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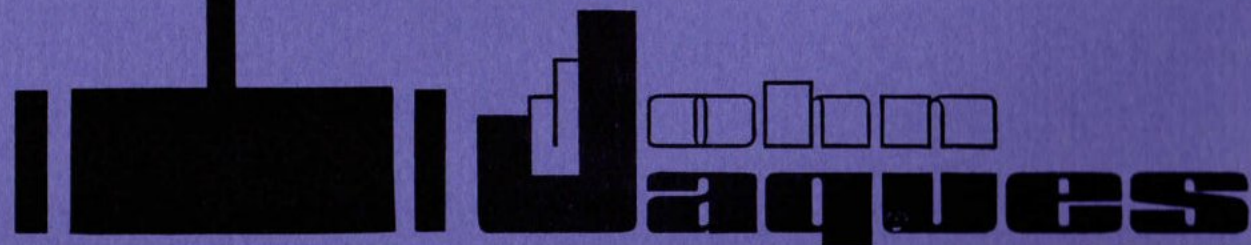
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### Calendar 1973

April 30 – May 5	Budleigh Salterton
May 7 – 12	The Peels – at Cheltenham
May 14 – 19	Southwick
May 22 – 25	Inter-Counties Championship – at Hurlingham
May 28 – June 2	Ryde
June 4 – 9	Carrickmines: Championship of County Dublin
June 4 – 9	Compton
June 4 – 9	Parkstone
June 11 – 16	Veterans' Championship – at Southwick
June 11 – 16	Wrest Park
June 18 – 23	Men's and Women's Championships – at Cheltenham
June 22 – 24	Golf Croquet Championships – at Ipswich
June 25 – 30	The Challenge and Gilbey Cups – at Budleigh Salterton
July 2 – 7	Budleigh Salterton
July 9 – 14	Colchester
July 16 – 21	The Open Championships – at Hurlingham
July 23 – 28	Cheltenham
July 30 – August 4	Hurlingham (first week)
August 4 – 11	Hurlingham (second week)
August 13 – 17	The Ladies' Field Cup – at Budleigh Salterton
August 13 – 18	Carrickmines: Irish Open Championships
August 13 – 18	Nottingham
August 20 – 25	Edinburgh
August 20 – 25	Southwick (first week)
August 27 – September 1	Hunstanton (first week)
August 27 – September 1	Southwick (second week)
September 3 – 8	Hunstanton (second week)
September 3 – 7	The Chairman's Salver – at Compton
September 3 – 7	The Surrey/Spencer Ell Cup – at Colchester
September 4 – 8	The President's Cup – at Hurlingham
September 10 – 15	Parkstone
September 17 – 22	Rochampton
September 24 – 29	Devonshire Park (first week)
September 29 – 30	All-England Handicap Finals – at Rochampton
October 1 – 6	Devonshire Park (second week)

### Weekends

April 12 – 14	Compton
April 21 – 23	Cheltenham I (Easter)
April 27 – 30	Hunstanton
May 18 – 20	Wrest Park I
May 26 – 28	Cheltenham II (Spring Bank Holiday)
May 26 – 28	Colchester I
June 21 – 24	Woking
June 15 – 17	Nottingham
August 24 – 27	Colchester II (August Bank Holiday)
August 25 – 27	Cheltenham III
August 24 – 27	Bowdon
September 14 – 16	Cheltenham IV
September 21 – 23	Ryde
September 21 – 23	Wrest Park II
October 12 – 14	Cheltenham V

## Editorial

The results of the questionnaire sent out with the April gazette have over the course of the summer received full and proper discussion. Just over 140 replies were received. This is to be compared with a total possible response of about 600, and with average returns of Council election papers of between 250 and 300. Two thirds of those who replied to the questionnaire indicated that they would prefer less space devoted to tournament results, and just over half said that they would prefer shorter tournament reports. Many and varied suggestions for the detailed improvement of the gazette were received and noted. A great many people asked for more articles on simple tactics and on the laws. I hope Mr Baillieu's recent articles have gone some way towards fulfilling this need.

The Editorial Board met during the Hurlingham Tournament to discuss the results of the questionnaire. Despite the misgivings of some members the majority thought that an insufficient number of people had sent in replies to justify the making of any great changes; no presumptions could legitimately be made about the feelings of those who had not sent in replies. In addition, there seemed to be no compelling financial reason for making any great changes, since the Editors were at present operating within their budget and managing to include all results (with a few minor exceptions) and all the available articles of the appropriate interest and standard. If more space were made available for articles by the curtailment of tournament results or reports, there was no guarantee that suitable articles would be forthcoming to fill the space thus made available. It should, however, be placed on record that the supply of good articles for the gazette was far better in 1972 than in 1971. May this position be long continued!

The Editor was, however, authorized to look into various ways of recording tournament results with greater economy of money and space. The printing of results continuously along the line in the manner of *The Daily Telegraph* tennis results was suggested, and this suggestion is being looked into. If printing costs and postal charges increase, it may be necessary to consider very seriously ways of economising, and in a few years' time financial considerations might make it necessary to take a fresh look at the question of the balance of the contents of the gazette.

Tournament reports were also discussed. The feeling was that what people wanted was not shorter but better-written reports. The Editor pointed out that he generally made a number of stylistic and other alterations in the tournament reports he was sent, and he was urged to apply the Editorial red pencil even more ruthlessly; he agreed to try to write some suggestions for the writing of tournament reports for the April gazette.

These conclusions were presented to the Council at their October meeting and met with general approval. In retrospect it is a pity that more people did not send in replies to the questionnaire, especially if the replies did reflect the general feeling among Associates. But at least the issue was properly opened out and fully discussed, and the questionnaire provided the opportunity for many people to send in helpful suggestions. I hope many good articles will be forthcoming so that as many people as possible will be able to obtain the kind of enjoyment and instruction they expect of the gazette. The winter is a good time for writing articles, and I hope many of you will take the opportunity to write something good.

P.D.H.

## Stop Press

A course for Referees will be given at Wrest Park March 16 (evening) — 18 by Lt-Col & Mrs Prichard. Enquiries to Mrs Neal or Mrs Meachem (See p. 19).

## Correspondence

## 'Croquet Records'

from Mrs D.M.C. Prichard

Sir,

I am compiling a list of croquet records, and would be very grateful if any reader would send me information as to who did what and when. Where possible, I would like such information authenticated; in 'youngest' or 'oldest' claims the date of birth would be useful. I have been variously informed that John Bolton was 16, 17 and 18 when he won the President's Cup in September 1965. I have even been told that William Prichard was 20 when he won it in 1972, though in this case I have reason to know that he was 19! With claims for 'firsts' and 'quickest' and even 'slowests' the year and tournament should be given. Only records which have occurred in tournaments or in invitation events can normally rate as records, but I would be interested in other happenings, such as the greatest number of hoops scored in two-ball breaks or the longest distance that a croquet ball has been hit etc. I also wonder if anyone has any information to add to John Prince's list of sextuple peels, and how many three-ball triple peels have been recorded.

Gobion Manor,  
Abergavenny.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Prichard

## 'Partner?'

Sir,

In a series of portraits of great crossword puzzle compilers, the *Daily Telegraph* made the following intriguing statement about Patric Cotter: . . . Croquet . . . "Won Doubles World Championship — with a partner".

John Solomon might well cap this with: "Won an Open Doubles Championship match — without a partner".

Yours sincerely,

Anne Reader

## 'Won by One'

from the President of the Croquet Association

Sir,

As one who contributed to what the anonymous writer of the Rover Note so entitled in the October gazette, somewhat acidly, describes as the 'clamour' that — very understandably — arose over the decision which allowed a single player to win a match in the Doubles Championship this year, I trust that you will allow me to make a few observations on this very singular (in every sense) interpretation of Law 40.

If, as this Rover says, a decision in a club game at Hurlingham three years ago 'gave rise to no vociferous foreboding' it is probably due to the fact that not more than a small handful of Associates have ever been aware of it, or if they were so would not deduce from this that it would be assumed to validate what happened in the Doubles Championship this year. What our Rover describes as 'an interesting eccentricity with little practical application' will be found set out on page 2 of the September number of the gazette for 1969, and I hope that all who are interested in this matter, from whatever standpoint, will seek an opportunity to read this passage carefully, and then ask themselves if it could reasonably be applied to the case which has caused the 'clamour' of which Rover complains.

In the first place, it was known in the case cited by Rover and as described in the gazette, that the player absent when play was allowed to begin was *known to be actually on the way to Hurlingham*. Secondly, though the decision has been 'justified' by reference to section (b) of Law 40, I find it impossible to understand on what ground it can be so. The passage in the September number of 1969 refers to the fact that the player concerned in this case 'stood well clear of his partner's ball' after 'deeming this to have been played'. The player in the Doubles Championship certainly 'stood well clear' in this case since his absent partner was not, I gather, even on British soil at the time and could hardly be said to have been 'on the way to Hurlingham' that day.

Further to the above, it is surely remarkable that a decision given with reference to a club game should be suddenly erected into a 'precedent' for a championship event.

But after all this special pleading has been indulged in, we are told, in effect, that it was all right anyway because a large number of lookers-on remained to watch until a late hour Mr Solomon's expertise on this occasion. As one who has spent many hours over a period of many years, and hopes to spend more, watching this splendid player, I am not at all surprised to hear this, but what bearing it can have on the legality of the case in question I am at a loss to understand. 'Precedents' applied to Championship events surely cannot be established or validated on such grounds as this.

My only interest in this matter is one which I know a number of other Associates share with me — that a Doubles Championship should be played, as Law 40 says it should be, 'between two sides, each side consisting of two players, and I cannot recognise any decision as valid which contradicts or seeks to eliminate this requirement.

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Yours most sincerely,  
Maurice B. Reckitt

## Rover Notes

## Pleasing the Customer

Fifty names on a piece of paper; five or six event sheets; these are the dry bones of management. Numbers of entries, numbers of courts, hours of play, times of meals; these are the mathematics. Order of play, results, the press, are simply routine chores — but that is not the end of it. That list of names comes to life and explodes into 50 separate identities, each with its own problems and each one the centre of its own concern. They are no longer statistics, nor are they schoolboys, nor raw recruits, nor even zombies. Mostly they are responsible people used to running their own affairs, and although they have come for a week to play croquet, they want to enjoy themselves and are not prepared to give complete authority over their lives to anyone.

The Regulations for Tournaments have been evolved because they are necessary to protect both the player and the Manager. For instance, a minimum 3 hour time limit was introduced because clubs were accepting too many entries and matches were being confined to 1½ hours; and the explicit instructions for the Draw etc. are laid down to obviate charges of manipulation. These are the Manager's Terms of Reference, and he must stick to them meticulously because they are the guarantee of the C.A. to players entering for a tournament. No Manager has the authority to vary them unless such discretion is specifically indicated. But in other ways the Manager may do his utmost to meet the needs of the players. Obviously he cannot allow an individual to sabotage the advertised programme, but he should avoid the all too easy automatic 'No'. As one Nanny was often heard to say: 'Put "can't" in the cupboard and take out "try"'. Tournaments must be made pleasing to the players — that is the first principle. The quality of management is strained, and should the Manager slip from the pinnacle of perfection, remember, dear croquet player, he is human too: to keep 50 toupie tops going at once requires a little whip.

## MACROBERTSON INTERNATIONAL SHIELD 1974

The following programme has now been agreed.

## Preliminary Matches

Tues — Sat	June 27 — 29	Australia v Ireland	Carrickmines
		New Zealand v Scotland	Glencagles

## Test Matches

Tues — Sat	July 4 — 6	Australia v New Zealand	Colchester
Mon — Wed	8 — 10	Australia v Great Britain	Hurlingham
Thurs — Sat	11 — 13	New Zealand v Great Britain	Hurlingham
Mon — Wed	15 — 17	Australia v New Zealand	Compton
Fri, Sat, Mon	19, 20, 22	Australia v Great Britain	Southwick
Wed — Fri	24 — 26	New Zealand v Great Britain	Budleigh
Mon — Wed	29 — 31	Australia v New Zealand	Cheltenham
Fri, Sat, Mon	Aug 2, 3, 5	Australia v Great Britain	Birmingham
Wed — Fri	7 — 9	New Zealand v Great Britain	Nottingham

In the event of a tie between two or three nations in the Test Series, there will be a play-off at Hurlingham on August 12th and 13th.

## Open Championships

It is hoped that the two visiting teams will play in the Open Championships for which eleven days have been provided.

Wed — Sat	Aug 14 — 24	Open Championships	Hurlingham
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### Three Ball Croquet

#### A. EQUIPMENT

Three balls are used:

- (1) 1 Blue Ball which plays against . . .
- (2) 1 Red Ball. The third . . .
- (3) 1 White or Yellow Ball is neutral and can be roqueted and croqueted by either player. (See 'The Play' Note 4 below)
- (4) 2 Red and 2 Blue Clips. It is advisable to have one clip on each side marked with a white spot when doubles are played. Alternatively the conventional four colours may be used for the clips.

#### B. THE OBJECT OF THE GAME

Each player endeavours to make his ball score the 12 hoop points twice and peg out before his opponent, making 26 points in all. To score both the peg points see 'The Play' Note 5.

#### C. THE PLAY

- (1) *To start the game:* The neutral ball is placed one yard south of the peg.
- (2) The players toss a coin for choice of start or ball and play alternating turns, just as in Association Croquet.
- (3) Once a player runs a hoop in order he *cannot* in the same turn advance the *other* clip by running its hoop in order, except by peeling. (See below)
- (4) A player may roquet and croquet the neutral and opponent's ball, as in Association Croquet.
- (5) When a player's clips are for the peg, *to finish the game* he pegs the neutral ball out in the croquet stroke and then his own ball. It is permissible to peg out the neutral ball by cannoning it onto the peg with the opponent's ball.
- (6) If either ball misses the peg in an attempted peg-out, both balls must remain in play.
- (7) The opponent's ball *cannot* be pegged out on purpose or accidentally by the striker.

#### D. LIFTS AND CONTACTS

- (1) A lift is given each time 1-Back is run.
- (2) A contact is given each time 4-Back is run.
- (3) But if 1-Back or 4-Back is made by peeling (see below), the lift or contact is waived.

#### E. PEELING

- (1) It is possible to advance your partner clip by peeling the neutral ball through the hoops in order.
- (2) If you cause your opponent's ball to run either or both of the hoops the opponent needs, they are scored. If the neutral ball runs either or both of the hoops the opponent needs, they are *not* scored.

#### F. CONCLUDING OBSERVATION

The three ball game is similar to a game of Association Croquet where a player has had one ball on his side pegged out, except that in the three ball game *both* players probably have the opportunity to "set up" at the end of a turn with the neutral ball.

John Prince

### Retrospect of 1972

'Everybody complains about the weather but nobody *does* anything about it', declared Mark Twain. But croquet players *do* do something about; they *play* in it until their courts resemble lakes, while cricketers and tennis players have to kick their heels in their pavilions. Actually the past season was not a wet one, though we remember that the annual thunderstorm during the Hurlingham tournament brought play to a standstill by mid-afternoon, while one morning during the President's Cup found the courts so drenched that it was hard to get things going before lunch.

But if our Summer was not wet it was remarkably cold, indeed the last day of the 'Masters' Tournament' was one of the chilliest days — for spectators anyway — that your reporter ever remembers having to sit through, and the sky continued to present what Dr. Johnson described as 'inspissated gloom' until some way through play at Devonshire Park.

We reported last year that 'Paul Hands and William Prichard, who finished at the top of the Chairman's Salver, may ere long be bidden to "come up higher"'. So they were this season — and with shattering effect. Though still but twenty years of age and perhaps never having had to cope with  $3\frac{1}{16}$  hoops, both finished in the first four, with the young Prichard at the very top with eleven games. It is very seldom that a player wins this unique contest at his first appearance; the only cases I can recall, since World War I at any rate, are Miss D.D.Steel in 1922, Capt. J.B.Morgan in 1929, and Patrick Cotter in 1949. But William is not unacquainted with Championship honours, having won the Mixed Doubles Championship with his mother at the age of 17. There has only once been a family of comparable numbers and success, and that is the Blood quintet in the years shortly before the first War, when the young son made a good showing in 'the Ten' as it was then. Before we leave the subject of the Prichard family it is worth pointing out that though the elder brothers do not appear very often, each one was victorious in an event this year, Robert at Budleigh and Colin at Devonshire Park.

The players in the President's Cup who shared second place with Paul Hands were John Solomon and Nigel Aspinall, who had shared the final of the Men's Championship in June, John being the winner by the odd score of +1 +25. None of those so far mentioned won the Open Championship, but none other than our new Chairman, Bernard Neal, who has raised his level of consistent skill to a notable degree this year.

This may be the best point at which to record the absence of some of our leading players in previous seasons, Roger Bray, whom most of us would have ranked fourth last year; John Bolton, whom we had hoped to see; and Douglas Strachan, whom we have every expectation of seeing in the near future as he is moving to England; David O'Connor too has good hopes of playing here next summer. Of some of our most promising challengers to the top men we saw too little of Michael Stride, but new men are arising and showing great promise, as, for example, J.H.J.Soutter who crowned a good season's play with victory at Devonshire Park, and Roger Wood with his consistent habit of 'coming from behind' and snatching unexpected wins. At Eastbourne a young man from Cambridge, I.G.Vincent, caught the eye as certain to come down very rapidly.

With such as these, and others whom we have no space to mention here, what is clearly evident is how strong our forces should be 'in depth' for the triangular Tests in 1974. One was interested to notice an article in the Australian Croquet Gazette by Mrs. Sheila Macdonald, who is probably their best lady player now, saying that 'the Triple Peel will be a necessity if Australia is to get anywhere . . . lots of

publicity is given to those in New Zealand and England, so let us hear more of them'. In view of the fact that as many as 21 of these feats are said to have been brought off in one week of this year's President's Cup, Mrs. Macdonald is no doubt right!

So far in this article there has been nothing said about our ladies' play and it does not seem as though there is much to say. We had the pleasure, as it always is, of another visit of Mrs. Jarden this year and she repeated her usual slaughter of any of her sex who came her way. What is apt to dismay one is that none of our top ladies seem to be improving — even Miss Sessions, whom one would rank as the best of them, did not have a very successful season. If ever there was 'room at the top' in our Croquet it is here, but there seems very little we can do about it.

But skill and success are not everything. That the Association owes a tremendous lot to its lady members is evident at nearly every provincial tournament to which one goes. But we ought to acknowledge a very special debt to the two players who have devoted so much of their time to ensuring the success of the Development Scheme, Barbara Meachem and Liz Neal. Your correspondent had the privilege of an invitation to a Croquet Dinner at Birmingham early this year and found a convivial gathering of fifty enthusiasts eager to exchange information on the spread of Croquet in the Midland Area: eight clubs started or revived from death within four years. A similar state of things is taking place in the Southern area. Add to this the really astonishing revival of the Sidmouth Club, to which Joan Vincent has contributed so much. This writer can witness to the success here, as he had the pleasure of being with nearly thirty new players as they listened to one of the series of instructions from the C.A.'s propaganda film, asked questions, and then went out on the court to try to put it — or some of it — into practice. To add to all this the membership of the C.A. has increased since last year, as our devoted Secretary can — and does — testify.

With the Test series only eighteen months away we can be proud of our past, zealous in the present, and very hopeful for the future.

M.B.R.

### Obituaries

#### Mrs V.C.Gasson

The death of Mrs Gasson occurred on October 8th. "V.C.", as she was affectionately called by the Croquet World, took on the Secretaryship of the C.A. in 1960, after the death of Mrs Apps. She had little knowledge of the workings of the C.A., since she had not even been a Councillor, but she set to to gather up the threads and to work out her method of organising the office. During her period of 10 years as Secretary the C.A. grew enormously, and V.C. was especially good (and popular with) all overseas visitors. The happiest period during this time was under the Chairmanship of Jack Rivington, who was always so kind and helpful, and they were great friends.

In 1970 she had a series of small strokes and was no longer able to carry on, or to live by herself. She went to live with her elder daughter Babette Oddie at Shipton Oliffe near Cheltenham, where she remained until her death. I saw her in June, and was saddened by the deterioration that had occurred. She had been a friend of mine for many years. Her little dog Ting Hai, to whom she was so devoted, is remaining with Miss Oddie, who tells me she is well and happy, which would have delighted V.C.

I think few people realized the debt of gratitude the C.A. owes to V.C., who took over a difficult job at a difficult time.

H.R.

As one who worked with V.C. on the affairs of the Croquet Association for over three years I would like to put on record my appreciation of what she managed to achieve in the face of difficulties. Very much aware, she was, of the need to manage the "housekeeping" of the C.A. carefully and frugally, and at all times C.A. Treasurers received complete support from her in this. Equally it should be remembered that she had to carry out her tasks without having had the benefit of any training whatsoever in secretarial matters. In spite of this handicap few Associates — or, indeed, members of Council — can have realised how much was done quietly and unobtrusively by her and her help-mate, Mrs Showan to those of us who have been engaged in the induction of her successor it came as something of a revelation. The Association was well served by V.C. and I believe it may truly be said that she repaid generously the pleasure she had derived from playing croquet.

A.J.O.

### All-England Handicap 1972

The final phase of this competition was held on September 23-24 at Roehampton, where four lawns had been made available to the C.A. Eight Clubs had representatives who reached this stage after winning their respective Area Finals.

In previous years these finals had been played on a knock-out system, but this year it was decided to play it as an American Tournament with two blocks, so that each player would have at least three games; the winners of each block were then to play off. Playing in Block A were the following: P.J.M.Fidler (-3½) of Roehampton, R.A. MacLean (1½) of Glenochil, A.B.Hope (3) of Cheltenham and Mrs B.G.Neal (5) of Hurlingham. Playing in Block B were the following: G.N.Aspinall (-5) of Caversham, K.A. Ross (-2) of Edgbaston, Col. E.L.L.Vulliamy (1½) of Reigate and Mrs J.Neville Rolfe of Hunstanton.

Block A was won by MacLean with 2 wins and 68 points; A.B.Hope was second with 2 wins and 65 points. Block B was comfortably won by Aspinall who won all his three games.

The play-off between Aspinall and MacLean was quite exciting, and, had it not been for a "brain storm" on MacLean's part when he was going quite serenely round with his second ball, the result might have been different. MacLean roqueted one of his opponent's balls a second time and had to take a bisque to get out of trouble. This seemed to shake his confidence and it was not until some hoops later that he managed, with the aid of a bisque or two, to settle down again. He had to take his last bisque to complete the running of the Rover hoop. His leave after this was not as good as it might have been against anyone of Aspinall's shooting ability. Aspinall hit the vital shot and went out with a double peel, winning by 7 points.

### Notes from the Clubs

#### Bristol

The 76th season of the Bristol Club ended with the annual prize giving. Laurence Latham, our youngest member, won the West of England Rose Bowl for the Open Singles, and Mrs Scott won the Handicap Singles, the runner-up being Lady Porter, a promising new member. Mrs Kitchen won the high bisque event. Colin Snowden, also a promising new player, won the golf croquet event. We celebrated the 75th anniversary of the club with a gymkhana and golf croquet competition, and with a sherry party at which the health of the club for the next 25 years was drunk. It was a successful season.

## Laws Decision

In the 1972 Open Championships (See 'The Croquet Gazette' number 122) John Solomon won a doubles match when he was playing single-handed without his partner, who was absent. He started both the games of doubles which he played in this way by placing his partner's ball on the baulk line and deeming it to have been played; thereafter he peeled it through all twelve hoops and pegged both balls out.

At their meeting on 21 October 1972 the Council discussed the legality and ethics of this incident. The Chairman of the Laws Committee explained that a decision had already been given by Mr Baillieu, while he was Chairman of the Laws Committee, in 'The Croquet Gazette' number 107 of September 1969, that a player can place his absent partner's ball on a baulk line and deem it to have been played under Law 31 (b). This he is entitled to do under Law 41, which states that in doubles the word striker includes the partner of the striker. Under Rule XV of the C.A. Rules this decision (which was in fact arrived at with the agreement of two former Chairmen of the Laws Committee) was "final until subsequently modified by the Council". No such modification had been made.

It was further pointed out that, although Law 40 states that doubles are played between two sides each consisting of two players, there is no proviso that the partner must take any active part in the game.

The Council therefore decided that the occurrence was perfectly legal, and then proceeded to discuss whether any alterations in the Laws were desirable to prevent it happening again.

It was agreed that it was inconceivable that any player would deliberately handicap himself by playing in a doubles match without a partner, and that there was no possibility of its becoming an abuse. The Council therefore decided by a majority of 12 votes to 4 that no alteration to the Laws or to the current interpretation was necessary or advisable.

It should be appreciated that the above incident occurred in an Open Doubles, where there is no restriction on peeling. In a Handicap Doubles a player is restricted by Law 43 (b) to peeling his partner through no more than 4 hoops (or 3 hoops in a game started at the third hoop under Law 57 (b)).

D.M.C.Prichard  
Chairman, Laws Committee.

## Inter-Club Championship 1972

The final was played at Southwick on Sunday 1st October between the might of Hurlingham and the small and comparatively newly formed Caversham. Hurlingham had beaten Woking, Colchester and then the Heley Club to reach the final, whilst Caversham with a bye in the first round had beaten Roehampton (last year's winners) and Southwick.

Lloyd-Pratt (Hurlingham) quickly disposed of Rothwell; Solomon beat Aspinall by the narrowest of margins in an exciting pegged-out game; Godby lost to Betts, and the second game between Neal and Soutter was unfinished at lunch, at which point Hurlingham led 2-1. After lunch Solomon and Godby quickly disposed of Aspinall and Rothwell, and a long while later Neal and Lloyd-Pratt beat Soutter and Betts to give Hurlingham a merited victory by 4 to 1 with 1 game unfinished.

Miss Lintern presented the magnificent salver to John Solomon, Hurlingham's captain, and suitably thanked the Southwick Club for their kindness in staging the match at short notice.

## Report on the Development Scheme 1972

In general we could say that the mixture was as before, with coaching, demonstrations, new clubs formed and other clubs helped, but there have been certain added ingredients which brought extra spice and body to the recipe.

With the arrival of the eight copies of the filmstrip and commentary so generously given to the C.A. by Rothmans, it was felt that the aim should be for every club to have at least two coaches who also know how to run the filmstrips and make best use of them. Weekend courses for club representatives were centred at Bowdon, Budleigh Salterton, Colchester and Southwick, and now 30 out of the 68 clubs in England and Wales have coaches who have been to these courses. Four of these coaches have already used the filmstrips to help their work. Where clubs have not yet taken advantage of this scheme we would be pleased if Secretaries would consider putting forward the names of those who would be suitable and willing to coach. Prospective coaches should be playing to a handicap of 10 or preferably much less. One course is already planned at Hurlingham for March 17-18; others can be arranged according to demand. The courses are free, and travelling expenses will be met.

The coaching courses have triggered off all sorts of undertakings. Sidmouth ran a course for beginners with sketches and diagrams they had made, based on the script for the filmstrips; these illustrated the talk with which each session began. With 5 new members thus recruited, their membership is now up to 39. Tunbridge Wells, who were among the first to ask for the filmstrips, have made their own recordings. Southwick, who have been really busy this year, are going to show the filmstrips later in the winter, and are inviting neighbouring clubs to come along; they are also thinking of showing them to Sussex University and to nearby schools. This enthusiasm and effort is most encouraging, and it is fortunate that there are so many copies of the filmstrips. Many clubs want them just before next season starts, so we are grateful to those who have decided to run their show earlier in the winter.

There has been a good crop of new clubs. Some, like Hastings and University College Cardiff, have been playing for a year or more, and have now registered with the C.A. Ferranti Ltd. at Bracknell have started a croquet section and have registered. At Ealing a new club was started where there was an unused bowling green. This venture was pure speculation. We didn't know if there was anyone who wanted to play there. With the very willing co-operation of the Parks Department a demonstration was given to quite a small audience, but sufficient people expressed interest to make it worthwhile to form a club. They now have a membership of over 20, mostly young people in their twenties, and there are as many women as men! Young players will also now be found at Imperial College London, where a club has been formed by staff, post-graduates and undergraduates. Their lawn, which is in constant use during the lunch hour and in the evenings, is to be treated and improved this winter. B.E.A. at Ruislip have made use of the Development Scheme too. They have had coaching, hired hoops and registered as a club. They have a membership of nearly 50, with a hard core of about a dozen enthusiasts. A club has also been started at Trawscoed, near Aberystwyth, and they too have registered; some of the members came to Bisham Abbey, and went away determined to find other courts, as those they have are not full-size.

Bisham Abbey had its first croquet weekend last May, and 11 people had coaching there. This caused considerable interest from others there on their own courses, especially from a group of burly rugby players who borrowed the mallets and played whenever the courts were free. The

course must have been a success, since two people want to come again. There will be two weekends at Bisham Abbey in May 1973: 12th-13th and 26th-27th.

An innovation this year has been the formation of the unofficial West Midlands Clubs' Committee, with representatives from the seven clubs in the area meeting together to discuss the clubs' and members' needs, and to organise mutual aid, publicity and greater inter-club activity. In connection with this it was pleasing to note the great success of Edgbaston's first Tournament for Beginners. A similar Clubs' Committee is beginning to find its feet in the Manchester area. The five North-Western Clubs have faced the problems of coaching, handicapping, membership, publicity and tournament play and have made great progress in solving these problems. Thanks for this, as for all Development Scheme projects, must go both to the tireless band of C.A. members who generously give their spare time and travel anywhere to use their talents for the general good of croquet, and also to local members.

It is worth picking out some of the things that have happened in the Midlands and North in 1972:

Like a demonstration in Cannon Hill Park (as part of Birmingham's International Spring Festival), nearly a complete washout for croquet as for other attractions, which was rescued by John Solomon and Nigel Aspinall fighting against driving rain to produce two games of immaculate croquet watched, and even enjoyed, by shivering spectators from the Midlands clubs . . .

Like a group of ten people whom Anthony Davies expected to coach as a result of a demonstration held in similar conditions. The ten turned dramatically into 26, who are now the new Coventry Croquet Club . . .

Like Wolverhampton, 8 of whose 30 members are aged between 12 and 15, who are playing at last on the new court laid down for them by the local council . . .

Like Bretby which has grown a second lawn . . .

Like Leamington — with a new lease of life and 12 members and planning its first club tournament for many years . . .

Like Norton Hall (a section of I.C.I.'s Management Social Club) which plays on a small beautifully set court at Stockton on Tees and which burst onto the Development Scheme horizon by helping to modify and guide Newcastle-upon-Tyne City Council's go-it-alone policy for introducing croquet into its parks . . .

Like the weekend in Manchester when Bernard Neal and John Solomon gave a demonstration to a hundred spectators at Bowdon on the Saturday afternoon and spent the rest of the weekend coaching members of Ellesmere . . .

Like Stourbridge, which with 14 new recruits has not only achieved the enviable position of having full membership, but has also been awarded a grant of £70 towards the expense of building a small pavilion . . .

Like Radbroke Hall, which, though itself in a state of flux, staged a tournament for the enjoyment of Northern players and also helped with coaching and demonstrations in other clubs . . .

And like Wrest Park's four resident players who have contributed to the C.A.'s fixture list by organising two weekend tournaments (a full week's tournament is also planned for 1973. See the fixture list). These four are responsible for all the maintenance of six courts, and have made all the equipment except balls. A residential referee's training course is being held there in December, and others are to be planned for next year if the response is favourable.

We would like to have your comments, criticisms, suggestions and ideas so that we can get a general picture of what you need, and so make the best use of the Development Scheme.

## Roehampton: September 11 — 16

The weather was unpleasantly cold, but except on the Wednesday it was reasonably dry. Owing to the experienced management of Miss Lintern the events were all completed without undue stress. The Ranelagh Gold Cup for the Open Singles was won by G.E.P. Jackson, the 1970 winner. Jackson and Hamilton-Miller played each other in the finals of both halves; since each won one final, a play-off was necessary. This proved to be the closest of the three games, Jackson winning by 11 points. A promising newcomer was Mr E.W. Solomon from the Harrow Oak Club; he is not related to John Solomon. He entered only for the handicap events with a handicap of 6, but he had only played one round of the Big Handicap before he was brought down to 4½ for the other events. He won the Big Handicap, beating S.S. Townsend in the semi-final by 22 and J.B. Gilbert in the final by 25. This was not all, for he also won the B class event and the Handicap Doubles with G.B. Martin who also comes from Harrow Oak. It was nice to see that all the Y semi-finalists were Roehampton members; the event was won by J.L. Sanders.

## Results

## Event 1: Open Singles (9 Entries)

## DRAW

First Round			
D.C. Caporn	bt. M.G. Pearson		+22
Second Round			
Mrs G.W. Solomon	bt. S.S. Townsend		+ 4
D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller	bt. D.C. Caporn		+ 8
J.B. Gilbert	w.o.		opp. scr.
G.E.P. Jackson	bt. Mrs E.M. Lightfoot		+14

Semi-Final			
D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller	bt. Mrs G.W. Solomon		+16
G.E.P. Jackson	bt. J.B. Gilbert		+23

Final			
D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller	bt. G.E.P. Jackson		+24

## PROCESS

First Round			
Mrs E.M. Lightfoot	bt. S.S. Townsend		+13

Second Round			
D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller	bt. J.B. Gilbert		+ 5
M.G. Pearson	bt. Mrs E.M. Lightfoot		+ 1
G.E.P. Jackson	bt. D.C. Caporn		+17
Mrs G.W. Solomon	w.o.		opp. scr.

Semi-Final			
D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller	bt. M.G. Pearson		+26
G.E.P. Jackson	bt. Mrs G.W. Solomon		+17

Final			
G.E.P. Jackson	bt. D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller		+14

PLAY-OFF			
G.E.P. Jackson	bt. D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller		+11

## Event 2a: 'B' Handicap Singles (X) (10 Entries)

First Round			
Miss S.F. Hay (5)	w.o. Mrs E.E. Bressey (4)		opp. scr.
J.L. Sanders (5)	bt. Mrs H. Wills (6)		+10

## Second Round

E.W.Solomon (4½)	bt. Mrs B.G.Neal (5½)	+22
Mrs S.M.Adler (5)	bt. Miss S.F.Hay (5)	+10
J.L.Sanders (5)	bt. Mrs J.F.Hay (6)	+12
Mrs B.G.Weitz (5)	bt. Mrs M.J.Beattie (4½)	+16

## Semi-Final

E.W.Solomon (4½)	bt. Mrs S.M.Adler (5)	+20
Mrs B.G.Weitz (5)	bt. J.L.Sanders (5)	+ 9

## Final

E.W.Solomon (4½)	bt. Mrs B.G.Weitz (5)	+ 3
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## Event 2b: 'B' Handicap Singles (Y) (4 Entries)

## Final

Mrs B.G.Neal (5½)	bt. Mrs H.Wills (6)	+ 7
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## Event 3: 'C' Handicap Singles (4 Entries)

This was played as an American

Winner: Miss D.Leach, who beat M.B.Reckitt +24, Mrs C. Sebestyen +4 and lost to G.B.Martin -2.

Second: G.B.Martin, who beat M.B.Reckitt +9, Miss D. Leach +2 and lost to Mrs C.Sebestyen -13.

## Event 4a: 'X' Open Handicap Singles (20 Entries)

## First Round

Mrs G.W.Solomon (2)	bt. Mrs M.J.Beattie (4½)	+ 1
G.E.P.Jackson (-3)	bt. Mrs B.G.Weitz (5)	+14
S.S.Townsend (-1½)	bt. J.L.Sanders (5)	+ 9
M.G.Pearson (5½)	bt. Mrs S.M.Adler (5)	+11

## Second Round

J.B.Gilbert (-1½)	bt. Mrs J.F.Hay (6)	+17
Mrs B.G.Neal (5)	bt. Miss S.F.Hay (5)	+10 (T)
M.B.Reckitt (8)	w.o.	opp. scr.
G.E.P.Jackson (-3)	bt. Mrs G.W.Solomon (2)	+ 3
S.S.Townsend (-1½)	bt. M.G.Pearson (5½)	+ 5
D.C.Caporn (½)	bt. Mrs E.M.Lightfoot (0)	+20
G.B.Martin (8)	bt. Mrs E.E.Bressey (4)	+ 4
E.W.Solomon (6)	bt. Mrs H.Wills (6)	+23

## Third Round

J.B.Gilbert (-1½)	bt. Mrs B.G.Neal (5½)	+10
G.E.P.Jackson (-3)	w.o. M.B.Reckitt (8)	opp. scr.
S.S.Townsend (-1½)	bt. D.C.Caporn (½)	+ 3
E.W.Solomon (6)	bt. G.B.Martin (8)	+ 3

## Semi-Final

J.B.Gilbert (-1½)	bt. G.E.P.Jackson (-3)	+26
E.W.Solomon (6)	bt. S.S.Townsend (-1½)	+22

## Final

E.W.Solomon (6)	bt. J.B.Gilbert (-1½)	+25
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## Event 4b: 'Y' Open Handicap Singles (9 Entries)

## Final

J.L.Sanders (5)	bt. Mrs S.M.Adler (5)	+ 7
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## Event 5: Handicap Doubles (8 Pairs)

## First Round

E.W.Solomon & G.B.Martin (12½)	w.o. D.C.Caporn & Mrs D.F.Caporn (9½)	opp. scr.
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D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller & Mrs B.G.Neal (3)	bt. Mrs E.M. Lightfoot & Mrs C.Sebestyen (10)	+ 2
J.B.Gilbert & Miss D.Leach (10½)	bt. Mrs G.W.Solomon & Mrs B.G.Weitz (7)	+15
J.L.Sanders & M.G.Pearson (10½)	bt. G.E.P.Jackson & Mrs H.Wills (3)	+18

## Semi-Final

E.W.Solomon & Martin	bt. Hamilton-Miller & Mrs Neal	+ 2
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Gilbert & Miss Leach	bt. Sanders & Pearson	+18
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## Final

E.W.Solomon & Martin	bt. Gilbert & Miss Leach	+ 9
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## The Longman Cup 1972

The 1972 Longman Cup Competition came to a successful conclusion on the Cheltenham Club lawns when Harrow Oak beat Radbroke Hall in a splendidly fought contest by three games to two. Harrow Oak won the two Doubles in the morning, though Keen and Risebrow for Radbroke Hall, conceding 2½ bisques, made a great fight. The Harrow Oak pair with all their bisques gone reached Peg and Rover, when Risebrow had an eight hoop break to the peg and pegged out A.Martin; Keen was on 2 at the time. Openshaw subsequently made Rover, but could not peg out in the same turn, and Keen reached Rover before Openshaw managed to hit the peg.

Radbroke Hall fought back in the afternoon singles, with Risebrow beating Ruddick and Bell beating G.Martin, but the match was clinched by Harrow Oak with a good win by Openshaw over Slater. The Bell-Martin game was another interesting one: Martin pegged out Bell's yellow ball when red was for Rover and his own blue was for 5; he only made two more hoops before Bell hit in and went out.

## Results

## Semi-Final

Radbroke Hall beat Colchester by three games to two

## Final (Harrow Oak names first)

G.Martin & J.Ruddick (16)	bt. B.Slater & E.Bell (11)	+11
A.Martin & D.Openshaw (13)	bt. B.Keen & C.Risebrow (8½)	+ 3
D.Openshaw (6)	bt. B.Slater (5½)	+14
G.Martin (7)	lost to E.Bell (6)	- 8
J.Ruddick (9)	lost to C.Risebrow (7)	- 9

Harrow Oak beat Radbroke Hall by three games to two.

## Weekend Tournaments

## Cheltenham V: October 13 - 16

## BLOCK WINNERS:

A. Miss I.M.Roe (2)	3 games and 58 points
B. Mrs J.Povey (3)	4 games and 58 points
C. M.J.Evans (1½)	5 games
D. J.H.J.Soutter (-1)	5 games
E. G.Birch (-½)	5 games
F. G.E.P.Jackson (-3)	4 games

## Ryde: September 22 - 24

## BLOCK WINNERS:

A. J.H.J.Soutter (-1)	5 games
B. Mrs E.E.Bressey (4)	4 games
C. B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3)	5 games
D. G.Birch (-½)	5 games

## Parkstone: September 11 - 16

After so many weeks of burnt brown lawns it was most refreshing to find really green lawns for this tournament. This is an intimate tournament which everyone enjoys. There was a good number of visitors including, as usual, a contingent from Budleigh Salterton. In the absence of Mrs Chittenden, who was indisposed, the tournament was ably managed by Messrs. Newton and Whittington. Apart from one afternoon of rain, the weather was reasonable, even though there was a cold North wind most of the week.

The main features of the week were the beautifully artistic play of Bryan Lloyd-Pratt, and the emergence of a budding star, John Haynes. Haynes is a student who has learned his croquet on the family lawn. Having been a member of the Parkstone club for only a month, and playing in his first tournament, he started on the Monday in the Big Handicap at a handicap of 6\*. After his devastating play that day, he was hastily brought down to 4\* for the Doubles, but there was no holding him. He beat Bryan Lloyd-Pratt +26, and in so doing never missed a roquet, ran most of his hoops obliquely and took the 6 bisques he did take most shrewdly. Later in the week he seemed to tire a little, which was not surprising considering that he had a 45 mile drive from Yeovil each morning and back at night. He won the Doubles with Ian Baillieu, he won the Big Handicap, and he only lost the 'B' final by 1. In this last game he pegged out his partner ball on a split shot, but missed the roquet on one of his opponent's balls. At this stage his opponent, Mrs Digby, was on Rover and 2-Back; playing magnificently, she was able to run round on a two-ball break, including the Rover peel of her partner ball, and then peg out. At the end of the week Haynes was reduced to 3, but if he is able to play at all regularly, he should be right at the top in a year or two's time.

Bryan Lloyd-Pratt, fresh from a week's high level play in the Chairman's Salver, was really in form and a delight to watch. He just quietly demolished his opponents until he came to the final of the Process, where he met William Ormerod (who had withdrawn from the Draw). William, who had stopped at 3-Back with his first ball, started a quadruple peel with his second after Bryan had missed the lift shot. William failed the Rover peel, ran the Rover and then missed the return roquet; Bryan hit the lift and went as far as 4-Back; William missed the lift, but Bryan came to grief at Penult, and William, with all the balls in court, went out to win by 5. Bryan won the Draw, and so had to play William again in the play-off. This was a very one-sided game, for a few missed shots on William's part enabled Bryan to win by 26 with a triple peel to round off a splendid week's performance.

Mrs Duveen continued her steady improvement and won the 'C' event. Miss Creed Meredith continues to astonish lesser mortals by her ability and energy, which advancing years do not seem to diminish. The Budleigh contingent did not shine as they had hoped, but Lt-Col Dan Laverty, after an indifferent start to the week, finished up by winning the 'Y', much to his own and everyone else's delight.

## Results

## Event 1: Open Singles (10 Entries)

## DRAW

## First Round

Dr W.R.Bucknall	w.o. Dr W.P.Ormerod	opp. scr.
Lt-Col T.F.Laverty	bt. Mrs G.H.Wood	+ 1

## Second Round

Mrs N.A.C.McMillan	bt. I.C.Baillieu	+11
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Dr W.R.Bucknall	bt. R.O.B.Whittington	+ 1
P.Newton	bt. Lt-Col T.F.Laverty	+11
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. Sir Leonard Daldry	+21

## Semi-Final

Dr W.R.Bucknall	bt. Mrs N.A.C.McMillan	+11
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. P.Newton	+15

## Final

B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. Dr. W.R.Bucknall	+26
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## PROCESS

## First Round

Sir Leonard Daldry	bt. Mrs N.A.C.McMillan	+16
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. I.C.Baillieu	+17

## Second Round

Dr W.P.Ormerod	bt. Sir Leonard Daldry	+19
R.O.B.Whittington	bt. Mrs G.H.Wood	+ 6
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. Lt-Col T.F.Laverty	+16
P.Newton	bt. Dr W.R.Bucknall	+12

## Semi-Final

Dr W.P.Ormerod	bt. R.O.B.Whittington	+ 6
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. P.Newton	+20

## Final

Dr W.P.Ormerod	bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt	+ 5
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## PLAY-OFF

B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. Dr W.P.Ormerod	+26
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## Event 2: 'B' Level Singles (12 Entries)

## First Round

Dr C.A.Parker	bt. G.S.Digby	+ 2
C.Edwards	bt. Mrs P.Newton	+13
Mrs G.S.Digby	bt. Miss M.D.McMordie	+11
L.S.Butler	bt. F.F.W.Staddon	+ 5

## Second Round

J.W.Haynes	bt. Mrs C.E.Devitt	+18
C.Edwards	bt. Dr C.A.Parker	+14
Mrs G.S.Digby	bt. L.S.Butler	+12
Maj. F.Hill-Bernard	bt. Miss W.E.Creed	+ 6
	Meredith	

## Semi-Final

J.W.Haynes	bt. C.Edwards	+ 6
Mrs G.S.Digby	bt. Maj. F.Hill-Bernard	+25

## Final

Mrs G.S.Digby	bt. J.W.Haynes	+ 1
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## Event 3: 'C' Handicap Singles (5 Entries)

## First Round

Mrs I.N.Duveen (11)	bt. R.H.C.Carder (7)	+19
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## Semi-Final

Mrs I.N.Duveen (11)	bt. Mrs L.A.Davies (12)	+ 8 (T)
J.H.T.Griffiths (9)	bt. Miss M.M.Fickling (13)	+10

## Final

Mrs I.N.Duveen (11)	bt. J.H.T.Griffiths (9)	+19
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## Event 4a: 'X' Handicap Singles (26 Entries)

First Round		
C.Edwards (3)	bt. R.O.B.Whittington (-2)	+12
Miss W.E.Creed Meredith (6)	bt. Mrs L.A.Davies (12)	+19
R.H.C.Carder (7)	bt. Lt-Col T.F.Laverty (1/2)	+18
Miss M.D.McMordie (3 1/2)	bt. F.F.W.Staddon (4 1/2)	+12
Dr W.R.Bucknall (-1/2)	bt. Mrs G.H.Wood (2)	+ 4
Dr C.A.Parker (5 1/2)	bt. Mrs G.S.Digby (3)	+ 4
G.S.Digby (5 1/2)	bt. J.H.T.Griffiths (9)	+ 4
J.W.Haynes (6*)	bt. P.Newton (-2 1/2)	+14
Mrs I.N.Duveen (11)	bt. Miss M.M.Fickling (13)	+23
L.S.Butler (4)	bt. Sir Leonard Daldry (-1 1/2)	+22

Second Round		
Mrs P.Newton (6)	bt. Mrs N.A.C.McMillan (1/2)	+15
C.Edwards (3)	bt. Mrs C.E.Devitt (6)	+ 8
R.H.C.Carder (7)	bt. Miss W.E.Creed Meredith (6)	+ 7
Miss M.D.McMordie (3 1/2)	bt. Dr W.R.Bucknall (-1/2)	+ 1
G.S.Digby (5 1/2)	bt. Dr C.A.Parker (5 1/2)	+ 8
J.W.Haynes (6*)	bt. Mrs I.N.Duveen (11)	+19
B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3)	bt. L.S.Butler (4)	+ 9
I.C.Baillieu (1)	bt. Major F.Hill-Bernhard (5 1/2)	+11

Third Round		
C.Edwards (3)	bt. Mrs P.Newton (6)	+23
Miss M.D.McMordie (3 1/2)	bt. R.H.C.Carder (7)	+16
J.W.Haynes (6*)	bt. G.S.Digby (5 1/2)	+12
B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3)	bt. I.C.Baillieu (1)	+ 7

Semi-Final		
Miss M.D.McMordie (3 1/2)	bt. C.Edwards (3)	+ 7
J.W.Haynes (6*)	bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3)	+26

Final		
J.W.Haynes (6*)	bt. Miss M.D.McMordie (3 1/2)	+11

## Event 4b: 'Y' Handicap Singles (13 Entries)

Final		
Lt-Col T.F.Laverty (1/2)	w.o. P.Newton (-2 1/2)	opp.scr.

## Event 5: Handicap Doubles (13 Pairs)

First Round		
I.C.Baillieu & J.W.Haynes (5)	bt. Dr W.R.Bucknall & C.Edwards (2 1/2)	+14
Mr & Mrs G.S.Digby (8 1/2)	bt. Sir Leonard Daldry & Miss M.D.McMordie (2)	+ 2
B.Lloyd-Pratt & Miss W.E.Creed Meredith (3)	bt. Mrs N.A.C.McMillan & Dr C.A.Parker (6)	+ 4
Mrs C.E.Devitt & J.H.T.Griffiths (15)	bt. Lt-Col T.F.Laverty & Mrs L.A.Davies (12 1/2)	+ 4 (T)
Mrs G.H.Wood & F.F.W.Staddon (6 1/2)	bt. Mr & Mrs P.Newton (3 1/2)	+12

Second Round		
Baillieu & Haynes bt. Major F.Hill-Bernhard & Miss M.M.Fickling (18 1/2)		+ 9 (T)
Lloyd-Pratt & Miss Creed Meredith bt. Mr & Mrs Digby		+ 2
Mrs Wood & Staddon bt. Mrs Devitt & Griffiths		+ 9
L.S.Butler & R.H.C.Carder (11) bt. R.O.B.Whittington & Mrs I.N.Duveen (8)		+13

Semi-Final		
Baillieu & Haynes bt. Lloyd-Pratt & Miss Creed Meredith		+ 6
Mrs Wood & Staddon bt. Butler & Carder		+ 2 (T)

Final		
Baillieu & Haynes bt. Mrs Wood & Staddon		+17

## The Veterans' Championship, played at Southwick, September 18 - 23

Into the lists limped the veterans of three score and ten, plus or minus in years as in handicaps - and not all the handicaps croquet ones. But though the N.E. blew cold, were they dismayed? Not on your two lives! The elements were bravely faced with British phlegm and flannels, though soon, as the former became more obvious, the latter disappeared under a profusion of rain-repelling garments.

On Tuesday, still swingin' in the rain, the mallets cut and thrust till the first round of the Doubles was rounded off by an excellent lunch in the clubroom. The rest of the tournament from Wednesday onwards was favoured by an Indian summer.

There is nothing outstanding to report as regards the play. In Event 2 Professor Ross was compelled to leave in the middle of a game for a visit to the dentist. Meanwhile some person or persons unknown moved the balls and clips. However, these were eventually restored on his return, when he was able to get his teeth into things and soon extracted Lady Ursula's bisques and went on to win the event. A semi-final in Event 3 between Mrs Longman and Betts finished at 7.45 p.m. in such Cimmerian darkness that a handkerchief had to be held behind the target ball!

The Finals produced no fireworks. The Doubles, often an entertainment to the sadistic spectator, were played in low key: the long and the short of it was that Borrett and Austin, who in the morning had romped through the semi-final, proceeded to win the final in the afternoon. In the final of the Opens Borrett accidentally pegged out his forward ball, but the very next turn he hit in at 20 yards and went out.

Finally, a few happy memories: Kitty Sessions, though eventually dethroned, coming up from behind to win games; the professor ever and anon loping out of his corner like a long-legged spider to snatch a bite; Tiny Drake, unlike his famous predecessor of that ilk, sailing round not in sail but in steam, belching forth a smoke screen from his stack; Paynter endeavouring to recapture the skills of a croquet youth mis-spent in many a continent and clime; Manager Borrett striding with watchful eye round the lawns like a genial giant in cut down seven-league boots; Austin getting long hit-ins with the aid of a left leg kick-back like a nervous horse; lastly a happy, enjoyable tournament on good lawns in friendly Southwick surroundings.

## Results

## Event 1: Open Singles (9 Entries)

DRAW		
First Round		
Cdr G.Borrett	bt. P.Newton	+21
Second Round		
Mrs A.Fotiadi	bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey	+10
Cdr G.Borrett	bt. R.O.B.Whittington	+ 4
Miss K.M.O.Sessions	bt. Mrs W.Longman	+ 5
E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	bt. W.H.Austin	+15

Semi-Final		
Cdr G.Borrett	bt. Mrs A.Fotiadi	+23
Miss K.M.O.Sessions	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	+ 9

Final		
Cdr G.Borrett	bt. Miss K.M.O.Sessions	+26

## PROCESS

First Round		
Mrs A.Fotiadi	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	+12

Second Round		
Cdr G.Borrett	bt. Mrs A.Fotiadi	+14
R.O.B.Whittington	bt. Miss K.M.O.Sessions	+ 3
Mrs W.Longman	bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey	+21
P.Newton	bt. W.H.Austin	+12

Semi-Final		
R.O.B.Whittington	bt. Cdr G.Borrett	+13
P.Newton	bt. Mrs W.Longman	+17

Final		
P.Newton	bt. R.O.B.Whittington	+10

PLAY-OFF		
Cdr G.Borrett	bt. P.Newton	+ 9

## Event 2: 'B' Handicap Singles (16 Entries)

DRAW		
First Round		
Lady Ursula Abbey (3)	bt. Mrs P.Newton (6)	+ 5
Prof. B.R.Sandiford (2 1/2)	bt. Sir Leonard Stone (13)	+ 5 (T)
Miss M.G.Anderson (6)	bt. Miss J.K.Samuel (7)	+ 8
Prof. A.S.C.Ross (1 1/2)	bt. Miss H.D.Parker (3 1/2)	+10
G.H.Betts (2)	bt. W.J.Baverstock (1 1/2)	+17
F.F.W.Staddon (4 1/2)	bt. W.B.C.Paynter (3)	+10
C.G.Mayo (4)	bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden (1/2)	+21
Mrs A.S.C.Ross (4)	bt. Mrs N.Wallwork (5)	+13

Second Round		
Lady Ursula Abbey (3)	bt. Prof. B.R.Sandiford (2 1/2)	+16
Prof. A.S.C.Ross (1 1/2)	bt. Miss M.G.Anderson (6)	+ 7
G.H.Betts (2)	bt. F.F.W.Staddon (4 1/2)	+ 9
Mrs A.S.C.Ross (4)	bt. C.G.Mayo (4)	+20

Semi-Final		
Prof. A.S.C.Ross (1 1/2)	bt. Lady Ursula Abbey (3)	+ 6
G.H.Betts (2)	bt. Mrs A.S.C.Ross (4)	+12

Final		
Prof. A.S.C.Ross (1 1/2)	bt. G.H.Betts (2)	+13

## PROCESS

First Round		
G.H.Betts (2)	bt. Mrs P.Newton (6)	+13
Miss M.G.Anderson (6)	bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden (1/2)	+16
W.B.C.Paynter (3)	bt. Prof. B.R.Sandiford (2 1/2)	+11
Prof. A.S.C.Ross (1 1/2)	bt. Mrs N.Wallwork (5)	+21
W.J.Baverstock (1 1/2)	bt. Lady Ursula Abbey (3)	+19
C.G.Mayo (4)	bt. Miss J.K.Samuel (7)	+19
F.F.W.Staddon (4 1/2)	bt. Sir Leonard Stone (13)	+ 6
Mrs A.S.C.Ross (4)	bt. Miss H.D.Parker (3 1/2)	+17

Second Round		
Miss M.G.Anderson (6)	bt. G.H.Betts (2)	+ 8

Prof. A.S.C.Ross (1 1/2)	bt. W.B.C.Paynter (3)	+11
W.J.Baverstock (1 1/2)	bt. C.G.Mayo (4)	+12
F.F.W.Staddon (4 1/2)	bt. Mrs A.S.C.Ross (4)	+14

Semi-Final		
Prof. A.S.C.Ross (1 1/2)	bt. Miss M.G.Anderson (6)	+ 3
W.J.Baverstock (1 1/2)	bt. F.F.W.Staddon (4 1/2)	+ 9

Final		
Prof. A.S.C.Ross (1 1/2)	bt. W.J.Baverstock (1 1/2)	+11

## PLAY-OFF FOR SECOND PLACE

W.J.Baverstock (1 1/2)	bt. G.H.Betts (2)	+20
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## Event 3a: 'X' Handicap Singles (26 Entries)

First Round		
Miss M.G.Anderson (6)	bt. Lady Ursula Abbey (3)	+12
P.Newton (-2 1/2)	bt. Prof. B.R.Sandiford (2 1/2)	+22
H.A.Sheppard (0)	w.o. W.G.B.Scott (6)	opp. retd.
E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (-2 1/2)	bt. Mrs N.Wallwork (5)	+ 8
C.G.Mayo (4)	bt. Prof. A.S.C.Ross (1 1/2)	+16
Mrs A.Fotiadi (0)	bt. R.O.B.Whittington (-2)	+15
W.B.C.Paynter (3)	bt. Miss J.K.Samuel (7)	+ 7
W.J.Baverstock (1 1/2)	bt. Mrs P.Newton (6)	+11
Mrs W.Longman (-1)	bt. F.F.W.Staddon (4 1/2)	+ 5
Miss K.M.O.Sessions (-3)	bt. Sir Leonard Stone (13)	+ 6

Second Round		
Mrs H.F.Chittenden (1/2)	bt. W.H.Austin (0)	+17
Miss M.G.Anderson (6)	bt. Miss H.D.Parker (3 1/2)	+ 6
H.A.Sheppard (0)	bt. P.Newton (-2 1/2)	+16
E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (-2 1/2)	bt. C.G.Mayo (4)	+ 9
Mrs A.Fotiadi (0)	bt. W.B.C.Paynter (3)	+24
Mrs W.Longman (-1)	bt. W.J.Baverstock (1 1/2)	+ 6
Mrs A.S.C.Ross (4)	bt. Miss K.M.O.Sessions (-3)	+12
G.H.Betts (2)	bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (-1/2)	+23

Third Round		
Miss M.G.Anderson (6)	bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden (1/2)	+6
H.A.Sheppard (0)	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (-2 1/2)	+13
Mrs W.Longman (-1)	bt. Mrs A.Fotiadi (0)	+24
G.H.Betts (2)	bt. Mrs A.S.C.Ross (4)	+ 2

Semi-Final		
Miss M.G.Anderson (6)	bt. H.A.Sheppard (0)	+12
G.H.Betts (2)	bt. Mrs W.Longman (-1)	+ 4

Final		
G.H.Betts (2)	bt. Miss M.G.Anderson (6)	+17

## Event 3b: 'Y' Handicap Singles (13 Entries)

Final		
W.H.Austin (0)	w.o. R.O.B.Whittington (-2)	opp. retd.

## Event 3c: 'Z' Handicap Singles (13 Entries)

Final		
Mrs A.S.C.Ross (4) and W.J.Baverstock (1 1/2)	divided	

## Event 4: Handicap Doubles (12 Pairs)

First Round		
Mrs A.Fotiadi & Miss H.D.Parker (3 1/2)	bt. Prof. & Mrs A.S.C.Ross (3 1/2)	+12

F.F.W.Staddon & Mrs N.Wallwork (9½) bt. Miss K.M.O. Sessions & Sir Leonard Stone (9) + 8  
 C.G.Mayo & Miss J.K.Samuel (11) bt. Mrs P.Newton & Mrs W.A.Naylor (11) +20  
 W.J.Baverstock & D.Buckland (4½) bt. R.O.B.Whittington & P.Newton (-4½) + 9

#### Second Round

E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake & Mrs W.Longman (-3½) bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey & Mrs H.F.Chittenden (0) +13  
 Mrs Fotiadi & Miss Parker bt. Staddon & Mrs Wallwork +10

### Devonshire Park Tournament:

September 25 — October 7

In its wisdom the Council of the C.A. decided not to make this year's programme one week later, and because of this we had the best weather ever remembered at Devonshire Park. The groundsmen had had less time to prepare the lawns, but the regulars have learnt (or should have learnt) to expect a different standard of surface here. As soon as they remember to use rather than abuse the rough spots and the bare ones, the first shock fades. The lawns at Compton were available and welcoming and were much used in the first week, when 176 matches were played, but not so much in the second when there were 150.

Lloyd-Pratt skilfully manipulates his players and produces his programme with the élan of an impresario. He revelled in the dramas and human comedies that ensued; if a streak of sadism is an ingredient of good management, he is a good Manager.

The figure of Soutter in his black pullover and panama hat ambled through the first week like a younger Dr Chasuble. His play became almost excessively accurate as he remained unbeaten; he had to be scratched from the Process, and did well to complete 15 games in the time available (not only are the days short but the lunch hours are long). By winning the South of England Championship he earned his Silver Medal. He nearly won the X too after Vincent's bisques ran out with only the peg-out to do. Vincent, a hirsute fourth year Cambridge undergraduate, also played 15 matches; he hits his ball beautifully, an art in itself, and always goes out for a break. He made two all-round breaks (on one of the worst courts) to snatch a Level game against Mrs Povey. He lost the Luard Cup to R.S.Stevens who was wiser and more cautious and has learnt the game remarkably quickly, coming from 11 to 2½ in two seasons. The Devonshire Park Salver boiled down to a best of three matches between Colin Prichard and Col. Wheeler, the '67 and the '70 winner. The latter won the first with a brilliant end game; the second went to Colin with an attempted triple peel; in the play-off Colin's cut rushes and long hoops, the product of his huge swing, gave him the edge in a cut and thrust game. The four cup winners mentioned were all newcomers to Devonshire Park, but the oldest comer of all won the Y from 24 entries. That Maurice Reckitt at 84 with 8 bisques is still difficult to beat was proved by his inhabitation of the lawns this week.

The happiest feature was the strength of the Compton entry, many of them playing in their first outside tournament. They swelled the ranks of competitors for the Trevor Williams Cup from a miserable 2 in 1970 to a healthy 10, and H.N.D. Meyer, a tall slim figure reminiscent of Sherlock Holmes, proved the best of them. They also provided well-endowed partners for the low handicap players in the Doubles, which made for a most exciting event. Harris and Meyer (especially the latter!) hit in more consistently than the others, but even so beat Jackson and Mrs Millns in the final only by 2. The losers were a delightful partnership; Jackson had 16

Baverstock & Buckland bt. Mayo and Miss Samuel +17  
 Cdr G.Borrett & W.H.Austin (2½) bt. H.A.Sheppard & Prof. B.R.Sandiford (2½) +19

#### Semi-Final

Tyrwhitt Drake & Mrs Longman bt. Mrs Fotiadi & Miss Parker + 4 (T)  
 Cdr Borrett & Austin bt. Baverstock & Buckland + 6

#### Final

Cdr Borrett & Austin bt. Tyrwhitt Drake & Mrs Longman + 5 (T)

matches this week and did the only triple peel; he swoops round the courts like a long-haired bat.

Col. Cave took over the second week and, like a true descendant of Sir Walter Tyrrel, his arrows flew like hail: 'They speak to the wise but for the crowd they need interpreters'. Mrs Cave, much recovered, happily arrived. This week has long been a problem. The Felix Cup, played for the second time as Draw and Process, attracted the large entry of 21. Last year with 16 entries it was unfinished, and although Col. Cave pushed the 19 players (the Devitts sadly had to withdraw before play) and finished the event, there were many casualties. With the Restricted Handicap Doubles up to 14 pairs, the 21 Handicap players were always locked in battle with each other and seldom able to play the 24 Opens players waiting for them in the Big Handicap where both streams meet — or should meet.

Lloyd-Pratt (13 matches), Wood (11), Mrs Fotiadi (11), Jackson (7), Pountney (12), Lady FitzGerald (4) all had to scratch or be scratched, while Middleton (11 matches), one of the favourites, was scratched from the Felix Cup. Is the programme impossible to complete? To quote Middleton, a canny Aberdonian: 'it would appear so'.

Two innovations might help: (1) that the Felix Cup be restricted to +2½ and over, instead of +½ (of this year's entry three women and one man would have gone up to the Opens, while three men who played in the Opens could have opted for the Felix); (2) that the Two-life variation be authorized in the advertised conditions of the event (last year Mrs Cave and Mrs Povey were in both semi-finals, and this year Mrs Povey was again in both).

Pountney was a worthy winner of the Felix Cup, though luck played its part. Mrs Povey had beaten him in the Draw and was laid up to go out against him in the Process when a bad shot of his ricocheted off the peg to hit one of her balls. None of those scratched would have found it easy to beat Everest in the Big Handicap. Unlike his nameplace it was the lower slopes that were heavy going; he scaled the summit easily and never gave Lady Ursula a chance. His play improved as the fortnight progressed, becoming smoother and less patchy — like the lawns.

The Women's Opens would have benefitted from more players; the temporary absence of Miss Warwick, Mrs Meachem and Mrs Walker sadly depleted the entry. In their absence Mrs Prichard got to both finals, winning one from Miss Sessions; in the other final a faultless Mrs Fotiadi shot her way to an easy victory. In the play-off Mrs Prichard had one good turn, from the fourth hoop with a double peel, but ended it badly and did not deserve another. So the name of Fotiadi goes on the Franc Cup — surprisingly for the first time. Lloyd-Pratt was the leading man; freed from the cares of management he was in a class by himself. Roger Wood, who mapped the court like a celestial globe, was a good second and understudy; together they beat Jackson and Cooper in a disappointing Open Doubles final. The latter pair were like Cox and Box — never equating simultaneously.

The Jeffersons, two more from Compton, won three matches +6, +2 and +2 and only just failed to bring off the almost unheard-of feat of winning the Handicap Doubles off a handicap of 24. They used their bisques to make progress and took off superlatively well. The tactics of Mrs McMillan and the fact that Poutney is improving so rapidly and was always on the beam just carried them through, but they were made to struggle.

'Nice guys finish last', and as the familiar figures of Guy Warwick and Tiny Tyrwhitt Drake, playing the final of a sixteen-strong Consolation Event, faded in the evening light, we waved our last goodbyes and came home to rain most carefully stayed.

### Results

#### First Week

#### Event 1: The Ionides Challenge Trophy (19 Entries)

#### DRAW

##### First Round

J.G.Warwick bt. Mrs E.Rotherham + 3  
 B.Lloyd-Pratt bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller +10  
 E.J.Tucker bt. Mrs D.M.C.Prichard + 7

##### Second Round

A.J.Cooper bt. Miss F.Joly + 6  
 E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake bt. G.W.Williams + 8  
 Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard bt. J.G.Warwick +23  
 B.Lloyd-Pratt bt. E.J.Tucker +24  
 J.H.J.Soutter bt. Miss K.M.O.Sessions +23  
 D.A.Harris bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey +20  
 G.E.P.Jackson bt. Mrs W.Longman +14  
 Lt-Col G.E.Cave bt. Mrs A.Fotiadi + 5

##### Third Round

E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake bt. A.J.Cooper + 3  
 B.Lloyd-Pratt bt. Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard +17  
 J.H.J.Soutter bt. D.A.Harris +10  
 G.E.P.Jackson bt. Lt-Col G.E.Cave +13

##### Semi-Final

B.Lloyd-Pratt bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake +26  
 J.H.J.Soutter bt. G.E.P.Jackson +15

##### Final

J.H.J.Soutter bt. B.Lloyd-Pratt +12

#### PROCESS

##### First Round

A.J.Cooper bt. Mrs W.Longman +15  
 Lt-Col G.E.Cave bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake + 3  
 Mrs A.Fotiadi bt. Miss F.Joly +10

##### Second Round

A.J.Cooper w.o. B.Lloyd-Pratt opp. scr.  
 Miss K.M.O.Sessions bt. Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard +19  
 E.J.Tucker bt. Lt-Col G.E.Cave + 3  
 J.G.Warwick bt. D.A.Harris +12  
 Mrs D.M.C.Prichard bt. Mrs A.Fotiadi +10  
 Mrs G.F.H.Elvey bt. Mrs E.Rotherham + 3  
 J.H.J.Soutter bt. G.W.Williams +19  
 G.E.P.Jackson bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller +15

##### Third Round

A.J.Cooper bt. Miss K.M.O.Sessions +26  
 J.G.Warwick bt. E.J.Tucker + 8

Mrs D.M.C.Prichard bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey +22  
 G.E.P.Jackson w.o. J.H.J.Soutter opp. scr.

#### Semi-Final

A.J.Cooper bt. J.G.Warwick +18  
 G.E.P.Jackson bt. Mrs D.M.C.Prichard +25

#### Final

G.E.P.Jackson bt. A.J.Cooper + 3

#### PLAY-OFF

J.H.J.Soutter bt. G.E.P.Jackson + 3

#### Event 2: The Devonshire Park Salver (12 Entries)

#### DRAW

##### First Round

C.H.L.Prichard bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden + 7  
 Mrs N.A.C.McMillan bt. Capt. M.F.Buller + 6  
 Col. G.T.Wheeler bt. Lady Ursula Abbey +22  
 Major Gen. D.J.Wilson-Haffenden bt. Mrs E.M.Temple +14

##### Second Round

Mrs G.H.Wood bt. Prof. B.R.Sandiford +20  
 C.H.L.Prichard bt. Mrs N.A.C.McMillan +24  
 Col. G.T.Wheeler bt. Major Gen. D.J.Wilson-Haffenden +12  
 Lady FitzGerald w.o. L.Middleton opp. scr.

##### Semi-Final

C.H.L.Prichard bt. Mrs G.H.Wood + 9  
 Col. G.T.Wheeler bt. Lady FitzGerald + 5

##### Final

C.H.L.Prichard bt. Col. G.T.Wheeler +22

#### PROCESS

##### First Round

Mrs E.M.Temple w.o. Prof. B.R.Sandiford opp. retd.  
 Lady FitzGerald bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden +15  
 Mrs G.H.Wood w.o. Major Gen. D.J.Wilson-Haffenden opp. scr.  
 C.H.L.Prichard w.o. L.Middleton opp. scr.

##### Second Round

Capt. M.F.Buller bt. Mrs E.M.Temple +16  
 Lady FitzGerald bt. Lady Ursula Abbey +11  
 Mrs G.H.Wood bt. Mrs N.A.C.McMillan +20  
 Col. G.T.Wheeler bt. C.H.L.Prichard + 7

##### Semi-Final

Capt. M.F.Buller bt. Lady FitzGerald + 4  
 Col. G.T.Wheeler bt. Mrs G.H.Wood + 6

##### Final

Col. G.T.Wheeler bt. Capt. M.F.Buller + 9

#### PLAY-OFF

C.H.L.Prichard bt. Col. G.T.Wheeler + 7

#### Event 3: The Luard Cup (13 Entries)

##### First Round

Mrs J.Povey bt. Miss D.A.Lintern +14

I.G.Vincent	bt. F.F.W.Staddon	+13
H.J.Devitt	bt. Miss M.G.Anderson	+ 6
R.S.Stevens	bt. Miss H.D.Parker	+25
Mrs H.J.Devitt	bt. Miss M.Bryan	+14
L.Middleton	bt. R.L.Everest	+13

*Second Round*

Mrs J.Povey	bt. Dr C.A.Parker	+11
I.G.Vincent	bt. H.J.Devitt	+14
R.S.Stevens	bt. Mrs H.J.Devitt	+21
Mrs R.E.Tucker	bt. L.Middleton	+ 1

*Semi-Final*

I.G.Vincent	bt. Mrs J.Povey	+ 7
R.S.Stevens	bt. Mrs R.E.Tucker	+10

*Final*

R.S.Stevens	bt. I.G.Vincent	+18
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**Event 4: The Trevor Williams Cup (10 Entries)***First Round*

M.B.Reckitt (8)	bt. Mrs H.M.G.Cane (9)	+ 3
Miss E.G.Clarke-Lens (7)	bt. Mrs E.J.Tucker (13)	+ 3

*Second Round*

Mrs P.Harrison (16*)	bt. Mrs A.Millns (13)	+14
Miss E.G.Clarke-Lens (7)	bt. M.B.Reckitt (8)	+17
Mrs D.Waterhouse (9)	bt. Mrs M.Appleton (15)	+ 5
H.N.D.Meyer (9)	bt. Miss L.M.Cooke (8)	+ 9

*Semi-Final*

Miss E.G.Clarke-Lens (7)	bt. Mrs P.Harrison (16*)	+ 2
H.N.D.Meyer (9)	bt. Mrs D.Waterhouse (9)	+22

*Final*

H.N.D.Meyer (9)	bt. Miss E.G.Clarke-Lens (7)	+ 4
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**Event 5a: The Sussex Challenge Cup (X) (51 Entries)***First Round*

Miss K.M.O.Sessions (-3)	bt. Mrs A.Millns (13)	+13
Mrs E.M.Temple (3)	bt. Mrs N.A.C.McMillan (1/2)	+9
L.Middleton (6)	bt. E.J.Tucker (-1/2)	+18
C.H.L.Prichard (1/2)	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (-2 1/2)	+13

Mrs D.M.C.Prichard (-1)	bt. Mrs R.E.Tucker (3 1/2)	+14
R.S.Stevens (3 1/2)	bt. Miss F.Joly (-1)	+ 1
Col. G.T.Wheeler (1)	bt. Lt-Col G.E.Cave (0)	+ 2
I.G.Vincent (4)	bt. J.G.Warwick (0)	+19
Lady Ursula Abbey (3)	bt. Miss H.D.Parker (3 1/2)	+13
Major Gen. D.J.Wilson-Haffenden (2)	bt. Lady FitzGerald (3)	+13

Mrs A.Fotiadi (0)	bt. R.L.Everest (7)	+ 9
Mrs J.Povey (4)	bt. Mrs H.M.G.Cane (9)	+10
J.H.J.Soutter (-1)	bt. H.J.Devitt (5)	+ 3
Miss L.M.Cooke (8)	bt. Miss D.A.Lintern (5)	+ 3
G.E.P.Jackson (-3)	bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden (1/2)	+11

Miss M.Bryan (6)	w.o. M.B.Reckitt (8)	opp. scr.
D.A.Harris (-1 1/2)	bt. Mrs E.J.Tucker (13)	+ 7
A.J.Cooper (-2 1/2)	bt. Mrs M.Appleton (15)	+22
H.F.L.Jenking (4)	bt. Mrs W.Longman (-1)	+12

*Second Round*

Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard (-3)	bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (-1/2)	+10
Mrs G.H.Wood (2)	bt. Mrs D.Waterhouse (9)	+ 6
D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller (-2 1/2)	bt. G.W.Williams (-1)	+11
Miss K.M.O.Sessions (-3)	bt. Mrs E.M.Temple (3)	+17

L.Middleton (6)	bt. C.H.L.Prichard (1/2)	+ 9
R.S.Stevens (3 1/2)	bt. Mrs D.M.C.Prichard (-1)	+ 7
I.G.Vincent (4)	bt. Col. G.T.Wheeler (1)	+19
Lady Ursula Abbey (3)	bt. Major Gen. D.J.Wilson-Haffenden (2)	+26

Mrs J.Povey (4)	bt. Mrs A.Fotiadi (0)	+ 5
J.H.J.Soutter (-1)	bt. Miss L.M.Cooke (8)	+11
G.E.P.Jackson (-3)	bt. Miss M.Bryan (6)	+20
A.J.Cooper (-2 1/2)	bt. D.A.Harris (-1 1/2)	+10
Miss E.G.Clarke-Lens (7)	bt. H.F.L.Jenking (4)	+19
Mrs E.Rotherham (-2)	bt. Mrs H.J.Devitt (6)	+ 2
Prof. B.R.Sandiford (2 1/2)	bt. Miss M.G.Anderson (5)	+ 6
Dr C.A.Parker (5 1/2)	bt. Mrs P.Harrison (16*)	+12

*Third Round*

Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard (-3)	bt. Mrs G.H.Wood (2)	+ 4
D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller (-2 1/2)	bt. Miss K.M.O.Sessions (-3)	+20
L.Middleton (6)	bt. R.S.Stevens (3 1/2)	+ 3
I.G.Vincent (4)	bt. Lady Ursula Abbey (3)	+ 9
J.H.J.Soutter (-1)	bt. Mrs J.Povey (4)	+23
A.J.Cooper (-2 1/2)	bt. G.E.P.Jackson (-3)	+11
Miss E.G.Clarke-Lens (7)	bt. Mrs E.Rotherham (-2)	+ 7
Dr C.A.Parker (5 1/2)	bt. Prof. B.R.Sandiford (2 1/2)	+24

*Fourth Round*

D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller (-2 1/2)	bt. Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard (-3)	+ 9
I.G.Vincent (4)	bt. L.Middleton (6)	+11
J.H.J.Soutter (-1)	bt. A.J.Cooper (-2 1/2)	+26
Dr C.A.Parker (5 1/2)	bt. Miss E.G.Clarke-Lens (7)	+20

*Semi-Final*

I.G.Vincent (4)	bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller (-2 1/2)	+22
J.H.J.Soutter (-1)	bt. Dr C.A.Parker (5 1/2)	+11

*Final*

I.G.Vincent (4)	bt. J.H.J.Soutter (-1)	+ 6
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**Event 5b: 'Y' Handicap Singles (24 Entries)***Final*

M.B.Reckitt (8)	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (-2 1/2)	+20
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**Event 6: Handicap Doubles (27 Pairs)***First Round*

G.E.P.Jackson & Mrs A.Millns (10)	bt. Miss F.Joly & Lady FitzGerald (2)	+23
Lt-Col & C.H.L.Prichard (-2 1/2)	bt. F.F.W.Staddon & Mrs R.E.Tucker (7 1/2)	+ 7
Mrs A.Fotiadi & Mrs J.Povey (4)	bt. Major Gen D.J. Wilson-Haffenden & Miss H.D.Parker (5 1/2)	+13
Mrs D.M.C.Prichard & R.L.Everest (6)	bt. Mrs E. Rotherham & Mrs N.A.C.McMillan (-1 1/2)	+17
R.S.Stevens & L.Middleton (9 1/2)	w.o. Mr & Mrs H.J. Devitt (11)	opp. ret'd.
E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake & Miss L.M.Cooke (5 1/2)	bt. Col & Mrs G.T.Wheeler (13)	+14
D.A.Harris & H.N.D.Meyer (7 1/2)	bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey & Mrs H.F.Chittenden (0)	+25
Miss K.M.O.Sessions & Miss D.A.Lintern (2)	bt. Prof. B.R. Sandiford & Dr C.A.Parker (8)	+ 1 (T)
Mrs E.M.Temple & Mrs P.Harrison (17)	bt. Lady Ursula Abbey & Mrs M.Appleton (17)	+ 9 (T)

A.J.Cooper & Lt-Col G.E.Cave (-2 1/2)	bt. Capt. M.F. Buller & Mrs H.M.G.Cane (11)	+12
D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller & M.B.Reckitt (4 1/2)	bt. J.G. Warwick & Mrs G.H.Wood (2)	+ 8

*Second Round*

Mrs W.Longman & H.F.L.Jenking (3)	bt. Miss E.G.Clarke-Lens & Mrs D.Waterhouse (16)	+10
Jackson & Mrs Millns bt. Lt-Col & C.H.L.Prichard		+ 9
Mrs Fotiadi & Mrs Povey bt. Mrs Prichard & Everest		+14
Stevens & Middleton bt. Tyrwhitt Drake & Miss Cooke		+19
Harris & Meyer bt. Miss Sessions & Miss Lintern		+15
Cooper & Lt-Col Cave bt. Mrs Temple & Mrs Harrison		+11
Hamilton-Miller & Reckitt bt. I.G.Vincent & Miss M. Bryan (10)		+ 1 (T)
J.H.J.Soutter & Mrs E.J.Tucker (11)	bt. E.J.Tucker & Mrs M.Speer (1 1/2)	+10

*Third Round*

Jackson & Mrs Millns bt. Mrs Longman & Jenking		+ 5
Stevens & Middleton bt. Mrs Fotiadi & Mrs Povey		+13
Harris & Meyer bt. Cooper & Lt-Col Cave		+ 9
Soutter & Mrs Tucker bt. Hamilton-Miller & Reckitt		+ 8 (T)

*Semi-Final*

Jackson & Mrs Millns bt. Stevens & Middleton		+ 8
Harris & Meyer bt. Soutter & Mrs Tucker		+ 7

*Final*

Harris & Meyer bt. Jackson & Mrs Millns		+ 2
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**Second Week****Event 1: Men's Singles Championship of the South of England (15 Entries)**

## DRAW

*First Round*

E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	bt. Col. G.T.Wheeler	+12
Revd W.E.Gladstone	bt. C.H.L.Prichard	+22
Cdr G.Borrett	bt. G.E.P.Jackson	+ 4
R.Wood	bt. D.A.Harris	+ 3
B.Lloyd-Pratt	w.o. G.W.Williams	opp. scr.
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard	bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	+10
A.J.Cooper	bt. J.G.Warwick	+17

*Second Round*

E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	bt. Revd W.E.Gladstone	+ 1
R.Wood	bt. Cdr G.Borrett	+ 4
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard	+20
A.J.Cooper	bt. E.J.Tucker	+ 5

*Semi-Final*

R.Wood	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	+ 5
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. A.J.Cooper	+ 6

*Final*

B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. R.Wood	+16
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## PROCESS

*First Round*

Col. G.T.Wheeler	w.o. G.W.Williams	opp. scr.
A.J.Cooper	bt. G.E.P.Jackson	+15
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard	bt. C.H.L.Prichard	+22
E.J.Tucker	bt. D.A.Harris	+ 6

B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	+24
Cdr G.Borrett	bt. J.G.Warwick	+14
Revd W.E.Gladstone	bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	+ 9

*Second Round*

A.J.Cooper	bt. Col. G.T.Wheeler	+10
E.J.Tucker	bt. Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard	+ 5
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. Cdr G.Borrett	+11
Revd W.E.Gladstone	bt. R.Wood	+ 8

*Semi-Final*

A.J.Cooper	bt. E.J.Tucker	+15
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. Revd W.E.Gladstone	+16

*Final*

B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. A.J.Cooper	+24
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## PLAY-OFF FOR SECOND PLACE

R.Wood	bt. A.J.Cooper	+16
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**Event 2: Women's Singles Championship of the South of England (8 Entries)**

## DRAW

*First Round*

Mrs E.Rotherham	bt. Mrs W.Longman	+ 5
Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey	+20
Miss K.M.O.Sessions	bt. Miss F.Joly	+15
Mrs A.Fotiadi	bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden	+15

*Semi-Final*

Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	bt. Mrs E.Rotherham	+ 9
Miss K.M.O.Sessions	bt. Mrs A.Fotiadi	+13

*Final*

Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	bt. Miss K.M.O.Sessions	+13
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## PROCESS

*First Round*

Mrs W.Longman	bt. Miss K.M.O.Sessions	+ 9
Mrs A.Fotiadi	bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey	+12
Miss F.Joly	bt. Mrs E.Rotherham	+ 4
Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden	+23

*Semi-Final*

Mrs A.Fotiadi	bt. Mrs W.Longman	+10
Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	bt. Miss F.Joly	+ 4

*Final*

Mrs A.Fotiadi	bt. Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	+18
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## PLAY-OFF

Mrs A.Fotiadi	bt. Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	+ 2
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**Event 3: The Felix Cup (21 Entries)**

## DRAW

*First Round*

Lady FitzGerald (2)	w.o. Mrs H.J.Devitt (6)	opp. scr.
C.G.Pountney (6)	bt. Miss H.D.Parker (3 1/2)	+12
Mrs J.Povey (4)	bt. Mrs E.M.Temple (3)	+17
R.L.Everest (7)	bt. Lady Ursula Abbey (3)	+13
Prof. B.R.Sandiford (2 1/2)	bt. Mrs D.Waterhouse (9)	+ 4
M.B.Reckitt (8)	bt. Mrs N.A.C.McMillan (1/2)	+ 6



<i>Second Round</i>			Mrs D.M.C.Prichard (-1)	bt. Prof. B.R.Sandiford (2½)	+13
Mrs G.H.Wood (2)	bt. Mrs A.Millns (13)	+13	Mrs J.Povey (4)	bt. Miss M.Bryan (6)	+11
L.Middleton (5)	bt. Mrs E.J.Tucker (13)	+13	Miss F.Joly (-1)	bt. Mrs A.Millns (13)	+16
Lady FitzGerald (2)	w.o. H.J.Devitt (5)	opp. scr.	L.Middleton (5)	bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (-½)	+18
Mrs J.Povey (4)	bt. C.G.Pountney (6)	+ 5	G.W.Williams (-1)	bt. Miss K.M.O.Sessions (-3)	+12
R.L.Everest (7)	bt. Prof. B.R.Sandiford (2½)	+25	Miss M.G.Anderson (5)	w.o. Mrs H.F.Chittenden (½)	opp. scr.
Mrs R.E.Tucker (3½)	w.o. M.B.Reckitt (8)	opp. scr.	Mrs N.A.C.McMillan (½)	bt. Capt. M.F.Buller (2)	+ 1
Capt. M.F.Buller (2)	bt. Miss D.A.Lintern (5)	+ 6	Cdr G.Borrett (-3)	w.o. Mrs H.J.Devitt (6)	opp. scr.
Miss M.G.Anderson (5)	bt. Miss M.Bryan (6)	+17	D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller (-2½)	bt. Mrs E.Rotherham (-2)	+25
<i>Third Round</i>			Lady FitzGerald (3)	bt. Mrs E.M.Temple (3)	+15
L.Middleton (5)	bt. Mrs G.H.Wood (2)	+16	<i>Second Round</i>		
Mrs J.Povey (4)	bt. Lady FitzGerald (2)	+17	J.G.Warwick (0)	bt. F.F.W.Staddon (4½)	+13
R.L.Everest (7)	bt. Mrs R.E.Tucker (3½)	+25	Mrs A.Fotiadi (0)	bt. Mrs G.H.Wood (2)	+ 5
Miss M.G.Anderson (5)	bt. Capt. M.F.Buller (2)	+ 5	Revd W.E.Gladstone (-2)	bt. Mrs E.J.Tucker (13)	+10
<i>Semi-Final</i>			C.G.Pountney (6)	bt. D.A.Harris (-1½)	+14
Mrs J.Povey (4)	w.o. L.Middleton (5)	opp. ret'd.	Lady Ursula Abbey (3)	bt. Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard (-3)	+26
Miss M.G.Anderson (5)	bt. R.L.Everest (7)	+ 4	R.Wood (½)	bt. C.H.L.Prichard (½)	+ 2
<i>Final</i>			G.E.P.Jackson (-3)	bt. Mrs D.M.C.Prichard (-1)	+11
Mrs J.Povey (4)	bt. Miss M.G.Anderson (5)	+ 9	Miss F.Joly (-1)	bt. Mrs J.Povey (4)	+15
<i>PROCESS</i>			L.Middleton (5)	bt. G.W.Williams (-1)	+16
<i>First Round</i>			Mrs N.A.C.McMillan (½)	bt. Miss M.G.Anderson (5)	+16
Mrs N.A.C.McMillan (½)	bt. Mrs A.Millns (13)	+19	D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller (-2½)	bt. Cdr G.Borrett (-3)	+19
L.Middleton (5)	bt. Prof. B.R.Sandiford (2½)	+24	Miss D.A.Lintern (5)	w.o. Lady FitzGerald (3)	opp. scr.
Mrs R.E.Tucker (3½)	bt. Mrs G.H.Wood (2)	+ 6	Mrs W.Longman (-1)	bt. E.J.Tucker (-½)	+ 5
Miss M.G.Anderson (5)	bt. Lady FitzGerald (2)	+ 5	B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3)	bt. Mrs M.Appleton (15)	+13
Miss D.A.Lintern (5)	bt. Mrs E.J.Tucker (13)	+ 2	R.L.Everest (7)	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (-2½)	+10
<i>Second Round</i>			A.J.Cooper (-3)	bt. Miss H.D.Parker (3½)	+17
Mrs N.A.C.McMillan (½)	bt. Miss H.D.Parker (3)	+16	<i>Third Round</i>		
Lady Ursula Abbey (3)	bt. Miss M.Bryan (6)	+16	Mrs A.Fotiadi (0)	bt. J.G.Warwick (0)	+23
Mrs E.M.Temple (3)	bt. L.Middleton (6)	+ 6	C.G.Pountney (6)	bt. Revd W.E.Gladstone (-2)	+24
Capt. M.F.Buller (2)	w.o. Mrs H.J.Devitt (6)	opp. scr.	Lady Ursula Abbey (3)	w.o. R.Wood (½)	opp. ret'd.
Mrs J.Povey (4)	bt. Mrs R.E.Tucker (3½)	+13	Miss F.Joly (-1)	w.o. G.E.P.Jackson (-3)	opp. ret'd.
Mrs D.Waterhouse (9)	bt. Miss M.G.Anderson (5)	+ 4	L.Middleton (5)	bt. Mrs N.A.C.McMillan (½)	+10
R.L.Everest (7)	bt. Miss D.A.Lintern (5)	+22	D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller (-2½)	bt. Miss D.A.Lintern (5)	+ 9
C.G.Pountney (6)	bt. M.B.Reckitt (8)	+13	B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3)	bt. Mrs W.Longman (-1)	+ 7
<i>Third Round</i>			R.L.Everest (7)	bt. A.J.Cooper (-3)	+ 2
Lady Ursula Abbey (3)	bt. Mrs N.A.C.McMillan (½)	+11	<i>Fourth Round</i>		
Capt. M.F.Buller (2)	bt. Mrs E.M.Temple (3)	+ 8	Mrs A.Fotiadi (0)	w.o. C.G.Pountney (6)	opp. scr.
Mrs J.Povey (4)	bt. Mrs D.Waterhouse (9)	+10	Lady Ursula Abbey (3)	bt. Miss F.Joly (-1)	+10
C.G.Pountney (6)	bt. R.L.Everest (7)	+10	L.Middleton (5)	bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller (-2½)	+21
<i>Semi-Final</i>			R.L.Everest (7)	w.o. B.Lloyd-Pratt (-3)	opp. scr.
Capt. M.F.Buller (2)	bt. Lady Ursula Abbey (3)	+ 1	<i>Semi-Final</i>		
C.G.Pountney (6)	bt. Mrs J.Povey (4)	+ 1	Lady Ursula Abbey (3)	w.o. Mrs A.Fotiadi (0)	opp. scr.
<i>Final</i>			R.L.Everest (7)	bt. L.Middleton (5)	+ 9
C.G.Pountney (6)	w.o. Capt. M.F.Buller (2)	opp. ret'd.	<i>Final</i>		
<i>PLAY-OFF</i>			R.L.Everest (7)	bt. Lady Ursula Abbey (3)	+24
C.G.Pountney (6)	bt. Mrs J.Povey (4)	+24	<i>Event 4: The Sussex Union Cup (48 Entries)</i>		
<i>First Round</i>			<i>First Round</i>		
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard (-3)	w.o. H.J.Devitt (5)	opp. scr.	Cdr G.Borrett & W.H.Austin	bt. Miss K.M.O.Sessions & Col. G.T.Wheeler	+ 2
Lady Ursula Abbey (3)	bt. Col. G.T.Wheeler (1)	+ 3	Lt-Col & Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	bt. D.A.Harris & Revd W.E.Gladstone	+ 7
C.H.L.Prichard (½)	bt. Mrs D.Waterhouse (9)	+ 3	Mrs A.Fotiadi & C.H.L.Prichard	bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey & Mrs H.F.Chittenden	+13
R.Wood (½)	bt. H.A.Sheppard (0)	+ 1	<i>Event 5: The Victor Vases (11 Pairs)</i>		
G.E.P.Jackson (-3)	bt. M.B.Reckitt (8)	+ 7	<i>First Round</i>		

<i>Second Round</i>			M.B.Reckitt & Miss E.G.Clark-Lens (14)	bt. Mrs E.M.Speer & Mrs Cox (5)	+ 2
G.E.P.Jackson & A.J.Cooper	bt. J.G.Warwick & E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	+ 8	Mrs E.J.Tucker & Miss M.G.Anderson (18)	bt. Lady FitzGerald & Prof. B.R.Sandiford (5½)	+ 5
Lt-Col & Mrs Prichard	bt. Cdr Borrett & Austin	+ 2	Mr & Mrs R.W.Jefferson (24)	bt. Mrs G.H.Wood & Miss H.D.Parker (5½)	+ 6
Mrs Fotiadi & C.H.L.Prichard	bt. Mrs W.Longman & E.J.Tucker	+ 8	F.F.W.Staddon & H.A.Sheppard (4½)	bt. Capt. M.F.Buller & Lady Ursula Abbey (5)	+16
B.Lloyd-Pratt & R.Wood	bt. Mrs E.Rotherham & D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	+14	<i>Second Round</i>		
<i>Semi-Final</i>			Mrs N.A.C.McMillan & C.G.Pountney (6½)	bt. Mrs R.E.Tucker & Middleton	+11
Jackson & Cooper	bt. Lt-Col & Mrs Prichard	+ 9	Reckitt & Miss Clarke-Lens	bt. Miss Lintern & Mrs Povey	+ 6
Lloyd-Pratt & Wood	bt. Mrs Fotiadi & C.H.L.Prichard	+16	Mr & Mrs Jefferson	bt. Mrs E.J.Tucker & Miss Anderson	+ 2
<i>Final</i>			Staddon & Sheppard	bt. G.W.Williams & Lady Cust (11)	+ 3
Lloyd-Pratt & Wood	bt. Jackson & Cooper	+13	<i>Semi-Final</i>		
<i>Event 6: Handicap Doubles (14 Pairs)</i>			Mrs McMillan & Pountney	bt. Reckitt & Miss Clarke-Lens	+15
<i>First Round</i>			Mr & Mrs Jefferson	bt. Staddon & Sheppard	+ 2
Mrs R.E.Tucker & L.Middleton (8½)	bt. Mrs M.Appleton & Mrs A.Millns (27)	+16	<i>Final</i>		
Miss D.A.Lintern & Mrs J.Povey (9)	bt. R.L.Everest & Miss M.Bryan (13)	+ 8	Mrs McMillan & Pountney	bt. Mr & Mrs Jefferson	+ 5

## Secretary's Notes

- I much regret that in the Secretary's Notes in the October gazette I accidentally transposed the prices of the C.A. Directory and the series of Amendment Sheets. The Directory itself costs 35p; the series of Amendment Sheets costs 25p.
- It has come to light that the current form of application for membership of the C.A. contains a small but serious misprint. In (iv) of the Subscription Rates it states that a new Associate, joining after 1st August, pays only one half of the appropriate subscription. *1st is a misprint for 31st.* In the Rules of the Croquet Association (printed in the handbook "The Croquet Association 1970") it is laid down in Rule XXIII (i) (e) that those joining after August 31st pay only half the appropriate subscription.
- The List of Clubs, as printed in the C.A. Directory, the Croquet Gazette and elsewhere, contains the names and addresses of the Secretary of each club. In most cases it does not indicate the whereabouts of the grounds on which the club plays. It has happened that C.A. members, finding themselves in a town where there is known to be a croquet club, and not being able to get in touch with the Secretary (who doesn't answer his home telephone because he is playing croquet) search diligently for the club's premises or lawns, but cannot discover where they are. Any club whose playing address is not already in the Directory, but who is willing that it should be, is invited to write and tell me, and I will remedy the omission in the next Amendment Sheet and in the next edition of the Directory itself. I feel sure that the Editor will, when printing a List of Clubs in the Croquet Gazette, also be willing to find room for the additional information.
- The new Hon. Secretary to the Australian Croquet Council is

Mr D.C.Russell,  
P.O. Box 99,  
Caloundra,  
Queensland, 4551.

## 5. NEW ASSOCIATES

- Mr & Mrs A.F.Adlam, Lands End Cottage, Twyford, Berkshire.  
Mrs M.Battensby, Flat 12, 87 Mitchell Street, Bentley, 3204, Victoria, Australia.  
Michael J. Beckley, 12 Carne Close, Hertford, Hertfordshire.  
Mrs H.G.T.Bolton, Royal Oak, Northend Common, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.  
B.G.Bucknall, Shane Lodge, Townsend Road, Streatley, Berkshire.  
P.J.R.Crawford, 66 Oakfield Road, West Croydon, Surrey. (Tel. at office: 01-255 3456).  
Lady Cust, Abbot's Acre, Rockbourne, Fordingbridge, Hampshire.  
Mrs F.S.Fox, 32 New Church Road, Hove, BN3 4FJ, Sussex.  
N.J.C.Gooch, 66 Oakfield Road, West Croydon, Surrey.  
C.Hudson, The Oaklands, Ebglesea Brook, Crewe, Cheshire.  
Major E.R.B.Hudson, P.O. Box 46, Chiang Mai, Thailand.  
D. de Q. Lenfestey, Windybank, 65 Codsall Road, Wolverhampton, WV6 9QG, Staffordshire.  
Lt-Col & Mrs E.H.P.Mallinson, 26 Atlantic Court, Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex (Tel: Shoreham 5779).  
R.E.Rigiani, 7 Wain-along Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

## 6. CHANGES OF ADDRESS, TELEPHONE ETC.

- Mr & Mrs Cecil Aberhalden (additional address), Cowleys, Henley Road, Wargrave, Berkshire, RG10 8PH.  
Dr W.F.W.Betenson, Flat 1, Spice Island House, Broad Street, Old Portsmouth, Hampshire.  
R.A.Godby, 138 Cope Hill.  
B.A.Keen (corrected address), 20 Cherrington Close, Manchester 23, M23 0FE (Tel: 061 998 9744).  
H.N.D.Meyer, Ravens Croft not Ravens Court.  
Dr Martin Murray, 55 Woodland Drive, Old Catton, Norwich, NOR 73N.  
John Parr, 15 Milton Road, Wimbledon, London S.W.19 (Tel: 01-542 2400).

T.O.Read, Termon, 9 Sandycove Avenue West, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Irish Republic.  
 C.F.Robinson, 65 St Mary's Mansions, St Mary's Terrace, London W.2.  
 Rainer Schulze-Smidt, 28 Bremen, Hans-Thoma-Strasse 32, West Germany.  
 D.F.Strachan, Post House, Strand-on-the-Green, Chiswick, London W.4 (Tel: 01-994 6570).  
 R.F.A.Crane (Secretary, Maidenhead Croquet Club), Vicarage Fell, Ibstone, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire (Tel: Turville Heath 461).

#### 7. NEW REFEREES ETC.

K.H.Paterson, P.A.Tunmer.

It is regretted that Miss A.E.Mills has been recorded as a new Referee, when in fact she was already on the list, and has asked to be removed from it.

#### 8. CHANGES IN THE CLUBS

*Bretby.* New Secretary: Miss A.J.Surzyn (Correspondence to club address).

*Cassiobury.* New Secretary: Mrs M.Grace, 1 Refant Road, Northwood, Middlesex, HA6 3BD.

*Littlehampton.* The Secretary, Mrs M.A.Whillier, has moved to: 7 Paddock Green, Station Road, Rustington, Sussex, BN16 3AU (same telephone number).

*Parsons Green.* John Parr has retired from the secretaryship and is succeeded by Mrs P.D.Showan, 2 Broughton Avenue, Ham, Richmond, Surrey (Tel: 01-940 9316).

*Radbrooke Hall.* Correspondence to B.Slater Esq., Hon. Secretary Radbrooke Hall Croquet Club, The Nuclear Power Group Ltd., Warrington Road, Risley, Warrington, Lancashire, WA3 6BZ (Tel: 0925 51291).

*Ryde.* Miss K.A.Wade is succeeded as Secretary by Miss Rogers, Stonedeane, Somerset Road, Seaview, Isle of Wight.

#### 9. NEW CLUBS

*Ealing Croquet Club.* Hon. Secretary, Miss Vicky Munnich, 18 Woodville Road, Ealing, London W5 (Tel: 01-997 1762).

*University College Croquet Club, Cardiff.* Hon. Secretary C.Brazel, Physics Department, University College, P.O. Box 78, Cardiff, CF1 1KL.

10. As this issue was going to press, notice was received of the deaths of Mrs Morland (née Mona Bryan), Sir Compton McKenzie and H.M.Read. Obituaries will appear in the next issue.

Vandeleur Robinson,  
 Secretary,  
 December 1972.

#### Extract from Proceedings of Council Meeting held on 21 October 1972

1. The programme for the MacRobertson International Shield in 1974 has been accepted by the Australian and New Zealand Croquet Councils, and is published elsewhere in this issue.

2. Council discussed the validity of a doubles match played in the Open Championships in which one partner was absent throughout the match. It was agreed that in view of Rule XV of the Association, and in view of the interpretation of the Laws published in gazette No. 107 for September 1969 by the then Chairman of the Laws Committee, this match had been played in accordance with the Laws. Council also agreed that there should be no change in the Laws to render such an occurrence illegal in the future.
3. Mrs W.Longman offered a pair of silver trugs, for which Mr D.A.Harris was very kindly making plinths, as trophies for the Veterans' Doubles Championships. Council accepted this offer with gratitude.
4. The Editor reported that 140 of the 600 questionnaires circulated with the gazette for April 1972 had been returned. Since too few people replied, the reporting of tournaments would remain substantially as at present.
5. The date of the Club Delegates' Conference was changed from 25th November to 9th December.
6. Council noted with pleasure that the late Mr G.Victor Evans, Vice President of the C.A., had bequeathed a legacy to the C.A.

#### Extract from Proceedings of Council Meeting held on 18 November 1972

1. The procedure for the selection of the teams for the 1974 MacRobertson International Shield Test Matches was agreed, and is published elsewhere in this issue.
2. The bequest of the late Mr M.Spencer Ell to the C.A. was accepted with gratitude. Part of this bequest will, in accordance with the desire of the donor, be used to purchase a cup, to be known as the Spencer Ell Cup, which will be awarded annually to the winner of the Third Invitation Eight. The existing trophy (the Surrey Cup) will be assigned to a different event.
3. The residue of Mr Spencer Ell's legacy, together with the legacy of Mr Victor Evans, will be placed in a new Special Capital Fund, to which future legacies will be added unless the donors specify otherwise. This Fund will be used for such purposes as Council may from time to time determine. As a first measure the Fund will be available to assist Clubs by loans.
4. The date of the Annual General Meeting was agreed as Monday 21 May 1973 at 2.30 p.m.

#### Awards

The following awards have been made by the Council:

1. *The Apps Bowl* for the male player who has made most progress in the year, to W. de B. Prichard.
2. *The Steel Bowl* for the lady player who has made most progress in the year, to Mrs G.H.Wood.
3. *The Apps-Heley Award* for the club which has done most for croquet, or has made most progress during the year, to Wrest Park.

#### Wrest Park

The past season saw the introduction of two weekend tournaments at Wrest Park. In December a residential course for training referees is being held there under the auspices of the Development Scheme. Behind these statements lies a wealth of facts which have led to the award of the Apps-Heley Award for "the club which has done most for croquet, or has made most progress during the year" to Wrest Park Croquet Club with its six lawns set in the superb landscaped

gardens of the National Institute of Agricultural Engineering near Bedford.

One of the most striking features of the Club is the way in which they do things for themselves: they have laid their own courts (two new ones this year); they are their own groundsmen; they make their own croquet equipment, except the balls; they are building their own shelters. Their enthusiasm and willingness to help are without bounds. Despite a small membership they still have time to help other players by their encouragement, coaching and example (two other clubs owe their existence largely to Wrest Park members), and to play in numerous tournaments where their opponents have no easy task to match their skills. The Club won the Longman Cup in 1964 and 1966, but their top players are now far too good to be eligible to play in that event and are challenging hard for selection in the Invitation Events.

The Club and its members are a fine example of what can be achieved and are worthy recipients of the Apps-Heley Award for 1972.

#### Selection of Great Britain Teams

The basis for the selection of the Test Teams will be as follows:

1. The Council shall elect a Test Selection Committee of five not later than May 1973.
2. The Committee will serve for two years and will be responsible for selecting for the Invitation Events in 1973.
3. Early in the 1973 season the Committee will select the Captain of the Team, who will join the Committee.
4. Before 31 December 1973 the Committee will select a squad of up to twelve players from whom the individual Test Teams will be chosen.
5. Teams for the first two Tests will be announced not later than May 1974; for the next two, not later than 14 July, and for the last two not later than 28 July.

In amplification of this it will be noted that no requirements have been laid down as to the basis of selection. It follows therefore that the Selection Committee will select the players best qualified, in their opinion, to represent Great Britain.

In forming their opinion they will take into account all relevant information available from play during the 1973 season, but results alone will not necessarily be the main consideration.

Inability to play in every match in 1974 will not preclude an invitation to be a member of the squad, and forms will be sent to a short list towards the end of 1973 asking for information on availability.

#### Coaching at Bisham Abbey

It is proposed to run two courses for high bisquers and/or beginners at Bisham Abbey, near Marlow, Bucks., on May 12-13, and May 26-27 1973. Dormitory accommodation is available there, and the charge for two nights is £6, which includes coaching and full board. Anyone wishing to find their own accommodation will be charged £5, which includes coaching and all meals, excluding breakfast. The price of meals not taken can be refunded for those living out. Please apply as early as possible to Mrs Neal, 33 Marryat Road, Wimbledon, London S.W.19. Bookings must be confirmed by £2 deposit by 31 January 1973.

#### Cheltenham Weekend Tournaments 1973

The date of the September Weekend Tournament will be September 14-16. Other particulars are as shown on p.2 of the September gazette 1972.

W.K.A.

#### Handicap Alterations

##### *Parkstone: September 11 - 16*

J.W.Haynes 6\* to 3; Mrs I.N.Duveen 11 to 10; Miss M.D. McMordie 3½ to 3.

##### *Roehampton: September 11 - 16*

E.W.Solomon 6 to 3½; Mrs B.G.Weitz 5 to 4½; Mrs S.M. Adler 5 to 4½; Mrs B.G.Neal 5½ to 5; J.L.Sanders 5 to 4½; G.B.Martin 8 to 7; Miss D.G.Leach 12 to 10.

##### *Veterans' Championship: September 18 - 23*

Miss M.G.Anderson 6 to 5; G.H.Betts 2 to 1; Prof. A.S.C. Ross 1½ to ½; Mrs A.S.C.Ross 4 to 3; Cdr G.Borrett -2½ to -3.

##### *Ryde Weekend: September 22 - 24*

H.Drake 8\* to 6; Mrs E.J.Tucker 16 to 13 D12; B.Bucknall 10 to 9; C.Hudson 14.

##### *Wrest Park Weekend: September 22 - 24*

H.G.T.Bolton 2½ to 2; N.Davren 5 to 4½; A.G.Dumont 10 to 8; B.A.Keen 2½ to 1½.

##### *Devonshire Park (first week): September 25 - 30*

I.G.Vincent 4 to 2; R.S.Stevens 3½ to 2½; L.Middleton 6 to 5; J.H.J.Soutter -1 to -2; H.N.D.Meyer 9 to 7; Mrs P.Harrison 16\* to 14.

##### *Devonshire Park (second week): October 2 - 8*

R.Wood ½ to -½; Lady Ursula Abbey 3 to 2½; Mrs J. Povey 4 to 3; L.Middleton 5 to 4½; R.L.Everest 7 to 6; Mrs A.Millns 13 to 13 D12; C.G.Pountney 6 to 4½.

##### *Cheltenham V: October 13 - 16*

M.J. Evans 1½ to 1.

##### *Budleigh Salterton Club Recommendations*

B.Hancock 12 D10 to 8; Mrs F.Henshaw 6 to 5; Brig. H.E. Fernyhough 12 D10 to 8; K.S.Schofield 4 to 2½ and later to 1½; Mrs K.S.Schofield 11 D9 to 9; Dr Marshall 16 D14 to 14.

##### *Southwick Club Recommendations*

L.Brookes 3½ to 3; Mrs F.S.Fox 10 to 9; H.F.L.Jenking 4 to 3; Lt-Col E.M.Mallinson 10 to 9; Miss E.A.Pratt 4½ to 4; W.G.B.Scott 6 to 5½; F.F.W.Staddon 4½ to 3; H.J.Ainsworth 9 to 8; Mrs H.J.Ainsworth 11 to 10; D.M.Bull 14 to 10; Hon. Mrs Mary Soutlands 12 to 11.

##### *Colchester Club Recommendations*

F.E.M.Puxon 6 to 5½; Mrs L.Cordy 9 to 8.

##### *Compton Club Recommendations*

Mrs M.Appleton 15 to 14; Miss E.G.Clarke-Lens 7 to 6; Mrs H.Hall 4 to 3; Mrs A.E.Millns 13 to 12; Dr M.D. Nosworthy 7½ to 7.

##### *Correction*

Mrs G.H.Wood 2.

##### *Handicap Increases Approved*

Mrs A.W.Skempton 2 to 2½; Mrs N.Wallwork 3½ to 5.

#### Inter-Counties 1973

Berkshire and Oxfordshire are considering entering a team in the 1973 competition. Will any player eligible to play for either of these Counties who would like to do so please contact R.F.Rothwell, 74c Grosvenor Road, Caversham, Reading, Berkshire RG4 OES as soon as possible.