bank, but had now been moved into the Guardian Building Society, where it earned more interest. On the other side of the account, the rent of the office had been increased by the Hurlingham Club, but very moderately.

There were no questions on the Treasurer's Report, which was adopted by acclaim.

4. ELECTION OF HONORARY TREASURER

Mr A.J. Oldham was re-elected Honorary Treasurer, *nem. con.*

5. ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Eight members of the Council retired by rotation. Of these, seven presented themselves as candidates for re-election, and one, Mr B.G. Perry, did not stand. In addition, Mrs McMillan, whose term had one more year to run, retired from the Council. There were thus nine vacancies to be filled, and seven retiring members of the Council standing for re-election.

Mrs William Longman and Mr R.O.B. Whittington had been proposed and seconded for election to the Council, thus bringing the number of candidates to nine. As there were nine candidates for nine places, there was no need this year for a ballot, and the nine candidates were elected unopposed. They were: G.N. Aspinall, Cdr G. Borrett, Major J.H. Dibley, Mrs William Longman, Prof. B.G. Neal, Mrs E. Rotherham, J.W. Solomon, S.S. Townsend, R.O.B. Whittington.

6. RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AUDITORS

Messrs Nicholass, Reid and Corney were unanimously re-elected as the C.A.'s Auditors.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Revd P.D. Hallett (Editor of the Croquet Gazette) reported on the result of the questionnaire which he had sent out with the April gazette, in an attempt to ascertain the predominant feeling of members regarding the reporting of tournaments, since some objected that full reporting excluded more interesting material, while others thought it was the main purpose of the gazette. So far, 124 answers had been received. Of these 76 wanted less space to be given to tournaments, while 48 preferred to maintain the present arrangements. These results might not be final, but when all replies were in, he would ask the Editorial Board to consider the matter.

Standing Committees of The Council for 1972

Laws Committee: I.C. Baillieu, B. Lloyd-Pratt, Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard, E.A. Roper, J.W. Solomon, Dr W.R.D. Wiggins.

Publicity and Development Committee: G.N. Aspinall, G. Birch, Dr R.W. Bray, D.C. Caporn, Miss D.A. Lintern, Mrs W. Longman, Mrs J.B. Meachem.

Handicap Appeals Committee: I.C. Baillieu, Mrs E. Rotherham, Dr W.R.D. Wiggins.

Special Appeals Committee: His Honour Judge A.D. Karmel, Mrs E. Rotherham, Dr W.R.D. Wiggins.

Selection Committee: Mrs E. Rotherham, J.W. Solomon, I.C. Baillieu, Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard, R.F. Rothwell.

Tournaments Committee: I.C. Baillieu, Cdr G. Borrett, D.C. Caporn, Revd W.E. Gladstone, Miss D.A. Lintern, B. Lloyd-Pratt, Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard, Mrs E. Rotherham, R.O.B. Whittington.

Finance and General Purposes Committee: Dr R.W. Bray, D.C. Caporn, Major J.H. Dibley, Miss D.A. Lintern, Mrs J.B. Meachem, J.W. Solomon, Mrs B.L. Sundius-Smith, S.S. Townsend.

Handicaps Co-ordination Committee: Miss D.A. Lintern, Mrs B.L. Sundius-Smith, S.S. Townsend.

Editorial Board: G.N. Aspinall, Cdr G. Borrett, Dr R.W. Bray, Mrs B.L. Sundius-Smith.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council and the Treasurer are *ex officio* members of all committees except Handicap Appeals, Handicaps Co-ordination and Special Appeals Committees.

Note

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Extract from Proceedings of Council Meeting held on 22 May 1972

1. Prof. B.G. Neal and Mr R.F. Rothwell were elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively.
2. Mr Lloyd-Pratt gave notice of a motion that the question of holding more tournaments be considered.
3. It was agreed that the Tournament Calendar for 1973 would be fixed on the basis that the Hurlingham Tournament would begin in the week commencing Monday 30th July.
4. Colonel Prichard was congratulated on the compilation and production of the new edition of the Laws.

Secretary's Notes

1. INSPECTION OF MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Associates are urgently requested, when playing in Calendar Fixtures, to have their Membership Cards with them and show them to the Tournament Manager when reporting at the beginning of the tournament. Tournament Managers are also requested to ask to see Membership Cards.

A Tournament Manager will in many cases know perfectly well that an individual player is an Associate who subscribes at the Standard Rate, but it does not follow that the player has remembered to pay his subscription for the year, or, if he has just ceased to be a Junior, that he has remembered to convert to the Standard Rate. The inspection may therefore be the means of reminding the forgetful player, or, in the case of a player who has not subscribed to the C.A., that he should pay Tribute at the tournament. (If he has not subscribed at all and has to pay Tribute, this payment counts towards the Standard Rate or Junior subscription which he subsequently pays in the same season.)

2. CLUB FEES

Earlier this year I sent reminders to Clubs which had not paid their £1.50 fees to the C.A. for 1971. Two Club Secretaries in the replies enquired as to the justification for this charge, as it is not mentioned in Rule XVIII which deals with the Registration of Clubs.

I made enquiries and found that up to and including 1968 Clubs paid no fee or subscription to the C.A. In 1969 the Council adopted a recommendation from the Finance and General Purposes Committee that Registered Clubs should in future pay thirty shillings (£1.50) annually, which would entitle the Club to receive, with no further charge and post free, a copy of each issue of the magazine now known as the Croquet Gazette. Members wishing to verify this decision should look on page 5 of *Croquet* number 105, April 1969.

In fact, the fee of £1.50 is taken up entirely by the cost of printing and despatching the Croquet Gazette plus other literature normally sent free to Clubs (e.g. the Directory and the Fixtures Book) and other correspondence.

It is not thought that any Club begrudges paying this small sum, but it seems desirable to explain why it is asked for. There has probably been some misunderstanding because the charge has been referred to as the "Club Registration Fee".

Club Secretaries who are also Associates normally receive two copies of the gazette in one wrapper or envelope, one for their personal use as Associates, and one for use in connexion with Club business, available also for circulation around the Club's members.

3. NEW ASSOCIATES

Mr & Mrs D.B. Aberle, P.O. Box N.3224, Lacethorpe, Prospect Ridge Road, Nassau, Bahamas.
Mrs E.C. Goldbard, Flat 2, 110 The Drive, Hove, BN3 6GP.
G.C. Hall, Tanglewood, Henley Park, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon.
W.J. Ives, O.B.E., Northdown, Budleigh Salterton, Devon.
R.W. Jefferson, 17 Westcliff Mansion, St. John's Road, Eastbourne, Sussex.
B.A. Keen, 20 Cherington Close, Manchester.
L.V. Latham, 24 Belvedere, Bath, Somerset.
His Honour, Judge H.C. Leon, M.C., 6 Gray's Inn Square, Gray's Inn, W.C.1.

J.G.O.Miller, The Old Stables, Newtown, Newbury, Berkshire.
 Sir Richard Miller, West Court, Knutsford, Cheshire.
 Mrs A.E.Millns, 63 Woodgate Road, Eastbourne, Sussex.
 Mrs E.G.E.Preston, 28 Kent Road, Rose Bay, 2029 N.S.W., Australia.
 Mrs C.Sebestyen, Flat 5, 23 Upper Phillimore Gardens, London W.8.

4. CHANGES OF ADDRESS ETC.

Miss W.Adye, Flat 1, Northwold, Queens Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire (Tel. unchanged 26579).
 D.W.Archer, 10 Pye Terrace, Chesterton, Cambridge (Tel. Cambridge 64063).
 Major J.H.Dibley, Tel. changed to 550410.
 Dr C.W.Evans, 3 Sherbrook Hall, Budleigh Salterton, Devon.
 R.A.Godby, Ashdown, Copse Hill, Wimbledon, S.W.20 ONP (Tel. unchanged).
 Revd P.D.Hallett, Tel. Sawston 3843.
 Capt. & Mrs H.F.Nalder, Brittons, Mile Path, Hook Heath, Woking, Surrey.
 I.T.Nixon, 10 Woodburn Drive, Darlington, Co. Durham OGU 62.
 T.S.Oliver, M.C., c/o Lloyds Bank Ltd., 79/81 Brompton Road, London S.W.7.
 Dr B.R.Sandiford, 10 Stanley Road, Lytham, Lancashire FY8 5QX.
 Mrs P.D.Showan, 2 Broughton Avenue, Ham, Richmond, Surrey (Tel. 01-940 9316).
 J.W.Solomon, Slade Cottage, Ockham, Nr. Ripley, Surrey (Tel. East Horsley 4160).
 Mrs D.G.Waterhouse, For "Southcliff" read "South Cliff".
 Colchester Croquet Club, 16 Eliaore Road, Colchester, CO3 3UN.

5. CHANGES OF CLUB SECRETARY

Brooke Bond C.E.Marshall replaces E.W.Rendell.
 Bowdon Neil Williams, 21 Chandos Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester replaces Mrs Walker.
 The Heley Club Revd P.D.Hallett replaces A.A.Reed.
 Phyllis Court J.H.J.Soutter, 6 Elm Court, Manor Road, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon (Tel. Henley 4515) replaces W.H.R.Dewey.
 Southport & Birkdale E.L.Halliwell, 3 Greyfriars Road, Ainsdale, Southport, Lancashire PR8 2QJ replaces Mrs Weir.
 Swallowfield Park Miss Violet Stoker replaces Mrs Gladwell.
 Trawscoed Miss Llinos Chamberlain replaces Mrs Richards.

6. VISITORS FROM OVERSEAS

The Croquet Association welcomes the following to its tournaments and apologises for any inadvertent omissions:
 From Australia: H.S.Clemons, Mrs E.G.E.Preston, Miss Diane Wiesner.
 From New Zealand: Mrs Jean Jarden, Mrs Beattie, Mrs Sims.
 From South Africa: Mr Richard Carte and his sister Mrs Aubrey.

7. NEW REFEREE

Michael Stride.

8. DOUBLES RESULTS

Will Clubs reporting their tournaments please take care to include all scores, and in reporting Handicap Doubles results give the combined handicap for each pair.

9. THE CROQUET GAZETTE QUESTIONNAIRE

Will those who have not yet completed and sent in their questionnaires from the April gazette please do so soon if they wish their views to be taken into account.

Vandeleur Robinson,
 Secretary.

Handicap Alterations

Cheltenham Weekend I: April 1 - 3

A.B.Hope 7 to 3½; F/O N.G.Betts 4 to 3; A.J.Bucknell 3 to 2½; Professor B.G.Weitz 3½ to 3; M.J.Evans 4 to 3½; W.J.Sturdy 3½ to 3; Sir Leonard Stone 14 to 14 D12.

Compton Weekend: April 14 - 16

E.J.Tucker ½ to 0; R.L.Everest 9 to 8.

Budleigh Salterton: May 1 - 6

Bernal Hancock 12 D10; Miss M.J.Lodge 13; Mrs P.M.Sebestyen 14 D12; K.S.Schofield 6 to 4½; P.A.Tunmer 7 to 6½; R.S.Stevens 5½ to 4; Dr C.W.Evans 9 D7 to 8 D7; Dr W.R.Bucknall 0 to -½.

The Peels: May 8 - 13

Mrs D.B.Aubrey (S.A.) 3 to 2; G.H.Betts 4½ to 3½; Brig. L.E.Bourke 3 to 2½; R.H.Lee 8 to 6½; Mrs E.A.Sheil 8 D7 to 7; W.J.Sturdy 3 to 2½; Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake 16 D14.

Southwick: May 15 - 20

W.J.Baverstock 2 to 1½; R.A.Carte (S.A.) 3 to 2½; Miss L.M.Cooke 10 D8 to 8; H.A.Sheppard ½ to 0; N.W.T.Cox -1½ to -2.

Handicap Increases approved by the Handicaps Co-ordination Committee

Miss E.M.Brumpton 4 to 4½; Col. D.W.Beamish -½ to +1½; Miss D.A.Lintern 4 to 5; M.B.Reckitt 7 D5 (ratified); Mrs E.M.Temple 2 to 3; C.W.Haworth 3 to 4½; Mrs C.W.Haworth 13 to 15 D13.

Parkstone Club Recommendation

Dr C.A.Parker 7 to 6.

Cheltenham Weekend II: May 27-29

Prof. B.G.Neal -4 to -4½; J.H.J.Soutter 1 to ½; R.H.Lee 6½ to 6; R.A.W.Chaff 5½ to 4½.

Ryde: May 29 - June 3

C.G.Pountney 12 to 10 before play, and 10 to 9 after play; H.G.T.Bolton 6 to 4; Dr H.A.Pim 8 to 7; Mrs H.A.Pim 12 to 11; M.J.Evans 3½ to 3; Mrs E.F.Dell 9* to 9.

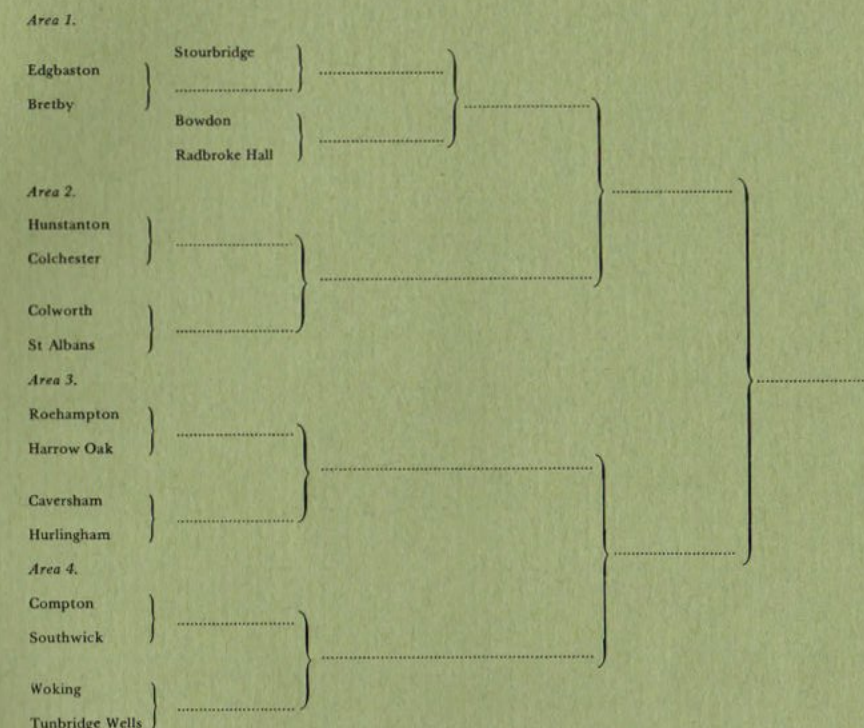
Colchester Club Recommendations

P.Bishop 12 to 10; Mrs G.S.Digby 4½ to 3½; E.A.Locke 9 to 8.

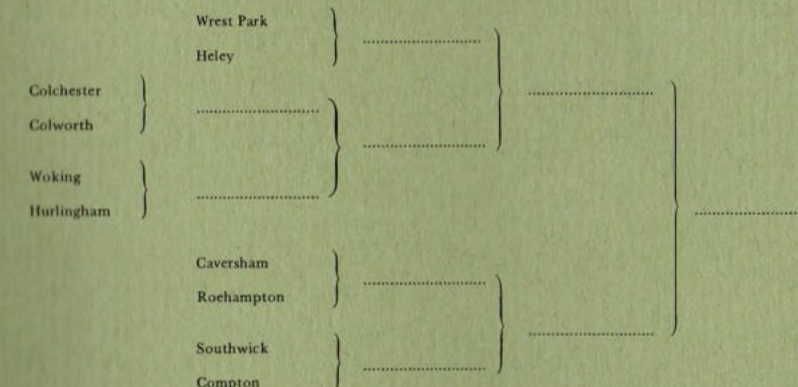
Compton: June 5 - 10

C.G.Pountney 9 to 8 D7 (during play); E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake -2 to -2½; E.J.Tucker 0 to -½; L.Middleton 7 to 6½; R.L.Everest 8 to 7; Dr M.D.Nosworthy 9 to 7½.

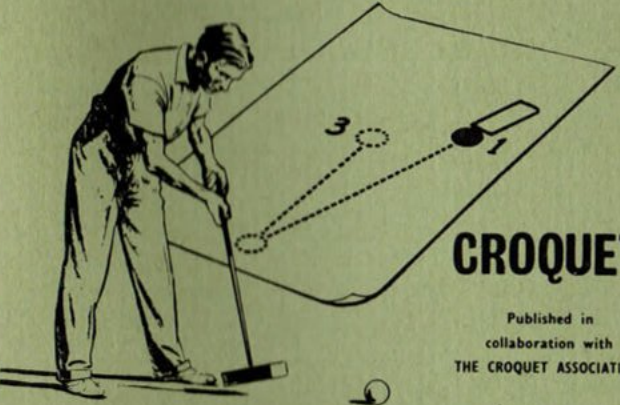
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