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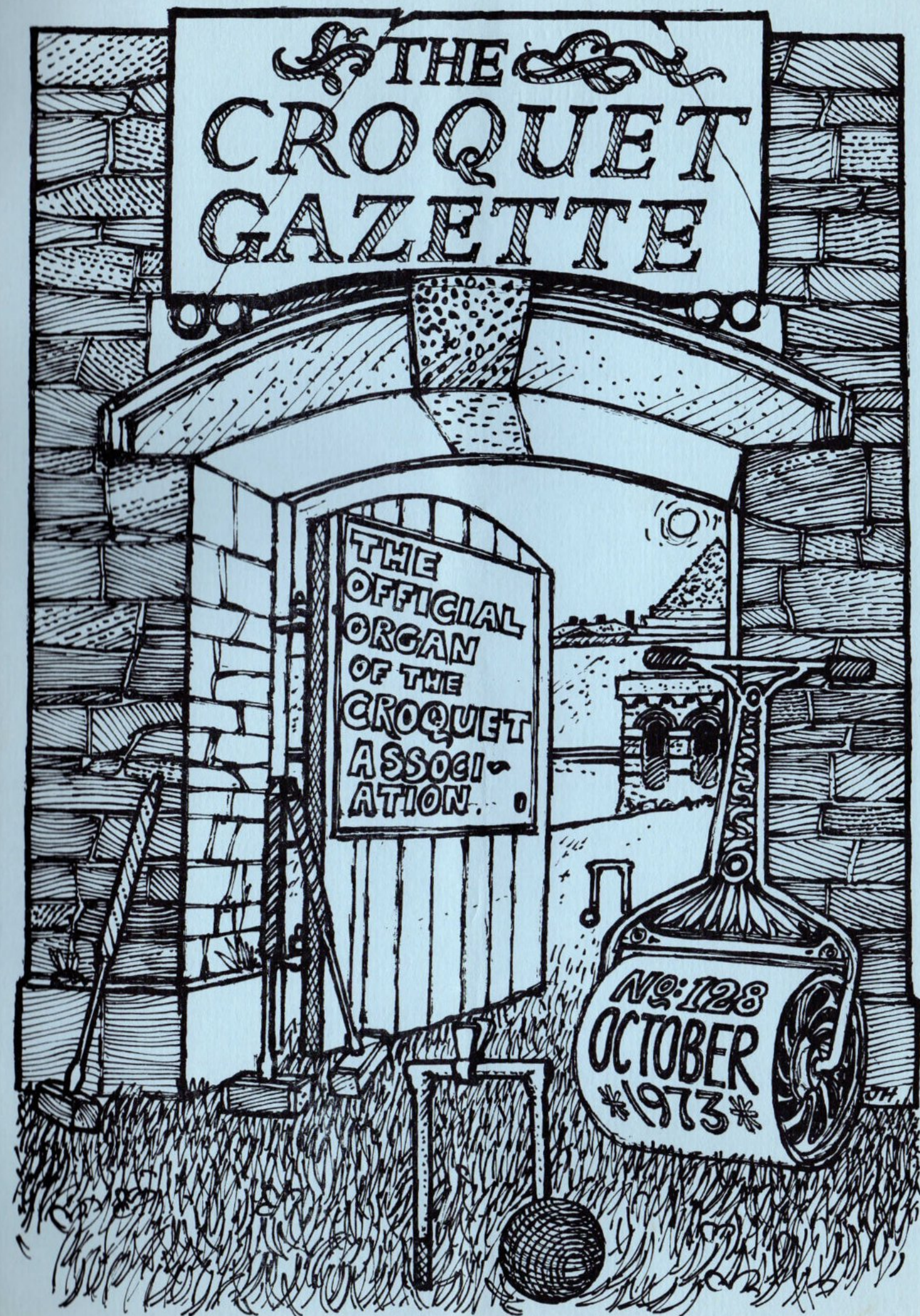
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ORDEAL

*'I love to be invited for the Eight',
Said one who often was, but added too,
'The drawback is you have to play in it!'
That feeling well I knew.*

*The first time was a thrill — just to be in.
It can't be said that one achieved a lot,
Though one did beat a really shining star;
('Twas Mrs. de la Mothe).*

*Next year was not so good, one finished last
And, rightly, one was dropped, so things looked black
Throughout the Twenties; but soon after that
The Thirties brought one back.*

*Now 'twas the President's Cup — in '34,
And things went well: A Second and two Thirds.
Until Peace brought us Hicks, Cotter and Solomon —
No need for other words.*

*You played ten times in those eventful years,
Not doing much that called to be admired.
Near bottom often, but twice finished Third
At seventy (with six games) one retired.*

*Now new and younger stars pervade the scene,
Nigel and Keith and (last) William and Paul.
Do these bright heroes shrink from joining in?
I fancy not at all.*

EMBER.

Obituaries

Clive S. Phillips

Without the efforts of Clive, Tunbridge Wells Croquet Club would not be in existence today. In every sense of the word he was the 'Founder' of the club. It is with the deepest respect and affection that we, the first members in 1966, and others following will remember him. His interest in club activities did not become any less over the course of a long and distressing illness; his visits to Frant are missed in 1973. Our condolences to members of his family.

S.G.S.

Mr L.W.A. Brown

It is with deep regret that we announce the sudden death of "Laurie" Brown while he was on holiday at Douglas, Isle of Man. For five years Hon. Secretary of the Hove Lawns Croquet Club, his enthusiasm and encouragement has done much to add to the progress and happiness of the club members. He will be sadly missed by all.

Doris Osborn

Notice has also been received of the death of Lt-Col L.A. Davies.

Correspondence

from H.O. Hicks
Sir,

Unfortunately there are players who, having taken off from one end of the court to the other, remain stationary until the object ball comes to rest. What can be done to cure this habit?

Dares Farm,
Colyford,
DevonYours faithfully,
H.O. Hicks

'Twenty-sixed and never took croquet'

from Dr W.R.D. Wiggins

Sir,

As far as I know, the expedient of extending the baulk line to the 2nd and 4th corners has not yet been officially tried. I think it should be to evaluate its merits or otherwise. Opponents to this will argue that a maximum shot of half the length of the court is guaranteed under the present arrangements, but that is not the point. Such a shot is often suicidal and is not giving the out-player the chance he is supposed to have with the lift. As a Council Member I am supposed not to write letters, but this is in no way conflicting with Council business. I hope some time that the idea described above will be tried in one of the C.A. Open events.

187 Roehampton Lane,
London S.W.15Yours faithfully,
W.R.D. Wiggins

One against Two

Whatever your personal opinion may be, whether you are for or against or merely indifferent, the fact that the Council of the C.A. have confirmed that 3-man Doubles are legal under the Laws of Croquet means that it could happen to you. The tactics of the game demand a little forethought because the extra stress engendered by these stange and by no means brief encounters makes it difficult, if not impossible, to assess the problem coolly.

If you are on the 2 man side, remember that at least you and your opponent are not being deprived of a game, or even two games, as you would be if your opponents were forced to scratch. Paradoxically it is by looking backwards that help in the tactics of the game may be found. Prior to the First World War the balls were played in strict colour sequence, and the adversary's ball which was to be played next was known as the *live ball* while the other was the *dead ball*. In 3 man Doubles the absent partner's ball is permanently dead. This *dead ball* may be captured safely and used as a second partner ball; it is often easier to lay a rush with it and to leave your own partner ball at a hoop. The surest way of winning is for the pair of partners to go out for breaks, the first principle being to give the *live ball* as few shots as possible. However, the opponents must not be too timid to use the *live ball* in their breaks, and they should bear in mind the possibility of peeling it to reduce its manoeuvrability, especially if it is nearing the peg. In Open Doubles there is a good case for the maker of the first break to go to the peg and give a contact; a well-arranged contact gives away less than a hit lift shot might do. The *live ball* would gain little by pegging the opponent out, as the remaining opponent could, by hitting in, deprive him of his *dead ball*.

When the *live ball* does gain the innings, the opponents must avoid joining at a spot which facilitates the *dead ball* being peeled or positioned for its next hoop with a split shot. In this year's Championships Ormerod was left alone for two games against Rees and Wheeler when Aspinall felt too ill to continue (he and Ormerod had won the first game) and Ormerod demonstrated that the *live ball* reaps a tremendous advantage from being able to peel the *dead ball* without having to score a point for itself — at one time he managed to get his partner ball four hoops ahead at 2-back, but he was forced to try an impossible quintuple peel. Had his opponents been less forward so as to give him the opportunity of making two more peels, he was playing well enough to have a good chance of going out on a triple peel.

This year the Manager of the Hurlingham Tournament ruled that an Open Mixed Doubles had to start before the arrival of one player, and an interesting point arose. When the missing player turns up, at what point should he be allowed into the game? If the opponents have laid up with the *dead ball* when its owner appears, it would be unfair and misleading for that ball to come to life without warning. The Manager

would have to ensure that the opponents be allowed to end a turn with the knowledge that both balls are now live. In Handicap Doubles there are fewer problems, as the number of peels is restricted.

Strange as it may seem, the single-handed player does not appear to need any advice. The psychological advantage is all his: the Goliath-turned-David surpasses himself, while his opponents at best feel unsporting (two against one) and at worst feel foolish. But such sensitiveness can be avoided by a cool appraisal of the situation: of course the two are more likely to win, but the one does have a sporting chance and derives pleasure from stretching his faculties, while all three provide a game worth watching.

E.A.M.P.

Reprinted from 'Land and Water', 18 December 1869

The following article was printed at a time when vigorous efforts were being made to establish a generally accepted code of laws. In the first few years of the game in this country there was a multiplicity of codes. Jaques, who claimed to have brought the game from Ireland independently in 1857, published his own version, and other manufacturers and promoters of the game did likewise. *The Field Rules* ("Drawn up by a committee of players appointed by the Editor of 'The Field', 1866" and revised in 1868 and 1869) was the first real attempt towards a standard code, and the *Conference Laws* ("adopted at the General Conference of Croquet Clubs, on January 19, 1870") could fairly be described as having achieved the goal — although *tight croquet* (the croquet stroke played with a foot on the striker's ball) is not unknown even today! Spratt's version of tight croquet is unusual in that the opponent's ball is struck, not the striker's.

Croquet

RULES OF CROQUET

We have received from Mr. Spratt of Brook-street, and print below, the first published rules of croquet, a document not without interest now that a code is being drawn, which we may reasonably hope will be universally accepted. The game was given to Mr. Spratt by Miss McNaughten, in 1851, and the rules were first published in the spring of 1852, so that croquet, as known to the public, is only eighteen years old, and still in its youth, so far as time goes. No game, however, ever had so sudden a rise, and no game, perhaps, ever received so much careful attention, as croquet. It has been at once rapidly and carefully advanced, and its advance most jealously guarded. This fact is apparent from the brief and elementary code before us. Tight croquet was virtually done away with in the fifth year of the game's appearance (1857), that being the year in which it made its first start. When we say that this law was then virtually rescinded we mean that it ceased to be obligatory to send away every ball by the tight croquet. The leaving, as it were, a corner of the old system was nothing, and it was evident that the last remnants of this old law would be done away with sooner or later. With this one exception, then, of tight croquet, the game remains in 1869 the same as it was in 1851. The rules have been amplified, and necessary restrictions added, but in material points they are the same. All arbitrary laws, all individual interferences with the game, have been by general consent put aside. An attempt was made to oblige players to stop at the peg. The rule obtained for one year, and then dropped out. A middle hoop, sometimes with a bell, sometimes without, which had to be passed four times, and for which no good reason was ever assigned, was introduced. This centre hoop kept a sort of objectionable existence for about three years, and was then by general consent got rid of. The setting at Highgate, as was noticed in Mr. Whitmore's letter on this subject, printed in *Land and Water* on the 20th Nov., was the same, as regards the position of hoops, as the one before us. "The game is described" (says Mr. Spratt's code) "as for two players: if more play, any even number, say six," etc. This again is the present view taken of the number of players which

it is advisable to admit. It is generally accepted that two players with two balls each make the best game; but with certain local clubs, and in the great Indian club (the Simla and Calcutta) the six game is still the favourite method of play. This game as played in India has never yet received due attention, and we may, perhaps, in some future article, call the notice of English players to it. We wish now, however, merely to point to the one striking fact that, however rapidly the game has advanced, it has been jealously and ably guarded by the judgement of good players through all the phases of its change. This was and is the great guarantee for its continuance as a fine game. Whether for a country, a community, or a sport, those laws are only likely to be good which are slowly and carefully introduced, and this slowness is the more especially needed when a new law proposed is one which would make a radical change in the order of existing things.

SPRATT'S NEW GAME OF CROQUET
ENTERED AT STATIONER'S HALL

	. B	
	7	
	—	
	6	
	—	
	D	
5		8
—		—
4		9
—		—
3		10
—		—
C		
	2	
	—	
	1	
	—	
	. A	
	Starting and Winning Post.	

The arches to be placed in the ground about seven and eight feet apart.

Each player places his ball down within two feet of pole A, and striking it with his mallet, endeavours to send it through arches 1 and 2, then to strike his ball as near as possible to C, next through arches 3, 4, and 5, then to strike it as near as possible to D, next through arches 6 and 7, then on to touch pole B; return through arches 7 and 6, then through arches 8, 9, and 10, lastly through arches 2 and 1, afterwards, whoever first touches pole A with his ball wins the game.

Players strike their balls alternately; but when a player sends his ball through an arch he is entitled to another stroke, and also when he "roquets" his adversary he gets another stroke. "Roquet" is produced when a player strikes his opponent's ball with his own; he should then put his own ball quite close to his opponent's, and placing his foot firmly on his own ball, strike his opponent's ball, and send it as far as possible in an unfavourable direction; his opponent has to play from that point, and his own ball remains steady, then he also gets another stroke.

Each player must go through each arch, the proper course, and if he pass an arch he must wait for his next turn.

The game is described as if for two players; if more play (any even number) say six, three take one side, and three the other; any of either side winning wins the game, and they play alternately.

[Note — This is the first published description of the game of croquet in this country. It was recently re-discovered by Col. Prichard and sent to me by Roger Bray. — Ed.]

The effect of scratching in an American Tournament

If a contestant fails to play every game in an American block style tournament, should his entire score always be eliminated without consideration being given to the state of the results to date?

It would obviously be necessary in a case where one competitor, previously with a chance of overtaking another, can no longer do so as he now has no opportunity to chalk up additional victories.

For example:

X has played 7 and won 6

Y has played 6 and won 5, has a greater aggregate score and needs only to win the last game to take the cup, when he is deprived of his opponent Z.

However, should such scratching be allowed to affect a player who has completed all his games in such a manner that he now commands an unassailable number of victories, regardless of the outcome of the remaining fixtures?

Let us look at a hypothetical case:

In this American the competition is almost over, but the two remaining games cannot be played until the following day . . .

	A	B	C	D	E	F	Wins
A	x	+7	-12	-12	-15	-7	1
B	-7	x	+22	+14	+6	+20	4
C	+10	-22	x	+8	?	-1	2
D	+12	-14	-8	x	+15	?	2
E	+15	-6	?	-15	x	+24	2
F	+7	-20	+1	?	-24	x	2

At this stage B goes away very pleased and looks forward to collecting the cup; A is disappointed at his heavy losses, while C,D,E & F all wonder if they can at least finish the tournament with a 50% record. But supposing that D is forced to scratch the next morning? With D removed, B only has three wins to his credit, and E, by beating C by +9 or more can win the block on aggregate score, when he previously had no chance of winning.

The defence here, no doubt, is that the block must be treated as if D had never been at the tournament, in which case the

situation would have been as it is now anyway.

What though, if there was more to it than just the disappearance of D?

Imagine by the following day C,D,E and F were all unable to play (a sudden outbreak of 'flu, or maybe something nasty' crawled into the hotel dinner).

If all their matches are eliminated we got a block like this:

	A	B	Wins
A	x	+7	1
B	-7	x	0

So A wins. Applying the same argument as above, the contest must now be taken as a single match affair with A beating B.

This is admittedly logical but hardly fair, when one considers the original structure of the competition, which as far as both A and B were concerned was completed and decided.

Now let us finally go one step further. This time E, who is not suffering quite so badly as his three contemporaries, is hovering round the telephone wondering whether he can face a game. As it stands above, it is obvious to E that even if he beats C he cannot win.

At this point, he learns for the first time that C, D and F have already scratched and he is therefore no longer required to play his last match anyway.

A quick diagram of the remaining valid scores presents our friend with some very interesting information, viz;

	A	B	E	Win	Aggre. Score
A	x	+7	-15	1	-8
B	-7	x	+6	1	-1
E	+15	-6	x	1	+9

Now if he decides he can manage to play a game, he knows he won't have to play anyway; he's won!

In the X, Y example it is clear that Z's score must be eliminated in fairness to Y.

In the large block it is clear that B must win and A come 6th regardless of remaining results.

In the A,B,E block it is obvious by applying the scratching rule that the only thing to decide between A winning and E winning is the timing of certain information regarding the health of other people — which all brings us back to the question posed in the first lines of this article. The argument above appears to point to the answer "No!"

L.V.Latham

The Longman Cup 1973

Results in Order

Third Round		
Stourbridge	beat Edgbaston	3-2
Trawscoed	beat Caversham	3-2
Colchester	beat Hurlingham	4-1
Southwick	beat Herstoncoed	3-2

Semi-Final		
Stourbridge	beat Trawscoed	5-0
Colchester	beat Southwick	3-2

Inter-Club Championship 1973

Second Round		
Caversham	beat Hurlingham	4-1
Wrest Park	beat Colchester	4-3
Rochampton	beat The Heley Club	4-3
Compton	beat Southwick	4-3

Semi-Final		
Caversham	beat Wrest Park	4-3
Rochampton	beat Compton	4-3

Final		
Caversham	beat Rochampton	6-1

The Hurlingham Tournament:

July 30 — August 11

With as many as 15 competition boards in the Manager's tent at one time or another during the tournament, it is obviously impossible within the compass of this account to do justice to every event. Indeed, the present writer has had to rely on hearsay for several of the features that he has thought worthy of mention.

The first week was devoted to handicap events, Singles on a Two Life basis, a consolation event, and a Doubles scheduled as Mixed but in some cases proving to be 'unisexual' owing to a surplus of lady competitors.

Mrs Dodd from Australia, and Mr Carte and Mrs Aubrey from South Africa, were welcome visitors from Overseas, and Mr Carte won the newly donated Baillieu plate for the consolation event. In the final of the Silver Jubilee Cup Handicap Singles Veronica Carlisle gave a pattern performance in demonstrating how to use 6½ bisques against a minus player. Her opponent, the formidable Mrs Sundius-Smith, had only one chance to get herself into the game and sat and watched her opponent come to full fruition in two turns. In the second week, however, Mrs Sundius-Smith won the Hurlingham Cup in the play-off against the much improved John Soutter who in a somewhat unorthodox manner pegged

out one of his opponent's balls when the other opponent ball was also for the peg. He failed at the third hoop with his backward ball and thus let his opponent off the hook. In the Hurlingham Cup William Prichard was unexpectedly defeated by one of his parents in the Draw and by the other in the Process. William would have been quoted at short odds on in any bookmaker's prices. However, the Prichard parents' glory was short-lived, as they both succumbed to Mrs Sundius-Smith in their next games.

The Turner Cup, which was won by the fast improving Pountney, was notable for the resurgence of Ian Baillieu, the popular and energetic chairman of the Hurlingham Croquet Committee, who appeared in the finals of both halves and only lost the play-off as dusk was falling at 9 p.m. The winner then sped from the ground to catch the 11 p.m. packet to the Isle of Wight.

One of three welcome visitors from north of the border, Stephen Wright, won the Younger Cup in decisive fashion against Veronica Carlisle, and thus followed in the footsteps of his father who carried off the trophy in 1971.

A much fancied player, Philip Mann, won both halves of the Longworth Cup, which gratifyingly produced a stronger entry than for some years. Miss Leach, a newcomer to Hurlingham, seemed to be on the lawns at all hours in this event.

The final of the Mixed Open Doubles produced the most exciting game of the tournament for the gallery. It involved a preponderance of Prichards, the parents playing against William, who was partnered by Kay Longman. After Betty had advanced to Penult, William decided to pounce and made an all-round break in which he double-peeled and pegged out his mother. At this point William's partner was for 2-back, and David was for 3-back. After Kay had made 2-back, a cat and mouse game ensued with David hovering on the boundary near 3-back with his opponents wired from him. Eventually William took Kay to the 3-back area and despatched his father to the second corner. David then hit in across the court and finished the game in two turns.

The two most fancied pairs contested the final of the Ladies' Field Candelsticks. Nancy Skempton, who had won in the company of the much lamented Joan Warwick more than once in the past, showed good form with Betty Prichard, and they proved too strong for Hope Rotherham and Veronica Carlisle. Hope, who has been competing in this event for 25 years or more, was felicitously referred to by a competitor as "indeed the duchess of croquet".

In the Men's Doubles the youngest pair, Johnny Solomon and Haynes, won a stimulating final against William Prichard and Professor Skempton to win the handsome Wine Coolers. The long shooting of the young men was a prime factor in their win.

In the first week Ian Baillieu and Jim Townsend stood in as Managers in the absence of Bryan Lloyd-Pratt, who has been translated to South Africa, while Derek Caporn had the burdensome charge of the second week, probably the most testing week in the C.A. Calendar. With the prospect of a larger entry in 1974 because of the Antipodean visitors, and with some curtailment of the tournament on account of the modification to the Calendar, the Hurlingham Committee will have to take a hard look at the scope of next year's programme.

Results

First Week Tournament

Event 1: The Silver Jubilee Cup (39 Entries)

DRAW

First Round		
Mrs G.W.Solomon (2)	bt. Lady Shaw (14)	+12
A.V.Camroux (-2)	bt. G.H.Betts (1)	+2
Miss F.Joly (-1)	bt. Miss D.A.Lintern (5)	+1 (T)
Miss L.M.Cooke (8)	bt. T.F.Owen (7)	+1 (T)
Mrs E.E.Bressey (4)	bt. Mrs J.F.Hay (6)	+1 (T)
Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle (4½)	bt. Mrs C.Sebestyen (11)	+1 (T)
Miss S.G.Hampson (2)	bt. O.A.Kerensky (5)	+18

Second Round

J.R.G.Solomon (½)	bt. Capt. M.F.Buller (2)	+21
M.G.Pearson (5½)	bt. Dr H.A.Pim (5½)	+16
E.B.T.Tanner (5)	w.o. M.B.Reckitt (8)	opp. scr.
I.C.Baillieu (1)	bt. R.A.Carte (2)	+5
G.B.Martin (4)	bt. Mrs H.A.Pim (9)	+2 (T)
Mrs W.Longman (-1)	bt. Madame Omorchoe (7)	+18
A.V.Camroux (-2)	bt. Mrs G.W.Solomon (2)	+13
Miss F.Joly (-1)	bt. Miss L.M.Cooke (8)	+4
Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle (4½)	bt. Mrs E.E.Bressey (4)	+23
S.G.Kent (4)	bt. Miss S.G.Hampson (2)	+7
Miss S.F.Hay (5)	bt. C.B.Sandford (2½)	+3
T.G.S.Colls (3)	bt. Mrs D.M.Aubrey (2)	+17
Miss B.Duthie (1)	bt. Mrs A.Solomon (12)	+15
S.S.Townsend (-1½)	bt. Mrs B.G.Neal (5)	+4
Mrs N.Dodd (-2)	bt. Mrs F.H.N.Davidson (5)	+17
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith (-2)	bt. Miss D.G.Leach (6)	+9

Third Round

M.G.Pearson (5½)	bt. J.R.G.Solomon (½)	+9
E.B.T.Tanner (5)	w.o. I.C.Baillieu (1)	opp. scr.
G.B.Martin (4)	bt. Mrs W.Longman (-1)	+21
A.V.Camroux (-2)	bt. Miss F.Joly (-1)	+17
Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle (4½)	bt. S.G.Kent (4)	+12
Miss S.F.Hay (5)	bt. T.G.S.Colls (3)	+15
Miss B.Duthie (1)	w.o. S.S.Townsend (-1½)	opp. ret'd.
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith (-2)	bt. Mrs N.Dodd (-2)	+9

Fourth Round

E.B.T.Tanner (5)	bt. M.G.Pearson (5½)	+14
G.B.Martin (4)	bt. A.V.Camroux (-2)	+3
Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle (4½)	bt. Miss S.F.Hay (5)	+25
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith (-2)	bt. Miss B.Duthie (1)	+7

PROCESS

First Round

S.S.Townsend (-1½)	bt. Capt. M.F.Buller (2)	+4
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith (-2)	bt. E.B.T.Tanner (5)	+9
Mrs F.H.N.Davidson (5)	bt. Dr H.A.Pim (5½)	+20
J.R.G.Solomon (½)	bt. Mrs B.G.Neal (5)	+9
Miss D.G.Leach (6)	bt. M.B.Reckitt (8)	+4 (T)
Mrs N.Dodd (-2)	bt. M.G.Pearson (5½)	+14

Second Round

S.S.Townsend (-1½)	bt. Miss D.A.Lintern (5)	+15
O.A.Kerensky (5)	bt. G.B.Martin (4)	+11
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith (-2)	w.o. Mrs J.F.Hay (6)	opp. scr.
T.G.S.Colls (3)	bt. Mrs G.W.Solomon (2)	+25
T.F.Owen (7)	bt. Mrs F.H.N.Davidson (5)	+24
C.B.Sandford (2½)	bt. Madame Omorchoe (7)	+12
Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle (4½)	bt. I.C.Baillieu (1)	+21
A.V.Camroux (-2)	bt. Mrs A.Solomon (12)	+10
J.R.G.Solomon (½)	bt. Miss L.M.Cooke (8)	+5
Mrs H.A.Pim (9)	bt. S.G.Kent (4)	+10
Miss D.G.Leach (6)	bt. Mrs C.Sebestyen (11)	+13 (T)
Mrs D.M.Aubrey (2)	bt. G.H.Betts (1)	+6
Mrs N.Dodd (-2)	bt. Mrs E.E.Bressey (4)	+2
Mrs W.Longman (-1)	bt. Miss S.F.Hay (5)	+16
Miss S.G.Hampson (2)	bt. R.A.Carte (2)	+9
Miss B.Duthie (1)	bt. Miss F.Joly (-1)	+12

Third Round

O.A.Kerensky (5)	bt. S.S.Townsend (-1½)	+4
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith (-2)	bt. T.G.S.Colls (3)	+11
C.B.Sandford (2½)	bt. T.F.Owen (7)	+14
Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle (4½)	bt. A.V.Camroux (-2)	+14
Mrs H.A.Pim (9)	bt. J.R.G.Solomon (½)	+3 (T)
Miss D.G.Leach (6)	bt. Mrs D.M.Aubrey (2)	+3 (T)
Mrs N.Dodd (-2)	bt. Mrs W.Longman (-1)	+10
Miss S.G.Hampson (2)	bt. Miss B.Duthie (1)	+16

Fourth Round

Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith (-2)	bt. O.A.Kerensky (5)	+20
Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle (4½)	bt. C.B.Sandford (2½)	+3
Miss D.G.Leach (6)	bt. Mrs H.A.Pim (9)	+3 (T)
Miss S.G.Hampson (2)	bt. Mrs N.Dodd (-2)	+13

SEMI-FINALISTS RE-DRAWN FOR FINAL STAGES

G.B.Martin (4)	bt. Miss D.G.Leach (6)	+7
E.B.T.Tanner (5)	bt. Miss S.G.Hampson (2)	+18

Semi-Final

Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle (4½)	bt. G.B.Martin (4)	+8
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith (-2)	bt. E.B.T.Tanner (5)	+10

Final

Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle (4½)	bt. Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith (-2)	+25
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Event 2: Mixed Handicap Doubles (16 Pairs)

<i>First Round</i>		
G.B.Martin & Miss F.Joly (3) bt. I.C.Baillieu & Miss B.Duthie (2)		+ 8
J.R.G.Solomon & Mrs C.Sebestyen (10½) bt. Mrs E.E.Bressey & Miss D.A.Lintern (9)		+ 1 (T)
S.G.Kent & Mrs G.W.Solomon (6) bt. Mrs N.Dodd & Madame Omorchoe (3)		+16
M.G.Pearson & Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle (10) bt. Capt. M.F.Buller & Mrs F.H.N.Davidson (7)		+15
R.A.Carte & Mrs D.M.Aubrey (4) bt. Dr & Mrs H.A.Pim (14½)		+ 5
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith & Mrs A.Solomon (7) bt. T.G.S.Colls & Mrs E.M.Lightfoot (2)		+ 2 (T)
T.F.Owen & Mrs W.Longman (6) bt. Miss L.M.Cooke & Mrs B.G.Neal (13)		+ 1 (T)
E.B.T.Tanner & Miss S.G.Hampson (7) bt. A.V.Camroux & Miss D.G.Leach (4)		+ 1 (T)

<i>Second Round</i>		
J.R.G.Solomon & Mrs Sebestyen bt. Martin & Miss Joly		+ 9
Pearson & Mrs Carlisle bt. Kent & Mrs G.W.Solomon		+ 2
Mrs Sundius-Smith & Mrs A.Solomon bt. Carte & Mrs Aubrey		+12
Tanner & Miss Hampson bt. Owen & Mrs Longman		+ 5

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Pearson & Mrs Carlisle bt. J.R.G.Solomon & Mrs Sebestyen		+13
Mrs Sundius-Smith & Mrs A.Solomon bt. Tanner & Miss Hampson		+ 9 (T)

<i>Final</i>		
Pearson & Mrs Carlisle bt. Mrs Sundius-Smith & Mrs A.Solomon		+ 8

Event 3: Baillieu Plate (13 Entries)

<i>Final</i>		
R.A.Carte (2) bt. G.H.Betts (1)		+13

Second Week Tournament

Event 1: The Hurlingham Cup (15 Entries)

DRAW

<i>First Round</i>		
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	w.o. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	opp. scr.
Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	bt. W. de B. Prichard	+ 1
R.A.Godby	w.o. Cdr G.Borrett	opp. scr.
J.H.J.Soutter	w.o. S.S.Townsend	opp. scr.
D.H.Moorcraft	bt. F. Reynold	+ 7
Mrs N.Dodd	bt. Mrs E.Rotherham	+18
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard	bt. Miss F.Joly	+13

<i>Second Round</i>		
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	bt. Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	+10
J.H.J.Soutter	bt. R.A.Godby	+ 6
D.H.Moorcraft	bt. Mrs N.Dodd	+12
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard	w.o. Mrs W.Longman	opp. scr.

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
J.H.J.Soutter	bt. Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	+ 3
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard	bt. D.H.Moorcraft	+14

<i>Final</i>		
J.H.J.Soutter	bt. Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard	+16

PROCESS

<i>First Round</i>		
D.H.Moorcraft	w.o. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	opp. scr.
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard	w.o. Cdr G.Borrett	opp. scr.
W. de B. Prichard	bt. Mrs E.Rotherham	+24
J.H.J.Soutter	w.o. Mrs W.Longman	opp. scr.
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	bt. F. Reynold	+20
R.A.Godby	bt. Miss F.Joly	+19
Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	bt. Mrs N.Dodd	+ 3

<i>Second Round</i>		
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard	bt. D.H.Moorcraft	+22
W. de B. Prichard	bt. J.H.J.Soutter	+ 2
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	bt. R.A.Godby	+12
Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	w.o. S.S.Townsend	opp. scr.

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard	bt. W. de B. Prichard	+ 4

Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	bt. Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	+14
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<i>Final</i>		
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	bt. Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard	+15

<i>Play-Off</i>		
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	bt. J.H.J.Soutter	+12

Event 2: The Turner Cup (16 Entries)

DRAW

<i>First Round</i>		
J.W.Haynes	bt. J.R.G.Solomon	+15
I.C.Baillieu	w.o. C.G.Pountney	opp. scr.
I. Howard Wright	bt. Capt. M.F.Buller	+15
D.C.Caporn	bt. Mrs G.H.Wood	+ 2
T.G.S.Colls	bt. Mrs G.W.Solomon	+ 7
Mrs D.M.Aubrey	bt. R.A.Carte	+12
Miss B.Duthie	bt. Miss I.M.Roe	+10
Prof. B.G.Weitz	bt. Mrs E.M.Lightfoot	+ 2

<i>Second Round</i>		
I.C.Baillieu	bt. J.W.Haynes	+ 2
I. Howard Wright	bt. D.C.Caporn	+24
T.G.S.Colls	bt. Mrs D.M.Aubrey	+16
Miss B.Duthie	bt. Prof. B.G.Weitz	+19

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
I.C.Baillieu	bt. I. Howard Wright	+ 7
T.G.S.Colls	bt. Miss B.Duthie	+19

<i>Final</i>		
I.C.Baillieu	bt. T.G.S.Colls	+14

PROCESS

<i>First Round</i>		
J.W.Haynes	bt. Mrs G.W.Solomon	+23
Capt. M.F.Buller	bt. Miss I.M.Roe	+12
I.C.Baillieu	bt. Mrs D.M.Aubrey	+ 5
Mrs E.M.Lightfoot	bt. D.C.Caporn	+ 3
J.R.G.Solomon	bt. T.G.S.Colls	+ 8
I. Howard Wright	bt. Miss B. Duthie	+16
C.G.Pountney	bt. R.A.Carte	+21
Prof. B.G.Weitz	bt. Mrs G.H.Wood	+ 8

<i>Second Round</i>		
J.W.Haynes	w.o. Capt. M.F.Buller	opp. scr.
I.C.Baillieu	bt. Mrs E.M.Lightfoot	+ 1
I. Howard Wright	bt. J.R.G.Solomon	+ 6
C.G.Pountney	bt. Prof. B.G.Weitz	+14

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
I.C.Baillieu	bt. J.W.Haynes	+ 8
C.G.Pountney	bt. I. Howard Wright	+13

<i>Final</i>		
C.G.Pountney	bt. I.C.Baillieu	+ 1 (T)

<i>PLAY-OFF</i>		
C.G.Pountney	bt. I.C.Baillieu	+ 1 (T)

Event 3: The Younger Cup (20 Entries)

DRAW

<i>First Round</i>		
Prof. A.W.Skempton	bt. W.B.C.Paynter	+ 9
M.G.Pearson	bt. C.W.Haworth	+14
R.O.Calder	bt. Miss S.G.Hampson	+ 6
Mrs E.E.Bressey	w.o.	opp. scr.

<i>Second Round</i>		
Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle	w.o. Lady Ursula Abbey	opp. scr.
S.G.Kent	w.o. Mrs B.G.Weitz	opp. scr.
S.J.H.Wright	bt. Miss S.F.Hay	+19
Prof. A.W.Skempton	bt. M.G.Pearson	+ 4
Mrs E.E.Bressey	bt. R.O.Calder	+ 5
Mrs F.H.N.Davidson	bt. Mrs F.E.M.Puxon	+ 5
G.B.Martin	bt. Mrs J.F.Hay	+20
Mrs B.G.Neal	bt. Mrs A.W.Skempton	+ 2

<i>Third Round</i>		
Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle	bt. S.G.Kent	+ 5
S.J.H.Wright	bt. Prof. A.W.Skempton	+ 5
Mrs F.H.N.Davidson	w.o. Mrs E.E.Bressey	opp. ret'd.
G.B.Martin	bt. Mrs B.G.Neal	+16

PROCESS

<i>First Round</i>		
Mrs J.F.Hay	bt. Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle	+ 3
Mrs B.G.Neal	w.o. Mrs B.G.Weitz	opp. scr.
G.B.Martin	bt. Lady Ursula Abbey	+12
Mrs A.W.Skempton	bt. S.G.Kent	+22

<i>Second Round</i>		
M.G.Pearson	bt. Mrs J.F.Hay	+13
Mrs E.E.Bressey	bt. Miss S.F.Hay	+17
Miss S.G.Hampson	bt. Mrs B.G.Neal	+21
Prof. A.W.Skempton	bt. Mrs F.E.M.Puxon	+10
G.B.Martin	bt. C.W.Haworth	+18
S.J.H.Wright	w.o.	opp. scr.
Mrs A.W.Skempton	bt. R.O.Calder	+13
Mrs F.H.N.Davidson	bt. W.B.C.Paynter	+ 6

<i>Third Round</i>		
M.G.Pearson	bt. Mrs E.E.Bressey	+19
Prof. A.W.Skempton	bt. Miss S.G.Hampson	+11
S.J.H.Wright	bt. G.B.Martin	+12
Mrs A.W.Skempton	bt. Mrs F.H.N.Davidson	+17

SEMI-FINALISTS RE-DRAWN FOR FINAL STAGES

G.B.Martin	bt. Mrs F.H.N.Davidson	+ 7
Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle	bt. Mrs A.W.Skempton	+21

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
S.J.H.Wright	bt. G.B.Martin	+24
Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle	bt. Prof. A.W.Skempton	+ 4

<i>Final</i>		
S.J.H.Wright	bt. Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle	+16

Event 4: The Longworth Cup (14 Entries)

DRAW

<i>First Round</i>		
P.H.Mann (7½)	bt. F.E.M.Puxon (5½)	+ 9
Miss D.A.Lintern (5)	bt. Mrs A.Solomon (12)	+ 2 (T)
Mrs H.A.Pim (9)	bt. Lady Shaw (14)	+14
Madame Omorchoe (7)	bt. M.B.Reckitt (8)	+ 3
Mrs C.Sebestyen (11)	bt. Dr H.A.Pim (5½)	+ 8
Miss D.G.Leach (6)	bt. E.B.T.Tanner (5)	+ 4 (T)

<i>Second Round</i>		
P.H.Mann (7½)	w.o.	opp. scr.
Miss D.A.Lintern (5)	bt. Mrs H.A.Pim (9)	+ 3 (T)
Mrs C.Sebestyen (11)	bt. Madame Omorchoe (7)	+10
Miss D.G.Leach (6)	bt. T.F.Owen (7)	+ 1 (T)

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
P.H.Mann (7½)	bt. Miss D.A.Lintern (5)	+15
Mrs C.Sebestyen (11)	bt. Miss D.G.Leach (6)	+ 7

<i>Final</i>		
P.H.Mann (7½)	bt. Mrs C. Sebestyen (11)	+ 4

PROCESS

<i>First Round</i>		
Madame Omorchoe (7)	w.o.	opp. scr.
Miss D.G.Leach (6)	bt. Mrs A.Solomon (12)	+ 2 (T)
Dr H.A.Pim (5½)	bt. F.E.M.Puxon (5½)	+ 5 (T)
P.H.Mann (7½)	bt. Mrs C.Sebestyen (11)	+ 8
T.F.Owen (7)	bt. Lady Shaw (14)	+15
E.B.T.Tanner (5)	bt. Miss D.A.Lintern (5)	+18

<i>Second Round</i>		
Miss D.G.Leach (6)	w.o. Madame Omorchoe (7)	opp. scr.
Dr H.A.Pim (5½)	bt. Mrs H.A.Pim (9)	+ 8 (T)
P.H.Mann (7½)	bt. T.F.Owen (7)	+ 1
E.B.T.Tanner (5)	w.o. M.B.Reckitt (8)	opp. scr.

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Miss D.G.Leach (6)	bt. Dr. H.A.Pim (5½)	+ 1 (T)
P.H.Mann (7½)	bt. E.B.T.Tanner (5)	+16

<i>Final</i>		
Miss D.G.Leach (6)	bt. P.H.Mann (7½)	+ 1

PLAY-OFF

P.H.Mann (7½)	bt. Miss D.G.Leach (6)	+ 1
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Event 5: The Hurlingham Doubles (15 Pairs)

<i>First Round</i>		
M.G.Pearson & Miss B.Duthie	bt. Mr & Mrs F.E.M.Puxon	+24
W. de B. Prichard & Mrs W.Longman	bt. Capt. M.F.Buller & Mrs E.Rotherham	+25
D.C.Caporn & Miss D.A.Lintern	w.o. Cdr G.Borrett & Mrs A.W.Skempton	opp. scr.
D.H.Moorcraft & Miss I.M.Roe	bt. R.A.Carte & Mrs D.M.Aubrey	+16
Dr M.Murray & Mrs N.Dodd	bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller & Mrs E.M.Lightfoot	+ 3
I.C.Baillieu & Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	bt. I.Howard Wright & Miss S.G.Hampson	+ 8
Lt.Col & Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	bt. T.G.S.Colls & Mrs G.W.Solomon	+12

<i>Second Round</i>		
W.Prichard & Mrs Longman	bt. Pearson & Miss Duthie	+ 4
Caporn & Miss Lintern	bt. Moorcraft & Miss Roe	+ 2
Murray & Mrs Dodd	bt. Baillieu & Mrs Sundius-Smith	+ 8
Lt-Col & Mrs Prichard	bt. R.A.Godby & Mrs G.H.Wood	+24

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
W.Prichard & Mrs Longman	bt. Caporn & Mrs Lintern	+24
Lt-Col & Mrs Prichard	bt. Murray & Mrs Dodd	+ 3

<i>Final</i>		
Lt-Col & Mrs Prichard	bt. W.Prichard & Mrs Longman	+ 6

Event 6: The Ladies Field Candlesticks (10 Pairs)

<i>First Round</i>		
Miss B.Duthie & Mrs E.E.Bressey (5)	bt. Mrs N.Dodd & Mrs F.E.M.Puxon (1)	+21
Mrs G.W.Solomon & Mrs H.A.Pim (11)	bt. Mrs D.M.Aubrey & Miss D.A.Lintern (7)	+ 8

<i>Second Round</i>		
Mrs E.Rotherham & Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle (1)	bt. Mrs E.M.Lightfoot & Mrs C.Sebestyen (10)	+12
Miss Duthie & Mrs Bressey	bt. Miss S.G.Hampson & Miss D.G.Leach (8)	+ 1
Mrs G.W.Solomon & Mrs Pim	bt. Miss F.Joly & Madame Omorchoe (6)	+18
Mrs D.M.C.Prichard & Mrs A.W.Skempton (1½)	bt. Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith & Mrs B.G.Neal (2½)	+ 8

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Mrs Rotherham & Mrs Carlisle	bt. Miss Duthie & Mrs Bressey	+12
Mrs Prichard & Mrs Skempton	bt. Mrs G.W.Solomon & Mrs Pim	+ 2
<i>Final</i>		
Mrs Prichard & Mrs Skempton	bt. Mrs Rotherham & Mrs Carlisle	+16

Event 7: Men's Handicap Doubles (16 Pairs)

<i>First Round</i>		
R.A.Godby & P.H.Mann (4½)	bt. Capt. M.F. Buller & C.G.Pountney (3)	+18
F.Reynold & C.W.Haworth (4½)	bt. I.Howard Wright & M.B.Reckitt (7)	+20
D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller & Dr. H.A.Pim (3)	bt. S.J.H.Wright & R.O.Calder	+13
J.W.Haynes & J.R.G.Solomon (3½)	bt. Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard & T.G.S.Colls (0)	+13
W. de B. Prichard & Prof. A.W.Skempton (-2)	bt. G.B.Martin & M.G.Pearson (8½)	+20
R.A.Carte & F.E.M.Puxon (7½)	bt. J.A.Wheeler & A.G.Dumont (4½)	+ 1 (T)
Prof. B.G.Weitz & D.H.Moorcraft (0)	bt. S.G.Kent & I.C.Baillieu (5)	+ 8
O.A.Kerensky & B.H.Bliss (12)	bt. T.F.Owen & E.B.T.Tanner (11½)	+12 (T)

<i>Second Round</i>		
Reynold & Haworth	bt. Godby & Mann	+17
Haynes & J.R.G.Solomon	bt. Hamilton-Miller & Dr Pim	+ 4
W. Prichard & Prof. Skempton	bt. Carte & Puxon	+ 1
Kerensky & Bliss	bt. Prof. Weitz & Moorcraft	+14

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Haynes & J.R.G.Solomon	bt. Reynold & Haworth	+17
W. Prichard & Prof. Skempton	bt. Kerensky & Bliss	+13

<i>Final</i>		
Haynes & J.R.G.Solomon	bt. W. Prichard & Prof. Skempton	+16

The Ladies' Field Cup	Miss K.M.O.Sessions	Mrs D.M.C.Pritchard	Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	Mrs J.B.Meacham	Mrs J.Neville Rolfe	Mrs A.Fotiadi	Mrs J.W.Solomon	Mrs W.Longman	W I N S
Miss K.M.O.Sessions		+ 4	+ 8	+ 9	+ 6	+23	+26	+ 6	14
Mrs D.M.C.Pritchard	- 4		+ 2	+ 6	+15	- 4	+ 8	+21	10
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	- 8	- 2		+ 6	- 2	+15	+10	+10	9
Mrs J.B.Meacham	- 9	- 6	- 6		+ 3	+ 4	+ 7	+ 2	8
Mrs J.Neville Rolfe	- 6	-15	+ 2	- 3		+12	+17	+ 7	6
Mrs A.Fotiadi	-23	+ 4	-15	- 4	-12		+ 9	+ 5	6
Mrs G.W.Solomon	-26	- 8	-10	- 7	-17	- 9		-12	2
Mrs W.Longman	- 6	-21	-10	- 2	- 7	- 5	+12		1

The Ladies' Field Cup, August 13 - 17

The Ladies' Field Cup was competed for at Budleigh Salterton in sweltering heat. One could not but admire the endurance of the eight ladies playing three games each day.

Miss Sessions and Mrs Sundius-Smith, the two most senior players on handicap, met in the first round. Mrs Sundius-Smith, playing well, was ahead for some time, but after a very accurate approach to 3-back from a long distance, failed the hoop in an endeavour to go through hard to reach a ball well up court. Miss Sessions hit in and went on to win. This was not a good day for Mrs Sundius-Smith, who later lost unexpectedly to Mrs Rolfe by 2 after missing a very short croquet.

The first day was inevitably one of cautious play and rather long games. A considerable speeding up was seen on the second day, Miss Sessions leading this trend when she beat Mrs Solomon in just over an hour. Mrs Pritchard, playing against Mrs Sundius-Smith, lagged behind for some time, but eventually regained her form, and a very interesting match between two experienced players ended in a win for Mrs Pritchard.

At the half way stage on the third morning, after seven rounds, Miss Sessions, in the lead with 7 wins, had clearly established herself as the best player, and she went on in the

afternoon to beat Mrs Sundius-Smith decisively by 18.

The fourth morning saw the first serious challenge to Miss Sessions when Mrs Pritchard, playing well, might well have carried off the game if she had not had the misfortune to stick twice in Penult. Later Mrs Pritchard, after pegging out her second ball with a brilliant shot from the second corner, beat Mrs Sundius-Smith by 21.

At the end of the fourth day, with two games to play and a lead of three games over her nearest rival, Miss Sessions had an unassailable lead. On the last day she won these two remaining games and thus emerged without a single loss, a brilliant achievement never previously equalled in this Event, so far as can be ascertained.

Miss Sessions showed herself to be the undoubted superior in the competition. She played consistently well and was always a pleasure to watch; her calm, competent, modest demeanour filled all with admiration.

Mrs Pritchard in reaching second place showed great determination and skill. While not so consistent as Miss Sessions, she played some splendid games and thoroughly deserved her position as runner-up.

Mrs Sundius-Smith, who came third, played a number of games with her usual competence, but her play was a little patchy and inconsistent and she was not really at her best.

Mrs Meacham reached a very creditable fourth place. Her long, slow swing was a pleasure to watch and mostly stood her

in good stead. On the whole she played well and continues to show great promise. Mrs Rolfe, until her final game when she was obviously tired, played throughout with cool elegance and assurance. She is a formidable opponent with much determination and amply justified her inclusion in the Event. Mrs Fotiadi showed herself to be an experienced player with considerable tenacity and steadiness. Mrs Solomon, handicapped at plus two, was clearly at a disadvantage in such distinguished company, but played valiantly throughout. Mrs Longman was unlucky well below form and could not, on any day, do full justice to herself.

After an interesting competition, most ably managed by Mrs Gerald Cave, the Cup was presented by Mrs Rotherham.

Carrickmines (Championship of Ireland):

August 13 - 18

A new shining star was born at Carrickmines during the Irish Championships. Mark Strachan, the 14 year old son of Douglas Strachan, five times Irish Championship holder and President's Cup player, blossomed into the kind of player that most people had predicted last year. His performances overshadowed those of Terence Read, who successfully defended his title with absolute ease. David O'Connor decided that he was not playing well enough this year to enter for the Singles, as he had had no practice.

Mark has a mellifluous and powerful swing, a virtual replica of John Solomon's. Like John, he uses two types of grip for different types of shot: the Solomon grip for the long shots and the normal grip for the croquet strokes. He overpowered everyone in the Big Handicap; partnered by David O'Connor, he overcame some stiff opposition to win the Doubles; he was only defeated by one in the final of the Green Cup by another future star, Carl van Schnieder (originally from Düsseldorf). Mark Strachan plays the big game, attacking and ambitious, and his grasp of tactics is exceptional for his age. Beware, all you President's Cup players in England! In a few years time Mark will be battling with you for the big prizes in England.

The week was a heavenly one as regards weather, and Richard Carte and his sister Mrs Aubrey from South Africa were delighted, because they had come before in June 1972, and that week it had rained incessantly. David O'Connor managed the tournament and was the general dog's body; he got all the events finished by 6 p.m. on the Saturday. No words are high enough to praise the lawns of Bob Boyce, who cares for them as if they were his children; and Jimmy Murphy produced delicious lunches and served tea and coffee at any time to anyone.

Carrickmines looks forward very much to the visit of the Australian team next June and hopes the weather will be as good as it was this August.

Results

Event 1: Championship of Ireland (10 Entries)

<i>First Round</i>		
C.A.Gamble	bt. A.D.Craig	+ 9 + 3
Mrs H.M.Read	bt. Mrs D.M.Aubrey	+ 6 +11
<i>Second Round</i>		
T.O.Read	bt. Miss F.Joly	+14 +16
R.J.Leonard	bt. C.A.Gamble	+ 3 - 4 +16
Mrs H.M.Read	bt. Prof. R.E.Steen	+11 +15
R.A.Carte	bt. Lady FitzGerald	+ 9 + 7
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
T.O.Read	bt. R.J.Leonard	+24 +10
R.A.Carte	bt. Mrs H.M.Read	+24 +20
<i>Final</i>		
T.O.Read	bt. R.A.Carte	+24 +18

Event 2: 'B' Handicap Singles (7 Entries)

<i>First Round</i>		
Miss G.Hopkins (4)	bt. Madame Omorchoe (7)	+ 7
C.M. van Schnieder (12)	bt. Mrs I.Corbally (12)	+15
Miss E.Hodgens (12)	bt. Mrs F.Regan (5)	+ 8
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
C.M. van Schnieder (12)	bt. Miss G. Hopkins (4)	+18
M.Strachan (7)	bt. Miss E.Hodgens (12)	+19
<i>Final</i>		
C.M. van Schnieder (12)	bt. M.Strachan (7)	+ 1

Event 3: Steel Cup (4 Entries)

<i>First Round</i>		
Prof. R.E.Steen (3)	bt. Mrs I.Corbally (12)	+14
A.D.Craig (2)	bt. Mrs D.M.Aubrey (2)	+ 2
<i>Final</i>		
A.D.Craig (2)	bt. Prof. R.E.Steen (3)	+16

Event 4: Open Handicap Singles (19 Entries)

<i>First Round</i>		
R.A.Carte (2)	bt. Miss E.Hodgens (12)	+ 5
Miss G.Hopkins (4)	bt. Prof. R.E.Steen (3)	+22
R.L.Hannon (4)	bt. A.D.Craig (2)	+ 6
<i>Second Round</i>		
C.A.Gamble (2)	bt. Madame Omorchoe (7)	+17
M.Strachan (8)	bt. Mrs H.M.Read (½)	+15
T.O.Read (-3½)	bt. R.J.Leonard (-½)	+14
R.A.Carte (2)	bt. Miss G. Hopkins (4)	+21
Lady FitzGerald (2)	bt. R.L.Hannon (4)	+10
Mrs D.M.Aubrey (2)	bt. Mrs F.Regan (5)	+ 9
Miss F.Joly (-1)	bt. F.Regan (4)	+ 2
C.M. van Schnieder (12)	bt. Mrs I.Corbally (12)	+12

<i>Third Round</i>		
M.Strachan (7)	bt. C.A.Gamble (2)	+13
R.A.Carte (2)	bt. T.O.Read (-3½)	+13
Mrs D.M.Aubrey (2)	bt. Lady FitzGerald (2)	+10
Miss F.Joly (-1)	bt. C.M. van Schnieder (12)	+ 3

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
M.Strachan (7)	bt. R.A.Carte (2)	+15
Miss F.Joly (-1)	bt. Mrs D.M.Aubrey (2)	+22

<i>Final</i>		
M.Strachan (7)	bt. Miss F.Joly (-1)	+12

Event 5: Handicap Doubles (8 Pairs)

<i>First Round</i>		
C.M. van Schnieder & Mrs H.M.Read (12½)	bt. R.J.Leonard & Miss E.Hodgens (11½)	+21
M.Strachan & D.B.O'Connor (3½)	bt. R.A.Carte & Mrs D.M.Aubrey (4)	+ 4
T.O.Read & Madame Omorchoe (4½)	bt. Miss G.Hopkins & P.Mahony (18)	+ 1 (T)
A.D.Craig & C.A.Gamble (4)	bt. Mr & Mrs F.Regan (9)	+14

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
M.Strachan & O'Connor	bt. van Schnieder & Mrs Read	+ 6
Craig & Gamble	bt. Read & Madame Omorchoe	+ 3 (T)

<i>Final</i>		
M.Strachan & O'Connor	bt. Craig & Gamble	+ 8

Nottingham: August 13 - 18

Greeted by the charming smile of Mrs Haworth, twenty-nine players at once settled down to a week's friendly and exciting croquet. If anything, the weather was too hot, but the bar made a record profit. An important and distinguished gentleman said that it has been alleged that he did not like playing with Englishmen, so he had decided to make everyone honorary Canadians for the week.

The lawns were bright green, the boundaries much improved. Perhaps the south boundary on Court 1 still needs some attention before next year's Test Match. Everyone was guaranteed five or six games, and many had eight or nine. The

record was achieved by the wizard of the week, Keith Ross, who clocked in twenty games. Whenever one saw him, he seemed to be pegging out; he only lost one game, the third round of the 'X' to Geoffrey Taylor. In winning both Draw and Process, Ross played far better than his handicap. In the final of the Process, although Revd Gladstone had the innings several times, Ross went out with a double peel in 1½ hours. Ross took an average of eight minutes to do an all-round break. In the play-off for second place in the Opens Gladstone eventually emerged victorious over 'Tiny' Drake. Gladstone's closest game was against Gerald Hallett in the third round of the 'X'; a great many long shots were hit before Hallett stuck in Penult and Gladstone won the game by 3 two turns later.

The 'X' final was not very inspiring, although the two finalists, Taylor and Evans, had played some good croquet earlier in the week. Evans, the winner, deserved his handicap reduction. Taylor, who had beaten Keith Ross and reached the finals of the 'X' and the Doubles only to lose both narrowly, must be accounted the unluckiest player of the week. Williams, plus pipe, played very steadily and slowly to win the 'Y'. Mrs Whitehead, showing improved form, did well to win the 'B' Handicap. Apart from the tedious first two hours, the Doubles final produced such high drama as would have induced dear Bryan to exclaim "Lovely Doubles!" How we all missed him! Ross and Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake played Taylor and Mrs Coombs. Ross pegged out Taylor's ball, leaving Taylor's partner on 1-back and his own partner on 6. There was a battle to get to Rover and both players stuck in hoops several times. Taylor was very unlucky to lose by 1, but was very sporting about it.

The finest example of courage and perseverance came from Miss C. Brumpton. In her doubles, when her opponents were both on Penult and her partner on Rover, she went round from hoop 2 and won. Again in her singles against Ross, Ross was on Rover and 6 and she had hardly started. She took her bisques well and only lost by a very small margin.

A reverend Minus Two politely asked the lady and gentleman playing doubles on the next court if they would kindly modify the strength of their voices, as they were putting him off his game. He did not know, of course, that he was dealing with two teachers who were doing their best to compete with each other and with the main road traffic over the hedge. That particular doubles had the doubtful distinction of no hoop being scored for two hours; neither side would go to the peg, as each thought the other side had a bisque and was afraid of being pegged out.

A gentleman confessed that he had had the devil of a time trying to get his wife to play croquet, and had failed until he casually told her that in his last tournament he had lost two pounds weight because of the strain. We understand that his wife is now a member and has thrown away her slimming clicker.

A psychic gentleman declared he was certain one could play croquet in hell, but he understood that the balls there were purposely made too large for the hoops. Some of us had a dreadful fear that there was a little trace of hell in Robin Hood's city this week — the hoops seemed so tight. One player confessed to sticking a dozen times in one hoop; he became christened 'Penultimate Jo'.

If ever one got bored during the week, one had only to nudge Mr Henshaw to see if he was dead. Although he was often found in his nap position on the bench, stretched full out, he did occasionally jump up and run round the courts. He must be the only player who can do a moving break.

Many excuses for being late have been trotted out to Managers, but Ross thought of a good one: "Sorry, I got behind a herd of cows." The Manager, Edward Duffield, received a well-deserved tribute from the club president. He did the work quietly, smoothly and efficiently, and got through some 110 games. What lovely cups there are at Nottingham! And what friendly company! The visitors will be back in 1974.

Results

Event 1: "Robin Hood" Open Handicap Singles (24 Entries)

First Round			
K.A. Ross (-2)	bt. C.W. Haworth (4½)	+ 6	
Dr D.I. Nichols (-½)	bt. A.J. Bucknell (3½)	+16	
Revd W.E. Gladstone (-2)	bt. A.W. Joseph (5)	+ 9	
T.G.S. Colls (3)	bt. Mrs L.A. Coombs (4½)	+ 3	
M.J. Evans (0)	bt. Miss A. Benton (3½)	+20	
N. Williams (1½)	bt. Mrs E. Whitehead (7½)	+11	
Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (12)	bt. Dr G.K. Taylor (-½)	+ 9	
M.J. Bushnell (-1½)	bt. Mrs C. Chamberlain (8)	+ 6	

Second Round			
Miss E.C. Brumpton (3)	bt. Miss J.K. Samuel (7)	+19	
E. Whitehead (-½)	bt. Mrs A.J. Bucknell (9)	+16	
K.A. Ross (-2)	bt. Dr D.I. Nichols (-½)	+22	
T.G.S. Colls (3)	bt. Revd W.E. Gladstone (-2)	+18	
N. Williams (1½)	bt. M.J. Evans (0)	+21	
M.J. Bushnell (-1½)	bt. Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (12)	+ 2	
G.F. Hallett (-½)	bt. Miss E.M. Brumpton (4)	+ 9	
G. Henshaw (3)	bt. E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (-2½)	+22	

Third Round			
Miss E.C. Brumpton (3)	bt. E. Whitehead (-½)	+ 7	
K.A. Ross (-2)	bt. T.G.S. Colls (3)	+18	
N. Williams (1½)	bt. M.J. Bushnell (-1½)	+ 9	
G.F. Hallett (-½)	bt. G. Henshaw (3)	+ 3	

Semi-Final			
K.A. Ross (-2)	bt. Miss E.C. Brumpton (3)	+ 9	
N. Williams (1½)	bt. G.F. Hallett (-½)	+26	

Final			
K.A. Ross (-2)	bt. N. Williams (1½)	+ 6	

Event 2: Open Singles (15 Entries)

DRAW

First Round			
E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake	bt. Dr D.I. Nichols	+ 3	
G. Henshaw	bt. Miss A. Benton	+ 9	
E. Whitehead	bt. G.F. Hallett	+ 3	
A.J. Bucknell	bt. T.G.S. Colls	+10	
Revd W.E. Gladstone	bt. M.J. Bushnell	+10	
N. Williams	bt. E.A.L. Sulley	+14	
K.A. Ross	bt. Dr G.K. Taylor	+25	

Second Round			
E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake	bt. M.J. Evans	+17	
G. Henshaw	bt. E. Whitehead	+ 4	
Revd W.E. Gladstone	bt. A.J. Bucknell	+22	
K.A. Ross	bt. N. Williams	+10	

Semi-Final			
E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake	bt. G. Henshaw	+18	
K.A. Ross	bt. Revd W.E. Gladstone	+14	

Final			
K.A. Ross	bt. E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake	+20	

PROCESS

First Round			
M.J. Evans	bt. A.J. Bucknell	+17	
N. Williams	bt. Miss A. Benton	+ 7 (T)	
Dr D.I. Nichols	bt. M.J. Bushnell	+12	
K.A. Ross	bt. E. Whitehead	+24	
Revd W.E. Gladstone	bt. E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake	+ 7	
Dr G.K. Taylor	bt. G.F. Hallett	+ 7	
E.A.L. Sulley	bt. G. Henshaw	+ 3	

Second Round			
M.J. Evans	bt. N. Williams	+11	
K.A. Ross	bt. Dr D.I. Nichols	+ 5	
Revd W.E. Gladstone	bt. G.K. Taylor	+12	
T.G.S. Colls	bt. E.A.L. Sulley	+22	

Semi-Final			
K.A. Ross	bt. M.J. Evans	+17	
Revd W.E. Gladstone	bt. T.G.S. Colls	+22	

Final			
K.A. Ross	bt. Revd W.E. Gladstone	+17	

Event 3: 'B' Handicap Singles (9 Entries)

First Round			
Mrs A.J. Bucknell (9)	bt. Miss J.K. Samuel (7)	+12	
Second Round			
Mrs C. Chamberlain (8)	bt. Mrs C.W. Haworth (14)	+ 5	
R.H. Fletcher (7½)	w.o. Mrs A.J. Bucknell (9)	opp. scr.	
Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (12)	bt. A.W. Joseph (5)	+ 6	
Mrs E. Whitehead (7½)	bt. L. Robinson (14)	+11	

Semi-Final			
Mrs C. Chamberlain (8)	bt. R.H. Fletcher (7½)	+ 5	
Mrs E. Whitehead (7½)	bt. Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (12)	+ 4	

Final			
Mrs E. Whitehead (7½)	bt. Mrs C. Chamberlain (8)	+21	

Event 4a: 'X' Handicap Singles (29 Entries)

First Round			
A.J. Bucknell (3½)	bt. N. Williams (1½)	+ 2	
G. Henshaw (3)	bt. Miss J.K. Samuel (7)	+15	
M.J. Evans (0)	bt. Mrs A.J. Bucknell (9)	+22	
Mrs L.A. Coombs (4½)	bt. E. Whitehead (-½)	+ 2	
G.F. Hallett (-½)	bt. Mrs C.W. Haworth (14)	+12	
R.H. Fletcher (7½)	bt. A.W. Joseph (5)	+24	
Revd W.E. Gladstone (-2)	bt. T.G.S. Colls (3)	+ 5	
Dr D.I. Nichols (-½)	bt. Mrs C. Chamberlain (8)	+14	
C.W. Haworth (4½)	bt. E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (-2½)	+17	
Miss E.C. Brumpton (3½)	bt. Mrs E. Whitehead (7½)	+ 5	
L. Robinson (14)	bt. Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (12)	+15	
K.A. Ross (-2)	bt. Miss E.M. Brumpton (4)	+20	
M.J. Bushnell (-1½)	bt. H.O. Hodgson (2)	+19	

Second Round			
Miss A. Benton (3½)	bt. A.J. Bucknell (3½)	+ 3	
M.J. Evans (0)	bt. G. Henshaw (3)	+ 5	
G.F. Hallett (-½)	bt. Mrs L.A. Coombs (4½)	+15	
Revd W.E. Gladstone (-2)	bt. R.H. Fletcher (7½)	+ 8	
C.W. Haworth (4½)	bt. Dr D.I. Nichols (-½)	+ 3	
Miss E.C. Brumpton (3)	bt. L. Robinson (14)	+ 5	
K.A. Ross (-2)	bt. M.J. Bushnell (-1½)	+21	
Dr G.K. Taylor (-½)	bt. E.A.L. Sulley (3)	+11	

Third Round			
M.J. Evans (0)	bt. Miss A. Benton (3½)	+17	
Revd W.E. Gladstone (-2)	bt. G.F. Hallett (-½)	+ 3	
C.W. Haworth (4½)	bt. Miss E.C. Brumpton (3)	+17	
Dr G.K. Taylor (-½)	bt. K.A. Ross (-2)	+ 4	

Semi-Final			
M.J. Evans (0)	bt. Revd W.E. Gladstone (-2)	+22	
Dr G.K. Taylor (-½)	bt. C.W. Haworth (4½)	+ 5	

Final			
M.J. Evans (0)	bt. Dr G.K. Taylor (-½)	+ 4	

Event 4b: 'Y' Handicap Singles (14 Entries)

Final			
N. Williams (1½)	bt. E.A.L. Sulley (3)	+ 3	

Event 5: Handicap Doubles (13 Pairs)

First Round			
A.W. Joseph & Mrs C.W. Haworth (18)	bt. T.G.S. Colls & Dr H. Browning (11)	+20	
M.J. Bushnell & Mrs C. Chamberlain (16½)	bt. A.J. Bucknell & R.H. Fletcher (11)	+14	
N. Williams & Miss E.C. Brumpton (4½)	bt. G.F. Hallett & Miss A. Benton (3)	+ 5	
K.A. Ross & Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (9)	bt. Dr D.I. Nichols & C.W. Haworth (4)	+ 4	
E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake & Miss E.M. Brumpton (1½)	bt. Mr & Mrs E. Whitehead (7)	+ 1	

Second Round			
Dr G.K. Taylor & Mrs L.A. Coombs (4)	w.o. Joseph & Mrs Haworth	opp. retd.	
Bushnell & Mrs Chamberlain	bt. Williams & Miss E.C. Brumpton	+11	
Ross & Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake	bt. Tyrwhitt Drake & Miss E.M. Brumpton	+24	
Revd W.E. Gladstone & Mrs A.J. Bucknell (7)	bt. M.J. Evans & E.A.L. Sulley (3)	+ 9	

Semi-Final

Taylor & Mrs Coombs	bt. Bushnell & Mrs Chamberlain	+ 4
Ross & Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake	bt. Revd W.E. Gladstone & Mrs Bucknell	+ 8

Final

Ross & Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake	bt. Taylor & Mrs Coombs	+ 1
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Edinburgh: August 20 - 25

We hope that it is only distance that causes so few non-Scots to enter for the Edinburgh tournament. Our three visitors this year were Mr Carte and his sister Mrs Aubrey from South Africa, and the C.A. Secretary, Mr Vandeleur Robinson, whom we were particularly glad to see as a competitor. The first three days were overcast, with a chilly East wind blowing in a damp mist from the Firth of Forth, but the weather improved later in the week, and we were able, when we were not playing, to enjoy the view across the Firth. Mr Robinson combated the elements with two waistcoats, a pullover and a raincoat. Thus hampered, he scored what must be regarded as the best hoop of the week when, having laid a 12-yard tice on the West boundary, he shot at it from a spot 11 yards along 'A' Baulk and ran the first hoop on a mishit.

Managing a tournament for the first time, Mr I.H. Wright succeeded in keeping up to schedule; he met all requests for leave of absence and even fitted in a consolation event. The responsibilities of management did not prevent him from winning the Open Singles and reaching the final of the Doubles.

The Doubles final, played between Mr Norton & Mr I.H. Wright and Dr Kemp & Dr Milne, produced an interesting finish. Dr Milne eventually succeeded in peeling Mr Norton through Penult and Rover and pegging him out. Mr Wright hit in, set up a three-ball break and took the only bisque, but broke down at 2-back. He played his ball into the first corner. Dr Kemp, who was also for 2-back, laid up a distant rush partially wired from Mr Wright's ball. Mr Wright deemed his ball to have been played; Dr Kemp played a rather unsatisfactory rush and retreated again to a partially wired position; Mr Wright genially invited him to "try again", and the situation was repeated twice. Eventually Dr Kemp succeeded in running the hoop after a somewhat risky approach and got away to the safety of the fourth corner. Later in the game Dr Kemp failed to peg out his partner's ball but pegged out his own. Dr Milne found himself about 9 yards from the peg and Mr Wright played to 6 yards from the peg on the opposite side. Dr Milne played some four feet nearer the peg to be met with "Come a little closer, and if you're not wired this time I'll shoot". Another three footer left him still wired, and the next turn he shot and hit the peg firmly, Mr Wright's ball having been untouched for three turns.

The 'B' restricted handicap produced a family final in which Mrs J.E. Rowe beat her husband by 9. The Big Handicap produced the usual crop of interesting games. Young Stephen Wright, fresh from his triumph in the Younger Cup at Hurlingham, had four good wins to reach the final, where he was defeated by Mr Norton by 12 after a keenly contested game. Both these players have had their handicaps considerably reduced over the last two seasons, and in spite of the further reduction they must now expect, we look forward to great things from them in the future.

We were again indebted to Dunfermline College of Education for the use of their grounds and catering facilities and, in particular, to their groundsman, Mr Scott, and his assistants who performed the minor miracle of turning hockey pitches into six croquet courts which, if not quite up to Hurlingham standards, provide a playing surface better than many of the lawns used by most Scottish Clubs.

Results

Event 1: Open Singles (9 Entries)

DRAW

First Round

Dr R.M.Milne bt. Mrs D.M.Aubrey + 4

Second Round

W.Spalding bt. Dr R.F.O.Kemp +12
Dr R.M.Milne bt. F.V.X.Norton + 9
I.H.Wright bt. Dr J.O'D.Alexander +24
R.A.Carte bt. S.H.Wright + 4

Semi-Final

Dr R.M.Milne bt. W.Spalding + 9
I.H.Wright bt. R.A.Carte +19

Final

I.H.Wright bt. Dr R.M.Milne + 5

PROCESS

First Round

Dr R.F.O.Kemp bt. R.A.Carte + 4

Second Round

Dr R.F.O.Kemp bt. Mrs D.M.Aubrey + 8
F.V.X.Norton bt. Dr J.O'D.Alexander +14
I.H.Wright bt. W.Spalding +20
S.H.Wright bt. Dr R.M.Milne + 4

Semi-Final

F.V.X.Norton bt. Dr R.F.O.Kemp +14
I.H.Wright bt. S.H.Wright + 8

Final

I.H.Wright bt. F.V.X.Norton +17

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

First Round

J.E.Rowe (5) bt. R.O.Calder (4) + 6
Miss A.M.Murray (8) bt. J.Shearer (8) +16

Second Round

J.E.Rowe (5) bt. Mrs V.McPherson (8) +16
J.C.McCulloch (7) bt. N.McKinnon (7) + 7
Mrs J.E.Rowe (7) bt. C.J.Tait (7) +17
Miss A.M.Murray (8) bt. J.White (8) + 5

Semi-Final

J.E.Rowe (5) bt. J.C.McCulloch (7) + 8
Mrs J.E.Rowe (7) bt. Miss A.M.Murray (8) + 9

Final

Mrs J.E.Rowe (7) bt. J.E.Rowe (5) + 9

Event 2b: 'B' Handicap Singles ('Y')

Final

Mrs V.McPherson (8) bt. J.White (8) + 9

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

This was played as an American and won by Mrs L.M.Armstrong (11).

Event 4: Handicap Doubles (12 Pairs)

Semi-Final

Dr R.F.O.Kemp & Dr R.M.Milne (2½) bt. W.Spalding & R.Hollingworth (5) +11
F.V.X.Norton & I.H.Wright (4) bt. Mrs D.M.Aubrey & R.A.Carte (3½) +19

Final

Dr Kemp & Dr Milne bt. Norton & I.H.Wright + 6

Event 5a: 'X' Handicap Singles (20 Entries)

First Round

Dr R.M.Milne (½) bt. J.E.Rowe (5) +22
W.Spalding (0) bt. Miss A.M.Murray (8) + 9
Dr J.O'D.Alexander (4) bt. R.O.Calder (4) +11
S.H.Wright (3) bt. J.White (8) +16

Second Round

Dr R.M.Milne (½) bt. W.Spalding (0) +26
F.V.X.Norton (4) bt. Mrs L.M.Armstrong (11) +17
Mrs V.McPherson (19) bt. J.Shearer (8) + 8
C.J.Tait (7) bt. S.Laidlaw (14) +21
I.H.Wright (0) bt. Mrs D.M.Aubrey (2) +25
Dr R.F.O.Kemp (2) bt. J.C.McCulloch (7) +23
R.A.Carte (1½) bt. Mrs J.E.Rowe (7) + 6
S.H.Wright (3) bt. Dr J.O'D. Alexander (4) +19

Third Round

F.V.X.Norton (4) bt. Dr R.M.Milne (½) +26
C.J.Tait (7) bt. Mrs V.McPherson (8) +13
I.H.Wright (0) bt. Dr R.F.O.Kemp (2) + 3
S.H.Wright (3) bt. R.A.Carte (1½) + 7

Semi-Final

F.V.X.Norton (4) bt. C.J.Tait (7) +26
S.H.Wright (3) bt. I.H.Wright (0) +25

Final

F.V.X.Norton (4) bt. S.H.Wright (3) +12

Event 5b: 'Y' Handicap Singles

Final

Mrs D.M.Aubrey (2) bt. J.Shearer (8) + 5

Southwick (first week): August 20 -- 25

Take fine, hot and dry weather; add fast and sometimes erratic lawns; mix up with several pinches of tight hoops, and garnish with a record number of entries, and you have a recipe for an action-packed week of croquet.

Despite mutterings from those who like their sport leisurely, Major Dibley, the Manager, wisely put a time limit on all games from the start; all but three of the 182 games were completed by the Saturday evening.

The title of Man of the Week went to William Prichard, who played 21 games; he won both the Sussex Gold Cup, with victories in Draw and Process, and the Handicap Singles, in which he beat Mrs Prichard in a family final on the Sunday morning. Thursday was his most energetic day with a double in the morning, and in the afternoon victories over Mrs Longman (+19), Col. Prichard (+26), Tyrwhitt Drake (+24) and Sir Leonard Daldry (+25). He alone on the tricky lawns succeeded in triple-peeling, and a spectator was heard to ask "And who is sitting down against William now?" as William was in the middle of his peeling turn against Whittington. In the Doubles final William, partnered by Revd Charles Townshend, was left in a dramatic two-ball game after Cox had peeled and pegged out Townshend. In a cat and mouse game William made 9 hoops while Mrs Cox very coolly made 4; William's return shot at the ball by the stick only missed by a whisker.

A player to watch in the future is Simon Tapp, who at the age of 14 carried off the Franc Cup, nearly as big as himself! His hoop running and long roquets brought envious and admiring comment from opponents and spectators alike.

It would be impossible to finish this report without thanking the members of the Southwick Club for their admirable hospitality. The catering was on an epic scale (350 lunches served in 6 days) and the welcome given to visitors old and new made the week a thoroughly enjoyable occasion.

Results

Event 1: Open Singles (18 Entries)

DRAW

First Round

Cdr G.Borrett bt. Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard + 4
F.Reynold bt. T.G.S.Colls +12

Second Round

H.A.Sheppard bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey +23

E.J.Tucker bt. R.O.B.Whittington +10
Sir Leonard Daldry bt. N.W.T.Cox + 1 (T)
Miss F.Joly bt. Cdr G.Borrett + 4
W.H.Austin bt. F.Reynold + 3 (T)
W.E.Moore bt. Mrs D.M.C.Prichard +19
E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller + 9
W. de B. Prichard bt. Mrs W.Longman +19

Third Round

E.J.Tucker bt. H.A.Sheppard +10
Sir Leonard Daldry bt. Miss F.Joly +24
W.E.Moore bt. W.H.Austin +12
W. de B.Prichard bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake +24

Semi-Final

Sir Leonard Daldry bt. E.J.Tucker +12
W. de B.Prichard bt. W.E.Moore +10

Final

W. de B. Prichard bt. Sir Leonard Daldry +16

PROCESS

First Round

W. de B. Prichard bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey +24
H.A.Sheppard bt. Mrs W.Longman +16 (T)

Second Round

W. de B.Prichard bt. Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard +26
Sir Leonard Daldry bt. Mrs D.M.C.Prichard + 1 (T)
R.O.B.Whittington bt. T.G.S.Colls +16
D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller bt. Miss F.Joly +10
F.Reynold bt. H.A.Sheppard +16 (T)
W.E.Moore bt. N.W.T.Cox + 1 (T)
E.J.Tucker bt. W.H.Austin +18 (T)
Cdr G.Borrett bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake +16

Third Round

W. de B.Prichard bt. Sir Leonard Daldry +25
R.O.B.Whittington bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller +20
W.E.Moore bt. F.Reynold +26
Cdr G.Borrett bt. E.J.Tucker +13

Semi-Final

W. de B. Prichard bt. R.O.B.Whittington +23
Cdr G.Borrett bt. W.E.Moore +26

Final

W. de B. Prichard bt. Cdr G.Borrett +14

Event 2: 'B' Level Singles (18 Entries)

DRAW

First Round

Prof. A.S.C.Ross bt. Mrs J.Temple +18
J.Haynes bt. Major R.Driscoll +13

Second Round

K.S.Schofield bt. H.F.L.Jenking +19
Prof. B.G.Weitz bt. Lady Ursula Abbey + 3
C.G.Pountney bt. F.F.W.Staddon +12
Prof. A.S.C.Ross bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden + 9
J.Haigh bt. J.Haynes +14 (T)
Mrs E.M.Speer bt. Capt. M.F.Buller + 8
H.A.Green bt. Miss K.Ault + 8
W.Baverstock bt. Miss S.G.Hampson + 7

Third Round

Prof. B.G.Weitz bt. K.S.Schofield + 3
Prof. A.S.C.Ross bt. C.G.Pountney +13
J.Haigh bt. Mrs E.M.Speer +24
W. Baverstock bt. H.A.Green + 4 (T)

Semi-Final

Prof. B.G.Weitz bt. K.S.Schofield + 8
W. Baverstock bt. J.Haigh + 6 (T)

Final

W.Baverstock bt. Prof. B.G.Weitz + 1 (T)

PROCESS

First Round

K.S.Schofield bt. Miss S.G.Hampson + 1 (T)
W. Baverstock w.o. opp. scr.

Second Round

W.Baverstock w.o. opp. scr.

F.F.W.Staddon bt. Mrs E.M.Speer + 3
Major R.Driscoll w.o. opp. scr.
H.A.Green bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden + 5
J.Haynes bt. K.S.Schofield +13
C.G.Pountney bt. Capt. M.F.Buller +13
Prof. B.G.Weitz bt. J.Haigh +15
Mrs J.Temple w.o. opp. scr.

Third Round

W.Baverstock bt. F.F.W.Staddon +16
H.A.Green bt. Major R.Driscoll +13
C.G.Pountney bt. J.Haynes + 3 (T)
Prof. B.G.Weitz bt. Mrs J.Temple +24

Semi-Final

W.Baverstock w.o. H.A.Green opp. scr.
Prof. B.G.Weitz w.o. C.G.Pountney opp. retd.

Final

Prof. B.G.Weitz bt. W. Baverstock +23

PLAY-OFF

Prof. B.G.Weitz bt. W.Baverstock +19

Event 3: 'C' Handicap Singles (19 Entries)

First Round

A.C.Tapp (5) bt. Miss M.Tyrrell (5½) +12
G.Paxon (5) bt. R.L.Everest (5½) + 3
Mrs E. Higinbotham (5) bt. W.G.B.Scott (5½) + 1

Second Round

S.Tapp (6) bt. W.B.C.Paynter (4) + 1
Mrs R.E.Tucker (3½) w.o. A.C.Tapp (5) opp. scr.
Miss D.A.Lintern (5) bt. Mrs W.Naylor (5) +10 (T)
G.Paxon (5) bt. Mrs E.R.Cox (3) +10
Mrs E.Higinbotham (5) bt. Revd C.H.Townshend (6½) + 3
Miss M.G.Anderson (3½) bt. Miss H.D.Parker (3½) +23
Mrs B.G.Weitz (4) bt. D.M.Horne (3½) + 1 (T)
Miss E.Pratt (4) bt. Mrs E.Thompson (6) +19

Third Round

S.Tapp (6) bt. Mrs R.E.Tucker (3½) + 8
G.Paxon (5) w.o. Miss D.A.Lintern (5) opp. scr.
Mrs E.Higinbotham (5) bt. Miss M.G.Anderson (6) + 7
Mrs B.G.Weitz (4) bt. Miss E.Pratt (4) +16

Semi-Final

S.Tapp (6) bt. G.Paxon (5) +17
Mrs B.G.Weitz (4) bt. Mrs E.Higinbotham (5) +11 (T)

Final

S.Tapp (6) bt. Mrs B.G.Weitz (4) +16

Event 4: 'D' Handicap Singles (14 Entries)

First Round

Miss C.Sinclair (13) bt. Mrs F.Fox (9) + 1 (T)
Mrs P.Harrison (14) bt. Mrs E.C.Goldbard (10) + 3 (T)
Mrs E.H.P.Mallinson (10) bt. Mrs I.B.Tucker (12) + 6 (T)
Miss E.X.Hodgens (12) bt. Mrs M.Rankin (14) + 7 (T)
D.M.Bull (8) bt. Miss E.I.Wood (10) + 3 (T)
Dr J.Creed (8) bt. E.E.Rees (10) +15

Second Round

Col. E.H.P.Mallinson (10) bt. Miss C.Sinclair (13) + 2 (T)
Mrs P.Harrison (14) bt. Mrs E.H.P.Mallinson (10) +10 (T)
Miss E.X.Hodgens (12) bt. D.M.Bull (8) + 7
Dr J.Creed (8) bt. Mrs H.A.Zinn (7) +15

Semi-Final

Col. E.H.P.Mallinson (10) bt. Mrs P.Harrison (14) + 1 (T)
Miss E.X.Hodgens (12) bt. Dr J.Creed (8) + 1 (T)

Final

Miss E.X.Hodgens (12) bt. Col. E.H.P.Mallinson (10) +12

Event 5: Open Handicap Singles (63 Entries)

First Round

J.Haynes (2½) bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden (½) +21
W. de B.Prichard (-5) bt. A.C.Tapp (5) +10
Mrs E.Higinbotham (5) bt. Miss C.Sinclair (13) + 8 (T)
J.Haigh (3) bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (-2½) + 7
Prof. B.G.Weitz (1) bt. F.Reynold (-1) +23
Prof. A.S.C.Ross (½) bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (-½) +16
Mrs I.B.Tucker (12) bt. Mrs E.M.Speer (2) +10
Mrs W.Longman (-1) bt. Mrs S.J.Turner (4½) + 1 (T)

Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard (-3)	bt. Miss H.D.Parker (3½)	+15
Mrs E.Thompson (6)	bt. Miss D.A.Lintern (5)	+ 2 (T)
D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller (-2½)	bt. G.Paxon (5)	+20
R.O.B.Whittington (-2)	bt. Mrs R.E.Tucker (3½)	+15
T.G.S.Colls (3)	bt. D.M.Bull (8)	+ 8
Miss E.L.Wood (10)	bt. S.Tapp (6)	+ 1 (T)
H.A.Sheppard (-½)	bt. Mrs J.Temple (2½)	+15
Mrs B.G.Weitz (4)	bt. Lady Ursula Abbey (2½)	+ 9
Sir Leonard Daldry (-2)	bt. W.Baverstock (1½)	+24
C.G.Pountney (1)	w.o.	opp. retcd.
E.J.Tucker (-½)	bt. Miss E.Pratt (4)	+ 2
Mrs P.Harrison (14)	bt. W.G.B.Scott (5)	+12 (T)
H.A.Green (½)	bt. K.S.Schofield (½)	+12
Capt. M.F.Buller (2)	bt. Mrs W.Naylor (5)	+19
Mrs E.R.Cox (3)	bt. Miss F.Joly (-1)	+ 9
D.M.Horne (3½)	bt. E.E.Rees (10)	+18 (T)
Mrs D.M.C.Prichard (-1)	bt. W.B.C.Paynter (4)	+11
R.L.Everest (5½)	bt. Cdr G.Borrett (-3)	+ 7
Mrs H.A.Zinn (7)	bt. Mrs E.C.Goldbard (10)	+ 9 (T)
Dr J.Creed (8)	bt. Mrs F.Fox (9)	+20
Miss S.G.Hampson (2)	bt. Miss M.G.Anderson (3½)	+ 3 (T)
W.H.Austin (0)	bt. Miss E.X.Hodgens (12)	+ 9 (T)
Miss K.Ault (2)	bt. Revd C.H.Townshend (6)	+ 7

Second Round

J.Haynes (2½)	bt. F.F.W.Staddon (3)	+19
W. de B. Prichard (-5)	bt. Mrs E.Higinbotham (5)	+17
Prof. B.G.Weitz (1)	bt. J.Haigh (3)	+ 6
Prof. A.S.C.Ross (½)	bt. Mrs I.B.Tucker (12)	+10
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard (-3)	bt. Mrs W.Longman (-1)	+ 3 (T)
D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller (-2½)	bt. Mrs E.Thompson (6)	+16
T.G.S.Colls (3)	bt. R.O.B.Whittington (-2)	+14
H.A.Sheppard (-½)	bt. Miss E.L.Wood (10)	+ 3 (T)
Mrs B.G.Weitz (4)	bt. Sir Leonard Daldry (-2)	+24
E.J.Tucker (-½)	bt. C.G.Pountney (1)	+18
H.A.Green (½)	bt. Mrs P.Harrison (14)	+12 (T)
Mrs E.R.Cox (3)	w.o. Capt. M.F.Buller (2)	opp. retcd.
Mrs D.M.C.Prichard (-1)	bt. D.M.Horne (3½)	+ 1 (T)
R.L.Everest (5½)	bt. Mrs H.A.Zinn (8)	+ 1 (T)
Miss S.G.Hampson (2)	bt. Dr J.Creed (8)	+ 2 (T)
Miss K.Ault (2)	bt. W.H.Austin (0)	+ 1 (T)

Third Round

W. de B. Prichard (-5)	bt. J.Haynes (2½)	+10
Prof. A.S.C.Ross (½)	bt. Prof. B.G.Weitz (1)	+12
D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller (-2½)	bt. Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard (-3)	+ 2
H.A.Sheppard (-½)	bt. T.G.S.Colls (3)	+ 2
E.J.Tucker (-½)	bt. Mrs B.G.Weitz (4)	+11
Mrs E.R.Cox (3)	bt. H.A.Green (½)	+10
Mrs D.M.C.Prichard (-1)	bt. R.L.Everest (5½)	+ 9
Miss S.G.Hampson (2)	bt. Miss K.Ault (2)	+ 1 (T)

Fourth Round

W. de B. Prichard (-5)	bt. Prof. A.S.C.Ross (½)	+ 9
D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller (-2½)	bt. H.A.Sheppard (-½)	+ 8
E.J.Tucker (-½)	bt. Mrs E.R.Cox (3)	+ 6 (T)
Mrs D.M.C.Prichard (-1)	bt. Miss S.G.Hampson (2)	+ 5 (T)

Semi-Final

W. de B. Prichard (-5)	bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller (-2½)	+ 4
Mrs D.M.C.Prichard (-1)	bt. E.J.Tucker (-½)	+22

Final

W. de B. Prichard (-5)	bt. Mrs D.M.C.Prichard (-1)	+ 9
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Event 6: Handicap Doubles (32 Pairs)

First Round		
Mrs P.Harrison & Mrs H.A.Zinn (22)	bt. A.C.Tapp & S.Tapp (11)	+ 6
Prof. & Mrs B.G.Weitz (5)	bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden & Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (0)	+19
T.G.S.Colls & Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard (0)	bt. R.O.B.Whittington & Mrs E.M.Speer (0)	+ 5
J.Haigh & Mrs S.J.Turner (7½)	bt. Miss H.D.Parker & Mrs E.Higinbotham (8½)	+12 (T)
E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake & Mrs E.X.Hodgens (9)	bt. Major R.Driscoll & E.A.Roper (3)	+18
D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller & E.E.Rees (7½)	bt. H.F.L.Jenking & F.Reynold (2)	+14
Mrs E.R.Cox & N.W.T.Cox (1)	bt. Mrs M.Rankin & Miss C.Sinclair (27)	+15
M.Stride & Mrs E.McMillan (-2½)	bt. Cdr G.Borrett & Miss D.A.Lintern (2)	+20
C.G.Pountney & E.J.Tucker (½)	bt. F.F.W.Staddon & Col. E.H.P.Mallinson (12)	+ 2
W. de B.Prichard & Revd C.H.Townshend (1½)	bt. Sir Leonard Daldry & W.G.B.Scott (3½)	+10

Mrs D.M.C.Prichard & Mrs R.E.Tucker (2½)	bt. K.S.Schofield & Mrs W.Naylor (6½)	+ 4
Miss F.Joly & Mrs E.C.Goldbard (9)	bt. W.E.Moore & Prof. A.S.C.Ross (-2½)	+ 6
Mrs H.F.L.Jenking & Miss E.L.Wood (16½)	bt. Mrs W.Longman & W.H.Austin (-1)	+ 9 (T)
R.L.Everest & Mrs I.B.Tucker (17½)	bt. Miss S.G.Hampson & Mrs E.H.P.Mallinson (12)	+ 4
Capt. M.F.Buller & Lady Ursula Abbey (4½)	bt. H.A.Green & D.M.Bull (8½)	+ 1 (T)
J.Haynes & G.Puxon (7½)	bt. H.A.Sheppard & W.Baverstock (1)	+12

Second Round

Prof. & Mrs Weitz	bt. Mrs Harrison & Mrs Zinn	+15
Colls & Lt-Col Prichard	bt. Haigh & Mrs Turner	+16
Hamilton-Miller & Rees	bt. Tyrwhitt Drake & Miss Hodgins	+ 5
Mrs Cox & Cox	bt. Stride & Mrs McMillan	+19
W.Prichard & Revd C.Townshend	bt. Pountney & Tucker	+10
Mrs Prichard & Mrs R.E.Tucker	bt. Miss Joly & Mrs Goldbard	+11
Everest & Mrs I.B.Tucker	w.o. Mrs Jenking & Miss Wood	opp. scr.
Haynes & Paxon	bt. Capt. Buller & Lady Ursula Abbey	+ 8 (T)

Third Round

Colls & Lt-Col Prichard	bt. Prof. & Mrs Weitz	+ 9
Mrs Cox & Cox	bt. Hamilton-Miller & Rees	+ 1 (T)
W.Prichard & Revd C.Townshend	bt. Mrs Prichard & Mrs R.E.Tucker	+11
Haynes & Paxon	bt. Everest & Mrs I.B.Tucker	+ 3 (T)

Semi-Final

Mrs Cox & Cox	bt. Colls & Lt-Col Prichard	+ 5
W.Prichard & Revd C.Townshend	bt. Haynes & Paxon	+ 7

Final

Mrs Cox & Cox	bt. W.Prichard & Revd C.Townshend	+ 1
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Weekend Tournaments

Bowdon: August 25 - 27

This was the first Official Tournament to be held at Bowdon (or anywhere else in England north of Nottingham) since 1939. The club would like to record its gratitude to Professor and Mrs Neal for taking part. Their presence guaranteed the success of what we hope will be the first of many more tournaments in the North.

BLOCK WINNERS:

A. N.Williams (½)	4 wins and 33 points
B. E.Halliwell (11)	4 wins and 47 points
C. P.Bowler (7)	4 wins and 35 points

Colchester II: August 24 - 27

Swiss Handicap Singles (22 Entries)

Winner: J.A.Wheeler (-1½) with four wins.

Second equal: P.Bishop (6), N.Gooch (8), M.E.W.Heap (-2), E.A.Locke (7½), Dr M.Murray (-2½), C.S.Ratcliffe (2) with three wins each.

Handicap Doubles (8 Entries)

Semi-Final

Mrs G.S.Digby & E.A.Locke (9½)	bt. R.S.Alford & P.H.Mann (9½)	+ 1 (T)
G.F.Hallett & G.S.Digby (4½)	bt. Mrs F.E.M.Puxon & P.Bishop (9)	+15

Final

Hallett & Digby	bt. Mrs Digby & Locke	+ 5 (T)
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Cheltenham III: August 25 - 27

BLOCK WINNERS:

A. H.G.T.Bolton (2)	5 wins
B. R.F.A.Crane (8)	5 wins
C. J.H.J.Soutter (-2½)	6 wins
D. P.W.Elmes (-1)	5 wins
E. F.E.Pearson (2)	5 wins and 62 points

Southwick (second week):

August 27 - September 1

The second week of Southwick had a large entry which necessitated both shortened games and time limits, which did not always make for happy endings. The play was varied, and it appeared that the longer bisquers stood the competitive strain with the greater advantage. On the Tuesday the Manager considered a small piece of history had been made, for when time was called three of the eleven matches were level, which greatly added to the excitement of the spectators. Competitors joined this happy week from near and far, with entries from Parsons Green, Parkstone, Preston Park, Wrest Park, Colchester and Clifton, not to mention Mr Carte and his sister Mrs Aubrey from South Africa, the indomitable Tom Colls from Canada and Miss Joly from Ireland.

The Opens showed no outstanding play; as usual, lifts were forgotten and no triple peels were made. Tom Colls caused much joy by running Penult from the boundary and hitting his opponent's balls laid up by the stick, but he failed to press home his advantage and lost by 4.

The Doubles produced their usual thrills and spills, and in one case an enthusiastic player was seen to run 3-back twice, quite unobserved of the opposition.

One of the visitors who played most steadily throughout the week was Humphrey Griffiths, who reached the final of the Big Handicap, where he fell to Norman Cox's greater expertise, and the final of his class event, where he lost to the very promising new player Michael Duck. Another player who showed great promise was Vera Tyrwhitt Drake, who dealt with the fast and very difficult lawns in a most competent way.

Considering the size of the entry and the fast courts, the Manager, who was attired throughout the week in the most splendid scarlet trousers, dealt with all difficulties most ably, and by having players 'at the ready' never had an empty court. What a player is Nora Elvey, the Referee of the Tournament, to anyone in need of advice and help! Many took advantage of her great knowledge and generosity in passing it on. The local ladies as usual spoiled us with delightful meals; it was felt that they wore themselves out on our behalf.

Results

Event 1: Open Singles (21 Entries)

DRAW

First Round		
N.W.T.Cox	bt. Mrs D.M.Aubrey	+16
H.A.Green	bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey	+15
W.E.Moore	bt. T.G.S.Colls	+ 6
W.Baverstock	bt. Miss F.Joly	+ 8
Mrs W.Longman	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	+ 7

Second Round

R.A.Carte	bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden	+20
W.H.Austin	bt. E.Whitehead	+ 9 (T)
N.W.T.Cox	bt. H.A.Sheppard	+21
W.E.Moore	bt. H.A.Green	+24
Mrs W.Longman	bt. W.Baverstock	+ 7 (T)
Dr W.R.Bucknall	bt. Prof. A.S.C.Ross	+13
Mrs E.M.Speer	w.o.	opp. scr.
F.Reynold	w.o.	opp. scr.

Third Round

W.H.Austin	bt. R.A.Carte	+ 7 (T)
N.W.T.Cox	w.o. W.E.Moore	opp. scr.
Dr W.R.Bucknall	bt. Mrs W.Longman	+ 5 (T)
F.Reynold	bt. Mrs E.M.Speer	+19

Semi-Final

N.W.T.Cox	bt. W.H.Austin	+19
Dr W.R.Bucknall	bt. F.Reynold	+16

Final

N.W.T.Cox	bt. Dr W.R.Bucknall	+15
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PROCESS

First Round

Dr W.R.Bucknall	bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden	+18
F.Reynold	bt. H.A.Sheppard	+10
W.H.Austin	bt. Miss K.Ault	+21
R.A.Carte	bt. Mrs E.M.Speer	+20
E.Whitehead	w.o.	opp. scr.

Second Round

Dr W.R.Bucknall	bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey	+ 4 (T)
F.Reynold	bt. W.Baverstock	+ 5
T.G.S.Colls	bt. W.H.Austin	+ 6
E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	bt. Mrs D.M.Aubrey	+10
W.E.Moore	bt. R.A.Carte	+10
N.W.T.Cox	bt. Mrs W.Longman	+21
Miss F.Joly	bt. E.Whitehead	+19
Prof. A.S.C.Ross	bt. H.A.Green	+ 3

Third Round

Dr W.R.Bucknall	bt. F.Reynold	+ 5
E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	bt. T.G.S.Colls	+ 6
W.E.Moore	w.o. N.W.T.Cox	opp. scr.
Prof. A.S.C.Ross	bt. Miss F.Joly	+10

Semi-Final

Dr W.R.Bucknall	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	+ 3 (T)
W.E.Moore	bt. Prof. A.S.C.Ross	+11

Final

W.E.Moore	bt. Dr W.R.Bucknall	+15
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PLAY-OFF

W.E.Moore	bt. N.W.T.Cox (silver medal)	+26
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Event 2: 'B' Level Singles (21 Entries)

First Round

Mrs E.R.Cox	bt. Revd C.H.Townshend	+10 (T)
G.Paxon	bt. Mrs E.Thompson	+11 (T)
N.J.Davren	w.o.	opp. scr.
Mrs R.E.Tucker	bt. Miss M.Tyrrell	+15
Miss M.G.Anderson	bt. Major R.Driscoll	+14

Second Round

Mrs M.Trull	bt. Mrs W.Naylor	+ 6
J.Haigh	bt. Miss C.Cox	+ 6
Mrs E.R.Cox	bt. W.G.B.Scott	+10
N.J.Davren	bt. G.Paxon	+ 1 (T)
Miss M.G.Anderson	bt. Mrs R.E.Tucker	+13
Mrs D.J.Turner	bt. D.M.Horne	+12
Miss H.D.Parker	bt. W.B.C.Paynter	+ 7
Miss E.A.Pratt	bt. S.Tapp	+ 9

Third Round

J.Haigh	bt. Mrs M.Trull	+ 6
N.J.Davren	bt. Mrs E.R.Cox	+ 9
Miss M.G.Anderson	bt. Mrs S.J.Turner	+ 3 (T)
Miss E.A.Pratt	bt. Miss H.D.Parker	+ 1 (T)

Semi-Final

N.J.Davren	bt. J.Haigh	+ 1 (T)
Miss M.G.Anderson	bt. Miss E.A.Pratt	+12 (T)

Final

N.J.Davren	bt. Miss M.G.Anderson	+ 3 (T)
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Event 3: 'C' Handicap Singles (19 Entries)

First Round

Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (10)	bt. Mrs E.M.Lewis (12)	+10 (T)
Mrs E.H.P.Mallinson (10)	bt. Mrs D.Osborn (8)	+15
Miss A.M.Ryan (13)	bt. Mrs M.Rankin (14)	+ 6 (T)

Second Round

Mrs E.Whitehead (7)	bt. Mrs E.C.Goldbard (10)	+ 1 (T)
D.M.Bull (8)	bt. Miss E.X.Hodgens (10)	+ 2 (T)
J.H.Griffiths (9)	bt. E.E.Rees (10)	+ 2 (T)
Mrs E.H.P.Mallinson (10)	bt. Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (10)	+2 (T)
Miss A.M.Ryan (13)	bt. J.W.Hale(16*)	+ 2 (T)
M.J.Duck (12*)	bt. Mrs P.Shine (14*)	+23
Dr J.Creed (8)	bt. Mrs F.Fox (9)	+22
Mrs L.L.Duveen (10)	bt. Col. E.H.P.Mallinson (8)	+12 (T)

Third Round

Mrs E.Whitehead (7)	bt. D.M.Bull (8)	+ 1 (T)
J.H.Griffiths (9)	bt. Mrs E.H.P.Mallinson (10)	+ 6 (T)
M.J.Duck (12*)	bt. Mrs A.M.Ryan (13)	+24
Mrs L.L.Duveen (10)	bt. Dr J.Creed (8)	+10 (T)

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
J.H.Griffiths (9)	w.o. Mrs E.Whitehead (7)	opp. scr.
M.J.Duck (12*)	bt. Mrs L.L.Duveen (10)	+ 7 (T)
<i>Final</i>		
M.J.Duck (12*)	bt. J.H.Griffiths (9)	+13
Event 4a: 'X' Handicap Singles (55 Entries)		
<i>First Round</i>		
Mrs W.Longman (-1)	bt. E.A.Roper (0)	+18
T.G.S.Colls (3)	bt. W.Baverstock (1½)	+15
Miss F.Joly (-1)	bt. W.B.C.Paynter (4)	+ 5
N.W.T.Cox (-2)	bt. Miss E.X.Hodgens (10)	+ 1 (T)
Dr W.R.Bucknall (-½)	bt. Mrs E.Thompson (6)	+ 3 (T)
Mrs L.L.Duveen (10)	bt. Miss H.D.Parker (3½)	+ 1 (T)
F.F.W.Staddon (3)	bt. D.M.Horne (3½)	+ 1
R.A.Carte (1½)	bt. Mrs R.E.Tucker (3½)	+ 2 (T)
E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (-2½)	bt. Mrs F.Fox (9)	+12
Miss C.Cox (4)	bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden (-½)	+17
Miss M.Tyrrell (5½)	bt. Miss A.M.Ryan (13)	+15
Miss E.A.Pratt (4)	bt. Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (10)	+ 8
Mrs E.R.Cox (3)	bt. Miss K.Ault (2½)	+22
H.A.Sheppard (-½)	bt. Prof. A.S.C.Ross (1½)	+15
Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (-½)	bt. G.Paxon (5)	+19
D.M.Bull (8)	bt. Dr J.Creed (8)	+ 3 (T)
S.Tapp (5½)	bt. Mrs E.H.P.Mallinson (10)	+15
N.J.Davren (4)	bt. W.E.Moore (-3)	+24
Revd C.H.Townshend (6)	bt. Mrs E.C.Goldbard (10)	+25
E.E.Rees (10)	bt. W.G.B.Scott (5½)	+11 (T)
Mrs M.Trull (5)	bt. Lady Ursula Abbey (2½)	+19
H.A.Green (½)	bt. Mrs E.Whitehead (7)	+ 5 (T)
Miss M.G.Anderson (3½)	bt. Mrs D.Osborn (8)	+14
<i>Second Round</i>		
W.H.Austin (0)	bt. E.Whitehead (-½)	+23
J.Haigh (3)	bt. Miss M.Towers (5)	+19
T.G.S.Colls (3)	bt. Mrs W.Longman (-1)	+23
N.W.T.Cox (-2)	bt. Miss F.Joly (-1)	+24
Dr W.R.Bucknall (-½)	bt. Mrs L.L.Duveen (10)	+ 1 (T)
R.A.Carte (1½)	bt. F.F.W.Staddon (3)	+10
E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (-2½)	bt. Miss C.Cox (4)	+11
Miss E.A.Pratt (4)	bt. Miss M.Tyrrell (5½)	+14
H.A.Sheppard (-½)	bt. Mrs E.R.Cox (3)	+13
D.M.Bull (8)	bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (-½)	+10
S.Tapp (5½)	bt. N.J.Davren (4)	+ 5
E.E.Rees (10)	bt. Revd C.H.Townshend (6)	+ 2 (T)
H.A.Green (½)	bt. Mrs M.Trull (5)	+16
Mrs S.J.Turner (4½)	bt. Miss M.G.Anderson (3½)	+ 4 (T)
Mrs D.M.Aubrey (2)	bt. Mrs W.Naylor (5)	+ 8
J.H.Griffiths (9)	bt. Mrs E.M.Speer (2)	+ 6 (T)
<i>Third Round</i>		
J.Haigh (3)	bt. W.H.Austin (0)	+ 3
N.W.T.Cox (-2)	bt. T.G.S.Colls (3)	+10
Dr W.R.Bucknall (-½)	bt. R.A.Carte (1½)	+ 8 (T)
E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (-2½)	bt. Miss E.A.Pratt (4)	+12
H.A.Sheppard (-½)	bt. D.M.Bull (8)	+ 5
S.Tapp (5½)	bt. E.E.Rees (10)	+15
Mrs S.J.Turner (4½)	bt. H.A.Green (½)	+ 1 (T)
J.H.Griffiths (9)	bt. Mrs D.M.Aubrey (2)	+ 8
<i>Fourth Round</i>		
N.W.T.Cox (-2)	bt. J.Haigh (3)	+ 7
E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (-2½)	bt. Dr W.R.Bucknall (-½)	+ 8 (T)
S.Tapp (5½)	bt. H.A.Sheppard (-½)	+19
J.H.Griffiths (9)	bt. Mrs S.J.Turner (4½)	+ 1 (T)
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
N.W.T.Cox (-2)	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (-2½)	+10
J.H.Griffiths (9)	bt. S.Tapp (5½)	+12
<i>Final</i>		
N.W.T.Cox (-2)	bt. J.H.Griffiths (9)	+ 9 (T)
Event 4b: 'Y' Handicap Singles (27 Entries)		
<i>Final</i>		
Prof. A.S.C.Ross (½)	bt. Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (10)	+10
Event 5: Handicap Doubles (28 Pairs)		
<i>First Round</i>		
N.J.Davren & Mrs M.Trull (9)	bt. G.Paxon & Mrs E.Thompson (11)	+12
R.A.Carte & Mrs D.M.Aubrey (3½)	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake & Miss E.X.Hodgens (7½)	+ 9
Mrs D.Osborn & Miss A.M.Ryan (21)	bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden & E.E.Rees (10½)	+ 2 (T)
Mrs E.R.Cox & Mrs L.L.Hanbury (15)	bt. Prof. A.S.C.Ross	

& Mrs W.Naylor (5½)	+ 7	
Mrs E.C.Goldbard & J.Haigh (13)	bt. Mrs R.E.Tucker & Revd C.H.Townshend (9½)	+ 1 (T)
T.G.S.Colls & Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (13)	bt. W.Baverstock & Miss M.Tyrrell (7)	+17
H.A.Sheppard & Col. E.H.P.Mallinson (7½)	bt. S.Tapp & Dr W.R.Bucknall (5)	+ 5 (T)
W.E.Moore & D.M.Bull (5)	bt. Mr & Mrs E.Whitehead (6½)	+ 9
Mrs W.Longman & Mrs H.C.Higinbotham (4)	bt. W.H.Austin & Mrs D.Edlem (14)	+ 2 (T)
Mrs E.H.P.Mallinson & Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (9½)	bt. F.F.W.Staddon & Mrs J.Omond (12)	+ 13
H.A.Green & J.H.Griffiths (9½)	bt. Miss H.D.Parker & Mrs F.Griffiths (9)	+16
N.W.T.Cox & J.Hambury (6)	bt. Mrs E.M.Speer & Major R.Driscoll (5)	+ 6 (T)
<i>Second Round</i>		
Mrs M.Rankin & Mrs L.L.Duveen (24)	bt. W.G.B.Scott & Mrs S.J.Turner (10)	+ 5 (T)
Mrs E.McMillan & Lady Ursula Abbey (3)	bt. Mr & Mrs E.A.Roper (6)	+15
Carte & Mrs Aubrey bt. Davren & Mrs Trull	+ 8	
Mrs E.R.Cox & Mrs Hanbury bt. Mrs Osborn & Miss Ryan	+ 2 (T)	
Colls & Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake bt. Mrs Goldbard & Haigh	+10	
Moore & Bull bt. Sheppard & Col. Mallinson	+ 2	
Mrs Longman & Mrs Higinbotham bt. Mrs Elvey & Mrs Mallinson	+ 1 (T)	
Cox & Hanbury bt. Green & Griffiths	+11	
<i>Third Round</i>		
Carte & Mrs Aubrey bt. Mrs McMillan & Lady Ursula Abbey	+ 9	
Colls & Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake bt. Mrs E.R.Cox & Mrs Hanbury	+ 1 (T)	
Moore & Bull bt. Mrs Longman & Mrs Higinbotham	+11	
Cox & Hanbury bt. Mrs Rankin & Mrs Duveen	+15	
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Colls & Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake bt. Carte & Mrs Aubrey	+ 2 (T)	
Moore & Bull bt. Cox & Hanbury	+13	
<i>Final</i>		
Moore & Bull bt. Colls & Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake	+ 7	
Hunstanton (first week):		
August 27 — September 1		
Several regulars were missing from Hunstanton this year, and the 'C' class was almost non-existent. Most missed of all was Joan Warwick, who has always managed the tournament so well with Richard Rothwell. The smaller numbers meant more play for most people, though, as usual, the same people were in most of the events towards the end of the week.		
Mrs Sundius-Smith had a good week. She shared the Open Singles Cup with J.R.G.Solomon as darkness descended before the play-off could be completed. She also won the handicap doubles with S.G.Kent as her partner, and the 'X' Handicap Singles. Mrs R.A.Simpson had a very exciting win against A.D.Karmel by 1. Gregory Solomon was playing in his first tournament.		
The new president of the club, A.H.Jones, had a splendid win over J.R.G.Solomon in the 'X', but unfortunately had to retire from the rest of the tournament owing to illness. We hope he will soon be better.		
J.R.G.Solomon matured considerably during the week, and some of his play was very reminiscent of his father.		
Richard Rothwell managed us all very well in his usual competent manner. It was altogether a very enjoyable tournament.		
Mention must be made of Bryan Lloyd-Pratt, who resigned as President of the Club after having been a member for many years. We wish him well in South Africa.		
Results		
Event 1: Open Singles (9 Entries)		
DRAW		
<i>First Round</i>		
R.A.Simpson	bt. A.D.Karmel	+10

<i>Second Round</i>		
R.F.Rothwell	bt. J.R.G.Solomon	+19
R.A.Simpson	bt. Mrs J.N.Rolfe	+ 9
I.C.Baillieu	bt. J.G.Warwick	+13
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	bt. Mrs R.A.Simpson	+23
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
R.F.Rothwell	bt. R.A.Simpson	+ 3
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	bt. I.C.Baillieu	+ 8
<i>Final</i>		
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	bt. R.F.Rothwell	+ 7
PROCESS		
<i>First Round</i>		
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	bt. R.F.Rothwell	+12
<i>Second Round</i>		
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	bt. R.A.Simpson	+12
Mrs J.N.Rolfe	bt. J.G.Warwick	+14
J.R.G.Solomon	bt. I.C.Baillieu	+23
Mrs R.A.Simpson	bt. A.D.Karmel	+ 1
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	bt. Mrs J.N.Rolfe	+10
J.R.G.Solomon	bt. Mrs R.A.Simpson	+ 6
<i>Final</i>		
J.R.G.Solomon	bt. Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	+ 4
PLAY-OFF		
J.R.G.Solomon and Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith divided.		
Event 2: 'B' Level Singles (7 Entries)		
DRAW		
<i>First Round</i>		
Miss S.G.Hampson	bt. Miss E.C.Brumpton	+22
Mrs B.G.Neal	bt. Miss E.M.Brumpton	+11
S.G.Kent	bt. Capt. M.F.Buller	+ 5
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Miss S.G.Hampson	bt. Mrs B.G.Neal	+10 (T)
S.G.Kent	w.o. Mrs A.D.Karmel	opp. scr.
<i>Final</i>		
S.G.Kent	bt. Miss S.G.Hampson	+ 1 (T)
PROCESS		
<i>First Round</i>		
Miss S.G.Hampson	bt. S.G.Kent	+22
Mrs B.G.Neal	bt. Mrs A.D.Karmel	+23
Capt. M.F.Buller	bt. Miss E.C.Brumpton	+ 2 (T)
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Miss S.G.Hampson	bt. Mrs B.G.Neal	+ 4 (T)
Capt. M.F.Buller	bt. Miss E.M.Brumpton	+24
<i>Final</i>		
Miss S.G.Hampson	bt. Capt. M.F.Buller	+ 2 (T)
PLAY-OFF		
Miss S.G.Hampson	bt. S.G.Kent	+ 8
Event 3: 'C' Handicap Singles (3 Entries)		
This was played as an American and won by W.H.Carlsle (9).		
Event 4a: 'X' Handicap Singles (21 Entries)		
<i>First Round</i>		
I.C.Baillieu (1)	bt. Miss E.C.Brumpton (3)	+ 3 (T)
R.F.Rothwell (-1)	bt. Mrs R.A.Simpson (-½)	+17
Mrs B.G.Neal (5)	w.o. E.H.S.Shelton	opp. scr.
A.H.Jones (10)	bt. J.R.G.Solomon (½)	+25
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith (-2½)	bt. Miss E.M.Brumpton (4)	+16
<i>Second Round</i>		
A.D.Karmel (-1½)	bt. W.H.Carlsle (9)	+ 1 (T)
R.A.Simpson (-½)	bt. Mrs A.D.Karmel (5)	+12
I.C.Baillieu (1)	bt. Miss S.G.Hampson (2)	+ 3 (T)
R.F.Rothwell (-1)	bt. Mrs B.G.Neal (5)	+13
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith (-2½)	w.o. A.H.Jones (10)	opp. scr.
J.G.Warwick (0)	bt. Mrs A.Solomon (12)	+11

S.G.Kent (4)	bt. Capt. M.F.Buller (2)	+ 6
Mrs J.N.Rolfe (0)	w.o. B.G.Perry	opp. scr.
<i>Third Round</i>		
A.D.Karmel (-1½)	bt. R.A.Simpson (-½)	+ 5
R.F.Rothwell (-1)	bt. I.C.Baillieu (1)	+11
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith (-2½)	bt. J.G.Warwick (0)	+13
Mrs J.N.Rolfe (0)	bt. S.G.Kent (4)	+13
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
R.F.Rothwell (-1)	bt. A.D.Karmel (-1½)	+ 5
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith (-2½)	bt. Mrs J.N.Rolfe (0)	+14
<i>Final</i>		
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith (-2½)	bt. R.F.Rothwell (-1)	+13
Event 4b: 'Y' Handicap Singles (10 Entries)		
<i>Final</i>		
J.R.G.Solomon (½)	bt. W.H.Carlsle (9)	+ 4 (T)
Event 5: Handicap Doubles (10 Pairs)		
<i>First Round</i>		
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith & S.G.Kent (1½)	bt. R.F.Rothwell & G.Solomon (13)	+ 7
Mrs R.A.Simpson & W.H.Carlsle (7½)	bt. I.C.Baillieu & Miss S.G.Hampson (3)	+ 6
<i>Second Round</i>		
R.A.Simpson & Mrs A.Solomon (8½)	bt. Mr & Mrs A.D.Karmel (3½)	+19
Mrs Sundius-Smith & Kent bt. Miss E.C.Brumpton & Miss E.M.Brumpton (7)		+10
Mrs J.N.Rolfe & E.G.Hoose (12)	bt. Mrs Simpson & W.H.Carlsle	+ 2 (T)
Capt. M.F.Buller & J.R.G.Solomon (2½)	bt. J.G.Warwick & Mrs B.G.Neal (5)	+15
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Mrs Sundius-Smith & Kent bt. Simpson & Mrs A.Solomon		+ 6
Mrs Rolfe & Hoose bt. Buller & J.R.G.Solomon		+10
<i>Final</i>		
Mrs Sundius-Smith & Kent bt. Mrs Rolfe & Hoose		+ 9
Hunstanton (second week): September 3 — 8		
Glorious weather was the keynote of this week. A wet Monday morning started us off, but after that the sun never ceased to shine.		
High bisquers battled it out with low bisquers on the good courts, remarkably green, but in many cases the 3-hour time limit wasn't long enough to dispose of the forest of bisques. It was a pleasure to see Mrs Aubrey and her brother Richard Carte on their first visit to Hunstanton. A newcomer, A.Coleman, played well, and E.Locke played exceptionally well to win all his games in his block and the play-off. The handicap doubles with the low bisquers shepherding their high bisque partners through the hazards caused a lot of amusement and excitement.		
The champagne celebration at the close was a splendid climax to a good week.		
Results		
American Handicap Singles		
BLOCK WINNERS		
A. E.A.Locke (7½)	8 wins	
B. Mrs R.A.Simpson (-½)	5 wins	
PLAY-OFF		
E.A.Locke (7½)	bt. Mrs R.A.Simpson (-½)	+ 4
Handicap Doubles (10 Pairs)		
<i>Final</i>		
Mrs J.N.Rolfe & G.Hoose (12)	bt. R.A.Simpson & Mrs L.Batchelor (13½)	+ 7

The President's Cup: September 4 - 8

The sun shone brightly for the whole of the duration of this unique fixture at Hurlingham, in marked contrast to the dull and chilly weather of last year.

Some names were missing which we should have liked to see on our programmes. It was known that Keith Wylie did not feel able to accept, and sad that Bill Perry was not offered the opportunity to do so. The senior entrant (in number of appearances anyway) was John Solomon, and he gave his first opponent, J.Soutter, small opportunity to familiarise himself with the narrow hoops, which he had never confronted before. Solomon departing with a rapid 26, his victim set himself to discover all that could - and should - be done in respect of these formidable obstacles. This knowledge was soon to prove of so much value as to win him a game against Jackson which had looked irretrievably lost, and in which the 'new boy' of the competition stole a victory of which his former conqueror would have been proud.

It was not only the novice who was to reveal how menacing these hoops could prove to be on an opening day; 'I ought to have given it more' was a recurrent cry. John Solomon lost his game in the second round to Aspinall by failing at 1-back when he was looking almost certain to go out on a skilfully devised triple peel. There was a sparkling contest between the two 'young masters', Paul Hands and William Prichard, in a game of brilliance, rapidity and errors (due in some cases, one suspects, to too much rapidity). But this characteristic was not much in evidence by any means. One game had to be pegged down to enable the tournament to proceed. One is entitled to take one's time in a croquet tournament of so much importance, but not without any reference to the time required by others. When your correspondent had to leave at 6.15, only one game in the third round had (just) been concluded.

On the following morning we arrived to learn some sad news. Bernard Neal had been told by his doctor that he must not on any account attempt to remain in the competition; he had badly overstrained his back, with adverse consequences to other muscles. Something of the sort was evident on the previous day, but it was re-assuring to find that our Champion - Chairman was fit enough in the afternoon to come and look at the contest now forbidden to him, and to receive the warm sympathy of his many friends.

We have to go back nearly twenty years - to 1956 actually - to find a similar enforced retirement, that of Mrs Watkins, one of New Zealand's greatest lady players. Coming near the end of the event, that retirement raised certain complexities, but in this instance the only three games in which Bernard had played were removed from the scoreboard of the competition.

The play on this second day was, generally speaking, far better than that played on the first day, and there were some splendid contests. Perhaps the match between Hands and Aspinall was the most thrilling. The shooting of both men was magnificent, a feature of the play this year which was particularly evident. This interference with the opponent's progress meant that the fortunes of each contestant passed from one side to another, but the victory seemed in Nigel's hands when a certain confusion at the last hoop allowed Paul to snatch a very close game by a single point. But Aspinall was soon to console himself and win the applause of the spectators with a 26 against the other 'young master' (William Prichard) which produced the first triple of the competition, an achievement which had to wait for fulfilment longer than is usual in this event - there were 21 last year.

Thursday morning brought us to the 'halfway house' of the competition. Aspinall was deservedly at the top with a score of five games, having lost only one game (to Hands) and that by only a single point; he was followed by Hands, Ormerod and Solomon with 4 each, Prichard with 3 and Soutter with 1; Jackson was still without a victory.

In a very prolonged game Ormerod had dominated his game against Prichard up to lunch time, but the meal seemed to

revive the energies of last year's winner and enable him to steal the match. But Ormerod was able to console himself by having a good win over Hands, who did not have a good day, since he also lost to his contemporary, Prichard, in the evening. There was a most interesting match between Soutter and Solomon. The 'novice' caught up the 'veteran', the advantage changing hands again and again; Solomon was the loser when he stuck, as he did only too often this week, in the penultimate on his way to what seemed certain victory. Soutter was gaining confidence every day and proved his right to appear in this distinguished company. In the evening Solomon lost again, as indeed he might have done to Aspinall, who was in his top form and brought off a delayed triple.

Friday - the penultimate date on which the fate of the famous cup is so often decided - and so it would seem that by nightfall it apparently was. But not before a terrific struggle between the favourite (Nigel) and his chief challenger (William Ormerod) had been concluded (at about 3 o'clock). The official time taken by the match was revealed to be 4 hours and 20 minutes. The victor was William. This win was important, for it kept him in the hunt. A very pleasant feature of the day was the recovery of his true form by Edgar Jackson; this gave him two victories, over Hands and Prichard. The second game was a close one when, Edgar having failed to put more than one ball out, Prichard hit in and made so much progress from a rather desperate position that if the senior player had not hit the peg he might have been allowed no further chance to do so.

One of the very close matches which were such a feature of the event this year was the game on Friday evening between Solomon and Ormerod. It seemed certain that John would win. William's balls were at opposite ends of the court. Solomon, after making the rover hoop with his partner ball, was about 6 yards off the peg. Instead of drifting up to it, he hit a hard shot at the peg but missed, his ball travelling right up to that of his opponent, transforming an outside chance to a certain win.

On the final morning it was statistically possible but croquetically improbable that there might be a tie between Aspinall and Ormerod. This would only happen if Nigel were to lose his games and William win both his. In fact Aspinall, playing at his brilliant best, won both his games easily, but Ormerod both his with difficulty. In fact the final game of the event, which had drawn a fairly large audience, was as thrilling a struggle as could be imagined. Ormerod began well and got both his balls all round when all sorts of things went wrong for him, partly by his own errors and partly by the plucky attempt to catch him up on the part of the other William - Prichard. In the end William Ormerod was required to hit a very long shot on William Prichard's ball which was a yard from the peg. This with admirable nerve he contrived to do, as it was suitable that the runner-up should.

But there can be no doubt that the best man won the event. Aspinall was the only man to bring off a triple during the week and also a 'straight double'. But on the last afternoon Solomon had solved the difficulties of a sextuple peel when he failed at a not difficult 2-back. But, as the score of 9 shows, the runner-up ran him close, and deservedly so. William Ormerod is a better player than his rather dilatory manner on the court allows him to emerge. We are told that time waits for no man, but it did seem to wait for him as long as was required for him to effect his victories. His long split shots are remarkable for their precision over great distances, and no one is better at recovering from what look like unpromising situations.

These were well ahead of the rest. The two 'young masters', Hands and Prichard, had 6 games, each beating the other on the way. Solomon would have been higher if he had run through and not into so many hoops. The rest of his game is as good as it ever was.

The best feature of this contest was the brilliant long shooting shown by all the competitors. One of them made to this writer the interesting suggestion that there would have been more triples had it not been so. There is something in this

perhaps; promising 'lay ups' were too constantly disturbed. But Aspinall's solitary four triples contrasts strikingly with the absence of any from the six other competitors. It cannot, one fears, be denied that the standard of play this year was not equal to that we have come to expect in this event. It is not that there was an absence of good play; there was plenty of it. Edgar Jackson, for example, who finished with only 2 games, played some beautiful breaks in his easy and accomplished style. The trouble was that there was from almost everyone at some point or other too much play that was less than good. It is possible that the glorious weather might have something to do with this; it was extremely hot for much of the time, and the cumulative effect of this may have told on the players more than they realised. But we must hope for a return to the 1962 standard in the Triangular Tests of 1974.

We conclude this - one feels somewhat inadequate - report with a few words of praise and of plaint. The praise is for Col. Cave who is an adept not only at the management but of the presentation of the tournament. Without pressing the role of a disciplinarian, he let the players know what the situation of the contest requires of them, and he was resolved to get the event concluded at a perfect time on the Saturday.

The plaint has been heard before, but it is a serious one. The four courts in front of the house look lovely and their surfaces have scarcely a flaw, but they are not fast as once they were and not such as to bring out the subtleties of high

class play. We have heard it said that they are planned to be so to please club members. This is understandable; but there is another aspect. Our splendid Hurlingham is of course for them, but it is also the headquarters of the C.A., and it is here that the finest croquet in the world should be played.

The Chairman's Salver, played at Compton,

September 3 - 7

The Chairman's Salver was favoured with glorious weather, and the courts at Compton, except for No. 2, were extremely fast, as several players found to their cost.

By the end of the first day Murray and Heap were in the lead, and this position was maintained on the second day, with Hemsted and Prichard hard on their heels.

On the Wednesday morning Mrs Sundius-Smith, who had started badly, was on the point of retiring owing to a poisoned toe, but decided to complete the first series, which she did by beating Hemsted. Encouraged by this, she took a new lease of life and completed the second series as well, totting up 6 wins in all. She is a tough fighter who never concedes defeat. (Her name might well be Cassius-Smith.)

The President's Cup		G.N.Aspinall	Dr W.P.Ormerod	J.W.Solomon	P.W.Hands	W. de B.Prichard	J.H.J.Soutter	G.E.P.Jackson	Prof. B.G.Neal	W I N S
G.N.Aspinall			+ 5	+ 5	- 1	TP +26	+24 SDP	+23	R	10
Dr W.P.Ormerod		- 5		+26 TP	+16	- 3	+10	+21	E	9
J.W.Solomon		+ 4	- 3		+25	+ 1	+15	+ 1		6
P.W.Hands		- 5	-21		+ 4	+ 2	+26	+ 6	T	6
W. de B.Prichard		-26	+ 3		- 3	- 1	- 5	+24		6
J.H.J.Soutter		+ 1	-16	- 4		+13	+25	+ 4	I	6
G.E.P.Jackson		-24	-25	+ 3		-24	+26	-24		6
Prof. B.G.Neal		-26	+ 3	- 2	-13		+19	+11	R	6
		-26	- 1	+ 1	+24		+16	- 5		3
		-24	-10	-26	-25	-19		+ 3	E	3
		-19	-15	+ 5	-26	-16		+ 2		2
		-23	-21	- 6	- 4	-11	- 3		D	
		-22	- 1	-24	+24	+ 5	- 2			
		R	E	T	I	R	E	D		

TP = triple peel; SDP = straight double peel.

At this stage Rees, who had also made a poor start, began to gain ground slowly. By Wednesday evening he had two pegged-down games, and although he may not have murdered sleep, he did murder Heap who never caught up again and was given the *coup de grace* on Thursday with defeats by both Prichard and Hopewell; the latter now began to assert himself and play in more like his best form.

Meanwhile Miss Sessions was having a dismal time. After her 14 wins in the Ladies' Field Cup much was expected of her, but it was not until the 7th round that she got anywhere near a victory and here she lost by 1 to Hopewell after missing the shortest of roquets when about to peg out. She had to wait until the 10th round before she recorded her solitary win by beating Mrs Sundius-Smith. We all know what a beautiful player she can be, but she was never properly switched on and appeared to be firing on only one cylinder.

When play started on the final day the position was still fluid. Murray was in the lead by 2 games, but theoretically any of the top four players (Murray 9, Heap, Prichard and Hemsted all 7) could still win. Murray was, however, standing no nonsense of this sort and quickly put the issue beyond all doubt by despatching Heap, and he further consolidated his lead by defeating Prichard easily in the final round. By teatime it was all over, the curtain being rung down by a stern struggle between Mrs Sundius-Smith and Hemsted. The latter, with his opponent on rover and peg, made a spirited come-back from 5 and 1-back to win by 2.

Murray thoroughly deserved his victory. He looked and

proved himself the best player; he is always ready to go for a triple peel, but does not always realise when it is wiser to abandon it.

Heap, after a good start, rather faltered. He has an enormous swing, his arms and elbows moving like a reciprocating engine; he obviously has a high potential.

Hemsted played steadily and accurately to attain second place with 9 wins, being the only player to beat Murray twice. It was a creditable performance in his first invitation event.

Rees, also in his first invitation event, did well, and at his best was capable of beating any of the others.

Prichard kept up a steady average, and was always in the top half. As usual, he won some games he might have been expected to lose, and lost others he might have won.

Hopewell was in will-o'-the-wisp form: sometimes brilliant, sometimes atrocious, always unpredictable, but as happy in defeat as in victory.

A number of peels were attempted but few succeeded. Murray achieved a triple and a double, Heap a triple and Prichard a double.

As is regrettably usual in the Chairman's Salver, there was a shortage of referees. No independent referee being present, the duties fell to the only three players qualified. Players who have reached the Chairman's Salver standard ought to become referees, and should at the very least know the laws so that they do not call other players away from their games unnecessarily.

Strickland in his first (and we hope not last) managerial

The Chairman's Salver	Dr M. Murray	S.R.Hemsted	M.E.W.Heap	Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard	C.G.Hopewell	D.V.H.Rees	Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	Miss K.M.O.Sessions	W I N S
Dr M. Murray	-	- 5	+26	+19	+10	+12	+ 7	+18	11
		- 9	+12	+23	- 9	+20	+16	+ 4	
S. R. Hemsted	+ 5	-	- 2	- 3	+17	+ 5	-	+15	9
	+ 9		+15	+ 5	- 3	- 7	+ 2	+15	
M. E. W. Heap	-26	+ 2	-	+22	+10	- 2	+23	+22	8
	-12	-15		-21	-21	+20	+22	+17	
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard	-19	+ 3	-22	-	+22	-22	+ 2	+20	7
	-23	- 5	+21		- 7	+10	- 5	+ 5	
C. G. Hopewell	-10	-17	-10	-22	-	- 5	+ 5	+ 1	7
	+ 9	+ 3	+21	+ 7		- 8	-14	+17	
D.V.H.Rees	-12	- 5	+ 2	+22	+ 5	-	- 5	+17	7
	-20	+ 7	-20	-10	+ 8		- 8	+22	
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	- 7	+ 5	-23	- 2	- 5	+ 5	-	+14	6
	-16	- 2	-22	+ 5	+14	+ 8		-17	
Miss K.M.O.Sessions	-18	-15	-22	-20	- 1	-17	-14	-	1
	- 4	-15	-17	- 5	-17	-22	+17		

venture was an unqualified success. He had made detailed preparations and his charts were models of accuracy and clarity, but doubtless all this was child's play to an ex-organiser of the Commonwealth Games.

Finally a work of thanks to the Compton Club for their hospitality and the excellent meals they provided.

The Spencer Ell Cup, played at Colchester, September 3 - 7

It would have pleased Spencer Ell to see five newcomers taking part in the old Surrey Cup, now re-named in his memory. A.B.Hope ran out a convincing winner in the happy atmosphere at Colchester. In only his second Opens tournament, with most of his experience coming from light-hearted evening games with Paul Hands at Cheltenham, he won by sheer skill. A farmer's life is exacting, but if he can spare the time, he will soon be in the top flight. He completed the only triple peel of the event against Hamilton-Miller, who in finishing second showed his expertise. Whilst not playing at his best, Hamilton-Miller demonstrated the value of brain-work. It was especially pleasant to see the enjoyment with which he played each game, notably in an excellent come-back against Tyrwhitt Drake.

Hope's only defeat (though it must be admitted he did have two lucky wins in the first series) was at the hands of Roger Wood, who pegged him out and gave few chances after that. Wood's large split shots and corner cannons were excellent, but it was as if he lost interest in the easy shots. His mistakes may have been caused by his video-slow-motion swing, which at times seemed to hover in mid-flight.

Tyrwhitt Drake, whilst keeping everyone amused, spared the time, rather grudgingly, to win seven games, grunting and growling about the court. He showed the danger of addiction to pipe-smoking while playing when he knocked his pipe into his mouth while he was playing a rush stroke and split his lip.

Both Colin Prichard and John Wheeler were inconsistent. Wheeler's long shots were devastating both in speed and accuracy, and some of his hoops would not have been attempted in golf croquet. However, on several occasions he exhibited a delicate touch. He also had the distinction, in a pegged down game against Hamilton-Miller, of winning in 3½ minutes on resumption. Prichard threw away his early matches, but later remembered his style and improved considerably towards the end.

Neither Mrs Meachem nor Mrs Prichard were at their best, at least not on court. Both played one very good match, Mrs Meachem when she annihilated Mrs Prichard, and the latter when she played faultlessly to beat her son. In almost every

The Spencer-Ell Cup	A.B.Hope	D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	R.Wood	E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	C.H.L.Prichard	J.A.Wheeler	Mrs J.B.Meachem	Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	W I N S
A.B.Hope	-	+14	+ 3	+26	+ 1	+ 3	+20	+20	13
		+26 _{TP}	- 8	+ 7	+16	+16	+ 7	+ 8	
D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller	-14	-	+13	+16	+ 2	+ 7	+ 8	+16	10
	-26		+16	+ 4	-15	- 6	+ 8	+ 9	
R.Wood	- 3	-13	-	+16	+ 4	+10	-11	+10	8
	+ 8	-16		+ 5	-11	- 2	+12	+14	
E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	-26	-16	-16	-	+ 7	- 8	+ 8	+12	7
	- 7	- 4	- 5		+ 2	+18	+ 5	+12	
C.H.L.Prichard	- 1	- 2	- 4	- 7	-	-17	+19	-16	6
	-16	+15	+11	- 2		+ 9	+16	+ 8	
J.A.Wheeler	- 3	- 7	-10	+ 8	+17	-	+10	- 8	6
	-16	+ 6	+ 2	-18	- 9		- 9	+23	
Mrs J.B.Meachem	-20	- 8	+11	- 8	-19	-10	-	+20	3
	- 7	- 8	-12	- 5	-16	+ 9		- 5	
Mrs D.M.C.Prichard	-20	-16	-10	-12	+16	+ 8	-20	-	3
	- 8	- 9	-14	-12	- 8	-23	+ 5		

other game they both had difficulty in getting their second ball round — a failing in many Opens players.

The whole event had a holiday atmosphere. This must be credited to the hospitality of the Colchester members, for whom nothing seemed too much trouble. Both their food and company were excellent: the former caused Tyrwhitt Drake to show marked reluctance to play after lunch — he preferred instead to relax in Mrs Puxon's chaise-longue. Duffield organised shifts of Managers and Referees; as well as moving house, he mowed lawns and pulled beer at a phenomenal rate. Although the lawns were rapid, no one could or did make them an excuse for his own inaccuracy, and it was encouraging to see such good and quick play. One advantage of having a Prichard in each of the invitation events was that it kept us informed of and amused by the intimate happenings of the other eight and seven.

The Croquet Association Conference at the Hurlingham Club on Saturday 8 December 1973

PROGRAMME

11.15	Welcome by the C.A. President
11.20	Handicaps and their problems
12.15	Double Banking

Luncheon Interval

2.25	Presentation of Awards
2.30	The Test Tour in Britain 1974
3.15	The Croquet Gazette — your magazine
3.50	Open Forum — your questions answered
4.25	The Chairman bids you au revoir — followed by tea.

- Notes:
- Please forward any questions you may have by 30 November to the Conference Organiser, D.C. Caporn at 1 Pinelands, 12 Beechwood Avenue, Weybridge, Surrey so that you can get a considered answer on 8 December.
 - Any suggestions or queries to Mr Caporn, please.
 - At least half of the time of each session will be devoted to discussion and questions from the floor — so this is a real conference!
 - The Hurlingham Club is in Ranelagh Gardens, London S.W.6, and the nearest underground station is Putney Bridge. There are ample car parks on the club grounds.
 - Please tell your Secretary if you would like to attend.

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Secretary,
September 1973.

Handicap Alterations

Hurlingham (first week): July 30 — August 4
Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle 4½ to 3; G.B. Martin 4 to 3½; M.G. Pearson 5½ to 5; Mrs B.L. Sundius-Smith —2 to —2½; E.B.T. Tanner 5 to 4½.

Hurlingham (second week): August 4 — 11
J.W. Haynes 3 to 2½; P.H. Mann 6½ to 5½; S.J. Howard Wright 4 to 3; Miss D.G. Leach 6 to 5½.

Carrickmines: August 13 — 18
M.D.A. Strachan 8* D7 to 5; R.A. Carte 2 to 1½; C.M. van Schnieder 14* D12 to 9.

Nottingham: August 13 — 18
Mrs C. Chamberlain 8 to 7; M.J. Evans 0 to —½; Mrs C.W. Haworth 14 to 13 D12; Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake 11 to 10 D9; K.A. Ross —2 to —3½; Mrs E. Whitehead 7½ to 7; N. Williams 1½ to ½;

Corrections
Miss F. Joly —1; Revd P.D. Hallett —2.

Edinburgh: August 20 — 25
Dr R.M. Milne ½ to 0; F.V.X. Norton 4 to 2½; Mrs J.E. Rowe 7

to 6; I. Howard Wright 0 to —½; S.J. Howard Wright 3 to 2.

Southwick (first week): August 20 — 25
Miss E.X. Hodgins 12 to 10; Mrs F. Harrison 14 to 12; Col. E.H.P. Mallinson 9 to 8; Simon Tapp 6 to 5½; Revd C.H. Townshend 6½ to 6; Miss E.I. Wood 12 to 10; Mrs H.A. Zinn 9 to 8.

Cheltenham III: August 25 — 27
H.G.T. Bolton 2 to ½; R.F.A. Crane 8 to 7; F.E. Pearson 2 to 1½; Mrs C. Sebestyen 11 to 10; J.H.J. Soutter —2½ to —3.

Hunstanton (first week): August 27 — September 1
A.H. Jones 10 to 8; J.R.G. Solomon ½ to —½.

Southwick (second week): August 27 — September 1
N.W.T. Cox —2 to —2½; N.J. Davren 4 to 3; J.H.T. Griffiths 9 to 8; Simon Tapp 5½ to 5; Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake 10 to 9.

Bowdon Weekend: August 24 — 27
G.E. Halliwell 11 to 9.

Spencer-Ell Cup: September 3 — 7
A.B. Hope —1 to —2.

Hunstanton (second week): September 3 — 8
E.A. Locke 7½ to 7; A. Coleman 9* to 9.

Chairman's Salver: September 3 — 7
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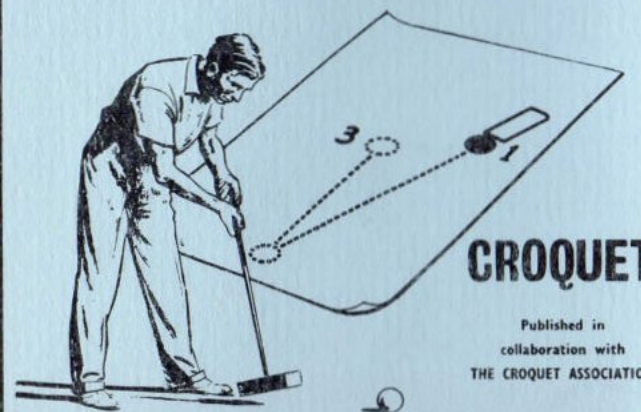
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