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A Day's Croquet On The Film Set of "All Gas and Gaiters"

The telephone rang one April morning. I lifted the receiver to hear the once-familiar plaintive and sing-song voice of V.C.Gasson. She had just been rung up, she said, by the producer of a forthcoming new T.V. series, entitled "All gas and gaiters" and starring William Mervyn as the Bishop, Robertson Hare as the Archdeacon, Ernest Clark as the Dean and Derek Nimmo as the Bishop's Chaplain. Each instalment was to open with the characters seen briefly testing their skill on a croquet lawn. They were, however, in great difficulties over the final stroke in the sequence to be played by the Dean, and as several hundred feet of film had already been used to no purpose, they were anxious to borrow a good croquet player from the C.A. to stand-in for the Dean. "Would I oblige?" "With pleasure", I replied. A week later a car arrived to drive me to St Albans. Here in the precincts of the Cathedral grounds adjoining St Albans School I was introduced to the croquet lawn in front of the Headmaster's house. The lawn was somewhat less than full size, with a distinct downward slope from East to West. The producer explained the set-up. The Bishop, the Archdeacon and the Bishop's Chaplain would, in turn be seen trying to run the second hoop and when each failed, registering facial gestures of annoyance and temper. I would then, in the guise of the severe and humourless Dean, run the hoop successfully. "What was difficult about that?" you may ask, and rightly. But now came the crunch.

For the 'take' of these final shots the camera was laid just outside the second corner in a hollowed-out scoop of ground below the level of the court. The lens, directed towards the second hoop, projected a foot inside the court with the camera-man stretched out at full length on the ground behind. Next, because of the focusing requirements, the hoop had to be run from a distance of 3-4 yards (a decidedly "long hoop"!), and, finally, the ball played by the Dean had not only to run the hoop but also to continue in a straight line beyond to hit the camera lens full in the middle, producing a black-out and end of the sequence. All this on a lawn sloping down and away to the left of the striker over the whole distance. After several abortive practice shots I understood the reason why those several hundred feet of film had been used in vain!

The difficulties were two-fold. First, one had to gauge the left-hand slope accurately and run the hoop without touching either wire; and secondly, one had to counteract the similar slope beyond and keep the ball, somehow, on a straight course for the final 5 yards between hoop and corner-flag. Fortunately I had brought my own mallet with me, for while the balls and hoops were regulation Jaques, the mallets provided were more reminiscent of those used in Victorian garden-party croquet.

I asked the producer if the hoop might be stretched to approximately 4 inches. This was done and the stage was now set — a show of "temper" by the Bishop, "Oh, calamity!" by Robertson Hare, dismay and chagrin by Derek Nimmo! — and then I took my stance. For no very obvious reason I had been required to assume the dress of the Dean and was wearing a long cassock down to my ankles and a white jabot at my neck. This costume certainly did nothing to help my swing. Realising that

the ball must be struck as hard as possible in order to counteract the fall to the left, I took my aim just outside the right-hand wire and hit. The ball ran the hoop but flicked the right-hand wire in its passage, so that it was turned off course and finished a yard to the left of the camera lens. My second attempt struck the left-hand wire hard and stopped in its track. "O Lord, how long?" I began to wonder, visualising an eternity of unsuccessful strokes. But fortune for once smiled. With my third shot the ball ran cleanly through the hoop and straight on to its appointed target, to the delight of the producer, the cast and the technicians. I breathed a deep sigh of relief and we adjourned for lunch. This was a gay and lively meal, during which Robertson Hare related the story how as a young subaltern in the First World War he had come to lose his hair. While he was convalescing after having been gassed in the trenches, his hair suddenly began to fall out, literally in handfuls. He was examined by a Harley Street specialist, who told him "Yes, I can cure this. I am going to shave your head so that you will be completely bald. Come back and see me in two months and by then you will already be having a healthy growth." The deed was done and from that day, 60 years ago, not a single hair ever grew!

And so that afternoon I returned home after a most unusual, delightful and, I am glad to say, successful experience on the croquet court of St Albans School.

D.J.V.H.-M.

William Ormerod's Visit to South Africa

This Article is reprinted from the South African Croquet Gazette.

During October and November we were fortunate enough to benefit from a coaching tour by William Ormerod. Happily his tour coincided with the South African Open Championships in Pretoria, so that not only was William able to study a cross-section of our players in action but also to take part himself.

Participants and spectators enjoyed the opportunity of seeing the runner-up in the British President's Cup in play, and although he went down in the semi-final against Tom Barlow (who, in peak form, pulled off a great recovery), he went home with the J & B (Rare Scotch Whisky!) Trophy after winning the main handicap event after a tough final against Lester Sullivan.

On the coaching side, William's efforts were appreciated by all and his lucid comments on angled hoop running and cut rushes were found particularly helpful. Another interesting feature was the tactical coaching for lower bisquers including discussion of alternative leaves which proved most stimulating and underlined for most how much there is for us in South Africa to learn about croquet at the advanced level.

Finally none who saw it will forget William's demonstration game in which, wired from his partner ball, he caused his ball to jump the second hoop and then hit his partner ball 60 feet away on the east boundary! Skill, helpfulness and patience characterised William's visit and we hope we will see him again in South Africa.

A Croquet Tour Of America

"Let's drive across America!" — a fun idea, but apart from knowing it would be east to west, a route must be worked out. "Well, who do we know?" So the letters started flying across the Atlantic, and very soon we had a well-organised schedule with what an Australian friend of ours would call well-marked water-holes along the way.

After a sedate sail across the Atlantic on one engine, the QE2 docked early in the morning at New York, and, while Derek waited patiently for the U.S. Customs to inspect the car, I went downtown to collect maps and get insurance cover. No need to hurry, as we didn't leave the pier until after 3 p.m.; then it was straight across Manhattan and through Queens Tunnel to Westhampton Beach, Long Island, the home of Ned and Betty Prentis. A lovely New England style clapboard house with a shingle roof, a great wood fire burning in the hearth and — wait for it — the rain dripping outside with unremitting zeal. We ate mussels and clams and New England broiled lobster, and went for a boat ride through the misty marshes, past oyster beds and men digging for clams and fishing from small boats: a lovely quiet, timeless place.

And then of course there was Cro-kay! Ned has a court in front of the house, and although he assured us he had only just cut the grass, it took a full-blooded golf swing to hit the ball from one side to the other! We were considered to be unnecessarily fussy to let such a thing bother us, but, my word, it was hard work, especially after playing at Southwick! A reporter from the local newspaper, together with a photographer, turned up to give the Westhampton Club some publicity and watched Ned and his fellow members play. The East coast game is quite a different ball game, where tactics are almost more important than sheer skill, but for doubles it has the great advantage of sequence play, and one partner doesn't find himself spending an afternoon sitting on the edge of the court hoping for a hit-in. But the dead ball board must be watched at all times.

From Long Island we drove north taking the Orient Point ferry to Connecticut and on into New York State, where the trees were in their autumn glory of burning reds and golds. On up to Thousand Islands, where we crossed the St Lawrence River into Canada. A two day visit to Toronto before going to see Niagara Falls and then back into the U.S. to Ohio. Across Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska, where the corn was still being harvested and Interstate 80 rolled on ahead for mile after mile. Three days of driving and we were into Colorado, climbing steadily up to Denver, and then there they were! a great wall of mountains topped with snow, a seemingly impenetrable obstacle: the Rocky Mountains. Through the Eisenhower Tunnel and over Independence Pass to Aspen, a ski resort waiting for the season's first snowfall, and friends to visit and relax with. From here we followed the Colorado River into the huge emptiness of canyonlands, through Monument Valley to the Grand Canyon, and south to Phoenix for a weekend with the Arizona Croquet Club. This is a Club whose membership is all of young men, keen of eye and deadly through the hoops. Their modified court is Stan Patmore's back garden, and, since grubbing up some orange trees and putting in a sprinkler system, they have a clear run and green grass! We had met most of them in California back in May, and now they were masters of the 4-ball break and keen to be shown the basics of the triple peel. On the Sunday the Club held its A.G.M., and then we all went to that well-known Scottsdale restaurant the "Bombay Bicycle Club" for lunch, a delicious Mexican meal. Back to the "clubhouse" to find representatives from two TV stations waiting, the third having decided not to hang around! So that evening we watched the 10 o'clock news followed by a short sports item with Bill Hermann, the Club's President, giving details of the Club, its foundation and growth, and then a few feet of that euphemistically described "World class croquet player" (you know who!) showing some of the strokes. What fun it was! And then a quick switch over to another Channel, and there they all were again!

Having driven so far, another 1,000 miles didn't seem too much, but the 500+ miles to Santa Fe was a long day's drive made more so because of the time difference; Arizona wasn't on summer time, New Mexico was, and we had forgotten, so when we telephoned Lew Geer that we were on the way though a little late, we didn't realise how forbearing he was being! And it was cold. Altitude 7,000 feet, and the first snows of winter falling that night. The Santa Fe Croquet Society has much to contend with, not the least being no permanent place to play. Lew Geer, their President and enthusiastic driving force, carries all the Society's equipment — a splendid great wooden Jaques box with mallets, peg, balls and hoops — in the boot of his car which is the nearest they have got to a clubhouse. In the morning he kindly took us sight-seeing, and then, after lunch with another member, Don Arrowsmith, we went to play some croquet on a conveniently sized area of grass beside a State Government building. The grass was pretty thick, and, with no boundaries, it was a bit difficult teaching the rudiments of the game. However, the 4-ball break once more came into its own: they are very serious about their "cowboy" croquet in New Mexico.

Then west to California and Birnam Wood, Santa Barbara — the Hurlingham of Association croquet in America, where the inlaid marble border is considered labour-saving, the lawns are daily manicured, and the croquet court so level that errors can only be human. Birnam Wood is a beautiful place: a dream made reality by Mr Robert MacLean who transformed a lemon plantation into a golf course with gracious homes built alongside the fairways. The old packing house was converted into an elegant clubhouse, and on the patio you can sit and sip your long cool drink, watching the golfers ride their electric carts, and hear the distant plonk of tennis being played: it is very peaceful and very, very pleasant. Here we were met by Forrest Tucker who has played in tournaments in England the last two seasons, and who must be remembered for the exciting doubles final at Budleigh II (Forrest certainly remembers, and we expect Robin Godby does as well). Forrest had organised the S.W. Pacific Croquet Tournament, and the Club had delayed playing it until we arrived. The Tournament surprises started right off with Hector Cameron, who eventually won the event, defeating Charlie Webber — a long time opponent whom he had never managed to beat before. I was his next victim, and Derek went down having to give too many bisques to Lewis Storrs, who knew too well how to use them. We taught them in May and they beat us in October!

One last time we packed the car and headed north up the Monterey Peninsula past Hearst's bizarre castle at San Simeon, through acres of globe artichokes around Castroville, and into the city of San Francisco — the end of our road across a continent. It's been quite a journey.

June Russell

Hurlingham Biannual Croquet Dinner

The Dinner to be held during the Hurlingham Tournament will be on Thursday August 11th at 7.30 for 8 p.m., and not on Tuesday August 9th as printed in the C.A. Fixtures Book. The charge for dinner will be £3.50 including VAT and service; there will be a cash bar. Details will be posted on the Club Notice Board and tickets will be available during the Tournament.

Southwick Tournament: August 22-27

The fee for the Handicap Doubles in this tournament, omitted from the Fixtures Book, will be £1 per person. Will intending participants please note this.

Challenge & Gilbey

The *Second Division* is open to Associates handicapped at 2½-6 bisques inclusive. Draw & Process. Advanced play. Two Life Variation (Reg. 20(d)).

Croquet For The Blind

During last December a correspondence on this subject took place between Mr Vandeleur Robinson and Mr C.J. Attrill of the Royal National Institute for the Blind. Mr Robinson very naturally doubted the possibility of the totally blind playing croquet, though he recalled occasions where handkerchiefs had been held over distant balls for the benefit of the visually handicapped and, in many cases, the balls had been hit. Mr Attrill sent a circular on the subject of sporting activities enjoyed by blind people in this country, and this circular included the following:

"The National Association of Visually Handicapped Bowlers has a large number of members. Bowls has a considerable amount of therapeutic value associated with orientation and mobility and for this reason as well as for enjoyment it is an activity which we incorporate into our rehabilitation courses conducted in Torquay and Nottingham".

Mr Attrill later asked if we would very kindly insert the following paragraph in the gazette:

"The Royal National Institute for the Blind wishes to create opportunities for the visually handicapped to play croquet. It is felt that the game, suitably adapted, could be enjoyed by the partially-sighted and possibly, even the totally blind. Any club which is willing in principle to give some help to one or two blind players is requested to contact:

Mr C.J. Attrill,
Sports & Recreations Officer,
Rehabilitation & Training Department,
Royal National Institute for the Blind,
224-6-8 Great Portland Street,
London W1N 6AA. (Tel. (01) 388 1266)"

I subsequently wrote to Mr Attrill to ask precisely how he thought we could help; I suggested special colours on the hoops and the possibility of incorporating a sound element, such as a bell, into the croquet balls, and a sound element on the hoops.

Mr Attrill wrote back as follows:

"The best advisers on what techniques of assistance should be used would undoubtedly be the players themselves (which is how development has taken place, generally, in other games).

"All of your suggestions, however, seem very sound and I would venture to make one or two more. First, that the player has some means (a portable, raised strip for use on the ground perhaps) of lining up his body with the hoop and secondly, for direction and distance, either a piano teacher's metronome placed immediately behind the hoop, or sound beacons placed adjacent to it, would also assist. If colours are used for the partially sighted, then yellow is the most likely predominating colour.

"Finally, I would stress that whatever methods are adopted, no modification should be made to the game itself and that the blind play exactly the same rules as the sighted. This is most important in integrated (blind and sighted) activities."

I hope this provides some guidance both in general approach and in practical directions for help. I very much hope some clubs will take the matter up.

P.D.H.

Correspondence

'As Others See Us'

from G. Birch

Sir,

At the end of the Article by 'Sufferer' in the December issue, the Editor asks, "Any defence for these alleged malpractices?" In my opinion there is no defence except for those who are entering for their first or second tournament; after that, they should have learned what is right and what is wrong. However, if the suggestion of 'Sufferer' were taken up to expand Laws relating to the Customs of the Game, then a lot of the misdemeanours would disappear.

Whilst recognizing that many Clubs rely on tournament players to help them along with their finances, it must also be realized that a Manager takes charge because of his love of the game, and usually "bends over backwards" to ensure his players have a happy time. At the same time, the Manager is also entitled to consideration, particularly if he has travelled some distance at his own expense to take charge, and he has the responsibility of ensuring that the Tournament is completed to time.

Yours sincerely,

Nottingham

Gerald Birch

'Loose Head?'

from A.F. Coleman

Sir,

I have been asked to write to you on behalf of my clients Messrs. Lignum, Box and Hickory, mallet component suppliers, in response to the communication from the esteemed member Mr C.G. Pountney in the October issue of the gazette.

Weather, in the form of two of its extreme components — heat and wet — plays havoc with my clients and 1976 was, of course, exceptional in these extremes.

It would probably help in appreciating the stresses to which my clients are subjected to underline the nature of their construction which is basically one of cells or pores which, unless efficiently sealed, permit the absorption of moisture with subsequent swelling and conversely the evaporation of moisture with subsequent shrinkage. Coupled with the resounding blows my clients are subjected to, these conditions invariably result in loose heads, the first sign of which is generally a spine-shattering blow as shaft end is brought thudding down on some unyielding surface such as concrete. This temporary treatment is then frequently followed by brutal immersion in water often "throat deep", as opposed to the more humane treatment of your previous correspondent. Neither course can in any way be recommended except in the direst and most urgent emergency, and my clients hope it will be discouraged as widely as possible. Shallow immersion in linseed or olive oil is a more acceptable process, but my clients wish me to say that preventative care is by far the most satisfactory — and for them the least painful — solution.

Well seasoned materials coupled with a really sound wedging together will, if adequately and regularly protected by good quality exterior varnish, give very little trouble in any conditions because absorption and evaporation are minimised. Therefore, at the first sign of a loose head, my clients recommend that they are taken apart and carefully rebonded and then protected with three coats of varnish supported by additional thin coats through the season after thorough drying. This process should preferably involve the removal of any brass end bands (using care not to shear off the brass screws) and varnishing underneath. All edge chips (stemming from confessed bevel shots!) should be made good and re-varnished.

My clients assure you that if you assist them by taking Care into their partnership, their devoted service will be greatly enhanced, and "cold baths" will be a thing of the past.

39 Stanstead Road,
Caterham, Surrey.

Yours sincerely,
A.F. Coleman

'Croquet Association — Robinson'

from Captain Forrest Tucker

Sir,

In the December gazette I read your excellent tribute to our dear Vandeleur Robinson. And that is the reason for this letter to you, so that I may add my little bit to a man who has been of great assistance to our club in getting it started and in keeping us going as well. Vandeleur never missed a chance to help us. Regardless what it was, he had a ready answer or a good word about croquet. He helped others in the U.S.A. get going too . . .

Members of the Arizona Croquet Club in Phoenix, Arizona, have been delighted with his good counsel and they attribute much of their success to his kindness. Incidentally, they are doing well and showing excellent progress. They all wear with pride their C.A. ties and emblems. In this country distances are great. Phoenix is about 500 miles from Santa Barbara, yet we exchange matches with them from time to time.

Vandeleur has so thoughtfully kept us advised of his summer holidays. And a most interesting holiday he seems to have had every year. I know that all our members join me in wishing him many years of delightful retirement, but I doubt that he will ever be the idle type . . .

Birnam Wood Golf Club,
Santa Barbara, California

Yours sincerely,
Forrest Tucker

Looking Back

I am writing exactly seventy years after I joined the C.A. and began to go around playing in tournaments. By a stroke of good fortune it was in this year that C.D.Locock published his admirable book on *Modern Croquet Tactics*, one of the best books on the game ever written, and from which I learnt far more than from anything which anyone then taught me.

Croquet in 1897 was a very different game from what it is today. It had of course only recently been 'revived' from its apparent death in 1882, more than ten years before; some of the 'revivers' were well-known players in the 'seventies, and they saw no need to make any large alterations in the game with which they were familiar.

Those of them who were Londoners believed themselves to be safely established at a large park in Sheen, near Richmond, and had assumed themselves to be safe there for as long as they cared to stay. Suddenly confronted with the fact that this land was to be sold for building upon, they would have been in a desperate situation had it not been for the fact that the lately-established (1901) Roehampton Club approached them with an invitation to make a new headquarters there. Since the Club included in their invitation space for as many as ten courts, it is not surprising that the new Century saw something like a hundred croquet members at Roehampton.

The game that they brought with them was, as I've said, different from ours in many ways, but especially perhaps in one respect — that it tended to be based on defensive rather than aggressive assumptions. There was one particular reason for this: that Blue, Red, Black and Yellow took their turn unavoidably in this order. It was common to hear the captain of a side in Doubles cry to his partner, "Get rid of the next player"; once this enemy was banished to an assured safe distance, all was well. But such a practice did not encourage any ambitious schemes. Of course, players who had or were soon to reach the rank of Minus Players did not regard themselves as bound by this convention. But the majority of players did tend to do so.

It needed, however, more than a handful of recognised experts to spread the idea that the purpose of 'enemy' balls was not to get rid of them, but rather to use them constructively. But so long as the defiance of the aforesaid convention was confined to a few daring 'experts', how could the state of the game progress?

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I believe that I am right in saying that the impulse to treat the enemy balls as strategically useful was first found in Ireland, soon to be belatedly exhibited here. The influence of the Irish players arrived in this country with the birth of a new Century. Though it would be going much too far to give the whole credit for this to a single person, one is bound to admit that the outstanding figure was a young man, whose health was not strong and who was advised to take up some pastime which would get him into the

open air, while seeing that it was not of an exhausting nature. This gentleman was, as we now know, Cyril Corbally.

Just how much Croquet owes to this player is impossible to assess now; his record of victories in our Croquet Championships was five victories out of six entries. But his was very far from being an isolated flash of genius. Others were very soon on his heels, perhaps the most gifted being C.L.O'Callaghan; perhaps a little less formidable, Cyril's brother Herbert, and a little later on Duff Matthews. These are historic names, but there were many more from Ireland whose names are now forgotten but who were recognised as formidable players, though they were not able to give so much time to the game as the Corballys, C.L.O'Callaghan and 'The Duffer'.

Some may think I have made too much of the descent of Irish players upon the game in England. Perhaps I have. Of course England had its enterprising figures too. But at this moment, when it is only Dublin that keeps Croquet alive, it is salutary to recall how much we owed to Ireland in the past.

A few words may usefully be added about the Irish 'Big Three', all of whom I have at some time carefully watched, and one (O'Callaghan) I once actually beat! (in the Open Championship of 1920).

Corbally, though always a 'forward player', tended to be a rather slow one. He was very careful about everything; on the one occasion I played against him, he asked me at the beginning of the game if I would walk a 13-yard roquet; 'It helps me to keep my head down when I'm starting', he said. No doubt it did — he hit the ball aimed at in the middle. On another occasion, during his last visit to England (1934) after World War I, finding an empty court, he asked what price I would take against his running the first hoop from the corner. I felt myself likely to be on a good thing, but after tremendous care he did run it with the third ball. He got married a few years before the First War, and only revisited England for Croquet and seemed to enjoy his visits very much. In Ireland he had taken to golf, with a good deal of success.

O'Callaghan was, for the half dozen seasons before the First War, almost unbeaten. He scarcely missed any important tournament. He went safely through the War but soon gave up the game for golf.

Duff Matthews, a younger man than the two so far mentioned, was certainly their equal in 'class'. He was one of the most generous and charming players the game has ever known. He was required by business in his home in Ireland, and was not far into middle age before he had to leave the game.

It is not only great names who have been of significance in the matter with which I have been dealing. Many other names — including that of Cyril's brother, Herbert Corbally — were winning prizes in England as well as in their own country in the pre-war tournaments. There were at this time as many as a dozen or more Croquet Clubs in North and South. But the troubles everywhere were too much for Irish Croquet.

'Looking Back', one could find many subjects to discuss. Why has Women's Croquet fallen in its quality as well as its quantity? Why has the situation arisen that has led us to claim that 'Croquet is now a young man's game'?

Perhaps we are looking back on what must seem too narrow a subject, but at this moment, when our game in Ireland is still alive only at Carrickmines, those who made what was once for us a great phenomenon should not be forgotten. So, after 70 years, I believe.

M.B.Reckitt

Corrigendum

Question 15 in the Croquet Quiz for Christmas asked where the C.A. Office was before it was at Hurlingham, and the answer given was that it was at Roehampton. In fact, the C.A. Headquarters were at Roehampton before 1959, but the Office was at 4 Southampton Row, W.C.1. I wonder how many of you spotted this mistake.

Rover Notes

The Chop for the Blocker

It is high summer. The Manager of a tournament has 9 courts to manipulate and with luck — which even good Managers need — he hopes to average 3.3 games per lawn per day for five days without having to resort to late play (only the odd game still going on after 7.30). So by Friday evening he will have completed 150 games, leaving about 12 semi-finals and finals for Saturday and giving him space for a good extra event. All would be well but for the blocking player. From his first sight of the entries the Manager has been trying to pinpoint the blockers. He knows that the capacity of the lawns is 162 advertised games, but each 'A' class player could be faced with: Opens (20 entries) 10 games; Handicap (45) 6 games and Doubles (22 Pairs) 5 — a total of 21 games. This would mean that the average undefeated player would be in continuous occupation of one lawn for five days — and this presupposes that his opponents have all been pushed forward irrespective of whether they are likely blockers or not — and he would still only get through 16½ games.

Tournaments do not — indeed must not — accept entries in excess of the capacity of the lawns, nor may the Manager try to increase that capacity by introducing punitive Time Limits (3 hours is the mandatory minimum except for Weekends where it may be 2½). The Manager has power to increase the number of games to be played but, barring "acts of God", the advertised programme is otherwise sacrosanct. No such divine right, however, protects the blocking player. In the Regulations for Tournaments Reg. 9 says: "Entries shall be accepted on the understanding that a competitor cannot continue to compete in more than one event if the Manager considers that the progress of the tournament is thereby being delayed". There is not a shadow of doubt in that; no room for "why me?" or "why not him?" or "why didn't you . . .?". You may have only one other game (or at the outside three "in the unlikely event of my winning the Doubles") but if you are delaying the 'Y' — or even the 'X' and the Manager says out, then out you must go. It is not a question of eeny, meeny, miny, mo; he has probably spent much of the previous night trying to work out alternatives, and a Manager does not resort lightly to the chopper. You may be given, out of courtesy, a choice of event or life, but it is no use kicking against the pricks — you might as well go gracefully. You may think secretly — or not so secretly — that you could have arranged your games better. Maybe you could, so why not offer to try your hand as Manager? But . . . what with one thing and another, you might find that then you would not have time to put *yourself* on at all.

Trees

Habituees of Devonshire Park will be familiar with the dead tree trunk, suggestive of an Aztec totem or an exhibit in the Tate Gallery, at the far end of the ground from the pavilion near the gazebo. They may not know, however, that this tree has been dead for at least 75 years, as can be seen in a 1902 photograph (reprinted in the Gazette of Winter 1970), although since then it has had all its side branches lopped off.

The large elm trees, recently felled, in the road against the wall of the Compton Club, appear from a ring count of the stumps to have been planted about 1850. They must already have been sizeable trees overlooking the first Eastbourne croquet tournament, which took place on the Saffrons cricket ground in September 1869. The Devonshire Park tournament did not start till 1896.

The Secretary and The Editor

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North West Federation: 1976 Season

1976 has been a year of continued improvement in both the standard of croquet and the number of players in the North West. Individuals have gone farther afield and in greater numbers than in preceding years, and the mood is one of continued optimism for 1977. Attempts were made to start a new club on the Wirral at Ellesmere Port, and Bowdon, one of the most established clubs, report that they have increased their membership to more than 50.

The North West League was again run, with Daten able to stage home matches for the first time and crushing all opposition to win the title convincingly.

FINAL TABLE

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Games	Points
Daten	6	5	1	0	25-11	11
Southport	6	2	1	3	15-22	5
Bowdon	6	2	0	4	15-20	4
Ellesmere	6	1	2	3	16-20	4

During the season official C.A. tournaments were held at both Southport and Bowdon; both these events proved to be highly successful. The West Midlands Federation were played and beaten three times during the year, the first match being played indoors early in the year at the Burscough Sports Centre.

Throughout the winter it is intended to run an individual league at Burscough; as last winter, this facility should prove extremely useful in keeping players up to scratch.

At the last N.W.F.C.C. meeting considerable enthusiasm was generated on the subject of a Northern Championship, and a plan to revive this event in 1978 has been initiated. Unfortunately, at the time of writing this report, the question of an entry for the Inter-Counties Championship by a North West team is still not resolved.

Brian Slater, Hon. Sec. North West Federation

Deadlines

The deadlines for receipt of copy are as follows: for the August (Summer) Issue — Saturday 16 July; for the October (Autumn) Issue — Saturday 10 September; for the December (Winter) Issue — Monday 7 November.

Crossword Solution

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Reactions to 'Double Elimination'

from G.E.P.Jackson

Mr Aspinall's Article on Double Elimination (DoE1) much interests me. I seem to be predisposed to new methods, perhaps because the bugs still have to be got out of them!

There is a factor in DoE1, compared with Draw and Process, which could be of great value to Managers. A look at the results in the Gazette of D & P for 9 to 16 players, the most common range, shows what a span of matches the winner may have to play to achieve that position: as many as 9, as few as 4. The losing finalist, or should I call him the losing play-offer (ghastly word but unambiguous), may encompass the same span too, while another player, who is not one of the play-offers, may have as many or even more matches than the winner. In the last two years this has happened in nearly half the records in the Gazette. DoE1 seems to exclude this. In it a comfortably tidy pattern emerges. One of the play-offers will have 4 matches to get there, unless he draws a bye; he is the winner of the first life. The other will have 7, or 6 if he gets to the semi-final and falls there, or 5 if he falls at the final of the first life, again given no byes; he is the winner of the second life. Of course these two then have to play one or perhaps two games against each other in the play-off. And no other player can have more than 6 matches all told. This sounds complicated when spelt out, but it shows a pattern, much of which can be foretold as the two lives unfold.

That may be a Manager's delight. Mr Aspinall has made out the attraction for those who do well in the first life. There is also a benefit for the less skilful. As in a Swiss first round, losers have a good chance of an aimable opponent in the early stages of the second life!

However, whether DoE1 catches on will depend, I suspect, on the ease, or otherwise, with which the additional rounds can be fitted in. DoE1 for 9 to 16 players has 11 rounds, D & P 9, and that excellent Two Life Variation (Reg. 20(d)) only 7. This is why Mr Aspinall says the second life will have to be started as soon as possible. At first sight I agreed with him — to the detriment of the ordinary tournament, I thought. When managing, I like to begin one of the four normal knockouts (D & P in the classes, the 'X' and the Doubles) each on a separate morning up to Thursday, so that anyone unfortunate enough to lose two first round matches doesn't find himself out of two events in the same day. It looked as though those extra rounds would encourage crowding the early part of the week and probably result in 5-day tournaments! However, having reworked some weeks I have managed, I see the situation is not hopeless. My preferred programme could have been followed quite often, because, unlike D & P, success in DoE1 follows a tidy pattern; the first life finalist will be free on Thursday and Friday for other events he is likely still to be in; although the rounds needed are more than in D & P, the matches are not, so only those in a winning streak in the second life will be worked to death on Friday, and they can be scratched from the 'Y'.

Not believing the second life need be started as soon as possible, as I have said, I think there should be some 'clever processing' for the pairings in its initial matches. Otherwise some third round matches are almost bound to be repeats of matches in the other life.

All in all, DoE1 is a fascinating new method for croquet, very well worth trying out. I much hope I shall have the chance to do so soon.

from Mrs D.M.C.Prichard

"For the Manager who likes to preserve interest for each player late in the week this method has the snag that the early rounds of the second life must be started as soon as possible." This is a strong argument against Double Elimination. It is the players themselves who object to being hurried out of the main events, and it is surely one of the arts of management to keep such players in play — especially visitors. Where players are mostly drawn

from the commuter belt (as with Roehampton), the argument is less cogent.

The only snag that I have heard advanced to our normal Two Life system is that the best players get the most play and that one player can win both lives. In the new method the winner of the second life, who has lost a game, gets 1, 2 or even 3 more games than the first life winner who is unbeaten. Normally the best players are the quickest. I do remember having to scratch one slow 'A' class player from one life of the Opens because he was blocking, but I did have that option — Double Elimination deprives me of that option. But my main objection to this new idea is that late losers in the first life earn extra games at the end of the week; they may be the log-jammers. Another thought: if there were 16 entries, would the winner of the second life (who was then beaten in the play-off) be entitled to a Silver Medal? Only 15 would actually have played in that life, and the "best player" would be excluded from it.

I have referred above to Advanced Open play. In the few Handicaps where Draw & Process is played, the games are slower and less predictable, and for this I do not think that the Two Life Variation (Reg. 20(d)) could be bettered; it is flexible and gives the Manager elbow room.

I do think Double Elimination is an ingenious idea, and if we had been using it for 50 years, I would probably not want to change from it; but I do not see any compelling reasons for changing to it. At present, as soon as the Draw has been made it is "processed" and both sheets are sent up to Hayters. The compiling of this new second life would be an extra chore during the tournament, and how would Hayters manage with the introduction of new names? That is assuming that they get the sheet in time; they can manage with results only if they have a detailed sheet with full names. Lastly, there is the printed C.A. form on which the results are sent up to the Gazette. It takes some experience to do these correctly without adding any new complications. "Bewildering" is too mild a word.

Alternative Methods

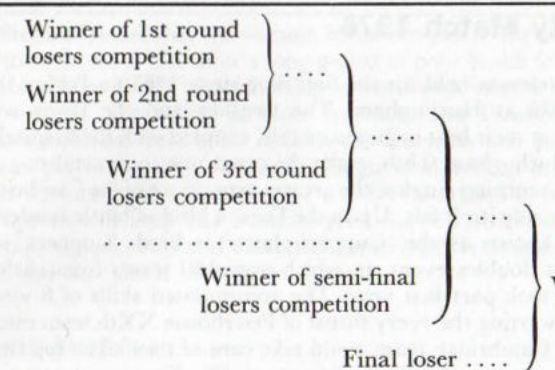
from R.W.Bray

Nigel Aspinall's account of Double Elimination in gazette no. 142 is misleading in that it outlines only one method of arranging the second life competition (the first life being necessarily an ordinary knockout). There are many variations possible for the second life, each with its own peculiarities, and I would have thought it advisable in introducing Double Elimination into Croquet to experiment with more than one method to discover by experience which, if any, is the best for Croquet.

The second life should be run as closely as possible to an ordinary knockout competition. But the situation is complicated in that competitors who lose in the 3rd, 4th, 5th etc. rounds of the first life enter the second life competition in its 4th, 6th, 8th etc. rounds respectively. How these late entries should be assimilated into the second life, and how the 1st and 2nd round losers should start the competition are questions which have more than one solution. I give two possibilities below.

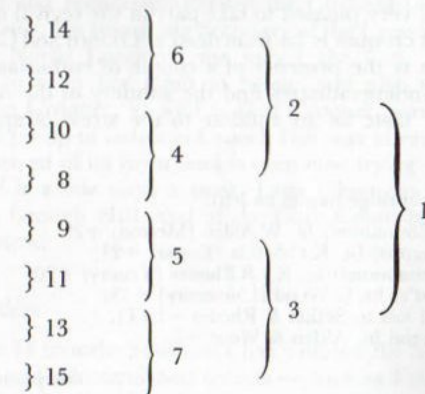
Method 1: The Segregating System

In the second life, the losers in the nth round of the first life enter an "nth round losers competition" which is organised as an ordinary knockout to determine a single winner. For simplicity I suggest that the players in such a losers competition appear in the same order as the original draw. The winners of all the losers competitions then play off as follows:



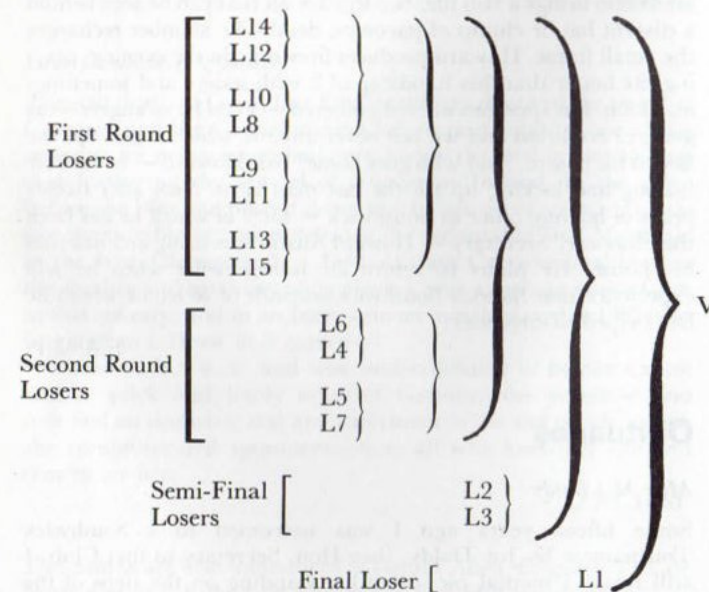
The winner of the second life, labelled V, finally challenges the winner of the first life as outlined in Aspinall's Article.

Managers may wish to run this system with separate cards for each of the losers competitions and another for the play-off between the resulting winners. Alternatively, all the games can be arranged relatively simply on one card. Consider an example with sixteen players. The first life competition can be written as:



where the numbers label the games in the competition. (The peculiar arrangement of the numbers has been chosen so that if there are less than 16 players in the competition, say N players, the deletion of all games numbered N or more, giving byes where appropriate, will then provide the card for a competition for N players.)

If the loser of game n is denoted by Ln, then the second life competition card becomes:

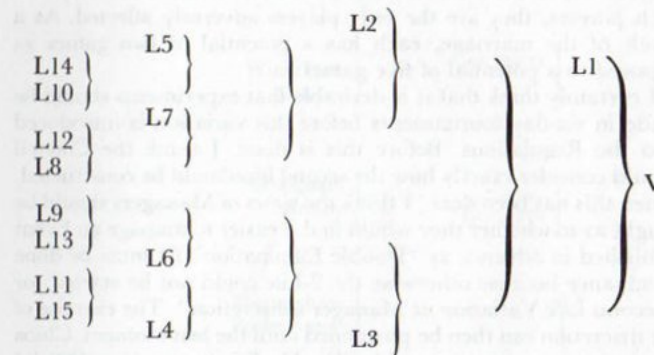


(With less than 16, N, competitors originally, the deletion of all losers numbered N or more in the above, giving byes where appropriate, will provide the card for the second life.)

I have called the method 'the segregating system' since nth round losers are segregated from all others for as long as possible. In any other arrangement of the second life, first life losers from different rounds will be mixed to some extent. Thus in Aspinall's method 2nd round losers are segregated, in the main, from 1st round losers until a late stage, yet 3rd round losers are immediately mixed in with 1st and 2nd round losers. An extreme method where nth round losers immediately play losers from earlier rounds, without exception, is the following:

Method 2: The Mixing System

If there are again 16 competitors and the first life games are labelled as before, the second life is played as follows:



(Once again with less than 16, N, competitors, the appropriate card for the second life is obtained by striking out all players numbered N or more, giving byes where appropriate.)

The very complicated arrangement of this mixing system is, like the Draw & Process, designed so that the possibility of two players meeting for a second time — once in the first life, once in the second — is delayed for as long as possible.

There is no ideal solution for the second life competition, since the criteria for an acceptable system are in some cases at odds with each other. Thus Aspinall suggested that one might wish that (a) players who have byes in the first life, and lose their first games, should not have byes in the second life. But one might also wish (b) to start the second life competition as soon as possible — for example, in a tournament where time is at a premium — and not to have to wait more than is necessary for games in the first life to be completed. Clearly (a) and (b) are not compatible. Another criterion, already referred to, is that (c) the possibility of two players meeting twice be delayed for as long as possible, thereby minimising the possibility of this ever occurring. And above all we should not forget the poor competitors and managers in all this: any system should be made as simple as possible and be acceptable to all who compete under its conditions. I cannot maintain that either of my suggestions come closest to all these points, but on close examination the mixing system, albeit complicated, does seem to meet criteria (b) and (c) best, whilst the segregating system scores high on (a) and (c) and is certainly simple. Aspinall's system, however, does not show up well on either (a), (b) or (c), yet it can be readily understood. I must therefore conclude as I began by encouraging Clubs to experiment with various Double Elimination systems until we discover which is best for Croquet.

from I.C.Baillieu

This is a comment on Mr Aspinall's article in the December gazette. If one wants the Event to produce the true champion, a rubber of the best of three games is vastly superior to Draw and Process. Draw and Process is vastly superior to Double Elimination. I do not propose to elaborate on this beyond pointing out that the winner of the first life in Double Elimination who

might have been blessed with a lucky draw, is excused the hazards of a second life in which he might well have had an unlucky draw.

Like the Two Life Variation already published in the Regulations, this is an artifice to save time in a weekly tournament when the object of the exercise is to guarantee visitors four games and still complete the tournament. The only problem is whether or not Double Elimination is more popular than the Two Life Variation. I advisedly use the word "popular" rather than such terms as "better" or "fairer" because most croquet players travel to tournaments to enjoy a week's croquet holiday. Their enjoyment is the true object of the Tournament, but the conditions must be such that the Manager is given a problem capable of solution. Let us take Mr Aspinall's second example. The winner of Game 1 might well be the Manager's headache after being narrowly beaten by the winner of Game 9 in the final of the first life. He will already have played one more game than the winner of Game 9. In the Two life Variation there are usually at least two players left in the semi-finals of both lives. If there are only two such players, they are the only players adversely affected. As a result of the marriage, each has a potential of two games as opposed to a potential of five games.

I certainly think that it is desirable that experiments should be made in six-day tournaments before this variation is introduced into the Regulations. Before this is done, I think the Council should consider exactly how the second life should be constructed. When this has been done, I think the views of Managers should be sought as to whether they would find it easier to manage an Event published in advance as "Double Elimination" (it must be done in advance because otherwise the 2-Life could not be started) or "Second Life Variation at Manager's discretion". The exercise of the discretion can then be postponed until the last moment. Clubs who wish to experiment with "Double Elimination" in Official Tournaments before it is actually introduced into the Regulations should apply to the Council for official dispensation. However, I imagine that in practice they will all follow the time-honoured usage of turning the blind eye.

One of the reasons for consulting Managers is to ensure that they fully understand how in fact the Two Life Variation and Double Elimination work.

from A.A.Reed

I welcome Nigel Aspinall's article on Double Elimination and look forward to competing when this system is tried. As far as I am aware, it is an innovation for croquet, and for this reason alone will probably enjoy an initial success. However, its long term success seems less assured, because the benefits are mainly to Tournament Managers, whereas the disadvantages affect the players. I believe the advantages to Managers are marginal. For instance, the total number of matches necessary for Double Elimination and Draw & Process are substantially the same, the Double Elimination method possibly saving one match in every 20 or 30 matches. The stated benefit of less blocking will apply to the first 3 or 4 days of a tournament, but will do nothing to alleviate the more common blocking problems arising at the final stages of events. If an event is dominated by two players, the Draw & Process method will resolve itself into the best of three games between these players. Double Elimination will produce a similar outcome, except that the loser of the first game between the dominant players will have to beat the best loser before continuing with the second game. Hence the involvement of the more successful players will be undiminished in the later stages.

The Manager's uncertainty on the last day as to the number of games required to determine the winner will remain, and the possibility of the same player winning both halves will no longer exist.

My main misgiving is the psychological effect on players relegated to the second life in the first round. Unlike Draw & Process, the two lives are not equal, and the chances of winning through from the second life are relatively small. Players in this life may feel that there is little at stake in their matches, with no prospect of either player reaching the final.

Varsity Match 1976

The match was held for the first time since 1967 on Friday 18th June 1976 at Hurlingham. The weather and the lawns were possibly at their best in June and this, coupled with the hospitality of the Hurlingham Club, made the event one to remember.

In the morning singles, the greater experience of the Cambridge players made itself felt. Up in the Fens, a kind of battle-hardened warrior known as the 'Cuppers-player' is bred. 'Cuppers' is a knockout doubles event, in which over 140 teams from various colleges took part last year. The accumulated skills of 8 weeks spent thwarting the every thrust of Peterhouse XXth team meant that the Cambridge team could take care of itself. The top three were thrown in the final of Cuppers '76. Emmanuel narrowly beat Corpus by +4 after nearly 5 hours.

Oxford have a less rigorous proving-ground for their croquet players. This meant that despite their admirable enterprise, by lunchtime Cambridge were 4-0 ahead and the match had been decided. Handicap Doubles were played in the afternoon. Oxford, receiving 7 bisques, made determinedly sure that there would be no clean sweep. They made it plain that they were learning fast. There is no doubt that the 1977 Varsity Match will be a far closer event.

We were all very pleased to take part in the revival of this outward sign that croquet is far from dead at Oxford and Cambridge. All it requires is the presence of a couple of enthusiasts at each University. Undergraduates find the subtlety of the Association game to their taste as an antidote to the stress of approaching exams!

RESULTS (Cambridge names on left):

S.N.Mulliner (Emmanuel) bt. W.Alden (Merton) +25
D.B.Wilson (Corpus) bt. K.C.Sethia (Exeter) +21;
M.Ormerod (Emmanuel) bt. R.J.B.Rhodes (Trinity) +20;
D.N.Ball (Christ's) bt. C.Wood (University) +13;
Mulliner & Ball lost to Sethia & Rhodes -1 (T);
Wilson & Ormerod bt. Alden & Wood +6.

Stephen Mulliner

Who Goes Home?

Picture a Southwick tournament on a hot summer's day in a frame of trees and flowers. The earliest arrivals see three busy figures — two are groundsmen, the third is Howard Austin taking the balls to all eleven courts, setting clips, checking hoops and welcoming each of us with a pipe-clenched grin and hat raised high. Soon he is on with his game; now all concentration culminating in a 'Nigafella' back kick as ball nears target. The afternoon brings a still life: two legs are all that can be seen behind a distant hat or clump of paeonies; death-like slumber recharges the small frame. Howard produces fireworks in the evening, playing far better than his handicap of 2 with gaiety and sometimes abandon. His speeches are remembered — even by strangers — as gems of erudition and wit but never unkind, which is perhaps the key to his charm. And who goes home? Not Howard — he is there tidying and locking up till the last man is in. Now after twelve years of holding office at Southwick — for 9 of which he has been the Honorary Secretary — Howard Austin is retiring and has sold his house. He plans to return for tournaments when he will experience that famous Southwick warmth of welcome which he has helped to engender.

E.A.M.P.

Obituaries

Miss M.J.Daldy

Some fifteen years ago I was welcomed to a Southwick Tournament by Joy Daldy, then Hon. Secretary to that Club. I still retain a mental picture of her standing on the steps of the

Office and remember the warmth of her reception. She died on the 29th of October last after a long period of poor health following a Stroke. Miss Daldy's membership of Southwick was the longest in its records. She served as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer for 10 years until the dual office became too much for her. Joy was no mean player, having won the All England Handicap in her time, and she achieved a handicap of -1. Her donation of two Silver Trophies will keep her memory green in Southwick, and many Croquet players up and down the country will remember her and feel sad that she is no longer with us.

Rendell Rhoades

Mr Rhoades was a croquet player of Ashland, Ohio, who was an Overseas member of the C.A. and an ardent collector of croquet antiques, such as back numbers of the Croquet Gazette and old books on the game. Our sympathies go to his widow.

Lady Cloutman

Lady Cloutman, widow of Sir Brett Cloutman who won the last Victoria Cross of the First World War, was a zealous croquet enthusiast and regularly attended the Cheltenham tournaments as a spectator. On becoming Secretary of the Crouch Hill Croquet Club (in North London), she joined the C.A. She struggled gallantly to keep her Club in being, and also to ensure that Association Croquet, as well as Golf Croquet, was played there. The small group of ladies at Crouch Hill was always in danger of being deprived of its lawn, and is even now trying hard to secure the use of it a few days a week. Lady Cloutman will be much missed at Crouch Hill, and at the Club Conference, which she used to attend.

F.F.W.Staddon

In the last 14 months Southwick has suffered the loss by death of seven old and distinguished friends — and in February last we paid a sad farewell to Frank Staddon who had struggled valiantly for 4 months against an insidious illness which overcame him in the end.

Frank was well known in Croquet circles as an inveterate tournament player in the Southern Clubs. He joined us 6 or 7 years ago when he was in his seventies and quickly established himself, not only as a good player but also as a most helpful member. He was Chairman of the Croquet Section of the Club for 3 years until his illness compelled him to retire. We miss his friendly and cheerful company as much as the Club will miss his valuable and generous services.

W.H.A.

Lady Geraldine FitzGerald

The sad death of Geraldine FitzGerald has deprived the world of Croquet, and the Carrickmines Club in particular, of one whose interests for many years had been keenly devoted to maintaining and furthering the spread of croquet in Ireland. In the years before the War she played down to a handicap of scratch, and on one memorable occasion defeated the redoubtable Duff Matthews in the Irish Championship. In those days Carrickmines, both in the quality and quantity of its players, was as strong as any Club in this country, and in an International match played in 1939 held England to a Draw at 3 games all.

Gifted with a wide and wise understanding of human nature and a quick and lively sense of humour, she possessed and retained an inspiring zest and enjoyment of life and people, which she communicated spontaneously to all who knew her and will remember her.

D.J.V.H-M.

The deaths are also announced of Gerald Allen, Brigadier F.C. de Butts and of L.F.Palmer; also of Major F.Hill-Bernhard.

Draw for the Longman Cup 1977

1ST ROUND	2ND ROUND	3RD ROUND
Cheltenham } Edgbaston }	Bowdon } Southport } } }
	Ellesmere } }	
Stourbridge } Trawscoed }	Bath } Wolverhampton } } }
	Wrest Park } Bentley }		Colchester } ..... }
Nottingham } Bretby }	..... } ..... }	Colworth } }
Hurlingham } Roehampton } } } } }
Harrow Oak } Parsons Green } } } } }
Phyllis Court } Silver Wing }	..... } ..... }	A.E.R.E. Harwell } }
Compton } Herstmonceux }	..... } ..... }	Ryde } }
Southwick } Reigate Priory }	..... } ..... }	Woking } }

Conditions as per page 8 in the Fixtures Book 1977 with the following amendments:

Condition 1. Amend to read: Open to all Clubs registered with the C.A. and the players to be bona fide members of the Club for which they are playing.

Condition 4. Add: Visiting players to be allowed 5 minutes practice before their first match.

Latest Dates for completion of rounds (although it is hoped that matches will be completed earlier, particularly in the first two rounds, to allow more time for later rounds) are as follows:

1st Round by 15 May; 2nd Round by 5 June; 3rd Round by 3 July; 4th Round by 31 July; Semi-Final by 28 August; Final by 2 October.

Note from New Zealand

1976 English Medals

Silver Medal: Mrs L.Peters (Christchurch)

Bronze Medal: J.W.McNab (Christchurch)

Chairman's Report 1976-7

The Association has suffered the loss of both its Administrators during the year. Vandeleur Robinson retired on 31st December after 6½ years of devoted service to the game of croquet. He is not immediately severing his connections with the Association as he is working as Membership Secretary from his home until the end of May when he will be 75. In his time as Secretary the work of the office has increased beyond measure with the advent of the Sports Council's grant and the launching of the Development Scheme. All this extra work Vandeleur took in his stride, and still he found time to encourage and foster new membership in all parts of the world. A presentation will be made to him at the Annual General Meeting which will be a tangible token of the regard very many Associates have for him and some recognition of his service to the game. The Council have already paid him the rare honour of making him an Honorary Life Associate.

The other sad loss is the resignation of Liz Neal as Administrator of the Development Scheme. Early in 1971 she and Barbara Meachem became joint Administrators for the South and North of England respectively at the inception of the Scheme. They could receive no brief, and the success of the Scheme is due in no small measure to their work. Since May 1973, when Barbara Meachem resigned, Liz Neal has covered the whole country. One has only to read her report on page 6 of the December 1976 gazette to appreciate the success of the Scheme to date and the vast amount of work she has put into it.

The two jobs of Secretary and Administrator have been combined and taken on by Richard Rothwell, my predecessor as Chairman of the Council. He tells me that he has received countless letters of congratulation and good wishes since his appointment. I feel sure that his intimate knowledge of the game in all its aspects and his devotion to duty will be of considerable benefit to the Association.

Despite the increases in subscription rates in January 1976 the number of Associates in the United Kingdom has been maintained. Fourteen Associates have died, including our Vice-President Daisy Lintern, Miss Daldy, Lady FitzGerald and Mrs Turkentine, and there has been the inevitable loss through resignations caused by old age. To offset these losses there has been a steady recruitment of new Associates.

The Accounts for the year show a healthy credit balance of £460 due mainly to increased income from subscriptions. Whilst it is impossible to anticipate what the future will bring, our Treasurer is hopeful at the present time that it will not be necessary to increase subscription rates again for 1978. The Association is indeed fortunate in having in Alan Oldham such an expert and conscientious Treasurer, and we owe him a great debt of gratitude for all the hard work he has put in.

It has been decided not to sell any of our Trophies at the present time, but, in order to reduce the burden of insurance, it has been decided to insure them only for their sale value, rather than for their replacement value as in the past.

No Delegates Conference was held in 1976, but there will be one in 1977, and the date has already been fixed for Saturday 26th November.

The next contest for the MacRobertson Shield has been fixed for January 1979 in New Zealand. In the very near future I intend launching a Test Tour Fund appeal so that we can send our very strongest team in defence of the Trophy.

Looking forward to the 1977 Season, the tournament pattern is the same as in 1976 with some changes of venue for the C.A. events in accordance with the Council's general policy. The Veterans move from Budleigh to Nottingham, The Ladies Field from Budleigh to Hunstanton, the Chairman's Salver from Compton to Colchester, and the Spencer Ell from Colchester to Nottingham. Yet another weekend tournament enters the field. That at Roehampton in April makes 23 in the season. As a contribution towards Her Majesty's Silver Jubilee Appeal the Council have decided to increase the entry fee for the All-England Handicap and to devote the increase to the fund. Anyone not

entering, or wishing to make a more substantial contribution should send it to the Treasurer.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all those who have spent their time furthering the game of croquet — Members of the Council and its Committees, Managers, Referees and Handicappers at tournaments, Club Officials and Committees, those who have given freely of their time in coaching, and the many others who have helped behind the scenes in so many ways.

D.C.Caporn

Draw for the Inter-Club Championship 1977

1ST ROUND	2ND ROUND
	Compton
Phyllis Court } Roehampton }	.....
Hunstanton } Canute }	.....
Trawscoed } Harrow Oak }	.....
Southwick } Colworth }	.....
Colchester } Wrest Park }	.....
Hurlingham } The Heley Club }	.....
	Cheltenham

Conditions as per Page 9 of the Fixtures Book 1977. Double Banking is permitted provided BOTH teams agree.

Latest Dates for completion of rounds are as follows:

1st Round by 26 June; 2nd Round by 24 July; Semi-Final by 3 September; Final by 9 October.

It is hoped that clubs will complete their matches earlier than the latest permitted dates, particularly in the first two rounds, to allow more time for the later rounds. Winning team must report the result as quickly as possible to the C.A. Secretary.

Notes from the Clubs

Roehampton

CLUB EVENTS 1976

Club Championship: G.N.Aspinall bt. Simon Ballard +5 -2 +26.

'B' Class: Winner — M.J.Stevens; Runner-up — J.G.C.Phillips.

'C' Class: Winner — Mrs B.Mansfield; Runner-up — Mrs W.Jones.

Turkentine Trays (Handicap): Winner — C.H.J.Cousins; Runner-up — M.J.Stevens.

Doubles: Winners — G.N.Aspinall & Miss J.Ingram; Runners-up — L.Adams & J.L.Sanders.

All England Handicap: Winner — P.J.R.Crawford; Runner-up — J.G.C.Phillips.

Prospects for 1977 are most encouraging with an increase in membership. New Associates who have joined the Club include Stephen Mulliner, Peter Alvey, M.G.Pearson and R.Wordsworth, bringing the total of playing members to nearly 40.

D.J.V.H-M.

Questions and Answers on the Laws

Question 1. Blue is on corner spot I, and Yellow rushes Red into that corner. How can the balls be arranged for the next (croquet) stroke?

Answer 1. Red is first replaced. Since the corner spot is occupied by Blue, Red is placed in contact with Blue and on the yard line. There are two possible positions for Red, and the striker can choose either of them (Law 8).

Yellow now takes croquet from Red. When the balls are positioned for the croquet stroke, Red is not moved and Yellow is placed anywhere in contact with Red. At the same time Blue can be moved to any new position in contact with Red, provided that it does not touch Yellow (Law 18 (b)).

Question 2. Is the next stroke a cannon?

Answer 2. Not necessarily. It will only be a cannon if Yellow roquets Blue in that stroke.

Question 3. Blue is on corner spot I, and Red is on the yard line in contact with and North of Blue. Black shoots at this target and misses into the corner. Where is Black replaced?

Answer 3. On the yard line in contact with and East of Blue (Law 8). This is the position on the yard line which is nearest to the corner spot, where Black would have been placed in the absence of Blue.

Question 4. Red now plays. He can obviously take croquet from Blue, but can he take croquet from Black if he wishes?

Answer 4. Yes, see Law 16 (c).

Extra Question. Red and Yellow are both for the same hoop. Red tries to peel Yellow in the croquet stroke, and then Red touches Yellow as he runs the hoop himself in the next stroke. Red then stops to think and calls a Referee and says: "Both balls are through the hoop, but have I made a roquet on Yellow, or not?"

Extra Answer. If Yellow was clear of the hoop before Red's continuation stroke, then a roquet has been made — but Red is not sure. Red should have registered the position of Yellow, and if he was in any doubt he should have asked his opponent, or the Referee, before making the stroke. The Referee on Appeal cannot know where Yellow had been, and the opponent is unlikely to be certain either. So the Referee will have to give a compromise decision under Reg. 6 (d) — and it will probably be the one that is least advantageous to Red.

Longman Cup 1976

Twenty Clubs entered this competition, and the four semi-finalists were Hurlingham, Southwick, Colworth and Stourbridge. The last three of these reached this stage in 1975, when Southwick and Stourbridge were the losing semi-finalists. This year both won and met in the final at Wrest Park on October 3. Southwick had beaten Hurlingham 3-2 in one semi-final, and Stourbridge had beaten Colworth also by 3-2 in the other.

Despite cold blustery conditions, the morning games in the final were played in the dry. Stourbridge won both the morning doubles, and only had to win one of the afternoon's singles to make sure of the cup. This they did in no uncertain fashion, winning all three to win 5-0, an unusually wide margin for a final.

The score card of the final was as follows (in each match Stourbridge names appearing first):

A.Young (8) & M.Torpherson (5) bt. Mrs S.Turner (4½) & G.Coates (7) +17; J.Potter (6) & D.Willetts (6) bt. Mrs R.E.Tucker (4½) & L.Bromfield (12) +25; Potter bt. Mrs Turner +11; Torpherson bt. Mrs Tucker +18; Willetts bt. Coates +4.

The Hidden Words

Hidden here are 28 expressions which could be heard in any Croquet circles — on or off the court. These will be found in straight lines, vertical, horizontal or diagonal both to and fro, i.e. 8 directions in all. No answers of less than 5 letters are eligible, in spite of the presence of a few tempting shorter words. Several letters are used more than once. Two words, linen and overt, without any Croquet connection, are indicated to illustrate the game and are not to be counted in the 28 expressions referred to above.

The full list of answers will be given in the next issue.

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 F E A T H A N K Y O U K A M
 O M **N E N I L** D R A Y N B A
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 T N E M A N R U O T N E P O

F.E.Pearson

Miss Walker's Hundredth Birthday

Mr Birch writes:

"May I pay tribute to a dear lady who celebrated her 100th Birthday on December 23rd last, and was specially remembered by her many friends at the Ryde Club who hold her in great affection and esteem. Miss Walker had been a stalwart member of this Club from before World War I until she left the Isle of Wight some 6 or 7 years ago, and she was still playing competitive Croquet at the grand age of 93. Those visitors to the Ryde Tournament will remember with relish the marvellous cakes Miss Walker used to bake for the Teas, even after she had played matches during the day. It is the fervent wish of us all that Ethel will continue to enjoy good health for many years to come."

Mrs McMillan writes:

"I would like through the gazette to offer the congratulations of all her friends to Miss Ethel Walker on her 100th Birthday. She and her sister, Mrs Cowper-Blake, were in their time the mainstay of the Ryde Club, Miss Walker being Treasurer for some years. She was so helpful to us beginners, and I think all of those who came in contact with her owe her a great debt of gratitude for her endless kindness, patience and sweet nature."

Recent Alterations in Laws and Regulations

At the Council meeting on 12 March 1977 the following alterations were ratified and became law forthwith:

1. Law 2(c). Add after first sentence "(Alternative coloured balls, brown, green, pink and white are permitted)."
2. Law 4(a). Add after first sentence "(or brown and green versus pink and white)."
3. Regulation 19(f). Add "(v) to introduce double-banking. (Double-banking is the practice of playing two games on the same court simultaneously, using the alternative coloured balls for the second game)."
4. Regulation 15(a). In the first sentence alter "October" to "July". Regulation 15(b). After "Secretary C.A." insert "by 30th September".

Alterations 1, 2 and 3 were proposed by the Council at their meeting on 15 November 1975 and published in the issue of the gazette for April 1976. Alteration 4 was proposed by the Council at their meeting on 23 October 1976 and published in the issue of the gazette for December 1976.

The Council also passed a resolution, which is published in accordance with C.A. Rule XIV, that the Laws and Regulations be altered as follows:

- Law 54(b)(iv) to read as follows: "This variation is only for singles. The game is started with all clips on the first hoop, but as soon as a player's first ball scores that hoop his other clip is removed to 3-back."
- Regulation 22 (b). Delete the sentence "This book is revised up to the week before a tournament is held and is sent to the Manager in time for the draw".

Note by the Chairman of the Laws Committee

The Laws Committee has discussed the use of mallets with metal faces. It was decided that these do not contravene Law 2(d). However, to avoid the possibility of damage to balls, the Committee considers that the edges of metal faces should be rounded to a radius of at least 1/4 inch.

Automatic Handicapping 1976

Locock's system of Automatic Handicapping was fully explained in Gazette No. 129 (December 1973). In previous years the results have been arranged in order of plus or minus points, regardless of the number of games played. For example, if two players had each scored 20 plus points, they were ranked equal, whereas a player who had achieved this in say 25 games had done twice as well, vis a vis his handicap, as one who took 50 games for the same result. This was misleading. This year therefore results have been converted to a percentage of points per game i.e. points multiplied by 100 divided by number of games.

Results are calculated for players who played at handicap 2 or better. I have not included Weekend or American tournaments or 'Y' events, as their results are not published in full in the gazette. Players whose handicaps have been reduced during the season are shown separately at each handicap. Qualification for inclusion is 20 games or selection for a C.A. invitation event.

D.M.C.Prichard

Played above their theoretical form

At Hcp	Name	Games	Percentage Plus
0	Cdr G. Borrett (1)	11	69
-1	Dr E.W. Solomon (2)	13	53
1	S.N. Mulliner (1)	14	51
1/2	N.J. Davren (2)	14	50
0	Miss F. Joly (2)	9	46.7
1	N.J. Davren (1)	11	42

* 1	H.G.T. Bolton	20	39.5
* 0	Dr J.N. Robinson	37	37.6
0	E.J. Tucker (1)	10	37
* -1 1/2	S.R. Hemsted	33	35.4
* 1/2	J.A. Wheeler	26	34.4
1	T.F. Owen (1)	8	32.5
1/2	T.F. Owen (2)	10	32
-1 1/2	J.H.J. Soutter (2)	25	31.5
-1 1/2	Dr E.W. Solomon (3)	20	29.5
-1	S.J.H. Wright (2)	24	29.2
* 1/2	S.N. Mulliner (2)	10	29
0	I.H. Wright (1)	16	28.8
-1	A.J. Cooper	24	28.7
* 0	D.K. Openshaw (2)	18	27.8
0	S.J.H. Wright (1)	16	26.9
-2	C.H.L. Prichard (2)	12	26.7
1/2	D.K. Openshaw (1)	23	26
* 1/2	Professor B.G. Weitz	28	25.7
x 1/2	D.C. Russell (2)	43	23
* -1/2	E.J. Tucker (2)	45	22.9
-1/2	I.H. Wright (2)	14	22.9
0	Revd P.D. Hallett (1)	7	21.4
-2 1/2	M.E.W. Heap	40	20.8
-1	Mrs B.L. Sundius-Smith (2)	19	20.3
1/2	Mrs B. Meachem (1)	16	19.1
1/2	Miss F. Joly (1)	26	16
* -2 1/2	C.H.L. Prichard (3)	62	14.2
2	W.H. Austin	22	11.8
* -1/2	P. Newton	29	11.4
-1/2	Dr E.W. Solomon (1)	16	10.9
-1 1/2	G.E.P. Jackson	45	7.9
1 1/2	Dr W.R. Bucknall	36	7.8
* 0	P.W. Elmes	24	7.3
-2 1/2	Dr M. Murray	41	6.5
0	R.O.B. Whittington	21	5
-1	W.E. Moore (1)	18	4.4
-1	R.A. Godby (1)	22	3.4
1 1/2	Lt-Col G.E. Cave	26	2.9
1/2	J. Haigh	46	2.9
-3	K.F. Wylie	16	2.8
-1/2	Cdr G. Borrett (2)	27	2.6
-5	G.N. Aspinall	36	2.1
-1	H.O. Hicks	30	1.3
1 1/2	Mrs G.H. Wood	21	1.2
-1 1/2	C.H.L. Prichard (1)	14	1
-3 1/2	Dr W.P. Ormerod	36	0.28

Played below their theoretical form

At Hcp	Name	Games	Percentage Minus
1 1/2	Miss B. Duthie	19	1.3
0	Mrs B. Meachem (2)	22	2
-1	E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake	61	3.4
-1	Mrs K.M.O. Wheeler	58	4
2	Mrs N.A.C. McMillan	34	4.5
0	C.G. Pountney	63	8.7
* -1	D.V.H. Rees	15	11
-1/2	Mrs D.M.C. Prichard	50	12.3
-1/2	Mrs B.L. Sundius-Smith (1)	24	12.9
-1	Cdr G. Borrett (3)	7	15
1 1/2	Mrs E.M. Lightfoot	21	15.2
-2	T.O. Read	22	16.3
1/2	D.A. Harris	28	17.7
2	Mrs D.C. Russell	15	18.7
-1/2	D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller	32	20.6
-1/2	Revd W.E. Gladstone	24	22.5
-2 1/2	A.B. Hope	27	23.7
-1/2	A.V. Camroux	32	29.5
-1 1/2	W.E. Moore (2)	9	32.2
-1 1/2	R.A. Godby (2)	41	34.8
-1/2	T.F. Owen (3)	17	35.6
-3	P.W. Hands	36	38.5
-3 1/2	Professor B.G. Neal	20	39.25
-1/2	Miss F. Joly (3)	17	48
-1/2	D.C. Russell (1)	10	50.6
-1	Lt-Col D.M.C. Prichard	31	51.3
-1	J.H.J. Soutter (1)	13	52.7
-1/2	Revd P.D. Hallett (2)	14	68.6

* Handicaps subsequently reduced, but have not since played in a tournament.
 x Handicap previously increased at own request from -1/2 to +1/2.



Prize-giving at the Buxton Croquet Tournament 1909. The figure on the right has been identified as Dickson Green. Can anyone identify any of the other figures? Photo kindly lent by Mrs F.E.M. Puxon.



Two Clubs. Above is the Gleneagles Croquet Lawn, with the hotel in the background. This picture was taken during the Scotland-England match in June 1976 and shows David Nichols of Scotland. The photo is by Cowper & Co. of Perth and is reproduced by permission. Below we see the Bath Croquet Club. Andrew Hope is in play against Martin Murray in the Demonstration Game at the Official Opening of the Club, May 15th 1976. Photo by Mr W.A.Scarr.

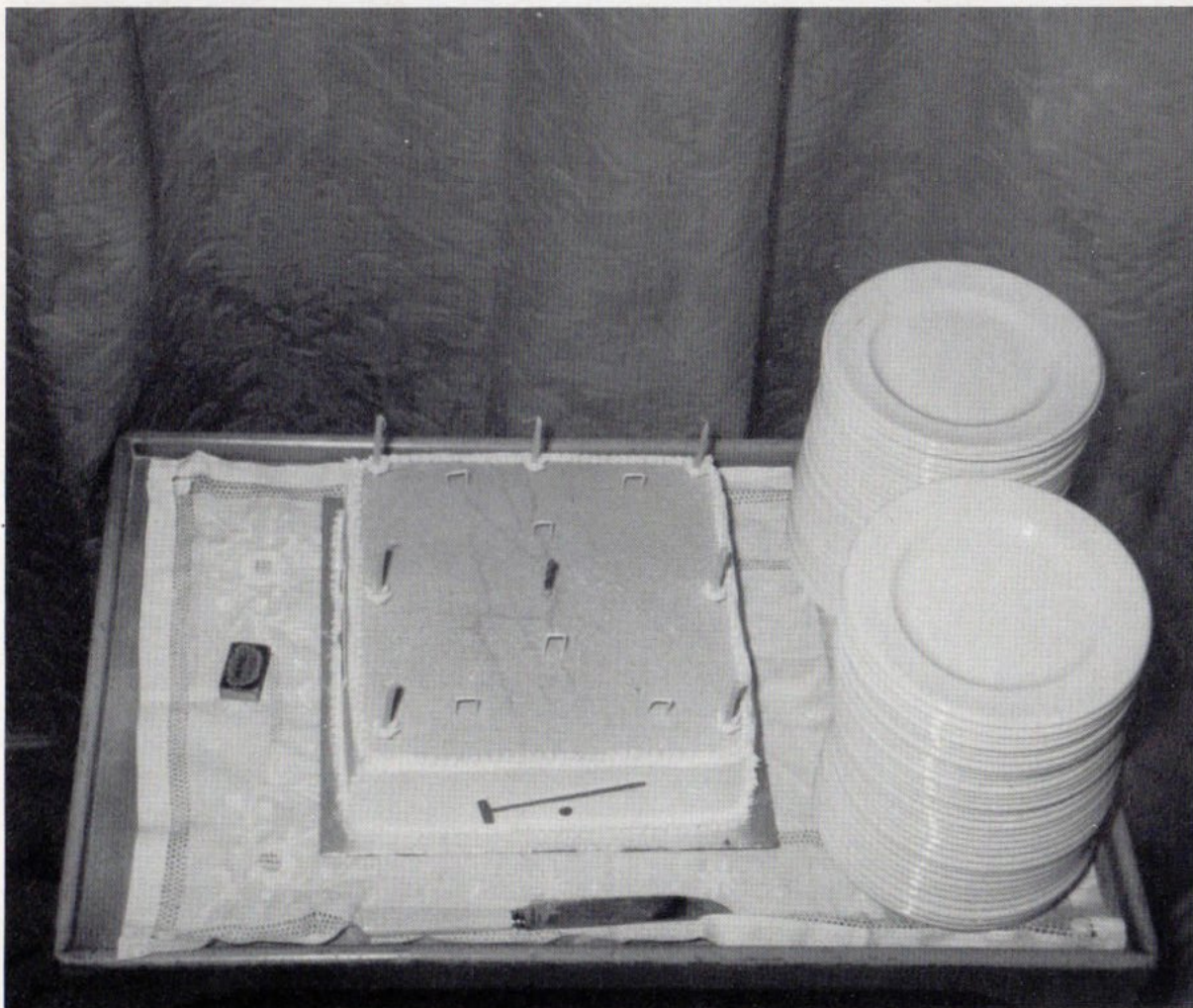


Two Team Photos. Above we see the Bedfordshire and Midlands teams who tied for top place in the Counties 1976. Names (from left to right): D.Archer, P.Elmes, J.McLaren, A.Ross, D.Caporn, V.Rees, J.Wheeler, T.Anderson, B.Keen, N.Davren and H.Green. Photo by David Archer. Below we see Phyllis Court v. South Africa August 28th 1976. Names of those standing (left to right): John Soutter, John Solomon, Richard Rothwell and Guy Betts; those from South Africa seated (left to right): Lester Sullivan, Tom Barlow, Ian Gillespie and David Cunningham. Photo by Mr C.Aberhalden.





Above: E.E.Rees of Southwick attempts a tricky stroke with Mrs G.F.H.Elvey acting as Referee to watch for a fault; in the second picture he negotiates the stroke successfully. Photos by Mr L.M.Bromfield. Below: Cyril Pountney's surprise 70th birthday cake (January 1976). The 70 guests saw the colour icing depict green grass, white hoops, peg with correct colours, 4 mallets and balls in correct colours — all done to scale, so I am informed. Congratulations to Cyril.



Attendances at Council and Committee Meetings 1976-7

- D.C.Caporn, Chairman *, C4, L2, F & GP 2, T1, P & D 1, Total 10/11.
- Dr R.W.Bray, Vice-Chairman *, C4, L2, F & GP 1, T 1, P & D 1, Total 9/11.
- A.J.Oldham, Hon. Treasurer *, C4, L1, F & GP 2, T 2, P & D 1, Total 10/11.
- G.N.Aspinall, C4, T 2, Total 6/6.
- I.C.Baillieu, C3, L1, S1, Total 5/7.
- Mrs E.E.Bressey, C4, P & D 1, Total 5/5.
- Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle, C3, F & GP 2, T 1, P & D 1, Total 7/9.
- R.A.Godby, C4, F & GP 2, P & D 1, Hcp 3, Total 10/10.
- D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller, C1, Total 1/1.
- A.B.Hope, C4, L2, F & GP 2, Total 8/8.
- Mrs W.Longman, C4, P & D 1, Total 5/5.
- G.B.Martin, C4, L2, T2, Total 8/8.
- Mrs B.Meachem, C4, L2, F & GP 2, P & D 1, Total 9/9.
- D.H.Moorcraft, C1, T1, Total 2/6.
- Professor B.G.Neal, C4, L2, P & D 1, Hcp 3, S1, Total 11/11.
- Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard, C4, L2, T2, S1, Total 9/9.
- R.F.Rothwell **, C3, F & GP 2, T2, S1, Total 8/8.
- C.B.Sanford, C3, F & GP 2, Total 5/6.
- E.Strickland, C4, F & GP 2, T1, P & D 1, Total 8/9.
- Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith, C2, T2, Hcp 3, Total 7/9.
- Dr G.K.Taylor, C3, L2, Total 5/6.
- S.S.Townsend, C4, F & GP 2, Hcp 3, S1, Total 10/10.
- Mrs R.E.Tucker, C3, T1, Total 4/6.
- Dr W.R.D.Wiggins, C4, L2, Total 6/6.
- N.Williams, C 0, P & D 0, Total 0/5.

Key: C denotes Council, L Laws, F & GP Finance & General Purposes, T Tournaments, P & D Publicity & Development, Hcp Handicap Co-ordination, S Selection.
 * denotes Ex-officio all meetings except Handicap Co-ordination and Selection Committees.
 ** Resigned 31st December 1976.

Alterations in Laws and Regulations since 1972

- Since the publication of the 1972 edition of the Laws and Regulations, a number of amendments have been introduced. For convenience, these have been collected together and listed below.
- Law 2(c).* Add after first sentence "(Alternative coloured balls, brown, green, pink and white are permitted)".
 - Law 4(a).* Add after first sentence "(or brown and green versus pink and white)".
 - Law 18(a).* Line 1. After "ball" insert "on the ground".
 - Law 22.* At end of last sentence, delete full stop and add: "; or if its position has been agreed or adjudicated upon."
 - Regulation 15(a):* first sentence — alter "October" to "July".
 - Regulation 15(b):* after "Secretary C.A." insert "by 30th September".
 - Regulation 18(a):* alter "less" to "more"
alter "(exclusive of C.A. Levy or Tribute)" to "after deduction of C.A. Levy and Tribute"
 - Regulation 18(c):* delete "on the form provided".
 - Regulation 19(f).* Add "(v) to introduce double-banking. (Double-banking is the practice of playing two games on the same court simultaneously, using the alternative coloured balls for the second game)."
 - Regulation 20(c) (ii):* in the Table at the top of page 50 the sixth row should read:
 2nd qtr 3 19 11 27 7 23 15 31

Regulation 20A. Delete lines 2 and 3 and substitute:
 "of determining the block winner in American events shall be as follows:—"

Extracts from Proceedings at Council Meetings

NOVEMBER 20TH 1976

1. Mr Sanford, who was elected Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee at its recent meeting, presented the Committee's recommendations, which were agreed, and in particular:
 - (a) Mr Caporn proposed that Mr Vandeleur Robinson, in recognition of his services, be appointed an Honorary Associate. The proposal was accepted with applause. Mr Vandeleur Robinson made a short reply, thanking the Council for conferring on him this honour, which he greatly appreciated, and expressed his thanks for many kindnesses shown to him by members of the Council, the officers and Associates.
 - (b) The terms of Mr Rothwell's appointment as Secretary and Development Officer were left in the hands of Messrs. Caporn, Oldham and Townsend.
2. Dr Taylor, supported by Professor Neal, suggested that it would be better to raise subscriptions by small sums annually rather than by a large amount every few years, and was informed the Finance & General Purposes Committee would bear this in mind.
3. *Report of Committee on Trophies*
 - (a) The report was introduced, as to its insurance aspects, by the Treasurer, Mr Oldham; and, as to questions of disposal and/or replacement, by the Chairman of the Committee, Mr Townsend, who said that it would cost £4.15 for inscribing a goblet and £27 for making a block which would cover all trophies.
 - (b) Mr Oldham reported that the present insurers had increased their premium rate from £1.50 % to £2.50 %, and, unless we took other action by 14th December, we should have to meet a premium of £626. Taking advantage of the information which Mr Hope had supplied at the previous meeting, he had made enquiries with a view to insuring for a lower rate of premium, and had received an offer to insure at a premium rate of 75p per cent, but with an excess of £250 per loss. This meant that the 24 of our cups which are valued at less than £250 each would not be insured at all. (Of the remaining cups, 16 are valued between £250 and £500 each; 10 between £500 and £1,000; and a few over £1,000.) The upshot was that we should pay £150 premium and still be likely to lose £250 "excess" if losses ran at about one a year.
 - (c) A lengthy and very interesting discussion followed, including:
 - (i) the 24 trophies worth less than £250 each would be cheaper to insure than to replace by the annual supply of a goblet for each one.
 - (ii) The Treasurer was questioned about the prospect of obtaining a new policy without "excess". He replied that the Company recently approached appeared unwilling to insure without "excess", but he might be able to obtain insurance somewhere at £1.25 or £1.50 % without "excess". Mr Moorcraft observed that £1.25 % without "excess" would be much more favourable to us than 75p % with £250 "excess".
 - (d) Mr Caporn put to the vote the first recommendation of the Committee, namely, that the basis on which trophies should be insured be *the sale value*, not the replacement value. Dr Bray proposed, and Dr Wiggins seconded an amendment that in the case of trophies worth over £750, the insurance should be for replacement value. This amendment was voted upon; there were 5 votes in favour and a large majority against; the amendment was therefore lost. *Mr Caporn's motion was then carried unanimously.*
 - (e) The question was raised of determining the sale value of each trophy. The Council was content to leave this to the discretion of

the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

(f) Mrs Bressley then advanced the proposal (which the Committee had considered but rejected) that winners should themselves insure the trophies while in their possession or, if unwilling to undertake this, leave the trophy in a vault hired by the Association. Colonel Prichard observed that renting a vault would be excessively expensive, and any depository short of a vault would necessitate insurance, and at a rate of premium increased by a large number of trophies being held in one place. Dr Wiggins thought a winner would only have to notify his existing household insurers to add the trophy to the schedule of goods insured, temporarily, and he thought the addition to the premium would be quite small. Mr Caporn remarked that the Council must retain control of the insurance; otherwise they would not know what was insured and what was not.

(g) Mr Caporn thought that the Council were of the view that no policy of insurance embodying "excess" should be accepted. This was adopted unanimously.

(h) The Council then turned to the consideration of proposals for selling some of the trophies in order to reduce heavy insurance liability. Mr Rothwell proposed that the Gilbey Cup be sold; Mr Duffield seconded. Mr Hope deplored the sale of any important trophies. Mrs Carlisle asked for elucidation of the special reasons for singling out the Gilbey Cup. Mr Caporn explained that it was awarded for a handicap event. Dr Wiggins recalled the tremendous thrill he had experienced when, many years ago, as a schoolboy, he had won the Gilbey Cup and offered to defray, for the rest of his life, the insurance premium on it of £41.25. He was thanked for the offer, but it was felt that it could not be accepted. Mr Caporn put Mr Rothwell's motion to the vote; for the motion, 12; against, 12. The Chairman had therefore to use his casting vote. He explained that he personally favoured selling the trophy, and had voted in favour of the motion. However, he felt bound to use his casting vote in favour of the status quo; he therefore cast it *against* the motion, which was thus *lost*.

(i) Mr Rothwell had discussed with the Parkstone Club the future of the Cripps Cup, which belonged to the Croquet Association but was on permanent loan to Parkstone, whose members had subscribed a substantial part of the original purchase price of the Cup, which had been valued for sale recently, and the valuation was £800. Parkstone suggested they sell the Cup, the proceeds to be divided equally between the Association and the Club. They would buy a cheaper cup as replacement and have it engraved, out of their share. Mr Rothwell proposed and Mr Townsend seconded that Parkstone's proposal be accepted, and the Cripps Cup be sold on these terms. *This motion was carried by 13 votes to 8.*

(j) Colonel Prichard moved, and Mr Godby seconded, that the Inter-Counties Cup be sold, and that there be no replacement. *This motion was carried by 16 votes to 7.*

(k) Mr Caporn raised the question of the various trophies (caskets, locket, gold medal) which went with the Cups awarded to the Men's Champion and Women's Champion. Colonel Prichard moved, and Dr Taylor seconded, that the status quo be maintained. *This was carried.*

(l) Mr Caporn asked for a decision as to the action to be taken concerning £350, paid by the insurers in respect of the pair of Ladies Field Candlesticks which had been stolen. Mrs Longman proposed and Mrs Meachem seconded that a new pair be bought. *This was agreed.*

(m) The policy to be adopted with regard to engraving the Candlesticks was referred to the Finance & General Purposes Committee, as was the problem of storing trophies in the office.

4. Dr Bray proposed the motion standing in his name: "that a charge be levied on players in the Invitation Eights to cover lawn hire; and that this be stated in the Fixtures Book." Mr Baillieu seconded. Colonel Prichard moved and Mr Duffield seconded an amendment to the motion: for "to cover lawn hire" substitute "as a contribution to expenses". Colonel Prichard pointed out that the

organising of the four Eights necessitated substantial administrative costs. *This amendment was carried by 15 votes to 5, and the substantive motion, as amended, was then carried by a similar vote.* Mr Sanford proposed and Colonel Prichard seconded, that the charge be £2 per person for all four Eights. *This motion was carried by 14 votes to 5, and it was decided that the matter should be published in the gazette.*

5. Messrs. G.Cuttle, J.Gosden, B.Whitehouse and M.M.W. Clotworthy were elected unanimously as Associates.

The recent death of Miss Daldy was reported with regret.

6. *Dates of Future Meetings of Council* were agreed as 5th February and 12th March, if necessary, and 30th May following the A.G.M. on that day.

7. (a) Mr Rothwell reported that he attended the recent Conference of the Sports Council and that:

(i) The Minister of Sport personally undertook, at the meeting, that there would be no cut in the money available to the Sports Council for grants to Associations. The Shadow Minister gave the same undertaking on behalf of the Opposition.

(ii) There are very few Associations which do not pay expenses to members of their Councils for attendance at meetings.

(b) Mr Rothwell said it was hoped that the televised demonstration at Wallingford would be broadcast in "Grandstand", and that Harper-Queen hoped to run a competition Golf Croquet at Stately Homes in 1977.

8. Mr Townsend, as Chairman of the Handicaps Co-ordination Committee, informed the Council that the Committee had decided to award the Apps Bowl to D.Croker of Phyllis Court Club, and the Steel Bowl to Mrs P.A.Tunmer of the Budleigh Salterton Club. He also referred to the fact that the conditions of candidacy for these Bowls require that a nominee be a member of the Association. A difficulty of interpretation had arisen: *when* must the candidate's membership have begun? He himself thought that *only* the candidate's progress *since* he joined the Association (i.e. applied for membership) should be reckoned to his credit for the purpose of considering his claims. He so proposed. Mr Baillieu seconded. The motion was carried.

9. Dr Wiggins reported upon a source of supply of *boxwood* for making mallet heads. He had met on several occasions a doctor from the Russian Embassy. A discussion on croquet had taken place and he had lamented the lack of supplies of boxwood. The Russian doctor thought arrangements could be made to supply the wood.

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M.Kotre, Safarikova 845, 28601 Caslav, Czechoslovakia.

Andrew N.Mozley, Romney Cottage, Green Lane, Hartley Witney, Hampshire.

Lt-Col A.W.D.Nicholls, O.B.E., M.C., 40 Willow Green, Ingatestone, Essex CM4 0DQ (Tel. Ingatestone (027 75) 3527).

Sven A. Olsson, Karl X Gustafs Gata 51, 252 40 Hälsingborg, Sweden.

D.W.H.Owen, Upper Manor Farm, Longstock, Stockbridge, Hampshire.

Mrs C.A.Parker, The Purbecks, 64 Orchard Avenue, Poole, Dorset BH14 8AJ.

M.H.Sandler, 9 Valley Road, Cheadle, Cheshire SK8 1HY.

Mrs R.S.Stevens, Oakhayes, Woodbury, Nr. Exeter, Devon.

J.F.S.Thomas, Station House, Stamford, Lincolnshire (Tel: Stamford (0780) 3070).

B.Whitehouse, Seven Acres, Horsell Common, Woking, Surrey.

Ewan W. Wilson, 11 Carmyle Avenue, Tollcross, Glasgow G32 8HL.

2. NEW OVERSEAS ASSOCIATES

Mr & Mrs Arthur Bohmer, Remsens Lane, Mutton Town, Oyster Bay, NY 11771, U.S.A.

Jim Charlton, Doubleday & Co., 245 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10021, U.S.A.

Walter M.Kaufman, 30 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016, U.S.A.

Mr & Mrs Jerome Minskoff, 2 East 67th Street, New York, NY 10021, U.S.A.

John Charles Osborn, 65 East 76th Street, New York, NY 10021, U.S.A.

Mr & Mrs Jay H.Rosbach, 10 East 70th Street, New York, NY 10021, U.S.A.

Mrs Homer Langdon, 740 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10021, U.S.A.

3. NEW REFEREE

F.G.French

4. PUBLICATIONS

Copies of the booklet "Twelve Hints for Beginners" are available at 20p each (25p including postage) from the C.A. Office.

5. COURSES

With reference to the Courses for 1977 advertised on p. 6 of the gazette for December 1976:

Referees Course: This will be held at Hurlingham on Saturday and Sunday 30th April and 1st May.

Middle Bisquers Course

The Middle Bisquers Course (intended for those of approximate handicap 3 to 8 bisques) for Tips and Tactics will be held on Saturday and Sunday May 21-2. The Saturday sessions will be held on Mr Guy Betts' lawn at Newnham Manor, Crommarsh Gifford, Wallingford, Oxon., and the Sunday sessions at the Phyllis Court Club, Henley-on-Thames (about 10 miles from Wallingford).

6. CHANGES IN THE CLUBS

A.W.R.E. (Aldermaston). In the Secretary's address, for 32 Culver Road read 4 Four Oaks, Highclere.

Barnes Sports Club (Croquet Section). Hon. Sec. Mrs F.Townsend, 54 Lowther Road, Barnes, London SW13 9NU. (Tel: (01) 748 5815).

Bowdon. New Secretary Miss Sheila E.Black, 57 Regent Road, Altrincham, Cheshire WA14 1RT (Tel: (0161 928) 7540).

Canute. For Nuclear Power Group Ltd. read Nuclear Power Company (Risley) Ltd. Hon. Sec. D.G.Richardson. New Address: 3 Truro Close, Woolston, Warrington WA1 4LR (Tel: (0925) 813869).

Hälsingborg Croquet Society. New Secretary Mr Urban Skoglund, Samuelsingatan 28, 252 59 Hälsingborg, Sweden.

New York Croquet Club. Mr S.Joseph Tankoos has died, and is succeeded as Club President by his widow.

St Hild's and St Bede's College (Durham). Hon. Sec. Miss Jackie Gladden.

R.F.Rothwell,
Secretary,
March 1977.

Annual General Meeting to be held at The Hurlingham Club on Monday 30th May 1977 at 11.30 a.m.

Agenda

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS A.G.M.

These Minutes were published on page 22 of Issue No. 140 (August 1976) of the Croquet Gazette.

2. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Accounts are published elsewhere in this issue.

5. ELECTION OF TREASURER UNDER RULE VIII

The retiring Treasurer, Mr A.J.Oldham, offers himself for re-election.

6. ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER RULE VI

The following members of the Council retire by rotation under Rule II (a) and offer themselves for re-election:

D.C.Caporn, G.B.Martin, Mrs B.Meachem, D.H.Moorcraft, Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard, Dr G.K.Taylor and Dr W.R.D. Wiggins.

D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller retires under Rule XII and offers himself for re-election.

N.Williams retires by rotation under Rule II(a) and does not seek re-election.

There are thus nine vacancies to be filled and eight candidates presenting themselves for re-election.

7. ELECTION OF AUDITORS

Messrs. Nicholass, Ames & Co. offer themselves for re-election.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Weekend Tournament

Gleneagles: September 18-19

S.J.Tones (10) bt. T.Snaddon (13) +16, R.Hissett (10) +18, C.J.Tait (7) +4, and I.H.Wright (-½) +21.

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1976**

Year to 31.12.75 £		£
	<i>INCOME</i>	
2,129	Subscriptions	2,826.00
354	Affiliation Fees and Overseas Members	494.93
395	Levy	524.80
24	Tribute	21.00
975	Sale of Books, Laws, etc.	1,344.28
453	Income from Investments (Net)	460.45
<u>4,330</u>		
11	Surplus (Deficit) on Tournaments (net)	36.47
<u>4,319</u>		5,707.93
	<i>Less: Expenditure</i>	
1,870	Magazine, less Income from Advertisements	1,974.26
<u>2,449</u>		3,733.67
	<i>General Overheads</i>	
802	Office Rent, Lighting, Heating and Cleaning	601.99
2,268	Staff Salaries	3,501.96
471	Postage and Telephone	537.30
871	Printing and Stationery	1,017.43
183	Insurance	396.41
188	Sundry Expenses	249.47
150	Audit and Accountancy Charges	165.00
25	Maintenance of Office, Furniture and Equipment	188.08
<u>4,958</u>		6,657.64
1,587	Expenditure on Development Scheme, Net	1,115.10
<u>6,545</u>		7,772.74
4,200	Development Grant	4,500.00
<u>2,345</u>		3,272.74
<u>£104</u>	<i>Excess of Income over Expenditure</i>	<u>£460.93</u>

INVESTMENTS HELD AT 31ST DECEMBER 1976

Nominal Value £		Cost £	Market Value £
	<i>QUOTED INVESTMENTS</i>		
2,000.00	City of Worcester 11 3/8% Bonds 5.1.77	2,006.00	2,000
141.75	Drayton Premier Investment Trust, Ordinary Shares of 25p each	186.64	845
1,260.00	Grand Metropolitan Hotels Ltd. 8 1/2% Unsecured Loan Stock 1978/80	1,272.92	983
140.00	Midland Bank Limited £1 Ordinary Shares	253.43	358
275.00	Telephone and General Trust Ltd. Ordinary Shares of 25p each	1,811.74	1,210
400.00	The New Throgmorton Trust Ltd Income Shares of 25p each	478.75	176
218.15	3 1/2% War Stock	115.50	55
		<u>6,124.98</u>	<u>£5,627</u>
	<i>UNQUOTED INVESTMENTS</i>		
	Abbey National Building Society	3,250.00	
	Britannia Building Society	4,137.76	
	Rochampton Country Club £1 Shares	10.00	
		<u>£13,522.74</u>	

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1976

As at 31.12.75 £		£
	<i>FIXED ASSETS</i>	
200	Office Furniture and Equipment, at written down value	200.00
7,000	Trophies, estimated to realise	7,000.00
10,740	Investments, as per attached schedule	13,522.74
<u>17,940</u>		<u>20,722.74</u>
	<i>CURRENT ASSETS</i>	
1,023	Sundry Debtors and Prepayments	829.07
665	Cash in Hand and at Bank	82.82
<u>1,688</u>		<u>911.89</u>
19,628		21,634.63
	<i>LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES</i>	
535	Subscriptions received in Advance	310.68
1,204	Accrued Expenses	1,638.18
-	Bank Overdraft	280.03
40	Taxation	81.83
<u>1,779</u>		<u>2,310.72</u>
<u>£17,849</u>	<i>Net Assets</i>	<u>£19,323.91</u>
	<i>REPRESENTED BY</i>	
10,146	Accumulated General Fund, as at 1st January 1976	12,541.37
-	Deduct: Transfer to Benefactors Fund	620.77
		<u>11,920.60</u>
104	Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure for year	460.93
291	Surplus on Redemption of Investments	-
<u>2,000</u>	Increase in Realisable Value of Trophies	-
12,541		<u>12,381.53</u>
1,725	Life Membership Fund	1,585.00
215	Apps Heley Memorial Fund	215.50
367	Dominion Tour Fund	367.09
3,001	Benefactors Fund	4,264.79
-	Tournaments Fund	510.00
<u>£17,849</u>		<u>£19,323.91</u>

D.C.Caporn, Chairman of the Council

A.J.Oldham, Hon. Treasurer

We have examined the books, vouchers and other records maintained by the Croquet Association for the year and obtained such further information as considered necessary. To the best of our knowledge and belief the above Statement of Accounts and the annexed Income and Expenditure Account give a true and fair view of the state of affairs as at 31st December, 1976 and of the Surplus of Income over Expenditure earned in the year to that date.

Kipling House
43 Villiers Street
London WC2N 6NJ

21st February, 1977

NICHOLASS, AMES & CO.
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

**Treasurer's Commentary on the
1976 Accounts**

Increased income has accrued to the Association from the increases in subscription rates, in affiliation fees and in levies which were effective from the beginning of the year. The year's income from all the investments held by the Association amounted to £697, but £237 of this represented income from the investments held for the Benefactors Fund and, in accordance with a decision of Council, this sum has been retained within that Fund, thus reducing the investment income shown in the accounts to £460; the interest earned by those same investments in earlier years has also been transferred into the Fund which, following receipt during the year of the final instalment (£406) of the legacy from the late Mrs Spencer Ell, now amounts to £4,265.

The Sports Council, having reviewed the salaries of the headquarters staff of all governing bodies of sports in receipt of administration grants, suggested to the Association during 1976 that the salary of our Secretary should be raised to a more acceptable level. Since 75% of the increased expenditure is covered by

our grant from the Sports Council, we felt able to respond favourably to the suggestion, and I am pleased to report that the Secretary's salary has now been placed at the appropriate point on the national salary scales.

Although grant aid of over £5,000 was received from the Sports Council during the year, credit has been taken in the Accounts for only £4,500 because some of the expected development expenditure on which the grant had been based was not in fact incurred, several development scheme courses having been cancelled as a result of the general drought.

The Tournament Fund has been set up out of the proceeds of the insurance claims in respect of trophies stolen from the Association in the last two years. The Fund will be used to purchase replacement trophies, not necessarily of the same value as those which have been lost, to purchase new plinths etc. for existing trophies, and for the general betterment of tournaments.

A.J.Oldham,
Hon. Treasurer
9th March 1977

Prize List 1976

This list covers all events reported in the Croquet Gazette other than team events. It is not authoritative. The figures in brackets indicate the handicap of a player at the beginning of the season, and any change that may have occurred.

M, W, Mx, R — Men's, Women's, Mixed, Restricted; O, H, L, GC — Open, Handicap, Level, Golf Croquet; S, D — Singles, Doubles; B, C, D — Class; X, Y, Z — Tier; W/E, BW — Weekend, Block Winner.

A

Adams, L.D. (3,2½) Budleigh Salterton II RLSB1
Adlard, R.E. (2,1½) Cheltenham W/E V BW
Alford, R.S. (5½,3½) Colchester RLSB1, Colchester W/E II HD2
Alvey, P.L. (8) Roehampton RLSB1, HS BW, HD1
Anderson, Revd D. (9,8D7) Colchester HD1
Arkell, Miss E.H. (3,2½) Peels WHS1, MxHD2, Cheltenham W/E II BW
Aspinall, G.N. (-5) Open Championship 1, Doubles Championship 1, Hurlingham MxOD2, President's Cup 1
Audsley, E. (7,5) Wrest Park W/E I BW, All England 3
Austin, W.H. (2) Southwick I HSI
Ayliffe, L.G. (5,4½) Budleigh Salterton W/E BW

B

Bagnall, Mrs C. (5,4½) Budleigh Salterton I HD1, Budleigh Salterton W/E BW
Baillieu, I.C. (3) Southwick III HD1
Ballard, S.M. (-1,-1½) Hurlingham MHD1
Barlow, P. (12,11) Wrest Park W/E I BW
Bazley, Lady (12,10D9) Hurlingham RHSD1, WHD1, Devonshire Park I HD2
Bell, E. (2,1) Nottingham W/E I BW, Wrest Park W/E II BW
Betts, A.J. (8,7) Challenge & Gilbey RLSC1
Betts, G.H. (2½,2) Hurlingham RLSB1
Betts, H.J. (5,4½) Challenge & Gilbey HSY1
Birch, G. (½) Ryde, OS2, HSX1
Blenkin, A. (9,8) Cheltenham W/E V BW
Blumer, G.F. (8,7) Cheltenham W/E II BW, Cheltenham HS2, Cheltenham W/E IV BW
Bolton, H.G.T. (1,0) Southwick II HD2, Cheltenham W/E III BW
Bolton, Mrs H.G.T. (14D12,12) Southwick II HD2
Borrett, Cdr G. (0,-1) Compton OS1, HD1, Spencer-Ell Cup =4, Devonshire Park I HSX1
Bressey, Mrs E.E. (4) Ryde HSY1
Bromfield, L.M. (12,10) Southwick I HDX1, Challenge & Gilbey RLSD1, Southwick III RHSD1, HD2
Brown, Lt-Col D.F.T. (9,8D7) Devonshire Park I RHSD2, HD1
Bucknall, Dr W.R. (1½) Parkstone II HSX2
Butler, L.S. (2½,1) Parkstone I OS2, HSX1, Cheltenham RLSB2, HD1, Parkstone II HD2

C

Calder, R.O. (3) Nottingham HD2, Edinburgh HD2
Campbell, J. (9) Carrickmines II HD2
Camroux, A.V. (-½) Chairman's Salver 8
Carlisle, Mrs H.B.H. (4) Hurlingham MxOD2
Carlisle, W.H. (5½,5) Hunstanton II HS2
Carpenter, F.W. (7,5) Devonshire Park II RHD2
Cave, Lt-Col G.E. (1½) Budleigh Salterton II HD1
Chamberlain, C. (7,6) Nottingham HSY1, HD1
Chamberlain, Mrs C. (8,7½) Nottingham HD2
Coates, G.T. (8,6½) Southwick I HDY2, Challenge & Gilbey RLSC2, HD2, Southwick III HD1

Coleman, A.F. (3½,1½) Cheltenham W/E I BW, Compton RLSB1, Cheltenham W/E V BW
Colls, T.G.S. (5,4½) Hunstanton I RLSB2
Cooper, A.J. (-1) Veterans HSX1, HD1, Budleigh Salterton II HSX2
Cosh, Mrs S.A. (15D13,11) Parkstone II HSY2
Cousins, C.H.J. (1,½) Hurlingham HSY2
Coutts, J. (4,1) Cheltenham W/E I BW, Wrest Park W/E III BW
Cox, N.W.T. (-1) Southwick I HDX2, Challenge & Gilbey OS2, Southwick III RLSB=1
Cox, Mrs N.W.T. (3,2) Southwick I HDX1, Challenge & Gilbey RLSB1, HSX2, Southwick II HD1, Southwick III HD2
Cozens, P.V. (5) Carrickmines II HD2
Craig, A.D. (3½) Carrickmines I HD1
Crane, R.F.A. (6,5½) Parkstone I HSY1, Veterans RHS1, HD2
Crane, Mrs R.F.A. (14,14D12) Veterans HD2
Croker, D.J. (8*,4) Ryde W/E HS2
Cross, H.A. (11,8) Colchester HSY1

D

Davidson, Mrs F.H.N. (7) Hurlingham WHD2
Davren, N.J. (1,½) Chairman's Salver 6
Death, P. (8,6) Nottingham RLSB2
Devitt, Mrs H.J. (6,5½) Devonshire Park I HSY2
Devitt, Mrs P.K. (15D13,11D10) Budleigh Salterton W/E BW
Digby, G.S. (3½,3) Budleigh Salterton RHS1
Digby, Mrs G.S. (3) Ladies' Field Cup =5
Drake, H.G. (2½) Carrickmines I OS2, HS2, HD2, Parkstone American HSI
Duck, M.J. (6,5) Cheltenham W/E III BW
Dwerryhouse, Mrs P.A. (14,14D13) Budleigh Salterton I HD2

E

Elmes, P.W. (0,-½) Cheltenham W/E I BW, Nottingham OS2, Cheltenham W/E III BW, Cheltenham W/E IV BW
Evans, M.J. (1) Cheltenham W/E IV BW
Exell, Mrs D. (4) Cheltenham W/E II BW

F

Fitzgerald, M. (6) Carrickmines II RHSB2
Forth, R. (8) Edinburgh HD1
French, F.G. (-) Devonshire Park II RHD2
Frost, G.L. (12,11) Hurlingham RHSD2

G

Gamble, C.A. (2) Carrickmines I OS1, Carrickmines II OS2, HD1
Gardiner, E.L. (14,14D12) Devonshire Park I RHSD1
Girling, A.J. (9,5) Cheltenham W/E II BW
Godby, R.A. (-1,-1½) Mixed Doubles Championship 2, Du Pre Cup 2, Budleigh Salterton II HD2, Chairman's Salver 7, Roehampton OS2
Goode, Mrs J. (12,10D8) Veterans HSY2, Budleigh Salterton II HD1
Gordon, A. (6½) Hunstanton I RHSC2
Green, H.C. (3,1) Wrest Park W/E I BW, Wrest Park W/E II BW, Hunstanton I HSX2
Greswell, Air Cdr J.H. (4½) Parkstone II RLSB2
Grout, C.A. (13,11) Budleigh Salterton W/E BW

H

Haigh, J. (1,1½) Cheltenham W/E I BW, Colchester W/E I HSI, Spencer-Ell Cup =7
Hallett, G.F. (1) Cheltenham RLSB1
Hallett, Mrs G.F. (10,9) Colchester RHSC2
Hallett, Revd P.D. (0,-½) Budleigh Salterton II HSY1, Spencer-Ell Cup =7

Hamilton-Miller, D.J.V. (-½) Devonshire Park II OD2
Hampson, Miss P. (15D14) Hunstanton II HD2
Hampson, Miss S.G. (3,2½) Hurlingham MxOD1, Hunstanton I RLSB1, HD2
Hands, P.W. (-3) Chairman's Salver =2
Hannon, R.L. (3½) Carrickmines I HSI
Harrison, Mrs P. (11,9) Southwick III RHSD2
Haworth, C.W. (6½,7) Compton HD2
Heap, M.E.W. (-2½) Colchester OS1, Doubles Championship 2, President's Cup =3
Hemsted, S.R. (-1½) Cheltenham OS1, President's Cup 7
Hemsted, Mrs S.R. (6,5) Cheltenham HS1
Henshaw, G. (3½,3) Nottingham HSX2
Hicks, H.O. (-1) Colchester HD2
Hodgens, Miss E.X. (8,6) Southwick II RHSC1
Hooper, Mrs P.W. (7) Parkstone II HSY1
Hope, A.B. (-1½) Delves Broughton GSD1, Chairman's Salver =2
Hopkins, Miss G. (6) Carrickmines I HD1, Carrickmines II HD2
Hutcheson, G.A. (11,9) Compton RHSC2, HD1

J

Jackson, G.E.P. (-1½) Delves Broughton GCD1, Du Pre Cup 1, Chairman's Salver =4
Johnson, P.M. (14,8) Cheltenham W/E IV BW
Joly, Miss F.I. (½,-½) Women's Championship 2, Challenge & Gilbey OS1, Budleigh Salterton II OS2, Ladies' Field Cup 3, Devonshire Park II OD2
Jones, Mrs W. (10) Roehampton RHSC1

K

Keen, B.A. (2,1) Wrest Park W/E III BW
Kent, S.G. (4,3) Hunstanton I HD2, Devonshire Park I RLSB1
Kimber, G. (12,10) Colchester W/E II HD2

L

Latham, L.V. (4,1) Peels MHS1, HSX1, MxHD1, All England 2
Lauder, Mrs M. (11D10,10) Edinburgh RHSCY1
Lenfestey, D. de Q. (6,5½) Parkstone I RLSB2
Lenfestey, Mrs D. de Q. (9,8) Cheltenham W/E II BW
Lindley, A. (8) Roehampton HS BW
Lindsay, C.T.J. (7,5) Hurlingham MHD2
Linstead, Mrs D. (8) Southwick III RHSC2
Locke, E.A. (6½,5) Ryde RLSB1, HSX2
Lodge, Miss M.J. (6½,6) Veterans RHS2

M

Maclean, R.N. (2,1½) Gleneagles W/E I BW
McLaren, J. (4,2) Peels MxHD2, Ascot Cup GCS1, Cheltenham RHSC2, Cheltenham W/E IV BW, Cheltenham W/E V BW
McMillan, Mrs N.A.C. (2) Hurlingham WHD2
Macpherson, Mrs V. (8,6½) Gleneagles W/E I BW, Edinburgh HSY1
Malin, Dr S.R.C. (5½,4) Devonshire Park II RHSB1, RHD1, All England 4
Mann, P.H. (6,5) Ryde RLSB2, HSY2, Colchester W/E II HD1, Budleigh Salterton W/E BW
Mann, Mrs P.H. (8) Colchester W/E II HD1
Marshall, Mrs C.W. (12) Parkstone II RHSC2
Masterton, W.G. (9,8) Edinburgh RHSCX2
Maude, J. (-) All England 5.
Meachem, Mrs B.M. (1½,0) Women's Championship 1, Mixed Doubles Championship 2, Hurlingham WHD1, Devonshire Park I HD2
Meyer, H.N.D. (7) Compton RHSC1
Moorcraft, D.H. (½) Southport W/E BW, Cheltenham HD2
Moorcraft, Mrs D.H. (10,9) Southport W/E BW, Cheltenham RHSD2, HD2

Moore, W.E. (-1,-1½) Southwick I HDY1, Challenge & Gilbey HD2, HSY2, Southwick II OS2, HSX=1
Mulliner, S.N. (3,0) Parkstone American HS2, Parkstone II OS1, HSX1, Devonshire Park I HD1
Murray, Miss A.M. (9,8) Edinburgh RHSCY2
Murray, Dr M. (-2) Men's Championship 1, Open Championship 2, President's Cup 5

N

Neal, Prof. B.G. (-3½) Hurlingham MHD2
Neal, Mrs B.G. (5½,4½) Peels WHS2, Devonshire Park I RLSC1, HSY1
Newnham, R.W. (13,9) Ryde RHSC1, HD1
Newton, P. (-½,-1) Southwick III HSX2
Newton, Mrs P. (6,5½) Southwick III RHSC1
Norton, F.V.X. (1½,½) Gleneagles W/E I BW, All England 6

O

O'Morchoe, Madame (10) Carrickmines I HD2
Openshaw, D.K. (1,-½) Spencer-Ell Cup 2, Wrest Park W/E III BW
Ormerod, A. (14,13D11) Budleigh Salterton I RHSC2
Ormerod, M. (4,½) Budleigh Salterton II HSX1
Ormerod, Dr W.P. (-3½) Parkstone I OS1, Doubles Championship 1, President's Cup 2
Ovens, H.E. (8,6½) Budleigh Salterton I RHS2, Parkstone I RHSB1, HD2, Veterans HSX2
Ovens, Mrs H.E. (11,10) Parkstone I RHSC1, HD1, Budleigh Salterton II RHSC2, HSY2
Owen, D.W.H. (12) Parkstone II HD2
Owen, T.F. (1,-½) Southwick W/E HS2, Challenge & Gilbey HSX1, Southwick II HSX=1

P

Parker, Dr D.A. (7,6½) Compton W/E HSI, Southwick II RHSC2
Parker, Miss P.E. (15D14,13D12) Southwick II HD1
Parr, J. (6½,1½) Hurlingham HSX1, All England 1
Pearson, F.E. (2) Delves Broughton GCD2, Cheltenham W/E III BW
Pearson, Mrs F.E. (12) Delves Broughton GCD2
Pearson, M.G. (5) Roehampton HD2
Perry, B.G. (-2) Veterans OS1, HD1
Phillips, J.C.G. (5,1½) Southport W/E BW, Nottingham RLSB1, HD1, Southwick III RLSB=1, HSX1
Pilling, F. (8,7) Budleigh Salterton II RHSC1
Porter, Lady E. (11*) Parkstone I RHSC2, HSY2
Pountney, C.G. (0) Ryde OS1, HD1, Spencer-Ell Cup =4
Povey, Mrs J. (4,3½) Peels HSY1, Cheltenham RHSC1
Prichard, Lt-Col D.M.C. (-1) Budleigh Salterton I HD1, Devonshire Park II OD1
Prichard, Mrs D.M.C. (-½) Southwick I HS2, Mixed Doubles Championship 1
Prichard, C.H.L. (-1½,-3) Budleigh Salterton I RHS2, HD2, Peels HSY2, Men's Championship 2, Mixed Doubles Championship 1, Budleigh Salterton II OS1, Association Plate 1, President's Cup 6, Devonshire Park I OS1, Devonshire Park II MOS1, HSI, OD1
Prichard, R.D.C. (1½) Cheltenham W/E I BW

R

Randle, J.A. (7½) Parkstone II RLSB1, HD1
Rankin, Mrs M. (12) Southwick I HDY2, Challenge & Gilbey RLSD2
Read, Mrs H.M. (4½) Carrickmines II HD1
Read, T.O. (-2) Hunstanton W/E HSI, Carrickmines OS1
Reed, A.A. (½) Ryde W/E HSI

Rees, D.V.H. (-1,-1½) Hurlingham OS2
Rees, E.E. (3,2) Southwick II RLSB1
Reid, Capt. P.H.S. (12,10) Peels MHS2
Richardson, D.G. (3½,3) Southport W/E BW, Cheltenham W/E V BW
Robinson, L. (9) Nottingham RHSC2
Robinson, Dr J.N. (0,-½) Ascot Cup GCS2, Doubles Championship 2, Chairman's Salver =4
Roe, Miss I.M. (6) Carrickmines RHSB2
Rogers, Miss D.E. (13,11D10) Southwick I HDY1, Ryde RHSC2
Rooke, Revd W. (6) Carrickmines I RHSB1, Carrickmines II RHSB1
Rothwell, R.F. (½) Parkstone I HD2
Rowe, Mrs C.A. (6½,5½) Edinburgh RHSBY2, HSY2
Rowe, J.E. (7,6) Edinburgh RHSBX1
Ruddock, J.C. (4,2) Colchester RLSB2, HSX1, Hunstanton I HSX1, Roehampton HD1
Russell, D.C. (-½,½) Southwick III OS2, Spencer-Ell Cup 6
Russell, Mrs D.C. (3,2) Budleigh Salterton II RLSB2, Ladies' Field Cup 4

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Scarr, W.A. (10,9) Compton W/E HS2, Ryde HD2, Parkstone II RHSC1
Scarr, Mrs W.A. (15D14,11D9) Ryde HD2
Schmieder, C.M. von (3½,3) Carrickmines II HS1
Scott, Mrs M. (14,12D11) Edinburgh HD2
Sheppard, H.A. (3) Southwick II RLSB2
Simpson, Mrs R.A. (2½,2) Compton RLSB2, Devonshire Park I RLSB2
Slater, B. (3½,2) Nottingham W/E I BW
Smith, M. (9) Edinburgh RHSCX1
Solomon, Dr E.W. (0,-1½) Hurlingham OS1, Chairman's Salver I, Roehampton OS1
Solomon, G.D.P. (16D14,14D12) Hunstanton II HD1
Solomon, Mrs G.W. (4) Peels MxHD1
Soutter, J.H.J. (-1,-1½) Parkstone II HD1, Devonshire Park I OS2, HSX2
Snowdon, Dr C.B. (6) Cheltenham W/E I BW
Stevens, M.J. (7,4) Hurlingham RLSC1, MHD1, HSX2, Roehampton RLSB2, HD2
Stevens, R.S. (1½,1) Budleigh Salterton I RHS1
Stoker, P. (4,2) Cheltenham W/E I BW, Southport W/E BW, Colchester HSX2, HD1, Bowden W/E HS1, Cheltenham W/E V BW
Sturdy, Mrs W.J. (12D11,10) Cheltenham RHSD1, Cheltenham W/E III BW
Sullivan, L. (1,-1) Cheltenham W/E III BW
Sundius-Smith, Mrs B.L. (-½,-1) Ladies' Field Cup 1, Devonshire Park WOS1

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Tanner, E.B.T. (6) Southwick III HSY2
Tapp, M. (9,7) Southwick II RHSD1
Taylor, Dr G.K. (0,-½) Cheltenham HD1, Nottingham HSX1
Townshend, Revd C.H. (6½,6) Southwick III HSY1
Tucker, E.J. (0,-1) Southwick I HDY1, Compton HS1, Hunstanton I OS1, Devonshire Park II MOS2, HSX2
Tucker, Capt. F. (9) Budleigh Salterton I HD2
Tucker, Mrs I.B. (9,8) Southwick II RHSD2, Hunstanton RHSC1
Turner, D.S. (8,5) Hunstanton I HSY2, Hunstanton II HS1, HD2
Tyldesley, Mrs J.S. (6,4) Nottingham W/E I BW
Tyrwhitt Drake, E.C. (-1) Compton OS2, HS2, HD2, Challenge & Gilbey HD1, Southwick II OS1, Hunstanton I OS2
Tyrwhitt Drake, Mrs E.C. (8,8D7) Challenge & Gilbey HD1

V

Vulliamy, Col. E.L.L. (3,2) Peels HSX2

W

Waller, C.J. (10D8,7) Budleigh Salterton I RHS1
Wallis, R.E. (6,5) Devonshire Park II RHSB2, RHD1
Weitz, Prof. B.G. (½,0) Cheltenham OS2, Hurlingham HSY1, Southwick III OS1
Weitz, Mrs B.G. (3½,3) Ladies' Field Cup =5
Wheeler, J.A. (1,0) Hunstanton W/E HS2, Spencer-Ell Cup 3, Cheltenham W/E IV BW
Wheeler, Col. G.T. (4) Veterans HSY1
Wheeler, Mrs G.T. (-1) Veterans OS2, Ladies' Field Cup 2, Devonshire Park II WOS2
Wheeler, Dr R.F. (11,7) Nottingham RHS1, HSY2, Hunstanton I HSY1, HD1
Wheeler, Mrs R.F. (9,6) Colchester RHSC1, HSY2, Hunstanton I HD1, Hunstanton II HD1
Willetts, D.C. (6) Edinburgh RHSBX2
Williams, R. (3,2) Edinburgh RHSBY1, HSX1
Wilson, J. (8) Colchester W/E II HS1
Wood, Mrs G.H. (1½) Parkstone I HSX2, HD1
Wood, T.I. (2½,1½) Southwick W/E HS1
Wright, I.H. (0,-½) Nottingham HS1, Edinburgh OS2, HSX2
Wright, S.J.H. (0,-1) Colchester OS2, HD2, Nottingham HS1, OS1, Edinburgh OS1, HD1, Spencer-Ell Cup 1
Wylie, K.F. (-3) Hurlingham MxOD1, President's Cup =3

Directory of Clubs

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 AR 2 **Bretby C.C.,** N.C.B. Mining Research & Development Establishment, Ashby Road, Stanhope, Bretby. B.Purcell, 19 Valley Road, Littleover, Derby DE3 6HR. Tel: (0332) 25560.
 AR 3 **Bristol C.C.** Miss B.E.Setter, 38a Westover Road, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol. Tel: (0272) 502643.
 AR 9 **Budleigh Salterton C.C.,** Cricket Field Lane. C.Edwards, Flat 2, Fairway, Links Road, Budleigh Salterton, Devon. Tel: 039-54-2261. Tournament Sec: Dr W.R.Bucknall, Norton House, 21 Vision Hill Road, Budleigh Salterton. Tel: 039-54-2141.
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- AR 2 **Walsall C.C.**, The Arboretum. W.P.Trafford, 9 Middleton Road, Streetly, Sutton Coldfield, Staffs. Tel: (021 353) 1524. Match Secretary: P.J.Barnes, Silver Trees, 125 Foley Road, Streetly, Sutton Coldfield. Tel: (021 353) 1377.
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- 1 **Welding Research Institute**, Abington, Cambridge.
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- AR 2 **Wolverhampton Croquet Club**, The Recreation Ground, Church Road, Bradmore. Tel: (0902) 752975. Mrs D. de Q. Lenfestey, 65 Codsall Road, Wolverhampton. Tel: (0902) 753762. Match Secretary: D. de Q. Lenfestey, same address.
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Handicap Alterations

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P.Bishop 4½ to 3½; K.H.Paterson 3½ to 3; Mrs H.Cross 16 to 14; G.Kimber 10; Mrs F.Stanley-Smith 11 to 10.
- Southwick Club Recommendations**
L.M.Bromfield 10 to 9; G.T.Coates 7 to 6½; Mrs G.C.Day 10 to 9; Mrs F.Harrison 11 to 9; Lt-Col E.H.P.Mallinson 8 D7 to 7; Miss P.Shine 14 to 13.
- Budleigh Salterton Club Recommendations**
B.Hancock 7 to 6; Mrs H.G.T.Bolton 13 D12 to 12.
- Ipswich Club Recommendations**
E.Avery 9; Miss M.E.Day 11 to 10; Miss C.M.Sinclair 15 D14 to 10; Miss E.I.Wood 11 to 10; H.C.Wright 11; Mrs H.A.Zinn 8 to 7½.

Other Alterations
W.E.Black 4 to 3½; Mrs E.G.Brown 12; C.Hudson 8 to 6; K.F.W.Townsend 12 to 10; Mrs I.B.Tucker 8½ to 8.

Compton Club Recommendations
Mrs D.G.Waterhouse 11 to 10 D9; Dr D.A.Parker 6½ to 5½; G.A.Hutcheson 9 to 8; Mrs A.E.Millns 13 to 12 D10; Miss M.G. Anderson 5½ to 5; E.Strickland 7 to 6; H.N.D.Meyer 7 to 6½; D.A.Harris ½ to 0.

Parkstone Club Recommendations
Air Cdr J.H.Greswell 4½ to 4; Mrs D.Mitchell 15 D13 to 14 D13.

Hurlingham Club Recommendation
S.R.Hemsted -1½ to -2.

Woking Club Recommendations
C.J.Caesar 10 to 8; A.Lindley 8 to 7½; L.Wharrad 11 to 10; Mrs H.F.Nalder 6½ to 8 (at own request); S.Battison 12 to 8; G.Cuttle 12 to 11; J.B.Fletcher 7 to 6; A.McCormack 12 to 11; B.J.Whitehouse 7 to 6.

Other Alterations
Mrs H.E.Ovens 9; John Wilson 5.

CROKEY

CROKEY is an indoor game for 2 or 4 players based on Croquet, played on a checkerboard fitted with hoops and centre-peg. Counters, representing balls, are moved in a chess-like manner.

CROKEY has three variants: *Sequence Crokey*, a game of pure skill modelled on Golf Croquet; *Crokey*, a game of pure skill based on Association Croquet; and *Error Crokey* which is Crokey with an element of luck, requiring the use of two packs of playing cards (not provided with CROKEY). Sequence Crokey is suitable for younger children; Crokey and Error Crokey for older children and adults.

The essential feature of CROKEY is the 'break', i.e. a turn of one move extended to several moves, achieved by skilful positioning of the counters. In this respect the simulation of Croquet is so close that aspiring Croquet players will find *Crokey* of great value in visualising and practising the ingenious tactics of the outdoor game.

ERROR CROKEY introduces moves to represent poor shots in Croquet. Situations which can now be simulated include: a misjudged approach to a hoop, a ball rebounding from or sticking in a hoop, and a missed roquet. These misfortunes, coming unawares and at random, are fun, but they also play an essential role in balancing a game between experts. Moreover, players can allot any desired degree of chance to a game to bias it towards skill or luck.

CROKEY is played on a veneered board base, with plated steel hoops and other quality components. An illustrated leaflet giving examples of Crokey play may be obtained upon receipt of a S.A.E.

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