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The Sidmouth Shot Game

The Croquet Gazette for August 1976 included an Article on a "Croquet Gymkhana" organised by the Bentley Club. The Sidmouth Club has evolved a form of tournament that should interest those wishing to improve their game and, at the same time, enjoy a relaxed afternoon. Robert Case felt that it would be a good idea to arrange a club event that would provide an opportunity for players to improve their stroke technique and to meet other players in a relaxed, but competitive atmosphere. He devised a series of 8 pre-determined hazards incorporating the following strokes: roquet, peel, thin take-off, drive, running hoops, split, rush and roll. These strokes were laid out on one lawn, standardised ball positions being marked by the ingenious use of coloured plastic golf tees. Each hazard was essayed in turn by teams of four players, the measure of whose success was recorded by a points valuation for each stroke, five attempts being allowed for each player at each hazard, with a possible 3 point score for each attempt. The whole tournament, including a break for tea, took three hours and involved a total of 20 players (32 players could have taken part in the same total amount of time). The final result was obtained from individual score cards which had been filled in progressively by each team during the game. Out of a possible score of 120 points, the highest achievement was 72.

This type of event was considered by all those taking part to be of greater value than golf croquet in the training of stroke techniques relevant to the full Association game. Its success hinges upon the correct preparation of the lawn and the briefing of the team leaders to ensure a standard basis for scoring. In this context the Club must pay tribute to Vincent Stirrup and Fred Moores, who master-minded this part of the operation.

What the game is and how to play it

In 1976 the Sidmouth Croquet Club successfully tried out a new type of Group Game. It has been christened the "Shot Game" because it incorporates nearly all the standard shots employed in croquet. The game consists of 8 events, marked serially upon the ground and on score cards. Each player takes 5 shots in each event to score a maximum possible 15 points. The "leader" starts with 5 shots in each event, and his team members follow in any convenient order.

On the appointed day the prospective players are counted and divided into groups of 4 or 5, so arranged that each group has a "leader", who is an experienced player acquainted with the game. A cane, marked off in feet, is provided for each group to make such measurements as are required. Each player is given a score card, similar to a golf score card, which is divided vertically by "events" and horizontally by 5 scoring columns, plus a "totals" column. Each player's score is entered, shot by shot, either by the leader or a fellow player. A group starts at any convenient position and rotates between the various positions until all the events have been completed. The total of each player's score is then posted on a notice board. Apart from showing each player's position in each competition, each player will automatically have a record of progress (if any) throughout the season's play; this in itself provides an additional element of competition.

The Shot Game was devised with definite objects in view. It was intended to provide an interesting afternoon for all grades of players. Up to 32 players could be accommodated on a single court. A single court has the social advantage of bringing the Club Members together. The game would provide a test of skill in every standard shot in croquet. The court could be prepared for play easily and quickly. Variations in the degree of skill required, handicapping etc. could be introduced without difficulty. Beginners could watch and emulate skilled players in strokes of an identical type. Rules would present no difficulties for beginners, or for guest players, because they would be attached to "leaders" acquainted with the game. There would be no need to book entries in advance, or to allocate players either by courts, partners or times, provided that there was an agreed starting time. Location of the events on the court is largely a matter of convenience. The locations and scoring used at Sidmouth are given below, together with a few other details.

The Events

EVENT I: ROQUET

Location: Shots at the Object Ball 'A' are taken from 5 points, marked by balls 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E' and 'F', each 1 ft. apart along the West Boundary Yard Line. The Object Ball is placed on the Yard Line on the North Boundary.

Scoring: Each roquet of the Object Ball scores 3 points. Possible total is 15 points.

EVENT II: RUSH

Location: Start from West Boundary, opposite to Hoop 1. Shoot from 3 marked positions in line with Hoop 1, and from 2 marked positions in line with the peg.

Scoring:

Rushed ball within 3 ft. of Hoop 1	3 points
Rushed ball within 3-4 ft.	2 points
Rushed ball within 4-5 ft.	1 point
Rushed ball within 6 ft. of peg	3 points
Rushed ball within 6-8 ft.	2 points
Rushed ball within 8-10 ft.	1 point

EVENT III: ROLL

Location: 5 points in line are marked 3 ft. apart, starting at 6 ft. from Hoop 4.

Scoring: If both balls lie within 3 ft. of the hoop — 3 points. Otherwise, nil.

EVENT IV: SPLIT

Location: Position 'A' is at the point where the line running from Hoop 3 to Hoop 6 and beyond intersects the line running between Hoops 1 and 2. Position 'B' lies further along the first line, continued 2 yards back.

Scoring: 3 shots from 'A' and 2 shots from 'B'. Each shot scores 3 points if the balls come to rest within 3 ft. of Hoops 2 and 6 respectively.

EVENT V: DRIVE

Location: The starting point is the 3rd corner, with the peg and Hoop 3 the objectives for the two balls.

Scoring: 5 shots, scoring 3 points each if the Object Ball lies within 12 ft. of the peg and the Striker's Ball within 4 ft. of Hoop 3.

EVENT VI: PEEL

Location: On a line from Hoop 5 to Hoop 6 mark positions 'A', 'B' and 'C' at 1 ft. intervals. In addition, mark position 'D' at right angles to 'A' and 1 ft. from it, and on the opposite side mark position 'E' 2 ft. away from 'C' and at right angles to it.

Scoring: Two shots from each position. Both balls must be put through the hoop in each turn in order to score a maximum possible 15 points.

EVENT VII: THIN TAKE-OFF

Location: Take off from 4th corner to positions 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D' and 'E' marked with bisque pegs and placed 6 ft. from 4th corner, opposite to Hoop 4, opposite the peg, opposite Hoop 1 and on the 1st corner spot.

Scoring: Aim at each of the object balls marked. The ball from which one takes off remains in the 4th corner and must not go off. The striker scores as follows:

3 points if the ball lands within 1 ft. of objective; 2 points if the ball lands 1-2 ft. from the objective; 1 point if the ball lands 2-3 ft. from the objective.

EVENT VIII: HOOP RUNNING

Location: Same positions as given for Event No. 6 (Peel).

Scoring: Run the hoop from each of the positions, for a maximum possible score of 15 points.

Miscellaneous Notes

- 15 points can be scored from each of the 8 events, to make a maximum possible total of 120 points.
- Standard Bridge Scoring cards can easily be adapted for keeping the scores.
- Playing groups need not adhere to a fixed sequence of events, and can play from any position that happens to become vacant.
- Events VI and VIII take only a short time and can, if desired, be played in sequence.

The Longman Cup 1977

Third Round

- Bowdon beat Ellesmere 3-2
- Bath beat Stourbridge 3-2
- Wrest Park beat Colchester 4-1
- Bretby beat Colworth 3-2
- Roehampton beat Harrow Oak 3-2
- A.E.R.E. Harwell beat Phyllis Court 3-2
- Herstmonceux beat Ryde 3-2
- Woking beat Southwick 3-2

Fourth Round

- Bath beat Bowdon 4-1
- Bretby beat Wrest Park 3-2
- A.E.R.E. Harwell beat Roehampton
- Woking beat Herstmonceux 3-2

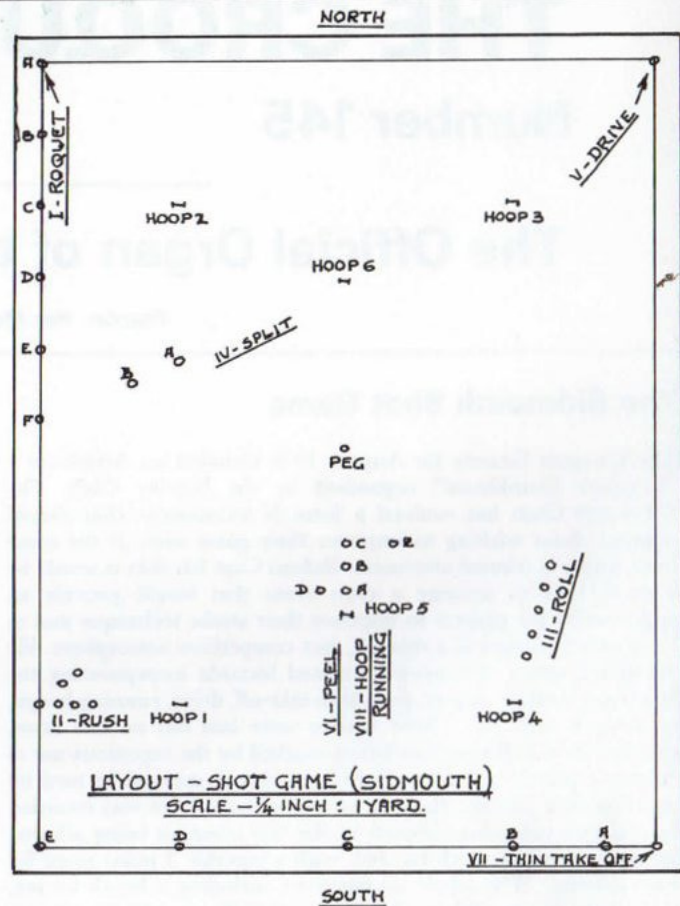
Inter-Club Championship 1977

Second Round

- Roehampton beat Compton 7-0
- Harrow Oak beat Canute 5-2
- Colworth beat Wrest Park 4-3
- Hurlingham beat Cheltenham 5-2

Semi-Final

- Harrow Oak beat Roehampton 4-3
- Hurlingham beat Colworth 6-1



Ruling on the Laws

The article "Members-Only Tournaments at Cheltenham" on page 4 of the Gazette for October 1976 describes two competitions that were held in which the number of points played in each game was modified according to a scale dependent on the handicaps of the competitors involved. For example, in one of the competitions a full game was played where a combined bisquage was 5 or less, an 18-point game was played for a combined bisquage of 6 to 24, and a 14-point game for a combined bisquage of 25 or more. In general it would seem that such a competition is an alternative to a competition involving games of a fixed number of points but which are subject to a time limit.

In response to a request from the Cheltenham Club, I have ruled that the Laws and Regulations permit the holding of such a competition. Clubs are therefore free to organise an event of this kind within the C.A. Calendar Fixtures.

In order to maintain a sense of fairness (and in analogy with the situation with time-limits — see Regulation 8 (a)) I hope that organisers of competitions of this kind will follow two guidelines:

- i) the scale of modification is advertised;
- ii) in any series of events played in classes according to handicap or sex, the scale of modification is the same for all games in each class.

R.W. Bray
Chairman, Laws Committee.

Photographs

Photographs of croquet interest are needed for the April issue of the gazette. For economic reasons it is best to publish four pages of photographs together once a year. It is always a pleasure to have some pictorial record of clubs, trophies, croquet faces, etc. If you have anything good that you think might be of interest, please send it to the Editor.

An Analysis of two games of tournament croquet

At a recent tournament I kept a record of two games played under conditions of Advanced Play and analysed the results. The 4 players were all near enough Scratch; the going was good — dry without being "rolly".

In these days of triple peels and going all round in, say, the 5th turn, it might be assumed that the quality of play was below standard; certainly two players were below their best, but they were good games in which there was a natural caution, bred from respect for a colleague one has already played several times. Defensive? Yes, but not without adventure. The first game lasted 3 hours, and the second 2½ hours.

One of the objects of this exercise, apart from bona fide research, was to see if we could bring comfort to the middle and long bisquers who seem to be under the impression that the Scratch or Minus Player will always hit in and then always go round. It seems that they don't.

In the Analysis below the intention was judged as nearly as possible. One might mistake a missed roquet for a join-up, or vice versa, and at times a final lay-up might be due to progressive errors during the break. Yardages are approximate.

Analysis

	GAME 1		GAME 2	
	Blue/Black	Red/Yellow	Blue/Black	Red/Yellow
Number of turns	15	12	22	17
	18	21	13	18
	<u>33</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>35</u>
Total No. of strokes	235	189	128	235
Scoring Turns	12	8	6	14
Highest Break—				
Strokes	37	46	24	29
Hoops	6	6	3	5
Cause of Turn Ending				
Missed Roquet	8	18	18	9
Missed hoop	2	4	0	1
Inaccurate hoop approach	5	2	4	0
Inaccurate split-front	—	—	1	—
Lay-up	13	3	3	18 (a)
Hide from enemy (incl. 1st & 2nd turns)	1	2	4	2
Join (near)	1	1	1	0
Join (wide)	0	1	3	1
Foul Shot				
Hit ball	—	—	—	1
Not entitled roquet	1	—	—	—
Went off Take-off	0	1	1	1
Split	1	1	0	0
Peg-out	1	0	0	2
Analysis of Croquet Shots				
Take-off	28	11	13	28
Split (b)	63	58	30	56
Roll (c)	5	2	1	7
Analysis of Hoops				
Up to 1 yard and 15				
scored	16	19	10	24
missed	0	1	0	1
Over 1 yard or angled				
scored	10	3	0	2 (d)
missed	2	3	0	0
Analysis of Roquets				
Up to 2 yards—	hit	48	52	37
	miss	1	0	1
2-6 yards	hit	36	14	5
	miss	0	2	1
6-10 yards	hit	0	1	0
	miss	3	2	0
10-20 yards	hit	3	3	0
	miss	2	9	12
20 yards & over	hit	1	1	0
	miss	2	5	3
Lifts actually taken	3	3	2	0

Notes

- (a) This included 10 consecutive lay-ups, yielding 5 points, near the end of the game.
- (b) Split shots (which included many stop shots) were recorded where the intention was to get both balls to different positions.

- (c) Rolls — where the tactic was to get both balls together in a distant area.
- (d) These two hoops scored included a 10-yard fluke; from beyond Hoop 4 the player aimed at a ball near Hoop 5 — and ran the hoop! (not recorded as a missed roquet).

K.S.Schofield

(Correspondence is invited on ways of recording a game of croquet. — Ed.)

Hidden Words II

Herein are 27 words or phrases, of not less than 5 letters, which could have a croquet link. These will be found in straight lines, horizontal, vertical or diagonal, both to and fro; thus they may be in any of 8 directions. Several letters are used more than once. Two words: "Throw" (with no croquet connection) and "Slow" (which all too often has, but with only four letters), are indicated to illustrate the game. Can you find the other 27? The answers will be given in the next issue

S H M A H N E T L E H C P U
 C H A I R M A N T H T U O S
 O M A Z Q O F C Z E T A R Z
 A Y S L A T O T M C O P Q R
 C R O H L R N W L B C N J M
 H T L A N I F I O O A A K E
 E N S E O P P U R R Q R H T
 R E R P N O N E S U H E G A
 O D V A N D E L E U R T I I
 F I K U A S O S K L S E E C
 F S R R C W O L L E Y V L O
 D E Y K N A B E L B O U D S
 A R C M E M B E R I P M U S
 Y P R O E H A M P T O N B A

F.E.Pearson

From The South African Croquet Gazette

From 'News From Pretoria' by G.N.Leech

To succeed in two-ball croquet needs a grasp of rather special tactics (knowing when to shoot at the opponent's ball and when to ignore it) plus the ability to take good position for running a hoop from a long distance away plus good judgement on when to try a hoop and when to take an improved position.

Two-ball croquet is recommended as an introduction to the proper game for new recruits. A new player can give an experienced player a hard game if the novice is allowed two continuation shots after every point or roquet.

Scotland's Tour

A Scottish Team will be touring South African Croquet Clubs from 31st October to 25th November. Test Matches will be played at Rondebosch and Pietermaritzburg, and a friendly match at Pretoria.

Deadline

The deadline for the Editor to receive copy for the December (Winter) issue of the Croquet Gazette is one week after the publication of this issue.

Colchester: July 11-16

The Colchester Tournament was played under ideal conditions, with good lawns, perfect weather, and efficient organisation by George Digby. Edward Duffield managed the Tournament with his usual serene aplomb: his task was made easier by the kindness of Dr William Dean, who again allowed the Club to use his splendid private lawn at Wivenhoe. No tournament will be voted successful unless the inner man is well catered for, and at Colchester the verdict was unanimous; we were regaled with excellent and varied refreshment, supervised by Mary Puxon, Ettie Digby, and a band of tireless helpers.

About half the competitors were visitors, including two from Scotland. Two colourful visitors' tents decorated the margins of the grounds, and another visitor aroused much interest with a gunsight mounted on his mallet handle, which led to much lively discussion about the extent to which science could or should be applied to the art of Croquet. Sooner or later, however, the visitors' challenges all faltered, and all the trophies went to Colchester players — a most impressive performance by the local members. It was a pleasure to everyone to see Cyril Ratcliffe at 93 years young bounding round the lawns and winning two games by skilful play.

There were many close finishes; in several games the players' fortunes fluctuated during the final turns after time was called, and there were three games that went on to 'sudden death', including the final of the Doubles and an epic struggle in the 'B' Level event between George Digby and Roy Alford that Digby won in failing light at 9.23 p.m.

The Open Singles was again won by Michael Heap, who beat Stephen Wright in the final of both Draw and Process. Heap did two elegant triple peels during the event, but an uncompleted triple in the Draw final had the spectators holding their breath, as Wright fought back to lose by only 5 points. An earlier game between Michael Heap and Humphrey Hicks had been one of the most absorbing struggles of the Tournament. Heap had been well ahead when Hicks took his first ball round to the peg, giving his opponent contact. A fascinating tactical battle then ensued in which Heap was eventually able to peg out Hicks' ball and go on to win by 6.

In the 'X' Handicap Harold Cross, last year's winner of the 'Y', this year won the major prize, beating Ettie Digby in the final and losing another 1½ bisques for his success. The 'Y' was won by Peter Bishop.

The Doubles final was a spirited contest in which Roy Alford and Peter Bishop fought off a very energetic challenge from Mark Ormerod and David Wilson to win by 1. But Peter Bishop, who enjoyed a very successful tournament, was deprived of a third trophy when he was beaten in the final of the 'B' Level event by George Digby. The 'C' Handicap produced some pleasantly enterprising play, the winner being Irene Chadwick.

Although they collected no trophies, the visitors enjoyed the Tournament and are grateful to all the Club members for their hard work and friendly welcome.

Results

Event 1: Open Singles (6 Entries)

DRAW

First Round: **H.O.Hicks** bt. G.Henshaw +20; **G.F.Hallett** bt. M.Ormerod +4.

Semi-Final: **M.E.W.Heap** bt. Hicks +6; **S.J.H.Wright** bt. Hallett +18.

Final: **Heap** bt. Wright +5.

PROCESS

First Round: **Wright** bt. Hicks +15; **Heap** bt. Hallett +25.

Semi-Final: **Heap** bt. Henshaw +21; **Wright** bt. Ormerod +21.

Final: **Heap** bt. Wright +25.

Event 2: 'B' Level Singles (15 Entries)

First Round: **Mrs V.M.Macpherson** bt. P.H.Mann +2; **K.H.Paterson** bt. Mrs G.S.Digby +12; **P.Bishop** bt. Mrs F.E.M.Puxon +13; **G.S.Digby** bt. E.A.Locke +13; **D.B.Wilson** bt. Mrs R.F.Wheeler +22; **R.S.Alford** bt. Mrs E.E.Bressey +4 (T); **Dr R.F.Wheeler** bt. C.S.Ratcliffe +7.

Second Round: **Paterson** bt. Mrs Macpherson +9; **Bishop** bt. Mrs B.G. Neal +3 (T); **Digby** bt. Wilson +2; **Alford** bt. Wheeler +18.

Semi-Final: **Bishop** bt. Paterson +13; **Digby** bt. Alford +1 (T).

Final: **Digby** bt. Bishop +6.

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

First Round: **Mrs P.H.Mann** (8) bt. J.H.T.Griffiths (8) +8.

Second Round: **Revd D.Anderson** (8) bt. H.A.Cross (8) +7; **Mrs Mann** bt. F.E.M.Puxon (7) +6; **Mrs G.F.Hallett** (9) bt. Mrs E.A.Locke (14) +8; **Mrs I.B.Chadwick** (12) bt. Mrs F.Stanley-Smith (9) +4.

Semi-Final: **Mrs Mann** bt. Anderson +3; **Mrs Chadwick** bt. Mrs Hallett +11.

Final: **Mrs Chadwick** bt. Mrs Mann +14.

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

First Round: **C.S.Ratcliffe** (5) bt. Mrs B.G.Neal (4½) +9 (T); **Dr R.F.Wheeler** (6) bt. D.B.Wilson (3) +2 (T); **H.A.Cross** (8) bt. P.Bishop (3½) +2; **Mrs E.E.Bressey** (4) bt. P.H.Mann (5) +19; **Mrs F.Stanley-Smith** (9) bt. Mrs E.A.Locke (14) +17; **K.H.Paterson** (3) bt. Mrs F.E.M.Puxon (4½) +11; **Mrs G.F.Hallett** (9) bt. Revd D.Anderson (8) +12; **J.H.T.Griffiths** (8) bt. F.E.M.Puxon (7) +19; **G.S.Digby** (3) bt. G.F.Hallett (1) +16; **Mrs G.S.Digby** (3) bt. S.J.H.Wright (-1½) +15; **Mrs V.M.Macpherson** (6½) bt. E.A.Locke (4½) +2; **H.O.Hicks** (-1) bt. M.Ormerod (-½) +21.

Second Round: **R.S.Alford** (3) bt. Mrs R.F.Wheeler (5) +17; **Ratcliffe** bt. Wheeler +14; **Cross** bt. Mrs Bressey +14; **Mrs Stanley-Smith** bt. Paterson +23; **Griffiths** bt. Mrs Hallett +10; **Mrs Digby** bt. Digby +7; **Hicks** bt. Mrs Macpherson +16; **G.Henshaw** (3) bt. Mrs P.H.Mann (8) +17.

Third Round: **Alford** bt. Ratcliffe +10 (T); **Cross** bt. Mrs Stanley-Smith +21; **Mrs Digby** bt. Griffiths +15; **Hicks** bt. Henshaw +12.

Semi-Final: **Cross** bt. Alford +4; **Mrs Digby** bt. Hicks +3.

Final: **Cross** bt. Mrs Digby +20.

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

Final: **P.Bishop** (3½) bt. S.J.H.Wright (-1½) +25.

Event 5: Handicap Doubles (13 Pairs)

First Round: **Mr & Mrs P.H.Mann** (13) bt. K.H.Paterson & J.H.T.Griffiths (11) +7; **M.Ormerod & D.B.Wilson** (2½) bt. Mrs E.E.Bressey & Mrs F.Stanley-Smith (13) +13; **Dr & Mrs R.F.Wheeler** (11) bt. Mr & Mrs E.A.Locke (17½) +13; **Mr & Mrs G.S.Digby** (6) bt. F.E.M.Puxon & Mrs V.M.Macpherson (13½) +22; **R.S.Alford & P.Bishop** (6½) bt. Mr & Mrs G.F.Hallett (10) +20.

Second Round: **H.O.Hicks & S.J.H.Wright** (-2½) bt. Mr & Mrs Mann +15; **Ormerod & Wilson** bt. Dr & Mrs Wheeler +4 (T); **Alford & Bishop** bt. Mr & Mrs Digby +2 (T); **Revd D.Anderson & Mrs F.E.M.Puxon** (11½) bt. G.Henshaw & Mrs. B.G.Neal (7½) +13.

Semi-Final: **Ormerod & Wilson** bt. Hicks & Wright +15; **Alford & Bishop** bt. Anderson & Mrs Puxon +10 (T).

Final: **Alford & Bishop** bt. Ormerod & Wilson +1 (T).

Congratulations to Jim

Mr S.S. (Jim) Townsend has been awarded The Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal. Apart from the work he has done for the game as Chairman of the Council and Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes and Handicap Co-ordination Committees, and other work known to many Associates, he has been a tower of strength behind the scenes for many years. Whenever the Secretary has been away, Jim has held the fort; he has produced the annual Fixtures Book for several years; it is he who works out the list of Councillors' attendances for publication in the Gazette; he edited the Gazette at a time when nobody else would take on this task. You name it — Jim has done it. Well done and congratulations!

The Secretary and the Editor

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The Open Championships: July 18-23

Monday passed in the normal way. The Manager — as Managers do — gave Cassandra-like predictions and hastened on all the players who were involved in first round Doubles matches. Before the numbers could be reduced to the perfect 32 in the singles and 16 pairs in the Doubles, there were 36 players in the back rounds, and some were involved in both events. There was the usual quota of quick games: Aspinall with two triple peels ("not intentional — they just seemed to offer themselves") was first off, just pipping Murray (one scratchy game, one near miss triple); Neal had two near misses also at Roehampton. Ormerod played 5 games (Rees took a game off him, and Ruddock let the second game slip from his grasp). Wylie got stymied in a straight double peel against Hamilton-Miller, but in the second game succeeded in a triple fraught with difficulties ("all of my own making") involving stymies, near stymies, jumps and cannons. Dr Solomon also brought off a delayed triple, doing the 4-back peel after running 1-back, relying on the diagonal rush to get to 2-back. Openshaw's two game win was easy, but Heap and Hemsted had to battle until after tea against Stephen Wright and Colin Prichard respectively, and both expressed relief that a third game had been narrowly avoided. The marathons were about average too. Read got home by 4 in the third game after a really good match with Cousins; Bell lost the first game against the player-Manager Borrett, then scraped through the second (by which time Borrett, like a sheep-dog, was trying to drive on to court players who had been sitting all day until the minute they were needed) and played lovely croquet to win the third. Miss Duthie took a game off Godby — he always finds her difficult to beat — and Mrs Sundius-Smith got the first game off Southern in a good pegged-out game. Other late-starters also spilled over to Tuesday, notably the two young Cambridge friends, Mulliner and Mark Ormerod, the former small, dark and mercurial, the latter tall, tawny-maned and deliberate. The first game went all Ormerod's way, but Mulliner brought off a masterly delayed triple. Undaunted, Ormerod was on Rover and 3-back in the second game when a fatal error gave Mulliner the chance to run through to the peg, peeling and pegging out Ormerod, and to avenge the two Budleigh Salterton defeats from which he was still smarting.

Tuesday was Doubles day. It started brilliantly with William Ormerod hitting Borrett's tice and going to 4-back in the 3rd turn. He left his own ball by the peg and the other two near the East boundary. Johnny Solomon missed, ending in the 4th corner, and Aspinall won the game in the 5th turn, a rare and historic game. Aspinall followed this with his fourth triple in four games, and it was all over in 2½ hours. The other matches were more typical and, as evening drew on, the spectators were treated to three pegged-out games simultaneously. Wylie had done a triple peel to win the first game; Rees and Wheeler, always a powerful pair, took the second and started well in the third. Wylie, however, triple-peeled Wheeler out and then coaxed his less experienced partner Ruddock round with a lesson in caution and close-wiring. The next court provided comedy which almost became farce when Haigh first stuck in the Rover, and then a few turns later failed to peg Southern out but went out himself. This risk should have been fatal, as Murray and Hope were joined, but this normally ebullient pair could not get their game together, in spite of Southern missing the peg from 5 or 6 feet not once but twice. The concurrent pegged-out game on Lawn 4 was only the second. Play had been so defensive that all four balls were rarely in play, but things changed dramatically when Heap (for Rover) told Wright to peg himself out. Godby had been sweating on 4-back for some time and now, at last, Prichard (for Hoop 1) found his touch and Heap never made his Rover hoop. Prichard (Peg) and Godby (4-back) were laid out to go out in the third game when Wright hit a long lift from 'A' baulk to near the 2nd corner and went from 2-back to the peg. Time was called before Prichard could take his lift, which missed, and Wright pegged himself out to win +1 on time. What a vital hit-in that proved to be for Scotland's leading pair. Apart from frustrating the Manager and the nine opponents who had waited all day, Tuesday seemed to have played itself out. Suddenly news flashed from a

distant court: Prof. Neal of Hurlingham, international, twice Open Champion, had been beaten by Davren of Colworth (the Unilever Research Laboratories) at only his third Championships. But that was not all; Aspinall had beaten Mulliner by early afternoon (after Mulliner had started well but faded), and straight away started his third match of the day against William Ormerod. If the first game was not startling — except that Aspinall was not hitting in well — the second was shattering because he could not get in at all, and though it was now late evening the crowds collected round Lawn 6. Ormerod showed himself the master of evasive tactics; he never left a double of any sort (he considers that to do so is the cardinal sin of croquet) — even at the cost of leaving himself no hope of progress in the next turn — and seldom a free shot; once he made a mistake at the 3rd hoop with Aspinall's ball 10 or 12 yards away, so he retired to threaten Aspinall's other ball. By now Aspinall was looking strained, and he decided to play an inhibiting stroke by joining his partner a few yards wide. Totally uninhibited, William hit that partner and made the longest break of the game, keeping the innings to win by 26. In nine years Aspinall has been runner-up 3 times and champion 4 times; only once before has he been beaten in an early round, and once he had to scratch with a heavy cold.

Then on Wednesday morning, in the Doubles, on the Cricket Field, Heap and Wright, scarcely fresh from their 9-hour struggle, put out the holders for the last two years, Aspinall and Ormerod. Heap adjusted well to the faster lawn and coarser grass and did a triple peel in the first game. Then, with the holders for Rover and peg in the second game, they missed a 3-yard roquet and Wright (4-back) and Heap (peg) made no mistake. With Aspinall out, the last chance of finishing the tournament on Saturday disappeared. The brisk momentum of his metre stride and purposeful play are a tonic, and without them play slipped into a lower gear. On the lighter side, with games level between Mrs Sundius-Smith & Tucker and Dr Solomon & Camroux, Mrs Sundius-Smith was refused leave to go to an inescapable municipal function. With an hour to play, Tucker went to the peg in two turns. The carrot of a peg-out was too much for Dr Solomon; leaving his intrepid partner near the 2nd hoop, he took the lift, and shot twice more, but missed, whereupon Mrs Sundius-Smith went from 1st hoop to peg and out — and made the reception in time. A case of initiative rewarded — "there is no penalty for making a hoop", as ode-eyed Wilson used to say. Heap and Wright had another match of nearly 9 hours after Keen and Bell, at their first Championships, took the first game off them. In the semi-final round, after Mrs Sundius-Smith & Tucker had fought well but lost the first game, Heap and Wright showed their true talent and Heap did yet another triple peel. The other semi-final featured Davren & Green, who had both played brilliantly to beat first the newcomers Mulliner & Ormerod and then the well-tried former champions Wiggins & Hamilton-Miller. Now they went down to a new pairing Neal & Hemsted who had worked their way through with a steady series of 2-game victories.

In the Doubles final Heap went to 4-back in the 5th turn, and this time it was Wright who did the triple. With a maturity beyond his years he kept control of his break even after a mishap at the 6th, and with patience and a fine touch he completed the peels and won in the 7th turn (55 minutes). But 50 turns were needed in the second game, which lasted 3 hours and 48 minutes. Hemsted & Neal struggled for the first quarter of the game, but when Heap at last hit in (after 48 minutes) he stuck in the 1st hoop and so heartened Neal & Hemsted (both for Hoop 4) that they went to 4-back and peg respectively. Neal then made a superb cut rush to 4-back but followed it with three poor rushes to Penult in three consecutive turns. Inevitably Wright hit in and scored the first point for the side after 125 minutes, and got to 2-back, so that when Heap started 20 minutes later he went straight to the peg and pegged Hemsted out. Neal retired to a corner twice and had three shots which missed, and Wright clinched the Championship with a nice little 3-hoop break.

Back in the Singles there was another shock in store. Openshaw had won an excellent first game against Wylie, who was playing with much of his old flair and precision. In the second Wylie went straight to 4-back, where Openshaw joined him. Openshaw's triple peel just would not go right, but he was for Rover and peg before

Wylie hit a half court shot. There followed the most blade-perfect triple peel until the straight peel at Rover seemed to strike a reef and the saving jump shot flopped down on the playing side; so Wylie bowed out. Hope meanwhile, frustrated by his play in the Doubles, went out for everything against Hicks and gradually his touch returned so that when, in the next round, he met Dr Solomon — who had beaten him in the 1976 Chairman's Salver — he was able to turn the tables. Openshaw now faced Ormerod and gave us all another fine match. Ormerod had to call on all his knowledge and above all on his shooting ability, because in this department he was equalled by his vastly improved yet modest opponent. Heap meanwhile was playing every daylight hour, Singles having to be fitted in like a jigsaw between his Doubles victories. Keen met him with the gay *abandon* of a troubadour and won the first game, but things did not go Keen's way in the next and Heap allowed him no scope for adventure in the third. Murray, surprisingly, offered Heap little opposition in the 3rd round, but Davren was making a fine break in the first game in the 4th round when he played the wrong ball, with fatal results. In the second game Davren had everything laid out for a triple peel when he was distracted by clapping and cheering for the winner of the Plate and stuck in the 2nd hoop. Heap did his second triple of the match with ease, although this one was so delayed that it was almost straight. Hemsted, who had had a long 3-game match against Godby (who was chiding himself for switching balls when he had the second game in his grasp) now started both games against Heap with a disaster at the 1st hoop and fell to two more triple peels in 2¾ hours. In the other semi-final Ormerod had it all his own way for 120 minutes against Hope, but his last three points took nearly another hour while Hope tried vainly to harness all four balls. In the second game Hope got to 4-back immaculately, but missed a short roquet at the 3rd with his second ball, an error which was to prove fatal.

With 26 entries the Plate was single life and ran smoothly. Cousins went out to Hamilton-Miller, Keen was demolished by Read and Mulliner by Tucker, while Commander Borrett and Colonel Prichard just got their noses in front against Mark Ormerod and Bell respectively — the old heads triumphing over the young shoulders. Even so, after a few rounds it looked as though the finalists would be Colin Prichard and Stephen Wright. Wright duly obliged, but only after snatching the game from young John Solomon who had both clips on Penult before Wright had scored. After comfortable wins over Soutter and Southern, Prichard came up against a faultless Tucker. Prichard embarked on a triple when both Tucker's balls were Rovers, but he under-approached the 6th hoop from 6 inches and that was the end. Haigh nearly did a triple against Mrs Prichard (who had surprised herself by beating Read) but in the next round he stuck in the 1st hoop and Tucker again produced two faultless rounds. Wright made the same mistake and was treated in the same way in the final. Numerologists might have predicted that this would be the year of the Tucker. It was the 7th month of '77, and he would be 77 in August. Wheeler, Mulliner, Col. Prichard, Haigh and Wright — not a bad bag for the oldest competitor.

The Singles final was on Sunday morning. It started well with both Heap and Ormerod going to 4-back. Ormerod left three balls in the middle with the peg between, but Heap missed this 3-ball target. However, after Ormerod broke down at the 2nd (a roll and a hole have been observed here), there followed some defensive play which developed into a double peel and a win by +15 for Heap. In the second game both players missed the tice and when Ormerod hit the next shot he kept the innings, never leaving a target but also never leaving himself a rush. Ormerod made a few hoops but once Heap hit in he went to 4-back. Heap then played his standard triple peel and a new Champion emerged. Triple peels simply flowed from his mallet, usually in pairs. He has now eliminated those unforced errors that used to creep up on him at 1-back and 2-back last year. The confidence such a win engenders augurs well for a more level President's Cup.

Results

Event 1: The Croquet Championship (42 Entries)

First Round: Professor B.G.Neal bt. Mrs W.Longman +21 +24; T.O.Read bt. C.H.J.Cousins +16 -22 +4; Dr. M.Murray bt. Mrs D.M.C.Prichard +11 +20; H.G.T.Bolton bt. Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard +12 +10; M.E.W.Heap bt. S.J.H.Wright +10 +4; B.A.Keen bt. Mrs H.M.Read +7 +18; Dr W.P.Ormerod bt. D.V.H.Rees +11 -13 +26; J.C.Ruddock bt. H.C.Green -11 +10 +13; G.N.Aspinall bt. Dr J.N.Robinson +14 +25; S.N.Mulliner bt. M.Ormerod +3 +3.

Second Round: S.R.Hemsted bt. C.H.L.Prichard +9 +3; J.A.Wheeler bt. J.Haigh +19 +5; E.Bell bt. Cdr. G.Borrett -17 +2 +17; R.A.Godby bt. Miss B.Duthie -15 +24 +17; N.J.Davren bt. A.V.Camroux +17 -5 +3; Neal bt. Read +24 +3; Murray bt. Bolton +1 +20; Heap bt. Keen -4 +17 +24; W.Ormerod bt. Ruddock +17 +8; Aspinall bt. Mulliner +14 +26; D.K.Openshaw bt. J.R.G.Solomon +23 +26; K.F.Wylie bt. D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller +12 +16; C.Southern bt. Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith -2 +8 +15; Dr E.Solomon bt. E.J.Tucker +20 +7; A.B.Hope bt. J.H.J.Soutter +18 +12; H.O.Hicks bt. C.G.Hopewell +15 +12.

Third Round: Hemsted bt. Wheeler +4 +14; Godby bt. Bell +9 +4; Davren bt. Neal -20 +14 +17; Heap bt. Murray +16 +26; W.Ormerod bt. Aspinall +16 +26; Openshaw bt. Wylie +10 +4; E.Solomon bt. Southern +20 +16; Hope bt. Hicks +16 +23.

Fourth Round: Hemsted bt. Godby -5 +13 +13; Heap bt. Davren +23 +16; W.Ormerod bt. Openshaw +17 -7 +15; Hope bt. E.Solomon +17 +5.

Semi-Final: Heap bt. Hemsted +17 +25; W.Ormerod bt. Hope +22 +16.

Final: Heap bt. W.Ormerod +15 +22.

Event 2: The Doubles Championship (20 Pairs)

First Round: C.Southern & J.Haigh bt. A.B.Hope & Dr M.Murray +5 -5 +5; K.F.Wylie & J.C.Ruddock bt. J.A.Wheeler & D.V.H.Rees +16 -20 +6; G.N.Aspinall & Dr W.P.Ormerod bt. Cdr G.Borrett & J.R.G.Solomon +25 +26; M.E.W.Heap & S.J.H.Wright bt. R.A.Godby & C.H.L.Prichard +13 -2 +1 (T).

Second Round: D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller & Dr W.R.D.Wiggins bt. Lt-Col & Mrs D.M.C.Prichard +19 +16; N.J.Davren & H.C.Green bt. S.N.Mulliner & M.Ormerod +3 +6; Professor B.G.Neal & S.R.Hemsted bt. C.H.J.Cousins & D.K.Openshaw +7 +17; Wylie & Ruddock bt. Southern & Haigh +19 +15; Heap & Wright bt. Aspinall & W.Ormerod +25 +3; E.Bell & B.A.Keen bt. Dr J.N.Robinson & C.G.Hopewell +24 +11; Dr E.Solomon & A.V.Camroux bt. H.O.Hicks & J.H.J.Soutter +4 +15; Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith & E.J.Tucker bt. T.O.Read & Mrs H.M.Read -19 +14 +12.

Third Round: Davren & Green bt. Hamilton-Miller & Wiggins +15 +26; Neal & Hemsted bt. Wylie & Ruddock +8 +20; Heap & Wright bt. Bell & Keen -3 +10 +15; Mrs Sundius-Smith & Tucker bt. E.Solomon & Camroux -5 +3 +15.

Semi-Final: Neal & Hemsted bt. Davren & Green +21 +14; Heap & Wright bt. Mrs Sundius-Smith & Tucker +3 +26.

Final: Heap & Wright bt. Neal & Hemsted +26 +3.

Event 3: The Association Plate (26 Entries)

First Round: Mrs D.M.C.Prichard bt. Mrs H.M.Read +16; T.O.Read bt. B.A.Keen +12; E.J.Tucker bt. J.A.Wheeler +14; S.N.Mulliner bt. A.V.Camroux +4; C.Southern bt. C.G.Hopewell +5; C.H.L.Prichard bt. J.H.J.Soutter +17; Miss B.Duthie bt. Mrs W.Longman +22; J.R.G.Solomon bt. J.C.Ruddock +13; Cdr G.Borrett bt. M.Ormerod +12; Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard bt. E.Bell +4.

Second Round: J.Haigh bt. H.G.T.Bolton +3; Read bt. Mrs Prichard +19; Tucker bt. Mulliner +21; C.Prichard bt. Southern +16; J.Solomon bt. Miss Duthie +14; Borrett bt. D.Prichard +18; D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller bt. C.H.J.Cousins +15; S.J.H.Wright bt. J.N.Robinson +24.

Third Round: Haigh bt. Read +17; Tucker bt. C.Prichard +11; J.Solomon bt. Borrett +16; Wright bt. Hamilton-Miller +5.

Semi-Final: Tucker bt. Haigh +26; Wright bt. J.Solomon +6.

Final: Tucker bt. Wright +25.

Scottish Croquet Association I: May 14-15

BLOCK A. Dr S.R.C.Malin (4) beat I.H.Wright (-½), M.P.W.Smith (9) +1 (T), Mrs M.Scott (12) +10, and A.Adam (11) +9.

BLOCK B. R.N.Maclean (1½) beat R.Williams (2) +13, R.Tichener (9) +12, Mrs M.Lauder (9) +4, and A.Scott (11) +11.

BLOCK C. R.O.Calder (3) beat Mrs V.M.Macpherson (6½) +14, Mrs G.C.Day (9) +11, T.Snaddon (11) +13, and lost to J.E.Rowe (6) -12.

Southwick I: July 18-23

Ominous weather forecasts failed to shake Southwick's confidence in its ability to stage an enjoyable Summer Tournament (it's 64th), and the first three days saw sunshine when, by all the prognostications, the courts should have been rain-swept. The Club was fortunate to secure the managerial services of Ian Vincent who, until last year when career demands took him to Nottingham, was one of its most valued members. His energy was breath-taking! Refereeing journeys from the Manager's chair were taken at the sprint; players' requests were answered in the intervals of his own game; those whom he wished to see were contacted by further sprints, which, doubtless, he found a speedier method than employing a messenger; and with it all he maintained control and never lost his pleasant manner.

Despite the ravages of last year's drought, the courts looked lovely and played reasonably well. Obviously some hard work has been done by groundsmen aided by some of the members. The Opens at Hurlingham took away a few visitors, but the Club had some new ones who went down so well that it is hoped they will come again. The games proffered a fair share of thrills, particularly in the course of the Handicap Doubles. One worth recounting was Sylvia Turner's game (playing with Ethne Staddon) against Derek Bull and Betty Tucker. Time had been called. Derek, Betty and Ethne were on the peg, and Sylvia was on Rover and to play. Disgusted with herself for a hitherto wayward performance, she threw everything to the winds; she chose the longer roquet on her partner ball which she left 3 yards from the peg as she took off from Black (not in a very favourable position for Rover), rushed it to Rover, made the hoop and pegged out to win the game.

Another incident is worth recording because it raises an interesting academic point. In the course of a game, young Matthew Tapp had the misfortune to lose half the face of one end of his mallet. Did this make his mallet an illegal implement? Matthew was unconcerned at having only one surface to play with, and his opponent, when asked, had no objection to his continued use of it. Thrills were the order of the day right up to the end, and the effect of these "cliff-hangers" was all in favour of the Bar which dispensed double whiskies as an antidote to cardiac strain on the spectators. A most enjoyable tournament.

There was a discussion among a number of Committee members arising from a friendly protest that men seemed to win an undue proportion of the prizes. Could not an event exclusive to Ladies be staged? Arising from this, it is on the cards that next year a Ladies' Handicap Singles (Draw & Process) may be instituted in one of Southwick's Tournaments, and a trophy has been provided to make the event still more attractive. Watch out for this next year!

Results

Event 1: Open Singles (9 Entries)

DRAW

First Round: T.F.Owen bt. A.E.C.Tapp +10.

Second Round: Dr I.G.Vincent bt. Mrs N.A.C.McMillan +13; Owen bt. Mrs G.C.Day +26; W.E.Moore bt. W.H.Austin +18; E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake bt. E.E.Rees +16.

Semi-Final: Owen bt. Vincent +5; Moore bt. Tyrwhitt Drake +13.

Final: Owen bt. Moore +13.

PROCESS

First Round: Rees bt. Mrs McMillan +20.

Second Round: Owen bt. Rees +16; Moore bt. Mrs Day +16; Vincent bt. Austin +12; Tapp bt. Tyrwhitt Drake +10.

Semi-Final: Owen bt. Moore +18; Tapp bt. Vincent +14.

Final: Tapp bt. Owen +13.

PLAY-OFF

Tapp bt. Owen +8.

Event 2: 'B' Level Singles (15 Entries)

DRAW

First Round: P.L.Alvey bt. C.E.Knight +19; H.A.Sheppard bt.

G.F.Paxon +10 (T); Mrs G.F.H.Elvey bt. Mrs E.H.P.Mallinson +7; D.M.Bull bt. Mrs F.F.W.Staddon +25; M.J.Stevens bt. Mrs H.F.Chittenden +15; Mrs R.E.Tucker bt. Miss H.D.Parker +14; Professor A.S.C.Ross bt. Mrs S.J.Turner +2.

Second Round: Alvey bt. Sheppard +2 (T); Bull bt. Mrs Elvey +8; Stevens bt. Mrs R.Tucker +16; Ross bt. Miss M.G.Anderson +9.

Semi-Final: Alvey bt. Bull +5 (T); Stevens bt. Ross +4.

Final: Alvey bt. Stevens +7.

PROCESS

First Round: Knight bt. Mrs Chittenden +4; Mrs Elvey bt. Mrs Turner +5; Mrs R.Tucker bt. Paxon +5; Alvey bt. Stevens +6; Ross bt. Mrs Mallinson +19; Sheppard bt. Miss Parker +19; Miss Anderson bt. Mrs Staddon +11.

Second Round: Knight bt. Mrs Elvey +2; Mrs R.Tucker bt. Bull +11; Alvey bt. Ross +10; Sheppard w.o. Miss Anderson opp. scr.

Semi-Final: Knight bt. Mrs R.Tucker +11; Sheppard bt. Alvey +2 (T).

Final: Knight bt. Sheppard +4 (T).

Event 3: 'C' Handicap Singles (11 Entries)

DRAW

First Round: M.Tapp (7) bt. G.T.Coates (5½) +15; Dr D.A.Parker (5½) bt. Mrs W.Naylor (7) +12; D.M.Horne (5½) bt. Lt-Col E.H.P.Mallinson (7) +2.

Second Round: Mrs I.B.Tucker (8) bt. Mrs F.H.N.Davidson (7) +10; M.Tapp bt. Parker +3; Miss E.X.Hodgens (6) bt. Horne +13; Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (8) bt. J.H.T.Griffiths (8) +8.

Semi-Final: M.Tapp bt. Mrs I.Tucker +17; Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake bt. Miss Hodgins +5.

Final: M.Tapp bt. Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake +17.

PROCESS

First Round: Miss Hodgins bt. Mrs I.Tucker +3; Coates bt. Griffiths +14; Mrs Davidson bt. Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake +4.

Second Round: Parker bt. Miss Hodgins +9; Coates bt. Mallinson +15; Mrs Davidson bt. Mrs Naylor +16; M.Tapp w.o. Horne opp. scr.

Semi-Final: Parker bt. Coates +15; M.Tapp bt. Mrs Davidson +19.

Final: M.Tapp bt. Parker +6.

PLAY-OFF FOR SECOND PLACE

Parker bt. Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake +10.

Event 4: 'D' Handicap Singles (6 Entries)

DRAW

First Round: Mrs M.Rankin (12) bt. V.Robinson (13) +12; Mrs E.Lewis (10) bt. Mrs D.G.Waterhouse (10) +10.

Semi-Final: Mrs Lewis bt. Mrs Rankin +11; Mrs A.E.Millns (11) bt. L.M.Bromfield (9) +6.

Final: Mrs Lewis bt. Mrs Millns +2.

PROCESS

First Round: Mrs Rankin bt. Mrs Millns +3; Bromfield bt. Robinson +9.

Semi-Final: Mrs Rankin bt. Mrs Waterhouse +3; Mrs Lewis bt. Bromfield +1.

Final: Mrs Lewis bt. Mrs Rankin +1.

Event 5a: 'X' Handicap Singles (35 Entries)

First Round: H.A.Sheppard (3) bt. Mrs F.H.N.Davidson (7) +11; T.F.Owen (-1) bt. Miss E.X.Hodgens (6) +16; Mrs G.C.Day (9) bt. Mrs I.B.Tucker (8) +4.

Second Round: A.E.C.Tapp (½) bt. D.M.Horne (5½) +19; Mrs S.J.Turner (4½) bt. Mrs D.G.Waterhouse (10) +19; W.H.Austin (2) bt. J.H.T.Griffiths (8) +14; C.E.Knight (4½) bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (2½) +22; P.L.Alvey (5) bt. Mrs E.Lewis (10) +4; G.T.Coates (5½) bt. W.E.Moore (-1½) +2; D.M.Bull (5) bt. Miss M.G.Anderson (5) +13; Sheppard bt. Owen +14; G.F.Paxon (5) bt. Mrs Day +10; M.Tapp (7) bt. M.J.Stevens (3½) +3; Mrs F.F.W.Staddon (5) bt. Mrs N.A.C.McMillan (2) +12; Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (8) bt. Professor A.S.C.Ross (2½) +5; E.E.Rees (2) bt. Mrs W.Naylor (7) +12; Dr D.A.Parker (5½) bt. Mrs A.E.Millns (11) +22; E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (-1) bt. Mrs R.E.Tucker (4½) +14; Mrs H.F.Chittenden (2½) w.o. opp. scr.

Third Round: A.Tapp bt. Mrs Turner +18; Austin bt. Knight +13; Coates bt. Alvey +3; Bull bt. Sheppard +25; M.Tapp bt. Paxon +25; Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake bt. Mrs Staddon +9; Parker bt. Rees +8; Tyrwhitt Drake bt. Mrs Chittenden +20.

Fourth Round: **A.Tapp** bt. Austin +20; **Coates** bt. Bull +15; **M.Tapp** bt. Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake +13; **Parker** bt. Tyrwhitt Drake +21.

Semi-Final: **A.Tapp** bt. Coates +9; **Parker** bt. M.Tapp +9.

Final: **Parker** bt. A.Tapp +3.

Event 5b: 'Y' Handicap Singles (17 Entries)

Final: **W.E.Moore** (-1½) bt. Mrs R.E.Tucker (4½) +12.

Event 6: Handicap Doubles (17 Pairs)

First Round: **Mrs S.J.Turner & Mrs F.F.W.Staddon** (9½) bt. Mr & Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (6) +10.

Second Round: **C.E.Knight & Mrs A.E.Millns** (14½) bt. Mrs H.F. Chittenden & Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (5) +10; **M.Tapp & Mrs N.A.C. McMillan** (9) bt. E.E.Rees & Mrs R.E.Tucker (6½) +13; **Professor A.S.C.Ross & Mrs M.Rankin** (14½) bt. A.E.C.Tapp & G.F.Paxon (5½) +4; **Mrs Turner & Mrs Staddon** bt. D.M.Bull & Mrs I.B.Tucker (13) +2 (T); **M.J.Stevens & P.L.Alvey** (8½) bt. W.H.Austin & Mrs W.Naylor (9) +12; **W.E.Moore & Miss M.G.Anderson** (3½) bt. Miss E.X.Hodgens & J.H.T. Griffiths (14) +10; **T.F. Owen & L.M.Bromfield** (8) bt. H.A.Sheppard & Mrs E.Lewis (13) +10; **Dr D.A.Parker & Mrs G.C.Day** (14½) bt. Lt-Col & Mrs E.H.P.Mallinson (11½) +10.

Third Round: **M.Tapp & Mrs McMillan** bt. Knight & Mrs Millns +6; **Mrs Turner & Mrs Staddon** bt. Ross & Mrs Rankin +9; **Stevens & Alvey** bt. Moore & Miss Anderson +7; **Parker & Mrs Day** bt. Owen & Bromfield +18.

Semi-Final: **M.Tapp & Mrs McMillan** bt. Mrs Turner & Mrs Staddon +7; **Stevens & Alvey** bt. Parker & Mrs Day +6.

Final: **Stevens & Alvey** bt. M.Tapp & Mrs McMillan +5.

Cheltenham Open Tournament: July 25-30

One cannot better begin an account of the Cheltenham 1977 Tournament than by paraphrasing the Manager's (Edgar Jackson) welcoming notes to the players. The form of the tournament had been changed from the traditional one of knock-out events to one which would distribute the amount of play more evenly. Instead of Draw and Process, where half the company may get only two games, while some three or four get eight or nine games, a method was instituted which gave everybody three games, and winners only five or six.

The method involved restricting the entry to 48 instead of the usual 60 or so, and dividing the Classes into handicap brackets which would produce multiples of four players. One or two people had to be asked to change from the Class in which they had entered. So there were 12 in the 'A' Class (the Manager had hoped for 16, so that in general there might be a greater number of quicker games), 12 in the 'B' Class, 16 in the 'C' Class and 8 in the 'D' Class.

Each Class was then divided into blocks of four and played as an American Tournament. 'A' was advanced play, 'B' semi-advanced, and 'C' and 'D' handicap; 'B' Class 22-point games, 'C' and 'D' 18-point games. Then in each Class the winner of "A" Block played the second of "B" Block, the winner of "B" Block played the second of "C" Block, the winner of "C" Block played the second of "A" Block; with the obvious slight variation for the 4-block 'C' Class. This was on the ordinary knock-out system for 6 and 8 entries.

The Big Handicap was a straightforward X, Y, Z, with 18-point games for the Y and Z. The Doubles consisted of the conventional knock-out with 22-point games. The only pre-arranged time limit was in the doubles. In the Singles only a handful, not a handful, went to time. There were 16 games on the last day, and approximately 40 games per day on the other five days, i.e. four games per lawn per day, a surely remarkable performance. Prize-giving was at 5 p.m. on the Saturday, with only the final of the Z unfinished, and that ended very shortly afterwards.

There was nothing very exciting in the 'A' Class, even in the final, where only 3 hoops were made in the first hour, an item to which attention was drawn by the lighter-hearted contestant! There was a dour struggle in the 'B' Class Final between Digby and Latham, the latter winning after pegging one ball out and going off with the other when intending to split up his opponent's balls and return to peg out his second ball. Mrs Povey retained the Asa-Thomas Trophy in the high-powered 'C' Class (3½ to 8), and Mrs

Sturdy retained her trophy in the 'D' Class, as well as winning the Z.

The Big Handicap probably provided the best and most exciting play; Latham always looked like being the top-half finalist, but the bottom half was anybody's guess, with Moorcraft, Weitz, Read, Jackson, Gladstone and McLaren, not to mention that clever old fox, Col. Wheeler.

McLaren beat Gladstone by 1, the latter just missing the peg with his first ball from some distance, while the second swerved and trickled on to the peg. In the meantime Col. Wheeler had disposed of Moorcraft, Prof. Weitz (+26), and Taylor in a most interesting game. With one clip each on the first hoop, and Wheeler's forward ball on 6, Taylor was "allowed" to get to Penult; then the fun began, and with the 4½ bisques Taylor was double-peeled and pegged out by his opponent's backward ball, which was also duly pegged out with the 5-hoop lead, and the game was won. The winner, however, succumbed to Read in the next round, which led to a very interesting final between Read and Latham. Latham set up a perfect 4-ball break with one bisque and looked like going round, but uncharacteristically broke down, and had to use his two other bisques to get to Rover. But Read was not quite at his best and gave his opponent one or two chances which were seized, and Latham made his single peel and won what was always a good and interesting game.

The semi-finalists in the Doubles consisted of one pair from Cheltenham, Blumer and Miss Lodge, and three pairs of husbands and wives, The Lenfesteys from Wolverhampton, the Newtons from Parkstone, and the Weitzes from Phyllis Court. The last two couples gave the spectators good entertainment on the "centre court", and the game was over before tea on the Saturday afternoon, having started of course after lunch!

It was a joy to see the lawns so green after last year's scorching. So there we are, a very happy tournament, and the Manager achieved his object; only 7 out of 48 had the minimum number of games (7); only two had 14 games, one of whom was not even a finalist; 23 people had 10 or more games. Some people did not like the shortened games, and would have preferred Draw and Process, but the writer observed that most of them would normally have been among the more successful players. Many people certainly appreciated the experiment, and one senior and very conservative player's last remark before leaving was "See you again next year".

Results

Event 1: Open Singles (12 Entries)

Block A Winner: **E.J.Tucker**, who beat Professor B.G.Weitz +25, Mrs K.M.O.Wheeler +12, and Mrs R.O.B.Whittington +26. **Second:** **Weitz**.

Block B Winner: **Revd W.E.Gladstone**, who beat Revd P.D.Hallett +15, Mrs E.Rotherham +14, and Dr G.K.Taylor +2. **Second:** **Hallett**.

Block C Winner: **T.O.Read**, who beat G.E.P.Jackson +18, P.Newton +2, and J.Haigh +13. **Second:** **Jackson**.

PLAY-OFF

First Round: **Tucker** bt. Hallett +18; **Gladstone** bt. Jackson +21.

Semi-Final: **Tucker** bt. Gladstone +9; **Weitz** bt. Read +8.

Final: **Tucker** bt. Weitz +15.

Event 2: 'B' Level Singles (12 Entries)

Block A Winner: **Mrs B.G.Weitz**, who beat G.F.Hallett +2, Mrs G.F.H.Elvey +11, and lost to W.J.Sturdy -3. **Second:** **W.J.Sturdy**.

Block B Winner: **L.S.Butler**, who beat Miss S.G.Hampson +15, G.S.Digby +10, and Miss E.H.Arkell +9. **Second:** **G.S.Digby**.

Block C Winner: **L.V.Latham**, who beat J.McLaren +12, Mrs G.S.Digby +11, and D.H.Moorcraft +6. **Second:** **D.H.Moorcraft**.

PLAY-OFF

First Round: **Digby** bt. Mrs Weitz +11, **Butler** bt. Moorcraft +9.

Semi-Final: **Digby** bt. Butler +10; **Latham** bt. Sturdy +12.

Final: **Latham** bt. Digby +7.

Event 3: 'C' Handicap Singles (15 Entries)

Block A Winner: **Dr H.A.Pim** (5), who beat Col. G.T.Wheeler (4) +11, and Dr B.R.Sandiford (5½) +11. **Second:** **Wheeler**.

Block B Winner: **D.de Q.Lenfesty** (4), who beat Mrs J.Povey (3½) +12, Mrs P.Newton (5½) +15, and lost to Miss M.J.Lodge (6) -4. **Second:** **Mrs Povey**.

Block C Winner: **Mrs D.de Q.Lenfesty** (7), who beat Mrs E.Asas-Thomas (4½) +7, Mrs H.A.Pim (7) +13, and G.F.Blumer (6) +8. **Second:** **Blumer**.

Block D Winner: **E.Asas-Thomas** (8), who beat Mrs H.M.Read (4½) +8; Miss I.M.Roe (6) +11, and lost to L.G.Ayliffe (4½) -10. **Second:** **Mrs Read**.

PLAY-OFF

First Round: **Mrs Povey** bt. Pim +14; **Lenfesty** bt. Blumer +13; **Mrs Read** bt. Mrs Lenfesty +5; **Wheeler** bt. Asa-Thomas +9.

Semi-Final: **Mrs Povey** bt. Lenfesty +7; **Wheeler** bt. Mrs Read +14.

Final: **Mrs Povey** bt. Wheeler +15.

Event 4: 'D' Handicap Singles (8 Entries)

Block A Winner: **Mrs W.J.Sturdy** (10), who beat V.Robinson (13) +7, Miss J.Wraith (11) +9, and Miss A.M.Ryan (12) +10. **Second:** **Miss Wraith**.

Block B Winner: **Mrs M.A.L.Warren** (12), who beat Mrs D.H.Moorcraft (9) +4, Lady Porter (10) +8, and Mrs L.L.Duveen (9) +5. **Second:** **Lady Porter**.

PLAY-OFF

Semi-Final: **Mrs Sturdy** bt. Lady Porter +8; **Miss Wraith** bt. Mrs Warren +8.

Final: **Mrs Sturdy** bt. Miss Wraith +2.

Event 5a: 'X' Handicap Singles (46 Entries)

First Round: **Miss A.M.Ryan** (12) bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (2½) +3; **Mrs J.Povey** (3½) bt. Mrs G.S.Digby (3) +9; **E.J.Tucker** (-1½) bt. Mrs D.H.Moorcraft (9) +8; **Miss M.J.Lodge** (6) bt. Mrs H.M.Read (4½) +16; **D.de Q.Lenfesty** (4) bt. R.O.B.Whittington (0) +3; **W.J.Sturdy** (3) bt. Dr H.A.Pim (5) +1 (T); **Miss E.H.Arkell** (2½) bt. G.S.Digby (2½) +7; **G.F.Hallett** (1) bt. Mrs I.B.Tucker (8) +7; **T.O.Read** (-2) bt. Mrs H.A.Pim (7) +7; **P.Newton** (-1) bt. Mrs E.Asas-Thomas (4½) +5; **J.Haigh** (½) bt. Miss S.G.Hampson (2) +4; **Mrs P.Newton** (5½) bt. Mrs E.Rotherham (0) +11; **Professor B.G.Weitz** (0) bt. Miss J.Wraith (11) +17; **Col. G.T.Wheeler** (4) bt. D.H.Moorcraft (½) +11.

Second Round: **L.V.Latham** (1) bt. Mrs W.J.Sturdy (10) +10; **N.A.J.Norman** (2) bt. Revd P.D.Hallett (-½) +11; **Lady Porter** (10) bt. Miss I.M.Roe (6) +13; **E.Asas-Thomas** (8) bt. Mrs K.M.O.Wheeler (-1) +12; **Mrs Povey** bt. Miss Ryan +6; **Tucker** bt. Miss Lodge +19; **Lenfesty** bt. Sturdy +18; **Miss Arkell** bt. G.Hallett +8; **Read** bt. Newton +15; **Haigh** bt. Mrs Newton +22; **Wheeler** bt. Weitz +26; **Dr G.K.Taylor** (-½) bt. G.F.Blumer (6) +9; **J.McLaren** (2) bt. L.S.Butler (1) +8; **G.E.P.Jackson** (-2) bt. Mrs L.L.Duveen (9) +18; **Mrs B.G.Weitz** (2½) bt. Mrs D.de Q.Lenfesty (7) +12; **Revd W.E.Gladstone** (-½) bt. Dr B.R.Sandiford (5½) +2.

Third Round: **Latham** bt. Norman +16; **Asas-Thomas** bt. Lady Porter +5; **Mrs Povey** bt. Tucker +10; **Lenfesty** bt. Miss Arkell +21; **Read** bt. Haigh +16; **Wheeler** bt. Taylor +3; **McLaren** bt. Jackson +9; **Gladstone** bt. Mrs Weitz +11.

Fourth Round: **Latham** bt. Asa-Thomas +6; **Lenfesty** bt. Mrs Povey +20; **Read** bt. Wheeler +13; **McLaren** bt. Gladstone +1.

Semi-Final: **Latham** bt. Lenfesty +11; **Read** bt. McLaren +4.

Final: **Latham** bt. Read +25.

Event 5b: 'Y' Handicap Singles

Final: **Miss S.G.Hampson** (2) bt. G.S.Digby (3) +8.

Event 5c: 'Z' Handicap Singles

Final: **Mrs W.J.Sturdy** (10) bt. Dr G.K.Taylor (-½) +10.

Event 6: Handicap Doubles (24 Pairs)

First Round: **G.F.Blumer & Miss M.J.Lodge** (12) bt. A.B.Hope & Mrs E.Asas-Thomas (2) +7; **T.O.Read & Mrs H.M.Read** (2½) bt. Dr & Mrs H.A.Pim (12) +16; **Col & Mrs G.T.Wheeler** (3) bt. Mr & Mrs G.S.Digby (5½) +5; **Dr G.K.Taylor & Miss J.Wraith** (10½) bt. Dr B.R.Sandiford & Mrs M.A.L.Warren (15½) +14; **Mr & Mrs D.de Q.Lenfesty** (11) bt. J.Haigh & Miss S.G.Hampson (2½) +19; **G.F.Hallett & Mrs L.L.Duveen** (10) bt. Revd W.E.Gladstone & Mrs I.B.Tucker (7½) +3; **G.E.P.Jackson & E.Asas-Thomas** (6) bt. J.McLaren & V.Robinson (13) +18; **L.V.Latham & Lady Porter** (11) bt. Mr & Mrs W.J.Sturdy (13) +1 (T).

Second Round: **Revd P.D.Hallett & L.S.Butler** (½) bt. Mrs & Mrs D.H.Moorcraft (9½) +6; **Mr & Mrs P.Newton** (4½) bt. E.J.Tucker & Mrs J.Povey (2) +21; **Blumer & Miss Lodge** bt. Read & Mrs Read +1; **Taylor & Miss Wraith** bt. Col & Mrs Wheeler +14; **Mr & Mrs Lenfesty** bt.

G.Hallett & Mrs Duveen +11; **Jackson & Asa-Thomas** bt. Latham & Lady Porter +2; **Mrs G.F.H.Elvey & Miss A.M.Ryan** (14½) bt. N.A.J.Norman & Miss I.M.Roe (8) +9; **Professor & Mrs B.G.Weitz** (2½) bt. R.O.B.Whittington & Miss E.H.Arkell (2½) +15.

Third Round: **Mr & Mrs Newton** bt. P.Hallett & Butler +3; **Blumer & Miss Lodge** bt. Taylor & Miss Wraith +1 (T); **Mr & Mrs Lenfesty** bt. Jackson & Asa-Thomas +3; **Prof. & Mrs Weitz** bt. Mrs Elvey & Miss Ryan +14.

Semi-Final: **Mr & Mrs Newton** bt. Blumer & Miss Lodge +4; **Prof. & Mrs Weitz** bt. Mr & Mrs Lenfesty +9.

Final: **Prof. & Mrs Weitz** bt. Mr & Mrs Newton +12.

Weekend Tournaments

Wrest Park II: July 8-10

Block A Professor B.G.Neal beat D.Openshaw +25 (TP), H.O.Hicks +17 (TP), Dr J.N.Robinson +4 (T), J.Rose +10 (TP on opponent), J.A.Wheeler +7, H.C.Green +14, and lost to S.R.Hemsted -17.

Block B T.Wood beat B.A.Keen +15, J.Coutts +2 (T), R.Wood +22, P.Stoker +23, Mrs J.N.Rolfe +20, D.C.Caporn +19, and lost to E.Bell -13.

Block C T.W.Anderson beat G.Henshaw +16, Mrs B.G.Neal +9 (T), E.Audley +5 (T), Mrs S.R.Hemsted +9, Mrs Y.E.Rentoul +18, and lost to G.Richardson -3 (T) and D.Turner -3 (T).

Bowdon: August 26-29

The Bowdon Weekend Tournament this year was played in 2 blocks of 8 and 9 players. The weather was overcast for most of the tournament, and a cloudburst on the first evening flooded the lawns. The tournament was notable for a very even spread of handicaps between 1½ & 14, and for the number of newcomers from other clubs. Andrew Bennet won the play-off for the Reed Cup, and Johnny Solomon beat David Iddon in the play-off between the two players who came second in their blocks. The lunches and teas provided by the ladies of the Bowdon Club were quite exceptional, and much appreciated by all present.

Block A A.Bennet (9) beat J.R.G.Solomon (1½) +9, E.Black (3½) +4, M.H.Sandler (6) +8, Mrs E.Cocker (8) +23, J.L.Macdonald (10) +14, E.L.Gardiner (11) +8, and lost to M.Kolbuszewski (6) -2.

Block B C.Hudson (6) beat Mrs N.Tyldesley (4½) +11, P.Bowler (6) +4, D.J.Iddon (8) +17, G.B.Binks (10) +12, Mrs A.Hadcroft (10) +7, G.D.P.Solomon (14) +21, Mrs J.Fowler (14) +20, and lost to G.Richardson (2½) -2.

PLAY-OFF FOR THE REED CUP

Bennet bt. Hudson +2.

Colchester II: August 27-29

SWISS HANDICAP SINGLES (5 Rounds)

Four wins: G.S.Digby (4½), M.Murray (-2½), A.N.Mozley (6½), I.D.Bond (9).

Semi-Final: **Bond** bt. Digby +2; **Murray** bt. Mozley +3.

Final: **Murray** bt. Bond +11.

HANDICAP DOUBLES (8 Pairs)

First Round: **Mr & Mrs G.S.Digby** (5½) bt. G.F.Hallett & K.H.Paterson (4) +16; **A.W.Nicholls & Mrs R.Stanley-Smith** (17) bt. Mrs G.F.Hallett & Miss E.I.Wood (19) +11 (T); **R.S.Alford & Miss C.M.Sinclair** (15) bt. Mr & Mrs E.A.Locke (17½) +6 (T); **I.D.Bond & B.C.Lynes** (20) bt. Mrs H.A.Zinn & Mrs J.Kimber (24) +8.

Semi-Final: **Mr & Mrs Digby** bt. Nicholls & Mrs Stanley-Smith +9; **Bond & Lynes** bt. Alford & Miss Sinclair +16.

Final: **Mr & Mrs Digby** bt. Lynes +11.

Cheltenham III: August 27-29

Block A G.E.P.Jackson (-2) beat D.H.Moorcraft (½) +21, R.F.A.Crane (3½) +14, L.Wharrad (6) +18, R.B.W.Gladstone (7) +16, Mrs W.F.Morton (16) +15, and lost to M.W.W.Clotworthy (12) -14.

Block B S.J.Garrett (9) beat J.H.J.Soutter (-1½) +26, Miss E.H.Arkell (2½) +21, C.B.Sanford (4½) +20; G.F.Blumer (6) +17, A.Blenkin (8) +16, and Mrs R.S.Stevens (10) +16.

Block C M.J.Duck (5) beat R.O.B.Whittington (0) +14, Miss R.M.Allen (3½) +25, E.Asas-Thomas (8) +12, Lady Bazley (9) +16, and lost to W.F.Morton (12) -8 and Mrs M.A.L.Warren (12) -25.

BLOCK D **P.M.Johnson** (6) beat Mrs K.M.O.Wheeler (-1) +25, R.S.Stevens (1) +9, F.E.Pearson (2) +8, Mrs E.Asa-Thomas (4½) +9, Mrs D.H.Moorcraft (9) +14, and Mrs L.Wharrad (15) +17.

BLOCK E **M.J.Bushnell** (0) beat Revd W.E.Gladstone (-½) +23, Col. G.T.Wheeler (3½) +14, Miss I.M.Roe (6) +5, Mrs F.E.Pearson (12) +11, Mrs R.F.A.Crane (12) +17, and lost to Col. E.L.L.Vulliamy (2) -10.

Hurlingham: August 4-13

This ever-popular tournament attracted its customary full entry and, under the able management of Graham Martin and Sarah Hampson, ran a very smooth course throughout. It is fitting to comment on the improved quality of the entry this year in the 'A' class events, a situation which called to mind some of the tournaments of bygone days. In the Mixed Open Doubles four of this year's President's Cup selections were among the male contestants, while no fewer than six of the eight Ladies Field Cup selections were in the lists. A feature of Finals Day was the spate of marital permutations on the lawns. With the Croker, Hemsted and Skempton pairs playing with or against each other, or playing on adjacent lawns, spectators with partisan leanings found it difficult to know where to focus their interest. Before I refer to the individual events, a further word on the management merits inclusion. On each of the ten days of the tournament Graham Martin left home well before 8 in the morning, and did not return before 9 in the evening. How much we owe to his unsparing efforts! The inclusion of David Openshaw in this year's President's Cup must have gladdened his heart, as David's early croquet was learned at Graham's hands.

The Hurlingham Cup saw Professor Neal come through to win both halves; after a hitherto somewhat attenuated season he had done enough to catch the Selectors' eye for inclusion in the President's Cup. Vic Rees tested him strongly early in the week, and as usual Vic, and John Wheeler, the popular Wrest Park duo, played high class croquet throughout. William Prichard played in his first tournament of the year; while not reaching the final stages of the Hurlingham Cup, he showed much of his form of a few years ago.

David Croker, last year's winner of the Apps Trophy for the most improved man player of the year, justified this rating by a decisive win in the Turner Cup. Veronica Carlisle, who had had a number of good wins earlier in the week, found Croker in unrelenting mood in the final. While this was in progress, the final of the Longworth Cup was being fought out on a nearby lawn between Audrey Croker and Gwynneth Mann. This game lasted more than twice as long as the Turner Cup final, but, with Audrey pegging out, a Croker double was achieved. One would have to go back to the Longman and Reckitt days to find a similar example.

A marital conjunction not entirely unexpected was seen in the final of the Younger Cup, where the Skemptions were in opposition, the Professor prevailing after an absorbing tussle. An interesting feature of this event was that the three popular ladies from Parsons Green, Mesdames Jones, Mansfield and Wills, who were eligible for the Longworth Cup, entered in error above their station; while they were not successful, they were mostly only narrowly defeated by their more illustrious opponents.

Two years ago Stephen and Marion Hemsted won the Hurlingham Doubles at a time when Marion was barely out of the chrysalis stage. Since then she has established herself well in the 'B' Level, and it was no surprise that she and Stephen again prevailed. The final against Andrew Hope and Mrs Asa-Thomas was narrowly contested; had not Andrew gone to the peg and then been pegged out by Stephen, the spoils might well have gone the other way.

A feature of the Ladies Field Candlesticks final was the quality of the long shooting. Five consecutive long shots were successful, and it was this which contributed mainly to Veronica Carlisle & Nancy Skempton prevailing over last year's winners, Barbara Meachem and Lady Bazley. In the Men's Handicap Doubles final three of the four finalists were from the Woking Club which has recently shown a rise in membership, fostered by the C.A. Chairman Derek

Caporn was one of the finalists, but he and Professor Skempton found Haigh & Wharrad too strong on the day.

Finally the Handicap Singles, where the discerning onlooker would have backed Mike Stevens on his handicap of 3½. In fact he proved too strong for the opposition throughout, and both in the giving and receiving of bisques showed a degree of expertise more fitting to the 'A' Class. Barbara Meachem, on scratch, did well to reach the final, but could make no impact on the winner. Bernard Weitz won the Baillieu Plate in the 'Y' event for the second consecutive year. In the final he beat Mike Pearson who seemed to be on the lawns continuously but who just failed to reach the winners' enclosure in any event.

After last year's very testing conditions due to the drought and saline pollution, the recovery of the lawns this year represented a great achievement on the part of Mr Ponton and his staff. More than one visitor expressed relief and pleasure that Hurlingham lawns were again second to none in quality.

Results

Event 1: The Hurlingham Cup (21 Entries)

DRAW

First Round: **Professor B.G.Neal** bt. D.V.H.Rees +2; **Dr J.N.Robinson** bt. Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith +24; **R.A.Godby** bt. S.N.Mulliner +16; **D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller** bt. C.H.J.Cousins +4; **Miss F.I.Joly** bt. H.B.H.Carlisle +5.

Second Round: **W. de B.Prichard** bt. Professor B.G.Weitz +13; **Dr E.W.Solomon** bt. Miss B.Duthie +19; **Neal** bt. Mrs B.M.Meachem +12; **Godby** bt. Robinson +10; **Hamilton-Miller** bt. Miss Joly +15; **T.F.Owen** bt. S.S.Townsend +24; **J.G.C.Phillips** bt. C.G.Pountney +12; **J.A.Wheeler** bt. J.Haigh +10.

Third Round: **W.Prichard** bt. Solomon +11; **Neal** bt. Godby +13; **Owen** bt. Hamilton-Miller +2 (T); **Wheeler** bt. Phillips +16.

Semi-Final: **Neal** bt. W.Prichard +12; **Wheeler** bt. Owen +5.

Final: **Neal** bt. Wheeler +22.

PROCESS

First Round: **Townsend** bt. Weitz +5; **Mrs Meachem** bt. Wheeler +2 (T); **Miss Duthie** bt. Phillips +3; **W.Prichard** bt. Pountney +25; **Solomon** bt. Haigh +22.

Second Round: **Townsend** bt. Robinson +10; **Hamilton-Miller** bt. Mrs Meachem +17; **Godby** bt. Miss Duthie +3 (T); **Neal** bt. Carlisle +21; **Mulliner** bt. W.Prichard +26; **Rees** bt. Miss Joly +25; **Solomon** bt. Cousins +26; **Owen** bt. Mrs Sundius-Smith +11.

Third Round: **Townsend** bt. Hamilton-Miller +6; **Neal** bt. Godby +3; **Rees** bt. Mulliner +23; **Solomon** bt. Owen +25.

Semi-Final: **Neal** bt. Townsend +18; **Solomon** bt. Rees +26.

Final: **Neal** bt. Solomon +19.

PLAY-OFF FOR SECOND PLACE

Wheeler bt. Solomon +7.

Event 2: The Turner Cup (17 Entries)

DRAW

First Round: **S.G.Kent** bt. Mrs B.G.Weitz +3 (T).

Second Round: **M.G.Pearson** bt. D.C.Caporn +6; **G.H.Betts** bt. P.L.Alvey +2 (T); **Mrs N.A.C.McMillan** bt. R.O.Havery +9; **Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle** bt. Kent +18; **D.J.Croker** bt. M.J.Stevens +5; **Miss S.G.Hampson** bt. Mrs W.Longman +20; **I.C.Baillieu** bt. Mrs E.E.Bressey +17; **Col. E.L.L.Vulliamy** bt. G.B.Martin +2 (T).

Third Round: **Pearson** bt. Betts +16; **Mrs Carlisle** bt. Mrs McMillan +10 (T); **Miss Hampson** bt. Croker +10; **Vulliamy** bt. Baillieu +9.

PROCESS

First Round: **Pearson** bt. Martin +1.

Second Round: **Pearson** bt. Kent +21; **Mrs McMillan** bt. Mrs Longman +7 (T); **Croker** bt. Alvey +26; **Mrs Carlisle** bt. Baillieu +10; **Caporn** bt. Stevens +7; **Havery** bt. Mrs Bressey +5 (T); **Betts** bt. Miss Hampson +19; **Vulliamy** bt. Mrs Weitz +10.

Third Round: **Pearson** bt. Mrs McMillan +17; **Croker** bt. Mrs Carlisle +10; **Havery** bt. Caporn +1 (T); **Betts** bt. Vulliamy +2.

SEMI-FINALISTS RE-DRAWN FOR FINAL STAGES

First Round: **Mrs Carlisle** bt. Miss Hampson +24; **Croker** bt. Vulliamy +14; **Betts** bt. Havery +6.

Semi-Final: **Mrs Carlisle** bt. Pearson +10; **Croker** bt. Betts +14.

Final: **Croker** bt. Mrs Carlisle +23.

Event 3: The Younger Cup (18 Entries)

DRAW

First Round: **B.A.Meadows** bt. C.J.T.Lindsay +1 (T); **L.Wharrad** bt. Mrs A.W.Skempton +22.

Second Round: **C.E.Wilkinson** bt. Dr H.A.Pim +7 (T); **Mrs R.F.Wheeler** bt. C.Hudson +14; **Mrs B.G.Neal** bt. Mrs W.Jones +1 (T); **Meadows** bt. C.B.Sanford +9; **Wharrad** bt. Mrs B.Mansfield +15 (T); **Professor A.W.Skempton** bt. Mrs H.Wills +13; **Dr R.F.Wheeler** bt. P.H.Mann +3 (T); **O.A.Kerensky** bt. Mrs F.H.N.Davidson +17.

Third Round: **Mrs Wheeler** bt. Wilkinson +18; **Meadows** bt. Mrs Neal +11 (T) **Wharrad** bt. Skempton +4 (T); **Kerensky** bt. R.Wheeler +14 (T).

PROCESS

First Round: **Pim** bt. Mrs Davidson +2 (T); **Mrs Jones** bt. Wilkinson +9.

Second Round: **Mrs Davidson** bt. Meadows +4 (T); **Wharrad** bt. Mrs Wills +23; **Mrs Wheeler** bt. Mrs Mansfield +11; **R.Wheeler** w.o. Sanford opp. ret.; **Mrs Skempton** bt. Mrs Jones +17; **Mann** bt. Mrs Neal +2 (T); **Skempton** bt. Hudson +2; **Kerensky** bt. Lindsay +5.

Third Round: **Wharrad** bt. Mrs Davidson +13; **Mrs Wheeler** bt. Wheeler +1 (T); **Mrs Skempton** bt. Mann +6 (T); **Skempton** bt. Kerensky +7.

SEMI-FINALISTS RE-DRAWN FOR FINAL STAGES

First Round: **Skempton** bt. Meadows +15; **Mrs Skempton** bt. Kerensky +4 (T).

Semi-Final: **Skempton** bt. Mrs Wheeler +2 (T); **Mrs Skempton** bt. Wharrad +8.

Final: **Skempton** bt. Mrs Skempton +8.

Event 4: The Longworth Cup (12 Entries)

DRAW

First Round: **Miss J.Wraith** (10) bt. Mrs H.A.Pim (7) +10; **Mrs P.H.Mann** (8) bt. Lt-Col C.M.Fox (13) +3; **Mrs A.L.Rentoul** (9) bt. Mrs S.S.Townsend (14) +10; **Mrs D.H.Moorcraft** (9) bt. Miss H.Bullen (16) +12 (T).

Second Round: **J.G.O.Miller** (11) bt. G.L.Frost (11) +5; Mrs Mann bt. Miss Wraith +5; **Mrs Rentoul** bt. Mrs Moorcraft +7 (T); **Mrs D.J.Croker** (12) bt. Lady Bazley (10) +2 (T).

Semi-Final: **Miller** bt. Mrs Mann +13; **Mrs Croker** bt. Mrs Rentoul +2.

Final: **Mrs Croker** bt. Miller +12.

PROCESS

First Round: **Mrs Moorcraft** bt. Frost +2; **Mrs Croker** bt. Miss Wraith +3; **Miller** bt. Miss Bullen +15; **Lady Bazley** bt. Mrs Pim +9 (T).

Second Round: **Mrs Moorcraft** bt. Fox +19; **Mrs Croker** bt. Mrs Townsend +11; **Mrs Mann** bt. Miller +1 (T); **Lady Bazley** bt. Mrs Rentoul +5 (T).

Semi-Final: **Mrs Moorcraft** bt. Mrs Croker +4; **Mrs Mann** bt. Lady Bazley +13.

Final: **Mrs Mann** bt. Mrs Moorcraft +13.

PLAY-OFF

Mrs Croker bt. Mrs Mann +7.

Event 5: The Hurlingham Doubles (17 Pairs)

First Round: **C.G.Pountney & Mrs B.M.Meachem** bt. D.C.Caporn & Mrs G.W.Solomon +23.

Second Round: **A.B.Hope & Mrs E.Asa-Thomas** bt. Professor & Mrs B.G.Weitz +22; **K.F.Wylie & Miss S.G.Hampson** bt. R.A.Godby & Miss B.Duthie +10; **Dr E.W.Solomon & Mrs E.M.Lightfoot** bt. I.C.Baillieu & Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith +5 (T); **S.N.Mulliner & Mrs E.E.Bressey** bt. Pountney & Mrs Meachem +17; **M.G.Pearson & Mrs N.A.C.McMillan** bt. J.Haigh & Mrs W.Longman +16; **G.N.Aspinnall & Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle** bt. J.A.Wheeler & Mrs B.G.Neal +22; **Mr & Mrs S.R.Hemsted** bt. C.B.Sanford & Mrs A.W.Skempton +5 (T); **D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller & Miss F.I.Joly** bt. Dr & Mrs R.F.Wheeler +18.

Third Round: **Hope & Mrs Asa-Thomas** bt. Wylie & Miss Hampson +14; **Mulliner & Mrs Bressey** bt. Solomon & Mrs Lightfoot +25; **Pearson & Mrs McMillan** bt. Aspinall & Mrs Carlisle +4; **Mr & Mrs Hemsted** bt. Hamilton-Miller & Miss Joly +16.

Semi-Final: **Hope & Mrs Asa-Thomas** bt. Mulliner & Mrs Bressey +1 (T); **Mr & Mrs Hemsted** bt. Pearson & Mrs McMillan +8.

Final: **Mr & Mrs Hemsted** bt. Hope & Mrs Asa-Thomas +3.

Event 6: The Ladies Field Candlesticks (9 Pairs)

First Round: **Mrs B.G.Weitz & Mrs D.H.Moorcraft** (11½) bt. Mrs N.A.C.McMillan & Mrs B.G.Neal (6½) +14.

Second Round: **Mrs E.E.Bressey & Mrs H.A.Pim** (11) bt. Mrs W.Jones & Miss J.Wraith (20) +9 (T); **Mrs A.W.Skempton & Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle** (8½) bt. Mrs Weitz & Mrs Moorcraft +1 (T); **Mrs B.Mansfield & Mrs H.Wills** (19) bt. Mrs P.H.Mann & Mrs R.F.Wheeler (13) +6 (T); **Mrs B.M.Meachem & Lady Bazley** (8) bt. Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith & Miss S.G.Hampson (1) +5 (T).

Semi-Final: **Mrs Skempton & Mrs Carlisle** bt. Mrs Bressey & Mrs Pim +17; **Mrs Meachem & Lady Bazley** bt. Mrs Mansfield & Mrs Wills +15.

Final: **Mrs Skempton & Mrs Carlisle** bt. Mrs Meachem & Lady Bazley +16.

Event 7: Men's Handicap Doubles (16 Pairs)

First Round: **J.A.Wheeler & T.W.Anderson** (5½) bt. S.N.Mulliner & D.J.Croker (0) +10; **J.Haigh & L.Wharrad** (6½) bt. T.F.Owen & Dr H.A.Pim (4) +10; **Professor B.G.Neal & D.L.Godfree** (7½) bt. S.G.Kent & Lt-Col C.M.Fox (16) +16; **Dr J.N.Robinson & Dr R.F.Wheeler** (5½) bt. C.G.Pountney & G.L.Frost (11) +9; **P.L.Alvey & M.J.Stevens** (7½) bt. C.J.T.Lindsay & C.E.Wilkinson (13) +6; **B.A.Meadows & D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller** (4) bt. C.H.J.Cousins & J.G.C.Phillips (2) +4; **R.A.Godby & P.H.Mann** (4½) bt. I.C.Baillieu & R.O.Havery (5) +7; **D.C.Caporn & Professor A.W.Skempton** (7½) bt. Professor B.G.Weitz & M.G.Pearson (4½) +1.

Second Round: **Haigh & Wharrad** bt. J.Wheeler & Anderson +16; **Robinson & R.Wheeler** bt. Neal & Godfree +5; **Meadows & Hamilton-Miller** bt. Alvey & Stevens +2 (T); **Caporn & Skempton** bt. Godby & Mann +2.

Semi-Final: **Haigh & Wharrad** bt. Robinson & R.Wheeler +5; **Caporn & Skempton** bt. Meadows & Hamilton-Miller +16.

Final: **Haigh & Wharrad** bt. Caporn & Skempton +12.

Event 8: The Silver Jubilee Cup (52 Entries)

First Round: **C.H.J.Cousins** (½) bt. Professor B.G.Weitz (0) +6; **Miss S.G.Hampson** (2) bt. Dr R.F.Wheeler (6) +4 (T); **Mrs H.Wills** (9) bt. H.B.H.Carlisle (½) +3; **Dr J.N.Robinson** (-½) bt. S.S.Townsend (½) +24; **B.A.Meadows** (5) bt. Mrs W.Jones (10) +2 (T); **Miss F.I.Joly** (-½) bt. I.C.Baillieu (3) +8; **Mrs P.H.Mann** (8) bt. Mrs R.F.Wheeler (5) +13; **Mrs B.M.Meachem** (0) bt. Mrs W.Longman (3½) +25; **J.A.Wheeler** (0) bt. Dr E.W.Solomon (-1½) +14; **R.O.Havery** (2) bt. Dr H.A.Pim (5) +18; **R.A.Godby** (-1½) bt. P.H.Mann (5) +16; **Mrs B.Mansfield** (10) bt. G.L.Frost (11) +16; **M.J.Stevens** (3½) bt. Mrs D.J.Croker (12) +10; **D.C.Caporn** (2½) bt. Professor A.W.Skempton (5) +2; **Lady Bazley** (10) bt. P.L.Alvey (4) +8 (T); **Mrs N.A.C.McMillan** (2) bt. Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith (-1) +17; **J.G.C.Phillips** (1½) bt. T.F.Owen (-1) +15; **Col. E.L.L.Vulliamy** (2) bt. Mrs A.W.Skempton (4½) +7; **D.J.Croker** (4) bt. M.G.Pearson (4½) +5; **Miss J.Wraith** (10) bt. S.G.Kent (3) +1 (T).

Second Round: **J.Haigh** (½) bt. C.Hudson (6) +8; **G.B.Martin** (2½) bt. Mrs E.E.Bressey (4) +16; **Mrs E.M.Lightfoot** (1) bt. C.B.Sanford (4½) +12; **Miss Hampson** bt. Cousins +13; **Robinson** bt. Mrs Wills +9; **Meadows** bt. Miss Joly +7; **Mrs Meachem** bt. Mrs Mann +14; **J.Wheeler** bt. Havery +25; **Godby** bt. Mrs Mansfield +3 (T); **Stevens** bt. Caporn +8; **Mrs McMillan** bt. Lady Bazley +1 (T); **Vulliamy** bt. Phillips +20; **Croker** bt. Miss Wraith +11; **Mrs H.A.Pim** (7) bt. Mrs B.G.Neal (4½) +14 (T); **S.N.Mulliner** (-1½) bt. Mrs A.L.Rentoul (9) +15; **Mrs B.G.Weitz** (2½) bt. Mrs F.H.N.Davidson (7) +16.

Third Round: **Martin** bt. Haigh +17; **Miss Hampson** bt. Mrs Lightfoot +17; **Meadows** bt. Robinson +11; **Mrs Meachem** bt. J.Wheeler +25; **Stevens** bt. Godby +15; **Mrs McMillan** bt. Vulliamy +16; **Croker** bt. Mrs Pim +13; **Mulliner** bt. Mrs Weitz +15.

Fourth Round: **Miss Hampson** bt. Martin +13; **Mrs Meachem** bt. Meadows +20; **Stevens** bt. Mrs McMillan +7 (T); **Mulliner** bt. Croker +5.

Semi-Final: **Mrs Meachem** bt. Miss Hampson +5; **Stevens** bt. Mulliner +12.

Final: **Stevens** bt. Mrs Meachem +19.

Event 9: The Baillieu Plate (26 Entries)

Final: **Professor B.G.Weitz** (0) bt. M.G.Pearson (4½) +8.

Nottingham: August 15-20

The kindest thing that can be said of the weather at this year's tournament is that it was 'mixed', with about 80% rain. It was difficult to believe that this tournament was being held during the same week of the year as the previous one, when players and lawns alike were brown and parched. The fact that, in spite of the conditions, the tournament was quite the success it always represents a great tribute to all of the people involved in organising the event, notably Bob Chamberlain in his role as Tournament Secretary for the first time, and especially to the quiet, efficient management of Edward Duffield. As one player was heard to remark on going out to play in the midst of a particularly heavy downpour, "he makes it feel like a privilege to be asked to play".

Although, with the exception of Stephen Wright, there were no regular "Eights" players, the entry contained a formidable number of young players with handicaps approaching Scratch, and it was far from obvious on the Monday morning who were the likely favourites for the Big Handicap and the Robin Hood Gold Cup (one of the advantages of the Nottingham Tournament is that it includes two handicap events). However, it was not long before one aptly named player began to take on an invincible appearance in the shape of Peter Death. It is hard to avoid the obvious pun when he won the first round of the Robin Hood by 26, the second round by 26, and then the third round by 26. At that stage there was speculation as to whether anyone would score a hoop against him, let alone a game! As it happened, points were scored but no one took a game off him in either the 'X' or the Robin Hood. He is now noticeably nearer to Scratch.

Whilst on the subject of big wins, the Wednesday morning produced an interesting situation when by 10.45 Messrs. Taylor, Vincent, Elmes and Wright were all back in the pavilion having been defeated by 26, 25, 25 and 26 respectively.

Perhaps the most interesting games from the spectator point of view were provided by the doubles combination of Mrs Haworth and Taylor. In the first round against Wright & Fletcher, with Mrs Haworth on Rover (two bisques in hand), Fletcher on 3-back and the other two on Hoop 1, Wright went for the quadruple and only just failed at Rover, having completed three of the peels. Taylor took one of the bisques and promptly failed at 3, took the other and failed at 5. With the opponents laid up for the peg-out, Taylor hit in and this time managed the single peel to win by 2. In the second round Stoker was pegged out, with Mrs Haworth on 6 and John Meads for 4-back. After a series of near misses by Meads, Mrs Haworth and Taylor won by 2 again. The third round produced another cliff-hanger with the Wheelers well ahead before Taylor went round from 1 to the peg to put the Wheelers just one point behind with five minutes to play. Mrs Haworth had made another hoop when Roger Wheeler hit in with time being called. After a series of good shots, the strain proved too much and he stuck in Penult with two balls near Rover; another victory for Taylor & Mrs Haworth by 2. However, the solid play of the Lenfesteyes proved too much in the final, and they won a comfortable victory by 19.

George Henshaw oscillated in his inimitable fashion from playing some very good croquet to playing rather less than well, as can be illustrated from his game against Tim Smith when, with just one ball left for the peg and his opponent having scored only 4 points, he duly went on to lose by 1.

The Opens went largely to form, with Stephen Wright playing some fine A-class croquet and never really looking like losing the cup he gained last year. The 'B' Level Singles went to Tim Smith, and the 'C's' to Ivor Meredith playing in his first tournament. If the latter can find time to play in more tournaments, it is unlikely that he will be eligible for the 'C's' for much longer.

The 'Y' produced a close finish in the final between Bushnell and Meads, with victory going to Meads by 3. One other player deserving mention is Eddie Bell, who had played such excellent croquet that on the Friday he was faced with the impossible task of playing 13 games. Having scratched from a couple of events, the inevitable happened and he ended up out of the prize-winners altogether — unfortunate if unavoidable.

The final tribute should perhaps go to Miss Lovatt and her

helpers who gave up their time and energies to provide such excellent meals. The sheer volume of hard work involved in organising and preparing meals day after day for a milling crowd of damp and hungry players should not be underestimated, and the croquet world owes a lot to these people who for no personal gain are prepared to take on this task.

Results

Event 1: Robin Hood Open Handicap Singles (26 Entries)

First Round: P.Cozens (3) bt. Mrs C.Chamberlain (7½) +5; **Mrs D.de Q. Lenfestey** (6½) bt. R.H.Fletcher (7) +15; **D.de Q. Lenfestey** (3½) bt. Dr R.F.Wheeler (6) +17; **E.Bell** (½) bt. C.Chamberlain (6) +17; **M.J.Bushnell** (0) bt. A.J.Bucknell (5½) +14; **P.Death** (5½) bt. Dr G.K.Taylor (-½) +26; **Mrs R.F.Wheeler** (5) bt. S.J.H.Wright (-1½) +26; **G.W.Noble** (2½) bt. Miss E.C.Brumpton (5) +6; **Dr T.W.Smith** (4) bt. Dr I.G.Vincent (½) +25; **G.Henshaw** (3) bt. P.W.Elmes (-½) +25.

Second Round: **R.O.Calder** (3) bt. Mrs C.W.Haworth (13) +9; **Cozens** bt. Mrs Lenfestey +14; **Bell** bt. Lenfestey +2; **Death** bt. Bushnell +26; **Noble** bt. Mrs Wheeler +10; **Smith** bt. Henshaw +1; **P.Stoker** (1½) bt. Mrs A.J.Bucknell (9) +10; **J.Meads** (3) bt. J.G.C.Phillips (1½) +14.

Third Round: **Calder** bt. Cozens +17; **Death** bt. Bell +26; **Noble** bt. Smith +10; **Meads** bt. Stoker +25.

Semi-Final: **Death** bt. Calder +22; **Noble** bt. Meads +9.

Final: **Death** bt. Noble +9.

Event 2: Open Singles (14 Entries)

DRAW

First Round: **E.Bell** bt. P.W.Elmes +7; **M.J.Bushnell** bt. P.Cozens +23; **Dr G.K.Taylor** bt. J.Meads +14; **S.J.H.Wright** bt. Dr I.G.Vincent +5; **G.Henshaw** bt. R.O.Calder +11; **P.Stoker** bt. D.de Q. Lenfestey +19.

Second Round: **Bell** bt. J.G.C.Phillips +17; **Taylor** bt. Bushnell +14; **Wright** bt. Henshaw +11; **Stoker** bt. G.W.Noble +12.

Semi-Final: **Taylor** bt. Bell +22; **Wright** bt. Stoker +13.

Final: **Taylor** bt. Wright +13.

PROCESS

First Round: **Vincent** bt. Phillips +8; **Lenfestey** bt. Cozens +13; **Elmes** bt. Calder +25; **Bell** bt. Henshaw +17; **Noble** bt. Taylor +14; **Stoker** bt. Bushnell +7.

Second Round: **Vincent** bt. Lenfestey +8; **Elmes** bt. Meads +7; **Bell** bt. Noble +3; **Wright** bt. Stoker +12.

Semi-Final: **Elmes** bt. Vincent +26; **Wright** bt. Bell +26.

Final: **Wright** bt. Elmes +26.

PLAY-OFF

Wright bt. Taylor +19.

Event 3: 'B' Level singles (12 Entries)

First Round: **P.Death** bt. Dr R.F.Wheeler +12; **Mrs R.F.Wheeler** bt. Mrs C.Chamberlain +21; **Miss E.C.Brumpton** bt. R.Blackburn +3; **L.Robinson** bt. A.J.Bucknell +10.

Second Round: **Dr T.W.Smith** bt. R.H.Fletcher +22; **Death** bt. Mrs Wheeler +21; **Miss Brumpton** bt. Robinson +18; **Mrs D.de Q. Lenfestey** bt. C.Chamberlain +4.

Semi-Final: **Smith** bt. Death +10; **Mrs Lenfestey** bt. Miss Brumpton +17.

Final: **Smith** bt. Mrs Lenfestey +17.

Event 4: 'C' Handicap Singles (4 Entries)

First Round: **Mrs I.C.Meredith** (14) bt. Mrs C.W.Haworth (13) +11 (T); **I.C.Meredith** (14) bt. Mrs A.J.Bucknell (9) +9 (T).

Final: **Meredith** bt. Mrs Meredith +8.

Event 5a: 'X' Handicap Singles (30 Entries)

First Round: **P.Stoker** (1½) bt. Mrs C.Chamberlain (7½) +7; **J.G.C.Phillips** (1½) bt. P.Cozens (3) +2; **Dr G.K.Taylor** (-½) bt. G.Henshaw (3) +9; **S.J.H.Wright** (-½) bt. Dr T.W.Smith (4) +13; **Mrs A.J.Bucknell** (9) bt. Mrs I.C.Meredith (14) +16; **P.W.Elmes** (-½) bt. R.O.Calder (3) +10; **Dr R.F.Wheeler** (6) bt. M.J.Bushnell (0) +15; **D.de Q. Lenfestey** (3½) bt. Mrs C.W.Haworth (13) +17; **E.Bell** (½) bt. A.J.Bucknell (5½) +14; **Mrs D.de Q. Lenfestey** (6½) bt. Miss E.C.Brumpton (5) +8; **Dr I.G.Vincent** (½) bt. Mrs R.F.Wheeler (5) +17; **P.Death** (5½) bt. J.Meads (3) +9; **R.Blackburn** (6½) bt. C.Chamberlain (6) +22; **G.W.Noble** (2½) bt. R.H.Fletcher (7) +13.

Second Round: **Stoker** bt. I.C.Meredith (14) +4 (T); **Taylor** bt. Phillips +5; **Wright** bt. Mrs Bucknell +11; **Elmes** bt. Wheeler +15; **Bell** bt. Lenfestey +1; **Vincent** bt. Mrs Lenfestey +11; **Death** bt. Blackburn +11; **Noble** bt. L.Robinson (8) +10.

Third Round: **Taylor** bt. Stoker +5; **Wright** bt. Elmes +17; **Bell** bt. Vincent +13; **Death** bt. Noble +17.

Semi-Final: **Wright** bt. Taylor +26; **Death** w.o. Bell opp. scr.

Final: **Death** bt. Wright +4.

Event 5b: 'Y' Handicap Singles (16 Entries)

Final: **J.Meads** (3) bt. M.J.Bushnell (0) +3.

Event 6: Handicap Doubles (14 Pairs)

First Round: **P.Cozens & L.Robinson** (11) bt. Mr & Mrs I.C.Meredith (28) +16; **P.W.Elmes & P.Death** (5) bt. G.W.Noble & Mrs A.J.Bucknell (10½) +20; **Mr & Mrs D.de Q. Lenfestey** (10) bt. G.Henshaw & A.J.Bucknell (8½) +12; **Dr G.K.Taylor & Mrs C.W.Haworth** (11½) bt. S.J.H.Wright & R.H.Fletcher (5½) +2; **P.Stoker & J.Meads** (4½) bt. J.G.C.Phillips & C.Chamberlain (7½) +11; **R.O.Calder & R.Blackburn** (9½) bt. M.J.Bushnell & Mrs C.Chamberlain (7½) +10.

Second Round: **E.Bell & Dr T.W.Smith** (4½) bt. Cozens & Robinson +19; **Mr & Mrs Lenfestey** bt. Elmes & Death +10 (T); **Taylor & Mrs Haworth** bt. Stoker & Meads +2; **Dr & Mrs R.F.Wheeler** (11) bt. Calder & Blackburn +10.

Semi-Final: **Mr & Mrs Lenfestey** w.o. Bell & Smith opp. scr.; **Taylor & Mrs Haworth** bt. Dr & Mrs Wheeler +2 (T).

Final: **Mr & Mrs Lenfestey** bt. Taylor & Mrs Haworth +19.

The Ladies Field Cup, played at Hunstanton, August 15-19

The competition for the Ladies Field Cup was played this year at Hunstanton for the first time. Eight valiant ladies gathered to do battle in the face of appalling odds. On the first day the mower broke down and as a result all the players were thoroughly exhausted by the evening. For the rest of the week the weather deteriorated steadily with some rain and plenty of cold North wind. The worst moment was perhaps on the Friday morning with two games pegged down and an icy driving rain falling from a cloud of the blackest ink, and an even murkier forecast. It looked as if the second half of the event would have to be cancelled. However, after a wait of 10 minutes, the rain eased slightly and one of the pegged-down games was got under way and cleared in time to start the penultimate round. From then on the weather slowly improved, the second pegged-down game was completed, and a cheerful end-of-term spirit developed. The final game was completed in time for tea at 4.35. The heavy lawns and cold weather so affected Birnie Duthie's old skiing wounds that she was obliged to withdraw, but she kept going in spite of considerable pain and discomfort until the end of the 7th round so as not to upset the balance of the tournament. Although the Ladies Field is an excellent event providing plenty of high level play among equals, it can be spoilt by being too much of an endurance test should the weather be poor. An odd number of entrants is better than an even number; seven is perhaps best, and nine with a time limit might be possible, but with eight no one gets a let-up.

In addition to the weather the players had to endure the loud-speaker announcements from the tennis tournament on one side of the lawns and the concrete mixer at the other, with some sonic bangs thrown in for good measure. There were also some minor crises, such as when Jocelyn discovered that the black ball would not go through the 1st hoop. On being tested, the ball was found to be well over size, and a check on some of the other sets showed that the black balls, although not more than the standard 3⅝" in diameter, were larger than the other colours. If this applies universally, it seems that the choice of balls may be more important than the choice of innings.

Barbara Meachem was the clear winner but, because of the loss of the cup, she could only be presented with the promise of another from the C.A. stock. The Solomon grip used by Barbara allowed her to make powerful and accurate shots, and she was thus able to achieve long rushes and to build up breaks from difficult situations and to manoeuvre the balls about the lawn as she wished. She executed a very neat double peel and peg-out in one of her games. She won all her games in the first half, but was defeated by Sarah Hampson in the 11th round. Sarah was suffering from a cold much of the time, and this undoubtedly affected her play in some of her games. Sarah does not believe in having idle moments, and on one occasion she was observed busily shelling peas in the shelter of Lawn 3 when she was the out-player.

Betty Weitz played better than the number of wins she achieved suggests, since most of her games were only lost by small margins.

Kitty Wheeler, who was only one win behind Barbara Meachem, received the attractive runner-up's brooch. She was as usual always on the lookout for peels, but in this event only managed a number of singles. In her second game against Barbara, one of Kitty's balls was pegged out, but Kitty hit in at just the right moment and won. It was of interest that two other games in the same round were also pegged out, and in each case the pegger-out lost.

Frances Joly came a close 4th with 7 wins. She was a wonderful fund of stories told with her delightful Irish wit. The saga of the making of the meat loaf in the pressure cooker had everyone in convulsions.

The 'Media' were much in evidence at times. A charming lady reporter from the Lynn Advertiser showed much interest in the games and in croquet in general, and gave a very good and accurate account in the paper. Later the B.B.C. arrived, but when the camera man, attached by some sort of umbilical cord to his mate with the microphone, started to prowl up the side lines of the lawn where Jocelyn was playing, the sparks started to fly. "We only want to film the lady in the wide-brimmed hat" (Barbara). At this stage the Manager, temporarily putting aside his other hats and assuming the role of self-appointed public relations officer, led the recording team to a more tranquil part of the ground. Here some good shots were obtained of Jane Neville Rolfe making a good break, which was interpreted for the viewers by a running commentary. The film was later shown on "Look East". Perhaps the Nation will soon be sitting goggle-eyed watching the new popular B.B.C. series of "Peel Black".

The Ladies' Field Cup								W I N N E R
Mrs B. Meachem	Mrs K.M.O. Wheeler	Mrs B.L. Sundius-Smith	Miss F.I. Joly	Mrs J.N. Rolfe	Miss S.G. Hampson	Mrs B.G. Weitz	Miss B. Duthie	
Mrs B. Meachem	+22	+5	+8	+10	+11	+8	+21	10
Mrs K.M.O. Wheeler	-22	-2	-11	+13	+15	-5	+13	9
Mrs B.L. Sundius-Smith	+2	+6	-9	-4	+5	+2	+2	8
Miss F.I. Joly	-5	-6	-9	+6	+6	+8	+15	7
Mrs J.N. Rolfe	+11	-11	-5	+4	+18	+9		6
Miss S.G. Hampson	-8	+9	+9	-17	+8	+26	-11	4
Mrs B.G. Weitz	-13	-19	+5	-4	+12	+8		3
Miss B. Duthie	-10	+4	-6	+17	+18	+8	-8	2
	-15	-15	-4	+4	+6	-5		
	-11	-5	-6	-8	-18	-5	+23	
	+5	+3	-18	-12	-6	+2		
	-8	-2	-8	-26	-8	+5	+8	
	-13	-6	-9	-8	+5	-2		
	-21	-2	-15	+11	+8	-23	-8	

Carrickmines (Championship of Ireland): August 15-20

Those lucky enough to be on the Dublin side of the Irish Sea for this week enjoyed good weather and croquet in lovely surroundings. The Club was very pleased to welcome four visitors from overseas. Guy Betts and Lionel Adams played from dawn to dusk, and picked up a fair share of the prizes for their efforts. Humphrey Hicks entertained a small but enthusiastic crowd with an exciting semi-final match against Terence Read which resulted in a margin of 2 in Read's favour after three games. It was good to see some new and younger members participating in the tournament, and having visitors is always a tonic for the local club.

Results

Event 1: Championship of Ireland (9 Entries)

First Round: **L.D.Adams** bt. C.M. Von Schmieder +10 +9.

Second Round: **G.H.Betts** bt. A.D.Craig +5 +2; **Adams** bt. R.J.Leonard -13 +4 +5; **T.O.Read** bt. R.E.Steen +24 +25; **H.O.Hicks** bt. Mrs H.M. Read +14 +19.

Semi-Final: **Adams** bt. Betts -2 +5 +9; **Read** bt. Hicks -21 +13 +2.

Final: **Read** bt. Adams +14 +6.

Event 2: 'B' Handicap Singles (7 Entries)

First Round: **Miss G.Hopkins** (6) bt. Sir A.Beit (13) +10; **J.Campbell** (8) bt. D.H. Elwin (6½) +15; **D.B.Rooke** (10) bt. Madame O'Morchoe (10) +15.

Semi-Final: **Miss Hopkins** bt. Campbell +9; **P.Browne** (11) bt. Rooke +4.

Final: **Miss Hopkins** bt. Browne +7.

Southwick II: August 22-27

The report on the July tournament 1976 opened with the statement that good weather is all that is required to guarantee a successful Summer Tournament at Southwick. This year proved that such success can be achieved without the help of the weather; two of the days, including finals day, were marred by a steady downpour. On the Saturday in one event the "players-off" agreed to share the prize, and in another the finalists, both local players, decided to settle it the following week, and by mid-afternoon only Townshend and Devitt were left on the lawns battling for the final of the 'Y' Handicap. In spite of the conditions both players claimed to enjoy their game, and the result (Townshend winning by 3) proved what a struggle it was.

The tournament was remarkable for the number of very close finishes, and some of these were quite dramatic. For instance, in the Process final of the 'B' Level Singles Mrs Mallinson had reached Rover and Peg when Ted Rees was for 4 and 2-back. Ted then got both his balls round and was laying up for a peg-out next turn when a bad split shot sent one ball to Rover and one off the boundary in Baulk, with a lift and the game to Mrs Mallinson. Then in the 'D' Draw final Miss Ryan missed the peg with her forward ball and deliberately pegged out the second one. Her opponent, Mrs Duveen, hit in and in trying to move Miss Ryan's ball away from the peg managed to rush it on to the peg. In the Process final of the same event Miss Ryan again had one ball pegged out (this time unintentionally) and the other for the peg, but her opponent, Mrs Osborn, who was some way behind, managed to get round and win the game. No doubt Miss Ryan will be wary of having one ball pegged out in future.

The report of this tournament last year mentioned the successful advent to tournament play of the then 13-year-old Matthew Tapp, who proceeded to capture the Monteith Bowl. This year, on the eve of this tournament, Matthew went to Compton where he won three rounds of the All England Area Final, thus qualifying for the final rounds at Roehampton. At this tournament he proved virtually unbeatable and walked off with the trophies for both the Big Handicap and his Class. His style and his tactics are a joy to watch; he will soon be overtaking his father and his elder brother Simon.

Event 3: 'Y' Handicap Singles (7 Entries)

First Round: **Mrs H.M. Read** (4½) bt. R.J.Leonard (1½) +8; **A.D.Craig** (3½) bt. J.Campbell (8) +2; **C.M. Von Schmieder** (3) bt. Miss G.Hopkins (6) +4.

Semi-Final: **Craig** bt. Mrs Read +16; **Von Schmieder** w.o. D.H.Elwin (6½) opp. scr.

Final: **Von Schmieder** bt. Craig +12.

Event 4: Open Handicap Singles (13 Entries)

First Round: **L.D.Adams** (2½) bt. J.Campbell (8) +6; **C.M. Von Schmieder** (3) bt. D.H.Elwin (6½) +6; **Mrs H.M.Read** (4½) bt. R.E.Steen (5) +20; **G.H.Betts** (3) bt. H.O.Hicks (-1) +6; **R.L.Hannon** (5) bt. R.J.Leonard (1½) +7.

Second Round: **Adams** bt. T.O.Read (-2) +20; **Mrs Read** bt. Von Schmieder +17; **Betts** bt. Hannon +9; **A.D.Craig** (3½) bt. Miss G.Hopkins (6) +13.

Semi-Final: **Adams** bt. Mrs Read +23; **Craig** bt. Betts +15.

Final: **Adams** bt. Craig +3.

Event 5: Handicap Doubles (9 Pairs)

First Round: **D.H.Elwin & R.J.Leonard** (8) bt. A.D.Craig & J.Campbell (12) +1.

Second Round: **P.Rooke & Miss G.Hopkins** (16) bt. P.Browne & Madame O'Morchoe (21) +1; **G.H.Betts & L.D.Adams** (5½) bt. Elwin & Leonard +13; **T.O.Read & R.Overend** (12) bt. Sir A.Beit & Mrs H.M.Read (19½) +8; **C.M. Von Schmieder & R.L.Hannon** (8) bt. H.O.Hicks & R.E.Steen (4) +8.

Semi-Final: **Betts & Adams** w.o. Rooke & Miss Hopkins opp. scr.; **Read & Overend** bt. Von Schmieder & Hannon +14.

Final: **Read & Overend** bt. Betts & Adams +9.

We hope his reduction from 5½ to 4 will not rob him of victory at Roehampton.

Thanks to the very warm hospitality of the club and the ever charming and efficient managership of Betty Prichard, the tournament was enjoyed enormously by all, and the finale was an hilarious prize-giving which was well timed to take place immediately after tea. The prizes were presented by Mrs Winifred Naylor who, as explained by Club President Kay Longman, was celebrating her Silver Jubilee with the Club. Young Matthew Tapp, in receiving his two trophies, kissed the presenter, and his example was followed by the other male prize-winners until, to Mrs Naylor's consternation, both the winner and runner-up of one event were bearded!

A new trophy was awarded this year, the Daldy Cup, given in memory of the late Miss M.J.Daldy, for the 'C' Handicap Singles. It is understood that a further trophy will be contested next year, presented by Howard Austin who has had to resign his secretaryship on leaving the district. It is likely that this trophy will be allocated to an event for ladies only. This will be achieved by splitting the Big Handicap into two sections, one for women and one for men. Howard is sorely missed, I am sure, by the Club and certainly by the visitors who always received such a courteous welcome.

Results

Event 1: Open Singles (7 Entries)

DRAW

First Round: **J.G.C.Phillips** bt. Mrs D.M.C.Prichard +12 (T); **F. Reynold** bt. P.Newton +20; **Professor B.G.Weitz** bt. W.E.Moore +20.

Semi-Final: **Phillips** bt. Reynold +10; **Weitz** bt. T.F.Owen +19.

Final: **Phillips** bt. Weitz +16.

PROCESS

First Round: **Phillips** bt. Moore +8; **Newton** bt. Owen +14; **Weitz** bt. Mrs Prichard +11.

Semi-Final: **Newton** bt. Phillips +17; **Weitz** bt. Reynold +7.

Final: **Weitz** bt. Newton +20.

PLAY-OFF

Phillips bt. Weitz +17.

Event 2: 'B' Level Singles (17 Entries)

DRAW

First Round: **W.J.Baverstock** w.o. Mrs E.M.Temple opp. scr.

Second Round: **Mrs R.E.Tucker** bt. Mrs W.Longman +9; **Mrs G.F.H. Elvey** bt. Mrs F.F.W.Staddon +8; **R.L.Everest** w.o. G.F.Paxon opp. scr.; **Mrs N.W.T.Cox** bt. Baverstock +12; **E.E.Rees** bt. H.J.Devitt +18; **L. Brooks** bt. Mrs B.G.Weitz +4; **Mrs E.H.P.Mallinson** w.o. H.A.Sheppard opp. ret.; **Mrs S.J.Turner** w.o. Miss H.D.Parker opp. ret.

Third Round: **Mrs Elvey** bt. Mrs R.Tucker +9; **Mrs Cox** bt. Everest +8; **Brooks** w.o. Rees opp. ret.; **Mrs Turner** bt. Mrs Mallinson +1 (T).

Semi-Final: **Mrs Cox** bt. Mrs Elvey +19; **Mrs Turner** bt. Brooks +3.

Final: **Mrs Cox** bt. Mrs Turner +8.

PROCESS

First Round: **Mrs R.Tucker** bt. Mrs Turner +5.

Second Round: **Baverstock** bt. Mrs R.Tucker +4; **Mrs Weitz** bt. Paxon +17; **Rees** bt. Mrs Staddon +17; **Sheppard** bt. Mrs Cox +1 (T); **Devitt** bt. Mrs Longman +24; **Mrs Mallinson** bt. Everest +5; **Brooks** bt. Mrs Elvey +4; **Miss Parker** w.o. Mrs Temple opp. scr.

Third Round: **Mrs Weitz** bt. Baverstock +23; **Rees** bt. Sheppard +8; **Mrs Mallinson** bt. Devitt +12; **Brooks** w.o. Miss Parker opp. ret.

Semi-Final: **Rees** bt. Mrs Weitz +22; **Mrs Mallinson** w.o. Brooks opp. ret.

Final: **Mrs Mallinson** bt. Rees +3.

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

DRAW

First Round: **Mrs D.Linstead** (8) bt. Revd C.H.Townshend (6) +5.

Second Round: **Lt-Col E.H.P.Mallinson** (7) bt. Mrs P.Newton (5½) +5; **Mrs Linstead** bt. E.B.T.Tanner (6) +13; **Mrs H.J.Devitt** (5½) bt. Mrs W.Naylor (7) +15; **M.Tapp** (5½) bt. G.T.Coates (5½) +7.

Semi-Final: **Mrs Linstead** bt. Mallinson +3; **Mrs Devitt** bt. M.Tapp +4.

Final: **Mrs Linstead** bt. Mrs Devitt +9.

PROCESS

First Round: **M.Tapp** bt. Mallinson +12.

Second Round: **M.Tapp** bt. Mrs Linstead +14; **Mrs Devitt** bt. Tanner +2; **Mrs Newton** w.o. Mrs Naylor opp. ret.; **Townshend** bt. Coates +4.

Semi-Final: **M.Tapp** bt. Mrs Devitt +18; **Townshend** bt. Mrs Newton +13.

Final: **M.Tapp** bt. Townshend +7.

PLAY-OFF

M.Tapp bt. Mrs Linstead +15.

Event 4: 'D' Handicap Singles (8 Entries)

DRAW

First Round: **Miss P.Shine** (13) bt. Mrs L.L.Duveen (9) +5; **Miss A.M.Ryan** (12) bt. Mrs E.Lewis (9) +3; **Mrs G.C.Day** (9) bt. Mrs M.Rankin (12) +9; **Mrs D.Osborn** (10) bt. Mrs D.G.Waterhouse (10) +5.

Semi-Final: **Miss Ryan** bt. Miss Shine +5; **Mrs Osborn** bt. Mrs Day +9.

Final: **Mrs Osborn** bt. Miss Ryan +1.

PROCESS

First Round: **Miss Shine** w.o. Mrs Rankin opp. scr.; **Miss Ryan** bt. Mrs Osborn +4; **Mrs Duveen** bt. Mrs Day +4; **Mrs Lewis** bt. Mrs Waterhouse +10.

Semi-Final: **Miss Ryan** bt. Miss Shine +6; **Mrs Duveen** bt. Mrs Lewis +13.

Final: **Miss Ryan** bt. Mrs Duveen +2.

Event 5a: 'X' Handicap Singles (41 Entries)

First Round: **F.Reynold** (1) bt. Revd. C.H.Townshend (6) +17; **J.G.C.Phillips** (1½) bt. Mrs G.C.Day (9) +17; **Mrs H.J.Devitt** (5½) bt. Mrs S.J.Turner (4½) +9; **W.J.Baverstock** (3½) bt. E.B.T.Tanner (6) +8; **W.E.Moore** (-1½) w.o. Mrs E.M.Temple (4½) opp. scr.; **Miss M.G.Anderson** (5) bt. Mrs D.Osborn (10) +8; **P.Newton** (-1) bt. Mrs F.F.W.Staddon (5) +7; **Mrs L.L.Duveen** (9) bt. Miss H.D.Parker (5½) +13; **Mrs R.E.Tucker** (4½) bt. Mrs D.Linstead (8) +12.

Second Round: **H.A.Sheppard** (3) bt. Mrs P.Newton (5½) +3; **R.L.Everest** (3) bt. Mrs W.Naylor (7) +3; **Mrs M.Rankin** (12) bt. Mrs E.B.T.Tanner (12) +3 (T); **G.T.Coates** (5½) bt. Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (2½) +18; **J.Randle** (6) bt. Miss P.Shine (13) +19; **Reynold** bt. Mrs E.Lewis (9) +2; **Phillips** bt. Devitt +8; **Moore** bt. Baverstock +8; **Miss Anderson** bt. Newton +11; **Mrs Duveen** bt. Mrs R.Tucker +5; **Professor B.G.Weitz** (-1) bt. G.F.Paxon (5) +25; **Mrs B.G.Weitz** (2½) bt. Mrs E.H.P. Mallinson (4½) +17; **T.F.Owen** (-1) bt. Miss A.M.Ryan (12) +12; **M.Tapp** (5½) bt. Mrs W.Longman (5) +19; **E.E.Rees** (2) bt. Mrs D.G. Waterhouse (10) +11; **Mrs N.W.T.Cox** (2) bt. H.J.Devitt (5) +14.

Third Round: **Sheppard** w.o. Everest opp. ret.; **Coates** bt. Mrs Rankin +20; **Randle** bt. Reynold +8; **Phillips** bt. Moore +25; **Mrs Duveen** bt. Miss Anderson +4; **Weitz** bt. Mrs Weitz +19; **M.Tapp** bt. Owen +15; **Rees** bt. Mrs Cox +9.

Fourth Round: **Coates** bt. Sheppard +18; **Randle** bt. Phillips +13; **Weitz** bt. Mrs Duveen +6; **M.Tapp** bt. Rees +12.

Semi-Final: **Randle** bt. Coates +8; **M.Tapp** bt. Weitz +12.

Final: **M.Tapp** bt. Randle +22.

Event 5b: 'Y' Handicap Singles (20 Entries)

Final: **Revd C.H.Townshend** (6) bt. H.J.Devitt (5) +3.

Event 6: Handicap Doubles (19 Pairs)

First Round: **Lt-Col & Mrs E.H.P.Mallinson** (11½) bt. J.Randle & Mrs D.G.Waterhouse (15) +1 (T); **Mr & Mrs H.J.Devitt** (10½) bt. G.F.Paxon & Mrs F.F.W.Staddon (10) +2 (T); **Mrs B.G.Weitz & Miss P.Shine** (15½) bt. R.L.Everest & Mrs R.E.Tucker (7½) +10.

Second Round: **Mrs D.M.C.Prichard & Mrs S.J.Turner** (4) bt. Mrs W.Naylor & Mrs D.Osborn (17) +15; **Mrs G.F.H.Elvey & Miss A.M. Ryan** (14½) bt. Revd C.H.Townshend & W.E.Moore (4½) +6; **Mr & Mrs P.Newton** (4½) bt. F.Reynold & W.J.Baverstock (4½) +17; **Mr & Mrs Devitt** bt. Lt-Col & Mrs Mallinson +10; **Mrs Weitz & Miss Shine** w.o. Mrs N.W.T.Cox & Mrs L.L.Duveen (11) opp. ret.; **T.F.Owen & E.E.Rees** (1) bt. Professor B.G.Weitz & Mrs G.C.Day (9) +3; **M.Tapp & Mrs D.Linstead** (13½) bt. Mr & Mrs E.B.T.Tanner (18) +16; **J.G.C.Phillips & Mrs W.Longman** (6½) bt. H.A.Sheppard & Mrs E. Lewis (12) +1 (T).

Third Round: **Mrs Prichard & Mrs Turner** bt. Mrs Elvey & Miss Ryan +18; **Mr & Mrs Newton** bt. Mr & Mrs Devitt +16; **Owen & Rees** bt. Mrs Weitz & Miss Shine +7; **Phillips & Mrs Longman** bt. M.Tapp & Mrs Linstead +16.

Semi-Final: **Mr & Mrs Newton** bt. Mrs Prichard & Mrs Turner +12; **Owen & Rees** bt. Phillips & Mrs Longman +8.

Final: **Owen & Rees** bt. Mr & Mrs Newton +3.

Edinburgh: August 22-27

Monday morning, with 6 lawns, some 30 contestants, and a week's croquet in view; what more could one wish? Well, sunshine and smooth lawns would have filled the cup, and it was not long before the former appeared. However, despite the excellent work of the groundsman, the ancestry of the lawns (hockey rather than bowls) managed to show through. This, together with the accurately and firmly set hoops, caused many a promising break to disintegrate, and blobbed hoops were commonplace. More than half the games were won by single figure margins, including a nail-biting defeat of Ian Wright by Donald Lamont. Jack Norton, despite his immaculate white shorts, became an early victim of Margaret Lauder in what proved to be her narrowest win in the Big Handicap.

The sun continued to shine throughout Tuesday, which was mainly devoted to the restricted events, but then went into hiding until Finals Day. Jimmy Rowe won by the biggest margin of the day and Donald Lamont by the smallest, although the latter win was a notable achievement, since it was the only 'X' game that Margaret Lauder lost throughout the tournament.

Thursday is normally reserved for the Manager's nervous breakdown, but Ian Wright showed no sign of wilting, and even compounded his problems by abetting his partner — a 'blocker' if ever there was one — in a doubles victory over Bob Calder and Richard Weyndling, though by the narrowest possible margin. The Process of the Open Singles resolved no problems either, since four different names appeared in the finals of the Draw and of the Process.

Friday started with Alan Girling sailing through to the final of the Big Handicap, if +1 on time can be described as 'sailing', and,

with Ray Jones, to the final of the Doubles with a rather more convincing win over Jack Tait & Donald Lamont, and another +1 on time victory over Jim Shearer and George Mason. Yet another +1 on time over Mr McCulloch took Malcolm Smith to the final of his class event, making Rod Williams' defeat of Jack Norton in the Process Final of the Open Singles by +2 look positively one-sided.

Saturday, and the moment of truth for all finalists. After beating David Openshaw in the Draw Final, Stephen Wright successfully defended the Open Singles by beating Rod Williams in the play-off. Having got to four finals, the Birmingham visitors, Girling and Jones, eventually succumbed to an overdose of croquet by day and Festival by night, and failed to win any of them. Mrs Lauder played a faultless game against Girling to win the Big Handicap, making full use of her bisques, and rubbed it in by partnering Ian Wright to a convincing win in the Doubles over Girling & Jones, thus ensuring that she will not get so many bisques next time.

Despite a strong entry from the 'other' Croquet Association, all the trophies stayed in Scotland. However, the visitors made a great impression on the tournament, both socially and as contestants, and we look forward to a similar invasion next year. Of the non-combatants, special mention must be made of Miss Murray for organising the teas so efficiently, and of Howell Wright for sterling service with the coffee jugs. Mrs Norton made the presentations and Bob Calder reduced the handicaps.

Results

Event 1: Open Singles (8 Entries)

DRAW

First Round: F.V.X.Norton bt. R.Williams +6; S.J.H.Wright bt. R.O. Calder +18; I.H.Wright bt. G.Henshaw +19; D.Openshaw bt. A.J. Girling +21.

Semi-Final: S.Wright bt. Norton +9; Openshaw bt. I.Wright +3.

Final: S.Wright bt. Openshaw +7.

PROCESS

First Round: Norton bt. I.Wright +10; S.Wright bt. Openshaw +7; Williams bt. Henshaw +23; Girling bt. Calder +7 (T).

Semi-Final: Norton bt. S.Wright +1; Williams bt. Girling +6.

Final: Williams bt. Norton +2.

PLAY-OFF

S.Wright bt. Williams +13.

Event 2a: 'B' Level Singles (X) (7 Entries)

First Round: Mrs V.M.Macpherson bt. E.Mackenzie-Bowie +20; J.E.Rowe bt. C.J.Tait +25; Dr S.R.C.Malin bt. J.C.Shearer +4.

Semi-Final: Mrs C.A.Rowe w.o. Mrs Macpherson opp. ret'd.; Malin bt. Rowe +12.

Final: Malin bt. Mrs Rowe +11.

Event 2b: 'B' Level Singles (Y) (3 Entries)

Final: J.C.Shearer bt. E.Mackenzie-Bowie +12.

Event 3a: 'C' Handicap Singles (X) (13 Entries)

First Round: R.C.Jones (11) bt. R.Fletcher (7) +9 (T); A.Scott (11) bt. Mrs J.Morrison (14) +17; R.Forth (7½) bt. D.Adams (14) +24; J.C.McCulloch (9) bt. Mrs M.Wright (13) +2 (T); M.P.W.Smith (9) bt. R.Weyndling (11) +9 (T).

Second Round: A.D.Lamont (9) bt. Mrs M.Lauder (9) +2; Jones bt. Scott +9 (T); McCulloch bt. Forth +20; Smith w.o. opp. scr.

Semi-Final: Jones bt. Lamont +16; Smith bt. McCulloch +1 (T).

Final: Smith bt. Jones +20.

Event 3b: 'C' Handicap Singles (Y) (6 Entries)

Final: R.Weyndling (11) bt. R.Fletcher (7) +10.

Event 4: Handicap Doubles (12 Pairs)

First Round: A.J.Girling & R.C.Jones (15½) bt. G.Henshaw & E.Mackenzie-Bowie (12) +18 (T); C.J.Tait & A.D.Lamont (15) bt. Dr S.R.C.Malin & A.Scott (15) +13; R.O.Calder & R.Weyndling (14) bt. J.C.McCulloch & Mrs J.Morrison (23) +7 (T); S.J.H.Wright & R.Forth (6) bt. R.Fletcher & R.Williams (9) +2 (T).

Second Round: J.C.Shearer & G.Mason (21½) bt. Mr & Mrs J.E.Rowe (11½) +5 (T); Girling & Jones bt. Tait & Lamont +10; Calder & Weyndling bt. F.V.X.Norton & Mrs M.Wright (13) +7 (T); I.H.Wright & Mrs M.Lauder (8½) bt. S.Wright & Forth +20.

Semi-Final: Girling & Jones bt. Shearer & Mason +1 (T); I.Wright & Mrs Lauder bt. Calder & Weyndling +1 (T).

Final: I.Wright & Mrs Lauder bt. Girling & Jones +13.

Event 5a: 'X' Handicap Singles (27 Entries)

First Round: A.J.Girling (4½) bt. R.Weyndling (11) +5 (T); A.D.Lamont (9) bt. I.H.Wright (-½) +4 (T); G.Henshaw (3) bt. R.C.Jones (11) +10; J.C.Shearer (7½) bt. J.C.McCulloch (9) +5 (T); Dr S.R.C.Malin (4) bt. R.Fletcher (7) +5; Mrs M.Wright (13) bt. Mrs J.Morrison (14) +15; F.V.X.Norton (0) bt. E.Mackenzie-Bowie (9) +11; Mrs M.Lauder (9) bt. C.J.Tait (6) +12 (T); R.Williams (2) w.o. D.Adams (14) opp. scr.; Mrs V.M.Macpherson (6½) bt. Mrs C.A.Rowe (5½) +4 (T); R.O.Calder (3) bt. R.Forth (7½) +6 (T).

Second Round: Girling bt. Lamont +18; Shearer bt. Henshaw +16; Malin bt. Mrs Wright +16; Mrs Lauder bt. Norton +4; Mrs Macpherson bt. Williams +3 (T); Dr R.Milne (1) bt. Calder +5; A.Scott (11) bt. J.E.Rowe (6) +6 (T).

Third Round: Girling w.o. Mason opp. scr.; Shearer bt. Malin +7; Mrs Lauder bt. Mrs Macpherson +15; Milne bt. Scott +10.

Semi-Final: Girling bt. Shearer +1 (T); Mrs Lauder bt. Milne +5.

Final: Mrs Lauder bt. Girling +10.

Event 5b: 'Y' Handicap Singles (12 Entries)

Final: E.Mackenzie-Bowie (9) w.o. R.C.Jones (11) opp. scr.

Scottish Championship Finals

This was played at Gleneagles on July 2nd. The Scottish Association is making less use of the Gleneagles lawns than in previous years, so it was not surprising that the lawns had received less attention than at some times and were patchy. Of the morning players Bob Maclean was best able to manage in the conditions, but he was not able to maintain his form in the final of the Open Championship against Jack Norton, who also managed to come through in the Handicap Final against Rod Williams. The prizes were presented by Mr G.M.Burnett, Principal of the Heriot-Watt University, who, with Mrs Burnett, showed a keen interest in the play despite the cold and wet day.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Semi-Final: R.N.Maclean bt. Dr R.Milne +21; F.V.X.Norton bt. D.I.Nichols +3.

Final: Norton bt. Maclean +12.

HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP

Semi-Final: F.V.X.Norton bt. R.N.Maclean +7; R.Williams bt. Mrs M.Lauder +8.

Final: Norton bt. Williams +8.

The Secretary Trophy: August 6-7

This event was played this year at Glasgow as a separate two-day event. The play was in American Blocks with a play-off. More entries were received than on previous occasions. Block A was won by Ewan Bowie, whose play has been improving throughout the season. In Block B Stephen Tones managed to beat Stephen Wright in the first game by judicious use of bisques, and stayed on top from that point on. The play-off between the block winners was played on August 12th at Laurieston. The game lasted more than 4½ hours, and Ewan Bowie lost because he missed a long peg-out with his forward ball and pegged out his backward ball when his opponent was joined up with both clips for 4-back. Stephen Tones survived a few long shots to win by 1.

BLOCK A. E.Mackenzie-Bowie (9) bt. J.C.Shearer (7) +7, A.Williams (16) +15, and W.S.Kilpatrick (14) +8.

BLOCK B. S.J.Tones (7½) bt. S.J.H.Wright (+1½) +12, J.Weyndling (14) +16, and lost to R.Weyndling (14) -5.

PLAY-OFF

Tones bt. Mackenzie-Bowie +1.

Hunstanton (first week): August 29-September 3

Back on her home ground after her initiation into managership at Hurlingham, Sarah Hampson supervised the Hunstanton Tournament with extreme efficiency, ably assisted by Hugh Carlisle. They showed a most praiseworthy concern to provide competitors with plenty of play and not to leave lawns unoccupied at the end of the week, so they added an unadvertised 'Z' section to the Big Handicap and arranged an 'Extra Event' for those who were interested. What is more, the programme was completed smoothly without time limits being imposed on the games.

A new feature of this year's tournament was the provision of buffet lunches at the Clubhouse. These were not only excellent in quality but also extremely reasonable in price. The hard work done by the ladies of the Club in preparing the food was greatly appreciated by the visitors, who all expressed the hope that this successful venture will be repeated in future years.

Games in the Open event were notable more for careful play and crafty tactics than for any virtuoso displays, but Harry Green played consistently well to win both lives in this event, the runner-up being Jocelyn Sundius-Smith, who beat Ted Tucker in the play-off for second place. In the 'B' Level event two rapidly improving players met in the final, Roy Alford from Colchester eventually beating the local player David Turner in a closely-fought game. There were only two entries for the 'C' handicap, and Vera Tyrwhitt Drake beat Pat Hampson in a best-of-three match.

In the 'X' and 'Y' Handicap events many top class players went out to middle bisquers who knew how to use their bonuses properly. The winner of the 'X' was Dab Wheeler from Nottingham, who beat Roy Alford for the trophy. The 'Y' was won by Reg Simpson, and the 'Z' by Sarah Hampson.

Dab and Roger Wheeler successfully defended the doubles title they won last year. In many ways the most interesting play was in the semi-finals. In one game both pairs were of a balanced standard, and the contest was more like a singles game, except for the elementary tactic of trying to force the forward opponent to keep playing. In the other semi-final the spectators were treated to a classic 'battle of the shepherds'. Veronica Carlisle and Harry Green are both enthusiastic and experienced exponents of this type of croquet, and there were many surprising vicissitudes and amusing accidents before Veronica Carlisle (shepherding Pat Hampson) beat Harry Green (shepherding Olive Batchelor) by 5. Pat, however, was left alone to peg out her ball, which she eventually did from beyond Hoop 4.

Results

Event 1: Open Singles (12 Entries)

DRAW

First Round: Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith bt. Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle +22; Miss S.G.Hampson w.o. J.G.C.Phillips opp. scr.; E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake bt. Mrs J.N.Rolfe +11; H.B.H.Carlisle bt. Judge A.D.Karmel +23.

Second Round: Mrs Sundius-Smith bt. Miss Hampson +19; H.C.Green bt. Mrs R.A.Simpson +21; E.J.Tucker bt. R.A.Simpson +9; Carlisle bt. Tyrwhitt Drake +9.

Semi-Final: Green bt. Mrs Sundius-Smith +12; Tucker bt. Carlisle +20.

Final: Green bt. Tucker +13.

PROCESS

First Round: Mrs Simpson bt. Mrs Rolfe +1; Tucker bt. Carlisle +7; Green bt. Tyrwhitt Drake +6; Simpson bt. Karmel +21.

Second Round: Mrs Sundius-Smith bt. Mrs Simpson +17; Tucker w.o. Phillips opp. scr.; Green bt. Mrs Carlisle +7; Miss Hampson bt. Simpson +5.

Semi-Final: Mrs Sundius-Smith bt. Tucker +17; Green bt. Miss Hampson +3.

Final: Green bt. Mrs Sundius-Smith +21.

PLAY-OFF FOR SECOND PLACE

Mrs Sundius-Smith bt. Tucker +2.

Event 2: 'B' Level Singles (7 Entries)

DRAW

First Round: Mrs R.F.Wheeler bt. S.G.Kent +24; I.C.Baillieu bt. Dr R.F.Wheeler +3; D.Turner bt. Miss E.C.Brumpton +18.

Semi-Final: Mrs Wheeler bt. R.S.Alford +9; Turner bt. Baillieu +6.

Final: Turner bt. Mrs Wheeler +11.

PROCESS

First Round: Alford bt. Wheeler +20; Turner bt. Mrs Wheeler +15; Kent bt. Miss Brumpton +12.

Semi-Final: Alford bt. Turner +4; Kent bt. Baillieu +9.

Final: Alford bt. Kent +8.

PLAY-OFF

Alford bt. Turner +7.

Event 3: 'C' Handicap Singles (2 Entries)

Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (8) bt. Miss P.G.Hampson (14) +3 +12.

Event 4a: 'X' Handicap Singles (22 Entries)

First Round: Miss S.G.Hampson (2) bt. Dr R.F.Wheeler (5½) +2; Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle (2) bt. Mrs R.A.Simpson (2) +17; R.A.Simpson (1½) w.o. J.G.C.Phillips opp. scr.; D.Turner (4) bt. Mrs A.D.Karmel (6) +20; Mrs J.N.Rolfe (1½) bt. Judge A.D.Karmel (½) +25; S.G.Kent (3) bt. H.C.Green (½) +7.

Second Round: Mrs Carlisle bt. Miss S.Hampson +9; Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith (-1) bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (-1) +7; H.B.H.Carlisle (½) bt. Miss P.G.Hampson (14) +14; Mrs R.F.Wheeler (4½) bt. Miss E.C.Brumpton (5) +10; R.S.Alford (3) bt. I.C.Baillieu (3) +6; E.J.Tucker (-1½) bt. Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (8) +4; Turner bt. Simpson +9; Mrs Rolfe bt. Kent +14.

Third Round: Mrs Sundius-Smith bt. Mrs Carlisle +10; Mrs Wheeler bt. Carlisle +13; Alford bt. Tucker +14; Mrs Rolfe bt. Turner +16.

Semi-Final: Mrs Wheeler bt. Sundius-Smith +19; Alford bt. Mrs Rolfe +13.

Final: Mrs Wheeler bt. Alford +13.

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

Final: R.A.Simpson (1½) bt. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (-1) +12.

Event 5: Handicap Doubles (10 Pairs)

First Round: Mrs J.N.Rolfe & R.S.Alford (4½) bt. Mr & Mrs R.A.Simpson (3½) +2; Dr & Mrs R.F.Wheeler (10) bt. D.Turner & H.B.H.Carlisle (4½) +21.

Second Round: H.C.Green & Mrs L.Batchelor (12½) bt. Judge & Mrs A.D.Karmel (6½) +13; Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle & Miss P.G.Hampson (5) bt. Mrs Rolfe & Alford +10; Dr & Mrs Wheeler bt. Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith & I.C.Baillieu (2) +5; Miss S.G.Hampson & S.G.Kent (5) bt. Mr & Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake (7) +7.

Semi-Final: Mrs Carlisle & Miss P.Hampson bt. Green & Mrs Batchelor +5; Dr & Mrs Wheeler bt. Miss S.Hampson & Kent +10.

Final: Dr & Mrs Wheeler bt. Mrs Carlisle & Miss P.Hampson +5.

Hunstanton (second week): September 5-10

AMERICAN HANDICAP SINGLES (12 Entries)

D.Turner (3½) bt. Miss M.Braddy (15) +15, W.H.Carlisle (5) +12, Mrs S.A.Cosh (9) +5, Mrs J.N.Rolfe (1½) +15, Miss C.M.Sinclair (12) +9, L.Wharrad (5) +6, Mrs L.Wharrad (15) +15, Mrs H.A.Zinn (7½) +9, and lost to Mrs P.Sheldon (12) -8. Second: L.Wharrad (5).

This event was played in a single block, the nine best scores to count after including all losses. Miss E.I.Wood (10) and Miss P.G.Hampson (14) also played.

HANDICAP DOUBLES (9 Pairs)

First Round: Mrs J.N.Rolfe & Miss P.G.Hampson (13½) bt. Mrs H.A.Zinn & Mrs S.A.Cosh (16½) +8.

Semi-Final: Mrs Rolfe & Miss Hampson bt. D.Turner & Miss C.M.Sinclair (15½) +1 (T); Mr & Mrs L.Wharrad (19) bt. W.H.Carlisle & Miss E.I.Wood (15) +6.

Final: Mrs Rolfe & Miss Hampson bt. Mr & Mrs Wharrad +10 (T).

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2. DEATHS

The deaths are announced of Mrs M.S.Tyrrell and of Captain H.F.Nalder.

3. NEW REFEREES

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Mrs B.G.F.Weitz.

6. CLUB CONFERENCE

The 1977 Club Conference will be held at The Hurlingham Club on Saturday 26th November. Clubs may send as many representatives as they wish. Mr Christopher Jaques has agreed to talk on croquet equipment. Any suggestions from Clubs for inclusion in the Agenda will be welcomed.

7. ALTERATION IN HANDICAPS

Associates are reminded that handicaps will be raised on 1st January 1978 as follows:

Scratch and under	Raised by 1½ bisques
½ to 4 (inclusive)	Raised by 1 bisque
4½ to 7½ (inclusive)	Raised by ½ bisque
8 and over	No change

8. NEW DIRECTORY

A new Directory for 1978-9 will be published early in 1978. The price has not yet been decided, but any Associate wishing to add postal codes, telephone numbers etc., or changes of address, are asked to let the Secretary know by the end of November at the latest.

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Ryde: June 20-25
Mrs R.F.A.Crane 14 to 12 D10; H.G.Drake 2½ to 1½; E.A.Locke 5 to 4½; Miss J.Wraith 12 to 11; S.Elkan 12; Mrs S.Elkan 14.

Men's and Women's Championships: June 20-25
G.E.P.Jackson -1½ to -2; D.K.Openshaw -½ to -1; Mrs W.Longman 2½ to 3½ (at own request).

Woking: June 23-26
Before Play: J.S.H.Battison 8 to 6½; B.Whitehouse 6 to 5½.
After Play: A.Mozeley 8 to 6½; J.S.Maude 7 to 6; J.Rose ½ to 0; J.S.H.Battison 6½ to 5½; A.Lindley 5½ to 5.

Challenge & Gilbey: July 4-9
During Play: M.Phelps 10* to 8.
After Play: Mrs L.M.Bromfield 10 to 9; R.S.Eades 3 to 2½; Mrs A.E.Millns 12 D10 to 11 D10; M.Phelps 8 to 6; L.Wharrad 7 to 6.

Colchester: July 11-16
P.Bishop 3½ to 3; Mrs I.B.Chadwick 14 to 12; H.A.Cross 8 to 6½; G.S.Digby 3 to 2½; D.B.Wilson 3* to 3.

Cheltenham Club Trophies: July 8-17
During Play: D.R.Foulser 14 D12 to 12.
After Play: D.R.Foulser 12 to 9; N.A.J.Norman 2½ to 2.

Open Championships: July 18-23
N.J.Davren 0 to -1; M.E.W.Heap -2½ to -3½; S.R.Hemsted -2 to -2½; B.A.Keen 1 to 0; D.K.Openshaw -1 to -2; Dr W.P.Ormerod -3½ to -4; S.J.H.Wright -1 to -1½.

Southwick: July 18-23
P.Alvey 5 to 4; C.E.Knight 4½ to 4; Mrs A.E.Millns 11 D10 to 10 D9; Mrs E.Lewis 10 to 9; Dr D.A.Parker 5½ to 4; M.Tapp 7 to 5½.

Cheltenham: July 25-30
L.V.Latham 1 to 0; D. de Q. Lenfestey 4 to 3½; Mrs D. de Q. Lenfestey 7 to 6½; Lady Porter 10* to 10; Mrs J.Povey 3½ to 3; Mrs W.J.Sturdy 10 to 9; Col. G.T.Wheeler 4 to 3½; Miss J.Wraith 11 to 10.

Hurlingham: August 4-11
Lady Bazley 10 D8 to 9 D8; Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle 3½ to 2; D.J.Croker 4 to 2; Mrs D.J.Croker 12 to 10; Mrs W.Longman 3½ to 5 (at own request); Mrs P.H.Mann 8 to 7; Mrs B.Meachem 0 to -½; B.A.Meadows 5 to 4½; J.G.O.Miller 11 to 10; M.G.Pearson 4½ to 3; Professor A.W.Skempton 5 to 4½; Mrs A.W.Skempton 4½ to 4; M.J.Stevens 3½ to 1½; Dr R.F.Wheeler 6 to 5½; Mrs R.F.Wheeler 5 to 4½; L.Wharrad 6 to 5½.

Carrickmines: August 15-20
P.Browne 14 to 12; Miss G.Hopkins 5½ to 6; R.A.Overend 14 to 12; D.Rooke 10* to 10; R.E.Steen 5 to 6.

Nottingham: August 15-20
P.J.Death 5½ to 3½; Mrs D. de Q. Lenfestey 6½ to 5½; J.D.Meads 3 to 2½; I.C.Meredith 14 to 12; Mrs P.Meredith 14 to 13; G.W.Noble 2½ to 2; Dr T.W.Smith 4 to 3½.

Bowdon: August 26-29
A.Bennet 9 to 7; C.Hudson 6 to 4½; D.Iddon 8 to 7.

Southwick: August 22-27
Mrs L.L.Duveen 9 to 8; J.G.C.Phillips 1½ to ½; J.Randle 6 to 5½; Miss A.M.Ryan 12 to 11; M.Tapp 5½ to 4; Professor B.G.Weitz 0 to -½.

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