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# THE CROQUET GAZETTE

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### The Croquet Gymkhana

As a variant from the usual tournament, a croquet gymkhana is to be recommended as a means of getting members together for an afternoon's entertainment at the beginning of the season, or as a means of attracting and interesting non-members. It can also be used as a means of fund raising. The late Brigadier Stokes-Roberts arranged a gymkhana at Hurlingham in 1960 to boost the Dominion Tours Fund of that time. He charged half a crown for an entry card, printed with five high-scoring and five low-scoring events. After completing his card with one score in each event, a competitor could have further goes in each event on payment of 3d. a time, his best score in each event to count for the prize. There was also a prize for the best aggregate. The low-scoring events were of course those in which the merit lay in completing them in the fewest strokes, as for example in a round of clock golf, and these scored minus points. The whole gymkhana required considerable preparation, and called for two stewards at each event throughout the afternoon and evening. The Hurlingham courts were crowded in the evening, and the fund must have benefited substantially.

The Bentley Club, by contrast, has only one court, so its possibilities are restricted. Nevertheless, several gymkhanas have been held there with success as "opening meets", and members ask for them every year. One contest is laid on at each of the four outer hoops, and others off the court. As finally evolved, the detailed arrangement has been as follows:

#### EVENT I

Running first hoop. Four single strokes from A Baulk.

Score:— Ball stuck in hoop 1 point  
Ball right through 2 points  
Maximum 8 points

#### EVENT II

Hitting ball out of second hoop (Object ball placed centrally in hoop.) Four single strokes from spot on yard line level with hoop.

Score:— Object ball touched, but not knocked clear of hoop 1 point  
Object ball knocked clear of hoop 2 points  
Maximum 8 points

#### EVENT III

Roqueting balls on yard line (near hoop 3). Four single strokes from spot near hoop, one at each object ball in turn.

Score:— For each Roquet 1 point  
If ball is hit and overhangs or goes beyond the boundary line 2 points  
Maximum 8 points

#### EVENT IV

"Croquet, Hoop and Roquet" at hoop 4. Striker's ball in hand, four object balls on marked spots around the hoop.

In the first turn take croquet from one object ball, run hoop from 'North' to 'South', and then, if successful, roquet the same object ball.

Repeat from the other three object balls in turn, always running the hoop from 'North' to 'South'.

If the player fails to run the hoop, that turn finishes and there is no score.

Score:— For running the hoop 1 point  
For making the roquet thereafter 1 more point  
Maximum 8 points

#### EVENT V

Dislodging ball lodged on top of peg. Play one stroke from each of four marked spots to shake ball off peg.

Score:— For touching the peg 1 point  
For dislodging the object ball 1 more point  
Maximum 8 points

#### EVENT VI

Clock golf croquet (played off the court). Play one stroke from the mark on the circle against each clock number to drop ball into hole.

Score:— For each ball staying in hole 1 point  
Maximum 12 points

#### EVENT VII

Target Croquet (played off the court). Play four single strokes from base line to leave ball in centre of target.

Score:— For a "Bull's Eye" 3 points  
An "Inner" 2 points  
An "Outer" 1 point  
Maximum 12 points

#### EVENT VIII

"Take-off" from corner to corner. Players' ball in hand, four object balls on four corner spots.

Take off from ball on first corner spot towards ball on second corner spot, then roquet the ball, thus scoring 3 points. Repeat from 2nd, 3rd and 4th corners.

Maximum 12 points

Normal croquet laws apply i.e. if the croqueted ball is not moved or shaken, or if either ball goes off, the turn ceases and no point is scored in that turn.

#### EVENT IX

Golf Croquet.

Orthodox rules, but for 12 points, running hoops 1-6 and back to Rover. Level Singles, not partnerships, 4 players at a time. (This event cannot be started till all competitors have completed Events I to V.)

Maximum 12 points

Sometimes 'Minus' or low scoring events have been included, but these add complications to the scoring, and only Event X has proved popular. Two such events are described below. While the theoretical minimum score is negligible, the probable score is high. In the first Bentley gymkhana the winner's aggregate was minus 1, and the wooden spoon was taken by minus 42.



**EVENT X**

Rushing ball to peg (played off the court). Start from spot A to rush ball on spot B to the peg in as few strokes as possible. No croquet stroke is allowed. Each stroke counts half a minus point.

Minimum Minus 1/2 point

If boundaries are made necessary by the ground, each ball sent off is brought back to the yard line, and half a minus point is added to the score. All strokes count, whether the object ball is hit or not.

**EVENT XI**

The Zig-Zag (played off the court with a single ball). Starting from the base line, run the 4 or 6 hoops in numbered sequence in as few strokes as possible. Each stroke counts half a minus point.

Minimum 2 or 3 minus points

Many other stunts can be conjured up. The Brigadier made use of other sorts of ball (golf, tennis, cricket), but these evoked little enthusiasm and were generally voted "Not Croquet".

It was realised that there was no need to start everybody off at the first event, nor to play the events in sequence. Competitors should be started off, and continue wherever an event is not being played, but all competitors must be urged to complete Events I to V as soon as possible, to clear the court for Event IX. They should be asked to replace the balls in the starting positions when they finish each event.

Whether each competitor scores his own card or gets it initialled by another is a matter for consideration, as is the question of an entry fee and what prizes to award.

To organise a gymkhana a good deal of preparation in advance is necessary. Arrangements might be made to borrow mallets for the use of visitors. Score cards sufficient for the expected attendance should show the maximum score for each event, and be arranged so as to make the deduction for minus scores simple. An instruction card, as set out above, must be made out for each event describing what has to be done and the scoring. Instruction cards can be mounted on five-foot bamboo canes to be planted near where the event described starts.

**PREPARATION**

For Event I it is desirable to mark the A Baulk line.

For II mark the spot from which the striker's ball has to be played.

For III mark the striker's spot, and also the position of the four object balls.

For IV mark the spots for the four object balls. (The striker's ball starts in hand.)

For V mark the spots, at varying distances round the peg, from which to play.

For VI, off the court, mark a chalk circle 9 feet in radius, and round the circle mark the clock numbers I to XII, with a mark on the circle at each number. Cut a hole 5 inches in diameter and 5 inches deep, lined with tin, on a diameter 4 feet from XII and 14 feet from VI.

For VII, off the court, mark concentric circles with radii of 1 foot, 2 feet 6 inches, and 4 feet, and a line some 10 feet away to start from.

For VIII it is desirable to mark the four corner spots, and for IX the B Baulk line could be marked.

For X mark and letter the two starting spots A, with B a yard in front of A, with the peg planted some 10 yards further on.

For XI the 4 or 6 hoops must be planted so it is impossible in running one hoop to stop in position for the next. Hoop numbers must be marked in chalk on the playing side of each. Mark a starting line.

On the morning the Instruction Cards should be planted, and all balls required need to be placed in position i.e. a striker's ball on Baulk Line A; a striker's ball on the spot on the yard line level with hoop 2, and the object ball in that hoop; a striker's ball on the spot near hoop 3, and 4 object balls at the marks on the yard line near that hoop; a striker's ball near and 4 object balls on the spots round hoop 4; a striker's ball near the peg and one balanced on top of the peg; a striker's ball in the first corner, and a ball on each of the 4

corner spots; for Event X a ball at each of spots A and B; for Event XI a striker's ball on the starting line.

It then only remains to arrange for a fine afternoon, to welcome visitors and explain what they have to do, and get them started as they arrive. It is advantageous to send two people off together, each to return the striker's ball to the other in turn. Tea could be laid on to keep people occupied after finishing their early events and before they can start the golf croquet.

F.Stanley-Smith

**Editorial**

**Tournament Accounts**

The quality of the Croquet Gazette depends very much upon the quality of the accounts of tournaments that are sent to the Editor and subsequently published. From time to time it is necessary to remind writers of tournament accounts of one or two aspects of their job in hand. May I remind people of the Editorial in the Croquet Gazette for April 1973. Newer Associates faced with writing a tournament account for the first time might like to ask the C.A. Secretary for an old copy of this issue. May I for the present confine myself to amplifying one point made in the Editorial referred to, namely that the account should be mainly devoted to the play. Brief mention of the state of the lawns, the weather, and all those personalities who ought to be thanked is quite in order, but it must be kept brief and not allowed to dominate the account. Likewise mere repetition of the results column is not the main purpose of the account, which should be mainly devoted to description of players and of games.

**Varsity Match**

I understand that this was revived this year after a lapse of some years and that Cambridge won. I hope to be able to publish full details in a later issue.

P.D.H.

**Deadline**

Copy for the October issue of the Croquet Gazette must reach the Editor at the above address not later than 13 September.

**Crossword Solution**

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**Correspondence**

**'Some Legal Points'**

from R.O.Calder

Sir,

How nice it was to see two pages of Rover Notes in the April issue of the Gazette. I hope that it will be possible to continue giving this amount of space to what is always an interesting article.

With regard to the paragraph "Peg Doubt", the Law as it stands is clear and well understood by most players. To make any change could cause confusion, and many cases requiring clarification could arise. For example, if Blue is pegging out Black in a croquet stroke and Black hits the peg and then goes out of court, the turn would end under Law 19 (c). Other odd occurrences could easily be suggested. The Law should not be changed.

It might be of interest to some readers if the points of law in the paragraph "Responsibility for the position of a ball" were amplified. Let us assume that Blue, instead of shooting at Red, is taking croquet from Black and trying to get into position to roquet Red back out of the hoop. He fails to do so, but hits the hoop and shakes Red. All that the Rover Note says is correct, but consider what happens if (a) a fault is committed in the croquet stroke or (b) the striker plays the wrong ball in the croquet stroke. In both cases the balls are, of course, replaced, but in the first Red is entitled to a lift, whereas in the second he is not. This is explained in detail in Col. Prichard's "Commentary on the Laws of Croquet", but is perhaps not too clear in the Laws themselves. It might be appropriate for the Laws Committee to consider whether amplification of this law is required.

Another point of law of some interest arose at the Scottish Croquet Association's Weekend Tournament in May which was played in strong wind and driving rain. A player, watched by his adversary, was attempting to run 2-Back when his ball reverberated heavily between the wires. He looked at it closely from the side, then began to test the alignment of his mallet for the resulting hampered stroke. After a few seconds the wind blew his ball back into a small depression in the centre of the hoop. The question arose whether the ball had come to rest in terms of Law 22. The adversary had in no way questioned the fact that the ball had initially run the hoop and had been stationary for some seconds before being blown back. A Referee on Appeal ruled that the striker had been in no doubt that the point had been scored, and the adversary had not questioned this fact. The players in their capacity as joint referees (see Law 45) had thus agreed that the ball had come to rest after running the hoop, and under the amendment to Law 22 the ball should be replaced and the turn should continue. Would readers agree with this ruling? I hope they will, as I was the Referee in question. At the time, I was in sufficient doubt to consult another Referee before giving my decision.

12 Palmerston Road, Edinburgh. Yours sincerely, R.O.Calder

**Comments by the Chairman of the Laws Committee**

There is much to be said for leaving the Laws unchanged; referees and players find it difficult enough to master them without having to keep up-to-date with continual modifications. Thus I agree that Law 15 (d) should not be altered. However, there may be a case for rewording Laws 30 (b) and 32 (b) (i), so that the subtle point which is made concerning the responsibility for the position of a ball becomes clearer. This will be considered by the Laws Committee.

The incident referred to in the last paragraph is interesting, as well as being a tribute to the hardiness of our Scottish friends. Readers will need to be reminded of the relevant portion of Law 22, which has been added to since the 1972 Edition of the Laws was printed and now reads as follows:

"A ball is deemed finally to have come to rest if the striker has taken his stance for the next stroke or indicated his belief that his turn has ended or if its position has been agreed or adjudicated upon."

The question is whether the ball could be deemed finally to have come to rest before it rolled back into the jaws of the hoop, because the striker and his adversary had already implicitly agreed as to its position. If there was any reasonable doubt as to whether the ball had run the hoop before rolling back, Law 22 requires a more positive agreement by the two players than actually occurred, for instance the striker calling his adversary onto the lawn to witness or conduct a test of the ball's position. However, if the ball was well through the hoop, and this was clearly evident to the adversary, the decision given was correct. Thankfully, it is not normal practice in a game to ask the adversary to come on the lawn to verify that each hoop has been run when there is an ample margin leaving no room for doubt, and so implicit agreement is all that is needed in such cases.

B.G.Neal

**'A Plea for a Code of Practice'**

from G.F.Hallett

Sir,

May I draw your attention to the doubts which seem to be prevalent concerning the implications of Regulation 12 (b) (iii). This states that a competitor in a tournament is liable to be disqualified, at the discretion of the Manager, "if he shall practice on the courts before, during, or after the hours of play without having first obtained the permission of the Manager".

It is usually understood that practice the day before the match is quite ethical and that a player is permitted a knock-up before a match if he is playing a player who had already played on that day. Usually the knock-up is allowed if it is on a court other than the court on which the match is to be played, but I have known Managers allow the newcomer practice on the match court itself, denying practice to the other player who has already played. This seems odd in itself. Managers usually allow practice for anyone in the evening, after the matches of the day have been played, but I have known Managers who have refused this concession.

The doubts about tournaments expressed above carry over to Club Matches, Club competitions and even friendlies.

Colchester were once scheduled to play Cambridge in a friendly match. It was a lovely day and the Cambridge team arrived at 1 p.m. The Colchester team were forbidden by the Captain to go on the court or touch a ball all the morning.

Most players observe the custom not to knock-up or practice just before a club competition, but some players, if their opponents are a little late, quite openly have a knock-up. Sometimes these knock-ups go unobserved, but usually players draw their opponents' attention to the fact that they have touched the balls. Some knock-ups are on the court on which the match is to be played, but some players think this immoral and knock-up on a different court.

Newcomers to the game have asked me as a Secretary to tell them what the custom or law or moral etiquette on this point is or should be. Can someone give me the answer?

15 Roddam Close, Colchester, Essex. Yours sincerely, Gerald F. Hallett

**A Comment from the Chairman of the Laws Committee**

Mr Hallett asks how the Manager of a Tournament should respond to a competitor who asks his permission to practice. Regulation 12 (b) (iii) defines the power of the Manager to disqualify a competitor who practises without first obtaining his permission. It offers no guidance to the Manager as to the circumstances in which he should permit practice to take place,



and there is no relevant reference elsewhere in the Regulations. Thus Managers are left, quite rightly, with considerable discretion in this matter.

I believe that current practice is as follows:

1. The amount of match play or practice which a competitor or his opponent has had on the previous day is not to be taken into account when deciding whether or not to grant practice facilities.
2. A competitor who has not previously played on a particular day is allowed a short practice session if his opponent has already played a match on that day. This practice does not normally take place on the court on which the match is to be played. However, if this is the only available court, the opponent is also offered the opportunity of a brief practice.
3. When neither player has previously played on that day, no practice is allowed; nor is it permitted if both players have previously played.
4. When courts become free in the evening, players are allowed to practise without restriction.

The same principles can be applied to Inter-Club matches and Club competitions. For instance, in playing a Club competition match a player should, as a matter of courtesy, advise his opponent if he has previously played on that day, and offer him the opportunity to practise.

B.G.Neal

## Obituaries

### Major Richard Driscoll

The Croquet community, and particularly the Sussex County Croquet & Lawn Tennis Club at Southwick, has lost a staunch friend and colourful personality with the death of Major Richard Driscoll on April 2nd at the age of 86.

A soldier and sportsman all his life, he was the second to be awarded the Military Medal in World War I, during which he gained his Commission on the field. He reached high distinction in Golf (Club Captain), County Cricket and Association Football and when, as he approached 70, these sports demanded too much, he turned to Croquet and quickly became a proficient player. He was over 70 when he underwent the Arthritis Hip operation, and came through this ordeal with such celerity that he was playing a good game of croquet in a matter of weeks.

His ability to hit long roquets earned him the nick-name of "Dead-eyed Dick", and he was an opponent to be reckoned with until well over 80. His Arthritis caused him increasing pain after that, and it was only his courage and determination which kept him striving to play the game he loved. He leaves a Widow who is well known in the "Doggie World" with her breed of Pekinese; she had the honour of being asked to judge this class at Crufts this year.

W.H.A.

### Mrs F.J.T.Mew

Ruth Mew, Vice-President of the Ryde Club, died suddenly and unexpectedly in March of this year. The death of such a popular personality was a great loss to the Club. She had been a keen and enthusiastic tournament player since 1969, and at Ryde she will long be remembered for her generosity, her wide experience of catering and the help she gave so willingly to aid new members. Our sympathy is extended to her husband and daughters.

D.E.R.

The deaths are also announced of Maurice Glover, former Secretary and Chairman of the Sidmouth Club, Dr T.E.Ryves, Miss W.Adye, G.A.H.Alexander, C.D.Batt and Mrs M.L.Thom.

## Laws—Questions and Answers

### QUESTION

In a time-limited singles game, Red is in play when time is called. The points scored by the two sides are then equal, and Red completes his turn without scoring any points. He has a bisque unused, and signals his intention of taking it. Is he entitled to do so?

### ANSWER

No. The situation is covered by Reg. 8. After time is called, Red completes his turn and his opponent plays one subsequent turn. At the end of that turn the time limit has expired and, if the opponent had scored one or more points in his turn, he would be the winner. If he did not score a point in that turn, so that the points were still equal, play would continue and the side which scored the first point would win.

### QUESTION

If play continued because the sides were equal after the expiration of the time limit, could Red use his bisque after playing his next ordinary turn?

### ANSWER

Yes. Reg. 8(c) only prohibits the use of bisques in between time being called and the expiration of the time limit.

(This is a new feature in which authoritative statements on the Laws and Regulations will be made, either by or with the approval of the Chairman of the Laws Committee.—Ed.)

## Notes from the Clubs

### Preston

On June 2nd the Preston Croquet Club celebrated the 21st Anniversary of its formation. Croquet was started in Preston, Brighton, as a sub-section of a local Townswomen's Guild, and the use for croquet of two lawns at the Preston Bowling Club proved to be popular. Now part of the Preston Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, the Club has four lawns, two of which are part of the grounds of Preston Manor House. The 70 members enjoy playing in such picturesque and tranquil surroundings. Although Club members are not known for entering croquet tournaments, matches are arranged with other Croquet Clubs, and internal tournaments are keenly contested.

Hilda Clements

### Hunstanton

A very successful demonstration was given by four members of Wrest Park to members, friends and others interested in croquet at Hunstanton Club on Sunday June 6th. A ball by ball commentary on a doubles game was given by H.Green, with explanations of why certain tactics were adopted. As a result, at least 4 new members have joined and it is possible that others may later. A match between the five members of Wrest Park and Hunstanton took place in the morning, Wrest Park being the winners.

J.N.Rolfe

### West Midlands Federation

#### HIMLEY TOURNAMENTS 1976

The West Midlands Federation has held two weekend tournaments this summer, using 6 courts set out on the lawns of Himley Hall. On each occasion visitors from Scotland and Nottingham were welcomed to challenge the local contestants,

and each time the Scottish visitors successfully showed their skills and bore away trophies, though not to the exclusion of local talent.

For each event a system of play was evolved to ensure 2 games per day for each entrant, and still to determine overall winners on the second day.

Grateful appreciation is recorded to Dr F.V.X.Norton and Mr I.H.Wright for their services as Tournament Referee/Handicapper at the Doubles and Singles Events respectively, and to the Park Warden and staff at Himley for the preparation of the lawns.

HANDICAP DOUBLES: MAY 22-23 (14 Pairs)  
Winners: Dr F.V.X.Norton & J.G.White (5½)  
Runners-up: H.Bottomley & Mrs E.Bottomley (18).

HANDICAP SINGLES: JUNE 26-27 (24 Entries)  
BLOCK A. Winner: S.J.H.Wright (0). Runner-up: P.W.Elmes (0).  
BLOCK B. Winner: A.Girling (5½). Runner-up: H.Bottomley (3½).

A.G.Lenfestey

## Scottish Team Selection

Now that the International Match between Scotland and an English Team has become an annual event, an explanation of how the Scottish team is selected may be appropriate, as some people seem to be puzzled by its composition.

The first International Match which the newly formed Scottish Croquet Association held was against New Zealand in 1974. We could have invited the strongest possible team of players who were qualified by birth or parentage, and we would then have had a very strong team which could have included some of the current and past Great Britain Test Match players. It would have been a very strong team of minus players, none of whom had ever wielded a mallet north of the border. This would have involved no one in Scotland, apart from one or two responsible for the organisation, and would have done very little at all for croquet in Scotland.

So it was decided that we would select a team which was representative of Scottish croquet. It was also necessary to select a team which was capable of putting up something of a fight, as one of the objects was to give the New Zealanders a "warming up" match as a preliminary to the Test Series, and obviously a complete pushover would be no help to them—quite the contrary, in fact. At the beginning of 1974 the lowest handicap players in Scotland had handicaps of 1½, 1½, 2, 2½, 2½, 4 and 4½, and these, I may add, were reasonably accurate, as some had been set the previous season in tournaments in England and were more or less right relative to each other.

The MacRobertson Shield conditions state that a player is eligible to play for a nation if he has been resident in that country for three years immediately preceding the competition. Michael Heap, then -½, had been resident in Scotland and played croquet here for four years up to 18 months earlier, and so we felt that we could quite justifiably set our qualifying limit at four years playing in Scotland. The match was played to MacRobertson Shield rules (3 doubles and 6 singles, each best of three games), and we felt that our selection was justified by the result, which was 6-3 for New Zealand.

Our success in that match (i.e. we were not wiped off the face of the earth) was a major contribution to the increased interest in croquet in Scotland and to more of our players entering tournaments in England, and we have since had two very close matches against an England Team selected to make it a good game, winning the first one 5-4 and losing this year's by the same margin.

In the event of our entering a team for a Test Series—an ambition which several of us have—we would of course have to comply with whatever conditions apply then, but until then the Scottish Croquet Team will continue to be made up of players representative of croquet currently played in Scotland and those who have qualified in the past.

I.H.Wright

## The Colour Problem

Let me tell you what happened to me at the Blankshire tournament. I arrived punctually at two minutes to ten and asked the Manager where I was playing. "It's all on the board," he replied rather off-handedly. When I had found the board, I discovered that I was down to play on a double banked court. I at once explained to the Manager that I disliked double banking, but he was most uncooperative. After a lengthy discussion I conceded that, although I still thought his attitude was unreasonable, I could find no legal objection. So I went to find my mallet, which took some time; at first I thought someone had moved it, but at last I found it where I had left it. Some fool had hung his wet weather clothing over it.

When I got to my court I found my opponent waiting for me (for some time he said, but I could not help that). The other game on the court had already started, and to my amazement I found that we were expected to play with brown, green, pink and white balls. This I could not agree to, so, although my opponent tried to dissuade me, I returned all the way to the Manager's office and explained to him that both Laws 2(c) and 4(a) categorically said that croquet is played with blue, black, red and yellow balls. If I played with any other colours, I would be infringing the Laws for which I have the greatest respect. I enlarged on this, but I got the impression that the Manager did not quite appreciate the importance of my point (all the time I was talking, he was fiddling with some calculations on a piece of paper and not giving his whole attention to what I was saying). I therefore offered to read out to him Laws 2 and 4 *verbatim*, but if he wished me to do so, would he please wait while I fetched my reading glasses from the changing room. To my surprise he cut me short and said (almost shouted) in a most uncalled for manner "You have wasted half an hour already" (This was scarcely my fault, as he had been detaining me in discussion, but I did not press the point. Perhaps I should have done). "For Heaven's sake stop arguing and get on with your game with the balls on the court." I could see that there was nothing for it but to return to my court, but when I got there I found that in my confusion I had left my mallet in the Manager's office. When I reappeared to retrieve it, his remarks were so offensive that I do not care to repeat them.

Then another thought struck me. When searching for my mallet, I had seen several spare sets of balls in the hut. Could I not go back and fetch one of these? But it then occurred to me that the Manager in his present mood might disqualify me under Reg. 12(b)(ii) for changing a set of balls without his permission.

I decided therefore to send for the Referee of the Tournament instead and appeal to him on a point of Law. When he arrived from where he was playing, I explained to him that if I played with these balls I would be knowingly contravening the Laws. The fact that the Manager had ordered me to do so would not absolve me, as the Nuremburg trials defendants discovered to their cost when they pleaded superior orders.

The Referee looked at the balls and gave his judgement: "We have to establish what colours the balls really are. This first ball is certainly a very brownish black. I might have called it nigger brown, but the Race Relations Board have directed the hosiery and footwear trades to discontinue this description. Negroes, however, range in shade from coal black to dark brown. Yet we call them all black men. I therefore rule this ball to be black.

"Distinctions between blue and green are indeterminate. As a philatelist I know the difficulty of deciding whether a stamp is greenish-blue or bluish-green. We cannot enter into such fine comparisons here, and I therefore rule this ball to be blue.

"The third ball, although pale, is predominantly reddish. The Laws do not stipulate whether the red ball shall be dark or pale. I therefore rule this complaint to be frivolous.

"I must admit that the last ball appears to fit the description 'white'. But the term 'white' can be misleading. White wine is usually yellowish, and even in cases of jaundice we still refer to the whites of the eyes. If yellow can be called white, why cannot white be called yellow? I therefore rule that it be deemed to be yellow. In making this decision, I am mindful of the extent to which deeming



can be carried by the precedent of Rule 46 of the Oxford Union (from whose premises dogs are excluded) which states: 'Any animal leading a blind person shall be deemed a cat'. Your appeal is disallowed."

I believe that the Council are now amending the Laws to permit these unpleasant second colours, which proves that at the time they were illegal. I was right after all.

Aggrieved

(I wish to emphasise that this Article, which is intended to be light-hearted, was written last year, before the Council clarified certain matters concerned with double-banking. The Author suspects that recent Council pronouncements prove his viewpoint was right at the time.—Ed.)

### New Zealand Senior Invitation Event

This was held on the Waireka Lawns in Ashburton during the week beginning March 1st of this year. 14 triples and one quadruple peel were achieved.

R.V.Jackson (Mt Hobson) 12 wins (6 triples and 1 quadruple); G.Rowling (Riwaka) 10 wins (3 triples); Miss S.Grigg (Fendalton) 8 wins; P.Skinley (Rangitira) 8 wins (2 triples); K.Woollett (Ohakune) 7 wins (3 triples); W.Bulloch (Punga) 5 wins; Mrs V.Boyes (Eltham) 4 wins; C.Jones (Manawatu) 2 wins.

### The Basic Laws of Croquet

An addendum to this new publication has been issued. It consists of an addition to para. 44, as follows:

"At the end of each stroke all balls that go off the court, except the striker's ball when it has made a roquet (para. 26), are replaced on the nearest point on the yard-line."

### Interpretation of Regulation 20A

"Regulation 20A deals with the method of determining the block winner in an American event, unless otherwise laid down before the start of play. It also applies to any event in which all competitors take part in each round of play, such as one played according to the Swiss system."

B.G.Neal,  
Chairman, Laws Committee.

### Corrigenda

In the April 1976 issue of the gazette (no. 139) there appeared on page 4 a highly amusing Rover Note under the heading "Misunderstood". At the end of this note a problem was posed and the answer given at the foot of page 7. The last part of this answer was unfortunately incorrect. A Spectator Referee has only very limited powers and duties which are defined in Reg. 7. One of these is "if a fault or irregularity has been claimed or admitted within the limit of claims, to intervene to ensure that play is continued in accordance with the laws". (Reg. 7 (a) (i)). In the incident described in the Rover Note, the wrong ball was not played and the adversary did not forestall play when the croquet stroke was played with the balls misplaced. The Spectator Referee was therefore quite right to keep silent.

B.G.N.

The Article 'How much time is needed' in the April gazette pp. 13-14 was written by G.E.P.Jackson, mention of whose name was omitted.

P.D.H.

## Double Banking

The use of double banking in tournaments has grown in recent years. We hope that the following notes will be helpful to competitors; they have been prepared at the request of the Council but are for guidance only. There is insufficient experience of double banked play at the present time to warrant any additions or amendments to the Laws.

R.W.Bray  
B.G.Neal

### A. CUSTOMS AND ETIQUETTE

#### 1. General

At all times, and especially before stepping onto the court, players should be aware of the course of play of the other game and should try to avoid crossing the line of aim.

#### 2. Expedition in Play

Players should be especially conscious of the need for expedition in play, and in doubles should avoid mid-court conferences as far as possible. (Law 49).

#### 3. Precedence

- 3.1 If one player is making a break, he should generally be given precedence.
- 3.2 If both players are making a break, and are approaching the same hoop, precedence should normally be given to the player who is most likely to get clear of the hoop first, subject to 4.3.
- 3.3 If neither player is making a break, and both are approaching the same hoop, precedence should normally be given to the player who has made the first roquet towards the hoop.

#### 4. Marking

- 4.1 All players should carry markers (such as small coins).
- 4.2 If a ball of the other game is in the way of a player, and if it is not in a critical position (such as near a hoop) it may be removed temporarily, and its position marked, with the consent of the players in the other game.
- 4.3 If a ball of the other game is in the way, and its position is critical, the player should normally interrupt his turn until it has been removed in the normal course of play in the other game.

### B. LAWS

#### 5. Interference with balls by balls or players of the other game

- 5.1 If a player causes a ball of the other game, which has finally come to rest, to move, it should be replaced without penalty (Law 33).
- 5.2 A ball or a player of the other game should be viewed as an outside agency if it or he causes interference during a stroke, and Law 34 (b) then applies.

### C. MANAGEMENT

#### 6. Course of hoops

The Manager may direct players using alternative coloured balls to play with the court turned through 180°, so that their A-baulk is the normal B-baulk, their first hoop is the normal hoop 3, and so on. The crowns of their first and Rover hoops may be marked Green and Pink, respectively.

#### 7. Start of games

The Manager may direct play in a second game to start as soon as the fifth turn has been played in the first game on the same court, or after a specified length of time.

#### 8. Timed games

The Manager may allow up to 15 minutes extra for double-banked games, provided that this allowance is announced before the start and applied to similar games in the event.

## A South African Tour

Without quite knowing how it had happened, Edgar Jackson and I suddenly found ourselves in South Africa; we had travelled with Roger Bray who was going there to coach.

By the next morning we had lost Roger so we decided that the best thing to do was to hire a car and drive to Kruger National Park. We spent three days driving around this marvellous reserve where African wildlife can be seen in its natural environment. It was an unforgettable experience.

We reluctantly left the park and drove to Pretoria where we found out why we had brought our croquet mallets with us. Roger had left for Cape Town the previous day, so it was left to Cheltenham to uphold the honour of English croquet, which we did rather well. Six games were played in one day in the most delightful surroundings of Pretoria Croquet Club. The Score Six Nil in favour of the travellers.

We then set off for Cape Town and the Rondebosch Croquet Club. Cheltenham did not have it all their own way at the Hotel near the Club, for although the Member from Colchester was still missing (presumed coaching), Budleigh Salterton, Nottingham, Carrickmines and the Home Counties were represented.

At last Roger Bray was found and a match against a South African team was played. I have to report that we were beaten three to two and had it not been for Humphrey Hicks who played exceptionally well in the doubles, the score could easily have been 4-1.

The Western Province Tournament took place the following week at Rondebosch. There were well over thirty entrants for the three main events and with only three lawns one would have thought that the early rounds would have posed quite a problem. I had forgotten double banking! What a marvellous invention—the games become so much more interesting. For those who have not played the game under these conditions, please don't condemn it without trying it with an open mind.

The Tournament finished on time and with a proper sit down prize giving with speeches—a tradition which seems to have been dropped by most clubs in this country. The Tournament had been sponsored by the J & B Whisky Company and each prize winner received a bottle of scotch. I thought this an excellent idea, especially as Cheltenham did rather well winning both the Open Doubles and Singles.

On to Durban where the Cheltenham players met a Natal team on Richard Carte's lawns. Richard Carte's house is more like a Sports Club than a private home. He has a swimming pool, a tennis court and two croquet lawns, one of which is floodlit. He holds regular croquet afternoons and he encourages young players to come and practise any time they wish. His hospitality has certainly paid off as one of his "pupils" has been invited to play in England this summer.

We were driven to Pietermaritzburg to play a second match against another South African team. We met up with Roger again and played five matches in lovely surroundings, although we did have some rain, and perhaps it was this more familiar weather that helped us to a four to one victory.

After almost four weeks the tour was over. Wherever we had been we received a very warm welcome, cocktail parties, a visit to the theatre and drives around local beauty spots had all been arranged. We had stayed in people's homes and were treated as friends by everyone we met.

It is nice to know that through croquet one can visit an increasing number of countries, whether it be on an Association Official Tour or privately, and be assured of meeting new friends.

We visited so many places and met so many people that it is difficult to pick out any one 'special occasion' but as far as I am concerned, playing croquet under floodlights one beautiful Durban evening, will certainly remain in my memory for a long time.

Andrew B. Hope

## Scotland v. An English Team, at Gleneagles: June 12-13

The Scottish weather showed its usual lack of welcome to English croquet visitors to Gleneagles by greeting them with a near gale force wind and frequent heavy showers of biting rain. The effect on the players was such that in one of the doubles no roquet was made until the twelfth turn.

The three doubles matches were all completed after two games, leaving England in the lead by two to one. In the case of two of the singles matches one game had also been played on the Saturday. The Manager's hopes that this would lead to a reasonably early finish on the Sunday were dashed when the matches between Robin Godby & Ian Wright and Colin Prichard & David Nichols both went to three games. Colin Prichard, who had never played with double banking before, was thrown badly off his stride in his first game, when he found himself making an organised 4-ball break behind a slower player who was fighting to establish his break. Colin was forced to make frequent stops, and perhaps as a result of this lost his first game. After lunch, however, when his second game started, the other match had been finished, and he gained victory in a close fought finish to the third game.

Robin Godby and Ian Wright were the last to finish. Ian eventually won a long hard-fought struggle, despite having had one ball pegged out by his opponent. Scottish players were glad to see John Rose in the English team, as he had lived and played in Edinburgh for a season a few years ago.

This fixture is becoming an annual event in the Calendar. Arrangements are being made for a Scottish team to visit England next year.

### Results

(English names on left hand side)

B.G.Neal & R.A.Godby lost to M.E.W.Heap & S.J.H.Wright -14 -14.  
S.R.Hemsted & A.V.Camroux beat I.H.Wright & D.I.Nichols +1 +4.  
C.H.L.Prichard & J.Rose beat R.N.Maclean & R.Williams +4 +25.  
B.G.Neal lost to M.E.W.Heap -25 (triple) +4 (triple) -18.  
S.R.Hemsted beat S.J.H.Wright +19 +26.  
C.H.L.Prichard beat D.I.Nichols -8 +24 +5.  
R.A.Godby lost to I.H.Wright +12 -9 -3.  
A.V.Camroux lost to R.N.Maclean -11 -10.  
J.Rose beat R.Williams +25 +13.

AN ENGLISH TEAM BEAT SCOTLAND 5-4.

### Apps Bowl and Steel Bowl Awards

In order to assist the Handicap Co-ordination Committee in selecting the most improved man player and the most improved woman player for this year (leading to the award of the Apps Bowl and the Steel Bowl) clubs are asked to consider whether they have any players whom they consider to be worthy of consideration for either of these awards. If they have any players who have made outstanding improvement this year, will they please be so kind as to submit detailed particulars of their play not later than October 14th to the C.A. Office, so that the Committee can include the players in their deliberations.

The conditions of the award require that a candidate should be an Associate, and that, in determining the award, account is taken both of Club play and play in tournaments.

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## Weekend Tournaments

### Cheltenham I: April 17-19

**BLOCK A.**  
Winner: J. Coultts (4) who beat Professor B.G. Neal (-3½) +11, J.A. Wheeler (½) +12, W.J. Sturdy (3) +18, Mrs R.F. Wheeler (9) +8, and Mrs D. Brown (11) +23.

**BLOCK B.**  
Winner: P. Stoker (4) who beat W. de B. Prichard (-3½) +16, R.E. Adlard (2) +14, Miss M.J. Lodge (6½) +12, Mrs M.L. Shackleton (16) +11, and lost to T.W. Anderson (8) -11.

**BLOCK C.**  
Winner: P.W. Elmes (0) who beat G.E.P. Jackson (-1½) +22, G.G. Strutt (2) +19, C.B. Sanford (4½) +13, Mrs D.C. Willetts (8) +10, and Mrs D. Exell (14) +14.

**BLOCK D.**  
Winner: R.D.C. Prichard (1½) who beat Miss E.H. Arkell (3) +8, A.J. Bucknell (5½) +18, J.S. Maude (8) +6, Dr R.F. Wheeler (11) +6, and lost to Dr G.K. Taylor (0) -8.

**BLOCK E.**  
Winner: Dr C.B. Snowdon (6) who beat J.H.J. Soutter (-1) +25, G. Henshaw (3½) +23, G.F. Blumer (8) +18, Mrs B.G. Neal (5½) +18, and Captain P.H.S. Reid (12) +11.

**BLOCK F.**  
Winner: J. Haigh (1) who beat Mrs K.M.O. Wheeler (-1) +19, Mrs B.G. Weitz (3½) +15, L.G. Ayliffe (5) +7, Mrs A.J. Bucknell (9) +15, and lost to W.F. Morton (12) -5.

**BLOCK G.**  
Winner: A.F. Coleman (3½) who beat Mrs D.M.C. Prichard (-½) +22, Professor B.G. Weitz (½) +14, D.C. Willetts (6) +1, A. Blenkin (9) +8, and Mrs W.J. Sturdy (12) +9.

### Compton: April 22-25

**BLOCK A.**  
Winner: G. Drake (2½) who beat E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (-1) +24, D.A. Harris (½) +25, G.W. Williams (1) +22, and lost to Cdr G. Borrett (0) -18.

**BLOCK B.**  
Winner: Dr D.A. Parker (7) who beat H.J. Devitt (6) +21, C.E. Knight (5) +1 (T), Miss M. Anderson (5½) +6 (T), and Dr S.R.C. Malin (6) +2 (T).

**BLOCK C.**  
Winner: Miss E.X. Hodgins (8) who beat W. Nicholson (9) +16, Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (8) +11 (T), J.H.T. Griffiths (8) +8 (T), and lost to Miss D.G. Leach (7) -2 (T).

**BLOCK D.**  
Winner: W.A. Scarr (10) who beat Mrs D. Waterhouse (11) +16, Mrs W.A. Scarr (13) +16, Dr K.F. Hartley (9) +6 (T), and lost to Lt-Col D.F.T. Brown (9) -6 (T).

#### PLAY-OFF

*Semi-Final*  
Dr D.A. Parker (B) bt. G. Drake (A) +6 (T)  
W.A. Scarr (D) bt. Miss E.X. Hodgins (C) +3 (T)

*Final*  
Dr D.A. Parker bt. W.A. Scarr +10

### Wrest Park I: May 21-23

**BLOCK A.**  
Winner: E. Audsley (7) who beat N.J. Davren (1) +12, D.W. Archer (2) +19, E. Bell (2) +16, P. Stoker (2½) +3, Dr R.F. Wheeler (11) +8 (T), and Miss J. Wraith (12) +23.

**BLOCK B.**  
Winner: H.C. Green (3) who beat D.K. Openshaw (½) +25, B.A. Keen (2) +16, Dr B.R. Sandiford (5½) +21, T.W. Anderson (8) +3, C. Grout (13) +3, and lost to Mrs R.F. Wheeler (9) -6 (T).

**BLOCK C.**  
Winner: P. Barlow (12) who beat J.A. Wheeler (½) +6, G.B. Martin (2½) +3 (T), D.G. Richardson (3½) +26, A.G. Dumont (5) +3 (T), and lost to D.C. Caporn (½) -1 (T) and Mrs M. Grout (11) -7.

### Colchester I: May 29-31

#### SWISS HANDICAP SINGLES

*Five Wins:* J. Haigh  
*Four Wins:* R.S. Alford, M.E.W. Heap, N.J.C. Gooch, Dr J.N. Robinson, H.A. Cross.  
*Three Wins:* E.A. Locke, T. Shute, G.S. Digby, Miss S.G. Hampson, K.H. Paterson, Captain H.F. Nalder, J.H.T. Griffiths, Mrs G.S. Digby.

### Southport: May 29-31

#### FIRST SERIES

**BLOCK A.**  
Winner: D.G. Richardson (3½) who beat E. Halliwell (8) +15, Mrs D.H. Moorcraft (10) +17, and lost to D.H. Moorcraft (½) -8.

**BLOCK B.**  
Winner: J.G.C. Phillips (5) who beat J. Rose (1) +3, Mrs J.S. Tyldesley (6) +5, and Miss I.M. Hawkins (9) +13.

**BLOCK C.**  
Winner: P. Stoker (2½) who beat Dr B.R. Sandiford (5½) +19, Mrs A. Hadcroft (9) +25, and E.L. Gardiner (14) +1 (T).

#### SECOND SERIES

**BLOCK A.**  
Winner: D.G. Richardson (3½) who beat P. Stoker (2½) +5, J.G.C. Phillips (5) +10, and Mrs J.S. Tyldesley (6) +8.

**BLOCK B.**  
Winner: D.H. Moorcraft (½) who beat E. Halliwell (8) +13, Mrs A. Hadcroft (9) +10, and E.L. Gardiner (14) +8.

**BLOCK C.**  
Winner: Mrs D.H. Moorcraft (10) who beat J. Rose (1) +1 (T), Dr B.R. Sandiford (5½) +4 (T), and Miss I.M. Hawkins (9) +1 (T).

### Cheltenham II: May 29-31

**BLOCK A.**  
Winner: Mrs D. de O. Lenfestey (9) who beat J.H.J. Soutter (-1) +10, F.E. Pearson (2) +26, R.F.A. Crane (6) +23, G.L. Frost (13) +2, and lost to M.J. Evans (1) -8 and Miss M.J. Lodge (6½) -13.

**BLOCK B.**  
Winner: Mrs D. Exell (4) who beat Mrs K.M.O. Wheeler (-1) +26, Professor B.G. Weitz (½) +14, C.B. Sanford (4½) +10, Miss I.M. Roe (6) +14, E. Asa-Thomas (9) +15, and lost to L.S. Butler (2½) -7.

**BLOCK C.**  
Winner: Miss E.H. Arkell (2½) who beat Mrs E.M. Lightfoot (1½) +4, Mrs G.W. Solomon (4) +8, D. de O. Lenfestey (6) +9, Sir Leonard Stone (14) +15, and lost to A.B. Hope (-2½) -8 and N. Morrison (12) -4.

**BLOCK D.**  
Winner: G.F. Blumer (8) who beat P.W. Elmes (0) +26, Col. G.T. Wheeler (4) +13, B.G. Bucknall (7½) +7 (T), Mrs R.F.A. Crane (14) +13, and lost to Mrs J.N. Rolfe (1½) -3 and Miss R.M. Allen (3½) -4.

**BLOCK E.**  
Winner: A.J. Girling (9) who beat Dr G.K. Taylor (0) +26, Mrs B.G. Weitz (3½) +26, J.G. Warwick (4) +26, L.G. Ayliffe (5) +24, Mrs E. Asa-Thomas (5) +10, and Mrs M.A.L. Warren (15) +14.

### Nottingham I: June 4-6

**BLOCK A.**  
Winner: Mrs J.S. Tyldesley (6) who beat G. Henshaw (5) +5, Dr M. Haslam +24, R. Fletcher +21, Mrs A.J. Bucknell (10) +19, Mrs C.W. Haworth (15) +10, and lost to G. Birch (1) -24.

**BLOCK B.**  
Winner: B. Slater (3½) who beat G. Noble (3½) +12, T. Smith (½) +7, C.W. Haworth (6½), Mrs C. Chamberlain (9) +18, Mrs A. Hadcroft (9) +9, and Dr R.F. Wheeler (11) +5.

**BLOCK C.**  
Winner: E. Bell (2) who beat Mrs L.A. Coombs (5) +19, A.J. Bucknell (5½) +8, B. Chamberlain +10, P. Death (8) +1, Mrs R.F. Wheeler (9) +4, and Mrs G. Gratrix +10.

### Hunstanton: June 11-14

**BLOCK A.**  
Winner: T.O. Read (-2) who beat Miss S.G. Hampson (3) +22, A.G. Dumont (5) +14, Mrs B.G. Neal (5½) +13, L. Batchelor (13) +8, and Miss E.I. Wood (11) +23.

**BLOCK B.**  
Winner: H.C. Green (2) who beat Mrs N. Read (4½) +18, W.H. Carlisle (6½) +15, C.R. Palmer (11) +22, R. Forth (8) +4, and lost to Mrs A.N. Rolfe (1½) -17.

**BLOCK C.**  
Winner: J.A. Wheeler (½) who beat D.C. Caporn (2½) +12, Miss E.C. Brumpton (5) +15, Mrs H.A. Zinn (8) +9, D. Turner (8) +12, Mrs L. Batchelor (13) +10, and Miss C.M. Sinclair (15) +18.

#### PLAY-OFF

*First Round*  
T.O. Read (-2) bt. H.C. Green (2) +12

*Final*  
T.O. Read (-2) bt. J.A. Wheeler (½) +9

### Southwick: June 18-20

Southwick launched its first weekend tournament in June this year, and the event was so pleasant and enjoyable that it will certainly become an annual fixture in the Calendar. Six of our visitors were new to us, and we now count them as old friends whom we hope to meet again. The four Block Winners were W.E. Moore, T.I. Wood, T.F. Owen, gallantly playing after a very recent stay in hospital, and Professor B.G. Weitz. The final of the Play-Off knocked half a bisque from Terry Wood's handicap after his expert play against Tristram Owen. Ian Vincent managed the tournament with that easy efficiency which we have come to expect from him. The Club is going to miss him sadly when he takes up his career at Nottingham University at the end of August.

**BLOCK A.**  
Winner: W.E. Moore (-1) who beat L.M. Bromfield (11) +6, Dr S.K. Sadek (7\*) +9, Mrs G.C. Day (10) +9, A.F. Adlam (12) +17, and Mrs E.R. Cox (3) +11.

**BLOCK B.**  
Winner: T.F. Owen (1) who beat Miss P. Shine (14) +22, Mrs E.H.P. Mallinson (5) +14, Mrs A.F. Adlam (9) +14, G.T. Coates (7) +15, and lost to M.J. Moreton-Smith (11\*) -15.

**BLOCK C.**  
Winner: Professor B.G. Weitz (½) who beat Mrs L.A. Coombs (3½) +18, Captain F. Tucker (9) +18, H.J. Betts (5) +10, Mrs A.E. Millns (13) +16, and lost to D.M. Bull (5) -10.

**BLOCK D.**  
Winner: T.I. Wood (2½) who beat C.E. Knight (5) +19, Mrs B.G. Weitz (3½) +15, A.J. Betts (8) +2, H.A. Sheppard (3) +15, and lost to W.H. Austin (2) -9.

#### PLAY-OFF

*Semi-Final*  
T.F. Owen (B) bt. W.E. Moore (A) +12  
T.I. Wood (D) bt. Prof. B.G. Weitz (C) +18

*Final*  
T.I. Wood bt. T.F. Owen +17

### Parkstone: July 13-15

**BLOCK A.**  
Winner: S.N. Mulliner (1) who beat Mrs G.H. Wood (1½) +17, Miss M.D. McMordie (2½) +21, J.H.T. Griffiths (8) +16, Mrs E.V. Deakin (13) +18, and Mrs P.H. Mann (8) opp. scr.

**BLOCK B.**  
Winner: H.G. Drake (2½) who beat L.S. Butler (1) +3 (T), Air Cdr J.H. Greswell (4½) +1, R.H.C. Carder (6) +11, and Mrs G.L. Ormerod (9) +11.

**BLOCK C.**  
Winner: P. Newton (-½) who beat Dr C.A. Parker (2) +11, P.H. Mann (6) +6, Mrs P. Newton (6) +17, and Mrs C.A. Parker (16) +17.

**PLAY-OFF**  
H.G. Drake (2½) bt. P. Newton (-½) +7.

*Final*  
H.G. Drake (2½) bt. S.N. Mulliner (1) +20.

## The Longman Cup 1976

#### Results in Order

*First Round*  
Hurlingham beat Rochampton 4-1  
Southwick beat Herstonceux 4-1  
Wolverhampton beat Southport 4-1  
Edgbaston beat Bretby 4-1

*Second Round*  
Hurlingham beat Phyllis Court 4-1  
Parsons Green w.o. A.E.R.E. Harwell opp. scr.  
Southwick beat Woking 3-2  
Compton w.o. Ryde opp. scr.  
Harrow Oak beat Wrest Park 3-2  
Colworth beat Colchester 3-2  
Stourbridge beat Wolverhampton 4-1  
Edgbaston beat Ellesmere 4-1

## Budleigh Salterton May Tournament: May 10-15

In contrast to 1975, the tournament opened in brilliant sunshine, which continued over the greater part of the week. The lawns were in much better condition than might have been expected after two months of drought conditions, thanks to the efforts of the cheerful groundsman Tubby Hooker. The tournament was managed again by the genial Pat Tunmer, whose relaxed and sympathetic handling of the players made it a most enjoyable week.

Only one player survived the week without defeat, Charles Waller, who won the E Block, and then went on to win the L.G. Walters Long Handicap Trophy by beating Jack Ormerod, the F Block winner, by 12 in the play-off.

G.S. Digby of Colchester played some confident croquet to win the C Block, losing only one game, to Peter Devitt, the Budleigh Club Chairman, who managed to come from well behind to score a good win. In the play-off for the J.K. Brown Cup, Digby beat H.E. Ovens, the D Block winner, by 4. This match proved to be a ding-dong struggle, with Ovens playing very determinedly, but Digby's superior break control gave him a narrow win.

In the senior blocks Colin Prichard, with his fluent strokes and good hitting-in, was unbeaten until Friday, when John Cooper beat him in a close game. Nevertheless, Colin ran out the winner of A Block, to meet Ray Stevens, winner of B Block, who had also lost only one game during the week. This play-off, for the Godfrey Turner Challenge Cup, only came to life in the last half-hour. Ray Stevens had got both his clips on the peg after some accurate play, and still had a bisque in hand, before Colin, whose accuracy in shooting had temporarily deserted him, managed to hit in and take his black ball round to the peg. He then attempted to leave his opponent an impossible leave from which to peg out, but unfortunately missed a short roquet on his own ball in the final stages of the lay-up, and left his two balls together on the North boundary, with his opponent's balls neatly placed midway along the east and west boundaries. Ray shot at the enemy balls and missed, but his bisque enabled him to rush a ball over to the east boundary to get behind his partner ball for a rush to the peg, and to win the Cup for the second time in three years.

In the Doubles final Col. Prichard and Mrs C. Bagnall, who had been playing impressively all the week, met Colin Prichard and Mrs Dwerryhouse. The game went steadily in favour of the former pair, until they reached Penult and 4-Back, with their opponents on 1 and 4. Colin then commenced a highly entertaining, even if not immaculate, all-round break attempting to peel his father's ball through its last two hoops and peg it out. After many adventures and the use of several of their bisques, he succeeded in the double peel, but, alas, missed the peg-out. The biter was quickly bitten, when Col. Prichard pegged both Colin and himself out, leaving Mrs Dwerryhouse to battle on in a one ball game with Mrs Bagnall, who had only three hoops to run. The end soon came, and Col. Prichard and Mrs Bagnall were the first recipients of the Doubles Cups recently donated by Sir Leonard Daldry.

Heard in the Club House at lunch: "What was the result of your game?" "Eighteen all on time—a draw." The matter was later discreetly resolved by mallets for two on a secluded lawn—the first to run Hoop 6. Why Hoop 6?—It must be a lucky number for the ladies.

#### Results

##### AMERICAN HANDICAP SINGLES

**BLOCK A.**  
Winner: C.H.L. Prichard (-1½) who beat B.G. Perry (-2) +13, Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard (-1) +13, Mrs D.M.C. Prichard (-½) +3, Sir Leonard Daldry (0) +17, Mrs E. Rotherham (0) +22, and lost to A.J. Cooper (-½) -7.  
**BLOCK B.**  
Winner: R.S. Stevens (1) who beat R.A. Simpson (1½) +22, Dr W.R. Bucknall (1½) +5 (T), Mrs N.A.C. McMillan (2) +1 (T), C. Edwards (2½) +6 (T), Mrs G.S. Digby (3) +8, and lost to H.G.T. Bolton (1) -1 (T).  
**BLOCK C.**  
Winner: G.S. Digby (3½) who beat Mrs R.A. Simpson (3) +18, R.H. Lee



(3½) +20, K.S.Schofield (3½) +15, J.G.Warwick (4) +18, Mrs C.Bagnall (5) +18, and lost to P.K.Devitt (5) -3 (T).

## BLOCK D.

Winner: H.E.Ovens (8) who beat P.H.Mann (6) +19, Mrs S.S.Cruden (7) +2 (T), J.H.T.Griffiths (8) +13, Mrs P.H.Mann (8) +15 (T), R.Forth (8) +1 (T), and lost to Mrs P.A.Tunmer (6) -12.

## BLOCK E.

Winner: C.J.Waller (10) who beat Mrs H.E.Ovens (11) +9, Dr C.W.Marshall (11) +15, Mrs L.A.Davies (11) +7 (T), Mrs E.Pursey (12) +13 (T), and Mrs J.Goode (12) +12 (T).

## BLOCK F.

Winner: A.Ormerod (14) who beat Mrs C.W.Marshall (12) +2 (T), Mrs P.A.Dwerryhouse (14) +8 (T), Mrs R.S.Stevens (16) +9 (T), Mrs P.K.Devitt (15) +20, and lost to Miss D.E.Rogers (13) -4 (T).

## PLAY-OFF FOR THE GODFREY TURNER CHALLENGE CUP

**R.S.Stevens** (B) bt C.H.L.Prichard (A) +13.

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

**G.S.Digby** (C) bt H.E.Ovens (D) +4 (T).

## PLAY-OFF FOR THE L.G.WALTERS LONG HANDICAP TROPHY

**C.J.Waller** (E) bt A.Ormerod (F) +12 (T).

## HANDICAP DOUBLES (19 Pairs)

## Semi-Final

**C.H.L.Prichard & Mrs P.A.Dwerryhouse** (12½) bt. Sir Leonard Daltry & J.G.Warwick (4) +4  
**Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard & Mrs C.Bagnall** (4) bt. Mrs N.A.C.McMillan & Mrs C.W.Marshall (14) +3

## Final

**D.Prichard & Mrs Bagnall** bt. C.Prichard & Mrs Dwerryhouse +7.

## The Peel Memorials: May 17-22

Effectively there had been no rain on the Cheltenham lawns since before the Peels 1975, so it was remarkable that they were as good as they were this year, thanks to the care and attention of Mr Whittington, who is now Lawns Manager.

There was a very good entry, the best for several years, 38 players after 3 cancellations, 11 of them with handicaps scratch or below, only one of whom survived in the croquet proper till the Saturday. With the Golf Croquet thrown in for good measure it was a colossal programme, most successfully carried through by Edgar Jackson, with Miss Allardyce as his aide-de-camp.

As far as the games are concerned, the one which stands out in the memory was a mammoth Doubles between Mrs Prichard & George Blumer, and Miss Sinclair and Mr E.Holiday (a relative of Mrs Prichard), which lasted no less than 5 hours and 10 minutes, but was always full of interest. It was an Aunt Emma game of a sort, but the 'Aunt' in question was at least a Duchess, if not an H.R.H. so was very distinguished. Broadly speaking one hoop at a time, and then the expert separatings, and wrings, and layings up for the junior partner until Mrs Prichard & Blumer won by 3. In the middle of this the gods commented with thundering through dark clouds, and finally decided to add to the fun by sending down a 10 minute hailstorm, with pieces of hail a half inch in diameter, until the ten lawns looked like ten enormous white sheets spread out to dry. And this on the 20th May!

Through this event one observed a Golf Croquet game proceeding unperturbed, and also Captain P.Reid, R.N. (Retd.), aged 75 years, a few of them spent in a Japanese Prisoner of War Camp, carrying on against Lawrence Latham to give that promising young player his first and only defeat of the week. In doing so Philip Reid reached the Final of the Men's Draw, a very creditable performance. Which brings us to the crux of the matter, that the tournament was rather Latham's benefit, with 18 games all told, not to mention a little Golf Croquet from which he was mercifully eliminated. He won the Men's Bowl, the Big Handicap, and the Doubles with Mrs Pat Solomon, and seldom can so many all round breaks have been made by one person in one week, all with pleasant modesty. He had not played in a tournament since the All

England Finals in 1974 (which he did not win), when his handicap was 4, except for a Club event (which again he did not win), so off handicap 4 he played. He used the bisques as they should be used, to help him lay out his 4-ball breaks—but now he will have to be content with 2 bisques to his name.

On the Monday Edith Arkell started off well with three wins in the Women's Draw, and on Tuesday in the Big Handicap beat Mrs Prichard in the morning, and again in the afternoon in the semi-final of the Draw, so she was strongly tipped as the ultimate Woman winner. This turned out to be the result, though Liz Neal, who won the Process, ran her to only 4 points difference in the Play-Off.

John McLaren, last year's runner-up in the Men's Bowl, did not quite play up to his best Singles form, but, with Edith Arkell, he did reach the Final of the Doubles, there to lose; he gained a very creditable win in the Golf Croquet Singles. The Gold Croquet Doubles (best of three) were terrifically contested, and the final winners were Edgar Jackson and Andrew Hope, fresh back from successes in South Africa.

## Results

## Event 1: Peel Memorial Silver Challenge Bowl (Men) (18 Entries)

## DRAW

## First Round

**R.O.B.Whittington** (0) bt. A.Gordon (6½) +14; **G.E.P.Jackson** (-1½) bt. Col. E.L.L.Vulliamy (3) +18.

## Second Round

**J.McLaren** (4) bt. C.H.L.Prichard (-1½) +15; **Captain P.H.S.Reid** (12) bt. Revd W.E.Gladstone (-½) +12; **F.E.Pearson** (2) bt. P.W.Hands (-3) +7; **Jackson** bt. Whittington +23; **L.V.Latham** (4) bt. C.G.Pountney (0) +23; **E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake** (-1) bt. G.G.Strutt (2) +2; **Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard** (-1) bt. Col.G.T.Wheeler (4) +9; **Dr J.N.Robinson** (0) bt. G.F.Blumer (8) +11.

## Third Round

**Reid** bt. McLaren +16; **Pearson** bt. Jackson +8; **Latham** bt. Tyrwhitt Drake +18; **Robinson** bt. D.Prichard +25.

## Semi-Final

**Reid** bt. Pearson +10; **Latham** bt. Robinson +26.

## Final

**Reid** bt. Latham +14.

## PROCESS

## First Round

**Blumer** bt. C.Prichard +26; **Robinson** bt. McLaren +4.

## Second Round

**Jackson** bt. Blumer +2; **Strutt** bt. Pearson +12; **Gladstone** bt. Pountney +3; **Whittington** bt. D.Prichard +25; **Robinson** bt. Vulliamy +19; **Tyrwhitt Drake** bt. Hands +10; **Latham** bt. Reid +11; **Wheeler** bt. Gordon +9.

## Third Round

**Strutt** bt. Jackson +23; **Gladstone** bt. Whittington +5; **Robinson** bt. Tyrwhitt Drake +26; **Latham** bt. Wheeler +25.

## Semi-Final

**Gladstone** bt. Strutt +2; **Latham** bt. Robinson +26.

## Final

**Latham** bt. Gladstone +25.

## PLAY-OFF

**Latham** bt. Reid +16.

## Event 2: Peel Memorial Silver Challenge Cup (Women) (19 Entries)

## DRAW

## First Round

**Mrs G.C.Day** (10) bt. Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (8) +19; **Mrs H.G.Handley** (5) bt. Miss E.I.Wood (11) +20; **Miss E.H.Arkell** (3) bt. Mrs K.M.O.Wheeler (-1) +11.

## Second Round

**Miss M.J.Lodge** (6½) bt. Lady Bazley (12) +9; **Miss M.E.Day** (11)

bt. Miss I.M.Roe (6) +3; **Mrs H.A.Zinn** (8) bt. Miss R.M.Allen (3½) +3; **Mrs Handley** bt. Mrs G.Day +4; **Miss Arkell** bt. Mrs B.G.Neal (5½) +2; **Mrs M.A.L.Warren** (15) bt. Mrs G.W.Solomon (4) +18; **Mrs J.Povey** (4) bt. Miss F.I.Joly (½) +10; **Mrs D.M.C.Prichard** (-½) bt. Miss C.M.Sinclair (15) +20.

## Third Round

**Miss M.Day** bt. Miss Lodge +10; **Mrs Handley** bt. Mrs Zinn +20; **Miss Arkell** bt. Mrs Warren +15; **Mrs Prichard** bt. Mrs Povey +10.

## Semi-Final

**Miss M.Day** bt. Mrs Handley +8; **Miss Arkell** bt. Mrs Prichard +26.

## Final

**Miss Arkell** bt. Miss M.Day +8.

## PROCESS

## First Round

**Miss Joly** bt. Miss M.Day +16; **Lady Bazley** bt. Miss Sinclair +10 (T); **Mrs Prichard** bt. Miss Roe +7.

## Second Round

**Miss Joly** bt. Mrs Handley +18; **Mrs Neal** bt. Miss Allen +5; **Mrs Wheeler** bt. Lady Bazley +22; **Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake** bt. Mrs Warren +11; **Mrs Prichard** bt. Miss Wood +13; **Mrs Solomon** bt. Mrs Zinn +16; **Miss Lodge** bt. Miss Arkell +14; **Mrs Povey** bt. Mrs G.Day +12.

## Third Round

**Mrs Neal** bt. Miss Joly +3; **Mrs Wheeler** bt. Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake +18; **Mrs Solomon** bt. Mrs Prichard +2; **Mrs Povey** bt. Miss Lodge +2.

## Semi-Final

**Mrs Neal** bt. Mrs Wheeler +2; **Mrs Solomon** bt. Mrs Povey +10.

## Final

**Mrs Neal** bt. Mrs Solomon +16.

## PLAY-OFF

**Miss Arkell** bt. Mrs Neal +4.

## Event 3: The Lady Murray Memorial Silver Challenge Cups (17 Pairs)

## First Round

**Col. E.L.L.Vulliamy & Mrs J.Povey** (7) bt. Col. G.T.Wheeler & Mrs H.G.Handley (9) +11.

## Second Round

**G.E.P.Jackson & Mrs M.A.L.Warren** (11½) bt. R.O.B.Whittington & Mrs H.A.Zinn (8) +14; **Captain P.H.S.Reid & Mrs K.M.O.Wheeler** (11) bt. Mr & Mrs F.E.Pearson (14) +20; **J.McLaren & Miss E.H.Arkell** (7) bt. C.G.Pountney & Mrs G.C.Day (8) +12; **G.G.Strutt & Mrs B.G.Neal** (7½) bt. Vulliamy & Mrs Povey +16; **Dr J.N.Robinson & Miss M.E.Day** (11) bt. P.W.Hands & Lady Bazley (9) +4; **L.V.Latham & Mrs G.W.Solomon** (8) bt. Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard & Miss E.I.Wood (10) +6; **C.H.L.Prichard & Miss C.M.Sinclair** (12½) bt. Mr & Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (7) +17; **G.F.Blumer & Mrs D.M.C.Prichard** (7½) bt. Revd W.E.Gladstone & Miss M.J.Lodge (6) +7.

## Third Round

**Reid & Mrs Wheeler** bt. Jackson & Mrs Warren +11; **McLaren & Miss Arkell** bt. Strutt & Mrs Neal +12; **Latham & Mrs Solomon** bt. Robinson & Miss M.Day +11; **Blumer & Mrs Prichard** bt. C.Prichard & Miss Sinclair +3.

## Semi-Final

**McLaren & Miss Arkell** bt. Reid & Mrs Wheeler +6; **Latham & Mrs Solomon** bt. Blumer & Mrs Prichard +13.

## Final

**Latham & Mrs Solomon** bt. McLaren & Miss Arkell +12.

## Event 4a: 'X' Open Handicap Singles (36 Entries)

## First Round

**Col. G.T.Wheeler** (4) bt. Dr J.N.Robinson (0) +9; **Mrs B.G.Neal** bt. C.H.L.Prichard (-½) +25; **J.McLaren** (4) bt. Mrs J.Povey (4) +19; **C.G.Pountney** (0) bt. Miss I.M.Roe (6) +12.

## Second Round

**F.E.Pearson** (2) bt. Miss M.E.Day (11) +3; **R.O.B.Whittington** (0) bt. Miss C.M.Sinclair (15) +14; **E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake** (-1) bt. Mrs K.M.O.Wheeler (-1) +20; **Col. E.L.L.Vulliamy** (3) bt. Mrs G.W.Solomon (4) +19; **Mrs H.A.Zinn** (8) bt. G.G.Strutt (2) +3; **Miss F.I.Joly** (½) bt. Miss R.M.Allen (3½) +15; **Miss E.H.Arkell** (3) bt.

Mrs D.M.C.Prichard (-½) +10; **Wheeler** bt. Mrs Neal +3; **Pountney** bt. McLaren +12; **G.F.Blumer** (8) bt. Mrs H.G.Handley (5) +16; **Revd W.E.Gladstone** (-½) bt. P.W.Hands (-3) +5; **Miss M.J.Lodge** (6½) bt. Mrs M.A.L.Warren (15) +12; **Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard** (-1) bt. A.Gordon (6½) +7; **L.V.Latham** (4) bt. Mrs G.C.Day (10) +19; **Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake** (8) bt. Lady Bazley (12) +3; **G.E.P.Jackson** (-1½) bt. Miss E.I.Wood (11) +15.

## Third Round

**Pearson** bt. Whittington +3; **Vulliamy** bt. Tyrwhitt Drake +12; **Miss Joly** bt. Mrs Zinn +8; **Wheeler** bt. Miss Arkell +7; **Blumer** bt. Pountney +3; **Miss Lodge** bt. Gladstone +1; **Latham** bt. D.Prichard +6; **Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake** bt. Jackson +3.

## Semi-Final

**Vulliamy** bt. Wheeler +20; **Latham** bt. Blumer +14.

## Final

**Latham** bt. Vulliamy +20.

## Event 4b: 'Y' Open Handicap Singles (18 Entries)

## Final

**Mrs J.Povey** (4) bt. C.H.L.Prichard (-1½) +15.

## Golf Croquet

## Event 1: The Ascot Challenge Cup (24 Entries)

BLOCK A. Winner: P.W.Hands; Second: J.McLaren.  
BLOCK B. Winner: G.E.P.Jackson; Second: F.E.Pearson.  
BLOCK C. Winner: C.G.Pountney; Second: Miss M.E.Day.  
BLOCK D. Winner: L.V.Latham; Second: Dr J.N.Robinson.

## Semi-Final

**McLaren** bt. Pearson +3 +3; **Robinson** bt. Miss M.Day -1 +2 +3.

## Final

**McLaren** bt. Robinson -4 +1 +2.

## Event 2: The Delves Broughton Challenge Cup (13 Pairs)

## Semi-Final

**A.B.Hope & G.E.P.Jackson** bt. Dr G.K.Taylor & Dr J.N.Robinson +4 +3; **Mr & Mrs F.E.Pearson** w.o. opp. scr.

## Final

**Hope & Jackson** bt. Mr & Mrs Pearson +4 +1.

## The Scottish Championships: July 3

A blazing hot July sun once again greeted finals day of the Scottish Championships at Gleneagles. David Nichols, who won both the Open and Handicap Championships last year, again reached both finals, but failed to find his touch in either of the crucial games. Stephen Wright, back in form again this season, regained the 'Moffat Mallet' which he last held two years ago. Jack Norton, who was runner-up in the Handicap Championships in 1972 and 1974, now holds this trophy despite a considerable reduction in his handicap since his earlier attempts. Owing to a very small entry in the Secretary Trophy, this event was played as an American.

## Results

## Open Championship

## Semi-Final

**D.I.Nichols** bt. Mrs V.M.Macpherson +23; **S.J.H.Wright** bt. F.V.X.Norton +17.

## Final

**S.Wright** bt. Nichols +20.

## Handicap Championship

## Semi-Final

**D.I.Nichols** (1) bt. W.M.G.Spalding (2) +10; **F.V.X.Norton** (1½) bt. R.N.Maclean (1½) +10.

## Final

**Norton** bt. Nichols +13.

## Secretary Trophy (under 25 Handicap)

Winner: S.J.H.Wright (0) 2 wins; Runner-up: J.G.White (4) 1 win.



## Southwick May Tournament: May 24-29

Once again the Sussex County Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club had for its Spring Tournament the double blessing of fine weather and Mrs D.M.C. Prichard agreeing to act as Manager and Handicapper. Edith Tucker did a first-class job as Tournament Secretary, and her careful methodical planning ensured success. Other major assets were the good condition of the lawns, looked after with loving care by Head Groundsman Gilbert Finch and his assistants, and the superb catering provided by Hilda Wells, who really did a wonderful job.

Croquet Secretary of the Club, 78 years old Howard Austin achieved a great performance in winning the American Handicap Singles, showing that croquet is a game for all ages. After winning his Block, he had two very hard battles in the play-off to beat octogenarian H.A. Sheppard and then Mrs Sylvia Turner to reach the final. He was then so tired he wanted to retire, but was persuaded to continue.

In the other part of the play-off, Norman Cox was on top of his form to overcome Bill Moore, but the tables were then turned on him by Betty Prichard, who recovered from a heavy deficit. It is quite astonishing how Betty manages a tournament so excellently, and at the same time keeps sufficient concentration to play beautifully herself in the tournament too. However, in the Final, Austin somehow fought off extreme tiredness and played an almost error-free game, and gave Mrs Prichard little chance to get in. Incidentally, the following morning, after an absolutely exhausting day and a heavy week's play, Austin was on the courts practising again.

The Handicap Doubles also saw a local triumph, that of the highly experienced Edna Cox and the Club's General Secretary, Leslie Bromfield, a long bisquer in his second season. Mrs Cox's extreme accuracy and doubles technique was supported by steady play from her partner, a former world championship table tennis player and subsequently a top administrator at that sport. In an exciting Final they beat Edna's husband, Norman, and the greatly improved George Coates by 5 on time.

## Results

### AMERICAN HANDICAP SINGLES

#### BLOCK A.

Winner: Mrs D.M.C. Prichard (-1/2) who beat E.B.T. Tanner (6) +6, W.B.C. Paynter (6) +20, Miss D.E. Rogers (12) +12, Mrs F.F.W. Staddon (5) +11, and Miss H.D. Parker (5 1/2) +13.

#### BLOCK B.

Winner: W.H. Austin (2) who beat Mrs E.M. Speer (4) +14, Mrs G.H. Wood (1 1/2) +26, Mrs G.C. Day (10) +10, Mrs H.E. Ovens (11) +12, and lost to L.M. Bromfield (12) -5.

#### BLOCK C.

Winner: H.A. Sheppard (3) who beat E.J. Tucker (0) +12, Prof. A.S.C. Ross (2 1/2) +9, Mrs B.G. Neal (5 1/2) +18, Mrs E. Lewis (10) +15, and lost to H.E. Ovens (7) -16.

#### BLOCK D.

Winner: W.E. Moore (-1) who beat Mrs A.E. Millns (13) +19, Mrs R.E. Tucker (4 1/2) +11, W.J. Baverstock (3 1/2) +14, P.A. Tunmer (6) +11, D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller (1/2) +9, and F.F.W. Staddon (5) +16.

#### BLOCK E.

Winner: Mrs S.J. Turner (4 1/2) who beat Mrs M.D. Tanner (12) +17, Miss F. Joly (1/2) +17, Mrs G.F.H. Elvey (2 1/2) +11, Mrs M.D. Rankin (12) +16, Mrs E.H.P. Mallinson (5) +8, and lost to Mrs E.R. Cox (3) -10.

#### BLOCK F.

Winner: N.W.T. Cox (-1) who beat G.F. Paxon (5) +10, Mrs F.H.N. Davidson (7) +10, Mrs P.A. Tunmer (6) +10, Mrs N.A.C. McMillan (2) +19, and C.E. Knight (5) +3.

### PLAY-OFF

#### First Round

**W.H. Austin** (2) bt. H.A. Sheppard (3) +5  
**N.W.T. Cox** (-1) bt. W.E. Moore (-1) +15

#### Semi-Final

**W.H. Austin** (2) bt. Mrs S.J. Turner (4 1/2) +7  
**Mrs D.M.C. Prichard** (-1/2) bt. N.W.T. Cox (-1) +4

#### Final

**W.H. Austin** (2) bt. Mrs D.M.C. Prichard (-1/2) +19

### 'X' Handicap Doubles (18 Pairs)

#### Semi-Final

**Mrs E.R. Cox & L.M. Bromfield** (15) bt. W.H. Austin & Mrs E.M. Speer (6) +3 (T)  
**N.W.T. Cox & G.T. Coates** (7) bt. Mr & Mrs F.F.W. Staddon (10) +15

#### Final

**Mrs Cox & Bromfield** bt. Cox & Coates +7 (T)

### 'Y' HANDICAP DOUBLES (10 Pairs)

#### Semi-Final

**E.J. Tucker & Miss D.E. Rogers** (12) bt. Mrs G.F.H. Elvey & H.E. Ovens (9 1/2) +1 (T)  
**W.E. Moore & Mrs M. Rankin** (11) bt. Mrs G.H. Wood & Mrs H.E. Ovens (12 1/2) +4

#### Final

**Tucker & Miss Rogers** bt. Moore & Mrs Rankin +9

## Inter-County Championship: June 1-4

Croquet players emerged from their winter hibernation, at this popular competition, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, ready to give battle with old friends and opponents from many parts of England.

After numerous hard fought games between the eight Counties who entered teams this year, Bedford and Midlands became joint winners, each with 5 matches and 12 games to their credit. Berkshire & Oxfordshire tied with Sussex for 3rd place; each of these teams won 4 matches, but the former achieved a total of 15 games, 3 more games than the winners and 6 more games than Sussex, who won 9 games but equalled them in matches. Eastern Counties won 3 matches, and so did Middlesex and Surrey, while Devon won 1 match.

Derek Caporn, the newly elected Chairman of the Croquet Association, handed over the cup to Bedford with the words "You had better have it first, as you know what to do with it."

There were many exciting finishes. Keith Wylie, playing for Eastern Counties against Surrey, in the timed turn was laid up by the 4th hoop. He had to make 6 hoops to win, and Surrey had prudently left their balls in the 2nd and 3rd corners. He only just failed to bring it off.

Nigel Aspinall, playing for Berkshire & Oxfordshire, made the first and second peels of his intended quadruple but stuck in 1-Back. Midlands joined, Nigel hit in and completed 2 more peels, but missed the peg-out. Playing with Terry Wood, who had previously received the Apps award for the most improved man player of 1975, Berkshire & Oxfordshire had a battle on their hands against the Middlesex pair, Colin Prichard & Jocelyn Sundius-Smith, who managed to win after many long shots on both sides.

Devon fielded a strong team of old stalwarts, who often made a better showing than the scores indicated. In their victory over Sussex, however, the scores were remarkably level, the Devon first and third pairs winning by 1 on time. Humphrey Hicks, playing for Devon against Midlands, managed to achieve perfect position from a very long shot behind the hoop, but in the same game he, Barbara Meachem and David Archer all distinguished themselves by missing a yard roquet! So easy at the beginning of the season, or even later.

The play, as is customary in the Counties, was patchy, but two of the opening games achieved some distinction. The first game to finish started as late as 12 noon on the cricket field, while other games had begun at 10 a.m. Devon were unlucky and never took croquet. Weitz got the innings and went to 4-Back, the lift shot was missed, and Aspinall did the first triple peel of the event. Keith Wylie, playing against Midlands, also achieved a triple in his first match. He triple peeled his opponent, Archer, and pegged him out. His partner, Sarah Hampson, was at that stage for Hoop 3. Although the fourth player, Barbara Meachem, hit in several times, she was unable to save the game.

There were 3 teams in the running on the Friday morning: Bedford, Berkshire & Oxfordshire and Midlands. Two of these

were playing each other at Roehampton, while on the cricket field at Hurlingham Midlands and Surrey, with 4 wins each, were striving to tie with one of the winners at Roehampton. In the closing minutes J. Haigh made 3 hoops, and drew level when time was called, with all four clips on 4-Back. He failed to run the hoop, Derek Caporn hit the lift shot and hit his ball very hard through the hoop to win the match by one inch.

The match at Roehampton between Berkshire & Oxfordshire and Bedford was a vital one for the former, since they had already been beaten by Middlesex and were struggling to try to win the Cup. Nigel Aspinall and Bernard Weitz were playing John Wheeler (on the peg) and Barry Keen (on 3-Back). Nigel went round from the 1st Hoop, peeling his partner through Hoops 3 and 4. He pegged out John Wheeler, and left Barry Keen with his third single ball ending of the week. Keen took contact and achieved perfect position at his hoop, the opponents joined, Keen ran 3-Back, hit in and went to Rover. Weitz managed to get to 2-Back with a 3-ball break, but just missed a roquet and landed in baulk; Keen lifted and went out.

It is clear that the available accommodation is only sufficient for 8 teams, as we had this year, with 9 lawns at Hurlingham and 3 at Roehampton.

## ANALYSIS OF PLAY

Midlands won 5 matches and 12 games: they beat Eastern Counties 2-1, Devon 2-1, Middlesex 2-1, Berkshire & Oxfordshire 2-1, Surrey 2-1, and lost to Sussex 1-2 and Bedfordshire 1-2.

Bedfordshire won 5 matches and 12 games: they beat Middlesex 3-0, Devon 2-1, Surrey 2-1, Midlands 2-1, Berkshire & Oxfordshire 2-1, and lost to Sussex 1-2 and Eastern Counties 0-3.

Berkshire & Oxfordshire won 4 matches and 15 games: they beat Devon 3-0, Eastern Counties 3-0, Sussex 3-0, Surrey 3-0, and lost to Middlesex 1-2, Midlands 1-2 and Bedfordshire 1-2.

Sussex won 4 matches and 9 games: they beat Surrey 3-0, Bedfordshire 2-1, Midlands 2-1, Eastern Counties 2-1, and lost to Berkshire & Oxfordshire 0-3, Middlesex 0-3 and Devon 0-3.

Eastern Counties won 3 matches and 10 games: they beat Bedfordshire 3-0, Devon 2-1, Middlesex 3-0, and lost to Midlands 1-2, Berkshire & Oxfordshire 0-3, Surrey 0-3 and Sussex 1-2.

Middlesex won 3 matches and 9 games: they beat Berkshire & Oxfordshire 2-1, Sussex 3-0, Devon 2-1, and lost to Bedfordshire 0-3, Surrey 1-2, Midlands 1-2 and Eastern Counties 0-3.

Surrey won 3 matches and 9 games: they beat Middlesex 2-1, Devon 2-1, Eastern Counties 3-0, and lost to Sussex 0-3, Bedfordshire 1-2, Berkshire & Oxfordshire 0-3 and Midlands 1-2.

Devon won 1 match and 8 games: they beat Sussex 3-0, and lost to Berkshire & Oxfordshire 0-3, Midlands 1-2, Surrey 1-2, Bedfordshire 1-2, Eastern Counties 1-2 and Middlesex 1-2.

## Inter-Club Championship 1976

### Results in Order

#### First Round

Harrow Oak beat Colchester 5-2  
Cheltenham beat Phyllis Court 5-2  
Hurlingham beat Southwick 6-3

#### Second Round

The Heley Club beat Colworth 4-3  
Cheltenham beat Harrow Oak 7-0  
Hurlingham beat Roehampton 6-1  
Wrest Park beat Compton 4-3

## Parkstone: June 7-12

This event opened in a blaze of sunshine, the good weather continued throughout the week, and, under the experienced guidance of Richard Rothwell, matches soon got under way. Owing to the absence of rain and the restrictions on watering, the courts had suffered rather badly from the drought. Court No. 1 played well, but accurate play was very difficult on the other courts, and hoop running proved a considerable test, the balls rolling around some of the hoops in a bewildering fashion. These conditions were more than compensated for by the marvellous hospitality of the Parkstone Club dispensed in their magnificent new pavilion only recently completed. A great achievement by the Club. The entry was not as strong as in previous years; there was a notable absence of the "star" minus players and, as it turned out, the major events went to local players.

Early in the week we were treated to the titillating spectacle of the youngest competitor setting the fashion with a flimsy creation, and becoming in danger of losing her dress! Her gallant opponent turned a blind eye, and she quickly changed into something more practical—not on the court, I might add! This was followed by another non-event in the form of a large red retriever who decided to visit the tournament, crossing several main roads in the process; a rescue operation had to be mounted.

To return to more serious matters, in the 2nd Round of the Draw we enjoyed a shining contest between William Ormerod and Cyril Pountney from Ryde. William got off to a good start, but persistently good play by Cyril brought him to within sight of victory, only to allow William to get in with the "lift" shot. Thereafter a tense battle raged. William played one or two miraculous shots, but missed his peg-out by a hair's breadth, and Cyril finally won by 1—a gallant effort and a memorable match.

William, however, had no difficulty in disposing of Cyril in the Process by 18 to reach the final, and he inevitably won the title for the 5th time when he beat Les Butler in the play-off. Les tried hard, but he was up against a player of tremendous skill and experience and lost by 16. Butler was undoubtedly the "man of the match", however, as in addition to his success in the Open Event he won the coveted Gold Cup, when he beat Alison Wood in the final of the Big Handicap; he well earned the reduction in his handicap from 2 1/2 to 1.

The other success story came from Mr and Mrs Ovens from Sidmouth on their first visit to Parkstone. Bill Ovens won the 'B' Level Singles by beating D. de Q. Lenfestey by 10, and his wife won the 'C' Handicap Singles against Lady Porter from Bristol, playing in her first tournament. In the Final of the Handicap Doubles the Ovens were on opposite sides, Mr with Richard Rothwell, and Mrs with Alison Wood. This prompted a "corny" remark about "a hot time being had by all", and under the experienced guidance of Alison Wood the heat was continually turned on by the ladies, who won convincingly by 11.

Finally, our thanks to all those Parkstone ladies who provided our "refreshment" in their inimitable way, and to the officers of the Club for the organisation of the Tournament.

## Results

### Event 1: Open Singles (11 Entries)

#### DRAW

#### First Round

**C.G. Pountney** bt. Mrs G.H. Wood +15; **Dr W.P. Ormerod** bt. Mrs E. Rotherham +25; **R.F. Rothwell** bt. Miss M.D. McMordie +8.

#### Second Round

**Dr W.R. Bucknall** bt. Mrs N.A.C. McMillan +6; **Pountney** bt. Ormerod +1; **Rothwell** w.o. P. Newton opp. scr.; **L.S. Butler** bt. Dr C.A. Parker +17.

#### Semi-Final

**Bucknall** bt. Pountney +2; **Butler** bt. Rothwell +12.

#### Final

**Butler** bt. Bucknall +25.



## PROCESS

*First Round*  
**Newton** bt. Mrs McMillan +3; **Butler** bt. Mrs Wood +24; **Parker** bt. Bucknall +13.

*Second Round*  
**Ormerod** bt. Newton +11; **Butler** w.o. Miss McMordie opp. scr.; **Parker** bt. Mrs Rotherham +20; **Pountney** bt. Rothwell +20.

*Semi-Final*  
**Ormerod** bt. Butler +19; **Pountney** bt. Parker +2.

*Final*  
**Ormerod** bt. Pountney +18.

## PLAY-OFF

**Ormerod** bt. Butler +16.

## Event 2: 'B' Level Singles (10 Entries)

*First Round*  
**H.E.Ovens** bt. Air Cdr J.H.Greswell +14; **R.F.A.Crane** bt. R.H.C.Carder +5.

*Second Round*  
**Miss M.G.Anderson** bt. R.S.Alford +4; **Ovens** bt. Miss W.E.Creed Meredith +15; **D.de Q.Lenfestey** bt. Crane +5; **J.H.T.Griffiths** bt. Mrs D.de Q.Lenfestey +8.

*Semi-Final*  
**Ovens** bt. Miss Anderson +14; **Lenfestey** bt. Griffiths +20.

*Final*  
**Ovens** bt. Lenfestey +10.

## Event 3: 'C' Handicap Singles (8 Entries)

*First Round*  
**Mrs S.A.Cosh** (15) bt. Mrs R.F.A.Crane (14) +1 (T); **Lady E.Porter** (11\*) bt. Mrs E.V.Deakin (13) +7 (T); **Mrs L.L.Duveen** (9) bt. Mrs L.M.Bishop (9) +2 (T); **Mrs H.E.Ovens** (11) bt. Mrs L.A.Davies (11) +14 (T).

*Semi-Final*  
**Lady Porter** bt. Mrs Cosh +18; **Mrs Ovens** bt. Mrs Duveen +19.

*Final*  
**Mrs Ovens** bt. Lady Porter +15 (T).

## Event 4a: 'X' Handicap Singles (28 Entries)

*First Round*  
**Mrs G.H.Wood** (1½) bt. Mrs H.E.Ovens (11) +6; **R.F.Rothwell** (½) bt. Miss W.E.Creed Meredith (8) +24; **C.G.Pountney** (0) bt. Mrs L.L.Duveen (9) +17; **Miss M.D.McMordie** (2½) bt. H.E.Ovens (7) +1 (T); **Mrs N.A.C.McMillan** (2) bt. De. de Q. Lenfestey (6) +12; **Miss M.G.Anderson** (5½) bt. Mrs E.V.Deakin (13) +9 (T); **L.S.Butler** (2½) bt. Mrs L.M.Bishop (9) +13; **Air Cdr J.H.Greswell** (4½) bt. Mrs R.F.A.Crane (14) +8; **P.Newton** (-½) bt. Mrs de Q. Lenfestey (8) +9; **R.S.Alford** (5½) bt. Mrs L.A.Davies (11) +12 (T); **Mrs S.A.Cosh** (15) bt. Lady E.Porter (11\*) +2 (T); **Dr W.R.Bucknall** (1½) bt. J.H.T.Griffiths (8) +6.

*Second Round*  
**Dr C.A.Parker** (2) bt. R.F.A.Crane (5½) +13 (T); **Mrs Wood** bt. Rothwell +8; **Pountney** w.o. Miss McMordie opp. ret'd; **Miss Anderson** bt. Mrs McMillan +7; **Butler** bt. Greswell +18; **Alford** bt. Newton +23; **Bucknall** bt. Mrs Cosh +12; **R.H.C.Carder** (6) bt. Mrs E.Rotherham (0) +16.

*Third Round*  
**Mrs Wood** bt. Parker +10; **Pountney** bt. Miss Anderson +5; **Butler** bt. Alford +14; **Bucknall** bt. Carder +11.

*Semi-Final*  
**Mrs Wood** bt. Pountney +4; **Butler** bt. Bucknall +1 (T).

*Final*  
**Butler** bt. Mrs Wood +18.

## Event 4b: 'Y' Handicap Singles (14 Entries)

*Final*  
**R.F.A.Crane** (5½) bt. Lady E.Porter (11\*) +1 (T).

## Event 5: Handicap Doubles (12 Pairs)

*First Round*  
**Mrs N.A.C.McMillan & Air Cdr J.H.Greswell** (6½) bt. C.G.Pountney & Mrs E.V.Deakin (13) +7; **R.F.Rothwell & H.E.Ovens** (7½) bt.

L.S.Butler & Mrs S.A.Cosh (15½) +13; **Mr & Mrs D.de Q.Lenfestey** (14) bt. R.S.Alford & Mrs L.A.Davies (16) +8 (T); **Dr & Mrs C.A.Parker** (16) bt. P.Newton & Lady E.Porter (10½) +15.

*Second Round*  
**J.H.T.Griffiths & Mrs L.L.Duveen** (17) bt. Mr & Mrs R.F.A.Crane (19½) +7 (T); **Rothwell & Ovens** bt. Mrs McMillan & Greswell +3; **Mr & Mrs Lenfestey** bt. Dr & Mrs Parker +13; **Mrs G.H.Wood & Mrs H.E.Ovens** (12½) bt. Dr W.R.Bucknall & R.H.C.Carder (7½) +7.

*Semi-Final*  
**Rothwell & Ovens** bt. Griffiths & Mrs Duveen +11; **Mrs Wood & Mrs Ovens** bt. Mr & Mrs Lenfestey +3 (T).

*Final*  
**Mrs Wood & Mrs Ovens** bt. Rothwell & Ovens +10.

## Compton: June 7-12

The Tournament began in glorious sunny weather which continued throughout the week. The lovely Saffrons Sports Club ground, surrounded by splendid trees and the cricket field, makes a perfect setting for a Croquet Club. As usual, there was a full entry, and all on the Waiting List were ultimately squeezed in. Eastbourne has had practically no rain since March, yet the visitors were well pleased with the lawns, which were very fast but accurate.

Alec Coleman played some good forward games and should finish the season near the scratch mark. Alan Hutcheson, a newcomer to tournament play and a dark horse, played very well, and with more experience should be down to 6 before long. Giles Borrett produced his very best form throughout the week, and Tiny Tyrwhitt Drake seemed to play from dawn to dusk; he was unlucky after being in 3 finals not to win a cup.

Mrs E.J.Tucker organised, and with her cheerful aides provided excellent lunches and teas. Barbara Chittenden managed the tournament most ably, and Nora Elvey leapt from lawn to lawn refereeing.

Humphrey Hicks gave away the prizes, and thanked all the Club workers, including Tom Merritt the groundsman, Denno Harris and Edmund Strickland for all they had done to make the tournament a happy and successful event in the Croquet Calendar.

## Results

## Event 1: Open Singles (9 Entries)

## DRAW

*First Round*  
**Dr W.R.D.Wiggins** bt. R.Wood +14

*Second Round*  
**H.O.Hicks** bt. E.J.Tucker +25; **Wiggins** bt. R.A.Simpson +14; **Cdr G.Borrett** bt. Revd W.E.Gladstone +3; **E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake** bt. D.A.Harris +4.

*Semi-Final*  
**Hicks** w.o. Wiggins opp. scr; **Borrett** bt. Tyrwhitt Drake +15

*Final*  
**Borrett** bt. Hicks +15

## PROCESS

*First Round*  
**Harris** bt. Tucker +3

*Second Round*  
**Harris** bt. Wood +11; **Simpson** bt. Gladstone +7; **Hicks** bt. Borrett +5; **Tyrwhitt Drake** bt. Wiggins +1.

*Semi-Final*  
**Harris** bt. Simpson +5; **Tyrwhitt Drake** bt. Hicks +11.

*Final*  
**Tyrwhitt Drake** bt. Harris +14.

## PLAY-OFF

**Borrett** bt. Tyrwhitt Drake +16.

## Event 2: 'B' Level Singles (14 Entries)

*First Round*  
**A.F.Coleman** bt. Dr B.D.Yallop +14; **Dr S.R.C.Malin** bt. Mrs H.J.Devitt +5; **H.J.Devitt** bt. Mrs W.Longman +4; **C.E.Knight** bt. P.H.Mann +3; **Mrs G.F.H.Elvey** bt. Miss H.D.Parker +12; **Mrs R.A.Simpson** bt. Mrs E.E.Bressey +7.

*Second Round*  
**Coleman** bt. Malin +17; **Knight** bt. Devitt +6; **Mrs Simpson** bt. Mrs Elvey +9; **Mrs E.M.Temple** bt. R.E.Wallis +6.

*Semi-Final*  
**Coleman** bt. Knight +9; **Mrs Simpson** w.o. Mrs Temple opp. ret'd.

*Final*  
**Coleman** bt. Mrs Simpson +5.

## Event 3: 'C' Handicap Singles (13 Entries)

*First Round*  
**Lt-Col D.F.T.Brown** (9) bt. Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (8) +12; **C.W.Haworth** (6½) bt. Mrs P.H.Mann (8) +7; **H.N.D.Meyer** (7) bt. Mrs I.B.Tucker (9) +8; **F.E.M.Puxon** (7) bt. Mrs C.W.Haworth (14) +18; **Miss M.Bryan** (8) bt. Mrs D.Waterhouse (11) +6.

*Second Round*  
**E.Strickland** (8) bt. Brown +7; **Meyer** bt. Haworth +17; **Puxon** bt. Miss Bryan +21; **G.A.Hutcheson** (11) bt. Mrs A.E.Millns (13) +14.

*Semi-Final*  
**Meyer** w.o. Strickland opp. ret'd.; **Hutcheson** bt. Puxon +17.

*Final*  
**Meyer** bt. Hutcheson +7.

## Event 4: Open Handicap Singles (31 Entries)

*First Round*  
**A.F.Coleman** (3) bt. P.H.Mann (6) +11; **R.A.Simpson** (1½) bt. Dr B.D.Yallop (6) +15; **Revd W.E.Gladstone** (-½) bt. Mrs W.Longman (2½) +10; **Mrs P.H.Mann** (8) bt. Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (8) +18; **Lt-Col D.F.T.Brown** (9) bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (2½) +7; **Cdr G.Borrett** (0) bt. Mrs R.A.Simpson (2½) +5; **Miss M.Bryan** (8) bt. Mrs A.E.Millns (13) +4; **E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake** (-1) bt. Miss H.D.Parker (5½) +17; **D.A.Harris** (½) bt. Mrs E.E.Bressey (4) +9; **H.O.Hicks** (-1) bt. H.J.Devitt (5) +3; **R.E.Wallis** (6) bt. Mrs E.M.Temple (4½) +14; **E.J.Tucker** (0) bt. Dr S.R.C.Malin (6) +5; **Mrs H.J.Devitt** (6) bt. C.E.Knight (5) +16; **F.E.M.Puxon** (7) bt. Mrs D.Waterhouse (11) +14; **E.Strickland** (8) bt. Mrs C.W.Haworth (14) +10.

*Second Round*  
**Coleman** bt. Simpson +19; **Gladstone** bt. Mrs Mann +12; **Borrett** bt. Brown +12; **Tyrwhitt Drake** bt. Miss Bryan +3; **Harris** bt. Hicks +4; **Tucker** bt. Wallis +15; **Mrs Devitt** bt. Puxon +4; **Strickland** bt. Mrs I.B.Tucker (9) +18.

*Third Round*  
**Coleman** bt. Gladstone +4; **Tyrwhitt Drake** bt. Borrett +2; **Tucker** bt. Harris +16; **Mrs Devitt** bt. Strickland +11.

*Semi-Final*  
**Tyrwhitt Drake** bt. Coleman +9; **Tucker** bt. Mrs Devitt +7.

*Final*  
**Tucker** bt. Tyrwhitt Drake +11.

## Event 5: Handicap Doubles (17 Pairs)

*First Round*  
**R.E.Wallis & Dr B.D.Yallop** (12) bt. R.A.Simpson & C.E.Knight (6½) +3.

*Second Round*  
**E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake & C.W.Haworth** (5½) bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden & Mrs A.E.Millns (14½) +13; **H.O.Hicks & Mrs I.B.Tucker** (7) bt. Revd W.E.Gladstone & Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (7½) +15; **Mr & Mrs P.H.Mann** (14) bt. A.F.Coleman & Mrs C.W.Haworth (15) +9; **Mrs W.Longman & E.Strickland** (10½) bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey & Lt-Col D.F.T.Brown (11½) +13; **D.A.Harris & H.N.D.Meyer** (7½) bt. Mrs & Mrs H.J.Devitt (11) +4; **Cdr G.Borrett & G.A.Hutcheson** (11) bt. F.E.M.Puxon & Miss M.Bryan (15) +12; **Dr S.R.C.Malin & R.Wood** (7) bt. Mrs R.A.Simpson & Miss H.D.Parker (7) +20; **E.J.Tucker & Mrs E.E.Bressey** (4) bt. Wallis & Yallop +9.

*Third Round*  
**Tyrwhitt Drake & Haworth** bt. Hicks & Mrs Tucker +17; **Mr & Mrs Mann** bt. Mrs Longman & Strickland +1 (T); **Borrett & Hutcheson** bt. Harris & Meyer +14; **Tucker & Mrs Bressey** bt. Malin & Wood +1 (T).

*Semi-Final*  
**Tyrwhitt Drake & Haworth** bt. Mr & Mrs Mann +8; **Borrett & Hutcheson** bt. Tucker & Mrs Bressey +2 (T).

*Final*  
**Borrett & Hutcheson** bt. Tyrwhitt Drake & Haworth +12.

## Carrickmines: June 14-19

## Results

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

## DRAW

*First Round*  
**H.G.Drake** bt. R.E.Steen +18.

*Second Round*  
**C.A.Gamble** w.o. B.A.Meadows opp. scr.; **R.J.Leonard** w.o. C.A.Cousins opp. scr.; **Drake** bt. A.D.Craig +19; **Miss F.I.Joly** bt. C.M.von Schmieder +13.

*Semi-Final*  
**Gamble** bt. Leonard +11; **Drake** bt. Miss Joly +13.

*Final*  
**Gamble** bt. Drake +14.

## PROCESS

*Second Round*  
**Gamble** bt. Leonard +5; **Schmieder** bt. Craig +8; **Steen** w.o. opp. scr.; **Drake** bt. Miss Joly +5.

*Semi-Final*  
**Gamble** bt. Schmieder +24; **Drake** bt. Steen +16.

*Final*  
**Gamble** bt. Drake +21.

## Event 2: Duff Matthews Cup (5 Entries)

*First Round*  
**Madame O'Morchoe** (10) bt. J.Campbell (10) +2.

*Semi-Final*  
**Revd W.Rooke** (6) bt. Miss G.Hopkins (6) +6; **Miss I.M.Roe** (6) bt. Madame O'Morchoe +19.

*Final*  
**Rooke** bt. Miss Roe +7.

## Event 3: Boxwell Cup (14 Entries)

*First Round*  
**Miss F.I.Joly** (½) w.o. B.A.Meadows (5) opp. scr.; **Miss I.M.Roe** (6) bt. R.E.Steen (5) +19; **C.M.von Schmieder** (3½) bt. Lady FitzGerald (4) +15; **R.J.Leonard** (1½) bt. A.D.Craig (3½) +2; **J.Campbell** (10) bt. C.A.Gamble (2) +8; **Miss G.Hopkins** (6) w.o. C.A.Cousins (1) opp. scr.

*Second Round*  
**H.G.Drake** (2½) bt. Miss Joly +6; **Schmieder** bt. Miss Roe +3; **Leonard** bt. Campbell +13; **R.L.Hannon** (3½) bt. Miss Hopkins +22.

*Semi-Final*  
**Drake** bt. Schmieder +8; **Hannon** bt. Leonard +4.

*Final*  
**Hannon** bt. Drake +9.

## Event 4: Coronation Cups (7 Pairs)

*First Round*  
**C.A.Gamble & Mrs J.Flannery** (9) bt. Lady FitzGerald & C.M.von Schmieder (4) +2 (T); **H.G.Drake & Madame O'Morchoe** (6) w.o. opp. scr.; **A.D.Craig & Miss G.Hopkins** (5) bt. R.J.Leonard & Miss I.M.Roe (4) +13.

*Semi-Final*  
**Drake & Madame O'Morchoe** bt. Gamble & Mrs Flannery +7; **Craig & Miss Hopkins** bt. Revd W.Rooke & J.Campbell (8) +9 (T).

*Final*  
**Craig & Miss Hopkins** bt. Drake & Madame O'Morchoe +11.



## Ryde: June 14-19

A perfect English setting, welcome and reunions, cold turkey, strawberries and cream—and who would dispute that Ryde is as much a garden party as a croquet tournament? Regrettably there were one or two absentees this year, and that staunch supporter of the tournament and of her Club, Ruth Mew, was sadly missed. Numerically, the absentees were balanced by a welcome party of four from the Hove Club, three of whom were playing in their first open tournament.

As previously, there was to have been a D Class event this year, but as two of the prospective D competitors had become "C-worthy" earlier in the season, the organisers decided to combine the C and D sections. It was Roy Newnham, a rapidly improving member of the home club who, playing as a 13-bisquer, dominated this event and won all his matches by a handsome margin to receive the Hutton Cup.

The genial Cyril Pountney established himself even more firmly as Champion of the Island by winning the Open event for the second year in succession.

Gerald Birch, in a massive display of energy and quick thinking, not only managed the tournament effectively but also refereed most of the matches, played in three events and, by beating another formidable player, Bob Locke, in the final, won the 'X' Handicap. But, as always, chief credit for the success and enjoyment of the week must go to Joe Orchard, the non-competing President, for all his devoted and untiring service in and around the club-house, and to Dorothy Rogers, the club secretary, who worked so hard to see that all the players' needs were fully met. Sincere thanks to them both.

### Results

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

DRAW

*Semi-Final*  
**C.G. Pountney** bt. Mrs F.E.M. Puxon +16; **G. Birch** bt. Mrs E.E. Bressey +10.

*Final*  
**Pountney** w.o. Birch opp. scr.

PROCESS

*Semi-Final*  
**Birch** bt. Mrs Puxon +23; **Pountney** bt. Mrs Bressey +24.

*Final*  
**Birch** w.o. Pountney opp. scr.

PLAY-OFF

**Pountney** bt. Birch +7.

#### Event 2: 'B' Level Singles (5 Entries)

*First Round*  
**F.E.M. Puxon** bt. Mrs P.H. Mann +2.

*Semi-Final*  
**E.A. Locke** bt. Puxon +15; **P.H. Mann** bt. Miss M. Bryan +7 (T).

*Final*  
**Locke** bt. Mann +7.

#### Event 3: 'C' Handicap Singles (12 Entries)

*First Round*  
**W.A. Scarr** (10) bt. Mrs E.D. Osborn (10) +18; **Mrs K.M. Lowein** (12) bt. Mrs E.G. Brown (12\*) +2 (T); **G.B. Binks** (10) bt. B. Lester (12\*) +6 (T); **Miss D.E. Rogers** (12) bt. Mrs M. Giggins (12\*) +15.

*Second Round*  
**R.W. Newnham** (13) bt. Mrs D. Waterhouse (11) +15; **Scarr** bt. Mrs Lowein +19; **Miss Rogers** bt. Binks +12 (T); **Mrs W.A. Scarr** (12) bt. Mrs E.A. Locke (15) +7 (T).

*Semi-Final*  
**Newnham** bt. Scarr +21; **Miss Rogers** bt. Mrs Scarr +3.

*Final*  
**Newnham** bt. Miss Rogers +25.

#### Event 5a: 'X' Handicap Singles (20 Entries)

*First Round*  
**Mrs P.H. Mann** (8) bt. Mrs D. Waterhouse (11) +17; **R.W. Newnham** (13) bt. G.B. Binks (10) +10 (T); **E.A. Locke** (6½) bt. Mrs E.E. Bressey (4) +14; **Miss M. Bryan** (8) bt. Mrs F.E.M. Puxon (4½) +1 (T).

*Second Round*  
**F.E.M. Puxon** (7) bt. Mrs E.D. Osborn (10) +22; **G. Birch** (½) bt. P.H. Mann (6) +2; **W.A. Scarr** (10) bt. B. Lester (12\*) +9; **Mrs Mann** bt. Newnham +4; **Locke** bt. Miss Bryan +1 (T); **Mrs E.A. Locke** (15) bt. Mrs M. Giggins (12\*) +2 (T); **C.G. Pountney** (0) bt. Mrs W.A. Scarr (12) +17; **Miss D.E. Rogers** (12) bt. Mrs E.G. Brown (12\*) +10 (T).

*Third Round*  
**Birch** bt. Puxon +10; **Scarr** bt. Mrs Mann +13; **Locke** bt. Mrs Locke +11; **Pountney** bt. Miss Rogers +2.

*Semi-Final*  
**Birch** bt. Scarr +17; **Locke** bt. Pountney +9.

*Final*  
**Birch** bt. Locke +6.

#### Event 5b: 'Y' Handicap Singles (10 Entries)

*Final*  
**Mrs E.E. Bressey** (4) bt. P.H. Mann (6) +5.

#### Event 6: Handicap Doubles (10 Pairs)

*First Round*  
**G. Birch & G.B. Binks** (10½) bt. Mr & Mrs E.A. Locke (21½) +4 (T); **Miss M. Bryan & Miss D.E. Rogers** (20) bt. Mrs E.D. Osborn & Mrs E.G. Brown (22) +3 (T).

*Second Round*  
**Birch & Binks** bt. F.E.M. Puxon & Mrs P.H. Mann (15) +3 (T); **Mr & Mrs W.A. Scarr** (22) bt. B. Lester & Mrs M. Giggins (24) +8; **C.G. Pountney & R.W. Newnham** (13) bt. Miss Bryan & Miss Rogers (20) +20; **P.H. Mann & Mrs F.E.M. Puxon** (10½) bt. Mrs E.E. Bressey & Mrs K.M. Lowein (16) +3 (T).

*Semi-Final*  
**Mr & Mrs Scarr** w.o. Birch & Binks opp. retd; **Pountney & Newnham** bt. Mann & Mrs Puxon +11 (T).

*Final*  
**Pountney & Newnham** bt. Mr & Mrs Scarr +10.

## The Veterans' Championship, played at Budleigh Salterton, June 14-19

Despite many earnest prayers for rain (answered on Finals Day) the Veterans Tournament opened, for the second time at Budleigh, with continued sunshine and with more entries than in previous years. The entries included many visitors, some coming for the first time; it was nice to welcome them and gratifying to hear their eulogies of the environment. Thanks to the green fingers of "Tubby", the lawns looked and played very well, except that, because of the drought, bedding down the balls for fine take-offs was very difficult.

The main honours of the week went to the following: B.G. Perry, who played impeccably to win all his singles and doubles games and thus retain his Singles Trophy; R. Crane, who also won all his singles games, and only lost in the Doubles Final; A.J. Cooper, partner of Perry, who won the Big Handicap and constantly featured in news-making events. G.S. Digby and Col. Vulliamy, newcomers to the A class, also deserve honourable mention.

The week's highlight occurred on the opening day when the undulating handicap game between Mrs Wheeler and Cooper was played on the new lawn, to the joy of all those people refreshing themselves on the tea terrace. John, when about to administer the 'coup-de-grace', did a magnificent cut rush, sending his partner ball gently towards the peg but ungraciously touching it. Another 20 or more turns ensued with Kitty "hooping and wiring" and John "hoping and weaving"—which delighted the crowd but was torture for the players (?). Finally John struck his ball with such a thud against the stick as to suggest it would otherwise have hit a tanker at anchor.

There were of course some quick starts—all round breaks occurring at the 4th or 5th turns—and some slow finishes,

particularly the doubles couple who were both on Rover for an hour with 2 bisques in hand (they won).

The general standard of play was good, and some funny things happened. One player in two games within about 2 hours had the one ball and two ball situations in pegged-out games; the two balls won both times. Another rushed his partner ball in one shot through hoop 1 and hoop 2. Then there was the 20 yard shot at 2 balls at a hoop; the ball hit the wire, rebounded and then surged forward to swerve round one ball and hit the other! En route to the final, Mr and Mrs Crane, both Rovers, were well in front when Mr Crane did a beautiful split shot sending his ball across the lawn—quite unmindful of that piece of wood in the middle. Opponents, with belated hopes of a win, joined up only for Mrs Crane to hit the peg from the boundary.

Despite plenty of court space, the continued success of a few "key" players brought congestion by the Thursday, but the tournament was well managed by a cheery and efficient Pat Tunmer.

Future organisers of this event should beware of the Veteran trap whereby lady members of the Club (or even visitors) are asked instinctively by courteous men (or even women) how they fared, only to receive the coy reply "I am ineligible"; one lady was asked 6 times.

### Results

#### Event 1: The Veterans' Championship (12 Entries)

DRAW

*First Round*  
**G.S. Digby** bt. Lt-Col G.E. Cave +2 (T); **B.G. Perry** bt. Mrs A. Fotiadi +12; **Mrs K.M.O. Wheeler** bt. Dr W.R. Bucknall +6; **Col. W.R. Healing** bt. R. Faulkner +8.

*Second Round*  
**Sir Leonard Daldry** bt. Mrs E. Rotherham +24; **Perry** bt. Digby +24; **Mrs Wheeler** w.o. Healing opp. scr; **Col. E.L.L. Vulliamy** bt. A.J. Cooper +9.

*Semi-Final*  
**Perry** bt. Daldry +11; **Vulliamy** bt. Mrs Wheeler +5.

*Final*  
**Perry** bt. Vulliamy +5.

PROCESS

*First Round*  
**Healing** bt. Daldry +3; **Cooper** bt. Digby +4; **Faulkner** bt. Mrs Rotherham +13 (T); **Cave** bt. Vulliamy +8.

*Second Round*  
**Mrs Fotiadi** w.o. Healing opp. retd; **Mrs Wheeler** bt. Cooper +3; **Perry** bt. Faulkner +25; **Bucknall** bt. Cave +8 (T).

*Semi-Final*  
**Mrs Wheeler** bt. Mrs Fotiadi +5 (T); **Perry** bt. Bucknall +4.

*Final*  
**Perry** bt. Mrs Wheeler +14.

PLAY-OFF FOR SECOND PLACE

**Mrs Wheeler** bt. Vulliamy +15.

#### Event 2: Restricted Handicap Singles (19 Entries)

DRAW

*First Round*  
**A. Ormerod** (13) bt. Mrs S.S. Cruden (7) +7; **P.K. Devitt** (5) bt. Miss E. Fisher (4) +18; **Miss M.J. Lodge** (6½) bt. Mrs R.F.A. Crane (14) +15.

*Second Round*  
**Major G.B. Horridge** (5½) bt. Mrs E. Pursey (12) +7 (T); **K.S. Schofield** (3½) bt. Dr C.W. Evans (9) +14; **Col. G.T. Wheeler** (4) bt. Mrs C.W. Marshall (12) +13; **Devitt** bt. Ormerod +7; **Miss Lodge** bt. Miss D. Locks Latham (9) +3; **J.G. Warwick** (4) bt. Dr R.B.N. Smartt (5) +7; **R.F.A. Crane** (5½) bt. Miss J. Cooper (5) +9 (T); **Dr C.W. Marshall** (11) bt. A. Gordon (6½) +23.

*Third Round*  
**Schofield** bt. Horridge +15; **Devitt** bt. Wheeler +4; **Miss Lodge** bt. Warwick +4; **Crane** bt. Marshall +13.

PROCESS

*First Round*  
**Mrs Pursey** bt. Gordon +20; **Marshall** bt. Horridge +5 (T); **Devitt** bt. Mrs Crane +1 (T).

*Second Round*  
**Miss Fisher** bt. Mrs Pursey +9; **Wheeler** bt. Warwick +15; **Miss Lodge** bt. Evans +1 (T); **Ormerod** bt. Miss Cooper +2 (T); **Marshall** bt. Devitt +4; **Mrs Marshall** bt. Smartt +18 (T); **Schofield** bt. Miss Locks Latham +19; **Crane** bt. Mrs Cruden +16.

*Third Round*  
**Wheeler** w.o. Miss Fisher opp. scr; **Miss Lodge** bt. Ormerod +4; **Marshall** bt. Mrs Marshall +9; **Crane** w.o. Schofield opp. scr.

SEMI-FINALISTS RE-DRAWN FOR FINAL STAGES

*First Round*  
**Wheeler** bt. Marshall +12; **Schofield** bt. Devitt +8.

*Semi-Final*  
**Crane** bt. Wheeler +11; **Miss Lodge** bt. Schofield +7.

*Final*  
**Crane** bt. Miss Lodge +13.

#### Event 3a: 'X' Handicap Singles (30 Entries)

*First Round*  
**Mrs S.S. Cruden** (7) bt. Dr C.W. Evans (9) +10; **A. Gordon** (6½) bt. Mrs J. Goode (12) +7; **Sir Leonard Daldry** (0) bt. A. Ormerod (13) +8; **Mrs A. Fotiadi** (3½) bt. P.K. Devitt (5) +20; **Mrs K.M.O. Wheeler** (-1) bt. Mrs C.W. Marshall (12) +14; **A.J. Cooper** (-1) bt. Miss D. Locks Latham (9) +6; **Lt-Col G.E. Cave** (1½) bt. Dr W.R. Bucknall (1½) +20; **Col. E.L.L. Vulliamy** (3) bt. Dr C.W. Marshall (11) +16; **Miss J. Cooper** (5) bt. Mrs R.F.A. Crane (14) +18; **J.G. Warwick** (4) bt. Col. G.T. Wheeler (4) +1; **C. Edwards** (2½) bt. R. Faulkner (2) +2; **R.F.A. Crane** (5½) bt. K.S. Schofield (3½) +10; **Miss M.J. Lodge** (6½) bt. Major G.B. Horridge (5½) +18; **G.S. Digby** (3) bt. Mrs E. Rotherham (0) +16.

*Second Round*  
**Gordon** bt. Mrs Cruden +10; **Daldry** bt. Mrs Fotiadi +11; **Cooper** bt. Mrs Wheeler +5; **Vulliamy** bt. Cave +4; **Warwick** bt. Miss Cooper +15; **Crane** bt. Edwards +2; **Digby** bt. Miss Lodge +12; **H.E. Owens** (6½) bt. Dr R.B.N. Smartt (5) +24.

*Third Round*  
**Daldry** bt. Gordon +7; **Cooper** bt. Vulliamy +9; **Warwick** w.o. Crane opp. retd; **Owens** bt. Digby +1 (T).

*Semi-Final*  
**Cooper** bt. Daldry +26; **Owens** bt. Warwick +10.

*Final*  
**Cooper** bt. Owens +6.

#### Event 3b: 'Y' Handicap Singles (15 Entries)

*Final*  
**Col. G.T. Wheeler** (4) bt. Mrs J. Goode (12) +7.

#### Event 4: Handicap Doubles (13 Pairs)

*First Round*  
**Col. & Mrs G.T. Wheeler** (3) bt. R. Faulkner & Mrs A. Fotiadi (5½) +17; **Dr C.W. Marshall & G.S. Digby** (14) bt. Lt-Col G.E. Cave & Miss J. Cooper (6½) +8; **B.G. Perry & A.J. Cooper** (-3) bt. Mrs J. Goode & Mrs S.S. Cruden (19) +12; **Dr W.R. Bucknall & B. Hancock** (8½) bt. K.S. Schofield & H.E. Owens (10) +7; **Mr & Mrs R.F.A. Crane** (19½) bt. J.G. Warwick & Miss M.J. Lodge (10½) +6.

*Second Round*  
**Col. & Mrs Wheeler** bt. Col. W.R. Healing & C. Edwards (2½) +16; **Perry & Cooper** bt. Marshall & Digby +4; **Mr & Mrs Crane** bt. Bucknall & Hancock +6; **Sir Leonard Daldry & P.K. Devitt** (5) bt. A. Gordon & Mrs C.W. Marshall (18½) +16.

*Semi-Final*  
**Perry & Cooper** bt. Col. & Mrs Wheeler +5; **Mr & Mrs Crane** bt. Daldry & Devitt +2 (T).

*Final*  
**Perry & Cooper** bt. Mr & Mrs Crane +18.

## Gleneagles I: May 15-16

BLOCK A.  
Winner: F.V. X. Norton (1½) who beat Mrs C.A. Rowe (6½) +20, C.J. Tait (7) +1, R. Williams (3) +18, and M. Smith (9) +13.

BLOCK B.  
Winner: Mrs V. Macpherson (8) who beat Mrs J. Scrimgeour (15) +21, R.O. Calder (3) +17, R. Hisset (10) +19, and lost to D.I. Nichols (1½) -1 (T).

BLOCK C.  
Winner: R.N. Maclean (2) who beat S. MacKay (12) +16, J.E. Rowe (7) +8, J.G. White (4) +5, and I.H. Wright (0) +20.



## The Men's and Women's Championships: June 21-26

All the visitors going home after tea-time on the Saturday thanked the Cheltenham Club and particularly the Manager, Edgar Jackson, for a 'lovely' tournament. They praised the management of the lawns under Dick Whittington—they were fast but had sufficient grass on them to be playable. Yet, for once, the tournament was really a little bit spoilt by the blistering hot weather. It made players slow to move about the courts, and reluctant to leave what shade was available. This was the reason why the Doubles play-off finished at 10 p.m. on the Saturday, and one of the contestants reached his home in Wimbledon at 1.15 a.m. It was also the reason for Miss Duthie retiring from the Ladies Semi-Final at one game all on Friday, and for Miss Joly doing the same from the Final on Saturday, which must have taken the lift off the gingerbread for Mrs Meachem, well as she had played throughout the week. Jackson scratched from one side of the Du Pre, Godby retired from the Du Pre Process in the Semi-Final. He and Mrs Meachem played the Doubles Process Final on Saturday morning, then two Singles each. The Doubles Play-Off began at 7.30 p.m., with of course only a handful of spectators, Mrs Prichard and Colin being the deserving winners.

It may be that Draw and Process for the Mixed Doubles and the Du Pre is a bit much, attractive as it makes the tournament.

But to look at the rest of the week. Monday was Championship day, and saw one brilliant game between Hands and Godby. Godby got to 2-back with his first turn, and Hands missed the lift. Godby then went to the peg with his second ball and pegged himself out! Hands hit the lift this time, and went to the peg on a 3-ball break, and then never gave Godby another shot whilst going to the peg with his backward ball. Subsequently Godby won the second game, but lost the third, Hands just failing to complete a delayed triple.

On Tuesday the Singles Championships were continued, and in the Ladies' Mrs K.M.O. Wheeler, the holder, beat Mrs Sundius-Smith in two games, whilst in the Men's there was quite a sensation when Haigh took the first game off Dr Murray. He was well on his way to victory in the second game when he made a tactical error, through his confidence in his shooting (which is indeed very good but let him down on this occasion), and gave Murray an easy 4-ball break to win the second, and ultimately the third game. In this game Haigh had gone to 4-back and subsequently Penult, but missed a short roquet, and Murray double-peeled and pegged him out, and his own ball, with a 3 hoop lead which he increased to 4.

On this day, too, last year's Men's Finalists, Jackson and Hope, met, the latter winning the first game with a double-peel and the second with a good triple.

Wednesday was Doubles Draw day in a big way. The first game to finish saw the removal of perhaps the strongest couple on paper, Read and Mrs Wheeler, by Colonel Prichard and Mrs Lightfoot. Mrs Prichard and Colin had a 4½ hour marathon to beat Haigh and Mrs McMillan by 6. Godby and Mrs Meachem were both on the peg against Gladstone and Miss Duthie when Gladstone hit in, and the latter pair kept the game going for another 50 minutes to reduce the deficit to single figures. The afternoon saw the Semi-Finals completed, and the evening the Final, when the holders, Colin and Mrs Prichard, comfortably beat Godby and Mrs Meachem.

The Doubles Process occupied most of the competitors on Thursday, but alas could not be planned to reach the Final stage, as in the Draw. In one game Gladstone and Miss Duthie were a long way ahead of Haigh and Mrs McMillan; they were on the peg and Rover, which Miss Duthie was unlucky not to make, when both opponents sprang to life, Mrs McMillan to go round and peg out Gladstone, and Haigh to go round and finish off the game. Inspired by his success, Haigh had a very good win in the 3rd round of the Du Pre Draw against Colonel Prichard in the evening.

On the Friday we had the resumption of the Singles Championships, when the Ladies' Semi-Finals saw form very much upset. Miss Joly defeated the reigning champion, Mrs Wheeler, in a long and exhausting 2 to 1 match. The other match, between Miss Duthie and Mrs Meachem, took 7 hours 59 minutes for one game each, so there would have been only 1 hour 1 minute's play in the third game, but Miss Duthie conceded for health reasons. (At 7.30

p.m. the temperature was 88°F.)

In the Men's Semi-Finals Colin Prichard, playing very well, beat Andrew Hope, below his best form, in two straight games. In the afternoon Dr Murray beat Paul Hands in a 3-game match, in one of which Murray triple peeled but failed to complete the peg-out.

The Process Doubles were completed to the Final, Godby and Mrs Meachem having a good win over the Draw winners, and Read and Mrs Wheeler coming through as the other finalists. What a difference it would have made to the Saturday programme if the latter pair had won on Saturday morning, leaving Godby and Mrs Meachem free to concentrate on their singles!

So on Saturday, with temperatures in the 90's, Godby and Mrs Meachem won the Doubles Process Final; Godby withdrew from the Du Pre Process, and beat Gladstone in the Draw Final in the afternoon, losing to Jackson in the play-off after tea. Colin Prichard won his first game against Murray in the Men's Final, but lost the other two, so he did very well indeed, though he had to relinquish 'his' beautiful Du Pre Cup, which he had held for three years. The rest of the play on Saturday has already been mentioned.

Among newcomers to the tournament, who will doubtless be heard of in it again, were David Openshaw (½), who played some very good croquet, Haigh (½) already mentioned, and Mrs Povey (4, now 3½) who beat Gladstone when he stuck in Rover with his other ball for the peg!

## Results

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

*First Round*  
**J. Haigh** bt. Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard -8 +3 +16; **R.O.B. Whittington** bt. D.K. Openshaw -13 +1 +17; **P.W. Hands** bt. R.A. Godby +2 -5 +21; **G.E.P. Jackson** bt. T.O. Read +24 -13 +11; **A.B. Hope** bt. D.C. Russell +10 +19.

*Second Round*  
**Dr M. Murray** bt. Haigh -3 +10 +4; **Hands** bt. Whittington -3 +9 +10; **Hope** bt. Jackson +22 +17; **C.H.L. Prichard** bt. Revd W.E. Gladstone +17 +4.

*Semi-Final*  
**Murray** bt. Hands -11 +16 +20; **C. Prichard** bt. Hope +8 +22.

*Final*  
**Murray** bt. C. Prichard -14 +12 +8.

### Event 2: The Women's Championship (16 Entries)

*First Round*  
**Mrs N.A.C. McMillan** bt. Mrs H.G. Handley +21 +20; **Mrs B.M. Meachem** bt. Mrs D.M.C. Prichard +10 +7; **Miss B. Duthie** bt. Mrs G.W. Solomon +3 +11; **Mrs E.M. Lightfoot** bt. Mrs J. Povey +3 +9; **Mrs K.M.O. Wheeler** bt. Mrs D.C. Russell +16 +26; **Mrs B.L. Sundius-Smith** bt. Mrs E. Asa-Thomas +8 +22; **Mrs G.F.H. Elvey** bt. Mrs H.M. Read +14 -13 +15; **Miss F.I. Joly** bt. Miss E.H. Arkell +11 +4.

*Second Round*  
**Mrs Meachem** bt. Mrs McMillan +6 +5; **Miss Duthie** bt. Mrs Lightfoot +8 +8; **Mrs Wheeler** bt. Mrs Sundius-Smith +12 +12; **Miss Joly** bt. Mrs Elvey +2 +18.

*Semi-Final*  
**Mrs Meachem** bt. Miss Duthie -9 +4 retd.; **Miss Joly** bt. Mrs Wheeler -10 +2 +3.

*Final*  
**Mrs Meachem** bt. Miss Joly +16 -15 retd.

### Event 3: The Mixed Doubles Championship (11 Pairs)

DRAW

*First Round*  
**D.K. Openshaw & Mrs J. Povey** bt. R.O.B. Whittington & Miss E.H. Arkell +16; **G.E.P. Jackson & Mrs G.W. Solomon** bt. Col. G.T. Wheeler & Mrs H.M. Read +7; **T.O. Read & Mrs K.M.O. Wheeler** bt. Mr & Mrs D.C. Russell +22.

*Second Round*  
**R.A. Godby & Mrs B.M. Meachem** bt. Revd W.E. Gladstone & Miss B. Duthie +8; **Jackson & Mrs Solomon** bt. Openshaw & Mrs Povey +10; **Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard & Mrs E.M. Lightfoot** bt. Read & Mrs Wheeler

+3; **C.H.L. Prichard & Mrs D.M.C. Prichard** bt. J. Haigh & Mrs N.A.C. McMillan +6.

*Semi-Final*  
**Godby & Mrs Meachem** bt. Jackson & Mrs Solomon +10; **C. Prichard & Mrs Prichard** bt. D. Prichard & Mrs Lightfoot +19.

*Final*  
**C. Prichard & Mrs Prichard** bt. Godby & Mrs Meachem +23.

PROCESS

*First Round*  
**Godby & Mrs Meachem** bt. D. Prichard & Mrs Lightfoot +13; **C. Prichard & Mrs Prichard** bt. Openshaw & Mrs Povey +12; **Haigh & Mrs McMillan** bt. Gladstone & Miss Duthie +2.

*Second Round*  
**Godby & Mrs Meachem** bt. Jackson & Mrs Solomon +11; **C. Prichard & Mrs Prichard** bt. Mr & Mrs Russell +21; **Haigh & Mrs McMillan** bt. Wheeler & Mrs Read +15; **Read & Mrs Wheeler** bt. Whittington & Miss Arkell +22.

*Semi-Final*  
**Godby & Mrs Meachem** bt. C. Prichard & Mrs Prichard +21; **Read & Mrs Wheeler** bt. Haigh & Mrs McMillan +19.

*Final*  
**Godby & Mrs Meachem** bt. Read & Mrs Wheeler +8.

PLAY-OFF

**C. Prichard & Mrs Prichard** bt. Goby & Mrs Meachem +17

### Event 4: The Du Pre Cup (19 Entries)

DRAW

*First Round*  
**Mrs D.M.C. Prichard** bt. Mrs H.G. Handley +25; **Mrs J. Povey** bt. Mrs G.W. Solomon +6; **D.K. Openshaw** w.o. G.E.P. Jackson opp. scr.

## The Challenge and the Gilbey Cups, played at Southwick, June 28-July 3

The Challenge & Gilbey was played at Southwick again this year. Games opened in tropical sunshine with temperatures well in the 90s. The coolest subject on the sweltering courts was Ian Vincent, the Tournament Manager. His shock of black hair was seen first here, then there, over the 11 courts—directing, advising and refereeing. As early as 5 o'clock he was bombarded by requests from over-heated and dehydrated players to be pegged down. He took all this in easy strides and had sufficient energy left to tackle a match in the Open Singles. In this he gave a superb exhibition of controlled play, taming the running of recalcitrant balls on a glassy surface and going out with a triple—somewhat "delayed" and fragmented by a late bit of opposition from Austin whom he beat convincingly by 18.

Tuesday's weather was slightly tempered by a sea breeze, but courts remained hard as flint and smooth as glass. Play had to be deliberate, and consequently most of the Doubles went to the time limit. We saw agonising situations which bedevilled high and low bisquers alike. A ball would be expertly played with every appearance of ending up dead in front of its hoop, but, as if propelled by remote control from some hellish source, would finish 2 or 3 yards beyond. The slightest turn on the ball from the stroke would hold its grudge up to the last 2 yards, when the degree of deviation would be watched with unbelieving horror!

The Marathon prize, had there been one, should have gone to Arthur Tapp for his close victory over Tristram Owen after 5¾ hours. Kay Longman out-generalled Wilson-Haffenden in a needle match, and "Tiny" Tyrwhitt Drake played as gallant a game as ever did his ancestor—going down to Norman Cox after a long cat and mouse struggle with 3 balls in play.

So the tournament continued to the final day with an unrelenting Sun and players heroically trying to keep their cool, and even managing to maintain a sense of humour: "Wait till he gets to No. 6," said one player to his Doubles partner when an opponent

## Second Round

**Revd W.E. Gladstone** bt. Mrs N.A.C. McMillan +15; **Mrs B.L. Sundius-Smith** bt. Miss E.H. Arkell +20; **R.O.B. Whittington** bt. Mrs E.M. Lightfoot +13; **T.O. Read** bt. Mrs Prichard +20; **Openshaw** bt. Mrs Povey +18; **R.A. Godby** bt. D.C. Russell +3; **Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard** bt. Mrs D.C. Russell +11; **J. Haigh** bt. Mrs H.M. Read +16.

*Third Round*  
**Gladstone** bt. Mrs Sundius-Smith +16; **Whittington** bt. Read +11; **Godby** bt. Openshaw +8; **Haigh** bt. D. Prichard +19.

*Semi-Final*  
**Gladstone** w.o. Whittington opp. scr.; **Godby** bt. Haigh +22.

*Final*  
**Godby** bt. Gladstone +12.

PROCESS

*First Round*  
**D. Prichard** w.o. Mrs McMillan opp. scr.; **Mrs Sundius-Smith** bt. Mrs Read +24; **Gladstone** bt. Haigh +14.

*Second Round*  
**Read** bt. D. Prichard +1; **Openshaw** bt. Mrs Lightfoot +7; **Mrs Sundius-Smith** bt. Mrs Solomon +22; **Godby** bt. Mrs Prichard +12; **Mrs Povey** bt. Gladstone +2; **Whittington** w.o. Russell opp. retd.; **Jackson** bt. Miss Arkell +10; **Mrs Russell** bt. Mrs Handley +20.

*Third Round*  
**Openshaw** bt. Read +10; **Godby** bt. Mrs Sundius-Smith +16; **Mrs Povey** w.o. Whittington opp. scr.; **Jackson** bt. Mrs Russell +8.

*Semi-Final*  
**Openshaw** w.o. Godby opp. scr.; **Jackson** bt. Mrs Povey +12.

*Final*  
**Jackson** bt. Openshaw +25.

PLAY-OFF

**Jackson** bt. Godby +20.

miraculously negotiated 3, 4 and 5 on Court 2, "We'll see a bit of fun"—and sure enough they did!

In presenting the 6 trophies (and what magnificent Cups this Tournament provides) Kay Longman said she thought it had been one of the happiest she had ever played in. Visitors seemed to share this opinion—which goes to show that Croquet Players are made of stern stuff!

## Results

### Event 1: The Roehampton Challenge Cup (9 Entries)

DRAW

*First Round*  
**E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake** bt. W.E. Moore +8.

*Second Round*  
**Miss F.I. Joly** bt. T.F. Owen +14; **W.H. Austin** bt. Tyrwhitt Drake +1 (T); **A.E.C. Tapp** bt. I.G. Vincent +13; **E.J. Tucker** bt. N.W.T. Cox +22.

*Semi-Final*  
**Miss Joly** w.o. Austin opp. retd.; **Tapp** bt. Tucker +1.

*Final*  
**Miss Joly** bt. Tapp +9.

PROCESS

*First Round*  
**Tucker** bt. Miss Joly +8.

*Second Round*  
**Tucker** bt. Moore +7; **Vincent** bt. Austin +18; **Tapp** bt. Owen +7; **Cox** bt. Tyrwhitt Drake +3.

*Semi-Final*  
**Tucker** bt. Vincent +10; **Cox** bt. Tapp +17.

*Final*  
**Cox** bt. Tucker +1 (T).

PLAY-OFF

**Miss Joly** bt. Cox +2 (T).



**Event 2: The Council Challenge Cup** (14 Entries)

DRAW

*First Round*  
**Mrs S.J. Turner** bt. G.F. Paxon +15; **Mrs R.E. Tucker** bt. C.E. Knight +7; **Mrs E.R. Cox** w.o. Mrs E.H.P. Mallinson opp. ret.; **Mrs W. Longman** bt. F.F.W. Staddon +14; **H.A. Sheppard** bt. Miss H.D. Parker +20; **H.J. Betts** w.o. Mrs H.F. Chittenden opp. scr.

*Second Round*  
**Major-General D.J. Wilson-Haffenden** w.o. Mrs Turner opp. scr.; **Mrs Cox** bt. Mrs R. Tucker +23; **Sheppard** bt. Mrs Longman +14 (T); **Professor A.S.C. Ross** bt. Betts +24.

*Semi-Final*  
**Mrs Cox** bt. Wilson-Haffenden +5 (T); **Sheppard** bt. Ross +9 (T).

*Final*  
**Mrs Cox** bt. Sheppard +16 (T).

PROCESS

*First Round*  
**Mrs Longman** bt. Wilson-Haffenden +3; **Knight** w.o. Mrs Chittenden opp. scr.; **Mrs Turner** bt. Miss Parker +22; **Sheppard** bt. Paxon +9; **Mrs Cox** bt. Ross +14; **Betts** bt. Mrs R. Tucker +20.

*Second Round*  
**Knight** bt. Mrs Longman +10; **Mrs Turner** bt. Mrs Mallinson +4; **Mrs Cox** bt. Sheppard +1; **Betts** bt. Staddon +9.

*Semi-Final*  
**Knight** bt. Mrs Turner +1 (T); **Betts** bt. Mrs Cox +20.

*Final*  
**Knight** bt. Betts +9.

PLAY-OFF  
**Mrs Cox** bt. Knight +11 (T).

**Event 3: The Reckitt Challenge Cup** (8 Entries)

*First Round*  
**Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake** bt. Lt-Col E.H.P. Mallinson +10; **A.J. Betts** bt. Mrs W. Naylor +20; **G.T. Coates** bt. A. Gordon +14; **Mrs I.B. Tucker** bt. W.B.C. Paynter +14.

*Semi-Final*  
**Betts** w.o. Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake opp. ret.; **Coates** bt. Mrs Tucker +15.

*Final*  
**Betts** bt. Coates +11 (T)

**Event 4: The Stevenson Cup** (4 Entries)

*First Round*  
**L.M. Bromfield** bt. Mrs G.C. Day +6; **Mrs M. Rankin** bt. Mrs A.E. Millns +12.

*Final*  
**Bromfield** bt. Mrs Rankin +10.

**Event 5: Handicap Doubles** (15 Pairs)

*First Round*  
**Mr & Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake** (7) bt. H.A. Sheppard & G.F. Paxon (8) +13 (T); **W.H. Austin & Mrs R.E. Tucker** (6½) bt. Mr & Mrs E.J. Tucker (7½) +14; **H.J. & A.J. Betts** (13) bt. F.F.W. Staddon & Mrs E. Lewis (15) +11 (T); **T.F. Owen & Mrs A.E. Millns** (13) bt. Lt-Col & Mrs E.H.P. Mallinson (12) +14; **A.E.C. Tapp & L.M. Bromfield** (11½) bt. C.E. Knight & A. Gordon (11½) +10; **W.E. Moore & G.T. Coates** (6) bt. Mrs W. Longman & Major-General D.J. Wilson-Haffenden (6½) +2 (T); **Mrs S.J. Turner & Mrs G.C. Day** (14½) bt. Mrs H.F. Chittenden & Mrs W. Naylor (9½) +14.

*Second Round*  
**Mr & Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake** bt. Austin & Mrs R. Tucker +2 (T); **Betts & Bromfield** bt. Owen & Mrs Millns +1 (T); **Moore & Coates** bt. A. Tapp & Bromfield +17; **Mrs Turner & Mrs Day** bt. Professor A.S.C. Ross & Mrs M. Rankin (14½) +4 (T).

*Semi-Final*  
**Mr & Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake** bt. Betts & Bromfield +14 (T); **Moore & Coates** bt. Mrs Turner & Mrs Day +9 (T).

*Final*  
**Mr & Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake** bt. Moore & Coates +4 (T).

**Event 6a: The Gilbey Cup** (30 Entries)

*First Round*  
**Mrs E.R. Cox** (3) bt. Mrs W. Longman (2½) +4; **Mrs R.E. Tucker** (4½) bt. W.H. Austin (2) +3; **G.T. Coates** (7) bt. Major-General D.J. Wilson-Haffenden (4) +14; **Professor A.S.C. Ross** (2½) bt. Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (8) +13; **C.E. Knight** (5) bt. W.E. Moore (-1) +10; **H.A. Sheppard** (3) bt. Mrs I.B. Tucker (9) +8; **A.E.C. Tapp** (½) bt. Mrs G.C. Day (10) +12; **T.F. Owen** (1) bt. E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (-1) +10; **Miss F.I. Joly** (½) bt. H.J. Betts (5) +5; **E.J. Tucker** (-½) bt. Mrs S.J. Turner (4½) +20; **G.F. Paxon** (5) bt. Mrs A.E. Millns (13) +3; **N.W.T. Cox** (-1) bt. Mrs W. Naylor (7) +15; **A. Gordon** (6½) bt. W.B.C. Paynter (7) +8; **Miss M.G. Anderson** (5½) bt. Miss H.D. Parker (5½) +13.

*Second Round*  
**A.J. Betts** (8) bt. Mrs H.F. Chittenden (2½) +18; **Mrs Cox** bt. Mrs R. Tucker +11; **Ross** bt. Coates +10; **Knight** w.o. Sheppard opp. scr.; **Owen** bt. A. Tapp +22; **Miss Joly** bt. Tucker +4; **Cox** w.o. Paxon opp. scr.; **Miss Anderson** bt. Gordon +12.

*Third Round*  
**Mrs Cox** bt. A. Betts +5; **Ross** bt. Knight +4; **Owen** bt. Miss Joly +16; **Cox** bt. Miss Anderson +13.

*Semi-Final*  
**Mrs Cox** bt. Ross +9 (T); **Owen** w.o. Cox opp. scr.

*Final*  
**Owen** bt. Mrs Cox +17.

**Event 6b: 'Y' Handicap Singles** (15 Entries)

*Final*  
**H.J. Betts** (5) bt. W.E. Moore (-1) +5.

**Budleigh Salterton: July 5-10**

This must have been the hottest and driest summer tournament ever held at Budleigh. After three months without appreciable rain, the first day opened with a temperature of 84°, and the number of gentlemen wearing white shorts must have been a record. However, thanks to the efforts of the indefatigable groundsman, Tubby Hooker, the lawns looked green and lush. This, combined with the efforts of the Manager, Richard Rothwell and his brisk assistant, Betty McMillan, led to the large programme of 170 games, including an Extra event, being completed neatly on time. Three overseas competitors took part: the Russells, late of Tasmania and now of New Zealand, and Captain Forrest Tucker from the U.S.A. The standard of play was above average, and only 15 of the games went to time.

Finals Day on Saturday produced a bumper crop of exciting games for the large number of spectators. In the Championship Draw final, Peter Hallett was 15 hoops ahead of Colin Prichard when he lined up for what seemed like an easy peg-out. He missed with the forward ball and boldly pegged out the second. But he never took croquet again, since Colin, with some splendid 2-ball breaks, went on to win by 1.

In the Process final Pat Newton, who had played very well all the week, suffered two lapses of concentration, the first when he laid up in the 3rd corner after very carefully getting his opponent's ball away from A Baulk when a lift was due; the second lapse came when he accomplished a beautiful 'peg-out' of his opponent's ball from about 15 yards, only to realise afterwards that he had pegged out the wrong coloured ball. Miss Joly accepted this good fortune and went on to win by 4.

In the Play-Off Colin Prichard beat Miss Joly by 12 in a game of ups and downs, and so won the Colman Cup—and a C.A. Silver Medal.

In the Big Handicap, with 45 entries, Mark Ormerod, who had played in the Cambridge University team this year, carried all before him on a handicap of 4, and was reduced to 1 after the tournament. This young player, who seems unaware that roquets can occasionally be missed, has come down in handicap from 16 to 1 in 9 months, and will be a formidable opponent in the 'A' Class when he has acquired more tactical experience.

The Doubles final, between Col. Cave & Mrs Joan Goode on one side, and Robin Godby & Captain Forrest Tucker on the other, produced a fascinating game with a classic nail-biting finish, with Robin Godby having pegged out Gerald Cave's ball, and the two

higher bisquers both for Rover. Disasters came thick and fast, both players sticking in Rover in turn, being knocked out and sticking again, until eventually Forrest Tucker managed to run Rover and got lined up for the peg-out. Joan Goode got her ball into her favourite place in front of Rover. Forrest Tucker missed his peg-out, and joined up near the east boundary. Joan ran Rover and immediately turned round and hit one of the balls on the boundary (a 14-yard shot), took off to the peg and pegged out to the biggest roar of applause of the week, with Gerald Cave giving a leap of joy, a fitting climax to a sunny and enjoyable tournament.

**Results****Event 1: Open Singles** (20 Entries)

DRAW

*First Round*  
**Mrs G.H. Wood** bt. Mrs E.M. Lightfoot +25; **Miss F.I. Joly** bt. Mrs D.M.C. Prichard +9; **H.G.T. Bolton** bt. Professor B.G. Weitz +19; **C.H.L. Prichard** bt. L.S. Butler +14.

*Second Round*  
**Revd P.D. Hallett** bt. D.C. Russell +6; **R.A. Godby** bt. Sir Leonard Daldry +18; **R.F. Rothwell** bt. Mrs E. Rotherham +11; **Miss Joly** bt. Mrs Wood +9; **C. Prichard** bt. Bolton +11; **J.H.J. Soutter** bt. Dr W.R. Bucknall +20; **B.G. Perry** bt. A.J. Cooper +10; **P. Newton** bt. R.S. Stevens +26.

*Third Round*  
**Hallett** bt. Godby +7; **Rothwell** bt. Miss Joly +12; **C. Prichard** bt. Soutter +14; **Perry** bt. Newton +17.

*Semi-Final*  
**Hallett** bt. Rothwell +14; **C. Prichard** bt. Perry +11.

*Final*  
**C. Prichard** bt. Hallett +1 and qualified for C.A. Silver Medal.

PROCESS

*First Round*  
**Perry** bt. Hallett +12; **Godby** bt. Stevens +10; **Cooper** bt. Russell +4; **Newton** bt. Daldry +13.

*Second Round*  
**Miss Joly** bt. Perry +6; **Butler** bt. Mrs Rotherham +24; **Godby** bt. Weitz +4; **Bucknall** bt. Mrs Lightfoot +6 (T); **Cooper** bt. Mrs Prichard +19; **C. Prichard** bt. Rothwell +4; **Newton** bt. Bolton +3; **Soutter** bt. Mrs Wood +16.

*Third Round*  
**Miss Joly** bt. Butler +22; **Godby** bt. Bucknall +19; **C. Prichard** bt. Cooper +12; **Newton** bt. Soutter +10.

*Semi-Final*  
**Miss Joly** bt. Godby +12; **Newton** bt. C. Prichard +22.

*Final*  
**Miss Joly** bt. Newton +4.

PLAY-OFF  
**C. Prichard** bt. Miss Joly +12.

**Event 2: 'B' Level Singles** (14 Entries)

*First Round*  
**Miss E. Fisher** bt. C. Edwards +7; **H.E. Owens** bt. R.H.C. Carder +13 (T); **Mrs D.C. Russell** bt. J.G. Warwick +20; **G.H. Betts** bt. Miss J. Cooper +18; **Mrs B.G. Weitz** bt. Mrs S.S. Cruden +4; **L.D. Adams** bt. Mrs C. Bagnall +25.

*Second Round*  
**P.K. Devitt** bt. Miss Fisher +15; **Mrs Russell** bt. Owens +12; **Mrs Weitz** bt. Betts +8; **Adams** bt. Mrs P. Newton +15.

*Semi-Final*  
**Mrs Russell** bt. Devitt +2 (T); **Adams** bt. Mrs Weitz +14.

*Final*  
**Adams** bt. Mrs Russell +8.

**Event 3: 'C' Handicap Singles** (14 Entries)

*First Round*  
**A. Ormerod** (13) bt. Mrs D.G. Waterhouse (11) +1 (T); **Mrs L.A. Davies** (11) bt. Mrs C.W. Marshall (12) +4; **Mrs R.S. Stevens** (14) bt. Mrs J. Goode (11) +3 (T); **Captain F. Tucker** (9) bt. Mrs P.A. Derryhouse (14) +3; **Mrs L.M. Bishop** (9) bt. J.H.T. Griffiths (8) +15; **F. Pilling** (8) bt. Miss D. Locks Latham (9) +4.

*Second Round*  
**Mrs H.E. Owens** (10) bt. Ormerod +15; **Mrs Davies** bt. Mrs Stevens +13; **Tucker** bt. Mrs Bishop +3; **Pilling** bt. Dr C.W. Marshall (10) +10.

*Semi-Final*  
**Mrs Owens** bt. Mrs Davies +2 (T); **Pilling** bt. Tucker +10.

*Final*  
**Pilling** bt. Mrs Owens +1 (T).

**Event 4a: 'X' Handicap Singles** (45 Entries)

*First Round*  
**L.D. Adams** (3) bt. Mrs P.A. Derryhouse (14) +14; **Mrs G.H. Wood** (1½) bt. Dr C.W. Marshall (10) +17; **M. Ormerod** (4) bt. Mrs D.G. Waterhouse (11) +19; **Dr W.R. Bucknall** (1½) bt. R.H.C. Carder (6) +7; **J.G. Warwick** (4) bt. H.E. Owens (6½) +2 (T); **Mrs C. Bagnall** (5) bt. Revd P.D. Hallett (0) +10; **R.S. Stevens** (1) bt. G.H. Betts (2½) +10; **Mrs S.S. Cruden** (7) bt. Miss D. Locks Latham (9) +12; **Mrs E.M. Lightfoot** (½) bt. P.K. Devitt (5) +10; **L.S. Butler** (1) bt. Mrs P. Newton (6) +13; **Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard** (-1) bt. Mrs L.M. Bishop (9) +15; **Lt-Col G.E. Cave** (1½) bt. Mrs D.C. Russell (3) +1 (T); **Mrs C.W. Marshall** (12) bt. C. Edwards (2½) +2.

*Second Round*  
**C.H.L. Prichard** (-2) bt. D.C. Russell (-½) +15; **R.F. Rothwell** (½) bt. Miss J. Cooper (5) +17; **R.A. Godby** (-1½) bt. Mrs B.G. Weitz (3½) +4; **P. Newton** (-½) bt. Mrs L.A. Davies (11) +9; **Adams** bt. J.H.J. Soutter (-1) +26; **M. Ormerod** bt. Mrs Wood +20; **Warwick** bt. Bucknall +1 (T); **Mrs Bagnall** bt. Stevens +16; **Mrs Lightfoot** bt. Mrs Cruden +2; **Butler** bt. D. Prichard +25; **Cave** bt. Mrs Marshall +5; **H.G.T. Bolton** (1) bt. Sir Leonard Daldry (0) +15; **A.J. Cooper** (-1) bt. Captain F. Tucker (9) +7; **J.H.T. Griffiths** (8) bt. Mrs H.E. Owens (10) +1 (T); **B.G. Perry** (-2) bt. Mrs E. Rotherham (0) +24; **Professor B.G. Weitz** (½) bt. Miss F.I. Joly (0) +18.

*Third Round*  
**C. Prichard** bt. Rothwell +23; **Newton** bt. Godby +14; **M. Ormerod** bt. Adams +2; **Warwick** bt. Mrs Bagnall +16; **Mrs Lightfoot** bt. Butler +5 (T); **Bolton** bt. Cave +14; **Cooper** bt. Griffiths +9; **Perry** bt. Weitz +13.

*Fourth Round*  
**Newton** bt. C. Prichard +16; **M. Ormerod** bt. Warwick +26; **Bolton** bt. Mrs Lightfoot +17; **Cooper** bt. Perry +26.

*Semi-Final*  
**M. Ormerod** bt. Newton +24; **Cooper** bt. Bolton +9.

*Final*  
**M. Ormerod** bt. Cooper +26.

**Event 4b: 'Y' Handicap Singles** (23 Entries)

*Final*  
**Revd P.D. Hallett** (0) bt. Mrs H.E. Owens (10) +10.

**Event 5: Handicap Doubles** (22 Pairs)

*First Round*  
**C. Edwards & R.H. Lee** (6) bt. R.H.C. Carder & J.H.T. Griffiths (14) +8; **R.S. Stevens & Mrs C.W. Marshall** (13) bt. Revd P.D. Hallett & Mrs L.A. Davies (11) +4; **G.H. Betts & L.D. Adams** (5½) bt. M. Ormerod & Mrs P.A. Derryhouse (16) +3; **A.J. Cooper & P.K. Devitt** (4) bt. Professor & Mrs B.G. Weitz (4) +15; **R.A. Godby & Captain F. Tucker** (7½) bt. Mrs G.H. Wood & Mrs G.E. Cave (6½) +5; **Mr & Mrs P. Newton** (5½) bt. Mr & Mrs D.C. Russell (2½) +12.

*Second Round*  
**R.F. Rothwell & Dr C.W. Marshall** (10½) bt. Mr & Mrs P.A. Tunmer (12½) +5; **Lt-Col G.E. Cave & Mrs J. Goode** (12½) bt. Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard & Mrs L.M. Bishop (8) +6; **Edwards & Lee** bt. Dr W.R. Bucknall & J.G. Warwick (5½) +3; **Betts & Adams** bt. Stevens & Mrs Marshall +3; **Godby & Tucker** bt. Cooper & Devitt +2; **Mr & Mrs Newton** bt. H.G.T. Bolton & Mrs H.E. Owens (11) +3; **L.S. Butler & H.E. Owens** (7½) bt. Mrs M.H. Vincent & Miss J. Cooper (8) +17; **Mrs D.M.C. Prichard & Mrs S.S. Cruden** (6½) bt. Mrs E.M. Lightfoot & Mrs C. Bagnall (5½) +15.

*Third Round*  
**Cave & Mrs Goode** bt. Rothwell & Marshall +3; **Edwards & Lee** bt. Betts & Adams +2; **Godby & Tucker** bt. Mr & Mrs Newton +5; **Mrs Prichard & Mrs Cruden** bt. Butler & Owens +18.

*Semi-Final*  
**Cave & Mrs Goode** bt. Edwards & Lee +2; **Godby & Tucker** bt. Mrs Prichard & Mrs Cruden +14.

*Final*  
**Cave & Mrs Goode** bt. Godby & Tucker +2.



## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Hurlingham Club on Monday 31 May 1976

The President, E.P. Duffield, took the chair.

- The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, as published in the August 1975 issue of the Croquet Gazette, were approved.
- The President gave a brief address.
- The Report of the Chairman of the Council, R.F. Rothwell, was approved.
- The Report of the Treasurer, A.J. Oldham, and the Accounts for 1975 were approved.
- J.W. Solomon was elected a Vice-President under Rule V.
- A.J. Oldham was re-elected as Treasurer.
- The following were elected as members of the Council: I.C. Baillieu, Dr R.W. Bray, Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle, A.J. Oldham, R.F. Rothwell, E. Strickland, Mrs B.L. Sundius-Smith (all of whom had retired in rotation and presented themselves for re-election); new members—R.A. Godby, A.B. Hope, Dr G.K. Taylor.
- Messrs Nicholass, Ames & Co were re-elected as Auditors.
- The two amendments to the Rules of the Association, which had been published in the Agenda for the meeting in the April 1976 issue of the Croquet Gazette, were passed unanimously.

## Extract from Proceedings at Council Meeting

MAY 31 1976

- Professor Neal reported that his Committee recommended that the conditions of contest for the MacRobertson Trophy in New Zealand in 1979 should be the same as in Great Britain in 1974.
- Mr Strickland reported that if the Commonwealth Games were held at Birmingham, we might get Croquet as a demonstration game.
- Mr Rothwell welcomed the new members of the Council, namely, Mr A.B. Hope, Mr R.A. Godby and Dr G.K. Taylor.
- Mr D.C. Caporn was unanimously elected Chairman. He expressed his thanks to Mr Rothwell for his valuable services to Croquet during his term of office, particularly in connection with the Test Matches.
- The Chairman proposed that Dr R.W. Bray be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council. This was agreed and Dr Bray accepted.
- The following were elected as the Selection Committee: Mr Baillieu, Col. Prichard, Mr Rothwell, Professor Neal and Mr Townsend.  
The Chairman thanked Mr Solomon and Revd W. Gladstone, both of whom wished to retire, for their services.
- The Chairman of the Laws Committee, Professor Neal, reported:
  - The Council had referred to the Committee the question of regularising Swiss Tournaments, for which the Laws at present gave no authority and in fact did not mention. The Committee thought that Regulation 20A provided a method of determining the winners of blocks in American Tournaments which could be applied to Swiss Tournaments.  
Swiss Tournaments had not been sufficiently developed yet to justify regulations, but there would be an Article in the Croquet Gazette thereon.
  - An etiquette of double-banking, giving guide lines on who gives way to whom, and such matters would be issued shortly.
  - With reference to a query from South Africa, each National Association had authority to appoint their own referees who did not have authority in other countries; but no doubt if an eminent referee visited here, we should allow him to act as a referee not as a matter of Law but of

courtesy. He was writing to the New Zealand, South African and Australian Associations accordingly.

- Eighteen new Associates were elected; their names appear under the Secretary's Notes. Five deaths were reported, and these can be found in the Obituaries column.
- It was decided not to hold the Club Conference in 1976.
- Mrs Carlisle reported on matches between the Croquet Association and Clubs and expressed her disappointment at the lessened demand for them.  
Dr Bray expressed satisfaction that some of the C.A. versus Club matches played in recent years had developed into regular annual fixtures.
- Mr Hope described the tour which four British players had made recently in South Africa. The British players had done well in South African Tournaments and had been royally entertained.  
Dr Bray reported that four South African players (Tom Barlow, D.G. Cunningham, Lester Sullivan and G.W.I. Gillespie) planned to come here.  
Col. Prichard reminded the Council about Government Policy, and it was agreed that approach should be made to the Sports Council about visits and a coach etc. visiting South Africa towards the end of year. (N.B. This was done, and the Sports Council raised no objection provided no application was made for Grant Aid.)
- Dates for Council Meetings were fixed for Saturdays 23 October and 20 November.

## Secretary's Notes

### 1. NEW ASSOCIATES

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Frank Brooking, 50 Parsons Street, Wanganui, New Zealand.  
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Mrs S.A. Cosh, 8 Widdicombe Avenue, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset.  
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Neil Spooner, 10 Oleander Street, Brighton, 5048, South Australia, Australia.

Mrs E.B.T. Tanner, Hedgerley House, Hedgerley, Buckinghamshire.  
D.S. Turner, 57 Victoria Avenue, Hunstanton, Norfolk.  
Mrs M.A.L. Warren, 14 Pilford Avenue, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL53 9EH.  
Mr & Mrs L. Wharrad, 18 Aston Close, Kingston Hill, Surrey (Tel. 01-549 1051).  
James G. White, 69 Leslie Street, Glasgow G41 2JX.  
Ronald Welch, 67 Rowan Crescent, London SW16 5JA.

### 2. NEW TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

New Referees: Dr M. Murray, T.F. Owen, A.B. Hope.  
Omitted from list of Referees in error: R.F. Rothwell.

### 3. CHANGES IN THE CLUBS

*Belfast Boat Club* (newly registered), Lockview, Belfast BT9 5FJ. (Tel. 665012). Croquet Secretary: Donald McMeekin.  
*Harpenden* (newly registered). Hon. Sec. R.W. Knowler, The Grove, Harpenden, Hertfordshire (Tel. Harpenden 62446).  
*Norton Hall*. New Secretary: J.G. Chenoweth, 4 Lapwing Lane, Norton-on-Tees, Cleveland TS20 1LX.  
*Parkstone*. Club Tel. Bournemouth 740219.  
*St. Hild's and St Bede's College Croquet Club* (Durham University and newly registered). Captain: G.E.J.A. Doughty.  
*Swallowfield Park* has ceased to exist as a club.  
*Wrest Park*. Tel. (0525) 6000.

July 1976

Vandeleur Robinson,  
Secretary.

## Handicap Alterations

*Compton Weekend: April 22-25*  
Mrs W.A. Scarr 15 to 13.

*Budleigh Salterton: May 10-15*

A. Ormerod 13 DII; Mrs R.S. Stevens 14; R.S. Stevens 1½ to 1; G.S. Digby 3½ to 3; H.E. Ovens 8 to 7; C.J. Waller 10 D8 to 9 D7; Miss D.E. Rogers 13 to 12; Mrs P.A. Dwerryhouse 14 to 14 D13.

*The Peels: May 17-22*

L.V. Latham 4 to 2; Miss E.H. Arkell 3 to 2½; Captain P.H.S. Reid 12 to 10.

*Wrest Park Weekend I: May 21-23*

Miss J. Wraith 12; E. Audsley 7 to 6; H.C. Green 3 to 2; P. Barlow 12 to 11.

*Southwick: May 24-29*

L.M. Bromfield 12 to 11; G.T. Coates 8 to 7; W.B.C. Paynter 6 to 7 (at own request).

*West Midlands Federation Doubles Tournament: May 22-23*

Mrs K.F.W. Townsend 11 to 10.

*Colchester Weekend I: May 29-31*

N.J.C. Gooch 5½ to 5; R.S. Alford 5½ to 5; J. Haigh 1 to ½; H.A. Cross 11 to 10.

*Cheltenham Weekend II: May 29-31*

R.F.A. Crane 6 to 5½; Mrs D. de Q. Lenfestev 9 to 8; G.F. Blumer 8 to 7½; A.J. Girling 9 to 5½.

*Nottingham Weekend I: June 4-6*

E. Bell 2 to 1; Mrs L.A. Coombs 5 to 3½; P. Death 8 to 7; G. Henshaw 3½ to 3; B. Slater 3½ to 2; Mrs J.S. Tyldesley 6 to 5; Dr R.F. Wheeler 11 to 9; Mrs R.F. Wheeler 9 to 7.

*Parkstone: June 7-12*

L.S. Butler 2½ to 1; Miss W. Creed-Meredith 8 to 9 (at own request); D. de Q. Lenfestev 6 to 5½; H.E.J. Ovens 7 to 6½; Mrs H.E.J. Ovens 11 to 10; Lady Porter 11 to 10; Mrs S. Cosh 15 D13 to 14 D13.

*Compton: June 7-12*

Cdr G. Borrett 0 to -½; E.J. Tucker 0 to -½; A.F. Coleman 3 to 2½; E. Strickland 8 to 7; G.A. Hutcheson 11 to 9.

*Hunstanton Weekend: June 11-14*

D. Turner 8 to 7; L. Batchelor 13 to 12; Mrs L. Batchelor 13 to 12; Miss C.M. Sinclair 15 to 14.

*Veterans' Championship: June 14-19*

Col. E.L.L. Vulliamy 3 to 2; R.F.A. Crane 5½ to 4; Mrs R.F.A. Crane 14 to 14 D12; Mrs J. Goode 12 to 11; Dr C.W. Marshall 11 to 10; Major G.B. Horridge 5½ to 6 (at own request).

*Ryde: June 14-19*

E.A. Locke 6½ to 5; Miss D.E. Rogers 12 to 11 D9; R.W. Newnham 13 to 11 D9; Mrs W.A. Scarr 13 to 11 D9.

*Southwick Weekend: June 18-20*

Dr S. Sadek 7; M.J. Moreton-Smith 11\* to 7; T.I. Wood 2½ to 2.

*Challenge & Gilbey: June 28-July 3*

L.M. Bromfield 11 to 10; C.E. Knight 5 to 4½; T.F. Owen 1 to ½; Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake 8 to 8 D7; H.J. Betts 5 to 4½; Mrs E.R. Cox 3 to 2; A.J. Betts 8 to 7; Miss F.I. Joly ½ to 0.

*Budleigh Salterton: July 5-10*

Revd P.D. Hallett 0 to -½; C.H.L. Prichard -2 to -2½; Miss F.I. Joly 0 to -½; L.D. Adams 3 to 2½; Mrs D.C. Russell 3 to 2½; Mrs J. Goode 11 to 10; Mrs R.S. Stevens 14 to 13; D.C. Russell -½ to ½ (at own request); M. Ormerod 4 to 1.

*New Handicaps for Non-Associates*

L. Wharrad 11; Mrs M. Wharrad 16; G. Cuttle 12; A. McCormack 12; S. Batteson 12; I. Saunders 11; Mrs T. Saunders 16; D. Davies 12; Mrs J. Jenrick 16; L. Jenrick 15; Mrs Z. Huggett 16; J. Gosden 8; L. Griffiths 16; B. Whitehouse 8 to 7.

*Scottish Handicap Reductions*

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