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Editorial

The Croquet Gazette aims to give information and to include articles and literary matter, but the central part of it is made up of the results and accounts of tournaments. It is therefore important that results should be printed accurately and accounts written as well as possible. Experience has shown that some guidance may be needed in the attainment of these ends.

Those whose responsibility it is to send in results should take care over the job and not try to rush it. Care should be taken to record the results and the scores in full, not forgetting the play-off. A competitor should have his or her name spelt in the same way throughout, and the same initials and handicaps recorded, unless in the latter case there is an enclosed note to the contrary. Care should be taken that no score is omitted and that the correct opponent is recorded for the correct round. In the case of Invitation Events the winning scores should be carefully compared with the corresponding losing scores on the other side of the diagonal in the results table, so that there is no inconsistency. I mention these things because errors have occurred in all these areas. If the principles I have mentioned are followed, unnecessary correspondence and even occasional guesswork will be avoided.

Accounts of tournaments should be sent direct to the Editor within one week of the conclusion of the tournament in question. This helps the Editor, but there is another, more important reason, which is that one is far more likely to write a better, more accurate and fresher account if the events about which one is writing are fresh in one's mind. It is not difficult to distinguish an account that has been written some weeks after the tournament, for it is likely to lean heavily on the list of results and to give a very generalized impression. I have no intention of departing from the custom whereby accounts are printed anonymously, but it does help if the writers of accounts send in their names, in case there is any query about any point that might need discussion or elaboration.

In writing an account of a tournament, one should aim to be both informative and entertaining. One should record what stands out most in one's mind about the tournament. Constructive criticism is to be welcomed and not avoided. One might, for instance, remark upon the good, fast lawns, the good form of one player, or the erratic form of another. One should try to say what one wants to say as clearly and concisely as possible, but above all one should aim to be interesting. For my money those who wrote the accounts of the Veterans' Championship, Devonshire Park and Edinburgh in 1972 wrote the most interesting accounts last year. One should not simply repeat the list of winners from the lists of results; one should feel quite free not to refer to some events. It is perhaps worth saying that close games are not always good games; spectators may like them, but both competitors may have good reason to wish to forget. It is a good thing to pick out two or three incidents and two or three players for special reference, but if nothing remarkable happened, why not say so? In writing accounts I have often decided to make mention of players on good form, steady players, unlucky players and promising newcomers, though there might not be reason to refer to all of these in any one tournament.

I am sometimes asked how long the account should be. It is sensible to refer to the accounts of the corresponding tournament in previous years' gazettes. If several incidents seem to be worth mentioning, the account could be longer; if little worthy of note occurred, the account could reasonably be very short. The writer must be the judge of what is

worth commenting upon and what is not. Longer accounts are in order for the Peels, Caskets, the Open Championships, the President's Cup and Devonshire Park. It is customary to report the Open Championship and the President's Cup on a day to day basis. With accounts of Invitation Events it is generally good policy to say something about each of the eight players, but such comments should not read like a list. It is good to devote most space to the critical stages at which the contest seemed to be swayed decisively or decided, and to pick out one or two incidents for particular comment or description.

It is not absolutely necessary to mention the Manager, but if one does it should be in the account and not as a kind of sub-heading. Polite and constructive criticism of the Manager or of particular actions of his is quite in order. It is normally superfluous to refer to the presentation. Comments on the weather and the state of the lawns should be kept brief, and so should references to the catering. All these things are important in a tournament, but they should not be allowed to dominate the account; the account should be mainly devoted to the play.

Reference has already been made to considerations of style, to the need to say what one has to say as clearly and concisely as possible. Care should be taken with punctuation, and too much *cliché* should be avoided. The gazette is increasingly short of space. I am constantly having to make stylistic alterations to accounts because what is being expressed is unclear or because the same thing could be said very much better. A little care with punctuation and with the use of participles would save me a lot of time.

I hope this is helpful. Much of it is necessarily negative, but if the principles here expressed are followed, the overall quality of our gazette will improve, and that will benefit us all.

P.D.H.

Rover Notes

Croquetiana

There is a revival of interest in the early literature and implements of the game of croquet. Roger Bray is compiling a bibliography, David Prichard is having Xerox copies made of all the early material he can unearth from the British Museum and other sources, while Alan Ross has done research into the terminology of croquet. But this is all on a personal basis, and there is a danger that many early pamphlets and items of equipment are in danger of being lost for ever. Even in the 1890s historians were defeated in their search for the origins of croquet, and since then such collections as did exist have been destroyed or dissipated, and the library in the C.A. Office is by no means complete. There appears to be a good case for the Council to appoint both an official archivist and a curator for a small collection of early implements — pepper-pot mallets, early balls, early hoops etc. Members of the C.A. could help by passing on information about such items to their clubs or to the C.A.; then a record could be made at least of the existence of such items.

The more things change . . .

In 1900 Lt-Col Henry Needham, who was the first secretary of the C.A., wrote: "It is against the unwritten laws of etiquette . . . :

1. To follow an opponent about narrowly watching his proceedings.
2. To remark upon his luck or bad play.
3. To address him at all while he is playing.
4. To make any noise or move any object in the line of sight while the stroke is being played.

5. To stand so as to obscure any part of the game.
6. Unnecessary delay is not only irritating but positively unfair to the opponent.
7. Whenever a difference arises, every effort must be made to prevent it assuming scandalous proportions.
8. Cigar, cigarette and match ends must not be thrown upon the lawn."

. . . the more they remain the same.

Lawns

Selective weed killers are not effective until May. By then the bigger weeds (buttercup, daisy, dandelion) will be large enough to leave considerable scars when killed. Hand weeding them (with a small fork) during March and April is very rewarding work. The first half hour is the worst; after that one gets "hooked" on the job. Don't try it on yarrow, chickweed and other multi-rooted weeds. That leads to madness.

From the Australian Croquet Gazette

The twenty-third annual Australian Croquet Council Carnival was held in Brisbane for three weeks from 25 September 1972.

Interstate Cup

South Australia	5 matches	24 games	706 points
Victoria	4 matches	20 games	717 points
Queensland	3 matches	12 games	533 points
Western Australia	2 matches	18 games	635 points
Tasmania	1 match	9 games	513 points
New South Wales	0 matches	7 games	416 points

English Silver Medal: Mr J. Magor (South Australia)

English Bronze Medal: Mr B. Russell (Victoria)

Singles Championship (The Wall Cup): Mr J. Magor (South Australia)

Doubles Championship: (The Gibson Trophies): Mr J. Magor & Miss N. J. Gchan (South Australia)

Ladies' Singles (The English Cup): Mrs S. McDonald (Western Australia)

Men's Singles (The A.C.C. Salver): Mr G. Maslen (Western Australia)

Agnes Morrison Memorial Trophy: Mrs J. Hayward (Queensland)

The President of the Australian Croquet Council is

Mrs W. Dickinson, 170 Copeland Road, Beecroft, N.S.W. 2119.

The Hon. Secretary of the Australian Croquet Council is

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

Winners of English Medals, New Zealand 1972

Silver Medal: Mrs K. Woollett

Bronze Medal: Mr K. Woollett

Obituaries

Sir Compton Mackenzie

The subject of this notice was the immediate predecessor of the writer in the office of President of this Association, and it so happens that I had a chief share in his selection for that position. Shortly before the need arose to choose a new President I found myself, more or less by accident, listening to a radio programme entitled 'The Queen of Games', which happily turned out to be Croquet. The feature took the form of a dialogue between Sir Compton and another Scottish writer, Moray Maclaren, who combined to embark upon an enthusiastic and knowledgeable eulogy of our game.

This was in 1953, when our Council was engaged in an energetic but quite unsuccessful search for a Princess to extend her cachet over the Association. I had never had much faith in this quest, and felt it would be much better if we could find somebody with some knowledge of and love for the game, especially if his name was widely known. I asked the Council, which was showing signs of running out of Princesses by that time, if we might approach Sir Compton. They were sceptical of our getting a favourable reply to our invitation, but allowed me to 'have a go'. I was not much more confident than they were, but was delighted to receive an enthusiastic acceptance from our literary lion.

Sir Compton came on a number of occasions during his dozen years of office to preside over our A.G.M. and spoke from the Chair with wit and to the point — save in one respect. Our President had somehow got the idea that he might please us not only by extolling the virtues of Croquet but by denigrating those of Lawn Tennis. We never seemed to pluck up courage to tell him that this did not please us at all, seeing that not only had we a few good tennis players (including a Davis Cup member) in our ranks, but we were particularly anxious to convince ageing tennis players that we had a splendid game waiting for them in their retirement. Seeing that those whom he addressed were all Associates, this whim of our President is not likely to have done any harm, but he may have scented a certain lack of enthusiasm at this point in his harangues. If so, however, it failed to cure him of this embarrassing habit.

The most notable appearance of Sir Compton at any of our gatherings was on the occasion of the Farewell Dinner to the New Zealand team in 1956. He gave us an admirable speech and went far to console the N.Z. team for the heavy defeat they had sustained at the hands of our players by presenting each one of them with a signed copy of one his books.

It was only on account of his going to live in the Dordogne in 1966 that Sir Compton retired, to be succeeded by a far more obscure figure.

M.B.R.

Mrs Morland (née Mona Bryan)

It is sad to record the recent death of a time-honoured Associate, the late Mrs Morland, who, as Miss Mona Bryan, was long a familiar figure, especially throughout the 1920's, distinguished alike by the steadiness of her play and an unassuming, singularly sweet and vigorous personality. At this period, when competition at the top was extremely keen, Miss Bryan's standing was never in question.

She had won her silver medal at Fleet (a great 'future' in front of her, the local report proclaimed) as early as 1909, but many years were to pass before she was able to carry out her ambition to visit Roehampton, which she did in 1923, reaching the semi-final of the 31 strong Ladies' Championship. New to the Ladies' Field Cup that season, she finished not far behind the winner, with an enhanced reputation.

In 1924 she had a dual classic success, in the Ladies' Championship, and in the Ladies' Field Cup; the latter title was maintained the following year, sensationally without the loss of a single game, an unique feat up to then. Not surprisingly, 1926 saw her in the 'Best Ten' itself, in days when it was still rather rare for a woman to be selected. She finished third, with ten games to her credit. She did not play in that competition again, but won the Ladies' Invitation Eight (for the third time) in 1927 and lost the play-off, after a tie with three other rivals, in 1928.

Miss Bryan was a conspicuously quick player; she had a remarkable stop split shot, the more effective, some said, by reason of her mallet possessing a malacca cane shaft. She excelled in Open Doubles, especially with Miss Ella Simeon (another being with beautiful dark eyes) as partner; out of 27 pairs they overcame all opposition at Eastbourne in the autumn of 1926, as, in a hard final, the renowned Reckitt brothers found to their cost. In a letter to the gazette more than forty years later, the elder brother Maurice included Miss Mona Bryan in his personal list of the Best Ten Ladies in the history of the game.

Her marriage in 1930 to Major Servante Morland caused her gradual retirement from tournament play. After a long absence, she performed at the big Southwick meeting in 1930, with little or no loss of skill, as delightful to watch as ever. The few occasions Mrs Morland was seen as a spectator after the war were mainly at Southwick, scene of former splendour, and always a well-loved venue.

N.O.H.

H.M.Read

Harry Read, who died last December, was a remarkably versatile games player, who attained a very high standard in many sports. He was a triple International for Ireland, in rugby, cricket and tennis. He took up croquet about ten years ago, and until recently was often to be seen at tournaments. He was not only a great sportsman but also a very prominent churchman at parish, diocesan and national level in the Church of Ireland. Our sympathies go to his wife Nancy and to his son Terence.

N.V.Snell

Noel was a founder member of the Tunbridge Wells Croquet Club from May 1966. Members will remember him as a punctual, vigorous and testing player. Croquet was only one of many accomplishments in a life of service to the community. A gentleman whom we have been privileged to know and whose pleasures we have been privileged to share. Our condolences go to his family.

S.G.S.

G.R.Mills

George Mills was a late starter in croquet, but his exuberant and loveable personality made him a welcome member of the game. He became a keen and enthusiastic player until ill-health caused his interests to turn to reading and the Times crossword puzzle. He will be much missed by his many friends at the South Western tournaments and the Budleigh Salterton Club, who all wish to extend their sympathy to Agnes and Violet Mills.

G.E.C.

Mrs K.S.Schofield

It is sad to report the sudden death of Jean Schofield, wife of Ken Schofield, for 18 months the Secretary of the Budleigh Salterton Club. Arriving from Harrow where she had started to play, she had in two seasons shown ever-increasing keenness and aptitude for the game, and in

reducing her handicap to 9 was beginning to show distinct promise in developing a forward and thinking game. Her pleasant style and personality will be missed in croquet.

G.E.C.

Major General F.H.N.Davidson

General Davidson did not enter the croquet world until he retired after a distinguished military career. His play was largely confined to Hurlingham and Roehampton where he was usually in the final stages of middle croquet events. Onlookers may from time to time have suspected the presence of a choleric disposition, but this was only in evidence when the General was expressing impatience with his own peccadilloes: a more courteous opponent on court could not be found. He will be remembered by many as having managed the Open Championships a decade or so ago, a task to which he brought a high degree of military operational planning. Our sympathies go to his wife.

S.S.T.

Roger O.Hicks

The death early this year of the second of the famous, if somewhat diverse, Hicks triumvirate will come as a blow to those who knew him. For Roger was not only a person who clearly found happiness in croquet but brought happiness to it. There was nobody against whom it was more pleasant to play and few whom it was a greater pleasure to watch. His eager zest for the game, accompanied often by a self-critical running commentary displayed a vivacity which not many of us could — or at any rate do — exhibit on the court which was equally evident whether things were running for or against him.

Roger was of course a minus player and would doubtless have been an even better one if he had allowed himself to give more time to it. But the greater part of his time was dedicated to his vocation as a Christian evangelist, for the most part overseas and chiefly in India, a country of which he had a particularly close knowledge. His was in the fullest sense a dedicated life and a very selfless one, a life which made a deep impression on those who worked beside him, as was amply testified by the large congregation at his memorial service at St George's Square. There was something symbolic in the fact that Roger died in Sydney, suggestive of the truth that there was no length to which he would not go for the work for which he felt himself to be called.

M.B.R.

The deaths are also announced of Miss G.W.Bartlett and Miss I.Napier.

Corrigenda*Cheltenham Weekend Tournaments*

It is stated on page 20 of the C.A. Fixtures Book that there will be a minimum of 3 games in each of the weekend tournaments. This should have read 5 games.

Nottingham Tournament (August 13-18)

It is stated on page 31 of the C.A. Fixtures Book with relation to the Handicap Doubles in this tournament "Combined Handicaps not less than 2". This should read "No two minus players may play together".

Notice

Notice has been received of the results of the South African Croquet Championships. Results of the finals will appear in the July gazette.

Chairman's Report

The three years covered by the initial grant for the Development Scheme end in 1973. It has been decided by the Council that an application for a renewal and increase in the grant aid should be submitted to the Sports Council, and this is now being done. The initial grant brought about a considerable increase in the Association's activities, and the application stresses the benefits which have resulted. It is to be hoped that this will ensure the success of the application, and that these activities will become a continuing and integral part of the Association's work.

Since 1970 ten new clubs have been registered, and five have been formed but have not yet registered. There was also a welcome increase in the membership of the Association in 1972. These are healthy signs, and there are other indications of an upsurge in enthusiasm: For instance, two coaching courses, both to be held at Bisham Abbey, were recently advertised. There were more than sixty applications for the total of 24 places available, and as a result another course has been arranged at a new centre, the Hotel Imperial at Hythe.

It is, of course, necessary to guard carefully against the dangers of concentrating too much on new developments. It would be a sorry state of affairs if clubs in difficulties were not helped by the Association, and so became defunct. Any club which is struggling with, for example, the problem of a decline in its membership, should contact the C.A. immediately so that assistance can be provided.

One practical step to enable help to be offered to clubs in financial difficulties was recently taken by Council. A handsome legacy was received from the estate of the late Mr. Spencer Ell. Part of this was set aside for the purchase of a trophy, to be known as the Spencer Ell trophy, for the winner of the third invitation eight, thus replacing the Surrey Cup. But by far the greater part of the legacy has been placed in a special capital fund, to be known as the Benefactors Fund, from which loans can be made to clubs in need, on terms to be decided individually. A bequest from the late Mr. Victor Evans, Vice-President of the Association, has been added to this fund, and future legacies will also be credited to it, unless the donor specifies otherwise.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Gazette there is an article by the Chairman of the Test Tour Fund Raising Committee. I would like to add my personal plea to clubs and individual associates to play their full part in raising the funds that we need. Our hope is that in 1974 we shall be able to match the splendid hospitality experienced by our teams and supporters in New Zealand in 1963 and in Australia in 1969.

A triangular Test Series in this country is not expected to occur again for another twelve years, and the opportunity afforded for publicity for croquet must be exploited to the full. Many associates will have a role to play in ensuring that this is done.

A very successful Club Delegates Conference was held in December 1972, and a further Conference will be held this year. At the conclusion of the last Conference I made some observations which I should like to repeat here. I had been asked by the organiser, Derek Caporn, to explain what the Croquet Association was and what it did. I said that the Association simply comprised all its members, and that the work of the Council, its officers and the Standing Committees, whether these were concerned with the provision of tournaments, the production of the Gazette, revisions of the Laws or the arranging of demonstrations and coaching courses, were all directed towards serving the interests of associates. I went on to say that in many of these activities there are inevitably individuals who appear in the limelight, but they

are always supported by those who work very hard and unobtrusively behind the scenes. For instance, at a demonstration all attention is focussed on the two players, but the success of the venture depends entirely on those who ensure good attendance by hard work on publicity beforehand. While it is perhaps invidious to single out individuals, I feel that I must mention our Secretary, Vandeleur Robinson, who works far longer hours than we could reasonably expect.

Considerable burdens fall upon our Standing Committee chairmen, some of whom have onerous full-time jobs, and the extension of C.A. activities in the last two or three years has led to a doubling of committee activity. In every club there are members who cheerfully undertake the essential organisation and other chores. The managers of tournaments give freely of their time; they work long hours and usually forego the opportunity of competing themselves. The honorary Editor of the Gazette seeks only the reward of knowing that associates are provided with a publication which meets both with their approval and that of our Treasurer. The list could easily be extended, but what is obvious is that we are not lacking in associates who welcome the opportunity of contributing something to the game which has often given them so much. And while this situation continues, as I know it will, our cause will prosper.

B.G.Neal

The 1973 Season

The C.A. Calendar tournaments, including the new fixtures, were well supported in 1972, and many were over-subscribed. The Development Scheme continued to gain impetus and is already beginning to produce new tournament players. Such is the healthy demand that in 1973 there will be three new weekend and one full week's tournament added to the 1972 programme.

Although many new clubs are being formed, none, at present, have sufficient lawns to run their own official tournaments, which puts even more pressure on those clubs already able to stage them. In order to accommodate more players on the same number of lawns maybe the time is coming when we will have to accept double-banking at our tournaments in England. Double-banking (i.e. playing two games simultaneously on the same lawn and using a set of balls of different colours: white and pink v. green and brown) has long been common practice in Australia to beat the shortage of lawns and it is there accepted as normal. It will be interesting to see how the first all double-banking tournament in England fares — the Spring Bank Holiday weekend at Colchester. Twenty-eight players will get more games on the same number of lawns in the same time as twenty would without double-banking. For one, thinking of the future, hope it will be successful and acceptable, and that the typical English reluctance to accept change will be broken down rather more quickly than usual in this instance. Incidentally, there is already a good number of entries for this Colchester experiment.

I hope that the other new fixtures will be equally well supported: a four day meeting at Bowdon during the August Bank Holiday weekend (much easier to get to on the M6 than many people imagine), a second weekend at Wrest Park and a full week's tournament at Wrest Park for those not qualified as "veterans".

As to C.A. events, it has been found impracticable, owing to the increased number of entries, to run the Golf Croquet events in conjunction with the Peel Memorials and so, as an experiment in 1973, the Golf Croquet will be run as a separate three-day meeting at Ipswich in June. The Veterans' Championship, held again at Southwick, moves to June so

that it should not come immediately before the Devonshire Park fortnight. The Second Eight moves to Compton, the Third Eight (for the new Spencer Ell Cup) to Colchester, and the Ladies' Field Cup to Budleigh. The All-England finals, again at Roehampton, are a week later than usual, but otherwise the 1973 Calendar largely follows the 1972 pattern.

The Tournament Committee are already working on the Calendar for 1974. Of necessity there will have to be some alterations to the normal pattern in order to accommodate the Test Tour. We are working on the assumption that the majority of normal tournament players will not be able or willing to watch all nine Test Matches and that they will therefore require a full season of tournaments arranged for them. We are also planning for some of the Australians coming here with their Test Team to play in some of our domestic tournaments while they are in England. Such participation will be warmly welcomed, and to enable them to tie up their various package tour details well in advance it is our intention to publish the 1974 Calendar very much earlier than usual.

R.F. Rothwell
Chairman,
Tournament Committee

The Worldmark Croquet Tour 1973

In the summer of 1972 we were approached by Worldmark Travel Ltd. for our co-operation in arranging a world tour for croquet players. C.A. members were circularised, and nine members set off on 14 January for the holiday of a lifetime. Those taking part were Miss L.M. Cooke, Mrs E.C. Goldbard, Mr & Mrs Christopher Haworth, Miss Frances Joly, Mr & Mrs Philip Mann, H.G.B. Wagnell and Vandeleur Robinson.

Our first stop was at Rome, where we changed aircraft en route for Singapore. At Rome and other stops we were "frisked" for arms, which reassured us that we should probably not be hijacked. We arrived at Singapore on the Monday night. The Tuesday morning some of us spent buying clothes in a department store, and the afternoon in a sight-seeing trip which included the Botanical Gardens, the House of Jade and the Tiger Balm Gardens, a sort of oriental Disney-land. On the Wednesday evening we took the night flight to Sydney. Our only stop was at Djakarta, where the transit lounge contained an interesting display of stuffed birds and animals peculiar to Indonesia.

From Sydney we flew to Auckland, where we were met by the principal officers of the New Zealand Croquet Council and the Auckland Croquet Association. We had five full days in New Zealand, one of which we spent on an excursion in cars to Rotorua to see the geysers and other volcanic phenomena. On the other days we visited a number of the local croquet clubs, including Mount Hobson and Remuera. The N.Z. croquet world was busily occupied in holding its Open Championships at Auckland, but nevertheless found time to give us a wonderful reception and to arrange for us to play friendly games at Mount Albert, St Helier Bay, Mount Hobson and Remuera when their lawns were not in use for the Championships. Among old friends we met at Auckland was Jean Jarden.

From Auckland we flew to Sydney, where we arrived so late that we unfortunately missed a tour of the harbour by boat kindly arranged for us by the N.S.W. Croquet Players Association. The Presidents of the Australian Croquet Council and the N.S.W. Croquet Players Association awaited us at our hotel. The next morning we went on a coach tour of Sydney which included the lovely house and grounds at Vaucluse, and Bondi Beach. In the afternoon we took the ferry to Manly, where we were taken for a scenic drive and then to the Club, where we played croquet before

and after tea and ended up with a barbecue supper. Here and at Mosman we met our old friend Colonel Saalfeld. In playing croquet at Mosman we experienced double-banking and "sudden death" time limits, which cut one off in mid-break. After lunch the Mosman members showed us two film strips and then took us to the Tauranga Park Zoo, where we were particularly impressed by the tree kangaroos and anteaters.

Our arrival at Adelaide was heralded by a rainbow and a magnificent sunset. Adelaide is one of the most beautifully laid out towns in the world. The South Australia Croquet Association laid on a doubles tournament specially for us. We were entertained for lunch by the Victor Harbour Croquet Club, whose grounds were very close to the beach, which enabled Christopher Haworth and Vandeleur Robinson to swim in the Southern Ocean, which they said was nice and warm. We visited the Glenelg Club for tea.

At Melbourne the Victorian Croquet Association laid on a four-day X, Y, Z doubles tournament for our benefit; each of us was paired with a local partner. Mrs Biddy Dodd managed the tournament. Harold Clemons and Miss Mackenzie (immediate Past President of the Australian Croquet Council) came over from Tasmania to meet us. From Brisbane came Derek Russell, the new Secretary of the Australian Croquet Council, with his wife; it was a particular pleasure for our Secretary to be able to make friends with his Australian opposite number, who had co-ordinated the efforts of the State Associations on our behalf. We received wonderful hospitality all over Australia and New Zealand which we will certainly repay in 1974.

On the way home we stopped for two days in Bangkok, which was a most refreshing and delightful experience. Four half-day excursions in and around the city enabled us to see the teeming riverside life, the gorgeously decorated temples, the artistic Siamese dancing, and the sword-play and boxing, both enlivened by the use of the feet as additional weapons. When not sight-seeing we spent our time in and around the swimming pool, set in an extensive garden, complete with lake and pelicans and a zoo with monkeys, turtles and a toucan.

And so back from the Australian summer to the English winter, bringing our sun-tan with us.

Notice

For general reference, the Secretary of the Croquet Association is Mr Vandeleur Robinson, The Hurlingham Club, London S.W.6. The standard annual rate of subscription to the C.A. is £4. The Editor of the Croquet Gazette is Revd P.D. Hallett, Teversham House, 18 Hillside, Sawston, Cambs. Material for the Croquet Gazette may normally be sent directly to the Editor.

Material for the July gazette should reach the Editor by June 20, for the September gazette by August 8, for the October gazette by September 19, and for the December gazette by November 23.

Note from Budleigh Salterton

Owing to her continued illness, Joan Warwick has felt obliged to give up the Croquet Secretaryship. The new Croquet Secretary will be Colin Edwards, 8 Long Copp, Budleigh Salterton. (Tel. Budleigh Salterton 2261). He will be concerned with all croquet matters except tournaments, which will continue to be organised by the Tournament Secretary, Dr W.R. Bucknall. We all hope that, before long, Joan will be restored to normal health.

W.R.B.

Tactics in Handicap Games

Because high bisquers are not sufficiently experienced to write articles on croquet, tactics from their point of view receive little coverage, although they have the greatest need for instruction. As a result high bisquers' management of bisques is usually completely misconceived. But 'A' class players are well aware that there is a certain type of high-bisquer who is almost impossible to beat, and if you wish to join that happy band (temporarily, because your bisques will soon be taken away) you should follow the principles described below.

Use your bisques aggressively, to end the game quickly before your opponent can get into the game. The longer you delay the final peg-out, the longer will be the odds against your winning. If you win the toss, you must put your opponent in first. If you allow an 'A' class opponent to have the fourth shot, he may well go round with that ball and his game will be half-finished before you have started. He will also gain the psychological advantage which is so important. Remember that if he has one ball round he is within one turn of victory, because he will probably finish the game as soon as he hits in again.

Having put your opponent in first, play your first ball about four yards south of the second hoop, and when you play your second ball (the fourth turn in the game), shoot at the opponent balls and immediately use your bisques to set up and maintain a four-ball break until your clip is on the peg. Even if, as a result of nerves or bad luck, you have used, say, 8 bisques out of 11 to get round, you should still go to the peg, because by doing this you deprive your opponent of a turn later on, and this may well decide the issue. There is a general belief that you should stop at rover, but this is wrong because your opponent can easily incorporate a single peel in his break and you would still be pegged out.

The general strategy is to keep on the court and keep your opponent frustrated in his seat while you play yourself in. Having played yourself in, probably you would find that, in the example given above, the remaining three bisques would be enough to take the second ball round.

If you lose the toss, your opponent will put you in first and if he lays himself a tice, aim diagonally at the tice and if necessary use a half-bisque or bisque to put his ball south of hoop 2, and join your other ball on the east boundary. If he now fails to hit in, set up a break as before and continue the break regardless of cost until the ball is round. Never give up the innings while you have bisques left and the balls are in the court. When setting up a break, it is better to use two bisques to get a good position than one bisque to get a sticky break which may lead to disaster.

If your break starts to deteriorate, use a bisque early to tidy it up; do not wait until your break disintegrates. Remember also that bisques taken early in the game have much more value than bisques taken later. If you have six bisques and twenty-four hoops to make, the potential average value of each bisque is four hoops. But if you have only six hoops to make, the potential value is only one hoop per bisque. Also if you use your bisques boldly you will avoid the infuriating disaster of "going to bed with" some of your bisques.

Do not use your bisques defensively, always attack and concentrate on getting round as quickly as possible. Do not "save a bisque for the peg-out". This popular fallacy is unsound. The peg-out is easy; getting to the peg is the problem, and this is what bisques are for. Another popular fallacy is saving a half-bisque to near the end, to correct some future error. The best use for a half-bisque is right at the beginning, to set up the first break before taking a full bisque to start scoring.

When correcting a mistake during a break, do not play the obvious shot; look for something better. For example, suppose that in starting a break you had to leave your partner ball near the fourth corner, and at the third hoop you over-ran your approach and could not make the hoop. Almost invariably the player plays into position for the hoop and takes a bisque to run the hoop, quite the worst thing to do. With your last shot you should aim at your partner ball, take a bisque and roquet the ball to the fourth hoop, take off to the centre ball, improve its position, go to the pilot ball and improve that, and finally run your hoop. You have made the same hoop with the same bisque, but you now have a perfectly laid break to follow.

Suppose that you are laid up at the first hoop and the opponent balls are on the north boundary near the third corner. The usual play is to "make sure of the hoop", and then take off to split up the enemy balls. This is "Aunt Emma" play and precisely what your opponent is hoping for, because if you take off too long or too short you will have to waste a bisque and receive absolutely nothing for it. The correct play is not to make the hoop but to shoot at the farthest ball, take a bisque and put that ball near the third hoop, put the other opponent ball near the second hoop and then return to your partner ball to make the hoop which is still waiting for you. Even if you have to use another bisque on the way it is well invested, because you are now in a position to go round the peg.

Do not peg out an 'A' class or even a 'B' class opponent, because you need the fourth ball more than he does. But if he pegs you out, do not assume that all is lost. The single ball player who is more than half-way round should win if he does not lose confidence. One reason for this is that the management of the two balls out of three is extremely difficult. Indeed to play the two balls well one needs to be a master tactician, whereas the single ball is much easier to play.

If you adhere to the foregoing principles you will soon learn to play constructive croquet, and the ghost of Aunt Emma will never haunt you again.

L.Riggall

Experiences of a small club

My experience has been (apart from a few outings to Cheltenham) almost exclusively with the small club, the club with one or two lawns. At Stourbridge we don't even have a pavilion, and only a share in a small shed for the storage of equipment. This is something we shall be remedying this coming season. In the small club we do have particular problems. I shall speak of problems common to all clubs but to which the small club is more vulnerable. These problems can be divided into three groups. First there is the optimum utilisation of lawns and equipment. The limitations in existing facilities mean that there is a level of membership above which one cannot go. This, in turn, can aggravate the second area of difficulty, shortage of funds. Thirdly there is the problem of cohesion, the social aspects of club life and the part we all have to play in ensuring the continuity and the survival of the club entity.

We all hate double banking, but it has to be lived with when only one or two courts are available. Surprisingly, the mathematical odds against any of the balls of one set interfering with those of the other are fairly remote, and the use of a little foresight can almost eliminate this chance. At Stourbridge we couldn't afford the second colour balls until our third season, but it is now quite common on a summer evening to see sixteen people playing on our two slightly modified courts. It reminds one of a snooker table,

but we accept it as necessary for the general good of the club. We don't have double banking when competitions are being played, and we do have a court booking system which has been quite successful. Matches can be arranged in advance by telephoning a court booking secretary and finding out whether a court is free. This is important if one has a long journey to the club, and it eliminates the frustration of arriving, mallet in hand, only to come upon the scene I have just described, sixteen people double banking.

There is a way of getting forty people on to two courts, a way which we have found extremely useful, economical and instructive, and without doubt very popular. I refer to the gymkhana. We first organised one from information gleaned from John Solomon's book "Croquet", and we very soon added competitions based on important croquet exercises, such as rushing a ball to the peg from one of the corners, and 'taking off' from 'A' baulk to get as near as possible to the north boundary line without actually going off. Both these require the marshalls to be armed with tape-measures, because we now frequently have people getting literally within inches of the objectives. We found that the scoring system used in television's "It's a Knock Out" is ideal for this type of event, and that (as in that programme) several events can be run concurrently under the control of the scorers and marshalls. Gymkhana events are fun for everyone, but they are not just fun; there is a real element of skill involved. Naturally we soon found that the better players tended to finish at the top of the lists. There is some element of luck, however, and many individual events are won by beginners, which pleases them enormously and helps them to realise the importance of many of the strokes which have to be performed in the orthodox game.

A favourable geographical location can open the door to yet another way to get members playing — the use of other people's courts — by arrangement, I hasten to add! For instance, the Edgbaston club is about ten miles from Stourbridge, and on several occasions we have played other clubs on their courts; we have also played our own internal competition matches there. This is particularly useful towards the end of the season when matches have tended to get a little behind. Green fees are paid to the host club, and so the arrangement is to the advantage of both clubs.

It is important to keep membership as close to the upper limit as possible so that revenue is high, and this means recruiting. This can be done in several different ways and with varying degrees of success. The 'coaching for beginners course' is probably the best known. We have done several of these, and this year we excelled ourselves with a course in which fourteen people took part; all of them subsequently joined the club, and ten of them are definitely with us for next year! We have learned from Professor Neal and Mrs Meachem that the course must be organised properly in logical and progressive sequence. We have learned that we must have abundant publicity, and here the C.A. helps with blank posters which, when completed and well-sited, get the 'opportunity' message across to the public. We set the cost of the course fairly low and offer preferential entry terms, such as half subscription for the first year, on completion of the course. Besides formal campaigns it is necessary to seize opportunities provided by personal contact with friends, relations and business associates. One must tell people what croquet is, avoiding the impression that it is too easy or too difficult. To get permanent converts it is necessary to introduce information in a controlled manner. Croquet must surely have the highest 'misconception factor' of any game, and this can lead to some disappointments.

After subscriptions, what other sources of financial help are available? Patronage is one thought. Is there someone, preferably with some connections within the club, a member

of a commercial or industrial company who, without necessarily having any great interest in croquet, may nevertheless be delighted to take on the responsibilities of being president of the club: presenting the prizes, acting as a figurehead, a man who has facilities and is willing to allow their use for such mundane but necessary things as duplicating. We have been lucky indeed in having such a patron, and I know of at least one other club which is equally fortunate.

Find out which sports goods retailers in your area will give you discounts on equipment. Many will give none, but there is nearly always at least one who will, in return for club business, give 10% or so. Not only can you save on equipment purchased by the club, but you can also pass on savings to your members by ordering individual requirements through the club. There are the standard fund raising devices like jumble sales, coffee parties, raffles etc. which are so well known that I need neither describe nor dwell upon them except to say, don't forget them, for they are tried and trusted methods used successfully by organisations all over the country.

Local authorities at this moment are having difficulty in giving money away. This year grant-aiding of sports clubs which provide a local amenity has become the responsibility of local councils. Are you in touch? Do you know what is available in your town? Do you know if your local council is sympathetic to sport? Contact the sports advisory council in your area. These organisations often 'vet' applications for grants and will advise on how to apply. Better still, get on the committee. Many sports advisory councils are so badly supported by sports clubs that there are frequently several vacancies on their executive committees. There must be hundreds without croquet representation. If you manage to get on, you may be in a position to help shape local policy and to get early information not only on what funds are available, but also on what sports promotions are being planned and how your club can participate. If a close connection with sports advisory councils is not maintained, you may only find out what is happening from a notice on a library wall, or maybe not at all!

I have dealt briefly with the problems of facilities and funds in the small club. I emphasize that we at Stourbridge have by no means solved them, but we have tried and we are trying. Perhaps we have dealt most successfully with the problem of what I have termed cohesion: the feeling of belonging to a group, the promotion of activities off the courts, the sense of importance that we try to engender in the whole strata of our membership. I use the word strata advisedly, because it exactly describes the way in which many clubs develop. There are the serious competitors, the strivers for handicap reductions. Then there are the average players, constantly improving, always trying harder. There are those who like to come to the courts and play just for the fun and pleasure of the game. And there are, unfortunately, those few who will never do a four ball break though they play for twenty years. Do not discourage them, even when your court space is limited. In these last two categories are people who may know they will not be winning glory for themselves or the club, but they will often put that extra effort into organising catering at matches or the annual dinner, fund raising or social evenings. The better players should help to improve the standard of play of the "rabbits" and encourage them to step up through the strata to explore the satisfaction of an improving game, but only if they want to. In considering the differences in ability that one finds, it is surely as well to remember that one stratum rests upon another and that without the lower — the highest could fall!

Do try to let your members know what is happening in your club. We have a newsletter distributed usually once a month, letting people know forthcoming dates, match

results and a little social chit-chat. We consider this communication very important. We have, for instance, at least two members who haven't been to the club for two years but who occasionally send a letter in response to some item in the newsletter and are always first with subscriptions. This area of communication is one in which the tiny club scores, for it is proportionally easier and cheaper the smaller the numbers involved.

Let me finish with a reference to that ingredient which is essential to the growth and prosperity of any club, but which is particularly important to the small club — enthusiasm, which can mean the difference between the life and death of a club, personal enthusiasm, competitive enthusiasm, committee enthusiasm, an "all strata corporate enthusiasm", which is another way of saying . . . well, Rudyard Kipling said it better in these few lines which I think you may find apt:

"It ain't the guns nor armaments
Or the funds that you can pay.
It's the close co-operation that makes 'em win the day."

It ain't the individual
Nor the army as a whole —
It's the everlasting teamwork
Of every blooming soul."

G.E.P. Young

[This paper, here slightly altered and abridged, was first given to the Club Delegates' Conference in December 1972. — Editor]

Official Notices

Secretary's Notes

1. CLUB REGISTRATION FEES

It is greatly to the advantage of the C.A. and also of individual croquet clubs that they should be registered with the C.A. When clubs are so registered, we can give their addresses to intending croquet players who want to find a club to join not too far from where they live. We also send copies of the Croquet Gazette to the Secretary of each registered club (two copies if he is also an Associate, one for himself as a member, and one as Club Secretary). Unfortunately the cost of five copies of the gazette and a Fixtures Book each year, and postage to the Club, is by no means negligible, and for that reason we are obliged to make a charge of £1.50 each year.

Most clubs pay their registration fee each year as a matter of routine, but some forget to do so. Recently the Council asked me to apply to clubs the same criterion as to individual Associates, namely to remind them early in the year if they have not paid for the preceding year, and failing a reply to de-register them. I have sent out letters to this effect, but there are still a few who have not replied. Will clubs please be so kind as to look into the matter, and if in arrears, regularise the position? I shall greatly dislike it if I have to delete them from the C.A. Directory and from the distribution list for the Croquet Gazette.

2. REQUESTS FOR INCREASE OF HANDICAP

The Handicap Co-ordination Committee again draws the

attention of all Associates to the procedure for applying for an increase in handicap. In spite of the plea in the April gazette a year ago, that full and relevant evidence should be provided in support of applications, only too often this is omitted; indeed, in some cases a bald request is received from an Associate, without its having been submitted through a Handicapper. The requirements in brief are:—

- the application should wherever possible be submitted through a Tournament or Club Handicapper;
- it should be accompanied by reasons justifying the application, including results of games extending over a number of months and a recommendation from the Handicapper through whom the application is submitted;
- it should be sent to the Secretary of the C.A.

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5. NEW REFEREES, HANDICAPPER AND MANAGERS

Brigadier L.E.Bourke, C.B.E., R.O.Calder, H.B.H.Carlisle, M.J.Evans, R.O.Havery, D.H.Moorcraft, K.H.Paterson, K.S.Schofield, J.H.J.Soutter, Revd C.H.Townshend, P.A.Tunmer, J.A.Wheeler, J.Howard Wright. Cdr G. Borrett, R.N., Prof. B.G.Weitz, G.E.P.Young. Brigadier Bourke is appointed an Official Handicapper. P.Newton and Mrs J.N.Rolfe are appointed Official Managers.

6. NEW CLUBS

Birnam Wood Golf Club, 2031 Packing House Road, Santa Barbara, California, 93108, U.S.A. Correspondence to the Croquet Chairman, Captain Forrest Tucker.
The Creek, Inc., Locust Valley, Long Island, New York, 11560, U.S.A. Correspondence to George H.Bullen, 617 Middle Neck Road, New York, 11023, U.S.A.

7. CHANGES IN THE CLUBS

Caversham. Dr Boucher is succeeded as Secretary by R.F.Rothwell, 74c Grosvenor Road, Caversham, Reading, Berkshire.
Cheltenham. Mrs B. de C. Matthews is succeeded as Tournaments Secretary by Miss W.K.Allardyce.

Colworth. N.Davren has succeeded T.Anderson as Secretary.

Ellesmere. Miss May Farnworth is succeeded as Secretary by Mrs J.S.Tyldesley, 14 Greenleach Lane, Worsley, Manchester, M28 4RU. (Tel. Walkden (061-790) 2600).

Langside has been disbanded.

Australian Croquet Council. Miss Mackenzie is succeeded as President by Mrs Dickinson.

Queensland Croquet Association. Mrs M.Daniels is succeeded as Secretary by N.W.Ransley, 22 Chelmer Street East, Chelmer 4068.

South African Croquet Association. Miss M.I.Simkins is succeeded as President by C.W.I.Gillespie, F.Hough is succeeded as Secretary by Miss Dilys Hobbs and Miss Helen Borchers becomes Treasurer. (By the rules of the S.A.C.A. the President, Secretary and Treasurer come from the same Province — in this case Cape.)

Maritzburg Club. This club has celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. We send it our best wishes.

Vandeleur Robinson,
 Secretary.

March 1973

Handicap Alterations

Caversham Club Recommendations

A.F.Adlam 11 to 10; Mrs A.F.Adlam 10 to 9; Mrs H.G.T. Bolton 14 to 13 (D10); Mrs H.A.Pim 12 to 11 (D10) and later to 10.

Parkstone Club Recommendations

R.H.C.Carder 7 to 6; Miss M.M.Fickling 13 to 13 (D12); Mrs P.Newton 6 to 5½; Dr C.A.Parker 5½ to 5; Miss A.M. Ryan 14 (D13) to 13.

Parsons Green Club Recommendation

Mrs S.W.Higgins 9 to 8.

Corrections

Dr C.A.Boucher 0; A.J.Cooper -2½; Lady FitzGerald 3; Miss F.Joly -1½; Mrs A.E.Millns 12.

Handicap Increases approved

Major R.Driscoll 1 to 3; Mrs M.D.Nosworthy 11 to 13; Mrs C.Parr 11 to 13; Mrs P.D.Showan 2 to 3; Mrs E.M. Temple 2 to 3.

The Test Tour Fund

All Associates are looking forward with keen anticipation to 1974 and the arrival of the teams from Australia and New Zealand to compete in the first Triangular Test Series ever held in this country. This will be a memorable year and it should be marked in a memorable way by the scale of our welcome to our visitors. Details of the Tour were published in the December gazette and the only alternative thereto is the substitution of Roehampton for Birmingham as the venue for the third Test Match between Australia and Great Britain, as it was not possible to find a suitable ground in the Midlands.

The income of the C.A. is not sufficient to cover the expenses of the Tour, nor would it be proper to use its capital assets for this purpose. Yet Associates will wish to ensure that the splendid hospitality which our teams received in New Zealand in 1963 and Australia in 1969 is returned. The Council has therefore set up this special fund so that our visitors can be welcomed and provided with a generous measure of hospitality. The Fund will be used for that purpose, and no payment will be made from it to any

members of our own team. It is hoped that the generosity of Associates and Clubs will provide such a substantial Fund that there will be a balance left over which will form the nucleus of a Fund towards the expenses of our team to tour New Zealand in 1978.

The Test Reception and Fund Raising Committees have been hard at work for over twelve months drawing up their plans:

Publicity:

An attractive Programme covering the whole Tour will be produced early in 1974 for sale to Associates and the general public. The cost of this publication has been underwritten by two Associates so that no expense will fall on the Fund. It is hoped that large sales will be achieved both in this country and in the Antipodes, and all profits will go to the Fund. A special issue of the gazette will be produced to cover all the Test Matches, and will be issued free to Associates. The cost of this will be met partly from C.A. funds; the remaining cost has been underwritten, so no expense will fall on the Test Tour Fund. The more copies that can be sold to non-Associates, the more the Fund will benefit, as it will receive all the profits.

Posters will be printed for all Test Matches, and it is hoped that clubs staging Test Matches, and any other clubs in the area, will start now to look for suitable places where these can be displayed. It is hoped that the cost of the posters will be met by a sponsor, but if not it is anticipated that Development Scheme funds will be used to cover the expense, which after all is for the benefit of croquet in general. *This unique opportunity for maximum publicity in 1974 must be exploited, so will all Associates start thinking about it, and if there is any Associate employed in publicity and advertising who can help, please will he or she contact me and let me have his or her ideas.*

Hospitality

New Zealand play Scotland in a match prior to the first Test Match. There will be some private hospitality, but hotel accommodation will also be required. The Scottish Committee are raising a substantial sum towards the expense involved. Australia have a preliminary match at Carrickmines, and again hotel accommodation is needed to supplement the private hospitality which will be provided. After this, both teams will stay in hotels for the rest of the Tour, arranged as a package deal by their own Associations. For our part the Test Tour Fund will provide free meals during the Test Matches and practice sessions, and also hospitality at all social functions for the teams, their Managers and senior visiting officials. At the six clubs staging Tests, namely Budleigh, Cheltenham, Colchester, Compton, Nottingham and Southwick, this hospitality will be provided by the clubs concerned as a contribution in kind to the Fund. This is not possible at Hurlingham and Roehampton because they are proprietary clubs, not run by the members. The Croquet members of the Hurlingham Club, where two Test Matches are being staged, have set themselves a target of £300 and are already well on the way to reaching this figure. This is a magnificent response, and it is hoped that their generosity will be matched by all clubs up and down the country.

Entertainment

Some sight-seeing excursions and special visits are being considered. Associates have already offered a private visit to Chartwell, tickets for the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre and the Players Theatre, a conducted tour of Cambridge, and the All England Club have given complimentary tickets for the Tennis Championships. Other Associates may care to make offers covering places of special interest, but they

must bear in mind the details of the itinerary and that our visitors are arranging some excursions of their own. It may not be possible to take up all offers, but if you have any suggestions, please contact me.

Opening and Farewell Functions

These will take the form of dinners at Hurlingham. These events will be self-financing and will not be subsidised by the Test Tour Fund. It is hoped that large numbers of Associates will come to these functions in the beautiful surroundings of Hurlingham.

General

Associates will appreciate that to achieve all this a substantial sum will be required. The Fund Raising Committee have therefore set their target as a minimum of **TWO THOUSAND POUNDS**.

Means of Raising this amount

1. A Raffle is being promoted under the Small Lotteries Act. If all the tickets are sold, as I hope they will be, this will produce £750 less £100 in prizes and £50 in expenses, i.e. net	£600
2. From Registered Clubs	£1,000
3. Unregistered Clubs	£25
4. "Slip Scheme" i.e. donation by winners of club and C.A. events (in 1973 a pilot scheme has already produced £46.50).	£150
5. Sponsorship and donations	£225
	£2,000

In April raffle books will be sent to every registered club, and it is hoped that clubs will not only sell all the raffle tickets but will raise at least as much as they raise on the raffle by such means as they think fit. Ideas for fund-raising are:—

Croquet Gymkhana; Barbecue; Coffee or Wine Parties; Bring and Buy Sale; Jumble Sale; Auction; Indoor Croquet Tournament during winter (in 1968 one club raised over £110 from this!); sale of articles purchased at a large discount; stall at the local fete (good for publicity also); shop window contest i.e. spot the Croquet equipment in the window (good for publicity); sweeps on your club tournament; Horse Racing Night; 50/50 sale; sale of plants etc.

I will be pleased to provide any further information that clubs may require. There is no reason why, if your club is short of funds, the profits of these events should not be shared between the club and the Test Tour Fund.

What can I do?

You can lend a hand in helping your club to put on a fund-raising and publicity event; you could sponsor a visit; you could make a private donation. *All clubs donating money to the fund*, as well as *individuals* will have an acknowledgement in the gazette. You could organise a fund-raising event yourself (I know of several Associates who are going to do this in their own homes); you can donate articles for sale (the Fund is organising an Auction and would welcome gifts of wine, spirits, silver, glass, small bric-a-brac etc. for this); you could find a sponsor; you could do so much, and I hope you will.

I am sure every club and Associate will want to be associated with this effort and to have the pleasure of feeling that he or she has contributed — so go to it, and thank you.

Derek Caporn

Treasurer's Commentary on the 1972 Accounts

Income has slightly exceeded expenditure during the year — by a little over £80 if the 'windfall' profit on the sale of one of our investments is excluded. This is a satisfactory result, having regard to the occurrence this year of some large items of non-recurrent expenditure viz. the printing of the Laws and the purchase (for resale) of the publishers' remainders of John Solomon's 'Croquet' and Miller & Thorp's 'Croquet and How to Play it'. It is particularly gratifying to record the continued increase in subscription income, reflecting the activity of the Coaching and Development Scheme, and the growth in dividends, largely the result of investing with the Guardian Building Society money formerly held in current account and deposit account with the Association's Bankers.

The editor is to be congratulated on having kept the cost of the Gazette within its allotted budget, although some increase in this is, I fear, inevitable for 1973.

The figures shown for Staff Salaries and Development Scheme Expenditure are shown net in the Accounts because approximately three-quarters of our total expenditure on these items is covered by the Government Administration and Coaching grant and only the balance has to be borne by the Association. The fact that financial assistance is given

to us by the Sports Council for administrative costs (including the Secretary's salary) as well as for direct coaching costs, means that the Coaching & Development scheme has been able to operate without any noticeable strain on the Association's finances.

During the year the Association has received three legacies. The £100 from the late Mrs Heley has been added to the Apps Memorial Fund, so making it possible to increase the annual award from this Fund to the club which has done the most for croquet or has made most progress during the year. The sums received from the late Mr Spencer Ell and the late Mr Victor Evans have been collected together into a Benefactors Fund which it has been decided will be used for such purposes as Council may from time to time determine. In accordance with Mr Spencer Ell's wishes a cup has been purchased out of a part of his contribution to this fund. (See extracts from Proceedings of Council Meeting on 18th November 1972 as reported in the December Gazette).

Current Assets were high at the end of the year because the balance of the Benefactors Fund was awaiting investment and because there has been included in Current Assets the Association's stock of Laws and other publications (at a conservative valuation).

A.J. Oldham,
Hon. Treasurer
16th March 1973

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1972

Year to 31.12.71 £		£
	INCOME	
1,694	Subscriptions	1,861.31
175	Affiliation Fees and Overseas Members	227.15
400	Levy	393.16
30	Tribute	49.50
251	Sale of Books, Laws, etc.	427.19
173	Dividends from Investments (Net)	246.12
29	Donations	—
2,752		3,204.43
37	Add Surplus on Tournaments (Net)	145.16
2,789		3,349.59
	Less Expenditure	
876	Magazine, less income from Advertisements	887.09
1,913		2,462.50
	General Overheads	
260	Office Rent, Lighting, Heating and Cleaning	268.89
271	Staff Salaries (Net)	335.80
167	Postages and Telephone	171.32
299	Printing, Stationery and Publicity	780.42
60	Insurance	92.77
208	Sundry Expenses	289.32
63	Audit and Accountancy Charges	75.00
—	Maintenance of Office Furniture and Equipment	8.00
14	Depreciation of Office Furniture and Equipment	13.00
1,342		2,034.52
571		427.98
171	Additional Expenditure on Development Scheme (Net)	345.45
400		82.53
—	Surplus on Sale of Investments, less Capital Gains Tax	40.48
£400		£123.01
	Excess of Income over Expenditure	£123.01

INVESTMENTS HELD AT 31st DECEMBER 1972

Nominal Value £		Cost £	Market Value £
<i>QUOTED INVESTMENTS</i>			
1,260.00	Grand Metropolitan Hotels Ltd. 8½% Unsecured Loan Stock 1978/80	1,272.92	1,197
112.00	Midland Bank Ltd. £1 Ordinary Shares	204.02	537
163.00	Omnium Investment Co. Ltd. 25p Deferred Shares	186.94	1,043
1,439.06	3% Savings Bonds 1965/75	1,147.65	1,266
218.15	3½% War Stock	115.50	80
400.00	The New Throgmorton Trust Ltd., Income Shares of 25p each	478.75	480
500 shares	Union Corporation Ltd. Ordinary Shares of 6.25 cents	396.78	1,660
		3,802.56	£6,263
<i>UNQUOTED INVESTMENTS</i>			
	Rochampton Country Club £1 Shares	10.00	
	Guardian Building Society	1,800.00	
		£5,612.56	

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1972

As at 31.12.71 £		£
	FIXED ASSETS	
129	Office Furniture and Equipment at written down value	116.00
2,000	Trophies — estimated to realise	2,000.00
5,559	Investments, as per attached schedule	5,612.56
7,688		7,728.56
	CURRENT ASSETS	
228	Sundry Debtors and Prepayments	583.00
122	Cash in hand and at Bank	909.11
350		1,492.11
8,038		9,220.67
	LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	
84	Subscriptions Received in advance	7.00
612	Accrued Expenses	491.12
8	Taxation	20.35
704		518.47
£7,334		£8,702.20
	Represented by	
5,777	Accumulated General Fund as at 1st January 1972	5,344.47
400	Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	123.01
6,177		5,467.48
833	Less Transfer to Life Membership Fund	—
5,344		5,467.48
1,715	Life Membership Fund	1,810.00
116	Apps Heley Memorial Fund	215.50
159	Dominion Tour Fund	159.22
—	Benefactors Fund	1,050.00
£7,334		£8,702.20

B.G. Neal, Chairman of the Council

A.J. Oldham, Hon. Treasurer

We have examined the books, vouchers and other records maintained by The Croquet Association for the year ended 31st December 1972 and obtained such further information as considered necessary. To the best of our knowledge and belief the above Statement of Accounts and the annexed Income and Expenditure Account give a true and fair view of the state of affairs as at 31st December 1972.

Kipling House,
43 Villiers Street,
London WC2N 6NJ.

5th March 1973

NICHOLASS, REID, CORNEY & CO.
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Value Added Tax

The following note may be helpful to Club Secretaries. Whilst the statements made are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, correct, I must disclaim any responsibility for interpretation of this new legislation and those who require further information and advice should approach their local officer of Customs & Excise and obtain a copy of notice number 700 and notice number 701.

Note

Value Added Tax which is to be introduced on the 1st April 1973 is a form of turnover tax which is borne by the ultimate consumer, but is collected by the supplier of goods and services and it is the latter who is regarded as the taxable person.

A vocational institution such as the Croquet Association is outside the scope of the tax in respect of its membership subscriptions but it may, if it wishes, elect to be a taxable person irrespective of the amount of its subscription income. However, any activities of the institution for which a charge is made over and above the membership subscription, e.g. in our case, fees for tournaments, are regarded as business activities and cause the institution to become a taxable person if the extent of these activities amounts to £5,000 or more per annum.

There are circumstances in which a vocational institution could find it advantageous to exercise its option to become a taxable person in respect of its subscription income but they do not apply in the case of the Croquet Association. The other activities of the Croquet Association are so very far from amounting to £5,000 in value that we shall not rank as a taxable person.

The position of sports clubs is apparently different because the provision of facilities to members is regarded as a business activity, viz., the supplying of services. The measure of this supply will, it would seem, be the total of the subscriptions paid per annum, plus any further charges made for catering (food and drink), the provision of facilities for playing Bridge, etc., and presumably tickets for dances and similar social functions; it does not include services rendered without charge. However, only if the supply of services amounts to £5,000 or more will the club have to register as a taxable person and operate the system. Smaller clubs — and this will presumably include the majority of croquet clubs — will not have to do so; they will effectively be in the same position as private individuals.

If the club is a taxable person it will become liable to pay tax at 10% on the amount of its subscription income, and on the charges for food and drink, etc., but — and it is important not to forget this — the club will be able to deduct from the tax due on these activities the tax paid on the wines and spirits (but not food because food is not subject to VAT), fertilizer for the lawns, croquet equipment and so on which it has purchased; only the balance of tax will have to be paid over to the Customs and Excise. It follows that it will not generally be necessary to increase subscriptions, entry fees to tournaments and so on by a full 10% in order to compensate for the introduction of VAT.

Special transitional arrangements will apply for 1973 to clubs which are taxable persons. Where in the ordinary course the due date of a subscription is before the 1st April 1973, no tax will be chargeable on the supply of services covered by a subscription. This applies whether or not the payment is received before the 1st April 1973 but only if the subscription is payable in full before then.

A.J.Oldham,
Hon. Treasurer.
16th March 1973

Annual General Meeting to be held at The Hurlingham Club on Monday May 21st 1973 at 2.30 p.m.

Agenda

- Minutes of the A.G.M. held on May 22nd 1972.
- Election of Vice-President.
Miss D.A.Lintern is nominated by the Council for election as a Vice-President of the Association.
- Report and Balance Sheet.
- Election of Hon. Treasurer.
Mr A.J.Oldham retires and offers himself for re-election.
- Election of Members of Council.
There are nine vacancies for the Council, and a tenth vacancy will arise if Miss D.A.Lintern is elected as Vice-President.
The following retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election:
I.C.Baillieu
G.Birch
Dr R.W.Bray
B.Lloyd-Pratt
A.J.Oldham
R.F.Rothwell
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith
R.O.B.Whittington.
E.A.Roper resigned during the year.
- Resolution to appoint Auditors.
- Any other business.
- Vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Extracts from Proceedings at Council Meetings

FEBRUARY 10th 1973

- In view of the success of the Club Delegates' Conference held on 9th December 1972, Council decided to hold another Conference on 8th December 1973.
- The three year period covered by the initial grant for the Development Scheme ends in 1973. Council agreed the basis of a fresh application for grant aid; in future, applications must be submitted annually.
- A report by the Test Reception Committee was discussed and agreed after modification. The report suggested appropriate arrangements at the clubs staging Test Matches, and these were subsequently agreed by representatives of those clubs at a meeting held on 24th February.

MARCH 10th 1973

- Council nominated Miss D.A.Lintern for election to the office of Vice-President of the Association.
- The Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for 1972 were presented by Mr Oldham, the Honorary Treasurer, and were adopted.
- Since no suitable venue could be found for a Test Match in Birmingham, it was agreed to ask the Roehampton Club to stage the Australia v. Great Britain match on 2, 3 and 5 August 1974.
- Council discussed a motion calling for alterations in the Laws governing Open Doubles, either to prescribe that both partners should be present throughout the game or to limit the number of peels of the partner ball. It was decided that no changes should be made.
- The procedure for handicapping, described in the

- gazettes for April 1971 and April 1972, will continue.
- Council noted with pleasure the formation of the Federation of West Midlands Croquet Clubs.

Attendances at Council and Committee Meetings 1972-3

Professor B.G.Neal, Chairman *, C 5, T 2, F & GP 2, P & D 2, Ed 1, Total 12/12.
R.F.Rothwell, Vice-Chairman *, C 5, T 2, F & GP 2, P & D 2, Ed 1, S 2, Total 14/14.
A.J.Oldham, Hon. Treasurer *, C 5, T 0, F & GP 2, P & D 2, Ed 1, Total 10/12.
G.N.Aspinal, C 5, P & D 2, Ed 1, Total 8/8.
I.C.Baillieu, C 4, T 1, S 2, Total 7/9.
G.Birch, C 1, P & D 1, Total 2/7.
Cdr G.Borrett, C 4, T 2, Ed 1, Total 7/8.
Dr R.W.Bray, C 5, F & GP 0, P & D 2, Ed 1, Total 8/10.
D.C.Caporn, C 5, T 2, F & GP 2, P & D 2, Total 11/11.
Major J.H.Dibley, C 3, F & GP 2, Total 5/7.
Revd W.E.Gladstone, C 5, T 2, Total 7/7.
His Honour Judge A.D.Karmel, C 1, Total 1/5.
Miss D.A.Lintern, C 5, T 2, F & GP 2, P & D 2, Hcp 4, Total 15/15.
B.Lloyd-Pratt, C 1, T 0, Total 1/7.
Mrs W.Longman, C 3, P & D 2, Total 5/7.
Mrs J.B.Meachem, C 5, F & GP 1, P & D 1, Total 7/9.
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard, C 5, T 2, S 2, Total 9/9.
E.A.Roper (resigned November 1972), C 1, Total 1/2.
Mrs E.Rotherham, C 3, T 2, S 2, Total 7/9.
J.W.Solomon, C 1, F & GP 0, S 2, Total 3/9.
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith, C 5, F & GP 2, Hcp 4, Ed 1, Total 12/12.
S.S.Townsend, C 5, F & GP 2, Hcp 4, Total 11/11.
R.O.B.Whittington, C 4, T 2, Total 6/7.
Dr W.R.D.Wiggins, C 4, Total 4/5.

Key: C denotes Council, T Tournament, F & GP Finance and General Purposes, P & D Publicity and Development, Hcp Handicap Co-ordination, Ed Editorial Board, S Selection. The total shows the total attendances against the total possible attendances. * denotes Ex-officio all meetings except Handicap Co-ordination and Selection Committees.

Notice of Alterations in the Regulations

Pursuant to Rule XIV

At their meeting on 10 March 1973 the Council passed a resolution proposing the following amendment:

- Regulation 18 (a) alter "less" to "more"
alter "(exclusive of C.A. Levy or Tribute)" to "after deduction of C.A. Levy and Tribute".
(c) delete "on the form provided".

These amendments have to be ratified by the Council, after this publication, before they can come into force.

Directory of Clubs

All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club. Hon. Secretary, Church Road, Wimbledon, London S.W.19 (Tel. 01-946-2244). (1)
Barnes Sports Club. Hon. Secretary (Croquet Section), Lonsdale Road, Barnes, London S.W.13. (1)
Barnstaple (Croquet). Hon. Secretary Miss E.I.Efemey, 3 Victoria Lawn, Victoria Street, Barnstaple, Devon. (2)
B.E.A. Silver Wing Club. Hon. Secretary (Croquet Section) R.T.Pluton, Operations Analysis Branch, B.E.A., Bealine House, Ruislip, Middlesex.
Beecham's Research Sports and Social Club (Croquet Section). Hon. Secretary R.N.Rapley, Beecham's Research Laboratories,

Brockham Park, Betchworth, Surrey. (Tel. Betchworth (939) 3202). (4)

Bentley (Brentwood). Hon. Secretary F.Stanley-Smith, Hatch House, Pilgrims Hatch, Brentwood, Essex. (Tel. Coxtie Green 456). (1)

Birmingham (Edgbaston). Hon. Secretary Miss Cynthia Templeton, 19 Richmond Court, George Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham 15, B15 1PT. (Tel. Edgbaston (021 454) 0124). (3)

Bowdon Croquet Club. Hon. Secretary Neil Williams, 21 Chandos Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester. (Tel. Chorlton-cum-Hardy (061 881) 1668). (4)

Bretby Croquet Club. Hon. Secretary Miss A.J.Surzyn, c/o Mining Research and Development Establishment, National Coal Board, Ashby Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire.

Bristol Croquet Club. Hon. Secretary Miss B.E.Setter, 38a Westover Road, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol. (Tel. Bristol (0272) 625980). (3)

Brooke Bond Research Laboratories Croquet Club. Hon. Secretary C.E.Marshall, Brooke Bond Research Laboratories, Blounts Court, Sonning Common, Reading, Berkshire.

Budleigh Salterton Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club. Hon. Secretary (Croquet) Colin Edwards, 8 Long Copp, Budleigh Salterton, Devon. (Tel. Budleigh Salterton (039 54) 2261). Croquet Tournament Secretary: Dr W.R.Bucknall, Norton House, 21 Vision Hill Road, Budleigh Salterton. (Tel. Budleigh Salterton 2141). (8)

Cambridge University Croquet Club. No secretary at present.
University College Croquet Club, Cardiff. Hon. Secretary C.Brazel, Physics Department, University College, P.O. Box 78, Cardiff, CF1 1KL.

Carrickmines Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club. Hon. Secretary (Croquet) David O'Connor, Carrigdonn, Carrickmines, Co. Dublin. (5)

Cassiobury Croquet Club. Hon. Secretary Mrs M.Grace, 1 Rofant Road, Northwood, Middlesex, HA6 3BD. Club entrance in Cassiobury Park Avenue, close to Watford Metropolitan Railway Station. (2)

Caversham Croquet Club. Hon. Secretary R.F.Rothwell, 74c Grosvenor Road, Caversham, Reading, Berkshire.

Cheltenham Croquet Club. Old Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL5 3DF. (Tel. Cheltenham (0242) 52650). Hon. Secretary and Tournaments Secretary Miss W.K.Allardyce, 8 Cleavelands Drive, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL50 4QF. (Tel. Cheltenham 53611).

Colchester Croquet Club. 141 Lexden Road, Colchester, Essex. (Tel. Colchester (0206) 73560). Hon. Secretary G.F.Hallett, 15 Roddam Close, Colchester, Essex. (Tel. Colchester 74933). (4)

Colworth Croquet Club. Hon. Croquet Secretary N.J.Davren, Computer Section, Unilever Research Laboratories, Colworth House, Sharnbrook, Bedford.

Compton (Eastbourne) Croquet Club. Hon. Secretary D.A.Harris, 2 Prinsep Court, Vale Prinsep Road, Pevensey Bay, Sussex. (Tel. Eastbourne (0323) 762537). (5)

Coombe Lodge Croquet Club, Blagdon. Hon. Secretary A.H.Yates, Coombe Lodge, Blagdon, near Bristol, BS18 6RG. (Tel. Blagdon (076 16) 503).

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

Crouch Hill Recreation Club, Hillrise Road, London N.19. Hon. Secretary (Croquet) Lady Cloutman, 2 Old Hall, Highgate Village, London N.6. (2)

Ealing Croquet Club. Hon. Secretary Miss Vicky Munnich, 18 Woodville Road, Ealing, London W.5 (Tel. 01-997 1762).

East Dorset Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club (Parkstone), Salterns Road, Parkstone, Dorset. (Tel. Parkstone (0202) 740219). Hon. Secretary (Croquet) Miss M.D.McMordie, Yapton, 1 Delhi Close, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset. (Tel. Parkstone 7459664). (5)

Edinburgh Croquet Club (Lauriston Castle). Hon. Secretary Miss A.M.Murray, 3 Bonnington Grove, Edinburgh 6. (3)

Ellesmere Bowling, Tennis and Croquet Club. Hon. Secretary (Croquet) Mrs J.S.Tyldesley, 14 Greenleach Lane, Worsley, Manchester M28 4RU. (Tel. Walkden (061 790) 2600). (2)

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

Folkestone and Hythe Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Imperial Hotel, Hythe, Kent. Hon. Secretary P.S.Stainer, 59 Bouverie Road West, Folkestone, Kent. (2)

Glasgow Croquet Club. Hon. Secretary not known. (2)

Glenochil Croquet Club. Scottish Grain Distillers Ltd., Glenochil Research Station, Menstrie, Clackmannanshire, Scotland. Hon. Secretary Dr A.H. Brown, Briar Mount, Doune Road, Dunblane, Perthshire, Scotland.

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

Harrow Oak Croquet Club. Harrow Recreation Ground, Harrow, Middlesex (not far from Harrow-on-the-Hill Metropolitan Station). Hon. Secretary G.B. Martin, 17 Trevone Gardens, Pinner, Middlesex. (Tel. (home) 01-866 9375; (office) 01-427 3848). Games Secretary D.J. Scott, 38 Keswick Gardens, Ruislip, Middlesex. (Tel. (71) 35403). (2)

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

The Heley Club. Hon. Secretary Revd P.D. Hallett, Teversham House, 18 Hillside, Sawston, Cambridgeshire. (Tel. Sawston 3843).

Home Lawns Croquet Club. Home Secretary L.W.A. Brown, 17 Fallowfield Crescent, Hove, Sussex, BN3 7NQ. (2)

Hunstanton Croquet Club. Hon. Secretary Mrs A.N. Rolfe, Weathercocks, Heacham, Kings Lynn, Norfolk. (Tel. Heacham (048 57) 233). (5)

Hurlingham. The Games Secretary, The Hurlingham Club, London S.W.6. (Tel. 01-736 2662). (8)

Incorrigibles Croquet Club. Hon. Secretary Francis V.X. Norton, 364 Albert Drive, Pollokshields, Glasgow 1.

Ipswich and District Croquet Club. Hon. Secretary Miss E.I. Wood, 65 Glencagles Drive, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP4 5SF. (2)

Jeallotts Hill Croquet Club. Hon. Secretary J.W. Gillatt, Imperial Chemical Industries, Jeallotts Hill Research Station, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 6EY. (Tel. Bracknell (0344) 24701).

Leamington Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club. Guy's Cliffe Avenue, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire. Hon. Secretary (Croquet) R.A. Lewty, 42 Heath Terrace, Leamington Spa. (Tel. Leamington (0926) 24518). (2)

Letterkenny Croquet Club. Hon. Secretary, Kevin Shanahan Esq., Shanahan Arms, High Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, Irish Republic.

Littlehampton Croquet Club. Hon. Secretary Mrs M.A. Whillier, 7 Paddock Green, Station Road, Rustington, Sussex. (Tel. Rustington (090 62) 5506). (3)

Lytham St Annes Croquet Club. Hon. Secretary Colonel J.L. Walsh, 7 Ryehys Road, St Annes, Lancashire. (Tel. St Annes (039 15) 21633).

Maidenhead Croquet Club. Ray Mill Island (Boulton's Lock), Maidenhead. Hon. Secretary R.F.A. Crane, Vicarage Fell, Ibstone, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire. (Tel. Turville Heath 461). (1)

Marmullane Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club. Hon. Secretary Mrs J.C. Taylor, Killowen, Newenham Drive, Maryborough, Douglas, Co. Cork, Irish Republic. (1)

Monmouthshire Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club. Penpergwm, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire. Hon. Secretary Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard, Gobion Manor, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire. (Tel. Gobion (087 385) 242). (1)

Mullard (Salford) Sports Club (Croquet). Hon. Secretary R.W. Gibson, Mullard Research Laboratories, Cross Oak Lane, Salford, Nr. Redhill, Surrey. (Tel. 029 34 5544). (2)

Norton Hall Croquet Club. Hon. Secretary E.G. Foster, Norton Hall Croquet Club, Norton-on-Tees, Co. Durham. (1)

Nottingham Croquet Club. Highfields, University Boulevard, Nottingham. Hon. Secretary Miss E.C. Brumpton, 72 Davies Road, West Bridgford, Nottinghamshire, NG2 5JA. (Tel. Nottingham (0602) 868981). Tournaments Secretary Mrs L.A. Coombs, The Manor House, Thrumpton, Nottinghamshire. (Tel. Nottingham 30373). (7)

Oxford University Croquet Club. Hon. Secretary Dr K.R. Lewis, Botany School, South Parks Road, Oxford. (Tel. Oxford (0865) 57857). (2)

Parkstone. See East Dorset.

Parsons Green Sports and Social Club. Broomhouse Lane, London S.W.6. (Tel. 01-736 1401 and 3698). Hon. Secretary (Croquet Section) Mrs P.D. Showan, 2 Broughton Avenue, Ham, Richmond, Surrey. (Tel. 01-940 9316). (2)

Phyllis Court Club. Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, RG9 2HT. Hon. Secretary (Croquet) J.H.J. Soutter, 13 Ancastle Green, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire. (Tel. Henley (049 12) 4515). (2)

Preston Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club. Preston Drive, Brighton 6. Hon. Secretary (Croquet) Mrs H. Clements, 22 Clermont Terrace, Brighton, BN1 6SH. (2)

Radbrooke Croquet Club. The Nuclear Power Group Ltd, Warrington Road, Risley, Warrington, Lancashire, WA3 6BZ. (Tel. 0925 51291). Hon. Secretary B. Slater, 7 Churchfields, Croft, Nr. Warrington, WA3 7JR. Tournaments Secretary D.G. Richardson, 7a Beaconsfield Road, Widnes, Lancashire, WA8 9LA. (no lawns).

Reigate Priory Croquet Club. Hon. Secretary Colonel E.L.L. Vulliamy, O.B.E., Meyricks, Blanford Road, Reigate, Surrey. (Tel. Reigate (74) 44094). (1)

Roehampton Club. The Games Secretary, Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, London S.W.15. (Tel. 01-876 1621). (6)

Ryde Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club. Hon. Secretary Miss D.E. Rogers, Stonedeane, Somerset Road, Seaview, Isle of Wight. (4)

St. Albans Croquet Club. Hon. Secretary Miss Beryl Walters, 66 High Street, Sandridge, St. Albans, Hertfordshire. (Tel. St. Albans (56) 53381).

Sidmouth Croquet Club. Cricket Pavilion, Sidmouth. Hon. Secretary P.A. Tunmer, Four Ways, Stevens Cross, Sidmouth, Devon. (1)

Southport and Birkdale Croquet Club. Victoria Park, Southport, Lancashire. Hon. Secretary Edmund Halliwell, Westwinds, 3 Greyfriars Road, Ainsdale, Southport, Lancashire, PR8 2QJ. (4)

Stourbridge Croquet Club. Hon. Secretary G.E.P. Young, Avondale, Vale Street, Ruiton, Sedgley, Worcestershire. (For Longman Cup arrangements, M.J. Evans, 39 Old Birmingham Road, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire.)

Sussex County Croquet Club (Southwick). (Tel. Brighton (0273) 591874). Hon. Secretary W.H. Austin, 11 Victoria Road, Southwick, Sussex, BN4 4DJ. (Tel. 0273 2607). Assistant Secretary Mrs R.E. Tucker, 13 Compton Road, Brighton, BN1 5AL. (Tel. 0273 50273). Tournaments Secretary Mrs W.A. Naylor, 60 Southwick Street, Southwick, BN4 4TS. (Tel. 0273 592720). (11)

Swallowfield Park Croquet Club. Hon. Secretary Miss Violet Stoker, Swallowfield Park, Reading, Berkshire.

Trawscoed Croquet Club. Hon. Secretary Miss Llinos Chamberlain, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Agricultural Development and Advisory Service, Trawscoed, Aberystwyth, SY2 34HT. (Tel. Crosswood 225-259). (4)

Tunbridge Wells Croquet Club. Frant, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Hon. Secretary S.G. Stoker, The Linnets, 8 The Lane, Fordcombe, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Unilever Croquet Club. Hon. Secretary J. Tuhill, Unilever Research Laboratories, 455 London Road, Isleworth, Middlesex. (N.B. This Club and Colworth are two separate clubs at two separate Unilever Research Laboratories).

University of Sussex Union Sports Federation Croquet Club. Hon. Secretary D.J. Lewis, Falmer House, Falmer, Brighton, Sussex, BN1 9QF. (Tel. Brighton (0273) 64881 and 680380).

Uppingham Croquet Club. Hon. Secretary Miss J.K. Samuel, The Beeches, 44 Ayston Road, Uppingham, Rutland.

Wellcome Research Laboratories (Croquet Section). Hon. Secretary A.A. Miller, Langley Court, Beckenham, Kent.

The Whins Croquet Club. The National Coal Board, Whins Road, Alloa, Clackmannanshire. Hon. Secretary J. Howard Wright, 17 Greygoran, New Sauchie, Alloa, Scotland.

Windsor Bowling Club (Croquet Section). Hon. Secretary Mrs D.D. Bowen, 23 Cwrt-y-Vil Road, Penarth, Glamorgan. (2)

Woking Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club. Pine Road, Hook Heath, Woking. (Tel. Woking (048 62) 574). Hon. Secretary (Croquet) D.H. Moorcraft, 11a Guildown Road, Guildford, Surrey. (Tel. Guildford (0483) 68731). (2)

Wolverhampton Croquet Club. Hon. Secretary K.F. Townsend, 11 Knights Avenue, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, WV6 9QA.

Wrest Park Croquet Club. c/o N.A.I.E., Silsoe, Bedfordshire. (Tel. Bedford (0234) 50741). Hon. Secretary H.C. Green, Tudor House, Haynes Church End, Bedford. (Tel. Haynes (023 066) 226). (4)

Walsall Croquet Club. The Arboretum, Walsall. Hon. Secretary D.R. Mason, 58 Broadway North, Walsall, Staffordshire, WS1 2QF. (2)

[Single figures in brackets indicate number of lawns available; where no figure is shown, correct information is not to hand. I should be grateful for notification of any errors or omissions in this list. — Ed.]

Prize list 1972

The list covers all events reported in the Croquet Gazette except for team events. Only Associates' results are included.

The figures in brackets indicate the handicap of the player at the beginning and end of the season, in that order. Where the handicap did not change only one figure is given. These handicaps are not official.

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

A

Abbey, Lady Ursula (3,2½) Devonshire Park II HS2
Alford, R.S. (5½,4½) Colchester RLSBI, Colchester W/E II HD2
Anderson, Miss M.G. (6½,5) Veterans HSX2, Devonshire Park II RHSB2
Arkell, Miss E.H. (3,2½) Cheltenham W/E I Block A 1
Aspinall, G.N. (—5) Men's Championship 2, Doubles Championship 1, Hurlingham MOD1, President's Cup =2, All England HS1
Aubrey, Mrs D.M. (3,1½) Peels WHS2, HD1, Southwick May HDX1, Carrickmines June OS1, HS1, HD2, Council Challenge Cup RLSB1, Colchester HSY2
Austin, W.H. (0) Southwick August I HD2, Veterans HSY1, HD1
Ayliffe, L.G. (5,4) Cheltenham W/E III Block D 1

B

Baillieu, I.C. (1) Hurlingham HD2, Parkstone Sept HD1
Bateson, R.N. (1½,0) Peels GCS2, Budleigh Salterton July HSX2, West Park W/E Block A 1, Nottingham Robin Hood HS2, HSY1
Baverstock, W.J. (2,1½) Southwick May HS2, Veterans RHSB2, HSZ divided
Betts, G.H. (5½,1) Peels HSX2, Budleigh Salterton July RLSB2, Hurlingham HSY1, Veterans HSX1
Betts, F/O N.G. (4,1½) Cheltenham W/E I Block C 1, Budleigh Salterton July RLSB1
Birch, G. (—1½,—½) Ryde HD2, Cheltenham W/E V Block E 1, Ryde W/E Block D 1
Bolton, H.G.T. (6,2) Ryde HSX1, HD1, West Park W/E Block C 1, Cheltenham W/E IV Block B 1
Bolton, Mrs H.G.T. (14) Ryde HD1
Borrett, Cdr G. (—2½,—3) Surrey Cup 4, Veterans OS1, HD1
Bressey, Mrs E.E. (4) Ryde HD2, Ryde W/E Block B 1
Bucknell, Dr W.R. (0,—½) Budleigh Salterton May HS2, Parkstone June HSY1
Bucknell, A.J. (3,2½) Cheltenham W/E I Block B 1, Ryde RLSB2
Buller, Capt. M.F. (1,2) Compton RLSB2, Hunstanton I HSY divided
Butler, L.S. (4) Parkstone June RLSB1

C

Callan, M. (3,2) Carrickmines August HS1
Caporn, D.C. (½) Woking W/E HS2
Carlisle, H.B.H. (—1½) Hunstanton I OS2, HD1
Carlisle, Mrs H.B.H. (6,4½) Hurlingham HD2, Hunstanton I RLSB1, HSX 2

Carlisle, W.H. (9,9D8) Hurlingham RHSD2, MHD2, Hunstanton I RHSC2, HD1
Carder, R.H.C. (7) Parkstone June RHSC2
Carte, R.A. (3,2½) Peels HD1 Southwick May HDX1, Carrickmines June OS2, HD2, Colchester HSY1
Chaff, R.A.W. (5½,4½) Cheltenham W/E II Block B 1
Chittenden, Mrs H.F. (½) Ladies Field Cup 8
Clarke-Lens, Miss E.G. (7,6) Southwick August I RHSC2, Devonshire Park I RHSD2
Clemons, H.S. (—2) Peels MHS2, Southwick May HDX2, Compton OS1, Budleigh Salterton July OS1, Cheltenham OS2, Chairman's Salver 6
Cooke, Miss L.M. (10D8,8) Ryde HSY2
Coombs, Mrs L.A. (7D6,5½) Nottingham RHSB1
Cooper, A.J. (—2½,—3) Roehampton Challenge Cup OS2, Devonshire Park II OD2
Cotter, E.P.C. (—5) Doubles Championship 2
Cox, N.W.T. (—1½,—2) Southwick May HS1, HDY1
Cox, Mrs N.W.T. (4,3) Southwick May HDY1, Southwick August I RHSB2, HS1, Southwick August II RLSB2
Creed, Dr J.E.H. (9) Southwick August II RHSC1

D

Daldry, Sir Leonard (—1,—1½) Gilbey Cup HS2
Digby, G.S. (6½,5½) Colchester HD1, Cheltenham RHSC1, HD1
Digby, Mrs G.S. (4½,3) Colchester W/E I HS1, Cheltenham HD1, Colchester W/E II HD2, Parkstone Sept RLSB1
Driscoll, Major R. (1) Southwick May HDY2
Duven, Mrs I.N. (11,10) Parkstone June HSY2, HD1, Stevenson Cup RLSB1, Parkstone Sept RHSC1

E

Evans, M.J. (7½,1) Ryde RLSB1, HSY1, Nottingham Robin Hood HS1, OS2, HSX1, HD2, Cheltenham W/E V Block C 1
Everest, R.L. (9,6) Compton W/E HS2, Compton RHSC1, Devonshire Park II HS1

F

Fernyhough, Brig. H.E. (12D10,8) Budleigh Salterton July RHSC1
Forth, R. (9) Hunstanton W/E HS2
Fotiadi, Mrs A. (0) Cheltenham HD2, Devonshire Park II WOS1

G

Gilbert, J.B. (—1½) Roehampton HSX2, HD2
Gladstone, Revd W.E. (—2) Surrey Cup 6
Godby, R.A. (—1½) Chairman's Alver =7
Granger Brown, M. (3½,2½) Challenge & Gilbey HD1, Gilbey Cup HS1
Green, H.C. (1) Compton RLSB1, Colchester HD1
Griffiths, J.H.T. (9) Parkstone Sept RHSC2

H

Hallett, G.F. (0,—½) Southwick August II HSX2
Hamilton-Miller, D.J.V. (—3½,—2½) Roehampton OS2
Hampson, Miss S.G. (3,2) Southwick August I RLSB1, HS2, Hunstanton I RLSB2, HSY divided
Hancock, B. (12D10,8) Budleigh Salterton May HD1
Hands, P.W. (—4,—4½) Cheltenham W/E III Block B 1, President's Cup =2
Harris, D.A. (—1½) Devonshire Park I HD1
Haworth, C.W. (2½,4½) Nottingham HSX2
Haworth, Mrs C.W. (15D13,14D13) Budleigh Salterton July RHSC2

Heap, M.E.W. (½,-2) Colchester OS2, Scottish Championship OS1, Chairman's Salver 4
 Henry, C.F. (8,2½) Nottingham HSY2
 Hicks, H.O. (-5) Parkstone June OS1
 Hope, A.B. (7,3½) Cheltenham W/E I Block E 1
 Hopewell, C.G. (-1½) Surrey Cup =2
 Hopkins, Miss G. (3½,4) Carrickmines August RHSB2
 Horne, D.M. (4½) Southwick August II HSX1

J

Jackson, G.E.P. (-3) Peels MHS1, GCS1, GCD2, Compton OS2, Men's Championship 3, Chairman's Salver =2, Roehampton OS1, Devonshire Park I OS2, HD2, Devonshire Park II OD2, Cheltenham W/E V Block F 1
 Jarden, Mrs B.A. (-3) Women's Championship 1, Mixed Doubles Championship 1, Roehampton Challenge Cup OS1, Colchester HSX2, Hurlingham MOD1, Ladies Field Cup 1, Southwick August I HD2, Chairman's Salver 1
 Jefferson, R.W. (10) Compton HD2, Devonshire Park II HD2
 Jenking, Mrs H.F.L. (6½) Southwick August II HSY2, HD2
 Joly, Miss F.I. (0, -1½) Carrickmines June HS2, HD1, Southwick August II HD1

K

Keen, B. (5,1½) Nottingham W/E HS1, Wrest Park W/E Block B 1, Radbroke Hall W/E Block D 1

L

Laverty, Lt-Col T.F. (½) Council Challenge Cup RLSB2, Parkstone Sept HSY1
 Leach, Miss D.G. (12,10) Roehampton RHSC1, HD2
 Lee, R.H. (8,5) Peels HSX1
 Leonard, R.J. (-½) Carrickmines August HS2
 Lloyd-Pratt, B. (-3) Ryde OS1, Budleigh Salterton July OS2, Colchester OS1, Hurlingham HD1, MHD1, Edinburgh OS1, Hunstanton I OS1, Chairman's Salver =2, Parkstone Sept OS1, Devonshire Park II MOS1, OD1, Ryde W/E Block C 1
 Locke, E.A. (9,7½) Colchester W/E II HD1
 Longman, Mrs W. (-2,-1) Hurlingham MOD2, Veterans HD2

M

McLean, R.N. (1½) All England HS2
 McMillan, Mrs N.A.C. (½) Hurlingham WHD2, Devonshire Park II HD1
 McMordie, Miss D.M. (3½,3) Parkstone Sept HSX2
 Martin, G.B. (10,7) Roehampton RHSC2, HD1
 Meachem, J.B. (-½) Hunstanton I OS2
 Meachem, Mrs J.B. (0) Mixed Doubles Championship 2, Budleigh Salterton July HD1, Hurlingham WHD1, Ladies Field Cup 7
 Mew, Mrs S.R. (11D9) Hunstanton I RHSC1
 Meyer, H.N.D. (9,7) Devonshire Park I RHSD1, HD1
 Middleton, L. (7,4½) Compton RHSC2, Edinburgh RHSB2
 Millie, W.J. (13) Southwick May HDY2
 Millns, Mrs A.E. (13,12) Devonshire Park I HD2
 Milnc, Dr R.M. (2,1) Scottish Championship HS1
 Moorcraft, D.H. (0,-1) Peels HSY1, Cheltenham HSY1

N

Nalder, Capt. H.F. (2) Colchester HD2
 Nalder, Mrs H.F. (5½) Colchester HD2
 Neal, Prof. B.G. (-4,-4½) Cheltenham W/E II Block A 1, Mixed Doubles Championship 1, Open Championship 1, Hurlingham OS1, Nottingham OS1, HD1, President's Cup =5

Neal, Mrs B.G. (6,5½) Southwick May HDX2, Hurlingham HSZ2, Nottingham HD1, Roehampton RHSBY1
 Newton, P. (-2½) Parkstone Sept HSY2, Veterans OS2
 Newton, Mrs P. (7,6) Parkstone June RHSC1
 Nosworthy, Dr M.D. (9,7) Compton HS2

O

O'Connor, D.B. (-2½) Carrickmines August OS2, HD2
 Ormerod, Dr W.P. (-5) Men's Championship 3, Doubles Championship 1, Association Plate 2, President's Cup 7, Parkstone Sept OS2

P

Palmer, C.R. (9) Hunstanton II HD2
 Paterson, K.H. (3,2½) Colchester RLSB2
 Perry, B.G. (-4) Budleigh Salterton May HS1, Budleigh Salterton July HD1, President's Cup 8
 Pim, Dr H.A. (8,5½) Ryde, RHSC2, Challenge & Gilbey HD1, Cheltenham W/E III Block A 1
 Pim, Mrs H.A. (14,10) Budleigh Salterton May HD2
 Pountney, C.G. (12,4½) Ryde RHSC1, Compton HD1, Hurlingham RHSD1, Southwick August I RHSC1, HD1, Devonshire Park II HD1
 Povey, Mrs J. (4,3) Devonshire Park II RHSB1, Cheltenham W/E V Block B 1
 Prichard, C.H.L. (½) Devonshire Park I RLSB1
 Prichard, Lt-Col D.M.C. (-2) Budleigh Salterton May HD2, Du Pre Cup 2, Surrey Cup =2
 Prichard, Mrs D.M.C. (-1) Peels WHS1, Ladies Field Cup 4, Surrey Cup 8, Devonshire Park II WOS 2
 Prichard, R.D.C. (1,½) Budleigh Salterton July HSX1
 Prichard, W. de B. (-2½,-5) Open Championship 2, Hurlingham OS2, MOD2, MHD2, President's Cup 1
 Puxon, Mrs F.E.M. (4½,3½) Parkstone June RLSB2, HD2, Colchester W/E II HD1

R

Read, T.O. (-2,-3½) Cheltenham OS1, HSX1, Carrickmines August OS1, HD1
 Reckitt, M.B. (7,8D7) Devonshire Park I HSY1
 Rees, D.V.H. (0,-1) Hurlingham RLSB1, Hunstanton I HSX1, HD2
 Reeves, Capt. D.E. (7,5) Colchester W/E II HS1
 Reynold, F. (½,-1) Southwick August II OS2
 Richardson, D.G. (7) Radbroke Hall W/E Block C 1
 Roe, Miss I.M. (3½,2½) Cheltenham HSY2, Cheltenham W/E III Block C 1, Cheltenham W/E V Block A 1
 Rolfe, Mrs J.Neville (1½,0) Ladies Field Cup 6, Hunstanton I HD2, Hunstanton II HS1
 Rose, J. (0,-½) Nottingham W/E HS2, Surrey Cup 7
 Ross, Prof. A.S.C. (1½,½) Challenge & Gilbey HD2, Veterans RHSB1
 Ross, Mrs A.S.C. (4,3) Southwick August II HD1, Veterans HSZ divided
 Ross, K.A. (-1,-2) Southwick August I OS2
 Rotherham, Mrs E. (-2) Women's Championship 3, Ladies Field Cup 5
 Rothwell, R.F. (-½,-1) Cheltenham W/E Block D 1, Parkstone June OS2

S

Sanders, J.L. (5,4½) Roehampton HSY1
 Schofield, K.S. (6,1½) Budleigh Salterton May HS1, HD1
 Sebestyen, Mrs C. (13,12D10) Stevenson Cup RLSD2, Hurlingham HD1, Hunstanton II HD2
 Sessions, Miss K.M.O. (-3) Peels GCD1, Women's Championship 2, Ladies Field Cup 2, Chairman's Salver 5
 Sheil, Mrs F.A. (9D7,7) Reckitt Challenge Cup RLSC2, Challenge & Gilbey HD2
 Shelton, E.H.S. (-1) Ryde HSX2

Sheppard, H.A. (½,0) Southwick August II HD2
 Simpson, R.A. (0,-½) Hunstanton II HS2, HD1
 Solomon, A.W. (2½,1½) Hurlingham HSY2, RLSC1
 Solomon, Mrs G.W. (2) Peels GCD2, Hurlingham HSZ1
 Solomon, J.R.G. (2,½) Hurlingham HSX1
 Solomon, J.W. (-5) Men's Championship 1, Mixed Doubles Championship 2, Open Championship 3, Doubles Championship 2, President's Cup =2
 Soutter, J.H.J. (1,-2) Cheltenham W/E II Block C 1, Parkstone June HSX1, HD2, Association Plate 1, Chairman's Salver =7, Devonshire Park I OS1 (silver medal), HSX2, Cheltenham W/E V Block D 1, Ryde W/E Block A 1
 Speer, Mrs M. (2½,2) Southwick August II HSY1
 Staddon, F.F.W. (4½,3) Parkstone Sept HD2
 Stevens, R.S. (5½,2½) Budleigh Salterton May HS2, Cheltenham RLSB2, Devonshire Park I RLSC1
 Stride, M. (-3) Southwick August I OS1
 Sturdy, W.J. (3½,2½) Cheltenham W/E I Block D 1, Peels HSY2
 Sundius-Smith, Mrs B.L. (-1½) Women's Championship 3, Ladies Field Cup 3, Surrey Cup 1

T

Tucker, E.J. (½,-½) Compton W/E HS1, Compton HD1, Cheltenham HD2, Southwick August I HD1
 Tucker, Mrs R.E. (4,3½) Southwick August II RLSB1
 Tunmer, P.A. (7,6) Reckitt Challenge Cup RLSC1
 Tyrwhitt-Drake, E.C. (0) Peels HD2, Compton HS1, Budleigh Salterton July HD2, Southwick August II OS1, Surrey Cup 5, Veterans HD2, Devonshire Park I HSY2
 Tyrwhitt-Drake, Mrs E.C. (16D14,14) Peels HD2, Budleigh Salterton July HD2

V

Vincent, I.G. (5*,2) Southwick August I RHSB1, Devonshire Park I RLSC2, HSX1

W

Weitz, Prof. B.G.F. (3½,2) Cheltenham RLSB1
 Weitz, Mrs B.G.F. (5½,4½) Hurlingham WHD1, Roehampton RHSBX2

Wheeler, Col. G.T. (½,1) Peels GCD1, Devonshire Park I RLSB2
 Wheeler, J.A. (-½,-1½) Hunstanton W/E HS1, Hurlingham RLSB2
 Whitehead, E. (-½) Nottingham OS2
 Whittington, R.O.B. (-2) Parkstone June HSX2, HD1, Du Pre Cup 1, Veterans HSY2
 Wiesner, Miss D.M. (2*,1) Colchester HSX1
 Williams, N. (3½,3) Cheltenham HSX2
 Wills, Mrs H. (6) Roehampton RHSBY2
 Wood, Mrs G.H. (3,2) Hurlingham RLSC2, WHD2, Southwick August I RLSB2, Parkstone Sept HD2
 Wood, R. (½,-½) Compton HD2, Devonshire Park II MOS2, OD1
 Wright, J. Howard (2,0) Scottish Championship OS2, Hurlingham MHD1, Edinburgh OS2, HD2
 Wylie, K.F. (-5) Open Championship 3, President's Cup =5

Y

Young, G.E.P. Cheltenham W/E IV Block D 1

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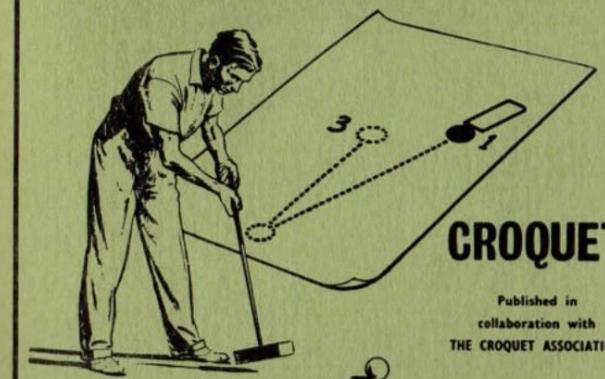
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