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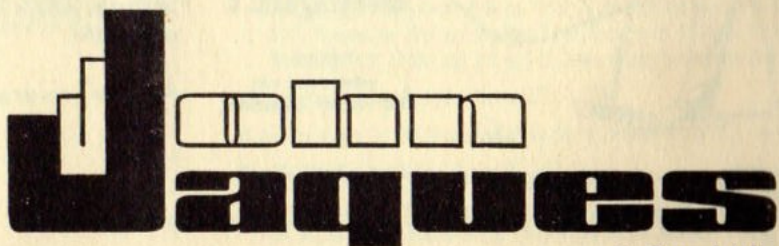

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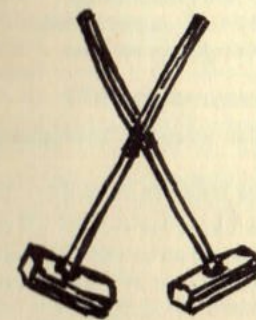
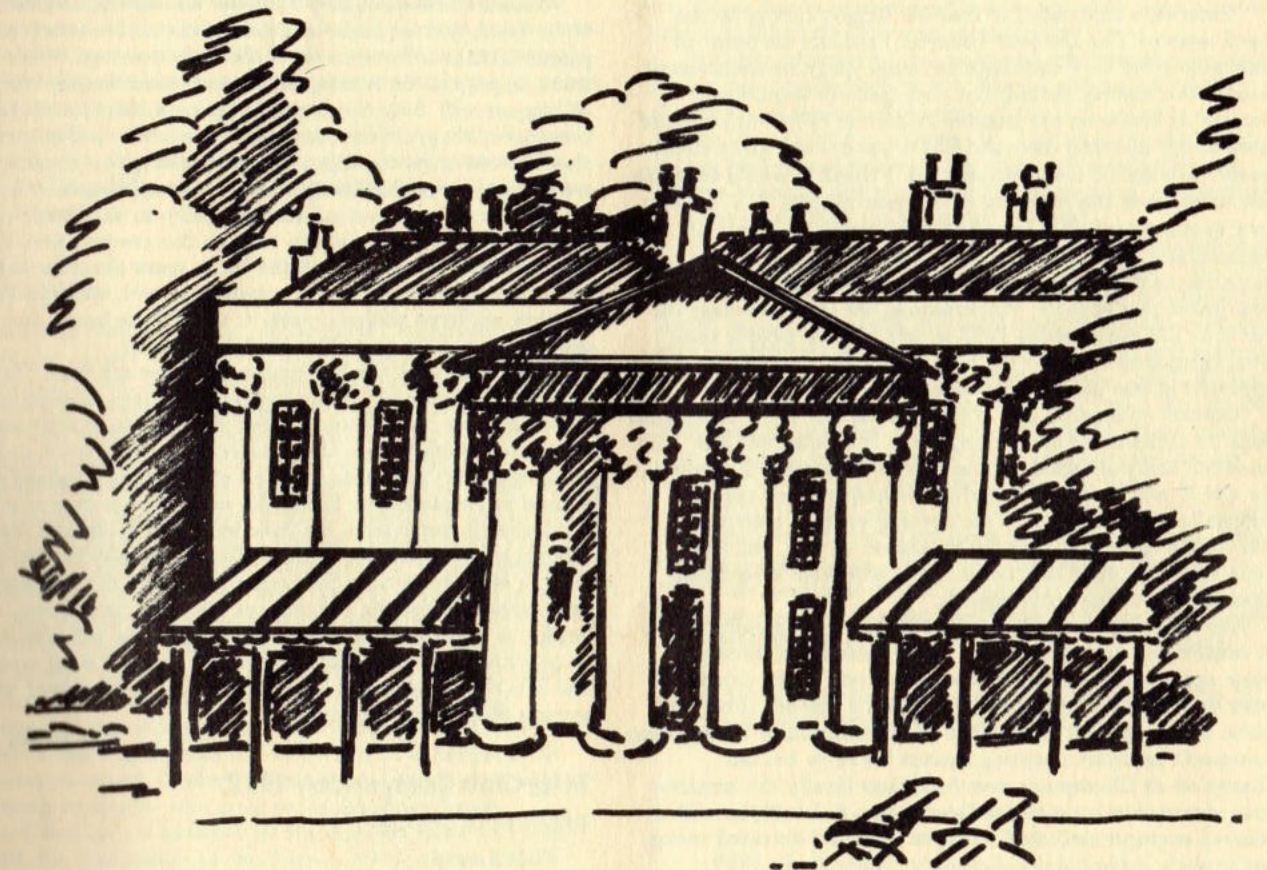
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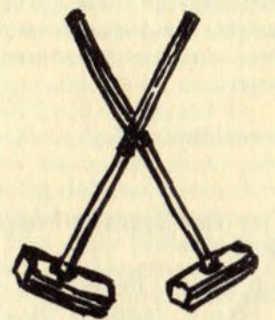
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'Croquet reporting in England and New Zealand'

from a letter written to Vandeleur Robinson by John Prince
Sir,

... I was very interested to read Mr Wright's letter in the April issue of *The Croquet Gazette*. I can see his point of view about the very thorough coverage given to tournament results, but heaven forbid that your gazette should ever become as feeble as our number, which is filled with a lot of trash about opening days and Xmas parties and gives inadequate coverage of our tournaments. I think it would be quite fair to say that the majority of croquet players in N.Z. are very apathetic when it comes to supporting the game at national and international level. Our magazine offers no incentive to our tournament players; yours does a magnificent job in this respect. For example, see your coverage of our N.Z. Championships 1963 in which your people took part, compared to just a list of winners and runners-up that appeared in our issue for the same event.

Another example I give is that during our 1971 Championships 19 triple peels were completed. Nowhere was this recorded and published. It may have been a record number for a N.Z. meeting, and therefore a challenge for our players to try and excel in the coming years. I trust you will excuse my criticizing our magazine to you, but I do hope your reporters will continue to give such interesting reports of your big tournaments.

Any true supporter of croquet cannot fail to enjoy and be inspired by such reports as: John Solomon's three ball triple against Cotter; Neal's win over Wylie in the *Open* prior to the 1969 Test Series; Solomon's peg-out (over the Rover hoop) against Aspinall in the Champion of Champions; Solomon's brilliant shooting against Wylie in the last Champion of Champions ever held, and finally the tremendous victory last year in the *Open* when Keith Wylie with a delayed sextuple defeated a player who had defeated everyone in such a devastating fashion in Australia in 1969.

"Croquet on the Move" was excellent and thought-provoking, but of course there must be a limit to how many leaves and openings the experts can devise, though I've no doubt Keith Wylie may not agree with me.

If I may offer one criticism, I don't like the crossed mallets on the cover. To my mind, they spoil the rest of the drawing and detract from the Hurlingham mansion. Place a piece of neutral paper over each one, and you'll see what I mean ...

Kindest regards,

Lower Hutt, N.Z.

John Prince

The New Zealand President's Cup 1972, played at Gore

G.D.Rowling (Nelson) 11 wins; K.Woollett (Ohakune) 9 wins; C.Anderson (Hawkes Bay) 8 wins; F.W.Peters (Otago) 6 wins; Mrs J.N.Ward (Waikato) 6 wins; J.W.McNab (Canterbury) 6 wins; Mrs L.Middlemiss (Franklin) 3 wins; Mrs K.Woollett (Ohakune) 3 wins.

Learning by Cheating

This must be an old trick, but for the benefit of those players who can't quite keep a break going it is well worth repeating. It is a useful teaching dodge too for those who want to encourage their pupils to play breaks before they have quite mastered the basic skills.

Making a break requires first the knowledge of what ought to be done, and secondly the skill to do it. Too often a beginner is disheartened because the balls don't go where he wanted them to go, and he is tempted to play Aunt Emma. No amount of bisques will help the break to become tidy. As the break continues, his problems increase: the pioneer is five yards too short or one yard too long; on approaching the pioneer he overshoots his rush, leaving a long hoop approach, or he does not get far enough and is liable not only to fail to rush the pioneer to his hoop but even to miss the croquet altogether. When he sees the expert, all the shots seem absurdly simple: all rushes are straight and less than one yard, all hoop approaches are from within a yard or two of the hoop, and all hoops are one foot away and the ball right in front.

After each shot the beginner makes, we ask him: "Is this what you intended?" If the beginner is fairly satisfied of his intentions, we allow him to move the balls to exactly where he wanted them to go. Thus he begins to learn what *ought* to be done. He has played a good shot for his standard and should be rewarded by having his next shot as easy as possible. If his shot is quite wild, his basic skill is at fault, and after any necessary instruction, he is allowed to play the shot again. After a very short time the beginner realises the fundamental importance of getting the pioneer up to his next hoop, and begins to think always in terms of breaks. He will also be able to practise just those shots which give him the most trouble. But it is cheating, and it is a habit which the beginner should get out of as soon as possible.

K.A.ROSS

Inter-Club Competition 1972

RESULTS IN ORDER

First Round

Colchester beat Colworth by five games to nil
Hurlingham beat Woking by five games to nil

Second Round

The Heley Club beat Wrest Park by three games to two
Hurlingham beat Colchester by five games to nil
Caversham beat Roehampton by four games to two
Southwick beat Compton by four games to three

Cheltenham Weekend Tournaments 1973

The provisional dates for the five Weekend Tournaments are:-

Easter, April 21 - 23; Spring Holiday, May 26 - 28;
August 25 - 27; September 21 - 23; October 12 - 14.

Confirmation of the dates will be given in the C.A. Fixture List in due course. No bookings for any of these tournaments will be accepted before 10 January 1973. Entrance Fees (£1.50 in each case) should be paid when competitors are notified of the tournaments for which their entry has been accepted. Fees should *not* be sent with the original application.

Obituaries

Captain A.W.R.H.Greenham, Master Mariner

Arthur Greenham died peacefully in his sleep after a long illness on June 30th. Our sincere sympathies go to his wife Gladys, and to his son Robin.

Arthur joined the Ipswich Croquet Club on his retirement from the sea in 1967, and was elected Chairman at the A.G.M. that year. He made great progress with his own game, and was a beloved leader of the club. With the determination and perseverance which he showed during his service career, especially with the rescue ships in the Arctic Ocean and at the evacuation of Dunkirk, he worked to improve his own game. He joined the Colchester Club to gain wider experience of play, and in time his handicap was reduced to 6, quite an achievement in so short a time.

At the same time Arthur introduced several members who had passed through the Golf Croquet stage to Association Croquet, and inspired more experienced players to take part in national tournaments. His tuition was always welcomed, and he laid good foundations for members to become potentially good players.

Throughout the five years he had with the club Arthur was a most enthusiastic player, both at Colchester and at Ipswich. He will long be remembered for his kindness and inspiration to us all.

E.I.W.

J.M.Rivington

The Second Monday of the Hurlingham Tournament was a happy day. There could be no more pleasant sight than that of our Chairman, Jack Rivington, sitting on the terrace outside the Club House, watching the croquet and drinking his usual cider with a few friends; by his side was a newly-acquired Labrador bitch. A Labrador bitch had been Jack's constant shadow for more years than I can remember. Before his retirement, she would go regularly with him to his office.

On the Tuesday morning I arrived to receive the stunning news that he had died, quite unexpectedly, whilst reading the paper before dinner the night before. It seemed incredible, and the instant reaction was to refuse to accept the fact; then followed a feeling of numbness. As one player after another was told, one could see the immediate start, followed by the empty gaze. It was only when I had absorbed all the consequences that I could realise that the victim of the tragedy was his wife Betty. On behalf of all the croquet world, I offer her our most sincere sympathy. Our deep sympathy also goes to his daughter Sarah.

Jack had been a member of Hurlingham since 1935. He joined the Committee of the Club in 1959 and in 1964 became, and has remained Chairman. He first took up croquet in about 1955. In 1960 he joined the Council of the Croquet Association, and became Chairman of the Council four years later. These are merely the bare bones.

I first met Jack in 1926. He was a member of the Chambers which I joined. A year or so later Alex Karmel also joined Chambers. We were a particularly friendly set of Chambers, and quickly manufactured pretexts for holding Chambers' dinners. On all occasions Jack was the central figure. We did not believe in speeches. There used to be a series of glamorous recitations, at which Jack was superb. In the thirties Jack left the Bar to take joint charge of his long-established family publishing business; but he always remained an honorary member of Chambers, and the dinners continued up to the war, and were resumed again after the war.

I joined Hurlingham in 1951. I soon realised that Jack was the most popular and widely known member of the Club. He could perhaps be described as a very picturesque gentleman. At every croquet dinner which I attended at Hurlingham he was the star after dinner speaker. He was

adored by the whole staff of Hurlingham, in whom he took an unflinching interest. I have lost a great and entertaining friend. The loss to the Club itself and to the croquet world in general is unique in my experience; but, as I conclude, my thoughts must inevitably revert to Betty.

I.C.B.

The Editor adds: I remember Mr Rivington always having a kind word of encouragement for each of the Varsity croquet players when they came down for the Varsity croquet match; his encouragement did much to foster Varsity croquet, now alas in decline.

G. Victor Evans

Lt-Cdr Style writes: "May I add a stitch or two of embroidery to Maurice Reckitt's sympathetic obituary notice to Victor Evans who was a Co-Trustee, with John Solomon and myself, of the Croquet Association.

Maurice referred to his generosity on several occasions. From my recollection of my years as a member of the Council and as Hon. Treasurer of the C.A., also as a Committee member at Compton, I think it would be fair to say Victor was generous on many occasions. He was always thinking out ways of helping; and did — unobtrusively — more often than many people realised.

How splendid and how right that mention was made of Victor's habit of Christian names for the ladies. We were quite involved in this. My own wife with her Scandinavian name, Sigrid, presented him with great problems over correct pronunciation. He wanted to get it right; and each year we used to have the same refresher course. "Sea", Victor, "like the salty water you bathe in," and "grid, like the big wires which carry the electricity on pylons across country." The he would practise, get it right, and wander over to Sigrid to try it out — beaming all over his face.

Maurice left out one endearing idiosyncrasy of Victor's — his delight in being complimented on his turn-out. "You're cutting a dash today, Victor — your Brigg stick, your tie, your shirt, and your gloves are perfect." This inspired a short sartorial conversation and seemed to give him such pleasure that pleasure was transferred in abundance back to the giver.

All who go are missed — none more, perhaps, than those like Victor who were characters — and kind."

Note from Edgbaston Croquet Club

WEST MIDLANDS CROQUET TOURNAMENT

As a result of the hard work put in by the Croquet Development Committee there are now several fast improving beginners in the West Midlands. We at Edgbaston, though not the largest club in terms of membership, are the largest in that we have three lawns, and on September 2 - 3 we are holding an American Tournament for beginners. We are limiting entries to those with handicaps of 8 and above, and are having four players each from Stourbridge, Wolverhampton and Edgbaston. There will be two blocks, and all the games will be half games. The participating clubs are having their own competitions to decide the four entrants. Next year we should be able to have entrants from other Midlands Clubs as well. We are grateful to Mrs Tilly for donating a cup - this should ensure that the tournament becomes a regular annual event.

K.A.ROSS

Rover Note

In a field of 32, it is approximately 7 to 2 against any three players being in the same half of the draw. If they are in the same half, it is then exactly four to 1 against their being in the same quarter. How has this worked over the years 1966-71 in the Open Championships in the cases of Aspinall, Solomon and Wylie? This year none of these three reached the final of the Open Championship, which fact lends much support to those who oppose the idea of seeding. Few, however, would dispute that if seeding were employed today and four persons were seeded, these would be three of the four seeds. Seven years ago Aspinall and Wylie were not as formidable as they are today, but it is interesting to survey their progress alongside that of Solomon during the years when comparison can be made.

In the year 1969 Wylie did not play but Aspinall and Solomon were in different halves and met in the final, Aspinall winning. In the other five years they all played and two were always in one half and one in the other half. On each occasion Aspinall and Wylie were in different halves. In 1966 Aspinall was due to meet Solomon in the quarter finals, but Aspinall fell by the way to Hicks in the first round. Wylie also fell by the way, being beaten by Mrs Rotherham in the quarter finals. Solomon won the final that year, his fourth consecutive win. In 1967 Solomon was drawn to meet Wylie in the quarter finals; he did so and won. He was later due to meet Aspinall in the final, but Aspinall lost to Hicks in the semi-final. Solomon scored his fifth successive win. In 1968 they were drawn as they would have been seeded, two in one half but in different quarters, and the third in the other half. Wylie, however, was beaten by Neal, and Solomon beat Aspinall in the final to record his sixth successive win. As already mentioned, Wylie did not play in 1969. In 1970 they were again drawn as they would have been seeded. Solomon was due to meet Aspinall in the semi-finals. This year it was Solomon who fell by the way to Stride; Wylie beat Aspinall in the final. In 1971 there were no outside casualties. Wylie met and beat Solomon when the field had been reduced to 16; he subsequently beat Aspinall in the final to record his second consecutive win. This was the fourth consecutive occasion on which Aspinall had been a finalist.

Test Tour 1974

The Fund Raising Committee feel that in order to help raise funds to entertain our visitors those who win prizes might care to consider sending their prize money to aid the Fund; if so, it would be gratefully received.

The main fund raising will take place next year, and we want to raise over £2000. Further details will be published later in the autumn, but we have already been promised £100.

C.A. Matches

The C.A. are anxious to extend their fixture list next season. The idea is that they would raise a team of a similar standard to the team which any club can raise to play them. Would any club, whether of a high, medium or weak standard who would like to have a match against the C.A. in 1973 please write to D.C. Caporn, 1 Pinelands, 12 Beechwood Avenue, Weybridge, Surrey. Would any member of the C.A. who would like to play for the C.A. also let him know, and he will put him or her on the list of players. Players of any handicap are welcome to apply.

The first moves in a Handicap game

PLAYER: I am a 4 Bisque and I am going to play a Minus 4. Can you give me any Tips?

ADVISER: Possibly, but I cannot give you any sure road to success. What you must not do is to try to play him level and merely take a bisque when you break down. You must work out some plan of campaign and you must do this on the assumption that you are going to play well. If you play badly you will lose in any event — so forget that possibility.

PLAYER: If I win the toss, shall I put him in?

ADVISER: I will counter that question by enquiring why should you do so?

PLAYER: Because I am told that he would put me in if he won the Toss.

ADVISER: That answer shows that you have not yourself worked out the 'Pros and Cons'. We can study these more simply by assuming that he put you in. You should have decided well in advance where you will play your first ball which we will call Red. You should also have worked out in advance where you will play Yellow in answer to any move on his part which you can envisage in advance. Remember you are playing a Minus 4 and will start with 8 Bisesques. PLAYER: I would play Red to the East Boundary outside the 4th Corner. I imagine that he would lay a Tice and, unless it is a long Tice, I would shoot at it. If it were a long Tice I would join and risk it.

ADVISER: There is nothing basically wrong in what you have said. You are bound to take risks unless you are really a 1 Bisque in disguise. Perhaps it is safer to shoot at the tice in any event. If you miss, the advantage of playing the first ball will have disappeared. That is one reason for putting him in if you are given the chance. But you should envisage two other counters which he might make when playing his first ball which we will call Blue. He may lay a duffer's tice with Blue about a yard or less to the East of the penultimate. You dare not shoot and it would be highly dangerous to join. Once again your advantage in playing the first ball would largely have disappeared. Your best line of play is probably just outside the 2nd Corner on the West boundary. Why outside the Corner?

PLAYER: So that if I shoot at the ball and miss I will not end up with touching balls.

ADVISER: That is correct and there is also another reason. It reduces the chances of your adversary rushing a ball into the same corner and getting a cannon. Your adversary will then probably shoot firmly with Black. He will not want to risk leaving two balls in the Court. If he hits, you will have to await events and thank your lucky stars that you are not joined. If he misses, this is the time to join and in a moment we will consider the position of your Red ball. The next counter which you should envisage is that he may shoot Blue at Red.

PLAYER: Why would he do that? Does it profit him to hit the Red?

ADVISER: If he hits, he would probably roll both balls to the middle of the Court leaving a double from either baulk and so placed that if you shot with Yellow you would end up in the opposite baulk. What would you do then?

PLAYER: I suppose I could play slowly and take a Bisque if I missed. I might get a hoop or two before laying up.

Alternatively I might play outside the 2nd or 4th Corner.

ADVISER: That is a good appreciation of the situation. Before you decide to which Corner to play Yellow, study the relative positions of Red and Blue in the middle of the Court. If he misses, you are probably going to play Red. In what direction will a rush on Blue take you? That should be the last deciding factor in deciding into which corner to play. It's not a happy position to be in because the last thing that you want is to be forced to take a Bisque with only three balls on the Court. Now let it be assumed that the Minus player misses with Blue. The chances are that he will leave a

double. That creates another predicament for you. Are you going to shoot and leave a treble if you miss? I think the analysis so far reveals that you have not chosen the best position for the Red ball, although this is a debatable point. I suggest that the best place for the Red ball is on the East boundary about 8 yards from the 4th corner. This gives your adversary a longer shot and, if he misses, it is not calculated to leave a double. In fact, if he misses, I would suggest that you played Yellow into the middle of the Court. PLAYER: Is not that very risky? ADVISER: Yes it is, but you have to take risks sometimes and hope to get away with them. You still have your 8 Bisesques. Let us try to measure the risk. Assume 2 Minus players are playing a level game with lifts. One, having gone round to 4 Back, leaves his adversary's balls wired by the peg and his partner's balls in the position of Red and Blue. The risk which you are taking is the equivalent of that deliberate leave. Forget your Aspinalls, Solomons and Wylies (strictly alphabetical)! Most players would be satisfied with such a leave. However, I should not bank on your getting away with it that easily. If you play Red to the East boundary, 8 yards from the 4th Corner, you have invited a different line of counter-play from your formidable adversary. What is that?

PLAYER: You are ahead of me.

ADVISER: You have left the 4th Corner unprotected! The natural boundary on which to play a tice is the East boundary because it is further away from the 1st Hoop. One cannot do this if the 4th Corner is protected. If you are playing against anyone who has not studied openings, play your first ball on to the West Boundary opposite the peg. That person will be so surprised that he will play his first ball to the East boundary outside the 4th Corner. You then play behind it. As a result you will have arrived at a position when the tice ball is too far away to be hit on the law of averages. When you begin the 5th turn of the game you can make a simple roquet on an enemy ball and take off for a friendly ball. Laying a tice on the East boundary is generally the answer to any unorthodox opening. This fact should be stored in your memory. This is merely general advice.

Now to return to your game — if you play Red to the East boundary about 8 yards from the 4th Corner, you must envisage the possibility that he will lay a tice with Blue on the East boundary. If he does so, there are several possible replies according to the length of the tice. You can shoot at Red from the South boundary or at Blue from the North boundary. You can shoot through the tice. You can simply protect the 4th Corner or you can play outside the 2nd Corner. I will first assume that you have played outside the 2nd Corner. I merely want you to study the relative positions of the Red and Yellow balls. If the occasion ever arose that you should want to shoot either way, you should get a more accurate result than if Red were only 1 yard from the 4th Corner. Now let us assume that you both shot through Blue and Red, that both missed and that Black and Yellow ended up as touching balls in the 4th Corner. Yellow obviously takes croquet from Black. How do you continue? PLAYER: Well, I get Black out, but the important thing is for Yellow to get a rush on Red to Blue. If Red ends up near Blue, I shall get Red out as far as I dare, but I should concentrate on getting the rush on Blue to the 1st Hoop. ADVISER: I think that is much too ambitious. You should plan immediately to take a bisque. Black is to be the pivot ball in your next Turn, and should now be croqueted slightly past the peg for preference. Yellow should end up near Red, but do not flirt with the boundary. Red is quite satisfactorily placed as it is. You then roquet Red. Red is to be your bisque ball and should be left about 2 feet outside the yard line. Therefore you make a gentle take off for Blue. Again it is too risky to flirt with the boundary. You now roquet Blue. The next stroke is the most important one in this turn

for Blue is to be your hoop ball in the next turn. Do not try any fancy splits or rolls. Concentrate on getting Blue up to the hoop slightly to the left. Take a look at the Black ball. In the next turn you are going to approach Blue after taking croquet from Black. It is preferable therefore to be a yard short of the hoop with Blue rather than 2 yards beyond the hoop. The Yellow will probably end up about 7 yards from the East boundary and about 10 yards from Red which you deliberately left behind. You have one more stroke in this turn. It is a very simple one and a very effective one. You play over to the East boundary behind Red, hoping that you will have a straight rush to the 2nd hoop. The charm of the situation is that it does not matter if your rush is on the peg or to the south of the peg — or indeed to the right of the 6th Hoop. Your intention should be to croquet Red to the 2nd Hoop whilst you pivot on Black before taking off for Blue. You then try to make the 1st Hoop off Blue after the third roquet of your Bisque turn. You used your first two roquets to complete your 4 ball break.

(To be continued)

I.C.B.

Crossing the Line

Most croquet players realise that a ball which hits a corner peg does not necessarily come on the yard line as a corner ball, but they may not appreciate quite how far from the corner spot the ball should be placed when the path of the ball makes a narrow angle with the boundary.

A rigorous mathematical solution of the problem is possible, but the algebra is involved and the arithmetic tedious. The average player might be inclined to mistrust results obtained by such unfamiliar processes, and in any event when the angle of approach of the ball is narrow the fallibility of the human eye in assessing just how finely it has struck the corner peg makes mathematical exactitude inappropriate. A simpler solution, involving a very minor approximation, is discussed below.

The diagram illustrates the case of a ball being played from the direction of the north boundary to graze the outside of the west boundary corner peg in Corner I, but the formula arrived at can equally well be used for all other corners from any position.

R = Corner Spot

R' = Any point on west yard line, so that RR' = h

d = distance from west yard line to centre of ball.

Then $R'B = d - 1.8125''$

$R'B' = d + 1.8125''$

$D'Q = .75''$ (Diameter of corner peg).

If we assume that $DQ = 4.375''$ (Diameter of corner peg + diameter of ball) then we understate its value since the ball, having grazed the corner peg at an angle, must touch the yard line with some space, however small, between it and the corner peg. But we have:—

$$\frac{CQ}{DQ} = \frac{P'C}{P'B'}; \text{ or } CQ = DQ \times \frac{P'C}{P'B}$$

Since we have assumed too small a value for DQ, the approximation will tend to understate the true value of CQ.

But $P'C = 1188'' - h - CQ$

Hence:—

$$CQ = \frac{4.375 (1188 - h - CQ)}{36 + d - 1.8125}$$

Therefore the required distance

$$CQ = \frac{5197.5 - 4.375h}{d + 38.562} \text{ inches.}$$

Note 1. In the unlikely event of the ball being played from inside the west yard line, the formula still applies, but *d* becomes a minus quantity (e.g. if played from 2 ft inside the yard, then *d* = -24").

Note 2. The fact that *C* is not the actual point at which the ball will touch the boundary line has been appreciated. The leading edge of the ball will touch the line South of point *C*, and *CQ* is therefore an overestimate. This tends to cancel out the errors due to the earlier assumption as to the value of *DQ* (which under-estimated the value of *CQ*) and, if the angle *DCQ* is small, the approximation gives results virtually identical with the theoretically correct answers.

From the above formula, the following table shows the distance *CQ* (i.e. the distance from the corner peg to where the ball first touches the boundary) when a ball is played from the north yard line and just grazes the outside of the west boundary peg in Corner I:-

Values of *d* (when *h* = 0)
(i.e. distance along north yard line east of No II Corner Spot)

YARDS	CQ
0 (i.e. on No II corner spot)	11 ft 3 ins
½	7 ft 8 ins
1	5 ft 10 ins
2	3 ft 11 ins
4	2 ft 4 ins
6 (Opposite Hoop 2)	1 ft 8 ins
13 (W. end of B baulk)	10 ins
20 (Opposite Hoop 3)	7 ins
26 (No III corner spot)	5½ ins

If the ball just grazes the inner edge of the corner peg, the distance *CQ* is zero, and it will of course be a corner ball. If it strikes it centrally, one would expect the values of *CQ* to be approximately half-way between these extremes, that is half the distances set out above. The actual formula in this event is:-

$$CQ = \frac{2598.75 - 2.187h}{36.375 + d}$$

but the approximation of one-half tabulated distances is accurate enough for all practical purposes.

The above emphasises the importance of noting whether a ball hits a corner peg on the outer edge, centrally, or on the inner edge, as it can make a vast difference. For instance, if a player subsequently has a lift with his other ball, it can transform a contact or a dolly rush into a nervous roquet from baulk.

Nobody can be expected to work out these rather complicated formulae on the court, but the fundamental principle is that the smaller the angle the boundary and the path of the ball, the greater is the distance from the corner peg to where the ball first touched the boundary.

It should not be impossible for a player to memorise a few guiding figures applicable when shooting from certain standard positions and hitting the extreme outside edge of the nearer corner peg:-

1. From Corner Spot along east or west yard line (e.g. shooting at tice) *CQ* About 11 ft
2. From Corner Spot along north or south yard line About 9 ft
3. From centre end of A baulk to Corner IV or from centre end of B baulk to Corner II About 6½ ft

4. From centre end of baulk into other baulk corner (e.g. lift shot at ball near peg) 10 inches
5. From a Corner Spot into diagonally opposite corner 5½ inches

Halve these distances if ball strikes corner peg centrally.

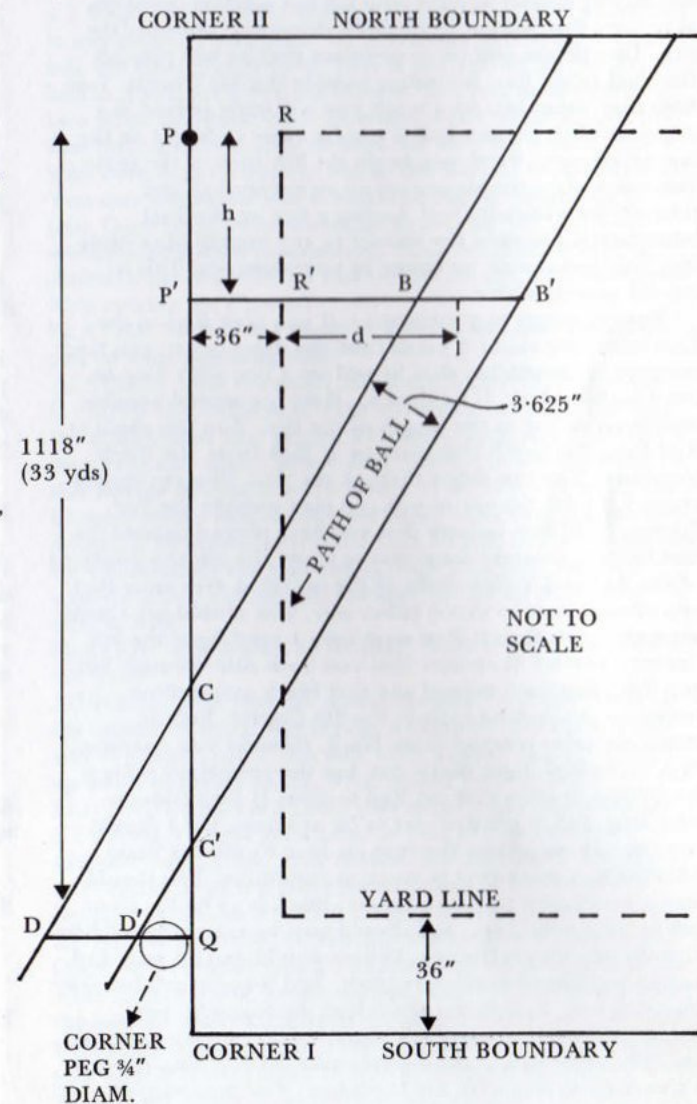
If, as often happens, the ball narrowly misses the nearer corner peg on the outside, it is obvious that the distances cannot be less and must be greater than those shown in the above table.

Naturally these calculations assume that:-

- (a) The ball follows a straight course.
- (b) The corner peg is:-
 - (i) Of the standard ¾" diameter.
 - (ii) Correctly placed with its inside edge touching the inside edge of the boundary line.
 - (iii) Upright.
- (c) The boundary line is straight.

I am indebted to Mr D.W.A. Donald (Past President of the Faculty of Actuaries in Scotland) for working out these principles and for checking my conclusions.

D.M.C. Prichard



Parkstone: June 12-17

Parkstone tournament was held in weather that turned out to be quite pleasant. Thanks to the hard work put in by the groundsman, Mr Piggott, the courts played well. The usual lovely food was provided by Mrs Allen and her willing band of helpers.

The Opens were not as well patronised as usual, but seeing H.O. Hicks on the courts made up for a great deal, and we all learned much from watching the precision and patience of his game. In the play-off Mr Hicks beat Mr R.F. Rothwell; we congratulate him on his successful return to Parkstone.

In a very close finish Mr L.S. Butler won the final of the 'B' class against Mrs Puxon, a welcome new visitor to Parkstone. The Doubles provided interest and excitement throughout. Both the semi-finals and the final were thrilling and close, Mr Whittington and Mrs Duveen emerging as worthy winners. The Big Handicap proved amusing, and great strain was put upon married bliss when Mrs Newton defeated her husband. John Soutter repeated his success of last year by winning the Gold Cup for the second year in succession.

Results

Event 1: Open Singles (10 Entries)

DRAW		
<i>First Round</i>		
J.H.J. Soutter	w.o. Dr W.P. Ormerod	opp.scr.
E.P. Duffield	bt. Dr W.R. Bucknall	+13
<i>Second Round</i>		
R.F. Rothwell	bt. R.O.B. Whittington	+ 8
P. Newton	bt. J.H.J. Soutter	+17
Rev W.E. Gladstone	bt. E.P. Duffield	+ 6
H.O. Hicks	bt. Mrs N.A.C. McMillan	+14
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
R.F. Rothwell	bt. P. Newton	+10
H.O. Hicks	bt. Revd W.E. Gladstone	+23
<i>Final</i>		
R.F. Rothwell	bt. H.O. Hicks	+ 9

PROCESS		
<i>First Round</i>		
R.O.B. Whittington	bt. Mrs A.N.C. McMillan	+10
H.O. Hicks	bt. R.F. Rothwell	+23
<i>Second Round</i>		
R.O.B. Whittington	bt. Dr W.P. Ormerod	+12
P. Newton	bt. Dr W.R. Bucknall	+12
H.O. Hicks	bt. E.P. Duffield	+22
Rev W.E. Gladstone	bt. J.H.J. Soutter	+11
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
R.O.B. Whittington	bt. P. Newton	+ 6
H.O. Hicks	bt. Revd W.E. Gladstone	+ 8
<i>Final</i>		
H.O. Hicks	bt. R.O.B. Whittington	+24

PLAY-OFF		
H.O. Hicks	bt. R.F. Rothwell	+ 8

Event 2: 'B' Level Singles (10 Entries)		
<i>First Round</i>		
L.S. Butler	w.o. Mrs R.A.W. Chaff	opp.scr.
Dr C.A. Parker	bt. Miss W.E. Creed Meredith	+14

Event 3: 'C' Handicap Singles (11 Entries)		
<i>First Round</i>		
Mrs P. Newton (7)	bt. Miss M.M. Fickling (13)	+17
Mrs I.N. Duveen (12)	bt. Mrs H.M. Harris (12)	+ 7
J.H.T. Griffiths (9)	bt. Mrs D.G. Waterhouse (11)	+19
<i>Second Round</i>		
Miss M.V. Page (8)	w.o. Sir Leonard Stone (14)	opp.scr.
Mrs P. Newton (7)	bt. Mrs I.N. Duveen (12)	+ 3
R.H.C. Carder (7)	bt. J.H.T. Griffiths (9)	+ 9
Mrs D. Wayman (10)	w.o. Mrs K.M. Lowein (11)	opp.scr.
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Mrs P. Newton (7)	bt. Miss M.V. Page (8)	+ 7
R.H.C. Carder (7)	bt. Mrs D. Wayman (10)	+ 1
<i>Final</i>		
Mrs P. Newton (7)	bt. R.H.C. Carder (7)	+ 8

Event 4: 'X' Handicap Singles (29 Entries)		
<i>First Round</i>		
L.S. Butler (4)	bt. Mrs F.E.M. Puxon (4½)	+ 7
J.H.J. Soutter (½)	bt. Mrs I.N. Duveen (12)	+12
Miss M.D. McMordie (3½)	bt. Mrs H.M. Harris (12)	+22
J.H.T. Griffiths (9)	w.o. Mrs K.M. Lowein (11)	opp.scr.
R.F. Rothwell (-½)	bt. Mrs D. Wayman (10)	+15
P. Newton (-2½)	bt. Revd W.E. Gladstone (-2)	+25
Mrs P. Newton (7)	bt. Dr W.R. Bucknall (-½)	+11
Mrs N.A.C. McMillan (½)	bt. Mrs D.G. Waterhouse (11)	+21
R.O.B. Whittington (-2)	w.o. Mrs R.A.W. Chaff (6)	opp.scr.
R.H.C. Carder (7)	bt. Sir Leonard Stone (14)	+14
E.P. Duffield (½)	bt. Mrs C.E. Devitt (6)	+13
Miss W.E. Creed Meredith (6)	bt. Miss M.M. Fickling (13)	+ 3
Mrs G.H. Wood (3)	w.o. R.A.W. Chaff (4)	opp.scr.
<i>Second Round</i>		
L.S. Butler (4)	bt. Major F. Hill-Bernhard (5½)	+14
J.H.J. Soutter (½)	bt. Miss M.D. McMordie (3½)	+10
R.F. Rothwell (-½)	bt. J.H.T. Griffiths (9)	+10
Mrs P. Newton (7)	bt. P. Newton (-2½)	+24
R.O.B. Whittington (-2)	bt. Mrs N.A.C. McMillan (½)	+ 1
E.P. Duffield (½)	bt. R.H.C. Carder (7)	+ 9
Mrs G.H. Wood (3)	bt. Miss W.E. Creed Meredith (6)	+ 4
Dr C.A. Parker (6)	bt. Miss M.V. Page (8)	+17
<i>Third Round</i>		
J.H.J. Soutter (½)	bt. L.S. Butler (4)	+ 5
R.F. Rothwell (-½)	bt. Mrs P. Newton (7)	+21
R.O.B. Whittington (-2)	bt. E.P. Duffield (½)	+10
Mrs G.H. Wood (3)	bt. Dr C.A. Parker (6)	+ 7

Semi-Final

J.H.J.Soutter (½) bt. R.F.Rothwell (-½) + 7
 R.O.B.Whittington (-2) bt. Mrs G.H.Wood (3) + 2

Final

J.H.J.Soutter (½) bt. R.O.B.Whittington (-2) +6

Event 4b: 'Y' Handicap Singles (12 Entries)*Final*

Dr W.R.Bucknall (-½) bt. Mrs I.N.Duveen (12) + 9 (T)

Event 5: Handicap Doubles (13 Pairs)*First Round*

Mrs G.H.Wood & Miss M.V.Page (11) bt. Mrs N.A.C. McMillan & J.H.T. Griffiths (8½) +15
 R.F.Rothwell & Miss M.M.Fickling (12½) bt. L.S.Butler & Dr C.A.Parker (10) + 5
 R.O.B.Whittington & Mrs I.N.Duveen (9) bt. Sir Leonard & Lady Stone (26) +10

The Men's and Women's Championships: Cheltenham, June 19-24

These Championships were held for the first time at Cheltenham. The new venue proved to be very popular with the ladies, attracting an entry of 22, exactly twice as many as in 1971. The entry for the Men's Championships was unchanged at 19.

The large number of entries posed formidable managerial problems, solved with aplomb by the team of Edgar Jackson and Bill Gladstone. For the statistically minded, it is recorded that 175 games were played in 6 days on 10 courts.

Play began on Monday with doubles matches. The strongly favoured pair, Solomon and Mrs Meachem, came perilously near to defeat by Meredith and Mrs Elvey, surviving only when Meredith just missed a short lift shot near the end of the match. Col. and Mrs Prichard, another powerful combination, only just beat Lloyd-Pratt and Mrs McMillan. After David had been pegged out, Betty McMillan made much progress before Betty Prichard, for rover, hit in when Betty McMillan just failed at the rover hoop. Carte and Mrs Aubrey, welcome visitors from South Africa, had a meritorious win against the holders, Perry and Miss Warwick. But the most spectacular play was by Ormerod, who completed three peels of an attempted quadruple when partnering Mrs Neville Rolfe to victory against Gladstone and Mrs Longman.

Wind and intermittent rain combined to make playing conditions very difficult on the fast lawns, and as a result there were few fireworks in the singles. The favourite for the Women's title, Mrs Jarden, was fully extended in her first game by some excellent play by Miss Wood, while the holder, Mrs Sundius-Smith, gave warning that she was in good form by a convincing win over Miss Arkell.

The unseeded draw provided a match of very high quality on the first day, in which Solomon beat Perry in three hard fought and adventurous games. There were several attempts at triple peels by both men, although none succeeded, and in the third game the older man showed signs of fatigue after ten hours of play in doubles and singles.

On Tuesday another President's Cup player was eliminated when Ormerod beat Neal, also in three games finishing late in the evening. William's fighting qualities and imperturbable temperament were tested to the full, as Bernard led in all three games. The match eventually turned on William's astonishing ability to hit in when playing what most spectators considered to be injudicious shots.

Mr & Mrs P.Newton (4½) bt. Mrs C.E.Devitt & Mrs D. Wayman (16) +11
 Revd W.E.Gladstone & R.H.C.Carder (5) bt. Major F.Hill-Bernhard & Mrs H.M.Harris (16½) +11

Second Round

Mrs Wood & Miss Page bt. E.P.Duffield & Miss W.E.Creed Meredith (6½) +8 (T)
 Whittington & Mrs Duveen bt. Rothwell & Miss Fickling +6
 Revd W.E.Gladstone & Carder bt. Mr & Mrs Newton + 4
 J.H.J.Soutter & Mrs F.E.M.Puxon (5) bt. Dr W.R.Bucknall & Miss M.D.McMordie (3) + 3

Semi-Final

Whittington & Mrs Duveen bt. Mrs Wood & Miss Page + 1 (T)
 Soutter & Mrs Puxon bt. Revd W.E.Gladstone & Carder + 3

Final

Whittington & Mrs Duveen bt. Soutter & Mrs Puxon + 4 (T)

Clemons nearly eliminated another President's Cup player, Lloyd-Pratt, who only won the deciding game by triple-peeling and pegging out his opponent.

The highlight of the first round of the Doubles Process, played on Tuesday morning, was a fine win by the Prichards against Ormerod and Mrs Rolfe, who was pegged out when William's clip only advanced to rover.

Solomon and Mrs Meachem beat Perry and Miss Warwick, so that by lunch-time on Tuesday Perry was eliminated from both the main events — an astonishing situation for a player of his calibre.

Wednesday saw Carte and Mrs Aubrey recording another good win, this time against Hicks and Miss Roe. Humphrey was perhaps a trifle unfortunate in missing a short hampered roquet after running rover, with his partner's clip on the peg.

In the Men's event Lloyd-Pratt double-peeled and pegged out Aspinall in their first game. Nigel's characteristic reply was to hit in and make the last seven hoops in a two ball break. Bryan attempted the same manoeuvre in the second game, only to fail unaccountably at penultimate. Ormerod beat Prichard with a straight double peel in the first game, and Solomon dealt unkindly with Col. Wheeler, although the second game was somewhat protracted. The plan of the joint managers never to be on court at the same time was frustrated when they had to play one another, Jackson emerging as the victor.

In the Women's singles Mrs Jarden finished her match against Mrs Prichard with a double peel, while on the next court Mrs Sundius-Smith was fighting off a spirited challenge by Mrs Neville Rolfe in their second game. Mrs Rotherham came through to the semi-final by beating Mrs Chittenden, despite rushing her ball on to the peg in attempting to peg out. This misfortune had also befallen Solomon in the doubles against Whittington and Miss Arkell, who in consequence came very near to winning. This was a day of mishaps, for Miss Sessions played for the wrong hoop in her first game against Miss Roe, which she lost, although she duly won the next two. In the Du Pre, Whittington pegged out Miss Duthie, but his own ball also curled on to the peg, leaving two balls each for penultimate. He managed to survive to win +1. Later, Miss Duthie was also to lose another Du Pre match by the same margin.

Fine weather on Thursday inspired Mrs Jarden to produce her best form in a semi-final against Mrs Sundius-Smith, who fought well as she always does. The deciding factor was Jean's ability to pick up breaks from difficult positions and to play them with immaculate control. Meanwhile, on an

adjacent court, Solomon was in irresistible form in his semi-final against Ormerod. The first game was won by John with a beautifully played triple peel picked up from a very difficult position. This was surpassed by the events of the second game, in which John completed three peels of a sextuple before missing a very difficult cut rush, but soon afterwards he went out with a superb straight triple.

Mrs Lightfoot beat Mrs Meachem in two long games, Barbara missing a chance of pegging out her opponent in the second game when she failed at the rover hoop. This brought her against Miss Sessions in the quarter-final, a match won by Kitty in two very close games.

In the Mixed Doubles, Neal and Mrs Jarden became the only undefeated pair when they beat Solomon and Mrs Meachem, the Prichards having been beaten by Tyrwhitt-Drake and Mrs Chittenden in a semi-final of the Process.

On Friday Aspinall beat Jackson in the remaining semi-final of the Men's Championship in two good and briskly played games. The first game featured a triple peel by Nigel; he then quickly went to rover in the second game, giving contact. Jackson narrowly failed in an attempt to peel and peg him out, and all was soon over.

Miss Sessions beat Mrs Rotherham in the remaining Women's semi-final. Hope displayed something like her old form, but hoop-running proved to be her undoing.

Neal and Mrs Jarden played four doubles during the day, emerging late in the evening as winners of both the Draw and Process. In their last match, the Process final against Solomon and Mrs Meachem, Jean quickly went to 4-back with a fine break. Barbara, who had not been in good form all the week, then played excellently to pick up a break and looked set to emulate Jean when she was just hampered at the sixth hoop. Soon after Bernard went to the peg with two peels and Jean finished the game with a long split peg out.

On Saturday the Men's final between Aspinall and Solomon produced the expected play of exceptionally high quality. John went quickly to 4-back in the first game, and looked set for his triple peel when he unexpectedly failed to run the third hoop. Nigel then took charge and after going to 4-back embarked on a triple. The three peels were completed but an ambitious attempt at a combination peg out failed, whereupon he pegged out one ball. John hit in, and with several of Nigel's shots just missing the peg won an exciting game by +1.

The second game went quickly to John, who was by now at the peak of his form. Nigel was unlucky to present John with a double target when he failed to run a long second hoop; the target was hit and the inevitable triple peel followed.

At the same time Mrs Jarden was beating Miss Sessions in a match characterised by remarkable fluctuations in fortune. Kitty started nervously and the first game soon went to Jean, who played some fine breaks. In the second game there was a complete transformation; Kitty played confidently and really well, and her clips advanced to the peg and 4-back before Jean had started. Jean rallied bravely but was not keeping her breaks under control. However, the loss of this game inspired Jean to produce her very best form, and how good that is. She needed only three perfectly played breaks to win by +26, and Kitty never even took croquet. She could, however, derive some satisfaction from the fact that she had stretched to the full the best lady player in the world at the present time.

Whittington enhanced his reputation in the Du Pre. He beat Prichard in the play-off, after a good win against Newton achieved by some fine shooting and break play. Newton had earlier beaten Lloyd-Pratt, who lost in the other life to some steady play by Prichard. But the most notable game in this event was between David and Betty Prichard. David hit the tice and went to 2-back, whereupon

Betty hit the lift and went to rover, giving contact. David then single-peeled and pegged out his opponent, also pegging out his forward ball, leaving himself with a lead of five hoops, which he kept in the ensuing two ball game.

The Cheltenham Club were excellent hosts, and the fast lawns were a tribute to the care lavished on them by Col Wheeler. Despite generally poor weather the tournament was thoroughly enjoyed by all the competitors.

Results**Event 1: The Men's Championship (19 entries)***First Round*

H.O.Hicks bt. P. Newton - 4 + 7 + 3
 G.E.P.Jackson bt. R.A.Carte +21 +16
 J.W.Solomon bt. B.G.Perry + 5 - 8 +15

Second Round

G.N.Aspinall bt. F.W.Meredith +19 + 9
 B.Lloyd-Pratt bt. H.S.Clemons +10 -11 + 9
 Revd W.E.Gladstone bt. R.A.Simpson +19 +24
 G.E.P.Jackson bt. H.O.Hicks -15 + 7 +12
 J.W.Solomon bt. R.O.B.Whittington +23 +22
 Col G.T.Wheeler bt. J.G.Warwick + 2 + 5
 Dr W.P.Ormerod bt. Prof.B.G.Neal - 4 + 4 +15
 Lt-Col. D.M.C.Prichard bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake +14 - 5 +15

Third Round

G.N.Aspinall bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt + 6 +15
 G.E.P.Jackson bt. Revd W.E.Gladstone +10 +12
 J.W.Solomon bt. Col.G.T.Wheeler +23 +21
 Dr W.P.Ormerod bt. Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard +17 +12

Semi-Final

G.N.Aspinall bt. G.E.P.Jackson +26 + 4
 J.W.Solomon bt. Dr W.P.Ormerod +12 +15

Final

J.W.Solomon bt. G.N.Aspinall + 1 +25

Event 2: The Women's Championship (22 entries)*First Round*

Miss K.M.O.Sessions bt. Mrs R.A.Simpson + 5 + 8
 Miss I.M.Roe bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey +14 -14 +13
 Mrs E.M.Lightfoot bt. Mrs W.Longman + 7 +19
 Mrs J.B.Meachem bt. Mrs D.M.Aubrey +15 + 6
 Mrs J.Neville Rolfe bt. Miss H.D.Parker +15 +18
 Miss B.Duthie bt. Miss E.J.Warwick + 6 + 4

Second Round

Mrs E.Rotherham bt. Mrs J.Povey +23 + 6
 Mrs H.F.Chittenden bt. Mrs N.A.C.McMillan +14 +13
 Miss K.M.O.Sessions bt. Miss I.M.Roe - 7 +10 +22
 Mrs E.M.Lightfoot bt. Mrs J.B.Meachem + 2 + 6
 Mrs J.Neville Rolfe bt. Miss B.Duthie +15 + 4
 Mrs Sundius-Smith bt. Miss E.H.Arkell +26 +21
 Mrs D.M.C.Prichard bt. Mrs G.W.Solomon + 5 + 1
 Mrs J.Jarden bt. Mrs G.H.Wood + 8 +23

Third Round

Mrs E.Rotherham bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden + 5 +13
 Miss K.M.O.Sessions bt. Mrs E.M.Lightfoot +24 +16
 Mrs Sundius-Smith bt. Mrs J.Neville Rolfe: + 7 + 4
 Mrs J.Jarden bt. Mrs D.M.C.Prichard + 8 + 9

Semi-Final

Miss K.M.O. Sessions bt. Mrs E.Rotherham + 8 + 9
 Mrs J.Jarden bt. Mrs Sundius-Smith +18 + 6

Final

Mrs J.Jarden bt. Miss K.M.O.Sessions +25 -16 + 26

Event 3: The Mixed Doubles Championship (17 Pairs)

DRAW

First Round

Revd W.E.Gladstone & Mrs W.Longman bt. Mr & Mrs R.A. Simpson + 9

Second Round

R.A.Carte & Mrs D.M.Aubrey bt. B.G.Perry & Miss E.J. Warwick + 9
 H.O.Hicks & Miss I.M.Roe bt. P.Newton & Mrs G.W. Solomon + 6
 Prof. B.G.Neal & Mrs J.Jarden bt. J.G.Warwick & Mrs G.H. Wood +25
 Dr W.P.Ormerod & Mrs J.Neville Rolfe bt. Revd W.E. Gladstone & Mrs W.Longman +11
 J.W.Solomon & Mrs J.B.Meachem bt. F.W.Meredith & Mrs G.F.H.Elvey + 4
 R.O.B.Whittington & Mrs E.H.Arkell bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake & Mrs H.F.Chittenden + 2
 Lt-Col. & Mrs D.M.C.Prichard bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs N.A.C.McMillan + 3
 Col. G.T.Wheeler & Miss K.M.O.Sessions bt. H.S.Clemons & Mrs E.Rotherham +11

Third Round

Carte & Mrs Aubrey bt. Hicks & Miss Roe + 2
 Prof. Neal & Mrs Jarden bt. Dr Ormerod & Mrs Neville Rolfe +22
 Solomon & Mrs Meachem bt. Whittington & Miss Arkell + 6
 Lt-Col. & Mrs Prichard bt. Col. Wheeler & Miss Sessions +12

Semi-Final

Prof. Neal & Mrs Jarden bt. Carte & Mrs Aubrey +14
 Solomon & Mrs Meachem bt. Lt-Col & Mrs Prichard + 6

Final

Prof. Neal & Mrs Jarden bt. Solomon & Mrs Meachem +20

PROCESS

First Round

H.S.Clemons & Mrs E.Rotherham bt. R.A.Carte & Mrs D.M.Aubrey +17

Second Round

H.S.Clemons & Mrs E.Rotherham bt. Mr & Mrs R.A. Simpson +23
 E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake & Mrs H.F.Chittenden bt. J.G.Warwick & Mrs G.H.Wood + 7
 P.Newton & Mrs G.W.Solomon bt. F.W.Meredith & Mrs G.F.H.Elvey + 11
 Lt-Col & Mrs D.M.C.Prichard bt Dr W.P.Ormerod & Mrs J.Neville Rolfe + 2
 J.W. Solomon & Mrs J.B.Meachem bt. B.G.Perry & Miss E.J. Warwick +10
 Prof. B.G.Neal & Mrs J.Jarden bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs N.A.C.McMillan +16
 R.O.B.Whittington & Miss E.H.Arkell bt. H.O.Hicks & Miss I.M.Roe +16
 Col. G.T.Wheeler & Miss K.M.O.Sessions bt. Revd W.E. Gladstone & Mrs W.Longman + 7

Third Round

Tyrwhitt-Drake & Mrs Chittenden bt. Clemons & Mrs Rotherham + 2
 Lt-Col. & Mrs Prichard bt. Newton & Mrs Solomon + 9
 Prof. Neal & Mrs Jarden bt. Solomon & Mrs Meachem + 9
 Whittington & Miss Arkell bt. Col. Wheeler & Miss Sessions + 7

Semi-Final

Tyrwhitt-Drake & Mrs Chittenden bt. Lt-Col & Mrs Prichard +10
 Prof. Neal & Mrs Jarden bt. Whittington & Miss Arkell +23

Final

Prof. Neal & Mrs Jarden bt. Tyrwhitt-Drake and Mrs Chittenden +16

PLAY-OFF FOR SECOND PLACE

Solomon & Mrs Meachem bt. Tyrwhitt-Drake & Mrs Chittenden +22

Event 4: The Du Pre Cup (30 Entries)

DRAW

First Round

B.Lloyd-Pratt w.o. Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard opp.scr.
 Revd W.E.Gladstone w.o. Mrs D.M.C.Prichard opp.scr.
 J.G.Warwick bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey +12
 Miss E.J.Warwick bt. R.A.Simpson + 7
 Mrs G.W.Solomon bt. Miss E.H.Arkell +22
 P.Newton bt. Miss I.M.Roe + 8
 E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake bt. Mrs W.Longman +13
 R.A.Carte w.o. Mrs J.B.Meachem opp.scr.
 R.O.B.Whittington bt. Miss B.Duthie + 1
 Mrs R.A.Simpson bt. F.W.Meredith +18
 Mrs D.M.Aubrey w.o. Prof.B.G.Neal opp.ret.d.
 Mrs G.H.Wood bt. Miss H.D.Parker + 2
 H.S.Clemons bt. Mrs N.A.C.McMillan + 7
 Mrs J.Neville Rolfe bt. Col. G.T.Wheeler + 2

Second Round

B.Lloyd-Pratt bt. Revd W.E.Gladstone +18
 J.G.Warwick bt. Miss E.J.Warwick + 7
 Mrs G.W.Solomon bt. Mrs J.Povey + 9
 P.Newton w.o. E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake opp.scr.
 R.O.B.Whittington bt. R.A.Carte +15
 Mrs D.M.Aubrey bt. Mrs R.A.Simpson +17
 H.S.Clemons bt. Mrs G.H.Wood +18
 Mrs J.Neville Rolfe bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden + 8

Third Round

B.Lloyd-Pratt bt. J.G.Warwick +10
 P.Newton bt. Mrs G.W.Solomon +10
 R.O.B.Whittington bt. Mrs D.M.Aubrey +20
 H.S.Clemons bt. Mrs J.Neville Rolfe +22

Semi-Final

P.Newton bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt + 7
 R.O.B.Whittington bt. H.S.Clemons +10

Final

R.O.B.Whittington bt. P.Newton +15

PROCESS

First Round

B.Lloyd-Pratt bt. R.A.Carte +13
 Mrs G.H.Wood bt. Mrs G.W.Solomon + 5
 J.G.Warwick bt. F.W.Meredith +21
 P.Newton bt. Col. G.T.Wheeler +22
 Revd W.E.Gladstone bt. Miss B.Duthie + 1 (T)
 E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden +26
 Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard bt. Mrs J.B.Meachem +23
 Miss E.H.Arkell bt. Miss H.D.Parker +23
 Mrs R.A.Simpson bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey + 1 (T)
 Mrs J.Neville Rolfe bt. Miss I.M.Roe +22
 Mrs D.M.C.Prichard bt. R.O.B.Whittington +25
 H.S.Clemons bt. Mrs J.Povey +10
 Mrs D.M.Aubrey bt. Miss E.J.Warwick + 8

Second Round

B.Lloyd-Pratt bt. Mrs G.H.Wood +19
 J.G.Warwick w.o. P.Newton opp.ret.d.
 Revd W.E.Gladstone bt. Mrs N.A.C.McMillan +11
 E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake bt. R.A.Simpson +10
 Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard bt. Miss E.H.Arkell +25
 Mrs R.A.Simpson bt. Mrs J.Neville Rolfe + 6
 Mrs D.M.C.Prichard bt. H.S.Clemons + 2
 Mrs D.M.Aubrey bt. Mrs W.Longman + 3

Third Round

B.Lloyd-Pratt bt. J.G.Warwick +19
 E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake bt. Revd W.E.Gladstone + 8
 Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard bt. Mrs R.A.Simpson +10
 Mrs D.M.C.Prichard w.o. Mrs D.M.Aubrey opp.scr.

Semi-Final

B.Lloyd-Pratt bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake +17
 Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard bt. Mrs D.M.C.Prichard + 9

Final

Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt +14

PLAY-OFF

R.O.B.Whittington bt. Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard +12

The Challenge and the Gilbey Cups, Budleigh Salterton, June 26 - July 1

Having had indifferent weather for nearly four months, most of us had hoped to see an improvement for this C.A. event. It was, however, not to be. We had the 'mixture as before': showers, sun and a cold wind most of the time. On Tuesday, Doubles Day, we came to the club at 9.45 to find the lawns flooded - it had been raining all night! Some games were started about 11.30, but after about half an hour we had to abandon the idea of any further croquet before lunch. After lunch we got off the mark about 2 p.m. and all was well. In spite of all, it was a very enjoyable tournament, managed extremely well by Commander Giles Borrett, who was managing his first tournament; as one would expect, everything was 'all shipshape and Bristol fashion'.

There was one regrettable casualty. Bill Perry went down with a virus on the Thursday night and had to scratch from the semi-finals of both halves of the Opens. We were pleased to see that he had recovered sufficiently to come and watch the Finals on the Saturday. There were four distinguished visitors from Overseas: Mrs Jean Jarden from New Zealand, R.A.Carte and Mrs Aubrey from South Africa and H.S. Clemons from Tasmania.

On the Saturday the Doubles Final, between Professor Ross & Mrs Sheil and M.Granger Brown & Dr Pim, was played in the morning. The latter pair won by three points. In the afternoon the final of the Gilbey Cup was played between Sir Leonard Daldry and Martin Granger Brown. The latter won by 14 without using two of his bisques. The Council Cup was played as a Draw and Process because of the rather meagre entry. Col. Laverty reached the final of both halves, winning the first but losing the second to Mrs Aubrey, who won the subsequent play-off and the cup. P.A.Tunmer from Sidmouth won the Reckitt Cup by 4 after a tremendous battle against Mrs Sheil.

In the afternoon 'Le Grand Spectacle' was a battle between the Lady Champion of New Zealand and John Cooper in the final of the Process in the Opens. After some very interesting croquet, John got both his clips on the peg and finished the game with a splendred split shot, pegging out one ball while he went across to the enemy balls joined on the boundary. So, Jean having won the Draw and John the Process, they had to play each other again, much to the delight of the spectators. Jean's croquet, like her appearance,

is immaculate and a joy to watch. In the second game she won by a comfortable margin.

Results**Event 1: The Roehampton Challenge Cup (15 Entries)**

DRAW

First Round

Sir Leonard Daldry bt. Lt-Col G.E.Cave +22
 Mrs E.M.Lightfoot bt. J.G.Warwick + 5
 R.A.Simpson bt. Miss E.J.Warwick + 9
 Dr W.R.Bucknall bt. Mrs E.Rotherham +11
 H.S.Clemons bt. E.H.S.Shelton +20
 B.G.Perry bt. Miss F.Joly +14
 Mrs J.Jarden bt. Mrs R.A.Simpson +24

Second Round

Sir Leonard Daldry bt. Mrs E.M.Lightfoot +15
 Dr W.R.Bucknall bt. R.A.Simpson +20
 B.G.Perry bt. H.S.Clemons + 5
 Mrs J.Jarden bt. A.J.Cooper +19

Semi-Final

Dr W.R.Bucknall bt. Sir Leonard Daldry +15
 Mrs J.Jarden w.o. B.G.Perry opp.scr.

Final

Mrs J.Jarden bt. Dr W.R.Bucknall +17

PROCESS

First Round

Sir Leonard Daldry bt. H.S.Clemons +12
 R.A.Simpson bt. Mrs R.A.Simpson +11
 Miss F.Joly bt. J.G.Warwick + 8
 A.J.Cooper bt. Mrs E.Rotherham +12
 Lt-Col G.E.Cave bt. E.H.S.Shelton +12
 Mrs J.Jarden bt. Miss E.J.Warwick +20
 B.G.Perry bt. Mrs E.M.Lightfoot +15

Second Round

Sir Leonard Daldry bt. R.A.Simpson +13
 A.J.Cooper bt. Miss F.Joly +20
 Mrs J.Jarden bt. Lt-Col G.E.Cave +26
 B.G. Perry bt. Dr W.R.Bucknall +22

Semi-Final

A.J.Cooper bt. Sir Leonard Daldry + 3
 Mrs J.Jarden w.o. B.G.Perry opp.scr.

Final

A.J.Cooper bt. Mrs J.Jarden +13

PLAY-OFF

Mrs J.Jarden bt. A.J.Cooper +16

Event 2: The Council Challenge Cup (15 Entries)

DRAW

First Round

Lt-Col T.F.Laverty bt. Mrs D.M.Aubrey + 2
 M. Granger Brown w.o. Miss E.Fisher opp.scr.
 R.S.Stevens w.o. Miss K.Ault opp.ret.d.
 C.Edwards w.o. J.Lee opp.scr.
 Mrs.A.S.C.Ross bt. R.A.Carte + 7
 Major G.B.Horridge w.o. Mrs M.Hawkins opp.ret.d.
 Captain M.F.Buller bt. Lady FitzGerald +18

Second Round

Lt-Col T.F.Laverty bt. M.Granger Brown + 8
 R.S.Stevens bt. C.Edwards + 6
 Major G.B.Horridge bt. Mrs A.S.C.Ross + 5
 Captain M.F.Buller bt. Prof.A.S.C.Ross + 8

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Lt-Col T.F.Laverty	bt. C.Edwards	+11
Major G.B.Horridge	bt. Captain M.F.Buller	+ 8
<i>Final</i>		
Lt-Col T.F.Laverty	bt. Major G.B.Horridge	+ 8
PROCESS		
<i>First Round</i>		
Mrs D.M.Aubrey	bt. R.A.Carte	+12
R.S.Stevens	bt. Captain M.F.Buller	+18
Miss E.Fisher	bt. Mrs M.Hawkins	+11
Prof.A.S.C.Ross	bt. C.Edwards	+13
Lt-Col T.F.Laverty	bt. Mrs A.S.C.Ross	+ 8
Lady FitzGerald	bt. Miss K.Ault	+ 2
M.Granger Brown	bt. Major G.B.Horridge	+21
<i>Second Round</i>		
Mrs D.M.Aubrey	bt. R.S.Stevens	+ 6
Prof.A.S.C.Ross	bt. Miss E.Fisher	+25
Lt-Col T.F.Laverty	bt. Lady FitzGerald	+19
M.Granger Brown	w.o. J.Lee	opp.scr.
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Mrs D.M.Aubrey	bt. Prof.A.S.C.Ross	+13
Lt-Col T.F.Laverty	w.o. M.Granger Brown	opp.ret'd.
<i>Final</i>		
Mrs D.M.Aubrey	bt. Lt-Col T.F.Laverty	+11
PLAY-OFF		
Mrs D.M.Aubrey	bt. Lt-Col T.F.Laverty	+11
Event 3: The Reckitt Challenge Cup (8 Entries)		
<i>First Round</i>		
Mrs F.A.Sheil	bt. C.W.Haworth	+ 9
Mrs F.Henshaw	bt. K.S.Schofield	+ 6
W.G.B.Scott	bt. Miss D.Locks Latham	+ 7
P.A.Tunmer	w.o. Dr H.A.Pim	opp.ret'd.
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Mrs F.A.Sheil	bt. Mrs F.Henshaw	+ 5
P.A.Tunmer	bt. W.G.B.Scott	+ 8
<i>Final</i>		
P.A.Tunmer	bt. Mrs F.A.Sheil	+ 4
Event 4: The Stevenson Cup (8 Entries)		
<i>First Round</i>		
Mrs Sebestyen	bt. Mrs H.Harris	+ 6 (T)
Brig.H.E.Fernyhough	bt. Dr C.W.Evans	+11
Mrs I.N.Duveen	w.o. Major R.Atchley	opp.scr.
Mrs H.A.Pim	bt. Mrs C.W.Haworth	+ 9 (T)
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Mrs Sebestyen	bt. Brig.H.E.Fernyhough	+ 5
Mrs I.N.Duveen	bt. Mrs H.A.Pim	+ 9 (T)
<i>Final</i>		
Mrs I.N.Duveen	bt. Mrs Sebestyen	+10
Event 5: Handicap Doubles (22 Pairs)		
<i>First Round</i>		
Col.W.Healing & C.Edwards (3½)	bt. A.J.Cooper & Mrs H.A.Pim (8½)	+ 1 (T)
R.S.Stevens & P.A.Tunmer (10½)	bt. Sir Leonard Daldry & Brig.H.E.Fernyhough (9)	+ 1 (T)
Prof.A.S.C.Ross & Mrs F.A.Sheil (8½)	bt. R.A.Simpson & Mrs M.Hawkins (4)	+13
R.A.Carte & Mrs D.M.Aubrey (4½)	bt. Miss F.Joly & Lady Fitzgerald (2)	+23

Mrs R.A.Simpson & W.G.B.Scott (5½)	bt. J.G.Warwick & Mrs F.Henshaw (6)	+20
Dr W.R.Bucknall & Mrs K.S.Schofield (8½)	bt. E.H.S.Shelton & W.Ives (13)	+ 2 (T)
<i>Second Round</i>		
Mrs E.M.Lightfoot & Mrs Sebestyen (12)	bt. Mrs M.H.Vincent & Miss J.Cooper (4)	+12
Mrs J.Jarden & Mrs I.N.Duveen (7)	bt. H.S.Clemons & Mrs H.Harris (9)	+11
Col.Healing & Edwards	bt. J.Lee & Major G.B.Horridge (6½)	+16
Prof.Ross & Mrs Sheil	bt. Stevens & Tunmer	+13
Mrs Simpson & Scott	bt. Carte & Mrs Aubrey	+15
Lt-Col G.E.Cave & Mrs C.W.Haworth (14)	bt. Dr Bucknall & Mrs Schofield	+ 2 (T)
Mrs E.Rotherham & C.W.Haworth (2½)	bt. Captain M.F.Buller & Mrs A.S.C.Ross (6)	+ 3 (T)
M.Granger Brown & Dr H.A.Pim (10½)	bt. Miss E.J.Warwick & K.S.Schofield (2½)	+22
<i>Third Round</i>		
Mrs Jarden & Mrs Duveen	bt. Mrs Lightfoot & Mrs Sebestyen	+ 7 (T)
Prof.Ross & Mrs Sheil	bt. Col. Healing & Edwards	+22
Mrs Simpson & Scott	bt. Lt-Col Cave & Mrs Haworth	+ 1 (T)
Granger Brown & Dr Pim	bt. Mrs Rotherham & Haworth	+22
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Prof.Ross & Mrs Sheil	bt. Mrs Jarden & Mrs Duveen	+ 9 (T)
Granger Brown & Dr Pim	bt. Mrs Simpson & Scott	+ 1 (T)
<i>Final</i>		
Granger Brown & Dr Pim	bt. Prof.Ross & Mrs Sheil	+ 3
Event 6: The Gilbey Cup (42 Entries)		
<i>First Round</i>		
R.A.Carte (2½)	bt. Mrs Sebestyen (14)	+ 8
Major G.B.Horridge (4)	bt. Miss E.Fisher (2)	+13
Dr C.W.Evans (8)	bt. J.G.Warwick (0)	+ 5
Mrs D.M.Aubrey (2)	bt. Mrs H.A.Pim (11)	+14
Miss E.J.Warwick (-2)	bt. Lt-Col T.F.Laverty (½)	+ 7
Mrs E.Rotherham (-2)	bt. Mrs I.N.Duveen (12)	+ 9
E.H.S.Shelton (-1)	bt. W.Ives (16)	+15
Lt-Col G.E.Cave (0)	bt. Lady FitzGerald (2)	+ 6
Sir Leonard Daldry (-1)	bt. R.A.Simpson (0)	+11
Mrs J.Jarden (-3)	w.o. J.Lee (2½)	opp.scr.
<i>Second Round</i>		
C.Edwards (4)	bt. Col.W.Healing (-½)	+13
Mrs A.S.C.Ross (4)	bt. H.S.Clemons (-2)	+ 6
Miss K.Ault (2½)	bt. Mrs H.Harris (12)	+16
M.Granger Brown (3½)	bt. Miss D.Locks Latham (7)	+ 1
Brig.H.E.Fernyhough (12)	bt. Mrs E.M.Lightfoot (0)	+ 9
R.A.Carte (2½)	bt. W.G.B.Scott (6)	+10
Dr C.W.Evans (8)	bt. Major G.B.Horridge (4)	+ 1
Mrs D.M.Aubrey (2)	bt. Miss E.J.Warwick (-2)	+ 9
E.H.S.Shelton (-1)	bt. Mrs E.Rotherham (-2)	+11
Sir Leonard Daldry (-1)	bt. Lt-Col G.E.Cave (0)	+ 2
Dr W.R.Bucknall (-½)	bt. Mrs J.Jarden (-3)	+ 1
C.W.Haworth (4½)	w.o. Captain M.F.Buller (2)	opp.scr.
A.J.Cooper (-2½)	bt. Dr H.A.Pim (7)	+ 7
K.S.Schofield (4½)	bt. Mrs R.A.Simpson (-½)	+ 8
Miss F.Joly (0)	bt. Mrs M.Hawkins (4)	+10
R.S.Stevens (4)	bt. Prof.A.S.C.Ross (1½)	+ 2
<i>Third Round</i>		
C.Edwards (4)	bt. Mrs A.S.C.Ross (4)	+15
M.Granger Brown (3½)	bt. Miss K.Ault (2½)	+ 9

R.A.Carte (2½)	bt. Brig.H.E.Fernyhough (12)	+ 4
Dr C.W.Evans (8)	bt. Mrs D.M.Aubrey (2)	+10
Sir Leonard Daldry (-1)	bt. E.H.S.Shelton (-1)	+19
C.W.Haworth (4½)	bt. Dr W.R.Bucknall (-½)	+12
K.S.Schofield (4½)	bt.A.J.Cooper (-2½)	+26
R.S.Stevens (4)	bt. Miss F.Joly (0)	+ 7
<i>Fourth Round</i>		
M.Granger Brown (3½)	bt. C.Edwards (4)	+ 2
Dr C.W.Evans (8)	bt. R.A.Carte (2½)	+21
Sir Leonard Daldry (-1)	bt. C.W.Haworth (4½)	+17
K.S.Schofield (4½)	bt. R.S.Stevens (4)	+ 8
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
M Granger Brown (3½)	bt. Dr C.W.Evans (8)	+19
Sir Leonard Daldry (-1)	bt. K.S.Schofield (4½)	+ 6
<i>Final</i>		
M.Granger Brown (3½)	bt. Sir Leonard Daldry (-1)	+14

Budleigh Salterton Tournament: July 3 - 8

The excellencies of Budleigh are many and famous and the imperfections so few that for one I shall touch on the latter. This is the only tournament in the country which does not offer a 'Y' event - or its equivalent. With only 11 players left in the Open Handicap by Monday evening some of the defeated 41 had the lean prospect of perhaps only two or three games during the week ahead. A 3-hour time limit was imposed on all singles: that that should be sufficient for most level games is agreed, but the total possible number of games was well within the compass of the 12 lawns, while the courts themselves were not a constant factor. On the four good courts the limit was seldom reached, while on the four bad ones even some of the best players (for instance Godby and Shelton) were beaten by time. A further twenty minutes would have seen nearly all such games finished without impeding the smooth progress of the tournament. Here I hasten to add that under the experienced eye of Major Dibley the tournament unfurled in a well-ordered and timely fashion.

There may have been compelling domestic reasons for the untimely closure of the Pavilion Bar at 12.30 each day, which is just the time when players like to have a drink without leaving the centre of interest, but many players expressed their frustration, a frustration which would have been aggravated had it been a hot week.

The winning of an event here carries prestige, and the B class was even stronger than it usually is. Perhaps the best match of the week was in the first round when Mrs Wood, playing quite beautifully, put out the holder Bateson. Both Betts' gave workmanlike performances throughout, and overall the son just proved the better bet. The C class also was bigger and stronger. Mrs Haworth, having been advised by Col. Beamish to dig her heels in when making a roquet, did so to such good effect that she reached the final (albeit helped on her way by Mrs Weitz' aberration regarding Law 39). There the generously bisqued Brigadier Fernyhough played an excellent finish to win the best final I have watched in this class - in 2½ hours. A tip for next year - Mr Griffiths, a promising newcomer.

Robert Bateson will remember Monday. His three wins in the Big Handicap were by 24, 26 and 26: but later he was first rocked by Godby and then by Weitz, who kept the semi-final in jeopardy until his last shot missed by a whisker. Robert Prichard, contrariwise, started with the narrowest of wins over a sparkling Mrs Rotherham and a stalwart Shelton. It was another good final: Bateson failed at rover after being pegged out and Prichard, wisely, did not give him another shot, going out from 1-back.

Sadly the Doubles final was an anti-climax. The weeping rain dampened Tiny's valiant shots and Vera's gentle strokes, leaving the field clear for the relentless hitting-in of Perry and Mrs Meachem, whose deterrent joins on boundaries really were wider than wide.

In the A class there were some good female victories and a few near misses. Clemons was the most consistent player: he picked up his breaks - and his ball - quickly and deftly. He often took an unorthodox shot and seldom resorted to finessing. In the final Perry paid the penalty for persisting in a troublesome triple and Clemons waltzed to victory, to add a Silver Medal to the one he recently won in Australia. An apparent imbalance between the handicaps of A and B class players must indicate that the moment is overdue for all handicaps to be put up 2, to give the handicappers more space for manoeuvre.

Results

Event 1: Open Singles (23 Entries)		
DRAW		
<i>First Round</i>		
Mrs J.B.Meachem	bt. Mrs N.A.C.McMillan	+22
R.F.Rothwell	bt. R.D.C.Prichard	+19
E.H.S.Shelton	bt. B.G.Perry	+14
R.A.Godby	bt. Miss F.Joly	+14
A.J.Cooper	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake	+14
H.S.Clemons	bt. Dr W.R.Bucknall	+20
Lt-Col G.E.Cave	bt. Mrs W.Longman	+ 4
<i>Second Round</i>		
Mrs E.M.Lightfoot	bt. Miss E.J.Warwick	+ 2
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard	bt. Sir Leonard Daldry	+ 6
Mrs J.B.Meachem	bt. R.F.Rothwell	+ 3
R.A.Godby	bt. E.H.S.Shelton	+12 (T)
A.J.Cooper	bt. H.S.Clemons	+13
Mrs E.Rotherham	bt. Lt-Col G.E.Cave	+17
Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	bt. P.Newton	+ 2
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. J.G.Warwick	+24
<i>Third Round</i>		
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard	bt. Mrs E.M.Lightfoot	+12
R.A.Godby	bt. Mrs J.B.Meachem	+17
Mrs E.Rotherham	bt. A.J.Cooper	+13
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	+ 3
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
R.A.Godby	bt. Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard	+15
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. Mrs E.Rotherham	+ 7
<i>Final</i>		
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. R.A.Godby	+12
PROCESS		
<i>First Round</i>		
P.Newton	bt. Mrs N.A.C.McMillan	+21
Lt-Col G.E.Cave	bt. Mrs E.M.Lightfoot	+11
Sir Leonard Daldry	bt. Mrs E.Rotherham	+10
R.F.Rothwell	bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt	+19
Miss E.J.Warwick	bt. Mrs W.Longman	+ 8
Mrs J.B.Meachem	bt. J.G.Warwick	+14
Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	bt. Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard	+14
<i>Second Round</i>		
E.H.S.Shelton	bt. Lt-Col G.E.Cave	+ 6 (T)
P.Newton	bt. A.J.Cooper	+24
R.A.Godby	bt. Sir Leonard Daldry	+ 1 (T)
H.S.Clemons	bt. R.F.Rothwell	+11
B.G.Perry	bt. Miss E.J.Warwick	+23
Mrs J.B.Meachem	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake	+23

Miss F.Joly	bt. Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	+ 8 (T)	<i>Final</i>	
Dr W.R.Bucknall	bt. R.D.C.Prichard	+ 6		Brig. H.E.Fernyhough (12) bt. Mrs C.W.Haworth (15) +10
<i>Third Round</i>				
E.H.S.Shelton	bt. P.Newton	+ 5		
H.S.Clemons	bt. R.A.Godby	+10		
B.G.Perry	bt. Mrs J.B.Meachem	+ 6		
Dr W.R.Bucknall	bt. Miss F.Joly	+11		
<i>Semi-Final</i>				
H.S.Clemons	bt. E.H.S.Shelton	+21		
B.G.Perry	bt. Dr W.R.Bucknall	+15		
<i>Final</i>				
H.S. Clemons	bt. B.G.Perry	+ 9		
PLAY-OFF				
H.S.Clemons	bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt	+14		
Event 2: 'B' Open Singles (20 Entries)				
<i>First Round</i>				
C.Edwards	bt. Miss E.Fisher	+11		
Mrs G.H.Wood	bt. R.N.Bateson	+ 5		
Prof.A.S.C.Ross	w.o. Lady Ursula Abbey	opp.scr.		
Lady FitzGerald	bt. K.S.Schofield	+ 5		
<i>Second Round</i>				
G.H.Betts	w.o. J.Lee	opp.scr.		
R.A.Carte	bt. Col.D.W.Beamish	+15		
Miss K.Ault	bt. Mrs A.S.C.Ross	+12		
C.Edwards	bt. Mrs G.H.Wood	+ 7		
Prof.A.S.C.Ross	bt. Lady FitzGerald	+17		
N.G.Betts	w.o. Capt. M.F.Buller	opp.scr.		
Mrs D.M.Aubrey	bt. Prof. B.G.Weitz	+15		
C.W.Haworth	bt. F.F.W.Staddon	+ 3 (T)		
<i>Third Round</i>				
G.H.Betts	bt. R.A.Carte	+13 (T)		
C.Edwards	bt. Miss K.Ault	+16		
N.G.Betts	bt. Prof.A.S.C.Ross	+24		
C.W.Haworth	bt. Mrs D.M.Aubrey	+ 1 (T)		
<i>Semi-Final</i>				
G.H.Betts	bt. C.Edwards	+ 7		
N.G.Betts	bt. C.W.Haworth	+ 1		
<i>Final</i>				
N.G.Betts	bt. G.H.Betts	+ 2		
Event 3: 'C' Handicap Singles (16 Entries)				
<i>First Round</i>				
J.H.T.Griffiths (9)	bt. Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake	+ 1 (T)		
Miss D.Locks Latham (7)	bt. Mrs F.Henshaw (6)	+ 5 (T)		
Mrs P.Newton (6)	bt. Mrs F.A.Sheil (7)	+ 2 (T)		
Brig.H.E.Fernyhough (12)	bt. Mrs L.E.Hanmer (10)	+20		
Dr G.Laurence (12)	w.o. Mrs K.S.Schofield	opp.scr.		
Mrs B.G.Weitz (5½)	bt. Dr C.W.Evans (7)	+10		
Mrs H.Harris (12)	w.o. Major R.Atchley (10)	opp.scr.		
Mrs C.W.Haworth (15)	bt. M.B.Reckitt (7)	+ 7 (T)		
<i>Second Round</i>				
J.H.T.Griffiths (9)	bt. Miss D.Locks Latham	+ 8 (T)		
Brig.H.E.Fernyhough (12)	bt. Mrs P.Newton (6)	+14		
Mrs B.G.Weitz (5½)	w.o. Dr G.Laurence (12)	opp.scr.		
Mrs C.W.Haworth (15)	bt. Mrs H.Harris (12)	+ 1 (T)		
<i>Semi-Final</i>				
Brig.H.E.Fernyhough (12)	bt. J.H.T.Griffiths (9)	+22		
Mrs C.W.Haworth (15)	bt. Mrs B.G.Weitz (5½)	+ 1 (T)		

R.N.Bateson (1½)	bt. Prof.B.G.Weitz (3)	+ 4		
R.D.C.Prichard (1)	bt. C.Edwards (4)	+15		
<i>Final</i>				
R.D.C.Prichard (1)	bt. R.N.Bateson (1½)	+ 2		
Event 5: Handicap Doubles (28 Pairs)				
<i>First Round</i>				
Sir Leonard Daldry & Brig.H.E.Fernyhough (8½)	bt. Prof. A.S.C.Ross & Dr C.W.Evans (8½)	+12		
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard & R.D.C.Prichard (-2)	bt. Captain M.F.Buller & Lady Ursula Abbey (5)	+13		
Mrs W.Longman & Mrs C.W.Haworth (12)	bt. E.H.S.Shelton & Mrs F.A.Sheil (6)	+14		
Mrs E.M.Lightfoot & J.Lee (2½)	bt. R.A.Carte & Mrs D.M.Aubrey (4)	+ 1		
R.F.Rothwell & N.G.Betts (2)	bt. Mr & Mrs P.Newton (3½)	+20		
A.J.Cooper & Mrs A.S.C.Ross (1½)	bt. Mrs N.A.C.McMillan & J.H.T.Griffiths (8½)	+ 2		
R.N.Bateson & K.S.Schofield (5½)	bt. R.A.Godby & C.Edwards (2½)	+ 9		
H.S.Clemons & B.Hancock (8)	bt. Dr W.R.Bucknall & Lt-Col T.F.Laverty (0)	+ 6		
B.Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs H.Harris (8)	bt. C.W.Haworth & Mrs L.E.Hanmer (14½)	+ 7		
G.H.Betts & F.F.W.Staddon (8)	bt. Miss F.Joly & Lady FitzGerald (2)	+23		
Mr & Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake (11½)	bt. Lt-Col G.E.Cave & Mrs D.M.C.Prichard (-1)	+12		
<i>Second Round</i>				
Prof. & Mrs B.G.Weitz (8½)	bt. Mrs E.Rotherham & Miss J.Cooper (1)	+ 1		
<i>Third Round</i>				
B.G.Perry & Mrs J.B.Meachem (-4)	bt. Mrs M.H.Vincent & M.B.Reckitt (6)	+12		
Sir Leonard Daldry & Brig.Fernyhough	bt. Lt-Col Prichard & Prichard	+11		
Mrs Longman & Mrs Haworth	bt. Mrs Lightfoot & Lee	+ 8		
Cooper & Mrs Ross	bt. Rothwell & N.G.Betts	+ 4		
Bateson & Schofield	bt. Clemons & Hancock	+ 8		
G.H.Betts & Staddon	bt. Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs Harris	+ 6		
Mr & Mrs Tyrwhitt-Drake	bt. Prof. & Mrs Weitz	+16		
J.G.Warwick & R.S.Stevens (4)	bt. Miss E.J.Warwick & Mrs G.H.Wood (1)	+16		
<i>Third Round</i>				
Perry & Mrs Meachem & Brig. Fernyhough	bt. Sir Leonard Daldry	+ 2		
Cooper & Mrs Ross	bt. Mrs Longman & Mrs Haworth	+ 9		
G.H.Betts & Staddon	bt. Bateson & Schofield	+ 2		
Mr & Mrs Tyrwhitt-Drake	bt. Warwick & Stevens	+11		
<i>Semi-Final</i>				
Perry & Mrs Meachem	bt. Cooper & Mrs Ross	+12		
Mr & Mrs Tyrwhitt-Drake	bt. G.H.Betts & Staddon	+12		
<i>Final</i>				
Perry & Mrs Meachem	bt. Mr & Mrs Tyrwhitt-Drake	+12		

Colchester: July 10 - 15

Although the weather broke to bathe the beautiful new pavilion and the lawns in almost continuous sunshine throughout the week, the courts retained a greenish tinge and did not live up to their fiery reputation. Yet they were too fast for some players and, dare it be said, whispers were heard that balls did not always keep on course. Whatever the excuses, the week showed the glories of an English tournament: some brilliant and much bad croquet, meals for which superlatives do not exist, and Edward Duffield as Manager.

Michael Heap provided the first example of really good play when he made what spectators maintained was the most precise break they had seen for many years to beat Jean Jarden in the Draw. He went on to beat Bryan Lloyd-Pratt in a less distinguished contest, but then, rather surprisingly and with some luck, had quite a struggle to beat Archer in the final. In the other half Lloyd-Pratt was better able to demonstrate his skill, though he had to pick up the last shot to beat Humphrey Hicks in the final. He eventually won a slightly nervy game in the play-off to obtain a well-deserved revenge.

Diane Wiesner from Australia, playing in her first tournament in this country, delighted and charmed all those who met her, on or off court. She is a determined and intelligent player who brings out her best croquet when it is needed. The final of the Big Handicap, in which she beat Jean Jarden, proved very exciting: brilliant shooting by Mrs. Jarden, fine breaks by both players, and an intense three-ball end game. Mrs Jarden seemed to reserve her best croquet for the handicap games, beating some of the strongest of the home players.

The visitors did so well that home players were the exception in the finals. It was particularly pleasing to see the Nalders and Harry Green in the Doubles Final, and the South Africans, Mrs Aubrey and Richard Carte in the 'Y' Final.

Roy Alford was alone amongst Colchester's promising players in achieving victory.

Results

Event 1: Open Singles (12 Entries)

DRAW

First Round

H.C.Green	bt. E.H.S.Shelton	+ 2 (T)
Miss D.M.Wiesner	bt. Mrs D.M.Aubrey	+16
Mrs J.Jarden	bt. H.O.Hicks	+13
M.E.W.Heap	bt. G.F.Hallett	+16

Second Round

D.W.Archer	bt. Capt.H.F.Nalder	+ 6
Miss D.M.Wiesner	bt. H.C.Green	+ 9
M.E.W.Heap	bt. Mrs J.Jarden	+ 7
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. R.A.Carte	+22

Semi-Final

D.W.Archer	bt. Miss D.M.Wiesner	+14
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Final

M.E.W.Heap	bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt	+ 7
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PROCESS

First Round

G.F.Hallett	bt. D.W.Archer	+11
E.H.S.Shelton	bt. R.A.Carte	+20
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. Capt.H.F.Nalder	+23
H.C.Green	w.o. M.E.W.Heap	opp.scr.

Second Round

G.F.Hallett	bt. Mrs D.M.Aubrey	+ 2
H.O.Hicks	bt. E.H.S.Shelton	+ 5
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. Miss D.M.Wiesner	+19
Mrs J.Jarden	bt. H.C.Green	+13

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
H.O.Hicks	bt. G.F.Hallett	+11
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. Mrs J.Jarden	+17
<i>Final</i>		
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. H.O.Hicks	+ 1
PLAY-OFF		
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. M.E.W.Heap	+16
Event 2: 'B' Open Singles (8 Entries)		
<i>First Round</i>		
R.S.Alford	bt. Mrs H.F.Nalder	+16
F.E.M.Puxon	bt. Miss L.M.Cooke	+ 5
K.H.Paterson	bt. G.S.Digby	+ 6
Mrs F.E.M.Puxon	bt. Mrs G.S.Digby	+ 7
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
R.S.Alford	bt. F.E.M.Puxon	+ 8
K.H.Paterson	bt. Mrs F.E.M.Puxon	+19
<i>Final</i>		
R.S.Alford	bt. K.H.Paterson	+ 9
Event 3a: 'X' Handicap Singles (22 Entries)		
<i>First Round</i>		
Mrs J.Jarden (-3)	bt. E.H.S.Shelton (-1)	+ 5
Mrs G.S.Digby (3½)	bt. C.S.Ratcliffe (2)	+ 3
H.C.Green (1)	bt. F.E.M.Puxon (6)	+ 4
R.S.Alford (5½)	bt. D.W.Archer (0)	+25
G.F.Hallett (0)	bt. Mrs L.Cordy (9)	+ 9
K.H.Paterson (3)	bt. G.S.Digby (6½)	+ 9
<i>Second Round</i>		
E.A.Locke (8)	bt. Miss L.M.Cooke (8)	+16
Mrs F.E.M.Puxon (3½)	bt. R.A.Carte (2½)	+ 4
Mrs J.Jarden (-3)	bt. Capt.H.F.Nalder (2)	+ 9
Mrs G.S.Digby (3½)	bt. H.C.Green (1)	+ 9
G.F.Hallett (0)	bt. R.S.Alford (5)	+ 8
K.H.Paterson (3)	bt. Mrs D.M.Aubrey (1½)	+ 9
Miss D.M.Wiesner (2*)	bt. Mrs E.A.Locke (14)	+22
B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3)	bt. Mrs H.F.Nalder (5½)	+18
<i>Third Round</i>		
Mrs F.E.M.Puxon (3½)	bt. E.A.Locke (8)	+11
Mrs J.Jarden (-3)	bt. Mrs G.S.Digby (3½)	+10
K.H.Paterson (3)	bt. G.F.Hallett (0)	+ 4
Miss D.M.Wiesner (2*)	bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3)	+18
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Mrs J.Jarden (-3)	bt. Mrs F.E.M.Puxon (3½)	+16
Miss D.M.Wiesner (2*)	bt. K.H.Paterson (3)	+11
<i>Final</i>		
Miss D.M.Wiesner (2*)	bt. Mrs J.Jarden (-3)	+2
Event 3b: 'Y' Handicap Singles (12 Entries)		
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
R.A.Carte (2½)	bt. E.H.S.Shelton (-1)	+17 (T)
Mrs D.M.Aubrey (1½)	bt. Mrs H.F.Nalder (5½)	+15
<i>Final</i>		
R.A.Carte (2½)	bt. Mrs D.M.Aubrey (1½)	+18
Event 4: Handicap Doubles (11 Pairs)		
<i>First Round</i>		
E.H.S.Shelton & Miss L.M.Cooke (7)	bt. B.Lloyd Pratt & F.E.M.Puxon (3)	+ 5 (T)
Mrs J.Jarden & Mrs G.S.Digby (½)	bt. K.H.Paterson & Mrs F.E.M.Puxon (6½)	+16
D.W.Archer & R.S.Alford (5½)	bt. G.F.Hallett & Miss D.M.	

Wiesner (2)		+11
<i>Second Round</i>		
Captain & Mrs H.F.Nalder (7½)	bt. R.A.Carte & Mrs D.M.Aubrey (4)	+17
Mrs Jarden & Mrs Digby	bt. Shelton & Miss Cooke	+ 4
Archer & Alford	bt. C.S.Ratcliffe & Mrs L.Cordy (11)	+13
H.C.Green & G.S.Digby (7½)	bt. Mr & Mrs E.A.Locke (22)	+15
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Captain & Mrs Nalder	bt. Mrs Jarden & Mrs Digby	+10
Green & Digby	bt. Archer & Alford	+16
<i>Final</i>		
Green & Digby	bt. Captain & Mrs Nalder	+ 7
The Scottish Championships		
The last two rounds of the Scottish Championships were held again this year in the magnificent setting of the Gleneagles Hotel.		
The Open was won fairly easily by Michael Heap, who now holds the 101-year-old "Moffat Mallet" for the third time in four years. Michael will be missed in Scottish croquet now that he has returned to Colchester.		
The best games were in the Handicap. In the second semi-final 14 year old Stephen Wright nearly beat Frank Norton, who was three hoops behind when time was called, but drew level in the last turn and then went on to win. In the final Norton gave Robert Milne a very close game, but was defeated by 3		
This year there was a new event, The Secretary Trophy, a handicap event for those under 25 years of age. In the final Nicky Davis beat Neil McKinnon by 3.		
Open Championship		
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
J.Howard Wright	bt. R.E.B.Duncan	+ 9
M.E.W.Heap	bt. A.Brown	+26
<i>Final</i>		
M.E.W.Heap	bt. J.Howard Wright	+17
Handicap		
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
R.Milne (2)	bt. R.N.McLean (2½)	+13
F.V.X.Norton (4½)	bt. S.J.H.Wright (9)	+ 1 (T)
<i>Final</i>		
R.Milne (2)	bt. F.V.X.Norton (4½)	+ 3
Secretary Trophy		
<i>Final</i>		
N.Davis (14)	bt. N.McKinnon (12)	+ 3
The Longman Cup 1972		
RESULTS IN ORDER		
<i>First Round</i>		
Bretby beat Edgbaston by three games to one		
Colchester beat Hunstanton by four games to one		
Colworth beat St Albans by five games to nil		
Harrow Oak beat Roehampton by five games to nil		
Caversham beat Hurlingham by three games to two		
Compton beat Southwick by three games to two		
Woking beat Tunbridge Wells by three games to one		
<i>Second Round</i>		
Radbrooke Hall beat Bowdon by four games to one		

The Open Championships July 17 - 22 at Hurlingham

Summer at last, beautiful courts in the delightful setting which Hurlingham presents, and a numerically ideal entry of 32 marked the 82nd renewal of these Championships. The greatest figures of croquet in the 1970s were included in the draw, but there were nevertheless some whose absence was to be lamented, notably Roger Bray, now deeply involved in university administration, Douglas Strachan, John Bolton, David O'Connor, Michael Stride, who has made such a strong impression here in recent years, and Patrick Cotter who was unable to appear in time for the Singles. Add to these Joan Warwick, for whom deep sympathy was felt by all of us for the ill health which has afflicted her this season. But there were those whom we were particularly glad to welcome, for example Humphrey Hicks, the re-creator of post-war croquet, Mrs Jarden from New Zealand, whom we have come to think of as almost one of ourselves, and Paul Hands making his first appearance at Hurlingham, trailing clouds of glory from his native Cheltenham.

It was perhaps unfortunate that this player should have encountered an old rival in Terence Read in the first round and lost his match in a close contest between two rapid players who finished off their three games before lunch. We wanted to see more of Mr Hands, but could not grudge his opponent a fine if narrow victory.

The 'stars' shone sometimes with dazzling brightness: Aspinall and Neal with a couple of 26's apiece, the former's frustrated sextuple coming not far from success; Solomon allowed his opponent from Tasmania a little more 'rope', and Wylie and Perry won with unspectacular but satisfactory ease. The big contests were still to come, those most likely to provide them being conveniently spaced out in the draw.

There were no very close matches on Tuesday either, in deed only one went to three games. But there were some interesting encounters. Hicks pulled his first game against Mrs Jarden out of the fire after the lady had made an unexpected error when she seemed to have a certain win. Perry's first game with Gladstone was a very near thing, as was Lloyd-Pratt's second game against Wylie. And there was a good match, at Roehampton, between the two Williams, Ormerod and Prichard, which brought a fine victory for the latter after a rather unlucky finish for the doctor. William, the youngest of that admirable clan, showed himself destined ere long for the highest honours.

Wednesday was Doubles Day, as usual, and early results were much as might have been expected. Perry and Lloyd-Pratt made a particularly successful pair, while the holders, Aspinall and Ormerod, though more closely challenged, came through without too much cause for anxiety, as did the Mixed Doubles Champions, Neal and Mrs Jarden. But a very singular state of things was witnessed on another court. Solomon had entered with his customary partner, Cotter, but Patrick failed to put in an appearance. Despite Law 40, which reads, with reference to Doubles, that 'the game is played between two sides, each side consisting of two players', John was permitted to play a whole match by himself, one ball being treated as belonging to the absent partner and so requiring to be peeled through all its hoops. The expertise of this great player (and the bewilderment of his opponents) was such that he succeeded in winning both games in the first round, and went on to attempt a similar feat in the second. The validity of the ruling which allowed of such a state of things did not go without question, however, and will no doubt be debated by the Council later this year. On the following day, Cotter having appeared, the famous pair rescued a situation in which the solitary John had lost a game to Baillieu and Miss Duthie, by winning the other two games, despite some good play by the lady.

On this day (Thursday) the last eight in the Championships did not take long to settle matters, for only one of the matches

went to three games, this being the encounter between Wylie and Perry. The former won the first game by the maximum score, but Perry fought back successfully in the second. The third revealed some good play by both men, but the reigning Champion was not disposed to be deprived of his title and finished strongly. Hicks started confidently against Solomon and seemed likely to win the first game until John hit a very long shot from north to south, after which he was less severely challenged. But confidence was even more strikingly evident in the case of William Prichard in his match with Aspinall, who laboured under the burden of a very heavy cold. Aspinall's shooting was most uncharacteristically ineffective until the end of each game when he hit what appeared to be a 'last shot'. In the first game this came to nothing, but in the second it led to an admirable break. William, however, hitting a very thin edge of a nearly wired ball, recovered the innings immediately and in a few minutes had won a very notable victory. The roll of semi-finalists was completed by Neal's fairly easy win over Cdr Borrett.

The semi-finals of the Championship on Friday verged upon the sensational in that they produced the departure of two of those whom we have come to describe as the Big Three, the third (Aspinall) having been dismissed from the event already. From the beginning of Neal's match with Solomon it was evident that the Professor was at the top of his form, indeed he was beginning to look like a winner in the first game when, with one ball round, he made a bad approach to one-back and nevertheless attempted an almost impossible hoop. The result of this mishap was that John triple-peeled Neal's forward ball and pegged it out. He then contrived to achieve a lot of skilful wiring and Bernard was only able to obtain the innings once and scored but a single hoop before John had won the game. Such a disappointment might have shaken the confidence of many a challenger, but Neal started off again as if he were already a game up, hit a long tice with the fourth ball in play, went right round, and won the game with a triple in the sixth turn. The third game began with Solomon being presented with a target of three balls in the fourth corner and his missing all three. Round went Neal at once to 4-back; John sought to frustrate his opponent's progress by putting his ball in the first corner, but nothing daunted, Bernard made a perfect approach to the first hoop and with faultless play won his final game with another 26. It was a masterly exhibition which established our new Chairman of Council as the equal of the greatest exponents of the game today.

Meanwhile the 1971 Champion, Keith Wylie, had begun his match with the young challenger who had already captured the scalps of two President's Cup Players, Ormerod and Aspinall. The first game was a long one and cannot be described in detail. With one ball round, William Prichard made with the other not only a mistake in seeking a cross-peg finish to his break (hardly a prudent tactic against so formidable a shot as Wylie) but a still worse one in failing to bring off the effort. The balls had to be scattered, but they were not scattered efficiently enough to prevent Keith from obtaining the innings and pegging out William's forward ball. Wylie's victory then seemed reasonably certain, but William frustrated this by hitting two consecutive long shots and thus winning the game by two points. The second game, not a particularly good one, seemed likely to offer Wylie the best chance of victory, when he made two consecutive errors at the second hoop from which his opponent seized an advantage which was sufficient to bring him victory over the title-holder. Thus there was assured an altogether new name on the Championship roll and the prospect of an exciting final on the morrow.

Meanwhile the Doubles semi-finals were in progress, though the progress at any rate in one case, was not very rapid. Your correspondent had the opportunity for only a few glimpses of the match between the holders, Aspinall and Ormerod, and Neal and Mrs Jarden. There seemed to be periods in which

nobody made a hoop at all. In the first game the holders won fairly easily, and in the second more easily still. The other match between the 'old firm' of Solomon and Cotter and the very promising new firm of Perry and Lloyd-Pratt was more closely contested. The old firm won the first game easily, but the next one revealed a strong threat to them when Perry hit a very long shot, picked up a none too easy break, and proceeded to complete an admirable triple on his partner to even matters out. The third game was a very close one and it was the Old Firm that came through to one more of very many finals together.

The final of the Singles on Saturday produced a terrific struggle. William Prichard got off to what looked like a triumphant start by hitting in at once, on what was technically a wired ball, the full breadth of the court. It looked likely to end with a successful triple when he failed to clear the penultimate hoop sufficiently when peeling his partner through that obstacle. It proved impossible for him to hit his partner ball, and this failure, which gave his opponent an easy opportunity to start a break, may have been the turning point of the match. Neal was given the chance to play in the faultless fashion which he had been displaying so consistently during the week. There were further sensations to come but in the end, after William had missed a rather short lift shot, the Professor won the game by three points. The second game was less thrilling, and for a moment it seemed as if Neal's failure to do any peeling might give his young challenger a chance to win it. He did get a ball round to 4-back, but could do no more. William's fine confidence, brisk play and good shooting (which last was not quite at its best in the final, however) won him great admiration, but there was satisfaction in the fact that our new Chairman of Council should become a new Champion too as he was entering upon his period of office.

As the week went on one was led to reflect upon the increasingly prominent role which good shooting is now playing in championship croquet. Just as the top men in golf are all more and more brilliant on the tee and in their approach strokes, but win by excelling on the green; so now our great stars are precise in their breaks and in their peeling, but it is the power to hit more and more long shots which tends to decide the day. The standard of stroke play in such an event as the Championship is now remarkably high, but some spectators have felt that the lack of sunshine had led to the courts being a shade too easy this year. Perhaps we may find them a little faster in the President's Cup.

No space is left to discuss the finals of the Doubles and the Association Plate. Of the former it can only be said that the gusto of Aspinall blends perfectly with the unshakable resolution of Ormerod, and they were worthy winners for a second consecutive year. The Plate brought to the front a steadily improving player in Mr Soutter; he will be better still when he becomes a little more enterprising.

There cannot be much to know about management that Miss Lintern does not know and we are fortunate to have her and Mrs Thom — a splendid 'Ladies Double' — to cope with a tournament in which competitors may be in any of four places: the front of the house, courts 5 and 6, the cricket field — and for several days Roehampton. Yet somehow all were safely gathered in by the end of the day.

The sun made a brave appearance on the opening day, but steadily lost its nerve as the week went on, only to recover it in time for the prize gathering where the President, armed with an 'amplifier', was a little less inaudible than he usually is here.

Results

1. The Croquet Championship (32 Entries)

First Round

T.O.Read	bt. P.W.Hands	+23 -26 + 6
J.W.Solomon	bt. H.S.Clemons	+10 +17
H.O.Hicks	bt. Mrs H.M.Read	+23 +15

Mrs J.Jarden	bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	- 2 +16 +17
Prof.B.G.Neal	bt. S.Hemsted	+26 +26
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard	bt. Mrs J.B.Meachem	+18 - 5 +11
Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	bt. Miss B.Duthie	+ 3 + 5
Cdr G.Borrett	bt. I.C.Baillieu	+ 7 - 9 + 2
B.G.Perry	bt. R.A.Godby	+11 +11
Revd W.E.Gladstone	bt. Mrs W.Longman	+10 + 6
K.F.Wylie	bt. J.H.J.Soutter	+16 +19
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. C.G.Hopewell	+25 -14 +26
G.N.Aspinall	bt. G.Williams	+26 +26
Dr W.R.D.Wiggins	bt. D.V.H.Rees	+ 8 +15
Dr W.P.Ormerod	bt. J.B.Meachem	+11 + 9
W.de B.Prichard	bt. Miss D.M.Wiesner	+25 +16

Second Round

J.W.Solomon	bt. T.O.Read	+25 +13
H.O.Hicks	bt. Mrs J.Jarden	+ 2 +19
Prof.B.G.Neal	bt. Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard	+24 +20
Cdr G.Borrett	bt. Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	+17 -20 +21
B.G.Perry	bt. Revd W.E.Gladstone	+ 2 +11
K.F.Wylie	bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt	+18 + 6
G.N.Aspinall	bt. Dr W.R.D.Wiggins	+16 +26
W.de B.Prichard	bt. Dr W.P.Ormerod	+17 + 4

Third Round

J.W.Solomon	bt. H.O.Hicks	+ 9 +13
Prof.B.G.Neal	bt. Cdr G.Borrett	+26 +21
K.F.Wylie	bt. B.G.Perry	+26 -10 +16
W.de B.Prichard	bt. G.N.Aspinall	+26 +17

Semi-Final

Prof.B.G.Neal	bt. J.W.Solomon	- 6 +26 +26
W.de B.Prichard	bt. K.F.Wylie	+ 2 +12

Final

Prof.B.G.Neal	bt. W.de B.Prichard	+ 3 +17
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2. The Doubles Championships (14 Pairs)

First Round

J.W.Solomon & E.P.C.Cotter	bt. T.O.Read & Mrs H.M.Read	+24 +21
Revd W.E.Gladstone & H.S.Clemons	bt. C.G.Hopewell & Miss D.M.Wiesner	+ 6 +11
B.G.Perry & B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller & Dr W.R.D.Wiggins	+10 +25
Dr W.P.Ormerod & G.N.Aspinall	bt. H.O.Hicks & J.H.J.Soutter	+22 +21
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard & W.de B.Prichard	bt. Cdr G.Borrett & Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	+11 +25
Prof.B.G.Neal & Mrs J.Jarden	bt. K.F.Wylie & P.W.Hands	-25 +13 + 9

Second Round

Solomon & Cotter	bt. I.C.Baillieu & Miss B.Duthie	-19 +18 +13
Perry & Lloyd-Pratt	bt. Revd W.E.Gladstone & Clemons	+23 +26
Dr Ormerod & Aspinall	bt. Lt-Col Prichard & W.Prichard	+11 +13
Prof. Neal & Mrs Jarden	bt. Mr & Mrs J.B.Meachem	+23 +10

Semi-Final

Solomon & Cotter	bt. Perry & Lloyd-Pratt	+22 -17 + 4
Dr Ormerod & Aspinall	bt. Prof.Neal & Mrs Jarden	+19 +25

Final

Dr Ormerod & Aspinall	bt. Solomon & Cotter	+ 9 +23
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3. The Association Plate (21 Entries)

First Round

G.Williams	w.o. J.B.Meachem	opp.scr.
Dr W.P.Ormerod	bt. T.O.Read	+13
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. H.S.Clemons	+ 7
J.H.J.Soutter	bt. Mrs W.Longman	+ 5
I.C.Baillieu	bt. C.G.Hopewell	+ 1

Second Round

Miss B.Duthie	w.o. P.W.Hands	opp.scr.
Mrs J.Jarden	bt. Revd W.E.Gladstone	+26
D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	bt. G.Williams	+16
Dr W.P.Ormerod	bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt	+ 7
J.H.J.Soutter	bt. I.C.Baillieu	+ 8
R.A.Goody	bt. Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	+12
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard	bt. Miss D.M.Wiesner	+ 8
Mrs J.B.Meachem	bt. Mrs H.M.Read	+12

Third Round

Mrs J.Jarden	bt. Miss B.Duthie	+13
Dr W.P.Ormerod	bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	+21
J.H.J.Soutter	bt. R.A.Godby	+ 8
Mrs J.B.Meachem	bt. Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard	+ 5

Semi-Final

Dr W.P.Ormerod	bt. Mrs J.Jarden	+26
J.H.J.Soutter	bt. Mrs J.B.Meachem	+17

Final

J.H.J.Soutter	bt. Dr W.P.Ormerod	+ 8
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Cheltenham Open Tournament, July 24 — 29

There was a "full house" for this popular tournament, and the Manager wisely decided to time limit all games, singles 3 hours, doubles 3½ hours, a decision which turned out to be more than justified. The courts on Monday morning looked perfect, but with a baking hot week became faster and faster, so quite a number of games which normally would have finished under 3 hours, went to time, one even in the Opens, and six out of nineteen games in the B levels.

The week could well be called Terence Read's Triumph; he had 14 singles games, only conceding one of them to Gladstone, before winning the Opens and the Big Handicap (50 entries), though in the Draw Final Jackson was also on the peg with both clips. Clemons, too, had a notable tournament, winning 8 of his ten Opens games, losing only to Read. Triples were considered by those capable of doing them, but, mostly, wisely abandoned. Clemons did the first two peels on one occasion, but could not conjure the third on the fast courts.

There were many close and exciting games, as will be seen from the list of results, but probably the outstanding game of the tournament was in the Doubles.

Owing to a late cancelled entry, Jackson and Gladstone were coupled in the Doubles with a combined — 5 handicap. In the second round they came up against the redoubtable Newtons, who have obviously worked out a plan of campaign, given the chance. Pat hit twice and went to 4-back. Gladstone collected a difficult break to cries of "Good Shot" for the first hoop, approached, and promptly stuck in it, whereupon Eileen Newton went to the peg with 4 out of the 4½ bisques being conceded. Jackson narrowly missed the next shot, and Pat went out, time 55 minutes, which must be something of a Manager's dream for Handicap Doubles!

Last year the Digbys won two singles events, one against each other, and both played very well again, he to retain the Calthrop Cup, and together they won the Doubles. Off her much reduced handicap Mrs Digby did very well in the Big

Handicap, as can be seen, before losing narrowly to John Cooper. Neil Williams had a good run in this event before giving Read a fright, but he lost the Final. Professor Weitz played steadily to retain his B Levels title, against, in the Final the much improved R.S.Stevens, who also had a good week.

Newcomers to "away" tournaments were G.B.Martin, from Harrow, and R.S.Alford, from Colchester, both of whom looked promising players. Mrs H.G.Handley, of the home Club, did well in her first tournament to win 3 rounds of the Y, and to be the losing finalist in her class.

The Y, with 25 players, had six minus and two scratch players, and was well won by Dennis Moorcraft from Isobel Roe, who had to beat Whittington and Newton, and two others, to get to the Final.

With 167 games to complete the tournament, the last, the Play-Off in the Opens, was finished by 7.30 p.m. on the Saturday.

RESULTS

Event 1: Cheltenham Challenge Cup (22 Entries)

DRAW

First Round

G.E.P.Jackson	bt. P.Newton	+ 5
R.O.B.Whittington	bt. Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	+15
J.A.Wheeler	bt. D.H.Moorcraft	+ 4
Miss K.M.O.Session	w.o.	opp.scr.
H.S.Clemons	bt. E.J.Tucker	+10
Col.G.T.Wheeler	bt. Mrs H.M.Read	+ 8
Mrs J.Neville Rolfe	bt. Mrs E.M.Lightfoot	+ 2

Second Round

A.J.Cooper	bt. D.A.Harris	+ 6
Mrs E.Rotherham	bt. Revd W.E.Gladstone	+15
G.E.P.Jackson	bt. R.O.B.Whittington	+ 5
J.A.Wheeler	bt. Miss K.M.O.Sessions	+13
H.S.Clemons	bt. Col.G.T.Wheeler	+17
Mrs G.F.H.Elvey	bt. Mrs J.Neville Rolfe	+20
T.O.Read	bt. H.O.Hicks	+10
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard	bt. Mrs A.Fotiadi	+ 6 (T)

Third Round

A.J.Cooper	bt. Mrs E.Rotherham	+ 8
G.E.P.Jackson	bt. J.A.Wheeler	+ 4
H.S.Clemons	bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey	+ 3
T.O.Read	bt. Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard	+10

Semi-Final

G.E.P.Jackson	bt. A.J.Cooper	+24
T.O.Read	bt. H.S.Clemons	+14

Final

T.O.Read	bt. G.E.P.Jackson	+ 2
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PROCESS

First Round

Mrs J.Neville Rolfe	bt. A.J.Cooper	+ 3
T.O.Read	bt. G.E.P.Jackson	+19
Revd W.E.Gladstone	bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey	+ 5
R.O.B.Whittington	bt. Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard	+ 1
D.A.Harris	bt. Mrs E.M.Lightfoot	+ 1
Mrs A.Fotiadi	bt. P.Newton	+ 8
H.O.Hicks	bt. Mrs E.Rotherham	+12

Second Round

Mrs J.Neville Rolfe	bt. J.A.Wheeler	+18
T.O.Read	bt. E.J.Tucker	+18
Revd W.E.Gladstone	w.o.	opp.scr.
R.O.B.Whittington	bt. Col.G.T.Wheeler	+14
D.A.Harris	bt. D.H.Moorcraft	+ 7

H.S.Clemons	bt. Mrs A.Fotiadi	+16
H.O.Hicks	bt. Miss K.M.O.Sessions	+ 8
Mrs H.M.Read	bt. Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	+12

Third Round

T.O.Read	bt. Mrs J.Neville Rolfe	+11
Revd W.E.Gladstone	bt. R.O.B.Whittington	+10
H.S.Clemons	bt. D.A.Harris	+11
H.O.Hicks	bt. Mrs H.M.Read	+19

Semi-Final

Revd W.E.Gladstone	bt. T.O.Read	+ 5
H.S.Clemons	bt. H.O.Hicks	+ 5

Final

H.S.Clemons	bt. Revd W.E.Gladstone	+10
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PLAY-OFF

T.O.Read	bt. H.S.Clemons	+17
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Event 2: The Money Salver (20 Entries)*First Round*

R.S.Stevens	bt. Mrs C.Devitt	+19
Miss E.C.Brumpton	bt. Mrs C.Bagnall	+11 (T)
Miss E.M.Brumpton	bt. Mrs N.E.Wallwork	+11
Capt. M.F.Buller	bt. Mrs P.Newton	+ 1 (T)

Second Round

Mrs G.S.Digby	bt. Mrs J.Povey	+ 3 (T)
Mrs E.Weitz	bt. Miss I.M.Roe	+ 3
Miss E.H.Arkell	bt. Miss J.K.Samuel	+22
R.S.Stevens	bt. Miss E.C.Brumpton	+ 6
Capt. M.F.Buller	bt. Miss E.M.Brumpton	+ 5 (T)
Prof.B.G.Weitz	bt. P.A.Tunmer	+19
N.Williams	bt. F.E.Pearson	+24
W.J.Sturdy	bt. R.S.Alford	+23

Third Round

Mrs G.S.Digby	bt. Mrs E.Weitz	+ 8
R.S.Stevens	bt. Miss E.H.Arkell	+19
Prof.B.G.Weitz	bt. Capt.M.F.Buller	+17
N.Williams	bt. W.J.Sturdy	+20

Semi-Final

R.S.Stevens	bt. Mrs G.S.Digby	+ 3 (T)
Prof.B.G.Weitz	bt. N.Williams	+ 3 (T)

Final

Prof.B.G.Weitz	bt. R.S.Stevens	+14
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Event 3: The Calthrop Cup (8 Entries)*First Round*

G.B.Martin (9)	w.o. Miss W.K.Allardyce	opp.scr.
	(7½)	
Mrs H.G.Handley (11)	bt. Mrs I.N.Duveen (11)	+ 8 (T)
G.S.Digby (6½)	bt. Mrs E.J.Tucker (16)	+ 2 (T)
Sir Leonard Stone (14)	bt. Mrs D.H.Moorcraft (11)	+14

Semi-Final

Mrs H.G.Handley (11)	bt. G.B.Martin (9)	+ 6
G.S.Digby (6½)	bt. Sir Leonard Stone (14)	+17

Final

G.S.Digby (6½)	bt. Mrs H.G.Handley (11)	+13
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Event 4: 'X' Handicap Singles (The Daniels Cup) 50 Entries*First Round*

D.A.Harris (-1½)	bt. Capt.M.F.Buller (2)	+10
R.S.Stevens (4)	bt. Mrs N.E.Wallwork (4)	+ 8
G.S.Digby (6½)	w.o. Miss W.K.Allardyce	opp.scr.
	(7½)	

P.A.Tunmer (6)	bt. Mrs C.Bagnall (4½)	+18
F.E.Pearson (3)	bt. R.O.B.Whittington	+10

Mrs J.Povey (4)	bt. Mrs J.Neville Rolfe (1½)	+ 5
G.B.Martin (9)	bt. Mrs D.H.Moorcraft (11)	+ 9
Mrs H.M.Read (½)	bt. Mrs I.B.Tucker (16)	+ 7 (T)
F.W.Meredith (0)	bt. Mrs E.Weitz (5½)	+10
Mrs D.M.C.Prichard (-1)	bt. Miss I.M.Roe (3)	+ 2
Mrs P.Newton (6)	bt. Miss K.M.O.Sessions	+ 9

A.J.Cooper (-2½)	bt. Mrs C.Devitt (6)	+15
G.E.P.Jackson (-3)	bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (-½)	+ 9
Mrs A.Fotiadi (0)	bt. Miss E.C.Brumpton (3)	+15
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard	bt. Miss J.K.Samuel (7)	+ 4

(-3)	bt. Mrs H.G.Handley (11)	+ 4
J.A.Wheeler (-½)	bt. E.J.Tucker (-½)	+ 2
Mrs G.S.Digby (3½)	bt. W.J.Sturdy (2½)	+ 7
H.S.Clemons (-2)		

Second Round

T.O.Read (-3)	bt. Mrs I.N.Duveen (11)	+15
Miss E.H.Arkell (3)	bt. P.Newton (-2½)	+13
Mrs E.M.Lightfoot (0)	bt. Sir Leonard Stone (14)	+ 2 (T)
R.S.Stevens (4)	bt. D.A.Harris (-1½)	+ 6
P.A.Tunmer (6)	bt. G.S.Digby (6½)	+ 1 (T)
F.E.Pearson (3)	bt. Mrs J.Povey (4)	+23
G.B.Martin (9)	bt. Mrs H.M.Read (½)	+ 8 (T)
Mrs D.M.C.Prichard (-1)	bt. F.W.Meredith (0)	+24
A.J.Cooper (-2½)	bt. Mrs P.Newton (6)	+23
Mrs A.Fotiadi (0)	bt. G.E.P.Jackson (-3)	+ 2
J.A.Wheeler (-½)	bt. Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard	+20

(-3)	bt. H.S.Clemons (-2)	+23
Mrs G.S.Digby (3½)	bt. Revd W.E.Gladstone (-2)	+14
Revd W.E.Gladstone (-2)	bt. Prof.B.G.Weitz (3)	+14
Miss E.M.Brumpton (4½)	bt. Col.G.T.Wheeler (0)	+17
N.Williams (3½)	bt. D.H.Moorcraft (0)	+ 1
R.S.Alford (4½)	bt. Mrs E.Rotherham (-2)	+26

Third Round

T.O.Read (-3)	bt. Miss E.H.Arkell (3)	+15
R.S.Stevens (4)	bt. Mrs E.M.Lightfoot (0)	+17
F.E.Pearson (3)	bt. P.A.Tunmer (6)	+10
Mrs D.M.C.Prichard (-1)	bt. G.B.Martin (9)	+ 5
A.J.Cooper (-2½)	bt. Mrs A.Fotiadi (0)	+ 5
Mrs G.S.Digby (3½)	bt. J.A.Wheeler (-½)	+17
Revd W.E.Gladstone (-2)	bt. Miss E.M.Brumpton	+16
(4½)		
N.Williams (3½)	bt. R.S.Alford (4½)	+ 4 (T)

Fourth Round

T.O.Read (-3)	bt. R.S.Stevens (4)	+ 9
F.E.Pearson (3)	bt. Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	+13
	(-1)	
A.J.Cooper (-2½) bt	bt. Mrs G.S.Digby (3½)	+ 3
N.Williams (3½)	bt. Revd W.E.Gladstone	+12
	(-2)	

Semi-Final

T.O.Read (-3)	bt. F.E.Pearson (3)	+ 5
N.Williams (3½)	bt. A.J.Cooper (-2½)	+14

Final

T.O.Read (-3)	bt. N.Williams (3½)	+ 4
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Event 4b: 'Y' Handicap Singles (25 Entries)*Semi-Final*

Miss I.M.Roe (3)	bt. P.Newton (-2½)	+25
D.H.Moorcraft (0)	bt. Mrs H.G.Handley (11)	+14

Final

D.H.Moorcraft (0)	bt. Miss I.M.Roe (3)	+10
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Event 5: The Barwell Salvors (24 Pairs)*First Round*

Mr & Mrs P.Newton	bt. Sir Leonard Stone & Mrs E.M.Lightfoot	+ 3
G.E.P.Jackson & Revd W.E.Gladstone	bt. F.E.Pearson & Mrs N.E.Wallwork	+14
D.A.Harris & Mrs I.B.Tucker	bt. R.O.B.Whittington & Miss E.H.Arkell	+ 4
H.S.Clemons & W.J.Sturdy	bt. A.J.Cooper & Capt.M.F.Buller	+13
F.W.Meredith & Mrs E.Rotherham	bt. J.A.Wheeler & Mrs H.G.Handley	+ 4
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard & Mrs C.Bagnall	bt. R.S.Stevens & P.A.Tunmer	+23
G.B.Martin & Mrs J.Povey	bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey & Mrs H.F.Chittenden	+26
N.Williams & Mrs J.Neville Rolfe	bt. R.S.Alford & Mrs C.Devitt	+18

Second Round

T.O.Read & Mrs H.M.Read	bt. Prof. & Mrs B.G.Weitz	+ 5
E.J.Tucker & Mrs A.Fotiadi	bt. D.H. & Mrs Moorcraft	+11
Mr & Mrs Newton	bt. Jackson & Revd W.E.Gladstone	+26
Harris & Mrs Tucker	bt. Clemons & Sturdy	+14
Lt-Col Prichard & Mrs Bagnall	bt. Meredith & Mrs Rotherham	+15
Martin & Mrs Povey	bt. Williams & Mrs Neville Rolfe	+ 6
Mrs D.M.C.Prichard & Miss E.C.Brumpton	bt. Col.G.T.Wheeler & Miss K.M.O.Sessions	+18
Mr & Mrs G.S.Digby	bt. Miss J.K.Samuel & Mrs I.N.Duveen	+19

Third Round

Tucker & Mrs Fotiadi	bt. T.O.Read & Mrs H.M.Read	+ 5
Mr & Mrs Newton	bt. Harris & Mrs Tucker	+12
Lt-Col Prichard & Mrs Bagnall	bt. Martin & Mrs Povey	+ 4
Mr & Mrs Digby	bt. Mrs Prichard & Miss Brumpton	+ 1 (T)

Semi-Final

Tucker & Mrs Fotiadi	bt. Mr & Mrs Newton	+ 8
Mr & Mrs Digby	bt. Lt-Col Prichard & Mrs Bagnall	+17

Final

Mr & Mrs Digby	bt. Tucker & Mrs Fotiadi	+11 (T)
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Official Notices**Secretary's Notes****1. TRIBUTE**

It is observed that very little is being received at this office as "Tribute". No doubt a high proportion of those playing in Calendar Fixtures have joined the C.A., but it seems likely that Tournament Managers have in some cases omitted to question whether players are Associates, and if so whether at the Standard Rate of £4 or at the rate of £1.50, and consequently some who ought to have been charged Tribute have not in fact been asked to pay.

The rate of Tribute is £2.50 for participation in more than one event in a tournament, or £0.50. for participation in one event only or in a tournament which has only one event.

2. BOOKS

We are selling John Solomon's *Croquet* at 50p per copy, plus postage. It now costs 16p to send one copy, 25p to send two or three copies.

Copies of *Croquet and How to Play it* by David Miller and Rupert Thorp are now available for 40p, plus postage as above.

3. C.A. DIRECTORY AND AMENDMENT SHEETS

Associates are reminded that the C.A. Directory, giving names and addresses of Associates and of Clubs, and names of Managers, Referees, Examining Referees and Handicappers, is on sale at the C.A. office at a price of 35p (post-free in U.K. and Ireland). This is the new edition which appeared in March 1972.

As the facts recorded in this book are constantly changing, and as once in two years is as often as we can produce a new edition, Amendment Sheets are published from time to time, in duplicated form, by this office. The first of these appeared early in August, and there will probably be four more before this edition is superseded by a new one in 1974. Associates and Clubs can place an order now to receive each Amendment Sheet as it appears, post free, by sending 25p for the whole series when ordering.

4. NEW ASSOCIATES

- Mrs. M. Appleton, 35 Grand Court, King Edward's Parade, Eastbourne, Sussex.
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 Brigadier & Mrs F.C.De Butts, Swallowfield Park, Reading, Berkshire.
 Mark Callan, Ashbury, Torquay Road, Foxrock, Co.Dublin, Irish Republic.
 W.H.Carlsle, The Chimneys, Sedgeford, Near Kings Lynn, Norfolk
 R.F.A.Crane, The Dower House, Bray-on-Thames, Berkshire (Tel.Maidenhead 23905)
 C.F.Henry, 276 Queen's Road, Beeston, Nottinghamshire.
 Dr H.L.Elverson, 22 Shrewsbury House, Cheyne Walk, London S.W.3. (Tel. 01-352 1589).
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 Rainer Schulze-Smidt, 28 Bremen, Parkallee 117, West Germany.
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 Trevor Winkfield, 14 Wesley Road, Leeds 12, Yorkshire.

5. CHANGES OF ADDRESS, TELEPHONE ETC.

- Miss M.G.Anderson, The Roberts Hotel, 77 St Aubyn's, Hove, Sussex BN3 2TL (temporary address).
 Dr C.W.Evans, Rustlings, 3 Sherbrook Hill, Budleigh Salterton, Devon (Tel. B.S. 2714) — omitted from Directory in error.
 Mrs A.Fotiadi: Insert before address — Flat 1; Insert after address WA14 2NZ.
 H.C.Green, Add office telephone 0234 50741.
 D.A.Harris, Home telephone number: Eastbourne 762537.
 H.O.Hicks, Tel. Colyton 52263.
 Miss M.D.McMordie, Tel. changed to Parkstone 745964.
 Dr R.M.Milne, 102 Inverleith Row, Edinburgh EH3 5NJ (Tel.031 552 4886)
 W.B.C.Paynter, Tel. changed to Brighton 593062
 G.T.Slater, 36 Stafford Mansions, Stafford Place, London S.W.1.
 J.H.J.Soutter, 13 Ancastle Green, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire (Tel. Unchanged).
 Mrs A.E.Stokes-Roberts, 14 Bailliol House, Manor Fields, Putney, London S.W.15 (Tel. 01-788 9497).
 Mrs S.J.Turner, Tel. changed to Brighton 554431
 Tyrwhitt Drake: Correction - no hyphen.
 Mrs G.V.Wallis (V.J.), 6 Fir Tree Road, Silsoe, Bedfordshire.
 Revd D.R.Watson, The Bishop's House, 38 Tooting Bec Gardens, London S.W.16.

Mrs G.H.Wood: Insert asterisk to denote Life Associate.
K.F.Wylie, 5 Jesus Lane, Cambridge (Tel. Cambridge 56105)
Dr & Mrs Yoxall have returned to their permanent address:
23 Ledmore Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, Glos.
(Tel. Cheltenham 55347)

6. ALTERATIONS TO PAGE 5 OF THE DIRECTORY

- (a) Mangers: Add H.O.Hicks (omitted in error)
(b) Referees: Add Miss A.E.Mills; Frank H.Pugh (omitted in error); Michael Stride. Delete K.F.Wylie (included in error)
(c) Examining Referees: Delete H.C.S.Perry, who has resigned this office.

7. CHANGES IN THE CLUBS

(a) New Secretaries

B.E.A. Silver Wing Club (Croquet Section). New Secretary, R.T.Pluton, Operations Analysis Branch, B.E.A., Bealine House, Ruislip, Middlesex.

Phyllis Court Club (Croquet). This club had two lawns. Its new Secretary is J.H.J.Soutter, whose new address is given above.

(b) Changes and corrections of addresses and telephone numbers

Bowdon (Croquet Section). The Secretary's address is incompletely printed in the Directory. The words omitted are: Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester.

Compton. The Secretary's telephone number is Eastbourne (0323) 762537

Parkstone. The Club telephone number has been changed to Parkstone (0202) 740219. That of the Secretary, Miss M.D.McMordie, has also been changed — To Parkstone 7459664.

Hove Lawns Croquet Club. The new address of the Secretary, L.W.A.Brown, is 17 Fallowfield Crescent, Hove, BN3 7NQ, Sussex.

(c) Overseas Associations and Clubs

Auckland Croquet Association. The new Secretary is Mrs Montgomery, 55 Tarawera Crescent, St Heliers, Auckland, New Zealand.

Brighton (Melbourne) Croquet Club. Correspondence should be addressed to the Club Secretary at the Club's address: Bleasby Avenue, Brighton, Melbourne, 3186, Victoria, Australia.

(d) Clubs newly registered

Coventry Croquet Club. Allesley Hall, Coventry, Warwickshire. Hon. Secretary, A.S.Yardy, 98 Frilsham Way, Allesley Park, Coventry (Tel. Coventry (0203) 77788).

Ferranti (Croquet Section). Secretary A.G.Edwards, Messrs. Ferranti Ltd., Western Road, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 1RA.

Hastings and St Leonards Croquet Club. Hon. Secretary F.G. French, 1 Royal Albion Mansions, Marine Parade, Hastings, Sussex.

Royal Greenwich Observatory Club. Hon. Secretary, R.Wood Royal Greenwich Observatory, Herstmonceux Castle, Sussex.

Weekend Tournaments

Woking: June 15 — 18

BLOCK WINNERS:

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|---------------------|--------|
| A. J.Sanders (5) | 5 wins |
| B. D.C.Caporn (1/2) | 4 wins |
| C. J.Haigh (7) | 5 wins |
| D. G.Wiggins (8) | 4 wins |

Semi-Final:

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| J.Haigh | bt. J.Sanders | + 2 |
| D.C.Caporn | bt. G.Wiggins | +15 |

Final

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| J.Haigh | bt. D.C.Caporn | +25 |
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Nottingham: June 16—18

BLOCK WINNERS:

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| A. J.Rose (0) | 4 wins |
| B. C.F.Henry (4) | 4 wins |
| C. B.Slater (7) | 3 wins and 47 points |
| D. B.Keen (5) | 4 wins |

Semi-Final

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| J.Rose | bt. C.F.Henry | + 1 |
| B.Keen | bt. B.Slater | +11 |

Final

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| B.Keen | bt. J.Rose | + 2 |
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Wrest Park: June 23—25

BLOCK WINNERS:

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| A. R.N.Bateson (1 1/2) |
| B. B.A.Keen (6 1/2) |
| C. H.G.T.Bolton (6) |

On June 23—25 Wrest Park held their first tournament, which proved to be an outstanding success. Eighteen players enjoyed the idyllic surroundings of a superb country house garden (by Capability Brown) — surely the ideal setting for the game! Players were arranged in three blocks and were guaranteed five games. The block winners were R.N.Bateson, B.A.Keen and H.G.T.Bolton. Several of the competitors availed themselves of the excellent hostel accommodation which the club have available. Substantial teas were provided by the wives of club officials, and particular thanks are due to Mrs Wheeler who also organised morning coffee. The club intend holding a full week's tournament 1973, and, given reasonable weather, it must surely be a success.

Handicap Alterations

Carrickmines: June 3 — 10

Madame O'Morchoe 10 to 8; C.A.Gamble 8 to 6.

Parkstone: June 12—17

Mrs I.N.Duveen 12 D11 to 12 D10; Mrs P.Newton 7 to 6;
Dr C.A.Parker 6 to 5 1/2; Mrs F.E.M.Puxon 4 1/2 to 3 1/2;
J.H.J.Soutter 1/2 to —1/2; R.F.Rothwell —1/2 to —1.

Woking Weekend: June 15 — 18

J.Haigh 7 to 5; G.Wiggins 8 to 7; R.F.A.Crane 12* to 12.

Nottingham Weekend: June 16 — 18

J.Rose 0 to —1/2; B.Keen 5 to 4; C.F.Henry 4 to 3; B.Slater 7 to 6 1/2.

The Challenge and Gilbey Cups: June 26 — July 1

Sir Leonard Daldry —1 to —1 1/2; Mrs D.M.Aubrey 2 to 1 1/2;
M.Granger Brown 3 1/2 to 2 1/2; K.S.Schofield 4 1/2 to 4;
P.A.Tunmer 6 1/2 to 6; Dr C.W.Evans 8 D7 to 7; Mrs I.N. Duveen 12 D10 to 11 D10; Mrs C.Sebestyen 14 to 13 D12.

Wrest Park Weekend: June 23 — 25

B.Keen 4 to 3; N.Davren 6 to 5; G.Hall 9 to 8.

Budleigh Salterton: July 3 — 8

Brig. H.E.Fernyhough 12 D10 to 10 D9; R.N.Bateson 1 1/2 to 1/2; G.H.Betts 3 1/2 to 2 1/2; F/O N.G.Betts 3 to 1 1/2;
C.Edwards 4 to 3; R.D.C.Prichard 1 to 1/2; Mrs C.W.Haworth 15 D13 to 14 D13; Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt-Drake 16 D14 to 14 D13.

Colchester: July 10 — 15

Miss D.M.Wiesner 2* to 1; R.S.Alford 5 1/2 to 4 1/2; P.Bishop 12 to 10.

The Open Championship: July 17 — 22

W. de B.Prichard —2 1/2 to —4; T.O.Read —2 to —3;
J.H.J.Soutter —1/2 to —1.

Cheltenham: July 24 — 29

Mrs J.N.Rolfe 1 1/2 to 1/2; G.B.Martin 9 to 8; Prof.B.Weitz 3 to 2 1/2; G.S.Digby 6 1/2 to 6; R.S.Stevens 4 to 3 1/2; Mrs G.S. Digby 3 1/2 to 3; N.Williams 3 1/2 to 3; Miss I.M.Roe 3 to 2 1/2; T.O.Read —3 to —3 1/2; D.H.Moorcraft 0 to —1/2; Mrs H.G.Handley 11 to 9.

Hurlingham (first week): August 1 — 4

G.H.Betts 2 1/2 to 2; A.L.D'Antal 3 to 2 1/2; Mrs J.F.Hay 7 to 6;
C.B.Sandford 3 to 2 1/2; Mrs C.Sebestyen 13 to 12 D10;
J.R.G.Solomon 2 to 1/2.

Handicap Increases approved by the Handicaps Co-Ordination Committee

Mrs R.A.Lewty 3 to 5; H.A.Green —1/2 to 1/2; Mrs E.M.Temple 2 to 3; C.W.Haworth 3 1/2 to 5 1/2; Mrs C.W.Haworth 13 to 15 D13; Mrs W.Longman —2 to —1; Col.G.T.Wheeler 0 to 1.

Southwick Club Recommendation

F.Reynold 1/2 to —1

St Albans Club Recommendations

R.H.Cox 15 D13; D.C.Lucas 15 D13

Cheltenham Club Recommendations

Miss W.K.Allardyce 8 to 7 1/2; Miss R.M.Allen 2 to 1 1/2;
R.H.Lee 6 to 5 1/2

Nottingham Club Recommendations

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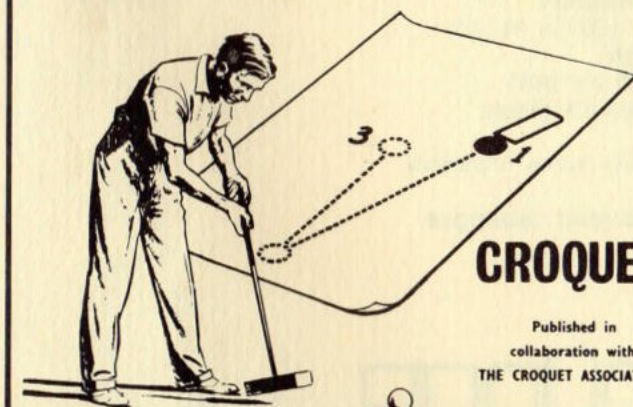
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