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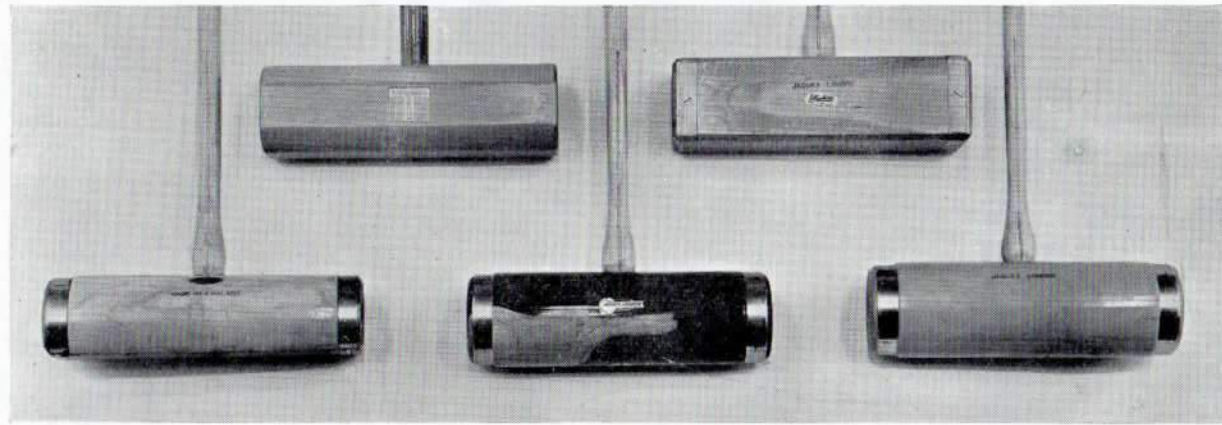
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By E. P. C. COTTER

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 „ 10 **All England Handicap Final Stages** (Roehampton).  
 „ 11 **Challenge Cups and Gilbey Cup.** Golf Croquet, Ascot and Delves Broughton Cups (Roehampton). *Secretary C.A.*, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.  
 „ 22 **Brighton.** *Hon. Sec.*, F. E. Corke, 60 Southwick Street, Southwick, Sussex.  
 „ 29 **Hunstanton.** *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. B. C. Perowne, 65 Victoria Avenue, Hunstanton.  
 „ 29 **Parkstone.** *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. L. H. Ashton, The Orchard, Parkstone.  
 Sept. 5 **President's Cup and Surrey Cup (Roehampton).** *Secretary C.A.*, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.  
 „ 19 **Roehampton.** *Games Secretary*, Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, London, S.W.5.  
 „ 26 **Eastbourne, Devonshire Park.** *Secretary C.A.*, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.  
 Oct. 1 **Match. Men v. Women (Devonshire Park).**  
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 Aug. 29 **Brighton.** *Hon. Sec.*, F. E. Corke, 60 Southwick Street, Southwick, Sussex.  
 Sept. 12 **Cheltenham.** *Hon. Sec.*, F. Langley, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.

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 Major Hill-Bernhard 13 to 10.  
 E. A. Roper 3½ to 2½.  
 Mrs. F. M. Thornewill 10 to 9.

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#### BEDFORD

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 Rev. Canon G. A. Green 8 to 7.  
 Miss J. Warwick 4½ to 3½.

#### COMPTON

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 Mrs. M. A. Thompson \*12 to 14 (D 12).  
 A. Toplis \*10 to 10.

#### NOTTINGHAM

E. J. Cook 8 to 7.  
 Sir Miles Graham \*11 to 11.  
 Mrs. H. Greaves \*14 to 13 (D 12).  
 H. O. Hodgson ½ to 0.  
 W. F. Lord 10 to 9.  
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#### EXMOUTH

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 Miss D. A. Lintern  
 \*Mrs. W. Longman  
 \*Mrs. N. Oddie  
 Mrs. E. Reeve  
 Mrs. E. Rotherham  
 \*Miss D. D. Steel  
 \*Mrs. B. H. Wiggins

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# Hail Croquet

A LETTER in the *Eton College Chronicle* asks whether a school croquet lawn could not be instituted, and goes on to point out that "croquet is an up-and-coming game and that proficiency at it is a great social asset." Perhaps "up-and-coming game" is not quite the right phrase. It suggests that croquet shares something of the brashness and thrust of one of Arnold Bennett's young men from the Five Towns out to conquer the world; this unfamiliar, ambitious form of croquet can be imagined as, in the cause of self-advertisement, ready to go on ice and to floodlight itself. Not thus will croquet continue the come-back—another word a little at odds with its innate conservatism and the pleasing decorum of its manners—it has made since it declined in sympathy with Edwardian glories.

Croquet can stand on its own mallets, and all that it demands of those inclined to jeer is that they should give it a fair trial. The implication that the game is effeminate and fit only for those with one foot in the grave is stupid and irrational and it is curious that the prejudice it embodies should so long persist. Certainly the croquet player does not risk life and limb as he executes a cunning roll, but then neither do the practitioners of a score of other highly popular games. The billiards expert is not liable to suffer any injury from his cannons; the golfer—there, indeed is a game which

is a social asset—need fear nothing more than the humiliation of missing the ball as he surveys the distant green from the tee; the ego of the lawn-tennis champion, the spoiled darling of Wimbledon, can be punctured by the reminder that he is, after all, only a soft-ball game, while the pretensions of his poor relation, the table-tennis star, are reduced to less than the dust by calling his activity ping-pong, which is precisely what it is.

The real hardship of croquet today is its own delightful, romantic past, when the hoops were round and a deliciously small feminine foot, peeping out from a long full skirt in a way that would have enchanted Herrick, married blue to black and sent them both careering across the sunlit lawn into the flower bed. Things can never be again as they were then, and croquet, like life, is sterner and more earnest, but it retains its virtues and its charm. Even those who love above all the summer game with a lovely name have been known when at the Saffrons at Eastbourne, to turn away from the sight of first-class batsmen playing back to half volleys to watch the absorbing spectacle of a good croquet player in action. Croquet demands mental calculation as well as physical skill, and it may well be that the scientific battles of the future will be won on the croquet lawns of Eton.

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## THE EDGBASTON CLUB

THE photographs of the grounds of the various Clubs is one of the many interesting features of The Croquet Association's new journal. This time it is Edgbaston's proud privilege to figure as the frontispiece.

The Edgbaston Club was started by a few local enthusiasts who rented a green in the grounds of The Plough and Harrow Hotel about fifty years ago. The present ground was acquired a few years later, being a portion of land from several school playing fields; which along with the adjacent Botanical Gardens secured for Edgbaston Club members the delightfully peaceful and rural atmosphere which we continue to enjoy. Admiring visitors are surprised at the existence of so tranquilly pleasant a situation so near the busy Metropolis of the Midlands (only about 1½ miles from the City Centre).

There were only two lawns laid out at first but about 1909 a third was added at a rather higher level than the other two giving a pleasing variety to the landscape. Since the time of these leisurely days, however, the Club has weathered several crises. Our founders did not have to face the high rates that have since been levied as well as soaring

rent, though we are indebted to them for the fact that our grounds on The Calthorpe Estate are to be used for Croquet only and that until recently we numbered The Lady Ansthruther Gough Calthorpe as one of our patrons.

We now have a membership of about 40, and have from time to time improved our rather primitive pavilion so that we now boast a comfortable Bridge Room as well as our tea pavilion which accommodates about 30 on our three club days each week.

We are fortunate in having had Mr. R. H. Newton as our President for the last eight years and with our indefatigable Hon. Secretary, Dr. B. R. Sandiford, and a comparatively recent recruit to Croquet, Mr. F. S. B. Lawes, who has already become a very valuable help to the Club, we are optimistic for the future.

We cannot aspire to holding a Tournament, but inspired by Mr. Newton who attends so many meetings during each season, we hope to go from strength to strength, and with the help of our friends to attract new young members. We have six quite promising additions this season.

## NOTES *by* ROVER

CONGRATULATIONS to the new Champion! Such a success for Patrick Cotter is in a sense overdue, for perhaps no player in recent years has advanced so rapidly to the front rank or won so many first-class events in so short a time. Enterprise is so striking a characteristic of the play of one who is always eager to go out for anything that is "on" that his many admirers may be somewhat apt to overlook the more "brainy" aspects of Cotter's approach to the game. It used to be said of one of the greatest players of this century that he was in the habit of substituting shooting for tactics, but the champion of 1955, fine shot as he is, is not open to any such suggestion; you will often see him do the audacious thing, but very seldom the "wrong" one. Praise is due also to Dr. Penny who reached the final for the second year running and the third in all, and to Major Stone who on his most welcome return to headquarters so nearly unhorsed the ultimate victor in the semi-final. If we add to these names those of Humphrey Hicks, John Solomon and "Bobby" Wiggins, to mention no others, it is clear that England should not be unworthily represented in the Test Matches next year.

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It will be remembered that a second competition is to be played this year during the President's Cup week on similar lines for those deemed by the Council's selection committee to be the next best available players. This event has so far been referred to—in phraseology more suggestive of the river at one of our Universities than of the croquet lawn—as the "Second Eight". A more satisfactory title was not easily found, the obvious temptation of calling the competition the "Vice-Presidents' Cup" having been resisted in the interests of accuracy. But a solution has presented itself which arises from the origin of the trophy which is to be offered for this event. When the Surrey County Union, which flourished between the wars and, did so much useful pioneering work for the game under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Apps, was disbanded, the cups in its possession were handed over to our Association. It is one of these for which our "second eightsmen" will compete. It has therefore been thought eminently appropriate to designate this as the Surrey Cup, and it is thus that the competition will be officially described. Played as it will be at Roehampton, the description is for this further reason not unsuitable, and the trophy will happily link memories of the past with aspirations for the future.

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The letter from Mrs. Collins in our last issue, coming as it does from one of those whom we have been invited to describe as "tweenies", raises some

interesting reflections. We have sometimes wondered what the statistics to which she refers should be taken to suggest, unless it is—what most of us know to our cost only too well—how exceptionally good our very best players are. At the other end of the table it indicates clearly enough what is quite naturally to be expected—how much those with the highest handicaps have still to learn, and not least no doubt about how to make a fruitful use of their bisques. But in between the top and the bottom half-dozen matters seem to even out pretty well. Mrs. Collins, we think, tends to take a somewhat too modest view of the achievements of those in her class who, as these figures show, do not "walk off the court defeated" from their encounters with minus players so often as she seems to suggest. What is most interesting in her letter is the contention that "accuracy in stroke play is of more value than extra turns to correct inaccuracies". There is a real point here. Players should realise that bisques are not given them to compensate for faults in their play which they make no effort to correct. They ought to be regarded as temporary aids in an unending process of determined self-improvement, and we should all be grateful to Mrs. Collins for stressing this fact.

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We have been shown a letter received by an Associate here from a distinguished player in one of the dominions which argues vigorously for the contention "that there should be an 'advantage rule' in Croquet as in Rugby football, by which the offending side is penalised only if they gain an advantage from such infringement of the laws". Our readers may like to think over this proposal, but we confess that at the moment we are more impressed by the difficulty of applying such an idea than of the value of it. In so far, of course, as it may be aimed at preventing any snatching of an advantage from purely technical violations—as, e.g., stopping a ball within the corner spot area before it actually leaves the court—we imagine everyone would be in favour of such a ruling, *if any need for it existed*. Here at any rate it certainly does not: our game is not played in that spirit, whatever its detractors may believe. But in general we think it would be found extremely difficult in many cases to decide whether an advantage had been gained by a legal irregularity or not. (We have even heard a most distinguished player argue that "double tapping" doesn't matter because no advantage is gained by it.) And who is to decide such a question: the offending player, his adversary, or a referee called in after the deed is done? We can hardly believe that the introduction of this idea would add to the harmony and good feeling which now happily characterise our tournaments.

*Beginners, Please!*

## HOW NOT TO BE CORNERED

*by* The Rev. G. F. H. Elvey

IN our last instruction, we were discussing the matter of bringing in the fourth ball, when playing a three-ball break, and we had come to the point when Black in corner 1 had to be dealt with. I would remind you that for the three last lessons we have kept Blue as the mallet-ball, Yellow as the assistant ball for hoops 1, 3, 5, 1-back, etc., and Red for hoops 2, 4, 6, 2-back and so on. In the four-ball break Black was the middle-ball, and now Black is the odd ball lurking in corners, and having to be fetched out.

Now fetching Black from corner 1 depends very largely on how Yellow has been placed for hoop 5. Bearing in mind Black in corner 1, it is most important to have Yellow well placed for hoop 5. If possible put it about one yard to four feet from hoop 5 either right in front or slightly in the direction of hoop 1. It must not be either North or East of hoop 5. As you approach hoop 4, try to arrange so that when you have run it, you have a rush towards hoop 1. You rush Red towards hoop 1. Take-off to Black. Split Black to hoop 6 yourself getting a rush on Yellow for hoop 5.

I want to pause for a moment to point a moral! These strokes are particularly instructive because they demonstrate the extreme importance of correct ball positions. If you have Red at the right place for the fourth hoop, you can approach it so as, after running it, to have your Westward rush. But if Red is merely somewhere near the fourth hoop. Your have an awkward approach. You may have to run the hoop to the boundary, and you won't have any rush to help you afterwards. Likewise if Yellow for hoop 5 is North or East of that hoop, you will not be a position to split Black to hoop 6 and get a rush on Yellow for hoop 5. You may fail, in fact you often will fail to get the balls where they ought to be. But—don't let me ever hear you say, when you have misplaced a ball, "It does not matter!" Quite frankly, if you talk like that, and much worse think like that, it will come to this that you yourself will never matter as a player.

There are not many people left today, who remember Mr. C. D. Locock as a player. But I shall never forget how impressed I was, the first time I saw him play. Every ball seemed to go on the very spot he wanted it to, and he played on the principle that once control had been established, a player should never have to make a roquet of more than a yard. So please get it rigidly fixed in your mind that every ball position matters. Sending a ball somewhere is no good. I am not suggesting for a moment that when you fail to get the balls into book-positions you should be completely discouraged. Such an idea would be ridiculous, because when balls fail to go to book-positions we have got to try and get things right. But what

I am emphasising is that the careless idea that it does not much matter whether a ball is East, North, South or West, so long as it is more or less near where you want it to go, is a hopeless idea, leading to certain failure to make progress as a player.

I mentioned just now how much impressed I was in my very early days with C. D. Locock's play, and especially with his wonderful placing. This brings me to something I want with all possible emphasis to impress on my pupils. Never lose an opportunity of watching a first-class player. If you are at a tournament, don't unnecessarily "go down the town" just because you have been knocked out, or your game is not due until tomorrow. But, get a comfortable chair and watch one of the best players. Study carefully his or her methods. Believe me there is something to be learned from every single first-class player. So don't lose a chance of watching him or her.

When I began croquet, I cannot remember anyone ever trying to teach me anything. I learned from watching first-class players and from the one or two small books that were available in those days.

By the bye, one of the things that proves what a wonderful game Croquet is, is the fact that one never comes to a time, when there is not still something more to be learned about it!

Now all this is a digression, but I think it is a useful digression, if it impresses upon my pupils the extreme importance of accurate placing, to have their balls at the correct points, and not just somewhere near, and the need of watching first-class players.

Now, we must return to Blue, Red, Black and Yellow.

I have suggested that when you have run hoop 4, provided your ball positions are good, this is the best time for getting Black out of corner 1. But—supposing your ball positions are poor. We will imagine that you have lost your rush after hoop 4, and that Yellow at hoop 5 is in fact considerably East or North of it. So if you take-off to Black, you will have a very difficult split afterwards, and be extremely likely to break down. Therefore in such circumstances, I should advise continuing the three-ball break, doing your best meanwhile to improve your ball positions, and then as you approach and run hoop 1-back, try your hardest for a Southward rush, so that you can rush Yellow down the ground, giving yourself an easy take-off to Black. Then you can roquet Black and send it to hoop 3-back.

By the bye, there is a special method that can sometimes be employed of getting balls out of corners. It might be described as the cannon system. I will use just one example. Black is in corner 4, and you are approaching hoop 4. The question

as to whether you ought or ought not to have got Black out already is for the moment beside the point. In approaching hoop 4, you get a rush into corner 4. You rush Red into the corner. Provided you take croquet off Red, which you have roqueted, you can place the balls as you like, one, of course, being on the corner spot. The best way is to point Blue and Red towards hoop 6. Black is to be on the left-hand side about a quarter to half-an-inch from Blue. You now aim at, or about, shall we say, hoop 4. If you play the stroke correctly Red will travel towards hoop 6, and Black in the direction of hoop 1. You can then croquet Black to hoop 6, going to Yellow at hoop 5. When you have run hoop 5 off Yellow, you ought not, with the help of both Black and Red in the middle of the ground, to have any difficulty in doing whatever tidying up is necessary to set your four-ball break going in good style.

As I have mentioned the term cannon, I should perhaps pause to remark that this term is used in two senses in Croquet. The stroke I have described is called a cannon, but there is also another

stroke called a cannon, i.e., when you drive the croqueted-ball on to another ball. This type of cannon is often employed to clear a rover from the last hoop, so as to be able to rush it up to the peg. But—more of this, when we come to discuss the End Game.

I want to emphasise, before I close, that the other methods that I have suggested for getting the fourth ball from the corners, can be used when the fourth ball is lurking anywhere on the boundaries.

I would remark that no two breaks are ever exactly alike, no two games exactly alike. If they were, of course, the whole business would quickly lose interest. But this fact makes it impossible to give exact instructions for every eventuality, but I think enough has been explained to give the thoughtful beginner and medium player the ideas necessary for meeting a large variety of greatly differing situations.

We must now pass from break-making to break-obtaining, and that means "to be continued in our next."

## Your Turn to Play

by Tactician

TACTICIAN must begin with profuse apologies to Candy whom by gross carelessness, he robbed of ten marks in the totals given last month. These have now been restored and Candy's position proportionately improved. Competition remains extremely keen especially between the leading half-dozen.

One point seems to require clarification, to establish a break means to pick up one and bring over to a secure position, not as a few appear to think, to lay one for a subsequent turn. One competitor this month made some particularly thoughtful suggestions for laying a break and Tactician awarded some *ex gratia* marks for this—but it was not what was asked for.

The first question on this occasion was much the easier and five competitors earned the four marks given for this. The second was considerably more difficult; but on the whole competitors did very well with this. One said frankly that he had no idea how to get the ball into position to be peeled, but would have a bash at it—and made quite a good "bash". It is noticeable that the quality of the solutions offered seems to be improving each month.

### Solution to Question 1.

Black roquets Red and splits it in front of the 2nd hoop, being careful to get a rush on Blue a little to the north of Yellow. (This is preferable to a direct rush on Blue to hoop 1 as it allows for a slightly greater margin of error and enables Blue to be tapped a short distance into the court when the rush on Yellow to hoop 1 is secured.) When the hoop is made care should be taken to rush Yellow back to the East boundary a little below Blue;

it is then sent to the 3rd hoop and a rush secured on Blue to the centre, preferably on the rush-line to Red to hoop 2. The break can then be said to be established.

### Solution to Question 2.

Competitors were asked "What is Red's best chance of finishing with a single peel?" But what is in fact the "best" in such a case must be to some extent a matter of opinion. The issue here largely turns on whether the player prefers to get Yellow in peeling position by a rush after he has made 2-back with his ball, or whether he thinks it wiser to make his break secure by sending Yellow to 4-back first and relying on his ability to send it to the rover after this. Tactician considers the latter method the better one and has marked competitors accordingly, hoping those who disagree will forgive him for this. In either case Red should begin his turn by croqueting Black near hoop 6—it is unsafe to attempt to send it further for it is of course vital that he should secure a rush on Blue to Yellow. He will tap Blue a little way into the court when securing his rush on Yellow to 2-back. In making this hoop he must be particularly careful to get a backward rush to a few yards West of Black; he then sends Yellow to 4-back, getting a rush on Black either direct to 3-back or to Blue, whichever seems to be the easier. After this the proceedings are (theoretically at any rate) fairly straight forward. But it is of course vital to get both the Blue and Black down to the neighbourhood of the rover hoop (to which Yellow is sent after 4-back is made) so that these balls should be available to knock Yellow clear of the rover hoop before the rush to the peg is made. Not all competitors appeared to realise this.

## RESULT OF JULY COMPETITION WITH TOTALS

	Q1(4)	Q2(5)	Total	Grand Total
B. I. Rite ...	4*	5*	9	31
Old Faggot ...	4*	5*	9	31
Boxwood ...	3	4	7	29
Foot ...	2	5*	7	29
Eagerheart ...	4*	5*	9	28
Flying Hackle ...	3	3	6	28
Virtuous ...	4*	4	8	23
Tortoise ...	3	5*	8	22
Blurebky ...	3	3	6	21
Candy ...	2	4	6	21
Chip ...	4*	3	7	20
Reasoned ...	3	3	6	19
Canary ...	3	4	7	18
Enterprise ...	3	4	7	18
Lulu ...	2	1	3	10
Kim ...	1	1	2	8
Pusscat ...	3	1	4	4

(New Competitor)

\*Full marks for question.

All solutions by August 15th at latest.

This month's questions:

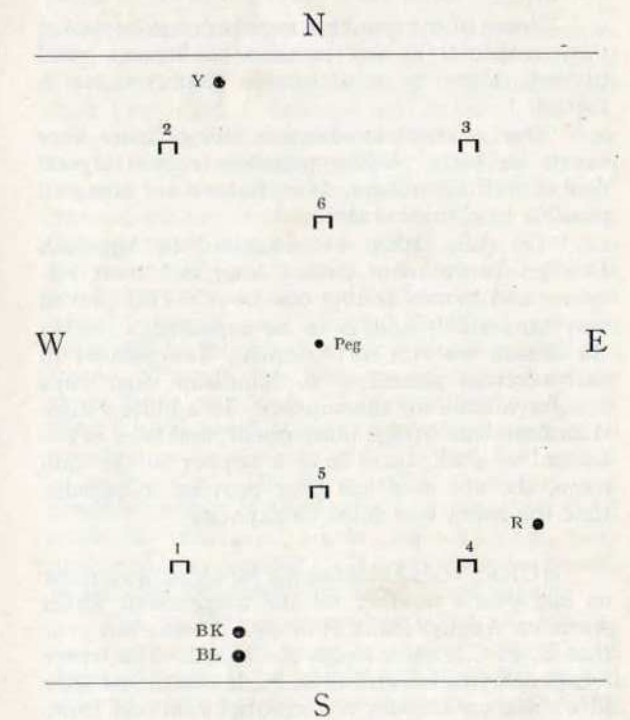
### Question 1.

In a handicap doubles match Blue and Red are minus players and their partners are each high bisquers. Red has just completed a break and is now for 4-back. Blue, Black and Yellow, are all for the first hoop. Blue is to play, and intends to make an all round break and to peg out Red. What is the least number of hoops that Blue must make before a four-ball break is established?

### Question 2.

In another handicap doubles match Blue, Black and Yellow, are all for the peg. Red is for

3-back. Blue and Yellow are minus players while Black and Red have respectively handicaps of 2 and 4. Red and Yellow are wired. It is Red and Yellow's turn to play. They have  $\frac{1}{2}$  a bisque in hand. What should they do?



## A QUESTION OF LAW . . . by Lex

WE have received from a correspondent a most interesting letter—we were going to say treatise—on the subject of the pass-roll. Our correspondent sends us diagrams and mathematical proofs to show that not only the pass-roll is legal but to give the exact reason for the behaviour of the balls when hit. Unfortunately space prevents our publishing this letter in the present issue of *Croquet*, though we hope we may be able to do so later in the year. We regret this break in our pass-roll controversy and have indeed suggested to our correspondent that we might publish extracts from his letter. He feels, however, that all or nothing is the only way to do justice to so intriguing a subject.

It has been suggested that no camera could take a photograph of the stroke owing to the speed required. We still think, however, that a moving picture might be taken and then shown in slow motion. Lex would like to see an attempt made to do this. Nothing would be lost and much might be gained.

In the meanwhile there remains the school of thought which says a pass-roll must of necessity be a foul, and another school of thought, we fancy to be the more numerous, which holds that a

pass-roll stroke can be executed with complete cleanness.

The question of shortening the game of Croquet with the object of increasing its popularity has again been raised. This only comes within the purview of Lex insofar as the laws of the game are concerned. If it were desirable to shorten the game, what alteration in the laws could best achieve this without *harming* the game? One of croquet's chief attractions lies in the necessity of as complete accuracy as possible in the execution and strength of strokes. If the lawn is smaller the need for this accuracy is reduced, or more correctly perhaps, the penalty for inaccuracy is less severe. This is but one example of the damage that may be done by such a change.

If you shorten the game you may well interfere with tactics. The unpopularity of shortened handicap games suggests that no agreed reform is likely to come this way.

Lex wonders whether least harm would not be done to the game by the reversion to four-inch hoops on all occasions with the exception of open croquet association events. It would be interesting to hear what our readers think—more especially those amongst them who have had some experience of playing on these hoops.

## Notes from the Clubs

OUR NOTTINGHAM Club correspondent writes:

"Some of our younger members are becoming very enthusiastic and promise to become good players, there is a noticeable improvement in tactics.

"Our greatest handicap is lack of space, four courts for forty playing members entails a good deal of waiting on busy days, but we are doing all possible to eliminate this.

"On July 10th, we organised an American Doubles Tournament pairing long and short bisquers, and games lasting one hour. This proved very successful, and is to be repeated. During the season we run an American Tournament in four sections according to handicap, four cups being available for the winners. In addition there is an American bridge tournament, and later in the season we shall again have a supper in the club room, the one held last year proving so popular that the room was filled to capacity."

HURLINGHAM is hoping for an improvement on last year's weather for the tournament which starts on August Bank Holiday. It was last year that E. P. C. Cotter swept the board. The writer recalls delaying his arrival on Friday until just after 11 o'clock on account of torrential rain and being astonished on reaching the club house to hear that Cotter had already beaten Ross in two straight games in just over the hour, having played throughout in a heavy and continuous downpour.

I. C. Baillieu has won this section of the Lomas Cup competition and has also reached the final of the Level Singles event. He will doubtless be hearing from the handicapper before the end of the season. Brigadier A. E. Stokes-Roberts had recently joined Hurlingham and by the time these notes are in print he will have been defending his title to the Silver Jubilee Cup which is contested on the Hurlingham lawns.

The BUDLEIGH Season is progressing successfully and enjoyably.

The top players are in great form this year, and all are particularly proud of the doings of Mrs. E. Rotherham and Major G. F. Stone.

The tail, too, is wagging vigorously and to much purpose, beginners and near-beginners are appearing to vie with one another in their efforts to get their Handicaps lowered on all possible occasions. It is particularly pleased to note, that even our beginners have already acquired the "fixed idea" of "going for the break" whenever possible.

Six lawns are kept continually in play, and their generally good condition is only marred by a somewhat persistent encroachment of clover, which so far has not been eradicated.

So keen are the new players that it has been found necessary to maintain a system of reservation of lawns, in order to avoid congestion and disappointments, and this has worked smoothly and pleasantly.

Eight

The usual full programme of Club competitions, with a new American Doubles Handicap for a cup kindly presented by Mrs. G. Calthrop, has really kept all very busy indeed, with the May Unofficial Tournament thrown in for good measure.

Golf Croquet is kept alive by monthly Saturday afternoons and by an American Tournament for the Cup kindly presented last year by Mrs. Heathcote, and won this year for the second time running by Mrs. L. G. Walters.

At the moment our fickle weather appears to be set "fair" and all are looking forward to a successful and jolly July Tournament, in spite of the insidious counter-attractions of Ascot.

Our COMPTON Club correspondent writes as follows:

"It is pleasing to be able to report another successful tournament. During the week 27th June to 2nd July, we were highly favoured with beautiful weather, with the exception of one day during which we were again fortunate, inasmuch as the drizzle was never heavy enough to prevent play.

"Entries were only slightly less than last year and, with the efficient catering arrangements, most successfully carried out by the Ladies' Committee, the meeting proved a very enjoyable event.

"On this occasion two handsome silver cups, the property of the Club, were presented to the winners of the Open and Handicap events, to be held for one year, and this procedure will be continued in future tournaments."

Our BUXTON correspondent contributes the following:

"The success of a Tournament does not always depend upon the size of the entry. Fewer people played in the Buxton tournament this year than usual (perhaps the Rail Strike had something to do with this), yet it proved to be one of the most enjoyable tournaments ever held. The weather was good, the sun shone brilliantly most of the week, and the pavilion gardens were looking their best. R. Faulkner, the holder of the North of England Championship Trophy, was beaten in the Finals by H. O. Hicks. This match was watched with great interest by a large number of people, as these two brilliant players had never met before. Faulkner played beautiful croquet, but he was just not good enough. But then, he has not had the experience of his opponent.

"It was indeed good of Mr. Hicks to make the long journey from Devon to Derbyshire, and the fact that he was playing in the tournament was perhaps the chief reason for its success."

A club correspondent who has been staying in Kent tells us that the many people who visited Chartwell when the grounds were thrown open to the public would have seen, as she did, Lady Churchill's beautifully laid out croquet lawn, looking as if a championship match was just about to be played on it. She adds, what better advertisement for Croquet could there possibly be than this.

## BRIDGE by E. P. C. Cotter, *British International*

ASK a bridge player for the most interesting hand he has played and he will almost certainly trot out a squeeze or a coup. But here is a three-no-trump hand which gave me as much satisfaction as any hand I have ever played. Cover up the East West hands while you plan the play.

S—K, Q, 8, 3.  
H—10, 8.  
D—K, 10.  
C—A, Q, 8, 5, 3.

S—A, 9. N S—10, 6, 5, 2.  
H—K, J, 9, 2. W E H—Q, 7, 5.  
D—Q, 8, 7, 6. S D—5, 4, 3.  
C—K, 10, 4. C—9, 7, 6.

S—J, 7, 2.  
H—A, 7, 6, 3.  
D—A, J, 9, 2.  
C—J, 6.

Score: Love All. Dealer: West.

The bidding:

W	N	E	S
1NT	Double	No	No
2D	3C	No	3NT

West led H2, dummy played H8 East HQ. What do you know at this stage? First of all, after HQ appears from East, it is clear that the remaining honours are all with West. Secondly, from the bidding and the lead, West would appear to have four hearts and four diamonds. Has he

two spades and three clubs or *vice versa*? Eight tricks are in sight, where is the ninth?

I won trick one with HA. It is pointless to hold up as East will never get in. Furthermore if the Ace is held up the contract is doomed! At trick two I led a diamond and finessed the ten, and the King of diamonds won trick three. Now the H10 was led to throw West in. Now do you see why HA was played to trick one? Tricks four, five and six are winning hearts by West. On these dummy must discard two clubs. Now West has to give me the ninth trick. A club lead gives a third club trick, a diamond lead an extra diamond trick. In actual play West led the S9. Great care must still be exercised. This is *not* won with the knave. Though this play would succeed as the cards lie it would fail against three spades in West's hand (work it out). I provided against all possibilities by winning with SQ and leading SK to trick eight. The SJ must be preserved as a possible entry. If West wins and returns a third spade the *spade suit breaks* (see why clubs were discarded from dummy?). If (as actually happened) he has only two spades he is end-played again.

This hand contains points worth great study and it is an object lesson in timing. The Ace of diamonds cannot be cashed till West has parted with SA and an entry must either be preserved or created by end-playing West. [Copyright

### LONGMAN (CLUB TEAM) CUP

WOKING *versus* EDGBASTON

Played at Hurlingham on Saturday, July 16th, 1955

Woking players named first

SINGLES.

W. A. Rushbrook (4) lost to Dr. B. R. Sandiford (1½) by 15.  
Capt. K. B. Millar (7) bt J. B. Meachem (4½) by 9.  
Mrs. R. Whitham (9) bt H. Brown (7) by 4.

DOUBLES.

W. A. Rushbrook and Mrs. R. Whitham (13) bt Dr. B. R. Sandiford and Miss C. Templeton (11½) by 1.  
Capt. K. B. Millar and R. Whitham (15) lost to J. B. Meachem and H. Brown (11½) by 2.

RESULT.—Woking bt Edgbaston by 3 games to 2.

ROEHAMPTON *versus* RYDE

Played at Woking on Tuesday, July 19th, 1955

Roehampton players named first

SINGLES.

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (3) bt Major J. H. Dibley (½) by 16.  
Miss D. Jennings (3½) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4½) by 10.  
Mrs. H. J. Collins (3½) lost to Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (6) by 8.

DOUBLES.

Miss D. Jennings and Mrs. H. J. Collins (7) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley and Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (10½) by 9.  
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts and Mrs. M. Carrington (13) bt Major J. H. Dibley and Mrs. A. R. Brown (11½) by 10.  
RESULT.—Roehampton bt Ryde by 4 matches to 1.

### Long Week-end . . . by S.S.T.

FIVE members of our croquet club spent a delightful August bank holiday week-end at Hoopwell by the Sea and played a series of games against five players nominated by the local club. One round was played on Saturday, two on Sunday and two on the Bank Holiday, each of our players meeting each of the home five once.

Our captain, Smoothstyle, gave me a few details of the games.

In the last round he played the chap who beat Peg Downe in the second.

The same Hoopwell member played Peg Downe in the fourth round and Major Tyce in the fifth.

In the first round Smoothstyle lost heavily to the chap who was beaten in the following round by Major Tyce.

The chap beaten by Admiral Longshot in the last round beat Major Tyce in the third round.

The Hoopwell member who played against Sir Thomas Toobak in the third round beat Peg Downe in the fourth.

Which of our members played in the last round against the Hoopwell member who played Sir Thomas Toobak in the second?

Nine

## OBITUARY

COL. D. H. POWELL

We regret to record the death of the man, who, as Games Secretary at Hurlingham in the years immediately following the war, contributed so much to the revival of Croquet at this famous and beautiful Club. Col. Powell not only took the warmest interest in helping to put the game once more on its feet, but himself took it up and showed signs of becoming a good player. Unhappily, after a year or two, a breakdown in health forced him to retire from his post and he went to live in Ireland, being seldom seen over here after this. Sadness is mingled with gratitude as we recall the aid he gave to the game at a critical moment in its fortunes.

## THE ALL ENGLAND HANDICAP

Roehampton, August 10th to 12th

### FINAL STAGES

- 3 W. Longman (Hurlingham)
- 2½ E. A. Roper (Southwick)
- 3 Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (Roehampton)
- 1 E. P. Duffield (Colchester)
- 1½ W. P. Ormerod (Clifton)
- 3½ Miss J. Warwick (Hunstanton)

- \*6 D. A. Harris (Folkestone)
- 3½ Miss M. C. Macaulay (Leamington)
- 1½ D. M. Anderson (Cheltenham)
- 6½ E. Whitehead (Chelmsford)
- 10 Major F. Hill-Bernhard (Parkstone)
- 1 Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (Budleigh Salterton)
- 4½ A. J. Parkes (Edgbaston)
- 4 G. Birch (Nottingham)
- 1½ T. Wood-Hill (Buxton)
- ½ W. W. Sweet-Escott (Sidmouth)
- 4½ E. P. C. Cotter (Hurlingham)
- ½ Major J. H. Dibley (Ryde)
- ½ Major J. W. Cobb (Woking)
- 3½ Mrs. H. J. Collins (Roehampton)

Solution to last month's puzzle

### A REGULAR MIX-UP

Mr.	Represented	Born in
Ryde	Sidmouth	Ryde
Clifton		Clifton
X	Buxton	X
Y	Ryde	Y
Bedford		

The 5 clues enable the above table to be completed as far as is shown, using X and Y to indicate the players referred to in clues (4) and (5).

Mr. X and Mr. Y can only be Messrs. Buxton or Sidmouth, and as Mr. X represented Buxton he cannot be Mr. Buxton, so that he is Mr. Sidmouth and Mr. Y, is, therefore Mr. Buxton.

The rest of the table can now be easily completed. The only remaining missing link in the last column is Bedford and this can, therefore, be filled in as Mr. Ryde's birth-place.

In the second column Clifton and Bedford are the missing clubs and they can obviously only be associated with Mr. Bedford and Mr. Clifton respectively.

The Clifton representative was, therefore, Mr. Bedford.

## ENGLAND v. EIRE

The welcome appearance at the Hurlingham Club on Saturday, July 2nd, of six prominent players from Ireland was favoured with lovely weather.

It was indeed good to see P. Duff Mathews over here again, after far too long an interval; he of course was the captain of the team, among whom were other old friends such as G. M. FitzPatrick, and B. T. and Mrs. O'Reilly. Lady FitzGerald, J. J. Robinson, and his son, D. Robinson, completed the visiting team.

As the scores show, all three Doubles Matches were extremely close games. That between Duff Mathews and FitzPatrick and E. P. C. Cotter and J. Solomon presented the chief interest, and spectators were treated to two perfect all-round breaks from Duff Mathews and Cotter. That delicate touch of the Irish player received full support from the fast surface of the Hurlingham lawn. The finish was remarkable for a fine single peel by Duff Mathews of his partner through the rover hoop; then surprise was shown when he pegged his own rover ball out leaving FitzPatrick 8 yards from the peg. The game went to England +1.

The singles games were won by the home team rather more easily. Cotter v. Duff Mathews looked at one time likely to be an interesting match and full of quality. However, with a break established by the Irish player, a short roquet missed after making the second hoop—robbed the game of further progressive play from his mallet.

Lady FitzGerald has a quick very accurate style of play and put up strong opposition to Solomon. He concluded his victory +15 with a triple peel.

The scores were:—

### SINGLES.

- E. P. C. Cotter bt Duff Mathews by 22.
- J. W. Solomon bt Lady FitzGerald by 15.
- Major G. F. Stone bt G. M. FitzPatrick by 25.
- Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt J. J. Robinson by 26.
- Miss D. A. Lintern bt D. Robinson by 21.
- C. W. R. Hodges bt Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly by 23.

### DOUBLES.

- E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon bt P. Duff Mathews and G. M. FitzPatrick by 1.
- Major G. F. Stone and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Lady FitzGerald and Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly by 3.
- Miss D. A. Lintern and C. W. R. Hodges bt D. Robinson and B. T. O'Reilly by 8.

## MATCH

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON v. PARKSTONE

### SINGLES.

- Mrs. E. Rotherham bt J. Hewitt by 18.
- Col. G. E. Cave lost to V. de la Nougerede by 6.
- Miss A. E. Mills lost to Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 19.
- Miss V. E. Mills lost to Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 15.
- Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse lost to Mrs. J. A. McMordie by 22.
- Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse lost to Col. F. E. W. Baldwin by 15.

### DOUBLES.

- Mrs. Rotherham and Miss A. E. Mills bt Mrs. Ashton and V. de la Nougerede by 4.
- Col. Cave and Miss V. E. Mills lost to Comdr. Beamish and Mrs. Gasson by 13.

RESULT.—Parkstone (East Dorset) bt Budleigh Salterton by 6 games to 2.

## THE CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIPS

JULY 4th

Because this, the premier event of the season, was favoured with six days of real summer weather we hope to be excused for mentioning such an exceptional occurrence. On the other hand, the quality of the play—considering that out of the 28 players 22 of them were either minus or scratch players—was often quite unlike that usually expected from those competing for the highest honours of the game.

H. O. Hicks, with a wonderful record to his credit of six Championships—four in sequence—made a good start by defeating Rev. G. F. H. Elvey in the first round. Then he met Mrs. E. Rotherham who, after a game all, not only took possession of the third game but won it. Her play was exemplary for most of this game, until she stuck in 4-back; this was also his hoop—and he too failed to make it. Shortly after Hicks ran this hoop, but made no further roquet; Mrs. Rotherham hit in and went out easily to win the match +15.

Dr. H. J. Penny, last year's runner-up for the Championship (after beating G. M. FitzPatrick in the first game and being given a walk-over in the second) was Mrs. Rotherham's next opponent. The first game was a very close one indeed, Penny winning it by 3 points; the second was also his—and he was a semi-finalist.

Miss D. A. Lintern, by two games, had defeated Mrs. Elvey—though, as the scores suggest, it was not an easy victory. J. W. Solomon had a somewhat similar win in his first round against G. Williams; neither player could be said to have given of his best, and, incidentally, Williams—having mislaid his own mallet—was playing with a borrowed one.

Solomon v. Miss Lintern was not a match productive of much quality; the scores to Solomon +14, +9, suggest this—the innings changing hands far too often, and from errors not expected from such usually exemplary players.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins found his first opponent, Major R. Tingey, putting up strong opposition; Tingey won the second game by a narrow margin, +3, but Wiggins won the match with the complete points, +26.

Solomon and Wiggins then met to play into the semi-final—for Wiggins had somewhat decisively defeated G. C. Reid-Walker in two games. Though this match resulted in a win for Solomon, the first game was his by the smallest margin, +1. Wiggins pegged out Solomon, and later went out himself when his partner ball was for the rover hoop and his opponent for 4-back. Wiggins got good position for rover and ran it; Solomon had made 4-back and was in good position for the penultimate. In spite of this Wiggins left his ball within easy reach of his opponent who hit it and went out.

The second game took a long time to be productive of hoops. Then Solomon made a good break to 4-back. Wiggins failed to hit a slightly faulty cross-peg, and Solomon made another break, to the peg, peeling his partner through 4-back. The peg-out was done somewhat unusually—first one ball put out, and then, the opponent failing to get in the other.

W. Longman having beaten D. Robinson in the first round then opposed Mrs. E. Reeve—Capt. H. G. Stoker had retired to her after the first game. Mrs. Reeve won with two straight games, though, the second looked dubious for some time.

E. P. C. Cotter had a somewhat unusual match against M. Spencer Ell; he won the first +21, and lost the second -3, his opponent then retiring. This put him in the last eight, opposed to Mrs. Reeve, and the scores +8, +24, give strong evidence of how much one game can differ from another.

Major G. F. Stone defeated M. B. Reckitt in two games, which brought him in opposition to Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts who had had a walk-over from Mrs. W. Longman. The Brigadier put up substantial opposition in the first game, as the score shows, but the second game was won by the maximum points.

Before Stone could join Cotter in the semi-final he had to play Lady FitzGerald. She has a quick and attractive style and for some time put up strong resistance to her opponent; but when she seemed to be set for a break something went wrong, and Stone was Cotter's opponent in the semi-final.

These two fine players had met in the 1950 Championship when Stone won a 3-game match. They again played three games, and if ever it looked to be Stone again it was now. They were a game all, Stone pegged Cotter out—

he for 4-back, Cotter for 2-back. Cotter was in, he had a long approach for his hoop which seemed to finish hopelessly placed for any possibility of running the hoop; he made a hard drive from 2 or 3 yards at the side of the hoop; the ball hit the near side upright, spun round and through the hoop. The rest was simple and the match went to Cotter +22, -23, +4.

Penny and Solomon played a most prolonged match in the other semi-final; as the score denotes, the middle one of the three games was worthy of the occasion but the other two were very much the reverse—the contest lasted every minute of a very long day from 10 a.m. till after 7 p.m.

### THE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

E. P. C. Cotter v. Dr. H. J. Penny

This was the second year running that Penny had reached the final of the Open Championship.

Both players seemed unlikely to make progress of any kind, for when in they stuck in hoops. The really wonderful and repeated long shots from Penny unfortunately seldom bore fruit. After two hours' play Penny was on 4-back and 3, Cotter on 4 and 5; then Penny made a good break from 3 to 4-back where he missed a short roquet. This let Cotter in, and he played well enough to win a poor example of the game—not before Penny had made two more hoops.

The second and conclusive game looked as if it might be a repetition of the first; but in the middle of it Cotter appeared to have decided to win the 1955 Championship, for he gave spectators a fine quick example of how this could and should be done. It is difficult to realise that this fine example of a croquet player had never before won the Croquet Championship.

### THE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Among the ten pairs competing for this Premier Doubles Event there were several partnerships differing from those of last year. Of course the holders, Cotter and Solomon, combined again—and Hicks and Wiggins were together, hoping no doubt at least to meet one another in the final and repeat their victories in this event of 1952 and 1953.

Major Cobb and Mrs. Reeve were opposed to a very strong partnership in the first round—Mrs. Rotherham and Miss Lintern—and after a strenuous game just won it by 3 points. The winners then met the Elveys and after a fluctuating game passed into the semi-final. This was a long game with a finish that provided plenty of interest and excitement, for Stokes-Roberts had been pegged out. He only wanted the last two points; but the essential key to obtaining them—the long shot—he sought in vain. We were told that the number of shots he was given ran into substantially double figures, among them, of course, those that look certain to hit until the last few yards and then decide to turn off. It was, therefore, Cobb and Mrs. Reeve who entered the final—to the exclusion of Penny and Stokes-Roberts.

Let us now trace the progress of the other finalists, Cotter and Solomon. After Hicks and Wiggins had defeated Reckitt and Rothwell—one of the several very long games—they were against the holders. This match which was expected to be of tremendous interest—and full of quality, disappointed the spectators completely; neither Hicks nor his partner could settle down to anything like his usual attractive and accurate game.

Cotter and Solomon, therefore, were in the semi-final opposed to Tingey and FitzPatrick who had defeated Stone and Mrs. L. C. Apps. In this latter game Mrs. Apps ran the second hoop from quite 8 yards, and only just missed one of two balls near the third hoop which would have given her the break.

This semi-final represented one of the few examples of the class of play spectators expect to enjoy in a week of Championship Croquet, and Cotter and Solomon entered the final, +26.

This Doubles Championship Final was won of the few quick games. Cotter was soon at 4-back; the others did not at once follow his quick accurate example of hoop-running. Then Solomon seemed to think he might make hoops: so without any outstanding incidents, he assisted his partner once again to win the Doubles Championship.

### THE ASSOCIATION PLATE

Nearly all the famous players of the day have won this handsome trophy, presented in 1925 by W. Longman. Only to M. B. Reckitt, however, having now won the

Association Plate three years in succession—belongs this unique record. Mrs. L. C. Apps had won twice in sequence, 1930 and 1931. After a very close game against Williams in the first round Reckitt reached the final more substantially. Here he encountered Major Cobb who was in no mood to be trifled with. After a long contest, Reckitt seemed to realise that it would be a good thing to create a record and win the Plate three times running, and he just managed it with the score, +8.

Mrs. G. J. Turketine gave every satisfaction to the players by her courteous management of the Championships. Her firm, yet always fair, treatment of competitors is an admirable example of how this sometimes difficult position can be successfully filled.

#### THE CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP.

(28 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

H. O. Hicks bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey +19 +26.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton +6 +9.  
Miss D. A. Lintern bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +13 +9.  
J. W. Solomon bt G. Williams +8 +19.  
C. G. Reid-Walker bt R. F. Rothwell +10 +11.  
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Major R. Tingey +18 -3 +26.  
W. Longman bt D. Robinson +15 +13.  
Mrs. E. Reeve bt Capt. H. G. Stoker -2 opponent retired.  
E. P. C. Cotter bt M. Spencer Ell +21 -3 opponent retired.  
E. V. Carpmal bt Major J. W. Cobb +3 +3.  
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts w.o. Mrs. W. Longman opponent scratched.  
Major G. F. Stone bt M. B. Reckitt +18 +24.  
The rest had byes.

##### SECOND ROUND.

Dr. H. J. Penny bt G. M. Fitzpatrick +13 opponent retired.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt H. O. Hicks -17 +14 +15.  
J. W. Solomon bt Miss D. A. Lintern +14 +9.  
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt C. G. Reid-Walker +25 +22.  
Mrs. E. Reeve bt W. Longman +17 +5.  
E. P. C. Cotter bt E. V. Carpmal +5 +14.  
Major G. F. Stone bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts +4 +26.  
Lady Fitzgerald bt Mrs. L. C. Apps +7 +11.

##### THIRD ROUND.

Dr. H. J. Penny bt Mrs. E. Rotherham +3 +16.  
J. W. Solomon bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +1 +18.  
E. P. C. Cotter bt Mrs. E. Reeve +8 +24.  
Major G. F. Stone bt Lady Fitzgerald +19 +15.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

Dr. H. J. Penny bt J. W. Solomon +3 -23 +5.  
E. P. C. Cotter bt Major G. F. Stone +22 -23 +4.

##### FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter bt Dr. H. J. Penny +6 +15.

#### THE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

(10 Pairs).

##### FIRST ROUND.

Major J. W. Cobb and Mrs. E. Reeve bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss D. A. Lintern by 3.  
H. O. Hicks and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt M. B. Reckitt and R. F. Rothwell by 12.

##### SECOND ROUND.

Dr. H. J. Penny and Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts bt D. Robinson and Lady Fitzgerald by 23.  
Major J. W. Cobb and Mrs. E. Reeve bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 14.  
E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon bt H. O. Hicks and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins by 18.  
Major R. Tingey and G. M. Fitzpatrick bt Major G. F. Stone and Mrs. L. C. Apps by 9.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

Major J. W. Cobb and Mrs. E. Reeve bt Dr. H. J. Penny and Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts by 2.  
E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon bt Major R. Tingey and G. M. Fitzpatrick by 26.

##### FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon bt Major J. W. Cobb and Mrs. E. Reeve by 24.

#### THE ASSOCIATION PLATE.

(13 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

M. B. Reckitt bt G. Williams by 5.  
M. Spencer Ell bt Capt. H. G. Stoker by 6.  
W. Longman bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts by 18.

G. M. Fitzpatrick bt Mrs. L. C. Apps by 9.  
Major J. W. Cobb bt D. Robinson by 17.  
The rest had byes.

##### SECOND ROUND.

M. B. Reckitt bt E. V. Carpmal by 19.  
W. Longman bt M. Spencer Ell by 3.  
Major J. W. Cobb bt G. M. Fitzpatrick by 12.  
R. F. Rothwell bt Major R. Tingey by 6.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

M. B. Reckitt bt W. Longman by 19.  
Major J. W. Cobb bt R. F. Rothwell by 15.

##### FINAL.

M. B. Reckitt bt Major J. W. Cobb by 8.

## NOTTINGHAM

JUNE 13th to 18th

*Publication delayed owing to postal difficulties during the recent railway strike.*

The Nottingham Club completed their annual tournament on Saturday, June 18th, after a most satisfactory week, including the weather.

It was most gratifying to the Club to have a strong visiting contingent of no less than eleven players, and this competition brought out a strong challenge from the home Club members who were most determined to see that some trophies, at least, should remain at home.

In this they were not unsuccessful; E. J. Cook winning the "X" Division and W. F. Lord the Handicap Singles for 5 bisques and over.

Several of the Club's newest members also entered the tournament, though only in their second playing season and the experience they gained will be invaluable to them.

It is always a gladdening sight to see the holder of a trophy again reach the Final of that event, and the final of the "Robin Hood Gold Cup" was this year fought between Dr. G. L. Ormerod the holder, and F. H. Fisher, the winner in the first year of the cup's presentation by the Association. The result was a win for the second year running for Dr. Ormerod, a record which for a handicap event of this calibre will be hard to beat. A tense moment in this match occurred when Dr. Ormerod with a break nicely laid declared he failed to move his opponent's ball when taking croquet. His opponent, however, failed to take much advantage from this situation.

The "Opens" provided an exciting climax on the Saturday. G. Birch, one of the Club's younger players, having beaten Dr. H. J. Penny in the Final of the "Process" by 3, again did battle with the Doctor in the play-off, Dr. Penny having accounted for last year's winner, H. O. Hodgson, in the final of the "Draw". In the play-off Dr. Penny just managed to avenge his defeat in the "Process" by beating Birch by 4.

The prizes were distributed by Mrs. J. R. Elliott, the Club's Chairman, who has done so much for the Club, not only this year, but from its foundation. Congratulations and thanks to her and to her committee for the very able and splendid organisation and catering.

To Miss Steel, we all thank you for once again managing the tournament in your usual calm and efficient manner.

#### ROBIN HOOD GOLD CUP.

##### HANDICAP SINGLES.

(15 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

J. G. Warwick (-1½) bt E. J. Cook (8) by 2.  
G. Birch (4) bt R. H. Newton (2) by 3.  
G. Bright (2) bt Mrs. E. M. Gill (12) by 10.  
Dr. G. L. Ormerod (4) bt Miss A. S. E. Lockton (4) by 21.  
V. A. de la Nougere (0) bt Mrs. L. Abdy (10) by 4.  
H. O. Hodgson (½) bt T. Wood-Hill (1½) by 17.  
Rev. F. J. Denbow (5) bt Mrs. A. M. Riddey (9) by 18.  
The rest had byes.

##### SECOND ROUND.

J. G. Warwick (-1½) bt G. Birch (4) by 13.  
Dr. G. L. Ormerod (4) bt G. N. Bright (2) by 14.  
H. O. Hodgson (½) bt V. A. de la Nougere (0) by 9.  
F. H. Fisher (-1½) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow (5) by 3.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

Dr. G. L. Ormerod (4) bt J. G. Warwick (-1½) by 4.  
F. H. Fisher (-1½) bt H. O. Hodgson (½) by 4.

##### FINAL.

Dr. G. L. Ormerod (4) bt F. H. Fisher (-1½) by ??.

#### OPEN SINGLES.

##### THE DRAW.

(12 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

Dr. H. J. Penny w.o. A. H. Fabb.  
R. H. Newton bt G. Birch by 10.  
H. O. Hodgson bt J. G. Warwick by 1.  
Dr. G. L. Ormerod bt F. H. Fisher by 8.  
The rest had byes.

##### SECOND ROUND.

T. Wood-Hill bt Mrs. F. M. Cook by 8.  
Dr. H. J. Penny bt R. H. Newton by 17.  
H. O. Hodgson bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod by 17.  
V. A. de la Nougere (0) bt G. N. Bright by 2.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

Dr. H. J. Penny bt T. Wood-Hill by 17.  
H. O. Hodgson bt V. A. de la Nougere (0) by 14.

##### FINAL.

Dr. H. J. Penny bt H. O. Hodgson by 23.

##### PLAY-OFF.

Dr. H. J. Penny bt G. Birch by 4.

#### PROCESS.

(12 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

V. A. de la Nougere (0) w.o. A. H. Fabb.  
Dr. G. L. Ormerod bt T. Wood-Hill by 2.  
G. N. Bright bt J. G. Warwick by 20.  
F. H. Fisher bt Mrs. F. M. Cook by 20.

##### SECOND ROUND.

H. O. Hodgson bt V. A. de la Nougere (0) by 14.  
G. Birch w.o. Dr. G. L. Ormerod.  
Dr. H. J. Penny bt G. N. Bright by 15.  
F. H. Fisher bt R. H. Newton by 18.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

G. Birch w.o. H. O. Hodgson.  
Dr. H. J. Penny bt F. H. Fisher by 16.

##### FINAL.

G. Birch bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 3.

#### HANDICAP SINGLES.

(5 Bisques and over).

(14 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

Rev. F. J. Denbow (5) bt Mrs. M. C. Peake (\*9) by 7.  
Mrs. F. M. Cook (7) bt Mrs. H. Greaves (\*14) by 4.  
W. F. Lord (10) bt Mrs. A. M. Riddey (9) by 20.  
Mrs. L. Abdy (10) bt Miss W. Stevenson (9) by 5.  
A. O. Taylor (5) bt Mrs. A. H. Fabb (\*14) by 11.  
Mrs. E. M. Gill (12) bt Mrs. E. M. Bright (13) by 11.  
The rest had byes.

##### SECOND ROUND.

E. J. Cook (8) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow (5) by 7.  
W. F. Lord (10) bt Mrs. F. M. Cook (7) by 8.  
Mrs. L. Abdy (10) bt A. O. Taylor (5) by 11.  
Mrs. E. M. Gill (12) bt Mrs. A. Collinson (\*11) by 14.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

W. F. Lord (10) bt E. J. Cook (8) by 12.  
Mrs. E. M. Gill (12) bt Mrs. L. Abdy (10) by 7.

##### FINAL.

W. F. Lord (10) bt Mrs. E. M. Gill (12) by 21.

#### EVENT "Y".

(12 Entries).

Mrs. F. M. Cook (7) bt T. Wood-Hill (1½) by 9.  
Mrs. M. C. Peake (9) bt W. F. Lord (10) by 2.  
Mrs. A. E. Robinson (9) bt F. H. Fisher (-1½) by 13.  
Mrs. H. Greaves (14) bt Miss W. Stevenson (9) by 9.  
The rest had byes.

##### SECOND ROUND.

R. H. Newton (2) w.o. Mrs. A. H. Fabb (14).  
Mrs. M. C. Peake (9) bt Mrs. F. M. Cook (7) by 2.  
Mrs. H. Greaves (14) bt Mrs. A. E. Robinson (9) by 13.  
Mrs. E. M. Gill (12) bt Miss A. S. E. Lockton (4) by 7.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

R. H. Newton (2) bt Mrs. M. C. Peake (9) by 16.  
Mrs. E. M. Gill (12) w.o. Mrs. H. Greaves (14).

##### FINAL.

R. H. Newton (2) bt Mrs. E. M. Gill (12) by 13.

#### HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y").

(22 Entries).

V. A. de la Nougere (0) bt Mrs. F. M. Cook (7) by 16.

Mrs. L. Abdy (10) bt Mrs. M. C. Peake (9) by 15.  
Dr. G. L. Ormerod (4) bt W. F. Lord (10) by 1.  
H. O. Hodgson (½) bt F. H. Fisher (-1½) by 8.  
Rev. F. J. Denbow (5) bt Mrs. A. E. Robinson (9) by 13.  
J. G. Warwick (-1½) bt Mrs. H. Greaves (\*14) by 4.  
The rest had byes.

##### SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. A. M. Riddey (9) bt Mrs. A. H. Fisher (\*14) by 9.  
E. J. Cook (8) bt R. H. Newton (2) by 6.  
V. A. de la Nougere (0) bt T. Wood-Hill (1½) by 15.  
Mrs. L. Abdy (10) w.o. G. L. Ormerod (4).

H. O. Hodgson (½) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow (5) by 2.  
J. G. Warwick (-1½) bt Miss W. Stevenson (9) by 3.  
G. Birch (4) bt Mrs. E. M. Gill (12) by 13.  
A. O. Taylor (5) bt Miss A. S. E. Lockton (4) by 10.

##### THIRD ROUND.

E. J. Cook (8) bt Mrs. A. M. Riddey (9) by 9.  
V. A. de la Nougere (0) bt Mrs. L. Abdy (10) by 11.  
H. O. Hodgson (½) bt J. G. Warwick (-1½) by 13.  
A. O. Taylor (5) bt G. Birch (4) by 9.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

E. J. Cook (8) bt V. A. de la Nougere (0) by 19.  
H. O. Hodgson (½) bt A. O. Taylor (5) by 6.

##### FINAL.

E. J. Cook (8) bt H. O. Hodgson (½) by 18.

#### HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(13 Pairs).

F. H. Fisher and W. F. Lord (8½) bt Sir Miles Graham and G. Huskinson (22) by 6.

J. G. Warwick and Miss J. Warwick (3) bt E. J. Cook and Mrs. E. J. Cook (15) by 1 on time.

G. Bright and G. Birch (6) bt R. H. Newton and Mrs. A. H. Fabb (14) by 8.

Dr. H. J. Penny and Mrs. E. M. Gill (8½) bt H. O. Hodgson and Mrs. H. Greaves (12½) by 9.

Dr. G. L. Ormerod and Miss W. Stevenson (13) bt V. A. de la Nougere (0) and Mrs. L. Abdy (10) by 3.  
The rest had byes.

##### SECOND ROUND.

F. H. Fisher and W. F. Lord (8½) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow and T. Wood-Hill (6½) by 11.

J. G. Warwick and Miss J. Warwick (3) bt G. Bright and G. Birch (6) by 8.

Dr. G. L. Ormerod and Miss W. Stevenson (13) bt Dr. H. J. Penny and Mrs. E. M. Hill (8½) by 2 on time.

Mrs. A. Collinson and Mrs. A. E. Robinson (20) bt A. O. Taylor and Mrs. A. H. Elliott (17) by 3.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

J. G. Warwick and Miss J. Warwick (3) bt F. H. Fisher and W. F. Lord (8½) by 6.

Dr. G. L. Ormerod and Miss W. Stevenson (13) bt Mrs. A. Collinson and Mrs. A. E. Robinson (20) by 11.

##### FINAL.

J. G. Warwick and Miss J. Warwick (3) bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod and Miss W. Stevenson (13) by 14.

## PARKSTONE

June 20th to 25th

Perfect weather—except for sea mist and slight drizzle on one day—courts in first-class order, a most friendly welcome from Mr. and Mrs. Ashton, copious lunches and teas and a varied choice of games—what more could the most ardent Croquet enthusiast desire? There was a "capacity" entry including a good few newcomers to Parkstone, but the tournament was so well managed that by Wednesday evening the final of the Draw and two semi-finals had already been reached. We were certainly kept busy and some competitors even played to 7.30 p.m.!

Everything, however, went smoothly and the efficiency of the management was the reason. The catering was very well done and a good choice provided. It was very pleasant to be able to have tea out on the lawn and to watch the games in process on courts 1 or 4. The volunteer waitresses are much to be commended for their almost professional aptitude in serving, while Mrs. Baker worked hard "behind the scenes." A word of commendation too to Abarrow, the most efficient groundsman—he was cutting and rolling the lawns at 6.30 a.m. every morning.

The progress of the various events can be seen from the detailed programme. Mrs. Rotherham won both Draw and Process but could not have the pleasure of playing-off against her self! E. A. Roper won the "X" after playing two games in the semi-final and final that



could not have been more contrasted; his semi-final opponent's handicap was -3 while the finalist's was +13! He also won the 2½-7 Handicap and Mrs. Thorne-will won the higher bisquer's handicap, beating Mrs. Bishop by 8. The final of the Doubles was won by Mrs. Roe and Captain Millar by 2 on time. It was a pity that the game could not have been played out. It was a great pleasure to make new and to meet old friends and the present writer certainly intends to put Parkstone on the *must* list of tournaments in future. Mr. and Mrs. Roper were in their caravan just near the courts and Miss Elphinstone-Stone was not finally "outed" of the tournament until lunch time on Saturday!—an achievement which many a younger player would have been proud to have been able to accomplish.

#### OPEN SINGLES.

##### THE DORSET SALVER AND HALSE CUP.

("Two Lives").

(2 Bisesques and over).

##### THE DRAW.

(13 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

Miss M. K. Haslam w.o. Nevill Oddie opponent scratched.  
Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt Mrs. B. M. Chittenden by 8.  
Mrs. L. H. Ashton bt J. K. Brown by 4.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. G. J. Turketine by 10.  
Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish w.o. Mrs. Nevill Oddie opponent scratched.

##### SECOND ROUND.

Comdr. D. W. Roe bt Miss M. K. Haslam by 4.  
Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 12.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 6.  
V. de la Nougerede bt Miss A. E. Mills by 21.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt Comdr. D. W. Roe by 18.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt V. de la Nougerede by 7.

##### FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 26.

##### PROCESS.

(13 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

J. K. Brown bt Miss A. E. Mills by 11.  
Miss M. K. Haslam w.o. Mrs. N. Oddie opponent scratched.  
Mrs. G. J. Turketine bt Comdr. D. W. Roe by 2.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 20.  
Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish w.o. N. Oddie opponent scratched.

##### SECOND ROUND.

J. K. Brown bt Miss M. K. Haslam by 25.  
Mrs. G. J. Turketine bt Mrs. B. M. Chittenden by 11.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 7.  
Mrs. L. H. Ashton bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 3.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

J. K. Brown bt Mrs. G. J. Turketine by 5.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham w.o. Mrs. L. H. Ashton opponent retired.

##### FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt J. K. Brown by 25.

##### HANDICAP SINGLES. THE EVANS TROPHY.

(2½ to 7 Bisesques).

(16 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

Capt. K. B. Millar (7) bt Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) by 2.  
Major C. T. Carfrae (5) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) by 15.  
E. A. Roper (3½) bt Mrs. D. W. Roe (6½) by 12.  
Mrs. D. Attfield (6) w.o. Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (3) opponent scratched.  
Miss V. E. Mills (3½) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6½) by 14.  
Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (2½) bt Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (3½) by 9.  
T. A. Chignell (7) bt Miss H. D. Parker (5) by 11.  
Mrs. J. A. McMordie (3½) bt Sir Crawford Douglas-Jones (5½) by 10.

##### SECOND ROUND.

Capt. K. B. Millar (7) bt Major C. T. Carfrae (5) by 20.  
E. A. Roper (3½) bt Mrs. D. A. Attfield (6) by 14.  
Miss V. E. Mills (3½) bt Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (2½) by 16.  
T. A. Chignell (7) bt Mrs. J. A. McMordie (3½) by 5.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

E. A. Roper (3½) bt Capt. K. B. Millar (7) by 3.  
T. A. Chignell (7) bt Miss V. E. Mills (3½) by 14.

##### FINAL.

E. A. Roper (3½) bt T. A. Chignell (7) by 7.

##### HANDICAP SINGLES.

##### THE COPE CUP.

(7½ Bisesques and over).

(8 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

G. A. H. Alexander (8) bt Mrs. G. M. Robertson (12) by 7.  
Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (10) bt Miss E. Catchpole (10) by 11.  
Mrs. C. A. Bishop (9) bt P. Eliot Scott (9) by 4.  
Miss G. Allen (9) bt Major F. Hill Bernhard (13) by 2.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (10) bt G. A. H. Alexander (8) by 19.

Mrs. C. A. Bishop (9) bt Miss G. Allen (9) by 13.

##### FINAL.

Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (10) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (9) by 8

##### HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y").

(Unrestricted).

##### THE BISHOP CUP AND EVANS ROSE BOWL.

##### EVENT "X".

(37 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

T. A. Chignell (7) bt Mrs. J. A. McMordie (3½) by 25.  
Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (2½) bt Miss E. Catchpole (10) by 11.  
Major F. Hill Bernhard (13) w.o. Nevill Oddie (1) opponent scratched.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1½) bt Capt. K. B. Millar (7) by 3.

P. Eliot Scott (9) bt Mrs. D. W. Roe (6½) by 4.

##### SECOND ROUND.

V. de la Nougerede (0) bt Miss H. D. Parker (5) by 5.  
Mrs. R. A. Hill (6½) bt J. K. Brown (-1) by 4.  
Miss V. E. Mills (3½) bt Mrs. G. J. Turketine (-½) by 20.  
Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (10) bt Comdr. D. W. Roe (2) by 6.  
Miss A. E. Mills (1½) bt Sir Crawford Douglas-Jones (5½) opponent retired.

G. A. H. Alexander (8) bt Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) by 8.

T. A. Chignell (7) bt Mrs. B. M. Chittenden (2) by 13.

Major F. Hill Bernhard (13) bt Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (2½) by 7.

P. Eliot Scott (9) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1½) by 4.

Mrs. D. Attfield (6) bt Mrs. G. M. Robertson (12) by 12.

Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (3) by 15.

E. A. Roper (3½) w.o. Major C. T. Carfrae (5) opponent scratched.

Miss G. Allen (9) bt Miss M. K. Haslam (1½) by 10.

Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (1) bt Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (3½) by 17.

Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) bt Miss G. L. Weston (11) by 7.

J. Hewitt (-½) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (9) by 10.

##### THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. R. A. Hill (6½) bt V. de la Nougerede (0) by 1.

Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (10) bt Miss V. E. Mills (3½) by 5.

Miss A. E. Mills (1½) bt G. A. H. Alexander (8) by 6.

Major F. Hill Bernhard (13) bt T. A. Chignell (7) by 4.

Mrs. D. Attfield (6) bt P. Eliot Scott (9) by 2.

E. A. Roper (3½) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) by 11.

Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (1) bt Miss G. Allen (9) by 12.

Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) w.o. J. Hewitt (-½) opponent scratched.

##### FOURTH ROUND.

Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (10) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6½) by 2.

Major F. Hill Bernhard (13) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1½) by 4.

E. A. Roper (3½) bt Mrs. D. Attfield (6) by 2.

Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (1) by 11.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

Major F. Hill Bernhard (13) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (10) by 17.

E. A. Roper (3½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) by 9.

##### FINAL.

E. A. Roper (3½) bt Major F. Hill Bernhard (13) by 5.

##### EVENT "Y".

(19 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. J. A. McMordie (3½) bt Mrs. C. B. Chittenden (2) by 6.

Miss E. Catchpole (10) w.o. N. Oddie (1) opponent scratched.

Mrs. D. W. Roe (6½) bt Capt. K. B. Millar (7) by 7.

##### SECOND ROUND.

J. K. Brown (-1) bt Miss H. D. Parker (5) by 2.

Mrs. G. J. Turketine (-½) bt Comdr. D. W. Roe (2) by 7.

Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) bt Sir Crawford Douglas-Jones (5½) by 5.

Mrs. J. A. McMordie (3½) bt Miss E. Catchpole (10) by 5.

Mrs. G. M. Robertson (12) w.o. Mrs. D. W. Roe (6½) opponent scratched.

Major C. T. Carfrae (5) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (3) by 15.

Miss M. K. Haslam (1½) bt Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (3½) by 3.

Mrs. C. A. Bishop (9) bt Miss G. L. Weston (11) by 8.

##### THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. G. J. Turketine (-½) w.o. J. K. Brown (-1) opponent scratched.

Mrs. J. A. McMordie (3½) w.o. Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) opponent scratched.

Mrs. G. M. Robertson (12) w.o. Major C. T. Carfrae (5) opponent retired.

Miss M. K. Haslam (1½) w.o. Mrs. C. A. Bishop (9) opponent scratched.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. J. A. McMordie (3½) bt Mrs. G. J. Turketine (-½) by 11.

Miss M. K. Haslam (1½) bt Mrs. G. M. Robertson (12) by 10.

##### FINAL.

Mrs. J. A. McMordie (3½) bt Miss M. K. Haslam (1½) by 13.

##### HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Unrestricted).

(17 Pairs).

##### FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss H. D. Parker (2) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill and P. Eliot Scott (15½) by 9.

##### SECOND ROUND.

E. A. Roper and Mrs. E. A. Roper (9½) bt Comdr. D. W. Roe and Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (4½) by 9.

Mrs. T. H. F. Clarkson and Miss M. K. Haslam (1½) bt V. A. de la Nougerede and Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (3½) by 3.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Mrs. D. Attfield (7½) bt Mrs. C. B. Chittenden and Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (12) by 15.

Major C. T. Carfrae and Major F. Hill Bernhard (17) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss H. D. Parker (2) by 13.

J. K. Brown and G. A. H. Alexander (7) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton and Miss E. Catchpole (8) by 11.

Mrs. Roe and Capt. K. B. Millar (13½) bt Mrs. J. A. McMordie and Miss G. Allen (12½) by 10.

H. Wilson Smith and T. A. Chignell (8½) bt Miss A. E. Mills and Miss V. E. Mills (5) by 14.

Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Sir Crawford Douglas-Jones (6½) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop and Miss G. L. Weston (19) by 4.

##### THIRD ROUND.

E. A. Roper and Mrs. E. A. Roper (9½) bt Mrs. T. H. F. Clarkson and Miss M. K. Haslam (1½) by 3 on time.

Major C. T. Carfrae and Major F. Hill Bernhard (17) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Mrs. D. Attfield (7½) by 9 on time.

Mrs. Roe and Capt. K. B. Millar (13½) bt J. K. Brown and G. A. H. Alexander (7) by 11 on time.

H. Wilson Smith and T. A. Chignell (8½) bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Sir Crawford Douglas-Jones (6½) by 4.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

Major C. T. Carfrae and Major F. Hill Bernhard (17) bt E. A. Roper and Mrs. Roper (9½) by 1.

Mrs. Roe and Capt. K. B. Millar (13½) bt H. Wilson Smith and T. A. Chignell (8½) by 1.

##### FINAL.

Mrs. Roe and Capt. K. B. Millar (13½) bt Major C. T. Carfrae and Major F. Hill Bernhard (17) by 2 on time.

## BUXTON

June 20th to 25th

What luck having four really perfect summer days during the Buxton week. The setting, as always, was perfect, but it would be idle flattery to say that the courts were up to their own high standard. No. 6 court, known for geographical reasons, as the Lovers' Retreat, was perhaps an exception.

The tournament was a particularly happy one; small wonder for Miss Steel was manager. Her experience combined with her tact, courtesy and firmness ("I'm very

sorry, but we don't cater for sleep" was Miss Steel's reply to a request for an after-lunch nap), resulted in the meeting being brought to a conclusion shortly after 6 p.m. on the Saturday. Mrs. Chorlton, the Hon. Secretary, and Mr. Hunter, the Hon. Treasurer, both put in a lot of hard work during the week, and special thanks are due to Mrs. Knight-Gibson, who so kindly undertook to supply morning coffee; and to Mrs. Dean, and her cheerful band of workers, for exceedingly good afternoon teas.

What a pity, nay what a thousand pities, that Mr. Faulkner is not free to play more croquet. Here indeed is a first-class player, who has excellent style, and, very clearly, the perfect temperament.

Nurse Hicks and Mrs. Fotiadi (a most obedient charge) won the Doubles; Mr. and Mrs. Hulbert ran them very close. Mention must be made of Mrs. Hulbert's splendid shot, at the peg, from the boundary, in a previous round, when all had, indeed, seemed lost.

Mrs. Curnick and Mrs. Briggs both showed excellent form; as did Mr. Hunter in the final of the Handicap Singles. Mrs. Gill is a player of distinct promise; she has been well taught, and what is more, she is prepared to practice hard.

A word of thanks to the Nottingham Club, who so nobly lent equipment to take the place of Jaques', which had been held up by the strike.

The visitors—one and all—thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it was very pleasant to see friends, during the week, who came over to watch, from both Bowdon and Nottingham Clubs.

#### NORTH OF ENGLAND CHALLENGE CUP.

##### OPEN SINGLES.

("Two Lives" System).

##### THE DRAW.

(10 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

H. O. Hicks bt Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi by 10.  
R. Faulkner bt Miss D. D. Steel by 19.

The rest had byes.

##### SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. M. Curnick bt T. Wood-Hill by 2.  
H. O. Hicks bt H. O. Hodgson by 26.

R. Faulkner bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs by 18.  
Dr. H. J. Penny bt R. H. Newton by 6.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

H. O. Hicks bt Mrs. M. Curnick by 25.  
R. Faulkner bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 20.

##### FINAL.

H. O. Hicks bt R. Faulkner by 17.

##### PROCESS.

(10 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

T. Wood-Hill bt R. H. Newton by 3.  
Dr. H. J. Penny bt Mrs. M. Curnick by 11.

The rest had byes.

##### SECOND ROUND.

R. Faulkner bt H. O. Hodgson by 26.  
Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi bt T. Wood-Hill by 6.

H. O. Hicks bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs by 26.  
Miss D. D. Steel bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 4.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

R. Faulkner bt Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi by 17.  
H. O. Hicks bt Miss D. D. Steel by 26.

##### FINAL.

H. O. Hicks bt R. Faulkner by 7.  
Winner of Event: H. O. Hicks.

#### LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B").

(3 Bisesques and over).

(9 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

H. R. Hulbert bt Miss D. Schofield by 20.  
The rest had byes.

##### SECOND ROUND.

Rev. F. J. Denbow bt J. Hunter by 7.  
H. R. Hulbert bt Mrs. A. L. Megson by 7.

W. T. Bell bt W. B. Renwick by 5.  
Mrs. D. E. Chorlton bt Mrs. H. R. Hulbert by 7.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

Rev. F. J. Denbow bt H. R. Hulbert by 3.  
Mrs. D. E. Chorlton bt W. T. Bell by 8.

FINAL.  
Mrs. D. E. Chorlton bt Rev. F. J. Denbow by 6.  
HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C").  
(8 Bisesques and over).  
(3 Entries).  
SEMI-FINAL.  
Lord Mackay (10) bt Miss E. H. Ruthven (14) by 13.

FINAL.  
Mrs. Gill (12) bt Lord Mackay (10) by 10.  
HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y.").  
(Unrestricted).  
EVENT "X".  
(20 Entries).  
FIRST ROUND.  
Mrs. M. Curnick (1½) bt R. H. Newton (2) by 16.  
T. Wood-Hill (1½) bt Miss E. H. Ruthven (14) by 13.  
J. Hunter (5½) bt H. O. Hodgson (0) by 5.  
Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) w.o. Mrs. Job (14) scratched.  
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.  
Rev. F. J. Denbow (5) bt A. L. Megson (1½) by 11.  
W. B. Renwick (5) bt Mrs. H. R. Hulbert (6) by 12.  
Lord Mackay (10) w.o. Dr. H. J. Penny (—1½) opponent scratched.  
Mrs. M. Curnick (1½) bt T. Wood-Hill (1½) by 20.  
J. Hunter (5½) bt Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) by 11.  
H. R. Hulbert (3½) bt Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi (1½) by 15.  
Mrs. Gill (12) bt Miss D. Schofield (3½) by 4.  
Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (3½) bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2) by 2.

THIRD ROUND.  
Rev. F. J. Denbow (5) bt W. B. Renwick (5) by ??.  
Mrs. M. Curnick (1½) bt Lord Mackay (10) by 10.  
J. Hunter (5½) bt H. R. Hulbert (3½) by 2.  
Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (3½) bt Mrs. Gill (12) by 15.

SEMI-FINAL.  
Mrs. M. Curnick (1½) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow (5) by 13.  
J. Hunter (5½) bt Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (3½) by 6.

FINAL.  
J. Hunter (5½) bt Mrs. M. Curnick (1½) by 16.  
EVENT "Y".  
(20 Entries).  
FIRST ROUND.  
R. H. Newton (2) bt Miss E. H. Ruthven (14) by 13.  
H. O. Hodgson (0) bt Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) by 3.  
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.  
Mrs. H. R. Hulbert (6) bt A. L. Megson (1½) by 6.  
R. H. Newton (2) bt Lord Mackay (10) by 20.  
H. O. Hodgson (0) w.o. Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi (1½) opponent retired.  
Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2) bt Miss D. Schofield (3½) by 18.

SEMI-FINAL.  
Mrs. H. R. Hulbert (6) bt R. H. Newton (2) by 20.  
Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2) bt H. O. Hodgson (0) by 8.

FINAL.  
Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2) bt Mrs. H. R. Hulbert (6) by 7.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.  
(Unrestricted).  
(11 Pairs).  
FIRST ROUND.  
H. O. Hicks and Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi (—4) bt Dr. H. J. Penny and Mrs. Gill (8½) by 22.  
H. R. Hulbert and Mrs. Hulbert (9½) bt R. H. Newton and Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (5½) by 4.  
Rev. F. J. Denbow and Miss D. Schofield (8½) bt J. Hunter and Mrs. M. Dean (15½) by 1.  
The rest had byes.

FINAL.  
H. O. Hicks and Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi (—4) bt Miss D. D. Steel and Miss E. H. Ruthven (8) by 18.

## COMPTON (Eastbourne)

JUNE 27th to JULY 2nd

Once again it is a pleasure to write an appreciation of this tournament. It was a favourite in pre-war days and, since its revival two seasons ago, has been greatly enjoyed by those who have participated. The weather favoured us, and, with the exception of some rain which delayed play for less than half an hour on doubles day, sunny intervals prevailed.

The committee of ladies who gave so much time, thought, and skill to the preparation and serving of the excellent lunches and teas with which we were supplied, deserve in full measure the gratitude of those who enjoyed daily the results of their labours—our warmest thanks to them.

The lawns, good last year, were even better this time, and the groundsman and members of the Club responsible for their condition deserve great praise for maintaining the turf in such good trim.

There were not quite so many entries as last year, 23 competing in the big handicap. All games were fought to a finish, with the exception of the doubles, which were subject to a 3½ hour time limit. The final was unfortunately played in the rain, but that did not prevent Mr. Hall from recording his first victory in such an event.

As to individual players, L. Kirk-Greene excelled in his usual accurate game, though he did not have matters quite his own way in the open event. R. V. N. Wiggins, playing the game of his life by some wonderful long shooting, and accurate play, beat him by 4 in the "Draw". Kirk-Greene won the "Process" by 14, and eventually the "play-off" by 21.

Amongst other outstanding players may be mentioned Mrs. Chittenden, Dr. H. R. McAleenan, G. Victor Evans, Miss Morgan and Mrs. Dibley, and Mr. Page—the Doctor particularly impressing as a greatly improved player.

Finally, our hearty thanks to Major Dibley, who managed in his usual kindly and efficient manner, and to the new Secretary, Mr. C. J. Speer, who combined with his secretarial duties an aptitude for the game which should carry him far.

### OPEN SINGLES.

#### THE DRAW.

(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
R. V. N. Wiggins bt Mrs. C. M. Irwin by 21.  
G. Victor Evans bt Major J. H. Dibley by 8.  
L. Kirk-Greene w.o. opponent scratched.  
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt S. F. Sopwith by 9.

SEMI-FINAL.  
R. V. N. Wiggins bt G. Victor Evans by 23.  
L. Kirk-Greene bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 25.

FINAL.  
R. V. N. Wiggins bt L. Kirk-Greene by 4.

#### PROCESS.

(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Major J. H. Dibley bt S. F. Sopwith by 24.  
L. Kirk-Greene bt Mrs. C. M. Irwin by 26.  
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden w.o. opponent scratched.  
R. V. N. Wiggins bt G. Victor Evans by 13.

SEMI-FINAL.  
L. Kirk-Greene bt Major J. H. Dibley by 16.  
R. V. N. Wiggins bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 15.

FINAL.  
L. Kirk-Greene bt R. V. N. Wiggins by 14.

PLAY-OFF.  
L. Kirk-Greene bt R. V. N. Wiggins by 21.

### LEVEL SINGLES.

(3 Bisesques and over).

(5 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Mrs. J. H. Dibley bt G. H. Child by 15.

SEMI-FINAL.  
J. R. Bickersteth bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley by 9.  
Mrs. D. Owen w.o. opponent scratched.

FINAL.  
Mrs. D. Owen bt J. R. Bickersteth by 2.  
HANDICAP SINGLES.  
(23 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
C. J. Speer (10) bt A. R. Toplis (10) by 8.  
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4½) w.o. opponent scratched.  
S. F. Sopwith (2) w.o. opponent scratched.  
L. Kirk-Greene (—1½) bt Mrs. M. A. Thompson (12) by 17.  
Miss M. M. Morgan (8½) bt Miss D. L. Latham (9) by 7.  
H. A. Hall (7½) bt Mrs. L. M. Purves (12) by 12.  
G. H. Child (3½) bt Miss E. M. Palmer (12) by 12.

SECOND ROUND.  
Mrs. C. M. Irwin (2½) bt J. R. Bickersteth (4½) by 17.  
R. V. N. Wiggins (½) w.o. opponent scratched.  
C. J. Speer (10) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4½) by 24.  
L. Kirk-Greene (—1½) bt S. F. Sopwith (2) by 23.  
Miss M. M. Morgan (8½) bt H. A. Hall (7½) by 7.  
Dr. H. R. McAleenan (8) bt G. H. Child (3½) by 15.  
G. Victor Evans (0) bt L. D. P. Swift (8) by 7.  
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) bt R. W. Page (10) by 6.

THIRD ROUND.  
R. V. N. Wiggins (½) bt Mrs. C. M. Irwin (2½) by 5.  
C. J. Speer (10) bt L. Kirk-Greene (—1½) by 4.  
Dr. H. R. McAleenan (8) bt Miss M. M. Morgan (8½) by 17.  
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) bt G. Victor Evans (0) by 12.

SEMI-FINAL.  
C. J. Speer (10) bt R. V. N. Wiggins (½) by 16.  
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) bt Dr. H. R. McAleenan (8) by 8.

FINAL.  
C. J. Speer (10) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) by 14.

### HANDICAP SINGLES.

(6 Bisesques and over).

(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Miss D. L. Latham (9) bt L. D. P. Swift (8) by 4.  
Miss M. M. Morgan (8½) bt Miss M. White (9) by 20.  
C. J. Speer (10) bt Mrs. M. A. Thompson (12) by 18.  
A. R. Toplis (10) bt Miss E. M. Palmer (12) by 17.

SECOND ROUND.  
H. A. Hall (7½) bt Mrs. J. M. Purves (12) by 5.  
Miss M. M. Morgan (8½) bt Miss D. L. Latham (9) by 5.  
A. R. Toplis (10) w.o. opponent scratched.  
Dr. H. R. McAleenan (8) bt R. W. Page (10) by 9.

SEMI-FINAL.  
Miss M. M. Morgan (8½) bt H. A. Hall (7½) by 13.  
Dr. H. R. McAleenan (8) bt A. R. Toplis (10) by 7.

FINAL.  
Dr. H. R. McAleenan (8) w.o.

### HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Combined Handicaps to be not less than Scratch).

(8 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.  
C. J. Speer and R. V. N. Wiggins (10½) bt S. F. Sopwith and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (4) by 14.  
Major J. H. Dibley and L. D. P. Swift (8½) bt J. R. Bickersteth and Mrs. C. M. Irwin (7) by 20.  
G. Victor Evans and H. A. Hall (7½) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley and Miss E. M. Palmer (16½) by 1 on time.  
Dr. H. R. McAleenan and Miss D. L. Latham (17) bt R. W. Page and Mrs. L. M. Purves (22) by 10.

SEMI-FINAL.  
Major J. H. Dibley and L. D. P. Swift (8½) bt C. J. Speer bt R. V. N. Wiggins (10½) by 8.  
G. Victor Evans and H. A. Hall (7½) bt Dr. H. R. McAleenan and Miss D. L. Latham (17) by ??.

FINAL.  
G. Victor Evans and H. A. Hall (7½) bt Major J. H. Dibley and L. D. P. Swift (8½) by 5.

### EXTRA EVENT.

#### HANDICAP SINGLES.

(10 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
A. R. Toplis (10) bt Miss D. L. Latham (9) by 2.  
R. W. Page (10) bt Mrs. L. M. Purves (12) by 7.

SECOND ROUND.  
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) w.o. opponent retired.  
A. R. Toplis (10) bt Miss E. M. Palmer (12) by 16.  
Mrs. C. M. Irwin (2½) bt R. W. Page (10) by 6.  
S. F. Sopwith (2) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4½) by 14.

SEMI-FINAL.  
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) w.o. opponent scratched.  
Mrs. C. M. Irwin (2½) bt S. F. Sopwith (2) by 7.

FINAL.  
Finalists divided.

## BEDFORD

June 27th to July 2nd

A very good week for weather, fine throughout, sunny most days with very little wind, perfect for croquet. The entry not quite so many as last year but enough to keep the courts full till 6 o'clock Saturday evening. Canon Pym who was unable to play in any event except the Opens, played well beating E. V. Carpmael the holder in the final by 24. Miss Warwick won both the Steel Cup, 4 bisesques and over, and X. She played steadily through both events and deserves to come down a bisque. Another improved player was Mrs. Cervantes, she has a good style and gets on with the game. She was unlucky to meet Miss Warwick in both handicap events. Rev. H. B. W. Denison and Canon Green, who last year were beaten in the final of the doubles, did one better by winning the final against F. H. Fisher and Mrs. Cork. The two veterans of the tournament, Mrs. England Smith and Miss Elphinstone-Stone were an example to all by their quick play and forward tactics. Tea was served to every court so there was no need to stop the games and everyone said they enjoyed themselves. The groundsman worked hard to have all lawns ready by 10 a.m., Mr. Wood-Hill and Mr. Fisher lending a hand. Miss D. D. Steel the manager was as brutal as ever!

### OPEN SINGLES.

#### TOM DICKSON CHALLENGE CUP.

(9 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Canon A. J. W. Pym bt Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege by 16.

SECOND ROUND.  
T. Wood-Hill bt J. G. Warwick by 11.  
Canon A. J. W. Pym bt Rev. H. B. W. Denison by 15.  
F. H. Fisher bt Miss E. Steel by 6.  
E. V. Carpmael bt G. H. Mason by 6.

SEMI-FINAL.  
Canon A. J. W. Pym bt T. Wood-Hill by 3.  
E. V. Carpmael bt F. H. Fisher by 2.

FINAL.  
Canon A. J. W. Pym bt E. V. Carpmael by 24.

### HANDICAP SINGLES.

(4 Bisesques and over).

#### THE STEEL CUP.

(11 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Mrs. M. D. Cork (9) bt Mrs. C. Riddey (9) by 19.  
Capt. V. G. Gilbey (7) bt J. C. Tunnard (5) by 10.  
Miss J. Warwick (4½) bt Mrs. W. F. Haynes (6½) by 25.

SECOND ROUND.  
Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (8) bt Mrs. B. C. Perowne (6) by 10.  
Capt. V. G. Gilbey (7) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (9) by 11.  
Miss J. Warwick (4½) bt Mrs. F. A. Ellard (10) by 13.  
W. J. Dixon (9) bt Mrs. F. England Smith (9) by 11.

SEMI-FINAL.  
Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (8) bt Capt. V. G. Gilbey (7) by 7.  
Miss J. Warwick (4½) bt W. J. Dixon (9) by 7.

FINAL.  
Miss J. Warwick (4½) bt Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (8) by 12.

### HANDICAP SINGLES.

#### EVENT "X" ("X.Y.Z.").

(23 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Rev. H. B. W. Denison (—1) bt W. J. Dixon (9) by 11.  
Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (8) bt Canon G. Green (7) by 10.  
Miss D. N. Towle (6) bt Mrs. W. F. Haynes (6½) by 22.  
T. Wood-Hill (1½) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (9) by 14.  
F. H. Fisher (—1½) bt Mrs. F. England Smith (9) by 9.  
Mrs. A. J. Stephens (1½) bt J. G. Warwick (—1½) by 20.  
G. H. Mason (½) bt Capt. V. G. Gilbey (7) by 20.

SECOND ROUND.  
Mrs. B. C. Perowne (6) bt Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (3½) by 5.  
Miss J. Warwick (4½) bt Mrs. C. Riddey (9) by 19.

Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (8) bt Rev. H. B. W. Denison (—1) by 9.  
 T. Wood-Hill (1½) bt Miss D. N. Towle (6) by 8.  
 F. H. Fisher (—1½) bt Miss A. J. Stephens (1½) by 4.  
 Miss E. Steel (1) bt G. H. Mason (½) by 11.  
 Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (2½) w.o. J. C. Tunnard (5) opponent retired.  
 E. V. Carpmael (0) bt Mrs. F. A. Ellard (10) by 16.

THIRD ROUND.  
 Miss J. Warwick (4½) bt Mrs. B. C. Perowne (6) by 6.  
 Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (8) bt T. Wood-Hill (1½) by 13.  
 F. H. Fisher (—1½) bt Miss E. Steel (1) by 9.  
 E. V. Carpmael (0) bt Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (2½) by 4.

SEMI-FINAL.  
 Miss J. Warwick (4½) bt Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (8) by 9.  
 E. V. Carpmael (0) bt F. H. Fisher (—1½) by 17.

FINAL.  
 Miss J. Warwick (4½) bt E. V. Carpmael (0) by 23.

EVENT "Y".  
 (10 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
 Mrs. M. D. Cork (9) bt Mrs. W. F. Haynes (6½) by 15.  
 J. G. Warwick (—1½) bt Mrs. F. England Smith (9) by 9.

SECOND ROUND.  
 Mrs. C. Riddey (9) bt Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (3½) by 4.  
 Mrs. M. D. Cork (9) w.o. W. J. Dixon (9) opponent retired.

J. G. Warwick (—1½) bt Capt. V. G. Gilbey (7) by 11.  
 Mrs. F. A. Ellard (10) bt J. C. Tunnard (5) by 19.

SEMI-FINAL.  
 Mrs. M. D. Cork (9) w.o. Mrs. C. Riddey (9) opponent retired.

J. G. Warwick (—1½) bt Mrs. F. A. Ellard (10) by 8.

FINAL.  
 J. G. Warwick (—1½) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (9) by 11.

EVENT "Z".  
 (12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
 Capt. V. G. Gilbey (7) bt Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (3½) by 16.

Miss D. N. Towle (6) bt Mrs. B. C. Perowne (6) opponent retired.  
 Mrs. A. J. Stephens (1½) bt Mrs. W. F. Haynes (6½) by 21.  
 Rev. H. B. W. Denison (—1) bt W. J. Dixon (9) by 10.

SECOND ROUND.  
 G. H. Mason (½) bt J. C. Tunnard (5) by 20.  
 Miss D. N. Towle (6) bt Capt. V. G. Gilbey (7) by 8.  
 Rev. H. B. W. Denison (—1) bt Mrs. A. J. Stephens (1½) by 11.

Mrs. F. England Smith (9) w.o. Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (2½) opponent retired.

SEMI-FINAL.  
 G. H. Mason (½) bt Mrs. D. N. Towle (6) by 13.  
 Rev. H. B. W. Denison (—1) bt Mrs. F. England Smith (9) by 15.

FINAL.  
 Not yet played.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Combined Handicaps not less than 1 Bisque).

THE BARRON CUPS.

(9 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.  
 E. V. Carpmael and Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (3½) bt G. H. Mason and Miss D. N. Towle (6½) by 14.

SECOND ROUND.  
 F. H. Fisher and Mrs. M. D. Cork (7½) bt J. G. Warwick and Mrs. W. F. Haynes (5) by 7.

FINAL.  
 Mrs. F. M. Cervantes and Capt. V. G. Gilbey (15) bt E. V. Carpmael and Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (3½) by 13.

Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege and Mrs. B. C. Perowne (8½) bt Mrs. A. J. Stephens and Mrs. F. A. Ellard (11) by 12.  
 Rev. H. B. W. Denison and Canon G. Green (6) bt T. Wood-Hill and W. J. Dixon (10½) by 13.

SEMI-FINAL.  
 F. H. Fisher and Mrs. M. D. Cork (7½) bt Mrs. F. M. Cervantes and Capt. V. G. Gilbey (15) by 6.

Rev. H. B. W. Denison and Canon G. Green (6) bt Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege and Mrs. B. C. Perowne (8½) by 9.

FINAL.  
 Rev. H. B. W. Denison and Canon G. Green (6) bt F. H. Fisher and Mrs. M. D. Cork (7½) by 6.

## EXMOUTH

JULY 4th to 9th

Exmouth, having changed their date, which used to clash with Cheltenham, now clash with the Championships. They lost thereby most of their best players and the familiar figures were sadly missed. Sad it was too, that more medium and long bisquers didn't take the opportunity to monopolise the lawns, win the beautiful prizes and take advantage of the very pleasant club amenities and the wonderful sunshine.

The "A" Class was, therefore, a small American tournament in which Mrs. Gasson having beaten W. W. Sweet-Escott early in the week, eventually succumbed to that same player in the play-off, when he refound his old form—and thus upheld the flag of the old brigade.

The Doubles—also won by Sweet-Escott with a most steady 10 bisque partner in Mrs. Abdy, was the subject of experiment in having no time limits or shortened games. For the record, Wednesday's first round was completed in daylight—just—but the players visibly suffered from general exhaustion, and it was generally agreed that 3½ hours was sufficient. It is suggested that when handicap doubles are so time limited—as an alternative to a shortened game starting at the 3rd hoop, then the bisques should also be "adjusted" (as in the latter instance). It seems unfair to take away bisques for one form of shortened game and not another. Mrs. Abdy also won her class—one hopes that the handicap axeman will not diminish her courage and enthusiasm as well as her bisques.

Some interesting in and out play between Miss Ault, Miss V. E. Mills and Mrs. Michelmores, resulted in the latter beating both for the "B" Class Cup, whilst Miss Ault beat Miss Mills in the "X" Handicap.

"Miss A. E. Mills managed" which is another way of saying that a pleasant and well-run tournament was finished in time for Mrs. Tanner to present the prizes, though it was a near shave that the Doubles final isn't still in progress!

OPEN SINGLES.

(Draw and Process. Variation "B").

A CHALLENGE BOWL.

W. W. Sweet-Escott bt Col. Beamish by 7, bt Miss M. S. Carlyon by 5, bt Lt.-Col. Cave by 4, lost to Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 8.

Col. D. W. Beamish lost to W. W. Sweet-Escott by 5, bt Mrs. M. S. Carlyon by 15, lost to Col. Cave by 11, bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 20.

Miss M. S. Carlyon lost to W. W. Sweet-Escott by 5, lost to Col. D. W. Beamish by 15, lost to Lt.-Col. C. E. Cave by 4, lost to Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 20.

Lt.-Col. C. E. Cave lost to W. W. Sweet-Escott by 4, bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 11, bt Miss M. S. Carlyon by 4, lost to Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 8.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson lost to Col. D. W. Beamish by 20, bt W. W. Sweet-Escott by 8, bt Lt.-Col. C. E. Cave by 8, bt Miss M. S. Carlyon by 20.

PLAY-OFF.  
 W. W. Sweet-Escott bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 9.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B").

(2½ Bisques and over).

(6 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
 Miss K. Ault bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot by 26.  
 Mrs. R. G. Michelmores bt Mrs. Sidney Phillips by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.  
 Miss K. Ault bt V. C. Cave by 19.  
 Mrs. R. G. Michelmores bt Miss V. E. Mills by ??.

FINAL.  
 Mrs. R. G. Michelmores bt Miss K. Ault by 3.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C").

(6½ Bisques and over).

(6 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
 W. J. Dixon (9) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (9) by 5.  
 G. A. Black (9) bt Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.  
 Miss S. C. Gough (12) bt W. J. Dixon (9) by 5.  
 Mrs. L. Abdy (10) bt G. A. Black (9) by 11.

FINAL.  
 Mrs. L. Abdy (10) bt Miss S. C. Gough (12) by 11.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y").

EVENT "X".

(19 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (1) bt Mrs. G. L. Walters (5½) by 10.  
 Miss V. E. Mills (3½) bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot (5) by 18.  
 Col. D. W. Beamish (—1½) bt Sidney Phillips (2½) by 22.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss K. Ault (4) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1½) by 7.  
 Miss M. S. Carlyon (0) bt Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) by 15.  
 Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1½) bt W. W. Sweet-Escott (—½) by 8.  
 Mrs. R. G. Michelmores (3) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (1) by 21.

Mrs. L. Abdy (10) bt Miss S. C. Gough (12) by 1.  
 V. C. Cave (3) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (9) by 11.  
 Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (5½) bt Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) by 4.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1½) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmores (3) by ??.  
 Miss K. Ault (4) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon (6) by ??.  
 Miss V. E. Mills (3½) bt Mrs. L. Abdy (9) by ??.

Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (5½) bt V. C. Cave (3) by ??.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss K. Ault (4) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1½) by 12.  
 Miss V. E. Mills (3½) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (5½) by 1.

FINAL.

Miss K. Ault (4) bt Miss V. E. Mills (8½) by 20.

EVENT "Y".

(9 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. L. G. Walters (5½) bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot (5) by 8.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) w.o. Miss A. E. Mills (1½) opponent retired.  
 Mrs. L. G. Walters (5½) w.o. W. W. Sweet-Escott (—½) opponent scratched.

Miss S. C. Gough (12) bt Mrs. Sidney Phillips (2½) by 14.  
 Mrs. C. A. Bishop (9) bt Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) by 12.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss S. C. Gough (12) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (9) by 21.  
 Mrs. L. G. Walters (5½) bt Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) by 10.

FINAL.

Mrs. L. G. Walters (5½) bt Miss S. C. Gough (12) by 8.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Combined Handicaps to be not less than 2).

(9 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss M. S. Carlyon and J. Weston-Martyn (10) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop and Miss W. L. Stevenson (18) by 6.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. Sidney Phillips (4) bt Mrs. L. G. Walters and G. A. Black (13½) by 6.  
 Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse and W. J. Dixon (14½) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon and J. Weston-Martyn (10) by 15.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Miss K. Ault (5) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmores and M. Tanner (15) by 12.  
 W. W. Sweet-Escott and Mrs. L. Abdy (9½) bt Miss V. E. Mills and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (5) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. Sidney Phillips (4) w.o. Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse and W. J. Dixon (14½) opponents scratched.  
 W. W. Sweet-Escott and Mrs. L. Abdy (9½) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Miss K. Ault (5) by 21.

FINAL.

W. W. Sweet-Escott and Mrs. L. Abdy (9½) bt Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. Sidney Phillips (4) by 10.

## BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

JULY 11th to 16th

Few, if any, can have regretted coming to Budleigh, because not only was it most successful and enjoyable as a tournament, but also the week coincided with the very belated start of the English summer. Perhaps the only complaint was the typical British one that the weather was too hot and there was not enough shade.

With Mrs. Reeve as manager, the success of the tournament was largely assured, but she deserves special thanks for so nobly stepping into the breach when Major Dibley could not come. The entry was rather smaller than usual, but maybe this was a blessing in disguise because even with nine courts there were a great many long and drawn-out games.

The courts were in very good condition, which reflects great credit on West, the groundsman. With blazing sun and no rain at all, the courts after being very easy and almost slow on Monday had become appreciably faster by Saturday. Not really fast but certainly tricky and requiring a higher degree of skill than usual. Under these conditions, too many players are only too ready to blame the state of the court for their errors instead of their own lack of skill.

The high-light of the week was the fine croquet played by Major G. F. Stone. He was a very worthy and popular winner of the Opens, although the play-off with M. B. Reckitt was by no means one-sided. Reckitt after being a long way behind, seemed at one point likely to win but Stone's superb and accurate long shooting snatched the game.

It was sad not to see H. O. Hicks playing in the Opens and consequently his appearances on the court were all too limited. He very nearly won the doubles for the second year running with J. Weston Martyn. It was a very evenly matched final against Major Stone and Miss V. E. Mills and these were unquestionably the two best pairs. Miss V. E. Mills maintained the good form she had shown all the week and coupled with Stone's phenomenal shooting they proved too strong. If Hicks had had better luck with his long shooting, the result might well have been reversed.

Miss V. E. Mills played very well during the week and fully deserved her win in the big Handicap. Obviously she still has too many bisques and this applies to Miss S. C. Gough, who did very well to reach the final. Although not among the prize-winners, Mrs. Vincent continues to show great promise.

A party of ladies from Barnstaple came over on Wednesday and it is hoped that they derived some benefit. Mention must be made of the excellent catering arrangements. Lunches and teas have always been a feature here and sufficient to say that this year they seemed better than ever. Our most grateful thanks are due to the many willing workers who achieved such wonderful results.

Last but by no means least, our thanks to Mr. Walters, who was continually here, there and everywhere. His kindness, courtesy and efficiency were a vital factor in the great success of the tournament.

OPEN SINGLES.

(Draw and Process).

THE COLMAN CUP.

THE DRAW.

(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Major G. F. Stone bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 17.  
 Mrs. L. H. Ashton bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey by 12.  
 Col. D. W. Beamish bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 6.

M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 11.  
 F. H. Fisher bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 22.  
 Major J. R. Abbey bt W. W. Sweet Escott by 3.

SECOND ROUND.

Major G. F. Stone bt J. K. Brown by 24.  
 Col. D. W. Beamish bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 3.  
 M. B. Reckitt bt F. H. Fisher by 21.

G. F. Rothwell bt Major J. R. Abbey by 14.

SEMI-FINAL.

Major G. F. Stone bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 24.

M. B. Reckitt bt G. F. Rothwell by 15.

FINAL.

Major G. F. Stone bt M. B. Reckitt by 14.

PLAY-OFF.

Major G. F. Stone bt M. B. Reckitt by 6.

PROCESS.

(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt Major J. R. Abbey by 4.  
 Mrs. E. Rotherham bt F. H. Fisher by 12.  
 M. B. Reckitt bt J. K. Brown by 9.

W. W. Sweet Escott bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 2.

G. F. Rothwell bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 13.

Major G. F. Stone bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 20.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 21.

M. B. Reckitt w.o. Rev. G. F. H. Elvey opponent scratched.

Mrs. L. H. Ashton bt W. W. Sweet Escott by 3.

G. F. Rothwell w.o. Major G. F. Stone opponent scratched.

## SEMI-FINAL.

M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 16.  
G. F. Rothwell bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 2.

## FINAL.

M. B. Reckitt bt G. F. Rothwell by 15.

## LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B").

(1 to 5 Bisesques).

## THE LONGMAN CUP.

(10 Entries).

## FIRST ROUND.

Miss K. Ault bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot by 10.  
Miss A. E. Mills bt Lady Ursula Abbey by 3.

## SECOND ROUND.

V. C. Cave bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt by 7.  
Miss V. E. Mills bt Miss K. Ault by 13.  
Mrs. F. R. Briggs bt Miss A. E. Mills by 11.  
Mrs. Sydney Phillips bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmore by 4.

## SEMI-FINAL.

Miss V. E. Mills w.o. V. C. Cave opponent scratched.  
Mrs. F. R. Briggs bt Mrs. Sydney Phillips by 1.

## FINAL.

Mrs. F. R. Briggs bt Miss V. E. Mills by 7.

## HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C").

(5½ Bisesques and over).

(12 Entries).

## FIRST ROUND.

G. A. Black (9) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (9) by 9.  
W. J. Dixon (9) w.o. Mrs. C. A. G. Money (10) opponent retired.

E. Liversey (13) bt Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) by 11.  
Capt. G. R. Bald (6) bt Mrs. M. H. Vincent (11) by 16.

## SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (5½) bt Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) by 14.

G. A. Black (9) bt W. J. Dixon (9) by 6.  
F. Liversey (13) bt Capt. G. R. Bald (6) by 14.  
Miss S. C. Gough (11) bt G. A. H. Alexander (8) by 12.

## SEMI-FINAL.

G. A. Black (9) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (5½) by 17.  
F. Liversey (13) bt Miss S. C. Gough (11) by 8.

## FINAL.

G. A. Black (9) bt F. Liversey (13) by 3.

## HANDICAP SINGLES.

## THE OLIVER BOWL.

(39 Entries).

## FIRST ROUND.

J. Weston Martyr (12) bt G. A. H. Alexander (8) by 8.  
Col. D. W. Beamish (—1½) bt Capt. G. R. Bald (6) by 4.  
Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2) bt Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) by 2.  
Mrs. H. J. Philpot (5) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (9) by 3 on time.  
F. H. Fisher (—1½) bt Mrs. C. A. G. Money (10) by 22.  
Mrs. L. Abdy (9) bt V. C. Cave (3) by 22.  
Mrs. L. G. Walters (5) bt Miss K. Ault (3) by 3.

## SECOND ROUND.

W. W. Sweet Escott (—½) bt Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) by 4.  
Miss A. E. Mills (1½) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—2) by 25.  
Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (3) bt G. A. Black (9) by 17.  
Major J. R. Abbey (½) bt Mrs. M. S. Carlyon (0) by 5.  
H. O. Hicks (—5½) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (5½) by 10.  
Miss V. E. Mills (3½) bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) by 22.  
Col. D. W. Beamish (—1½) w.o. J. Weston Martyr (12) opponent retired.

Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2) bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot (5) by 11.  
F. H. Fisher (—1½) bt Mrs. L. Abdy (9) by 8.  
Mrs. L. G. Walters (5) bt Mrs. Sydney Phillips (2½) by 16.  
Miss S. C. Gough (11) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (1) by 1.  
Mrs. M. H. Vincent (11) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton (—2) by 6.  
Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (1) bt G. F. Rothwell (—1½) by 6.  
Major G. F. Stone (—4) bt M. B. Reckitt (—3) by 18.  
J. K. Brown (—1) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (4½) by 2.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) w.o. Rev. G. F. H. Elvey (—1) opponent scratched.

## THIRD ROUND.

Miss A. E. Mills (1½) bt W. W. Sweet Escott (—½) by 7.  
Major J. R. Abbey (½) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (3) by 2.  
Miss V. E. Mills (3½) bt H. O. Hicks (—5½) by 15.  
Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2) bt Col. D. W. Beamish (—1½) by 19.  
F. H. Fisher (—1½) bt Mrs. L. G. Walters (5) by 10.  
Miss S. C. Gough (11) bt Mrs. M. H. Vincent (11) by 12.  
Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (—1) w.o. Major G. F. Stone (—4) opponent scratched.  
J. K. Brown (—1) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) by 13.

## FOURTH ROUND.

Miss A. E. Mills (1½) bt Major J. R. Abbey (½) by 11.  
Miss V. E. Mills (3½) bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2) by 15.  
Miss S. C. Gough (11) bt F. H. Fisher (—1½) by 8.  
J. K. Brown (—1) bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (1) by 2.

## SEMI-FINAL.

Miss V. E. Mills (3½) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1½) by 18.  
Miss S. C. Gough (11) bt J. K. Brown (—1) by 5.

## FINAL.

Miss V. E. Mills (3½) bt Miss S. C. Gough (11) by 7.

## HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(No two minus players to play together).

## LE MESSURIER CHALLENGE CUPS.

(16 Pairs).

## FIRST ROUND.

Major G. F. Stone and Miss V. E. Mills (—½) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon and Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2) by 13.  
Mrs. R. G. Michelmore and Mrs. L. Abdy (11) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (—2) by 6.  
Mrs. L. H. Ashton and G. A. H. Alexander (6) bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot and Mrs. C. A. Bishop (14) by 2.  
Mrs. L. G. Walters and G. A. Black (13) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse and W. J. Dixon (14½) by 1 on time.  
M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (6) bt Miss A. E. Mills and Miss K. Ault (4½) by 5.  
G. F. Rothwell and Miss W. L. Stevenson (7½) bt W. W. Sweet Escott and W. H. Pearce (11½) by 6.  
H. O. Hicks and J. Weston Martyr (4½) bt J. K. Brown and Lady Ursula Abbey (3½) by 16.  
Col. D. W. Beamish and Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (—½) bt Major J. R. Abbey and Capt. M. Buller (8½) by 7.

## SECOND ROUND.

Major G. F. Stone and Miss V. E. Mills (—½) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmore and Mrs. L. Abdy (11) by 10.  
Mrs. L. G. Walters and G. A. Black (13) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton and G. A. H. Alexander (6) by 16.  
G. F. Rothwell and Miss W. L. Stevenson (7½) bt M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (6) by 9.  
H. O. Hicks and J. Weston Martyr (4½) bt Col. D. W. Beamish and Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (—½) by 18.

## SEMI-FINAL.

Major G. F. Stone and Miss V. E. Mills (—½) bt Mrs. L. G. Walters and G. A. Black (13) by 14.  
H. O. Hicks and J. Weston Martyr (4½) bt G. F. Rothwell and Miss W. L. Stevenson (7½) by 12.

## FINAL.

Major G. F. Stone and Miss V. E. Mills (—½) bt H. O. Hicks and J. Weston Martyr (4½) by 6.

## CHELTENHAM

The Annual Club Trophies Tournament was held on the lawns of the Cheltenham Croquet Club during the week of June 6th, Miss Paulley kindly carrying out the duties of manager and with her usual efficiency.

The final results:

## OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP CUP.

("Two Lives.")

## DRAW.

## FINAL.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (opponent scratched).

## PROCESS.

## FINAL.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Comdr. D. Roe by 23.

## STELLA CUP.

## LEVEL SINGLES.

(3 Bisesques or more).

## FINAL.

Miss M. Posford bt Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels by 8.

## MURRAY-MENZIES CUP.

## HANDICAP SINGLES.

(7 Bisesques or more).

## FINAL.

Mrs. A. M. Daniels (9) bt Mrs. M. P. Miller (9) by 22.

## BELLAIRS BOWL.

## HANDICAP SINGLES.

(11 Bisesques or more).

## FINAL.

Lt.-Col. Picton-Turberville (12) bt Miss Leonard (14) by 6.

## OPEN HANDICAP SINGLES.

## FINAL.

Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (2½) bt F. Langley (0) by 6.

## PEEL MEMORIAL.

## HANDICAP DOUBLES.

## FINAL.

Comdr. D. Roe and Mrs. A. M. Daniels (11) bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—3½) by 5.

## THE CHALLENGE CUPS, GILBEY CUP & GOLF CROQUET

Will be played for at

## THE ROEHAMPTON CLUB

The Headquarters of the Croquet Association

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11th, to SATURDAY,  
AUGUST 20th, 1955

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager and Handicapper.—Miss D. A. Lintern.

Assistant Manager.—T. Wood-Hill.

Referee.—E. P. C. Cotter.

Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.

## EVENTS.

Open to Associates only.

## THE CHALLENGE CUPS.

1.—FIRST DIVISION. THE ROEHAMPTON CHALLENGE CUP (Open). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Level Play. This event will be played on the "Two Life" system. Holder—E. P. C. Cotter.

2.—SECOND DIVISION. THE COUNCIL CHALLENGE CUP. Open to Associates handicapped at ½ to 2½ bisesques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Matches of single games except that matches best of three games will be played in the semi-final (if time permits) and final. Level play. This event will be played under Variation "B". Holder—Dr. B. R. Sandiford.

3.—THIRD DIVISION. THE LUARD CHALLENGE CUP. Open to Associates handicapped at 3 to 5 bisesques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Matches of single games throughout. Level play. Holder—Miss K. Ault.

4.—FOURTH DIVISION. THE RECKITT CHALLENGE CUP. Open to Associates handicapped at 5½ to 7½ bisesques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Matches of single games throughout. Level Play. Holder—E. Whitehead.

5.—FIFTH DIVISION. THE STEVENSON CHALLENGE CUP. Open to Associates handicapped at 8 bisesques or over. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Matches of single games throughout. Level Play. Holder—Brig. J. S. Omond.

Law 44 will be suspended in respect of Events 3, 4 and 5.

N.B.—No competitor may enter for more than one of the above five events.

6.—THE "GILBEY" CUP. HANDICAP SINGLES. This event will be drawn in four Blocks, "A," "B," "C" and "D" according to handicaps. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Matches of single games throughout. To qualify for the "Gilbey" Cup, the winner of "A" v. "B" will play the winner of "C" v. "D." Holders—The Event, W. P. Ormerod (4), Block "A" A. G. F. Ross (—4), Block "B" Major J. H. Dibley (1), Block "D" Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (12).

7.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicaps of 1 bisque or over. Entries should be made in pairs. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. each person. Matches of single games throughout. Holders—J. G. Warwick and Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (3).

8.—GOLF CROQUET SINGLES. The "Ascot" Challenge Cup. Open to all. Entrance Fee, 4s. 6d. The competition will be played under the Official Rules of Golf Croquet. Played in two blocks according to handicaps; the winners of the blocks playing off to decide the winner of the cup. Holder.—Mrs. H. F. Chittenden.

9.—GOLF CROQUET DOUBLES. The "Delves Broughton" Challenge Cups. Presented by the late Sir Delves Broughton, Bart. Open to pairs with combined Croquet handicaps of not less than scratch. Entrance Fee, 4s. 6d. each player. The competition will be played under the Official Rules of Golf Croquet. Entries should be made in pairs. Holders—Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts and W. P. Ormerod.

## CONDITIONS.

Hoops 3¼in. wide. "Eclipse" Balls will be used.

Eight Courts will be provided.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

## ENTRIES.

The Entries accompanied by the Entrance Fees, for Events 1 to 6, 8 and 9, must be sent to the Secretary so as to reach her not later than the first post on Friday, August 5th, and for Event 7 (in pairs) by 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 13th.

Competitors must give with their Entries, the address at which messages will reach them during the Tournament. Standard entry forms should be used.

## DRAW.

The Draw for the Challenge Cups and Gilbey Cup will take place at 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, on Monday, August 8th, at 11 a.m.

The Draw for Event No. 7 (Handicap Doubles) will take place at the Roehampton Club at noon on Saturday, August 13th.

## PLAY.

Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily, unless otherwise notified, and continue until 7 p.m. or later if necessary.

## BRIGHTON

(UNOFFICIAL)

An Unofficial Tournament will be held on  
MONDAY, AUGUST 29th, and FIVE FOLLOWING  
DAYS

(Under C.A. Laws and Regulations).

Manager and Handicapper.—Major J. R. Dibley.

Hon. Sec.—F. E. Corke, 60 Southwick Street, Southwick, Sussex.

## EVENTS.

1.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 5½ and under. Entrance Fee, 8s.

2.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 6 and over. Entrance Fee, 8s.

3.—X.Y. Entrance Fee, 8s.

4.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined Handicap to be not less than 4. Entrance Fee, 8s.

All games in Event 4 will start at No. 3 hoop.

Entries for 1, 2 and 3 must reach the Hon. Secretary not later than first post, Thursday, August 25th.

The Draw for Events 1, 2 and 3, will take place at Southwick on Thursday, August 25th, and for Event No. 4 at 2.30, Tuesday, August 30th.

Luncheons and Teas will be obtainable in the Club canteen.

Extra event if time permits.

## PARKSTONE (East Dorset)

### CROQUET TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, AUGUST 29th, and five following days

(Under the Laws and Regulations of the C.A.)

Committee.—Croquet Committee of the Parkstone Club.

Manager and Handicapper.—L. H. Ashton.

Referee.—Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin.

Hon. Secretary.—Mrs. L. H. Ashton, Tennis and Croquet Club, Saltern's Road, Parkstone, Dorset.

1.—OPEN SINGLES. Single games. Entrance Fee, 8s. Bournemouth Bowl. Loser of the first match qualify for the Ashton Trophy. Single games. Entrance Fee, 5s.

2.—LEVEL SINGLES. Variation B. For players of 1½ to 4 bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 8s. Deshon Cup.

3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. For players of 4½ bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 8s. Halse Salver.

Competitors may enter for only one of the above three events.

4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Unrestricted. Entrance Fee, 9s. Gold Cup.

5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Unrestricted. Entrance Fee, 8s. each player.

#### CONDITIONS.

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4, must reach the Hon. Sec. on or before midday **Thursday, August 25th**. Entries for Event 5 close at midday on **Tuesday, August 30th**.

The Draw will take place at the Club on Thursday, August 25th, at 3 p.m.

Five or six courts will be provided and Jaques' "Eclipse" balls will be used. Standard 3¼ in. hoops.

Play will commence at 10 a.m. (or earlier if necessary). Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

Lunch and tea at the Club at moderate prices.

The Hon. Secretary will be pleased to help in finding accommodation if notified in time. Kindly send full particulars as to type required.

## THE PRESIDENT'S CUP

Presented to the C.A. in 1934 by Trevor Williams, Esq.

Holder—H. O. Hicks.

For the 8 best available players of the preceding 12 months in the C.A. invited to compete by the Council of the C.A.

No Entrance Fee.

Will be played for at

### THE ROEHAMPTON CLUB

The Headquarters of the Croquet Association.

on

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th, 1955

AND FOLLOWING DAYS.

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager.—Mrs. G. J. Turketine.

Referees.—E. P. C. Cotter and Miss D. A. Lintern.

Assistant Referees will be appointed under Reg. 15 (a).

Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.

Twenty-two

#### CONDITIONS.

Hoops 3 11/16th inches wide, and Jaques' "Eclipse" Balls will be used. The Council of the C.A. reserve the right to substitute hoops 3¼ inches wide at their discretion.

Each Competitor meets each of the other Competitors twice in each Competition.

If a Competitor fails from any cause to play through the whole of the games in the series, his or her score in that series will be entirely eliminated from the Competition. No substitute will be permitted in either series in any circumstances after the Competition has once commenced.

Single games throughout provided that in the event of a tie in the score, the possession of the Cup for the year will be decided by a match of three games.

In the event of a tie between three Competitors, each of these three will play a single game against each of the other two. If the issue is still undecided, the three names will be drawn on the "Bagnall-Wild" system, and single games will be played in each round.

In the event of tie between more than three Competitors, the names of the winners will be drawn on the "Bagnall-Wild" system, and single games will be played in each round.

All Competitors must furnish the Secretary with the address at which messages will reach them during the Tournament.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

#### PRIZES.

The winner holds the Trophy for one year or until the next Competition, whichever is the shorter period, and will receive a medal.

#### PLAY.

Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily, unless otherwise notified.

Competitors must report themselves to the Manager on arrival, and no leave of absence can be given in any circumstances.

## CHELTENHAM

### N.O. TOURNAMENT

To be held on the CLUB LAWNS, Old Bath Road, on **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th, and five following days**

#### EVENTS.

1.—OPEN SINGLES. (Two Lives.) Variation B. Fee, 8s. 6d.

2.—LEVEL SINGLES. Law 44 suspended. 3 bisques or more). Fee, 6s.

3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. (5½ bisques to 9 bisques). Fee, 6s.

4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. (10 bisques or over.) Fee, 6s.

5.—HANDICAP SINGLES (X.Y. system). Fee, 8s. 6d.

6.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Unrestricted. Fee, 6s. each.

Entries to F. Langley, Cheltenham Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham, by midday, September 8th. Draw 2 p.m. same day.

No leave unless circumstances of Draw permit.

Manager, Referee and Handicapper.—F. Langley.

Play will begin daily at 10 a.m. or earlier if necessary.

## DEVONSHIRE PARK, EASTBOURNE

### SOUTH OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

THE FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL

#### OPEN TOURNAMENT

will start on

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th, 1955**

and continue during the following two weeks.

(Held under the Laws and Regulations of the C.A.)

Committee.—The Entertainments Committee of the County Borough of Eastbourne, the Tournament Committee of the Council of the C.A., and the following local representatives of the C.A.—Lt.-Col. R. A. Irwin, L. D. P. Swift, Capt. H. C. Davey and N. Oddie.

Joint Managers.—Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury and Major J. H. Dibley, M.C.

Referee.—Mrs. E. Reeve, who will nominate Assistant Referees under Regulation 15 (a).

Handicapper.—M. B. Reckitt.

Secretary.—The Secretary, The Croquet Association, 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1 (to whom all entries should be sent before Tuesday, September 20th).

#### EVENTS.

1.—OPEN SINGLES. THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all competitors. (See Conditions below.) Entrance Fee, 12s. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Trophy presented by the late Mrs. A. C. Ionides—Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins.

2.—MEN'S OPEN SINGLES. THE MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all men competitors. (See Conditions below.) Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Gold Challenge Cup presented by the late Capt. C. L. O'Callaghan.—Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins.

3.—WOMEN'S OPEN SINGLES. THE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all women competitors. (See Conditions below.) Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Trophy presented by Mrs. H. Franc.—Miss D. D. Steel.

4.—"B" LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 1½ to 4½ bisques inclusive. (See Conditions below.) Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Silver Challenge Salver presented by the Devonshire Park Company.—Mrs. V. C. Gasson.

5.—"C" LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 5 to 8½ bisques inclusive. (See Conditions below.) Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Holder of the Challenge Trophy presented by the late E. Sydney Luard, Esq.—Miss J. Warwick.

6.—"D" LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 9 bisques or over. (See Conditions below.) Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Cup presented by the late Trevor Williams, Esq.—Mrs. H. F. Roberts.

7.—UNRESTRICTED LEVEL DOUBLES. (See Conditions below.) Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. each competitor. **Played under Variation "B"**.

8.—RESTRICTED HANDICAP DOUBLES. Open to pairs with combined handicaps of not less than 1 bisque. (See Conditions below.) Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. each competitor.

9.—HANDICAP SINGLES. To be drawn in one block. THE "SUSSEX" PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP. (See Conditions below.) Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.

10.—LIMITED HANDICAP SINGLES. THE SUSSEX UNION CHALLENGE CUP. Limited to competitors handicapped at 1½ bisques or over. Competitors in this event may not enter for Events 1, 2 or 3, or 7. Shortened games if necessary. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.

#### CONDITIONS.

1.—In Event 1, matches best of three games will be played throughout. In all other events matches of single games will be played.

2.—Competitors may not enter for more than two of Events 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

3.—Law 44 will be suspended in Events 4, 5 and 6.

4.—Play in Events 1 and 4 will begin on Monday September 26th; in Event 5 and 9 on Tuesday, September 27th; in Event 7 on Wednesday, September 28th; in Event 6 on Thursday, September 29th; in Events 2 and 3 not before Friday, September 30th; in Event 8 on Monday, October 3rd.

5.—Events 1 and 7 will be completed by Monday, October 3rd.

Players in Events 2, 3 or 6 may enter for Event 9 on the understanding that they will not be called upon to play in that event before Friday, September 30th.

#### INFORMATION.

ENTRIES.—Entries accompanied by Entrance Fees for all Events except 7 and 8 must reach the Secretary, The Croquet Association, 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, by Tuesday, September 20th (do not send entries to Devonshire Park). Cheques and postal orders should be made payable to The Croquet Association.

Non-Associates must also pay a tribute of 10s. to the C.A., as this is an Official Tournament, or 5s. if they enter in only one event; but, on their becoming Associates any tribute paid by them during the current year will be refunded or credited against their subscriptions.

ADDRESSES.—Competitors are particularly requested to send, with their entries, the addresses and telephone numbers which will find them during the Tournament.

DRAW.—The Draw for all Events, except Events 7 and 8, will take place at the C.A. Office, 4 Southampton Row, at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 21st. The Draw for Event 7 will take place at Devonshire Park at noon on Tuesday, September 27th, and for Event 8 at Devonshire Park at noon on Saturday, October 1st.

COURTS AND EQUIPMENT.—The courts will be provided at Devonshire Park, and competitors must also be prepared to play on the courts at the Compton Club if required. Jaques' Eclipse balls and hoops, 3¼ inches wide, will be used.

PLAY.—Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily, or earlier if necessary, and will continue until daylight fails.

Competitors in Events 1 and 4, will be notified, and must be prepared to play, if they are required, at 10 a.m., or some later hour, on Monday, September 26th.

All competitors must report themselves to the Manager on arrival at the ground each day.

It is particularly asked that, in the interests of the Tournament, competitors who are timed for the first games each morning will be punctual, and that they will be on the court and will begin play at the time stated.

Before leaving the ground for the day, competitors should not fail to consult the order of play announced on the board for the following day.

A competitor who is not present or is otherwise unable to play when called upon to do so, will be liable to be scratched under Regulation 24 (a) (i).

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—No leave should be applied for, nor could it be granted, save in exceptional circumstances.

HEELS.—Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

PRIZES.—In addition to the Challenge Trophies mentioned, two prizes will be given in each Event with 8 entries, and the number of other prizes will be in accordance with the number of entries.

The Challenge Trophies may be held by the winners for one year or until the next Tournament, whichever is the shorter period.

ACCOMMODATION.—The following hotels are recommended:—

Licensed.—Alexandra, Beaulieu, Burlington, Cavendish, Cumberland, Grand, Hydro, Kenilworth Court, Queen's and Sussex.

Unlicensed.—Devonshire Court, Lansdowne, New Wilmington and Westrocks.

CATERING.—Morning coffee and afternoon teas will be provided daily at Devonshire Park.

ADMISSION.—Associates will be admitted free on production of their Membership Cards. Otherwise admission is 1s.

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**DATES OF IMPORTANT EVENTS**

Aug. 11—20	ROEHAMPTON	Challenge and Gilbey Cups
Sept 5—10	ROEHAMPTON	President's Cup

*For dates of other events see calendar on page 2*

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Write to the Secretary  
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