

Correspondence

'Guidelines for Handicappers'

from I. Howard Wright

Sir,

Now that handicaps have all been raised by 2, I think it would be useful if the Handicaps Co-ordination Committee could lay down some guidelines to help club handicappers.

Handicapping in croquet is more difficult than in some other games because a player's performance depends so much on the quality of his opponent, but it seems to me that there are certain definite stages in a player's progress down the scale of bisques: when a break of 5 or 6 hoops can be sustained; when an all-round break is first achieved; when it can be relied on; when two big breaks in the same game can be managed; when a triple peel can be set up and done. Because of the nature of croquet, these cannot be hard and fast benchmarks, but each of these stages could be covered by a definite handicap range.

In the past there was a rule-of-thumb guide, namely to see how many bisques a player took to do an all-round break, double it and call the answer his handicap. Obviously this concept can no longer apply, because last year's 10-bisquer who used 5 bisques to take each of his balls to the peg will find that this year he still has 2 left (in theory, anyway!), and the scratch player, having made two all-round breaks, will still have both his new bisques intact. It seems to me clear that the concept of a 10-bisquer or a scratch player, for instance, must be different this year, and that club handicappers need some help in dealing with the changed situation.

If official guidelines were laid down, what appear to be two different schools of thought among official handicappers could be brought together. One school seems to try to handicap a player according to the level at which he plays in a tournament, which seems the fairest way to me, although it results in some quite savage reductions even at minus levels. The other school rewards relatively outstanding play with a cut of half a bisque "as encouragement". This latter method has a double disadvantage. First, it is unfair to that player's opponents at his next tournament. Secondly, when it happens to a player from a young club, he may well be the only player in the club with an official C.A. handicap and his handicap is used as a yardstick for the rest of the club, and then people mutter darkly when a player from that club wins an Area Final in the All England.

It is quite clear that in 1974 the concept of 'scratch' and all other handicap levels must be different from the concept applied last year. It will also be more difficult to come below 16. It seems to me that at the start of the 1974 season it would be most useful to have some positive guidance from the Handicaps Co-ordination Committee.

Yours faithfully,
I. Howard Wright

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Clackmannanshire.

'What is a Swiss Tournament'

from G.E.P. Jackson, C.B.E.

Sir,

I much enjoyed Mr Schofield's letter in your last issue. It is good to read praise of the Swiss method of conducting a competition.

Perhaps, however, enthusiasts for the Swiss method in croquet would do their cause good if a distinction in terminology was made between (to use Mr. Schofield's numbers) an event of 5 rounds for 10 players on the one hand, and of 5 rounds for 50 players on the other. The former ensures that the winner will be truly the best player of the

company, as he will have been matched against all the other contenders; the same satisfying result as in the American is produced, but in a shorter time.

The event of 5 rounds for 50 players is quite a different matter. There is no element of the winner having played all the other players who are on form at the time, and there is nothing that overcomes the luck of the knockout's draw; indeed, it is simply a prolonged knockout, with the losers playing on, and one which requires, at the end, a play-off to get a winner at all. I see nothing against mounting an event which gives all the company the same number of games, even though there is nothing in their performance which concerns the one who gets the mug, but it really has little to do with the Swiss concept.

I suspect that in croquet the ideal Swiss would contain 2 more rounds than the knockout needs for the same number of players. Thus early losses are adjusting the draw and not necessarily determining the final outcome. I also suspect that a block of 16 players is the largest practical number. Thus 6 rounds for 16 people may well be the best for us. I do wish there were more experiments to find out.

So I suggest that we confine the term Swiss to an Event which needs more rounds (one or more) than a knockout would need, and that we use a different term for the Event which has the merit of providing an equal number of matches for all contestants but lacks the kernel of the Swiss idea, avoidance of the knockout's luck without the tedium of the American. Perhaps it would be nice to revive Della of Parkstone's (the late V.A. de la Nougerede) term, the Semi-American, for the latter. It doesn't matter what we call them, I think, only that we should agree to give them different names.

Park House, Thirelstone Road,
Cheltenham, Glos.

Yours truly,
G.E.P. Jackson

'Test Match Memories'

from A.G.F. Ross

Sir,

Regarding your letter about people who have taken part in the various Croquet Tests over the years, the first team that came out here was Humphrey Hicks, John Solomon, Ward Petley and Mrs Ozanne, who accompanied the team but did not play, and Mrs Kingsford Carter Ashton. New Zealand won that Rubber but has not succeeded again.

England has strengthened her teams since that time. Cotter has been in nearly every one, and the teams have consisted almost entirely of men. We have had one member added to our strength from England since the last war, David Curtis, who is now rated one of our best. The recent teams from your country have all been of young good players, and it looks as if that class will dominate the Tests. We had some first class players, Mr & Mrs Clem Watkins, Gordon Rowling and John Prince, for example, but the Watkins couple have died recently, and others are beginning to fade back.

I myself have stopped taking part in Tests of late, and New Zealand teams are not likely to hit the top for some time to come. It looks as if England will win all Tests for some time.

I'm afraid my memory is a bit full of gaps where the names are concerned. Sorry.

406 Pepper Street,
Hastings, New Zealand.

Yours sincerely,
A.G.F. Ross

(This letter is in response to one that I wrote to Mr Ross, in which I asked him to write down some of his memories of past Test Matches. — Ed.)

Rover Note

Whodunnit

Anonymity has its uses. Reporters of tournaments, for instance, would be even more shy and elusive if they had to put their names to their efforts. But there are some secret agents whose deeds shine and who deserve to be recognised.

In 1968 the vagaries of printing fathered a new croquet issue. From its inception in 1904 the Croquet Gazette had always carried the conditions for forthcoming tournaments, but when the number of issues sank from the weekly issue to only 4 or 5 in the whole summer and when even these were sometimes 'unavoidably' delayed, something had to be done — and somebody had to do it. Thus the 1969 Fixtures List was born, and it was Derek Caporn who produced it. When one considers the complexity of the material, the task of gathering it in from the clubs and the need for accuracy, one can only gasp and admire. For 3 years, despite postal strikes and mishaps, he never let us down. Apart from giving us the pleasure of being able to plan ahead, the spin-off benefit to the gazette has been enormous. The 1974 list arrived in January bringing its promises like a rainbow. This one, like that of 1973, was compiled by Jim Townsend, and it bears the stamp of his precision in thought and word. How did we manage without it, and what would the C.A. do without the time-consuming unheralded work of their under cover administrators?

Golf Croquet at the Ipswich Club

The Ipswich Club has found that the recruitment of golf croquet members not only assists the Club's finances but also gives training in the groundwork of Association Croquet, namely mallet control, hoop running, playing balls and the roquet stroke. Many golf croquet members have gone on to Association Croquet and some have entered national tournaments, but golf croquet remains strong locally, and American competitions have been arranged in golf croquet singles for the Victory Cup. In 1974 Mrs Boddington has given a cup for golf croquet doubles in memory of her husband.

The Ipswich Club has two lawns and uses double-banking for golf croquet. It has been found necessary to encourage play as near the relevant hoop as possible and to discourage hitting out across the lawn and thus interfering with play in another game.

After much thought we have concluded that golf croquet handicaps ought not to be based on Association Croquet handicaps. Not only do we have many purely golf croquet members, but it is possible to be very good at golf croquet and not very good at Association Croquet. Is it not possible to devise an alternative method of handicapping for golf croquet, if indeed it is desirable to have golf croquet handicaps at all?

E.I. Wood

Corrigenda

1. On p.12 col.1 of the gazette for October 1973, the result of Event 2b: 'B' Handicap Singles ('Y') is given as

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

This score should be corrected to +19

2. On pp.4-5 of the gazette for December 1973 there are several errors in the Bibliography; these all concern attributions of authorship to an author previously mentioned in the list and arise from a misunderstanding of a symbol. The only sensible solution is to reprint the Bibliography in full in a future issue of the gazette; there will be some additions to the list.

Photographic Competition 1974

A prize of £5 has been offered for the best photograph to commemorate the 1974 Croquet Season. The winning entry, and perhaps one or two others, will be printed in the gazette when a convenient opportunity arises. There is no entry fee and entrants may send as many photographs as they wish. The Editor reserves the right to print the photographs. If entrants wish their photographs returned, they must state this when they send their photographs and enclose a stamp, so that the cost of returning photographs should not fall on the C.A. Entries should be sent on or before 30 September to The Editor at 58 Romsey Road, Lyndhurst, Hampshire SO4 7AR.

Ave et Salve

*Stand up, Speak up . . . and Shut up. That's the role
Prescribed for Presidents, and on the whole
I think it wise. If I proceed in verse,
At any rate 'twill help me to be terse.
What Kipling called "The unforgiving minute" . . .
I've only five of these, and I had best begin it.*

*So Hail and Hurrah, I'd wave our Croquet Flags,
But Blue, Black, Red and Yellow, in their bags
Have all been left behind, they're out of season.
This ghastly weather will provide the reason.
I've stood up, spoken up, but shutting up
Is not a prize for which I've ever won a cup.
(Another Alexandrine, pardon please,
The poet is allowed a few of these.)*

*Well, thank you all, it's good of you to come,
But now you have, I beg you won't be dumb.
This is your day to offer your suggestions.
Your Council will reply to all your questions —
At least it says it will — hope for the best.
Now poor old M.B.R. can take a well-earned rest.*

Ember

DisHEARTened

*My heart is given to this game, I'd say;
Conventional metaphor that was near enough
To truth its simple message to convey;
But it's my heart that now has called my bluff.*

*'I've been supporting you these many years',
Says Heart, 'and I'm tired of this; be still.
There really is no reason, it appears,
To plod along with such exhausted skill!'*

*Well, I admit all this; you've done your best,
Which is p'raps more than I have, some might say.
You helped me win a prize last autumn, zest
Carried me that far; thank you anyway.*

*I'll give it up and follow good advice,
But summer's cake will lose a hefty slice.*

Ember

The Secretary and the Editor

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The Worldmark Croquet Tour 1974

All of us who had such a good time "down-under" last year were determined to repeat the success in South Africa this January. Unfortunately, our invaluable Courier Vandeleur Robinson was unable to come and had to depute two deputy impromptu couriers at very short notice. Thanks to an invaluable 'briefing' from Vandeleur we were able to muddle through. The members of last year's team were joined by Kay Longman, Elsie Thompson, Deborah Whiteman, Doreen Waterhouse and Noreen Figgis. We had three non-playing spectators.

Under conditions of almost unbelievable security we took off by "jumbo" from Heathrow during the evening of January 5, landed at Johannesburg the next morning, and were whisked off by bus to Pretoria in time for lunch. We were a day behind schedule, so we had no competitive croquet, but we did have some very pleasant and high-class friendly games (all double-banked, of course) at the charming, quiet and pretty Pretoria Club. Nelson Leach and Pixie Arbuthnot are the Pretoria stars. Some of us did some sight-seeing (diamond mines and native villages), and all went to a classic cocktail party chez Leach and a super barbeque chez Arbuthnot.

On Thursday January 10 our flight from Johannesburg was delayed and we were an hour late getting to Capetown, where the airport was uncomfortably overcrowded. Elsie Thompson made way for us by energetic and skilful use of her mallet. We were greeted by our old friend Bryan Lloyd-Pratt, Gillespie (Chairman of the South African C.A.), Dilys Hobbs (Secretary of the South African C.A.), George James and several other South African officials and players.

During our six days in Cape Province Worldmark ensured that we did not miss any of the main "sights" i.e. Table Mountain, Cape of Good Hope etc. The weather was glorious and we had four days pretty strenuous double-banked croquet. We had a 2-day tournament at Rondebosch, where Frances Joly came first (silver pencil), Christopher Haworth second (bottle of Scotch) and Mignonne White of Rondebosch third. We also had a one day tournament at Fishhoek, which Frances Joly also won.

None of us will ever forget Tuesday January 15. George James had arranged a match between Worldmark and Somerset West. This was a close contest, won by Worldmark by 7 matches to 5, and this led George to publish his opinion in the local paper that handicaps in our two countries are now on a reasonable parity (The South Africans also put up their handicaps by 2 this winter). We played most at Vergelegen, home of the current South African Singles Champion, surely one of the most beautiful houses and estates in the whole world. It was really rather amazing that we emerged the winners after the lunch and the strawberries.

Wednesday was notable for Kay Longman's gallant defence of Sybil Taylor with her handbag against a baboon at Cape Point, for some members paddling in a stormy Indian Ocean, and for a very generous farewell wine and cheese party given by Gillespie and his charming wife to all of us and the contestants from all the clubs. We were able to do ourselves proud on the excellent Constantia wine we had been unable to buy for ourselves.

On the Thursday we travelled on to Natal, where it was raining! We were delayed at Durban airport and arrived late at Pietermaritzburg to find out that the Maritzburg ladies had laid on a most exciting programme for us. This included hob-nobbing with lions, antelopes, rhino, giraffes, ostriches, zebras etc. in the Natal Lion Park, lunch at the Maritzburg Country Club, high-class bridge, a film show and a splendid croquet tournament in an exquisite park. The tournament was won comfortably by Philip Mann. We can never be too grateful to Myrle Simkins and her helpers for all the above, and for free transport throughout.

On the Tuesday we took the "old road" to Durban via "The valley of a thousand hills", which is indescribably

beautiful Zulu country. In Durban we were in the fantastically generous hands of Jesse and Richard Carte and Dorothy Aubrey, and we had some very hot and humid croquet. Pat Hooker of Berea C.C. was the winner, and Liliias Cooke and Christopher Haworth came equal second. We all dined one night with Kay Longman and Frances Joly at the famous "Oyster Box", and Kay was good enough to say a few kind words about the couriers.

With what developed into a disastrous Rand/Pound situation, we should never have survived but for the incredible hospitality we received throughout.

We had a good flight home. We arrived a day late, and spent the extra day agreeably in Johannesburg where there was a swimming pool on the roof and a "Waggy" birthday party (both à la Melbourne).

Mich credit is due to Worldmark for their general background work, and to their agents in Africa, Moulders & Grosvenor Car Hire Co., for overcoming so many snags.

And so to next year. Some suggest Cairo, others Barbados, others New York! Any ideas?

C.W.Haworth

Croquet for Three Players

Several times last season an odd number of people turned up to play, so we developed a form of croquet which is suitable for three and may be of interest.

All four balls are used, each of the three players having one; the fourth ball, instead of being neutral, is common.

Players play in rotation, having tossed for order of play. When it is his turn to play, each player chooses whether to play his own ball or the common ball.

Each player must score all 12 hoops and the peg with his own ball and the common ball. This means that 6 clips must be used, and that 2 have to be distinguished in some way, such as by having larger clips or clips of a secondary colour.

This game is good for practice, as it is not safe to lay up with the common ball since the next player will then play it! This means that gaining the innings is nearly always the result of hitting in; ability to pick up a break is essential.

Some modifications to the rules were found to be necessary, and others may arise in the future. No lifts in consequence of wiring may be claimed for the common ball. Lifts and contact in advanced play can be claimed as usual, but only by the immediately following player (otherwise up to 8 lifts could be claimed by each player).

If two players are for the same hoop with the common ball and one sticks in it, the other must start to run it afresh, as it was not "his" ball which started to run the hoop.

Peeling can create problems, and it is as well to get agreement on this at the start. It should be permitted to peel any ball as in ordinary croquet, but if two players are for the same hoop with the common ball, the striker should nominate which ball he is attempting to peel. Going through a hoop once can only score 1 point. Of course it is quite possible to score hoops by peeling the common ball for more than one player in different strokes in the same turn. For instance, if both your opponents are for Rover with the common ball, you could peel one as you approach 3-back and the other before scoring Rover yourself, and then peg one out in the normal way and rush the other opponent's common ball onto the peg if you are very clever!

If an opponent pegs out a player's own ball, it is removed from the court in the normal way, but if he pegs out the player's common ball, that is left in play but treated as an outside agency during that player's turn, i.e. marked and removed if likely to interfere with a stroke.

When one player has won, the other two can fight it out for second place.

This game is not an easy one, but it is well worth trying. A three ball game can be played by two players on a similar basis; this is particularly good on a small lawn where all-round breaks are too easy with the four ball game.

I. Howard Wright

Chairman's Report

The application to the Sports Council for a renewal and increase in grant aid met with complete success. Not only was the Croquet Association given the precise sum requested for the period April - December 1973, but an assurance was received that a further grant would be forthcoming for the calendar year 1974 to cover a wider range of the C.A.'s general administrative costs. This recognition by the Sports Council is a tribute to the success of the Development Scheme, and it places the financial affairs of the C.A. on a firm footing. The grant aid for 1973 was at an annual rate of £2,015.

The Accounts, published elsewhere in this issue, show that the subscription income derived from Associates in the U.K. was £1,983 in 1973. This represents an increase of 20% since 1970, when the corresponding figure was £1,655, the rates of subscription having remained unchanged during these three years.

The response to coaching courses has been excellent. The publication in paper-back form of the photographs and commentary of the instructional Film Strips by Training Associates, sponsored by the National Westminster Bank, has been of great assistance. Courses for intending referees, initiated during the year, have been helped considerably by another new publication "Commentary on the Laws of Croquet" by Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard.

For several years there has been enormous enthusiasm for croquet in the West Midlands. This has now resulted in the formation of the Federation of West Midlands Croquet Clubs. It is pleasing to record that Stourbridge, one of the mainstays of this Federation, won the Longman Cup for the first time.

Another Federation was formed in the North West, where there are several keen clubs. The Bowdon Club staged its first weekend tournament, and this was instrumental in bringing together many players in the region, as well as some visitors.

Further afield, a visit by Nigel Aspinall to the United States resulted in the entire membership of both the New York and Palm Beach Croquet Clubs joining the C.A. as Overseas Associates. Useful links were forged with South Africa by a number of Associates who made a private trip organised by Worldmark Travel Ltd., and by Patrick Cotter who spent a month on a coaching tour sponsored by the South African Government.

During the year the decision was taken to raise all handicaps by 2. The limits of -5 and +16 are left unchanged.) This action had become inevitable as a consequence of a steady downward drift in the general level of handicaps over a number of years. It will doubtless cause some disappointment to players who were in sight of achieving a personal ambition of becoming a minus player or having a single-figure handicap. However, it will not affect the bisques given or received in matches, except in the small number of cases where the handicap of one of the players has not increased by 2 because the top limit remains at +16.

The preparatory work for the 1974 Test Tour has intensified during the year. The response to the appeal for the Test Tour Fund has been magnificent, and this will enable us to match the hospitality experienced by our teams in New Zealand in 1963 and Australia in 1969. The C.A. is especially indebted to John Jaques & Son Ltd. for their extremely generous gift of 27 sets of balls, which will make it possible for new balls to be provided for each of the three lawns at the nine Test Matches. New court equipment is also being loaned. The clubs which are staging Test Matches have had much to do, and there is little past experience upon which they can base their preparations. The Scottish Croquet Committee is providing extensive hospitality for the New Zealanders during the first week after their arrival, and the Carrickmines Club is preparing to receive the Australians at the same time. The West Midlands Federation are acting as hosts to the New Zealanders for the five days preceding the final Test Match at Nottingham.

Both the visiting teams include several new names, and their performances are awaited with great interest. One thing is quite certain, and that is the warmth of welcome that our friends from the Antipodes will experience throughout the Tour.

B.G.Neal

The 1974 Season

The highlight of the 1974 season will be an extended period of time lasting some eight weeks - it is, of course, the long-awaited visit of both Australian and New Zealand Test Teams to this country, a visit that begins in late June. This is the first time that teams from both countries have come here at the same time, and so it is the first time we have had a Triangular Test Series, involving nine Test Matches, in England.

On looking through the Calendar, I think Associates will be surprised at how few changes have had to be made from the normal pattern. There are two weeks with no tournaments (although there are two Test Matches in each of these weeks); the Open Championships are later than usual, after the completion of the Tests, and may extend beyond the normal six days if entries make this necessary; otherwise there are few major alterations.

One new fixture, a weekend at Budleigh Salterton, has been moved from September 27-29 (as in the Fixtures Book) to August 16-18. In the Longman Cup competition double-banking will be permitted provided both participating clubs so agree - another sign of the times.

On 20th May I shall have completed the maximum stint of four years permitted under Standing Orders and shall be handing over the Chairmanship of the Tournament Committee to my successor. Meanwhile may I wish all Associates a very good season, as well as wishing all our visitors from Overseas a very happy and pleasant stay in England this summer despite our present political uncertainties.

R.F.Rothwell,
Chairman, Tournament Committee

From the Secretary of the South African Croquet Association

The South African Croquet Championships were played at the Pretoria Croquet Club from 10 to 16 November 1973. There were 21 entries for the Singles Open Championship, which was won by T.Barlow; F.Arbuthnot was the runner-up. Twelve pairs entered for the Doubles Open Championship, which was won by T.Barlow and R.James, who defeated N.Leech and Mrs F.Arbuthnot in the final by 3. The handicap trophy was won by G.Hobbs; I.Gillespie was the runner-up.

From the New Zealand Croquet Gazette

Ten Commandments of Sportsmanship

1. Thou shalt not cheat.
2. Thou shalt not quit.
3. Thou shalt not sulk.
4. Thou shalt not make excuses.
5. Thou shalt not boast.
6. Thou shalt not grumble.
7. Thou shalt not dispute the referee.
8. Thou shalt not ask for odds thou art unable to give.
9. Thou shalt play for the game's sake.
10. Thou shalt co-operate for the team's sake.

Deadline

Material for the July Gazette must reach the Editor by June 15. Material for the Test Tour Results Issue must reach the Editor by August 17. Late contributions cannot normally be accepted.

Obituaries

D.E. Buckland

It is with much regret that we report the death of Don Buckland at his home in Hove on 13 November 1973. He joined us at Southwick in 1965, having previously been a member of Hurlingham for many years and Treasurer of the C.A. A man of considerable charm and ability, his services to the Club, both as a member of the Croquet Committee, of which in due course he became Chairman, and as a Representative of the Croquet Section on the Club's Management Committee, will be sadly missed.

For several years I have had the pleasure of being his partner in the Doubles at one or other of the Southwick Tournaments. His superb tactics and his frequent witticisms made this a memorable experience.

Our sympathies go to his widow, his sister and his two sons.
W.G.B.S.

C.H.O'D. Alexander, C.M.G., C.B.E.

Hugh Alexander first came across croquet when he shared a house with me. The game immediately appealed, and one of his regrets was that he could not find the time to play more and go away to tournaments. I remember him being mildly surprised when he discovered there was an intelligent game he had not previously found, for he was a devoted games player and had tried his hand at a great many. He also enjoyed talking about games, and comparing the strengths of the leading exponents was a frequent topic of conversation.

In about the first match he ever played at croquet he met Doris Yoxall in some club event. At the end, after her first ball had hit the peg in her peg-out shot (from some distance), he rushed on to the court calling out excitedly "I resign! I resign!", which apparently is what one says in chess. Of course some efficient referee ticked him off and then, also of course, Doris missed the peg. This he reckoned to be a fine introduction to croquet.

Though he came to croquet late in life, he had started on chess as a schoolboy. It was clear even at that time that he was destined to be no ordinary chess player. And so it proved. British Champion more than once, holder of many other titles and, in his prime, ranked high in world class chess. Chess played a very large part in his life. He was not simply a player, but wrote daily for one newspaper, weekly for four nationals, two of them in this country, and he was for ever reviewing books. He wrote three himself in the last two years, and for many years he had been answering a large fan mail. After supper he used to say "I suppose I had better do my letters". An hour later he would appear with some twenty. Three or four minutes each for writing, sticking up and stamping! Talk about a quick brain and concentration! How unlike most of us, I used to think.

These qualities showed in his croquet too. He always played with great determination, and he liked the sides to be well matched. Usually a normal handicap game didn't satisfy. He preferred more closely reasoned odds applying as aptly as possible to the current circumstances. A favourite was one which limited the better player to a certain number of hoops in a turn and which gave lifts in stated situations. There was as much fun in devising and arguing what these factors should be as in playing the game.

But games apart, he had the greatest zest for life and all that went on around him. He was an avid reader, interested in the arts and keeping up with modern developments, forever active in some new idea or current topic. Underlying it all was the Irishman; excitable, unable to sit still when talking; flashing eyes and humorous mouth; an apt pithy story for every occasion.

The croquet world is not the only quarter in which his death will be felt as a great loss.

G.E.P.J.

The deaths are also announced of Mrs Urquhart, Secretary of Auckland Croquet Association, of Mrs R.R. Williams and of Mrs H.M.B. Denny.

Federation of North West Croquet Clubs

The 1973 Season

The Federation was inaugurated in March 1973 with the aim of helping to promote and develop croquet in our region. After only a single season it is too early to say whether we shall be able to make any deep or lasting impression, but a promising start has been made.

1973 was certainly a livelier season than usual, and this was partly due to a programme of inter-club matches, the results of which were recorded in the form of a Federation League Table. Despite all kinds of problems, the full programme of Home and Away matches was completed. There was even enough time and energy left over for one leg of a friendly match to be played between the North West and the West Midlands Federation.

Earlier in the season we had been able to print and distribute a handsome pamphlet setting out details of the local clubs and the events they planned for the season. We also staged croquet demonstrations at two local clubs to help them in their membership drives. We were most grateful to the C.A. for the loan of loud-speaker equipment and for the grant towards publicity and other costs.

At least one club emerged with a larger membership at the end of the season, and, with the news at the Autumn meeting of the Federation of the formation of two new clubs in the area and of the possibility of a third coming into existence next year, in some respects croquet in the North is looking up. There remain serious problems, particularly in one or two long-established clubs. They can be assured that in the Federation they have an ally in the fight for survival.

Barbara Meachem was a driving force behind the formation of our Federation. We are most grateful to her for her help, and we now look forward to working equally happily with her successor, Liz Neal. Both ladies deserve our sincere thanks for travelling to Manchester in November to attend our Autumn meeting and for the guidance and encouragement they then offered us.

Neil Williams, Chairman.

Handicap Corrections and Alterations

Doubles

Since doubles handicaps may not exceed 14, four Associates whose handicaps are printed in the new Directory as 16 D15 should have their handicaps corrected to 16 D14. The Associates are: R.H. Cox, Mrs M. Goodricke, D.C. Lucas and M.A. Shepherd.

Corrections

Mrs E.E. Bressey 5; Dr W.R. Bucknall 1½; A.J. Bucknell 5½; A.V. Camroux -½; P.J. Crawford 4½; Brigadier H.E. Fernyhough 9; R. Forth 11 D9; Revd P.D. Hallett 0; W.F. Morton 12; C.G. Pountney 1½; Mrs C. Sebestyen 10; C. Southern 4½; A.L. Yoxall 1½.

Handicap Increase Approved

J.G. Warwick 2 to 4.

From the Australian Croquet Gazette

The twenty-fourth annual A.C.C. Carnival was held in Cheltenham, New South Wales for three weeks from 24 September 1973.

Interstate Cup

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| South Australia | 5 matches | 22 games | 720 points |
| Victoria | 4 matches | 22 games | 650 points |
| Tasmania | 3 matches | 14 games | 563 points |
| New South Wales | 1 match, 1 draw | 13 games | 529 points |
| West Australia | 1 match, 1 draw | 12 games | 463 points |
| Queensland | 0 matches | 7 games | 475 matches |

English Silver Medal: Mr H.J. Read (Tasmania)
English Bronze Medal: Mr B. Chambers (South Australia)
Singles Championship (The Wall Cup): Mr J. Magor (South Australia)
Ladies' Singles (The English Cup): Mrs G. Edwards (Victoria)
Men's Singles (A.C.C. Tray): Mr B. Chambers (South Australia)
Doubles Championship (The Gibson Trophies): Miss N.J. Gehan and Mr J. Magor (South Australia)
Agnes Morrison Memorial Trophy: Mr J. McDowell (New South Wales)

The new A.C.C. Secretary is Mrs D.L. Johnstone and the new Hon. Treasurer is Mr D. Johnstone, both of 3 Salier Crescent, Mt. Stuart, Hobart 7000, Tasmania.

Test Match Countdown

1. GREAT BRITAIN TEAM

The Selection Committee have selected the following 'squad' of ten from which the Great Britain teams will be chosen. The committee are empowered to add up to two further names at any time at their discretion. The names are as follows (in alphabetical order):

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| * G.N. Aspinall | * W.P. Ormerod |
| P.J.M. Fidler | B.G. Perry |
| * P.W. Hands | * W. de B. Prichard |
| M. Murray | * J.W. Solomon (Captain for the whole series) |
| * B.G. Neal | * K.F. Wylie |

Those seven marked with * represent the team from which the teams for the first and second Tests will be chosen (Hurlingham July 8-10 and 11-13).

The committee have been briefed to select teams for the third and fourth Tests (Southwick July 19-22 and Budleigh July 24-26) by 14 July, and for the fifth and last Tests (Rochampton August 2-4 and Nottingham August 7-9) by 26 July.

2. AUSTRALIAN TEAM

The Australian Team has been announced as follows:-

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| J. Magor (Captain) | B. Russell |
| B. Chambers | J. Reed |
| N. Spooner | |

Manager: D. Johnstone

P. Buck had been appointed Vice-Captain, but he has unfortunately had to withdraw, and his replacement has not yet been announced.

3. NEW ZEALAND TEAM

The New Zealand Team has been announced as follows:-

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|-------------------------|---------------|
| R. Murfitt | A.M. Anderson |
| G. Rowling | J.G. Prince |
| C.E. Anderson (Captain) | R.V. Jackson |

Manager: Mrs A.G. Rawlinson

4. TEST MATCH MANAGERS

have been appointed as follows:-

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| Colchester | R.F. Rothwell |
| Hurlingham I | S.S. Townsend |
| Hurlingham II | R.F. Rothwell |
| Compton | E. Strickland |
| Southwick | Cdr G. Borrett |
| Budleigh Salterton | Lt-Col G.E. Cave |
| Cheltenham | Revd W.E. Gladstone |
| Rochampton | Miss D.A. Lintern |
| Nottingham | R.F. Rothwell |

Referees are yet to be appointed.

5. WELCOMING DINNER

Owing to the departure of the Australian Test Team for a coach tour of Europe before the last Test has been played (New Zealand v. Great Britain at Nottingham) the Farewell Dinner planned to be held at Hurlingham on 22 August and open to all has been cancelled. The Welcoming Dinner previously planned as a Council dinner to entertain the three teams has been altered to a Welcoming Dinner open to all, and it will be the only official C.A. Dinner to our guests during the tour.

The Dinner will be held at the Hurlingham Club on Monday 1st July at 7.45 for 8.15 p.m. Dress: Informal (blazers for teams). Tickets (exclusive of wines) will be £3.25 each (inclusive of service charge and V.A.T.) obtainable through the C.A. Secretary. Firm orders are required by Wednesday 19 June, but early application would greatly assist the organisers. Cheques should be made payable to 'The Croquet Association'. Please send S.A.E. with applications for tickets.

6. ENTRANCE TO TEST MATCHES

Rochampton and Hurlingham are special cases, being closed Clubs. Rochampton's gate fee for Test Matches will be 25p, which will be waived for C.A. members and officials on production of their C.A. membership card or official badge. Hurlingham from May to September have a gate charge of 50p Saturdays and weekdays and £2 on Sundays and Bank Holidays. Both these rates will be halved for C.A. members on production of their C.A. membership cards (i.e. entry on Test days will be 25p on production of membership card). As far as the other clubs staging Test Matches are concerned, at the time of writing it is believed that only Cheltenham will be charging a gate fee (25p per day), but some of the other clubs will be making a collection to help defray expenses.

7. THE TEST TOUR PROGRAMME

The Test Tour Programme has now been published, and copies can be obtained from clubs or from the C.A. Office at 30p per copy. The contents include articles in which playing conditions in Britain, Australia and New Zealand are compared. There are photographs and brief biographies of all the Test Match players. There are articles on croquet in Scotland and Ireland and brief histories of all the Test Match clubs; much of this information is interesting and historically important, and it may not be readily obtainable elsewhere. There is a brief history of Test Match croquet, and Forewords from our President and from the Presidents of the Australian and New Zealand Croquet Councils. There is also adequate space provided for marking in the full results of the Test Matches. The Programme provides a full guide to the coming Test Matches and much useful material on croquet history. No croquet library will be complete without it.

The MacRobertson Shield Conditions

The Trophy

1. (a) The Trophy shall be known as "The MacRobertson International Croquet Shield".
- (b) The trophy shall be open to competition by teams representative of their respective nations.
2. The trophy shall be held by the winning nation for the time being, who shall be responsible for its safe custody.

Challenges

3. A competition shall be held from time to time provided that no competition be held less than three years after the preceding one. The date and venue of the next competition and the venue and approximate date of the next but one competition shall be agreed during a current competition.

Composition of Teams

4. (a) Subject to (b) hereunder, a team shall consist of not more than 6 and not less than 4 players. The number shall be at the option of a visiting nation and no visiting nation shall be required to field a team of more than 4 players. Thus, in a competition between 3 nations, if one nation elects to send a team of 6 players and the other visiting nation elects to send a team of 4 players, the series between the two visiting nations will be played with teams of 4 players. Each visiting nation shall, at least 12 months before the date of the first Test Match, inform the Host Nation and the other visiting nation of the number of players it proposes to field in its team.
- (b) If a visiting nation is unable, through unavoidable disability, to field in any Test Match the number of players as determined above, the teams shall be equalised by the withdrawal from the opposing team of the appropriate number of players provided that there are not less than 3 players per side. If a nation is unable, through unavoidable disability, to field in any Test Match a minimum of 3 players, it shall forfeit the Test Match.

The Competition

5. If 2 nations are competing there shall be a series of 5 Test Matches. The trophy shall be won by the nation winning the greater number of Test Matches.
6. If 3 nations are competing, each nation shall play a series of 3 Test Matches against each other nation. The Trophy shall be won by the nation who either:
 - (i) wins 2 series, or
 - (ii) (if each nation wins 1 series) wins 4 Test Matches, or
 - (iii) (if each nation wins 1 series and 3 Test Matches) wins a play-off competition as set out hereunder.
7. Each Test Match shall consist of an odd number of individual matches, varying according to the number of players per side. Each match shall be a rubber of 3 games.
8. Each Test Match shall consist of 2 Rounds and no player may play more than once in each Round.
9. (a) When the teams are 6 per side the first Round shall consist of 3 doubles and the second Round of 6 singles.
- (b) When the teams are 5 per side the first Round shall consist of 2 doubles and the second Round of 5 singles.

- (c) When the teams are 4 per side the first Round shall consist of 2 singles and 1 double and the second Round of 4 singles.
- (d) When the teams are 3 per side the first Round shall consist of 1 singles and 1 double and the second Round of 3 singles.

The Play-Off Competition

10. In the play-off the two challenging nations shall play an abbreviated Test Match against each other and the winner shall play an abbreviated Test Match against the Holders to decide the winner of the play-off.
11. An abbreviated Test Match shall consist of 1 Round and no player may play twice.
12. (a) When the teams are 6 per side the Round shall consist of 4 singles and 1 doubles.
- (b) When the teams are 5 per side the Round shall consist of 5 singles.
- (c) When the teams are 4 per side the Round shall consist of 2 singles and 1 doubles.
- (d) When the teams are 3 per side the Round shall consist of 3 singles.

Order of Merit

13. When two or more players are playing singles matches in the same Round of a Test Match, they shall play in the order of merit based on their current form.

The Players

14. In order to qualify for a nation a player shall either:
 - (i) have been born in that nation's country or
 - (ii) have been resident there for three years immediately preceding the commencement of the competition.

The Management

15. The series shall be held according to the Laws and Regulations of Association Croquet in force in the Host Nation.
16. The names and order of play and partnerships of all competing players shall be notified by each captain to the Manager appointed for each Test Match prior to the commencement of the Test Match, by the time agreed between the Manager and the captains.
17. The croquet authority of the Host Nation shall allocate the courts on which the matches are to be played, and shall appoint a referee for each Test Match and assistant referees to be available on call for each court.
18. Unfinished matches shall be finished at a later stage if necessary to secure a decision on a Test Match or series.

The Conditions

19. These conditions shall only be altered by mutual agreement between the Associations of those countries who have competed for the Trophy in either of the two immediately preceding Series.

Official Notice

The Council has decided that the rates of Levy and Tribute for 1975 shall remain unchanged at the levels published on page 3 of the 1974 Fixtures Book.

Croquet Management

Editorial Summary

Some months ago I wrote to a number of people, all of whom had written for the gazette before, to ask them to write short articles about the qualities needed in a good croquet Manager; they were further asked under what circumstances, if any, a Manager might reasonably be criticized in print; if they thought Managers should be immune from public criticism, they were asked to give reasons why this should be so. I also raised the specific problem of shared management and asked for comments on this. It was my original intention to compile a composite article based on the various views expressed. All my correspondents agreed that the subject was important and worthy of discussion in print; they all said, however, that they found it difficult to put their thoughts on paper on these topics, and some wrote briefly, others at some length. I decided that the two longest articles ought to be printed in full, and that I ought also to summarise the main points raised in the contributions I received, which I do in the following paragraphs.

Most correspondents reported incidents that had occurred last summer where Managers undoubtedly laid themselves open to criticism. The most frequently recurring criticism was that Draws were not carried out as advertised. No doubt much criticism could be avoided if Managers kept to the various written rules that provide the general framework for their actions. The importance was underlined of Managers going out of their way to avoid incurring accusations of favouritism of any kind. And there is the recurring difficulty that Managers have in appearing to be fair when they feel they ought to scratch a competitor who is in more than one event after the middle of the week. All are agreed that it takes a lot of experience to become a good Manager, and that private criticism from an experienced Manager benefits the inexperienced Manager very much. Giles Borrett makes the useful distinction: "I think that on the whole criticisms of particular incidents are best made privately, while general criticism of principles and practices would be of wide benefit if published." Nigel Aspinall is very much against criticizing Managers in print (he says that reports of golf and tennis tournaments etc. do not include such criticism, so far as he knows) for the following reasons: 1) it does not give a good image of croquet to outsiders reading the gazette; 2) it does not engender a spirit of happiness and togetherness among Associates; 3) the Manager has no medium of reply, except through the Correspondence Column, and the Editor might decline to publish his letter; there would be a danger of some elderly Managers resigning; 4) there are proper channels of complaint; Managers do the job voluntarily, and *most* try to do it well and for the love of the game; 5) criticism can very well be made by what is left unsaid in tournament reports. This last point may well represent the best approach so far as the gazette is concerned.

Many people thought that joint management with two equal Managers created great difficulties. A Manager working with an Assistant Manager makes more sense. Richard Rothwell comments: "Joint management is workable provided the two concerned know each other's ways implicitly, and each is prepared to accept without comment the decision taken by the other". It may be thought that this is a difficult ideal to live up to. Richard Rothwell considers the question of whether the Manager himself ought to play in his article printed below.

The question was asked by some correspondents why people should want to become Managers. Not all agreed that public service to the croquet public was the only motive. The desire, conscious or unconscious, to exercise power and authority is sometimes a factor, and there are Managers who are rather fond of solving complicated analytical problems.

These things are mentioned merely as a mild corrective to the often expressed view that the ideal of public service is the only motive for becoming a Manager. But we are short of Managers — that is a large factor in the situation — and it is important not to discourage intending Managers by making the job appear too difficult; on the other hand, one shouldn't paint too rosy a picture of the prospects either. A Manager who lays himself open to a lot of criticism need not be asked to manage another year, as one correspondent rightly says. The shortage of Managers is not so bad that a club need stick to a Manager who is really regarded as unsatisfactory in some way or other. The point is made by more than one correspondent that people who give voluntary service are not totally immune to criticism, and croquet Managers are no exception. Croquet Managers deserve much praise for the fact that they give up their time and for the excellent work they do do, but no one is beyond criticism altogether, whatever the right channel is for applying it.

It is commonly said, and it is quite true, that bad things get a far bigger slice of the news than good things. People seem to have more difficulty in describing good things, and they tend to do so rather briefly. Nevertheless, let it not be doubted that in management the good things far outweigh the bad things. The question is, how the bad things should be dealt with. Nigel Aspinall describes his view of the features of good management, put roughly in order of value, as follows: "efficiency; sense of proportion in decision-making; firmness; lack of favouritism". Giles Borrett mentions six managerial virtues: "thoughtfulness for the players' convenience and enjoyment; patience and forbearance with difficult people; ability to look ahead and spot likely 'log-jammers'; ability to make decisions without dithering; inexhaustible energy; total commitment to the job".

Two articles from Richard Rothwell and Betty Prichard are printed below; the latter article is in two parts. I hope that readers will find the points raised in this debate useful, and that many will send brief observations and comments to the Editor for publication in the Correspondence Column. The debate is designed not to supply easy answers, but to stimulate thought and to help people to exchange views in a useful manner.

P.D.H.

Serving the tournament player

Should a Manager be criticized in the report of a tournament in the gazette? I think not. No useful purpose is likely to be achieved except perhaps the self-satisfaction of the writer, and the person criticized is going to be offended. If a Manager or his methods are unpopular, the simplest solution is not to ask him or her again, that is if someone else can be persuaded to take his place.

Unless and until you have managed a tournament of reasonable size yourself, you should, before becoming too critical, be aware of the sort of things a Manager is up against. In the first place he or she, like yourself, is probably on holiday and would prefer, if the truth be known, to be playing himself and relaxing like you when not playing. Out of a sense of duty he has undertaken to serve as Manager (and serve is the operative word) because he realises someone has to do it, and a tournament cannot run without a Manager. He has taken on a commitment that involves him all day and every day throughout the tournament. He must be at the Club well before the start of play each day, and may not leave until the last match is over or pegged down — often well after 8 p.m. in the height of summer.

Throughout the day he is ever on the go, or at least can never relax. He has to ensure that every lawn is occupied for the maximum number of hours each day, and that the right players play to ensure successful completion of the tournament on the last day with the minimum of enforced scratchings, and to the satisfaction of the majority of the competitors and officials of the Club.

The first principle of good management is to remember that the players are on holiday, and that while croquet is their main interest they have other things they want to fit in. They want to shop, see the local countryside, bathe, etc. etc., and locals have their homes to run and probably undertake additional cooking to produce the magnificent lunches that most clubs provide. Some visitors also bring their families with them, and the children are too young for croquet and have to receive quite a proportion of their parents' time.

As far as possible, the Manager tries to get to know the whims and fancies of the varied competitors, and where possible incorporates them into a complicated programme. A is over 80 and does not like to play before 11.30; B not for an hour after lunch (and therefore not put on to play after 11.30); C likes to play only one game a day; D not after tea; E wants Wednesday morning off (when you want to play her doubles) for a hairdresser's appointment; F has already been beaten by G and doesn't want to play her again until Thursday, although you want to get G on as a potential blocker. The Manager has got to compromise to the best of his ability, and his problems are very much reduced if the players keep their requests to the minimum. A good Manager tries to give the impression that he has studied every competitor and worked out his programme accordingly. He has in fact spent a lot of time and brainwork trying to do so.

Then there arises the question whether the Manager should also play. In a small tournament this should be possible without upsetting the smooth running of the tournament, especially if he does not mind being interrupted while he is playing. Players do not like being kept waiting on the ground until late to know if they are wanted for play at 10 a.m. the next morning. The next morning's programme should be up on the notice board as soon as possible, even if not all the morning games can be put up. This is not always easy if the Manager is himself playing a tournament match after tea. If a Manager does try to play as well as manage, he must be prepared to scratch if it is in the interests of the tournament.

A good Manager keeps a copy of the draw of each event in a pocket book, kept up to date, to which he can refer at any time. He also tries to keep a record of the lawns on which each competitor has played so that favoured players do not get the best lawns all the time. He also keeps a check on the progress of each player. He tries to "get on" the player who is likely to do well and might turn out to be a blocker; on the other hand, few players want to be out of everything by Wednesday mid-day, and to get someone on maybe you have got to play him against another whose last game it is (if he loses).

I hope I have not put off any potential Manager by the above remarks. It obviously takes years of experience before one feels able to tackle every problem in one's stride. The best way to gain experience is to act as an assistant to an experienced Manager, and the C.A. Tournament Committee is always pleased to arrange this. After all, there is a distinct shortage of Managers, and more are required to fill all requirements. Do not worry about the intricacies of how to conduct the Draw, how many entries you can accept on a given number of lawns — these are easily picked up. If you would like to consider taking up management, the first step is to contact the C.A. Secretary, and this commits you to nothing.

R.F.R.

Some principles of management

1. ENTRIES

A Manager may, and should, advise the Tournament Committee as to the number of matches possible on a given number of courts. In mid-summer, with 10 courts at the Club itself, I consider 190 matches the maximum, whereas with 8 courts at the Club and 4 elsewhere I would only plan for 192 matches.

2. DRAW

No manipulation in the Draw for first class level Events is ever permissible. In other Events the Manager should ensure that members of the same club or family do not meet in early rounds; it is a simple task accomplished by putting such people in the same pile and drawing from 2 piles alternately, or even from 4 piles where there is a large entry. The eventuality of two players meeting each other in the first round of more than one Event can also be prevented in this manner. For this reason the A Opens should always be drawn first.

3. TIME-LIMITS

If entries are controlled, a general time-limit should not be necessary. I consider it unsatisfactory for the first rounds of events to be time-limited: it favours the regular tournament player. I prefer to regulate the schedule by limiting the unduly long games, or even subsequent rounds, if it becomes necessary. Putting a time-limit on one blocking player (after his game has been going 2 hours) may seem unfair to his opponent, but it is a legitimate expedient.

4. BRIEFING

Managers can save themselves a lot of repetitive explanations if they put up on the board their plan and estimated time-table, together with any general requests to competitors. If this was common practice, more players would read it.

5. LEAVE

Consideration for players' special needs is essential. With adequate warning special leave for a morning or afternoon should nearly always be possible, but a whole day can throw out the programme unless the player comes out of the Event, or part of it, being played that day.

6. ORDER OF PLAY

The order in which Events are played and the allocation of courts are the sole prerogative of the Manager, and he can manipulate them in any way he chooses to suit the needs of the tournament (which includes spectators). The list for the next day's play should be put up in good time (5.30 at the latest) and the afternoon's play should be up by lunchtime. But it must be recognised that later in the week the next day's play is complicated by player availability dependent on current, and often late, matches.

7. ORDER OF EVENTS

If the Handicap is X/Y, it has become the practice to start it on Monday and to give every player one match, and some two. The principle is that all those beaten in their first match are still in the Y, and the making out of the Y sheet is simplified. Only winners play a second match on the first day. If the Class Events are Two-Life, it is usual for one side to be played through to the final — or at least semi-final — before the other is started (though blocking players in back rounds may have to be pushed forward even if their opponent is not best pleased). There is a case for the Process being played first, as it is often less symmetrical. Doubles are sometimes played on Tuesday and sometimes Wednesday (the time of the Draw should be advertised, as all players have the right to be present). The Manager's aim is to keep the lawns fully occupied without getting players "out of everything" by Wednesday lunchtime. If there is a small entry in any Event, the Manager has the right to play it as Two-life or even American, but he needs to decide on this early in the week.

8. SCRATCHING

Players enter on the understanding that the Manager may scratch them if the tournament is being delayed, as long as they are left in one Event. Some Managers make players come out of one life of their Class Event early on (say Thursday morning), while others let them play on in the hope that matters will sort themselves out (they quite often do); some give

the player a choice of event, others do not. All these proceedings are legitimate. If courts are a problem, as well as the player, an early scratching from a whole Event is preferable.

9. BOARDS

These are of great interest to all players and should be kept up to date and prominently displayed. The correct handicaps must be put on every sheet as a guide to players. Managers should keep a copy of all Events in a book or folder for their own reference.

10. PRESS

The sheets are sent up to Hayters in advance, and copies of the Doubles and Y must also be sent as soon as they are drawn. Regular daily reports are a routine necessity (5.30—6 is best for country editions; Hayters pay for the call).

11. PRIZE-GIVING

This is a culmination and should be well stage-managed (usually by the Club). If it has to be held before all matches have finished, it is only courteous for the Manager to explain this to the players. This is the opportunity for all helpers to be thanked publicly.

12. GAZETTE REPORT

The Reporter will have been arranged by the Club (or the C.A. for C.A. events). If the Manager has any comments he would like included, he should tell the Reporter, and should also make suggestions for alterations to the programme to the Club or the C.A. Tournament Committee.

E.A.M.P.

When to criticize

The powers and duties of Managers are minutely set out in the Regulations for Tournaments in the Laws Book; these are his terms of reference, and they are equally the C.A.'s guarantee to players that these are the conditions they have the right to expect at tournaments. So the first legitimate criticism would be if a Manager wilfully disregarded the regulations and exceeded his very wide powers. Examples might be the sudden imposition of a ten minute time limit, or giving a time limit to some games in a round and not to others, or the arbitrary abandoning of an advertised Event such as the Draw or Process, or the Y.

The programme as advertised in the Fixtures List is the responsibility of the Tournament Committee (either Club or C.A.). If it gives too little play to the average player, that is not the Manager's fault; but he does have powers to vary the programme by increasing the number of matches if the entry is small. If the courts are bad, it is not his fault, and it is inexcusable for a player to shout at a Manager 'Never put me on that awful lawn again'. The second cause for legitimate criticism would be if the Manager allowed the programme to fall behind by not putting games on after tea, or by leaving courts empty because players had not been asked to prepare themselves for play, or by giving leave when such leave affected other players or even the whole Event adversely.

The accuracy of Lists of Play and the Event Boards is important, but if a Manager fails in this branch of management alone, it is a cause for lament rather than criticism. A Manager does have a lot on his mind and a few mistakes are bound to happen, but usually they are more upsetting to the Manager himself than to the players.

The third cause for complaint lies in the Manager's personal relationship with the players. Some are too complaisant, some too cross; some plan too far in advance and are exasperated by having to make any changes, while some play it by ear; some devote all their time to planning, closeted in a distant office, while some manage and enter for the tournament and like to have a joint or Assistant Manager. But none of them are carrying out their onerous duties for selfish reasons. Most players

are very considerate and appreciative, but the patience of a Manager can quickly be eroded by one or two obstructive uncooperative players. But consideration must be two-sided, and a Manager must consider the needs and rights of the competitors, and give them as much notice as possible about when they will be needed for play, and also to give them an explanation as to why he is taking a course of action which to them seems unnecessary. A little explanation can save a great deal of criticism.

No Manager should feel he has the right to be above criticism; the fact that there is a shortage of Managers does not make him sacrosanct. A tournament is a finely balanced thing: a bad programme does not attract; bad courts can drive players away; but once the players are assembled and the lawns carefully prepared, it is the Manager who is of paramount importance in the enjoyability of the tournament, and a bad Manager can wreck it. The ideal solution is, of course, for many more Managers to come forward, so that clubs could have a greater selection to choose from. Until this happens I believe criticism to be necessary, even criticism published in the gazette. Management is judged by the standards of the general run of existing Managers, and criticism is the only means of improving those standards. It should not be made with the purpose of offending the Manager but constructively, and, as President Truman might have said to President Nixon: "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen".

E.A.M.P.

Attendances at Council and Committee Meetings 1973-4

Professor B.G.Neal, Chairman *, C 4, T 2, F & GP 2, P & D 2, L 1, Total 11/11.
 R.F.Rothwell, Vice-Chairman *, C 4, T 2, F & GP 2, P & D 2, L 1, S 2, Total 13/13.
 A.J.Oldham, Hon. Treasurer *, C 4, T2, F & GP 2, P & D 1, L1, Total 10/11.
 G.N.Aspinall, C3, P & D 1, Total 4/6.
 I.C.Baillieu, C 4, T 2, L 1, Hcp 3, S 2, Total 12/12.
 G.Birch, C 1, P & D 1, Total 2/6,
 Cdr G.Borrett, C 4, T 2, Total 6/6.
 Dr R.W.Bray, C 4, P & D 2, Total 6/6.
 D.C.Caporn, C 4, F & GP 1, P & D 2, Total 7/8.
 Major J.H.Dibley, C 2, F & GP 2, Total 4/6.
 Revd W.E.Gladstone, C 4, T 2, Total 6/6.
 His Honour Judge A.D.Karmel, C 2, Total 2/5.
 Mrs W.Longman, C 4, P & D 1, Total 5/6.
 Mrs J.B.Meachem, C 3, F & GP 1, P & D 2, Total 6/8.
 Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard, C 4, T 2, L 1, S 2, Total 9/9.
 Mrs E.Rotherham, C 4, T 2, S 2, Total 8/8.
 J.W.Solomon, C 4, F & GP 0, S 2, Total 6/8.
 E.Strickland, C 3, Total 3/3.
 Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith, C 4, F & GP 2, Hcp 3, Total 9/9.
 S.S.Townsend, C 3, F & GP 2, Hcp 3, Total 8/9.
 Professor B.G.Weitz, C 2, F & GP 1, Total 3/6.
 J.A.Wheeler, C 2, P & D 2, Total 4/6.
 R.O.B.Whittington, C 3, T 2, L 1, Total 6/7.
 Dr W.R.D.Wiggins, C 3, L 1, Total 4/5.

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

Note: The attendance record does not include meetings of the *ad hoc* committees, e.g. Test Reception and Test Selection Committees, which have met on many occasions during the past twelve months.

Annual General Meeting to be held at the Hurlingham Club on Monday May 20th 1974 at 2.30 p.m.

Agenda

- Minutes of the A.G.M. held on May 21st 1973.
- Election of Vice-President.
Mrs E.Rotherham is nominated by the Council for election as a Vice-President of the Association.
- Report and Balance Sheet.
- Election of Hon. Treasurer.
Mr A.J.Oldham retires and offers himself for re-election.
- Election of Members of Council.
There are ten vacancies for the Council, and an eleventh vacancy will arise if Mrs E.Rotherham is elected as a Vice-President.
The following retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election:
D.C.Caporn
Revd W.E.Gladstone
Mrs J.B.Meachem
Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard
E.Strickland
Professor B.G.Weitz
Dr W.R.D.Wiggins
His Honour Judge A.D.Karmel and J.A.Wheeler retire by rotation and do not wish to stand for re-election. G.Birch resigned during the year.
- Alteration to Rule XIX.
It is proposed by the Council that Rule XIX be altered as follows:
Before the heading of the rule, insert "A". After the Text of the Rule as it now stands, add
"B. The Scottish Croquet Association
The Croquet Association recognises the Scottish Croquet Association as having the powers and jurisdictions claimed for itself in the Constitution of 1974."
- Resolution to appoint Auditors.
- Any other business.
- Vote of thanks to the Chairman.

For Reference

As it stands at present, Rule XIX of the Croquet Association reads as follows:

Overseas Councils Associations and Clubs

Overseas Councils, Associations and Clubs may be affiliated to the Association on payment of an annual fee decided from time to time by the Council. The duties and privileges of Affiliated Associations and Clubs shall be as follows:

- The enforcement of the Laws of Association Croquet and Golf Croquet as issued for the time being by the Association, at all tournaments held under the jurisdiction of the Affiliated Body.
- The mutual interchange of all official publications.
- The right of any duly accredited member of the Affiliated Body, when visiting the United Kingdom for a limited period, to enjoy, on payment of half the ordinary annual subscription, all the privileges of an associate except that of voting at General Meetings; and the extension of a reciprocal right for any duly accredited associate when visiting the country of the Affiliated Body.

Scottish Croquet Association

- The Scottish Croquet Committee approached the Council during 1973 with a request that, because of geographical obstacles to full participation by Scottish croquet clubs and players, they should be allowed to form a Scottish Croquet

- Association, closely linked to the Croquet Association, but enjoying a measure of authority over croquet in Scotland.
- The Council felt that such a move would benefit the game in Scotland, and therefore informed the Scottish Croquet Committee of their acceptance in principle of the request, subject to agreement on the Constitution proposed for the new Association.
 - The Scottish Croquet Committee duly submitted its proposed Constitution, which was considered by the Council on 17 November 1973, and, with minor textual alterations, was approved, subject to the agreement of the Annual General Meeting of the Croquet Association, which is now sought.
 - The text of the proposed Constitution is as follows:

Constitution of the Scottish Croquet Association

- CONSTITUTION AND OBJECTS**
The organisation shall be entitled "The Scottish Croquet Association". Its objects shall be:
 - To encourage, promote and develop the sport of croquet in Scotland in accordance with the Laws of Association Croquet and Golf Croquet, issued by the Croquet Association.
 - To promote and manage croquet competitions under the Regulations of the Croquet Association.
 - To encourage the training of referees, handicappers and tournament managers, in accordance with the Regulations of the Croquet Association.
 - To liaise with the Croquet Association.
 - To keep a register of "Scottish Clubs" and individual "Associates".
- MEMBERSHIP**
 - Any Croquet Club in Scotland can apply for registration with the Scottish Croquet Association and if accepted must then pay the annual subscription.
 - Any member of a registered Club may become an Associate on payment of the appropriate subscription.
 - A prospective Associate who is not a member of a registered Club must apply in writing to the Secretary of the Scottish Croquet Association.
 - Any Club or Associate, failing to pay the subscription despite an appropriate reminder, shall lose the rights and privileges of membership of the Scottish Croquet Association.
- FINANCE**
 - Individual and Club subscriptions will be determined at the Annual General Meeting and must be paid by June 30th.
 - The financial year runs from January 1st.
 - The accounts, properly audited, will be presented at each Annual General Meeting.
- MANAGEMENT**
 - The Scottish Croquet Association will be managed by an Executive Committee.
 - The Executive Committee will comprise a representative from each registered Club, plus one nominee from the Croquet Association.
 - A Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer will be elected at each Annual General Meeting by those entitled to vote.
 - The Chairman's term of office is two years, and he may be re-elected for a further two years; he would then not be eligible for re-election until five years from the end of his term of office.
 - The Secretary and Treasurer must retire after three years, but may be re-elected.
 - The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined, at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Extracts from Proceedings at Council Meetings

FEBRUARY 9th 1974

- Her Majesty the Queen has graciously consented to continue as Patron of the Association.
 - It was unanimously agreed that Mrs E.Rotherham should be nominated for election by the Annual General Meeting as a Vice-President of the Association.
 - It was reported that the application to the Sports Council for Grant Aid covering the period 1 April-31 December 1973 had been fully successful. Future applications will be based on the calendar year, which is also the Association's financial year.
 - It was agreed that fuller reports of Council proceedings should be published, and that Council Minutes should no longer be regarded as confidential, except as decided for specific items.
 - Mr Caporn, Chairman of the Publicity and Development Committee, reported that the Development Scheme programme for 1974 had been approved. Publicity for the Test Matches would be discussed with the clubs concerned at a meeting to be held on 23 February.
The Development Scheme urgently needs old mallets, and anyone with mallets to offer should contact Mrs Neal.
 - It was agreed that Mr Baillieu, Mr Solomon and Professor Neal should be empowered to negotiate, during the 1974 Test Tour, with representatives from Australia and New Zealand on all matters affecting future MacRobertson Shield Contests.
 - It was reported that the West Midlands Federation would entertain the New Zealand Team from 1-6 August, between their Test Matches at Cheltenham (against Australia) and Nottingham (against Great Britain). Tickets for a performance of *Richard II* at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford, will be provided by Mr L.E.W. Stokes-Roberts.
 - The success of the Conference of Clubs held on 8 December 1973, owing mainly to the arrangements made by Mr Caporn, was noted. The next Conference will be held on 7 December 1974.
 - It was agreed that double-banking could be used in Longman Cup matches provided that both teams agreed.
 - It was reported that the Budleigh Salterton Weekend Tournament would be held on 16-18 August, and not 27-29 September, as shown in the Calendar.
 - The trugs presented by Mrs Longman as trophies for the Veterans Doubles Championship were displayed. Plinths had been made by Mr D.A.Harris. The Council expressed their gratitude both to him and to Mrs Longman.
 - At the meeting held on 17 November 1973 the Council had agreed a Constitution for a Scottish Croquet Association. A consequential change in Rule XIX was agreed. These proposals will be put to the Annual General Meeting on 20 May 1974.
The proposal for the formation of a Scottish Croquet Association was made by the Scottish Croquet Committee in order to assist the development of croquet in Scotland, geographically isolated as it is. It is fully endorsed by the Council.
- (g) The Executive Committee has the power to fill, from its own members, any vacancy occurring in its office bearers, between Annual General Meetings, or between an Annual General Meeting and a Special General Meeting.
- MEETINGS AND VOTING RIGHTS**
 - The Executive Committee will meet at least thrice yearly.
 - The Annual General Meeting will be held in March, each Associate and secretaries of registered Clubs receiving twenty-eight days notice and a copy of the Agenda.
 - Special General Meetings of the Scottish Croquet Association may be called by the Executive Committee or by ten Associates applying in writing to the Secretary at any time, provided they are called in the same way as an Annual General Meeting.
 - The Constitution may be altered at the Annual General Meeting by a two-thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote.
 - All members of registered Clubs are eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting or at Special General Meetings.
 - A quorum shall consist of individual representatives of more than half of the registered Clubs. Failing a quorum the meeting will be reconvened within twenty-eight days by written notice to Associates and secretaries of registered Clubs. A second failure to obtain a quorum automatically entitles the Executive Committee to take such action as they think appropriate regarding the Agenda.
 - A proposal to alter the Constitution must be on the written Agenda, signed by an Associate from each of two registered Clubs.
 - At any meeting the Chairman has a casting vote.
 - DISSOLUTION**
If it is resolved to dissolve the Scottish Croquet Association, and all debts have been settled, any property and monies belonging to the Association shall be distributed among the Clubs registered at the time of dissolution.
 - The formation of the Scottish Croquet Association necessitates regnition in the Rules of the Croquet Association. The text of the change proposed by the Council at its meeting on 9 February 1974 is included in the Agenda of the Annual General Meeting, which is being communicated to Associates, both by Notice sent individually to Associates in the United Kingdom and the Irish Republic, and by publication in the issue of the Croquet Gazette for April 1974.

Laws Alterations

At their meeting on 9 February 1974 the following alterations, proposed by Council at their meeting on 17 November 1973 and published in the issue of the gazette for December 1973, were duly ratified and became Law forthwith:

- Law 18(a)
Line 1. After "ball" insert "on the ground".
- Law 22
At the end of the last sentence, delete full stop and add:—" ; or if its position has been agreed or adjudicated upon."
- Regulation 20A Delete lines 2 and 3 and substitute:—"of determining the block winner in American events shall be as follows:—"

MARCH 9th 1974

- The resignation of Mr G.Birch from the Council was accepted with regret, and a tribute was paid to his many services to croquet during the past twelve years.
- The Treasurer, Mr A.J.Oldham, presented the Accounts for 1973, which showed a healthy balance. The Council thanked him for his excellent conduct of the financial affairs of the Association.
- A proposal made by Mr W.G.B.Scott of Southwick to the Finance and General Purposes Committee was considered. This was for the abolition of Levy and its replacement by increased registration fees for clubs. It was decided that

- the Levy system, which produces additional income from tournament players, was fair and should be retained.
4. It was agreed that the names of benefactors to the Association should be recorded from now on in a Roll of Honour.
 5. A proposal that members of the Council should be entitled to claim travelling expenses, not exceeding the second class rail fare, incurred by attending meetings of the Council and its Committees, was referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for consideration.
 6. The Council recorded its appreciation of the work of the Editor of the gazette, Revd P.D. Hallett, who has continued to produce an attractive and interesting publication while keeping within the budget.
 7. Managers for the Test Matches were appointed as follows: Colchester, R.F.Rothwell; Hurlingham I, S.S.Townsend; Hurlingham II, R.F.Rothwell; Compton, E.Strickland; Southwick, Cdr G.Borrett; Budleigh Salterton, Lt-Col G.E.Cave; Cheltenham, Revd W.E.Gladstone; Rotherhampton, Miss D.A.Lintern; Nottingham, R.F.Rothwell.
 8. It was decided that the MacRobertson Shield should be presented to the winning nation at the venue where that nation establishes its winning lead.
 9. Details of the Welcoming Dinner, to be held at Hurlingham on July 1st are given elsewhere in this issue. The Australian and New Zealand Managers, team members and their wives, together with officials of the A.C.C. and N.Z.C.C., will be the guests of two Associates who wish to remain anonymous.

Other official guests and the Great Britain Squad are to be entertained by Council members.

Mrs K.Longman has very kindly agreed to make all the arrangements for this function.

It had been hoped to stage a Farewell Dinner at the end of the Tour, but it has been found impossible to find a suitable date.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1973

| Year to 31.12.72 | INCOME | |
|---------------------|---|-----------------|
| 1,861 | Subscriptions | 1,983.62 |
| 227 | Affiliation Fees and Overseas Members | 325.95 |
| 393 | Levy | 438.80 |
| 50 | Tribute | 53.50 |
| 427 | Sales of Books, Laws etc | 551.14 |
| 246 | Income from Investments (Net) | 384.87 |
| <u>3,204</u> | | <u>3,737.88</u> |
| 145 | <i>Add: Surplus on Tournaments (Net)</i> | 65.25 |
| <u>3,349</u> | | <u>3,803.13</u> |
| | <i>Less: Expenditure</i> | |
| 887 | <i>Magazine, less income from Advertisements</i> | 882.52 |
| <u>2,462</u> | | <u>2,920.61</u> |
| | <i>General Overheads:</i> | |
| 269 | Office Rent, Lighting, Heating and Cleaning | 275.47 |
| 336 | Staff Salaries (Net) | 408.53 |
| 171 | Postages and Telephone | 261.84 |
| 780 | Printing, Stationery and Publicity | 507.06 |
| 93 | Insurance | 96.00 |
| 289 | Sundry Expenses | 156.99 |
| 75 | Audit and Accountancy Charges | 75.00 |
| 8 | Maintenance of Office Furniture and Equipment | 10.78 |
| 13 | Depreciation of Office Furniture and Equipment | 33.40 |
| <u>2,034</u> | | <u>1,825.07</u> |
| 428 | | 1,095.54 |
| 345 | <i>Additional Expenditure on Development Scheme (Net)</i> | 253.11 |
| <u>£83</u> | <i>Excess of Income over Expenditure</i> | <u>£842.43</u> |

10. Appreciation was expressed of the fact that the Victoria League is staging a Reception at Victoria League House on Tuesday 9th July for all visitors from Australia and New Zealand.

Treasurer's Commentary on the 1973 Accounts

Income has exceeded expenditure during the year by rather more than £800, but it should be borne in mind that this is mainly due to the receipt of £1810, the Government administration and coaching grant, from the Sports Council. This grant has covered £1213 of the staff salaries and £597 of development scheme expenditure other than salaries. Without the grant income would have exceeded expenditure by a much smaller figure.

The Editor has once more to be congratulated on having kept the gazette within its allotted budget.

Looking to the future, we must have regard to the impending substantial increases to the rent of the Association's offices at Hurlingham. Other overheads will, because of inflation, also take more of our income in 1974.

During the year the Association has received a further substantial sum from the estate of the late Mr Spencer Ell and also a donation under the terms of the Will of the late Miss Warwick. These have been added to the Benefactors Fund which is now invested with the Leek & Westbourne Building Society.

The Association's quoted investments have suffered a fall of 20% in market value during the year, but this should be compared with the fall of 31.4% in the FT-Actuaries All-Share Index in the same period.

A.J.Oldham,
Hon. Treasurer
11th March 1974

INVESTMENT HELD AT 31st DECEMBER, 1973

| Nominal Value | QUOTED INVESTMENTS | Cost £ | Market Value £ |
|---------------|---|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1,260.00 | Grand Metropolitan Hotels Ltd 8½% Unsecured Loan Stock 1978/80 | 1,272.92 | 971 |
| 112.00 | Midland Bank Ltd £1 Ordinary Shares | 201.63 | 366 |
| 163.00 | Omnium Investment Co. Ltd. 25p Deferred Shares | 186.94 | 717 |
| 1,439.06 | 3% Savings Bonds 1965/75 | 1,147.65 | 1,308 |
| 218.15 | 3½% War Stock | 115.50 | 64 |
| 400.00 | The New Throgmorton Trust Ltd Income Shares of 25p each | 478.75 | 328 |
| 275.00 | Telephone and General Trust Ordinary Shares of 25p each | 1,811.74 | 1,254 |
| | | <u>5,215.13</u> | <u>5,008</u> |
| | UNQUOTED INVESTMENTS | | |
| | Rochampton Country Club £1 shares | 10.00 | |
| | Guardian Building Society | 1,705.00 | |
| | Leek and Westbourne Building Society | 2,033.00 | |
| | Temperance Permanent Building Society | 1,525.85 | |
| | | <u>£10,488.98</u> | |

Statement of Accounts as at 31st December, 1973

| As at 31.12.72 | FIXED ASSETS | |
|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| 116 | Office Furniture and Equipment at written down value | 200.00 |
| 2,000 | Trophies - estimated to realise | 2,000.00 |
| 5,612 | Investments, as per attached schedule | 10,488.98 |
| <u>£7,728</u> | | <u>£12,688.98</u> |
| | CURRENT ASSETS | |
| 583 | Sundry Debtors and Prepayments | 648.00 |
| 909 | Cash in Hand and at Bank | 341.92 |
| <u>1,492</u> | | <u>989.92</u> |
| 9,220 | | 13,678.90 |
| | LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES | |
| 7 | Subscriptions Received in Advance | 45.00 |
| 491 | Accrued Expenses | 400.00 |
| 20 | Taxation | 301.15 |
| <u>518</u> | | <u>846.15</u> |
| <u>£8,702</u> | | <u>£12,832.75</u> |
| | REPRESENTED BY:- | |
| 5,344 | Accumulated General Fund as at 1st. January 1973 | 5,467.48 |
| 83 | <i>Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year</i> | 842.43 |
| 40 | <i>Surplus on Sale of Investments, less Capital Gains Tax</i> | 994.39 |
| <u>5,467</u> | | <u>7,304.30</u> |
| 1,810 | Life Membership Fund | 1,705.00 |
| 216 | Apps Heley Memorial Fund | 215.50 |
| 159 | Dominion Tour Fund | 1,574.95 |
| 1,050 | Benefactors Fund | 2,033.00 |
| <u>£8,702</u> | | <u>£12,832.75</u> |

B.G.Neal, Chairman of the Council
A.J.Oldham, Hon. Treasurer

We have examined the books, vouchers and other records maintained by The Croquet Association for the year and obtained such further information as considered necessary. To the best of our knowledge and belief the above Statement of Accounts and the annexed Income and Expenditure Account give a true and fair view of the state of affairs as at 31st December, 1973 and of the Surplus earned in the year to that date.

Loves Cottage
New Pound
Wisborough Green
Sussex

4th March, 1974

NICHOLASS, REID, CORNEY & CO.,
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Secretary's Notes

1. NEW ASSOCIATES

- Mrs J.M.Benn, Box 270, Somerset West, Cape, South Africa.
 Miss Helen Borchers, 2 Sandown Mansions, Belmont Road, Rondebosch 7700, Cape, South Africa.
 Dr H.R.Calvert, North Point, Church Hill, Merstham, Surrey.
 Dr. D.H.Crompton, Merchants Yard, Swaffham Bulbeck Cambridge. (Tel. Bottisham 316.)
 H.A.Cross, Tree Tops, 1 Parson's Hill, Lexden, Colchester, Essex. (Tel. Colchester (0206) 72467.)
 Mrs W.F.Giddings, 30 Bowen Court, The Drive, Hove, Sussex BN3 3JF.
 R.L.Hannon, 1 Milltown Drive, Rathgar, Dublin 14, Irish Republic.
 C.E.Knight, 31 Linkwood, Compton Place Road, Eastbourne, Sussex BN21 1EE.
 Mrs E.A.Locke, Wynne House, Swan Street, Boxford, Colchester, Essex.
 W.N.Loynes, 18 Dawlish Road, Woodsetton, Dudley, Worcestershire.
 J.A.McKean, Mingary, Robert Road, Hedgerley, Slough, Buckinghamshire SL2 3XS.
 Mrs B.McLean, 30 Earl Street, Sandy Bay, Tasmania, 7005, Australia.
 N.A.Norman, 10 Warwick Crescent, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.
 Mrs E.Osborn, 41 Fonthill Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 6HB.
 C.G.Rich, 8 Barleycroft, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol 9 3TF.
 Mr & Mrs D.C.Russell, P.O. Box 54, Exeter, Tasmania, 7251, Australia.
 Paul Stoker, 28 Beach Priory Gardens, Southport, Lancashire.
 Mrs P.A.Tunmer, Fourways, Stevens Cross, Sidford, Sidmouth, Devon EX10 9GL.

2. CHANGES OF ADDRESS ETC.

- Kurt Andon, c/o Ted Prentis, 11 East 87th Street, New York, 10028, N.Y., U.S.A.
 Christopher Lee Barrington, c/o Edmund Prentis, 119 East 35th Street, N.Y., 10016, U.S.A.
 J.P.R.Bolton, Université de Strasbourg, France.
 R.O.Calder, Tel. Edinburgh (031-667) 6093.
 John Garner is not a Life Member (correction).
 N.J.C.Gooch, 24 Marston Lane, Eaton, Norwich.
 Mrs Keely, The Bagot Arms, Abbots, Bromley, Staffordshire.
 G.B.Martin, Trevone Gardens; delete office telephone number (correction).
 Mrs E.Maskew, Unit 7, 581 Canning Highway, Applecross, 7153, Western Australia.
 Mrs S.R.Mew, Tel. Chale Green (098-379) 212 (correction).
 Dr Martin Murray, 13 Colston Dale, Bristol BS16 1TS. (Tel. Bristol (0272) 654925.)
 Miss E.A.Pratt has married Mr F.F.W.Staddon, and her name should be corrected in the Directory to Mrs F.F.W.Staddon, residing at Mr Staddon's address.
 Mrs M.Rankin, Elrington Road (correction).
 John Rose, 8 Cleasby Gardens, Lowfell, Gateshead 7.
 D.F.Strachan, for Castle Carey read Yeovil (correction).
 I.G.Vincent, Flat 3, 29 Brunswick Square, Hove, Sussex BN3 1EJ.
 Revd D.R.Walton, St Mark's Vicarage, St Mark's Hill, Surbiton, Surrey.
 J.A.Wheeler, postal code MK45 4EZ.
 Mrs G.H.Wood is a Life Member (correction).

3. ADDRESSES UNKNOWN

- Could the undermentioned persons or any friends please get in touch with the C.A. Secretary to give the new addresses

of the following:

Dr R.B.Berry C.F.Henry W.R.Nickols

4. OVERSEAS ASSOCIATIONS

- The Secretary of the *Auckland Croquet Association* is Mrs A.B.Montgomery (correction).
 The Secretary of the *South African Croquet Association* is Mrs Dilys Hobbs, Cartref, 45 St Joseph's Road, Plumstead, Cape Town, 7800, South Africa.

5. CHANGES IN THE CLUBS

- Radbrooke Hall Croquet Club* has been dissolved and is succeeded by Canute and Daten (see below).
Harrow Oak. See corrections to G.B.Martin's address and telephone above. Games Secretary: David Openshaw, 33 Cambridge Street, London SW1 (Tel. (home) 01-834 4694; (office) 01-903 3611).
Imperial College. New Secretary: S.Sadek, Department of Electrical Engineering.
Walsall. New Secretary: W.P.Trafford, 9 Middleton Road, Streetly, Staffordshire (Tel. (home) (021-353) 1524).
 Treasurer: P.P.Anson. Match Secretary: P.J.Barnes.
West Park. New Secretary: J.A.Wheeler, 4 Newbury Close, Silsoe, Bedford MK45 4EZ.

6. NEW CLUBS

- Canute Club (Croquet Section)*, Secretary: D.G.Richardson, 74 Beaconsfield Road, Widnes, Lancashire WA8 9LA.
Daten Sports and Social Club (Croquet Section), Charnock Road, Culcheth, Warrington WA3 5SH. Hon Secretary: Mrs P.A.M.Montague, 52 Culcheth Hall Drive, Culcheth, Warrington, Lancashire. Fixtures Secretary: D.G.Richardson (see above).
Eaton Hall South Lawns Society (Croquet Section), Eaton Hall College of Education, Retford, Nottinghamshire. Secretary: E.Brearley.
Knighton Croquet Club, Bryn-y-Castell Sports Ground, Knighton. Secretary: S.Brookes, 5 Kinsley House, St Edwards Close, Knighton, Radnorshire LD7 1AP.

7. CLUBS' RATES

- Any Club which has difficulty about the rating of its premises may like to contact the C.A. Office, as we have received a letter from the Conference of Sports giving some information on this subject.

8. SOUTH AFRICAN HANDICAPS

- Last autumn the South African Croquet Association raised all their members handicaps by 2, just as we have done in this country.

9. NEW REFEREES IN SOUTH AFRICA

- Somerset West: R.H.James, O.B.E.; *Rondebosch*: Miss Helen Borchers, A.Longhurst Murphy, C.W.I.Gillespie; *Pretoria*: Nelson Leach; *Maritzburg*: Miss S.Barras; *Durban*: Mrs D.Aubrey, R.A.Carte, Mrs Patricia Hooper.

10. LITERATURE AND SALEABLE OBJECTS

- The following may be obtained from the C.A. Office on request:
 (i) Two leaflets are available in small numbers free of charge; in bulk a small charge is made. These are *Association Croquet* and *Croquet: A Simple Synopsis*. The latter is used as a substitute for *Instructions to Beginners*, which we are not reprinting.
 (ii) *Laws of Association Croquet and Golf Croquet and Regulations for Tournaments*. This is the 1972 edition and is sold at 25p.
 (iii) *Commentary on the Laws of Croquet*, by Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard (Chairman of the Laws Committee). 50p
 (iv) *Know the Game . . . Croquet*, by Dr G.L.Ormerod and published by Educational Productions Ltd. 25p. (This is a good instructional booklet.)

(v) *Croquet*, produced by Training Associates in conjunction with the National Westminster Bank. (This is a very thorough instructional book, comprising in printed form the photographs and (as captions) the spoken commentary of the instructional film-strip. For convenience we refer to it as "Training Associates" Croquet, or T.A.C.) The selling price is 35p, but we are obliged to charge postage when the book has to be sent, as it is rather heavy.

(vi) *Croquet*, by John Solomon (in hard covers) is on sale from the C.A. Office (remaindered copies) at 50p plus postage.

(vii) *Croquet and how to play it*, by David Miller and Rupert Thorp (in hard covers) is also on sale from the C.A. Office (remaindered copies) at 40p plus postage.

(viii) *Croquet*, by the late Revd G.F.H.Elvey, was recently on sale, but the stock is now exhausted. The publishers (Jaques) may soon bring out a new hardback edition. We do not know the price at which it will be available, but it will probably be a good deal more than the 44p which it cost in the paperback edition.

(ix) *The Croquet Association Handbook*. This contains the Rules of the Croquet Association, besides the winners of major tournaments since 1867 and up to 1969. It has not been found necessary to bring out a new edition since 1970; the present edition came out in 1970 and is entitled "The Croquet Association 1970". It is available at the C.A. Office for 30p.

(x) *The Croquet Association Directory 1974-1976*. This is the new edition which came out in January 1974, and is on sale at 50p.

(xi) *Amendment Sheets to the Croquet Association Directory*. About eight duplicated Amendment Sheets will be issued during the two-year currency of this edition of the Directory. Associates and Clubs may take out a subscription for the whole series for the two-year period, each Sheet being sent by post as and when it appears, for 50p, which should be enclosed with order.

(xii) *Croquet Fixtures 1974*. Copies available at 35p.

(xiii) *Tournament Entry Forms*. The existing stock was on sale at 15p per pad of 25 forms, but it has now been exhausted. A further supply is on order, but it is not yet possible to say at what price it will be sold. (At the time of writing, a few copies can be made by photostat to fill an emergency.)

(xiv) *Croquet Association Ties*. These are made by Messrs Lewin & Sons, 106 Jermyn Street, London SW1Y 6EQ, from whom they can be ordered. A small stock of the Associates' tie (which all Associates may wear) is held in the C.A. Office for sale at £1.75 each. Stocks are not held of the special ties available to players in the President's Cup, Chairman's Salver and Spencer Ell Cup (formerly Surrey Cup); these can be bought from Messrs Lewin.
 (xv) *Brooches*. Enamelled brooches in the Association's colours (for ladies) are being obtained for sale at the C.A. Office. The price will be £1 each.

(xvi) *Draw Sheets*. A stock of Draw Sheets is being laid in, for sale to Clubs needing them for tournaments. Prices have not yet been fixed, but will probably be between £1 and £2 a dozen. 8s, 16s and 32s will stocked, and a few 64s.

Vandeleur Robinson,
 Secretary,
 March 1974.

Directory of Clubs

- All-England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club**. Hon. Secretary, Church Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 (Tel. 01-946 2244). (1)
Barnes Sports Club. Hon. Secretary (Croquet Section), Lonsdale Road, Barnes, London SW13. (1)
Barnstaple (Croquet). Hon. Secretary Miss E.L.Efemey, 3 Victoria Lawn, Victoria Street, Barnstaple, Devon. (2)

- B.E.A. Silver Wing Club**. Hon. Secretary (Croquet Section) R.T.Platon, Operations Analysis Branch, Bealine House, Ruislip, Middlesex.
Beechams Research Sports and Social Club (Croquet Section). Hon. Secretary R.N.Rapley, Beechams Research Laboratories, Brockham Park, Betchworth, Surrey. (Tel. Betchworth (939) 3202.) (4)
Bentley (Brentwood). Hon. Secretary F.Stanley-Smith, Hatch House, Pilgrims Hatch, Brentwood, Essex. (Tel. Coxtice Green 456). (1)
Birmingham (Edgbaston). Hon. Secretary Miss Cynthia Templeton, 19 Richmond Court, George Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 1PT. (Tel. Edgbaston (021-454) 124.) (3)
Bowdon. Hon. Secretary Neil Williams, 20 Hesketh Road, Tarleton, near Preston, Lancashire PR4 6UB. (Tel. Hesketh Bank (077-473) 2888.) (4)
Bretby Croquet Club. Hon. Secretary B.Purcell, c/o Mining Research and Development Establishment, National Coal Board, Ashby Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire.
Bristol Croquet Club. Hon. Secretary Miss B.E.Setter, 38a Westover Road, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol. (Tel. Bristol (0272) 625980.) (3)
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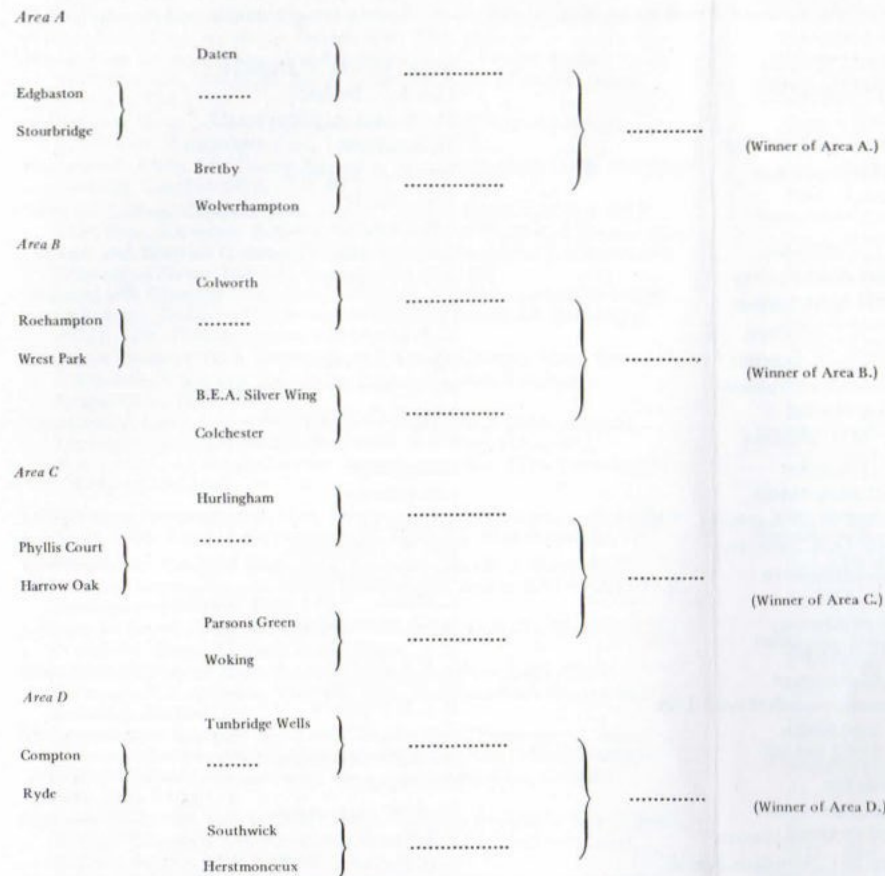
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*Anathematise
 The croaks and cries
 Of grumbling guys
 Who criticise
 The enterprise
 Of those who rise
 Reach for the skies
 And win the prize.*

*Eradicate
 Such jealous hate
 Don't deprecate
 But emulate
 It's not too late
 To fashion fate
 Just concentrate
 You could be great.*

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Draw for the Longman Cup 1974

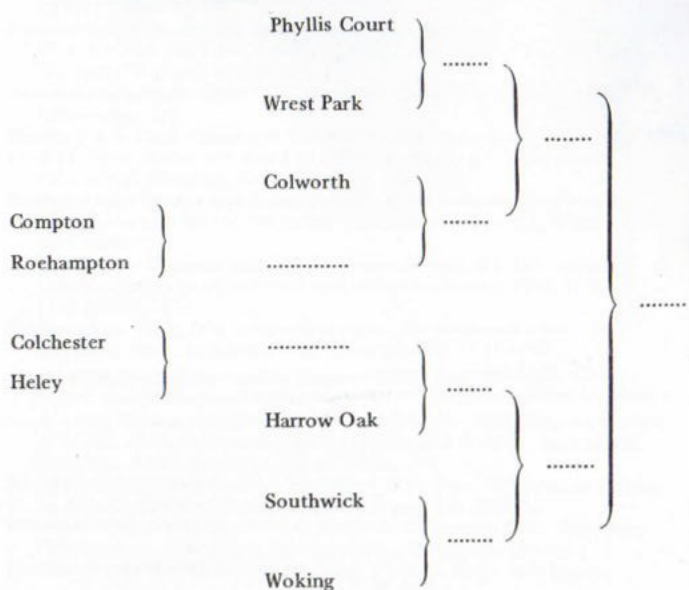


Semi-Final Round: Winner of Area A versus Winner of Area B
 Winner of Area C versus Winner of Area D

The conditions are as set out on p.8 of the 1974 Fixtures Book. It is open to clubs to invite a third club to allow their match to be played on the third club's lawns; if they do so, and if that third club makes a charge for use of lawns, this charge will *not* be the responsibility of the C.A., but must be paid by the clubs availing themselves of the third club's lawns. An exception to the foregoing is the Finals, which should, if at all possible, be played on the lawns of a non-finalist club. In this case the C.A. pays the charges; it is hoped that the club concerned will not charge for this service, but it is fully within its rights to make a charge at the normal rates if it so wishes.

Last dates for completion of rounds: First Round 2nd June; Second Round 30th June; Third Round 28th July; Fourth Round (Semi-Finals) 1st September, Finals 6th October.

Draw for the Inter-Club Championship 1974



The conditions are as set out on p.9 of the 1974 Fixtures Book. If two clubs invite a third club to allow them to play their match on its lawns, and if that third club makes a charge for use of lawns, this charge will *not* be the responsibility of the C.A., but must be paid by the clubs availing themselves of the third club's lawns. An exception to the fore-going is the Finals, which the conditions of the tournament prescribe shall be played on a neutral ground, if at all possible. In this case, if the host club makes a charge, this will be paid by the C.A. It is hoped that the host club will not charge in this case, but it is fully within its rights to make a charge at the normal rates if it so wishes.

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

A

- Abbey, Lady Ursula (2½) Compton RLSB2
- Adams, L.D. (3) Challenge & Gilbey HD1, Roehampton RLSB1
- Alford, R.S. (4½,4) Colchester W/E I Block A 1, HD2, Parkstone June HSY2
- Allen, Miss R.M. (1½) Cheltenham W/E V Block D 1
- Anderson, Miss M.G. (5,3½) Veterans RHSB1, HSZ1, Southwick II RLSB2
- Arnell, Miss E.H. (2½,2) Cheltenham RLSB2, HD2
- Aspinall, G.N. (-5) Men's Championship 1, Mixed Doubles Championship 1, Open Championship 3, President's Cup 1
- Aubrey, Mrs D.B. (1½,2) Edinburgh HSY1
- Austin, W.H. (0) Southwick May HS1, Veterans HD1

B

- Bagnall, Mrs C. (4½,4) Cheltenham W/E IV Block E 1
- Baillieu, I.C. (1) Hurlingham RLSB2
- Baverstock, W.J. (1½) Southwick I RLSB2
- Benton, Miss A. (3½) Colchester HSY1
- Betts, G.H. (1,½) Challenge & Gilbey RLSB2, HD1
- Birch, G. (-½,-1) Ryde OS1, HSX1, Ryde W/E Block A 1
- Bishop, P. (8) Colchester RHSC1, HSX1
- Blenkin, A. (12,11) Cheltenham W/E IV Block B 1
- Blumer, G.F. (14,9) Peels HSY1, Cheltenham W/E IV Block D 1
- Bolton, H.G.T. (2,1½) Cheltenham W/E III Block A 1
- Borrett, Cdr G. (-3) Veterans OS2, HD1, Southwick I OS2
- Bourke, Brig. L.E. (2½) Peels HSX1
- Bressey, Mrs E.E. (4) Colchester HSY2
- Brumpton, Miss E.M. (4½,4) Peels HSY2
- Bryan, Miss M. (6) Ryde HD1
- Bucknall, Dr W.R. (-½) Budleigh Salterton May Block B 1, Parkstone September OS2
- Buller, M.F. (2) Budleigh Salterton July HD1
- Butler, L.S. (4,2) Parkstone June RLSB1, Parkstone September RLSB2, HSX2

C

- Carder, R.H.C. (7,5) Budleigh Salterton July RHSC1
- Carlisle, Mrs H.B.H. (4½,3) Hurlingham HS1, HD1, RLSC2, WHD2
- Carlisle, W.H. (9D8) Hunstanton August RHSC1, HSY2
- Carte, R.A. (2½,1½) Carrickmines August OS2, Devonshire Park October HD2
- Cave, Lt-Col G.E. (0,-1½) Budleigh Salterton July HSX1, Devonshire Park September HSX=1, Devonshire Park October MOS2

- Cave, Mrs G.E. (4,2½) Devonshire Park September RLSC1, HSX=1
- Chamberlain, Mrs C. (8,7½) Nottingham RHSB2
- Colls, T.G.S. (3) Southwick II HD2
- Cooke, Miss L.M. (8) Devonshire Park September RHSD2
- Coombs, Mrs L.A. (5,4½) Nottingham W/E 2, Nottingham HD2
- Cooper, A.J. (-2½) Budleigh Salterton July HD1, Devonshire Park October MOS1, OD1
- Cox, N.W.T. (-2,-2½) Compton HD2, Southwick I HD1, Southwick II OS2, HSX1
- Cox Mrs N.W.T. (3) Southwick May HDX2, Southwick I HD1
- Craig, A.D. (3,2) Carrickmines June HS2, Carrickmines August Steel Cup 1, HD2
- Crane, R.F.A. (10,6) Challenge & Gilbey RLSD1, Cheltenham W/E III Block B 1, Wreast Park W/E II Block B 1
- Cruden, Mrs S.S. (7) Challenge & Gilbey HSY2, Budleigh Salterton July RHSC2

D

- Daldry, Sir Leonard (-1½,-2) Southwick I OS2
- Davren, N.J. (4½,2) Wreast Park W/E I Block A 1, Southwick II RLSB1, Wreast Park W/E II Block A 1
- Day, Miss M.E. (9) Delves Broughton GCD2
- Devitt, H.J. (5) Devonshire Park October HD1
- Devitt, Mrs H.J. (6,5½) Devonshire Park October HD1
- Digby, G.S. (5½,4½) Colchester W/E I HD1, Colchester HD2, Colchester W/E II HD1
- Digby, Mrs G.S. (3,1½) Colchester W/E I Block C 1, Colchester HSX2, HD2, Cheltenham RLSB1, Colchester W/E II HD2
- Dodd, Mrs N. (-2) Carrickmines June OS1, HS1, Mixed Doubles Championship 1
- Drake, H.G. (8*,5) Wreast Park W/E II Block C 1
- Duck, M.J. (12*) Southwick II RHSC1
- Duveen, Mrs L.L. (10,9) Parkstone June HSY1, Parkstone September HD1

E

- Edwards, C. (3,2) Budleigh Salterton May Block C 1
- Elmes, P.W. (-1) Cheltenham W/E III Block D 1
- Elvey, Mrs G.F.H. (-½) Southwick May HDX1, Compton OS2
- Evans, M.J. (1,-½) Cheltenham W/E I Block E 1, Nottingham HSX1
- Everest, R.L. (6,4½) Compton W/E 1, Compton RHSC1, Devonshire Park September HD1

F

- Fernyhough, Brig. H.E. (8) Challenge & Gilbey RLSD2
- Fitzgerald, Lady (2,3) Devonshire Park September HSY1
- Forth, R. (9) Budleigh Salterton May Block D 1
- Fotiadi, Mrs A. (0) Veterans HD2, Ladies' Field Cup =5

G

- Gladstone, Revd W.E. (-2) Budleigh Salterton May HD1, Peels HD2, Nottingham OS2, Cheltenham W/E IV Block C 1
- Gooch, N.J.C. (8*,8) Parkstone June RHSC1
- Green, H.A. (½) Veterans HSY2
- Green, H.C. (1) Cheltenham W/E V Block B 1
- Griffiths, J.H.T. (9,7½) Southwick II RHSC2, HSX2, Parkstone September RHSC1

H

- Hallett, G.F. (-½) Colchester W/E II HD1
- Halliwell, E.L. (11,9) Bowdon W/E Block B 1

Hamilton-Miller, D.J.V. (-2½) Veterans HSX1, Spencer Ell Cup 2, Roehampton OS2, HD2
 Hampson, Miss S.G. (2) Hunstanton August RLSB1
 Hancock, B. (8,7) Budleigh Salterton May HD2
 Handley, Mrs H.G. (9) Cheltenham RHSC1
 Hands, P.W. (-4½) Cheltenham OS1, HD1, President's Cup =3
 Hatt, A.S. (3*,2) Peels MHS1
 Hawkins, Miss E.K. (10,8) Cheltenham RHSC2
 Haworth, Mrs C.W. (14D13,13D12) Colchester W/E I HD2
 Haynes, J.W. (3,2) Hurlingham MHD1, Parkstone September RLSB1, HSX1
 Heap, M.E.W. (-2,-2½) Colchester OS1, Chairman's Salver 3, All England HS1
 Hemsted, S.R. (-1,-2) Parkstone June OS2, HD2, Association Plate 2, Chairman's Salver 2
 Hicks, H.O. (-5) Doubles Championship 1
 Hodgens, Miss E.X. (12,10) Southwick I RHSD1
 Hope, A.B. (3,-2) Cheltenham W/E II Block B 1, Spencer Ell Cup 1
 Hopewell, C.G. (-1½) Colchester OS2, Association Plate 1, Chairman's Salver =4
 Hopkins, Miss G. (4) Carrickmines June RHSB2

J

Jackson, G.E.P. (-3) Cheltenham OS2, President's Cup 7, Roehampton OS1, Devonshire Park October OD1
 Jenking, H.F.L. (4) Southwick May HDX2
 Joly, Miss F.I. (1,-1) Carrickmines August HS2

K

Kemp, Dr R.F.O. (2) Edinburgh HD1
 Kent, S.G. (4) Hunstanton August RLSB2, HD1

L

Leach, Miss D.G. (10,6) Hurlingham RHSD2
 Lee, R.H. (5) Peels HD1
 Leonard, R.J. (-½) Carrickmines June OS2
 Lewty, Mrs R.A. (5) Cheltenham W/E V Block C 1
 Lightfoot, Mrs E.M. (0,-½) Roehampton OS2
 Locke, E.A. (7½,7) Colchester W/E II HD2, Hunstanton September HS1
 Lodge, Miss M.J. (13,9) Budleigh Salterton May HD1, Cheltenham W/E V Block E 1
 Longman, Mrs W. (-1) Hurlingham MOD2, Ladies' Field Cup 8

M

Mallinson, Lt-Col E.H.P. (10,8) Southwick I RHSD2
 Mann, P.H. (7½,5) Budleigh Salterton July HSX2, Hurlingham RHSD1
 Mann, Mrs P.H. (8) Ryde RHSC2
 Martin, G.B. (7,3) Challenge & Gilbey RLSC1, HSX2, Cheltenham HD1, Roehampton RLSB2
 Mayo, C.G. (4) Veterans HSZ2
 Meachem, Mrs J.B. (0,-½) Women's Championship 2, Ladies' Field Cup 4, Spencer Ell Cup =7
 Mew, Mrs S.R. (9,8) Ryde RHSC1, Colchester RHSC2
 Middleton, L. (4½,3½) Devonshire Park October RHSB1
 Millie, W.J. (13) Ryde HSY2
 Milne, Dr R.M. (1,0) Edinburgh OS2, HD1
 Moorcraft, D.H. (-1,-1½) Cheltenham HSX2
 Moore, W.E. (-3) Southwick II OS1, HD1
 Murray, Dr M. (-2½,-3) Chairman's Salver 1

N

Nalder, Mrs H.F. (5½) Colchester RLSB2

Neal, Prof. B.G. (-4½) Men's Championship 2, Open Championship 1
 Newton, P. (-2½) Parkstone June HSX1, Parkstone September OS1

O

O'Connor, D.B. (-2½) Carrickmines August HD1
 Ormerod, Dr W.P. (-5) Parkstone June OS1, HD1, President's Cup 2
 Ormerod, Mrs W.P. (10) Parkstone June HD1
 Owen, T.F. (7,6) Roehampton RHSC2

P

Parker, Dr C.A. (3,2) Parkstone June RLSB2, Devonshire Park September RLSB2
 Parker, Miss H.D. (3½) Veterans HD2
 Pearson, F.E. (3,1½) Cheltenham W/E III Block E 1
 Pearson, M.G. (5½,5) Hurlingham HD1
 Perry, B.G. (-4) Challenge & Gilbey OS1, Budleigh Salterton July OS1
 Pim, Dr H.A. (5½) Parkstone September HD2
 Pim, Mrs H.A. (10,7) Parkstone September RHSC2, HD2
 Pountney, C.G. (4½,½) Ryde RLSB1,HSX2, Compton HS1, HD1, Hurlingham RLSB1, Devonshire Park October HS1
 Povey, Mrs J. (3,2) Devonshire Park October RHSB2
 Prichard, C.H.L. (½,-1) Cheltenham W/E I Block C 1, Du Pre Cup 1, Spencer Ell Cup =5
 Prichard, Lt-Col D.M.C. (-3) Mixed Doubles Championship 2, Budleigh Salterton July OS2, Hurlingham MOD1, Chairman's Salver =4, Devonshire Park October MOS2, OD2
 Prichard, Mrs D.M.C. (-1) Southwick May HS2, Mixed Doubles Championship 2, Hurlingham MOD1, WHD1, Ladies' Field Cup 2, Southwick I E Spencer Ell Cup =7, Devonshire Park October WOS2, OD2
 Prichard, R.D.C. (½) Cheltenham W/E I Block D 1
 Prichard, W.de B. (-5) Hurlingham MOD2, MHD2, Southwick I OS1,HS1,HD2, President's Cup =3
 Puxon, Mrs F.E.M. (3½,3) Ryde RLSB2, HSY1, Colchester HD1

R

Read, T.O. (-3½) Carrickmines August OS1
 Reckitt, M.B. (8D7) Roehampton HD2
 Rees, D.V.H. (-1) Hunstanton W/E 1, Ryde OS2, HD1, Doubles Championship 2, Chairman's Salver =4
 Reeves, Capt. D.E. (5,3½) Colchester RLSB1,HD1
 Risebrow, C. (3,1½) Cheltenham W/E II Block C 1
 Roe, Miss I.M. (2) Peels HD1
 Rogers, Miss D.E. (16D14,14) Ryde HD2
 Rolfe, Mrs J.N. (0) Ladies' Field Cup =5, Hunstanton August HD2, Hunstanton September HD1
 Rose, J. (-½) Edinburgh W/E Block A 1, Cheltenham W/E V Block A 1
 Ross, Prof. A.S.C. (½) Veterans HSY1, Southwick HSY1
 Ross, K.A. (-2,-3½) Nottingham HS1, OS1, HD1
 Rotherham, Mrs E. (-2) Hurlingham WHD2
 Rothwell, R.F. (-1) Colchester W/E I Block B 1, Delves Broughton Cup GCD1, Hunstanton August HSX2
 Rowe, Lt-Cdr J.E. (5,7) Edinburgh RHSB2
 Rowe, Mrs J.E. (7,6) Edinburgh RHSB1

S

Schofield, K.S. (1½) Budleigh Salterton May HD2
 Scott, W.B.G. (5½) Veterans RHSB2
 Sebestyen, Mrs C. (12D10,10) Parkstone June RHSC2
 Sessions, Miss K.M.O. (-3) Women's Championship 1, Ladies' Field Cup 1, Chairman's Salver 8, Devonshire Park

September OS2, Devonshire Park October WOS1
 Sheil, Mrs F.A. (7,6) Challenge & Gilbey RLSC2
 Shelton, E.H.S. (-1) Budleigh Salterton May Block A 1, Parkstone June HSX2, Challenge & Gilbey OS2
 Sheppard, H.A. (0,-½) Veterans HSX2
 Simpson, R.A. (-½) Hunstanton W/E 2, Hunstanton September HD2
 Simpson, Mrs R.A. (-½) Ryde OS2, HD2, Hunstanton September HS2
 Skempton, Prof. A.W. (3) Hurlingham MHD2
 Skempton, Mrs A.W. (2½) Hurlingham WHD1
 Slater, B. (3½,3) Nottingham W/E 1
 Snowdon, C.B. (6,5) All England HS2
 Solomon, Mrs A. (12D9) Hurlingham HD2
 Solomon, Dr E.W. (3½,2½) Roehampton RLSB1, HD1
 Solomon, Mrs G.W. (2) Ladies' Field Cup 7
 Solomon, J.R.G. (½,-½) Hurlingham MHD1, Hunstanton August OS1, HSY1
 Solomon, J.W. (-5) Open Championship 3, President's Cup =3
 Soutter, J.H.J. (-2,-3) Cheltenham W/E I Block A 1, Cheltenham W/E II Block D 1, Du Pré Cup 2, Doubles Championship 1, Hurlingham OS2, Cheltenham W/E III Block C 1, President's Cup 6, Devonshire Park September OS1
 Steen, Prof. R.E. (4,3) Carrickmines August Steel Cup 2
 Stevens, R.S. (2½,1½) Challenge & Gilbey RLSB1, HD2, HSX1
 Strachan, M. (8D7,5) Carrickmines August RHSB2, HS1, HD1
 Strickland, E. (14*,10) Compton RHSC2
 Sturdy, W.J. (2½) Cheltenham HSY2
 Sundius-Smith, Mrs B.L. (-2,-2½) Hurlingham HS2, HD2, OS1, Ladies' Field Cup 3, Hunstanton August OS1, HSX1, HD1, Chairman's Salver 7

T

Tapp, S.A. (6,5) Southwick I RHSC1
 Taylor, Dr G.K. (-½) Nottingham HSX2, HD2
 Temple, Mrs E.M. (3,2½) Compton RLSB1
 Thomas, Mrs P.A. (8,6) Peels WHS1, HD2
 Townshend, Revd C.H. (6½,6) Southwick I HD2
 Tucker, E.J. (-½) Compton W/E 2, Compton HD1, Ryde W/E Block B 1, Devonshire Park September HD1

Tucker, Mrs E.J. (16,11) Devonshire Park September RLSC2, HD2
 Tunmer, P.A. (6,5) Challenge & Gilbey HD2
 Tyrwhitt Drake, E.C. (-2½) Peels MHS2, Compton OS1, Veterans OS1, Budleigh Salterton July HD2, Nottingham OS2, Spencer Ell Cup 4, Devonshire Park September HD2
 Tyrwhitt Drake, Mrs E.C. (12,9) Budleigh Salterton July HD2, Nottingham HD1, Southwick II HSY2, HD2, Devonshire Park October HD2

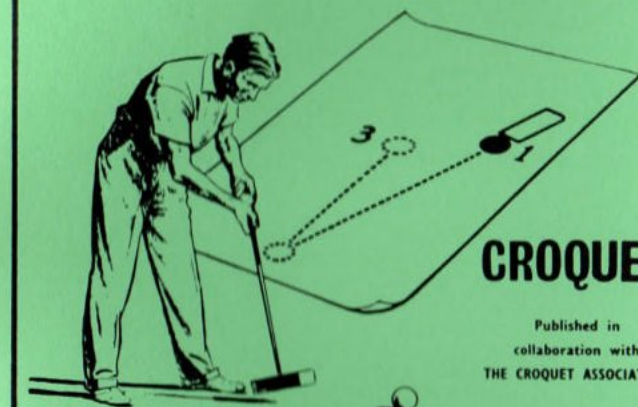
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Vincent, I.G. (2,1) Cheltenham HD2, Devonshire Park September RLSB1, HSY1
 Vulliamy, Col. E.L.L. (1½) Peels HSX2

W

Warwick, J.G. (0) Challenge & Gilbey HSY1
 Weitz, Prof. B.G. (2,1) Budleigh Salterton July RLSB1, HSY2, Southwick I RLSB1
 Weitz, Mrs B.G. (4½,4) Ryde RLSB2, Southwick I RHSC2, Roehampton HS1
 Wheeler, J.A. (-1½) Cheltenham W/E I Block B 1, Wrest Park W/E I Block B 1, Doubles Championship 2, Cheltenham HSY1, Colchester W/E II Swiss HS1, Spencer Ell Cup =5
 Whitehead, E. (-½) Colchester W/E I Block D 1, Cheltenham W/E V Block F 1
 Whitehead, Mrs E. (7½) Nottingham RHSB1
 Whittington, R.O.B. (-2) Parkstone September HD1
 Williams, N. (3,-½) Cheltenham HSX1, Nottingham HS2, HSY1, Bowdon W/E Block A 1
 Wood, Miss E.I. (12D10,10) Colchester W/E I HD1
 Wood, Mrs G.H. (2,1) Budleigh Salterton July RLSB2, HSY1, Devonshire Park October WOS2
 Wood, R. (-½,-1) Compton OS2, HD2, Spencer Ell Cup 3
 Wright, I.H. (0,-½) Edinburgh OS1, HD2
 Wright, S.J.H. (6D5,2) Edinburgh W/E Block B 1, Hurlingham RLSC1, Edinburgh HSX2
 Wylie, K.F. (-5) Open Championship 2

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