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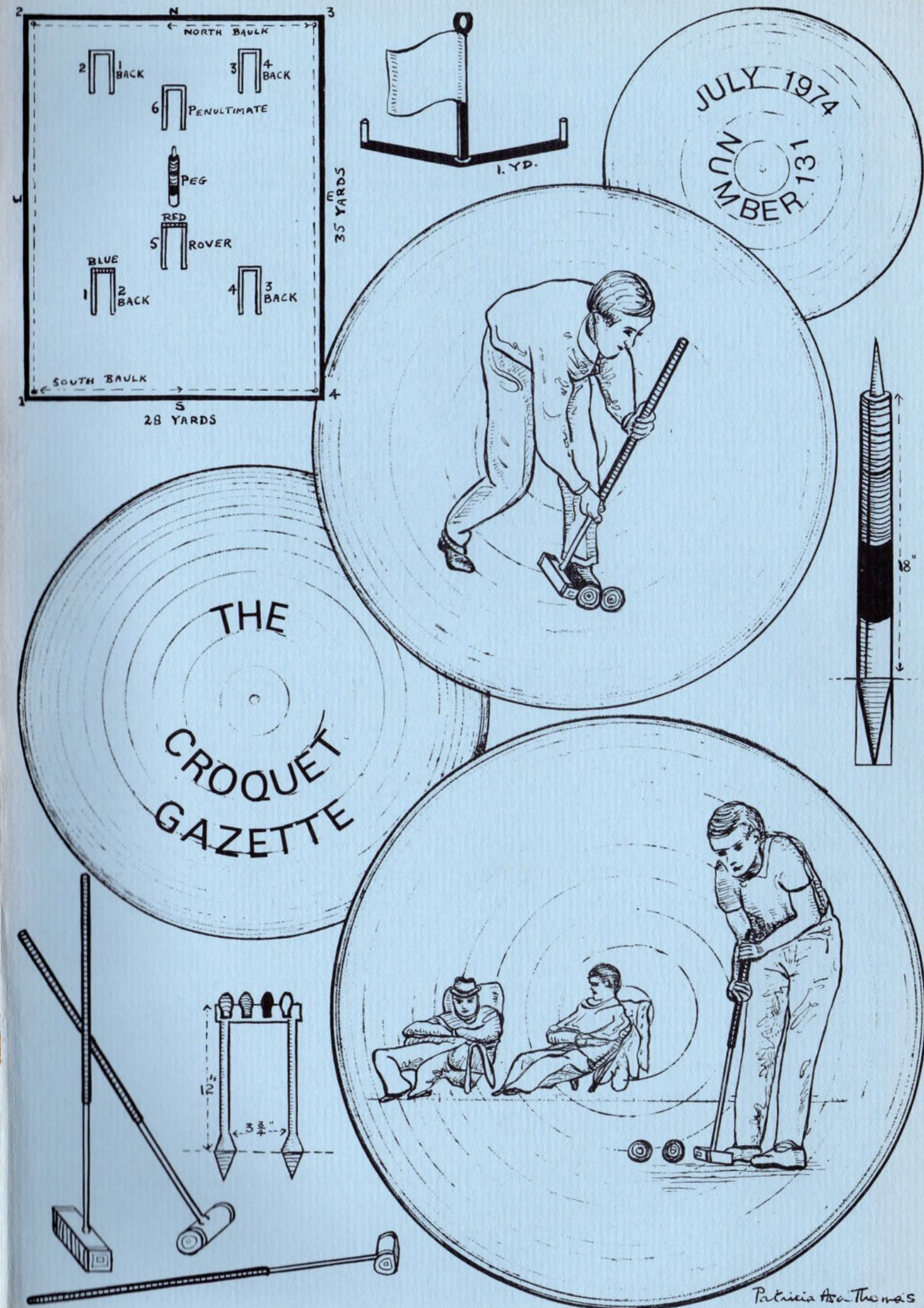


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## Correspondence

## 'Guidelines for Handicappers'

from Mr L. Riggall

Sir,

It seems that Mr I. Howard Wright misunderstands the effect of raising all handicaps by 2. Taking his example of a 10-bisquer playing a scratch player last year, this year he would be a 12-bisquer playing a 2-bisquer, but under the present system of subtracting the lower handicap from the higher, in practice the higher bisquer will have 10 bisques and his opponent will have none. The change will not affect anybody except 15 and 16 bisquers, who should of course have been raised to 17 and 18.

I do not think the Handicaps Co-ordination Committee can help much, because handicapping is mainly a local problem best handled by the clubs. Although it is important to consider tournament results, after each tournament the tendency is to reduce the handicaps of some winners and to ignore the losers, and this is not enough. It is equally important to adjust the handicap of a tournament player who persistently fails in tournaments, and here the clubs will know best how their members and other local players have fared in tournaments through the season.

There is a perfect solution which has been successful in South Africa. A book is kept in the club-house, and after every game it is the responsibility of the winner to enter the result and the scores in the book. Thus there is a complete record of the progress or deterioration of every player.

Early in the summer, i.e. June in the Northern hemisphere, all handicaps are reviewed automatically and adjusted by the Committee, and they are revised again in the autumn. This does not preclude interim revisions for rapidly improving players where it is necessary. The great value of this system is the fact that every player is treated fairly, nobody is overlooked, and everyone knows that his current handicap is commensurate with his recent form.

Quinta de Curvos,  
Forjaes, Esposende,  
Portugal.

Yours sincerely,  
Leslie Riggall

## 'Great Feats performed in practice'

from Mr A.B. Hope

Sir,

A reference was made in the October gazette to my light-hearted games with Paul Hands. In one such game I had taken croquet in front of 3-back. I took off for position and ran the final four hoops without taking croquet, but missed the peg-out. Paul's ball was also for 3-back. I had left him in position, and he ran this hoop and 4-back. (The ball then rolled on to the next lawn and went through a hoop there as an added bonus.) The ball was put on and he ran Penult, but unfortunately ran past Rover. I would be interested to hear if any one has made more than four hoops in one turn without taking croquet.

Another incident occurred last July which I am sure is unique. I had the innings but broke down at hoop 6. Paul septuple peeled me. The first peel was not achieved until after his ball had made the first hoop, and the turn finished with a straight double.

Downside,  
Witcombe,  
Gloucester.

Yours sincerely,  
Andrew Hope

## 'Mon Oncle et les Allumettes d'Essai'

from Dr W.R. Bucknall

Monsieur,

Mon oncle, de qui j'ai écrit en Octobre 1971, est encore plein d'haricots. Il prend beaucoup d'usure dans la visite des attelages de Croquet de l'Australie et de la Nouvelle-Zélande, cette été.

Il a laissé sa piquère à Paris, et, maintenant, il est constipé pour l'Angleterre. Il ira une croix la Manche en juin feu, et il espère à viande les côtés visitants à la bienvenue de premier juillet.

Alors, il voyagera en ronde la campagne avec eux, et il verra toutes les allumettes. Il croit que l'Angleterre a une chance blonde de gagner la suite. Il a un pieu de £5 sur elle, donc il tiendra une montre piquante sur le spectacle.

Il adresse ses salutations à tous ses amis anglais, et il espère que le mouton demeurera plein de bonté pour l'additionneur. Il espère tranquille alarmer une trêfle de Croquet en France, s'il pourra chercher un linon convenable, pourvu que le gibier deviendra plus internationale.

Acceptez, monsieur, mes félicitations les plus chauds.

Norton House,  
21 Vision Hill Road,  
Budleigh Salterton.

W.R. Bucknall

[Some years ago there appeared in "The Sunday Times" a series of letters in French describing the exploits of "mon oncle" in cricket and golf. Readers are invited to spot the 'deliberate mistranslations' with the aid of a dictionary and a fertile crossword imagination. — Editor].

## 'The Croquet Cure'

from Mr G. Birch

Sir,

Whilst at Ryde for the tournament, I met a Mr Swain who was staying at the same hotel as myself. He was greatly interested to learn that I played croquet. The following information which he gave me you might find interesting.

Apparently at the end of 1943 Arlington Hall in Yorkshire, the residence of Col. Shipshank, was taken over by The Reverend Cross to be used by service personnel, and Mr Swain was the first serviceman to arrive in 1944. I don't know what kind of ailments were catered for at Arlington Hall, but the 'Order of the Day' was that everyone had daily to spend at least one hour "playing" croquet as a means of exercising the stomach. Who knows? Perhaps the present day medical profession should take note of this kind of therapy.

88 Cedar Road,  
Sherwood Rise,  
Nottingham

Yours sincerely,  
Gerald Birch

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## Rover Notes

## Fact or Fiction?

Arthur Lillie writes in his book 'Croquet' (1897) that "on Dr Prior's full sized lawn with 3/4 inch hoops, six hoop setting, Mr Spong one day playing the third stroke in the game got a break and made his ball a rover before the fourth ball had played at all". The skill of Mr Spong is not in dispute; he was thought to be the best ever by the pundits of his era, and it was his third successive win in the Championships (1884) which was said to have been the greased cartridge in the eclipse of croquet. But perhaps because of Lillie's statement a legendary game has arisen which has been attributed to almost every great player of every era. The first ball goes to the 4th corner. The second ball hits and goes to 4-back. The third ball hits and goes to the peg. The fourth ball goes out with a triple peel.

Lord Tollemache attributed such a game to G.L. Reckitt and D.L.G. Joseph, but the latter states quite definitely that the game was merely a product of Tollemache's highly-coloured imagination and that he never took part in such a game. Many matches have ended in the 6th and 7th turns and some no doubt in the 5th, both before and after the introduction of lifts and a contact, but are there authenticated instances — or even one recorded instance — of a match ending with the 4th turn?

## In a Nutshell

One sentence can paint a whole picture or even condense the story of a life. Winston Churchill wrote: "I married and lived happily ever after". On the court croquet players are models of brevity, even to the point of taciturnity. Towards the end of a game, our gregarious President played a wrong ball and his opponent called out "Wrong ball, Maurice". "That", Mr Reckitt lamented, "is the first remark he has made to me during the whole game." Yet, once a game is over, even the most silent of players can be transformed into an ancient mariner stopping the unwary.

A few years ago a competition was held to find the best word for a croquet raconteur, and among the apt suggestions were 'buttonhooper', 'waffleliar', 'brooking'; the winner was 'Katie' (no reflection intended by adding a feminine name to Aunt Emma) with *bōron* a close second.

## Golf Croquet in Tenerife

Visitors to Tenerife might like to know that the British Club, Puerto de la Cruz, has enthusiastic golf croquet players. They play with good mallets, Eclipse balls and Jaques hoops on a decent lawn which is more than full size, but divided into 3 long narrow courts. They play the correct rules, with a few minor exceptions, probably intentionally, to speed the game up, and it is run by an engaging Norwegian who has taught them very well.

Bernard and I played there once in the late afternoon, and were made extremely welcome. All three courts were in use, doubles were played, and there were more than enough people waiting to make up another four as soon as a court became free.

The correct formality to play there is to join the club as a temporary member. There is a bar, bridge, bowls and tennis. The cost, we were assured, was not too much to make it worthwhile for a week's stay, though what it was we never discovered, since we somehow blundered in through the back door!

E. Neal

## Obituaries

Dr J.E.H. Creed

The death in January of Dr J.E.H. Creed in his 70th year, following a slight stroke from which he had seemed to be recovering, came as a great shock to us all.

John Creed first joined the Reigate Priory Club in 1928 only 3 years after it was founded, and so was by far our oldest member. He was a very sound 8 bisquer, who knew the game well but was unable to give the time to it that he would have liked.

He took his Doctorate of Music in the early thirties, and his life was spent as organist, teacher of music and composer. His marriage in 1960 united two very well known musical families in Reigate.

Modest and innately shy, his devotion to his Church and his pupils was clear for all to see, and he was held in the highest esteem. His other recreation was chess, and he was a leading figure in the local chess club.

We shall all miss very much the familiar figure arriving on his bicycle, and we feel the deepest sympathy for his widow.

E.L.L.V.

Dr G.L. Ormerod

It is with much regret that we report the death of Dr G. Laurence Ormerod, the late President of the Bristol Club. He joined the Club in 1948 and became a keen and skilful player with an easy style which was a great pleasure to watch. He took the greatest interest in all the Club's activities and was always willing to assist both as coach and referee.

It was through his efforts that croquet has survived in Bristol, for in 1954 the life of the Club was severely threatened when our lease terminated. Dr Ormerod approached Bristol Corporation and was successful in getting them to purchase the ground and rent it to the Club; we owe a great debt to him.

He was a member of the C.A. Council from 1954 until 1961, and was the author of the book "Know the Game — Croquet", which became a croquet best-seller.

During his long illness he never lost interest in the Club, and we shall always remember him with affection and gratitude. We offer our deep sympathy to his wife and family.

The deaths are also announced of Revd Canon, A.J.W. Pym and M.A. Shepherd

B.E.S.

## The Secretary and the Editor

For general reference, the Secretary of the Croquet Association is Mr Vandeleur Robinson, The Hurlingham Club, London S.W.6 (Tel. (01) 736 3148). The standard annual rate of subscription to the C.A. is £4.

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## Deadlines

Material for the September gazette must reach the Editor by Saturday August 3. Material for the Test Tour Results Issue must reach him by Saturday August 17.

## The Cover Design

Our cover designs for 1974, that for the gazette and that for the Test Tour publications, are both by Mrs Patricia Asa-Thomas of Crawley near Winchester. They are intended as companion designs. On the design used for the gazette all the equipment used on a croquet court is shown.

## From the New Zealand Croquet Gazette

A great many triple peels were recorded in the Dominion Championships held at Christchurch this year. A. Anderson and R. Murfitt notched up 6 triples apiece in the Open Championship. Two noteworthy triples were recorded. In one game A. Anderson "made a long angle peel of penultimate to enable him to negotiate the ball into position to peel rover and to peg out". D. Bulloch, playing against K. Woollett, "was obliged to roquet his peeled ball after making rover, making his peg out most hazardous. By sending his partner ball as near the peg as possible in the croquet stroke, he then roqueted an opponent ball, and, with accurate placing, cannoned it on to his ball near the peg to peg it out, an assured victory."

## Results of the Dominion Championships

Winners and runners-up were:

*New Zealand Open Championship:* R. Murfitt, Christchurch.  
Runner-up: G. Rowling, Nelson.

*Heenan Plate:* P. J. Skinley, Dannevirke.  
Runner-up: Miss S. Grigg, Christchurch.

*Women's Championship:* Mrs K. Woollett, Ohakune.  
Runner-up: Mrs B. A. Jarden, Lower Hutt.

*Men's Championship:* G. Rowling, Nelson.  
Runner-up: A. Anderson, Manawatu.

*Doubles Championship:* C. Anderson (Gisborne) & A. Anderson (Manawatu).  
Runners-up: Mrs L. Middlemiss (Pukekohe) & Miss S. Grigg (Christchurch).

*Level Singles:* Miss J. Clarke, Gisborne.  
Runner-up: Mrs F. J. Fraser, Christchurch.

*English Rose Bowl:* Miss J. Clarke, Gisborne.  
Runner-up: P. J. Skinley, Dannevirke.

*Hurlingham Cup (Handicap Singles):* G. Roberts, Dunedin.  
Runner-up: K. Woollett, Ohakune.

## President's Senior Invitation Event

The event was won by John Prince, who only lost one game, which was to Rowling and by 26. Rowling was second with 11 wins, and Roger Murfitt third. In a game between Prince and Murfitt in the Second Series "Prince made the first break to 4-back and Murfitt hit in and triple peeled Prince and pegged him out. Both players with a full round to make played some tactical moves. Murfitt, with two balls, made three points and set for the fourth hoop, which he made, after Prince had made position at the first hoop. Murfitt with a four hoop lead, pegged his rover ball out. Prince, with perfect judgement, ran the first and second in one turn and played to perfect position at the third. Murfitt failed to make hoop 6. Prince hit in and with precision finished the game with a perfectly played two-ball break."

## From the Australian Croquet Gazette

Peter Buck, who was originally selected as a member of the Australian Test Team, unfortunately had to withdraw; he is replaced by his eighteen year old son Spencer Buck. Mr H. J. Read has been appointed Vice-Captain.

## The Irish Team to play the Australians

The team (in order of ranking) is: 1. Terence Read. 2. Douglas Strachan. 3. David O'Connor. 4. Frances Joly. 5. R. J. Leonard. 6. C. A. Gamble.

## Croquet

*What sport so fine,  
Where man his skill doth pit  
Against the wiles of genteel foe,  
Uneven lawn and misbehaving spheres.  
Those goals so small  
That even breath can scarcely squeeze  
Between the uprights and the rolling ball.  
He sights, he aims, he smoothly follows through  
And sees his missile moving straight  
Directly at his target so remote.  
And then as if by pre-determined fate,  
A blade of grass, a dormant leaf,  
Or hardened worm, cast on the ground,  
Deflects his fast proceeding shot  
And misses by the smallest trace.  
He skulks disconsolate to his seat  
Afraid to face his partner's ire.  
His enemy, with gleeful hope,  
Takes stance and aims and rushes true.  
The balls run free, he hits and rolls  
And through the widening portals flows.  
The balls are close, the splits are like a masterpiece,  
The points mount up and all seems lost.  
And then it seems some giant hand  
Says stop! And locks the orb  
Between two arms of steel.  
The enemy retreats and stands.  
The stalwart ally makes her move.  
The target's close, the lawn is laid,  
And like an arrow fires the shot.  
She strikes, she rolls, she cuts, she stops,  
She peels, and plays as if the fates  
Had smiled upon her charms.  
Then having run all hoops but one  
She wires the foe  
And lays up for her friend.  
Again the enemy advance,  
But cautious now with careful thought.  
A double target tempts and wins,  
A hoop leaps out and stops the onward flight.  
Once more the tide of battle turns.  
A rush, a roll, a helpful guide,  
A perfect team, an understanding aide.  
Play calmly now, the peg's in sight.*

*But just a little far to risk.  
A lining up, allow for pull,  
A perfect split and one ball's pegged.  
Carefully the roquet's made  
And back so close a novice could not miss.  
The game is won, the hoops are pulled,  
And once again the foes are sporting friends.  
No rancour in those croquet hearts,  
For next time who can say who wins.*

W. J. Eggleston

## Referees' Course

There will be a Referees' Course at Wrest Park from Friday evening 8 November to Sunday 10 November. Exam optional if time permits. Apply to Mrs Neal, 33 Marryat Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 (Tel. 01-946 2475).

## Budleigh Salterton May Tournament: April 29 – May 4

Budleigh's weather was not at its best for this week's American Tournament; it was cold most of the time, and wet as well for much of the week, but the tournament was very enjoyable all the same. The Club has lost two lawns since last year, and the entries were therefore reduced, but the 4 blocks of 7 and 1 block of 8 gave everyone at least 6 Singles games, apart from the knock-out Doubles.

Bill Perry was an obvious winner of Block A, but Block B was wide open until the Saturday morning, when R. S. Stevens clinched it by defeating Guy Warwick. G. B. Horridge won all his games in Block C, as did A. F. Coleman in Block D and C. E. Knight in Block E.

In the play-off for the Godfrey Turner Cup Ray Stevens' 4½ bisques were too many for Bill Perry, but the outcome might have been different if Bill hadn't stuck in the 5th hoop when getting his second ball round. A. F. Coleman, a very impressive new-comer, won the play-off for the J. K. Brown Memorial Cup quite easily against G. B. Horridge and earned himself a reduction in handicap from 11 to 7.

The Doubles went the way of most doubles, some of the games going against form, but with some exciting finishes by 1 on time. The final, between John Cooper & Brigadier Fernyhough and Mrs J. N. Rolfe & A. F. Coleman, was only won by the latter after John Cooper had been pegged out.

It was very sad that the Manager, Ed. Strickland, was taken ill during the week and had to go to hospital for a couple of days. His place was nobly taken by Mrs Prichard and Colonel Cave, who ensured that everything continued to go smoothly. We were pleased to see Mr Strickland back at the Club on Friday afternoon, although he was not able to manage, and we wish him a speedy and complete recovery to full health. At the prize-giving, at which Harold Clemons, a frequent visitor from Tasmania, was asked to do the presentations, he told us about the members of the Australian Test Team. All praise, as usual, to the coffee ladies and those responsible for the excellent lunches and teas in the Club House. The new groundsman, whom everyone calls "Tubby", is to be congratulated on his work on the lawns, which show a great improvement since last August.

## Results

## AMERICAN HANDICAP SINGLES

Block Winners		
A.	B.G. Perry (-2)	6 wins
B.	R.S. Stevens (2½)	5 wins
C.	Major G.B. Horridge (6)	5 wins
D.	A.F. Coleman (11)	5 wins
E.	C.E. Knight (14)	6 wins

## PLAY-OFF FOR THE GODFREY TURNER CHALLENGE CUP

R.S. Stevens (B) bt. B.G. Perry (A) +12

## PLAY-OFF FOR THE J.K. BROWN MEMORIAL CUP

A.F. Coleman (D) bt. Major G.B. Horridge (C) +21

## L.G. WALTERS LONG HANDICAP CHALLENGE TROPHY

C.E. Knight

## HANDICAP DOUBLES (18 Pairs)

*Semi-Final*  
Mrs J.N. Rolfe & A.F. Coleman (13) bt. J.G. Warwick & Mrs F. Henshaw (11) +13  
A.J. Cooper & Brig. H.E. Fernyhough (8½) bt. Lt-Col & Mrs G.E. Cave (5½) +20

*Final*

Mrs J.N. Rolfe & A.F. Coleman bt. A.J. Cooper & Brig. H.E. Fernyhough + 2

## The Peel Memorials: May 6-11

The Peels 1974 began with ten lovely lawns, ten adorable women (Draw and Process), ten gallant men (Draw and Process), and ten acceptable Doubles pairs, plus the usual Open Handicap. What could be more simple, despite the Process pattern producing two byes which had to await an opponent? The Tournament could end on Thursday, except for Extras, which, though very desirable, are dull after the real thing.

So, in accordance with the Regulations, the Manager chanced his arm and decreed Draw and Process for the Doubles, and the "fun and games" began. Lots of fun, and lots of games (almost too many) for lots of people, though there were still the two or three less fortunate ones with only six or seven games. There were many close and exciting games, the closeness at any rate being apparent from the results below; perhaps, however, the programme over-emphasized the importance of the Doubles, the Play-Off for which finished at 8.45 p.m. on the Saturday. The prize-giving for the Singles took place with decorum at 6 p.m. — with decorum in order not to disturb the Doubles players, all of whom were locals, fortunately.

One Doubles game stands out for mention. Col. Prichard was for Rover, his partner Blumer for Penultimate, Jackson and Miss Allardyce both for the second hoop. Jackson hit in, went round, single peeled and pegged out Col. Prichard, and with his partner's co-operation went on to win.

Finishing at 8.10 p.m. on Wednesday, Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake played splendidly to be lined up for the peg against Mrs Prichard, when the latter had a long hit in, made her last hoop and went out.

One fantastic incident: Tyrwhitt Drake had everything apparently sewn up in the Process Final against Prichard; he had pegged out one of his opponent's balls, and the other two balls were for 4-Back. Prichard's ball was on or near the First Corner spot. Prichard shot at Tyrwhitt Drake, who was lined up for 4-Back but more or less wired, and ran his hoop and went out!

Mrs Bagnall played consistently well to win the Women's Bowl. R.H. Lee was unlucky to meet Jackson at his best in the final of the 'X', and, having revenged himself on Jackson in the Draw Final, to find Col. Prichard at his most cunning in the Play-Off of the Men's.

Miss Sessions, starting to play at 9.45 a.m. on the Saturday, lost to Mrs Bagnall, beat Mrs Prichard, lost in the Play-Off to Mrs Bagnall conceding seven bisques, and — how she physically does it we shall never know — won the Play-Off of the Doubles with her splendid partner Mrs Handley at 8.45 p.m.; believe it or not, there was no means of getting one of those Singles played before the final day.

## Results

## Event 1: Peel Memorial Silver Challenge Bowl (Men) (10 Entries)

## DRAW

First Round		
G.F. Blumer (11)	bt. Revd W.E. Gladstone (0)	+23
E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (-½)	bt. Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard (-1)	+18
Second Round		
G.E.P. Jackson (-1)	bt. H.S. Clemons (0)	+23
E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (-½)	bt. G.F. Blumer (11)	+ 4
R.H. Lee (6½)	bt. G.H. Betts (2½)	+26
W.J. Sturdy (4½)	bt. F.E. Pearson (3½)	+10

*Semi-Final*

G.E.P. Jackson (-1) bt. E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (-½) +17  
R.H. Lee (6½) bt. W.J. Sturdy (4½) +10

*Final*

R.H. Lee (6½) bt. G.E.P. Jackson (-1) + 6

## PROCESS

## First Round

G.E.P. Jackson (-1)	bt. F.E. Pearson (3½)	+ 2
H.S. Clemons (0)	bt. W.J. Sturdy (4½)	+ 2

## Second Round

E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (-½)	w.o. G.E.P. Jackson (-1)	opp. scr.
Rev. W.E. Gladstone (0)	bt. G.H. Betts (2½)	+12
Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard (-1)	bt. H.S. Clemons (0)	+ 4
R.H. Lee (6½)	bt. G.F. Blumer (11)	+ 1 (T)

## Semi-Final

E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (-½)	bt. Rev. W.E. Gladstone (0)	+ 4
Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard (-1)	bt. R.H. Lee (6½)	+ 7

## Final

Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard (-1)	bt. E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (-½)	+ 3
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## PLAY-OFF

Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard (-1)	bt. R.H. Lee (6½)	+11
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## Event 2: Peel Memorial Silver Challenge Cup (Women) (10 Entries)

## DRAW

## First Round

Mrs D.M.C. Prichard (1)	bt. Miss E.H. Arkell (4)	+ 8
Mrs H.G. Handley (9)	bt. Mrs G.W. Solomon (4)	+19

## Second Round

Mrs C. Bagnall (6)	bt. Mrs B.G. Neal (7)	+ 7 (T)
Mrs D.M.C. Prichard (1)	bt. Mrs H.G. Handley (9)	+ 9
Miss K.M.O. Sessions (-1)	bt. Miss E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (11)	+ 4
Miss M.J. Lodge (11)	bt. Miss I.M. Roc (4)	+ 4

## Semi-Final

Mrs C. Bagnall (6)	bt. Mrs D.M.C. Prichard (1)	+21
Miss K.M.O. Sessions (-1)	bt. Miss M.J. Lodge (11)	+16

## Final

Mrs C. Bagnall (6)	bt. Miss K.M.O. Sessions (-1)	+15
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## PROCESS

## First Round

Miss M.J. Lodge (11)	bt. Mrs C. Bagnall (6)	+ 7
Miss I.M. Roc (4)	bt. Mrs B.G. Neal (7)	+ 5

## Second Round

Mrs H.G. Handley (9)	bt. Miss M.J. Lodge (11)	+13
Miss K.M.O. Sessions (-1)	bt. Miss E.H. Arkell (4)	+ 5
Mrs G.W. Solomon (4)	bt. Miss I.M. Roc (4)	+15
Mrs D.M.C. Prichard (1)	bt. Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (11)	+ 2

## Semi-Final

Miss K.M.O. Sessions (-1)	bt. Mrs H.G. Handley (9)	+ 3
Mrs D.M.C. Prichard (1)	bt. Mrs G.W. Solomon (4)	+23

## Final

Miss K.M.O. Sessions (-1)	bt. Mrs D.M.C. Prichard (1)	+ 8
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## PLAY-OFF

Mrs C. Bagnall (6)	bt. Miss K.M.O. Sessions (-1)	+24
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## Event 3: The Lady Murray Memorial Silver Challenge Cups (10 Pairs)

## DRAW

## First Round

G.E.P. Jackson & Miss W.K. Allardyce (8)	bt. G.H. Betts & Mrs G.W. Solomon (6)	+17
Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard & G.F. Blumer (10)	bt. H.S. Clemons & Mrs B.G. Neal (7)	+22

## Second Round

Rev. W.E. Gladstone & Miss M.J. Lodge (11)	bt. R.H. Lee & Miss I.M. Roc (10½)	+ 5
Jackson & Miss Allardyce	bt. Prichard & Blumer	+ 2
Mrs D.M.C. Prichard & Mrs C. Bagnall (7)	bt. W.J. Sturdy & Miss E.H. Arkell (8½)	+10
Miss K.M.O. Sessions & Mrs H.G. Handley (8)	bt. Mr & Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (10½)	+ 7

## Semi-Final

Rev. W.E. Gladstone & Miss Lodge	bt. Jackson & Miss Allardyce	+16
Miss Sessions & Mrs Handley	bt. Mrs Prichard & Mrs Bagnall	+ 8

## Final

Miss Sessions & Mrs Handley	bt. Rev. W.E. Gladstone & Miss Lodge	+ 4
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## PROCESS

## First Round

Lee & Miss Roe	bt. Miss Sessions & Mrs Handley	+ 7
Rev. W.E. Gladstone & Miss Tyrwhitt Drake	bt. Mr & Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake	+ 2

## Second Round

Lee & Miss Roe	bt. Clemons & Mrs Neal	+ 2
Sturdy & Miss Arkell	bt. Jackson & Miss Allardyce	+15
Prichard & Blumer	bt. Rev. W.E. Gladstone & Miss Lodge	+ 3
Mrs Prichard & Mrs Bagnall	bt. Betts & Mrs Solomon	+12

## Semi-Final

Sturdy & Miss Arkell	bt. Lee & Miss Roe	+ 3
Mrs Prichard & Mrs Bagnall	bt. Prichard & Blumer	+ 6

## Final

Sturdy & Miss Arkell	bt. Mrs Prichard & Mrs Bagnall	+ 7
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## PLAY-OFF

Miss Sessions & Mrs Handley	bt. Sturdy & Miss Arkell	+13
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## Event 4a: 'X' Open Handicap Singles (20 Entries)

## First Round

Miss E.H. Arkell (4)	bt. G.H. Betts (2½)	+ 4
Mrs C. Bagnall (6)	bt. G.F. Blumer (11)	+ 5
Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard (-1)	bt. Miss K.M.O. Sessions (-1)	+18
E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (-½)	bt. Mrs H.G. Handley (9)	+ 2

## Second Round

G.E.P. Jackson (-1)	bt. Mrs D.M.C. Prichard (1)	+ 8
Mrs G.W. Solomon (4)	bt. H.S. Clemons (0)	+17
Rev. W.E. Gladstone (0)	bt. Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (11)	+ 6
Miss E.H. Arkell (4)	bt. Mrs C. Bagnall (6)	+ 8
E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (-½)	bt. Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard (-1)	+ 3
W.J. Sturdy (4½)	bt. Mrs B.G. Neal (7)	+14
F.E. Pearson (3½)	bt. Miss M.J. Lodge (11)	+ 7
R.H. Lee (6½)	bt. Miss I.M. Roc (4)	+12

## Third Round

G.E.P. Jackson (-1)	bt. Mrs G.W. Solomon (4)	+17
Rev. W.E. Gladstone (0)	bt. Miss E.H. Arkell (4)	+15
E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (-½)	bt. W.J. Sturdy (4½)	+ 7
R.H. Lee (6½)	bt. F.E. Pearson (3½)	+ 9

## Semi-Final

G.E.P. Jackson (-1)	bt. Rev. W.E. Gladstone (0)	+13
R.H. Lee (6½)	bt. E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (-½)	+26

## Final

G.E.P. Jackson (-1)	bt. R.H. Lee (6½)	+ 8
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## Event 4b: 'Y' Open Handicap Singles (10 Entries)

## Final

G.F. Blumer (11)	bt. Miss I.M. Roc (4)	+17
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## Southwick May Tournament: May 13-18

What a delight in these days of universal change to revisit Southwick after three seasons and to find croquet at its best in a setting quite unchanged! The week attracted 43 entrants, including 21 visitors. It was good to meet Harold Clemons, that positive striker of the ball, once again, and to meet Ron and Jessie Sloane from Brighton near Melbourne playing in their first tournament in this country.

There was a blinder of a thunderstorm at tea time on the Monday, but there was glorious warm sunshine for the rest of the week. With the fine weather and expedition in play, it was recorded that 117 Singles (46 won by higher bisquers) and 28 Doubles (16 won by higher bisquers) were played, and that only 4 of these 145 games were won "on time". There was a remarkable number of long hit-ins for so early in the season, and many exciting finishes, especially in the Doubles.

The heroine of the week was Betty Prichard. Not only did she manage the tournament with her usual charm and efficiency, but she also took Cam Paynter's place in Block B when sickness unfortunately obliged him to withdraw. Casting aside her scoring sheets, her multi-coloured chalks and bios, her lists of results and the rest of the Manager's paraphernalia, she seized her mallet and played with such accuracy that she won the Block. How she also kept the tournament going is a mystery to which she alone knows the solution.

The final of the Jellicorse Cup produced a David and Goliath battle between Brenda Mallinson and Norman Cox. Brenda Mallinson is improving fast and is to be congratulated on reaching the final of this Event. With intelligent use of bisques she got to Penult with her forward ball. Norman Cox, who is always fond of pegging out his opponent, peeled his opponent's ball on this occasion but failed in the peg-out. A cat and mouse struggle ensued with each player trying to peg out the other's forward ball; in this Norman Cox achieved success after five turns, and went on to a convincing victory with some lovely strokes. He also won the 'X' Doubles with his partner Miss Rogers, and received the splendid new cups presented by Howard Austin for this Event.

Dudley Hamilton-Miller mislaid his long-serving mallet, but bravely carried on with a mallet which had a broken shaft patched up with sellotape. C.G. Mayo is a redoubtable maker of mallets; he broke his own in mock anger during the tournament, but speedily mended it "within time" and proceeded to play a great game.

The catering was well up to Southwick's usual high standard, thanks to Mrs Turner and her helpers. Mr Finch, the groundsman, is to be congratulated on his lawns, which played very well for such an early stage of the season. Our sincere thanks to the Club Committee and to Mrs R.E. Tucker, the Tournament Secretary, for a most happy and enjoyable week.

## Results

## AMERICAN HANDICAP SINGLES

## Block Winners

B.	Mrs D.M.C. Prichard (1)	4 wins
C.	R.L. Everest (6½)	4 wins
D.	Mrs E.H.P. Mallinson (10)	4 wins
E.	C.R. Sloane (1½)	5 wins
F.	N.W.T. Cox (-½)	5 wins
G.	D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller (-½)	5 wins
H.	Mrs N.W.T. Cox (5)	4 wins

## PLAY-OFF

C.R. Sloane (E)	bt. Mrs N.W.T. Cox (H)	+ 8
R.L. Everest (C)	bt. Mrs D.M.C. Prichard (B)	+12
N.W.T. Cox (F)	bt. D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller (G)	+14

## Semi-Final

Mrs E.H.P. Mallinson (D)	bt. R.L. Everest	+12
N.W.T. Cox	bt. C.R. Sloane	+12

## Final

N.W.T. Cox	bt. Mrs E.H.P. Mallinson	+ 7
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## 'X' HANDICAP DOUBLES (20 Pairs)

## Semi-Final

E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake & Mrs I.B. Tucker (12½)	bt. D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller & Lt-Col E.H.P. Mallinson (9½)	+ 5
N.W.T. Cox & Miss D.E. Rogers (13½)	bt. Mr & Mrs H.F.L. Jenking (13)	+ 5

## Final

Cox & Miss Rogers	bt. Tyrwhitt Drake & Mrs I.B. Tucker	+ 5
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## 'Y' HANDICAP DOUBLES (10 Pairs)

## Semi-Final

H.A. Green & Mrs E.M. Speer (6½)	bt. Miss G.V. Pirie & R.L. Everest (13½)	+ 8
H.S. Clemons & Mrs F.J.T. Mew (10)	bt. C.R. Sloane & Mrs S.J. Turner (8)	+14

## Final

Clemons & Mrs Mew	w.o. Green & Mrs Speer	opp. scr.
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## The Longman Cup 1974

## RESULTS IN ORDER

## First Round

Stourbridge	beat Edgbaston	5-2
Roehampton	beat West Park	5-2
B.E.A. Silver Wing	beat Hunstanton	5-2
Phyllis Court	beat Harrow Oak	4-3
Compton	beat Ryde	5-2

## Second Round

Wolverhampton	beat Bretby	3-1
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## Inter-Club Championship 1974

## RESULTS IN ORDER

## First Round

Colchester	beat The Heley Club	5-4
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## Second Round

Southwick	beat Woking	4-1
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## Who is Sylvia?

*I am just an average player,  
My handicap is mean,  
You cannot put a face to me,  
My name is never seen.  
I pay my club subscription but  
I don't join your C.A.  
With tournaments and matches there's  
Too much to do to play.*

*I'll weed and trundle coffee round,  
But seldom go away;  
A hotel bill's not worth it if  
You're out the second day.  
I'm fairly good at cooking but  
I have not got the brain  
For Regs and Laws - which champions  
Can play but not explain.  
I'm not the sort that ever peels,  
My partners I don't please.  
But I'm the one they turn towards  
With "could you do the teas?"  
I like the game and friendliness  
And get my share of fame;  
They pat my knobby spine and say  
"The backbone of the game".*

E.A.M.P.

## Inter-County Championship: May 21-24

Six teams again competed in the "Counties" this year, although their constitution differed from that of 1973. After appearing for many years at Hurlingham, often with marked success, Devon and Eastern Counties found themselves unable this year to muster teams of the necessary quality, but fortunately Bedfordshire and a Thames Valley combination of Berkshire and Oxfordshire filled the gap. The latter departed on the final afternoon in a joyous mood, having won all their five rounds and so becoming the holders of the handsome trophy. Considering that they suffered through the inability of John Soutter to play because of an injured wrist, coupled with the fact that the new C.A. Chairman was available for one game only, their success is the more praiseworthy. Both in his play and through his intelligent shuffling of his resources, Nigel Aspinall was their tower of strength. Bedfordshire can count themselves reasonably satisfied with 2 wins out of 5 rounds, 4 of their games being lost by very narrow margins. The three musketeers from Wrest Park, Rees, Wheeler and Green, provided them with a solid base. Sussex, after some years of frustration when they narrowly failed to win matches, had 3 wins this year and finished as runners-up, which will encourage them for the future. A surprising outcome of the week was the relatively poor showing of Middlesex and Surrey who for many years seemed to have a near monopoly of success. This year they won only 2 rounds apiece. Surrey suffered from the fact that Bernard Neal was only able to play in their final game, against Middlesex. In this he pegged out Colin Prichard when Cotter was for 3-Back, but after a further hour's play Cotter, who knows the tactics of the pegged-out game thoroughly, prevailed. Midland Counties had only 1 win, against Middlesex, but were unlucky in many of the 9 games they lost, 5 being by single figure margins.

Among the features of the week were the fast lawns. Rarely can Counties Week have produced such fast conditions, the result of a long spell of dry weather (and possibly the groundsman having in mind the Test Matches following in early July). Of the 45 games played during the week, 25 were won by single figures and 6 of them were decided on time. Finally, a rather unusual happening: all the 15 rounds resulted in a 2 to 1 victory, which makes it unnecessary to repeat the margins of victory in the Analysis which follows.

## ANALYSIS OF PLAY

Berkshire and Oxfordshire won 5 matches and 10 games: they beat Bedfordshire, Midlands, Middlesex, Surrey and Sussex.

Sussex won 3 matches and 8 games: they beat Bedfordshire, Midlands and Surrey, and lost to Berkshire & Oxfordshire, and Middlesex.

Bedfordshire won 2 matches and 7 games: they beat Midlands and Surrey, and lost to Berkshire & Oxfordshire, Middlesex and Sussex.

Middlesex won 2 matches and 7 games: they beat Bedfordshire and Sussex, and lost to Berkshire & Oxfordshire, Midlands and Surrey.

Surrey won 2 matches and 7 games: they beat Midlands and Middlesex, and lost to Bedfordshire, Berkshire & Oxfordshire, and Sussex.

Midlands won 1 match and 6 games: they beat Middlesex, and lost to Bedfordshire, Berkshire & Oxfordshire, Surrey and Sussex.

## Ryde: May 27 - June 1

This tournament has a happy atmosphere, due largely to the excellent catering and the example of devoted effort by "Joe Orchard" (the non-playing President), Mrs Mew and Mr Pountney. There are five courts, improving yearly, and we had hot, sunny weather. If next year this tournament is held, as hoped, later in June, one could bathe when not playing. What more could one ask? Why did only 19 enter this year? The Club has 24 croquet members: 16 live on the Island, and of these only 5 competed this year; 8 live on the mainland, and 5 of them competed. The remaining 9 were non-members from the mainland. Thus the future of the tournament, and indeed of this famous and ancient club are not as secure as one could wish.

However, this year's small entry meant no time limits, which was much appreciated. The greatest feat of endurance was the Doubles Final of 6½ hours bravely fought by Mesdames Bressey and Lowein, who were eventually overcome by Professor Weitz and Mrs Adlam, a glamorous addition to the tournament world.

It was really Mrs Weitz's tournament - with her elegant flamingo-like stance she won the 'B' Levels and was runner-up in the 'X' Final against Mr Pountney. Major Dibley not only managed with his usual courtesy, but sportingly entered everything, and was a popular winner when he retired on the peg in the 'Y' against Puxon, who eventually won the Event. Mr Birch, the holder, was invincible in the Isle of Wight Championship.

## Results

## Event 1: Isle of Wight Championship (4 Entries)

## DRAW

<i>First Round</i>			
Prof. B.G.Weitz	bt. Major J.H.Dibley	+25	
G.Birch	bt. C.G.Pountney	+10	

<i>Final</i>			
G.Birch	bt. Prof. B.G.Weitz	+19	

## PROCESS

<i>First Round</i>			
G.Birch	bt. Prof. B.G.Weitz	+14	
C.G.Pountney	bt. Major J.H.Dibley	+24	

<i>Final</i>			
C.G.Pountney	bt. G.Birch	+ 4	

## PLAY-OFF

G.Birch	bt. C.G.Pountney	+10	
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## Event 2: 'B' Level Singles (6 Entries)

## DRAW

<i>First Round</i>			
P.H.Mann	bt. F.E.M.Puxon	+19	
Mrs E.E.Bressey	bt. Mrs F.E.M.Puxon	+13	

<i>Semi-Final</i>			
Mrs F.J.T.Mew	bt. P.H.Mann	+ 7	
Mrs B.G.Weitz	bt. Mrs E.E.Bressey	+ 8	

<i>Final</i>			
Mrs B.G.Weitz	w.o. Mrs F.J.T.Mew	opp. scr.	

## PROCESS

<i>First Round</i>			
Mrs F.E.M.Puxon	bt. Mrs F.J.T.Mew	+ 6	
Mrs B.G.Weitz	bt. Mrs E.E.Bressey	+ 8	

<i>Semi-Final</i>			
Mrs F.E.M.Puxon	bt. F.E.M.Puxon	+15	
Mrs B.G.Weitz	bt. P.H.Mann	+14	

<i>Final</i>			
Mrs B.G.Weitz	bt. Mrs F.E.M.Puxon	+23	

## Event 3: 'C' Handicap Singles (9 Entries)

<i>First Round</i>			
W.A.Scarr (14*)	bt. H.G.B.Wagnell (10)	+ 5	

<i>Second Round</i>			
C.E.Knight (11)	bt. Miss D.E.Rogers (15)	+22	
Mrs A.F.Adlam (10)	bt. W.A.Scarr (14*)	+ 8	
A.F.Adlam (12)	bt. R.W.Newnham (16)	+10	
Mrs P.H.Mann (10)	bt. Mrs K.M.Lowein (13)	+13	

<i>Semi-Final</i>			
C.E.Knight (11)	bt. Mrs A.F.Adlam (10)	+15	
A.F.Adlam (12)	bt. Mrs P.H.Mann (10)	+17	

<i>Final</i>			
C.E.Knight (11)	bt. A.F.Adlam (12)	+ 7	

## Event 4a: 'X' Handicap Singles (19 Entries)

<i>First Round</i>			
W.A.Scarr (14*)	bt. Mrs K.M.Lowein (13)	+18	
Mrs B.G.Weitz (6)	bt. Major J.H.Dibley (7)	+19	
Mrs E.E.Bressey (5)	bt. A.F.Adlam (12)	+ 5	

<i>Second Round</i>			
Prof. B.G.Weitz (3)	bt. P.H.Mann (7)	+ 9	
Mrs F.J.T.Mew (8)	bt. Mrs F.E.M.Puxon (5)	+ 4	
Mrs A.F.Adlam (10)	bt. F.E.M.Puxon (7½)	+19	
Mrs B.G.Weitz (6)	bt. W.A.Scarr (14*)	+ 8	
G.Birch (1)	bt. Mrs E.E.Bressey (5)	+12	
C.E.Knight (11)	bt. R.W.Newnham (16)	+22	
C.G.Pountney (2½)	bt. Mrs P.H.Mann (10)	+15	
H.G.B.Wagnell (10)	bt. Miss D.E.Rogers (15)	+11	

<i>Third Round</i>			
Mrs F.J.T.Mew (8)	bt. Prof. B.G.Weitz (3)	+ 2	
Mrs B.G.Weitz (6)	bt. Mrs A.F.Adlam (10)	+17	
G.Birch (1)	bt. C.E.Knight (11)	+10	
C.G.Pountney (2½)	bt. H.G.B.Wagnell (10)	+15	

<i>Semi-Final</i>			
Mrs B.G.Weitz (6)	bt. Mrs F.J.T.Mew (8)	+15	
C.G.Pountney (2½)	bt. G.Birch (1)	+15	

<i>Final</i>			
C.G.Pountney (2½)	bt. Mrs B.G.Weitz (6)	+ 6	

## Event 4b: 'Y' Handicap Singles (9 Entries)

<i>Final</i>			
F.E.M.Puxon (7½)	bt. A.F.Adlam (12)	+10 (T)	

## Event 5: Handicap Doubles (8 Pairs)

<i>First Round</i>			
P.H.Mann & Mrs B.G.Weitz (13)	bt. C.G.Pountney & Mrs F.J.T.Mew (10½)	+ 9	
Prof. B.G.Weitz & Mrs A.F.Adlam (13)	bt. G.Birch & W.A.Scarr (15)	+ 9	
A.F.Adlam & Mrs P.H.Mann (22)	bt. Mr & Mrs F.E.M.Puxon (12½)	+ 5	
Mrs E.E.Bressey & Mrs K.M.Lowein (18)	bt. Major J.H.Dibley & H.G.B.Wagnell (17)	+24	

<i>Semi-Final</i>			
Prof. Weitz & Mrs Adlam	bt. Mann & Mrs Weitz	+ 6	
Mrs Bressey & Mrs Lowein	bt. Adlam & Mrs Mann	+12	

<i>Final</i>			
Prof. Weitz & Mrs Adlam	bt. Mrs Bressey & Mrs Lowein	+ 4	

## Carrickmines: June 3-8

The County Dublin Championships were played at Carrickmines in very varied weather. Sometimes it was warm, but other days it rained, and on finals day the weather was freezing, and there were even hailstones. The courts were not up to the usual high standard, and Mrs Sebestyen was the only visitor. Interest was keen this year, as competitors were aiming to get selected for the Irish team against the Australians. There were 3 vacant places, Terence Read, Douglas Strachan and David O'Connor having already been selected.

In the Championship Frances Joly, playing with great accuracy and steadiness, won both Draw and Process. She had a close tussle in the Final of the Draw against former champion Reggie Leonard, but came through. In a previous round Alec Craig was beating her, but had the terrible misfortune to strain his back so badly that he was obliged to retire from all the Events; this was very disappointing for him, as he is extremely enthusiastic about the game. We wish him a full recovery. Frances' feats earned her a place in the Irish team. She is probably the most popular player in Carrickmines; she is a delight to play against and one of our most constant representatives in English tournaments.

Charles Gamble, a tremendously quick player, won the Big Handicap, which was a splendid achievement. Pressure of business prevented him entering the Championships, but in the semi-final of the Big Handicap he received two bisques from Frances Joly and defeated her by 26; he had a very close game in the final against Mrs Sebestyen. The Reverend Rooke, a relative newcomer, romped to victory in the Duff Matthews Cup, and he and Mrs Figgis were narrowly beaten in the Doubles Final by Mrs Read and the German newcomer Carl von Schmieder. Mrs Figgis played very well in the Doubles, and she and The Reverend Rooke are sure to win the Doubles in the near future. Carl von Schmieder is a man to watch. Playing off a handicap of 10, he entered for the Championship and did very well.

Lady FitzGerald did a magnificent job as Manageress, Handicapper, Referee, Catering Organiser and everything else. It was an exhausting job, and all competitors were very much in her debt. She must be the most popular Manager on the circuit. Jimmy Murphy provided all food and refreshments that people wanted. The whole Club waits in anticipation of the Australians.

## Results

## Event 1: Championship of County Dublin (9 Entries)

## DRAW

<i>First Round</i>			
Miss F.Joly	bt. Mrs H.M.Read	+12	

<i>Second Round</i>			
Miss F.Joly	bt. Lady FitzGerald	+13	
A.D.Craig	bt. C.M. von Schmieder	+13	
R.J.Leonard	w.o. R.L.Hannon	opp. scr.	
M.B.McWeeney	bt. R.E.Steen	+13	

<i>Semi-Final</i>			
Miss F.Joly	w.o. A.D.Craig	opp. scr.	
R.J.Leonard	bt. M.B.McWeeney	+18	

<i>Final</i>			
Miss F.Joly	bt. R.J.Leonard	+ 5	

## PROCESS

<i>First Round</i>			
R.J.Leonard	bt. Lady FitzGerald	+13	

<i>Second Round</i>			
R.J.Leonard	bt. C.M. von Schmieder	+18	
M.B.McWeeney	bt. Mrs H.M.Read	+17	
A.D.Craig	w.o. R.L.Hannon	opp. scr.	
Miss F.Joly	bt. R.E.Steen	+25	

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Miss F.Joly	w.o. A.D.Craig	opp. retd.
M.B.McWeeney	bt. R.J.Leonard	+ 8

<i>Final</i>		
Miss F.Joly	bt. M.B.McWeeney	+16

**PLAY-OFF FOR SECOND PLACE**

R.J.Leonard	bt. M.B.McWeeney	+23
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**Event 2: Duff Matthews Cup (7 Entries)**

<i>First Round</i>		
Mrs F.Regan (7)	bt. Mrs D.Figgis (6)	+ 3
Mrs C.Sebestyen (10)	bt. Miss G.Hopkins (6)	+ 6
F.Regan (6)	bt. Madame Omorchoe (9)	+16

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Revd W.Rooke (10)	bt. Mrs F.Regan (7)	+ 9
F.Regan (6)	bt. Mrs C.Sebestyen (10)	+ 6

<i>Final</i>		
Revd W.Rooke (10)	bt. F.Regan (6)	+12

**Event 3: Boxwell Cup (17 Entries)**

<i>First Round</i>		
Miss G.Hopkins (6)	bt. R.E.Steen (5)	+16
<i>Second Round</i>		
Mrs C.Sebestyen (10)	bt. A.D.Craig (4)	+10
R.L.Hannon (6)	bt. Lady FitzGerald (4)	+13
R.J.Leonard (1½)	bt. Mrs F.Regan (7)	+ 3
Miss G.Hopkins (6)	bt. Madame Omorchoe (9)	+18
C.A.Gamble (4)	bt. F.Regan (6)	+ 6
C.M. von Schmieder (10)	bt. M.B.McWeeney (4)	+ 6
Miss F.Joly (2)	bt. Mrs D.Figgis (6)	+14
Mrs H.M.Read (2½)	w.o. S.Greene (½)	opp. scr.

<i>Third Round</i>		
Mrs C.Sebestyen (10)	w.o. R.L.Hannon (6)	opp. scr.
R.J.Leonard (1½)	bt. Miss G.Hopkins (6)	+12
C.A.Gamble (4)	bt. C.M. von Schmieder (10)	+ 5
Miss F.Joly (2)	bt. Mrs H.M.Read (2½)	+14

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Mrs C.Sebestyen (10)	bt. R.J.Leonard (1½)	+26
C.A.Gamble (4)	bt. Miss F.Joly (2)	+26

<i>Final</i>		
C.A.Gamble (4)	bt. Mrs C.Sebestyen (10)	+ 1

**Event 4: Coronation Cups (8 Pairs)**

<i>First Round</i>		
Mrs H.M.Read & C.M. von Schmieder (12½) bt. R.J.Leonard & M.B.McWeeney (5½)		+19
A.D.Craig & C.A.Gamble (8) bt. Mr & Mrs F.Regan (13)		+23
Mrs D.Figgis & Revd W.Rooke (16) bt. Lady FitzGerald & Mrs C.Sebestyen (10½)		+18
Miss F.Joly & Madame Omorchoe (11) bt. R.E.Steen & Miss G.Hopkins (11)		+ 4

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Mrs Read & von Schmieder w.o. Craig & Gamble		opp. scr.
Mrs Figgis & Revd W.Rooke bt. Miss Joly & Madame Omorchoe		+14

<i>Final</i>		
Mrs Read & von Schmieder bt. Mrs Figgis & Revd W.Rooke		+ 5

**Parkstone: June 3-8**

Unfortunately there were several withdrawals prior to the draw, and the tournament suffered in quality and quantity. However, those who were able to enter had a thoroughly enjoyable week; plenty of play, and for those who craved more, an occasional 'friendly' was arranged.

The winners had nothing but praise for the courts; the writer never heard of a favourable roll, though an adverse one was sometimes mentioned. Much praise, and thanks, are due to Piggott, the excellent and hard-working groundsman. The catering arrangements were absolutely first class, and with Mr Newton at the helm and Mr Whittington as referee of the tournament, what more could man desire?

Alas, on the Wednesday Mrs McMillan had an accident to a leg, and could play no more. Much sympathy was felt for her, and for her very good Doubles partner.

Alphabetically speaking, Mr Butler, Mr Drake and Miss McMordie all played some very good croquet and will no doubt receive the attention of the Handicapper.

**Results**

**Event 1: Open Singles (10 Entries)**

<i>First Round</i>			
P.Newton	bt. Dr. W.R.Bucknall	+ 8	
Mrs G.H.Wood	bt. R.O.B.Whittington	+ 8	

<i>Second Round</i>			
H.O.Hicks	bt. Dr C.A.Parker	+20	
P.Newton	bt. Mrs N.A.C.McMillan	+12	
Mrs G.H.Wood	bt. Col E.L.L.Vulliamy	+ 3	
L.S.Butler	bt. Revd P.D.Hallett	+ 7	

<i>Semi-Final</i>			
H.O.Hicks	bt. P.Newton	+ 3	
L.S.Butler	bt. Mrs G.H.Wood	+ 7	

<i>Final</i>			
H.O.Hicks	bt. L.S.Butler	+11	

**PROCESS**

<i>First Round</i>			
L.S.Butler	bt. Dr C.A.Parker	+26	
H.O.Hicks	bt. Revd P.D.Hallett	+25	

<i>Second Round</i>			
L.S.Butler	bt. P.Newton	+14	
R.O.B.Whittington	bt. Mrs N.A.C.McMillan	+22	
H.O.Hicks	bt. Mrs G.H.Wood	+ 2	
Dr W.R.Bucknall	bt. Col E.L.L.Vulliamy	+ 2	

<i>Semi-Final</i>			
R.O.B.Whittington	bt. L.S.Butler	+17	
H.O.Hicks	bt. Dr W.R.Bucknall	+ 9	

<i>Final</i>			
H.O.Hicks	bt. R.O.B.Whittington	+23	

**PLAY-OFF FOR SECOND PLACE**

R.O.B.Whittington	bt. L.S.Butler	+ 1	
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**Event 2: 'B' Level Singles (6 Entries)**

<i>First Round</i>			
Miss M.D.McMordie	w.o. Dr E.L.Knowles	opp. scr.	
H.G.Drake	bt. Mrs C.E.Devitt	+17	

<i>Semi-Final</i>			
Miss M.D.McMordie	bt. R.H.C.Carder	+10	
H.G.Drake	bt. Mrs P.Newton	+24	

<i>Final</i>			
H.G.Drake	bt. Miss M.D.McMordie	+15	

**PROCESS**

<i>First Round</i>			
H.G.Drake	bt. R.H.C.Carder	+ 5	
Miss M.D.McMordie	bt. Mrs P.Newton	+17	

<i>Semi-Final</i>			
H.G.Drake	w.o. Dr E.L.Knowles	opp. scr.	
Miss M.D.McMordie	bt. Mrs C.E.Devitt	+14	

<i>Final</i>			
H.G.Drake	bt. Miss M.D.McMordie	+ 8	

**Event 3: 'C' Handicap Singles (6 Entries)**

<i>First Round</i>			
Mrs L.A.Davies (13)	bt. Mrs L.L.Duveen (11)	+ 6 (T)	
J.H.T.Griffiths (9)	bt. Major F.Hill-Bernhard (9)	+10	

<i>Semi-Final</i>			
Mrs L.A.Davies (13)	bt. Mrs D.Mitchell (16)	+14	
J.H.T.Griffiths (9)	bt. Mrs E.Osborn (10)	+17	

<i>Final</i>			
J.H.T.Griffiths (9)	bt. Mrs L.A.Davies (13)	+ 7	

**PROCESS**

<i>First Round</i>			
J.H.T.Griffiths (9)	bt. Mrs D.Mitchell (16)	+20	
Mrs L.L.Duveen (11)	bt. Mrs E.Osborn (10)	+12	

<i>Semi-Final</i>			
J.H.T.Griffiths (9)	bt. Mrs L.A.Davies (13)	+12	
Mrs L.L.Duveen (11)	bt. Major F.Hill-Bernhard (9)	+12	

<i>Final</i>			
J.H.T.Griffiths (9)	bt. Mrs L.L.Duveen (11)	+ 4	

**Event 4a: 'X' Handicap Singles (21 Entries)**

<i>First Round</i>			
Mrs G.H.Wood (3)	bt. Mrs L.A.Davies (13)	+ 4	
Dr W.R.Bucknall (1½)	bt. Mrs C.E.Devitt (8)	+15	
Dr C.A.Parker (4)	bt. Col E.L.L.Vulliamy (3½)	+ 4	
R.O.B.Whittington (0)	bt. Mrs L.L.Duveen (11)	+10	
Mrs N.A.C.McMillan (2½)	w.o. Dr E.L.Knowles (6)	opp. scr.	

<i>Second Round</i>			
H.G.Drake (7)	bt. L.S.Butler (4)	+ 3	
R.H.C.Carder (7½)	bt. Major F.Hill-Bernhard (9)	+21	
Mrs G.H.Wood (3)	bt. Mrs E.Osborn (10)	+23	
Dr C.A.Parker (4)	bt. Dr W.R.Bucknall (1½)	+19	
R.O.B.Whittington (0)	bt. Mrs N.A.C.McMillan (2½)	+21	
Mrs P.Newton (6½)	bt. J.H.T.Griffiths (9)	+ 8	
H.O.Hicks (-3)	bt. Mrs D.Mitchell (16)	+19	
Miss M.D.McMordie (5)	bt. P.Newton (-½)	+12	

<i>Third Round</i>			
H.G.Drake (7)	bt. R.H.C.Carder (7½)	+21	
Dr C.A.Parker (4)	bt. Mrs G.H.Wood (3)	+ 6	
R.O.B.Whittington (0)	bt. Mrs P.Newton (6½)	+ 9	
Miss M.D.McMordie (5)	bt. H.O.Hicks (-3)	+26	

<i>Semi-Final</i>			
H.G.Drake (7)	bt. Dr C.A.Parker (4)	+12	
Miss M.D.McMordie (5)	bt. R.O.B.Whittington (0)	+26	

<i>Final</i>			
H.G.Drake (7)	bt. Miss M.D.McMordie (5)	+21	

**Event 4b: 'Y' Handicap Singles (11 Entries)**

<i>Final</i>			
L.S.Butler (4)	bt. J.H.T.Griffiths (9)	+ 7	

**Event 4c: 'Z' Handicap Singles (7 Entries)**

<i>Final</i>			
R.H.C.Carder (7½)	bt. Dr W.R.Bucknall (1½)	+25	

**Event 5: Handicap Doubles (8 Pairs)**

<i>First Round</i>		
R.O.B.Whittington & Mrs L.L.Duveen (11) bt. R.H.C.Carder & Mrs E.Osborn (17½)		+16
Mrs N.A.C.McMillan & Air Cdr J.H.Greswell (9½) bt. Major F.Hill-Bernhard & Mrs L.A.Davies (22)		+ 3
Dr W.R.Bucknall & H.G.Drake (8½) bt. J.H.T.Griffiths & Mrs D.Mitchell (23)		+ 9
Dr C.A.Parker & L.S.Butler (8) bt. Mrs G.H.Wood & Miss M.D.McMordie (8)		+ 9

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Whittington & Mrs Duveen w.o. Mrs McMillan & Air Cdr Greswell		opp. scr.
Dr Parker & Butler bt. Dr Bucknall & Drake		+ 3 (T)

<i>Final</i>		
Whittington & Mrs Duveen bt. Dr Parker & Butler		+12

**Compton: June 3-8**

It is only natural, I suppose, that I retain a particular affection for the Compton Club, since it was here — just fifty years ago — that I began to play croquet, following in my father's footsteps. The six courts stand today exactly as they stood then, but there was a large pavilion — very similar in size and design to the old pavilion at Roehampton — at right angles to the fourth corner of court one. Hugh Malcolm, a genial Scot with a ruddy and weather-beaten countenance, looked after the welfare of the courts in winter with the devotion and expertise of Duffield at Colchester or Colonel Wheeler at Cheltenham. And in the summer months there must have been some 30 or more playing members, for the courts were invariably filled and advance booking was a customary practice.

This year's tournament was blessed with fine weather, except for a brief interlude on Saturday morning when rain stopped play. In the Open Singles it became evident that there was a wide level of evenly-distributed talent, so that, at the season when the younger generation are competing for their 'A' levels, we may perhaps say that the four competitors who came through to the finals of the Draw and Process — Cox, Borrett, Gladstone and Tyrwhitt Drake — may be deemed to have passed with Honours. From these Cox and Gladstone emerged to face each other in the Play-Off. Gladstone, who had shown an admirable consistency of attack and accuracy throughout the week, was once again quickly off the mark and built up an imposing lead, before his opponent got into his stride, to win by 16 points.

Earlier in the week we witnessed a dramatic conclusion to the match between Dr Wiggins and Clemons. Clemons was left with one ball for the peg. Wiggins, in play, made 4-back and Penult and then, having no rush to the Rover, laid up in baulk, whereat all the Bells of St Clemons rang out in jubilation! Roger Wood played one flawless game, defeating Tyrwhitt Drake in a little over an hour, the loser making only one mistake. Mrs Simpson merited considerable praise for two consecutive games against stronger opponents, both of which she lost by only a very narrow margin.

Mr and Mrs Digby, paying a first visit from Colchester, had a rewarding week: Mrs Digby won the 'B' Opens after a close and exciting match against Everest, who is always a tough opponent; her husband only succumbed in the closing stages of the Handicap Semi-Finals to the redoubtable Poutney, who went on to win the final from Sloane. In the 'C' Handicap the issue between Yallop and Mrs E.J.Tucker was in doubt to the very end, victory going to the former by 3 points.

By winning the Handicap Doubles Roger Wood and R.C.Malin (a dark horse, if ever there was one!) became the first holders of the handsome new silver salvers presented by Mrs Kirk-Greene. In the final against Hamilton-Miller and Mrs Haworth the clips stood level at 2-back and 3-back. At this point there came two long shots in succession and the game was over, Malin making an excellent break to the peg and Roger Wood finishing in the next turn.

To be "managed" by Betty Prichard ensured a week of maximum enjoyment for all competitors, and always in the background or foreground Denno Harris and Strickland were on call, unobtrusive but most valuable aides, as also was Mrs E.J. Tucker, who with her band of helpers provided most excellent lunches and teas. All in all, it comes as no surprise to learn that — so popular is this tournament — the entry list was already filled by the middle of April.

**Results**

**Event 1: Open Singles (18 Entries)**

**DRAW**

<i>First Round</i>			
Dr W.R.D. Wiggins	bt. Mrs H.F. Chittenden	+12	
H.S. Clemons	bt. D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller	+ 8	
<i>Second Round</i>			
C.R. Sloane	bt. Mrs D.M.C. Prichard	+ 3	
E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake	bt. Mrs G.F.H. Elvey	+12	
D.A. Harris	bt. N.W.T. Cox	+10	
H.S. Clemons	bt. W.R.D. Wiggins	+ 3	
Revd W.E. Gladstone	bt. R. Wood	+ 2	
E.J. Tucker	bt. R.A. Simpson	+15	
Cdr G. Borrett	bt. Mrs W. Longman	+ 1	
C.G. Pountney	bt. Mrs R.A. Simpson	+16	
<i>Third Round</i>			
E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake	bt. C.R. Sloane	+10	
H.S. Clemons	bt. D.A. Harris	+10	
Revd W.E. Gladstone	bt. E.J. Tucker	+ 1	
Cdr G. Borrett	bt. C.G. Pountney	+11	
<i>Semi-Final</i>			
E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake	bt. H.S. Clemons	+ 8	
Revd W.E. Gladstone	bt. Cdr G. Borrett	+10	
<i>Final</i>			
Revd W.E. Gladstone	bt. E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake	+15	

**PROCESS**

<i>First Round</i>			
C.G. Pountney	bt. C.R. Sloane	+ 1 (T)	
Mrs R.A. Simpson	w.o. Mrs D.M.C. Prichard	opp. scr.	
<i>Second Round</i>			
H.S. Clemons	w.o. C.G. Pountney	opp. scr.	
N.W.T. Cox	bt. R.A. Simpson	+ 5	
Revd W.E. Gladstone	bt. Mrs G.F.H. Elvey	+13	
Mrs W. Longman	w.o. Dr W.R.D. Wiggins	opp. scr.	
D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller	bt. Mrs R.A. Simpson	+ 6	
E.J. Tucker	bt. D.A. Harris	+11	
R. Wood	bt. E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake	+16	
Cdr G. Borrett	bt. Mrs H.F. Chittenden	+14	
<i>Third Round</i>			
N.W.T. Cox	bt. H.S. Clemons	+10	
Revd W.E. Gladstone	bt. Mrs W. Longman	+ 3	
D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller	bt. E.J. Tucker	+11	
Cdr G. Borrett	bt. R. Wood	+ 6	
<i>Semi-Final</i>			
N.W.T. Cox	bt. Revd W.E. Gladstone	+10	
Cdr G. Borrett	bt. D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller	+ 7	
<i>Final</i>			
N.W.T. Cox	bt. Cdr G. Borrett	+21	

**PLAY-OFF**

Revd W.E. Gladstone	bt. N.W.T. Cox	+16	
<b>Event 2: 'B' Level Singles (6 Entries)</b>			
<i>First Round</i>			
R.L. Everest	bt. Mrs C.R. Sloane	+ 7	
Mrs N.W.T. Cox	bt. Mrs E.M. Temple	+ 4 (T)	
<i>Semi-Final</i>			
R.L. Everest	bt. Miss H.D. Parker	+25	
Mrs G.S. Digby	bt. Mrs N.W.T. Cox	+ 2	

<i>Final</i>			
Mrs G.S. Digby	bt. R.L. Everest	+ 5	
<b>Event 3: 'C' Handicap Singles (16 Entries)</b>			
<i>First Round</i>			
Mrs C.W. Haworth (15)	bt. Miss M. Bryan (8)	+10	
H.N.D. Meyer (8)	bt. Mrs A. Millns (14)	+16	
Dr M.D. Nosworthy (8)	bt. Dr S.R.C. Malin (9)	+22	
Dr B.D. Yallop (10)	bt. Mrs D. Waterhouse (11)	+12	
C.W. Haworth (6½)	bt. C.E. Knight (9)	+ 4	
Mrs H.J. Devitt (7½)	bt. Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (11)	+ 6	
Mrs E.J. Tucker (12)	bt. G.S. Digby (6½)	+13	
R.E. Wallis (9)	bt. H.J. Devitt (7)	+ 3	

<i>Second Round</i>			
H.N.D. Meyer (8)	bt. Mrs C.W. Haworth (15)	+ 2 (T)	
Dr B.D. Yallop (10)	bt. Dr M.D. Nosworthy (8)	+ 8	
Mrs H.J. Devitt (7½)	bt. C.W. Haworth (6½)	+ 1 (T)	
Mrs E.J. Tucker (12)	bt. R.E. Wallis (9)	+16	
<i>Semi-Final</i>			
Dr B.D. Yallop (10)	bt. H.N.D. Meyer (8)	+ 3	
Mrs E.J. Tucker (12)	bt. Mrs H.J. Devitt (7½)	+11	
<i>Final</i>			
Dr B.D. Yallop (10)	bt. Mrs E.J. Tucker (12)	+ 3	

**Event 4: Open Handicap Singles (35 Entries)**

<i>First Round</i>			
E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (-½)	bt. Mrs G.S. Digby (3½)	+ 5	
H.J. Devitt (7)	bt. Mrs C.W. Haworth (15)	+ 4	
R.L. Everest (5½)	bt. Mrs N.W.T. Cox (5)	+17	
<i>Second Round</i>			
R.A. Simpson (1½)	bt. R.E. Wallis (9)	+ 2	
R. Wood (1)	bt. N.W.T. Cox (-1)	+ 4	
G.S. Digby (6½)	bt. Dr B.D. Yallop (10)	+ 2	
Mrs W. Longman (1)	bt. Dr S.R.C. Malin (9)	+ 5	
H.S. Clemons (0)	bt. Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (11)	+17	
Mrs R.A. Simpson (2)	bt. Mrs D. Waterhouse (11)	+ 3	
C.G. Pountney (2)	bt. Mrs G.F.H. Elvey (1½)	+16	
E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (-½)	bt. H.J. Devitt (7)	+15	
R.L. Everest (5½)	bt. Mrs H.F. Chittenden (2½)	+18	
Revd W.E. Gladstone (0)	bt. Miss H.D. Parker (5½)	+17	
E. Strickland (12)	bt. Miss M. Bryan (8)	+16	
D.A. Harris (½)	bt. C.W. Haworth (6½)	+ 9	
E.J. Tucker (1½)	bt. Mrs D.M.C. Prichard (1)	+18	
C.R. Sloane (1½)	bt. Mrs E.J. Tucker (12)	+ 4	
Mrs C.R. Sloane (5½)	bt. Mrs E.M. Temple (4½)	+ 8	
Dr M.D. Nosworthy (8)	bt. Mrs A. Millns (14)	+18	

<i>Third Round</i>			
R.A. Simpson (1½)	bt. R. Wood (1)	+25	
G.S. Digby (6½)	bt. Mrs W. Longman (1)	+26	
H.S. Clemons (0)	bt. Mrs R.A. Simpson (2)	+ 6	
C.G. Pountney (2)	bt. E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (-½)	+23	
R.L. Everest (5½)	bt. Revd W.E. Gladstone (0)	+ 2	
D.A. Harris (½)	w.o. E. Strickland (12)	opp. scr.	
C.R. Sloane (1½)	bt. E.J. Tucker (1½)	+24	
Dr M.D. Nosworthy (8)	bt. Mrs C.R. Sloane (5½)	+ 9	
<i>Fourth Round</i>			
G.S. Digby (6½)	bt. R.A. Simpson (1½)	+26	
C.G. Pountney (2)	bt. H.S. Clemons (0)	+24	
R.L. Everest (5½)	bt. D.A. Harris (½)	+ 9	
C.R. Sloane (1½)	bt. Dr M.D. Nosworthy (8)	+ 2	
<i>Semi-Final</i>			
C.G. Pountney (2)	bt. G.S. Digby (6½)	+ 3 (T)	
C.R. Sloane (1½)	bt. R.L. Everest (5½)	+ 6	
<i>Final</i>			
C.G. Pountney (2)	bt. C.R. Sloane (1½)	+15	

**Event 5: Handicap Doubles (19 Pairs)**

<i>First Round</i>			
Mr & Mrs R.A. Simpson (3½)	bt. Revd W.E. Gladstone & E. Strickland (12)	+10	
Mr & Mrs G.S. Digby (10)	bt. Mr & Mrs H.J. Devitt (14½)	+12	
C.G. Pountney & E.J. Tucker (3½)	bt. Mr & Mrs N.W.T. Cox (4)	+22	

<i>Second Round</i>			
Miss M. Bryan & Mrs D. Waterhouse (19)	bt. Mrs W. Longman & Miss H.D. Parker (6½)	+ 3 (T)	
D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller & Mrs C.W. Haworth (13½)	bt. Mrs H.F. Chittenden & Mrs A. Millns (16½)	+ 5 (T)	
D.A. Harris & Mrs D. White (12½)	bt. H.S. Clemons & D.J. Brown (12)	+ 9	
Mr & Mrs Digby	bt. Mr & Mrs Simpson	+12	
Pountney & Tucker	bt. Cdr G. Borrett & C.E. Knight (8)	+13	
Mrs G.F.H. Elvey & Mrs E.J. Tucker (13½)	bt. R.L. Everest & Mrs E.M. Temple (10)	+ 8	
R. Wood & Dr S.R.C. Malin (10)	bt. Mr & Mrs C.R. Sloane (7)	+11	
E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake & C.W. Haworth (6)	bt. R.E. Wallis & Dr B.D. Yallop (19)	+ 1 (T)	

<i>Third Round</i>			
Hamilton-Miller & Mrs Haworth	bt. Miss Bryan & Mrs Waterhouse	+18	
Mr & Mrs Digby	bt. Harris & Mrs White	+ 6	
Pountney & Tucker	bt. Mrs Elvey & Mrs Tucker	+10	
Wood & Dr Malin	bt. Tyrwhitt Drake & Haworth	+ 2	
<i>Semi-Final</i>			
Hamilton-Miller & Mrs Haworth	bt. Mr & Mrs Digby	+ 3 (T)	
Wood & Dr Malin	bt. Pountney & Tucker	+11	
<i>Final</i>			
Wood & Dr Malin	bt. Hamilton-Miller & Mrs Haworth	+11	

**Weekend Tournaments**

**Cheltenham I: April 13-15**

<i>Block Winners</i>			
A. M.J. Evans (1½)	4 wins and 37 points		
B. P.W. Hands (-2½)	5 wins		
C. R.H. Lee (6½)	4 wins and 77 points		
D. L.G. Ayliffe (6)	4 wins and 54 points		
E. N.G. Betts (3½)	4 wins		
F. N.A.J. Norman (6½)	5 wins		
G. F.E. Pearson (3½)	4 wins and 45 points		

**Compton: April 18-21**

<i>Block Winners</i>			
A. R. Wood	8 points		
B. D.K. Openshaw	3 points		
C. H.G. Drake	8 points		
D. C.E. Knight	6 points		
<i>Semi-Final</i>			
D.K. Openshaw	bt. R. Wood	+20	
C.E. Knight	bt. H.G. Drake	+ 4 (T)	
<i>Final</i>			
C.E. Knight	bt. D.K. Openshaw	+ 4	

**Hunstanton: April 19-22**

<i>Block Winners</i>			
A. Mrs J.N. Rolfe (2)	3 wins		
B. W.H. Carlisle (11)	3 wins		
C. Runners-up: Mrs R.A. Simpson (2) and Miss S.G. Hampson (3½)	4 wins		
<i>Semi-Final</i>			
Mrs J.N. Rolfe	bt. Mrs R.A. Simpson	+ 4	
Miss S.G. Hampson	bt. A.G. Dumont	+ 7	
<i>Final</i>			
Mrs J.N. Rolfe	bt. Miss S.G. Hampson	+10	

**Colchester I: May 24-27**

<i>Block Winners</i>			
A. K.A. Ross (-1)			
B. M.E.W. Heap (-½)			
C. Prof. B.G. Neal (-2)			
D. G.F. Hallett (1½)			
<i>Semi-Final</i>			
K.A. Ross	bt. G.F. Hallett	+20	
M.E.W. Heap	bt. Prof. B.G. Neal	+23	

<i>Final</i>			
M.E.W. Heap	bt. K.A. Ross	+26	
<b>HANDICAP DOUBLES (8 Entries)</b>			
<i>Semi-Final</i>			
C.S. Ratcliffe & H.A. Cross (18)	bt. Mr & Mrs E.A. Locke (23)	+ 1 (T)	
K.H. Paterson & N.J.C. Gooch (14½)	bt. Mr & Mrs G.S. Digby (10)	+22	
<i>Final</i>			
Paterson & Gooch	bt. Ratcliffe & Cross	+15	

**Handicap Alterations**

*Corrections*  
Mrs G.E. Cave 5; Lady Cust 13; Mrs C.E. Devitt 8; Reginald Forth 11 D9; Dr E.L. Knowles 6; Mrs D. Mitchell 16 D14; N.A.J. Norman 6½; C.G. Pountney 2½; C.G. Rich 8; M.G. Tompkinson 8; Mrs S.W. Higgins 8; C.W. Haworth 6½; Mrs B.G. Neal 7.

*Cheltenham Weekend I: April 13-15*  
N.A.J. Norman 6½ to 5½; P.W. Hands -2½ to -3.

*Budleigh Salterton: April 29 - May 4*  
Major G.C. Horridge 6 to 5½; Brigadier H.E. Fernyhough 9 to 9 D8; A.F. Coleman 11 to 7; C.E. Knight 14 to 12; Dr C.W. Marshall 16 D14 to 14 D12.

*The Peels: May 6-11*  
Mrs C. Bagnall 6 to 5½; G.F. Blumer 11 to 10; Mrs H.G. Handley 9 to 8; R.H. Lee 6½ to 5½.

*Southwick: May 13-18*  
C.R. Sloane 1½; Mrs C.R. Sloane 5½; N.W.T. Cox -½ to -1; R.L. Everest 6½ to 5½; C.E. Knight 12 to 11; Mrs F.J.T. Mew 10 to 8; Miss D.E. Rogers 16 to 15; Mrs I.B. Tucker 13 to 12; Mrs E.H.P. Mallinson 10 to 8.

*Cheltenham Weekend II: May 25-27*  
T.D. Ballard 7 to 6; Mrs P. Asa-Thomas 8 to 7; Mrs R.A. Lewty 7 to 6; R.H. Lee 5½ to 5.

*Ryde: May 27 - June 1*  
W.A. Scarr 14\* to 13; C.E. Knight 11 to 9; C.G. Pountney 2½ to 2; Prof. B.G. Weitz 3 to 2; Mrs B.G. Weitz 6 to 5; Mrs K.M. Lowein 13 to 12; Mrs A.F. Adlam 10 to 9.

*Carrickmines: June 3-8*  
Mrs H.M. Read 2½ to 3½ (by request); Madame O'Morchoe 9 D7 to 10 D7 (by request); Miss F. July 2 to 1; Mrs C. Sebestyen 10 to 9; Revd W. Rooke 10 to 8; C.A. Gamble 4 to 3; C.M. von Schmieder 11 to 8.

*Parkstone: June 3-8*  
Miss M.D. McMordie 5 to 4; H.G. Drake 7 to 5; J.H.T. Griffiths 9 to 8; L.S. Butler 4 to 3½.

*Compton: June 3-8*  
C.G. Pountney 2 to 1; R.L. Everest 5½ to 4½; G.S. Digby 6½ to 6; Revd W.E. Gladstone 0 to -½.

*Bowdon Club Recommendation*  
C. Hudson 16 to 14.

*Cheltenham Club Recommendation*  
M.J. Duck 7.

*Phyllis Court Club Recommendation*  
R.S. Eades 7 to 6.

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Hurlingham Club on Monday 20 May 1974

Present: The President, M.B.Reckitt, in the chair; E.P.Duffield, Miss D.A.Lintern, G.Williams, Vice-Presidents; Professor B.G.Neal, R.F.Rothwell, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council; A.J.Oldham, Treasurer; Vandeleur Robinson, Secretary, in attendance; and 29 other members, namely: Mrs S.M.Adler, Miss W.Adye, Miss W.K.Allardyce, G.N.Aspinall, I.C.Baillieu, Cdr G.Borrett, Mrs E.E.Bressey, D.C.Caporn, Mrs H.B.H.Carlsle, Major J.H.Dibley, Revd W.E.Gladstone, C.W.Haworth, Mrs E.M.Lightfoot, G.B.Martin, F.R.Meachem, Mrs Barbara Meachem, Mrs W.A.Naylor, Mrs B.G.Neal, C.G.Pountney, Mrs J.Povey, Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard, Mrs E.Rotherham, Miss K.M.O.Sessions, Mrs G.W.Solomon, J.W.Solomon, E.Strickland, Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith, Mrs M.L.Thom, S.S.Townsend.

Apologies for absence were received from Major E.J.Bromley-Fox, Revd P.D.Hallett, Mrs W.Longman, D.H.Moorcraft, J.A.Wheeler, R.O.B.Whittington, Dr W.R.D.Wiggins, N.Williams.

### 1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, which had been published in the Croquet Gazette for July 1973, were approved.

### 2. ELECTION OF A VICE-PRESIDENT

Mrs E.Rotherham was elected a Vice-President by acclamation. She thanked the members for the honour done to her.

### 3. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The President recalled several Associates who had died during the year, including Miss Joan Warwick, Colonel Desmond Beamish, R.O.Hicks, Mrs A.S.C.Ross, I.Cheavin and D.E.Buckland. He announced his own intention to retire from the Presidency at the end of 1974. He also spoke warmly of the services of Professor Neal, who was retiring on the day of the A.G.M. from the Chairmanship of the Council.

### 4. TREASURER'S REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

Mr A.J.Oldham, Treasurer, reported on the financial situation of the C.A., which was increasingly favourable, and moved the adoption of the accounts, which had been circulated.

Mr J.W.Solomon expressed the hope that much of the available money might be spent on assisting clubs. The Treasurer asked that clubs desiring such help would submit specific and clear-cut proposals.

Mr Caporn seconded the motion to adopt the Accounts; the motion was adopted by acclamation.

Mr Gerald Williams expressed appreciation of the valuable and onerous work done by the Treasurer.

### 5. ELECTION OF TREASURER

A.J.Oldham was unanimously elected as Treasurer.

### 6. ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

(a) The names of those elected to the Council by postal ballot (including members who retired by rotation and were re-elected) were read out. Those successful in the ballot were (in alphabetical order): D.C.Caporn, Mrs H.B.H.Carlsle, Revd W.E.Gladstone, Mrs Barbara Meachem, D.H.Moorcraft, Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard, C.B.Sanford, E.Strickland, Professor B.G.Weitz, Dr W.R.D.Wiggins and Neil Williams.

(b) Mr Caporn proposed that the Secretary be authorized to destroy the ballot papers. It was so agreed.

### 7. AMENDMENT TO RULE XIX

Professor Neal explained the reason for the amendment. The Scottish Clubs desired a measure of autonomy because of their

geographical isolation from England. The Council had agreed to the formation of a Scottish Croquet Association, and had approved its proposed constitution, the text of which had been circulated to Associates with the Agenda. A consequential change was required in the Rules of the Croquet Association so as to provide for the new Association. Professor Neal proposed and Mr Rothwell seconded that Rule XIX be amended as follows:—

Before the heading of this 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".

It was so agreed.

### 8. ELECTION OF AUDITORS

It was reported that the Association's Auditors, Messrs. Nicholass, Reid & Corney, had amalgamated with another firm, with consequent change of name to Messrs. Nicholass, Ames & Co.

On the proposal of the Treasurer, seconded by Mr Duffield, the Auditors were re-elected unanimously for a further year.

### 9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Mr Caporn drew the attention of Associates to the Conference of Clubs, which it is proposed to hold this year on 7 December.

(b) The President asked for information about catering arrangements at Hurlingham available to visitors attending the two Test Matches to be held there. Mrs Sundius-Smith informed the meeting that the Snack Bar would be open during the whole week and would be available to visitors.

(c) Mr Duffield expressed appreciation of the admirable manner in which the Editor of the Croquet Gazette discharged his functions. The meeting expressed its agreement by acclamation.

(d) The Secretary drew attention to:—

(i) the availability in his office of literature on sale, of posters for clubs' publicity, and of sets of balls for collection by the representatives of clubs staging Test Matches. His new Assistant, Mrs L.Moodley, was ready in the office to discharge these objects.

(ii) the delay in the appearance of the April gazette.

(iii) the serious error of the printers, who had (contrary to instructions) sent out copies of the Test Tour Programme to all Associates in the envelopes which had been sent to them for distributing the April issue of the gazette. This was damaging in three ways: cost of envelopes and stamps for the erroneous distribution; loss of between 800 and 900 copies of the Programme, necessitating an extra printing to replace them; and loss of sales because clubs had ordered copies for sale to Associates, and the Associates had now received copies free. No doubt the printers would be co-operative about covering the loss; the Council would consider how to minimise it.

(e) Mr Haworth spoke of a visit he had paid to Scotland and of the Worldmark Croquet Tour of South Africa.

### 10. VOTE OF THANKS TO CHAIRMAN

On the proposal of Professor Neal, the meeting passed a warm vote of thanks to its Chairman, the President of the Association.

### Extract from Proceedings of Council Meeting held on on 20 May 1974

1. R.F.Rothwell was elected Chairman and D.C.Caporn Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.
2. The following were elected to the Selection Committee for 1974: I.C.Baillieu, Revd W.E.Gladstone, Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard, J.W.Solomon and R.F.Rothwell.

3. Of the eleven members elected to the Council, as announced at the Annual General Meeting on 20th May, C.B.Sandford will serve for one year, Mrs H.B.H.Carlsle and E.Strickland for two years and the remaining 8 for the full term of three years.
4. S.S.Townsend reported that the printers had, in error, despatched to every Associate a copy of the Test Tour Programme which should have been on sale to those who wanted it at a cost of 30p. An *ad hoc* Committee, consisting of D.C.Caporn, A.J.Oldham and S.S.Townsend, was appointed to devise and execute means of minimising any loss to the Association. The hope was expressed that Associates would pay through their clubs the 30p for the programmes they had received.
5. The date for the next Conference of Clubs was fixed; it is to be held at the Hurlingham Club on Saturday 7th December 1974.

### Secretary's Notes

#### 1. NEW ASSOCIATES

- Terry Ballard, 38 Gordon Road, Whitstable, Kent.  
Clyde W.Burleson, 4527 Devon, Houston, 77027, Texas, U.S.A.  
R.E.Carter, 84 Grange Park Avenue, Winchmore Hill, London N21 2LN.  
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Mrs H.A.Cross, Tree Tops, 1 Parson's Hill, Lexden, Colchester, Essex.  
W.J.Eggleston, c/o John Snow & Co. Ltd., Glastonbury, Somerset BA6 9LX.  
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Mrs E.S.Peck, The Manor, Great Straughton, Huntingdonshire.  
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Mrs H.J.Read, 20 Waverley Avenue, Lenah Valley, Tasmania, 7008, Australia.  
S.K.Sadek, Department of Electrical Engineering, Imperial College, London SW7.  
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Patrick Taylor, 26 Ripplebank Grove, London N1 (Tel. 01-609 0488).  
William Tobin, Emmanuel College, Cambridge.  
R.E.Wallis, c/o Royal Greenwich Observatory, Herstmonceux Castle, Hailsham, Sussex.  
Miss H.Webb, 13 Pearman Street, Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7RB.

#### 2. CHANGES OF ADDRESS ETC.

- Cdr G.Borrett, R.N., 73 Saffrons Court, Compton Palace Road, Eastbourne, Sussex (Tel. Eastbourne (0323) 26710).  
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- Miss L.M.Cooke (Change of address and name): now Mrs L.M.Bishop, Cheale Cottage, Sutton Waldron, Blandford Forum, Dorset.  
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Dr W.P.Ormerod. Tel. 0202 709610.  
Miss M.Povey, Corso Italia 30, Strambino, Ivrea, Italy.  
Miss I.Roe. Tel. Cheltenham (0242) 52554.  
Mrs J.N.Rolfe, postal code P31 7JT. Change of tel. Heachem (048-57) 70233.  
Mr & Mrs D.C.Russell, Swan Bay, Dilston, 7252, Tasmania, Australia.  
C.Southern. Tel. Woking (048-62) 61606.  
P.A.Tunmer, 30 Granary Lane, Budleigh Salterton, Devon EX9 6ES.  
Revd D.R.Watson. This and not Walton is the correct surname.
- #### 3. CHANGES IN THE CLUBS
- Daten. Hon. Sec. B.Slater, 7 Churchfields, Croft, Warrington WA3 7JR.  
Durham University Croquet Club (New Club). Hon. Sec. John Spens, Collingwood College, South Road, Durham DH1 3LT.  
East Dorset (Parkstone) Tel. Parkstone (0202) 740219.  
Tunbridge Wells, Shernfield Park, Frant, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. New Secretary H.G.Drake, The Pharmacy, Goudhurst, Kent. Mr S.G.Stoker, the former Secretary, is Chairman and Treasurer.
- Vandeleur Robinson,  
Secretary,  
June 1974

### Standing Committees of the Council for 1974

*Laws Committee:* I.C.Baillieu, Professor B.G.Neal, Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard, J.W.Solomon, R.O.B.Whittington, Dr W.R.D.Wiggins.

*Publicity and Development Committee:* Dr R.W.Bray, Mrs H.B.H.Carlsle, Mrs W.Longman, Mrs J.B.Meachem, Professor B.G.Neal, N.Williams.

*Handicap Appeals Committee:* I.C.Baillieu, J.W.Solomon, Dr W.R.D.Wiggins.

*Special Appeals Committee:* I.C.Baillieu, J.W.Solomon, Dr W.R.D.Wiggins.

*Tournaments Committee:* G.N.Aspinall, Cdr G.Borrett, Revd W.E.Gladstone, Miss D.A.Lintern, D.H.Moorcraft, Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard, Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith, E.Strickland, R.O.B.Whittington.

*Finance and General Purposes Committee:* Major J.H.Dibley, Mrs J.B.Meachem, C.B.Sandford, E.Strickland, S.S.Townsend, Professor B.G.Weitz.

*Handicaps Co-ordination Committee:* Professor B.G.Neal, Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith, S.S.Townsend.

*Editorial Board:* G.N.Aspinall, Cdr G.Borrett, Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith.

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer are *ex officio* members of all committees except Handicap Appeals, Special Appeals and Handicaps Co-ordination Committees.