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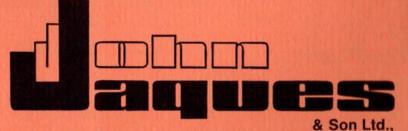
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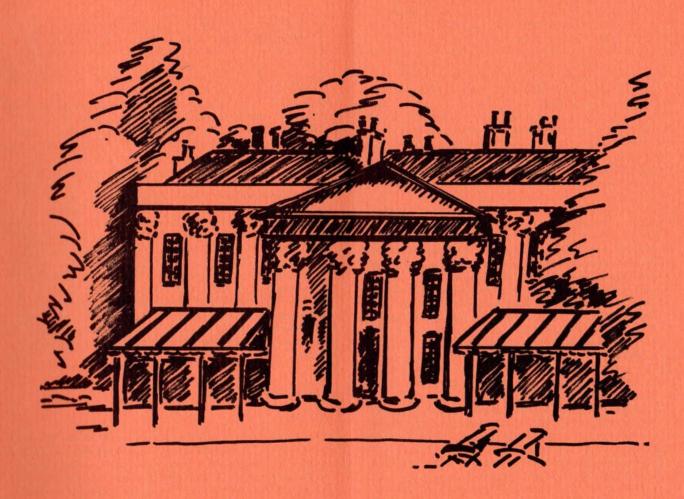
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Puzzle Solution

The puzzle appearing on p.6 of the July gazette attracted only a very small entry, the best of which was an undoubtedly clear solution by Mr L.V.Latham, the most far-fetched of which was from a person who proposed a two-ball nine-hoop peel on his opponent's ball complete with peg-out.

Now the referee in charge of the hoop would not have to be a keen researcher of past statistics over previous years to realise that by far the most common score in the President's Cup is 26, followed by 25, with 17 (the opponent making nine hoops) the next most common. The competition this year fully supported these statistics. Certainly there are plenty of games which are much closer, so the referee would rely on the basic strategy of not moving the wide hoop to a place in front of the break so that it would only have to be moved once per turn if possible. An unusual suggestion was to oscillate the wide hoop between two adjacent lawns using the first and fourth hoops, which involves more than 14 yards walking on each occasion, let alone the problem of both lawns requiring the narrow hoop simultaneously.

Here is the relevant part of the best solution:—
"Let us assume that the player who takes the first ball round will set out his leave after running 3-back. To start with, the wide hoop must therefore be placed at 4, 5 or 6 in order that it only be moved once during the first turn, that move taking it to 3, 5 or 6, as these are the only ones not used twice in a break of nine hoops. Furthermore it would obviously be useless to move the hoop forwards, as it would then be running away from the ball and have to be moved again.

This leaves us with four possibilities for the first move: 4 to 3, 5 to 3, 6 to 3, or 6 to 5.

Looking ahead to the second ball, we must decide that the opponent will hit in, but will also only attempt to make nine points. Thus it becomes apparent that the hoop must again finish its move at 3, 5 or 6 if it is only to be used once. Now as we have already said that the replacement will end the first turn at either 3 or 5 and can only be moved backwards, there is only one possibility for the first two moves, viz. 6 to 5, and 5 to 3.

It does not matter now which player hits in to make the third break, but we must be prepared for him to go out with a triple peel. Obviously this will employ every hoop twice and therefore this is the minimum number of times that the hoop will have to be moved.

Having established that the replacement must begin the third turn at 3, there is only one way it can escape the ball in two moves, these being 3 to 1 and then, when it is about to be used as 2-back, from 1 to 2.

The text-book game is thus completed with the wide hoop being moved only four times.

There is, however, one small fly in the ointment. Any changes involving hoops 1 and 5 lead to colourful crowns being discovered in unexpected quarters of the court. But since it was stipulated that the wide hoop could be changed with any narrow one, and since the possibility remains that it was one of these two hoops which was broken in the first place, it would appear safe to assume that these colour changes are permissible."

G.N.A.

The History of the Sextuple

In a letter which appeared in the New Zealand Croquet Gazette Vol. XXXX No.4 (April 1972) John Prince claims that the first sextuple peel recorded in a match was completed by Arthur Ross of New Zealand, though he cannot remember precisely where this is recorded. He lists the following additional sextuple peels completed in match play:

- 1. By John Prince against Frank Bennett Hawkes Bay Easter Tournament 1970.
- 2. By Keith Wylie against Arthur Reed Cambridge Univ. v. Colchester (? v. Heley Club Ed.) Summer 1970 (Delayed).
- 3.By Keith Wylie against Nigel Aspinall The Open Championships 1971 (Delayed).
- 4. By Nigel Aspinall against Bernard Neal Inter-Club competition 1971
- 5. By John Prince against William Penman N.Z.Championships 1972.

Rover Note

Won by One

In the Croquet Gazette of September 1969 there appeared a ruling (given by the then Chairman of the Laws Committee) that in a game of doubles it is permissible for a player to place his absent partner's ball on a baulk line and deem it to have been played. This ruling gave rise to no vociferous foreboding: it was perhaps considered as an interesting eccentricity with little practical application. But when John Solomon - perfectly legally - played his Open Doubles Championship match single-handed what a clamour arose: barrack room lawyers and even their "learned friends" gave judgement (ignoring Croquet Laws and precedents) that Doubles could not mean one man; it was against the spirit of the game and the intentions of the donors of the trophies some fifty years ago; it was even pronounced "unfair' because John's partner - had he been there - might have made mistakes! In retrospect one is left only with incredulity: how was it possible for John to win a match in two straight games and - although losing the third game - to play 31/2 such games in a day? For the future the ethics of absentee doubles partners will no doubt be fully discussed but two points emerge: the first, that the interest engendered by this singular feat attracted all the spectators and kept many of them there until after eight o'clock: the second, that there might be a benefit to Managers in that all doubles games would start at 9.45 whether the senior partner had arrived

Obituaries

A.C. Jupe

The Bristol Croquet Club reports the death of Mr A.C. Jupe with sadness. He died suddenly on a lawn in the middle of a game — a way in which I think he and many other players would wish to go. He loved the game and was always on the lawns. He was never a high bisquer. Before he joined the club his wife taught him what to do, and by diligent practice he taught himself how to do it. He was one of those comparatively rare people who read and learn tactics from books. He became one of the club's best players. His general knowledge of music and the Arts was formidable, and his fund of stories and wit will live long in the hearts of his fellow members. Unfortunately he did not go to outside tournaments, except that the writer on two occasions had the pleasure of playing with him in doubles at Cheltenham. He had been a member of the C.A. since he took up the game.

Commander D. V.G. Beamish, R.N.

It was with great sorrow that his many friends heard of the death of Geoffrey Beamish on August 12. For two and a half years in a nursing home, deprived of speech and the use of his right hand, his unfailing cheerfulness and patience was a source of the utmost admiration to all those who looked after him or visited him.

Well known among croquet players, he was filled with a strong sense of sportsmanship and fair play, and his death will be felt as a loss by all those who knew him. A useful $-1\frac{1}{2}$, he was selected on at least one occasion to play in the Surrey Cup.

Our deepest sympathy goes to his brother Desmond.

P.N.

Stanley Boddington

It is with regret that we have to report the sudden death of Stanley Boddington on August 3. Our sincere sympathies go to his wife Joan, and to his son and family.

Stan and Joan joined the Ipswich Club as Golf Croquet players, and Stan progressed to the Association game. After many years as a player on the golf links Stan gave up that game to devote more time to his croquet; he was an ardent but patient player. Only recently he joined the C.A. and began to take part in tournaments to gain further experience in the game.

He will be sadly missed in the club.

E.I.W.

Sonnet for Headquarters

Hurlingham! Mecca of our widespread game,
Unrivalled as a perfect Croquet scene.
Recalling the great past that there has been,
Let's ask if present prospects are the same.
I will, with perfect confidence, proclaim
Nigel and Keith and John today are seen
Great skill to have — but take me not to mean
Have not their rivals coming — as once they came.

All is not Croquet here though, flowers and shrubs Match any other gardens in display, Clearly it's roses, roses all the way. Last but not least, there are no other clubs Unique as this, its House a splendid sight, Blest with pure architectural delight.

EMBER

Home-made Hoops

A certain ingenious individual, having a croquet set for disposal, decided that the first requirement for a successful sale was to create a demand. He therefore founded the Wrest Park Croquet Club, sold them his croquet set and departed for Australia. The club soon discovered that their equipment was non-standard, but having at least unofficial access to a lathe and an arc welder proceeded to make their own set of hoops.

The hoops are made from 11/8 inch and 5/8 inch steel rod which is cut into lengths to form the carrot bases, the uprights and the cross bars. A shallow hole is drilled in the end of the 11/8 inch diameter rudimentary carrots, and the uprights are welded in position; the complete side of the hoop is then put in the lathe and a taper turned on the carrot. Two finished sides and a cross bar are then clamped firmly in a previously constructed jig and the cross bar is welded in position. After they have been checked for correct dimensions, the hoops have only to be painted. These fabricated mild steel hoops are extremely strong and accurate, and, provided that labour costs are not taken into account, can be manufactured for a fraction of the normal cost of a set.

The first moves in a Handicap Game (continued)

ADVISER: We will now assume that you've put your adversary (- 4 Bisques) in with the intention of taking a bisque after the 4th ordinary turn. He will probably play the first ball which we will continue to call Blue into the 2nd or 4th Corner. For the moment I will kindly assume that he plays Blue to the East Boundary about 6 feet from the Corner Spot. I will assume that you lay a deep tice with Red about one yard short of the peg. I will then assume that he plays Black to the East Boundary about 2 yards away from Blue. You will be a lucky man if he makes it as easy for you as all that, and later on we shall consider more difficult situations from which to begin. I suggest that you shoot at Blue and if you miss you must now take a Bisque to get the innings. I want you to plan to take a second Bisque to lay a four ball break before you take the first hoop. We will assume that you do miss so that we can talk about what you propose to do on your first Bisque turn and on your second Bisque turn. You will be playing Yellow, and again we will assume that Yellow reaches the boundary about one foot away from Blue on the north side, so that the roquet will move it a few inches further away from Black. Now before you start your first Bisque turn, let me ask you how many roquets you intend to make before you take the first hoop. PLAYER (4 Bisquer); Six roquets.

ADVISER: That is correct so that you will only be making the first hoop after the third roquet of the second bisque turn. Now you must plan to make an effective use of each of these roquets. It is essential that in the first bisque turn you croquet a ball to the first hoop so that it will be waiting there to be roqueted again in the second bisque turn. Which ball is to be your hoop ball?

PLAYER: I suppose it will have to be Red.

ADVISER: You are learning fast. During your first bisque turn, you want to have a bisque ball near the East boundary and establish a pivot ball. I suggest that Blue should be your Bisque ball and Black should be your pivot ball. Therefore your roquet on Blue should be as gentle as you dare make it. So let's make that roquet and study the position afresh. Clearly you want to get a rush on Black to the centre of the lawn, preferably beyond the peg.

PLAYER: Why beyond the peg?

PLAYER: Why beyond the peg? ADVISER: Only to make the journey to Red more or less fool-proof. You will not try to get a rush on Red. The charm of this line of play is that you have only to be near enough to Red to make a roquet. You then croquet it slightly to the left of the first hoop as it is facing you, and with the last stroke of the first bisque turn your play back to the East boundary behind Blue. Now let us return to the first croquet stroke of the first bisque turn. You are playing Yellow and you have roqueted Blue which is probably still a yard line ball and still about 2 yards from Black, another yard line ball. You want to leave Blue about 2 feet in from the yard line and get a rush on Black in the direction of the peg. It is not a difficult stroke but it is probably the most difficult stroke which you will have to play during the turn. One way to play the stroke is merely to play a gentle take-off. What are the potential snags? You might only move Blue about 3 inches. This is highly unsatisfactory unless your final shot to the boundary is extremely accurate. You might send Blue about 4 feet into the Court. This is rather long for a rush and incidentally it is conceivable that Yellow may go off. I suggest that you imagine there is a hoop midway between the yard line and the boundary and about one foot beyond Black. If necessary put a handkerchief on the spot as a temporary measure whilst you study the situation. Then place Yellow against Blue in the croquet stroke so that Blue will miss Black by 3 or 4 inches and come to rest behind the imaginary hoop on the left hand side. Do not try to play a stop shot or a roll shot. If you play a natural stroke

Blue will travel about 18 feet whilst Yellow travels 6 feet. It is a simple stroke that you play time and again when you are approaching your hoop in order. The precise distance which Blue travels is immaterial. The distance which your ball travels is most material. Try to get the rush towards the peg because that gives you the greatest margin for error. It does not matter a bit if you are short and the rush happens to be towards the 2nd hoop or the 6th hoop. It does not matter if you are too strong and the rush is towards the 1st hoop. The only important thing is to get the ball well into the Court to simplify the approach to Red. The only way to test your capability is to practise the stroke, first as a take-off and secondly as a hoop approach stroke driving the croqueted ball forward.

PLAYER: I have done so, I am more reliable on the take-off stroke, but things tend to go wrong when the two enemy balls are 2 yards or more apart when I play the croquet

ADVISER: I can well understand and that means that you cannot afford to try to hit with Yellow when you play the 4th turn. You must play to miss on the south side so that you can roquet Blue nearer to Black.

PLAYER: What happens if my adversary plays Blue into the 4th Corner so that I cannot rush it?

ADVISER: That is quite likely as I have already said, but it is also another story which must be studied at length. We will now assume that you have missed Blue on the south side and in the first stroke of the 1st Bisque Turn you have roqueted it to within a yard of Black. Can you now get Blue slightly into the Court and get a rush on Black somewhere

into the middle?

PLAYER: I would be highly confident.

ADVISER: Well your troubles are largely over. Your line of play is the same whether Black is to the south or north of the peg. You have merely got to take off for Red. After you have roqueted Red study the position afresh. In your 2nd Bisque turn you are going to approach Red from Black, so try to position Red accordingly. Again before you play the croquet stroke look again at the position of Blue near the East boundary. You do not want to play the stroke in such a way that the last stroke to the boundary behind Blue will be obstructed by the 4th hoop or by the Blue ball itself. Again play your croquet stroke accordingly. We will now assume that you have played your croquet stroke and continuation stroke and that Red is within 6 feet of the 1st Hoop and Yellow is on the boundary with a rush on Blue to the middle of the Court. Now you say "Bisque". Do not roquet Blue lightheartedly into the middle of the Court. It might end up next door to Black in which case you would be cramped for room when trying to send Blue to the 2nd Hoop. If your rush on Blue happened by chance to be directly towards the 2nd Hoop, do not attempt the rush. Send it to the 2nd Hoop in the croquet stroke. Look again at the position of Black. Is it perfectly placed? If not, play the croquet stroke on Blue in such a way that it might be possible to improve the position of Black. You then carry on with your four ball break.

[Concluded]

I.C.B.

The Hurlingham Tournament: August 1 – 12

This ever-popular tournament was again run in two parts in accordance with the Baillieu experiment introduced in 1970. In the first part Bryan Lloyd-Pratt who managed contrived two variations from last year, a mixed handicap doubles which he himself won in the company of a promising neophyte Mrs Sebestyen, and the Z event as a handicap. singles instead of doubles. The younger John Solomon won the Silver Jubilee Cup for the second time, and he, together with his brother Andrew who won the Younger Cup in the second part of the tournament, is moving towards the minus class. A devastating cataclysm which flooded the lawns on Tuesday washed out half a day's play and put Bryan under severe pressure. However, by judicious planning the harvest was all but gathered in by the Friday evening, leaving two games for Saturday morning before the second part of the tournament began.

The second week covered so many events (with 10 competition boards ornamenting the Manager's tent) and had so many points of interest that only a few features can be mentioned in this report. Reference should first be made to William Prichard who played 17 games and reached 3 finals, but had the mortifying experience of losing all three. His play throughout the week was of a very high order. On one occasion, when to help the Manager he was put on court at five minutes to one, he was able to sit down to luncheon at twenty-five minutes to two having garnered the spoils in 35 minutes.

Professor Neal won the Hurlingham Cup for the second year running. During the week he encountered William Prichard three times in singles and once in doubles. In one game he brought about that rare achievement, a combination peg-out (ask a minus player if you seek enlightenment); the audience unfortunately comprised only Lt-Col and Mrs Prichard, whose disappointment at seeing William lose must have been tempered with the pleasure of watching this unusual feat.

The winners of the Hurlingham Doubles, Aspinall and Mrs Jarden, who would have been quoted at odds on in any bookmaker's list, were in dire straits at one point in their semi-final against Howard Wright and Miss Hampson in a game which finished at 9 p.m. as dusk was falling. There was some criticism directed at the Manager, Jim Townsend, for imposing a time limit on the final of an event played under conditions of Advanced Play. Since at least four games in earlier rounds had, however, extended to over 4 hours (one indeed to over 51/2 hours) and had often partaken more of the nature of Aunt Emma Handicap Doubles, his decision may not have been without some foundation.

The holders of the Ladies Field Candlesticks came close to retaining the handsome trophies in a repeat of last year's final, but this time they were narrowly defeated by Mesdames Meachem and Weitz. It was a pity that the game's consummation could not quite be achieved, since on the expiration of the time limit of 4 hours the winners had but one point to make and the losers five points. One of the defeated holders, Mrs Wood, reached but failed to win the final of the Younger Cup, having in three previous games caught up spectacularly from behind when all had seemed lost.

In the Men's Handicap Doubles, Lloyd-Pratt and Howard Wright, the holders, had a gallery warming final against William Prichard and Carlisle père. Prichard used bisques in an attempt to peel and peg out Howard Wright, but failed to achieve the ultimate object, the peg-out. Howard Wright then hit a spectacular long shot and himself pegged out Prichard and his own ball - at which point Lloyd-Pratt had only to walk it. It is worthy of comment that in an earlier round between the losers and Moorcraft and Weitz, just as time was coming up and the sides were level, no less than 6 consecutive long shots were hit.

Wheeler and Rees from the enterprising Wrest Park Club contested the final of the Turner Cup, which could have gone either way, the latter prevailing when Wheeler failed at the last hurdle. To other competitors who feel that their achievements merited inclusion in this report regrets must be expressed, but space is limited.

At the closing ceremony Lt-Col Prichard spoke in felicitous terms of the success of the tournament, adding a few words on the sorrow of all at the news of the death of Major Jack Rivington, Chairman of the Hurlingham Club and former Chairman of the C.A.

Results

First Week Tournament

First Round

Event 1: The Silver Jubilee Cup (41 Entries)

First Round			Kerensky (19
Miss D.A.Lintern (5)	bt. Mrs O.A.Kerensky (14	1)+9	I.C.Baillieu & M
Miss S.G.Hampson (3)	bt. Mrs P.D.Showan (2)	+10	Mrs H.Wills (4
G.F.Hallett (0)	bt. A.V.Camroux (-1½)	+12	(
J.H.J.Soutter (-1)	bt. E.B.Tanner (6)	+20	Second Roun
H.S.Clemons (-2)	bt. T.O.Read (-31/2)	+25	B.Lloyd-Pratt &
O.A.Kerensky (5)	bt. G.W.Williams (-1)	+21	& Mrs W.Lon
Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle (6)	bt. Mrs H.M.Read (1/2)	+21	Pearson & Mrs S
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	bt. Mrs E.M.Lightfoot (0)		Hampson
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Mrs B.G.Neal (6)	bt. Mrs H.Wills (6)	+16	
G.H.Betts (2½)	bt. Miss S. F. Hay (5)		Dr H.J.Elverson
(2/2)	bt. Miss 5.1.11ay (5)	+21	Mrs G.F.H.El
Second Round			Semi-Final
Prof. A.W.Skempton (3)	bt. Mrs A.Solomon (12)	+14	Lloyd-Pratt & M
I.C.Baillieu (1)	bt. Mrs C.Sebestyen (13)	+16	Smith
M.G.Pearson (51/2)	bt. A.W.Solomon (2½)	+14	Baillieu & Mrs Ca
S.S.Townsend $(-1\frac{1}{2})$	bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (-1/2)		Dunieu de Mis Ca
B.H.Bliss (6)	bt. Mrs A.W.Skempton (2		Final
Miss S.G.Hampson (3)	bt. G.F.Hallett (0)	•	Lloyd-Pratt & M
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O.A.Kerensky (5)	bt. J.H.J.Soutter (-1)	+ 6	
Mrs B I Sunding Smith	bt. Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle (6)	+14	
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	bt. Mrs B.G.Neal (6)	+16	
(-1½)			
Mrs G.W.Solomon (2)	bt. G.H.Betts (21/2)	+ 5	Second Week To
J.R.G.Solomon (2)	bt. Miss B.Duthie (1)	+22	
C.B.Sanford (3)	bt. Mrs W.Longman (-2)	+ 6	Event 1: The Hurlin
M.B.Reckitt (8)	bt. S.G.Kent (4)	+10	
Mrs S.M.Adler (5)	bt. Mrs A.D.Karmel (5)	+ 9	DRAW
R.O.Havery (0)	bt. A.L.d'Antal (3)	+ 4	
			First Round
Third Round			G.W.Williams
I.C.Baillieu (1)	w.o. Prof. A.W.Skempton	opp retd	Mrs B.L.Sundius-
(-)	(3)	opp.reta.	J.H.J.Soutter
S.S.Townsend (-11/2)	bt. M.G.Pearson (5½)	110	W. de B.Prichard
H.S.Clemons (-2)	bt. Miss S.G.Hampson (3)	+10	Prof. B.G.Neal
O.A.Kerensky (5)	bt Mrs P. I. Sunding Smith	+12	
Ontherensky (5)	bt. Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	+10	Second Round
J.R.G.Solomon (2)	(-1½)		H.S.Clemons
C.B.Sanford (3)	bt. Mrs G.W.Solomon (2)	+20	340. 11
	w.o. M.B.Reckitt (8)	opp.retd.	
R.O.Havery (0)	bt. Mrs S.M.Adler (5)	+19	Mrs E.Rotherham
Fourth Round			J.H.J.Soutter
	1.000		W. de B.Prichard
I.C.Baillieu (1)	bt. S.S.Townsend $(-1\frac{1}{2})$	+ 3	T.O.Read
B.H.Bliss (6)	bt. H.S.Clemons (-2)	+22	Mrs B.A.Jarden
J.R.G.Solomon (2)	bt. O.A.Kerensky (5)	+16	D.J.V.Hamilton-M
C.B.Sanford (3)	bt. R.O.Havery (0)	+19	TL: J D
Semi-Final			Third Round
			M.Stride
B.H.Bliss (6)	bt. I.C.Baillieu (1)	+10	Mrs E.Rotherham
J.R.G.Solomon (2)	bt. C.B.Sanford (3)	+ 1	W. de B.Prichard
Final			D.J.V.Hamilton-M
J.R.G.Solomon (2)	bt. B.H.Bliss (6)	+18	Semi-Final
-			M.Stride
Event 1b: Y Handicap Singles	(22 Entries)		W. de B.Prichard
Final			Fig. 1
G.H.Betts (2½)	he A W C-1- (OV)		Final
O.11.Detts (272)	bt. A.W.Solomon (2½)	+16	W. de B.Prichard

Event 1c: Z Handicap Singles (17 Entries)

Mrs G.W.Solomon (2) bt. Mrs B.G.Neal (6)

Event 2: Mixed Handicap Doubles (12 Pairs)

First Round M.G.Pearson & Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith (4) bt. A.V.Camroux & Miss D.A.Lintern (31/2) A.W.Solomon & Miss S.G.Hampson (51/2) bt. Mrs G.W. Solomon & Mrs B.G.Neal (8) G.H.Betts & Mrs A.Solomon (111/2) bt. Mr & Mrs O.A. Kerensky (19) I.C.Baillieu & Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle (7) bt. H.S.Clemons & Mrs H. Wills (4) Second Round

B.Lloyd-Pratt & Mrs C.Sebestyen (9) bt. J.R.G.Solomon & Mrs W.Longman (0) Pearson & Mrs Sundius-Smith bt. A.Solomon & Miss Hampson Baillieu & Mrs Carlisle bt. Betts & Mrs A.Solomon Dr H.J.Elverson & Miss B.Duthie (6) bt. E.B.Tanner & Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (51/2)

Irs Sundius-
+14
Duthie +11

Final				
Lloyd-Pratt &	Mrs Sebestyen	bt. Baillieu	& M	rs Carlisle
				+1

Second Week Tournament

Event 1: The Hurlingham Cup (21 Entries)

	Compared to the control of the contr		
	DRAW		
	First Round		
	G.W.Williams	bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt	+ 3
	Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	bt. R.A.Godby	+ 4
•	J.H.J.Soutter	bt. Mrs W.Longman	+18
	W. de B.Prichard	bt. J.B.Gilbert	+23
	Prof. B.G.Neal	bt. Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	+25
	Second Round		
	H.S.Clemons	bt. F.Reynold	+16
	M.Stride	bt. J.N.Robinson	+24
	Mrs E.Rotherham	bt. G.W.Williams	+22
	J.H.J.Soutter	bt. Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	+13
	W. de B.Prichard	bt. Prof. B.G.Neal	+11
	T.O.Read	bt. Cdr G.Borrett	+12
	Mrs B.A.Jarden	w.o.	opp.scr.
	D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	bt. Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard	+ 4
	Third Round		
	M.Stride	bt. H.S.Clemons	+ 4
	Mrs E.Rotherham	bt. J.H.J.Soutter	+18
	W. de B.Prichard	bt. T.O.Read	+11
	D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	bt. Mrs B.A.Jarden	+ 3
	Semi-Final		
	M.Stride	bt. Mrs E.Rotherham	+23
	W. de B.Prichard	bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	+26
	Final		

bt. M.Stride

N.T.

Mr Townsend at Bowdon, which Mrs Christie and I attended,

coaching has been given every Thursday morning to beginners

and others. We were also very fortunate in that John Rose

a few occasions, and John Rose kindly gave us a film show

with commentary on the game. Our members have greatly

benefited from all this, and the standard of play has

improved.

and Bonny Keen from Radbroke Hall came along to help on

Second Round

Solomon

Sebestyen & Mrs Lightfoot

Mrs D.M.C.Prichard & Mrs A.W.Skempton (1) bt. Mrs

Mrs Wood & Mrs McMillan bt. Miss Lintern & Mrs G.W.

Mrs Meachem & Mrs Weitz bt. Mrs Jarden & Mrs Puxon

PROCESS			D.V.H.Rees	bt. Mrs E.M.Lightfoot	+11
First Round			Miss B.Duthie	bt. H.C.Green	+14
T.O.Read	bt. F.Reynold	+26	Semi-Final		
Mrs E.Rotherham	bt. Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard		J.A.Wheeler	bt. I.Howard Wright	+14
Mrs B.A.Jarden	bt. H.S.Clemons	+15	D.V.H.Rees	bt. Miss B.Duthie	+19
D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	bt. M.Stride	+ 9	Final		
Second Round					
T.O.Read	bt. Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	+11	D.V.H.Rees	bt. J.A.Wheeler	+ 3
J.B.Gilbert	bt. Mrs E.Rotherham	+ 9			
Mrs W.Longman	bt. I.N.Robinson	+13	Event 3: The Younger Cup	(15 Entries)	
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	+14	DRAW		
Mrs B.A.Jarden	bt. J.H.J.Soutter	+ 9	DRAW		
Prof. B.G.Neal	bt. G.W.Williams	+ 2	First Round		
W. de B.Prichard	bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller		Miss S.G.Hampson	w.o. Mrs P.D.Showan	opp.scr.
R.A.Godby	bt. Cdr G.Borrett	+ 8	Prof. A.W.Skempton	bt. W.B.C.Paynter	+12
Third Round			Mrs G.W.Solomon	bt. M.G.Pearson	+16
T.O.Read	bt. J.B.Gilbert	+10	Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle	bt. A.W.Solomon	+ 3
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. Mrs W.Longman	+13	Mrs F.E.M.Puxon	bt. Miss S.F.Hay	+14
Prof. B.G.Neal	bt. Mrs B.A.Jarden	+ 3	Mrs A.W.Skempton Mrs G.H.Wood	bt. Mrs B.G.Neal bt. Capt. M.F.Buller	+10 + 1
W. de Prichard	bt. R.A.Godby	+15	Mrs G.H.Wood	bt. Capt. M.F.Buller	T 1
Semi-Final			Second Round		
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. T.O.Read	+24	Prof. B.G.Weitz	bt. Miss S.G.Hampson	+ 5
Prof. B.G.Neal	bt. W. de B.Prichard	+15	Prof. A.W.Skempton	bt. Mrs G.W.Solomon	+12
	bt. W. de b.i fichard	.13	Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle	bt. Mrs F.E.M.Puxon	+ 7
Final			Mrs G.H.Wood	bt. Mrs A.W.Skempton	+ 4
Prof. B.G.Neal	bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt	+16	PROGRAG		
			PROCESS		
PLAY-OFF			First Round		
Prof. B.G.Neal	bt. W. de B.Prichard	+20	Prof. A.W.Skempton	bt. Mrs B.G.Neal	+15
			Mrs S.F.Hay	w.o. Mrs P.D.Showan	opp.scr.
Event 2: The Turner Cup ((15 Entries)		Mrs G.H.Wood	bt. Mrs G.W.Solomon	+ 9
Event 2. The Turner Cup ((15 Entries)		A.W.Solomon	bt. Prof. B.G.Weitz	+18
DRAW			Mrs A.W.Skempton	w.o. W.B.C.Paynter	opp.retd.
			Miss S.G.Hampson M.G.Pearson	bt. Mrs F.E.M.Puxon	+ 4
First Round			M.G.Fearson	w.o. Capt. M.F.Buller	opp.scr.
D.H.Moorcraft	bt. Mrs N.A.C.McMillan	+25	Second Round		
Mrs E.M.Lightfoot Mrs J.B.Meachem	bt. R.O.Havery bt. D.V.H.Rees	+ 6 +14	Prof. A.W.Skempton	bt. Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle	+21
J.R.G.Solomon	bt. H.C.Green	+ 8	Mrs G.H.Wood	bt. Miss S.F.Hay	+11
Miss B.Duthie	bt. I.Howard Wright	+13	A.W.Solomon	bt. Mrs A.W.Skempton	+11
I.C.Baillieu	bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey	+10	Miss S.G.Hampson	bt. M.G.Pearson	+13
J.B.Meachem	bt. Mrs H.M.Read	+ 6			
Second Round			SEMI-FINALISTS RE-DRA	WN FOR FINAL STAGES	
J.A.Wheeler	bt. D.H.Moorcraft	+16	Prof. B.G.Weitz	bt. Miss S.G.Hampson	+14
Mrs E.M.Lightfoot	bt. Mrs J.B.Meachem	+ 2	A.W.Solomon	bt. Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle	+15
Miss B.Duthie	bt. J.R.G.Solomon	+10	Semi-Final		
J.B.Meachem	bt. I.C.Baillieu	+ 6	Mrs G.H.Wood	bt. Prof. B.G.Weitz	+ 4
			A.W.Solomon	bt. Prof. A.W.Skempton	+ 7
PROCESS				Direct Title Daeinpton	
First Round			Final		
J.A.Wheeler	bt. J.R.G.Solomon	+26	A.W.Solomon	bt. Mrs G.H.Wood	+18
R.O.Havery	bt. I.C.Baillieu	+ 8			
I.Howard Wright	bt. D.H.Moorcraft	+ 6	Event 4: The Longworth Cu	p (10 Entries)	
Mrs J.B.Meachem	bt. Mrs H.M.Read	+11			
Mrs G.F.H.Elvey	bt. Mrs E.M.Lightfoot	+ 6	First Round		
Miss B.Duthie	w.o. Mrs N.A.C.McMillan	opp.scr.	C.G.Pountney (8)	w.o. M.B.Reckitt (8)	opp.retd.
D.V.H.Rees	bt. J.B.Meachem	+14	Dr H.A.Pim (7)	w.o. Mrs B.G.Weitz (5½)	opp.scr.
Second Round			Second Round		
J.A.Wheeler	bt. R.O.Havery	+16	Sir Leonard Stone (14)	bt. Mrs J.F.Hay (6)	+ 1 (T)
I.Howard Wright	bt. Mrs J.B.Meachem	+11	C.G.Pountney (8)	bt. Miss D.A.Lintern (5)	+16
H.C.Green	bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey	+13	Mrs C.Sebestyen (12)	bt. Dr H.A.Pim (7)	+ 5 (T)
D.V.H.Rees	bt. Miss B.Duthie	+13	W.H.Carlisle (9)	bt. Mrs A.Solomon (12)	+22
			Semi-Final		
SEMI-FINALISTS RE-DRA	AWN FOR FINAL STAGES		C.G.Pountney (8)	bt. Sir Leonard Stone (14) + 2 (T)
I.Howard Wright	bt. J.B.Meachem	+19	W.H.Carlisle (9)	bt. Mrs C.Sebestyen (12)	
			(3)	(24)	(-/

C.G.Pountney (8)	ot. W.H.Carlisle (9)	+ 7 (T)	Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith & Mrs B.G.Neal (4½) bt. M Read & Mrs A.D.Karmel (5½)	Irs H.M. + 1 (T)
			Semi-Final	1 (1)
			Mrs Wood & Mrs McMillan bt. Mrs Prichard & Mrs	01
Event 5: The Hurlingham Doub	ales (19 Paire)			+17
	(15 14113)		Mrs Meachem & Mrs Weitz bt. Mrs Sundius-Smith	&
First Round			Mrs Neal	+ 6 (T)
D.H.Moorcraft & Mrs E.M.J Mrs A.W.Skempton	Lightfoot bt. Cdr G.B		Final	
D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller & M	rs G W Solomon bt I	+ 2	Mrs Meachem & Mrs Weitz bt. Mrs Wood & Mrs Mc	Millan
& Miss B.Duthie		+ 7		+ 4 (T)
G.N.Aspinall & Mrs B.A.Jar	den bt. J.A.Wheeler 8	k		, ,
Mrs G.S.Digby		+11	Event 7: Men's Handicap Doubles (16 Pairs)	
Second Round				
Professor & Mrs B.G.Neal b	t. B.Lloyd-Pratt & Mr	s E.	First Round	
Rotherham		+93	J.R.G.Solomon & Sir Leonard Stone (12½) bt. F.R.	eynold
H.C.Green & Mrs H.B.H.Car Mrs F.E.M.Puxon	lisle bt. J.N.Robinsor		& H.S.Clemons (-3) Prof. B.G.Weitz & D.H.Moorcraft (2) bt. Prof. B.G.	+ 6
W. de B.Prichard & Mrs W.L	ongman bt R O Have	+17	& G.Doughty (4½)	Neal + 7
Miss D.A.Lintern		+15	Dr H.A.Pim & J.B.Gilbert (51/2) bt. Lt-Col D.M.C.Pr	ichard
Moorcraft & Mrs Lightfoot	bt. Hamilton-Miller &		& Prof. A.W.Skempton (0)	+ 1 (T)
Mrs G.W.Solomon		+ 5	W. de B.Prichard & W.H.Carlisle (5) bt. Cdr G.Borre R.O.Havery (-2½)	tt &
Aspinall & Mrs Jarden bt. R McMillan	A.Godby & Mrs N.A.		I.C.Baillieu & M.G.Pearson (6½) bt. J.A.Wheeler &	+ 7
T.O.Read & Mrs H.M.Read I	ot. H.S.Clemons & Mr	+24	H.G.Green (½)	+12
Wood		+ 3	M.Stride & P.J.R.Crawford (21/2) bt. M.B.Reckitt &	I.B.
I.Howard Wright & Miss S.G	.Hampson bt. Mr & M	irs J.B.	Weachem (4½)	+ 8 (T)
Meachem Lt-Col & Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	dle Moett on	+ 2	T.O.Read & Capt. M.F.Buller (-1½) bt. J.N.Robinse C.G.Pountney (5)	
Sundius-Smith	a bt. M.Stride & Mrs		B.Lloyd-Pratt & I.Howard Wright (-1) bt. A.W.Solo	+ 7
		+ 3	& R.A.Godby (1)	+20
Third Round			Second Round	. 40
Professor & Mrs Neal bt. Gre W. Prichard & Mrs Longman	en & Mrs Carlisle	+15		
Mrs Lightfoot	bt. Moorcraft &	+10	Professor Weitz & Moorcraft bt. J.R.G.Solomon & S Leonard Stone	
Aspinall & Mrs Jarden bt. Re	ad & Mrs Read	+10 +12	W. Prichard & W.H.Carlisle bt. Dr Pim & Gilbert	+ 8 +14
Howard Wright & Miss Hamp	son bt. Lt-Col &		Stride & Crawford bt. Baillieu & Pearson	+12
Mrs Prichard		+ 5	Lloyd-Pratt & Howard Wright bt. Read & Captain Buller	
Semi-Final				+ 2
W. Prichard & Mrs Longman	bt. Professor & Mrs N	leal + 8	Semi-Final	
Aspinall & Mrs Jarden bt. Ho	ward Wright & Miss		W.Prichard & W.H.Carlisle bt. Professor Weitz & Moo	orcraft
Hampson		+15	Lloyd Pratt & Howard Weight he St. 1 a G	+ 1 (T)
Final			Lloyd-Pratt & Howard Wright bt. Stride & Crawford	+15
Aspinall & Mrs Jarden bt. W.l	Prichard & Mrs Longr	nan+ 5	Final	
	0		Lloyd-Pratt & Howard Wright bt. W.Prichard & W.H. Carlisle	
			Carriste	+12
Event 6: The Ledies 5: 11.0				
Event 6: The Ladies Field Candle	sticks (13 Pairs)			
First Round			Notes from the Clubs	
Mrs C.Sebestyen & Mrs E.M.I	Lightfoot (10) bt. Mrs	W.	The state of the s	
Longman & Miss S.G.Ham Mrs G.H.Wood & Mrs N.A.C.	pson (2)	+ 9 (T)	Ellesmere	
rarker & Mrs H. Wills (9½)		+16		
Miss D.A.Lintern & Mrs G.W.	Solomon (7) bt. Mrs 1	E.	We have had a very busy and enjoyable season here at	the
Rotherham & Mrs H.B.H.C	Carlisle (4)	+10	Ellesmere Club with friendly matches against Bowdon	1,
Mrs J.B.Meachem & Mrs B.G.	Weitz (5½) bt. Mrs A.		Southport and Radbroke Hall.	
Solomon & Miss B.Duthie Mrs B.A.Jarden & Mrs F.E.M.	(10) Puyon (16) by M. G.	+ 9 (T)	We are very grateful to Mrs Barbara Meachem, who visited us early in the year, for arranging for us a mem)
Elvey & Mrs H.F.Chittende	en (0)		weekend of coaching by John Solomon and Professor	
, sometime	(0)	+ 1 (T)	Bernard Neal. Following a coach training weekend giv	en by
			Mr Townsond - D 1	

Carrickmines (Championship of Ireland): August 12 — 19

The Irish Championships were held in probably the best weather seen in Carrickmines for many years. Owing to the political situation in the North there were no visitors, but with Terence Read playing in his first Irish Championship, Douglas Strachan back playing after 4 years absence, and David O'Connor back from Amsterdam, a very good quality field was in action. We hope visitors will come next year because the peace and gentleness of Carrickmines is in no way disturbed by the political situation.

The main happening was the win in the Championship by Terence Read, now at $-3\frac{1}{2}$ the holder of the lowest handicap in Ireland. His match against Douglas Strachan in the Semi-final was one of the most absorbing croquet matches ever seen at Carrickmines. Douglas won the first game, starting in tremendous form. Terence was at his peak in the second, and he won an amazingly close third by three. Douglas missed two long shots at the end by a hairsbreadth. If he had hit either, he would probably have won. In the final against David O'Connor, Terence took some time to get going but was very formidable on a glass-like lawn in the second game. David stopped at lunch time to be best man at his sister's wedding - she had in fact arranged the wedding around the final day's timetable - in other words getting things in the right perspective! The players wondered whether David would go to the wedding in whites, or play the second game in tails!

David also aided Mrs Corbally to her first final in the Doubles, only to be soundly beaten by Read and a very steady Madame Omorchoe.

The other great happening was the amazing play of Douglas Strachan's 13 year old son mark, playing in his first singles events. He won two cups, has a remarkable knowledge of the game and uses the Solomon grip. Another newcomer, Mark Callan, won the Big Handicap; he too is a player of the future. David O'Connor and Lady FitzGerald managed very effectively, Jimmy Murphy's catering was of the highest quality, and Bob Boyce's lawns were as fast as ever seen in Carrickmines.

Results

Event 1: Championship of Ireland (11 Entries)

First Round		
D.F.Strachan	bt. M.Callan	+3-9+2
R.J.Leonard	bt. Mrs H.M.Read	+12 +12
Miss F.Joly	bt. C.A.Gamble	+22 +14
Second Round	d	
D.F.Strachan	bt. Lady FitzGerald	+20 +10
T.O.Read	bt. A.D.Craig	+23 +26
D.O'Connor	bt. Prof. R.E.Steen	+24 +26
R.J.Leonard	bt. Miss F.Joly	+ 2 -21 +2
Semi-Final		
T.O.Read	bt. D.F.Strachan	-16 + 16 +
D.O'Connor	bt. R.J.Leonard	+17 +13
Final		
T.O.Read	bt. D.O'Connor	+ 5 +22

Event 2: 'B'	Handicap	Singles	(6	Entries))
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First Round		
M.Strachan (10)	bt. Mrs F.Regan (5)	+12
Madame Omorchoe (7)	bt. Mrs Figgis (4)	+ 2

Semi-Final M.Strachan (10)	bt. Madame Omorchoe (7)+21
Miss G.Hopkins (4)	w.o. Mrs Corbally (11)	opp.scr.
Final		
M.Strachan (10)	bt. Mrs G.Hopkins (4)	+18

Event 3: Steel Cup (8 Entries)

First Round		
M.Strachan (10)	bt. Mrs H.M.Read (1/2)	+18
Lady FitzGerald (2)	bt. Mrs Figgis (4)	+11
Mrs F.Regan (5)	w.o. Prof. R.E.Steen (3)	opp.scr.
A.D.Craig (3)	bt. C.A.Gamble (3)	+ 6
Semi-Final		
M.Strachan (10)	bt. Lady FitzGerald (2)	+16
A.D.Craig (3)	bt. Mrs F.Regan (5)	+21
Final		
M.Strachan (10)	bt. A.D.Craig (3)	+12

Event 4: Open Handicap Singles (17 Entries)

First Round			
Lady FitzGerald (2)	bt. Mrs F.Regan (5)	+ 4	
Second Round			
M.Callan (3)	bt. Lady FitzGerald (2)	+ 6	
D.O'Connor (-21/2)	bt. Mrs Figgis (4)	+22	
Miss F.Joly (0)	bt. Mrs H.M.Read (1/2)	+11	
F.Regan (3½)	bt. M.Strachan (10)	+ 8	
D.F.Strachan (-3)	bt. Prof. R.E.Steen (3)	+14	
A.D.Craig (3)	bt. Madame Omorchoe (7	7) + 8	
R.J.Leonard (-1/2)	bt. Miss G.Hopkins (4)	+14	
Third Round			
M.Callan (3)	bt. D.O'Connor (-21/2)	+26	
Miss F.Joly (0)	bt. F.Regan (3)	+20	
D.F.Strachan (-3)	bt. A.D.Craig (3)	+ 7	
R.J.Leonard (-1/2)	bt. C.A.Gamble (3)	+21	
Semi-Final			
M.Callan (3)	bt. Miss F.Joly (0)	+14	
R.J.Leonard (-1/2)	bt. D.F.Strachan (-3)	+15	
Final			
M.Callan (3)	bt. R.J.Leonard (-1/2)	+ 7	

vent 5: Handicap Doubles (9 Pairs)	
First Round	
A.D.Craig & C.A.Gamble (6) bt. R.J.Leonard & Mrs	Figgis
(31/2)	+10
O.O'Connor & Mrs Corbally (8½) bt. M.Callan & Mis	ss G.
Hopkins (7)	+18
Second Round	
Ar & Mrs F.Regan (81/2) bt. Craig & Gamble	+11
D.F.Strachan & M.Strachan (4) bt. Mrs H.M.Read &	
R.L.Hannon (4½)	+18
O'Connor & Mrs Corbally bt. Lady FitzGerald &	
Prof. R.E.Steen (5)	+14
Semi-Final	
C.O.Read & Madame Omorchoe (31/2) bt. Mr & Mrs	
Regan	+19
O'Connor & Mrs Corbally bt. Strachan & Strachan	+ 6
Final	
Read & Madame Omorchoe bt. O'Connor & Mrs	
Corbally	+10

The Ladies' Field Cup, August 14 - 19

The late summer certainly favoured the Ladies' Eight, and most fortunate they were to be accommodated by the ever willing Cheltenham Club. The fine weather and fast lawns produced play that was both brisk and decisive.

Mrs Jarden met Mrs Sundius-Smith and Miss Sessions in her first two matches and with these two scalps under her belt her position became virtually unassailable and the result never looked in doubt. She outclassed most of her opponents; her upright stance and pendulum swing are rightly and widely admired; though paradoxically it is these two virtues which give rise to the only blemish in her game: in split shots they are conducive to her mallet regaining contact with her own ball. Except for one defeat by Mrs Rolfe she won most of her games by decisive margins. She is not quite at home in a pegged-out game, however, and she only beat Miss Sessions, who revels in this stage of the game, by hitting a "last shot". Had not Miss Sessions rather unwisely laid up with her two balls together with a dead rush after giving the final lift, the result might have been different.

Miss Sessions, who packs a big punch into a small frame, was the only close challenger and confirmed her ranking as the best English woman player.

Mrs Sundius-Smith, a dour fighter if ever there was one, fully deserved third place. In her play she is a stickler for accuracy, and she never let up on any of her lesser opponents. She rarely loses a game which she ought to win.

Mrs Prichard looked as if she actually enjoyed playing, a rare phenomenon in this sort of competition. She had her ups and downs and in her case valour often outweighed discretion. She played some very good shots and some very bad ones, but she won half her games to finish in the top half.

Once Mrs Rotherham got going on a break no one played with more accuracy and she looked the class player we all know her to be, but her fatal propensity for sticking in hoops (particularly the first one) too often allowed her opponent to steal the break that she had meticulously laid out.

Mrs Neville Rolfe fully justified her selection. Apart from preventing Mrs Jarden from making a clean sweep, she was always a dangerous opponent and a formidable shot

Mrs Meachem did not do herself justice. She seems to have lost confidence. Her shooting was well below her customary standard and too often a four-ball break gradually disintegrated into a struggle for survival. The potential is obviously there and this is almost certainly one of those temporary set-backs that many improving players experience.

Mrs Chittenden, handicapped by a sore hip, had an unfortunate tournament but carried on courageously. She had some close games, and had "proportional representation" been in vogue, she must surely have been awarded at least one game.

It was fortunate that such an experienced Manager as Mrs Elvey was available at short notice, and she in her turn was fortunate in having only one pegged-down game at the end of play.

The Ladies' Field Cup	Mrs J.Jarden	Miss K.M.O.Sessions	Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	Mrs E.Rotherham	Mrs J.Neville Rolfe	Mrs J.B.Meachem	Mrs H.F.Chittenden	W I N S
Mrs J.Jarden		+ 3	+11	+15	+25	- 2	+ 7	+24	13
		+13	+13	+21	+20	+15	+22	+21	13
Miss K.M.O.Sessions	- 3		+16	+ 4	+11	+19	+22	+ 9	11
	-13		+ 2	+21	+11	+ 8	- 4	+23	11
	-11	-16		+12	+ 5	+ 6	+12	+ 7	10
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	-13	- 2		+15	+13	+17	+15	+10	10
Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	-15	- 4	-12		+12	+ 7	+17	+25	7
Mrs D.M.G.Frichard	-21	-21	-15	1	- 6	+11	+ 8	+22	,
Mar F Bash and an	-25	-11	- 5	-12		+ 5	+13	+23	6
Mrs E.Rotherham	-20	-11	-13	+ 6		- 5	+17	+11	Ü
M IN 31 P 16	+ 2	-19	- 6	- 7	- 5		-16	+ 5	5
Mrs J.Neville Rolfe	-15	- 8	-17	-11	+ 5		+ 7	+ 8	3
M. IBM	- 7	-22	-12	-17	-13	+16		+18	4
Mrs J.B.Meachem	-22	+ 4	-15	- 8	-17	- 7		+19	4
	-24	- 9	- 7	-25	-23	- 5	-18		0
Mrs H.F.Chittenden	-21	-23	-10	-22	-11	- 8	-19		0

Nottingham: August 14 - 19

The jolly man from Cheltenham Manages as best he can, But when Miss Samuel is too late It rouses him to wrath and hate.

His games that day had their pitfalls, Her face imprinted on the balls. So, if poor Bill you want to rag, Send him Miss S— in a Gladstone Bag.

In the middle of a dreadful summer the Nottingham Croquet Club's annual tournament was blessed indeed by a week of glorious weather. Bill Gladstone managed with his customary diligence and decorum. A host of devoted cooks toiled day and night to satisfy the appetites of players and spectators alike; and in the intervals between eating, some found time to toy with a few balls on the lawns. Amongst those to do so with distinction were John Evans, a result of missionary endeavours in the Midlands, and 'X' finalist Christopher Haworth, whose recently acquired extra bisque was snatched from his grasp so soon. Evans, whose inventive and precise croquet was a delight to all save his opponents, returned loaded with both the Robin Hood and 'X' cups as well as second place in the main event, the Handicap Doubles, in which he played with Ted Sulley making a welcome return to tournament croquet. The main prize was won by the Neals, who dealt firmly and smoothly with all their challengers. It is remarkable how few husband and wife teams there are, and how few of these are successful; perhaps the thin veneer of civilization, which can protect comparative strangers from each other in the aftermath of a blobbed hoop or the lamentations of "I tried to cut it!", would be in danger of being chafed away by the marriage bond. Professor Neal, at least two cuts above the rest of the entry, easily retained the Opens. His victims went out expecting to lose and duly did just that - the result of a negative mental attitude to the game, as Mr Henry would say. A similar aura of invincibility surrounded Mrs Coombs in the B's. Such a reputation is a great asset.

Results

Event 1: "Robin Hood" Open Handicap Singles (23 Entries)

First Round		
G.Henshaw (4½)	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake $(-2\frac{1}{2})$	+ 4
C.G.Hopewell (-1½)	w.o. Revd W.E.Gladstone (-2)	opp.scr
Miss E.C.Brumpton (3)	bt. Mrs E. Whitehead (7½)	+ 3 (T)
R.N.Bateson (1/2)	bt. A.J.Bucknell (2½)	+13
M.J.Evans (3)	bt. Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt Drak (14)	e +11
C.W.Haworth (5½)	bt. G.K.Taylor (-1/2)	+24
Mrs L.A.Coombs (6½)	bt. Miss J.K.Samuel (7)	+ 9 (T)
Second Round		
Mrs A.J.Bucknell (10)	bt. R.F.Rigiani (51/2)	+ 4 (T)
Mrs B.G.Neal (6)	bt. H.O.Hodgson (2)	+ 6 (T)
G.Henshaw (4½)	bt. C.G.Hopewell (-11/2)	+18
R.N.Bateson (1/2)	bt. Miss E.C.Brumpton (3)	+12
M.J.Evans (3)	bt. C.W.Haworth (5½)	+10
C.F.Henry (2½)	bt. Mrs L.A.Coombs (6½)	+ 7
Miss E.M.Brumpton (41/2)	bt. Prof. B.G.Neal (-41/2)	+21
E.Whitehead (-1/2)	bt. Mrs E.Chamberlain (8)	+11
Third Round		
Mrs B.G.Neal (6)	bt. Mrs A.J.Bucknell (10)	+ 1 (T)
R.N.Bateson (½)	bt. G.Henshaw (4½)	+12

M.J.Evans (3)	bt. C.F.Henry (2½)	+ 5
Miss E.M.Brumpton (4½)	bt. E.Whitehead (-1/2)	+20
Semi-Final		
R.N.Bateson (1/2)	bt. Mrs B.G.Neal (6)	+ 8
M.J.Evans (3)	bt. Miss E.M.Brumpton ($(4\frac{1}{2}) + 12$
Final		
M.J.Evans (3)	bt. R.N.Bateson (1/2)	+ 9

Event 2: Open Singles (13 Entries)

DRAW

First Round

E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	bt. G.K.Taylor	+20
M.J.Evans	bt. E.Whitehead	+24
C.F.Henry	bt. E.Sulley	+23
Revd W.E.Gladstone	bt. G.Henshaw	+18
R.N.Bateson	bt. A.J.Bucknell	+ 9
Second Round		
E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	bt. C.G.Hopewell	+22
M.J.Evans	bt. C.F.Henry	+ 8
R.N.Bateson	w.o. Revd W.E.Gladstone	opp.retd.
Prof. B.G.Neal	w.o. H.O.Hodgson	opp.scr.
Semi-Final		
M.J.Evans	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	+16
Prof. B.G.Neal	bt. R.N.Bateson	+13
Final		
Prof. B.G.Neal	bt. M.J.Evans	+26
rioi, b.G.iveai	bt. W.J.Evans	. 40
PROCESS		
First Round		
C.G.Hopewell	w.o. Revd W.E.Gladstone	opp.scr.
E.Whitehead	w.o. H.O.Hodgson	opp.scr.
G.K.Taylor	bt. A.J.Bucknell	+ 4
R.N.Bateson	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	+ 4
Prof. B.G.Neal	bt. M.J.Evans	+17
Second Round		
E.Whitehead	bt. C.G.Hopewell	+ 3
G.K.Taylor	bt. E.Sulley	+ 3
R.N.Bateson	bt. C.F.Henry	+ 6
Prof. B.G.Neal	bt. G.Henshaw	+23
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Semi-Final		TO SECURE
E.Whitehead	bt. G.K.Taylor	+13
Prof. B.G.Neal	bt. R.N.Bateson	+18
Final		
Prof. B.G.Neal	bt. E.Whitehead	+17
Event 3: 'B' Handicap Single	s (13 Entries)	
First Round		
Mrs E.Whitehead (7½)	bt. Miss J.K.Samuel (7)	+12 (T)
Mrs B.G.Neal (6)	bt. Mrs C.W.Haworth (14)	+11
Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (14)	bt. Dr H.M.Browning (8)	+ 6
R.F.Rigiani (5½)	bt. Mrs A.J.Bucknell (10)	+12
C.W.Haworth (5½)	bt. Mrs E.Chamberlain (8)	
Second Round		
	bt. Mrs E.Whitehead (71/2)	+ 6 (T)
R.H.Fletcher (9) Mrs B.G.Neal (6)	bt. Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt Dra	
C W Haworth (516)	(14) bt R F Rigiani (51/2)	+10
C.W.Haworth (5½)	bt. R.F.Rigiani (5½)	+18
Mrs L.A.Coombs (6½)	bt. Mrs M.Battensby (7)	T10

Semi-Final		
R.H.Fletcher (9) Mrs L.A.Coombs (6½)	bt. Mrs B.G.Neal (6) bt. C.W.Haworth (5½)	+ 1 (T)
	bt. C.W.Haworth (572)	+10 (T)
Final	h. D.H. Flatah (0)	.10
Mrs L.A.Coombs (6½)	bt. R.H.Fletcher (9)	+18
Event 4a: 'X' Handicap Singl	es (26 Entries)	
First Round		
Mrs E.Chamberlain (8)	bt. Mrs M.Battensby (7)	+ 5
E.Whitehead (-1/2)	bt. C.F.Henry (2½)	+18
Prof. B.G.Neal (-4½)	bt. R.H.Fletcher (9)	+ 9
Miss E.C.Brumpton (3) E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (—2½	bt. G.K.Taylor (-½)	+ 7 +14
Dr H.M.Browning (8)	bt. Miss J.K.Samuel (7)	+ 7
A.J.Bucknell (2½)	bt. R.F.Rigiani (51/2)	+ 2
Mrs B.G.Neal (6)	bt. Mrs A.J.Bucknell (10)	+ 5 (T)
E.Sulley (3)	bt. G.Henshaw (4½)	+ 1
Mrs L.A.Coombs (6½)	bt. Miss E.M.Brumpton (4½)	+13
Second Round	(*/2)	
C.W.Haworth (5½)	bt. Mrs E.Whitehead (7½)	+12
E.Whitehead (-1/2)	bt. Mrs E.Chamberlain (8)	+ 8
Prof. B.G.Neal (-4½)	bt. Miss E.C.Brumpton (3)	+25
	bt. Dr H.M.Browning (8)	+20
Mrs B.G.Neal (6) Mrs L.A.Coombs (6½)	bt. A.J.Bucknell (2½) bt. E.Sulley (3)	+16
M.J.Evans (3)	bt. R.N.Bateson (½)	+ 6 +24
C.G.Hopewell (-1½)	bt. Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt Drak	
	(14)	
Third Round		
C.W.Haworth (5½) Prof. B.G.Neal (–4½)	bt. E.Whitehead (-1/2)	+26
1101. B.G. Near (-472)	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (-2½)	+25
Mrs L.A.Coombs (61/2)	bt. Mrs B.G.Neal (6)	+ 5 (T)
M.J.Evans (3)	bt. C.G.Hopewell (-11/2)	+12
Semi-Final		
C.W.Haworth (5½)	bt. Prof. B.G.Neal (-41/2)	+15
M.J.Evans (3)	bt. Mrs L.A.Coombs (6½)	
Final		
M.J.Evans (3)	bt. C.W.Haworth (51/2)	+14
(-)	(0/2)	
Event 4b: 'Y' Handicap Singl	es (13 Entries)	
Final		
R.N.Bateson (1/2)	bt. C.F.Henry (2½)	+ 4
Event 5: Handicap Doubles	(10 Pairs)	
	(10 I alls)	
First Round	L. CON PAR	
M.J.Evans & E.Sulley (6) Haworth (11½)	bt. C.G.Hopewell & Mrs C.	
	Orake (10½) bt. Mr & Mrs A.	+ 6 I
Bucknell (12½)	(/-) bei hat te hits A.	+10
Second Round		
) bt. R.N.Bateson & Mrs L.	Δ
Coombs (7)	, bt. K.N. Dateson & Mrs L.	A. + 1 (T)
Evans & Sulley bt. Mr & 1	Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake	+ 3 (T)
Professor & Mrs B.G.Neal	(1½) bt. G.K.Taylor &	(-)
G.Henshaw (4)	1 (0)1	+16
C.F.Henry & C.W.Hawort J.K.Samuel (12½)	th (8) bt. R.F.Rigiani & Miss	
		+19
Semi-Final		
Evans & Sulley bt. Mr & N	Mrs Whitehead	+25
Professor & Mrs Neal bt.	Henry & Haworth	+ 3
Final		
Professor & Mrs Neal bt. 1	Evans & Sulley	+ 4

Edinburgh: August 21 – 26

After an interval of three years the second Edinburgh tournament was held at the Dunfermline College of Physical Education. To a large extent the success of the tournament was due to Mr Scott, the groundsman, who spared no effort in preparing the lawns. The trophies for the Doubles event were given by Mr I.Howard Wright and Mr F.V.X.Norton, and the trophy for the Open Singles was given by the Scottish Croquet Committee. The food and weather, which are important points in any tournament, were both excellent. The only disappointment was the small number of visitors from England; it had been hoped that the tournament would give us an opportunity of meeting new players.

The Draw in the Opens was won by Bryan Lloyd-Pratt who was beaten by 1 in the final of the Process by Mr I.Howard Wright. In the play-off Mr Lloyd-Pratt won by the more comfortable margin of 10, but his opponent could easily have pulled it off again. Mr Howard Wright is an accurate and determined player; his handicap was reduced to scratch as a result of this tournament. His son Stephen, who has only just started to play, is a promising player and featured in several semi-finals.

The Open Handicap was won by Mr W.Spalding from Glenochil, the runner-up being Mr D.C.Willetts, whose bare knees featured prominently in newspaper photographs. Dr Nichols won the 'Y'. Many of the games were won by very slender margins, and one of the most amusing of these cliff-hangers' was the game between Mrs C.Rowe and Mr J. Shearer. Mrs Rowe, in attempting to peg out, roqueted her partner ball on to the peg, leaving her opponent joined up with both his balls for Rover. He managed to run Rover with both balls before she hit in again. Her take-off to the peg landed 6 inches short, but a beefy swipe at the peg was mis-hit and landed in the fourth corner; her whoop of victory changed into a howl of anguish. The game finally ended when the unfortunate Mr Shearer in hitting in oqueted Mrs Rowe's ball on to the peg. Several of the convulsed spectators fell off their seats with laughter on

The 'X' Handicap for those of 4-8 bisques was won by the Edinburgh Club Secretary, Miss A.M.Murray, who delighted the spectators with her variety of hats and by the number of games which she or her opponent won by 1 after time had been called. In one case extra time continued for 35 minutes. The jovial Mr Middleton from Aberdeen was the runner-up. The 'C' Handicap was played as an American and was won by Mr Shearer.

The final of the Doubles was only finished after the prizes had been presented. Mr Howard Wright went all round, using 2 of his side's 3 bisques to peel and peg out one of the opponents' balls, the other opponent ball being for Rover at the time. A 'cat and mouse' game ensued, which Bryan Lloyd-Pratt would have enjoyed immensely had he not had to catch the evening train south to his next tournament. Dr R.E.B.Duncan and Mr D.J.Philp eventually won when the single ball hit in and made Rover, and a few hoops later hit the peg from the first corner.

All the participants were delighted when it was announced hat it was hoped to make this tournament an annual event in future. Our Manager Bryan Lloyd-Pratt rushed off and booked his hotel for next year when he heard this.

+24

Results

Event 1: Open Singles (9 Entries)

DRAW

Final

.Lloyd-Pratt bt. Dr R.M.Milne

PROCESS Final I.Howard Wright bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt + 1 PLAY-OFF B.Lloyd-Pratt bt. I.Howard Wright +10 Event 2: 'B' Handicap Singles (13 Entries) Final Miss A.M.Murray (8) bt. L.Middleton (6½) + 4

Event 3: 'C' Handicap Singles (4 Entries)

This was played as an American in two series

Winner: J.Shearer (11) 3 wins

Event 4: Handicap Doubles (13 Pairs)

Final

D.J.Philp & Dr R.E.B.Duncan (4½) bt. I.Howard Wright & J.Shearer (10) + 3

Event 5: Open Handicap Singles (22 Entries)

Final

W.Spalding (1) bt. D.C.Willetts (6) +11

Southwick (first week): August 21 – 26

The Southwick tournament was, as usual, a great success. Perfect weather, good food, efficient management and lawns of a high standard which one would not have thought possible in the absence of a full-time groundsman all made their contribution. One countervailing factor was the absence as a competitor, for the first time since 1908, of Maurice Reckitt. He was sadly missed, but he did us the courtesy of paying us a visit. We hope he will come again as a competitor next year.

Mrs Jarden was a welcome visitor to the tournament. She played consistently well, and was frequently to be seen playing late into the evening to get through all her games. Perhaps her best game was against Michael Stride in the Draw. Each player played well, for each went round to 4-back, at which point each made a mistake which let the other in. When Mrs Jarden and Stride met in the Process, neither player thought to take the time, which was limited to 3 hours. Towards the end of the game Mrs Jarden, who was for 4-back and peg, pegged out Stride, whose other ball was also for 4-back. Before any further hoops had been made, the Manager came on to the scene and after some discussion decided that the time limit had already passed. No further hoops were made, and Stride thus won the game by 1 on time.

Pat Solomon was party to two amusing incidents. In a game against Austin in the Big Handicap she missed a roquet from the third corner but accidentally roqueted an opponent's ball which was in the jaws of the first hoop. In a game against Moorcraft in the same event she was not so lucky. Moorcraft took a shot at her ball which was in the jaws of the third hoop. His ball missed but struck the wire and went on to roquet another ball in the third corner.

Mr and Mrs Cox played well in the Doubles, but suffered a misfortune in the semi-final, which they lost to Tucker and Pountney. When Cox and Tucker were for the peg, Mrs Cox being for 4-back and Pountney for Rover, Cox, who intended to peg out Tucker in a croquet stroke, accidentally roqueted Tucker's ball on to the peg. Pountney hit a 4 yard roquet on Cox's ball, made Rover and pegged out to win the game.

In the Draw Moorcraft, playing Havery, roqueted his opponent's Blue ball through 4-back in order. Later, when Havery was for Rover with both balls, Moorcraft, in attempting to peg out both his balls, failed to peg out the forward ball. Havery made Rover with yellow and conveyed Red into position in the jaws of Rover; he required the services of a Referee to ascertain that the ball was indeed in a position to run the hoop. Moorcraft missed a shot at the peg and finished in A baulk. Havery, attempting to run Rover with Red and get a position for a rush on Yellow to the peg, carelessly crushed Red against the hoop. Moorcraft hit the vital roquet on Yellow and went out.

So much for incidents. The results appear below. It all added up to a delightful week's croquet for an exceptionally large entry of 59 competitors.

Results

Event 1: Open Singles (18 Entries)

DRAW

First Roun

First Round		
Miss F.Joly K.A.Ross	bt. Mrs W.Longman bt. N.W.T.Cox	+22 + 7
Second Round		
Cdr G.Borrett	bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	+ 6
D.H.Moorcraft	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	+ 4
H.S.Clemons	bt. W.H.Austin	+11
R.O.Havery	bt. Miss F.Joly	+17
K.A.Ross	bt. F.Reynold	+12
E.J.Tucker	bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey	+16
M.Stride	bt. G.W.Williams	+14
Mrs J.Jarden	bt. I.C.Baillieu	+12
Third Round		
D.H.Moorcraft	bt. Cdr G.Borrett	+15
R.O.Havery	bt. H.S.Clemons	+10
K.A.Ross	bt. E.J.Tucker	+ 7
Mrs J.Jarden	bt. M.Stride	+ 3
Semi-Final		
D.H.Moorcraft	bt. R.O.Havery	+ 3
K.A.Ross	bt. Mrs J.Jarden	+20
Final		
K.A.Ross	bt. D.H.Moorcraft	+12
PROCESS		
First Round		
Mrs J.Jarden	bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	+17
Cdr G.Borrett	bt. I.C.Baillieu	+10
Second Round		
M.Stride	bt. R.O.Havery	+ 6
K.A.Ross	bt. D.H.Moorcraft	+ 6
E.J.Tucker	bt. H.S.Clemons	+ 8
Mrs J.Jarden	bt. Miss F.Joly	+26
Cdr G.Borrett	bt. G.W.Williams	+15
F.Reynold	bt. Mrs W.Longman	+11
E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey	+11
N.W.T.Cox	bt. W.H.Austin	+ 5
Third Round		
M.Stride	bt. K.A.Ross	+25
Mrs J.Jarden	bt. E.J.Tucker	+ 9
Cdr G.Borrett	bt. F.Reynold	+11

N.W.T.Cox	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	+13	Lt-Col B.M.Mallinson (11) Dr J.E.Creed (9)	bt. Mrs D.H.Moorcraft (11 bt. Mrs E.Hodgens (12)) +10 +20
Semi-Final				Dit mile Zinne agent (12)	
M.Stride	bt. Mrs J.Jarden	+ 1 (T)	Second Round		
Cdr G.Borrett	bt. N.W.T.Cox	+ 3	Miss E.G.Clarke-Lens (7) Miss L.M.Cooke (8)	bt. Mrs B.M.Mallinson (11 bt. Lt-Col B.M.Mallinson	
Final			mad Zimredone (o)	(11)	- (-)
M.Stride	bt. Cdr G.Borrett	+26	Dr J.E.Creed (9)	w.o. Mrs H.J.Ainsworth (11)	opp.scr.
PLAY-OFF			C.G.Pountney (8)	bt. H.C.Higinbotham (8)	+14
M. Stride	bt. K.A.Ross	+ 9	Semi-Final	1. M. I. M.C1 - (0)	111 (77)
Event 2: 'B' Level Singles (14	Entries)		Miss E.G.Clarke-Lens (7) C.G.Pountney (8)	bt. Miss L.M.Cooke (8) w.o. Dr J.E.Creed (9)	+11 (T) opp.retd
First Round			Final		
Prof. B.G.Weitz	bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden	+23	C.G.Pountney (8)	bt. Miss E.G.Clarke-Lens	+14
Mrs N.A.C.McMillan	bt. Lady Ursula Abbey	+ 2 (T)	C.G. Founthey (8)	(7)	117
Miss S.G.Hampson	bt. Major R.Driscoll	+ 7 (T)		(.,	
Prof. A.S.C.Ross	bt. Mrs E.M.Temple	+12	Event 5: Open Handicap Singl	les (59 Entries)	
Mrs G.W.Solomon	bt. W.B.C.Paynter	+ 1 (T)		,	
Mrs G.H.Wood W.J.Baverstock	bt. H.A.Green bt. Capt. M.F.Buller	+ 6 (T) + 2 (T)	First Round	L. DOM. III. D. I	.05
Second Round	or. Capt. M.F. Daner	~ (1)	Miss S.G.Hampson (3)	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (-2½)	+25
Prof. B.G.Weitz	bt. Mrs N.A.C.McMillan	+ 3 (T)	K.A.Ross (-1)	bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (-1/2)	The same of the sa
Miss S.G.Hampson	bt. Prof. A.S.C.Ross	+ 7	F.Reynold (-1)	bt. Mrs E.Hodgens (12)	+17
Mrs G.H.Wood	bt. Mrs G.W.Solomon	+12 (T)	Prof. A.S.C.Ross (1½)	bt. Miss F.Joly (0) bt. H.A.Sheppard (0)	+ 9 + 2
Mrs E.M.Speer	bt. W.J.Baverstock	+ 7	Capt. M.F.Buller (2) M.Stride (-3)	bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden (1/2	CANCELL CONTRACTOR
Semi-Final			D.H.Moorcraft (-1/2)	bt. Major R.Driscoll (1)	+ 9
Miss S.G.Hampson	bt. Prof. B.G.Weitz	+17	Mrs G.W.Solomon (2)	bt. W.H.Austin (0)	+15
Mrs G.H.Wood	bt. Mrs E.M.Speer	+ 5	D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller (-3½)	bt. G.F.Paxon (5)	+13
Final			Mrs A.S.C.Ross (4)	bt. Dr. J.E.Creed (9)	+ 4
Miss S.G.Hampson	bt. Mrs G.H.Wood	+ 2 (T)	H.A.Green (-1/2)	bt. D.M.Horne (4½)	+ 4
			Mrs G.H.Wood (3)	bt. Mrs E.Thompson (6)	+ 6 (T)
Event 3: 'B' Handicap Singles First Round	(21 Entries)		W.B.C.Paynter (3) Prof. B.G.Weitz (3½)	w.o. Mrs L.E.Hanmer (10) bt. C.G.Mayo (4)	opp.scr.
	ht Miss I M Cooks (8)	+16	C.G.Pountney (8)	bt. H.F.L.Jenking (4)	+13
Miss E.Pratt (4½) S.G.Vincent (5*)	bt. Miss L.M.Cooke (8) bt. F.F.W.Staddon (4½)	+16 + 9	I.C.Baillieu (1)	bt. Miss M.Tyrrell (5½)	+15
Miss D.A.Lintern (5)	bt. Mrs W.A.Naylor (5)	+13	Mrs J.Jarden (-3)	bt. Miss M.G.Anderson (6½)	+ 8
Mrs B.G.Weitz (5½)	bt. Miss M.Tyrrell (5½)	+12	F.F.W.Staddon (4½)	bt. H.S.Clemons (-2)	+19
Mrs H.F.L.Jenking (6½)		+ 3 (T)	Mrs E.R.Cox (4)	bt. Miss D.A.Lintern (5)	+ 1 (T)
	(5)		S.G.Vincent (5*)	bt. E.A.Roper (0)	+16
Second Round			Miss H.D.Parker (3½)	bt. R.O.Havery (0)	+ 5
Mrs E.Thompson (6) Miss E.Pratt (4½)	w.o. Prof. B.G.Weitz (3½) bt. W.G.B.Scott (6)	+16	E.J.Tucker (-½) Cdr G.Borrett (-2½)	bt. Miss E.Pratt (4½) bt. Miss E.G.Clarke-Lens	+11
S.G.Vincent (5*)	bt. Miss D.A.Lintern (5)	+11	Mrs E.M.Temple (3)	(7) bt. Mrs H.F.L.Jenking (6½	0) + 9
Mrs B.G.Weitz (5½)	bt. Mrs H.F.L.Jenking (61/2)	7077	Mrs W.A.Naylor (5)	bt. Mrs D.H.Moorcraft (11	
C.G.Mayo (4) Miss M.G.Anderson (6½)	bt. Miss H.D.Parker (3½) bt. Mrs A.S.C.Ross (4)	+ 9 + 8 (T)	W.J.Baverstock (1½)	w.o.	opp.scr.
Mrs E.R.Cox (4)	bt. H.F.L.Jenking (4)	+23	Mrs E.M.Speer (2½)	bt. Mrs F.C.Goldbard (10)	
D.M.Horne (4½)	w.o.	opp.scr.	Miss L.M.Cooke (8)	bt. Mrs W.Longman (-2)	
Third Round			Second Round		
D.M.Horne (4½)	bt. Mrs E.Thompson (6)	+ 5 (T)	Miss S.G.Hampson (3)	bt. K.A.Ross (-1)	+20
S.G.Vincent (5*)	bt. Miss E.Pratt (4½)	+13	Prof. A.S.C.Ross (1½)	bt. F.Reynold (-1)	+ 9
Mrs B.G.Weitz (5½)	bt. C.G.Mayo (4)	+12	M.Stride (-3)	bt. Capt. M.F.Buller (2)	+ 2
Mrs E.R.Cox (4)	bt. Miss M.G.Anderson (6½)	+20	D.H.Moorcraft (-½) Mrs A.S.C.Ross (4)	bt. Mrs G.W.Solomon (2) bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	+ 5 +21
Semi-Final			Mrs G.H.Wood (3)	(-3½) bt. H.A.Green (-½)	+10
S.G.Vincent (5*)	bt. D.M.Horne (4½)	+13	Prof. B.G.Weitz (3½)	bt. W.B.C.Paynter (3)	+23
Mrs E.R.Cox (4)	bt. Mrs B.G.Weitz (5½)	+ 5 (T)	C.G.Pountney (8)	bt. I.C.Baillieu (1)	+ 5 (T)
Final			F.F.W.Staddon (4½)	bt. Mrs J.Jarden (-3)	+19
S.G.Vincent (5*)	bt. Mrs E.R.Cox (4)	+20	Mrs E.R.Cox (4)	bt. S.G.Vincent (5*)	+ 4
S.G. vincent (5°)	Dt. MIS L.R.COX (4)	120	E.J.Tucker (-1/2)	bt. Miss H.D.Parker (31/2)	+12
Event 4: 'C' Handicap Singles	(11 Entries)		Cdr G.Borrett (-2½)	bt. Mrs E.M.Temple (3)	+12
First Round			W.J.Baverstock (1½)	bt. Mrs W.A.Naylor (5)	+ 9
		(m)	Mrs E.M.Speer (2½)	bt. Mrs E.C.Goldbard (10)	
Miss L.M.Cooke (8)	bt. Mrs F.C.Goldbard (10)	+ 0 (.1.)	Miss L.M.Cooke (8)	bt. Mrs W.Longman (-2)	+10 (T)

Third Round			C : E: 1		
Miss S.G.Hampson (3)	bt. W.G.B.Scott (6)	+ 3	Semi-Final	de 9. Mas Carr	
Prof. A.S.C.Ross (1½)	bt. M.Stride (-3)	+18	Tucker & Pountney bt. M Austin & Mrs Jarden bt.		+ 5 +10
Mrs A.S.C.Ross (4)	bt. D.H.Moorcraft (-1/2)	+15		1101. & MIS WEILZ	*10
Prof. B.G.Weitz (3½)	bt. Mrs G.H.Wood (3)	+ 9	Final		
F.F.W.Staddon (4½)	bt. C.G.Pountney (8)	+ 2	Tucker & Pountney bt. A	Austin & Mrs Jarden	+10
Mrs E.R.Cox (4)	bt. E.J.Tucker (-1/2)	+ 1 (T)			
Cdr G.Borrett (-2½) Mrs E.M.Speer (2½)	bt. W.J.Baverstock (1½)	+10 + 2 (T)			
	bt. Miss L.M.Cooke (8)	+ 2 (T)	Umatantan (fint		
Fourth Round			Hunstanton (first we		
Miss S.G.Hampson (3)	bt. Prof. A.S.C.Ross (1½)		August 28 — Septem	iber 2	
Prof. B.G.Weitz (3½) Mrs E.R.Cox (4)	bt. Mrs A.S.C.Ross (4)	+ 6			
Mrs E.M.Speer (2½)	bt. F.F.W.Staddon (4½)	+ 3 (T)	To play in this tourname	ent should be the aim of al	1
COST STOCKED OF	bt. Cdr G.Borrett (-2½)	+ 8	Associates who have not	as yet enjoyed the friendl	y atmos-
Semi-Final			phere and bracing air of	Norfolk in August. Owing	to the
Miss S.G.Hampson (3)	bt. Prof. B.G.Weitz (3½)	+ 6	Pothwell the managem	the Warwicks and of Richa	rd
Mrs E.R.Cox (4)	bt. Mrs E.M.Speer (21/2)	+ 8	Lloyd-Pratt, assisted by	ent was undertaken by Bry Barbara Meachem. The ove	an erall
Final			result was a well-organis	ed week with an absolute i	ninimum
Mrs E.R.Cox (4)	bt. Miss S.G.Hampson (3)	+20	of games played on the	tennis court, which was bro	ought
(-)	oromanipson (5)		into service in an unsucc	essful endeavour to avoid	time-
			limited games. The Open	n Singles was won by the M	fanager,
Event 6: Handicap Doubles	(29 Pairs)		who won both halves, w	hile the class events were v	von by
First Round			also contested the fire	mproved Veronica Carlisle,	who
	eer (3) bt. Miss H.D.Parker	8-	The final of the Doubles	of the 'X', but lost to D.V. sproved to be the most exc	n.Kees.
Major R.Driscoll (4½)		+ 6 (T)	game of the week: Carlie	sle father and son defeated	Iane
Prof. A.S.C.Ross & Mrs C	G.H.Wood (4) bt. W.G.B.Sco	tt &	Neville Rolfe and D.V.H	Rees by one after Rees, in	neg-
D.E.Buckland (9)		+ 5 (T)		ill, unfortunately pegged or	
Mr & Mrs N.W.T.Cox (2)	bt. F.Reynold & H.A.	, ,	own also when his partn	er was for 3-back and his o	ther
Sheppard (-1)		+16	opponent for Rover. The	e 'Y' was shared between S	arah
	(9½) bt. C.G.Mayo & Mrs M		Hampson and Captain B	uller, as night descended be	efore the
Rankin (14)	(6) 1 6 16 7 7 7	+10	final could be completed	d. The prize-giving included	la
	ney (6) bt. Capt. M.F.Buller			ldren of the competitors b	
Lady Ursula Abbey (5) Mrs Woodward (10½) bt. E	+16	excellent week and a big	medals and some lovely mu thank you to all the Club	igs. An
Roper & Mrs G.W.Solo		+ 1 (T)	who laboured so hard to	make it a success	officials
	Jenking (8½) bt. Mrs H.F.	1 (1)	who laboured so hard to	make it a success.	
Chittenden & Mrs G.F		+20	Results		
	B.M.Mallinson (14) bt. M.S				
& Mrs H.F.L.Jenking (3½)	+ 8	Event 1: Open Singles (14)	Entries)	
H.S.Clemons & Dr J.E.Cre	ed (7) bt. R.O.Havery & Mrs		DRAW		
Ross (3½)	A Marie C Clarks I am 8	+20			
Miss L.M.Cooke (15)) bt. Miss E.G.Clarke-Lens &		First Round		
	Mrs W.A.Naylor (1½) bt. E.	+11 C	B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. His Honour Judge	+17
Tyrwhitt Drake & Mrs		+ 5	DI Citt IN 1	A.D.Karmel	
W.J.Baverstock & Mrs S.T			P.L.Gifford Nash	bt. I.C.Baillieu	+ 2 (T)
S.G.Vincent (4)		+12	R.O.Havery Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	bt. R.A.Simpson	+19
W.H.Austin & Mrs J.Jarde	en (3) bt. Mrs W.Longman &		E.H.S.Shelton	bt. Mrs J.B.Meachem bt. Mrs R.A.Simpson	+ 9 +13
Lt-Col B.M.Mallinson	(10)	+11	H.B.H.Carlisle	bt. D.V.H.Rees	+ 1
Second Round			Second Round		
	(4½) bt. Green & Mrs Speer	+12	B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. Mrs J.Neville Rolfe	+10
Mr & Mrs Cox bt. Prof. R	oss & Mrs Wood	+14	P.L.Gifford Nash	bt. R.O.Havery	+ 1 (T)
Tucker & Pountney bt. M		+ 2 (T)	E.H.S.Shelton H.B.H.Carlisle	bt. Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smi	
Staddon & Jenking bt. M	rs Higinbotham & Mrs Wood			bt. J.B.Meachem	+13
Miss Hampson & Mrs Mal	linson bt. Clemons & Dr Cre	+15	Semi-Final		
rampoon & mis mai	imon be. dictions & Di Cit	+20	B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. P.L.Gifford Nash	+20
Prof. & Mrs Weitz bt. Har	nilton-Miller & Mrs Naylor	+11	H.B.H.Carlisle	bt. E.H.S.Shelton	+ 6(T)
Austin & Mrs Jarden bt. I	Baverstock & Mrs Turner	+11	Final		
Miss D.A.Lintern & Cdr C	G.Borrett (2½) bt. Mrs N.A.(B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. H.B.H.Carlisle	+10
McMillan & Miss J.Pipe		+ 7	D.Lioyu-11att	ot. n.b.n.Carnsie	+19
Third Round			PROCESS		
Mr & Mrs Cox bt. Baillieu	& Paxon	+ 4	PROCESS		
Tucker & Pountney bt. St		+ 2 (T)	First Round		
	s Hampson & Mrs Mallinson		Mrs J.Neville Rolfe	bt. Mrs B.L.Sundius-Sm	ith + 2
	Miss Lintern & Cdr Borrett	+14	D.V.H.Rees	bt. P.L.Gifford Nash	+25
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B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. Mrs R.A.Simpson	+25	Event 4a: 'X' Handicap Sing	les (24 Entries)	
E.H.S.Shelton	bt. His Honour Judge A.D.Karmel	+18	First Round		
J.B.Meachem	bt. R.O.Havery	+12	R.A.Simpson (0)	bt. W.H.Carlisle (9)	+18
H.B.H.Carlisle	bt. I.C. saillieu	+23	Mrs J.Neville Rolfe (½) Mrs G.W.Solomon (2)	bt. Mrs J.B.Meachem (0) bt. P.L.Gifford Nash (1)	+23 + 7
Second Round			E.H.S.Shelton (-1)	bt. Miss S.G. Hampson(2)	
Mrs J.Neville Rolfe	bt. D.V.H.Rees	+ 5	Miss J.K.Samuel (7)	bt. Capt. M.F.Buller (2)	+10
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. R.A.Simpson	+18	H.B.H.Carlisle (-11/2)	bt. Miss E.M. Brumpton (4)+12
J.B.Meachem	bt. E.H.S.Shelton	+10	J.B.Meachem (-1/2)	bt. Mrs R.A.Simpson (-1/2	
Mrs J.B.Meachem	bt. H.B.H.Carlisle	+ 7	R.O.Havery (0)	bt. Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	1+19
Semi-Final				$(-1\frac{1}{2})$	
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. Mrs J.Neville Rolfe	+18	Second Round		
J.B.Meachem	bt. Mrs J.B.Meachem	+ 6	D.V.H.Rees (-1)	bt. I.C.Baillieu (1)	+25
Final			Mrs A.D.Karmel (5) Mrs J.Neville Rolfe (½)	w.o. B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3) bt. R.A.Simpson (0)	opp.sci
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. J.B.Meachem	+12	Mrs G.W.Solomon (2)	bt. E.H.S.Shelton (-1)	+10
			H.B.H.Carlisle $(-1\frac{1}{2})$	bt. Miss J.K.Samuel (7)	+ 6
	(6.5)		J.B.Meachem (-1/2)	bt. R.O.Havery (0)	+11
Event 2: 'B' Level Singles	(6 Entries)		His Honour Judge A.D.	bt. Miss E.C.Brumpton	+11
DRAW			Karmel (-1½)	(3)	.10
First Round			Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle (5½)	bt. Mrs F.J.T.Mew (11)	+16
Mrs G.W.Solomon	bt. Miss E.C.Brumpton	+ 8	Third Round		
Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle	bt. Capt. M.F.Buller	+15	D.V.H.Rees (-1)	bt. Mrs A.D.Karmel (5)	+15
Second Round	and the second second		Mrs J.Neville Rolfe (½) Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle (5½)	bt. Mrs G.W.Solomon (2)	
Miss S.G.Hampson	bt, Mrs G.W.Solomon	+ 5	MIS II.B.H.Gariisie (572)	bt. His Honour Judge A.D Karmel (-1½)	.+ 5
Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle	bt. Miss E.M.Brumpton	+ 3	J.B.Meachem (-1/2)	bt. H.B.H.Carlisle (-1½)	+ 2
PROCESS			Semi-Final		
			D.V.H.Rees (-1)	bt. Mrs J.Neville Rolfe (½)	100000000000000000000000000000000000000
First Round	LA COM M. F. Poulley	.15	Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle (5½)	bt. J.B.Meachem (-½)	+25
Miss S.G.Hampson Miss E.M.Brumpton	bt. Capt. M.F.Buller bt. Mrs G.W.Solomon	+15 + 4	Final D.V.H.Rees (-1)	bt. Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle (51/2	2) +13
Second Round				(6)	, 20
Miss S.G.Hampson	bt. Miss E.C.Brumpton	+24			
Miss E.M.Brumpton	bt. Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle	+ 4	Event 4b: 'Y' Handicap Singl	les (12 Entries)	
SEMI-FINALISTS RE-DR	AWN FOR FINAL STAGES			(12 Ditties)	
Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle	bt. Miss E.M.Brumpton	.15	Final Copt M F Pullor (2) and	Miss C C Hamman (9) distin	1-3
	bt. Miss E.M. Brumpton	+15	Capt. M.F.Builer (2) and	Miss S.G.Hampson (2) divid	iea
Final					
Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle	bt. Miss S.G.Hampson	+ 3	Event 5: Handicap Doubles	(12 Pairs)	
			First Round		
Event 3: 'C' Handicap Sing	les (4 Entries)			Samuel (7) bt. R.O.Havery	&
DRAW			Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	$n(-1\frac{1}{2})$	+18
				2) bt. I.C.Baillieu & Miss S.C	3.
First Round	M D.I. CiffI NI		Hampson (3)	, p 16 / 1/2 p 2 6 6	+12
Mrs F.J.T.Mew (11)	w.o. Mrs P.L.Gifford Nash (9)	opp.retd.	& Mrs G.W.Solomon (lle Rolfe (-½) bt. E.H.S.She	
Miss J.K.Samuel (7)	bt. W.H.Carlisle (9)	+ 6 (T)	te mis of mooromon (l & Mrs A.D.Karmel (3½) bt	+ 9
Final			J.B.Meachem & Mrs H	.B.H.Carlisle (5)	+ 6
Mrs F.J.T.Mew (11)	bt. Miss J.K.Samuel (7)	+ 8	Second Round		
			Capt. M.F.Buller & Mrs J.	B.Meachem (2) bt. P.L.Giff	ord
PROCESS			Nash & Mrs R.A.Simps	son (½)	+18
First Round			Carlisle & Carlisle bt. Sim		+18
W.H.Carlisle (9)	bt. Mrs F.J.T.Mew (11)	+ 7	& Mrs Karmel	bt. His Honour Judge Karm	el +19
Miss J.K.Samuel (7)	bt. Mrs P.L.Gifford Nash (9)	+ 5 (T)		rumpton (7) bt. B.Lloyd-Pra	
Final			Semi-Final		12
W.H.Carlisle (9)	bt. Miss J.K.Samuel (7)	+ 6 (T)		tain Ruller 9. Mrs March	1 0 /m
	Z Jizzioaniaei (1)	(1)	Rees & Mrs Neville Rolfe	tain Buller & Mrs Meachem bt. The Misses Brumpton	+8(1)
PLAY-OFF			Final		
Mrs F.J.T.Mew (11)	bt. W.H.Carlisle (9)	+ 9	Carlisle & Carlisle bt. Ree	s & Mrs Neville Rolfe	+ 1

Southwick (second week): August 28 — September 2

A second week of perfect weather gave us fast courts which produced many exciting finishes. An entry of 54 for the Big Handicap gave the Manager the formidable task of getting through 33 games a day for five days. This he achieved by time limiting all games except doubles to three hours, an unavoidable restriction which proved much less onerous than some of us expected, and by playing doubles on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

The Open Singles was very evenly contested, seven different names appearing in the semi-finals of the Draw and Process. Cox was unfortunately obliged to retire on the peg in his final, and the play-off between Reynold and Tyrwhitt Drake provided an exciting climax to the week. After an incredible series of unexpected changes of fortune Tiny won by 3.

The Doubles also produced an exciting finish when Miss Joly and Mrs Ross defeated Sheppard and Mrs Jenking by 2 on time. Horne defeated Gerald Hallett convincingly in the final of the X; both players had their handicaps reduced. The B level singles was won by Mrs Tucker, who played with convincing steadiness through all five rounds. Ainsworth was defeated by Dr Creed in the C final. Since the Y semifinalists were all local players, it was possible to postpone the final until Monday, when Mrs Speer beat Mrs Jenking by 6.

The warm, friendly atmosphere, the excellent meals and bar service, along with the effortlessly good-humoured efficiency of our Manager, Commander Borrett, made the week as pleasant as a croquet tournament could be.

Results

Event 1: Open Singles (19 Entries)

DRAW

Ditti		
First Round		
H.A.Sheppard	w.o. G.W.Williams	opp.scr.
F.Reynold	bt. Miss F.Joly	+11
G.F.Hallett	bt. W.J.Baverstock	+ 9
Second Round		
Mrs W.Longman	bt. Mrs E.M.Speer	+10
H.S.Clemons	bt. Major R.Driscoll	+ 7
Dr.W.R.Bucknall	w.o.	opp.scr.
F.Reynold	bt. H.A.Sheppard	+20
Prof. A.S.C.Ross	bt. G.F.Hallett	+ 9
N.W.T.Cox	bt. Sir Leonard Daldry	+12
E.Whitehead	bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey	+ 6
E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	bt. W.H.Austin	+ 8
Third Round		
H.S.Clemons	bt. Mrs W.Longman	+ 2
F.Reynold	bt. Dr W.R.Bucknall	+ 8
N.W.T.Cox	bt. Prof. A.S.C.Ross	+15
E.Whitehead	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	+ 1 (T)
Semi-Final		
F.Reynold	bt. H.S.Clemons	+ 6
N.W.T.Cox	bt. E.Whitehead	+ 5 (T)
Final		
F.Reynold	w.o. N.W.T.Cox	opp.retd.
PROCESS		
First Round		
E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	bt. Major R.Driscoll	+18
Mrs W.Longman	bt. W.H.Austin	+ 2

bt. H.A.Sheppard	+ 5
bt. W.J. Baverstock	+18
w.o. H.A.Green	opp.scr.
bt. F.Reynold	+15
w.o. G.W.Williams	opp.scr.
bt. G.F.Hallett	+11
bt. Dr W.R.Bucknall	+23
bt. Mrs W.Longman	+10
bt. N.W.T.Cox	+ 5
bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey	+12
bt. H.S.Clemons	+ 7 (T)
bt. Sir Leonard Daldry	+ 6
bt. Prof. A.S.C.Ross	+17
bt. E.Whitehead	+14
bt. Miss F.Joly	+14
bt. F.Reynold	+ 3
	bt. W.J.Baverstock. w.o. H.A.Green bt. F.Reynold w.o. G.W.Williams bt. G.F.Hallett bt. Dr W.R.Bucknall bt. Mrs W.Longman bt. N.W.T.Cox bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey bt. H.S.Clemons bt. Sir Leonard Daldry bt. Prof. A.S.C.Ross bt. E.Whitehead bt. Miss F.Joly

Event 2: 'B' Level Singles (27 Entries)

First Round

First Round

Dr J.E.Creed (9)

Mrs F.Fox (10)

Mrs E.M.Temple

W.B.C.Paynter	bt. Mrs H.Wills	+10
Miss M.Tyrrell	bt. Miss E.Pratt	+ 9
Miss D.A.Lintern	bt. G.F.Paxon	+ 1 (T)
Mrs E.R.Cox	bt. Miss M.K.Towers	+17
Miss S.F.Hay	bt. Mrs E.A.Higinbotham	+19
Mrs S.Turner	bt. Miss G.V.Pirie	+17
D.M.Horne	bt. H.F.L.Jenking	+10
Mrs R.E.Tucker	bt. Miss H.D.Parker	+ 6
Mrs A.S.C.Ross	bt. Mrs L. Farlie	+18
Mrs J.F.Hay	bt. W.G.B.Scott	+ 8
Second Round		
C.G.Mayo	bt. Mrs E.Thompson	+ 7
W.B.C.Paynter	bt. Mrs E.M.Temple	+12
Miss D.A.Lintern	bt. Miss M. Tyrrell	+ 6 (T)
Mrs E.R.Cox	bt. Miss S.F.Hay	+ 4
D.M.Horne	bt. Mrs S.Turner	+4(T)
Mrs R.E.Tucker	bt. Mrs A.S.C.Ross	+ 5
Mrs J.F.Hay	bt. Mrs G.Trull	+ 1 (T)
J.Haigh	bt. F.F.W.Staddon	+ 8
Third Round		
C.G.Mayo	bt. W.B.C.Paynter	+ 5
Mrs E.R.Cox	bt. Miss D.A.Lintern	+23
Mrs R.E.Tucker	bt. D.M.Horne	+ 5
J.Haigh	bt. Mrs J.F.Hay	+17
Semi-Final		
Mrs E.R.Cox	bt. C.G.Mayo	+22
Mrs R.E.Tucker	bt. J.Haigh	+15
Final		
Mrs R.E.Tucker	bt. Mrs E.R.Cox	+ 8
Event 3: 'C' Handicap Singl	es (14 Entries)	

bt. Lt-Col B.M.Mallinson + 2

opp.scr.

w.o. Mrs J.F.Hay (6)

bt. Mrs W.A.Naylor

+20

Miss L.M.Cooke (8)	bt. Mrs B.M.Mallinson (10)+ 4 (T)
Mrs F.C.Goldbard (10)	bt. Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt Drak (14)	ke +4 (T)
H.J.Ainsworth (10)	bt. Mrs H.F.L.Jenking (61/2	+14
Miss M.G.Anderson (61/2)	bt. Mrs E.Hodgens (12)	+ 6 (T)
Second Round		
Dr J.E.Creed (9)	bt. Mrs A.E.Turner (8)	+11 (T)
Miss L.M.Cooke (8)	bt. Mrs F.Fox (10)	+ 9
H.J.Ainsworth (10)	bt. Mrs F.C.Goldbard (10)	+4(T)
Miss M.G.Anderson (61/2)	bt. Mrs E. Whitehead (7½)	+ 2 (T)
Semi-Final		
Dr J.E.Creed (9)	bt. Miss L.M.Cooke (8)	+11
H.J.Ainsworth (10)	bt. Miss M.G.Anderson (6)	/2)+2 (T)
Final		
Dr J.E.Creed (9)	bt. H.J.Ainsworth (10)	+ 7

Event 4a: 'X' Handicap Single	s (56 Entries)	
First Round		
H.S.Clemons (-2)	bt. Mrs E.M.Temple (3)	+11
W.J.Baverstock (1½)	bt. Mrs A.E.Turner (8)	+ 6
Miss L.M.Cooke (8)	bt. Mrs R.E.Tucker (4)	+ 6 (T)
J.Haigh (5)	bt. W.H.Austin (0)	+ 4 (T)
Mrs L. Farlie (5)	bt. Miss G.V.Pirie (5)	+10
E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (-21/2)		+ 2 (T)
E.Whitehead (-1/2)	bt. Miss H.D.Parker (31/2)	+17
G.F.Hallett (0)	bt. Mrs E.M.Speer (2)	+20
Mrs E.Whitehead (71/2)	bt. W.G.3.Scott (6)	+ 5 (T)
Mrs S.Turner (4½)	bt. Mrs H.Wills (6)	+13
Dr W.R.Bucknall (-1/2)	bt. Miss E.Pratt (41/2)	+ 8
Major R.Driscoll (1)	bt. G.W.Williams (-1)	+ 1 (T)
Mrs W.Longman (-1)	bt. Miss M.G.Anderson (6½)	+ 4 (T)
Prof. A.S.C.Ross (1½)	bt. Miss D.A.Lintern (5)	+18
H.J.Ainsworth (10)	bt. Mrs F.C.Goldbard (10)	+12
Dr J.Creed (9)	bt. Mrs W.A.Naylor (5)	+16
F.F.W.Staddon (4½)	bt. Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt Drak (14)	
Mrs G.T.Trull (5)	bt. C.G.Mayo (4)	+ 5
Sir Leonard Daldry (-1½)	bt. H.A.Sheppard (0)	+ 8 (T)
G.F.Paxon (5)	bt. Miss S.F.Hay (5)	+ 1 (T)
Mrs E.R.Cox (3)	bt. Mrs E.Thompson (6)	+ 7
N.W.T.Cox (-2)	bt. Mrs H.F.L.Jenking (6½)	+22
W.B.C.Paynter (3)	bt. Miss M.Towers (5)	+13
Mrs F.Fox (10)	bt. Mrs J.F.Hay (6)	+ 1 (T)
Second Round		
Miss F.Joly (0)	bt. Mrs A.S.C.Ross (4)	+ 3
Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (-1/2)	bt. Mrs E.Hodgens (10)	+ 4 (T)
H.S.Clemons (-2)	bt. W.J.Baverstock (1½)	+17
J.Haigh (5)	bt. Miss L.M.Cooke (8)	+ 3 (T)
E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (-2)	bt. Mrs L.Farlie (5)	+14
G.F.Hallett (0)	bt. E.Whitehead (-½)	+20
Mrs S.Turner (4½)	bt. Mrs E.Whitehead (7½)	+15
Dr W.R.Bucknall (-½)	bt. Major R.Driscoll (1)	+ 1 (T)
Mrs W.Longman (-1)	bt. Prof. A.S.C.Ross (1½)	+ 9
H.J.Ainsworth (10)	bt. Dr J.Creed (9)	+ 1 (T)
F.F.W.Staddon (4½)	bt. Mrs G.T.Trull (4½)	+ 6 (T)
Sir Leonard Daldry $(-1\frac{1}{2})$	bt. G.F.Paxon (5)	+ 9
N.W.T.Cox (-2)	bt. Mrs E.R.Cox (3)	+ 1
W.B.C.Paynter (3)	bt. Mrs F.Fox (10)	+18
Miss M.Tyrrell (5½)	w.o. H.A.Green (-½)	opp.scr.
D.M.Horne (4½)	bt. E.A.Roper (0)	+14
Third Round	1. M. D. 1. (0)	
Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (-1/2)	bt. Miss F.Joly (0)	+ 6
J.Haigh (5)	bt. H.S.Clemons (-2)	+14

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	G.F.Hallett (0)		+1	3	
	M 0.5 (41/)	$(-2\frac{1}{2})$		_	
	Mrs S.Turner (4½)	bt. Dr W.R.Bucknall (-1/2)			/m)
	Mrs W.Longman (-1)	bt. H.J.Ainsworth (10)			(T)
	Sir Leonard Daldry (-1½)		+		
	N.W.T.Cox (-2)	bt. W.B.C.Paynter (3)	+		
	D.M.Horne (4½)	bt. Miss M.Tyrrel! (5½)	+1	5	
	Fourth Round				
	J. Haigh (5)	bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (-1/2)			
	G.F.Hallett (0)	bt. Mrs S.Turner (4)			(T)
		bt. Mrs W.Longman (-1)			(T)
	D.M.Horne (4½)	bt. N.W.T.Cox (-2)	+	5	
	Semi-Final				
	G.F.Hallett (0)	bt. J.Haigh (5)	+	7	
	D.M.Horne (4½)	bt. Sir Leonard Daldry	+	8	
		$(-1\frac{1}{2})$			
	Final				
	D.M.Horne (4½)	bt. G.F.Hallett (0)	+2	5	
	Event 4b: 'Y' Handicap Single	es (27 Entries)			
	Final	,			
		L. M. HET I ICH			
	Mrs E.M.Speer (2)	bt. Mrs H.F.L.Jenking (61/	2) -	+6	
)	Event 5: Handicap Doubles (27 Pairs)			
,	First Round				
)		Pass (4) by W. P. C. Parmer	0.		
		Ross (4) bt. W.B.C.Paynter		4	
	Mrs A.E.Turner (11)	lden (8½) bt. Mr & Mrs E.		T	
)	Whitehead (7)	iden (872) Dt. Mr & Mrs E.	+1	10	
		3.M.Mallinson (15) bt. Mr &			
	E.A.Roper (6)	.M.Maimison (15) bt. Mi &		14	
)		mpson (6) bt. Major R.Driso			
)	& Miss Piper (7)	ilpsoir (0) bt. Major K.Drise		15	
		rth (19) bt. F.F.W.Staddon		LJ	
	Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt Drak			14	
		(7) bt. Sir Leonard Daldry			
	W.G.B.Scott (4½)	(7) bt. Sir Beonard Baidry		3	
)	Miss M.G.Anderson & Mrs	s H Wills (121/4) bt		5	
	E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake &		+	4	
	Mrs G.F.H.Elvey & Miss F			•	
)	Jenking & Mrs E.R.Co:		+	7	
)		Tyrrell (7) bt. H.S.Clemons		•	
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		kland (2) bt. Mrs E.R.Tuck			
	Mrs S.Turner (8½)	(2) 50 2			(T)
	C.G.Mayo & Miss L.M.Co	oke (12) w.o.			scr
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		M.Mallinson (15) bt. G.F.H.		-	
)	& Mrs L. Farlie (5)	Prof. Poss & Goolden	+	6	
	Miss Joly & Mrs Ross bt.		т	3	
)	Austin & Mrs Thompson I	ot. Miss Lintern & Mrs		10	
	Mallinson	Coad & Ainsonath	+]		/T)
	Mrs Speer & Haigh bt. Dr			1	(T)
	MIS LIVEY & MISS PARKET D	ot. Miss Anderson & Mrs Wi		11	
)	Bayerstock & Mice Tyresell	bt. Mrs Longman & Buckla	+]		
	Davelstock & Miss Tyffell	Dt. Mis Longillan & Buckla		4	
)	Dr W.R.Bucknall & Mrs G	T Trull (41%) bt Mayo &		T	
)	Miss Cooke	(1/2) bt. mayo &	+	9	
		.L.Jenking (6½) bt. N.W.T.	-	3	
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H.A.Sheppard & Mrs H.F.L.Jenking (6½) bt. N.W.T. Cox & G.F.Paxon (3) Third Round Miss Joly & Mrs Ross bt. Mrs Cox & Lt-Col Mallinson + 8

Austin & Mrs Thompson bt. Mrs Speer & Haigh Mrs Elvey & Miss Parker bt. Baverstock & Miss Tyrrell +2 Sheppard & Mrs Jenking bt. Dr Bucknall & Mrs Trull + 3 (T)

Semi-Final Miss Joly & Mrs Ross bt. Austin and Mrs Thompson +11 Mrs Elvey & Miss Parker bt. Baverstock & Miss Tyrrell Sheppard & Mrs Jenking bt. Dr Bucknall & Mrs Trull + 3 (T) Miss Joly & Mrs Ross bt. Sheppard & Mrs Jenking + 2

Weekend Tournaments

Colchester: August 25 - 28

Swiss Handicap Singles (22 Entries)

Winner: D.E.Reeves (7) with four wins. Second equal: R.S.Alford (4½), P.Bishop (10), G.S.Digby (6), Mrs G.S.Digby (3), E.A.Locke (8) and K.H.Paterson (3) with three wins each.

Handicap Doubles (10 Entries)

Semi-Final

Mrs F.E.M.Puxon & E.A.Locke (111/2) bt. P.Bishop & Mrs E.A.Locke (24) Mrs G.S.Digby & R.S.Alford (7½) bt. G.F.Hallett & P.H. Mann (7½)

Final

Mrs F.E.M.Puxon & E.A.Locke bt. Mrs G.S.Digby & R.S.Alford

Cheltenham III: August 26 - 28

BLOCK WINNERS:	A.	Dr H.A.Pim	6 wins
	В.	P.W.Hands	6 wins
	C.	Miss I.M.Roe	5 wins
	D.	L.G.Ayliffe	5 wins

Radbroke Hall: August 26 - 28

A. E.Bell (8)

B. P.G.Bowler (9)

C. D.G.Richardson (7)

B.A.Keen (3)

West Midlands: September 2 - 3

Block A:	Winner:	J.Potter;	Second:	A.Joseph
Block B:	Winner:	D.Lenfestey;	Second:	R.Howerd

PLAY-OFF

Semi-Final

J.Potter	bt. R.Howerd	+12
A.Joseph	bt. D.Lenfestey	+ 4
Final (full game)		
A.Joseph	bt. J.Potter	+19

Cheltenham IV: September 15 - 17

BLOCK WINNERS:	A.	R.E.Adland	6 wins
	В.	H.G.T.Bolton	6 wins
	C.	W.N.Loynes	6 wins
	D.	G.E.P. Young	5 wins

Hunstanton (second week): September 4 - 10

AMERICAN HANDICAP SINGLES

Winner: Mrs J. Neville Rolfe (0) (8 wins and 221 points) Second: R.A.Simpson (-1/2) (8 wins and 215 points)

Handicap Doubles (6 Pairs)

First Round

R.A.Simpson & Mrs L.Batchelor (151/2) bt. Mrs J.Neville Rolfe & A.H.Jones (14) Mrs H.A.Zinn & Miss E.I.Wood (21) bt. Mrs R.A.Simpson & L.Batchelor (15½)

Semi-Final

Simpson & Mrs Batchelor bt. W.H.Carlisle & Miss M.F. Mactier (22) C.R.Palmer & Mrs C.Sebestyen (19) bt. Mrs Zinn & Miss Wood +1(T)

Simpson & Mrs Batchelor bt. Palmer & Mrs Sebestyen+16

Inter-Club Competition 1972

Results in Order

Semi-Final

Hurlingham beat The Heley Club by four games to one Caversham beat Southwick by three games to two

The Longman Cup 1972

Results in Order

Second Round

Stourbridge beat Bretby by four games to one Colchester beat Colworth by four games to one Harrow Oak beat Caversham by four games to one Woking beat Compton by four games to one

Third Round

Radbroke Hall beat Stourbridge by four games to one

Semi-Final

Harrow Oak beat Woking by three games to two

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. With our modest three lawns we at Edgbaston are the club largest in size, though not in membership. On September 2-3 we held an American tournament for beginners, and limited entries to four players each from Stourbridge, Wolverhampton and Edgbaston. The tournament was run in two blocks and all games except the final were half games. Of the 24 games only four ran to time (134 hours), though five only just finished in time. In one semi-final Jim Potter beat Reg Howerd in just 20 minutes. Potter, with five bisques unused, was beaten in the full-bisque final by Arthur Joseph, who used his eight bisques in two turns to win by 19; his first break, to rover, only needed two bisques. Mrs Tilly presented the trophy, the Tilly Bowl, to the winner. We hope this is just the beginning, and that the other new West Midlands clubs will be able to join in next year.

The President's Cup: September 5-9

Viewed in prospect, a long recollection of this unique competition cannot recall any stronger set of contestants than that which assembled this year to take part in it. With the Test series of 1974 already - not looming, but rather brightening - on the horizon, it is cheering to realise how massive our resources promise to be for that triangular struggle, the first ever to be held in this country. Enthusiastic spectators of the President's Cup (but why are there not more of them?) are prone to indulge in spirited discussions about who is likely to finish first, but this year perhaps it might have been even more intriguing to speculate on who could possibly end up last. How exciting it would be, we thought, if all these formidable players were to finish with seven games! The nearest thing to this suggestion of egalitarianism took place in 1936 when as many as half of the (then) ten competitors ended up with eight games.

From the first morning of the competition the quality of the contestants was rapidly revealed - with not altogether welcome results. For throughout the day there was not a single game that could be called close, none indeed that had to be won by single figures. Eight of the twelve games played were won by 26 points, with the result that all was over for the day by five minutes past four. The first to assert themselves were the two junior members of the competition, William Prichard and Paul Hands. Wylie was a little slower in joining them with three victories, but he played some brilliant and thoughtful croquet in doing so. Neal started off as a Champion should with two easy victories while Solomon failed to take croquet in his first two games, but when these two met in the third round it was John who ran away with the game. Aspinall, Perry and Ormerod were without a win all day. There were several 'triples' - a particularly good one by Wylie in the morning and another by Solomon at the - only too - early end of the day. Apart from one or two missed roquets very few errors could be noticed, and hardly a single hoop missed. Hands, who had never seen a 3 11/16" hoop before, was entirely unintimidated by them.

On Wednesday, a lovely warm day, play (very sensibly) did not start till 10.30 and lasted till 5.00. As the day went on three players began to leave the rest behind, Prichard, Hands and Wylie. Aspinall also had a good day after his first 'gameless' one, winning all his encounters, thus finishing with three, the same figure being reached by Solomon; Ormerod, who was rather below his best, had one, and Perry, who was playing better than his total lack of success thus far suggests, had still to achieve a victory. The feature of the day was the maintenance of the splendid form shown by the two juniors, who played with the serene confidence which their skill justified, Prichard remaining undefeated and Hands losing only to him. There was one of the - very rare - close games towards evening when both Prichard and Wylie made the few errors necessary to allow of the prospect of victory swinging from side to side, but it was the - not so very - senior player who made the last one, leaving the juniors on top.

The next morning brought the games of the first series to a conclusion, with the two youngest competitors still at the top, with Prichard undefeated with seven games and Hands, who had lost only to him, with six. But when the next series began in the afternoon, the traditionally 'Big Three', linked together with four games, showed themselves to be still in the hunt, all moving their total from four up to five, two of them having wins at the expense of the juniors. But games were becoming closer, and 'peg outs' were leading to some prolonged contests. As a result two games were still in progress (if that is the right word!) at six o'clock - one of these bringing Perry his first victory.

But in this round there were some games which, though somewhat prolonged, displayed some of the finest croquet of the week. In one game Solomon contrived to peg out Hand's blue, his black being then on two-back. To achieve this he had to allow his opponent a 'contact', but it did not look as if Hands was likely to get much out of this as Solomon had put his yellow in the third corner and his red between the wires of the fifth hoop. Hands, however, putting his ball in contact with the Red, made a brilliant approach to two-back and brought a very difficult innings as far as the rover hoop. Being a little further from this hoop than he would have liked to be, he had to run it with so much firmness that his ball was carried to the boundary. He had then a nine yard shot which he failed to hit. From this position Solomon started on a two ball break (one of his specialities) from hoop five, which after several more were run was cleverly transformed into a 'three-baller' and this took him out. The play of both these stars during the quarter of an hour which it involved was the most electrifying so far seen in the tournament. There was another game finished late in the evening between Neal and Ormerod which seemed very likely to give the latter another point after the former, having double peeled the latter's ball, was about to peg it out when he discovered it was the wrong colour! Things looke rather black for Bernard till almost at the last moment he picked up a fine three-ball break and won the game.

On Friday came the rain, first in drops and then in torrents; but croquet players are a hardy race and these made light of the conditions and were even to be seen playing 'knock-ups' against each other when their games were over. Prichard and Hands were beginning to be threatened by Aspinall and Solomon, and while the former held his own and finished the day with ten games, Hands fell behind a little and was tied with his two elders with eight each. Considering the discouraging weather the standard of play remained high, though nothing particularly sensational occurred. But some sort of play-off was still a possibility for the morrow, for if Prichard failed to hold on to his lead there would be some challengers waiting for him. But the general impression was that the very youngest player was likely to bring off the youngest victory since John Bolton's triumph when only 17 in 1968.

The last day of this event is generally an exciting one, and this occasion was no exception. It was also about the chilliest day in this competition which the present writer can recall. To make matters worse, the courts on which the players were due to begin their programme bore a resemblance to the Lake District; two of them never recovered from this situation, and a court beneath the rose garden had to be put in something like order. Play – due to being at 10.30 – could not be started on any court till eleven o'clock, and on court 4 it was at least half an hour later. This was the scene of the 'clue' game of the round, for if William Prichard was to win it, victory in the event was his. In the event it proved to be a very close thing indeed. His opponent, Wylie, characteristically set out on a sextuple peel and soon had his partner ball safely through three hoops when he prepared to get a rush on a ball in the fourth corner which, should he have done so, would have put him into a strong position to bring off the coup. But a slight roll in the corner, of which Keith subsequently admitted he was aware, just took his ball on to that which he was planning to rush right up the court. This, in the writer's opinion, was the turning point of a game which in fact went on a good while yet and led up in its closing stages to Prichard having to hit what might well have been a last shot. In fact he did - very narrowly - hit it and was seemto do so by one spectator in a good position to see. But it was almost as near a thing as could be - and all prospect of a play-off thereupon disappeared.

The President's Cup	W. de B.Prichard	G.N.Aspinall	P.W.Hands	J.W.Solomon	Prof. B.G.Neal	K.F.Wylie	Dr W.P.Ormerod	В.G.Репу	W I N S
W, de B.Prichard		+26 tp	+ 9	+26	+17	+ 7	+26	+24	11
W. de B.Prichard		+16 tp	-18	-26	-15	+ 4	+26	+25 tp	11
G.N.Aspinall	-26		-24	+26	+17 tp	-26	+15	+24	9
	-16		+25 tp	+15 tp	+20 tp	+17	+23 tp	- 4	9
P.W.Hands	- 9	+24		+26	+16	+17	+26 tp	+26	9
	+18	-25		- 1	-26	+19	-17	+ 8	9
TWC	-26	-26	-26		+26 tp	+ 7	+26 tp	+25	9
J.W.Solomon	+26 tp	-15	+ 1	1	+ 6	+26 tp	-26	+26 tp	
P. (P.C.)	-17	-17	-16	-26		-14	+26	+16	6
Prof. B.G.Neal	+15	-20	+26 tp	- 6	1	-19	+ 5	+10	0
V.P.W.P.	- 7	+26 tp	-17	-17	+14 tp		+16 tp	+13 tp	6
K.F.Wylie	- 4	-17	-19	-26	+19	1	+ 5 tp	-14	0
D. W.D.O	-26	-15	-26	-26	-26	-16		+14	4
Dr W.P.Ormerod	-26	-23	+17	+26 stp	- 5	- 5	1	+26	4
200	-24	-24	-26	-25	-16	-13	-14		2
B.G.Perry	-25	+ 4	- 8	-26	-10	+14	-26		2

tp = triple peel; stp = straight triple peel

The Chairman's Salver	Mrs J Jarden	B.Lloyd-Pratt	G.E.P.Jackson	M.E.W.Heap	Miss K.M.O.Sessions	H.S.Clemons	R.A.Godby	J.H.J.Soutter	W I N S
Mrs J.Jarden		+ 5	+20	- 8	+23	+21	+ 4	+16	
	1	- 8	-13	+ 7	+13	+ 6	+17	+23	- 11
	- 5		-15	+17	- 1	+21	+17	-26	9
B.Lloyd-Pratt	+ 8		+ 5	+24	-12	+20	+14	+26	
G.E.P.Jackson	-20	+15		+ 5	+25	- 1	+25	+ 1	9
	+13	- 5		-14	-12	+13	+ 9	+ 7	9
MEWIL	+ 8	-17	- 5		+24	- 1	-15	+26	8
M.E.W.Heap	- 7	-24	+14		+ 7	+ 7	+20	+ 8	
Miss K.M.O.Sessions	-23	+ 1	-25	-24		+16	-24	-14	6
Miss K.M.O.Sessions	-13	+12	+12	- 7		-26	+ 6	+ 7	
W 0 Cl	-21	-21	+ 1	+ 1	-16		-21	+10	5
H.S.Clemons	- 6	-20	-13	- 7	+26		- 9	+ 4	1 5
D. A. Cadha	- 4	-17	-25	+15	+24	+21		- 7	4
R.A.Godby	-17	-14	- 9	-20	- 6	+ 9	1	-15	4
I II I Courter	-16	+26	- 1	-26	+14	-10	+ 7		4
J.H.J.Soutter	-23	-26	- 7	- 8	- 7	- 4	+15	1	4

Thus the youngest player in the competition carried off the handsome and much-coveted trophy at his first appearance — a distinction very rarely won. He is, the writer believes, the youngest player to do so, though John Bolton, at only 17, won the event at his second appearance. The skill, the serenity and the modest bearing of this twenty year old was widely admired by all who watched him (far too few, alas) throughout the week. Here we have a great player and long may he remain amongst us to be a pride to his parents and a delight to us all.

Having said this, however, it is but just to pay a tribute to the other player of the same age — Paul Hands. We have hardly seen anything of him at headquarters up to now, but we shall want to see much more of him in future. It was in company with such shining stars as Solomon and Aspinall that he shared the title of runner-up.

At the close of the proceedings the President began by pointing out that the declaration that 'Croquet was a young man's game' has now become something of a platitude. He went on to point out what a splendid augury the play during the week was for Britain's success in the Triangular Tests in 1974. He was told there had been as many as 21 triple peels during the week, which while it may be seen as a tribute to the accuracy of the courts, also suggested that they were too easy, due, he thought, to the menace of the sprinklers which, he felt, should be regarded as a luxury and not treated as a regular diet.

Two things remain to be said. First, grateful praise is due to Ian Baillieu who stepped into the position of Manager at rather short notice. His management, if less 'colourful' than the regime of Col. Cave, was every bit as effective. And an Australian spectator, who watched a whole day's play, was even less impressed by it than by the good relations between the players. 'They come up and talk to each other at the end of their games', he said. Happily they do, for victory is not the main matter with this 'band of brothers', who care for each other even more than they do for their game.

Secretary's Notes

I have just issued a Second Amendment Sheet to the C.A. Directory, dated 11th September. Members are reminded that they can purchase the Directory for 25p, and the whole series of Amendment Sheets (probably five extending up to March 1974) for 35p post free.

I now have 17 copies of Elvey's *Croquet* on sale at 44p (plus 4p postage). Miller and Thorp's book is on sale at 40p (plus 16p postage) and Solomon's *Croquet* at 50p plus postage, which is now 14p for one copy and 25p for 2 or 3 copies, 29p for four, 37p for five.

We also have a few copies of Know the Game at the old price of 20p, but these will soon be exhausted, after which we must sell at 25p, the price of the newer edition which comprises our main stock.

Mrs V.Millar, who has been Secretary of the Australian Croquet Council for the last ten years, resigned from her office at the A.G.M. of the Australian Croquet Council. We would like to express our appreciation of her work and to wish her well in the future.

Vandeleur Robinson, Secretary, 14.9.72

The Chairman's Salver, played at Nottingham, September 4-8

This event was completed as planned after a minor crisis arose when the Nottingham courts, being hard after having had no rain for a considerable time, failed to absorb some heavy rain on the Thursday afternoon; the twelfth round matches had barely started when they had to be pegged down for the night. However, the Manager, Cecily Brumpton succeeded in weathering the storm and completing the event.

The Salver was won by Jean Jarden on her second visit to England from New Zealand. Her play was a model of skill and consistency throughout the week, and she was a worthy and popular winner. Although Jean won by a margin of two wins, her lead was in fact closely contested and her victory was not certain before the end of the final round. Bryan Lloyd-Pratt started the week as front runner, being the only competitor to win all his matches on the Monday, but then he struck a disastrous patch, for he lost his next four games, and although he later gained ground he could not quite overcome the deficit. He finished equal second along with Edgar Jackson, an arrangement which seemed to satisfy both of them, particularly as it enabled Edgar to maintain and indeed enhance his truly remarkable record of finishing in either the first or second place in this event every year since its inception in 1966 apart from the year he played in the President's Cup. Michael Heap, a newcomer to the Eights, finished strongly, winning his last

three games; his skilful and enterprising play showed that he can look forward confidently to greater successes in the future. He brought his wife Mary Anne and baby son, Giles, to Nottingham and they captivated us all when they faced the rigours of watching croquet in the chill September weather. If Giles had allowed his father to get a little more sleep he might have been able to make a serious challenge for the Salver.

The other four less successful competitors all had their moments of triumph and were not outclassed. Kitty Sessions was not consistently playing to her best form, especially when the courts became wet and heavy, but at times she showed how brilliantly she can play. Harold Clemons' tactics came in for some criticism, but the fact that the margins of 3 of his 5 wins were +1, +1 and +4 show what a good match player he is. John Soutter, another newcomer to the Eights, lost 6 of his games by margins of 10 or less; he missed several opportunities owing to his comparative lack of experience, but he will have learnt much from the week, including the lesson that a poorly executed or ill-considered stroke can have dire consequences at this level of the game. Robin Godby was a pleasant and generous opponent who reminded us all that croquet is a pastime to be enjoyed rather than a life and death struggle.

We all came away from Nottingham very grateful to the Club for looking after us so well, encouraged by the enthusiasm and interest which they had shown in our activities, and glad to see that croquet is flourishing and in good hands in this part of the country.

The Surrey Cup, played at Compton, September 4-8

If not an historic Surrey Cup, this was a very happy one. Compton are lucky in their groundsman Wilf Wooller, who with his father has just completed 100 years as Groundsman at the Saffrons; the lawns were in splendid condition. The weather for the first four days was excellent; it rained most of Friday, but both players and spectators remained full of joie de vivre.

The croquet was competent rather than spectacular. There were no successful triple peels — indeed only Hopewell and Rose attempted them — but there were as compensation many close and exciting finishes. Gladstone figured in four of these and was unlucky — but unperturbed — to lose three of them —2, —2, —3. Borrett was beaten only once by double figures; both he Tyrwhitt Drake had five wins in the first series, but flagged to win only 3 and 2 games respectively in the second. Rose improved the more he played and gradually became a menace to his more experienced opponents.

Hopewell played some of the best croquet of the week and also some of the worst; he vacillated tween these two extremes with predictable unpredictability. Prichard, but for a disastrous first day, might well have forced a play-off; his play is quicker than ever thanks to a new fluent and successful hooping stroke. These two players did most of the refereeing so that the lack of an Official Referee was not

really felt.

For the second year running the cup was won by a woman - and what a competitor Mrs Sundius-Smith is! She fought back from well behind in at least four games that lesser mortals would have given up as lost: one against Prichard, another against Hopewell (a fatal attempted triple) and two against Rose, who just lacks the experience to clinch his games. At the beginning of the twelfth round she led the field with nine wins, challenged by Borrett, Prichard and Hopewell with seven wins apiece. In this round she was playing Tiny, who pegged out her Blue ball when Black was only for 2-back. She proceeded at this juncture to hit in on the lift shot, sent Red to 3-back, obtained a good position for 2-back and ran the hoop; she then roqueted Red, which lay 20 yards away, made 3-back and took off for 4-back, arriving 4 feet in front of the hopp; she ran 4-back and took position in front of Penult. Tiny missed Yellow, and Mrs Sundius-Smith made her hoop but failed to get position for Rover. Tiny by hiding and running reached 4-back and rested near the baulk line. Mrs Sundius-Smith shot and stuck in 4-back. Tiny made the hoop; but after making rather a poor rush to Penult stuck in it, leaving Red near the peg and Black between 4-back and the East Boundary. Mrs Sundius-Smith then hit Red and sealed her grip on the tournament. She played consistently well and was a worthy winner.

Thanks were expressed to the Manager, Mrs Chittenden, and to the Compton members for helping to make a very enjoyable week.

The Surrey Cup	Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard	C.G.Hopewell	Cdr G.Borrett	E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	Revd W.E.Gladstone	J.Rose	Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	W I N S
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith		+ 7	+ 4	- 6	+20	-17	+ 8	+10	11
wirs B.L.Sundius-Smith		+18	+17	+18	+ 4	-14	+ 8	+19	
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard	- 7		- 4	-14	+21	+ 3	+17	+ 4	9
Lt-Got D.M.G.Ffichard	-18	1	+22	+ 9	+19	-10	+14	+10	
C.G.Hopewell	- 4	+ 4		- 7	-18	+21	+ 4	+12	9
	-17	-22		+ 8	+ 5	+21	+ 8	+10	
Cdr G.Borrett	+ 6	+14	+ 7		- 2	- 2	+14	+14	8
car G.Borrett	-18	- 9	- 8	1	+13	+15	- 9	+24	0
E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	-20	-21	+18	+ 2		+ 2	+15	+17	7
D.G. I yi willti Diake	- 4	-19	- 5	-13	1	+ 2	- 5	+13	,
Revd W.E.Gladstone	+17	- 3	-21	+ 2	- 2		+ 7	-17	6
ACVG W.E.Glaustoffe	+14	+10	-21	-15	- 2	1	-10	+12	0
J.Rose	- 8	-17	- 4	-14	-15	- 7		+17	4
J.A.O.S.	- 8	-14	- 8	+ 9	+ 5	+10	1	- 6	-1
Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	-10	- 4	-12	-14	-17	+17	-17		2
MIS D.M.C.FFICHARD	-19	-10	-10	-24	-13	-12	+ 6		4

Handicap Alterations

Hurlingham (second week): August 5 - 12

J.A.Wheeler -½ to -1½; J.Howard Wright 2 to 1; Mrs G.H. Wood 3 to 2½; Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle 6 to 5½; C.G.Pountney 8 to 8 D6½; W.H.Carlisle 9 to 9 D8; D.V.H.Rees 0 to -1; A.W.Solomon 2½ to 1½; P.J.R.Crawford 5½ to 5.

Nottingham: August 14 - 19

M.J.Evans 3 to 1½; C.W.Haworth 5½ to 4½; Mrs B.G.Neal 6 to 5½; R.N.Bateson ½ to 0; Mrs L.A.Coombs 6½ to 5½.

Edinburgh: August 21 - 26

J.Howard Wright 1 to 0; S.J.Howard Wright 7 to 6 D5; Cdr J.E.Rowe 6 to 5; Dr R.M.Milne 2 to 1; L.Middleton 6½ to 6.

Southwick (first week): August 21 - 26

Mrs N.W.T.Cox 4 to 3; Miss S.G.Hampson 3 to 2; D.H. Moorcraft —½ to —1; C.G.Pountney 8 D6½ to 6; K.A.Ross—1 to —2; Mrs M.Speer 2½ to 2; I.G.Vincent 5* to 4; Prof. B.G.Weitz 2½ to 2; Mrs B.G.Weitz 5½ to 5.

Hunstanton (first week): August 25 – September 2 Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle 5½ to 4½; R.A.Simpson 0 to –½; Mrs J.N.Rolfe ½ to 0.

Southwick (second week): August 28 — September 2 Miss M.G.Anderson 6½ to 6; Dr J.Creed 9 to 8; G.F.Hallett 0 to —½; D.M.Horne 4½ to 3½; Miss F.Joly 0 to 1; Mrs R.E. Tucker 4 to 3½; Mrs A.E.Turner 8; Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake 14* to 14; H.J.Ainsworth 10* to 9; Mrs F.Goldbard 10; Mrs F.Fox 10; J.Haigh 5 to 4½; Miss E.Hodgens 12* to 12.

Nottingham Club Recommendation C.F.Henry 3 to 2½.

Handicap Increases approved by the Handicaps Co-ordination Committee M.B.Reckitt 7 D5 to 8 D7. Colchester Weekend: August 25 - 28

P.Bishop 10 to 8; G.S.Digby 6 to 5½; E.A.Locke 8 to 7½; K.H.Paterson 3 to 2½; D.E.Reeves 7 to 5.

Cheltenham III: August 26 - 28

Mrs H.A.Pim 11 to 10; Dr H.A.Pim 7 to 5½; L.G.Ayliffe 5 to 4; R.F.A.Crane 12 to 10; Miss E.H.Arkell 3 to 2½; H.G.T.Bolton 4 to 3; R.H.Lee 5½ to 5; W/Cdr E.M.Smith 0 to $-\frac{1}{2}$; Mrs R.F.A.Crane 16.

Radbroke Hall Weekend: August 26 – 28 B.Keen 3 to 2½; E.Bell 9* to 6; P.G.Bowler 9 to 8; J.Ward 10* to 8; E.Halliwell 10* to 11.

President's Cup: September 5 - 9
W. de B.Prichard -4½ to -5; P.W.Hands -4 to -4½.

Chairman's Salver: September 4 - 8
M.E.W.Heap -½ to -2.

Hunstanton (second week): September 4 – 10 Mrs H.A.Zinn 9 to 8; Miss E.I.Wood 12 to 10; A.H.Jones 14 to 12.

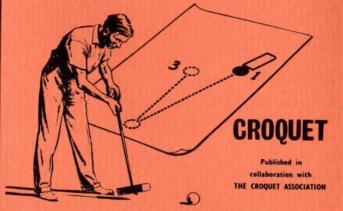
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H.G.T.Bolton 3 to 2½; G.E.P.Young 7 to 5; Miss.I.M.Roe 2½ to 2; F.E.Pearson 3 to 2½; Mrs P. Asa Thomas 9 to 8; Sir Leonard Stone 14 D12 to 13 D12; B.Slater 6½ to 5½; R.E.Adlard 3 to 2½; W.N.Loynes 7 to 5.

Personal Notice

Mr Lloyd-Pratt is going to South Africa for their Open Championships in November and will not return to England until the beginning of the New Year, so he is not sending any Christmas cards. He wishes, through this notice, to convey the season's greetings and all good wishes for 1973 to his many kind friends in the Croquet World.

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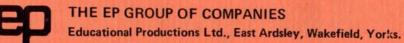
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