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The Cover Design

Our new cover design is from a drawing commissioned from Mr Jon Harris of Green Street, Cambridge. Mr Harris is not at present very familiar with croquet but hopes to become more so. Partly because no design ever suits everybody and partly because it is a good visual way of differentiating the gazettes of one year from those of another, I hope to have a different cover design every year. Anyone is welcome to send in a drawing that might fill the bill: photographs would cost more and we cannot afford them for the cover at present.

Knighthood

Our congratulations go to Lieut - Cdr G.W.Style, Chairman of the National Advisory Council on the Employment of the Disabled, who has recently received a knighthood for services to the disabled. For many years, up to 1967, Lieut-Cdr Style was Hon. Treasurer of the Croquet Association.

Rover Note

Loose hoops worry some players and all greenkeepers. Packing the holes with grass-mowings or paper results in over-size holes when the packing is removed, as it has to be eventually. Tipping a bit of soil in the bottom of each hole does not work because the hoop still wobbles at the top. Filling the hole completely with soil results in the 'hoop area' rising visibly when the hoop is bashed in — subsequent mowing scalps it.

Tip a little soil into the bottom of the hole, seal the hole about one inch from the top of hole by using a tilted chisel, put a little soil at the top of the hole and then bash the hoop in.

Inflation

Having a handicap at croquet is somewhat like looking after a large wild garden. They both need plenty of attention. In these days of murmurings about all handicaps being raised by 2 bisques (devaluation, really) it must be emphasized that no one should be complacently resting at a constant handicap over the years. It is exactly like hiding all one's money in a box under the bed. Now surely nobody does that? Just as inflation nibbles away at our pound notes, so it does with our handicaps, certainly with the present rules for handicappers, who chop down with too much zeal. The Red Queen told Alice that she had to run merely to stay in the same place: so it is with our handicaps. A person who, five years ago, was playing off 10 and is now 8 has probably made almost no progress, simply because everyone else has drifted down the scale as well. Since, unlike in golf, our handicaps are purely relative, it should not be irksome for the above player to return to double figures. The trouble is that inevitable comparisons are made with the handicap we had before the all-round increase. Perhaps one answer is to raise them by 30 bisques — then no one could make comparisons. Perhaps another answer is to have no fixed lower limit. It is now up to you to fight constant inflation.

Correspondence

'Where to lay up'

from P.Bishop

Sir,

It is the beginning of my third season at croquet. I found Mr Riggall's article on bisque tactics very useful and more easily understood than the articles that appeared in issues 122 and 123. Although the spread of bisques seems very similar in both articles, the tactics seem to be quite different. I am sure that the Riggall method is the right one, but I feel that people like myself would benefit even more if the contributor spelt out the details a little more.

Paragraph 3 — where has the 'A' Class player placed his balls? Will they invariably be together on the same boundary? And the most important omission: assuming one has got to the peg with the first ball, how does one lay up? The higher bisquer doesn't know what the possibilities are.

My handicap is 10. I had a game with a -4½. I laid up in the 4th corner and left my opponent in front of hoop 2 and on the East boundary level with the peg. Although I twenty-sixed him, my opponent afterwards said that I had left an easy shot, although he had missed it. What could I have done, short of wiring him or putting one of his balls in the second corner, which seems to make things too difficult for my next turn?

Yours faithfully,

P.Bishop

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Brock Hill,
Wickford, Essex.

'A Triple Appeal'

from Dr B.R.Sandiford

Sir,

In tennis a knock-up is allowed. In croquet, a game in which a poor first shot or two, before the player's "eye is in", may be of much more consequence than in tennis, a knock-up should also be allowed.

Why does the question "did the ball move" on a take-off depend only on the striker's testimony? A bail is used in cricket to determine whether the ball hit the wicket. The dislodgement of an inverted golf-tee placed on top of the croquetted ball would afford an analogous function and put the question beyond doubt.

Why should the yard-line be only imaginary? Let it be marked out and thus do away with discussions as to whether the ball is truly on it or on the corner spot. This would obviate both back-bending and biting!

Yours truly,

B.R.Sandiford

10 Stanley Road,
Lytham, Lancs.

'Tactics in Handicap Games'

from Revd W.E.Gladstone

Sir,

I refer to the article in your last number, "Tactics in Handicap Games", by L.Riggall. I would like to support almost everything the writer says concerning what one might call the approach to, or philosophy of, taking bisques; it is in that respect a splendid article. However, there are one or two points with which I would categorically disagree, and there is the fundamental omission of any guidance as to how to set up a four ball break stroke by stroke at the beginning of the game.

The sending of the long bisquer's first ball to a position about four yards south of the second hoop is, in my opinion, not the best opening. This gives the opponent a free shot at it from 'A' baulk into the second corner, and there are many players who will hit it. If they do, then a simple split will send their own ball into the second corner, and the opponent's ball half-way down the West boundary, and the long bisquer is going to be lucky if he uses only three bisques to set up the break. Of course, if he hits either opponent ball with his first shot (presumably the other ball will be in the fourth corner), he can with considerable skill set up the break with two bisques, but every shot has necessarily to be good.

I, alas, also disagree with the suggested opening if the long bisquer is put in. If he uses a bisque, or half-bisque, to put the tice ball as suggested south of Hoop 2, there is no guarantee that the stronger player will not still hit in, and if the long bisquer has joined on the East boundary it will not be too difficult to set up the break. Surely, it is better to play the first ball a foot outside the fourth corner, up the East boundary, and the second ball perhaps 6 yards up the same boundary, and wait and see if the stronger player hits his tice. If he does, nothing can be done about it until his turn ends. If he misses his tice, the long bisquer shoots at the ball near the corner, and then proceeds to set up his break, if he knows how!

What is required, I feel, is a simple but detailed instruction to long bisquers as to how the break should be set up, with numerous examples of variations that can arise, according to whether the necessary shots are good, bad or indifferent.

Given the ability to execute the shots, there is no position from which a break cannot be set up with the expenditure of 1½ or 2 bisques, and given the knowledge of how to do it.

May I repeat that, apart from my criticisms, I think that Mr Riggall's article is a splendid one.

Yours truly,

W.E.Gladstone

9 Hillands Drive,
Cheltenham, Glos.

'Croquet Literature'

from David Miller

Sir,

Your croquet antiquarians might be interested in a copy of J.D.Heath's *The Complete Croquet Player* (new edition 1904) I picked up for a song in Coventry recently.

Yours sincerely,

David Miller

University of Warwick

From the New Zealand Croquet Gazette

Dominion Championships

These were held in Auckland in the week beginning January 17. Thanks are due to Mrs Moffit for arranging transport and games for the English visitors.

Winners and Runner-up were:

New Zealand Open Championship: C.Anderson, Hawkes Bay.
Runner-up: G.D.Rowling, Nelson.

Heenan Plate: Mrs J.Jarden, Waimarie.

New Zealand Doubles Championship: R.Clarke and R.Jackson.
Runners-up: C. and A. Anderson.

Women's Championship: Mrs L.Middlemiss, Pukekohe.
Runner-up: R.Johnstone, Takapuna.

Men's Championship: J.McNab, Christchurch.
Runner-up: D.W.Bulloch, Otago.

Level Singles: Mrs D.Feilding, Hamilton East.
Runner-up: Mrs Cooper, Pt. Chevalier.

Hurlingham Cup: (Handicap Singles): C.Johnson, Nelson.
Runner-up: R. Murfitt, Hornby.

English Rose Bowl: Miss R.Elliot, Carlton.
Runner-up: Mrs M.Jacob, Henderson.

President's Invitation Event, Senior Section

The following players have accepted the invitation to play in this event which commences at Dannevirke on 12 March 1973:

C.Anderson (Hawkes Bay), R.J.Clarke (Hawkes Bay), J.W. McNab (Canterbury), G.D.Rowling (Nelson), Mrs L.G. Middlemiss (Franklin), Mrs B.A.Jarden (Wellington), Mrs G.Collins (Wellington), D.J.Bulloch (Otago).

MacRobertson Shield Team

The team to contest the MacRobertson Shield in England during 1974 will be selected at the conclusion of the 1974 Dominion Championships.

Odds and Ends

With so many players endeavouring to manage that short peg-out, Mrs H. Woollett made it look so easy when she ran both ball on to the peg from the fourth corner.

Referees

L.G.Middlemiss has been appointed N.Z. Referee. He points out in an article that New Zealand have Umpires, who qualify by passing a very comprehensive test, whereas England and Australia do not have Umpires. Moreover, "if at a small Tournament there are no Council Referees or Council Umpires, the Tournament Referee may, under our existing regulations, nominate suitable persons to assist him or her".

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 September gazette should reach the Editor by August 8.

Reviews

Commentary on the Laws of Croquet

by D.M.C.Prichard

Col. Prichard is to be heartily congratulated on the production of this booklet. There has for some time been a need for a work devoted to an explanation of the laws of croquet, giving particular instances and discussing numerous aspects of refereeing and etiquette. Up to now the only ways a new player has had of really learning these has been regular attendance at tournaments, discussion with other players and (sometimes) bitter experience. Equipped with this booklet a player can work his way through the laws and approach his first tournament without the anxiety that ignorance so often engenders.

Most of the booklet deals with laws and regulations in strict order, wherever comment is needed. In addition there are articles on watching whether a ball in a hoop or on a wire has been hit, on responsibility for the position of a ball, and on refereeing in general. Although I have no hesitation in prescribing it as required reading for all tournament players, however experienced, the booklet was principally designed as an aid for the Refereeing Courses and is given to participants as part of the course.

Because it is the nature of the work to raise points that one would not normally think of, it is definitely not a reference book, but one that has to be read from cover to cover. Whether or not this is the justification for its size (7¼" x 10", paperback) I do not know, but the fact remains that it cannot be put in a pocket, which perhaps is a pity. By way of compensation the text is printed in very large lettering.

I cannot recommend this book too strongly. Even I, who had thoroughly scrutinised the laws, learnt something new from it. (Did you realise that you can 'forestall' after an event?) Associates can order copies (at 50p) from the Secretary of the C.A., but supplies are at present very limited. A second impression is being printed; the arrival of this will be advertised in a later issue of the Croquet Gazette.

K.F.W.

Wimbledon: The Hidden Drama by Gwen Robyns 200 pp, 16 plates £2.95

An enthusiasm for lawn tennis is shared by many croquet players, including our President, and this unusual book should be of interest to them.

There are some weaknesses in the book when it deals with the game itself. Fine player though he is, Ken Rosewall will doubtless be amused to see himself bracketed with Laver, Newcombe, Hoad and others as an exponent of the Big Game. By contrast, the connoisseur will delight in reading the first hand quotations from Dan Maskell in analysing the classic Crawford-Vines final of 1933, based on his practice sessions with both players on the eve of the match. Some episodes, like the Suzanne Lenglen debacle, are well known, but lose nothing by being retold. A chapter is devoted to Elizabeth Ryan, the greatest doubles player of her time, who is often to be seen at Hurlingham taking a keen interest in croquet matches.

However, the book is not intended to compete with many others which discuss the styles and methods of the great players, or the human problems with which some of them have been embroiled. Rather it sets out to give as much as possible of the background to the staging of the "greatest tennis show on earth". The role of the Committee of Management, headed by the Club Chairman, Herman David, himself a very competent croquet player, is described, and some indication is given of the financial arrangements for the Championships. There are glimpses into the Royal Box. The awesome logistics of maintaining the traditional supply of strawberries, the delicate lines which are drawn on such matters as advertising and fashions, and the work of the head groundsman Robert Twynam and his staff, are all covered. A charming chapter is

devoted to the visits to Wimbledon of Margaret Dixon in her iron lung, and for this reviewer the immense trouble taken by the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club to make this possible is beyond praise. These and many other vignettes of Wimbledon constitute a refreshingly new approach and result in a very readable book.

B.G.N.

Croquet

published by Training Associates (1973) and printed by National Westminster Bank. Price 35p

This booklet, one of a series produced with the assistance of The Sports Council, was made primarily for the Croquet Association's Development Scheme. In it are reproduced (in black and white) all the photographs of the seven training film strips with the text of the spoken commentary alongside.

Invaluable to instructors, it contains so much excellent material that it is wonderful value at 35p and is a "must" for all croquet players, beginners and experts alike. Copies are obtainable from the C.A. Secretary

R.F.R.

Federation of West Midlands Croquet Clubs

Early in March 1973 representatives of the seven West Midlands croquet clubs (Bretby, Coventry, Edgbaston, Leamington, Stourbridge, Walsall and Wolverhampton) met in Birmingham city centre to form a federation. A seven-point constitution was drawn up. The federation is to be run without any affiliation fee and it is to be run under the auspices of the C.A., to which it is to be responsible. The object of the federation is "to co-ordinate the activities of Croquet Clubs in the area, and to provide a forum for the discussion of problems which may arise in clubs".

It is intended to have two official meetings during the year. At the Autumn Meeting the officers (Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer) will be elected from among the delegates, one of which will be sent by each of the seven clubs. At the March Meeting club competition managers will also be present, and a Calendar for the year will be worked out to cover open days, exhibition matches, coaching courses and inter-club matches. Arrangements for the Tilly Bowl (West Midlands) Tournament will be made. This year it is once again to be restricted to long bisquers; it will be held July 21-2.

Our main venture so far this year has been the printing of a publicity leaflet, which contains a list of member clubs, a diary of events, a brief introduction to the game and its history in the West Midlands. The leaflet has been well produced by Mrs Joan Shaw of Wolverhampton and Peter Young of Stourbridge. Anyone who would like a copy of the leaflet should send a stamped addressed envelope to G.E.P.Young, Avondale, Vale Street, Ruiton, Sedgley, Worcestershire. The federation owes its existence to the Development Scheme, from which it is receiving a grant of £15 to cover the cost of running joint publicity schemes.

Keith Ross (Chairman)

The Vulliamy family

A number of readers will remember that fine player Joyce Vulliamy (-2) who was at her peak in the late 'twenties and early 'thirties. Her name first appeared on the Cheltenham Club Walter Peel Memorial Trophy (a very fine antique silver claret jug) in 1920, when she was partnered by F. Palmer, and again in 1929 with W.E.F.Handcock. The trophy shows the names of many familiar players: Colchester-Wemyss, B.H.Wiggins, Lyall, Lord, Paulley, Elvey and in more recent years Daniels, Sessions, Prichard and Jackson. What is rather remarkable is that her brother, Col. E.L.L.Vulliamy, who started playing croquet in 1968, should have won it, with Miss W.K.Allardyce, in 1972 — a span of no less than 52 years between sister and brother.

From the Secretary of the South African Croquet Association

The South African Croquet Championships were played at Pietermaritzburg from 11 to 18 November 1972.

Singles Open Championship: The Belcher Cup and the United Kingdom Croquet Association Silver and Bronze Medals (36 Entries):

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
C.Carter	bt. Mrs D.Hobbs	+ 3
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. Mrs J.Jarden	+15
<i>Final</i>		
B.Lloyd-Pratt	bt. C.Carter	+21 +14

Doubles Open Championship: Lady Steel Silver Salver (18 Entries):

<i>Final</i>		
Miss M.I.Simkins & Mrs J.Jarden	bt. G.Turnbull & B.Lloyd-Pratt	+10

Rondebosch Trophy: Singles Handicap (22 Entries);

<i>Final</i>		
K.McIvor (6)	bt. Mrs L.Wucherpfennig (5)	+14

Founding a Croquet Club

In 1970, when I moved from Cape Town, where I had played regularly at Rondebosch Croquet Club, to Somerset West, I was urged to start a new club. For those of you who do not know the Cape, I must explain that Somerset West is a pleasant garden city in a fold of the Hottentot-Hollands mountains, about 30 miles from Cape Town and a popular retiring area for 'Ancient Britons'. Here I was sure that I could find material for a flourishing club, but I had not reckoned with the South African outlook on sport. In South Africa we have a very conservative approach and few people have heard of croquet except as a vicarage lawn game played by elderly ladies, and no one takes it seriously. As a young man, one plays rugger and cricket, and later one moves on to golf; when too old for that, one joins the ranks of the bowlers.

During the first year, I discovered that a form of croquet, with somewhat archaic rules, was being played on Sunday afternoons at the beautiful old Dutch colonial style manor house in Parel Vallei by half a dozen ladies. Five of them nobly volunteered to try modern croquet, and I started teaching them once a week on the Rondebosch courts. A long and fruitless search and a negative from the Country Club and the Town Clerk gave us little hope of finding a permanent home until, quite unexpectedly, a philanthropic resident, who owned 5½ acres and had recently started playing, offered us a site for a lawn at the bottom end of his property. Furthermore, he levelled and drained the area, which we subsequently planted with the fine Cape indigenous grass. Alas, within three months he had died, and we feared that again we would be out in the cold. Fortunately, his widow and heirs agreed that we should continue, and now after two years we have a club court of 100' x 90', which is reasonable for beginners and gives us a lot of enjoyment.

The next happening in the course of our struggle to attract interest came when Mrs Johnson and her son Tom Barlow laid out a court in the garden of their lovely home, Vergelegen. This is the oldest and most famous of the wine and fruit

farms in South Africa, founded by the second Governor of the Cape in 1690. At the same time the Countess of Kenmare, who won the Australian ladies singles in 1911, built a modified court at her home, Broadlands, a court which was ready for play after one year and has a perfect surface. Finally, a small court has been built about five miles away in the country at the home of Brigadier and Lady Elizabeth Tyler. Lady Tyler is a niece of Lady Julian Parr, the winner of the English Women's Championship in 1913.

From small beginnings in 1970 we now have a circle of 30 enthusiasts who go around from court to court, playing in the most lovely settings during the long hot summer days until July in the winter. We welcome croquet visitors from abroad and can offer a moderate standard of play and guarantee twelve hours a day of sunshine from October to March.

R.H.James

Obituaries

Mrs A.S.C.Ross

A great loss has been suffered by the death of Stefanyja Ross. Whether one knew her as a tournament player, as one of the inseparable Rosses or as the lovable doyenne of the courts and teas of the Edgbaston Club, one misses the frank clear blue eyes, the shy gaiety, the apt and often direct (though never unkind) remark and a person who was unconsciously a character but a character tempered by modesty, kindness and honesty of nature and intellect. To her husband and all whom she knew, she gave an unostentatious and unstinted support, and in this alone she will be missed by her Club and the Croquet world.

Outside that world she was a remarkable linguist and made a respected contribution to scholarship in that field. She was for some years tutor in Old and Middle English at Oxford University and later wrote several papers on these subjects and comparative linguistics, as well as translations from Icelandic. Her published work, particularly her paper on the relationship of Medieval English and Old Norse, is widely recognised as authoritative. Latterly she directed her abilities to reading, refining and collating source and illustration material against the 12 volumes of the Oxford English Dictionary. Even by scholars of monumental output her research and comparative and collative study of thirty-five years of volumes of the periodical "Notes and Queries" is acknowledged to be a Herculean task amazingly accomplished. Until shortly before her death she was engaged among other things in an examination of the vocabulary used in the newly published draft of T. S. Eliot's *The Waste Land*, as well as the critical reading of the proofs of the new Supplement of the Oxford English Dictionary, to which her work had contributed so much. Her unbounded pleasure at the publication of the first volume was a joy to behold.

Whether one remembers Stefanyja Ross the gifted scholar, the croquet player or the friend, one will remember with admiration and affection and extend to Alan Ross and to their son great sympathy.

J.B.M.

How many friends in the croquet world must have been deeply shocked by the news of Mrs Ross' sudden death in April. She was a familiar and popular figure at many tournaments all over the country. Her rapidly improving play reminded older onlookers of *The Times'* description of the late Freda Oddie as "that rapid, imperturbable player".

Nowhere will she be more missed than at Southwick, the club which she and her husband made their headquarters during the past few summers. She will always be remembered for her friendly interest in the club and its various members as well as for her dry humour and her erudition. She and her husband, Professor Alan Ross, first met as undergraduates, when he was

Event 4: Coronation Cups (7 Pairs)

First Round
 Mrs N.Dodd & Madame O'Morchoe (5) bt. Mrs H.M.Read & F.Regan (4) + 6 (T)
 R.L.Hannon & Lady FitzGerald (6) bt. Mrs Figgis & Revd W.Rooke +14
 M.Callan & Miss G.Hopkins (6) bt. R.J.Leonard & Mrs F.Regan (4½) + 7

Semi-Final
 Hannon & Lady FitzGerald bt. Mrs Dodd & Madame O'Morchoe + 7 (T)
 A.D.Craig & C.Gamble (6) bt. Callan & Miss Hopkins + 1 (T)

Final
 Craig & Gamble bt. Hannon & Lady FitzGerald +11

Compton: June 4-9

Some of the faces which one has come to accept as regular embellishments to the Compton scene were notably absent this year. They must have cursed the good luck of those who did play: a whole week of gloriously clear blue skies, with just enough of an easterly breeze to convince the pessimists that it could not possibly last - but it did! The somewhat reduced entry enabled the Manager, Richard Rothwell, to complete the programme on schedule without difficulty. With these advantages and the delicious variety of fare provided by Mrs Tucker and her faithful band of helpers, pleasure was assured and fully exploited.

Tyrwhitt Drake strolled his deceptively languid way to the Open Singles title, jacketed and smoke-emitting throughout. Mrs Elvey, playing some of her most accurate and controlled croquet, fell to him in the final of the Process after an exciting game in which she made up a deficit of double figures, only to lose in a pegged-out finish; she was not able to recover from her opponent's confident roquet on his partner ball when she was convinced that she had cross-pegged him. The other final against Wood also finished as a cat and mouse pegged-out game. With only two balls left on the court and Tyrwhitt Drake for the peg, Wood hit the "last shot" twice, but was unable to capitalise on his success.

The award for "Player of the Week" must surely go to Cyril Pountney. He took the Open Handicap Singles title, leaving in his wake a string of out-shot and out-hooped opponents. His accuracy was as consistent as one dreams of and enabled him frequently to extricate himself from most unpromising situations - like running 3-Back from the south boundary to finish up close to an opponent level with the peg - with cheeky aplomb.

In combination with Tucker in the Doubles he proved unbeatable, though they had a close struggle in their first game, and they took the cups for the second year running. Pountney was persuaded, rather against his better judgement, to enter the Open Singles as a substitute, and proceeded to dismiss the Manager (a rash move at any tournament) and to give both Tyrwhitt Drake and Wood something more than they had bargained for. When he has mastered the tactics of his doubles partner as well as he has emulated that gentleman's stroke production, he will indeed be a formidable strength.

In the Level Singles Lady Ursula Abbey and Mrs Temple renewed their annual tussle, one winning the Draw and the other the Process, in each case by 7. Mrs Temple just managed to clinch the play-off by one point on time. Her newly adopted style of not checking the swing of the mallet between approach and striking clearly paid off, although it was not fully under control at the beginning of the week. The Restricted Handicap Singles proved to be very much a local affair, with newcomer Strickland giving the experienced Everest a good run for his money. The former benefited enormously from his first tournament, and both deserved their handicap reductions. Two other promising newcomers made their debut in this

event: Drake with his curious bobbing, but highly accurate, style and Wallis, whose smooth swing and upright stance bode well and whose hat was described by one observer as a pagoda. A double-banking experiment in the early rounds of the Compton Plate met with a predictably mixed reception from both participants and non-participants, but nevertheless seemed to go off quite smoothly.

Results

Event 1: Open Singles (11 Entries)

DRAW

First Round
 C.G.Pountney bt. R.F.Rothwell +14
 E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake bt. N.W.T.Cox + 6
 R.Wood bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey + 3

Second Round
 E.J.Tucker bt. W.H.Austin +18
 E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake bt. C.G.Pountney + 3
 R.Wood bt. D.A.Harris + 2
 Mrs E.Rotherham bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden +20

Semi-Final
 E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake bt. E.J.Tucker + 5
 R.Wood bt. Mrs E.Rotherham + 6

Final
 E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake bt. R.Wood + 3

PROCESS

First Round
 W.H.Austin bt. D.A.Harris + 3
 R.F.Rothwell bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden +23
 E.J.Tucker bt. Mrs E.Rotherham + 9

Second Round
 W.H.Austin bt. N.W.T.Cox + 4
 Mrs G.F.H.Elvey bt. R.F.Rothwell + 7
 E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake bt. E.J.Tucker +20
 R.Wood bt. C.G.Pountney + 5

Semi-Final
 Mrs G.F.H.Elvey bt. W.H.Austin +19
 E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake bt. R.Wood + 5

Final
 E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey + 3

Event 2: 'B' Level Singles (5 Entries)

DRAW

First Round
 Mrs E.M.Temple bt. Mrs E.R.Cox + 1

Semi-Final
 Mrs E.M.Temple bt. Captain M.F.Buller + 6
 Lady Ursula Abbey bt. Miss H.D.Parker +15

Final
 Lady Ursula Abbey bt. Mrs E.M.Temple + 7

PROCESS

First Round
 Captain M.F.Buller bt. Miss H.D.Parker + 7

Semi-Final
 Mrs E.M.Temple bt. Captain M.F.Buller + 7
 Mrs E.R.Cox bt. Lady Ursula Abbey +10

Final
 Mrs E.M.Temple bt. Mrs E.R.Cox +19

PLAY-OFF

Mrs E.M.Temple bt. Lady Ursula Abbey + 1 (T)

Event 3: 'C' Handicap Singles (14 Entries)

First Round
 E.Strickland (14*) bt. Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (12) + 1 (T)
 Dr M.D.Nosworthy (7) bt. Mrs C.W.Haworth (14) +19
 Miss L.M.Cooke (8) bt. Mrs D.Waterhouse (9) + 6
 R.E.Wallis (7*) bt. Miss M.Bryan (6) +10
 C.W.Haworth (4½) bt. Mrs A.Millns (12) +13
 H.G.Drake (6) bt. Mrs L.B.Tucker (12) +10

Second Round
 E.Strickland (14*) bt. Dr M.D.Nosworthy (7) +19
 Miss L.M.Cooke (8) bt. R.E.Wallis (7*) + 1 (T)
 C.W.Haworth (4½) bt. Mrs H.M.Harris (12) +13
 R.L.Everest (6) bt. H.G.Drake (6) +10

Semi-Final
 E.Strickland (14*) bt. Miss L.M.Cooke (8) + 5
 R.L.Everest (6) bt. C.W.Haworth (4½) +17

Final
 R.L.Everest (6) bt. E.Strickland (14*) +11

Event 4: Open Handicap Singles (32 Entries)

First Round
 Dr M.D.Nosworthy (7) bt. B.D.Yallop (10*) + 2
 R.F.Rothwell (-1) bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (-2½) + 5
 E.J.Tucker (-½) bt. Mrs H.M.Harris (12) +22
 R.Wood (-½) bt. C.W.Haworth (4½) +14
 D.A.Harris (-1½) w.o. opp.scr.
 N.W.T.Cox (-2) bt. Miss M.Bryan (6) +19
 H.G.Drake (6) bt. Miss H.D.Parker (3½) +17
 Mrs A.Millns (12) bt. Lady Ursula Abbey (2½) + 9
 C.G.Pountney (3½) bt. Mrs D.Waterhouse (9) +19
 R.L.Everest (6) bt. Mrs E.R.Cox (3) + 6
 Mrs E.M.Temple (3) bt. Miss L.M.Cooke (8) +20
 R.E.Wallis (7*) bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden (½) +23
 Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (12) bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (-½) + 9
 Captain M.F.Buller (2) bt. Mrs L.B.Tucker (12) + 5
 Mrs E.Rotherham (-2) bt. E.Strickland (14*) + 3
 W.H.Austin (0) bt. Mrs C.W.Haworth (14) + 9

Second Round
 R.F.Rothwell (-1) bt. Dr M.D.Nosworthy (7) +13
 R.Wood (-½) bt. E.J.Tucker (-½) + 3
 N.W.T.Cox (-2) bt. D.A.Harris (-1½) + 3
 H.G.Drake (6) bt. Mrs A.Millns (12) +14
 C.G.Pountney (3½) bt. R.L.Everest (6) + 3 (T)
 R.E.Wallis (7*) bt. Mrs E.M.Temple (3) +16
 Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (-½) w.o. Captain M.F.Buller (2) opp.retd.
 Mrs E.Rotherham (-2) bt. W.H.Austin (0) + 4

Third Round
 R.Wood (-½) w.o. R.F.Rothwell (-1) opp.scr.
 N.W.T.Cox (-2) bt. H.G.Drake (6) + 6
 C.G.Pountney (3½) bt. R.E.Wallis (7*) +21
 Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (-½) bt. Mrs E.Rotherham (-2) + 5 (T)

Semi-Final
 R.Wood (-½) bt. N.W.T.Cox (-2) +22
 C.G.Pountney (3½) bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (-½) +26

Final
 C.G.Pountney (3½) bt. R.Wood (-½) + 3

Event 5: Handicap Doubles (14 Pairs)

First Round
 Captain M.F.Buller & Lady Ursula Abbey (4½) bt. R.Wood & Miss H.D.Parker (3) +13
 R.L.Everest & D.A.Harris (4½) bt. Miss L.M.Cooke & Mrs D.Waterhouse (17) + 9
 N.W.T.Cox & Mrs E.R.Cox (1) bt. R.F.Rothwell & Miss M.Bryan (5) +12
 H.G.Drake & Mrs C.W.Haworth (19) bt. R.E.Wallis & B.D.Yallop (17*) + 1 (T)
 Mrs I.B.Tucker & Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (11½) bt. Mrs E.Rotherham & Mrs A.Millns (10) + 1 (T)
 E.J.Tucker & C.G.Pountney (3) bt. W.H.Austin & Mrs H.M.Harris (11) + 2 (T)

Second Round

Buller & Lady Ursula Abbey bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden & Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (12½) + 4 (T)
 N.W.T.Cox & Mrs E.R.Cox bt. Everest & Harris +18
 Mrs I.B.Tucker & Mrs Elvey bt. Drake & Mrs Haworth + 1 (T)
 E.J.Tucker & Pountney bt. C.W.Haworth & E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (2) +15

Semi-Final

N.W.T.Cox & Mrs E.R.Cox bt. Buller & Lady Ursula Abbey +16
 E.J.Tucker & Pountney bt. Mrs I.B.Tucker & Mrs Elvey + 9

Final

E.J.Tucker & Pountney bt. N.W.T.Cox & Mrs E.R.Cox +18

Event 6: Consolation Event (8 Entries)

Final

B.D.Yallop (10*) bt. Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (12) + 2 (T)

Parkstone: June 4-9

A week of almost continuous sunshine and lawns in good condition gave the tournament a perfect setting. However, the play in the early part of the week was not entirely free of interruptions. A B.B.C. television crew took most of Monday morning to make a 3 minute clip for the local evening news programme. To impress viewers with a demonstration of the skills required P.Newton was called upon to jump a ball in a hoop. This he twice succeeded in doing, but the third take, which was 'live', inevitably failed, and a fourth attempt, this time successful, had to be made. On Tuesday a passing swarm of bees caused consternation and flight from the lawns, but play was soon resumed.

The Opens were won by Dr W.P.Ormerod who, whilst not on his most sparkling form, was never seriously threatened. His play was always interesting and produced, among other things, an attempted sextuple, an attempted shot at wired balls by jumping over the 5th hoop, and in the Doubles attempts at a cannon peel of the Rover and the peg-out of both balls on a final continuation stroke.

One of the better games in the Opens was played between Jackson and Hemsted in the Draw. After getting his first ball to 4-Back, Hemsted started the triple but broke down at Rover when the peeled ball stuck in the hoop and the jump shot failed. Jackson went to 4-Back with his first ball and started the second break, but broke down, whereupon Hemsted was able to finish the game. The Play-Off for second place in the Opens was a close affair, with good breaks from both Whittington and Hemsted after a slow start. Whittington gained the advantage and was all set to make Rover and go out when he missed a shortish roquet, and Hemsted was able to go round and finish on a single peel.

The Doubles provided some close finishes. In the early rounds both Jackson and Hemsted were able to pull off good double peels when their prospects had previously seemed bleak. The Ormerods dominated the final. Mrs Ormerod played beautifully and apparently without nerves. A two-ball break from 5 to 2-Back was her most noticeable achievement, but the facts that they were giving away two bisques and the game took only one hour and twenty minutes indicate the general quality of the Ormerods' play.

The 'X' Handicap was won by Newton, who beat Shelton in the final. An earlier game between Shelton and Mrs G.H. Wood included an attempted peg-out which failed from only an inch or so away from the peg. Shelton was attempting to peg out Mrs Wood at the same time as taking off to his partner ball. Mrs Wood subsequently pegged out Shelton's Rover ball, but then failed in her own peg-out, whereupon Shelton hit in to finish the game and win by 1.

The final of the 'B' levels produced the longest game, which began at 9.50 a.m. and finished at 3.15 p.m. This marathon produced a win for L.Butler over Dr C.A.Parker by 4.

Secretary's Notes

1. WORLDMARK TOUR TO SOUTH AFRICA IN JANUARY

Worldmark Tours, whose Croquet Tour to New Zealand and Australia early this year was greatly enjoyed by those who took part, is planning a similar tour to South Africa for next January. It is hoped to arrange some croquet at Pretoria, Cape Town, Pietermaritzburg and Durban, and a visit to a Game Reserve. The cost will be affected by the size of the party, but is expected to be under £400. Worldmark's address is 10 Duke Street, London W.1.

2. EUROPEAN SIGHT-SEEING TOUR 1974

Some of the Australian visitors in 1974 are arranging a two week sight-seeing coach tour in Europe from Wednesday August 7 to Wednesday August 21. British participants, whether members of the C.A. or not, will be welcomed. The outline itinerary is London - Brussels - Lahr - Innsbruck - Venice - Florence - Rome - Milan - Lucerne - Paris - London and the inclusive cost will be about £130. Will anyone interested in further details please write to the Secretary of the C.A.

3. PUBLICATIONS

Training Associates, sponsored in this connection by the National Westminster Bank, has published in book (paper-back) form the photographs and the spoken commentary of the Film Strip which our Development Scheme uses for instructional purposes. Since they call the book simply "Croquet", we entitle it, for reference purposes, "Training Associates' Croquet". The office has a supply, on sale at 35p per copy. Where it has to be sent by post, we charge for this, as the book is rather heavier than our usual pamphlets.

The Chairman of the Laws Committee, Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard, has written a Commentary on the Laws of Croquet, which was intended for use as a text-book at courses for Referees. However, it is thought to fulfil a widespread need among our members, and it is intended to have it reprinted and to give it a much wider circulation. At present, there is a very limited supply of copies on sale at the C.A. office at 50p; when this supply is exhausted, there may be a delay before a new edition is available for sale.

Both these publications are reviewed elsewhere in this issue.

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Oratory School, Woodville, Reading, Berkshire. Hon. Secretary J.A.Jukes.
(B) Clubs Deleted: Hull University; Marmullane.
(C) Changes in Club Secretary etc.:
Cambridge University. Hon. Secretary G.H.Foster, Downing College.
Ealing. New Secretary Mrs J.Biggs.
Folkestone. Delete reference in Club Directory to the Imperial Hotel, Hythe.
Glasgow. P.J.Martin has moved to 19 Rowallan Gardens, Broomhill, Glasgow. (Tel: 041 339 3971).
Jealotts Hill. New Secretary: J.Hill.
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Peterhouse. New Secretary: Andrew Margolis.
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Southwick. New Tournaments Secretary: Mrs R.E. Tucker, 13 Compton Road, Brighton, BN1 5AL. (Tel: (0273) 502448).
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7. TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

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8. OVERSEAS VISITORS

We welcome the following visitors from abroad and apologise for any omissions: Mrs N.Dodd (Australia), R.Carte and Mrs D.M.Aubrey (South Africa), T.G.S.Colls (Canada), Miss Audrey Benton (New Zealand), Mr & Mrs Bowes (New Zealand), Mr & Mrs Collings (Australia), Mrs M.Reddie (Australia), W.Seymour-Smith (U.S.A.), Mrs Sperring (Australia), T.F.Weldon (New Zealand).

Vandeleur Robinson,
Secretary,
June 1973.

Official Notices

- At their meeting held on 21 May 1973 the Council ratified the amendments to Regulation 18 published in the *Croquet Gazette* for April 1973. In accordance with Rule XIV, these amendments now come into force. They are as follows:
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".
- At a meeting of the Test Selection Committee held on 23 May 1973, J.W.Solomon was unanimously elected Captain of the Great Britain Test Team for the 1974 Series.
- At their meeting held on 21 May 1973 the Council decided that all handicaps will be increased by 2 as from the start of the 1974 season, subject to the maximum handicap remaining at +16. It was also decided that all handicaps will be increased by 1 biennially, commencing in 1976, subject to the maximum handicap remaining at +16, unless the Council decides otherwise. The reasons for these decisions are explained elsewhere in this issue in the article 'Handicap Revisions'.

Weekend Tournaments

Compton: April 12-14

Block Winners
A. Mrs B.G.Neal (5) 5 points
B. R.L.Everest (6) 6 points
C. E.J.Tucker (-½) 8 points
D. H.N.D.Meyer (7) 6 points

Semi-Final

R.L.Everest bt. Mrs B.G.Neal +20
E.J.Tucker bt. H.N.D.Meyer + 2

Final

R.L.Everest bt. E.J.Tucker + 7

Cheltenham I: April 21-23

Block Winners
A. J.H.J.Soutter (-2) 4 wins and 29 points
B. J.A.Wheeler (-1½) 6 wins
C. C.H.L.Prichard (½) 4 wins and 40 points
D. R.D.C.Prichard (½) 5 wins and 76 points
E. M.J.Evans (1) 6 wins

Hunstanton: April 27-30

Block Winners
A. R.A.Simpson (-½) 7 wins
B. V.Rees (-1) 6 wins

PLAY-OFF

V.Rees bt. R.A.Simpson +19

Wrest Park I: May 18-20

Block Winners
A. N.Davren (4½)
B. J.A.Wheeler (-1½)

Wrest Park now has six lawns in very good condition. The next weekend to be held there will be on September 21-23; a full entry for this has already been received. Should there be sufficient interest, the possibility of a third weekend tournament in October may be considered.

Cheltenham II: May 26-28

Block Winners
A. R.B.W.Gladstone (6½) 5 wins
B. A.B.Hope (3) 6 wins
C. T.D.Ballard (6½) 6 wins
D. C.Risebrow (3) 6 wins
E. J.H.J.Soutter (-2) 6 wins

Colchester: May 25-28

Block Winners
A. R.S.Alford (4½) 5 wins
B. R.F.Rothwell (-1) 5 wins
C. Mrs G.S.Digby (3) 5 wins
D. E.Whitehead (-½) 4 wins

Handicap Doubles (8 Entries)

Semi-Final
R.S.Alford & Mrs C.W.Haworth (17½) bt. C.W.Haworth & Mrs A.Zinn (12½) +12
G.S.Digby & Miss E.I.Wood (15½) bt. E.P.Duffield & Miss C.M.Sinclair (13½) + 1 (T)
Final
Digby & Miss Wood bt. Alford & Mrs Haworth + 1 (T)

Draw for the Longman Cup 1973

<i>Area A</i>			
Radbroke Hall	Bretby	} }	(Winner of Area A.)
Stourbridge		
	Wolverhampton		
	Edgbaston		
<i>Area B</i>			
Harrow Oak	Caversham	} }	(Winner of Area B.)
Phyllis Court		
	Trawscoed		
	Roehampton		
<i>Area C</i>			
Colworth	Parsons Green	} }	(Winner of Area C.)
Hurlingham		
	Colchester		
	Woking		
<i>Area D</i>			
Southwick	Tunbridge Wells	} }	(Winner of Area D.)
Compton		
	Ryde		
	Herstmonceux		

Semi-Final Round: Winner of Area A versus Winner of Area B
 Winner of Area C versus Winner of Area D

The conditions are as set out on p.7 of the Fixtures book. Where clubs find difficulty in sending their teams to each other's grounds, particularly in the case of the finals, arrangements can be made for them to meet at another Club's grounds, more conveniently situated. The C.A. Secretary will help in this if requested.

Last dates for completion of rounds: First Round, 1st July; Second Round, 22nd July; Third Round 12th August; Semi-Finals, 2nd September; Finals 23rd September.

Draw for the Inter-Club Championship 1973

	Hurlingham	} }	} }
	Caversham		
	Colchester		
Colworth	} }	} }
Wrest Park		
Roehampton		
Herstmonceux	} }	} }
	Heley		
	Compton		
	Southwick		

The conditions are laid down on p.8 of the Fixtures Book. Last dates for completion of rounds: First Round, 29th July; Second Round 26th August; Semi-Finals, 16th September; Finals 7th October.

Handicap Alterations

Cheltenham Weekend I: April 21-23
 M.J.Evans 1 to ½.

Budleigh Salterton: April 30-May 5
 F.L.Fletcher 8* to 8; Mrs F.L.Fletcher 11* to 11; M.A. Shepherd 13* to 14 D13; Mrs M.A.Shepherd 14* to 16; Mrs P.A.Tunmer 9 to 6; Miss M.J.Lodge 13 to 10.

The Peels: May 7-12
 A.S.Hatt 3* to 2; Mrs P.Asa-Thomas 8 to 6; R.H.Lee 5 to 4; G.F.Blumer 14 to 13.

Southwick: May 14-19
 Mrs E.J.Tucker 13 D12 to 12; Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake 14 to 12; Mrs S.R.Mew 11 D9 to 9.

Inter-Counties Championship: May 22-25
 M.J.Evans ½ to 0.

Cheltenham Weekend II: May 26-28
 A.B.Hope 3 to 1; C.Risebrow 3 to 2; J.H.J.Soutter -2 to -2½.

Colchester Weekend I: May 26-28
 Mrs F.Stanley-Smith 10 D9 to 9.

Ryde: May 28-June 2
 L.F.Palmer 16* to 15; Miss D.E.Rogers 16* to 15 D13; Mrs F.E.M.Puxon 3½ to 3; C.G.Pountney 4½ to 3½; Mrs B.G.Weitz 4½ to 4; G.Birch -½ to -1; Mrs S.R.Mew 9 to 8.

Compton: June 4-9
 R.E.Wallis 10* to 7* and then to 7; B.D.Yallop 10* to 8; C.G.Pountney 3½ to 1; R.Wood -½ to -1; R.L.Everest 6 to 5½; Mrs E.M.Temple 3 to 2½; E.Strickland 14* to 12.

Parkstone: June 4-9
 Mrs W.P.Ormerod 10* to 10 D8; Dr C.A.Parker 4 to 3 (before play, on club recommendation); S.Hemsted -1 to -1½; R.S.Alford 4½ to 4; Mrs C.Sebestyen 12 to 11 D10; N.J.C. Gooch 8* to 8.

Carrickmines: June 4-9
 A.D.Craig 3 to 2; C.Gamble 3 to 2; Revd W.Rooke 10 to 8.

Correction
 C.Tait 7.

Handicap Increases approved by the Handicaps Co-ordination Committee

Major F.Hill-Bernhard 5½ to 7; W.B.C.Paynter 3½ to 5; A.J. Oldham 3 to 5.

Wrest Park Club Recommendation
 A.G.Dumont 8 to 7.


Radbroke Hall Club Recommendation
 B.Slater 5½ to 3½.

Woking Club Recommendations
 J.Haigh 4½ to 3½; Captain H.F.Nalder 2 to 1½.

Extract from Proceedings of Council Meeting held on 21 May 1973

1. Professor B.G.Neal and Mr R.F.Rothwell were re-elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively.
2. Miss D.A.Lintern, Vice-President, was elected a member of the Tournament Committee, in accordance with Rule V.
3. The Council noted with pleasure that the Roehampton Club has agreed to stage the Australia v. Great Britain Test Match on 2, 3 and 5 August 1974, and will entertain all those directly concerned with the match and pay their lunch and tea expenses. Lawn hire charges will also be waived.

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