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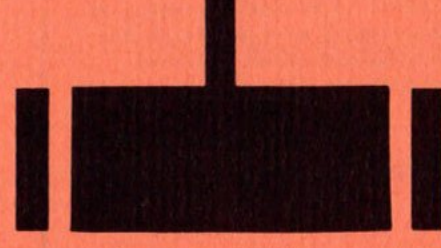
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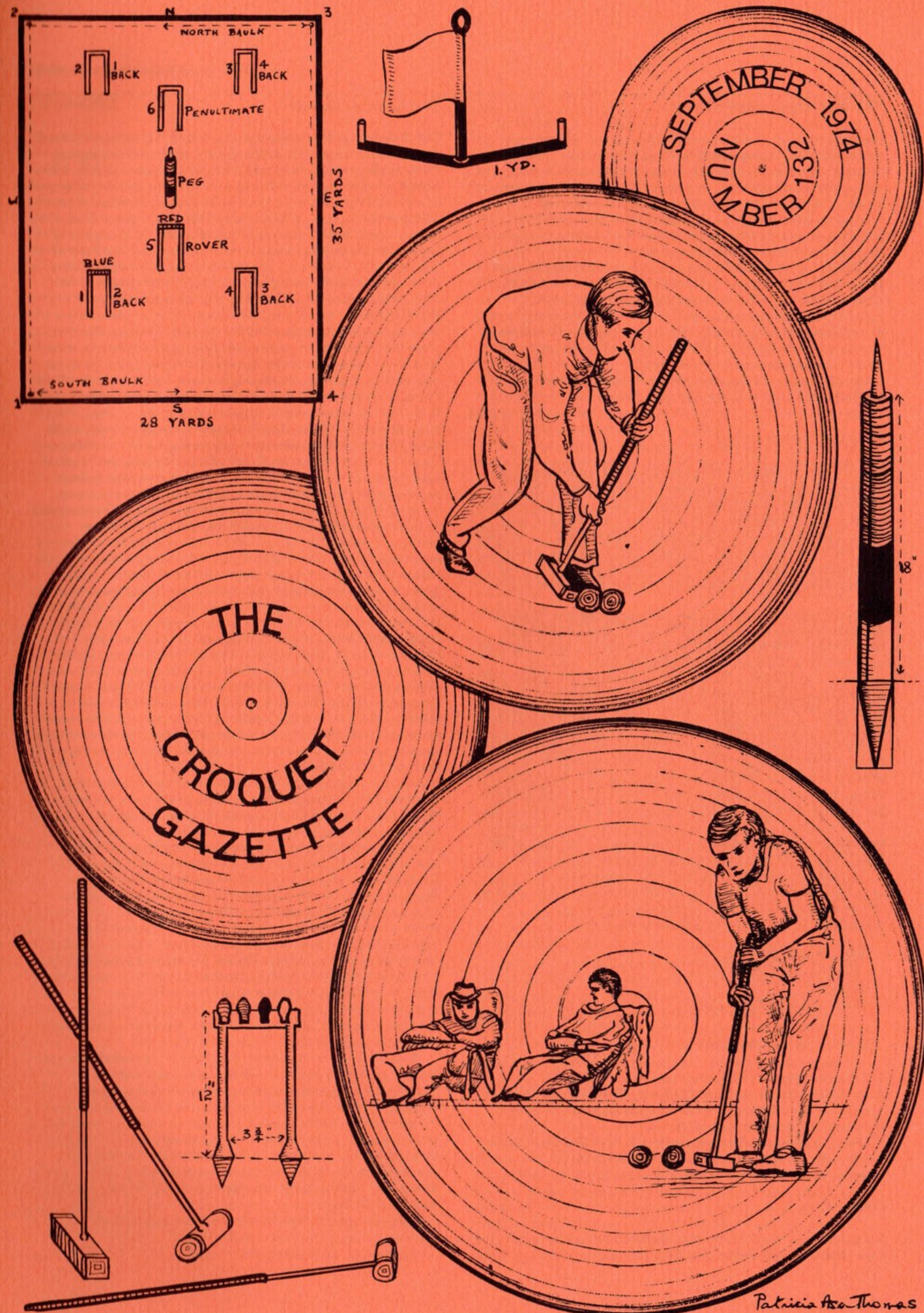
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The Mystery Croquet Player

Have you noticed the photograph of a croquet player lying down which appears in the Test Tour Programme? The Programme says it is Bill Perry. It looks very like him, but did you notice the wristband, the hat and the shoes? Bill Perry never wears a wristband, nor does he wear a hat or shoes of Australian type. Cast your eyes upward to the other photographs, and you see that Bernard Neal does wear a wristband. Bernard also possesses the hat and shoes of Australian type.

Did you spot the deliberate error? No, but seriously, the photograph looks so like Bill Perry, and someone wrote his name on the back of the photograph before I received it. Actually the photograph (which is of Bernard Neal) appeared in a newspaper some years back with the caption "Professor checks whether earth is flat". (Of course all croquet players know the earth is supposed to be flat!)

Apologies for the mistake, and to Bill Perry for the loss of publicity this brief article must cause him.

P.D.H.

Deceived by the Carrot

Law 13, which relates to wired balls and the occasions when a lift may be claimed in consequence of wiring, states that "A ball is said to be wired from another ball if: . . . any part of the hoop or peg so interferes with any part of the swing of the mallet prior to impact between mallet and ball that the striker, with his usual style of play, cannot in order to make a roquet drive his ball freely towards any part of the other ball, when striking the centre of his ball with any part of the face of his mallet."

The interpretation of this law was put to the test in one of the Test Matches when Bernard Neal, playing G. Rowling of New Zealand, left Rowling's ball at the side of a hoop but very close to it in a position he believed to be open. Rowling, however, was not so convinced and summoned a Referee. The Referee was perplexed and summoned David Prichard, the Referee of the Tournament, who after much thought gave a lift to Rowling, who thereby received a 4-ball break. The reason why the lift was given was that part of the thick root of the hoop (known as the carrot) was protruding above the ground, and it was this that was interfering with Rowling's swing. It had not occurred to Bernard Neal, as indeed it would not to most other people, that the carrot was part of the hoop for this purpose. The carrot should be firmly below ground, but this one wasn't, and in the circumstances "any part of the hoop" in Law 13 had to be so interpreted as to allow a lift.

So beware protruding carrots! They may prove expensive. Bernard Neal warned the other members of the British team of this in the verse that appear below. (G. Rowling is affectionately known as Growling, by the way.)

When Prichard's about
And the carrot sticks out,
Growling
Claims his mallet is fouling.

P.D.H.

The Secretary and the Editor

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The Croquet Dinner

The Welcoming Dinner for the Test Teams and for our Visitors from Australia and New Zealand was held at the Hurlingham Club on the evening on Monday 1st July. Approximately 190 people were present to enjoy what was in the opinion of many one of Hurlingham's best dinners. The guests included General Sir Charles Harrington, Chairman of the Hurlingham Club, Mr Balfour Park, Renter Warden of the Worshipful Company of Dyers, Mr Christopher Jaques, Maurice Reckitt, President of the Croquet Association, Mrs W. Dickinson, President of the Australian Croquet Council, Mrs Kirk, Vice-President of the New Zealand Croquet Council, nearly all the members of the three Test Teams and many officials; there can rarely have been such a large company of distinguished croquet figures present on the same occasion. The seating arrangements were such that everyone had the chance of meeting someone from one of the other croquet-playing nations. Members of the Test Teams were presented with inscribed tankards, the gift of the C.A., and the same people, together with some officials, were also presented with handsome engraved shields, the gift of Mr Gerald Birch. Telegrams of greeting were received from Bryan Lloyd-Pratt, and from the South African Croquet Association who expressed the hope that the next international croquet contest would be a four-cornered affair. Those present were sorry to miss Mrs Bidy Dodd and Mr & Mrs D. Johnstone, who were unfortunately indisposed at the time of the dinner.

The speeches after dinner lasted well over an hour and were much enjoyed by all present. Maurice Reckitt, President of the Croquet Association, proposed the Toast to the Visitors. He spoke in verse and greatly entertained the assembled company with his ingenious rhymes and by the skilful way in which he circumvented the difficulty he had in reading his notes by candle-light. Mrs Dickinson, President of the Australian Croquet Council, replying on behalf of the Visitors, paid tribute to all those who had worked so hard to make the Tour a success. Mrs Kirk, Vice-President of the New Zealand Croquet Council, said that she would like to have spoken in verse as Mr Reckitt had done and she quickly produced a rhyme to show her undoubted ability in verse. She added her thanks and made special mention of how much she and the Visitors had enjoyed their day at Wimbledon.

In proposing the Toast to the Guests, Richard Rothwell, Chairman of the Croquet Association, paid numerous tributes. He thanked the Worshipful Company of Dyers through their Renter Warden for arranging a Court Dinner for Team Members and Officials. He thanked the Hurlingham Club through their Chairman for their many and valued acts of kindness to the Croquet Association year by year, and he thanked Mr Christopher Jaques for the gift of balls for the Test Matches and for the loan of court equipment. Colonel Miller, Chairman of the Directors of the Roehampton Club, was unable to be present at the dinner, but thanks were also expressed to the Roehampton Club for their generosity. Among individual tributes Richard Rothwell thanked particularly Ian Baillieu, Bernard Neal and Roger Bray for the important work they had done in planning the Tour. In the opinion of the present writer, everyone who should have been thanked was thanked.

Richard Rothwell sat down and shortly afterwards rose to his feet again to propose an additional Toast to Maurice Reckitt, who has announced his intention of retiring from the Presidency of the Croquet Association at the end of this year. He paid tribute to Maurice's many croquet achievements and to the important contribution he has made both to British and to international croquet, and he found some suitable anecdotes to lend good humour to what he had to say. Maurice Reckitt's health was drunk by all present with obvious warmth of feeling.

Everyone agreed that the dinner was a great success.

P.D.H.

CANNONS

There is no group of strokes or stratagems in the game of croquet which is so widely neglected as that which is comprised of the various types of stroke in which one ball is made to cannon against another. Yet many of them could be played quite comfortably by high bisquers if they were to study the subject. It is merely a matter of making a few experiments and then being on the alert to see or make opportunities for cannons. Many cannons are easier to play and much more sure of success than a four-yard roquet.

As an example of the general ignorance of this important subject, Lord Tollemache, the greatest student and teacher of the game, made no reference to any kind of cannon in his magnificent work "Croquet", even though he wrote a long chapter on "How to get a ball out of a corner", and a cannon is unquestionably the best way of getting a ball out of a corner. Patrick Cotter says in his book, "I cannot excuse my own, or other people's, unfamiliarity with cannons as a whole".

These strokes are so attractive to play, and can make so much difference in a game, that every player should study and practise them, and make more use of them, whatever his standard of play may be.

Among the many variations there are four main types of canon. The first I will call the true cannon, although it is usually described as the corner cannon. The latter name is misleading and should not be used because this kind of cannon can be played anywhere on the yard-line, and many opportunities of so doing are missed, because the very small proportion of players who bother to set up these cannons normally only think about them when they are in or playing towards a corner.

Next is the pseudo-cannon, which is often used when a true cannon should have been played. I have watched, with amazement, minus players do this, especially champion class ladies, who never seem to use any cannons except the pseudo-cannon. It is in such cases a negative stroke, and is not really a cannon, because although three balls are played simultaneously no ball is made to cannon against another. The great disadvantage is the fact that one ball is left in the corner.

The kiss-cannon is usually, but not necessarily, achieved in the croquet stroke. The croquetted ball is pointed at and strikes a third ball so as to move that ball to a better position for the striker. It has many applications, mainly near hoops, and often can be used to improve the position of a ball you wish to peel.

I define the running cannon as a stroke (either roquet or croquet) where the striker's ball bounces off another ball so as to move or roquet a third ball, or make a hoop or peg point. It is very useful in a confused position round a hoop, and may be the only solution to the sort of muddle which can arise in a peeling break which has gone awry.

The true cannon is a stroke in which three balls are placed in contact with one another and played simultaneously in one stroke. Some true cannons are very easy to play, even by a novice, if he knows or can be shown how to set the balls. The easiest are (a) to make Hoop 1 from the first corner, (b) Hoop 1-Back from the second corner, (c) Hoop 3 from the third corner, and (d) Hoop 3-Back from the fourth corner. All these are precisely equal.

Let us assume that red was in the 1st corner and you have deliberately rushed your partner black to the same corner. It should be noted by high bisquers and also B class players that it is often worth using a bisque to achieve this rush into the corner. In the example which follows, if the fourth ball is in the court and you have a bisque, it is worth using the bisque to be sure of obtaining the cannon, because you can establish a four-ball break immediately with one single stroke.

True cannons have other uses besides starting a break. If this is not possible, for example if you are playing with a ball which is already round, you can use cannons to get opponent balls off boundaries, which is worth while in any type of game,

and may be vitally important in advanced play with lifts.

If you were for Hoop 1 you would rush black into the 1st corner and after this place black on the corner spot. You must place red in contact with black in any position you choose, and your own blue ball in any position in contact with black but not touching red. Blue must not touch red because you are taking croquet from black, and you are going to roquet red. Place blue in contact with black so that blue and black are pointing towards the second hoop (i.e. a line drawn between the centres of blue and black would extend to the second hoop), and place red in contact with black on the right hand side of black, so that there is a gap of 1½ inches between blue and red. Using your normal grip and aiming at the peg, strike blue with moderate force and a fair amount of follow-through (ladies will have to hit quite hard) and black will finish in front of the second hoop and red will finish in front of the first hoop. Red has been struck by blue almost simultaneously with black, and therefore you now take croquet from red, and you have at least a laid three-ball break. After trying a few times you will soon learn how to hit this cannon, and after this the result can be guaranteed — it never fails.

The next group of true cannons involves a stronger stroke; ladies will have to strike with full force. This group consists of (a) Hoop 2-Back from the first corner, (b) Hoop 2 from the second corner, (c) Hoop 4-Back from the third corner, and (d) Hoop 4 from the fourth corner. Note that (a) and (b) are precisely the same, and (c) and (d) are precisely the same but different from (a) and (b), because the croquetted ball has less distance to travel to the next hoop, and in the case of (c) and (d) the hand should be lower down the handle than when playing (a) and (b), and (c) and (d) are played more in the style of a split croquet stroke.

Assuming once again that you are in the first corner, but now you wish to make 2-Back, then obviously black has less distance to travel towards 3-Back than in the first example when it was sent to Hoop 2, and red has a greater distance to travel to its position in front of 2-Back. There is now a danger that black will go off and if it does your turn will end, so to avoid this the hand should be lower down the shaft of the mallet than with the first group of cannons, and you strike less sharply and with strong follow-through. Note that in all true cannons it does not matter if blue goes off the court, because having made a roquet on red it is in hand.

In the first corner you set blue and black so that they are pointing to a spot a little south of 3-Back, and now red is placed in contact with black on the left side of black so that there is a gap of one inch between blue and red. Aim at Hoop 1 with heavy follow-through. When playing (c) and (d) it will probably be found helpful to reduce the space between blue and red; ladies who have difficulty with this group should also try reducing the space between blue and red. Black may not go exactly where it is required, but if red reaches a good position in front of 2-Back it should be possible to continue the break.

You may need to make Hoop 5 from the first or fourth corner, or Penult from the second or third corner. If you are in the first corner, arrange blue in contact with black so that they are pointing to 1-Back, with red on the right side touching black and one inch from blue. This requires a powerful stroke with heavy follow-through, and is certainly the limit that can be expected of any lady player. If red does not get to the hoop, try reducing the gap by a third, and striking directly in the direction of red with maximum follow-through.

The next group is usually for men only and consists of (a) Hoop 2 or 1-Back from the first corner (b) Hoop 2-Back or 1 from the second corner, (c) Hoop 4 or 3-Back from the third corner, and (d) Hoop 4-Back or 3 from the fourth corner. Here the problem is to get red to the required hoop and one should not worry too much about black except to watch that it does not go off. Since red has to travel a long way a much greater impetus must be given to red. Of course one can hit harder, but the extra impetus is mainly achieved by placing blue very close to red and aiming straight at red. Thus most of the

impetus received by blue is transmitted immediately to red. If you are in the first corner wanting to make Hoop 2, arrange blue and red so that they point to that hoop with a space of only a ¼ inch between them, and black on the right side in contact with both. Strike blue with full force and aim straight at red.

Very similar to the last group in the setting and striking are the following: (a) Hoop 3-Back or 4 from the first corner, (b) Hoop 3 or 4-Back from the second corner, (c) Hoop 1-Back or 2 from the third corner, and (d) Hoop 1 or 2-Back from the fourth corner. In the first corner blue and red are placed pointing to a spot south of 3-Back with a ¼ inch space, and black on the corner spot is on their left. Strike blue with full strength towards red.

Never attempt the long diagonals, for example Hoop 3 from the first corner. If you do, you will not succeed and probably you will break your mallet. In such cases you must use a pseudo-cannon.

It should be noted that in progressing from one group to the next we made red travel farther and farther, whilst in the setting of the cannons the distance between blue and red was progressively reduced. From this we can deduce a guiding principle which will prevent us from becoming confused when setting up the various true cannons. The principle is that the farther the ball to be roqueted has to travel, the closer it should be set to the striker's ball (but of course it must not be touching it).

An understanding of this principle is essential before you can deal with cannons on the yard-line away from the corner spots, because you have no set formulae for such cannons — you have to work them out for yourself each time. This is quite easy when you know how to set up the various corner cannons, and use the guiding principle stated above when setting other cannons on the yard-line.

True cannons can be obtained anywhere on the yard-line, and two likely opportunities are (a) when you have made a good take-off to two balls together on a boundary, or (b) when your balls are together on a boundary and your opponent has either gone off, or taken off short and missed his roquet, so that his ball finishes on the yard-line between your two balls. It is often quite easy to roquet the nearest ball gently into the yard-line area so that when it is brought on it touches the other ball on the yard line. One has quite a large area in which to play the ball to obtain contact, actually 391½ square inches!

From this it is clear that it is easy to create a true cannon on the yard-line, yet it is rarely achieved, and I have never actually observed any other player doing it deliberately.

The pseudo-cannon is the only cannon which is commonly used, which is surprising because in fact it should never be used unless the hoop is too far away for a true cannon (the long diagonal). However, the pseudo-cannon can be used occasionally to obtain a rush to a distant target. The three balls are placed in contact almost in a line, making a very wide angle, with blue and red aligned in the direction for which a rush is desired. The space between blue and red should be 2¾ inches. A very gentle tap causes black to move slightly sideways, and blue and red hardly move, leaving blue with a perfect rush on red to the required target area.

The kiss-cannon is a strike with an infinite variety of uses and it is up to the player to be constantly on the alert opportunities to use it. I will give a few examples and after trying these, you should start thinking of new ways to use it whenever you are on the court.

Let us assume that you are finishing your second round with blue, your black having still to make Rover. You wish to peel black through Rover, and after running the hoop with blue, to peg out, but the hoop will almost certainly be in the way. After blue has made 4-Back, send the pilot-ball, say red, well south of the Rover hoop, and after making Penult send yellow to the side of Rover and come to black which should be waiting in front of Rover. Peel black, and run the hoop

gently, so that blue stops before touching black. Roquet yellow gently and in the croquet stroke line up blue and yellow so that they are pointing at black. Then play a split which sends blue near to red, which is south of the hoop. Yellow will cannon into black and push it clear of the obstructing hoop. After taking off from red you should have a clear rush on black to the peg.

Let us now consider what can be done if blue unfortunately roquets black after running the hoop, which happens all too often. The peg-out can still be achieved but it is now more difficult and dangerous. Croquet black as near to the peg as may be possible, getting a rush on yellow to a point just south of red. Rush yellow south of red and get a rush on red towards black. Rush red to a position near black but farther from the peg than black. In the croquet stroke line up blue and red so that red will cannon black onto the peg, and with your last shot peg out blue.

Another example in peeling breaks is where your partner black has stuck in the hoop, and you wish to peel it and follow through with blue. If red or yellow are available on the playing side of the hoop you can in the croquet stroke play a split stop-shot which will cause red to send black through the hoop while blue goes to its position in front of the hoop. Red or yellow will cannon off black and pass on to the other side leaving blue with a clear run through the hoop.

Suppose that you wish to peel your partner black through 4-Back while making Hoop 3 with blue, but your attempt to place black south of the hoop failed and instead of being in position for the peel it is south-west of the hoop or, worse still, west of it. You would obviously have another ball there for the peel, say red, and when you approach the hoop with red as pilot, or if you have just rushed red there from Hoop 2, red can be aimed at black and croqueted so as to cannon black into a position from which it can be peeled after blue has run Hoop 3.

The running cannon is like the kiss-cannon in that there are no standard settings or positions as there are with true cannons; it is mainly a question of using your ingenuity and constantly being on the watch for an opportunity to use it. Otherwise unplayable hoops or roquets can be made by a running cannon off another ball which has already been roqueted, and similarly position for running a hoop can be obtained, for example if you are on the wrong side of a hoop. The running cannon is the only type of cannon which can be compared with the cannon in billiards, and a croquet player who has cannoned off red and through a hoop has come as close to billiards as he possibly can ("In off the red").

Although they are not cannons, one could include in this fourth group those shots in which the ball is deliberately bounced off a hoop or the peg so as to obtain a better position. Three examples are (a) Taking off to a position to run a hoop when the pilot ball is awkwardly placed on the non-playing side of the hoop. (In the croquet stroke the ball is aimed at the far wire and runs through the hoop gently in the wrong direction, to obtain perfect position for making the hoop), (b) bouncing a ball off a hoop so as to get position for a rush which could not be obtained otherwise, (c) obtaining position to run a hoop when your ball is at the side of the hoop and obstructed by another ball which has already been roqueted. For example, the following type of position sometimes arises in peeling breaks. Your blue is taking croquet from red, from 6 to 12 inches west of a hoop which you wish to run from the north side. Your black, which you had hoped to peel, has come to rest in a most awkward position a few inches north west of the hoop, obstructing your ball from reaching position to run the hoop. In the croquet stroke, you can send red south-east of the hoop and your blue strikes and bounces off the nearest upright of the hoop, so that it comes to rest a few inches in front of the hoop on the north side. You can now continue your break. This particular shot is rather tricky and should be practised well before attempting it in match-play. But generally speaking, the various cannons are much

easier than they appear to be; all that is needed is careful execution, and this, after all, is a pre-requisite for every stroke in the game.

It is all a matter of being alert to the opportunities which arise, and the greatest argument in favour of cannons is the fact that they are fascinating to play, and add a lot of fun to a game which is often played in a manner which is too stereotyped and unenterprising.

Leslie Riggall

Obituary

Dorothy Roper

Dorothy Roper died on 10 July 1974 in her 86th year, at an Eastbourne Nursing Home. She was the wife of E.A.Roper, who is Vice-President of the Sussex County Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club, a Referee and a Manager, and was, until recently, a number of the Council of the C.A. Dorothy Roper and her husband joined the Southwick Club nearly a quarter of a century ago, and we remember with gratitude her keen interest in the Club and her many kindnesses. For many years, whenever we had a tournament, the Ropers usually had several of our visitors to stay at their home at Hurstpierpoint; in 1956 during the Test Match at Southwick, Arthur Ross, the renowned New Zealand player, was among Dorothy's guests. Our sympathies go to her husband in his irreparable loss.

W.G.B.S.

The Scottish Championships

The Finals of the Scottish Championships were held on Saturday 13th July at Gleneagles Hotel, Perthshire. The weather was kind and a full programme was completed. As Stephen Wright was still in all three events, his semi-final against Jimmy Rowe in the Handicap Championship was played off earlier in the week; even so, he had to play four games.

The Secretary Trophy for under 25s was won in a convincing manner by James White, who used his bisques well.

The Open Championship was won by Stephen Wright from Bob Duncan in an all-Clackmannanshire Final, and a new name is added to the list on the historic "Moffat Mallet" of Champions of Scotland.

The best game of the day was undoubtedly the Final of the Handicap Championship. Jack Norton received one bisque from Stephen Wright and hung on to it, forcing the latter to play a cautious game. After hitting two "last shots" Stephen Wright won by one.

Results

Open Championship

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
S.J.H.Wright	bt. L.Middleton	+13
R.E.B.Duncan	bt. W.M.Spalding	+20

<i>Final</i>		
S.J.H.Wright	bt. R.E.B.Duncan	+21

Handicap Championship

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
S.J.H.Wright (3)	bt. J.E.Rowe (9)	+14
F.V.X.Norton (4)	bt. Miss A.M.Murray (10)	+18

<i>Final</i>		
S.J.H.Wright (3)	bt. F.V.X.Norton (4)	+ 1

Secretary Trophy

<i>Final</i>		
J.G.White (8)	bt. S.J.H.Wright (3)	+15

The Veterans' Championship, played at Southwick, June 10 — 15

Relieved of the menace of young stars — Aspinall, Prichard, Wylie and the like — this tournament should attract more entries than hitherto. Indeed, it might have done so this year but for the unavoidable clash of dates with the Hurlingham Tournament. It makes a delightful occasion when old friends — some halt and lame — can pit their skill without the tension accompanying most other tournaments. Lt-Col Saalfeld, Major Dick Driscoll and Tony Roper, for instance, despite age and recent illness, wielded their mallets in a way that did credit to croquet and to themselves. On the eve of the tournament Miss Morgan, who accompanied Saalfeld from Australia, slipped on the pavilion steps and fell with such a thud that she might have been attempting a cheap return to "Down-under". Her nose suffered, but not her spirits.

Austin and Betts had a battle royal in the first round of the Draw, Betts winning by 2 as the clock showed 8.55 p.m. This happened on Court 7, the same court on which there was a memorable struggle 3 or 4 years ago between Betts and Kay Longman; that game finished in twilight with Borrett and Austin holding white handkerchiefs behind otherwise invisible targets.

In the first round of the Doubles, Giles Borrett, in the adventurous tradition of the British Navy, refused a dolly rush to Penult on his partner ball and chose to roquet an enemy ball on the boundary instead. Alas! he held his head too high, so the Silver Trugs held by him and Austin for two successive years, went to other hands. Tiny Tyrwhitt Drake and Ted Tucker suffered an agonising semi-final against Baverstock and Brookes, whom they beat by 1 with spectators holding their breath for minutes on end, but in the final they were an easy prey to Betts and Sturdy, who ran out with a bisque to spare.

In the second round of the 'X' Handicap Singles, Mrs Fotiadi, faced with a situation where her opponent's clips were on the peg and her own were far behind, conducted a gallant rearguard action to keep Betts out for a solid hour before he could deliver the *coup de grace*. The final of this event was an outstanding example of the tense finishes which characterised the week. Bill Moore, conceding 5½ bisques to Sturdy (who played like a 2 throughout the tournament), was some 12 points behind with Sturdy's clips on the peg. Superb play on Bill's part, and a horrible bit of bad luck on Sturdy's, gave the game to Bill by 2. Sturdy carried a pedometer in his trouser pocket during his games and was able to show that he had covered more than fifty miles during the week. No wonder some of our approaching octogenarians limped home at night!

Barbara Chittenden, at short notice, managed the tournament most ably, and, with the welcome assistance of Edith Tucker, managed to play, though her games were interrupted by the usual requests and enquiries from other participants — not to mention occasional excursions for umpire duties.

The Championships went with a happy swing throughout. We may be Veterans, but a jollier lot you could not find.

Results

Event 1: The Veterans' Championship (14 Entries)

DRAW

<i>First Round</i>		
Mrs H.F.Chittenden	bt. Miss H.D.Parker	+18
Miss D.Morgan	bt. Cdr G.Borrett	+ 5
H.A.Green	bt. Lt-Col A.Saalfeld	+ 4
E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	bt. E.J.Tucker	+ 5
G.H.Betts	bt. W.H.Austin	+ 2
Mrs G.F.H.Elvey	bt. H.A.Sheppard	+ 9

<i>Second Round</i>		
W.E.Moore	bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden	+14
H.A.Green	bt. Miss D.Morgan	+ 6

E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake Mrs A.Fotiadi	bt. G.H.Betts bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey	+11 +23	Cdr G.Borrett (-1) E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (-½) W.B.C.Paynter (6) W.H.Austin (2) W.J.Sturdy (4½) H.A.Green (2½) E.J.Tucker (1½) G.H.Betts (2½)	bt. Lt-Col A.Saalfeld (4) bt. Mrs W.A.Naylor (7) bt. Mrs A.Millns (14) bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (1½) bt. Miss H.D.Parker (5½) bt. Mrs E.Thompson (8) bt. W.G.B.Scott (7½) bt. L.Brookes (5)	+ 9 +13 + 5 +24 +10 +16 +15 +13
<i>Semi-Final</i>			<i>Second Round</i>		
W.E.Moore E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	bt. H.A.Green bt. Mrs A.Fotiadi	+ 9 +23	W.E.Moore (-1) W.J.Baverstock (3½) E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (-½) W.H.Austin (2) W.J.Sturdy (4½) E.J.Tucker (1½) G.H.Betts (2½) Lady Ursula Abbey (4½)	bt. Miss D.Morgan (3) bt. Miss M.G.Anderson (5½) bt. Cdr G.Borrett (-1) bt. W.B.C.Paynter (6) w.o. H.A.Green (2½) bt. H.A.Sheppard (1½) bt. Mrs A.Fotiadi (2) bt. Miss M.Towers (7)	+ 2 + 1 +18 +16 +16 + 3 +13 + 6
<i>Final</i>			<i>Third Round</i>		
W.E.Moore	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	+ 9	W.E.Moore (-1) E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (-½) W.J.Sturdy (4½) G.H.Betts (2½)	bt. W.J.Baverstock (3½) bt. W.H.Austin (2) bt. E.J.Tucker (1½) bt. Lady Ursula Abbey (4½)	+ 8 + 2 +11 + 4
<i>PROCESS</i>			<i>Semi-Final</i>		
<i>First Round</i>			<i>Final</i>		
E.J.Tucker Cdr G.Borrett W.H.Austin G.H.Betts Lt-Col A.Saalfeld Miss D.Morgan	bt. W.E.Moore bt. H.A.Sheppard bt. Miss H.D.Parker bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden bt. Mrs A.Fotiadi bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey	+15 +11 +10 +10 + 7 +12	W.E.Moore (-1) W.J.Sturdy (4½) E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (-½) W.J.Sturdy (4½) G.H.Betts (2½)	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (-½) bt. G.H.Betts (2½)	+ 9 + 8 + 8 +16
<i>Second Round</i>			<i>Event 3b: 'Y' Handicap Singles (14 Entries)</i>		
W.H.Austin Cdr G.Borrett E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake G.H.Betts	bt. H.A.Green bt. E.J.Tucker bt. Miss D.Morgan bt. Lt.Col A.Saalfeld	+12 + 8 +17 + 4	<i>Final</i>		
<i>Semi-Final</i>			Lt-Col A.Saalfeld (4) bt. Mrs A.Fotiadi (2) +13		
Cdr G.Borrett E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	bt. W.H.Austin bt. G.H.Betts	+ 4 +17	<i>Event 3c: 'Z' Handicap Singles (7 Entries)</i>		
<i>Final</i>			<i>Final</i>		
Cdr G.Borrett	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	+ 2	Cdr G.Borrett (-1) bt. Miss D.Morgan (3) +16		
<i>PLAY-OFF</i>			<i>Event 4: Handicap Doubles (10 Pairs)</i>		
W.E.Moore	bt. Cdr G.Borrett	+13	<i>First Round</i>		
<i>Event 2: Restricted Handicap Singles (12 Entries)</i>			G.H.Betts & W.J.Sturdy (7) bt. Mrs A.Fotiadi & Miss H.D.Parker (7½) + 7		
<i>DRAW</i>			E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake & E.J.Tucker (1) bt. Cdr G.Borrett & W.H.Austin (1) + 9		
<i>First Round</i>			<i>Second Round</i>		
W.G.B.Scott (7½) W.J.Sturdy (4½) C.G.Mayo (6) Major R.Driscoll (5) Mrs E.Thompson (8)	bt. Mrs A.Millns (14) bt. W.B.C.Paynter (6) bt. Lady Ursula Abbey (4½) bt. W.J.Baverstock (3½) bt. Mrs W.A.Naylor (7)	+ 9 +11 +13 + 4 + 9	Mrs G.F.H.Elvey & Mrs H.F.Chittenden (4) bt. H.A.Green & Mrs A.Millns (16½) Betts & Sturdy bt. Lt-Col A.Saalfeld & Miss D.Morgan (7) +16		
<i>Second Round</i>			<i>Tyrwhitt Drake & Tucker bt. W.E.Moore & H.A.Sheppard (½) + 9</i>		
Miss M.Towers (7) W.J.Sturdy (4½) C.G.Mayo (6) Miss M.G.Anderson (5½)	bt. Mrs E.C.Goldbard (12) bt. W.G.B.Scott (7½) bt. Major R.Driscoll (5) bt. Mrs E.Thompson (8)	+ 8 +16 +21 + 7	W.J.Baverstock & L.Brookes (8½) bt. Major R.Driscoll & Miss J.Piper (13) +16		
<i>PROCESS</i>			<i>Semi-Final</i>		
<i>First Round</i>			<i>Final</i>		
W.J.Baverstock (3½) W.G.B.Scott (7½) C.G.Mayo (6) W.J.Sturdy (4½) Major R.Driscoll (5) Miss M.G.Anderson (5½)	bt. Miss M.Towers (7) bt. Mrs E.Thompson (8) bt. Mrs W.A.Naylor (7) bt. Mrs E.C.Goldbard (12) bt. Mrs A.Millns (14) bt. Mrs E.Thompson (8)	+18 +13 +10 + 8 + 6 + 7	Betts & Sturdy bt. Tyrwhitt Drake & Tucker & Brookes + 1		
<i>Second Round</i>			<i>Final</i>		
W.B.C.Paynter (6) C.G.Mayo (6) Miss M.G.Anderson (5½) Major R.Driscoll (5)	bt. W.J.Baverstock (3½) bt. W.G.B.Scott (7½) bt. W.J.Sturdy (4½) w.o. Lady Ursula Abbey (4½) opp. scr.	+20 + 8 +14 opp. scr.	Betts & Sturdy bt. Tyrwhitt Drake & Tucker +18		
<i>SEMI-FINALISTS RE-DRAWN FOR FINAL STAGES</i>					
<i>First Round</i>					
W.B.C.Paynter (6) W.J.Sturdy (4½)	bt. Major R.Driscoll (5) w.o. Miss M.Towers (7)	+10 opp. scr.	<i>Hurlingham I: June 10-15</i>		
The alterations to the Calendar Fixtures this year on account of the Test Series caused the main Hurlingham Tournament to be moved forward two months; the entry was consequently appreciably reduced, both in quantity and quality. We particularly missed Hope Rotherham, who had competed in each of the previous 28 years, and the Prichard trio of David, Betty and William. To compensate for their absence, Colin Prichard who has not hitherto found time to play in this tournament, entered 3 events and won the main trophy, the Hurlingham Cup. Because of a scratching and a bye he had only to win a few games in this event, but in these he showed a standard of play fully up to that of the members of his family who are able to devote more time to the circuit. The Play-Off					
<i>Semi-Final</i>					
W.B.C.Paynter (6) W.J.Sturdy (4½)	w.o. C.G.Mayo (6) bt. Miss M.G.Anderson (5½)	opp. scr. + 9	<i>Final</i>		
W.J.Sturdy (4½) bt. W.B.C.Paynter (6) +15					
<i>Event 3a: 'X' Handicap Singles (26 Entries)</i>					
<i>First Round</i>					
W.J.Baverstock (3½) Miss M.G.Anderson (5½)	bt. E.A.Roper (2) bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden (2½)	+18 +24	<i>Final</i>		
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith bt. C.G.Pountney +21					

of the Hurlingham Cup, in which Colin met last year's winner, Jocelyn Sundius-Smith, was perhaps the best game of the week.

Among the noteworthy features of the week was the problem posed to the management by the much improved Cyril Pountney. At 3 o'clock on the Friday afternoon he was in four finals, the Mixed Open Doubles, the Men's Handicap Doubles, and both the Draw and Process of the Hurlingham Cup. Fortunately for the smooth running of Finals Day (if not for Pountney himself) he was defeated by the end of Friday afternoon in both halves of the Singles. On the Saturday he proceeded to win both his Doubles events, in each case in the company of partners found for him at the last minute by the Manager. In the Mixed Open Doubles, he and Barbara Meachem had speedy and decisive wins to reach the final, which proved to be a tedious game lasting nearly four hours. In the Men's Handicap Doubles, Pountney was partnered by a welcome visitor from Australia, C.R.Sloane, who, by also winning the Turner Cup, brought off a satisfying double on his debut in London.

Mrs Bressey had a good win in the Younger Cup, rather against the odds, since in the Two Life Baillieu 'marriage' she beat three opponents of a lower handicap than herself. Mr Owen, a relative newcomer, won the Longworth Cup fairly decisively, winning both halves.

The Ladies' Field Candlesticks, much sought after by the fair sex, were won by the much fancied Hurlingham pair, Nancy Skempton and Veronica Carlisle. Each had performed to some purpose in past years with a variety of partners, and we suspect that this year's success will be the first of many for this partnership.

Numerous nostalgic references were heard during the week to the former custom of holding a 9 or 10 day continuous tournament at Hurlingham instead of the two distinct weeks. There were very good reasons for the separation at the time, but the passage of years may have weakened their force, and the Hurlingham Croquet Committee will probably be taking a hard look at the situation in the coming months when they consider next year's programme.

Results

Event 1: The Hurlingham Cup (10 entries)

DRAW

<i>First Round</i>		
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith C.G.Pountney	bt. Mrs J.B.Meachem w.o. D.V.H.Rees	+13 opp.scr.
<i>Second Round</i>		
D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith C.G.Pountney R.A.Godby	bt. H.S.Clemons bt. C.H.L.Prichard bt. Mrs W.Longman bt. D.H.Moorcraft	+23 + 1 +18 + 1
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith C.G.Pountney	bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller bt. R.A.Godby	+ 7 + 3
<i>Final</i>		
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	bt. C.G.Pountney	+21

PROCESS

<i>First Round</i>		
R.A.Godby D.H.Moorcraft	bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller bt. H.S.Clemons	+ 5 +16
<i>Second Round</i>		
R.A.Godby C.H.L.Prichard C.G.Pountney Mrs J.B.Meachem	bt. Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith w.o. D.V.H.Rees bt. D.H.Moorcraft bt. Mrs W.Longman	+21 opp. scr. +11 + 1
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
C.H.L.Prichard C.G.Pountney	bt. R.A.Godby bt. Mrs J.B.Meachem	+20 + 5

<i>Final</i>		
C.H.L.Prichard	bt. C.G.Pountney	+15

PLAY-OFF

C.H.L.Prichard	bt. Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	+ 5
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Event 2: The Turner Cup (7 entries)

DRAW

<i>First Round</i>		
C.R.Sloane Prof. B.G.F.Weitz C.B.Sanford	bt. Mrs G.W.Solomon bt. Mrs E.M.Lightfoot bt. Miss B.Duthie	+15 +13 + 2

Semi-Final

Prof.B.G.F.Weitz I.C.Baillieu	bt. C.R.Sloane bt. C.B.Sanford	+ 9 + 6
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Final

Prof.B.G.F.Weitz	bt. I.C.Baillieu	+12
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PROCESS

<i>First Round</i>		
C.R.Sloane Prof.B.G.F.Weitz Mrs G.W.Solomon	bt. Miss B.Duthie bt. I.C.Baillieu bt. C.B.Sanford	+ 7 (T) +16 + 5

Semi-Final

C.R.Sloane Mrs G.W.Solomon	bt. Prof.B.G.F.Weitz bt. Mrs E.M.Lightfoot	+ 9 + 2
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Final

C.R.Sloane	bt. Mrs G.W.Solomon	+16
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PLAY-OFF

C.R.Sloane	bt. Prof.B.G.F.Weitz	+ 7
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Event 3. The Younger Cup (11 Entries)

DRAW

<i>First Round</i>		
Miss I.M.Roe Prof.A.W.Skempton Mrs A.W.Skempton	bt. Mrs F.H.N.Davidson bt. Mrs B.G.Neal bt. Mrs C.R.Sloane	+ 3 +17 + 4

Second Round

Mrs E.E.Bressey Miss I.M.Roe Mrs A.W.Skempton Mrs B.G.F.Weitz	bt. C.W.Haworth bt. Prof.A.W.Skempton bt. M.G.Pearson bt. E.B.T.Tanner	+ 4 +15 + 1 + 4
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PROCESS

<i>First Round</i>		
M.G.Pearson Mrs F.H.N.Davidson Mrs B.G.F.Weitz	bt. C.W.Haworth bt. E.B.T.Tanner bt. Mrs E.E.Bressey	+18 +13 +12
<i>Second Round</i>		
Prof.A.W.Skempton Mrs A.W.Skempton Mrs B.G.Weitz Mrs C.R.Sloane	bt. M.G.Pearson bt. Mrs F.H.N.Davidson bt. Mrs B.G.Neal bt. Mrs I.M.Roe	+23 +25 + 2 + 3

SEMI-FINALISTS RE-DRAWN FOR FINAL STAGES

<i>First Round</i>		
Prof.A.W.Skempton Mrs E.E.Bressey	bt. Mrs C.R.Sloane bt. Miss I.M.Roe	+ 2 (T) + 8

Semi-Final

Mrs E.E.Bressey Mrs G.B.F.Weitz	bt. Mrs A.W.Skempton bt. Prof. A.W.Skempton	+ 7 + 6
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Final

Mrs E.E.Bressey	bt. Mrs B.G.F.Weitz	+17
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Event 4: The Longworth Cup (7 Entries)

DRAW

First Round		
Mrs C. Sebestyen (10)	bt. Mrs C.W. Haworth (15)	+ 8
Mrs H.A. Pim (9)	bt. P.H. Mann (7)	+10
T.F. Owen (8)	bt. Dr.H.A. Pim (7½)	+ 3
Semi-Final		
Mrs H.A. Pim (9)	bt. Mrs C. Sebestyen (10)	+11
T.F. Owen (8)	bt. Miss D.A. Lintern (7)	+18
Final		
T.F. Owen (8)	bt. Mrs H.A. Pim (9)	+ 8 (T)
PROCESS		
First Round		
Mrs C. Sebestyen (10)	bt. Dr.H.A. Pim (7½)	+13
P.H. Mann (7)	bt. Miss D.A. Lintern (7)	+13
T.F. Owen (8)	bt. Mrs C.W. Haworth (15)	+16
Semi-Final		
Mrs C. Sebestyen (10)	bt. P.H. Mann (7)	+ 4
T.F. Owen (8)	by. Mrs H.A. Pim (9)	+ 5 (T)
Final		
T.F. Owen (8)	bt. Mrs C. Sebestyen (10)	+18
PLAY-OFF FOR SECOND PLACE		
Mrs H.A. Pim (9)	bt. Mrs C. Sebestyen (10)	+ 7
Event 5: The Hurlingham Doubles (8 Pairs)		
First Round		
C.G. Pountney & Mrs J.B. Meachem	bt. D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller & Mrs G.W. Solomon	+20
Prof. B.G.F. Weitz & Miss B. Duthie	bt. H.S. Clemons & Mrs W. Longman	+ 7
C.H.L. Prichard & Mrs E.M. Lightfoot	bt. D.H. Moorcraft & Miss I.M. Roe	+10
R.A. Godby & Mrs B.G.F. Weitz	bt. Mr & Mrs C.R. Sloane	+11
Semi-Final		
Pountney & Mrs Meachem	bt. Weitz & Miss Duthie	+24
Godby & Mrs Weitz	bt. Prichard & Mrs Lightfoot	+ 9
Final		
Pountney & Mrs Meachem	bt. Godby & Mrs Weitz	+11
Event 6: The Ladies Field Candlesticks (8 Pairs)		
First Round		
Mrs D. Moorcraft & Miss I.M. Roe (16)	bt. Mrs J.B. Meachem & Mrs B.G.F. Weitz (5½)	+ 5
Mrs H.A. Pim & Mrs C.R. Sloane (14½)	bt. Mrs E.M. Lightfoot & Mrs C. Sebestyen (11½)	+ 4 (T)
Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle & Mrs A.W. Skempton (9½)	bt. Miss B. Duthie & Mrs B.G. Neal (10)	+18
Miss D.A. Lintern & Mrs G.W. Solomon (11)	bt. Mrs W. Longman & Mrs E.E. Bressey (6)	+ 2 (T)
Semi-Final		
Mrs Moorcraft & Miss Roe	bt. Mrs Pim & Mrs Sloane	+ 9
Mrs Carlisle & Mrs Skempton	bt. Miss Lintern & Mrs Solomon	+18
Final		
Mrs Carlisle & Mrs Skempton	bt. Mrs Moorcraft & Miss Roe	+10
Event 7: Men's Handicap Doubles (8 Pairs)		
First Round		
Dr H.J. Elverson & M.G. Pearson (12)	bt. Prof. B.G.F. Weitz & D.H. Moorcraft (2½)	+20
D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller & C.W. Haworth (7)	bt. T.F. Owen & E.B.T. Tanner (14½)	+ 3 (T)
R.A. Godby & P.H. Mann (7)	bt. H.S. Clemons & Dr H.A. Pim (9)	+10
C.G. Pountney & C.R. Sloane (2½)	bt. C.H.L. Prichard & Prof. A.W. Skempton (6)	+18
Semi-Final		
Hamilton-Miller & Haworth	bt. Elverson & Pearson	+ 1
Pountney & Sloane	bt. Godby & Mann	+ 3
Final		
Pountney & Sloane	bt. Hamilton-Miller & Haworth	+ 1 (T)

The Men's and Women's Championships: June 17-22

Probably because of the demands of the Test Matches, the 'Caskets' produced a rather smaller entry than usual for the Men's Championship and consequently for the Mixed Doubles also. The lawns at Cheltenham were good, but the drought and a searing east wind made playing conditions anything but conducive to breaks, let alone triples, and the game took much longer than would have been expected. With Draw and Process for the Doubles and the Du Pre, tournament became somewhat protracted.

In the Men's one might have expected to see Wylie, as the senior player, in the Final, but in fact he was beaten by Murray in the second round — or did he beat himself? He triple peeled his opponent and pegged him and himself out, with a six hoop lead, and lost the game. Had Queen Victoria seen the antics of Murray at the 4th hoop and of Wylie at 3-back, we are sure she would not have been amused!

The Men's Final produced two very close games between the promising Andrew Hope and Martin Murray, both of which went to Murray. It was only a single break-down at a hoop, and two tactical errors, one in each game, that deprived Hope, with his beautiful stroke play, at least of running the winner to the best of three.

In the Women's Singles, if there had been seeding, the finalists could scarcely have selected themselves more accurately, as they turned out to be the reigning Champion, Miss Sessions, and the last Champion, Mrs Sundius-Smith. As the present writer was penning this account, Miss Sessions completed an immaculate triple peel to win the first game, albeit with a peg-out from approximately 14 yards! Miss Sessions went on to win the second game in more ordinary style and retain her title.

Honourable mention must be made of Miss Arkell (handicap 4) who beat Mrs Fotiadi and took a game off Miss Sessions.

The writer of the account of the 1968 Cheltenham Opens wondered what would happen if Miss Sessions and Paul Hands ever joined up for Mixed Doubles. The answer was provided in 1974 when they did join up and had a most convincing journey through both Draw and Process to win outright. It was the first time that Hands had played in high-powered mixed doubles, and perhaps his anxiety to do well with his partner may account for his unusual loss of form in the singles.

The Du Pre almost became a Prichards' benefit, with mother, father and son all involved. Mother had to scratch from the Draw because, with her husband, she was playing in the Process Doubles Final. Colin won one of the best games of the tournament when he beat Hands by 1 in a pegged-out game; he went on to beat his father in the Draw. Father scratched to Colin in the Process Semi-Final, so mother and son fought out the Process Final; Colin emerged the winner and retained the Cup.

The following is recorded at the request of a visiting Selector, who thought it a good story:

In order to expedite the tournament, the draw for the Du Pre Cup was made on an And/Or basis for qualification. Since there was a court available and also two players, Whittington and Jackson played in anticipation of losing their second matches in the Championship. In fact both won their second matches, and so were not qualified to play in the Du Pre, so their game became of none effect. Modesty rewarded!

Results

Event 1: The Men's Championship. (13 Entries)

First Round		
G.E.P. Jackson	bt. H.O. Hicks	-10 +22 + 2
Dr M. Murray	bt. H.S. Clemons	+18 +13
K.F. Wylie	bt. P. Newton	+21 +25
R.O.B. Whittington	bt. Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard	-19 + 2 + 9
C.H.L. Prichard	bt. D.W. Curtis	+11 +20

Second Round		
G.E.P. Jackson	bt. P.W. Hands	-22 + 2 +18
Dr M. Murray	bt. K.F. Wylie	+16 + 3
R.O.B. Whittington	bt. C.H.L. Prichard	-13 +12 +22
A.B. Hope	bt. Revd W.E. Gladstone	+ 7 +24
Semi-Final		
Dr M. Murray	bt. G.E.P. Jackson	+19 + 9
A.B. Hope	bt. R.O.B. Whittington	+13 +13
Final		
Dr M. Murray	bt. A.B. Hope	+ 3 + 4
Event 2: The Women's Championship (16 Entries)		
First Round		
Miss K.M.O. Sessions	bt. Mrs D.M.C. Prichard	+ 7 + 8
Miss E.H. Arkell	bt. Mrs G.W. Solomon	+ 6 + 3
Miss B. Duthie	bt. Mrs G.F.H. Elvey	+17 + 9
Mrs A. Fotiadi	bt. Mrs W. Longman	+ 7 + 9
Mrs B.L. Sundius-Smith	bt. Miss I.M. Roe	+13 +10
Mrs J. Neville Rolfe	bt. Mrs G.H. Wood	+25 +11
Mrs E.M. Lightfoot	bt. Mrs E. Rotherham	-4 +24 opp.retd.
Miss F. Joly	w.o. Mrs N.A.C. McMillan	opp. scr.
Second Round		
Miss K.M.O. Sessions	bt. Miss E.H. Arkell	+24 -12 +16
Miss B. Duthie	bt. Mrs A. Fotiadi	+ 8 +11
Mrs B.L. Sundius-Smith	bt. Mrs J. Neville Rolfe	+16 + 3
Mrs E.M. Lightfoot	bt. Miss F. Joly	+15 + 4
Semi-Final		
Miss K.M.O. Sessions	bt. Miss B. Duthie	+13 +11
Mrs B.L. Sundius-Smith	bt. Mrs E.M. Lightfoot	+19 +19
Final		
Miss K.M.O. Sessions	bt. Mrs B.L. Sundius-Smith	+26 +13
Event 3: The Mixed Doubles Championship (10 Pairs)		
DRAW		
First Round		
R.O.B. Whittington & Miss E.H. Arkell	bt. Revd W.E. Gladstone & Mrs W. Longman	+ 4
C.H.L. Prichard & Mrs E.M. Lightfoot	bt. D.W. Curtis & Mrs J. Neville Rolfe	+ 9
Second Round		
A.B. Hope & Mrs N.A.C. McMillan	bt. G.E.P. Jackson & Mrs G.W. Solomon	+ 4
C.H.L. Prichard & Mrs Lightfoot	bt. Whittington & Miss Arkell	+ 4
Lt-Col & Mrs D.M.C. Prichard	bt. H.S. Clemons & Mrs E. Rotherham	+23
P.W. Hands & Miss K.M.O. Sessions	bt. P. Newton & Mrs G.H. Wood	+10
Semi-Final		
C.H.L. Prichard & Mrs Lightfoot	bt. Hope & Mrs McMillan	+ 6
Hands & Miss Sessions	bt. Lt. Col & Mrs Prichard	+22
Final		
Hands & Miss Sessions	bt. C.H.L. Prichard & Mrs Lightfoot	+16
PROCESS		
First Round		
Hands & Miss Sessions	w.o. Jackson & Mrs Solomon	opp. scr.
Newton & Mrs Wood	bt. Hope & Mrs McMillan	+ 3
Second Round		
Hands & Miss Sessions	bt. Curtis & Mrs Neville Rolfe	+ 6
Clemons & Mrs Rotherham	bt. Revd W.E. Gladstone & Mrs Longman	+ 3
C.H.L. Prichard & Mrs Lightfoot	bt. Newton & Mrs Wood	+13
Lt-Col & Mrs Prichard	bt. Whittington & Miss Arkell	+ 6
Semi-Final		
Hands & Miss Sessions	bt. Clemons & Mrs Rotherham	+21
Lt-Col & Mrs Prichard	bt. C.H.L. Prichard & Mrs Lightfoot	+ 1
Final		
Hands & Miss Sessions	bt. Lt-Col & Mrs Prichard	+10

Event 4: The Du Pre Cup (19 Entries)

DRAW		
First Round		
Mrs D.M.C. Prichard	bt. Mrs G.H. Wood	+15
H.S. Clemons	w.o. A.B. Hope	opp. retd.
Miss F. Joly	bt. Mrs E. Rotherham	+20
Second Round		
D.W. Curtis	bt. Revd W.E. Gladstone	+ 6
Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard	bt. H.O. Hicks	+12
Miss E.H. Arkell	bt. Mrs A. Fotiadi	+ 5
Mrs D.M.C. Prichard	bt. H.S. Clemons	+14
Miss F. Joly	w.o. Mrs G.W. Solomon	opp. scr.
C.H.L. Prichard	bt. P.W. Hands	+ 1
Mrs J. Neville Rolfe	bt. Miss I.M. Roe	+14
P. Newton	bt. Mrs W. Longman	+24
Third Round		
Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard	bt. D.W. Curtis	+ 2
Miss E.H. Arkell	w.o. Mrs D.M.C. Prichard	opp. scr.
C.H.L. Prichard	bt. Miss F. Joly	+20
P. Newton	bt. Mrs J. Neville Rolfe	+21
Semi-Final		
Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard	bt. Miss E.H. Arkell	+20
C.H.L. Prichard	bt. P. Newton	+12
Final		
C.H.L. Prichard	bt. Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard	+ 9
PROCESS		
First Round		
Revd W.E. Gladstone	bt. Mrs J. Neville Rolfe	+ 3
H.O. Hicks	bt. P. Newton	+ 1
Second Round		
Revd W.E. Gladstone	w.o. A.B. Hope	opp. scr.
Mrs A. Fotiadi	w.o. Mrs G.W. Solomon	opp. scr.
H.O. Hicks	bt. Mrs E. Rotherham	+15
Mrs D.M.C. Prichard	bt. P.W. Hands	+ 5
H.S. Clemons	bt. Mrs W. Longman	+ 5
C.H.L. Prichard	bt. Miss E.H. Arkell	+17
Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard	bt. Miss F. Joly	+16
Mrs G.H. Wood	bt. Miss I.M. Roe	+ 8
Third Round		
Mrs A. Fotiadi	bt. Revd W.E. Gladstone	+15
Mrs D.M.C. Prichard	bt. H.O. Hicks	+ 6 (T)
C.H.L. Prichard	bt. H.S. Clemons	+23
Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard	bt. Mrs G.H. Wood	+ 4
Semi-Final		
Mrs D.M.C. Prichard	bt. Mrs A. Fotiadi	+ 7 (T)
C.H.L. Prichard	w.o. Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard	opp. scr.
Final		
C.H.L. Prichard	bt. Mrs D.M.C. Prichard	+10

Golf Croquet, played at Ipswich, June 21-22

Event 1: The Ascot Challenge Cup (14 Entries)

BLOCK WINNERS

A.	L. Stagg
B.	Mrs B. Read

PLAY-OFF

L. Stagg	bt. Mrs B. Read
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Event 2: The Delves Broughton Challenge Cups (8 Pairs)

BLOCK WINNERS

A.	Miss Day & Mrs Bedwell
B.	L. Stagg & Miss Sinclair

PLAY-OFF

L. Stagg & Miss Sinclair	bt. Miss Day & Mrs Bedwell
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The Challenge and the Gilbey Cups, Budleigh Salterton, June 24-29

It was most unfortunate that after three weeks of sunshine we had rain and cold winds for most of the week. It all seemed to add relevance to the current croquet story of the two youngsters watching a game; one lad says to the other "What age do you have to be to play this game?"; the other replies "Any age, but there has to be something wrong with you". However, the dullness of the days was in contrast to the brightness of the play and the evident enjoyment of the competitors. The week provided a continuous series of thrilling long roquets and text-book finishes.

To compensate for a reduced entry, the Manager arranged for the Gilbey to be played as an X/Y and the Council Cup to be played as a Draw and Process. It may be that rumours of the shortage of local hotel accommodation deterred some from entering, but it is worth remembering that there are plenty of hotels in Exmouth (only 4 miles away) and in Sidmouth (7 miles away).

It was good to welcome five competitors from Australia and to admire their fast and exciting play.

R.S.Stevens once more dominated this particular week — only did he win the Council Cup, but he also won the Gilbey Cup for the third time in four years. It was facetiously remarked that the event should be renamed the "Challenge and Stevens Week".

Among many incidents worthy of report, the following three must suffice. In the third round of the Gilbey Perry was playing Gerald Cave on distant lawn 10. The game was evenly balanced. After running 4-back, Cave attempted a massive rush from B baulk on Perry's blue ball (for Hoop 2) then adjacent to 4-back. He missed and hit the hoop, thus enabling Perry to proceed with his blue ball. In the course of this turn Perry took Blue right round, peeled Black through two hoops and pegged out with an Irish Peel backwards through Rover to win.

A diverting exhibition of audacious play was given by Derek Russell from Tasmania. He opened by playing his first ball gently to Hoop 1 and finished near the hoop. His opponent shot at the ball, but missed and landed near Hoop 2. Russell then played his second ball from B baulk, hit his opponent's ball and proceeded with a splendid 3-ball break to take his ball right to the peg before the fourth ball had been played.

The real "nail-biter" of the tournament was provided by Martin and Horridge in the Process of Event 2. Martin went quickly to the peg with an all-round break. From the resulting 'contact' Horridge progressed steadily and took his forward ball also the peg; he proceeded to peg out Martin's ball, but unfortunately ran on to the peg himself as well. The ensuing two ball game (from Hoops 2 and 3 respectively) provided a diverting cat-and-mouse struggle; Horridge eventually won by 4.

The sun kindly shone for the last afternoon and for the prize-giving, graciously performed by Mrs E. Rotherham, Vice-President of the C.A. Bill Perry thanked her and the Tournament Secretary, the House Committee for their excellent lunches and refreshments, and the Manager, Giles Borrett. In spite of the adverse weather conditions Giles ensured the success of the tournament by never allowing a vacant lawn; to quote Mrs Rotherham, he enlivened the whole week with his "cheerful face and red trousers".

Results

Event 1: The Roehampton Challenge Cup (8 Entries)

DRAW

<i>First Round</i>		
B.G.Perry	bt. H.S.Clemons	+19
A.J.Cooper	bt. Dr W.R.Bucknall	+ 4
D.C.Russell	bt. Lt-Col G.E.Cave	+24
Sir Leonard Daldry	bt. C.R.Sloane	+11

<i>Semi-Final</i>			
B.G.Perry	bt. A.J.Cooper	+12	
D.C.Russell	bt. Sir Leonard Daldry	+ 4	
<i>Final</i>			
D.C.Russell	bt. B.G.Perry	+21	
PROCESS			
<i>First Round</i>			
B.G.Perry	bt. D.C.Russell	+16	
Dr W.R.Bucknall	bt. C.R.Sloane	+12	
H.S.Clemons	bt. Lt-Col G.E.Cave	+ 9	
Sir Leonard Daldry	bt. A.J.Cooper	+14	
<i>Semi-Final</i>			
B.G.Perry	bt. Dr W.R.Bucknall	+16	
Sir Leonard Daldry	bt. H.S.Clemons	+15	
<i>Final</i>			
B.G.Perry	bt. Sir Leonard Daldry	+ 7	
PLAY-OFF			
B.G.Perry	bt. D.C.Russell	+24	
Event 2: The Council Challenge Cup (14 Entries)			
DRAW			
<i>First Round</i>			
R.S.Stevens	bt. Mrs C.R.Sloane	+ 6	
Miss J.Cooper	bt. G.B.Martin	+ 8	
H.G.T.Bolton	bt. Mrs G.E.Cave	+ 5	
Miss E.Fisher	bt. Dr R.B.N.Smartt	+ 8	
Mrs D.C.Russell	bt. Mrs M.Hawkins	+19	
C.Edwards	w.o. Major G.B.Horridge	opp. scr.	
<i>Second Round</i>			
R.S.Stevens	bt. K.S.Schofield	+19	
H.G.T.Bolton	bt. Miss J.Cooper	+17	
Mrs D.C.Russell	w.o. Miss E.Fisher	opp. ret'd.	
C.Edwards	w.o. J.G.Warwick	opp. ret'd.	
<i>Semi-Final</i>			
H.G.T.Bolton	w.o. R.S.Stevens	opp.scr.	
C.Edwards	bt. Mrs D.C.Russell	+ 1	
<i>Final</i>			
C.Edwards	bt. H.G.T.Bolton	+ 8	
PROCESS			
<i>First Round</i>			
K.S.Schofield	bt. Dr R.B.N.Smartt	+ 2	
C.Edwards	bt. Miss J.Cooper	+ 9	
R.S.Stevens	bt. Mrs D.C.Russell	+ 6	
Mrs C.R.Sloane	bt. Mrs M.Hawkins	+ 3	
J.G.Warwick	bt. Mrs G.E.Cave	+ 6	
Major G.B.Horridge	bt. G.B.Martin	+ 4	
<i>Second Round</i>			
K.S.Schofield	bt. C.Edwards	+10	
R.S.Stevens	bt. H.G.T.Bolton	+23	
J.G.Warwick	bt. Mrs C.R.Sloane	+15	
Major G.B.Horridge	bt. Miss E.Fisher	+14	
<i>Semi-Final</i>			
R.S.Stevens	bt. K.S.Schofield	+ 8	
J.G.Warwick	bt. Major G.B.Horridge	+ 8	
<i>Final</i>			
R.S.Stevens	bt. J.G.Warwick	+ 7	
PLAY-OFF			
R.S.Stevens	bt. C.Edwards	+22	
Event 3: The Reckitt Challenge Cup (10 Entries)			
<i>First Round</i>			
Miss D.Locks Latham	bt. W.G.B.Scott	+ 6	
C.E.Knight	bt. Brig. H.E.Fernyhough	+ 2	
<i>Second Round</i>			
F.L.Fletcher	bt. Mrs F.Henshaw	+14	
P.A.Tunmer	bt. Miss D.Locks Latham	+15	

C.E.Knight	bt. Dr C.W.Evans	+13	
Mrs P.A.Tunmer	bt. Dr H.A.Pim	+ 9	
<i>Semi-Final</i>			
P.A.Tunmer	bt. F.L.Fletcher	+13	
C.E.Knight	bt. Mrs P.A.Tunmer	+ 2	
<i>Final</i>			
P.A.Tunmer	bt. C.E.Knight	+ 7	
Event 4: The Stevenson Cup (4 Entries)			
<i>First Round</i>			
Mrs D.Mitchell	w.o. Mrs H.Harris	opp. scr.	
Mrs L.L.Duveen	bt. Mrs H.G.T.Bolton	+ 8	
<i>Final</i>			
Mrs L.L.Duveen	bt. Mrs D.Mitchell	+16	
Event 5: Handicap Doubles (15 Pairs)			
<i>First Round</i>			
Lt-Col G.E.Cave & Mrs D.Mitchell (14½)	bt. Miss J.Cooper & Mrs M.H.Vincent (8)	+ 2 (T)	
C.R.Sloane & Major G.B.Horridge (7)	bt. Sir Leonard Daldry & Brig. H.E.Fernyhough (9)	+ 7 (T)	
Mr & Mrs P.A.Tunmer (15)	bt. Dr R.B.N.Smartt & Mrs D.C.Russell (7)	+ 1 (T)	
K.S.Schofield & G.B.Martin (8½)	bt. Dr W.R.Bucknall & Mrs L.L.Duveen (12½)	+13	
Capt. M.F.Buller & C.E.Knight (13)	bt. J.G.Warwick & Mrs C.R.Sloane (9½)	+14	
Mr & Mrs H.G.T.Bolton (16½)	bt. R.S.Stevens & C.Edwards (6½)	+ 1 (T)	
D.C.Russell & Dr H.A.Pim (7½)	bt. A.J.Cooper & W.G.B.Scott (7)	+13	
<i>Second Round</i>			
Sloane & Horridge	bt. Cave & Mrs Mitchell	+ 1 (T)	
Schofield & Martin	bt. Mr & Mrs Tunmer	+ 9 (T)	
Mr & Mrs Bolton	bt. Buller & Knight	+14	
H.S.Clemons & Mrs H.Harris (13)	bt. Russell & Dr Pim	+ 6	
<i>Semi-Final</i>			
Sloane & Horridge	bt. Schofield & Martin	+ 1 (T)	
Mr & Mrs Bolton	bt. Clemons & Mrs Harris	+ 6	
<i>Final</i>			
Sloane & Horridge	bt. Mr & Mrs Bolton	+ 3 (T)	
Event 6a: The Gilbey Cup (35 Entries)			
<i>First Round</i>			
Dr H.A.Pim (7½)	bt. Mrs L.L.Duveen (11)	+11	
C.R.Sloane (1½)	bt. C.Edwards (4)	+ 4	
G.B.Martin (5)	bt. Mrs D.Mitchell (16)	+22	
<i>Second Round</i>			
B.G.Perry (-2)	bt. F.L.Fletcher (9)	+17	
Lt-Col G.E.Cave (½)	bt. Mrs C.R.Sloane (5½)	+24	
Dr C.W.Evans (9)	bt. Miss E.Fisher (4)	+18	
Sir Leonard Daldry (0)	bt. Mrs D.C.Russell (4)	+ 4	
H.S.Clemons (0)	bt. C.E.Knight (9)	+ 6	
R.S.Stevens (2½)	bt. Dr W.R.Bucknall (1½)	+15	
K.S.Schofield (3½)	bt. Mrs M.Hawkins (6)	+ 7	
C.R.Sloane (1½)	bt. Dr H.A.Pim (7½)	+ 1 (T)	
G.B.Martin (5)	bt. Brig. H.E.Fernyhough (9)	+ 3	
Miss J.Cooper (5)	bt. Major G.B.Horridge (5½)	+ 9	
Capt. M.F.Buller (4)	bt. J.G.Warwick (4)	+15	
D.C.Russell (0)	bt. W.G.B.Scott (7½)	+ 6	
A.J.Cooper (-½)	bt. P.A.Tunmer (7)	+ 1	
H.G.T. Bolton (3½)	w.o. Mrs L.A.Davies (13)	opp. scr.	
Mrs H.G.T.Bolton (15)	bt. Miss D.Locks Latham (9)	+ 4 (T)	
Mrs P.A.Tunmer (8)	bt. Mrs H.Harris (14)	+20	
<i>Third Round</i>			
B.G.Perry (-2)	bt. Lt-Col G.E.Cave (½)	+12	
Sir Leonard Daldry (0)	bt. Dr C.W.Evans (9)	+ 2	
R.S.Stevens (2½)	bt. H.S.Clemons (0)	+14	
C.R.Sloane (1½)	bt. K.S.Schofield (3½)	+ 6	
G.B. Martin (5)	bt. Miss J.Cooper (5)	+ 8	
D.C.Russell (0)	bt. Capt. M.F.Buller (4)	+ 6	
H.G.T.Bolton (3½)	bt. A.J.Cooper (-½)	+25	
Mrs P.A.Tunmer (8)	bt. Mrs H.G.T.Bolton (15)	+ 8	
<i>Fourth Round</i>			
Sir Leonard Daldry (0)	bt. B.G.Perry (-2)	+ 6	

R.S.Stevens (2½)	bt. C.R.Sloane (1½)	+ 2
G.B.Martin (5)	bt. D.C.Russell (0)	+12
H.G.T.Bolton (3½)	bt. Mrs P.A.Tunmer	+ 7

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
R.S.Stevens (2½)	bt. Sir Leonard Daldry (0)	+17
G.B.Martin (5)	bt. H.G.T.Bolton (3½)	+21

<i>Final</i>		
R.S.Stevens (2½)	bt. G.B.Martin (5)	+10

Event 6b: 'Y' Handicap Singles (17 Entries)

<i>Final</i>		
P.A.Tunmer (7)	bt. Mrs D.C.Russell (4)	+ 3 (T)

Budleigh Salterton: July 1-6

In spite of a week of mixed weather, this year's tournament at Budleigh Salterton lived up to its reputation as one of the most pleasant in the C.A. Calendar. Visitors are always assured of a friendly welcome here.

The early stages of the Opens produced an exciting game in which Gerald Cave, having got well ahead, was nearly overtaken by his opponent, D.C.Russell of Tasmania, and only just scraped home by 2. It was the Play-Off of this event that provided one of the most tense and 'nail-biting' finishes that Budleigh has seen for some years. Pat Newton, who had been playing beautifully all the week, had managed to get his Black ball to 4-back and his Blue ball to the peg before Robin Godby had made a hoop. Godby hit the lift, and by exceedingly careful and accurate play got his Red ball right round to the peg, pegged out Newton's Blue ball, and left his two balls, one on the West boundary and the other on the East boundary.

From the contact Newton got a perfect rush on the ball on the East boundary, managed to make 4-back and Penult, but stuck in the Rover. Godby hit the lift, and there began a long period of manoeuvre and counter-manoeuve, with Godby creeping round, one hoop at a time, and laying up in wired or almost wired positions, with Newton having bad luck with some very near misses. This continued until Godby's backward ball was also for Rover, but the strain was beginning to tell. In a moment of aberration, in trying to ensure that his balls were far enough apart to make it difficult for Newton, he put his Yellow ball into the first corner, quite forgetting that Newton had a lift. Even at this stage the game did not end, as Newton again stuck in Rover, and Godby again hit in, but couldn't quite finish things off. At last Newton hit in and brought the game to an end, winning a most exciting game by 3, a game which it was sad that either player had to lose.

Both players would, we feel sure, agree that their presence in the final was not unconnected with the unhappy fact that Bill Perry was suffering from a severe and very painful attack of shingles, and was quite unable to do himself justice in the earlier rounds. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Alison Wood proved herself a worthy winner of the 'B' Level Singles. She is a steadily improving player, and she proved too good for Colin Edwards, whom she beat by 14 in the Final. Alison has now become a force to be reckoned with in Women's Croquet, and we expect to hear more of her in the future. R.H.C.Carder was successful in the 'C' Handicap Singles. He beat Mrs Tunmer in the Final and thus retained the cup that he won last year. The Handicapper has now seen to it that he will not have the chance of a third win in this event.

In the Final of the Open Handicap Singles H.G.Drake met D.C.Russell and won convincingly. Drake, a relative newcomer to tournament croquet, is potentially a very good player with most of the shots in his repertoire, and when he gains greater knowledge of the tactics of the game, which will come with experience, he should do well.

In the Handicap Doubles all credit must be given to Robin Godby and Mrs Harris for beating the Russells by 1 on time, and only losing to David Prichard and Mrs Cave by 3 in the next round. The event was won by the Newtons, who had 'diced with death' throughout the event, and who succeeded in

Hope & Taylor bt. Tucker & Blumer	+ 2 (T)
Revd W.E.Gladstone & Miss Lodge bt. Miss E.C. Brumpton & Mrs Hooper	+20
J.D.Chapman & Miss E.I.Wood (12) bt. Mrs E.M. Lightfoot & Miss I.M.Roe (5½)	+10
Mr & Mrs D.C.Russell (3) bt. Col. G.T.Wheeler & Miss K.M.O.Sessions (2)	+23
<i>Third Round</i>	
Read & Mrs Read bt. Mr & Mrs Digby	+ 2 (T)
Mr & Mrs Moorcraft bt. Martin & Mrs Zinn	+11
Hope & Taylor bt. Revd W.E.Gladstone & Miss Lodge	+ 2
Mr & Mrs Russell bt. Chapman & Miss Wood	+ 6
<i>Semi-Final</i>	
Mr & Mrs Moorcraft bt. Read & Mrs Read	+ 2 (T)
Hope & Taylor bt. Mr & Mrs Russell	+20
<i>Final</i>	
Mr & Mrs Moorcraft bt. Hope & Taylor	+17

Southwick July Tournament: July 21-28

The Test Tour caused this year's Southwick Summer Tournament to be moved from August to July; although it clashed with the main Cheltenham Tournament, there were over 50 entries. Only the weather showed displeasure at the change, and Mrs McMillan did not have to use her parasol much. A violent thunderstorm on the Wednesday drowned the train noise and the courts, as well as adding to the electric atmosphere of the Doubles. The grass at least must have welcomed the rain — the six month drought earlier in the year would have been disastrous had it not been for the devoted hard work put in by the groundsman, who also had a mischievous fox to contend with.

The Gold Cup was deservedly won by Keith Ross, whose croquet looked Test class to many observers. In the Play-Off he punished Hicks severely for sticking in an easy second hoop, and brought off the only triple peel of the week (a delayed one, as his lying-prone aiming method proved strangely unsuccessful at 4-back). There was a most exciting finish earlier in the week in the game between Ross and Tyrwhitt Drake that resulted in the elimination of the former from one half. Ross pegged out two balls, leaving his ball for Rover and Tyrwhitt Drake for 3-back, but the great bridge player showed considerable finesse and end-played his opponent successfully.

The 'B' Levels at Southwick are played with full lifts, and Draw and Process — an excellent scheme, providing 'real' croquet for players often deprived of it at other tournaments. The event was won by last year's Franc Cup winner, Simon Tapp, who plays almost as fast as Mrs Naylor and has a style reminiscent of Paul Hands. He often takes dangerous shots, but usually hits them. This event produced the week's longest game, when Arthur Tapp emerged victorious after a six hours battle with Mrs Sloane just before 8 p.m. Arthur Tapp had much less trouble in the final of the Big Handicap against Vincent (who spent most of the week on court, either playing or refereeing), but he had a narrow escape against Miss Hodgins in the semi-final. She was both for Rover, he both both for peg in the last turn of a timed game. She brought off a very long Rover peel, but could not run it herself. She was consoled by retaining her Monteith Bowl in a final late on Sunday afternoon against Colonel Mallinson, whose wife lost to Rees by the same slim margin of 4 in the final of the Franc Cup. Haigh and Bull ploughed through all opposition in the Doubles, but were perhaps lucky to find the father-and-son Tapp pair in poor shooting form in the semi-final.

The Southwick Club provided splendid hospitality for us all. It required firm management from Major Dibley to get us all playing again after the gorgeous lunches and teas. What a pity that Mrs Turner is retiring after years of cheerful running of the catering. Locals and visitors (there were five from Australia) had a thoroughly enjoyable tournament, and to show how sporting we all were, nobody won by 26 all week.

Results

Event 1: Open Singles (15 Entries)

DRAW		
<i>First Round</i>		
N.W.T.Cox	bt. Miss F.Joly	+10
C.R.Sloane	bt. H.A.Sheppard	+ 8
H.O.Hicks	bt. W.H.Austin	+ 7
Mrs W.Longman	bt. R.A.Simpson	+17
W.E.Moore	bt. J.Haigh	+ 2
K.A.Ross	bt. Cdr G.Borrett	+14
H.S.Clemons	bt. Mrs R.A.Simpson	+13
<i>Second Round</i>		
N.W.T.Cox	bt. C.R.Sloane	+ 5
H.O.Hicks	bt. Mrs W.Longman	+20
K.A.Ross	bt. W.E.Moore	+ 8
E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	bt. H.S.Clemons	+22
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
N.W.T.Cox	bt. H.O.Hicks	+10
K.A.Ross	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	+15
<i>Final</i>		
K.A.Ross	bt. N.W.T.Cox	+11
PROCESS		
<i>First Round</i>		
J.Haigh	bt. Miss F.Joly	+ 9
H.O.Hicks	bt. H.S.Clemons	+20
K.A.Ross	bt. C.R.Sloane	+17
E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	bt. R.A.Simpson	+10
N.W.T.Cox	bt. W.E.Moore	+ 2
Mrs R.A.Simpson	bt. W.H.Austin	+ 3
Cdr G.Borrett	w.o. H.A.Sheppard	opp.scr.
<i>Second Round</i>		
H.O.Hicks	bt. J.Haigh	+20
E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	bt. K.A.Ross	+ 1
Mrs R.A.Simpson	bt. N.W.T.Cox	+ 6
Cdr G.Borrett	bt. Mrs W.Longman	+11
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
H.O.Hicks	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake	+18
Cdr G.Borrett	bt. Mrs R.A.Simpson	+10
<i>Final</i>		
H.O.Hicks	bt. Cdr G.Borrett	+12
PLAY-OFF		
K.A.Ross	bt. H.O.Hicks	+25
Event 2: 'B' Level Singles (18 Entries)		
DRAW		
<i>First Round</i>		
Mrs N.W.T.Cox	bt. Mrs N.A.C.McMillan	+11
I.G.Vincent	bt. R.L.Everest	+14
<i>Second Round</i>		
A.E.S.Tapp	bt. Mrs C.R.Sloane	+ 3
S.Tapp	bt. Capt. M.F.Buller	+19
H.A.Green	bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden	+25
I.G.Vincent	bt. Mrs N.W.T.Cox	+ 8
Lt-Col A.E.Saalfeld	bt. F.F.W.Staddon	+10
R.D.C.Prichard	bt. Major R.Driscoll	+19
Lady Ursula Abbey	w.o. Mrs E.M.Temple	opp. scr.
Miss D.Morgan	bt. H.F.L.Jenking	+ 3
<i>Third Round</i>		
A.E.S.Tapp	bt. S.Tapp	+ 5
I.G.Vincent	w.o. H.A.Green	opp.scr.
R.D.C.Prichard	bt. Lt-Col A.E.Saalfeld	+ 4
Miss D.Morgan	w.o. Lady Ursula Abbey	opp. retcd.
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
I.G.Vincent	bt. A.E.S.Tapp	+ 6
R.D.C.Prichard	bt. Miss D.Morgan	+13
<i>Final</i>		
R.D.C.Prichard	bt. I.G.Vincent	+ 7

PROCESS

<i>First Round</i>		
Miss D.Morgan	bt. A.E.S.Tapp	+ 4
Mrs C.R.Sloane	bt. H.F.L.Jenking	+ 24
<i>Second Round</i>		
R.L.Everest	bt. Miss D.Morgan	+ 7
R.D.C.Prichard	bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden	+ 6
S.Tapp	bt. Lt-Col A.E.Saalfeld	+15
Mrs N.A.C.McMillan	w.o. Mrs E.M.Temple	opp. scr.
I.G.Vincent	bt. Mrs C.R.Sloane	+ 6
H.A.Green	bt. Major R.Driscoll	+12
Capt. M.F.Buller	bt. F.F.W.Staddon	+ 8
Mrs N.W.T.Cox	bt. Lady Ursula Abbey	+16
<i>Third Round</i>		
R.L.Everest	bt. R.D.C.Prichard	+16
S.Tapp	bt. Mrs N.A.C.McMillan	+17
I.G.Vincent	bt. H.A.Green	+ 5
Mrs N.W.T.Cox	bt. Capt. M.F.Buller	+10
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
S.Tapp	bt. R.L.Everest	+10
Mrs N.W.T.Cox	bt. I.G.Vincent	+11
<i>Final</i>		
S.Tapp	bt. Mrs N.W.T.Cox	+20
PLAY-OFF		
S.Tapp	bt. R.D.C.Prichard	+14
Event 3: 'C' Handicap Singles (16 Entries)		
<i>First Round</i>		
Mrs E.H.P.Mallinson (8)	bt. Mrs W.A.Naylor (7)	+24
Mrs H.F.L.Jenking (8)	bt. Mrs H.J.Devitt (7½)	+ 3
Miss M.G.Anderson (5½)	bt. C.E.Knight (8)	+10
W.B.C.Paynter (6)	bt. Mrs R.E.Tucker (5½)	+19
H.J.Devitt (7)	bt. G.F.Paxon (7)	+12
E.E.Rees (8)	bt. Miss D.A.Lintern (7)	+21
Miss H.D.Parker (5½)	bt. W.G.B.Scott (7½)	+15
Mrs S.J.Turner (6½)	bt. Mrs F.F.W.Staddon (6)	+ 9
<i>Second Round</i>		
Mrs E.H.P.Mallinson (8)	bt. Mrs H.F.L.Jenking (8)	+10
Miss M.G.Anderson (5½)	w.o. W.B.C.Paynter (6)	opp. retcd.
E.E.Rees (8)	bt. H.J.Devitt (7)	+24
Mrs S.J.Turner (6½)	bt. Miss H.D.Parker (5½)	+18
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Mrs E.H.P.Mallinson	bt. Miss M.G.Anderson (5½)	+ 4
E.E.Rees (8)	bt. Mrs S.J.Turner (6½)	+ 1
<i>Final</i>		
E.E.Rees (8)	bt. Mrs E.H.P.Mallinson (8)	+ 4
Event 4: 'D' Handicap Singles (12 Entries)		
<i>First Round</i>		
Lt-Col E.H.P.Mallinson (10)	bt. Madame Omorchoc (10)	+ 3 (T)
Mrs E.C.Goldbard (12)	w.o.	opp. scr.
Mrs A.E.Millins (13)	bt. Mrs M.Rankin (15)	+ 6
Miss E.F.Dell (10)	bt. Mrs E.Lewis (13)	+ 9
<i>Second Round</i>		
D.M.Bull (9)	bt. Mrs P.Harrison (14)	+ 7
Lt-Col E.H.P.Mallinson (10)	bt. Miss E.F.Dell (10)	+14
Mrs A.E.Millins (13)	bt. Mrs E.C.Goldbard (12)	+11
Miss E.X.Hodgens (12)	bt. Miss P.Shine (16)	+21
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Lt-Col E.H.P.Mallinson (10)	bt. D.M.Bull (9)	+12
Miss E.X.Hodgens (12)	bt. Mrs A.E.Millins (13)	+10
<i>Final</i>		
Miss E.X.Hodgens (12)	bt. Lt-Col E.H.P.Mallinson (10)	+ 4
Event 5: Open Handicap Singles (51 Entries)		
<i>First Round</i>		
Miss M.Tyrrell (7½)	bt. G.F.Paxon (7)	+10
C.E.Knight (8)	bt. W.B.C.Paynter (6)	+12
Mrs E.H.P.Mallinson (8)	bt. Mrs H.J.Devitt (7½)	+10
E.E.Rees (8)	w.o.	opp. scr.
<i>Second Round</i>		
H.S.Clemons (0)	bt. Cdr G.Borrett (-1)	+ 8
Mrs C.R.Sloane (5)	bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden (2½)	+10
J.Haigh (4½)	bt. Madame Omorchoc (10)	+16
S.Tapp (4)	bt. R.A.Simpson (1½)	+16
Miss E.F.Dell (10)	bt. Miss P.Shine (16)	+23
A.E.S.Tapp (5)	bt. Mrs A.E.Millins (13)	+11
D.M.Bull (9)	bt. Mrs R.A.Simpson (2)	+24
Mrs W.Longman (1)	bt. Miss H.D.Parker (5½)	+13
H.F.L.Jenking (5)	bt. C.R.Sloane (1½)	+ 9
Mrs E.Lewis (13)	bt. Mrs P.Harrison (14)	+ 1 (T)
Miss F.Joly (1)	bt. H.A.Green (2½)	+ 5
I.G.Vincent (3)	bt. Lady Ursula Abbey (4½)	+21
Mrs N.W.T.Cox (5)	bt. Miss D.Morgan (3)	+17
Miss D.A.Lintern (7)	bt. H.A.Sheppard (1½)	+12 (T)
W.E.Moore (-1)	bt. R.L.Everest (4½)	+16
<i>Second Round</i>		
Mrs N.A.C.McMillan (2½)	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (-1)	+23
Lt-Col A.E.Saalfeld (4)	bt. W.G.B.Scott (7½)	+15
Miss E.X.Hodgens (12)	bt. Mrs W.A.Naylor (7)	+21
Miss M.Tyrrell (7½)	bt. C.E.Knight (8)	+ 5
E.E.Rees (8)	bt. Mrs E.H.P.Mallinson (8)	+ 8
H.S.Clemons (0)	bt. Mrs C.R.Sloane (5)	+14
J.Haigh (4½)	bt. S.Tapp (4)	+ 9
A.E.S.Tapp (5)	bt. Miss E.F.Dell (10)	+ 9
D.M.Bull (9)	bt. Mrs W.Longman (1)	+ 9
H.F.L.Jenking (5)	bt. Mrs E.Lewis (13)	+ 5
I.G.Vincent (3)	bt. Miss F.Joly (1)	+21
Mrs N.W.T.Cox (5)	bt. Miss D.A.Lintern (7)	+16
W.E.Moore (-1)	bt. H.J.Devitt (7)	+ 3
Miss M.G.Anderson (5½)	bt. R.D.C.Prichard (2½)	+ 3
K.A.Ross (-1½)	bt. W.H.Austin (2)	+17
H.O.Hicks (-3)	bt. Mrs R.E.Tucker (5½)	+ 5
<i>Third Round</i>		
Lt-Col A.E.Saalfeld (4)	bt. Mrs N.A.C.McMillan (2½)	+19
Miss E.X.Hodgens (12)	bt. Miss M.Tyrrell (7½)	+19
H.S.Clemons (0)	bt. E.E.Rees (8)	+ 8
A.E.S.Tapp (5)	bt. J.Haigh (4½)	+18
D.M.Bull (9)	bt. H.F.L.Jenking (5)	+14
I.G.Vincent (3)	bt. Mrs N.W.T.Cox (5)	+ 5
W.E.Moore (-1)	bt. Miss M.G.Anderson (5½)	+ 6
K.A.Ross (-1½)	bt. H.O.Hicks (-3)	+19
<i>Fourth Round</i>		
Miss E.X.Hodgens (12)	bt. Lt-Col A.E.Saalfeld (4)	+13
A.E.S.Tapp (5)	bt. H.S.Clemons (0)	+15
I.G.Vincent (3)	bt. D.M.Bull (9)	+ 3
W.E.Moore (-1)	bt. K.A.Ross (-1½)	+15
<i>Semi-Final</i>		
A.E.S.Tapp (5)	bt. Miss E.X.Hodgens (12)	+ 1 (T)
I.G.Vincent (3)	bt. W.E.Moore (-1)	+25
<i>Final</i>		
A.E.S.Tapp (5)	bt. I.G.Vincent (3)	+19
Event 6: Handicap Doubles (28 Pairs)		
<i>First Round</i>		
Mr & Mrs F.F.W.Staddon (11)	bt. H.A.Green & C.G. Mayo (8½)	+15
W.H.Austin & Major R.Driscoll (7)	bt. Miss H.D.Parker & Madame Omorchoc (12½)	+ 7
Mrs W.Longman & R.L.Everest (5½)	bt. K.A.Ross & Mrs S.J.Turner (5)	+13
C.R.Sloane & R.D.C.Prichard (4)	bt. I.G.Vincent & H.F.L.Jenking (8)	+ 4
Mrs N.A.C.McMillan & E.E.Rees (10½)	bt. G.F.Paxon & Mrs A.E.Millins (19)	+ 5 (T)
R.A.Simpson & C.E.Knight (9½)	bt. Lt-Col A.E.Saalfeld & Miss D.Morgan (7)	+ 9
Miss F.Joly & Mrs E.C.Goldbard (13)	bt. Mrs R.A.Simpson & W.G.B.Scott (9½)	+ 4 (T)
J.Haigh & D.M.Bull (13½)	bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden & Mrs P.Harrison (16½)	+11
W.E.Moore & Mrs E.H.P.Mallinson (7)	bt. Mrs E.Higinbotham & Mrs H.F.L.Jenking (15)	+ 9
Mr & Mrs H.J.Devitt (14½)	bt. H.A.Sheppard & Mrs R.E.Tucker (7)	+ 4
Lt-Col E.H.P.Mallinson & Miss E.X.Hodgens (22)	bt. Mrs N.W.T.Cox & Mrs E.Lewis (18)	+ 2 (T)
S.Tapp & A.E.S.Tapp (9)	bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake & Mrs C.R.Sloane (4½)	+19
<i>Second Round</i>		
N.W.T.Cox & Miss P.Shine (11)	bt. Capt. M.F.Buller & Lady Ursula Abbey (8½)	+11
Mr & Mrs Staddon	bt. Austin & Driscoll	+ 5

Sloane & Prichard bt. Mrs Longman & Everest	+ 6	Sloane & Prichard bt. Simpson & Knight	+ 8
Simpson & Knight bt. Mrs McMillan & Rees	+19	Haigh & Bull bt. Mr & Mrs Devitt	+10
Haigh & Bull bt. Miss Joly & Mrs Goldbard	+10 (T)	S.Tapp & A.Tapp bt. Miss Lintern & Miss Spencer	+19
Mr & Mrs Devitt bt. Moore & Mrs Mallinson	+ 9		
S.Tapp & A.Tapp bt. Mallinson & Miss Hodgins	+ 8	<i>Semi-Final</i>	
Miss D.A.Lintern & Miss D.Spencer (19) bt. H.S.Clemons & Mrs W.A.Naylor (7)	+ 9	Cox & Miss Shine bt. Sloane & Prichard	+ 2 (T)
		Haigh & Bull bt. S.Tapp & A.Tapp	+17
<i>Third Round</i>		<i>Final</i>	
Cox & Miss Shine bt. Mr & Mrs Staddon	+15	Haigh & Bull bt. Cox & Miss Shine	+16 (T)

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Secretary,
September 1974.

Weekend Tournaments

Gleneagles I: May 18-20

BLOCK WINNERS

A.	R.N.Maclean	5 games
B.	D.I.Nichols	5 games

PLAY-OFF

D.I.Nichols bt. R.N.Maclean +14

Cheltenham II: May 25-27

BLOCK WINNERS:

A	Mrs P.Asa-Thomas (8)	6 wins
B.	Dr G.K.Taylor (1½)	5 wins
C.	Mrs R.A.Lewty (7)	5 wins
D.	R.H.Lee (5½)	5 wins
E.	T.D.Ballard (7)	6 wins

Nottingham: May 31—June 2

BLOCK WINNERS:

A	G.Noble (8)	3 wins and 41 points
B.	Dr G.K.Taylor (1½)	4 wins and 37 points
C.	Dr D.Haslam (8)	4 wins and 41 points
D.	G.Strutt (3½)	4 wins and 48 points

WINNER:

G.Noble

RUNNER-UP: G.Strutt

Wrest Park I: June 7—9

BLOCK WINNERS

A.	Prof. B.G.Neal (-2½)
B.	R.S.Eades (6)
C.	R.Forth (11)

Handicap Alterations

Nottingham Weekend: May 31—June 2
G.Noble 8 to 7; G.G.Strutt 3½ to 3.

Wrest Park I: June 7—9
R.S.Eades 6 to 5; R.Forth 11 to 10.

Veterans' Championships: June 10—15
Mrs A.Millns 14 to 13 D12; Mrs D.Morgan 3* to 4; W.J.Sturdy 4½ to 4; E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake -½ to -1.

Hurlingham I: June 10—15
C.H.L.Prichard 1 to ½; Mrs B.G.Weitz 4 to 3½; Mrs E.E. Bressey 5 to 4; Mrs H.A.Pim 9 to 8; T.F.Owen 8 to 7.

Colchester Weekend: June 16
N.J.C.Gooch 10 to 9.

Men's and Women's Championships: June 17—22
M.Murray -1 to -1½; A.B.Hope 0 to -½; Miss E.H.Arkell 4 to 3½; C.H.L.Prichard ½ to -½; Mrs D.M.C.Prichard 1 to ½.

The Challenge and Gilbey Cups: June 24-29
H.G.T.Bolton 3½ to 3; C.E.Knight 9 to 8; G.B.Martin 5 to 4; R.S.Stevens 2½ to 1½; P.A.Tunmer 7 to 6½; D.C.Russell 0 to -½; Mrs D.C.Russell 4 to 3½; Mrs C.R.Sloane 5½ to 5.

Budleigh Salterton: July 1-6
R.H.C.Carder 7½ to 6½; Mrs P.A.Tunmer 8 to 7; H.G.Drake 5 to 3; C.Edwards 4 to 3½; Mrs G.H.Wood 3 to 2½.

Colchester: July 15-20
S.J.H.Wright 4 to 3* and 3* to 1; P.Bishop 8 to 5; G.F. Hallett 1½ to 1; N.J.C.Gooch 9 to 8; D.E.Reeves 5½ to 5; Mrs G.F.Hallett 14 to 12; W.W.Sampson 11* to 11.

Cheltenham: July 22-27
Miss J.Wraith 16 D14; Miss C.Sinclair 16 D14; N.Williams 2½ to 2; Miss E.H.Arkell 3½ to 3; R.A.Carte 3½ to 2½; Mrs H.A.Zinn 10 to 9; Mrs H.G.Handley 8 to 7; G.B.Martin 4 to 3½.

Southwick: July 21-28
I.G.Vincent 3 to 2; Miss E.X.Hodgens 12 to 11; Simon Tapp 4 to 3; J.Haigh 4½ to 4; D.M.Bull 9 to 8; Mrs E.H.P.Mallinson 8 to 7; E.E.Rees 8 to 7; A.E.S.Tapp 5 to 4.

Southwick Club Recommendations (before tournament)
H.J.Ainsworth 10 to 8; Mrs M.Rankin 16 to 15; E.E.Rees 12 to 8; Simon Tapp 7 to 4.

Maidenhead Club Recommendations
P.Honey 11 to 8; J.McKean 14 to 12; B.Redford 9 to 6.

The Longman Cup 1974

RESULTS IN ORDER

<i>Second Round</i>			
Daten	beat	Stourbridge	4-3
Colworth	beat	Roehampton	7-0
Colchester	beat	B.E.A. Silver Wing	4-3
Hurlingham	beat	Phyllis Court	4-3
Parsons Green	beat	Woking	4-3
Tunbridge Wells	beat	Compton	5-2
Southwick	beat	Herstmonceux	4-3
<i>Third Round</i>			
Daten	beat	Wolverhampton	5-2
Colworth	beat	Colchester	4-3
Parsons Green	beat	Hurlingham	4-3
Southwick	beat	Tunbridge Wells	4-3

The Inter-Club Championship 1974

RESULTS IN ORDER

<i>First Round</i>			
Roehampton	beat	Compton	4-3
Colchester	beat	The Heley Club	5-4
<i>Second Round</i>			
Wrest Park	beat	Phyllis Court	4-3
Roehampton	beat	Colworth	7-0
Colchester	beat	Harrow Oak	4-3
Southwick	beat	Woking	4-1

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