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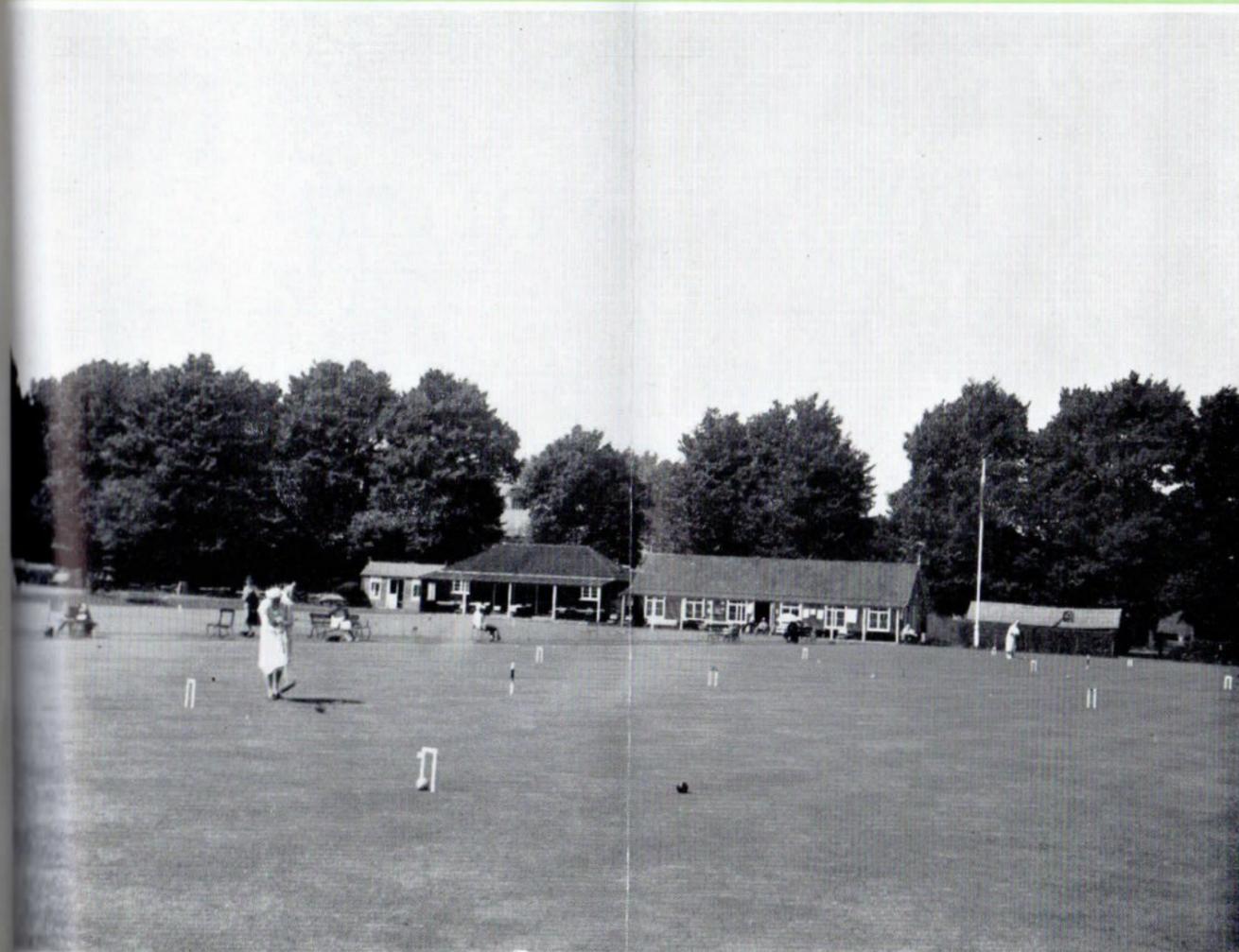
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By E. P. C. COTTER

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By Nature or by Art?

THOSE who excel at ball games do so in virtue of two quite distinct capacities: natural talent and acquired skill. So much, it would seem, is obvious. What is far from obvious is why these two factors should vary so much in individual cases. In some instances the spontaneous talent is so great that it would almost seem to tell the whole story. When the great Willie Renshaw, who dominated lawn tennis in the Eighties, was asked how he produced some particular shot he was wont to look blank and declare that he hadn't the slightest idea. And it is a matter of endless controversy in lawn tennis circles how far coaches should demand that their youthful pupils should conform to some more or less accepted standard of how the various strokes should be made, or how far they should allow a strong natural talent to develop along its own lines. Spontaneity or theory: to which of these are we to pin our faith?

But if this is a problem for the devotees of moving-ball games like tennis and cricket, it is still more one for the golfer and the croquet player. For here the scope for spontaneity is much less; a certain self-consciousness is imposed by the very nature of the case. The player has no rapid decision forced upon him; he can take his own time, and if there is a danger in playing too hastily, there is a real (though less obvious) one in "haver-ing" over a stroke too long and becoming too self-conscious about it. Here temperament has its rightful claims, however, and to try to play either much more quickly or more deliberately than is natural to us is not likely to lead to good results.

But to return to the point with which we began. Croquet is a game at which both the natural and the "made" player can notably succeed, though no doubt the really great one will be a bit of each. And among the greatest exponents the different types can be distinguished. Examples of this were afforded about forty or more years ago by the unique trio of Irishmen, Duff Mathews being as completely a "natural" player as has ever been seen, Cyril Corbally the exponent of studied expertise, with Leslie O'Callaghan coming somewhere between. Yet all were equally brilliant and enterprising, and it would be hard indeed to say which was the greatest of them.

The case of what we have called the "spontaneous" player is further complicated by the fact that while some of these seem to produce what are in effect perfectly orthodox strokes by the light of nature, others succeed by—or in spite of—some personal idiosyncrasy which it would be extremely unwise for any to attempt to copy. It would be invidious to give examples of this from among contemporary players, but it may be a *propos* to recall Dr. Edgar Whitaker's "stop shot" swing, the body movement in the making of the stroke exhibited by Mrs. Ionides and by Bernard Klein—to say nothing of the extraordinary method of manipulating the

mallet employed by that very successful player, the late Mrs. Weir.

If good stroke production has to be acquired, it is no use seeking to imitate such exceptional examples as this. Study the masters of orthodox stroke production, especially those who play in the style most like your own. Watch Humphrey Hicks make a long rush or Patrick Cotter make a long hoop; observe the perfect rhythm of Mrs. Oddie's swing, so "flat" that the mallet seems to be parallel with the ground for the maximum period of time and comes through in a perfect arc. Ask those who seem to do things the right way to help you with the strokes you need to master, or if no such opportunity offers, look the matter up in a book. But at all costs do discover what precisely it is you should be trying to do. It is astonishing to find how many tournament players there are who seem to have no idea whatever how to make a rush, or a stop shot, or a take-off which will leave the croqueted ball where the player wants it to be.

For the great majority of players, to acquire a good technique means that they will have to learn something of the theory of stroke production. They cannot merely rely on "doing what comes naturally". But the object of the exercise, as they say now, is not the theorizing in itself, but to make what needs to be done come to be done more or less subconsciously. Theory is valuable to fall back upon when one has lost the knack of some particular shot, or when one is afflicted by "nerves." Then, since one is self-conscious, the best way to banish the pre-occupation with self is to think only of the stroke and become conscious of that as something quite objective. But too much theorizing about one's shots can be inhibiting to that other factor so necessary to success—spontaneity. Work out your theories in careful practice by yourself, but in playing games against others try not to be too much "sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought."

But stroke production, important as it is, is not by any means the whole clue to improvement. Nothing can be said now of the tactical aspect of the game. But there is one matter to which reference may be made in conclusion: the need at certain points in a player's career for him to raise the whole standard of his game, to set new "targets" before himself, to envisage Croquet in a fresh and more imaginative manner. One such point is reached at that crucial stage of a player's development when he finds himself "out of Bs" and will often have to meet minus players on equal terms. His problem is quite as much psychological as it is technical; however, good his strokes may be, he has got now to think about the game in a different way. Perseverance will always be necessary. But those who scale great heights do so not only by dogged climbing, but led forward by vision, exalted by imagination, and fortified by will.

NOTES by ROVER

"England Expects . . ."

MEMBERS of the editorial panel are sometimes surprised and always shocked to learn, if not directly then by deduction, that there are associates who do not habitually read every word written in this journal. Sometimes (they may feel) this is the associate's loss, but there are occasions when the loser may be the Association itself, which is a more serious matter. An example of where this may be the case has lately been afforded by some paragraphs which appeared on page 7 of the July number headed "This month's good cause." It was, not unreasonably, hoped that the response to the appeal then made would be immediate and reassuring. That it has not yet been so by any means can only be due, we must assume, to the fact that many, if not most, associates unaccountably failed to read it. Rover cherishes the conviction that whatever else readers may miss, they do not overlook his column. He has therefore been asked to refer his readers to what was said in July. No doubt every registered club is busily occupied in organizing its response to this appeal. What he would call attention to now is the expectation that individual associates who are able to send a personal contribution will do so. *Bis dat qui cito dat*—which means (roughly) a pound in the post is worth two in the bank.

The "Long Bisquer's Lament" which appears elsewhere in this number comes to us from a former player with a letter asking whether "that particular bugbear, Aunt Emma, is still a blot on the landscape and a disgrace to our lawns?" Opinions may vary on this point, but Rover does not seem to have noticed this unpleasant old person at our tournaments so frequently of late. "Aunt Emma," however, is not always easy to identify; some people claim to see her where others can only observe a shrewd competitor playing a cleverly defensive game. Merely dilatory and unenterprising play in any class of croquet is certainly condemned. But defence in appropriate circumstances is one aspect of good tactics, and to know how to make things difficult for one's opponent is only second in importance to knowing how to make them easy for oneself. Indeed the best way to frustrate "Aunt Emma" is to learn how to get your opponent's balls into the game in the laying as well as in the playing of a break. If you lay out the balls properly you can often make it unprofitable for your adversary to go into a corner. But to hear some players talk one might almost think that they regard it as "unsporting" for their opponents not to present them with breaks—e.g. by shooting into their game—which they are too unskilful (or too lazy) to lay correctly for themselves. The Laws Committee can never devise any method of compelling players "to use every ball." But if they will learn how to lay their breaks properly, no Aunt Emma will long be able to prevent their doing so.

While the "intervening referee" as we knew him for two seasons is no longer with us, the

question of whether it is ever the duty of a referee to intervene, and if so when, is one which seems to be clouded by some uncertainty. An example of a case about which there would appear to be two opinions is afforded by the incorrect placing of a clip. Law 31(a) says that "in the absence of a referee the striker is responsible" for accuracy over this. But does this mean where no referee has been specifically appointed for a particular game, or when no referee happens to be about? The former interpretation might seem to be the right one, since it is difficult to find anything in Regulation 15 which includes such intervention within the "powers and duties of referees." Yet can there be any valid objection to an error of this kind being corrected by a responsible authority? Though No. 3 of the "Instructions to Referees" declares that "a referee is not entitled to relieve a player of any responsibility imposed on him by the law," the specific reference thereupon made is to Law 34(a), which is a very different matter from that now under discussion. A clip wrongly placed is not the sort of culpable foolishness, like going for a wrong hoop, for which a player should rightly suffer; it merely creates the kind of muddle which is liable to prove a nuisance to both parties. And in Rover's opinion, the more such muddles are forestalled the better.

Rover offers his respectful congratulations to Miss Lydia Elphinstone-Stone on the attainment of her ninetieth birthday on August 23rd, an occasion duly—and appropriately—celebrated during the tournament at Brighton, of which famous club this lady is now a member. For sixty of these ninety years Miss Elphinstone-Stone has been a tournament player, joining the Association on its foundation and winning her Silver Medal in 1896. She must now be our senior associate, though run close for this distinction by the (very youthful) winner of the Women's Championship in 1899, a certain Miss Lily Gower. What is even more to the point is that Miss Elphinstone-Stone is still an active and formidable competitor at our tournaments, enjoying her games and often winning them. Our honoured nonagenarian is not the sole example of her age to prove that Croquet is not only among the happiest of outdoor games, but that one at which such happiness lasts longest.

OBITUARY

E. E. V. de LISSA

Though chiefly famous in the world of Rugby football, not only as a player but perhaps still more as a referee, Emile de Lissa was for many years an enthusiastic and successful croquet player. He won his Silver Medal in 1909; in 1923 he played in the Beddow Cup—the "Best Ten" of those days. Never quite among the greatest players at a time when Croquet was at its height and competition very keen, de Lissa was always an opponent to be feared and gained many successes at tournaments in the home counties. He had a gay and somewhat light-hearted approach to the game which brought him many friends, who missed him when ill-health took him from their midst soon after the last war. Those who thus remember him will mourn a good companion and wish to offer the warmest sympathy to his widow. M.B.R.

Beginners, Please!

HOW TO GET THE BREAKS

by The Rev. G. F. H. Elvey

WE have now talked about different methods of making breaks at considerable length. But it is not much use knowing about how to make breaks without the knowledge of how to obtain them in an actual game. When I was more or less a beginner—a very long time ago now—it puzzled me to know how it was that while I was struggling to get along a hoop or two at a time, another player on a neighbouring court was gaily going round on the four balls. And that was in the old sequence days, when breaks were much easier to get hold of than they are now. I think this slight digression has a moral not only for absolute novices, but for those who have just got rid of the "L", in other words just begun to come down the handicap scale. Picking up breaks is not easy, and you will have to be patient until you learn the art, both on the side of the "know how" and in the no less important matter of the skill to practise it.

Obviously there are two methods of obtaining a break, and both have to be used according to circumstances. The first is carefully to lay yourself a break, and the other is to knock one up straight away.

Here I must mention that I am at a disadvantage, having to work without diagrams—a disadvantage that the books do not suffer from. But I am not going to ask the editors for diagrams, because *one* would not be a great deal of help, and several would be much too costly. So I must stick to the method of giving a few positions such as can be explained without diagrams and trusting to the commonsense of my pupils to apply the methods suggested to many other positions. By the bye, those, if any, who have taken the trouble to make the croquet board I suggested in a previous article and have the counters, will find here that they get a great advantage.

Here are a variety of methods of laying a break, all of which will have to be brought into use as occasion requires.

In the following cases it is assumed that the player's ball is for the first hoop, and that he has sufficient command of the situation to do what is suggested.

(1) Place one enemy ball near the second hoop, the other near hoop 1, and somewhere near the East Boundary give yourself a rush on partner ball, either directly to hoop 1, or to the enemy ball near hoop 2. If the opponent moves the ball near hoop 2, your break is straightforward. If, as is more likely, he moves the ball near hoop 1, you will use your rush either to hoop 1, or to the ball near hoop 2, and then get another rush to hoop 1. In theory this is all very simple, in practice not so simple. But if you keep in your mind the rush-line, as you acquire skill in rushing, you will more and more often get away with your break.

(2) A good variation of the above method, when possible, is one enemy ball at hoop 2, another just beyond hoop 1, and your own two balls with a rush on hoop 1, carefully wired from both the enemy balls near the Baulk Line behind hoop 1. This gives you an excellent "get away" because if your opponent shoots, he must shoot into your game, which will make him think twice before doing so; and if he does not shoot, you have such a command of the court that it won't be too easy for him to make an effective retirement.

(3) The cross-wire or cross-peg. (This will not be much use to beginners, or even those just not beginners, but I must mention it for completeness sake.) It can only be put into operation when control has in some way been established. One enemy ball is placed one side of a hoop or the peg, and the other wired or pegged from it on the other. You then take your balls as far away as possible giving yourself a satisfactory rush. Now there is one important tip for carrying out the cross-wire or cross-peg. Do the whole job from one side. Suppose the mallet ball is Blue, and you want to do a cross-peg. Arrange that Red, Yellow and Black (your own ball for going away on), are all three on the same side of the peg. Then croquet enemy ball beyond the peg, just roquet the other to a position wired from it. Take-off to get a rush on Black for going away on, and there you are! Once again let me emphasise the supreme importance of doing the whole job from one side only. If you try tidying up on both sides of the hoop or peg, you will come down!

(4) There is one other method of laying the break I must mention. It is a method that comes into use a great deal when a strong partner is laying for a weak one in doubles, but at many other times also, and often towards the end of a game when a player, even a first-class player, is laying the break for one of the last three hoops. Taking great care not to give his opponent a "double" he lays an easy rush on his hoop, leaving the enemy balls well separated, but out of the game. Admittedly this is an opportunist method, but it is a necessary one, and one that often "pays dividends."

Now about knocking up a break! Obviously if your opponent has been so obliging as to collect all the balls into the court, and then break down, leaving you his break, there is not much to be said, except "Go to it!" And yet even here I have a word of advice. It is possible to be so excited and pleased, and so anxious to make the most of the opportunity, that we let it slip through our fingers. By the bye, if you are the player, who has collected the balls and broken down, do not turn to your opponent and say: "There you are, I have given you the whole thing," or other words to that effect! There is nothing so likely to put a player

off as this, and what right have you to put your opponent off, because *you* have broken down?

Suppose things are not quite so easy, and you have got to get something for yourself! Usually you have got to set about it according to a pattern. You have roqueted ball 1, which you croquet—if possible—to your next-hoop-but-one; going yourself to ball 2 and getting a rush on it to ball 3 in the rush line to your next hoop. Then you get a rush on ball 3 to your next hoop. I want you to get this general pattern of picking up breaks well into your mind. You will have to use it again and again. I will take one simple concrete example. Blue and Black are for hoop 1. Black is somewhere in the middle of the ground. Yellow is near hoop 4. Red has broken down on Blue at hoop 3. Luckily for you, Red has bounced clear of the hoop and you can roquet it easily. What can you do? I would suggest croqueting Red to hoop 2, and getting a rush on Black on to the Yellow hoop 1 rush-line. Rush Yellow to hoop 1, and there is your four-ball break.

Breaks cannot, of course, always be collected according to the pattern I have just indicated.

The Young Person in Pink

PLAYING at the Hurlingham tournament in one of the more important rounds of one of the more important events against a brigadier who shall be nameless, I found we had an audience of one, a pretty six years old girl, in a pink dimity dress, and my heart was touched by this clear indication that one or both players must surely be establishing box office attraction.

I sat beside her, except for a few momentary attendances on court, and, if I might digress, without being too statistical I find that in this game I wear out, in ratio, three pairs of pants to one pair of shoes (from which incidentally I pray the majority view of readers will be that the writer is a gentleman). I sat beside her, the sun shining, and thanked her for the compliment of her interest in our particular match.

Her smile came straight into my eyes: she said she was really watching the next door court—a doubles made up of test match players, who shall be as nameless as the brigadier.

She conversed happily, saying she had been playing the game herself quite a lot, and referring to the doubles match, ventured to suggest that Chevalier's opening seemed a bit complicated (I will call him so, having forgotten his christian name). But really puzzled, she asked why, when his partner (who it being thrusty weather, we will call Noddy) was in play, did Chevalier spring from his chair and spin round almost every time the ball struck Noddy's mallet, which fairly described the latter's temporary technique.

Kicking for touch, I said this was a very good question—and then I took a risk. I knew of only one answer I replied boldly; we live in the age of electronics, and to those steeped in experience the game becomes an almost magnetic attraction.

Here is an example of picking up a break in rather a different way. Red and Yellow are near the fourth hoop. Black is in the second corner. By the bye, this break happened in actual play, and so I will describe it as it in fact occurred. Blue, not far from hoop 1, took a shot at Red. Roqueted Red, got a rush on Yellow to hoop 1. Made hoop 1 on Yellow and found he had a useful rush towards hoop 2. This rush did not quite come off, instead Blue rushed Yellow about three yards to the East of hoop 2. Blue then took-off in front of hoop 2, ran the hoop, and then roqueted Black in the second corner. He sent Black to the middle of the ground, and got a rush on Yellow to hoop 3. He successfully ran hoop 3, and thus obtained an easy four-ball break. Please notice that this break was obtained by the use of ordinary standard strokes, the method of playing which has already been carefully explained.

I would end by emphasising that there are three essentials for picking up breaks: (1) A thorough knowledge of what can be done with the ordinary standard strokes. (2) Imagination. (3) Enterprise. I would conclude by saying, don't be discouraged because your skill falls short of your imagination and enterprise. Just try again!

Thus when two good players are alternating the effect is quite electrifying, and shocks can go to earth only by way of the partner's spinal column.

She reflected and said she wished to thank me—adding that the expressions, a break, clips, getting wired, giving contact, and so on had now become more fully revealed.

I wanted to buy her an ice; this child had something about her. I hope she may be inspired to take an atomic science degree later on, and devise a bomb for croquet doubles, designed to explode after 2½ hours. D.E.B.

A Long Bisquer's Lament

We try to play Croquet,
I.e., Play the Game,
To go out for the break
Both in sunshine and rain.

But woe to us "Long Uns"
Who venture to play
This forward, and plucky,
If foolhardy, way!

Our chronic dilemma,
Our ultimate shame,
Comes when slug-like "Aunt Emma"
Crawls off with the game.

She creeps into corners,
Our balls far apart,
And if we're "off" shooting
We can't make a start!

Oh! Ye who are mighty,
Law-givers to all,
Can *nothing* compel her
To Use Every Ball? A.M.L.L.M.

Your Turn to Play

by Tactician

THE questions on this occasion proved rather more complex than most of the competitors realised and Tactician has not felt justified in awarding full marks to anyone. It is perhaps rather curious that no one hit upon the key stroke to the solution of the Question 1—the stop shot to get position for hoop 2—for a very similar solution was proposed to the first problem set in this competition in April. Seeing that Blue in this case was stated to be a minus player, this should have been deemed to be within his powers. Again, most competitors failed to realise how many contingencies were involved in Question 2, and nobody saw that the best method of dealing with the situation was a cross wire at 3-back.

Some not unjustified strictures were passed by competitors on the situation posed in Question 1, one remarking acidly that "if Red is a minus player and has just completed a break to 4-back, it seems improbable that he would leave the ball as indicated on the chart," while another said correctly enough that "the minus players should probably not have leapt ahead of their partners, nor Red and Yellow have left their half bisque till the end." All of which, Tactician must admit, is only too true, though not affecting the problems as set.

Solution to Question 1

The short answer to this problem is "one hoop," but it was of course necessary for competitors to explain precisely why this should be the case. The procedure is as follows: Blue makes the first hoop with Black, being careful in approaching the hoop to place Black where he can be sure of rushing it afterwards to the east boundary in the neighbourhood of the fourth hoop. Blue then sends Black to the front of this hoop, taking great care to secure a rush on Red to the west boundary level with the second hoop. He next sends Red to the third hoop, stopping in front of the second hoop which he runs to the boundary. The break has in effect been established by the making of a single hoop, since none of the succeeding strokes should represent a serious difficulty to the minus player which, as competitors were told, Blue is. Further, if the second hoop is run with reasonable accuracy, Blue will have a rush on Yellow to the third hoop and all the balls in a favourable position for a triple peel on Red.

Solution to Question 2

The word "solution" is perhaps too absolute a one here, since there are three different contingencies to provide for, and in one case at any rate the right move may be very much a matter of opinion.

In any event the correct way for Yellow's side to begin is for this ball to shoot at Black. Should he hit, an opportunity offers to peg out Blue. Whether he should do so, however, is a distinctly open question. True, he then gets the minus opponent out of the game; but Black is not a high bisquer but a two and ought not to be unduly "rattled" at being left in with only the peg to hit,

while Red has still five points to make. Yellow would perhaps do better to tap Black into a wired position from Red, get a rush on Blue towards corner 4 and send it N.W. of hoop 6, hoping to effect a wire of Red and Yellow from it, being careful of course to leave one of these balls open if Blue should go to a point wired from Black, as might well happen. (But see final paragraph.)

More probably, however, the shot will be missed. If (a) Yellow misses on the left he takes his half bisque, (i) rushes Blue towards the west boundary, (ii) sends Blue to the 4th hoop and stops near Black so as to (iii) rush Black to the 4th hoop and cross wire it from Blue there, while (iv) securing a rush on Red to near the 3rd corner leaving it with a rush on Yellow to 3-back.

If (b) Yellow misses on the right, taking the half bisque he (i) rushes Blue off the court on the east boundary level with the 4th hoop, (ii) sends it to that hoop, securing a rush on Red to Black, (iii) rushes Red to Black, (iv) takes off to Black and (v) rushes it to hoop 4 (vi) cross wires and with a final shot returns to Red.

Earlier it was assumed that if Yellow hit he might save his half bisque. But it may well be argued that he had better use it in any case to effect a cross wire at his partner's hoop, which a minus player should not find to be beyond his powers in whatever circumstances here.

One competitor has been gracious enough to thank Tactician for "the hard work you must have sorting out the replies," and adds "that the competition is the most instructive thing I have seen in the *Gazette* or in *Croquet*." He is certainly right about the "hard work" and Tactician would like to think he may be right upon the other matter also.

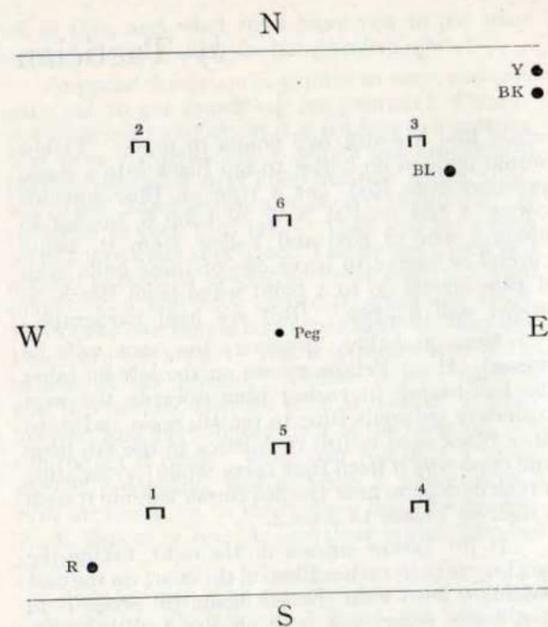
RESULT OF AUGUST COMPETITION WITH TOTALS

| | Q1(4) | Q2(5) | Total | Grand Total |
|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| Old Faggot ... | 3 | 3 | 6 | 37 |
| Boxwood ... | 3 | 3 | 6 | 35 |
| Foot ... | 3 | 3 | 6 | 35 |
| B. I. Rite ... | 2 | 1 | 3 | 34 |
| Eagerheart ... | 2 | 3 | 5 | 33 |
| Flying Hackle ... | 3 | 2 | 5 | 33 |
| Virtuous ... | 3 | 3 | 6 | 29 |
| Tortoise ... | 2 | 3 | 5 | 27 |
| Chip ... | 3 | 2 | 5 | 25 |
| Blurebky ... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 24 |
| Reasoned ... | 2 | 1 | 3 | 22 |
| *Candy ... | — | — | — | 21 |
| Enterprise ... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 21 |
| Canary ... | 1 | — | 1 | 19 |
| Lulu ... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 15 |
| Kim ... | 1 | — | 1 | 9 |
| *Pusscat ... | — | — | — | 4 |

*No solutions received by August 15th.

This Month's Questions

Both involve the question of how best to lay a break. As was the case last month they concern a game in Handicap Doubles, and competitors should take note of the standard of play suggested by the handicaps of the four players. This is the position in each case:



The Black ball is on the yard line a foot south of corner 3. Yellow has just shot at Blue and Black and missed, his ball going into the corner. Blue is

THE BOWDON CROQUET CLUB

THE photograph which appears in this number of *Croquet* suggests that a few particulars of the Club's development and progress may be welcome.

The Club was started on the present site in 1911 with four courts. There were 75 playing members and 26 honorary members. Mr. Charles Colman was one of the original members. A small club-house was erected, and some years later a Bridge room was added.

The first open tournament was held in 1913, another the next year, and then yearly from 1920 to 1939. Local residents very kindly allowed us to use their private lawns, which made it possible for us to hold open tournaments from 1920 to 1939. They were well supported by Class "A" players, some of whom were introduced by an old member of our club, the late Lord Tollemache, who also often entertained them as his guests at Peckforton Castle.

Our club, like so many others, suffered a severe reduction in membership owing to the war, but happily we are steadily recovering our position, and today we have 22 playing members and 29 Bridge members.

The social side of the club is fostered and encouraged by the holding of partnership golf croquet every alternate Thursday afternoon; similarly a Bridge partnership is held fortnightly. Prizes on both occasions are generously given by members.

Eight

a yard or so S.E. of hoop 3; Red midway between the first hoop and the first corner. Blue (handicap 5) is for 2-back; Red (handicap 7) for hoop 2; Black (scratch) for hoop 3; Yellow ($-1\frac{1}{2}$) for 1-back. Red and Yellow have a half bisque in hand.

Question 1

Yellow has had little success in getting his partner along and feels it has become necessary to take the half bisque. It is essential that he should lay something for Red which shall be as easy for him as can be, while so far as possible avoiding the danger of a successful shot by one of his opponents. Give a detailed account of Yellow's turn which in your view would most successfully achieve this result.

Question 2

Here, in precisely the same situation, Yellow decides to refrain from taking the half bisque. How exactly should Black play so as to give Blue the best chance of making at least a couple of hoops in his next turn.

Competitors are asked to be as explicit as possible about the strokes which they suggest should be made and to explain exactly how the balls are to be left and the reasons for this.

All solutions by September 15th at *latest*.

Perhaps it may be of interest to your readers to know the names of our active officials who give such excellent service to the club and devote so much time to running its various activities.

President: Mrs. F. R. Briggs. Since 1947.
Hon. Sec.: Mrs. Curnick. Since 1948.
Hon. Treasurer: Miss Lloyd. Since 1948.
Ground Manager: F. H. Bruges. Since 1952.

At the Double . . . by S.S.T.

LAST month when I was competing in the Little Twittering tournament I was due on the lawns on the opening day at 10 o'clock to play Major Featherstonehough. Owing to my being button-holed by Mrs. Orffe Baur in the lobby of my hotel I didn't leave until twelve minutes before the hour. There are no cabs within miles of Little Twittering, and as the grounds are just one mile from the hotel I was obviously cutting things rather fine. However, by walking part of the way and running the remainder I managed to arrive rather breathless on the stroke of ten. Even so I hit the tice plumb in the middle. As I walk at a steady 4 miles per hour and when I run I go at precisely twice my walking rate it's not very difficult to work out how much of the mile from the hotel I ran.

How far did I run?

A QUESTION OF LAW . . . by Lex

MISS Steel has sent us the following on the subject of the length of games of Croquet. She has been moved to do so by the suggestion made by Lex that possibly a return to the 4 inch hoop would speed up the game without spoiling it.

She has a different remedy to suggest which Lex is very glad to print, but with which he doesn't necessarily agree.

Miss Steel says: "Lex has raised the question of increasing the popularity of Croquet. There is no doubt that fewer people are playing tournament Croquet now than in the pre-war period. This is due to young people having jobs, and the middle-aged having to run their houses, so none have so much time as formerly to devote to games, and Croquet takes too long. I have managed a number of tournaments, both before and since the war, and find that now it is impossible to get through a tournament in the time allowed unless the number of entries is at least two-thirds less than it was before the war. I have a great dislike of shortened games or time limits, but have often to time doubles to speed up play. Why do games take so long—even sometimes among the best players? In my opinion it is the lifts which are mainly responsible. I feel that all classes of players have become 'lift conscious'. The delaying tactics of the 'A' class players are communicated even to the 'D' class. Here is an example to illustrate what I mean. A 'D' class player having over-rolled a hoop with his partner ball nearby shot away into a corner though the opponent's balls were at least ten yards apart from one another. I asked the reason for this and the player replied, 'The good players always do that; I am watching them carefully to learn tactics.' Little wonder that games take so long to finish.

"The lifts were, I believe, started to give the out-player a chance. They become absurd when, as so often happens, both players have been in half-a-dozen times. The new players of post-war croquet have no idea of what a good game of Croquet was before the lifts were introduced. They talk airily about the cross-wire at the first

hoop as if the players could always place the ball perfectly, little knowing the difficulty on a fast lawn of always getting the cross-wire without leaving one ball in position to run the first hoop.

"Do away with Law 44 and there will be a chance for Croquet!"

Lex had hoped that some players would have had views to express about his suggested introduction of the four-inch hoop as a means of shortening the game of Croquet and so increasing its popularity. One player did indeed tell Lex that she thought that the four-inch hoop was the solution. She had not, however, been persuaded by Lex for she confessed to not knowing that Lex had written on the subject! Hers was an independent conclusion and for that reason perhaps the more valuable.

Within the last week or two another player has suggested to Lex the introduction of week-end tournaments. Apparently several Associates had been discussing details and were full of praise for the idea. Lex welcomes this for he devoted a paragraph to the subject months ago!

Correspondence is invited on the points raised in this article.

Can you answer the following?

1. A player runs the fifth hoop but fails to remove the chip. In the next turn he again runs it and the adversary claims that it was run in the former turn. The player disagrees. How would you, as a referee, decide the issue?
2. Blue pegs out Black which rebounds off the peg causing Blue to come in contact with the striker's mallet. Is this a foul under Law 26(f)?
3. "A" runs a hoop in a croquet stroke and in the same stroke A's ball again hits the croquetted ball. Is this hoop and roquet?
4. A player is about to roll two balls to a hoop. They part as he strikes in the croquet stroke. Would a foul result?

Answers on page 22.

Solution to last month's Puzzle

A LONG WEEK-END

This is a straight problem of elimination.

The member cannot be:

- (a) Smoothstyle, because in the last round he played the man who played Peg Downe in the second,
- (b) Tyce, because in the last round he played the man who played Toobak in the third round,
- or (c) Toobak, since he couldn't have played the same man twice.

It must therefore be Peg Downe or Admiral Longshot. It can be established that Peg Downe played the same Hoopwell member in the first round who played Longshot in the fifth and that this same member can only have played Toobak in the second since his opponents in the other rounds can all be determined.

It must therefore be Admiral Longshot who played in the last round against the Hoopwell member who played Sir Thomas Tooback in the second.

LONGMAN (CLUB TEAM) CUP

FINAL

ROEHAMPTON *versus* WOKING

Played at Roehampton on 14th August, 1955. Roehampton players named first

SINGLES

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (3) bt T. F. Dalton (2½) by 19.
Mrs. H. J. Collins (3½) lost to Capt. K. B. Millar (5½) by 20.
Mrs. S. M. Adler (9) lost to Brig. J. S. Omond (7) by 9.

DOUBLES

Mrs. H. J. Collins and Mrs. D. Attfield (9½) lost to T. D. Dalton and Brig. J. S. Omond (9½) by 11.
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts and Mrs. S. M. Adler (12) lost to Capt. K. B. Millar and Mrs. R. Whitham (14½) by 1.

RESULT.—Woking bt Roehampton by 4 games to 1.

Nine

Notes from the Clubs

WE are sorry to hear from the IPSWICH Club that owing to illness, several of their members have been unable to play this season, but those who play are very keen and improving and have been a credit to the Club in tournaments. The Club played a match against Colchester on Thursday, July 28th, winning 5 games and losing 1. Mr. A. P. Ridley is Vice-President of the Club and is still living at Felixstowe. He celebrated his 90th birthday in June and enjoys and plays a good game of croquet.

We hear from the CASSIOBURY Club that on Saturday, 6th August, a very successful Golf Croquet Pairs Tournament was held in aid of the Y.M.C.A., Watford Branch. Eight pairs took part in the tournament and the sum of £8 was handed over to the Y.M.C.A. It is noticeable that the general public is showing much more interest in the game of Croquet this season. Several inquiries as to the conditions of membership have been received from people who have played the game a little in their own gardens, and now wish to learn the modern game and become proficient players. Most of these inquiries have resulted in new members. The courts despite the dry weather are in very good condition, and the Club Association and Golf Croquet Tournaments are progressing very well. Some very exciting games have been played.

The PARKSTONE June Tournament had about as large an entry as the Club can manage and was a great success. The Club was very pleased to welcome several new-comers as well, of course, as the "regulars." Following the New Zealand custom, it was arranged to have a "Sales Table" of goods made by members and sold to help the New Zealand Hospitality Fund. Everything was sold out and orders taken for duplicates.

Everyone is now engaged in playing the Club Competitions, which seems to keep them busy, despite the fact that there are fewer than usual to play, owing to their being one court less this year. With a new thin blade for the mower, it has at last been possible to get the grass cut really short—a very great improvement to the play of the lawns.

The SUSSEX COUNTY Club, has been pleased to add seventeen new members to its ranks this season. A considerable improvement has been made to the Club premises through the generosity of Mrs. Franc who has defrayed the cost of putting sliding windows in front of the verandah. This will provide most welcome protection in wet and windy weather.

The Courts are in very good condition in spite of the drought. This is due to the work of our excellent groundsman, who has also planted up the flower beds surrounding the Club premises, thus producing a pleasant colourful effect. The sprinkler bought in 1939 and never used till now has been a great help. In the war years its use was forbidden

and since then it has not been needed, a sad commentary on the summer weather we have had till this year.

The entries for the tournament at the end of August are coming in well, and the club is looking forward to welcoming several people who have not found their way to Southwick before. It will be good to have Mrs. Rotherham after an absence of far too many years.

The CHELTENHAM Club had a particularly happy and social day on August Bank Holiday. Play took the form of a One-Ball Tournament played in three sections (American) and it is specially pleasing to be able to relate that two of the sections were won by promising new players: Messrs. Adye and Jackson. The other section went to Major Thackwell. And special prizes for breaks of four points or more were won by Mrs. Elvey and Major Thackwell.

By the bye, there have been many cleverly devised shortened games provided for beginners, which the said beginners have invariably turned down, but the Cheltenham beginners have devised a shortened game for themselves that works very well. It is in fact the "Clip Game" Variation "A", but played with only one clip on each side. This means, of course, that points can be made by either ball as opportunity offers. This does really speed matters up.

The August highlight at HURLINGHAM was of course the annual tournament which is reported elsewhere in this issue. Ian Baillieu and Mrs. Thom were among home members who figured prominently on the lawns and the latter's success in the Longworth cup was a popular win. It is fitting to note that this year saw the completion of the first quinquennium of "Brack" as manager; may it be the prelude to many more.

Among the many visitors during August we were pleased to see Noel Hicks who was a familiar figure on our lawns until a few years ago. Perhaps he may yet find time to resume active association with the game.

It is so many years since we enjoyed such a protracted spell of dry weather that even players of some years' experience were out of touch on the fast lawns. Old campaigners like Maurice Reckitt on the other hand have found the glassy surface to their taste. One game in the Silver Jubilee Cup between a 1 and 3 bisquer lasted well over five hours, due largely to over-rolling of hoops and trickling over the boundaries. This cup, incidentally, has a peculiar attraction for Roger de Wesselow who has annexed it three times in five years. Now that his handicap has been reduced to a level more commensurate with his ability, his future claims to the cup will no doubt be more closely contested.

At ROEHAMPTON on Wednesday, 10th August, an impromptu Afternoon Tea of all Club members present was arranged to welcome back Mrs. L. E. G. Nickisson after her being thirteen weeks in Hospital. Miss D. A. Lintern (Captain) on behalf of the Club, welcomed Mrs. Nickisson, and congratulated her on her marvellous recovery, everyone was delighted to see her looking so well, and in such good spirits.

Mrs. G. J. Turketine in a few words, explained that the special "fund" so generously provided by members for little extras in hospital, was now being concluded, and asked Mrs. Nickisson to accept a walking stick and a box of assorted fresh fruit as a final gift. Mrs. Nickisson was delighted with this surprise and expressed her grateful appreciation to everyone.

Roehampton entertained the Woking Club on Sunday, 14th August, when the Final of the Longman Team Cup was played for, and would like to congratulate Woking on their win. This is the third time that Woking have won this Cup, in

1932, 1953, and now in 1955, and not unnaturally Roehampton had hoped to be the holders for the second time, but Woking were much too formidable an opposition, and won by four games to one.

We hear that the COMPTON Club has several new members this year and that their enthusiasm has led to the Club lawns being fully occupied every afternoon. We gather these new members have not yet joined the C.A. We trust they will soon do so and will take part in some of the tournaments. An advertisement elsewhere in this issue gives the news that this Club is again arranging a Bridge and Canasta evening during the Devonshire Park tournament fortnight. This year the date chosen is Friday, September 30th, at the Cavendish Hotel. There should be plenty of room for everyone but it would be helpful if those who already know that they will want a table were to write to Mrs. Irwin, The Lawn, Willingdon. Others can book tables when they reach Eastbourne for the tournament.

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

PSYCHOLOGY IN BIDDING

THIRD in hand, after two passes you are looking at

S—6, 5
H—
D—J, 10, 8, 6, 3.
C—A, Q, 10, 9, 6, 4.

What do you do? Pass supinely or make an effort? This is an actual hand from rubber bridge. All were first-class players. I held the South hand above and my left hand opponent was a keen user of the penalty double. I bid one club. West, double (informative). My partner North, one diamond. East, no bid. The situation is brighter. We may be able to save the game cheaply in diamonds. But West must be fooled a bit first. So I bid two clubs to disguise the fit of our hands. West double again. North, two diamonds. East, no bid. Now I bid two no trumps. West, double—this time for business. North, three diamonds. East, no bid. I bid, four clubs. West, double—he is scenting the kill. North and East, no bid. West, DOUBLE! Poor West is under hypnosis, nothing can stop him doubling. My partner had no difficulty in making ten tricks.

The other three hands were:

S—Q, x.
H—Q, x, x, x.
D—K, Q, 9, x, x, x.
C—x.
S—A, K, x, x. N S—J, x, x, x, x.
H—A, K, x, x. W E H—J, x, x, x, x.
D—A. S D—x.
C—K, J, x, x. C—x, x.

I repeat the bidding in tabulated form.

| N | E | S | W |
|----|----|-----|--------|
| No | No | 1C | Double |
| 1D | No | 2C | Double |
| 2D | No | 2NT | Double |
| 3D | No | 4C | Double |
| No | No | 4D | Double |

Thus by gently leading West to believe that our hands did not fit we were enabled not only to keep E-W out of game in hearts but actually to score game ourselves "without the goodies."

Here is a little problem in leading. This also comes from rubber bridge when my partner, Tottenham, and I were playing a match against Lederer and Rose. The score love all, dealer West.

The bidding:

| W | N | E | S |
|----|--------|----|----|
| 1D | Double | 2C | 2S |
| 4C | 6S | No | No |
| 7C | Double | No | No |
| No | | | |

This was the South hand which I held:

S—Q, 10, x, x, x.
H—J, x.
D—K, 10, x, x.
C—x, x.

What do you lead? Why? Think it over.

Answers to correspondents

Major Stone—The lead of the H10 does not yield twelve tricks. The situation is quite illusory. Analyse it again!

R. V. N. Wiggins—I apologise for not being clearer—the actual lead was the HK, after which there is no defence. I thoroughly agree that SQ should be opened. Against this, if West discards properly North will be unable to make his contract.

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CORRESPONDENCE

THE PASS-ROLL PROBLEM

Sir,

Having had some twenty years experience of the work of the Laws Committee, I feel bound to intervene on the Pass-roll question, in order, if possible, to prevent a misunderstanding of the words of Law 26(d) and (e). The words in 26(d) "when in contact with another ball" were substituted for the older reading which specified "taking croquet" in order to cover cases when balls were in contact, but croquet could not be taken. There was no suggestion whatever of dividing the croquet stroke in half and making it a foul to continue pressure on the mallet-ball after the balls had separated. That a pass-roll may be accomplished, to say the least, in a doubtful manner, I am not questioning, but what I do claim is that the mere fact that pressure is continued on the mallet-ball after the balls have separated, does not in itself make the stroke a foul! If this were the case, then not only pass-rolls, but all rolls and all split strokes, and even take-offs would be fouls; for in all these strokes pressure is continued on the mallet-ball after the balls have separated.

By the bye, the idea of films put through in slow motion is by no means new. A Mr. Warburg many years ago made such films, and put them through in slow motion. I believe they showed that in a very large number of cases contact between mallet and ball is not continuous. Bearing in mind the mechanics of the case, I should be much surprised if this were otherwise.

Happily our Laws were neither written nor intended for scientific tests, and consequently such tests cannot prove anything one way or the other. We must admit that Law 26 (d), (e) and (f), is somewhat "rough and ready" though it might be difficult to improve upon it for the practical purposes of play. It works, largely because of the commonsense and forbearance of the players. If that commonsense and forbearance were replaced by a pernickity attitude, and an unwillingness to play, within reasonable limits, on a "give and take" basis, it would be a disaster to our game, and do much to destroy the efforts of those who are trying to popularise it.

Yours truly,

G. F. HANDEL ELVEY

THE SUPPLEMENTARY COLOURS

Dear Sir,

With reference to "Notes by Rover" on page 4 of June *Croquet*, apart from the fact that dark balls versus light balls appears to be the natural selection green more nearly resembles blue and brown black. Pink suggests red and remaining colour to match yellow is white. Further, some clips are painted green with a blue line across the top and in a similar manner for the other colours.

In New Zealand some Clubs have a white ring round each ball for double banking.

In Australasia most Clubs have double banking on Club days. In Brisbane one Club sometimes has three sets of fours with the same colours on each lawn. It means noting all the time the position of the balls in your game. It is better than having to sit out awaiting a vacant lawn!

Yours faithfully,

W. B. C. PAYNTER

Auckland, New Zealand.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS

The Editors, *Croquet*.

Dear Sir,

A few lines from an old croquet player who started in 1896 and has had the happiest time since on the croquet lawns, and now must thank all friends for their great kindness received through the long years, especially the never-to-be-forgotten celebration of my 90th birthday on the Brighton lawns at Southwick on August 23rd, 1955.

LYDIA ELPHINSTONE-STONE

THE ALL ENGLAND HANDICAP

Though there were two more players in this, the leading handicap event of the year, than last year, it may have comforted some of the competitors that at least there were no more minus players than in 1954—namely five. Only four, however, actually played, for E. P. Duffield was obliged to retire and give Brigadier A. E. Stokes-Roberts a walk over in the second round.

In the first round there was a game of exceptional interest between Major F. Hill-Bernhard, a ten-bisquer from Parkstone, and Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave, 1 handicap, Budleigh Salterton. Hill-Bernhard soon justified the reputation he had been given, for he quickly and accurately made breaks. Cave, on the other hand, was not playing well. Then, in the final stages of the game the position was reversed. Cave came on, his opponent went off; he missed short roquets when he had both balls rovers—and near the peg—in fact there were four clips on the peg and Cave was the first to hit it.

W. P. Ormerod, as a four-bisquer, won the Gilbey Cup last year and was now, at 1½, considered by those who study form and prophesy results as a hobby to be the winner of this most important Handicap event some time before he had even started to play.

He was, as a matter of fact, so on in the final, though Stokes-Roberts, in the semi-final, nearly got there instead—as the score suggests. W. W. Sweet Escott, —½, after defeating T. Wood-Hill by +20, and A. J. Parkes +10 was in the semi-final against Major J. W. Cobb. Cobb had reached this penultimate round by defeating E. P. C. Cotter in a most interesting game, +14. It was not until the last stages of this match that Cobb appeared to decide to win it. He had taken three of his four bisques and was making for the peg with quick precision, and one bisque—for his partner's clip was on the rover hoop; he peeled this ball through the hoop, and, because he could not avoid running into it, after making the hoop himself, he rolled both balls up to the peg, took the bisque, and joined Escott in the semi-final.

The final provided the spectators with plenty of variety from both players; for when Ormerod, towards the end of his break, suddenly began to play with his opponent's ball he was allowed to do so with interruption after making several strokes with it. Then a referee stepped on to the court and explained to the striker that under Law 36 he was not permitted to do that without penalty re-arranged the balls, and the game proceeded. Ormerod eventually won, as the score suggests, quite comfortably. He has an exceptional grip, his right hand coming round the shaft of the mallet so that both his arm and the hand cover the shaft and the back of this hand comes prominently into view. When making a four-ball break, he seldom seems to mind whether he sends a ball to the next hoop but one in close proximity to that hoop.

But undoubtedly he is a player with a future of great promise.

Once again Miss D. A. Lintern had the management of this Event and added yet another example of her well-known courtesy and efficiency.

AREA FINALS.

(20 entries).

FIRST ROUND.

D. A. Harris (Folkestone) (6*) bt Miss M. C. Macaulay (Leamington) (3½) by 13.
E. Whitehead (Chelmsford) (6½) bt D. M. Anderson (Cheltenham) (1½) by 7.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (Budleigh Salterton) (1) bt Major F. Hill-Bernhard (Parkstone) (10) by 2.
W. J. Parkes (Edgbaston) (4½) bt G. Birch (Nottingham) (4) by 17.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

E. A. Roper (Southwick) (2½) bt W. Longman (Hurlingham) (—3) by 8.
Brig. Stokes-Roberts (Roehampton) (3) bt E. P. Duffield (Colchester) (—1) w.o.
W. P. Ormerod (Clifton) (1½) bt Miss J. Warwick (Hunstanton) (3½) by 17.
D. A. Harris (Folkestone) (6) bt E. Whitehead (Chelmsford) (6½) by 12.
A. J. Parkes (Edgbaston) (4½) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (Budleigh Salterton) (1) by 19.
W. W. Sweet-Escott (Sidmouth) (—½) bt T. Wood-Hill (Buxton) (1½) by 20.

E. P. C. Cotter (Hurlingham) (—4½) bt Major J. H. Dibley (Ryde) (½) by 5.
Major J. W. Cobb (Woking) (—½) bt Mrs. H. J. Collins (Roehampton) (3½) by 15.

THIRD ROUND.

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (Roehampton) (3) bt E. A. Roper (Southwick) (2½) by 19.
W. P. Ormerod (Clifton) (1½) bt D. A. Harris (Folkestone) (6) by 13.
W. W. Sweet-Escott (Sidmouth) (—½) bt A. J. Parkes (Edgbaston) (4½) by 10.
Major J. W. Cobb (Woking) (—½) bt E. P. C. Cotter (Hurlingham) (—4½) by 14.

SEMI-FINAL.

W. P. Ormerod (Clifton) (1½) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (Roehampton) (3) by 7.
Major J. W. Cobb (Woking) (—½) bt W. W. Sweet Escott (Sidmouth) (—½) by 4.

FINAL.

W. P. Ormerod (Clifton) (1) bt Major J. W. Cobb (Woking) (—½) by 23.

THE "LADIES' FIELD" CUP

THE HURLINGHAM CLUB

August 1st

This was the 35th competition between various numbers of women striving against each other in the hope of coming out at the end of it as the best player of the year—from among their sex. In the first ten of the series—it began in 1911—there were ten competitors; then there was a run of eight competitions with only eight players. In 1933-39 the original number of ten women was again found practicable. Since the war only eight players have taken part in the competition—though in 1953 there were but six.

This 1955 event contained, of the eight players, only one competitor entirely new to it; this was Lady Fitzgerald who had played in the Irish Team that came over recently to compete against a team chosen from this country. Her début in the event was remarkable; for she only lost to the 1954 holder—3, and against the ultimate 1955 winner, her tactics, after pegging her out, might have helped her to win this game—had they been rather more definite.

It is only fair to say that Mrs. L. H. Ashton was, for the first few days, not at all herself. Latterly she recovered her form, as her score of games denotes.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey's 8 games provided the next best score to Mrs. Rotherham's and Miss D. A. Lintern's totals of 13 games each.

Mrs. E. Reeve was playing good croquet in several games, winning half the total 14 games played; she had won the event on four previous occasions.

Final scores: Mrs. Rotherham 13, Miss Lintern 13, Mrs. Elvey 8, Mrs. Reeve 7, Lady Fitzgerald 6, Mrs. Ashton 5, Mrs. Apps 3, Mrs. Gasson 1.

THE PLAY-OFF

This is the third time that Miss Lintern has tied with another player, necessitating a play-off. In 1951, Mrs. W. Longman tied with her, and Miss Lintern won the best-of-three match. Again, in 1953, Miss Lintern won the necessary play-off from Mrs. Rotherham; this year these two again met, but—as we shall see—with a different result.

The first game was very long, and, because of frequent breakdowns at hoops which looked a certainty, tedious to the spectators. After 3 hours Miss Lintern was a rover with both balls while Mrs. Rotherham was for the second hoop and 4-back. Miss Lintern went out with one ball, and, a little later, hit the peg with the other from the side boundary. The second game was even longer than the first and the quality of it quite as unimpressive as the first. Mrs. Rotherham won it, +9.

After some consultation with the Manager of the Tournament, Mrs. Ernest E. Turner, it was agreed to play the deciding game on the next day, Sunday.

At this point Mrs. Rotherham played well and revealed her quality; for she concluded the game and the match with a double peel, +19.

Mrs. Ernest Turner proved herself to possess those essential attributes of a good manager, firmness tempered with courtesy.

THE SILVER JUBILEE CUP

The 1955 entry for this beautiful trophy, though differing very little numerically from that of last year, contained many of the same competitors. We shall find, however, that there was considerable change in the ultimate winners of the two blocks and the play-off.

Brigadier A. E. Stokes-Roberts had come through to the final of Block "A", as he did last year; this was accomplished after his defeating Capt. H. G. Stoker by 5, and Dr. N. Oliver by 9. In the final of this Block, S. S. Townsend just managed to beat him, +6. In the first round, Townsend had a most prolonged game with Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi, and then a quick one against E. Carlile; this stood out from among the six games, because of its short duration and its unique result in double figures.

Turning to the other section of the competition, Mrs. E. Bristow, giving Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson 5 bisques, was the winner, and in the last eight. Mrs. H. J. Collins found Mrs. E. Haigh-Smith a formidable opponent (for she was giving her 6½ bisques) yet she joined Mrs. Bristow in the ante-penultimate round. Major-General F. H. N. Davidson, a keen and improving player, just managed to beat Mrs. D. Atfield with the aid of 2½ bisques.

The other five players had drawn byes, and it was unfortunate that Miss D. Jennings had to scratch to L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts which gave him a w.o. into the semi-final. Here, because Mrs. Collins had beaten Mrs. Bristow, Stokes-Roberts met her next; and after a dour struggle—for Mrs. Collins was giving him 6½ extra turns—Stokes-Roberts was in the final.

The other two semi-finalists were R. C. V. de Wesselow and Mrs. F. Pavia. Though giving 5 bisques to his opponent, Davidson, de Wesselow played well enough to beat him and meet Mrs. F. Pavia in the semi-final. She had only just beaten the wonderful, eternally young, Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone, from whom she received half a bisque.

This semi-final went to de Wesselow by a substantial number of points; and in the final, against Stokes-Roberts, though giving him 6½ bisques, he proved himself able to overcome these extra turns and win +13.

In the play-off, Townsend v. de Wesselow, Townsend was not at his best; his opponent, on the other hand, played well—as the score +20 shows—and thoroughly deserved to become the holder of the Silver Jubilee Cup.

Mrs. Ernest Turner was also responsible for managing this Event, and with the same efficiency.

BLOCK "A".

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(1 to 3 Bisques).

(7 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (3) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker (1) by 5.
Dr. N. Oliver (½) bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) by 8.
S. S. Townsend (3) bt Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi (1) by 6.
One bye.

SEMI-FINAL.

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (3) bt Dr. N. Oliver (½) by 9.
S. S. Townsend (3) bt E. Carlile (2) by 25.

FINAL.

S. S. Townsend (3) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (3) by 6.

BLOCK "B".

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(3½ Bisques and over).

(11 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. E. Bristow (7) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (12) by 7.
Mrs. H. J. Collins (3½) bt Mrs. E. Haigh-Smith (10) by 10.
Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (8½) bt Mrs. D. Atfield (6) by 5.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (10) w.o. Miss D. Jennings (3½) opponent scratched.
Mrs. H. J. Collins (3½) bt Mrs. E. Bristow (7) by 12.
R. C. V. de Wesselow (3½) bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (8½) by 12.
Mrs. F. Pavia (4) bt Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (3½) by 3.

SEMI-FINAL.
L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (10) bt Mrs. H. J. Collins (3½) by 14.
R. C. V. de Wesselow (3½) bt Mrs. F. Pavia (4) by 17.
FINAL.
R. C. V. de Wesselow (3½) bt L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (10) by 13.
PLAY-OFF.
R. C. V. de Wesselow (3½) bt S. S. Townsend (3) by 20.

THE CHALLENGE CUPS AND GILBEY CUP

AUGUST 11th—20th

THE CHALLENGE CUPS

The brilliant weather continued throughout this nine-day Official Event to the delight of both players and spectators, and again the Roehampton Cup, Division I, was played on the "Two Lives" System.

E. P. C. Cotter who had won this Cup five times in succession—a record—and six times altogether, succumbed to Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins both in the "Draw" and the play-off. Wiggins put up an exemplary game in the first half of the Event; in this the final stage of the Roehampton Cup, as the score suggests, there was considerably more opposition put up by Cotter.

There were several exceptional games from Cotter in this Event, notably against M. Spencer Ell in the semi-final of the "Draw" when he accomplished a straight triple peel and just failed to peg out both balls.

It was good to find Mrs. L. C. Apps playing so well that, at the expense of V. A. de la Nougerede, G. V. Evans, and Major J. W. Cobb, she was in the final of the "Process."

The winner of the All England Handicap, W. P. Ormerod—reduced in consequence from 1½ to ½—was only seriously challenged by Capt. H. G. Stoker, playing into the semi-final of the Council Cup. In the final, against Dr. B. R. Sandiford—incidentally last year's winner—Ormerod would not permit him to have one of the best of three games.

Miss J. Warwick proved herself the best of the eleven players competing for the Luard Cup. This success must not be dismissed merely with congratulations to the winner; her opponent was none other than Mrs. H. J. Philpot that wonderful nonagenarian, and a member of Roehampton Club from its commencement. Members of the club are naturally proud of her, and regret that she has now gone to Devonshire and the Budleigh Salterton Club.

E. Whitehead, was successful in the Reckitt Cup; here again is a wonderful example of the pleasure that can be derived from the game of croquet in spite of all sorts of adverse conditions. Whitehead's success is a repetition of that of last year—but, in the final, Brigadier J. S. Omond very nearly beat him.

The Stevenson Challenge Cup was won by Miss M. M. Morgan, after a very close game with that steadily improving player Mrs. S. Adler. This was another very close contest, and exhibited the truth of the saying that a game is never won till both balls have hit the peg.

THE GILBEY CUP

The two finalists in Block "A," Cotter and Wiggins, became in that satisfactory state after each had had only single-figure victories in two rounds. Cotter defeated Ormerod +8, and Wiggins beat Dr. N. Oliver +9.

In the final Wiggins played well and won +18; he had to take his one extra turn only because his ball, in the middle of a break, just overran the boundary.

Mrs. W. A. Traill, 3½, only just prevented Brigadier A. E. Stokes Roberts from taking her place as winner of Block "B"; and Stoker very strongly opposed her entering the final, as vividly expressed by the score.

When, Wiggins, as the winner of Block "A", opposed Mrs. Traill, winner of Block "B", as prescribed by authority and custom, spectators looked forward to an interesting game. Mrs. Traill, however, made such good use of her seven bisques that she was soon the winner, and by substantial double figures.

Block "C" of the Gilbey Cup provided some very close play—as the score sheet suggests. The ultimate winner, Brigadier Omond, had narrow wins over both Mrs. R. A.

Hill, and Mrs. P. E. Heley, before entering the final. The other finalist, Mrs. F. Farnsworth, became so with substantial double figures. In the final round, Omond resorted to double figures and won +18.

Major-General F. H. N. Davidson was the winner of Block "D"—but only just. Mrs. E. Haigh Smith had consistently won by double figures to reach the final; yet such was the opposition of her opponent now that after a tremendous game she had to concede him the game by +4.

This military contest—the play-off, Brigadier Omond, winner of "C", and General Davidson of "D"—was indeed a keenly fought affair. It was impossible, even towards the finish, when clips were confined to the sides of the middle hoops, to say who would be the ultimate winner. At last Omond was victorious +3.

The final contest for the Gilbey Cup, presented by the late Arthur N. Gilbey in 1922, provided a closely contested game between Mrs. Traill and Brigadier Omond. Right up to the last, when the rover hoop was bedecked with all four clips, it was anybody's game. A fine long shot from Omond enabled him to put one of his clips on the peg; an equally accurate long shot from Mrs. Traill provided her with the means to place one of her clips on the peg. No further opposition came from her opponent, and she became the winner of the handsome Gilbey Cup by making both balls hit the peg.

Mrs. Traill is a very good player at her bisques and certainly will receive the attention of the authority that deals with Handicaps. She is a particularly good long shot and hoop runner.

The Handicap Doubles Event contained several interesting pairs, often differing considerably in the amount of extra turns each partner provided.

The brothers Ormerod were one instance of this, and they proved themselves to be a formidable pair for they were soon in the final. Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and de la Nougerede had come through to the semi-final after two close games—the second +3 on time. In this penultimate round they played well and only just lost their right to play in the final.

The top half of the Handicap Doubles contained, among other strong couples, Cotter and Mrs. Adler. E. V. Carpmael and Mrs. Heley only succumbed to these two +9; and again Mrs. Traill and Mrs. Farnsworth ran them very close +4. Miss A. E. Mills and Miss Warwick were expected to give a good account of themselves; but, though they had half a bisque they allowed Cotter to get away with a four-ball break and win +16. The final disappointed the many spectators who had expected to see the Ormerods put up at least very strong opposition to their opponents winning the Event.

It was a long, not very interesting game, and when the few extra turns were taken very early—and were unproductive of much progress, it did not seem likely that the brothers Ormerod could win. However, the final stages saw that the better brother had cleverly contrived to get his partner through several hoops; this did not suffice to prevent Cotter and Mrs. Adler eventually winning, +11.

The Golf Croquet provided entertainment both in the Singles and Doubles. Here again, it is incredible but true, Mrs. Philpot won the Singles, and the Doubles went to Cotter and Miss Warwick.

The Extra Event, Handicap Singles, was won by Whitehead who had a very good tournament.

Miss D. A. Lintern again proved her exceptional quality as manager of this important meeting and brought such a full nine days' play to a conclusion without any difficulty.

She was, not for the first time, ably assisted by T. Wood-Hill.

DIVISION I.

THE ROEHAMPTON CHALLENGE CUP.

(0 Bisques and under).

THE DRAW.

(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Major R. Tingey bt E. V. Carpmael by 10.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt G. V. Evans by 5.
Col. C. C. Adams bt Major J. W. Cobb by 12.
E. P. C. Cotter bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 14.
Mrs. W. Longman bt Mrs. G. J. Turketine by 10.
C. W. R. Hodges bt Miss M. S. Carlyon by 17.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. L. C. Apps bt Major R. Tingey by 8.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Col. C. C. Adams by 26.
E. P. C. Cotter bt Mrs. W. Longman by 25.
M. Spencer Ell w.o. C. W. R. Hodges opponent scratched.

SEMI-FINAL.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Mrs. L. C. Apps by 22.
E. P. C. Cotter bt M. Spencer Ell by 24.

FINAL.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt E. P. C. Cotter by 26.

PLAY-OFF.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt E. P. C. Cotter by 9.

PROCESS.

(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Major J. W. Cobb w.o. C. W. R. Hodges opponent scratched.
E. V. Carpmael w.o. Mrs. W. Longman opponent scratched.
Mrs. L. C. Apps bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 10.
E. P. C. Cotter bt Miss M. S. Carlyon by 21.
M. Spencer Ell bt Col. C. C. Adams by 3.
Major R. Tingey bt Mrs. G. J. Turketine by 13.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Major J. W. Cobb bt E. V. Carpmael by 16.

Mrs. L. C. Apps bt G. V. Evans by 14.

E. P. C. Cotter bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins by 8.

Major R. Tingey bt M. Spencer Ell by 24.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. L. C. Apps bt Major J. W. Cobb by 12.

E. P. C. Cotter bt Major R. Tingey by 26.

FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter bt Mrs. L. C. Apps by 25.

DIVISION II.

THE COUNCIL CHALLENGE CUP.

(½ to 2½ Bisques).

(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss A. E. Mills bt T. Wood-Hill by 7.
Mrs. C. Waydelin bt Dr. N. H. Oliver by 21.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt Mrs. S. Phillips by 1.
Major J. H. Dibley bt R. O. Hicks by 11.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Dr. B. R. Sandiford bt E. A. Roper by 13.

Miss A. E. Mills bt Mrs. C. Waydelin by 14.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt Major J. H. Dibley by 15.

W. P. Ormerod bt Capt. H. G. Stoker by 12.

SEMI-FINAL.

Dr. B. R. Sandiford bt Miss A. E. Mills by 9.

W. P. Ormerod bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 24.

FINAL.

W. P. Ormerod bt Dr. B. R. Sandiford +13 +17.

DIVISION III.

THE LUARD CHALLENGE CUP.

(3 to 5 Bisques).

(11 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss J. Warwick bt Mrs. R. Tingey by 17.

Miss D. Jennings bt Major C. T. Carfrae by 7.

Miss K. Ault bt Mrs. F. Pavia by 4.

The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts bt Mrs. P. E. Heley by 2.

Miss J. Warwick bt Miss D. Jennings by 3.

Miss K. Ault bt Mrs. W. A. Traill by 4.

Mrs. H. J. Philpot w.o. opponent withdrawn.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss J. Warwick bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts by 15.

Mrs. H. J. Philpot bt Miss K. Ault by 5.

FINAL.

Miss J. Warwick bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot by 13.

DIVISION IV.

THE RECKITT CHALLENGE CUP.

(5½ to 7½ Bisques).

(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

E. Whitehead bt Mrs. R. A. Hill by 9.

Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth bt Mrs. D. Atfield by 15.

Brig. J. S. Omond bt Mrs. J. H. S. Murray by 8.

Mrs. E. A. Roper bt Mrs. E. Bristow by 11.

SEMI-FINAL.

E. Whitehead bt Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth by 19.
Brig. J. S. Omond bt Mrs. E. A. Roper by 19.

FINAL.

E. Whitehead bt Brig. J. S. Omond by 3.

DIVISION V.

THE STEVENSON CHALLENGE CUP.

(8 Bisques and over).

(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss M. M. Morgan bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith by 1.
Mrs. D. M. Staub bt H. L. Ormerod by 2.
Mrs. C. L. Robertson bt Mrs. F. M. Thornewill by 5.
Mrs. S. Adler bt Major-General F. H. N. Davidson by 16.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

C. L. Robertson bt Mrs. M. D. Cork by 12.
Miss M. M. Morgan bt Mrs. D. M. Staub by 1 on time.
Mrs. S. Adler bt Mrs. C. L. Robertson by 5.
Mrs. J. S. Omond bt Miss G. W. Baillieu by 13.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss M. M. Morgan bt C. L. Robertson by 7.

Mrs. S. Adler bt Mrs. J. S. Omond by 13.

FINAL.

Miss M. M. Morgan bt Mrs. S. Adler by 4.

THE GILBEY CUPS.

BLOCK "A".

(½ Bisque and under).

(15 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

W. P. Ormerod (0) bt Col. C. C. Adams (—2½) by 26.
Major J. H. Dibley (½) w.o. Mrs. G. J. Turketine opponent scratched.
E. P. C. Cotter (—4½) bt Major J. W. Cobb (—1) by 12.
G. V. Evans (0) bt V. A. de la Nougerede (0) by 2.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—3½) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon (0) by 14.

Dr. N. Oliver (½) bt Mrs. L. C. Apps (—1½) by 9.

E. V. Carpmael (0) bt M. Spencer Ell (—½) by 4.

The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

W. P. Ormerod (0) bt Major J. H. Dibley (½) by 16.

E. P. C. Cotter (—4½) bt G. V. Evans (0) by 23.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—3½) bt Dr. N. Oliver (½) by 9.

Mrs. C. Waydelin (½) bt E. V. Carpmael (0) by 12.

SEMI-FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter (—4½) bt W. P. Ormerod (0) by 8.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—3½) bt E. V. Carpmael (0) by 12.

FINAL.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—3½) bt E. P. C. Cotter (—4½) by 18.

BLOCK "B".

(1 to 3½ Bisques).

(13 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Capt. H. G. Stoker (1) bt Miss J. Warwick (3½) by 2.

Mrs. B. Phillips (2½) bt Miss K. Ault (3) by 2.

Mrs. W. A. Traill (3½) bt E. A. Roper (2½) by 8.

Miss A. E. Mills (1½) w.o. W. P. Ormerod (1½) opponent withdrawn.

Miss D. Jennings (3½) bt R. O. Hicks (2½) by 4.

The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Capt. H. G. Stoker (1) bt T. Wood-Hill (1½) by 19.

Mrs. W. A. Traill (3½) bt Mrs. B. Phillips (2½) by 12.

Miss D. Jennings (3½) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1½) by 4.

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (3) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) by 10.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. W. A. Traill (3½) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker (1) by 8.

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (3) bt Miss D. Jennings (3½) by 3.

FINAL.

Mrs. W. A. Traill (3½) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (3) by 4.

BLOCK "C".

(4 to 7½ Bisques).

(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) by 13.
 Brig. J. S. Omond (7) bt Mrs. E. Bristow (7) by 13.
 E. Whitehead (6½) bt Mrs. F. Pavia (4) by 24.
 Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (6) bt Miss M. M. Carlyon (4½) by 18.
 The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot (5) by 12.
 Brig. J. S. Omond (7) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) by 5.
 Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (6) bt E. Whitehead (6½) by 14.
 Mrs. J. H. S. Murray (7) bt Mrs. D. Attfield (6) by 3.

SEMI-FINAL.

Brig. J. S. Omond (7) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) by 4.
 Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (6) bt Mrs. J. H. S. Murray (7) by 18.

FINAL.

Brig. J. S. Omond (7) bt Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (6) by 18.

BLOCK "D".

(8 Bisques and over).

(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

C. L. Robertson (9) bt Miss G. W. Bartlett (10) by 17.
 Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (8½) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (9) by 13.
 W. A. Fitzgerald (14) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (9) by 2.
 Mrs. S. Adler (9) bt H. L. Ormerod (9) by 17.
 Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (8½) bt Mrs. C. S. Robertson (10) by 6.
 Mrs. D. M. Staub (12) bt Miss M. L. Hellyer (8½) by 10.
 The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. J. S. Omond (12) bt C. L. Robertson (9) by 6.
 Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (8½) bt W. A. Fitzgerald (14) by 14.
 Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (8½) bt Mrs. S. Adler (9) by 9.

Mrs. D. M. Staub (12) bt Miss M. L. Hellyer (9) by 23.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (8½) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (12) by 16.
 Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (8½) bt Mrs. D. M. Staub (12) by 10.

FINAL.

Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (8½) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (8½) by 4.

PLAY-OFF.

Mrs. W. A. Traill (3½) bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (-3½) by 15.

Brig. J. S. Omond (7) bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (8½) by 3.

FINAL.

Mrs. W. A. Traill (3½) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (7) by 3.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Combined handicap scratch and over).

(18 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Major R. Tingey and Mrs. R. Tingey (1½) bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. J. H. S. Murray (3½) by 18.
 V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon and Miss K. Ault (3) by 15.
 The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs. S. Adler (4½) bt E. V. Carpmal and Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) by 9.
 Mrs. W. A. Traill and Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (9½) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill and Mrs. N. F. Thornewill (15) by 13.
 Miss A. E. Mills and Miss J. Warwick (5) bt Mrs. W. Longman and Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7½) by 15.
 Major J. H. Dibley and E. A. Roper (3) bt Major R. Tingey and Mrs. R. Tingey (1½) by 8.

V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) bt Major C. T. Carfrae and Mrs. L. C. Apps (3½) by 3.
 T. Wood-Hill and Mrs. M. D. Cork (10½) bt Brig. J. S. Omond and Mrs. J. S. Omond (19) by 9.
 W. P. Ormerod and H. L. Ormerod (9) bt Major J. W. Cobb and Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (2) by 7.
 G. V. Evans and Miss M. M. Morgan (8½) bt E. Whitehead and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (9½) by 3 on time.

THIRD ROUND.

E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs. S. Adler (4½) bt Mrs. W. A. Traill and Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (9½) by 4.
 Miss A. E. Mills and Miss J. Warwick (5) bt Major J. H. Dibley and E. A. Roper (3) by 12.
 V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) bt T. Wood-Hill and Mrs. M. D. Cork (10½) by 3 on time.
 W. P. Ormerod and H. L. Ormerod (9) bt G. V. Evans and Miss M. M. Morgan (8½) by 13.

SEMI-FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs. S. Adler (4½) bt Miss A. E. Mills and Miss J. Warwick (5) by 16.
 W. P. Ormerod and H. L. Ormerod (9) bt V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) by 4.

FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs. S. Adler (4½) bt W. P. Ormerod and H. L. Ormerod (9) by 11.

GOLF CROQUET.**THE "ASCOT" CHALLENGE CUP.
HANDICAP SINGLES.**

(31 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.**Block 1.**

Miss J. Warwick (1) bt E. P. C. Cotter (0) 2 up.
 Mrs. S. Phillips (1) bt Miss K. Ault (1) 1 up.
 Col. C. C. Adams (0) bt T. Wood-Hill (1) 5 and 3.
 Mrs. W. A. Traill (1) bt Mrs. G. J. Turketine (0) 1 up.
 Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1) bt G. V. Evans (0) 4 and 2.
 Miss A. E. Mills (1) bt E. A. Roper (1) 1 up.
 W. P. Ormerod (0) bt Miss A. M. M. Carlyon (1) 6 and 4.
 Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (1) bt Miss D. Jennings (1) 3 and 1.

Block 2.

Miss G. W. Bartlett (2) bt Mrs. D. M. Cork (2) 3 and 1.
 H. L. Ormerod (2) bt Mrs. E. Bristow (2) 1 up.
 Miss M. L. Hellyer (2) bt Mrs. J. H. S. Murray (2) 2 up.
 Mrs. H. J. Philpot (2) w.o. Mrs. Howard Austin (2) opponent scratched.

Miss M. M. Morgan (2) bt Mrs. D. Attfield (2) 3 up.
 Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (2) bt W. A. Fitzgerald (3) 4 up.
 Mrs. D. M. Staub (3) bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (3) 4 and 2.

SECOND ROUND.**Block 1.**

Miss J. Warwick (1) bt Mrs. S. Phillips (1) 4 and 2.
 Col. C. C. Adams (0) bt Mrs. W. A. Traill (1) 7 and 6.
 Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1) ????.
 Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (1) w.o. W. P. Ormerod (0) opponent scratched.

Block 2.

H. L. Ormerod (2) bt Miss G. W. Bartlett (2) 4 and 2.
 Mrs. H. J. Philpot (2) bt Miss M. L. Hellyer (2) 6 and 4.
 Miss M. M. Morgan (2) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (2) 6 and 4.
 Mrs. E. A. Roper (2) bt Mrs. D. M. Staub (3) 1 up.

SEMI-FINAL.**Block 1.**

Col. C. C. Adams (0) bt Miss J. Warwick (1) 1 up.
 Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (1) by 2.

Block 2.

Mrs. H. J. Philpot (2) bt H. L. Ormerod (2) 4 and 2.
 Mrs. E. A. Roper (2) bt Miss M. M. Morgan (2) by 1.

FINAL.**Block 1.**

Col. C. C. Adams (0) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1) 4 and 2.

Block 2.

Mrs. H. J. Philpot (2) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (2) 6 and 4.

PLAY-OFF.

Mrs. H. J. Philpot (2) bt Col. C. C. Adams (0) 2 up.

GOLF CROQUET DOUBLES.**THE "DELVES BROUGHTON" CHALLENGE CUPS.
(13 Pairs).****FIRST ROUND.**

E. P. C. Cotter and Miss J. Warwick (1) bt G. V. Evans and V. A. de la Nougerede (0) by 2.
 Brig. J. S. Omond and Mrs. E. A. Roper (4) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornewill and Mrs. M. D. Cork (4) by 1.
 Mrs. P. E. Heley and Mrs. J. H. S. Murray (3) bt Miss A. M. M. Carlyon and Miss M. L. Hellyer (3) 4 and 2.

Miss K. Ault and Mrs. D. M. Staub (4) bt Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. S. Phillips (2) 6 and 4.
 Mrs. D. Attfield and Mrs. E. Bristow (4) bt Col. C. C. Adams and W. A. Fitzgerald (3) 3 and 1.
 The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

E. P. C. Cotter and Miss J. Warwick (1) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Miss M. M. Morgan (3) 4 and 2.
 Brig. J. S. Omond and Mrs. E. A. Roper (4) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley and Mrs. J. H. S. Murray (3) 2 and 1.
 Miss K. Ault and Mrs. D. M. Staub (4) bt Mrs. D. Attfield and Mrs. E. Bristow (4) 3 and 1.
 E. A. Roper and Mrs. J. S. Omond (4) bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot and Miss D. Jennings (2) 4 and 2.

SEMI-FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter and Miss J. Warwick (1) bt Brig. J. S. Omond and Mrs. E. A. Roper (4) 4 and 3.
 Miss K. Ault and Mrs. D. M. Staub (4) bt E. A. Roper and Mrs. J. S. Omond (4) 3 and 1.

FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter and Miss J. Warwick (1) bt Miss K. Ault and Mrs. D. M. Staub (4) 4 and 2.

EXTRA EVENT.**HANDICAP SINGLES.**

(16 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

T. Wood-Hill (1½) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (9) by 7.
 Miss A. E. Mills (1½) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (9) by 15.
 E. V. Carpmal (0) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (8½) by 8.
 G. V. Evans (0) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon (0) by 14.
 Miss K. Ault (3) bt Col. C. C. Adams (-2½) by 8.
 E. Whitehead (6½) bt Major C. T. Carfrae (5) by 6.
 Major J. H. Dibley (½) bt H. L. Ormerod (9) by 15.
 Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) bt Mrs. E. Bristow (7) by 14.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss A. E. Mills (1½) bt T. Wood-Hill (1½) by 8.
 G. V. Evans (0) bt E. V. Carpmal (0) by 10.
 E. Whitehead (6½) bt Miss K. Ault (3) by 13.
 Major J. H. Dibley (½) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) by 7.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. V. Evans (0) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1½) by 11.
 E. Whitehead (6½) bt Major J. H. Dibley (½) by 11.

FINAL.

E. Whitehead (6½) bt G. V. Evans (0) by 16.

CHELTENHAM**JULY 18th-23rd**

The most glorious weather helped to make this a most successful and enjoyable tournament. Considering the very hot and prolonged dry spell, the courts were in remarkably good condition. Inevitably there were the usual complaints but it requires little imagination to realise that no court can possibly be anything like at its best under these conditions.

There were a few exceptions, but it was usually a case of long and drawn-out games, always such a bugbear for a manager, whose task is seldom an easy one. Miss Steel deserves particular thanks and praise for getting through the programme without having shortened games except in the "Y" Handicaps.

H. O. Hicks won the Opens but he did not have matters entirely his own way. V. A. de la Nougerede played well to beat him in the Draw and Major J. R. Abbey ran him very close in the Process. If not always in his best form, Hicks did certainly play some very fine croquet during the week and was always a delight to watch. People are too apt to take him for granted and regard him as a machine, forgetting that he is only human and can make mistakes just like anyone else. It was touch and go as to who would be Hicks' opponent in the play-off and it was only after a very close finish in the final of the Draw that Colonel D. W. Beamish beat Mrs. Rotherham by one point. Colonel Beamish is not one of the most interesting of players to watch, but he is very accurate and painstaking and played well during the week.

Except for a very narrow win over Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by only one point, G. F. Rothwell won the "X" Handicap in very convincing style. When at his best, Rothwell showed what a fine player he can be, but only too often he would miss either a short roquet or an easy hoop when having a break well under control. A little more care and concentration would seem to be the remedy,

but equally this would apply to the majority of players today.

Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin played well and deserved his success in the "B's". H. O. Hicks and D. Anderson proved irresistible in the Doubles and swept all before them. What a pity it is that Anderson can devote so little time to the game. Dr. B. R. Sandiford and A. J. Parkes played well to reach the final but at no time were Hicks and Anderson in any serious danger of defeat. Curiously enough, both these pairs played the maximum number of games since every other pair had a bye in the first round.

Last but by no means least, Miss Paulley and her willing helpers earned everyone's gratitude by doing their usual excellent job with the lunches and teas.

THE CHELTENHAM CHAMPIONSHIP.**CHALLENGE CUP.****OPEN SINGLES.**

("Two Life" System).

THE DRAW.

(18 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt T. Wood-Hill by 13.
 Rev. G. F. H. Elvey bt Major J. W. Cobb by 3.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt H. T. Pinckney-Simpson by 14.
 Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 4.
 Major J. R. Abbey bt J. K. Brown by 18.
 G. F. Rothwell bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 7.
 V. A. de la Nougerede bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey by 13.
 H. O. Hicks bt F. H. Fisher by 19.
 Col. D. W. Beamish bt Dr. B. R. Sandiford by 4.
 Capt. C. G. Reid-Walker bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 2.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 6.
 G. F. Rothwell bt Major J. R. Abbey by 2.
 V. A. de la Nougerede bt H. O. Hicks by 10.
 Col. D. W. Beamish bt Capt. C. G. Reid Walker by 16.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt G. F. Rothwell by 9.
 Col. D. W. Beamish bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 15.

FINAL.

Col. D. W. Beamish bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 1.

PROCESS.

(18 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

H. T. Pinckney Simpson bt Capt. C. G. Reid Walker by 1.
 Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 11.

SECOND ROUND.

Dr. B. R. Sandiford bt G. F. Rothwell by 9.
 Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey by 12.
 H. O. Hicks bt Major J. R. Abbey by 7.
 Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt H. T. Pinckney-Simpson by 24.
 Col. D. W. Beamish bt T. Wood-Hill by 17.
 Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 5.
 F. H. Fisher bt J. K. Brown by 16.
 Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt Major J. W. Cobb by 13.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Dr. B. R. Sandiford by 16.
 H. O. Hicks bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 17.
 Col. D. W. Beamish bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 19.
 Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt F. H. Fisher by 17.

SEMI-FINAL.

H. O. Hicks bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 17.
 Col. D. W. Beamish bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 16.

FINAL.

H. O. Hicks bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 5.

PLAY-OFF.

H. O. Hicks bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 17.

THE MONEY CHALLENGE SALVER.**LEVEL SINGLES.**

(2 Bisques and over).

(13 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. R. A. Hill bt Mrs. S. Mathews by 3.
 R. H. Newton bt E. G. Bantock by 1.
 Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin bt Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege by 1.
 Lady Ursula Abbey bt Comdr. D. W. Roe by 4.
 A. J. Parkes bt Miss M. C. Macaulay by 3.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. R. A. Hill bt Mrs. B. M. Chittenden by 2.
Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin bt R. H. Newton by 11.
A. J. Parkes bt Lady Ursula Abbey by 14.
Mrs. W. A. Odling bt Mrs. P. E. Heley by 13.

SEMI-FINAL.

Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin bt Mrs. R. A. Hill by 13.
Mrs. W. A. Odling bt A. J. Parkes by 4.

FINAL.

Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin bt Mrs. W. A. Odling by 13.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(5 Bisques and over).
(16 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) bt Lt.-Col. S. Mathews (5½) by 11.
Major A. F. P. Knapp (10) bt Miss E. M. Leonard (14) by 11.
Miss M. A. Allen (9) bt Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (5) by 5.
Miss M. A. Posford (5) bt Mrs. D. M. Roe (6½) by 13.
Miss H. McKean (7½) bt Mrs. C. A. Money (10) by 1.
Miss H. D. Parker (5) bt Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (11) by 13.
Mrs. E. W. Armstrong (11) bt G. A. H. Alexander (8) by ??.
Mrs. A. M. Daniels (7) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (8) by 7.

SECOND ROUND.

Major A. F. P. Knapp (10) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) by 13.
Miss M. A. Posford (5) bt Miss M. G. Allen (9) by 14.
Miss H. D. Parker (5) bt Miss H. McKean (7½) by 11.
Mrs. E. W. Armstrong (11) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels (7) by 9.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss M. A. Posford (5) bt Major A. F. P. Knapp (10) by 5.
Mrs. E. W. Armstrong (11) bt Miss H. D. Parker (5) by 24.

FINAL.

Miss M. A. Posford (5) w.o. Mrs. E. W. Armstrong (11) opponent retired.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y.").

EVENT "X".
(48 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. A. M. Daniels (7) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) by 9.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-2) bt Mrs. E. M. Leonard (14) by 14.
Major J. W. Cobb (-½) bt Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (11) by 14.
Comdr. D. Roe (2) w.o. Mrs. C. A. Money (10) opponent retired.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (1) bt Mrs. L. Mackinder (14) by 17.
Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) bt Mrs. A. V. Armstrong (5) by 10.
G. F. Rothwell (-1½) bt R. H. Newton (2) by 9.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) by 5.
E. G. Bantock (4) bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (1) by 20.
Lady Ursula Abbey (4½) bt F. H. Fisher (-1½) by 17.
Col. D. W. Beamish (-1½) bt Major N. E. O. Thackwell (11) by 10.
Miss M. A. Posford (5) bt Major J. R. Abbey (½) by 4.
Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (3) bt A. J. Parkes (4½) by 14.
V. A. de la Nougerede (0) w.o. Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (5) opponent retired.
Capt. C. G. Reid Walker (2½) bt Mrs. S. Mathews (4) by 15.
Miss M. G. Allen (9) bt Lt.-Col. S. Mathews (5½) by 2.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1½) bt Miss H. D. Parker (5) by 16.
Mrs. G. Ozanne (1) bt Mrs. D. M. Roe (6½) by 1.
Mrs. B. M. Chittenden (2) bt Mrs. E. W. Armstrong (11) by 15.
Dr. B. R. Sandiford (1½) bt H. T. Pinckney Simpson (0) by 1.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-2) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels (7) by 5.
Comdr. D. Roe (2) bt Major J. W. Cobb (-½) by 9.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (1) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) by 17.
G. F. Rothwell (-1½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) by 26.
E. G. Bantock (4) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (4½) by 10.
Col. D. W. Beamish (-½) bt M. A. Posford (5) by 11.
V. A. de la Nougerede (0) w.o. Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (3) opponent retired.
Capt. C. G. Reid Walker (2½) bt Miss M. G. Allen (9) by 12.
T. Wood-Hill (1½) bt G. A. H. Alexander (8) by 1.
F. Langley (1) bt Mrs. W. A. Odling (3) by 3.
Miss H. McKean (7½) bt Miss M. C. Macaulay (3½) by 6.
Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (2½) bt J. K. Brown (-1) by 12.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1½) bt Mrs. G. Ozanne (1) by 12.
Mrs. B. M. Chittenden (2) bt Dr. B. R. Sandiford (1½) by 10.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-2) bt Comdr. D. Roe (2) by 4.
G. F. Rothwell (-1½) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (1) by 1.
E. G. Bantock (4) bt Col. D. W. Beamish (-1½) by 9.
V. A. de la Nougerede (0) bt Capt. C. G. Reid Walker (2½) by 21.

F. Langley (1) bt T. Wood Hill (1½) by 10.
Miss H. McKean (7½) bt Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (2½) by 19.

FOURTH ROUND.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1½) bt Mrs. B. M. Chittenden (2) by 6.
G. F. Rothwell (-1½) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-2) by 26.
E. G. Bantock (4) bt V. A. de la Nougerede (0) by 5.
F. Langley (1) bt Miss H. McKean (7½) by 9.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. F. Rothwell (-1½) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1½) by 10.
E. G. Bantock (4) bt F. Langley (1) by 4.

FINAL.

G. F. Rothwell (-1½) bt E. G. Bantock (4) by 17.

EVENT "Y".

(24 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss Leonard (14) bt Mrs. Hill (6) by 8.
Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (11) bt Mrs. C. A. G. Money (10) by 1.
Mrs. A. V. Armstrong (5) w.o. Mrs. Mackinder (14) scratched.
R. H. Newton (2) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) by 13.
F. H. Fisher (-1½) bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (1) by 3.
Major J. R. Abbey (½) w.o. Major N. E. O. Thackwell (11) opponent scratched.
Mrs. S. Mathews (4) bt Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (5) by 4.
A. J. Parkes (4½) bt Lt.-Col. S. Mathews (5½) by ??.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss H. Parker (5) bt Mrs. D. M. Roe (6½) by 4.
Mrs. E. W. Armstrong (11) bt H. T. Pinckney Simpson (0) by 1.
Miss Leonard (14) bt Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (11) by 3.
R. H. Newton (2) bt Mrs. A. V. Armstrong (5) by 4.
F. H. Fisher (-1½) w.o. Major J. R. Abbey (½) opponent retired.

Mrs. S. Mathews (4) bt A. J. Parkes (4½) by 2.
G. A. H. Alexander (8) bt Mrs. W. A. Odling (3) by 1.
J. K. Brown (-1) bt Miss M. C. Macaulay (3½) by 8.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. E. W. Armstrong (11) bt Miss H. D. Parker (5) by 5.
R. H. Newton (2) w.o. Miss E. M. Leonard (14) opponent retired.
F. H. Fisher (-1½) bt Mrs. S. Mathews (4) by 8.
J. K. Brown (-1) bt G. A. H. Alexander (8) by 10.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. E. W. Armstrong (11) bt R. H. Newton (2) by 11.
F. H. Fisher (-1½) w.o. J. K. Brown (-1) opponent retired.

FINAL.

F. H. Fisher (-1½) bt Mrs. E. W. Armstrong (11) by 2.

THE BARWELL SALVER.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(18 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

H. O. Hicks and D. Anderson (-4) bt G. F. Rothwell and Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (1) by 22.
A. J. Parkes and Dr. B. R. Sandiford (6) bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-3) by 15.

SECOND ROUND.

J. K. Brown and E. G. Bantock (3) bt Mrs. S. Mathews and R. H. Newton (6) by 2.
F. H. Fisher and Major J. W. Cobb (-2) bt Comdr. D. Roe and Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (13) by 2.
H. O. Hicks and D. Anderson (-4) bt B. M. Chittenden and Mrs. C. M. Turner (10) by 7.
A. J. Parkes and Dr. B. R. Sandiford (6) bt Mrs. W. A. Odling and Miss M. Macaulay (6½) by 11.
G. A. H. Alexander and Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (9) bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod and H. L. Ormerod (13) by 8.
Mrs. P. E. Heley and F. Langley (5) bt Major J. R. Abbey and Lady Ursula Abbey (5) by 5.
Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. A. M. Daniels (4) bt T. Wood-Hill and Miss M. G. Allen (10½) by 16.

THIRD ROUND.

F. H. Fisher and Major J. W. Cobb (-2) bt J. K. Brown and E. G. Bantock (3) by 3.
H. O. Hicks and D. Anderson (-4) bt V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. Hill (6) by 9.
A. J. Parkes and Dr. B. R. Sandiford (6) bt G. A. H. Alexander and Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (9) by 10.
Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. A. M. Daniels (4) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley and F. Langley (5) by 14.

SEMI-FINAL.

H. O. Hicks and D. Anderson (-4) bt F. H. Fisher and Major J. W. Cobb (-2) by 8.
A. J. Parkes and Dr. B. R. Sandiford (6) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. A. M. Daniels (4) by 1.

FINAL.

H. O. Hicks and D. Anderson (-4) bt A. J. Parkes and Dr. B. R. Sandiford (6) by 6.

HURLINGHAM

AUGUST 1st to AUGUST 10th

It has often been said that the success—and incidentally the enjoyment—of a tournament largely depends on the weather. So there was nothing to mar the success, or spoil the enjoyment, of this year's tournament for we had an ideal week—a week of warmth and of continual sunshine. Indeed, those of us who early in the week fell by the wayside consoled ourselves with the knowledge that we could lie in deck-chairs in the shade amid beautiful surroundings and calmly survey the struggles of the more successful.

The lawns were in excellent condition but owing to the dry weather were very fast. And though there are some who prefer a very fast lawn there were others, especially the long-bisquers, who found them very difficult. And this accounted for the length of some of the games.

There were sixty competitors, an increase on last year. Amongst those we missed, however, were our old friends Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Wiggins, once familiar figures at this meeting, and who have done so much for Hurlingham croquet. We were glad on the other hand to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tingey after an absence abroad for more than three years.

The principal event was the Hurlingham Cup which was won by J. Solomon for the first time, to whom we offer our congratulations. An interesting game in the event was the semi-final between Mrs. Rotherham and Cotter. In the third game of this match Mrs. Rotherham made an all-round break and triple peel, but after safely piloting her two balls through the rover hoop and with the four balls around her—with easy victory in sight—she missed a short roquet. Cotter, whose balls were both for 4-back, at once went to the peg with one and laid for the other to finish in his next turn. Mrs. Rotherham then hit the long shot which gave her the game. She was not, however, in her best form in the final with J. Solomon who defeated her in two straight games, winning the first game by 26.

The Turner Cup was won by Stoker, and the Younger Cup by Hitchcock whilst Mrs. Thom was successful in the Longworth Cup. The Handicap Singles was won by Capt. K. B. Millar who was playing at a handicap of seven.

Miss Lintern and Cotter won the Mixed Doubles defeating Reckitt and Mrs. Oddie by 22. Their previous game when they beat Mrs. Beaton was rather thrilling; in this game when Mrs. Beaton was for the penultimate hoop Cotter got in, went round, double peeled Mrs. Beaton and after pegging out her ball pegged out himself. This in spite of the fact that he had to concede contact. It was then a fight between Miss Lintern who was for 2-back whilst Hodges was only for the 2nd hoop.

Miss Lintern followed up her success by winning the Candlesticks with Mrs. Thom as her partner, they defeated Mrs. Rotherham and Miss A. Mills in the final by 22.

There were several games during the tournament when players almost assured of success saw victory snatched from them at the last moment by a breakdown at the last hoop, or by a long shot hit by an opponent. With the knowledge that "tis not in mortals to command success" they possibly comforted themselves with the thought that they'd done more—deserved it.

Cotter and John Solomon in winning the Men's Handicap Double had the unusual experience of winning two of their matches before their opponents had taken all their bisques. In one match the losing pair had four bisques

in hand at the end of the game. In the final against Buckland and de Wesselow, Cotter peeled Buckland through the rover hoop and pegged him out whilst his partner de Wesselow was only for the 4th hoop with two bisques in hand. Solomon was for the 1st hoop at the time. After some play and manoeuvring in which de Wesselow made no attempt to take his bisques, Solomon picked up a three-ball break and went out with the two bisques still standing. The moral to be drawn from this is surely that players are unwise to hoard their bisques when pitted against formidable experts.

It should not be necessary to remind players that a game is never finished until both winning balls have hit the peg. But many adverse comments were made by the spectators when, during a game, the losing player knocked one of his balls off the court, when his opponent with his own single ball was about to take croquet in order to reach the peg and finish. This was a definite breach of the rules and caused annoyance to his opponent. And although at this stage the result was not in doubt, the winner should have been allowed to finish his game with all the balls undisturbed on the court. A very regrettable incident.

We conclude by expressing our thanks to all those who helped in organising the tournament and ensuring its success. Especially are we indebted to Brackenbury who was again our capable and efficient manager, and who this year had the assistance of F. H. Fisher whose boundless activity proved a valuable asset. And of course to Col. Heywood the games manager, who was always ready when required with advice and assistance to management and players alike.

And so we say goodbye to another Hurlingham Tournament with the hope that when we meet again in 1956 we shall have the same glorious weather, the same efficient management and the same—or may we say increased?—number of competitors.

THE HURLINGHAM CUP.

OPEN SINGLES.

(17 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

E. P. C. Cotter bt Mrs. W. Longman +19 +25.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt M. Spencer Ell +25 +26.
Mrs. N. Oddie bt M. B. Reckitt +2 +12.
Major R. Tingey bt J. G. Warwick +13 +6.
E. P. C. Cotter bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton +26 +25.
Mrs. L. C. Apps bt G. W. Solomon +20 +24.
Miss D. Lintern bt F. H. Fisher +19 +4.
J. W. Solomon bt Major J. Cobb +10 +7.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt W. Longman +13 +26.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. N. Oddie +14 +26.
E. P. C. Cotter bt Major R. Tingey +24 +26.
Miss D. Lintern bt Mrs. L. C. Apps +20 +26.
J. W. Solomon bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +12 +11.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt E. P. C. Cotter -12 +24 +5.
J. W. Solomon bt Miss D. Lintern +25 +26.

FINAL.

J. W. Solomon bt Mrs. E. Rotherham +26 +16.

THE TURNER CUP.

LEVEL SINGLES.

(Scratch or over).

(9 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Capt. H. G. Stoker bt Miss A. E. Mills by 7.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss M. S. Carlyon bt N. Oddie by 8.
Capt. H. G. Stoker bt Major J. H. Dibley by 15.
Dr. N. H. Oliver bt Lieut.-Col. G. E. Cave by 2.
I. C. Baillieu bt G. Victor Evans by 7.

SEMI-FINAL.

Capt. H. G. Stoker bt Miss M. S. Carlyon by 9.

I. C. Baillieu bt Dr. N. H. Oliver by 20.

FINAL.

Capt. H. G. Stoker bt I. C. Baillieu by 5.

THE HURLINGHAM DOUBLES.

LEVEL PLAY.

MIXED DOUBLES.

(11 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

J. G. Warwick and Mrs. L. C. Apps bt W. Longman and Mrs. W. Longman by 8.
M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. N. Oddie bt I. C. Baillieu and Miss A. E. Mills by 4.

E. P. C. Cotter and Miss Lintern bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. E. Rotherham by 2.

SECOND ROUND.

Major R. Tingey and Mrs. Tingey bt Major Dibley and Miss M. S. Carlyon by 11.

M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. N. Oddie bt J. G. Warwick and Mrs. L. C. Apps by 15.

E. P. C. Cotter and Miss D. A. Lintern bt C. W. R. Hodges and Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton by 10.

Major J. Cobb and Mrs. Turketine bt Lieut.-Col. G. E. Cave and Mrs. Chittenden by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.

M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. N. Oddie bt Major R. Tingey and Mrs. Tingey by 6.

E. P. C. Cotter and Miss D. A. Lintern bt Major J. Cobb and Mrs. Turketine by 22.

FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter and Miss D. A. Lintern bt M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. N. Oddie by 22.

THE YOUNGER CUP.

LEVEL SINGLES.

(2½ Bisques and over).

(16 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

S. S. Townsend bt Mrs. Turner by 24.

SECOND ROUND.

G. W. Hitchcock bt Miss A. M. Carlyon by 21.

Mrs. S. Phillips w.o. Mrs. M. Roy retired.

Mrs. R. Tingey bt Miss D. Jennings by 7.

S. S. Townsend bt Mrs. H. J. Collins by 20.

E. A. Roper w.o. Mrs. M. B. Reckitt scratched.

R. C. de Wesselow bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 4.

D. E. Buckland bt Miss Elphinstone-Stone by 21.

Brig. A. M. Stokes Roberts bt K. E. Shelley by 7.

THIRD ROUND.

G. W. Hitchcock bt Mrs. S. Phillips by 12.

S. S. Townsend bt Mrs. R. Tingey by 18.

E. A. Roper bt R. C. de Wesselow by 7.

Brig. A. Stokes Roberts bt D. E. Buckland by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. W. Hitchcock bt S. S. Townsend by 2.

Brig. A. M. Stokes Roberts bt E. A. Roper by 16.

FINAL.

G. W. Hitchcock bt Brig. A. M. Stokes Roberts by 4.

THE LONGWORTH CUP.

LEVEL SINGLES.

(6 Bisques and over).

(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. Haigh Smith bt Mrs. E. A. Roper by 14.

E. Whitehead bt Mrs. I. C. Baillieu by 6.

K. B. Millar bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson by 18.

Mrs. M. L. Thom bt Lord Charles Hope by 17.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. D. Attfield bt T. A. Rumbold by 14.

E. W. Whitehead bt Mrs. Haigh Smith by 18.

Mrs. M. L. Thom bt K. B. Millar by 15.

Mrs. K. Eakin bt M. Vlasto by 5 on time.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. D. Attfield bt E. Whitehead by 4.

Mrs. M. L. Thom bt Mrs. K. Eakin by 14.

FINAL.

Mrs. M. L. Thom bt Mrs. D. Attfield by 15.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(54 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Major J. H. Dibley (½) bt J. H. Fisher (-1½) by 20.

Mrs. I. C. Baillieu (9) bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) by 11.

Mrs. W. Longman (-1) bt M. Vlasto (9) by 6.

Mrs. N. Oddie (-2½) bt Miss A. M. Carlyon (4½) by 20.

K. B. Millar (7) bt Mrs. H. J. Collins (3½) by 19.

M. Spencer Ell (-½) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) by 16.

Mrs. E. Turner (3½) w.o. Sir William Mabane (8).

Miss Elphinstone Stone (3½) w.o. Capt. H. G. Stoker (1) retired.

E. Whitehead (6½) bt M. B. Reckitt (-3) by 26.

G. W. Hitchcock (3) bt Miss D. Jennings (3½) retired.

J. G. Warwick (-1½) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (12) by 7.

S. S. Townsend (2½) bt Dr. N. H. Oliver (½) by 20.

Mrs. M. H. Carrington (12) bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton (-½) by 13 on time.

Mrs. D. Pickett (12) bt N. Oddie (1) by 7.

Miss A. E. Mills (1½) bt Mrs. K. Eakin (7) by 15.

G. V. Evans (0) bt Mrs. M. Roy (3) by 13.

Mrs. R. Tingey (4) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) by 21.

Mrs. Haigh Smith (10) bt Mrs. B. Chittenden (2) by 20.

Mrs. M. L. Thom (6½) bt Mrs. D. Attfield (6) by 11.

E. P. C. Cotter (-4½) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon (0) by 22.

Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) bt K. E. Shelley (5) by 10.

Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (8½) bt Mrs. G. J. Turketine (-½) by 9.

The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (3) bt R. Tingey (-2½) by 14.

I. C. Baillieu (4) bt Lord Charles Hope (12) by 7.

Lieut.-Col. G. E. Cave (1) bt Major J. H. Dibley (½) by 12.

Mrs. W. Longman (-1) bt Mrs. I. C. Baillieu (9) by 23.

K. B. Millar (7) bt Mrs. N. Oddie (-2½) by 4.

M. Spencer Ell (-½) bt Mrs. E. Turner (3½) by 23.

E. Whitehead (6½) bt Miss Elphinstone-Stone (3½) by 25.

G. W. Hitchcock (3) bt J. G. Warwick (-1½) by 20.

S. S. Townsend (2½) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (12) by 9.

Miss A. E. Mills (1½) bt Mrs. D. Pickett (12) by 20.

Mrs. R. Tingey (4) bt G. V. Evans (0) by 11.

Mrs. Haigh Smith (10) bt Mrs. M. L. Thom (6½) by 14.

Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) bt E. P. C. Cotter (-4½) by 18.

Major J. W. Cobb (-½) bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (8½) by 17.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (-3½) bt G. W. Solomon (3½) by 23.

W. Longman (-3) bt E. A. Roper (2½) by 3.

THIRD ROUND.

I. C. Baillieu (4) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (3) by 3.

Mrs. W. Longman (-1) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (1) by 8.

K. B. Millar (7) bt M. Spencer Ell (-½) by 15.

E. Whitehead (6½) bt G. W. Hitchcock (3) by 18.

Miss A. E. Mills (1½) bt S. S. Townsend (2½) by 6.

Mrs. Haigh Smith (10) bt Mrs. R. Tingey (4) by 3.

Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) bt Major J. W. Cobb (-½) by 5.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (-3½) bt W. Longman (-3) by 19.

FOURTH ROUND.

I. C. Baillieu (4) bt Mrs. W. Longman (-1) by 25.

K. B. Millar (7) bt E. Whitehead (6½) by 16.

Miss A. E. Mills (1½) bt Mrs. Haigh Smith (10) by 3.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (-3½) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) by 12.

SEMI-FINAL.

K. B. Millar (7) bt I. C. Baillieu (4) by 7.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (-3½) bt Miss A. E. Mills (3) by 16.

FINAL.

K. B. Millar (7) bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (-3½) by 21.

THE "LADIES' FIELD" CANDLESTICKS.

LADIES' HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(12 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. R. Tingey and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (7) bt Mrs. B. Chittenden and Mrs. K. Eakin (9) by 3.

Mrs. Turketine and Miss D. Jennings (3) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington and Miss Elphinstone Stone (13½) by 6.

Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss Mills (-1½) bt Miss A. M. Carlyon and Miss M. S. Carlyon (4½) by 14.

Mrs. Collins and Miss D. Attfield (9½) bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton and Mrs. Pickett (11½) by 14.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. M. L. Thom (3½) bt Mrs. N. Oddie and Mrs. E. A. Roper (3½) by 7.

Mrs. Turketine and Miss D. Jennings (3) bt Mrs. R. Tingey and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (7) by 3.

Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss Mills (-1½) bt Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Attfield (9½) by 3.

Mrs. W. Longman and Mrs. Dorling (11) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson and Mrs. Haigh Smith (22) by 9.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. M. L. Thom (3½) bt Mrs. Turketine and Miss D. Jennings (3) by 10.

Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss A. E. Mills (-1½) bt Mrs. W. Longman and Mrs. Dorling (11) by 12.

FINAL.

Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. M. L. Thom (3½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss A. E. Mills (-1½) by 24.

MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(11 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

D. E. Buckland and R. C. de Wesselow (5) bt Major J. H. Cobb and K. B. Millar (6½) by 4.

Major J. H. Dibley and Brig. Stokes Roberts (3½) bt N. Oddie and M. Vlasto (10) by 20.

G. E. W. Hitchcock and E. A. Roper (5½) bt G. Victor Evans and S. S. Townsend (2½) by 11.

SECOND ROUND.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (2½) bt M. B. Reckitt and E. Whitehead (3½) by 10.

D. E. Buckland and R. C. de Wesselow (5) bt Major J. H. Dibley and Brig. Stokes Roberts (3½) by 9.

E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon (-8½) bt G. E. W. Hitchcock and E. A. Roper (5½) by 20.

I. C. Baillieu and J. G. Warwick (2½) bt Major R. Tingey and W. Longman (-5½) by 14.

SEMI-FINAL.

D. E. Buckland and R. C. de Wesselow (5) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (-2½) by 2.

E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon (-8½) bt I. C. Baillieu and J. G. Warwick (2½) by 14.

FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon (-8½) bt D. E. Buckland and R. C. de Wesselow (5) by 9.

EXTRA EVENT.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(16 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. W. Longman (-1) w.o. Mrs. Carrington (12).

J. G. Warwick (-1½) w.o. Mrs. Chittenden (2).

M. B. Reckitt (-3) w.o. Mrs. Eakin (7) scratched.

Mrs. N. Oddie (6½) w.o. Miss A. E. Mills (1½).

Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (12) w.o. E. A. Roper (2½).

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (1) bt R. Tingey (-2½) by 17.

W. Longman (-3) w.o. N. Oddie (1).

Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (8½) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) by 15.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. W. Longman (-1) w.o. J. G. Warwick (-1½).

M. B. Reckitt (-3) bt Mrs. N. Oddie (6½) by 19.

Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (12) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (1) retired.

Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (8½) bt W. Longman (-3) by 19.

SEMI-FINAL.

M. B. Reckitt (-3) bt Mrs. W. Longman (-1) by 16.

Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (8½) w.o. Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (12) retired.

FINAL.

M. B. Reckitt (-3) bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (8½) by 8.

THE SURREY CUP

Presented to the C.A. in 1955 by the Officers of the former Surrey County Union

Will be played for at

The Roehampton Club on Monday, September 5th, and following days

For eight players invited by the Council to compete

Conditions as for the President's Cup except that 3½ ins. hoops will be used

THE PRESIDENT'S CUP

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

Holder—H. O. Hicks.

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

No Entrance Fee.

Will be played for at

THE ROEHAMPTON CLUB

The Headquarters of the Croquet Association.

on

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th, 1955

AND FOLLOWING DAYS.

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager.—Mrs. G. J. Turketine.

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

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

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

CONDITIONS.

Hoops 3 11/16th inches wide, and Jaques' "Eclipse" Balls will be used. The Council of the C.A. reserve the right to substitute hoops 3½ inches wide at their discretion.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

PRIZES.

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

PLAY.

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

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

ROEHAMPTON

A CROQUET TOURNAMENT

will be held on

MONDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER, 1955, and five following days

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

Committee.—The Croquet Committee of the Roehampton Club.

Manager.—Miss D. A. Lintern.

Referee.—Mr. T. Wood-Hill.

Handicapper.—The Handicapping Committee of the Roehampton Club.

Secretary.—Mr. W. H. Abel (Games Secretary), Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, S.W.15.

EVENTS

1.—OPEN SINGLES. Draw and Process. The Winner to hold the Ranelagh Gold Cup for one year. Entrance Fee, 10s.

2.—OPEN SINGLES (CLASS "B"). Single Games. Variation "B". Open to Competitors with a handicap of scratch or more. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.

3.—HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C"). Open to Competitors with a handicap of 4 bisques or more. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.

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

4.—"X" and "Y" HANDICAP SINGLES. In this event shortened games may be played in accordance with Reg. 12 at the discretion of the Manager. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. The Winners of "X" and "Y" to hold the Creyke Cups for one year.

5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicap not less than 1 bisque. Entrance Fee, 5s. each player.

N.B.—The above entrance fees include the Croquet Association levy.

Non-Associates pay a tribute of 15s. to the C.A. when playing in an official tournament, or 7s. 6d. if they compete in one event only (except in a tournament promoted by their own Club, when they pay such C.A. tribute, if any, as the local Committee may determine) but on becoming an Associate any tribute paid during the current year is refunded, or credited against the subscription.

CONDITIONS

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4, must reach the Games Secretary, accompanied by the Entrance Fee, by first post on Thursday, 15th September, 1955. Entries for Event 5 close at midday on Tuesday, 20th September, 1955. The Draw for Events 1 to 4 will take place at the Club at 2 p.m. on Thursday, 15th September, 1955.

Play will commence at 10 a.m.

Eight Courts will be provided and Eclipse Balls used. Standard 3½ ins. Hoops.

Competitors will be made Honorary Members of the Club for the duration of the Tournament.

All Competitors must wear such flat-heeled boots or shoes as cannot damage the ground.

There are facilities for playing Bridge at the Croquet Pavilion.

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CHELTENHAM

N.O. TOURNAMENT

To be held on the CLUB LAWNS, Old Bath Road, on **Monday, September 12th, and five following days.**

EVENTS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

No leave unless circumstances of Draw permit.

Manager, Referee and Handicapper.—F. Langley.

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

Probable Dates of C.A. Events in 1956

May 14th. PEEL MEMORIALS.

May 28th. COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

June 4th. MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS (Gold Caskets).

July 9th. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP and DOUBLES.

August 16th. GILBEY and CHALLENGE CUPS. GOLF CROQUET CUPS.

Sept. 10th. PRESIDENT'S and SURREY CUPS.

October 1st. SOUTH OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIP, Devonshire Park, Eastbourne.

ANSWERS

1. As the players cannot agree, the position of the clip must be taken as correct (Law 31d).

2. No. Blue must be replaced where, in the striker's opinion it would have come to rest. Law 43 (b).

3. No, unless the ball comes to rest in contact. As a point has been made the striker may now roquet the ball again.

4. Yes. The stroke would be a double tap.

DEVONSHIRE PARK, EASTBOURNE

SOUTH OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

THE FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL

OPEN TOURNAMENT

will start on

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th, 1955

and continue during the following two weeks.
(Held under the Laws and Regulations of the C.A.)

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

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

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

Handicapper.—M. B. Reckitt.

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

EVENTS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CONDITIONS.

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

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

3.—Law 44 will be suspended in Events 4, 5 and 6.
4.—Play in Events 1 and 4 will begin on Monday September 26th; in Event 5 and 9 on Tuesday, September 27th; in Event 7 on Wednesday, September 28th; in Event 6 on Thursday, September 29th; in Events 2 and 3 not before Friday, September 30th; in Event 8 on Monday, October 3rd.

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

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

INFORMATION.

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

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

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

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

COURTS AND EQUIPMENT.—The courts will be provided at Devonshire Park, and competitors must also be prepared to play on the courts at the Compton Club if required. Jaques' Eclipse balls and hoops, 3½ inches wide, will be used.

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

Competitors in Events 1 and 4, will be notified, and must be prepared to play, if they are required, at 10 a.m., or some later hour, on Monday, September 26th. All competitors must report themselves to the Manager on arrival at the ground each day.

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

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

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

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

HEELS.—Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

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

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

ACCOMMODATION.—The following hotels are recommended:—

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

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

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

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