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## Correspondence

### Sticks and Stones

from Mr R.S.Eades

Sir,

'Quite the barmiest of English summer sports . . .' from this beginning you can surely guess the subject of an article which appeared in the June edition of the British Airways magazine *High Life*.

Whose fault is it that Association Croquet almost always gets a poor press? That when one mentions it at a party the usual clichés pour out so that, if one is wise, one never talks about it except in knowledgeable circles?

Surely it is ours for continuing to use the name Croquet for two such dissimilar activities as Golf Croquet and Association Croquet. This really is a stupidity up with which we should not put!

It might appear that the easy solution would be to change the name of Golf Croquet, but that would not work. All the mythical vicars of England know that game and nothing could persuade them to change their terminology.

No, the solution is to find an alternative name for Association Croquet. Games' names do not have to have meaning — Cricket, Golf, Squash — but they are generally short, sharp and memorable. Peel, Quantum, Cotter, Mallet. That is the kind of name that would suit. Anyone else got any ideas?

Tall Timbers, Morton Close  
Maidenhead

Yours faithfully,  
Smokey Eades

### An Ounce of Practice . . .

from Mrs Norah Adlam

Sir,

'You are not permitted to practise, either by yourself or in a knock-up game with someone else, on any court, at any time, before, during or after play without permission of the manager. This regulation for tournament play is customary for all match play.' (*Croquet To-day* by M.B.Reckitt.)

Maybe there are some croquet players who can recall the purpose of this regulation and why it still remains unchanged, but a limited time allowed to knock up as with other games does not seem unreasonable. Apart from enabling those who are not familiar with the court to get the feel of it, all should benefit from a little loosening up, and it could lead to a faster game. At present, in the average game a lot of time is taken up getting through the first two hoops. If the knock-up were limited to five minutes, the effect on the duration of a game of two to three hours would, anyway, be almost negligible. I have the support of many players in asking the Council to consider a knock-up for all games.

Badgemore Lane  
Henley-on-Thames

Yours sincerely,  
Norah Adlam

## Test Team for New Zealand

The following team was announced at the end of the President's Cup:

Captain: **B.G.Neal**  
Vice-Captain: **G.N.Aspinall**  
**M.E.W.Heap, Dr M.Murray, D.K.Openshaw,**  
**W.deB.Prichard.**  
Manager: **Dr W.R.D.Wiggins.**

The following were not available for the tour: P.W.Hands, S.R.Hemsted, J.W.Solomon, S.H.Wright, K.F.Wylie.

The following had also been considered: A.B.Hope, S.N.Mulliner, Dr W.P.Ormerod, C.H.L.Prichard and Dr E.W.Solomon.

Mrs Neal, Mrs Heap, Mrs Murray, Mrs Openshaw and Mrs Wiggins plan to accompany their husbands. The party leaves on 27 December.

## Test Tour Fund

We should like to thank all the Clubs and individuals who have contributed so generously. The Fund will remain open until the end of November, so there is still time to contribute. The name of all those who donate will appear in the Winter *Gazette*, as will the names of all Clubs who reach their target. Has your Club reached its target? If not, ask why not. At 9 September the fund had reached £1,233 — with a final spurt we shall reach our target of £1,500. Thank you again.

Derek Caporn, Eleanor Bressey, Jim Townsend  
Test Tour Fund Committee

## Test Tour Raffle

The raffle realised £588 net. Following is a list of the winners:

1st Prize (£50)	Betty Ostroff (Roehampton)
2nd Prize (£25)	John Cook (All England Club)
3rd Prize (£15)	R.B.Sharp (Wrest Park)
4th Prize (£10)	Dr B.R.Sandiford (Southport and Birkdale).

## Test Match Results

The results of the Test Matches will be printed in the Spring *Croquet Gazette* 1979. The team are due to return in mid-February. The MacRobertson Shield has already been forwarded by sea: we know that our team will defend it vigorously and we all wish them success for the fifth consecutive time.

## Oh to be in Wellington . . .

Extracts from a letter received from Dorothy Devitt which will interest their many friends in England and which paints an enticing portrait of New Zealand.

'We have been here nearly a year and have enjoyed every moment. It was the most beautiful summer I ever remember. Within three weeks of our arrival we had joined a croquet club and bought a delightful tiled house (many have tin roofs). It is

divided into two flats — my daughter and her family have the upstairs one. The garden is enormous: forty pine trees (complete with fifty-odd opossums), an orchard with lemon and grapefruit trees, raspberries, pears, plums and a stream. Food is very cheap and there is a wonderful selection of fruit and vegetables . . .

'The New Zealanders are great do-it-yourself people. Most of the women spin and others make beautiful pots in raw clay. Half the croquet people are painters and are able to sell their pictures. I have started macramé which has nearly driven me mad. Jim spends hours carving bone . . .

'Jim and I plan to take our caravan to the South Island for the big welcome. We both think the standard of croquet is high — at the Dominion Tournament, Jackson, Skinley and Heenan were in tremendous form, but John Prince was not playing as well as we had seen him in England. Many more people play croquet here — more women than men — and many women are  $-2\frac{1}{2}$  and  $-3$  and you see them doing triple peels in tournaments. There are few referees; Jim has been accepted readily, and his slightly different techniques have gone down well. He has been giving lectures on a laws course for umpires (used a lot out here). The coaching in Clubs is good. All white is pretty well insisted on for tournaments — there was a tremendous stir when I walked out in my straw boater — the ladies love their uniform and pork-pie hats. We have joined a second club this year where the lawns are the best in the country and as true as those three good ones at Hurlingham. The game is not so gentle — due mainly to there being no boundary boards or wires — at one tournament I was blooded all over from scratches after retrieving my balls from a prickly hedge. Our handicaps have both been reduced to  $4\frac{1}{2}$ . Your season must be nearly over — ours started in September.'

#### The Secretary and the Editor

The Secretary of the Croquet Association is Mr R.F. Rothwell, The Hurlingham Club, London SW6 3PR. Tel. 01-736 3148. The standard annual rate of subscription to the C.A. is still £5.

The Editor of *The Croquet Gazette*, to whom all items for inclusion in the *Gazette* should be sent direct, is Mrs D.M.C. Prichard, Gobion Manor, Abergavenny, Gwent, NP7 9AY. Tel. Gobion (087385) 242.

#### Deadline

The timetable for *The Croquet Gazette* has been thrown out by the regrettably long time taken to print the Summer issue. All copy was in the hands of the printers by 10 July, but readers did not receive their copies until 14 or 15 September—a fortnight after the deadline for the Autumn *Gazette*. The deadline for copy for the Winter *Gazette* will be Thursday, 7 December — or one week after you receive your *Gazette*.

The Editor does not acknowledge the receipt of contributions, but is delighted to receive them: it is only your ideas which keep the *Gazette* alive. Will anyone interested in taking on the Editorship of the *Gazette* please write to the Chairman of Council; the present Editor can carry on for only a limited period.

#### Devonshire Park 1979

Advance notice. The dates for the South of England Championships in 1979 are:

First week: 9-14 April

Second week: 16-21 April.

The Events remain unchanged. Ten lawns have been promised — all in excellent condition.

Easter falls on 15 April, but the Eastbourne authorities are unable to move the fixture one week forward because of other commitments. The Manager will make every effort to give leave on Good Friday to those who desire it.

Will 1978 winners kindly ensure that the trophies are returned to Devonshire Park in good time.

#### Roving Eye

Readers will be glad to know that **William Ormerod**, who was taken ill during the President's Cup, is now out of hospital and making good progress. Much sympathy was felt for his new wife **Marian** whom he married only a few weeks earlier and even more for both of them in that this illness put paid to William's chances of being selected for the imminent tour in New Zealand.

**Steve Mulliner** has announced his engagement to **Sarah Speirs**. She has started to play croquet and when he suggested next August for the wedding she asked: 'Has the date of the President's Cup got anything to do with it?' She is obviously a fast learner.

The following caught my eye, written more than **one hundred years** ago: 'Most men will look almost graceful when dressed in white flannel knickerbockers, with jacket, waistcoat, shirt and cap to match'.

The tragedy of the year must be **Wrest Park's** disqualification from the Inter Club Championship. They had won, against all the odds, against Roehampton (with Vic Rees and John Wheeler beating Nigel Aspinall and Steve Mulliner respectively) only to discover that they had included in their side one player who had played for another Club in an earlier round. The rules for eligibility for both the Club Championship and the Inter Counties are by no means unduly narrow so they must be adhered to.

**John and Sue Prince** have a three-year-old son who is already keen on croquet but 'Nicholas', writes John, 'will be kept well away from the Clubs during the test series as he would have little respect for what was involved!' The Princes have a new address: 109 Park Road South, Hastings, New Zealand. John is the New Zealand Captain and it will be the third series in which he has met Bernard Neal and Nigel Aspinall, our Captain and Vice-Captain.

The Australian team was to be chosen after the A.C.C. Carnival in Brisbane at the end of September. The only all-male State team (**South Australia**) look strong: J. Magor (capt), M. Prater, W. Smith, N. Spooner, C. Pickering. The last named was runner-up to Bill Smith in the S.A. Champion of Champions event: he is a player who is improving fast and has mastered the triple with ease. Most S.A. players are masters at this fine finish.

**Brian Sykes** and **Sue Foden**, both members of the victorious Oxford team this year, were married in September and celebrated by winning the handicap Doubles at the South of England Championships at Southwick a fortnight later. They will both be associated with Wolfson College again next year. Brian is Handicap  $2\frac{1}{2}$  now (from 10 this year) and Sue came down  $5\frac{1}{2}$  bisques in the last six weeks to  $7\frac{1}{2}$ . Which is all good news for Oxford. Should Oxford not now form a Club comparable to the Heley Club for past members of the University?

**William Prichard** was interviewed on the **British Forces Broadcasting Service** about Croquet and did his best to dispel some of the myths about the game. He was asked to do another interview on his return from New Zealand.

Stop Press. **John Solomon** announced after the final of the Club Championships that he had played his last game of competitive croquet. One can well understand that he could not be satisfied by anything less than perfection, after his legendary successes over the past thirty years, but players all over the world will regret his decision. He is only 47 so we hope that like that other legend, Pavlova, he will come back again — and again.

#### Croquet History Quiz

Associates are reminded that entries for the Croquet History Quiz (C.G. No. 147 Spring 1978 p.14) close on 5 January, 1979. Entrants should take into consideration the 1978 season, although the Quiz was compiled earlier. Entries to be sent to Lt.-Col D.M.C. Prichard, Gobion Manor, Abergavenny, Gwent, NP7 9AY.

#### Obituaries

##### Mrs Marjorie Leach

The Bristol Croquet Club has suffered a sad loss in the sudden death of Mrs Marjorie Leach, a sister of Mrs Rotherham. Formerly a first-class golfer, she took up Croquet on coming to Bristol in 1969 and was a much-loved member of the Club.

V.R.O.

##### Leslie M. Bromfield

The Sussex County Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club suffered a great loss at the end of August when Leslie Bromfield died suddenly.

Leslie joined the Club in 1974 and the following year became General Secretary of the Management Committee. He had been an international Table Tennis player and a senior official of that Association and his knowledge and experience proved invaluable to the Croquet Club. Nothing was too much trouble for him and he worked extremely hard to increase the membership and to consolidate the Club. His friendship and kindness will always be remembered and he will be very greatly missed.

E.A.J.

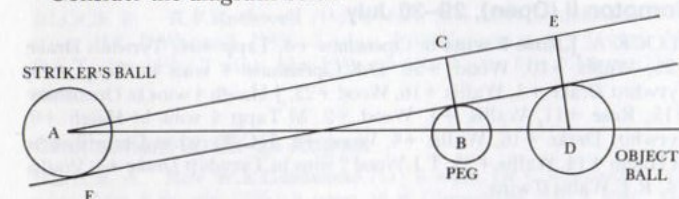
#### Shooting at the Peg

When a player has one ball pegged out and the other a rover, he is faced with the alternative of shooting at a ball or at the peg. One often hears the maxim 'the ball is a bigger target than the peg'. Even such a pundit as Lord Tollemache goes so far as to say on the last page of his pamphlet *Hints on Practice, Tactics and Stroke Play* (1923) that 'a half-lawn shot at the peg is the same as a full-lawn shot at a ball'. This presumably is based upon the assumption that the equivalent targets for ball and peg are in the ratio of

$$\frac{3.625 \text{ in. (diam. of ball)}}{1.5 \text{ in. (diam. of peg)}} = 2.4 \text{ to } 1.$$

Thus he contends that a ball at 34 yards presents the equivalent target to the peg at 13 yards. But this is a fallacy, as it would only be true if the ball were of pin-point size instead of  $3\frac{1}{8}$  in. diameter.

Consider the diagram below



A, B and D are in a straight line and the balls are in such a position that FH is a tangent to both peg and object ball. ACE is drawn parallel to FH. If the centre of the striker's ball (A) follows the line ACE, the ball will make grazing contact with both peg and object ball, i.e. both offer the same angular width of target.

Their respective distances are AB and AD and  $\frac{AB}{AD} = \frac{BC}{DE}$

$$BC = \frac{1}{2} \text{ diam. of peg} + \frac{1}{2} \text{ diam. of ball} = 2.5625 \text{ in.}$$

$$DE = \frac{1}{2} \text{ diam. of ball} \times 2 = 3.625 \text{ in.}$$

$$\text{If we take AB as 10 yards, then } \frac{10}{AD} = \frac{2.5625}{3.625}$$

Therefore AD = 14.15 yards and thus at any distances ball and peg present targets in the ratio of 1.4 to 1 instead of 2.4 to 1. A rough rule of thumb is that it is better to shoot at the peg if it is less than two-thirds the range of the ball.

Another matter of interest arises. What is the probability of hitting the peg when shooting from the side boundary (13 yards) within a given number of shots? Thirteen yards at the peg is the equivalent of  $13 \times 1.4 = 18$  yards at a ball. Now we know from Dr Grundy's statistics that the chance of an average shot hitting a ball

at 18 yards is 25 per cent. Whilst the chance of each individual shot is always 25 per cent, the initial probabilities within a given number of shots (cutting out the mathematics) are:

No. of shots	Probability per cent
1	25
2	43.75
3	57.8
4	68.4
5	76
.....	.....
8	90
.....	.....
15	98.7
.....	.....
20	99.7

Old Brown

#### The Modified Grading System

The grading system described in the Spring 1978 *Gazette* has been extended to include all Advanced games played. As a result, the performances of some 150 players have been reviewed. The extension of the system has demanded certain modifications which are explained below.

(1) If every Advanced game is to be used for grading, every player must have a grade. Where a player fails to qualify for a 'full' grade, i.e. not playing twelve relevant games in a twelve-month period, he can still qualify for a 'provisional' grade. These are distinguished from full grades by a \*, i.e. 85 and 85\*. They permit an opponent to score points towards grading but do not qualify the provisional grader to appear on a ranking-list because he will have played too few games for the result to be statistically reliable. Provisional grades will usually be awarded on a handicap-related basis, i.e. currently h'cap 3 = grade 90, 2 = 100, 1 = 110, etc. They can also be changed if a player plays at least eight games per twelve-month period.

(2) The prototype system operated on a seasonal basis only. In order to fit in with the Eights selectors' year (app. 1 Aug. to 31 July) and to make the system more sensitive to changes in form during a season there are now two grading points and two grading periods in each season. The former are 31 July and 31 Oct., i.e. immediately before Hurlingham and the end of the annual season respectively. The latter are the two halves of a season on each side of 31 July and would be referred to as '1978(1)' and '1978(2)' in 1978.

However, the gradings are still calculated on a twelve-month period basis to maintain statistical reliability.

(3) When opponents of grades 50 or more apart meet and the better player duly wins, the game is ignored in calculating the gradings of both. This replaces the modification given in the prototype system whereby the better player was assured of a score not less than his own grade. Where the better player loses, the game is obviously relevant to both gradings and so will be used. As more games are used in this version the best players' grades are rather higher than in the prototype. The majority of current A-class players seem to fall into the 95 to 125 range.

#### 1978 (1) grades in order (1977(2) grades in brackets)

K.F. Wylie	178(163)	M. Murray	139(138)
G.N. Aspinall	154(150)	B.G. Neal	135(138)
P.W. Hands	153(139)	G.E.P. Jackson	135(136)
W.de B. Prichard	148(163)	G.J. Roberts	135(—)
M.E.W. Heap	144(153)	S.J. Wright	129(133)
A.B. Hope	143(145)	E.W. Solomon	126(133)
S.N. Mulliner	143(133)	R. Wood	126(—)
D.K. Openshaw	142(141)	D.J.V.H.-Miller	122(122)
S.R. Hemsted	142(136)	J.H. Soutter	122(115)
W.P. Ormerod	140(150)	N.J. Davren	121(125)

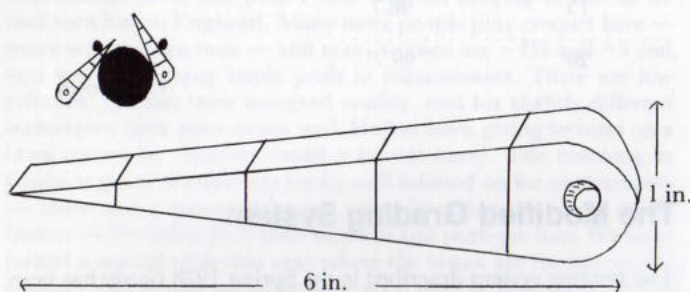
S.N. Mulliner

## The Croquet Handyman

### 1. A Referee's Gauge

This essentially is a feeler gauge to measure the distance between the ball and the wires and so establish the exact position of the ball relative to the hoop. The gauge consists of a 1/2-inch-thick wooden wedge, tapering from 1 in. to a point and is marked off in arbitrary units along its length. It can also be used in place of a square mallet to determine whether a ball has run a hoop. A thinner plastic version of the gauge could be carried in the cover of the 'laws'.

H.C.G.



### 2. Manager's Sash

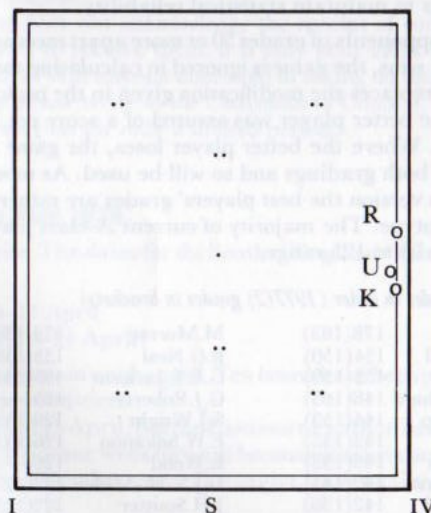
Most Managers appoint a deputy to act for them while they are playing. It is easier for players, for the real Manager and for his deputy if the duty Manager wears a mark of authority. We have used a sash of red braid. You need two yards of red wool braid (not less than 1 in. wide) on which the word MANAGER is embroidered in thick white cotton in chain stitch. To get the correct spacing mark out the letters with a running stitch first.

R.E.W.

(Mrs R.E. Tucker would take Winter orders at £1 each. Orders to: 13 Compton Road, Brighton, Sussex, BN1 5AL.)

## A Question of Tactics: 3

Yellow has been pegged out. Blue and Black are for the Peg, and Red is for penult. Blue is in play, conceding a lift, and has unfortunately failed to get a decent rush on Black. What should he do? This position occurred in Open Championship Doubles 1977.



Answer on page 23

## Weekend Tournaments

### Wrest Park II (Open), 7-9 July

**BLOCK A. S.R.Hemsted 7 wins** bt Davren +15, Hicks +16 (T.P.), Mulliner +12, Murray +21 (T.P.), Neal +16, Openshaw +17 (T.P.), Soutter +25. S.N.Mulliner 5 wins bt Davren +18, Hicks +26, Neal +7, Openshaw +25, Soutter +2. D.Openshaw 5 wins bt Davren +3, Hicks +26, Murray +17, Neal +4, Soutter +1. M.Murray 4 wins bt Davren +16, Hicks +26, Mulliner +14, Soutter +25 (T.P.), B.G.Neal 3 wins bt Hicks +3, Murray +5, Soutter +10. N. Davren 2 wins bt Hicks +8, Neal +18. J.H.J. Soutter 1 win bt Davren +4. H.O.Hicks 1 win bt Soutter +12.

**BLOCK B. G.Roberts 6 wins** bt Bell +23, Green +23, Keen +4, Rose +23, Stoker +3, Wheeler +14. J.Wheeler 4 wins bt Evans +24, Green +3, Rose +11, Stoker +20. H.C.Green 4 wins bt Bell +6, Evans +24, Keen +21, Stoker +7. V.A.Keen 4 wins bt Bell +6, Evans +9, Stoker +13, Wheeler +3. J.Evans 3 wins bt Bell +16, Roberts +6, Stoker +20. J.Rose 3 wins bt Evans +1, Green +12, Keen +11. P.Stoker 2 wins bt Bell +21, Rose +7. E.Bell 2 wins bt Rose +9, Wheeler +7.

**BLOCK C. S.Battison 4 wins** bt Archer +15, Audsley +23, Caporn +10, Henshaw +10. N.Norman 4 wins bt Archer +16, Audsley +5, Battison +14, Caporn +18. Mrs D.Wheeler 4 wins bt Audsley +15, Battison +1, Henshaw +11, Norman +17. D.C.Caporn 3 wins bt Archer +10, Henshaw +8, Mrs Wheeler +18. G.Henshaw 3 wins bt Archer +6, Audsley +12, Norman +1. D.Archer 2 wins bt Audsley +14, Mrs Wheeler +2 (T). E.Audsley 1 win bt Caporn +16. M.J.Stevens ret. after one game.

**BLOCK D. S.Eades 6 wins** bt Anderson +8, Mrs Hemsted +19, Hudson +7, Johnson +8, Mrs Soutter +19, R.Wheeler +17, P.Johnson 5 wins bt Anderson +7, Mrs Hemsted +3, Hudson +9, Mrs Soutter +23, Wheeler +26. C.Cumming 5 wins bt Eades +9, Mrs Hemsted +14, Johnson +21, Mrs Soutter +20, Wheeler +2(T). T.W.Anderson 4 wins bt Cumming +18, Mrs Hemsted +21, Mrs Soutter +19, Wheeler +1(T). C.Hudson 4 wins bt Anderson +1, Cumming +9, Mrs Soutter +24, Wheeler +6. Mrs S.R.Hemsted 3 wins bt Hudson +8, Mrs Soutter +21, Wheeler +15. R.Wheeler 1 win bt Mrs Soutter +10. Mrs J.H.J.Soutter 0 wins.

This weekend is so popular that it is advisable to enter early. The Club can make additional lawns by mowing up extra bits of the Park. This time an extra lawn was put on a bowling-green which was laid down in the eighteenth century beside a classic-style pavilion (in course of being restored). The portico was used and the Club's new croquet-pavilion was invaluable. Nearly 100 matches were played, each player getting six or seven games.

### Compton II (Open), 29-30 July

**BLOCK A. J.Rose 5 wins** bt Openshaw +4, Tapp +16, Tyrwhitt Drake +26, Wallis +10, Wood +26. D.K.Openshaw 4 wins bt Tapp +15, Tyrwhitt Drake +3, Wallis +16, Wood +23. J.Haigh 4 wins bt Openshaw +15, Rose +11, Wallis +4, Wood +2. M.Tapp 4 wins bt Haigh +9, Tyrwhitt Drake +16, Wallis +4, Wood +3. E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake 2 wins bt Haigh +14, Wallis +25. T.I.Wood 2 wins bt Tyrwhitt Drake +4, Wallis +4. R.E.Wallis 0 wins.

**BLOCK B. J.G.C.Phillips 5 wins** bt Borrett +8, Harris +20, Tapp +15, Vincent +23, Yallop +1. Cdr G.Borrett 5 wins bt Harris +18, Tapp +17, Vincent +16, Wood +15, Yallop +5. Dr R.Wood 4 wins bt Harris +15, Phillips +8, Tapp +8, Vincent +15. I.G.Vincent 3 wins bt Harris +7, Tapp +5, Yallop +10. Dr B.D.Yallop 2 wins bt Harris +22, Wood +8. S.Tapp 2 wins bt Harris +4, Yallop +19. D.A.Harris 0 wins.

PLAY-OFF Phillips bt Rose +1.

The end of July saw the birth, in Sussex, of a lively infant — Compton's new, open, genuine (two-day) weekend tournament, tailored to suit the schedule of the working man. There were some anxious moments: five lawns, flooded after torrential rain, drained miraculously in time for play at 9.30; and on Sunday afternoon Borrett needed to win by at least +21 against Harris to win his block but everyone had to wait for one and a half nail-biting hours before Harris scored the vital sixth point. So it was Phillips who played — and narrowly beat — Rose in a match made even more exciting by both players missing their peg-out twice, to become the first winner of the Compton Open Weekend HORN (an unusual trophy of a copper post horn). Everyone had six games in two days (a few had to play four games in a day), surely unbeatable value at £1.50. This will become a regular feature at Compton, and hopes were voiced that other Clubs would follow suit.

## Colchester II, 26-28 August

SWISS HANDICAP SINGLES (5 rounds, 20 entries, 3 1/2-hr time-limit, double-banking)

5 wins: **Dr T.J.Haste** (7 1/2).

4 wins: A.J.Girling (3 1/2), Mrs R.F.Wheeler (3).

3 wins: R.S.Alford (3 1/2), I.D.Bond (3 1/2), H.A.Cross (6 1/2), Mrs G.S.Digby (3 1/2), Dr M.Murray (-1), Mrs F.Stanley-Smith (8), Dr R.F.Wheeler (5).

2 wins: Mrs R.Chadwick (11), G.S.Digby (3), Dr R.C.Jones (7), E.A.Locke (5), A.N.Mozley (5 1/2), Miss E.I.Wood (10), Mrs A.A.Zinn (8).

1 win: J.H.Griffiths (8), Mrs E.A.Locke (13).

Nil: Miss C.Sinclair (12).

Play-off for second place: **Girling** bt Mrs Wheeler +9.

DOUBLES (7 pairs)

First Round: **Alford & Mrs Zinn** (11 1/2) bt A.W.Nicholls & Mrs Stanley-Smith (15 1/2) +1(T), **Digby & Haste** (10 1/2) bt Cross & Mrs G.Kimber (18 1/2) +19, **Miss Wood & Miss Sinclair** (22) bt F.Fowke & Griffiths (20) opp ret.

Semi-final: **Alford & Mrs Zinn** bt Mr & Mrs Locke (18) +1(T), **Digby & Haste** bt Miss Wood & Miss Sinclair +25.

Final: **Alford & Mrs Zinn** bt Digby & Haste +3(T).

### Bowdon, 25-28 August

**BLOCK A. E.Bell** (1 1/2) 6 wins; A.Bennet (5) 4 wins (+31); D.Lyons (11) 4 wins (+13); Mrs Tyldesley (5) 3 wins; Mrs Flutter (12) 2 wins; B.C.Sykes (3) 2 wins; Miss S.Black (12) nil.

**BLOCK B. J.H.Bowman** (12) 5 wins; E.L.Gardiner (9) 4 wins; Mrs Ashton (14) 3 wins; Mrs Simpson (3) 3 wins; M.J.Duck (5 1/2) 3 wins; J.D.Meads (2) 3 wins; Mrs Cocker (8) nil.

**BLOCK C. S.E.Lewis** (10) 5 wins; Miss S.Foden (11) 4 wins (+57); M.Kolbuszewski (5) 4 wins (+40); C.Hudson (4 1/2) 4 wins (+3); A.Ford (3 1/2) 3 wins; J.Macdonald (7) 1 win; Mrs Hadcroft (10) nil.

**BLOCK D. W.E.Black** (4 1/2) 4 wins (+20); R.A.Simpson (2) 4 wins (+9); L.S.Flutter (9) 4 wins (+4); G.B.Binks (5) 3 wins; A.J.Collin (10) 3 wins; Mrs Hague (13) 2 wins; J.Straw (9) 1 win.

PLAY-OFF FOR REED CUP

Semi-finals: Bell bt Lewis +8; Bowman bt Black +19.

Final: Bowman bt Bell +26.

### Ryde, 15-17 September

**BLOCK A. M.G.Tompkinson** (5) 6 wins; C.G.Pountney (1 1/2) 5 wins; Mrs L.M.Bishop (9) 3 wins; R.B.W.Gladstone (5) 3 wins; Miss D.E.Rogers (11) 2 wins; P.H.Mann (5 1/2) 2 wins; Mrs J.Haworth (13) nil.

**BLOCK B. R.F.Rothwell** (1 1/2) 6 wins; Mrs M.G.Tompkinson (14) 5 wins; H.G.B.Wagnall (7 1/2) 3 wins; R.W.Newnham (7) 3 wins; Mrs R.S.Tucker (4 1/2) 2 wins; Mrs J.Wraith (10) 1 win; Mrs P.Mann (7 1/2) 1 win.

### Cheltenham III, 26-28 August

**BLOCK A. Rev W.E.Gladstone** (1/2) 6 wins, Dr C.B.Snowdon (4) 5 wins; Mrs E.Sturdy (7 1/2) 3 wins; M.W.Clotworthy (10) 3 wins; Miss I.M.Roe (6 1/2) 3 wins; Miss E.H.Arkell (3 1/2) 1 win; Mrs H.A.Pim (7 1/2) 0.

**BLOCK B. Prof B.G.Weitz** (1/2) 6 wins; Mrs K.Yeoman (10) 4 wins; Miss M.J.Lodge (6 1/2) 3 wins; Mrs J.Povey (3) 3 wins; F.E.Pearson (3) 3 wins; Dr H.A.Pim (5 1/2) 1 win; Mrs D.H.Moorcraft (9) 1 win.

**BLOCK C. W.J.Sturdy** (4) 5 wins; S.J.Garrett (6 1/2) 5 wins; Mrs H.G.Handley (5) 4 wins; Mrs P.Asa-Thomas (5) 3 wins; J.H.J.Soutter (0) 3 wins; Mrs C.W.Marshall (8) 1 win; Mrs F.E.Pearson (12) 0.

**BLOCK D. P.W.Hands** (-1 1/2) 5 wins; G.F.Blumer (6) 4 wins; Dr C.W.Marshall (9) 4 wins; L.G.Ayliffe (5) 2 wins; A.Blenkin (8) 2 wins; Miss R.M.Allen (4 1/2) 2 wins.

**BLOCK E. R.B.W.Gladstone** (6) 5 wins; E.Asa-Thomas (7) 4 wins; T.G.S.Colls (5) 4 wins; Col G.T.Wheeler (4 1/2) 3 wins; Mrs B.G.Weitz (3) 2 wins; D.H.Moorcraft (1 1/2) 2 wins; Mrs E.Langley (14) 1 win.

## Roehampton Evening Tournament, 25 June to 2 July

If this experimental tournament is judged a success, let the manager-reporter at once state that the reason for that success lies almost entirely in the wonderful co-operation of the players who

were prepared to play at all hours and, in one case, five times in one day! The Roehampton Club are also to be thanked for giving up the putting-green on the first and last days of the tournament. We intend to run the tournament next year with a hopefully slightly increased entry, with trophies for all the events and possibly with one or two experiments, including optional knocking-up for five minutes before every game.

David Croker and Ian Bond dominated the B levels and the X handicap. In the former Croker had to play extremely well to beat Bond, recently down from Oxford and a member of their first-ever successful Varsity Match team. The most succinct way of describing the effect of Bond's 7 1/2 bisques on the opponents he demolished in the X is to say that they paralysed them! He has been reduced in handicap in consequence to 4.

In the C handicap event another newcomer, Shlomo Godsi, made a most effective start in croquet. However in the play-off the greater experience of Winifred Jones gave her a well-deserved and popular win.

In the Open singles the manager soon found that John Phillips saw no reason to treat him as kindly as his labours surely deserved! John won one half and very nearly the other, but a somewhat desperate last hit allowed a relieved Mulliner to reach the play-off which he won with a little more to spare.

In the Doubles it was obvious from the start that the Imperial College 'past and present' team, alias Michael Stevens and Shlomo Godsi, would take some beating. Ultimately, David and Audrey Croker took up the challenge in the final and won by a comfortable margin due in large part to Audrey's steadiness under fire.

Despite only moderate weather there was always sufficient light to play a full game after 6 pm. Any other Club which might think of holding a similar tournament can be reassured that with four courts and double-banking in the early stages it is possible to cope with up to 32 entries comfortably.

## Results

Event 1: Open Singles (9 entries)

DRAW

First Round: **S.N.Mulliner** w.o. B.G.Neal.

Second Round: **J.G.C.Phillips** bt Miss B.Duthie +1; **S.N.Mulliner** bt M.Ormerod +11; **J.Haigh** bt R.D.C.Prichard +14; **M.J.Stevens** bt A.V.Camroux +9.

Semi-final: **Phillips** bt Mulliner +1; **Stevens** bt Haigh +7.

Final: **Phillips** bt Stevens +7.

PROCESS

First Round: **Miss Duthie** w.o. A.V.Camroux.

Second Round: **Mulliner** bt Miss Duthie +19; **Haigh** bt Ormerod +13; **Phillips** bt Prichard +14; **Stevens** w.o. Neal.

Semi-final: **Mulliner** bt Haigh +9; **Phillips** bt Stevens +25.

Final: **Mulliner** bt Phillips +2.

PLAY-OFF: **Mulliner** bt Phillips +16.

Event 2: Level Singles (3 bisques and over) (8 entries)

DRAW

First Round: **Mrs B.G.Neal** bt Mrs T.Wills +15; **Mrs E.E.Bressey** bt Mrs J.Showan +21; **I.D.Bond** bt T.G.S.Colls +3; **D.J.Croker** bt Mrs B.Mansfield +25.

Semi-final: **Mrs Bressey** bt Mrs Neal +7(T); **Croker** bt Bond +5.

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

PROCESS

First Round: **Colls** bt Mrs Bressey +16; **Mrs Showan** bt R.H.C.Carder +16; **Bond** bt Mrs Neal +20; **Mrs Mansfield** bt Mrs Bressey +1(T).

Semi-final: **Mrs Showan** bt Colls +12; **Bond** bt Mrs Mansfield +20.

Final: **Bond** bt Mrs Showan +22.

PLAY-OFF: **Croker** bt Bond +7.

Event 3: Handicap Singles (9 bisques and over) (8 entries)

DRAW

First Round: **Mrs W.Jones** (10) bt P.W.P.Campion (9) +18; **Mrs J.Bonser** (9) bt Mrs A.Solomon (14) +10(T); **S.Godsi** (14) bt Mrs Y.Rentoul (9) +3; **P.E.Callan** (9) w.o. Mrs A.Croker.

Semi-final: **Mrs Jones** bt Mrs Bonser +5; **Godsi** bt Callan +5.

Final: **Godsi** bt Mrs Jones +8(T).

## PROCESS

*First Round:* **Mrs Rentoul** bt **Campion** +16; **Mrs Solomon** w.o. **Mrs Croker**; **Mrs Jones** w.o. **Godsi**; **Callan** bt **Mrs Bonser** +8.

*Semi-final:* **Mrs Solomon** bt **Mrs Rentoul** +10; **Mrs Jones** bt **Callan** +3(T).

*Final:* **Mrs Jones** bt **Mrs Solomon** +10.

PLAY-OFF: **Mrs Jones** bt **Godsi** +4(T).

*Event 4: Handicap Singles X* (21 entries)

*First Round:* **M.Ormerod** (1) w.o. **Mrs A.Croker** (10); **Mrs Y.Rentoul** (9) bt **Mrs T.Wills** (8) +14; **Mrs W.Jones** (10) bt **Mrs E.A.Neal** (5) +16(T); **Mrs B.Mansfield** (8) bt **T.G.S.Colls** (5) +15; **J.Haigh** (1½) bt **P.E.Callan** (9) +10.

*Second Round:* **J.G.C.Phillips** (1½) bt **P.W.P.Campion** (9) +6; **I.D.Bond** (7½) bt **Mrs J.Showan** (5½) +18; **Ormerod** bt **S.N.Mulliner** (-½) +1; **Mrs Rentoul** bt **Mrs Jones** +11; **Haigh** bt **Mrs Mansfield** +7; **S.Godsi** (14) bt **Mrs A.Solomon** (14) +8(T); **D.J.Croker** (3) bt **M.J.Stevens** (1) +24; **A.V.Camroux** (1) bt **R.D.C.Prichard** (2) +26.

*Third Round:* **Bond** bt **Phillips** +26; **Ormerod** bt **Mrs Rentoul** +19; **Haigh** bt **Godsi** +8 (T); **Croker** bt **Camroux** +9.

*Semi-final:* **Bond** bt **Ormerod** +26; **Croker** bt **Haigh**.

*Final:* **Bond** bt **Croker** +13.

*Event 5: Handicap Doubles* (10 pairs)

*First Round:* **Stevens & Godsi** (15) bt **Campion & Callan** (19) +19; **Haigh & Mrs Wills** (9½) bt **Phillips & Mrs Solomon** (12½) +5.

*Second Round:* **Camroux & Mrs Bonser** (10) bt **Mulliner & Mrs Mansfield** (7½) +13; **Stevens & Godsi** (15) bt **Mrs Bressey & Mrs Jones** (15) +12; **Bond & Mrs Showan** (13) bt **Haigh & Mrs Wills** (9½) +4; **Croker & Mrs Croker** (13) bt **Ormerod & Mrs Rentoul** (10) +13.

*Semi-final:* **Stevens & Godsi** bt **Camroux & Mrs Bonser** +3; **Mr & Mrs Croker** bt **Bond & Mrs Showan** +11.

*Final:* **Mr & Mrs Croker** bt **Stevens & Godsi** +15.

## Veterans Championship held at Compton, 3-8 July

This was the first year that Compton had acted as host Club to this Association event, and it proved to be most successful, in fact so popular that the entries had to be limited. It coincided with the second week at Wimbledon, but so enthusiastic were the players that they forgot all about tennis. Although there was very little sunshine during the week the conditions for playing were ideal, and thanks to the groundsman Tom Merritt for six well-prepared lawns.

Giles Borrett as Manager had a large programme before him. He wisely took an early decision to introduce double-banking in the first rounds of the X and Y; he is dedicated to perfection and keen to please the players.

In an early round of the restricted Handicap the experienced Mrs Newton had an interesting victory over Eric Knight when she pegged out his forward ball when his second ball was for Rover, her other ball being for 1 back; but with skilful play she managed to win without his scoring another point. Hazel Parker and John Bettley had a first-round doubles win against the Manns, and Giles Borrett and Bob Everest (it was nice to see Bob enjoying his croquet) broke the strong combination of Knight and Hutcheson. Tom Colls and Vera Tyrwhitt Drake sailed through to the Doubles final against strong opposition, but there Tristram Owen and Ed Strickland overcame their good play. Tom Colls made great efforts to peg out Tristram's ball, but did not succeed.

Ted Tucker had a convincing win in the Open singles, beating Pat Newton in the play-off by 26. He also won the Open handicap, a remarkable double. The final of Event 2 between Hutcheson and Chappell was a close battle, but the one-bisque advantage was the deciding factor and Chappell had a well-deserved win.

## Results

*Event 1: Open Singles Championship* (10 entries)

DRAW

*First Round:* **Comdr G.Borrett** bt **Mrs Lightfoot** +14, **P.Newton** bt **T.F.Owen** +10.

*Second Round:* **E.J.Tucker** bt **C.G.Pountney** +16, **Newton** bt **Borrett** +2, **Mrs K.Wheeler** bt **E.V.Tyrwhitt Drake** +5, **N.W.Cox** bt **R.L.Everest** +9.

*Semi-final:* **Tucker** bt **Newton** +3, **Cox** bt **Mrs Wheeler** +7.

*Final:* **Tucker** bt **Cox** +13.

PROCESS

*First Round:* **Pountney** bt **Everest** +25, **Tucker** bt **Cox** +19.

*Second Round:* **Newton** bt **Pountney** +14, **Borrett** bt **Tyrwhitt Drake** +17, **Tucker** bt **Owen** +16, **Mrs Wheeler** bt **Mrs Lightfoot** +12.

*Semi-final:* **Newton** bt **Borrett** +10, **Tucker** bt **Mrs Wheeler** +23.

*Final:* **Newton** bt **Tucker** +8.

PLAY-OFF: **Tucker** bt **Newton** +26.

*Event 2: Handicap Singles 3½ bisques and over* (21 entries)

DRAW

*First Round:* **P.H.Mann** (5½) w.o., **Mrs E.Temple** (5) w.o., **T.G.S.Colls** (5) bt **Mrs Chittenden** (3½) +25, **G.T.Wheeler** (4½) bt **Miss Parker** (6) +19, **Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake** (7) opp ret.

*Second Round:* **D.F.T.Brown** (7½) bt **Mrs Millns** (9) +12, **Mrs E.J.Tucker** (8) bt **C.E.Knight** (5) +4, **H.A.C.Evans** (11) bt **Mann** +14, **Colls** bt **Mrs Temple** +7, **Wheeler** bt **Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake** +13, **R.Chappell** (8) bt **C.A.Grout** (11) +5, **G.A.Hutcheson** (6½) bt **Mrs Newton** (5½) +13, **Mrs Mann** (7½) bt **Mrs Elvey** (3½) +23.

*Third Round:* **Mrs Tucker** bt **Brown** +6, **Colls** bt **Evans** +16, **Chappell** bt **Wheeler** +12, **Hutcheson** bt **Mrs Mann** +22.

PROCESS

*First Round:* **Brown** bt **Grout** +5, **Mrs Elvey** bt **Evans** +12, **Mrs Newton** bt **Knight** +2, **Hutcheson** bt **Mrs Millns** +11, **Mrs Mann** bt **Mrs Tucker** +3.

*Second Round:* **Brown** bt **Mrs Temple** +11, **Mrs Elvey** bt **Miss Parker** +1, **Colls** bt **Mrs Newton** +6, **E.Strickland** w.o., **Hutcheson** bt **Mrs Chittenden** +20, **Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake** bt **Mann** +7, **Wheeler** bt **Mrs Mann** +12, **Chappell** w.o.

*Third Round:* **Mrs Elvey** bt **Brown** +1, **Colls** w.o., **Hutcheson** bt **Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake** +14, **Chappell** bt **Wheeler** +14.

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*First Round:* **Mrs Tucker** bt **Mrs Elvey** +18.

*Semi-final:* **Hutcheson** bt **Colls** +13, **Chappell** bt **Mrs Tucker** +21.

*Final:* **Chappell** bt **Hutcheson** +7.

*Event 3: Open Handicap Singles X* (28 entries)

*First Round:* **G.T.Wheeler** (4½) bt **Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake** (7) +9, **Mrs H.F.Chittenden** (3½) bt **J.van Berckel** (14) +9, **Mrs E.M.Lightfoot** (2) bt **H.A.C.Evans** (11) +10, **C.E.Knight** (5) bt **C.G.Pountney** (1½) +23, **Mrs P.Newton** (5½) bt **Mrs G.T.Wheeler** (½) +7, **G.Borrett** w.o., **T.G.S.Colls** (5) bt **N.W.T.Cox** (½) +11, **Mrs G.F.H.Elvey** (3½) bt **Mrs E.Temple** (5) +20, **R.Chappell** (8) bt **D.F.T.Brown** (7½) +6, **P.Newton** (½) bt **Mrs E.J.Tucker** (8) +2, **P.H.Mann** (5½) w.o., **T.F.Owen** (½) bt **Mrs P.H.Mann** (7½) +4.

*Second Round:* **Tucker** (0) bt **Mrs Millns** (9) +7, **Wheeler** bt **Mrs Chittenden** +25, **Knight** bt **Mrs Lightfoot** +16, **Borrett** bt **Mrs Newton** +13, **Mrs Elvey** bt **Colls** +13, **Chappell** bt **Newton** +36, **Owen** bt **Mann** +12, **E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake** (½) bt **C.A.Grout** (11) +10.

*Third Round:* **Tucker** bt **Wheeler** +20, **Borrett** bt **Knight** +6, **Mrs Elvey** bt **Chappell** +2, **Tyrwhitt Drake** bt **Owen** +23.

*Semi-final:* **Tucker** bt **Borrett** +13, **Tyrwhitt Drake** w.o.

*Final:* **Tucker** bt **Tyrwhitt Drake** +24.

*Open Handicap Singles Y* (13 entries)

*First Round:* **Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake** bt **van Berckel** +19, **Pountney** bt **Evans** +16, **Mrs Wheeler** bt **Cox** +21, **Brown** bt **Mrs Temple** +11, **Mrs Tucker** bt **Mann** +10.

*Second Round:* **Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake** bt **Mrs Millns** +17, **Pountney** bt **Mrs Wheeler** +18, **Brown** bt **Mrs Tucker** +10, **Mrs Mann** bt **Grout** +8.

*Semi-final:* **Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake** bt **Pountney** +13, **Brown** bt **Mrs Mann** +9.

*Final:* Divided.

*Event 4: Handicap Doubles* (15 pairs)

*First Round:* **Tyrwhitt Drake & Chappell** (8½) bt **Mrs Lightfoot & Evans** (13) +13, **Bettley & Miss Parker** (20) bt **Mr & Mrs Mann** (13) +1(T), **Borrett & Everest** (4½) bt **Hutcheson & Knight** (11½) +5, **Owen & Strickland** (7½) bt **Col and Mrs Wheeler** (5) +8, **Mrs Tucker & Cox** (8½) bt **Mr & Mrs Newton** (6) +3, **Pountney & Tucker** (1½) bt **Grout & Mrs Millns** (20) +17, **Colls & Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake** (12) bt **Brown & van Berckel** (21½) +4.

*Second Round:* **Tyrwhitt Drake & Chappell** bt **Bettley & Miss Parker** +14, **Owen & Strickland** bt **Borrett & Everest** +19, **Pountney & Tucker** bt **Mrs Tucker & Cox** +9, **Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake & Colls** bt **Mrs Elvey & Mrs Chittenden** (7) +3.

*Semi-final:* **Owen & Strickland** bt **Tyrwhitt Drake & Chappell** +1, **Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake & Colls** bt **Pountney & Tucker** +2.

*Final:* **Owen & Strickland** bt **Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake & Colls** +1.

## Budleigh Salterton II, 3-8 July

The week started dull, cool and windy, but improved gradually, with Friday warm and sunny. The wind had made the courts dry and fast, and they were in very good playing condition, with lines immaculately straight as one would expect now that we have Fred Harris, an ex-sergeant major, Royal Marines, as groundsman.

Management was in the practised hands of Edgar Jackson, who was managing his first tournament here. His use of different-coloured pencils for the various events made sure that there was no excuse for players not knowing when they were wanted. All the major events were played without time-limits, and, in the events where they were applied, only eight games finished 'on time'. His genial expertise was much appreciated. As usual, the ladies produced attractive lunches to keep everyone going. We were much encouraged by a visit from Maurice Reckitt, still taking a great interest in the game for which he has done so much.

Of the 52 entrants, 27 were visitors: these included Nelson Leech and Mrs Coetzee from South Africa, and Frances Joly from Dublin. No fewer than eight players came from Parkstone, and we also welcomed the reappearance of Miss Ault from Bristol, who has played in our July tournament in 25 of the years since 1950. Newcomers were Peter Alvey from Northampton, and Brian Sykes and Sue Foden from Wolfson College, Oxford. It is always a special pleasure to see the younger generation so ably represented.

Edgar Jackson found time not only to manage but also to play. He won both the Draw and the Process of the major event, thus winning the Colman Cup and the South-West of England Championship. His mastery of the game was well demonstrated when he beat Les Butler by +26, ending with a classical all-round break and triple peel. The loser had scored the only other +26 of the week when he beat Frances Joly in the Open Handicap Singles (X), receiving a ½ bisque. This event, for the Oliver Bowl, was won by Brian Sykes in a very good final against Alan Parker, a great feather in his cap in his second season. This brought his handicap down from 6 to 4. Unfortunately, Peter Alvey had had to be scratched from the semi-final of this event, as his presence was required in other finals on the last day.

In the third round of the Process in Event 2 (Longman Cup), Lionel Adams, the holder, was involved in a spectacular tussle with Brian Sykes. The latter was lined up for the peg, whilst Lionel had one clip on the peg and the other on penult. With his own balls widely separated, Lionel hit in with a long shot right across the court, and so was able to go out without further difficulty. However, he succumbed to Bob Carder in the next round, and Bob, in turn, fell to Peter Devitt, the Club Chairman, in a nail-biting final, closely contested to the last minute.

The Open Handicap Singles (Y) was won by Bernard Weitz, who played very steadily and well all the week, without any other success.

The Stone Cup, for long bisquers, was won by Myrtle Stevens by +2 against Joan Goode, a finalist last year, in a memorable struggle. At the end, all four clips were on the peg, and spectators were fascinated by the manoeuvring for the advantage. This event was played as an 18-point game, and much amusement was caused by a player who was so delighted to win easily, that she reported to the manager that she had won by +26!

The final of the Handicap Doubles (Le Mesurier Cups) was notable for hard hitting and long-range hits. Lionel Adams and Joan Goode, with the aid of two well-taken bisques, beat Bernard Weitz and Peter Alvey by +7 in a game where the issue was in doubt right to the end.

Of the 156 games played, 146 were played to a finish. There were many close contests, of which 47 were won by six points or less.

On Friday evening and Saturday, an 'Extra' event was arranged for the less successful competitors, who enjoyed having another couple of games.

## Results

*Event 1: Open Singles* (13)

DRAW

*First Round:* **R.A.Godby** bt **Mrs N.A.C.McMillan** +17, **L.S.Butler** bt **Dr C.A.Parker** +14, **G.E.P.Jackson** bt **Dr W.R.Bucknall** +12, **Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard** bt **Mrs D.M.C.Prichard** +1, **R.S.Stevens** bt **Miss F.Joly** +7.

*Second Round:* **Godby** bt **Dr B.G.F.Weitz** +8, **Jackson** bt **Butler** +2, **Stevens** bt **Prichard** +3, **A.J.Cooper** bt **H.G.T.Bolton** +20.

*Semi-final:* **Jackson** bt **Godby** +26, **Cooper** bt **Stevens** +7.

*Final:* **Jackson** bt **Cooper** +17.

PROCESS

*First Round:* **Mrs Prichard** bt **Weitz** +12, **Butler** bt **Cooper** +13, **Miss Joly** bt **Mrs McMillan** +6, **Godby** bt **Stevens** +24, **Bolton** bt **Parker** +11.

*Second Round:* **Butler** bt **Mrs Prichard** +14, **Miss Joly** bt **Bucknall** +16, **Jackson** bt **Godby** +6, **Prichard** bt **Bolton** +18.

*Semi-final:* **Butler** bt **Miss Joly** +17, **Jackson** bt **Prichard** +14.

*Final:* **Jackson** bt **Butler** +16.

PLAY-OFF FOR SECOND PLACE: **Cooper** bt **Butler** +5.

*Event 2: Level singles 3½-7½ bisques. Advanced Play* (20 entries)

DRAW

*First Round:* **Mrs A.E.Coetzee** bt **K.S.Schofield** +13, **G.H.Betts** bt **Mrs P.Tunmer** +13, **C.Edwards** bt **H.E.Ovens** +10, **B.C.Sykes** bt **P.L.Alvey** +10.

*Second Round:* **Miss M.J.Lodge** w.o., **P.K.Devitt** bt **Mrs H.Cruden** +10, **J.G.Warwick** bt **Miss K.Ault** +8, **Mrs Coetzee** bt **Betts** +2, **Edwards** bt **Sykes** +18, **G.N.Leech** bt **Mrs B.G.F.Weitz** +2, **L.D.Adams** bt **Miss E.Fisher** +23, **Mrs C.Bagnall** bt **R.H.C.Carder** +2.

*Third Round:* **Devitt** bt **Miss Lodge** +5, **Mrs Coetzee** bt **J.G.Warwick** +12, **Edwards** bt **Leech** +5, **Mrs Bagnall** bt **Adams** +7.

*Semi-final:* **Devitt** bt **Mrs Coetzee** +11, **Mrs Bagnall** bt **Edwards** +20.

*Final:* **Devitt** bt **Mrs Bagnall** +11.

PROCESS

*First Round:* **Adams** w.o., **Carder** bt **Mrs Cruden** +18, **Miss Lodge** bt **Miss Fisher** +8, **Mrs Bagnall** bt **Devitt** +14.

*Second Round:* **Adams** bt **Betts** +13, **Sykes** bt **Miss Ault** +19, **Carder** bt **Edwards** +2, **Mrs Coetzee** bt **Leech** +14, **Mrs Tunmer** bt **Miss Lodge** +18, **Alvey** bt **Warwick** +13, **Mrs Bagnall** bt **Ovens** +4, **Mrs Weitz** bt **Schofield** +8.

*Third Round:* **Adams** bt **Sykes** +2, **Carder** bt **Mrs Coetzee** +16, **Alvey** bt **Mrs Tunmer** +22, **Mrs Weitz** bt **Mrs Bagnall** +7.

*Semi-final:* **Carder** bt **Adams** +4, **Alvey** bt **Mrs Weitz** +20.

*Final:* **Carder** bt **Alvey** +14.

PLAY-OFF: **Devitt** bt **Carder** +4.

*Event 3: Handicap singles 8 bisques and over, 18-point game* (16 entries)

*First Round:* **Mrs M.J.Goode** (8) bt **Mrs J.Devitt** (10) +9, **Miss S.Foden** (13) bt **Miss P.E.Parker** (11) +8, **Dr C.W.Evans** (9) bt **Miss D.Locks Latham** (opp. ret.), **J.H.T.Griffiths** (8) bt **Dr C.W.Marshall** (9) +6, **Mrs P.Dwerryhouse** (11) bt **Mrs C.A.Parker** (15) +12, **Mrs H.E.Ovens** (8) bt **Mrs D.Waterhouse** (10) +10, **Mrs R.S.Stevens** (10) bt **Mrs E.Purse** (9) +3, **Mrs C.W.Marshall** (8) bt **Mrs L.A.Davies** (11) +4.

*Second Round:* **Mrs Goode** bt **Miss Foden** +9, **Griffiths** bt **Evans** +10, **Mrs Dwerryhouse** bt **Mrs Ovens** +5, **Mrs Stevens** bt **Mrs Marshall** +18.

*Semi-final:* **Mrs Goode** bt **Griffiths** +2, **Mrs Stevens** bt **Mrs Dwerryhouse** +5 (T).

*Final:* **Mrs Stevens** bt **Mrs Goode** +2.

*Event 4: Open Handicap Singles X* (43 entries)

*First Round:* **Mrs E.Purse** (9) bt **Mrs C.W.Marshall** (8) +15, **Dr C.A.Parker** (2½) bt **R.S.Stevens** (1½) +13, **G.N.Leech** (5) w.o., **Mrs D.M.C.Prichard** (1) bt **Mrs Dwerryhouse** (11) +11, **Mrs B.G.F.Weitz** (3½) bt **Mrs P.Tunmer** (5) +13, **L.S.Butler** (1½) bt **Miss F.Joly** (1) +26, **G.E.P.Jackson** (-½) bt **Mrs C.A.Parker** (15) +16, **B.C.Sykes** (6) bt **Dr C.W.Marshall** (9) +18, **A.J.Cooper** (½) bt **B.G.Horridge** (7½) +8, **K.S.Schofield** (5) bt **Mrs N.A.C.McMillan** (3) +2, **R.S.Godby** (0) bt **Mrs R.S.Stevens** (10) +10.

*Second Round:* **Mrs C.Bagnall** (5) bt **Dr B.G.F.Weitz** (1) +1, **Dr W.R.Bucknall** (3) bt **J.G.Warwick** (5) +2, **L.D.Adams** (3½) bt **R.H.C.Carder** (5) +7, **H.G.T.Bolton** (1½) bt **Mrs A.E.Coetzee** (5) +3, **Mrs L.A.Davies** (11) bt **Mrs D.Waterhouse** (10) +10, **Parker** bt **Mrs Pursey** +2, **Mrs Prichard** bt **Leech** +9, **Mrs Weitz** bt **Butler** +2, **Sykes** bt **Jackson** +16, **Schofield** bt **Cooper** +19, **Godby** bt **Mrs M.J.Goode** (8) +9, **Miss P.E.Parker** (11) bt

Miss M.J.Lodge (6½) +11, **P.L.Alvey** bt H.E.Ovens (5½) +7, **Miss S.Foden** (13) bt G.H.Betts (3½) +20, **Miss D.Locks Latham** (9) bt Mrs H.Cruden (7½) +10(T), **Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard** (1½) bt J.H.T.Griffiths (8) +15.

*Third Round:* **Bucknall** bt Mrs Bagnall +5, **Bolton** bt Adams +12, **Parker** bt Mrs Davies +11, **Mrs Prichard** bt Mrs Weitz +6, **Sykes** bt Schofield +13, **Godby** bt Miss Parker +12, **Alvey** bt Miss Foden +3, **Prichard** bt Miss Locks Latham +16.

*Fourth Round:* **Bolton** bt Bucknall +1, **Parker** bt Mrs Prichard +14, **Sykes** bt Godby +9, **Alvey** bt Prichard +10.

*Semi-final:* **Parker** bt Bolton +1, **Sykes** w.o. Alvey (scr. by Manager).

*Final:* **Sykes** bt Parker +10.

*Handicap Singles Y* (22 entries)

*First Round:* **Mrs Marshall** bt Mrs Waterhouse +16, **Leech** bt Stevens +20, **Mrs Tunmer** bt Mrs Dwerryhouse +3, **Miss Joly** bt Mrs Parker +13, **Mrs Ovens** bt Marshall +2(T), **Mrs Stevens** bt Mrs McMillan +2(T).

*Second Round:* **Weitz** w.o., **Carder** bt Mrs Coetzee +1, **Leech** bt Mrs Marshall +11, **Miss Joly** bt Mrs Tunmer +7, **Mrs Ovens** w.o. Mrs Stevens (scr. by Manager), **Miss Lodge** w.o. Mrs Goode (scr. by Manager), **Ovens** bt Betts +22, **Mrs Cruden** bt Griffiths +9.

*Third Round:* **Weitz** bt Carder +23, **Miss Joly** bt Leech +4, **Mrs Ovens** bt Miss Lodge +8(T), **Ovens** bt Mrs Cruden +4(T).

*Semi-final:* **Weitz** bt Miss Joly +6, **Ovens** bt Mrs Ovens (opp. ret.).

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

*Event 4: Handicap Doubles* (22 pairs)

*First Round:* **Mrs Weitz & Mrs Dwerryhouse** bt Prichard & Warwick (6½) +6, **Sykes & Miss Foden** (17) bt Bucknall & Mrs Stevens (13) +21, **Schofield & Mrs Devitt** (15) bt Mrs Cruden & Mrs Davies (18½) +9, **Butler & Marshall** (10½) bt Stevens & B.Hancock (7) +6, **Mr & Mrs Bolton** (12½) bt Mrs McMillan & Miss Parker (14) +1(T), **Godby & Mrs Bagnall** (5) bt Ovens & Edwards (9) +8.

*Second Round:* **Adams & Mrs Goode** (10½) bt Leech & Mrs Waterhouse (14) +2, **Butler & Marshall** bt Schofield & Mrs Devitt +7, **Godby & Mrs Bagnall** bt Mr & Mrs Bolton +6, **Weitz & Alvey** bt Jackson & Mrs Marshall +16, **Mrs Prichard & Mrs G.E.Cave** (6½) bt Betts & Evans (12½) +16, **Cooper & Miss Lodge** bt Mr & Mrs Parker (15½) +2.

*Third Round:* **Adams & Mrs Goode** bt Carder & Griffiths +8, **Sykes & Miss Foden** bt Butler & Marshall +12, **Weitz & Alvey** bt Godby & Mrs Bagnall +10, **Cooper & Miss Lodge** bt Mrs Prichard & Mrs Cave +3.

*Semi-final:* **Adams & Mrs Goode** bt Sykes & Miss Foden +7, **Weitz & Alvey** bt Cooper & Miss Lodge +14.

*Final:* **Adams & Miss Goode** bt Weitz & Alvey +7.

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## Colchester, 10–15 July

Tempted by the prospect of playing on the famous fast lawns, a large number of visitors descended on Colchester this year. Nine came from Phyllis Court and three from Edinburgh. Even though the rain this year has slowed the courts down the Scots, at least, found it a welcome change to be able to rush balls the length of the lawn easily. Not without internal misgivings, the Club had decided to run the big handicap as an American Event with a play-off between block winners. There were two blocks of six and two blocks of five, giving everyone at least four games in this event; the general opinion was that the experiment had proved a success. The manager's lot was not a happy one since many more games had to be played, but Edward Duffield with his calm manner made it all seem effortlessly simple, *ars est celare artem*. Having only four lawns of their own, the Club is fortunate in being able to use Dr Dean's lawn at Wivenhoe. It is a very fast, true lawn where one plays peacefully undisturbed; the only spectators are statues staring stonily from the shrubbery.

Stephen Wright played consistently well all week, winning the big handicap. Every time he was in play he seemed to be peeling away happily doing doubles or triples. His only defeats were in the Opens against Michael Heap, the eventual winner of both Draw and Process. Michael, although suffering from lack of sleep caused

by a seven-month-old daughter, managed to win both games from behind by narrow margins. Stephen also won the doubles with Humphrey Hicks. Their styles are in complete contrast; Stephen gets right down to it, squatting on his haunches and holding his mallet near the head; Humphrey hardly stoops at all, even for full rolls.

Mrs Abderhalden played so well in her first game that her handicap was reduced immediately. Her husband was more canny and saved himself for finals day when he won his event.

Other things besides croquet are important at a tournament. The lunches and teas were excellent and the well-stocked help-yourself bar just in the pavilion was much appreciated. More importantly, a tournament is where one meets old friends and makes new ones. In this respect the intimate atmosphere and friendliness of Colchester make a lasting impression.

## Results

*Event 1: Open Singles* (7 entries)

DRAW

*First Round:* **Dr D.I.Nichols** bt R.O.Calder +23, **M.E.W.Heap** bt G.S.Digby +22, **G.F.Hallett** bt H.O.Hicks +17.

*Semi-final:* **Heap** bt Nichols +26, **S.J.H.Wright** bt Hallett.

*Final:* **Heap** bt Wright +3.

PROCESS

*First Round:* **Hallett** bt Calder +6, **Heap** bt Wright +4, **Nichols** bt Hicks +2.

*Semi-final:* **Heap** bt Nichols +24, **Digby** bt Hallett +17.

*Final:* **Heap** bt Digby +22.

PLAY-OFF (for second place): **Wright** bt Digby +25.

*Event 2: Level Singles* (12 entries)

*First Round:* **H.A.Cross** bt P.H.Mann +15, **G.N.Leech** bt A.W.Nicholls +7, **E.A.Locke** bt Dr H.A.Pim +1(T), **Mrs E.E.Bressey** bt K.H.Paterson +6.

*Second Round:* **Cross** bt Leech +4(T), **Mrs G.S.Digby** bt Mrs F.Stanley-Smith +10, **Locke** bt Mrs Bressey +5(T), **R.F.A.Crane** bt R.S.A.Allford +1(T).

*Semi-final:* **Crane** bt Cross +13, **Locke** bt Mrs Digby +2(T).

*Final:* **Crane** bt Locke +13.

*Event 3: Handicap Singles, 18-point game* (8 entries)

*First Round:* **Mrs I.B.Chadwick** (11) bt Mrs R.F.A.Crane (12) +11, **C.Abderhalden** (7½) bt F.E.M.Puxon (7½) +8, **Mrs H.A.Pim** (7½) bt Mrs P.H.Mann (7) +7, **Mrs N.Adlam** (9) bt Mrs C.Abderhalden (10) +4.

*Semi-final:* **Abderhalden** bt Mrs Chadwick +9, **Mrs Adlam** bt Mrs Pim +5.

*Final:* **Abderhalden** bt Mrs Adlam +8.

*Event 4: Handicap Singles. American blocks — Bray system* (22 entries)

**BLOCK A.** **R.F.A.Crane** (4½) 4 wins, G.S.Digby (3) 2 wins, R.S.Allford (3½) 2 wins, R.O.Calder (4) 2 wins, Mrs N.Adlam (9) nil.

**BLOCK B.** **S.J.Wright** (0) 5 wins, Mrs F.Stanley-Smith (8) 4 wins, G.N.Leech (5) 2 wins, Mrs P.H.Mann (7½) 2 wins, K.H.Paterson (4) 2 wins, Mrs H.A.Pim (7½) nil.

**BLOCK C.** **Mrs G.S.Digby** (3½) 5 wins, Dr H.A.Pim (5½) 3 wins, H.A.Cross (6½) 2 wins, G.F.Hallett (2) 2 wins, Mrs C.Abderhalden (13) 2 wins, P.H.Mann (5½) 1 win.

**BLOCK D.** **C.Abderhalden** (7½) 3 wins, Dr D.I.Nichols (1½) 3 wins, E.A.Locke (5) 2 wins, Mrs E.E.Bressey (5) 1 win, Mrs R.F.A.Crane (12) 1 win.

*Play-off for block winner:* **Nichols** bt Abderhalden +14.

*Semi-final:* **Wright** bt Crane +2, **Mrs Digby** bt Nicholls +7.

*Final:* **Wright** bt Mrs Digby +21.

*Event 5: Handicap Doubles* (12 pairs)

*First Round:* **Mr & Mrs Crane** (14½) bt Hallett & Paterson (6) +15, **Nichols & Calder** (5½) bt Allford & Mrs Bressey (8½) +4(T), **Nicholls & Mrs Stanley-Smith** (15½) bt Mr & Mrs Mann (13) +15 (T), **Mr & Mrs Digby** (6½) bt Puxon & Mrs Adlam (16½) +17.

*Second Round:* **Hicks & Wright** (½) bt Mr & Mrs Abderhalden (17½) +8, **Nichols & Calder** bt Mr & Mrs Crane +3 (T), **Mr & Mrs Digby** bt Nicholls & Mrs Stanley-Smith +18, **Dr & Mrs Pim** (13) bt Mr & Mrs Locke (18) +1(T).

*Semi-final:* **Hicks & Wright** bt Nichols & Calder +17, **Mr & Mrs Digby** bt Dr & Mrs Pim +11(T).

*Final:* **Hicks & Wright** bt Mr & Mrs Digby +20.

## Southwick II, 10–15 July

Once again Southwick was favoured with good weather. In spite of this the courts were rather heavy, particularly with early-morning dew; ladies and at least one old man found the long shots difficult. However, Frances Joly made a nonsense of such excuses by taking both balls round against Ted Tucker with consummate ease. Similarly in the final of the X, possibly the best game of the tournament, Matthew Tapp on Rover and 4 back, while his opponent had made but one hoop, had the mortification of watching Tristram Owen play two superb rounds to snatch victory. Even more disconcerting was the unexpected arrival of Simon Tapp back from a sojourn on a kibbutz in Israel; playing his first game in twelve months, against his younger brother, he showed how a triple peel should be done.

The 1978 handicap adjustments brought Matthew Tapp and Edna Cox back into the Bs, no doubt to the chagrin of the other entrants. Matthew, with the self-confidence of youth and some excellent croquet, had little difficulty in taking both the Draw and the Process.

In the Doubles, Moore and Bull (peg and rover) were laid up near the rover. Knight hit in and made his rover hoop and attempted to peg out Moore; he failed but his ball hit the peg and was assumed to have pegged itself out and Moore and Bull proceeded to take the game. It was late in the day before Tyrwhitt Drake drew attention to Law 39, and one had to agree with Omar Khayyam that, like the spent arrow, the wrongly dismissed croquet ball could not then be recalled. It is astonishing how often Law 39 is forgotten even by experienced players.

While congratulating Tristram Owen on his double success in winning both the Opens and the X, pride of place must surely be accorded to Mr and Mrs Scarr, who not only won the Doubles, beating Moore and Bull, but in addition the C and D classes respectively. It was nice to see Kay Longman and Edith Tucker recovering from recent mishaps. The tournament was run with precision and it would seem incomplete without the cheerfulness and energy of Ian Vincent. Those of us who are frequent visitors to Southwick appreciate the high standard of catering (thanks to Mrs Wells) and the support work put in by other stalwarts; their reward is that we all come back next time.

## Results

*Event 1: Open Singles* (9 entries)

DRAW

*First Round:* **N.W.T.Cox** bt E.J.Tucker +14.

*Second Round:* **Dr I.G.Vincent** bt E.E.Rees +11, **Cox** bt T.F.Owen +7, **A.E.C.Tapp** bt E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake +12, **W.E.Moore** bt Miss F.Joly +15.

*Semi-final:* **Vincent** bt Cox +19, **Moore** bt Tapp +12.

*Final:* **Moore** bt Vincent +8.

PROCESS

*First Round:* **Moore** bt Vincent +4.

*Second Round:* **Cox** bt Moore +11, **Owen** bt Tyrwhitt Drake +8, **Tapp** bt Rees +4, **Miss Joly** bt Tucker +23.

*Semi-final:* **Owen** bt Cox +14, **Tapp** bt Miss Joly +15.

*Final:* **Owen** bt Tapp +8.

PLAY-OFF: **Owen** bt Moore +7.

*Event 2: Level Singles, 2½ bisques and over. Advanced play* (11 entries)

DRAW

*First Round:* **H.A.Sheppard** bt Miss H.D.Parker +17, **T.G.S.Colls** bt Mrs E.M.Speer +22, **Mrs N.W.T.Cox** bt A.S.C.Ross +12.

*Second Round:* **Mrs E.H.P.Mallinson** bt D.M.Bull +14, **Sheppard** bt Colls +10, **Mrs Cox** bt Mrs G.F.H.Elvey +25, **M.Tapp** bt C.E.Knight +15.

*Semi-final:* **Sheppard** bt Mrs Mallinson +5, **Tapp** bt Mrs Cox +8.

*Final:* **Tapp** bt Sheppard +10.

PROCESS

*First Round:* **Bull** bt Mrs Elvey +10, **Knight** bt Miss Parker +11, **Tapp** bt Mrs Mallinson +3.

*Second Round:* **Bull** bt Colls +13, **Mrs Cox** bt Knight +5, **Tapp** bt Mrs Speer +18, **Sheppard** bt Ross +6.

*Semi-final:* **Mrs Cox** bt Bull +4, **Tapp** bt Sheppard +20.

*Final:* **Tapp** bt Mrs Cox +12.

PLAY-OFF: **Sheppard** bt Mrs Cox (opp. ret.).

*Event 3: Handicap Singles, 5½ bisques and over, 22 points* (9 entries)

DRAW

*First Round:* **Mrs E.Staddon** (5½) bt Mrs E.J.Tucker (7½) +14.

*Second Round:* **E.B.T.Tanner** (6½) bt G.F.Paxon (5½) +17, **Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake** (6½) bt Mrs Staddon +5, **Lt-Col E.H.P.Mallinson** (6½) bt R.P.Chappell (7) +9, **G.T.Coates** (6) bt W.A.Scarr (7) +20.

*Semi-final:* **Tanner** bt Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake +8, **Coates** bt Mallinson +9.

*Final:* **Coates** w.o.

PROCESS

*First Round:* **Coates** bt Tanner +13.

*Second Round:* **Mrs Tucker** bt Coates +4, **Chappell** bt Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake +10, **Mallinson** bt Paxon +17, **Scarr** bt Mrs Staddon +4.

*Semi-final:* **Chappell** bt Mrs Tucker +13, **Scarr** bt Mallinson +4.

*Final:* **Scarr** bt Chappell +13.

PLAY-OFF: **Scarr** bt Coates +4.

*Event 4: Handicap Singles, 8 bisques and over, 18 points* (9 entries)

DRAW

*First Round:* **Miss P.Shine** (12) w.o., **Mrs E.Lewis** (9) w.o., **Mrs E.B.T.Tanner** (12) bt Mrs A.Millns (9) +7.

*Second Round:* **J.H.T.Griffiths** (8) w.o., **Miss Shine** bt Mrs Lewis +2, **Mrs Tanner** w.o., **Mrs W.H.Scarr** (8) bt Mrs G.Day (8) +17.

*Semi-final:* **Miss Shine** bt Griffiths +2, **Mrs Scarr** bt Mrs Tanner +9.

*Final:* **Mrs Scarr** bt Miss Shine +11.

PROCESS

*First Round:* **Griffiths** bt Mrs Scarr +6.

*Second Round:* **Griffiths** bt Mrs Tanner +7, **Mrs Lewis** bt Mrs Day +2, all others scratched. **Miss Shine** w.o.

*Semi-final:* **Griffiths** w.o., **Miss Shine** bt Mrs Lewis +3.

*Final:* **Miss Shine** bt Griffiths +9.

PLAY-OFF: **Mrs Scarr** bt Miss Shine +11.

*Event 5: Handicap Singles X* (42 entries)

*First Round:* **M.Tapp** (3) bt G.T.Coates (6) +17, **Mrs G.Day** (8) bt Mrs E.J.Tucker (7½) +4, **Mrs S.J.Turner** (5) w.o., **T.F.Owen** (½) bt W.A.Scarr (7) +7, **Mrs N.W.T.Cox** (3) bt C.E.Knight (5) +18.

*Second Round:* **T.G.S.Colls** (5) bt N.W.T.Cox (½) +6, **J.H.T.Griffiths** (8) bt Mrs E.Lewis (9) +16, **E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake** bt A.S.C.Ross (3½) +10, **Miss F.Joly** (1) bt Mrs E.H.P.Mallinson (5) +18, **R.P.Chappell** (7) bt G.F.Paxon (5½) +14, **E.J.Tucker** (-½) bt W.E.Moore (0) +7, **M.Tapp** bt E.B.T.Tanner (6½) +19, **Mrs Day** bt Mrs Turner +2, **Owen** bt Mrs Cox +13, **E.E.Rees** (2) bt Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (3½) +19, **Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake** (6½) bt Mrs R.M.Speer (5) +8, **Mrs E.Staddon** (6) bt D.M.Bull (5) +4, **Mrs W.A.Scarr** (7) bt Mrs H.F.Chittenden (3½) +25, **A.E.C.Tapp** (1) w.o., **Mrs A.Millns** (9) bt Miss H.D.Parker (5) +5, **H.A.Sheppard** (4) bt Mrs E.B.T.Tanner (12) +9.

*Third Round:* **Colls** bt Griffiths +13, **Tyrwhitt Drake** bt Miss Joly +9, **Tucker** bt Chappell +23, **M.Tapp** bt Mrs Day +15, **Owen** bt Rees +4, **Mrs Staddon** bt Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake +6, **A.E.C.Tapp** bt Mrs Scarr +5, **Sheppard** bt Mrs Millns +20.

*Fourth Round:* **Tyrwhitt Drake** bt Colls +14, **M.Tapp** bt Tucker +25, **Owen** bt Mrs Staddon +11, **A.E.C.Tapp** bt Sheppard +2.

*Semi-final:* **M.Tapp** bt Tyrwhitt Drake +3, **Owen** bt A.E.C.Tapp +14.

*Final:* **Owen** bt M.Tapp +6.

*Handicap Singles Y* (18 entries)

*First Round:* **Coates** bt Mrs Tucker +1, **Mrs Turner** bt Scarr +18.

*Second Round:* **Cox** bt Mrs Lewis +24, **Mrs Mallinson** bt Ross +15, **Moore** bt Paxon +15, **Coates** bt Tanner +3, **Knight** bt Mrs Turner +14, **Mrs Speer** bt Mrs Elvey +5, **Bull** bt Mrs Chittenden +16, **Mrs Tanner** bt Miss Parker +17.

*Third Round:* **Mrs Mallinson** bt Cox +26, **Moore** bt Coates +12, **Knight** bt Mrs Speer +18, **Bull** w.o.

*Semi-final:* **Moore** bt Mrs Mallinson +5, **Knight** bt Bull +14.

*Final:* **Moore** and **Knight** divided.

*Event 6: Handicap Doubles* (15 pairs)

*First Round:* **Rees & Mrs Day** (10) bt Mrs Speer & Mrs Staddon (10½) +15, **Tyrwhitt Drake & Mrs Tucker** (8) bt Colls & Mrs Lewis (14) +12, **Tucker & Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake** (6) bt M.Tapp & Griffiths (10) +5, **Mr & Mrs Scarr** (15) bt Col & Mrs Mallinson (11½) +13, **Ross & Mrs Chittenden** (7) bt Mrs Turner & Coates (11) +11(T), **A.E.C.Tapp & Paxon** (6½) bt Mrs Elvey & Mrs Millns (10½) +6(T), **Moore & Bull** (5) bt Owen & Tanner (7) +3.

*Second Round: Rees & Mrs Day* bt Tyrwhitt Drake & Mrs Tucker +15, **Mr & Mrs Scarr** bt Tucker & Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake +7, **A.E.C.Tapp & Paxon** bt Ross & Mrs Chittenden +9, **Moore & Bull** bt Knight & Chappell (12) +4.

*Semi-final: Mr & Mrs Scarr* bt Rees & Mrs Day +8, **Moore & Bull** bt A.E.C.Tapp & Paxon +13.

*Final: Mr & Mrs Scarr* bt Moore & Bull +6.

## The Open Championships, 17-22 July, held at Hurlingham and Roehampton

Hopes can soar or plummet on the chances of the draw, but scrutiny showed that there were eight Test Tour possibles in each half, with the top half seeming the more star-studded and the fourth quarter the softest. The first clash of champions was between William Ormerod and Keith Wylie and within forty-five minutes Wylie had completed a three-ball triple peel — a feat held by some to be more skilful than a sextuple. The fourth ball remained throughout on the centre of the South boundary. This was followed by a normal triple with Wylie playing so perfectly that he almost satisfied himself. Interest then shifted to John Solomon and Murray. Solomon belied his shaky return to championship croquet in June and displayed his old artistry in a triple peel. Murray refused to be dazzled and retaliated with a fine triple himself. The deciding game started with a series of boundary mishaps before Murray embarked on another triple; disaster struck, as it so often does, at the Rover hoop, giving Solomon an easy rush to his first hoop. With his blue ball on 4 back Solomon's black would not run, and, after a hammer stroke rescued it at Hoop 3, it failed altogether at Hoop 4 and that was the end. It was Bernard Neal who drew the late house: he was fighting for his life against two opponents: Vincent Camroux and Apollyon in the shape of Court 9 on the cricket field. The crowd drew nearer as it grew darker (there were more spectators even then than waited for the finals late on Saturday afternoon), and at 9.30 Camroux was lined up for the peg — but the front ball missed! Neal hit the remaining ball from twenty yards and within ten minutes had scored his last three points to win by 1.

Roger Bray warns that he may not be able to manage this event next year so his system must be recorded. Faced with two difficulties (Mulliner could not play on Monday and Prichard not until after 4 pm), Bray put the only first-round doubles match on Monday morning; he guessed — rightly — that it would be hard fought and long. All possible singles were put on (33 games) and three whole matches were completed on Lawns 1 and 2 — an aggregate of twelve games on two lawns. One third-round match was played which gave Godby a convincing win over Wright, but no-one was asked to start a third match. Tuesday too was devoted to singles, an important ploy. The most urgent was a first-round match between Prichard and Roberts. This went to three games with Roberts, at his first appearance at these Championships, impressing with his shooting, while he was let down by uncontrolled hoop-running and variable splits. Prichard went straight on against Haigh and sparked at once to take the first game with a triple. Haigh then showed the spirit which made him a table tennis international thirty years ago, and hit in and approached hoops from all distances to win the second game by 20. He started well in the third, but Prichard treated the late-evening 'vultures' to a masterly triple. Another second-round victory of note was that of Neal over Hope, after the latter had run away with the first game (Hope missed his tice but hit it on the return journey after Neal missed his wide join). Neal then went on to the critical match against Heap, but when each had a win-cum-triple under his belt they called it a day. Murray snatched his first game from Hemsted, but dominated the second — a fine win over a player who has been in such good form. Wylie again produced two copybook triples before lunch. So by dusk all but two candidates for the Plate were known and Bray decided to reinstate Draw and Process and to start them on Wednesday afternoon — a decision welcomed by the twenty-three entries and not regretted by Bray who only had to scratch one blocking player from one side — Openshaw.

Wednesday was devoted to reducing the sixteen remaining doubles pairs to four. The outstanding match was the defeat of the

champions by Hands and Hicks on the cricket field. Wright was round to 4 back by 11 o'clock but Heap approached Hoop 1 five times before he ran it one hour later at the sixth attempt when Hands broke down on him at 2 back, but Heap only got to Hoop 6. Hicks seized the opportunity to go smoothly from 1 back to the peg and Hands soon made his last six points — the opponents had four shots between hoops, but all missed. The second game was all Heap and Wright, but the third was a replica of the first except that this time Hicks hit a long shot and started his break from Hoop 3 to the peg with an adventurous split. Hicks and Hands were unable to maintain their impetus in the third round, losing the first game to Openshaw and Cousins that evening. Murray and Hope had crushed Camroux and Haigh with Murray in triple-peeling form only to meet a faultless Wylie and Prichard with Wylie again completing two triples. Aspinall did a triple which included two cannons when playing with William Ormerod against Mulliner and Mark Ormerod (the former did not take croquet and the latter made a fatal error at Hoop 5). In the second game the Ormerods jockeyed neck and neck for position until they both joined Mulliner on 4 back. Aspinall was hitting in well and when Mulliner jumped Hoop 1 only to stick by Hoop 5 the game was soon over. Neal and Hemsted lost the first game to Colin Prichard and Godby, but after they had won the second the decider was put off until Friday.

Two matches on Thursday brought the singles to the quarter-finals. William Prichard met Mulliner, and, after a blunder each, the latter went round to 4 back (16½ minutes) and 17 minutes later Prichard joined him there. Mulliner from A baulk hit Hoop 4 and stayed there, enabling Prichard to do a promotion cannon to Hoop 1 and to go out with a triple. Mulliner was again round first in the next game, but his second ball had problems at Hoop 4 and missed a return roquet, from which moment Prichard took control and went out with another fluent triple peel. In the deciding game between Heap and Neal, the latter was on 4 back and peg when Heap embarked on a sextuple peel, but when he broke down it looked all over for him. However, in a close approach to penultimate, Neal's ball lurched sideways and Heap pulled the game out of the fire. Meanwhile, Eric Solomon met Godby in the bottom quarter and had soon won a game with a triple peel. Godby played cleverly and accurately to take the second, but all in vain because Solomon played a tight game, giving very little away in the decider. In the top half Aspinall was playing Hands and asking himself how it was possible to beat a man who hit in every time — and Hands might well have been asking the same question. In the first game Aspinall won by four after eight long shots running had been hit; yet Hands made only one mistake when he missed a short cut rush. The second game progressed rapidly — neither dared lay up — until with Hands on peg and 4 back Aspinall pegged out the front ball. Hands did not get position from the contact but hit in again and took position for 4 back. After running it Hands missed two 25-yard shots running, *mirabile dictu*, and Aspinall went out with enviable assurance from Hoop 2. William Prichard's blue ball was first round against Wylie but his black went off in Corner IV when trying for a rush to Hoop 4. Wylie went to 4 back (peeling black through Hoops 4 and 5 to deter a triple, to facilitate his favourite Hoop 4 leave and with the intention of peeling it through Hoop 6 as well to put Prichard to the tactical disadvantage of being for 1 back and 4 back). Black hit the lift and with two promotion cannons set up a perfect break only to stick in 2 back. Wylie got both balls to the peg when he sent black off in the last croquet stroke. Prichard again hit the lift and in two turns, with a tight leave, scored his last ten points. Wylie hit his tice, but the balls were recalcitrant and he missed a hampered shot after 1 back and left Prichard an easy break of which he took full advantage, going out in two turns with a pretty triple.

The singles semi-finals were played on Friday morning (the idea of starting them on Thursday was abandoned). Heap played meticulously against Eric Solomon and built up a slow standard triple without giving a chance. Solomon was in first in the next game but made several mistakes — the fatal one being an almost impossible Hoop 5. With Heap on 4 back they broke for lunch. Afterwards Heap, with a delicate touch especially in his split shots, executed an interesting delayed triple. William Prichard too was

placing his balls on a blade of grass; his leaves throughout were testing to his opponents. He took the first game against Aspinall with a triple peel, and although Aspinall was first round in the second, William Prichard hit the lift and joined him on 4 back. Aspinall had to take a shot, so he lifted the ball against Hoop 4 and just nicked the edge of the ball which he could see behind Hoop 2 and went out in that turn. Sometimes Aspinall has an air of *déjà vu*, but come the third game and all that disappears, and, like the great player he is, reserves of determination and skill sweep him to victory. After lunch Aspinall allowed Prichard four long shots, all fated to miss (one even went through the perfect double) to win by 26.

The ends of doubles were cleared up — the most notable feat being a lightning Hands break to peg out Cousins (who had played well), which was nullified by the intelligent way Openshaw used the contact to score his last five points. The semi-finals were not outstanding: too many mistakes inducing too much consultation, some gesticulatingly animated, some obstinate and some with brains apparently ticking over in neutral. It was a bitterly cold evening and the spectators filtered home.

The Doubles final was played first on Saturday and the first game was dominated by Aspinall and Ormerod. After hitting a lift Cousins made a couple of hoops, but Openshaw had only one slim chance, right at the end when Ormerod, inadvertently, split him to position for his first hoop — uncharacteristically botched. Openshaw is thought by some to be the best striker of the ball and safest hoop-runner in the game. The second game started with Aspinall in Corner II, and Ormerod missing the opponents wide on the East boundary. 21½ minutes later Openshaw was on 4 back. Cousins made only one hoop after Ormerod missed the lift, but after a few tactical ripostes between these two Aspinall took charge and within 12½ minutes was also on 4 back. Cousins again hit the lift but could not dig the enemy balls out to make much progress and lunch was taken with Ormerod laid up for a break. After duly reaching the peg it was Openshaw who hit in and a spell of tense and exciting play ended with Openshaw on the peg and Cousins running the Rover hoop. Determined to get the rush back to the peg, he ran too far and missed the return roquet — an undesired end to stalwart play from the only unranked player among three of the top four in the 1977 President's Cup. This was Aspinall and Ormerod's fifth win in eight years.

It was the best singles final seen for some years. Heap went to 4 back in the fourth turn; after hitting the lift Aspinall made only one hoop and Heap went out with a standard triple. Aspinall started well in the second game, getting his blue to 4 back, but his black stuck at Hoop 2; Heap's ball had so much forward spin that although he hit the wire it spun on to black. Thanks to a brave take-off to behind a ball on a tricky North boundary Heap got a difficult break going but only as far as Hoop 4 and he never got in again: how easy Aspinall made it all look. Wide joins on the East boundary were in vogue throughout the week but none was wider than Aspinall's in the decider; Heap had laid a nineteen-yard tice. Heap could only laugh and wonder if he dared risk the shot from B. baulk which would leave his balls together. Caution prevailed, so he shot from Corner 1, missed, and although Aspinall missed his seventeen-yard shot he kept the innings and in under thirty minutes he had swept to victory with a sparkling triple peel.

It must have given Roberts and Mulliner added pleasure to be in the Play-off of a Plate which contained half last year's President's Cup plus John Solomon: 'He that wrestles with us strengthens our nerves and sharpens our skills'. Mulliner joins Colin Prichard in winning the Plate when it had the added prestige of being Draw and Process.

Perhaps a few were kept away by the fear of a cut-off by handicap, and of those who did play seven did not win a match, but without them the entry would indeed have been meagre. There may well be a case for limiting the Doubles to sixteen pairs, but more singles could have been accommodated even with Lawn 5 out of commission. The three cricket field lawns were a bit unpredictable, and one mistake was never fatal. The four main lawns were easy paced and provided the majority of the three dozen triple peels; the big four Aspinall, Heap, Prichard and Wylie had

six each. Murray came next and most notable of the others was that of Mark Ormerod who tripled Hemsted out at Roehampton. Much use was made of Roehampton (except for doubles) and several Plate matches there on Friday eased the pressure on courts. There may have been a modicum of luck: there was only one really long doubles match; Aspinall was the two-final player this year, playing twenty-one games with ease (Prichard played nineteen in four days and Openshaw and Mulliner eighteen). All the Test tour hopefuls were given an equal opportunity to display their various talents, and credit must be given to management: it showed forethought, fairness, firmness and — not least — flexibility.

## Results

*Event 1: The Croquet Championship* (36 entries)

*First Round: W.de B.Prichard* bt G.J.Roberts +20 -5 +17, **J.Haigh** bt M.Ormerod +14 -6 +18, **A.B.Hope** bt J.R.G.Solomon +12 +12, **B.G.Neal** bt A.V.Camroux +9 -18 +1.

*Second Round: G.N.Asipinall* bt H.O.Hicks +26 +16, **D.K.Openshaw** bt C.H.L.Prichard +16 +12, **P.W.Hands** bt J.Rose +19 +20, **H.A.Green** bt D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller +1 -25 +14, **K.F.Wylie** bt Dr W.P.Ormerod +25 +26, **M.J.Stevens** bt C.G.Hopewell -14 +16 +10, **S.N.Mulliner** bt D.V.H.Rees +26 +26, **W.de B.Prichard** bt Haigh +26 -20 +13, **Neal** bt Hope -23 +15 +14, **M.E.W.Heap** bt E.Bell +14 +20, **Dr M.Murray** bt J.W.Solomon -26 +20 +14, **S.R.Hemsted** bt C.H.J.Cousins +18 +17, **S.I.H.Wright** bt Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard +22 +2, **R.A.Godby** bt Miss M.Duthie +18 +20, **J.C.Ruddock** bt J.A.Wheeler +3 +3, **Dr E.W.Solomon** bt Mrs D.M.C.Prichard +16 +17.

*Third Round: Aspinall* bt Openshaw -10 +17 +23, **Hands** bt Green +14 +14, **Wylie** bt Stevens +25 +26, **W.de B.Prichard** bt Mulliner +17 +8, **Heap** bt Neal -18 +21 +3, **Murray** bt Hemsted +1 +24, **Godby** bt Wright +16 +26, **Dr E.W.Solomon** bt Ruddock -11 +15 +26.

*Fourth Round: Aspinall* bt Hands +4 +3, **W.de B.Prichard** bt Wylie +2 +19, **Heap** bt Murray +26 +26, **Dr E.W.Solomon** bt Godby +26 -4 +18.

*Semi-final: Aspinall* bt W.de B.Prichard -26 +17 +26, **Heap** bt Dr E.W.Solomon +26 +13.

*Final: Aspinall* bt Heap -25 +23 +26.

*Event 2: The Doubles Championship* (17 pairs)

*First Round: J.A.Wheeler & D.V.H.Rees* bt H.C.Green & G.J.Roberts -19 +7 +20.

*Second Round: C.H.J.Cousins & D.K.Openshaw* bt Wheeler & Rees +24 +11, **H.O.Hicks & P.W.Hands** bt S.I.H.Wright & M.E.W.Heap +17 +24 +15, **K.F.Wylie & W.de B.Prichard** bt J.W.Solomon & J.R.G.Solomon +17 +13, **A.B.Hope & Dr M.Murray** bt A.V.Camroux & J.Haigh +21 +24, **G.N.Asipinall & Dr W.P.Ormerod** bt J.Rose & E.Bell +26 +25, **S.N.Mulliner & M.Ormerod** bt Lt-Col & Mrs D.M.C.Prichard +10 +22, **R.A.Godby & C.H.L.Prichard** bt M.J.Stevens & C.G.Hopewell -15 +6 +13, **S.R.Hemsted & B.G.Neal** bt D.J.V.Hamilton-Miller & Dr W.R.D.Wiggins +22 +13.

*Third Round: Cousins & Openshaw* bt Hicks & Hands +16 +12, **Wylie & W.de B.Prichard** bt Hope & Murray +17 +26, **Aspinall & Dr W.P.Ormerod** bt Mulliner & M.Ormerod +22 +8, **Hemsted & Neal** bt Godby & C.H.L.Prichard -8 +17 +21.

*Semi-final: Cousins & Openshaw* bt Wylie & W.de B.Prichard +16 +12, **Aspinall & Dr W.P.Ormerod** bt Hemsted & Neal +10 +15.

*Final: Aspinall & Dr W.P.Ormerod* bt Cousins & Openshaw +24 +2.

*Event 3: The Association Plate* (23 entries)

DRAW

*First Round: G.J.Roberts* bt Mrs D.M.C.Prichard +25, **J.W.Solomon** bt C.G.Hopewell +22, **J.R.G.Solomon** bt J.Rose +20, **E.Bell** bt J.C.Ruddock +24, **D.K.Openshaw** bt Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard +9, **S.N.Mulliner** bt A.B.Hope +26, **S.I.H.Wright** bt S.R.Hemsted +5, **Dr W.P.Ormerod** bt A.V.Camroux +25.

*Second Round: C.H.L.Prichard* bt M.Ormerod +5, **Roberts** bt Miss B.Duthie +25, **J.R.G.Solomon** bt J.W.Solomon +4, **Openshaw** bt Bell +16, **Mulliner** bt Wright +26, **Dr W.P.Ormerod** bt J.A.Wheeler +4, **J.Haigh** bt C.H.J.Cousins +22, **M.J.Stevens** +25.

*Third Round: Roberts* bt C.H.L.Prichard +25, **J.R.G.Solomon** w.o. Openshaw (opp. scratched), **Mulliner** bt Dr W.P.Ormerod +21, **Haigh** bt Stevens +18.

*Semi-final: Roberts* bt J.R.G.Solomon +21, **Mulliner** bt Haigh +26.

*Final: Roberts* bt Mulliner +16.

PROCESS

*First Round: M.Ormerod* bt S.R.Hemsted +2, **J.R.G.Solomon** bt M.J.Stevens +10, **A.V.Camroux** bt G.J.Roberts +8, **J.Haigh** bt C.G.Hopewell +13, **J.A.Wheeler** bt C.H.L.Prichard +19, **J.W.Solomon** bt C.H.J.Cousins +26, **Dr W.P.Ormerod** bt Mrs D.M.C.Prichard +17.

*Second Round:* **M.Ormerod** bt J.R.G.Solomon +1, **D.K.Openshaw** bt Camroux +22, **E.Bell** bt Miss B.Duthie +16, **S.N.Mulliner** bt Haigh +25, **J.C.Ruddock** bt Wheeler +3, **A.B.Hope** bt J.W.Solomon +4, **Dr W.P.Ormerod** bt Lt-Col D.M.C.Prichard +21, **S.I.H.Wright** bt J.Rose +10.

*Third Round:* **Openshaw** bt M.Ormerod +25, **Mulliner** bt Bell +21, **Hope** bt Ruddock +19, **Wright** bt Dr W.P.Ormerod +22.

*Semi-final:* **Mulliner** bt Openshaw +9, **Hope** bt Wright +15.

*Final:* **Mulliner** bt Hope +5.

*PLAY-OFF:* **Mulliner** bt Roberts +16.

## Cheltenham, 24–29 July

The Cheltenham Club made further innovations for its Annual Tournament by deciding that not only would the Class Events be started with American blocks of four to be followed by a play-off, but that the length of the games should be determined by what now seems to be known as the Bray system (it has nothing to do with the vicar, or the donkey), which legislates that the combined handicaps of the contestants should determine whether they will play a 26-point, a 22-point or an 18-point game. All would have been well had not the entries closed with a full house, before the holder of the Opens and the holders of the Doubles had applied, so the Manager stored up for himself credit marks on reaching the Pearly Gates by letting in the aforementioned, though it meant adding at least twenty-one games to the two hundred and thirty-five that were already envisaged. So it was a good thing that among the competitors there were no less than five who were Doctors of Science, or Philosophy (Mathematics, etc.), in case their help had been required. Fortunately it was not, as the Manager, unable to start the morning play before 10 o'clock on the Monday, conceived the idea of starting at 9.45 am on the other days, which seemed to please many people, for on the Tuesday four-fifths of the games had been started by a minor official before the Manager had arrived at 9.35 am, which made him very happy, and was a good thing, as he had nobly agreed to stop play at 7.30 pm and actually pegged down seven games in order that the Club could hold an Auction Sale. This was very successful and would enable them to send about £250 to the Croquet Association Test Tour Fund, and surely must mean more credits to the Manager for his patience, when it comes to the Great Day of Reckoning.

Monday saw three rounds of the Open Handicap nearly completed, with the most notable feature being Mrs Soutter beating Tucker in under an hour, and then proceeding to demolish Dr C.A.Parker, and was well on the way to defeating E.E.Rees when the game had to be pegged down.

Johnson and Bond had three good wins on the first day, and it was rather a pity that they were in the same half of the draw. As it was, Rees won his pegged-down game against Mrs Soutter and went on to meet and beat Bond in the Final.

The aforementioned early start on the Tuesday, which began the Class Events, enabled Jackson to walk on the court at 9.45 and play the luckless Latham who hit the two balls into the court and had three lift shots which narrowly missed. However, he made up for this later by a splendid win over Read who in turn, improving with every game, had a classic game with Moorcraft. Moorcraft hit his tice and went to four back. Read hit the lift shot and went to four back; Moorcraft missed the lift; Read did a standard Triple, the only one completed during the week.

Wednesday was Doubles Day when there were no less than twelve husbands and wives playing together, two parents and sons, and one mother and son-in-law. In the second round in the afternoon, the Wheelers v. Tucker and Mrs Asa-Thomas produced a very exciting ending. Tucker and Mrs Wheeler were on the peg, and Mrs Asa-Thomas and Dr Wheeler both on penultimate, when time was called (one of only two games in the Tournament to go to time), with the Wheelers having a half bisque in hand, and in play. It took a further half-hour of cat-and-mouse play before the Wheelers could finally and safely take the half bisque to get their backward ball into the jaws of penult; Mrs Asa-Thomas shooting the length of the court missed by a whisker, and the winning point was made.

However, in the end it was the Digbys and the Crokers who fought out the Doubles Final on Saturday, and that produced another breath-holding finish. Digby was on four-back, Croker on penult, Mrs Croker on the peg, when Mrs Digby made rover and pegged out Mrs Croker. Digby made four back and penult, when Croker hit in, and made penult but left himself a rather long and slightly angled rover hoop on, of course, Digby's ball and perhaps unwisely went for it and failed; though even then, after Digby had made rover, a couple of missed roquets kept the game alive until the Digbys finally pegged out.

To return to the Class Events, Foulser (+3) was beaten by Digby in B Block, but came through to the Play-off, and met and beat Norman in the Final.

In the 'C' Class (3½–6) Bond and Johnson both won their blocks with three wins but Johnson was beaten in the Play-off by Dr C.A.Parker, and it was Bond who went on to beat Wharrad in the Final. A glance at the results below will show the reader what a high-powered 'C' Class it was.

The 'D' Class started at 6½ handicap and in the Blocks Asa-Thomas and Mrs Croker won all three games and had a splendid fight in the Final of the Play-off, Asa-Thomas coming out the victor.

Prizes were given, à la Wimbledon, i.e. as each event ended, to save the time spent on a formal prize-giving, but Terence Read was allowed to make a charming speech of appreciation from the visitors, which one really feels was not all Irish 'blarney'.

## Results

*Event 1A: Advanced Play* (12 entries)

BLOCK A. Winner **E.J.Tucker**. Second J.H.J.Soutter.

BLOCK B. Winner **D.J.Croker**. Second Rev W.E.Gladstone.

BLOCK C. Winner **G.E.P.Jackson**. Second T.O.Read.

*Play-off. First Round:* **Gladstone** bt Tucker +3, **Read** bt Croker +4.

*Semi-final:* **Read** bt Gladstone +4, **Jackson** bt Soutter +15.

*Final:* **Read** bt Jackson +17.

*Event 1B: Semi-advanced play, 22-point game* (8 entries)

BLOCK A. Winner **D.R.Foulser**. Second N.A.J.Norman.

BLOCK B. Winner **J.McLaren**. Second Dr C.A.Parker.

*Semi-final:* **Foulser** bt Parker +14, **Norman** bt McLaren +8.

*Final:* **Foulser** bt Norman +5.

*Event 1C: Handicap, 18-point game* (20 entries)

BLOCK A. Winner **Mrs G.S.Digby** (3½). Second L.Wharrad (4).

BLOCK B. Winner **P.M.Johnson** (4½). Second G.Blumer (6).

BLOCK C. Winner **I.D.Bond** (4). Second Dr D.A.Parker (5).

BLOCK D. Winner **B.C.Sykes** (4). Second D.R.F.Wheeler (6).

BLOCK E. Winner **L.Ayliffe** (5). Second Mrs P.Asa-Thomas (5).

*Play-off. First Round:* **Mrs Digby** bt Blumer +7, **Parker** bt Johnson +7.

*Second Round:* **Mrs Digby** bt Parker +14, **Bond** bt Wheeler +17, **Sykes** bt Mrs Asa-Thomas +1, **Wharrad** bt Ayliffe +8.

*Semi-final:* **Bond** bt Mrs Digby +3, **Wharrad** bt Sykes +8.

*Final:* **Bond** bt Wharrad +13.

*Event 1D: Handicap, 18-point game* (12 entries)

BLOCK A. Winner **Mrs D.J.Croker** (10). Second Miss I.M.Roe (7½).

BLOCK B. Winner **Miss M.J.Lodge** (6½). Second Mrs A.Warren (10).

BLOCK C. Winner **E.Asa-Thomas** (8). Second Lady Porter (10).

*Play-off. First Round:* **Mrs Croker** bt Mrs Warren +6, **Miss Lodge** bt Lady Porter +9.

*Semi-final:* **Mrs Croker** bt Miss Lodge +5, **Asa-Thomas** bt Miss Roe +11.

*Final:* **Asa-Thomas** bt Mrs Croker +12.

*Event 2: Handicap Singles X* (56 entries)

*First Round:* **D.Moorcraft** (1½) bt Mrs R.F.A.Crane (12) +12, **G.E.P.Jackson** (-½) bt R.O.Calder (4) +20, **P.M.Johnson** (4½) bt Lady Porter (10) +14, **Miss I.M.Roe** (7½) bt Dr B.G.Weitz (1) +21, **Miss J.Wraith** (10) bt Mrs D.J.Croker (10) +3, **Mrs G.S.Digby** (3½) bt G.Blumer (6) +5, **Mrs D.de Q.Lenfestey** (6) bt Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (3½) +16, **W.J.Sturdy** (4) bt Mrs L.Wharrad (13) +11, **D.J.Croker** (2) bt L.G.Ayliffe (5) +14, **I.D.Bond** (4) bt E.Asa-Thomas (8) +3, **D.R.Foulser** (3) bt T.G.S.Colls (5) +18, **Mrs R.F.Wheeler** (4) bt Mrs H.G.Handley (5½) +18, **Dr C.A.Parker** (2½) bt Mrs G.T.Wheeler (½) +16, **Mrs**

**J.H.J.Soutter** (7½) bt E.J.Tucker (0) +22, **E.E.Rees** (2) bt Mrs W.J.Sturdy (8) +9, **Mrs E.J.Tucker** (8) bt Rev W.E.Gladstone (½) +14, **N.J.Norman** (3) bt B.C.Sykes (4) +11, **P.Newton** (½) bt Mrs J.Povey (3) +13, **Mrs E.Asa-Thomas** (5) bt Col G.T.Wheeler (4½) +15, **Miss M.J.Lodge** (6½) bt Miss R.Allen (4½) +17, **Dr D.A.Parker** (5) bt Mrs B.G.Weitz (3½) +14, **T.O.Read** (-½) bt Mrs A.Warren +12, **L.Wharrad** (4) bt Miss E.H.Arkell (3½) +10, **J.H.J.Soutter** (0) bt J.McLaren (3) +8.

*Second Round:* **Dr R.F.Wheeler** (6) bt R.F.A.Crane (3½) +3, **D.de Q.Lenfestey** (4½) bt Mrs P.Newton (5½) +12, **Jackson** bt Moorcraft +7, **Johnson** bt Miss Roe +9, **Mrs Digby** bt Miss Wraith +15, **Mrs Lenfestey** bt Sturdy +17, **Bond** bt Croker +22, **Foulser** bt Mrs Wheeler +8, **Mrs Soutter** bt C.A.Parker +14, **Rees** bt Mrs Tucker +6, **Newton** bt Norman +2, **Mrs Asa-Thomas** bt Miss Lodge +5, **D.A.Parker** bt Read +13, **Soutter** bt Wharrad +5, **G.S.Digby** (3) bt L.Latham (3) +9, **Mrs H.M.Read** (5) bt Mrs D.Moorcraft (9) +3.

*Third Round:* **R.F.Wheeler** bt Lenfestey +13, **Johnson** bt Jackson +19, **Mrs Lenfestey** bt Mrs Digby +18, **Bond** bt Foulser +11, **Rees** bt Mrs Soutter +5, **Newton** bt Mrs Asa-Thomas +5, **Soutter** bt D.A.Parker +7, **Digby** bt Mrs Read +3.

*Fourth Round:* **Johnson** bt R.F.Wheeler +10, **Bond** bt Mrs Lenfestey +12, **Rees** bt Newton +10, **Digby** bt Soutter +16.

*Semi-final:* **Bond** bt Johnson +22, **Rees** bt Digby +9.

*Final:* **Rees** bt Bond +4.

*Handicap Singles Y* (28 entries)

*First Round:* **Calder** bt Mrs Crane +8, **Lady Porter** bt Weitz +2, **Blumer** bt Mrs Croker +7, **Mrs Elvey** bt Mrs Wharrad +10, **Asa-Thomas** bt Ayliffe +6, **Mrs Handley** bt Colls +7, **Tucker** bt Mrs G.T.Wheeler +25, **Mrs Sturdy** bt Gladstone +7, **Sykes** bt Mrs Povey +10, **G.T.Wheeler** bt Miss Allen +20, **Mrs Weitz** bt Mrs Warren +9, **Miss Arkell** bt McLaren +21.

*Second Round:* **Crane** bt Mrs Newton +3, **Lady Porter** bt Calder +12, **Blumer** bt Mrs Elvey +8, **Asa-Thomas** bt Mrs Handley +8, **Tucker** bt Mrs Sturdy +8, **Sykes** bt G.T.Wheeler +4, **Mrs Weitz** bt Miss Arkell +3, **Latham** bt Mrs Moorcraft +5.

*Third Round:* **Crane** bt Lady Porter +2, **Blumer** bt Asa-Thomas +8, **Tucker** bt Sykes +6, **Mrs Weitz** bt Latham +4.

*Semi-final:* **Blumer** bt Crane +17, **Tucker** bt Mrs Weitz +6.

*Final:* **Blumer** bt Tucker +8.

*Handicap Singles Z*

*Final:* **Mrs R.F.Wheeler** bt Miss I.M.Roe +9.

*Event 3: Handicap Doubles* (26 pairs)

*First Round:* **Mr & Mrs Digby** (6½) bt Mrs Povey & Miss Arkell (6½) +4, **Mr & Mrs Lenfestey** (10½) bt McLaren & Calder (7) +1(T), **Bond & Sykes** (8) bt Mrs Elvey & Miss Wraith (13½) +20, **Col & Mrs Wheeler** (5) bt Rees & Mrs Tucker (9½) +4, **Latham & Foulser** (4½) bt Blumer & Mrs Warren (16) +10, **Miss Lodge & Miss Roe** (14) bt Mr & Mrs Crane (13½) +10, **Dr & Mrs Wheeler** (10) bt Colls & Lady Shaw (19) +15, **Tucker & Mrs Asa-Thomas** (4½) bt Mr & Mrs Moorcraft (10½) +15, **Mr & Mrs Newton** (6) bt Norman & Mrs Handley +5, **Mr & Mrs Soutter** (7½) bt Gladstone & Johnson +11.

*Second Round:* **Mr & Mrs Wharrad** (17) bt C.A.Parker & D.A.Parker (7½) +4, **Mr & Mrs Digby** bt Mr & Mrs Lenfestey +7, **Bond & Sykes** bt Col & Mrs Wheeler +8, **Latham & Foulser** bt Miss Lodge & Miss Roe +15, **Dr & Mrs Wheeler** bt Tucker & Mrs Asa-Thomas +1(T), **Mr & Mrs Soutter** bt Mr & Mrs Newton +9, **Dr & Mrs Weitz** bt Mr & Mrs Sturdy +2, **Mr & Mrs Croker** bt Read & Mrs Read +12.

*Third Round:* **Mr & Mrs Digby** bt Mr & Mrs Wharrad +6, **Latham & Foulser** bt Bond & Sykes +14, **Mr & Mrs Soutter** bt Dr & Mrs Wheeler +17, **Mr & Mrs Croker** bt Dr & Mrs Weitz +4.

*Semi-final:* **Mr & Mrs Digby** bt Latham & Foulser +9, **Mr & Mrs Croker** bt Mr & Mrs Soutter +16.

*Final:* **Mr & Mrs Digby** bt Mr & Mrs Croker +2.

## Hurlingham, 3–12 August

The most obvious reason to praise Sarah Hampson and Michael Pearson as co-managers was the absence of time limits. The second reason was their continual good humour accompanied by efficiency despite the late-comers, the chatters in the managers' tent and those who never accept the written word without verbal confirmation.

The better players dominated the later stages of the Silver Jubilee Cup. Although it was John Phillips who played exceedingly well to defeat David Croker in one semi-final and Dab Wheeler in the final, he would surely agree that the best game in the event was the other semi-final. Eric Solomon pegged out opposing Rovers to create a two-ball finish in order to minimise the utility of Mrs

Wheeler's remaining 3½ bisques. However, such was the approaching and shooting that he shortly had to concede that he was being beaten at his own speciality.

The Baillieu Plate was won by George Doughty who was perhaps most noted for the energy of his shooting. It was sufficiently energetic to knock lumps off the ends of his favourite mallet. Audrey Croker and Lady Bazley met twice in the Longworth Cup, but the latter won the second vital game in an excellent play-off. Carmen played a perfect all-round break, only to see Audrey reach the peg with both balls. The last hour saw Carmen hit in and bring her backward ball round in careful stages to win the trophy for the second time in three years. Although Chris Hudson reached both finals of the Younger Cup, his opponents contested the play-off. Roger Wheeler was proceeding smoothly to victory until he accidentally pegged himself out. Thus encouraged Bevis Sanford subsequently won. In the Turner Cup, Peter Alvey and Graham Martin had a nerve-racking struggle to decide who would meet David Croker in the play-off. Eventually, Martin converted a rapidly diminishing lead into victory. However, against Croker it was Martin who had to chase. He successfully pegged out Croker's forward ball and eventually laid up for peg and rover a few yards south of that hoop, leaving Croker's remaining ball, which was also for rover, on the middle of the North boundary. Incredibly both players forgot the lift then due. Even more incredibly Croker ran the rover from twenty-four yards and went out. There is nothing like doing it in style!

In the Hurlingham Cup, Cyril Pountney had the distinction of defeating both Eric Solomon and Christopher Cousins who in turn had been responsible for the elimination of John Solomon. Although his consistency had deserted him it was still obvious why John's games are watched by so many with such admiration. In the end John Haigh and Stephen Mulliner contested the play-off; the progress of each had been marked by wonderful shooting in the case of Haigh and a straight triple against Weitz and a close call against Cousins in the case of Mulliner. The latter laid up for a sextuple in the play-off, but Haigh hit the twenty-four-yard shot. However, an unkind roll at 2 back gave Mulliner the innings and eventual victory.

The Ladies' Field Candlesticks produced some prolonged games. In one marathon, Michael Pearson found that after four hours two clips were on rover. He suggested a further four-hour time limit. Giggles all round; they finished three and a half hours later! The final was a more forthright affair and Sarah Hampson and Dab Wheeler were popular winners. In the Men's handicap doubles final Cousins and Phillips met Mulliner and Alvey; the latter pair enjoyed an early advantage when Alvey went rapidly to penultimate. The attempted double peel failed and Cousins made a gallant attempt to create a break from very little. Successive mishaps allowed Alvey and Mulliner to peg out in stages.

The concluding event contained the finest game of the week. Stephen and Marian Hemsted defended their Mixed Doubles title against the current Open Champion and Lady Champion — Nigel Aspinall and Veronica Carlisle. The ladies reached 4 back together with the Hemsteds having the innings. Stephen played an accurate break to the peg, accomplishing one peel on the way. The straight triple was considered but rejected. The leave left Veronica's ball in penultimate and Nigel's near rover. 'A man's gotta do what a man's gotta do!' So Nigel shot at the balls on the East boundary, hit and tripled out. It was a marvellous finish to a superb tournament.

## Results

*Event 1: The Hurlingham Cup. Open Singles* (19 entries)

DRAW

*First Round:* **C.H.Cousins** bt S.S.Townsend +26, **J.W.Solomon** bt J.C.G.Phillips +15, **J.Haigh** bt H.B.H.Carlisle +16.

*Second Round:* **Dr B.G.Weitz** bt H.C.Green +18, **S.N.Mulliner** bt Dr W.R.D.Wiggins +15, **C.G.Pountney** w.o., **Cousins** bt Solomon +15, **Haigh** bt T.F.Owen +13, **Miss F.Joly** bt D.J.V.Hamilton Miller +10, **Dr E.W.Solomon** bt Mrs E.M.Lightfoot +23, **Mrs B.Meachem** bt H.G.T.Bolton +19.

*Third Round:* **Mulliner** bt Weitz +26 (stp), **Cousins** bt Pountney +24, **Haigh** bt Miss Joly +11, **E.Solomon** bt Mrs Meachem +12.

*Semi-final: Mulliner* bt Cousins +9, **E.Solomon** bt Haigh +2.

*Final: Mulliner* bt E.Solomon +19.

## PROCESS

*First Round: E.Solomon* bt Green +26(tp), **Mrs Meachem** w.o., **Weitz** bt Bolton +17.

*Second Round: E.W.Solomon* bt J.W.Solomon +8, **Pountney** bt Owen +25, **Mrs Meachem** bt Carlisle +20, **Cousins** bt Hamilton Miller +26, **Weitz** bt Phillips +5, **Haigh** bt Mulliner +15, **Miss Joly** w.o., **Mrs Lightfoot** w.o.

*Third Round: Pountney* bt E.Solomon +3, **Cousins** bt Mrs Meachem +12, **Weitz** bt Miss Joly +12, **Haigh** w.o.

*Semi-final: Pountney* bt Cousins +17, **Haigh** bt Weitz +19.

*Final: Haigh* bt Pountney +2.

PLAY-OFF: **Mulliner** bt Haigh +15.

*Event 2: Turner Cup. Level Single 2 bisques and over* (17 entries)

DRAW

*First Round: Mrs B.G.Weitz* bt Miss B.Duthie +2.

*Second Round: Mrs N.A.C.McMillan* bt D.C.Caporn +8, **P.R.Alvey** bt S.G.Kent +19, **G.B.Martin** bt R.O.Havery +24, **Mrs Weitz** bt G.E.J.A.Doughty +1, **J.S.H.Battison** bt Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle +10, **D.J.Crocker** bt R.F.A.Crane +20, **M.G.Pearson** bt L.Wharrad +6, **Mrs R.F.Wheeler** bt Miss S.G.Hampson +8.

*Third Round: Alvey* bt Mrs McMillan +20, **Mrs Weitz** bt Martin +10, **Crocker** bt Battison +7, **Mrs Wheeler** bt Pearson +17.

*Semi-final: Alvey* bt Mrs Weitz +17, **Crocker** bt Mrs Wheeler +8.

## PROCESS

*First Round: Mrs Wheeler* bt Caporn +19.

*Second Round: Mrs Wheeler* bt Mrs Weitz +11, **Martin** bt Crane +10, **Mrs Carlisle** bt Alvey +13, **Wharrad** bt Doughty +4, **Battison** bt Mrs McMillan +20, **Pearson** bt Havery +11, **Crocker** bt Kent +26, **Miss Duthie** bt Miss Hampson +8.

*Third Round: Martin* bt Mrs Wheeler +10, **Mrs Carlisle** bt Wharrad +10, **Pearson** bt Battison +4, **Crocker** bt Miss Duthie +7.

*Semi-final: Martin* bt Mrs Carlisle +9, **Crocker** bt Pearson +12.

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*Semi-final: Martin* bt Alvey +5.

*Final: Crocker* bt Martin +3.

*Event 3: Level Singles 5 bisques and over, The Younger Cup* (16 entries)

DRAW

*First Round: O.A.Kerensky* bt R.F.Bliss +24, **Mrs E.E.Bressey** bt E.B.T.Tanner +16, **C.Hudson** bt Mrs F.H.N.Davidson +4, **Mrs B.G.Neal** bt A.Gordon +16, **Mrs B.Mansfield** bt Prof A.W.Skempton +13, **Mrs L.A.Showan** bt Mrs W.Jones +12, **Dr R.F.Wheeler** bt Mrs H.Wills +13, **C.B.Sanford** bt Mrs A.W.Skempton +15.

*Second Round: Mrs Bressey* bt Kerensky +2, **Hudson** bt Mrs Neal +21, **Mrs Showan** bt Mrs Mansfield +8, **Sanford** bt Wheeler +7.

*Semi-final: Hudson* bt Mrs Bressey +15, **Sanford** bt Mrs Showan +18.

*Final: Sanford* bt Hudson +14.

## PROCESS

*First Round: Kerensky* bt Skempton +3, **Hudson** bt Mrs Wills +17, **Tanner** bt Mrs Showan +4, **Mrs Skempton** bt Gordon +4, **Bliss** bt Mrs Mansfield +7, **Wheeler** bt Mrs Davidson +11, **Mrs Bressey** bt Mrs Jones +22, **Sanford** bt Mrs Neal +5.

*Second Round: Hudson* bt Kerensky +25, **Tanner** bt Mrs Skempton +13, **Wheeler** bt Bliss +18, **Mrs Bressey** bt Sanford +2.

*Semi-final: Hudson* bt Tanner +9, **Wheeler** bt Mrs Bressey +15.

*Final: Wheeler* bt Hudson +4.

PLAY-OFF: **Sanford** bt Wheeler +2.

*Event 4: The Longworth Cup Handicap Singles 8 bisques and over* (11 entries)

DRAW

*First Round: J.G.Miller* (10) bt Mrs A.Solomon (14) +9, **C.M.Fox** (12) bt Mrs D.J.Crocker (10) +12, **Mrs S.S.Townsend** (14) bt Miss J.Wraith (10) +6.

*Second Round: G.D.P.Solomon* (9) w.o. N.O.Hicks (8), **Fox** bt Miller +11, **Lady Bazley** (8) bt Mrs Townsend +13, **G.L.Frost** (11) bt Mrs R.F.A.Crane (12) +16.

*Semi-final: Fox* bt Solomon +3, **Lady Bazley** bt Frost +11.

*Final: Lady Bazley* bt Fox +12.

## PROCESS

*First Round: Lady Bazley* w.o., **Frost** bt Miller +7, **Solomon** bt Mrs Crane +10.

*Second Round: Lady Bazley* bt Fox +9, **Frost** bt Miss Wraith +5, **Mrs Croker** bt Solomon +14, **Mrs Townsend** bt Mrs Solomon +1(T).

*Semi-final: Lady Bazley* bt Frost +9, **Mrs Croker** bt Mrs Townsend +8.

*Final: Mrs Croker* bt Lady Bazley +12.

PLAY-OFF: **Lady Bazley** bt Mrs Croker +2.

*Event 5: Open Doubles Mixed Pairs* (17 pairs)

*First Round: Pountney & Mrs Meachem* bt Pearson & Mrs Showan +14.

*Second Round: Prof & Mrs Neal* bt Sanford & Mrs Skempton +8, **Mr & Mrs Hemsted** bt Dr & Mrs Weitz +16, **Owen & Mrs McMillan** bt Phillips & Mrs J.H.J.Soutter +9, **Pountney & Mrs Meachem** bt Mulliner & Mrs Bressey +11, **Haigh & Miss Hampson** bt Dr & Mrs Wheeler +13, **Kent & Miss Duthie** bt Hudson & Mrs Solomon +10, **Hamilton Miller & Miss Joly** bt D.Openshaw & Mrs B.L.Sundius Smith +18, **G.N.Aspinall & Mrs Carlisle** bt C.H.L.Prichard & Mrs D.M.C.Prichard +23.

*Third Round: Mr & Mrs Hemsted* bt Prof & Mrs Neal +18, **Pountney & Mrs Meachem** bt Owen & Mrs McMillan +4, **Haigh & Miss Hampson** bt Kent & Miss Duthie +8, **Aspinall & Mrs Carlisle** bt Hamilton Miller & Miss Joly +21.

*Semi-final: Mr & Mrs Hemsted* bt Pountney & Mrs Meachem +16, **Aspinall & Mrs Carlisle** bt Haigh & Miss Hampson +8.

*Final: Aspinall & Mrs Carlisle* bt Mr & Mrs Hemsted +3.

*Event 6: Ladies' Field Candlesticks Handicap Doubles* (11 pairs)

*First Round: Mrs Weitz & Mrs H.G.T.Bolton* (14½) bt Mrs Showan & Mrs Jones (15½) +6, **Mrs Croker & Mrs P.H.Mann** (16½) bt Mrs Mansfield & Mrs Wills (16) +21, **Lady Bazley & Mrs Meachem** (8½) bt Mrs Bressey & Miss Wraith (14) +20.

*Second Round: Miss Duthie & Mrs Davidson* (9½) bt Mrs Lightfoot & Mrs Neal (7) +7(T), **Mrs Weitz & Mrs Bolton** bt Mrs McMillan & Mrs Soutter (10½) +9, **Mrs Croker & Mrs Mann** bt Lady Bazley & Mrs Meachem +3, **Miss Hampson & Mrs Wheeler** (7) bt Mrs Carlisle & Mrs Skempton (7) +13.

*Semi-final: Miss Duthie & Mrs Davidson* bt Mrs Weitz & Mrs Bolton +7, **Miss Hampson & Mrs Wheeler** bt Mrs Croker & Mrs Mann +13.

*Final: Miss Hampson & Mrs Wheeler* bt Miss Duthie & Mrs Davidson +15.

*Event 7: Men's Handicap Doubles* (18 entries)

*First Round: Pountney & Martin* (5) bt Battison & Wheeler (9) +2, **B.G.Neal & D.L.Godfree** (9) bt Skempton & Caporn (8½) +10.

*Second Round: Hamilton Miller & Croker* (3) bt Sanford & R.Wiggins (4½) +12, **E.Solomon & Pearson** (3½) bt Crane & Miller (13½) +9, **Mulliner & Alvey** (3) bt Fox & Kent (16) +14, **Wharrad & Haigh** (5) bt Pountney & Martin +22, **Neal & Godfree** bt Tanner & Owen (7) +9, **Bliss & Havery** (8½) bt Weitz & Bolton (2½) +9, **Phillips & Cousins** (2) bt Frost & Hudson (16) +12, **Doughty & Kerensky** (11½) bt Carlisle & G.D.P.Solomon (10½) +17.

*Third Round: Hamilton Miller & Croker* bt E.Solomon & Pearson +3, **Mulliner & Alvey** bt Wharrad & Haigh +25, **Neal & Godfree** bt Bliss & Havery +22, **Phillips & Cousins** bt Doughty & Kerensky +17.

*Semi-final: Mulliner & Alvey* bt Hamilton Miller & Croker +14, **Phillips & Cousins** bt Neal & Godfree +3.

*Final: Mulliner & Alvey* bt Phillips & Cousins +23.

*Event 8: Silver Jubilee Cup Handicap Singles X* (54 entries)

*First Round: Miss J.Wraith* (10) bt Mrs F.A.Crane (12) +12, **Dr R.F.Wheeler** (6) bt H.B.H.Carlisle (1½) +8, **L.Wharrad** (4) bt H.H.Bliss (5½) +12, **Dr B.G.Weitz** (1) bt Mrs N.A.C.McMillan (3) +18, **Mrs B.G.Weitz** (3½) bt Miss S.G.Hampson (3) +3, **Mrs H.Wills** (8) bt G.B.Martin (3½) +16, **Mrs D.J.Crocker** (10) bt P.L.Alvey (4) +13, **J.G.Miller** (8) bt Mrs A.E.Skempton (5) +17, **D.J.Crocker** (2) bt J.Haigh (1) +6, **Mrs B.Meachem** (½) bt Mrs B.G.Neal (5) +12, **S.J.Battison** (3) bt C.G.Pountney (1½) +14, **M.G.Pearson** (4) bt R.O.Havery (3) +17, **E.B.T.Tanner** (6½) bt G.L.Frost (11) +2, **Lady Bazley** (8) bt C.H.J.Cousins (1) +24, **C.B.Sanford** (5) bt Mrs W.Jones (10) +18, **S.S.Townsend** (1½) bt Mrs E.E.Bressey (5) +1, **Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle** (2) bt Mrs F.H.N.Davidson (7½) +2, **Mrs H.G.T.Bolton** (13) bt C.M.Fox (12) +2, **Mrs R.F.Wheeler** (4) bt T.F.Owen (0) +22, **Mrs E.M.Lightfoot** (2) bt A.Gordon (7) +17, **S.G.Kent** (4) bt Miss B.Duthie (2) +5, **R.F.A.Crane** (4½) bt H.G.T.Bolton (1½) +24.

*Second Round: J.G.C.Phillips* (1) bt Miss F.Joly (1) +5, **O.A.Kerensky** (6½) bt Mrs L.A.Showan (5½) +9, **Wheeler** bt Miss Wraith +20, **Wharrad** bt Weitz +12, **Mrs Weitz** bt Mrs Wills +10, **Mrs Croker** bt Miller +7, **Crocker** bt Mrs Meachem +26, **Pearson** bt Battison +10, **Lady Bazley** bt Tanner +13, **Sanford** bt Townsend +14, **Mrs Carlisle** bt Mrs Bolton +4, **Mrs Wheeler** bt Mrs Lightfoot +20, **Crane** bt Kent +5, **Prof A.W.Skempton** (5) bt D.C.Caporn (3½) +17, **C.Hudson** (5) bt G.E.J.A.Doughty (5) +7, **Dr E.W.Solomon** (-½) bt Mrs B.Mansfield (8) +9.

*Third Round: Phillips* bt Kerensky +3, **Wheeler** bt Wharrad +24, **Mrs Croker** bt Mrs Weitz +20, **Crocker** bt Pearson +14, **Lady Bazley** bt

Sanford +1(T), **Wheeler** bt Mrs Carlisle +4, **Crane** bt Skempton +7, **Solomon** bt Hudson +10.

*Fourth Round: Phillips* bt Wheeler +6, **Crocker** bt Mrs Croker +7, **Mrs Wheeler** bt Lady Bazley +4, **Solomon** bt Crane +13.

*Semi-final: Phillips* bt Croker +13, **Mrs Wheeler** bt Solomon +6.

*Final: Phillips* bt Mrs Wheeler +16.

*Handicap Singles Y* (27 entries)

*First Round: Miss Joly* bt Mrs Showan +14, **Mrs McMillan** bt Miss Hampson +6, **Alvey** bt Martin +3, **Haigh** bt Mrs Skempton +22, **Pountney** bt Mrs Neal +13, **Frost** bt Havery +13, **Cousins** bt Mrs Jones +6, **Mrs Davidson** bt Mrs Bressey +17, **Fox** bt Owen +25, **Gordon** bt Caporn +8, **Doughty** bt Mrs Mansfield +8.

*Second Round: Carlisle* bt Mrs Crane +17, **Miss Joly** bt Bliss +3, **Alvey** bt Mrs McMillan +1, **Haigh** bt Pountney +21, **Cousins** bt Frost +18, **Mrs Davidson** bt Fox +2, **Doughty** bt Gordon +2, **Bolton** bt Miss Duthie +10.

*Third Round: Miss Joly* bt Carlisle +21, **Haigh** bt Alvey +13, **Cousins** bt Mrs Davidson +15, **Doughty** bt Bolton +16.

*Semi-final: Haigh* bt Miss Joly +12, **Doughty** bt Cousins +25.

*Final: Doughty* bt Haigh +15.

## Nottingham, 14–19 August

There are, of course, no unfriendly Croquet Tournaments, but Nottingham has made its name as one of the most friendly on the circuit. This year, however, some of the regular visitors studied the changes in the programme with a certain measure of trepidation. The B and C class singles were to be Draw and Process and the Big Handicap X and Y, with Z at Manager's discretion. How could the extra games be fitted in to what always had been a fairly tight schedule? Then they saw the ominous note 'with some double banking if necessary'.

Another major change was a new Manager, Ian Wright being in charge of this tournament for the first time. He indicated from the start that he was going to introduce all the extra games and that this would certainly involve some double banking. The traditional three-hour time limit was extended to 'or 3¼ hours if double banked'. Further changes were the playing of the first round of the Robin Hood in addition to the Big Handicap X on Monday and the start of the Doubles in addition to the Draw of the Class events on Tuesday. If some players at first felt this was 'change for the sake of change' it was soon realised that the early start to all events enabled potential blockers to be identified early in the week. The double banking proved less irritating than had been feared, as seven lawns are available at Nottingham and the Manager had calculated that to complete the programme he required nine. This meant that two lawns, or occasionally three, had to be double-banked. Unlike the slightly objectionable practice at some tournaments of double-banking all games in some rounds of certain events, Ian Wright adopted a system of mixed random and selective double-banking, irrespective of the events involved. For the first games of the day he selected two lawns, say No.2 and No.4, and the players unlucky enough to draw these had to double-bank. Later in the day when he had opponents ready to play but no empty lawn available, he selected a suitable lawn in such a way that when a game was double-banked, this would be for only about half its duration. Everyone readily accepted these minor irritations and were pleasantly surprised to find they did not, in fact, have many double-banked games.

The Manager further impressed his personality on the tournament on Tuesday afternoon when a torrential thunderstorm sent all players running for their waterproofs. The storm did not last long, but throughout its worst intensity Ian Wright was observed to be the only player on the lawns. His presence shamed others into restarting considerably earlier than they otherwise would have done. When congratulated afterwards on the fine example he had set, he commented wryly 'I hadn't thought of it that way. I was in the middle of a break and didn't want to stop.'

By Wednesday evening the pattern was emerging. Prominent among the players who looked like still being in all their events were John Rose, Roger Wheeler and George Noble, but George was eliminated from the Y in a late game which eased some of the Manager's problems.

Failed triple peels were soon being observed. Among the successful attempts, the most notable were George Noble's, which eliminated the favourites from the doubles; Philip Cozens was another early successful peeler — although he had completed one or two previously in club games this was his first tournament success; John Rose's truly text-book version, eliminating Mrs Dab Wheeler from the open singles, must also be mentioned.

By Friday night the Manager's problems were over. He had played off the final of the Y in which Philip Cozens was victorious and to reduce possible problems on Saturday had also played the final of the Doubles, which turned out to be a family affair, in which the Wheelers vanquished the Lenfestey's, although not without anxious moments in the first stages of the Rover-peel and peg-out. The way was now clear for the remaining finals on Saturday, with no player being involved in more than a possible three games.

On Saturday morning, in brilliant sunshine, Ray Jones from Edgbaston played steadily and defeated Ian Vincent in the X of the Big Handicap. Also against Ian Vincent, George Noble got away to a flying start in the final of the Robin Hood, starting a delayed triple after hoop 6, but failed on the Rover peel and let in Ian. A missed hard rush with Ian's second ball signalled the end, as shortly afterwards George finished in style with a perfect rush from corner 2 to Rover and through to the peg-out. George Noble was then back in play for the Open play-off against John Rose, to secure his second trophy.

After two very tight finishes in the B level Draw and Process, Philip Cozens won the play-off against Don Lenfestey quite comfortably, while John Macdonald made sure of the C handicap by winning both Draw and Process, in his first full-week tournament.

## Results

*Event 1: Robin Hood Gold Cup Handicap Singles* (24 entries)

*First Round: Dr R.F.Wheeler* (5) bt C.G.Pountney (1½) +23, **G.W.Noble** (2) bt C.Chamberlain (6½) +12, **Dr G.K.Taylor** (1) bt Mrs A.J.Bucknell (9) +14, **P.J.Death** (3) bt A.J.Girling (3½) +8, **J.Rose** (1) bt Dr T.W.Smith (4½) +14, **Dr R.C.Jones** (8) bt G.Henshaw (3) +16, **P.V.Cozens** (4) bt Mrs R.F.Wheeler (4) +10, **R.O.Calder** (4) bt Mrs C.Chamberlain (8) +7.

*Second Round: D.deQ.Lenfestey* (4½) bt A.J.Bucknell (6) +9, **R.W.Newham** (7) bt R.H.Fletcher (6½) +1(T), **Noble** bt Wheeler +10, **Death** bt Taylor +2, **Rose** bt Jones +18, **Cozens** bt Calder +18, **Dr I.G.Vincent** (1) bt I.H.Wright (1) +17, **Mrs D.deQ.Lenfestey** (6) bt Mrs J.Howarth (13) +19.

*Third Round: Lenfestey* bt Newham +4(T), **Noble** bt Death +25, **Cozens** bt Rose +15, **Vincent** bt Mrs Lenfestey +12.

*Semi-final: Noble* bt Lenfestey +12, **Vincent** bt Cozens +5.

*Final: Noble* bt Vincent +12.

*Event 2: Open Singles* (11 entries)

DRAW

*First Round: P.J.Death* bt Mrs R.F.Wheeler +1(T), **G.W.Noble** bt G.Henshaw +6, **I.H.Wright** bt R.O.Calder +12.

*Second Round: A.J.Girling* bt C.G.Pountney +8(T), **Noble** bt Death +17, **Dr G.K.Taylor** bt Wright +9, **J.Rose** bt Dr I.G.Vincent +15.

*Semi-final: Noble* bt Girling +23, **Rose** bt Taylor +1(T).

*Final: Noble* bt Rose +24.

## PROCESS

*First Round: Taylor* bt Pountney +12, **Vincent** bt Death +16, **Rose** bt Girling +23.

*Second Round: Taylor* bt Henshaw +19, **Vincent** bt Calder +18, **Rose** bt Noble +9, **Mrs Wheeler** bt Wright +5.

*Semi-final: Vincent* bt Taylor +7, **Rose** bt Mrs Wheeler +26 (tp).

*Final: Rose* bt Vincent +21.

PLAY-OFF: **Noble** bt Rose +17.

*Event 3: Level Singles advanced play, 4–7 bisques* (8 entries)

DRAW

*First Round: P.V.Cozens* bt R.W.Newham +24, **Mrs Lenfestey** bt A.J.Bucknell +15, **Dr T.W.Smith** bt R.H.Fletcher +11, **D.deQ.Lenfestey** bt Dr R.F.Wheeler +6(T).

*Semi-final: Cozens* bt Mrs Lenfestey +14, **Lenfestey** bt Smith +11.

*Final: Lenfestey* bt Cozens +1(T).



## PROCESS

*First Round:* **Cozens** bt Fletcher +18, **Lenfestey** bt Bucknell +5, **Smith** bt Newnham +1(T), **Wheeler** bt Mrs Lenfestey +4(T).

*Semi-final:* **Cozens** bt Lenfestey +20, **Wheeler** bt Smith +14.

*Final:* **Cozens** bt Wheeler +1(T).

PLAY-OFF: **Cozens** bt Lenfestey +23.

*Event 4: Handicap Singles, 8 bisques and over* (6 entries)

## DRAW

*First Round:* **Mrs A.J. Bucknell** (9) bt J.C.Straw (10) +5(T), **Dr R.C. Jones** (8) bt Mrs J.Haworth (13) +13.

*Semi-final:* **Jones** bt Mrs Bucknell +19, **J.L.Macdonald** (8) bt Mrs C. Chamberlain (8) +4.

*Final:* **Macdonald** bt Jones +14.

## PROCESS

*First Round:* **Macdonald** bt Mrs Bucknell +19, **Jones** bt Mrs Chamberlain +15.

*Semi-final:* **Macdonald** bt Jones +1, **Mrs Haworth** bt Straw +1(T).

*Final:* **Macdonald** bt Mrs Haworth +10.

PLAY-OFF (for second place): **Jones** bt Mrs Haworth +19.

*Event 5: Handicap Singles X* (27 entries)

*First Round:* **J.Rose** (1) bt G.W.Noble (2) +2, **G.Henshaw** (3) bt R.O.Calder (4) +2, **Dr T.W.Smith** (4½) bt R.W.Newnham (7) +13, **J.L.Macdonald** (8) bt Mrs J.Haworth (13) +12, **P.J.Death** (3) bt Mrs D. deQ.Lenfestey (6) +19, **Dr R.F.Wheeler** (5) bt I.H.Wright (1) +8, **Dr G.K.Taylor** (1) bt C.Chamberlain (6½) +10, **D.deQ.Lenfestey** (4½) bt R.H.Fletcher (6½) +12, **Mrs R.F.Wheeler** (3) bt C.G.Pountney (1½) +26, **A.J.Girling** (3½) bt Mrs C.Chamberlain (8) +1, **Dr R.C.Jones** (8) bt L.Robinson (7) +22.

*Second Round:* **Dr I.G.Vincent** (1) bt J.C.Straw (10) +19, **Henshaw** bt Rose +26, **Macdonald** bt Smith +2, **Death** bt Wheeler +23, **Taylor** bt Lenfestey +2(T), **Girling** bt Mrs Wheeler +7(T), **Jones** bt Mrs A.J.Bucknell (9) +16, **A.J.Bucknell** (6) bt P.V.Cozens (4) +11.

*Third Round:* **Vincent** bt Henshaw +4, **Death** bt Macdonald +5, **Girling** bt Taylor +19, **Jones** bt Bucknell +1(T).

*Semi-final:* **Vincent** bt Death +12, **Jones** bt Girling +1(T).

*Final:* **Jones** bt Vincent +9.

*Handicap Singles Y* (14 entries)

*First Round:* **Noble** bt Straw +18, **Calder** bt Newnham +12, **Mrs Lenfestey** bt Mrs Haworth +2(T), **Pountney** bt Fletcher +13, **Robinson** bt Mrs Chamberlain +12, **Cozens** bt Mrs Bucknell +22.

*Second Round:* **Calder** bt Noble +12, **Mrs Lenfestey** bt Wright +26, **Chamberlain** bt Pountney +2, **Cozens** bt Robinson +11.

*Semi-final:* **Calder** bt Mrs Lenfestey +1(T), **Cozens** bt Chamberlain +22(tp).

*Final:* **Cozens** bt Calder +6.

*Handicap Singles Z* (15 entries)

*Final:* **Mrs Wheeler** bt Straw +16.

*Event 6: Handicap Doubles* (12 pairs)

*First Round:* **Noble & Mrs Bucknell** (10) bt Death & Cozens (7) +8(tp), **Henshaw & Chamberlain** (9½) bt Macdonald & Straw (18) +7(T), **Dr & Mrs Wheeler** (8) bt Girling & Jones (11½) +1(T), **Smith & Bucknell** (10½) bt Pountney & Newnham (8½) +5(T).

*Second Round:* **Mr & Mrs Lenfestey** (10½) bt Rose & Robinson (8) +5(T), **Noble & Mrs Bucknell** bt Henshaw & Chamberlain +12, **Dr & Mrs Wheeler** bt Smith & Bucknell +5(T), **Taylor & Mrs Haworth** (13) bt Calder & Mrs Chamberlain (12) +16.

*Semi-final:* **Mr & Mrs Lenfestey** bt Noble & Mrs Bucknell +5(T), **Dr & Mrs Wheeler** bt Taylor & Mrs Haworth +18.

*Final:* **Dr & Mrs Wheeler** bt Mr & Mrs Lenfestey +12.

## Southwick III, 14–19 August

It was gratifying that the number of entries for the tournament in all classes, except in the D Class, were above those of last year. The youngest player M.Tapp was aged 15 years and the oldest who entered was H.A.Sheppard aged 86 years. Sheppard also partnered L.Brooks in the doubles; their combined ages amounted to 168 years and this surely was a record partnership? But alas these Veteran players did not go beyond the first round in the Doubles.

This year an innovation was introduced by playing the Open Singles as the best of three matches, and, as there were ten players in this event, the general feeling was that the total number of games

played was about the same as in a Draw and Process but gave a more professional tone to the event.

Another idea in the tournament was to divide the Handicap X and Y into men's and women's competitions. Everybody seemed quite happy about this segregation of the sexes, particularly the ladies, who seemed to have it all their own way! The Douglas Jones Cup was competed for by the men and the women played for the new Sussex Vase, which had been especially presented to the club by Howard Austin, a past Secretary of Southwick Club.

D.Parker who won the B Final after the prize-giving played ten games in the last two days, the manager's dreaded nightmare. The C Class went according to prediction, and the D Class Final was a battle lasting the whole of Friday and half of Saturday due to the same two ladies being in the Draw and Process!

It was a traditional Southwick tournament where everybody enjoyed themselves thoroughly in a most friendly atmosphere with the proverbial standard of catering. During the first two days the courts were a little heavy and not too well trimmed, because of the weather and of mowing problems, but by Wednesday everything was improving. The mowers were working again and beautiful weather set in. There was nothing but praise for R.E.Wallis who organised the week so efficiently with such a friendly manner.

## Results

*Event 1: Open Singles. Best of Three* (10 entries)

*First Round:* **M.Phelps** bt Cmdr G.Borrett +7, +15, **E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake** bt F.Reynold +18 +1.

*Second Round:* **Dr B.G.F.Weitz** bt W.E.Moore -9 +2 +14, **Phelps** bt Tyrwhitt Drake +10 +20, **T.F.Owen** bt G.G.C.Phillips +14 +5, **E.E.Rees** bt M.J.Tapp +5 +7.

*Semi-final:* **Weitz** bt Phelps +6 +17, **Owen** bt Rees +8 -14 +15.

*Final:* **Weitz** bt Owen +22 -21 +13.

*Event 2: Level Singles Advanced Play, 2–5 bisques* (19 entries)

## DRAW

*First Round:* **Dr D.A.Parker** bt Mrs B.G.F.Weitz +7, **Mrs R.E.Tucker** bt Mrs E.M.Speer +13, **R.E.Wallis** bt T.G.S.Colls +9.

*Second Round:* **Mrs S.J.Turner** bt A.S.C.Ross +10, **G.F.Hallett** w.o., **D.M.Bull** w.o., **Parker** bt Mrs Tucker +8, **Wallis** bt H.A.Sheppard +11, **Mrs Mallinson** bt Miss H.D.Parker +14, **Mrs N.W.T.Cox** bt Mrs H.F.Chittenden +17, **C.E.Knight** bt Mrs G.F.H.Elvey +6.

*Third Round:* **Hallett** bt Mrs Turner +10, **Parker** bt Bull +1, **Wallis** bt Mrs Mallinson +17, **Mrs Cox** bt Knight +6.

## PROCESS

*First Round:* **Mrs Cox** bt Ross +6, **Hallett** bt Knight +24, **Mrs Turner** bt Mrs Elvey +5.

*Second Round:* **Mrs Cox** bt Mrs Speer +15, **Bull** bt Sheppard +11, **Wallis** bt Hallett +20, **Mrs Weitz** bt Miss Parker +24, **Mrs Tucker** bt Mrs Turner +13, **Mrs Mallinson** w.o., **T.G.S.Colls** w.o.

*Third Round:* **Bull** bt Mrs Cox +6, **Wallis** bt Mrs Weitz +10, **Mrs Tucker** bt Mrs Mallinson +15, **Parker** bt Colls +15.

*Redraw under Regulation 20 d:*

*First Round:* **Bull** bt Mrs Tucker +10, **Hallett** bt Mrs Cox +1(T).

*Semi-final:* **Wallis** bt Hallett +5, **Parker** bt Bull +14.

*Final:* **Parker** bt Wallis +23.

*Event 3: Handicap Singles, 5½–8 bisques* (11 entries)

## DRAW

*First Round:* **Mrs E.J.Tucker** (7½) bt Mrs L.L.Duveen (8) +6, **Mrs E.Staddon** (5½) bt E.H.P.Mallinson (6½) +13, **G.F.Paxon** (5½) bt Miss E.Hodgens (6½) +6.

*Second Round:* **Mrs D.Linstead** (8) bt Mrs H.E.Ovens (7½) +14, **Mrs Staddon** bt Mrs Tucker +6, **H.E.Ovens** (5½) bt Paxon +15, **Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake** (6½) bt Mrs G.Day (8) +13.

## PROCESS

*First Round:* **Ovens** bt Mrs Linstead +10, **Mrs Day** bt Mrs Duveen +10, **Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake** bt Mrs Ovens +10.

*Second Round:* **Mallinson** bt Ovens +11, **Mrs Day** bt Miss Hodgins +11, **Mrs Staddon** bt Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake +7, **Paxon** bt Mrs Tucker +4.

*Redraw under Regulation 20 d:*

*First Round:* **Mrs Linstead** bt Mrs Day +19, **Mallinson** bt Ovens +4(T), **Paxon** bt Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake +5.

*Semi-final:* **Mrs Staddon** bt Mrs Linstead +3, **Mallinson** bt Paxon +6(T).

*Final:* **Mallinson** bt Mrs Staddon +7.

*Event 4: Handicap Singles, 9 bisques and over* (6 entries)

## DRAW

*First Round:* **Miss A.M.Ryan** (11) bt Mrs M.Rankin (11) +2, **Miss P.Shine** (11) bt C.J.Chandler (10) +14.

*Semi-final:* **Miss Ryan** bt Mrs A.Millns (9) +10, **Miss Shine** bt Mrs E.Lewis (9) +9.

*Final:* **Miss Ryan** bt Miss Shine +2.

## PROCESS

*First Round:* **Chandler** bt Mrs Millns +9, **Mrs Lewis** bt Mrs Rankin +7.

*Semi-final:* **Miss Ryan** bt Chandler +3, **Miss Shine** bt Mrs Lewis +11.

*Final:* **Miss Shine** bt Miss Ryan +5.

PLAY-OFF: **Miss Shine** bt Miss Ryan +10.

*Event 5: Handicap Singles X, Men Only* (20 entries)

*First Round:* **Dr D.A.Parker** (5) bt M.Phelps (3) +10, **E.E.Rees** (1½) bt J.G.Phillips (½) +26, **Dr B.G.Weitz** (1) bt T.F.Owen (0) +13, **E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake** (½) bt H.A.Sheppard (4) +14.

*Second Round:* **T.G.S.Colls** (5) w.o., **G.E.Hallett** (2) bt A.D.C.Ross (3½) +11, **D.M.Bull** (5) bt C.J.Chandler (10) +1, **Parker** bt Rees +13, **Weitz** bt Tyrwhitt Drake +15, **H.E.Ovens** (5½) bt F.Reynold (2) +5, **M.Tapp** (1½) bt W.E.Moore (0) +15, **C.E.Knight** (5) bt G.F.Paxon (5½) +6.

*Third Round:* **Hallett** bt Colls +7, **Parker** bt Bull +13, **Weitz** bt Ovens +17, **Tapp** bt Knight +4.

*Semi-final:* **Parker** bt Hallett +26, **Weitz** bt Tapp +6.

*Final:* **Parker** bt Weitz +14.

*Handicap Singles Y, Men Only* (6 entries)

*Final:* **Moore** bt Owen +2.

*Event 6: Handicap Singles X, Women Only* (22 entries)

*First Round:* **Miss P.Shine** (11) bt Miss H.D.Parker (6) +18, **Mrs E.M.Speer** (5) bt Miss E.X.Hodgens (6½) +9, **Mrs S.J.Turner** (5) bt Mrs H.F.Chittenden (3½) +13, **Mrs R.E.Tucker** (5) bt Mrs E.J.Tucker (7½) +7, **Mrs G.Day** (8) bt Mrs A.M.Ryan (11) +5, **Mrs B.G.Weitz** (3½) bt Mrs G.F.H.Elvey (3½) +7.

*Second Round:* **Mrs D.Linstead** (8) bt Mrs L.L.Duveen (8) +14, **Mrs E.Lewis** (9) w.o., **Miss Shine** bt Mrs Speer +10, **Mrs R.E.Tucker** bt Mrs Turner +7, **Mrs Weitz** bt Mrs Day +18, **Miss M.Anderson** (5) bt Mrs M.Rankin (11) +12, **Mrs N.W.T.Cox** (3) bt Mrs E.Staddon (5½) +2, **Mrs E.H.P.Mallinson** (5) bt Mrs A.Millns (9) +14.

*Third Round:* **Mrs Linstead** bt Mrs Lewis +23, **Mrs R.E.Tucker** bt Miss Shine +7, **Mrs Weitz** w.o., **Mrs Mallinson** bt Mrs Cox +6.

*Semi-final:* **Mrs R.E.Tucker** bt Mrs Linstead +5, **Mrs Weitz** bt Mrs Mallinson +6.

*Final:* **Mrs Weitz** bt Mrs R.E.Tucker +17.

*Handicap Singles Y, Women Only* (11 entries)

*Final:* **Miss Hodgins** bt Mrs Staddon +12.

*Event 7: Handicap Doubles* (22 pairs)

*First Round:* **Knight & Parker** (10) bt Rees & Miss Ryan (12½) +16, **Ross & Mrs Day** (11½) bt Paxon & Chandler (15½) +7, **Mrs Weitz & Miss Shine** (14½) bt Sheppard & L.Brooks (9) +16, **Mrs Chittenden & Mrs Elvey** (7) bt Mrs Duveen & Mrs Rankin (19) +5 (T), **Weitz & Mrs Millns** (10) bt Col & Mrs Mallinson (11½) +12, **E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake & Mrs R.E.Tucker** (5½) bt W.E.Moore & Miss M.Anderson +14.

*Second Round:* **Owen & Wallis** (4) bt Mr & Mrs Ovens (13) +3, **Hallett & Mrs Speer** (7) bt Tapp & Rees (3½) +7, **Knight & Parker** bt Ross & Mrs Day +10, **Mrs Weitz & Miss Shine** bt Mrs Chittenden & Mrs Elvey +10, **Weitz & Mrs Millns** bt Tyrwhitt Drake & Mrs R.E.Tucker +7, **Phelps & Mrs Linstead** (11) bt Bull & Mrs E.J.Tucker (12½) +7, **Mrs Turner & Mrs Staddon** bt R.L.Everest & Miss Hodgins (10½) +5, **Phillips & Mrs Cox** (3½) bt Colls & Mrs Lewis (14) +11.

*Third Round:* **Owen & Wallis** bt Hallett & Mrs Speer +17, **Knight & Parker** bt Mrs Weitz & Miss Shine +9, **Phelps & Mrs Linstead** bt Weitz & Mrs Millns +6, **Phillips & Mrs Cox** bt Mrs Turner & Mrs Staddon +3.

*Semi-final:* **Knight & Parker** bt Owen & Wallis +4, **Phillips & Mrs Cox** bt Phelps & Mrs Linstead +14.

*Final:* **Phillips & Mrs Cox** bt Knight & Parker +13.

## Hunstanton Tournament, 28 August to 2 September

The new housing-estate next door has vastly improved the rabbit situation and the lawns are now free from scrapes and consequently less exciting. The improvement is no less due to the hard work of

John Wood, a new member, who mowed lawns before play during the tournament.

The standard of croquet during the week was generally high, but a loss of form on Saturday by John Haigh, who was in no less than three finals, became infectious. The X final (the first) was not as cut-and-dried as the score implies. David Foulser let Haigh in uncharacteristically often (Oh that he had done that earlier in the week!), and was lucky that Haigh was unable to take advantage of his opportunities (Oh that he had too!). The Doubles was too full of A and B class partnerships to provide the long-drawn-out games so loved by a former President of the Club, but the final was certainly won, eventually, with true handicap tactics. Sarah Hampson wisely insisted, against partner John Haigh's better judgment, on being laid a dolly rush to her hoop in the middle of the lawn and that was the beginning of the end for David Foulser and Laurence Latham.

The men to beat in the Opens were clearly Johns Haigh and Phillips, with the Cheltenham pair Latham and Foulser pushing them hard. And so it transpired. Phillips beat Haigh in the Draw; Haigh beat Phillips in the Process; Latham beat Phillips in the Draw; Phillips beat Latham in the Process; and Foulser was a semi-finalist in both halves. The B turned into a club benefit with Sarah Hampson winning the play-off against David Turner, who had a number of good wins during the week including one over Roger Wheeler in the final of the all-important Y. The C went to a courageous David Godfree, who beat Barbara Davidson, another player who seemed to be on the lawns all the time.

The management was efficient as ever, although there were a few inevitable but unwarranted whispers (?) when double banking was introduced on Tuesday. This was necessary to catch up with games lost on Monday by those who had come up overnight from the Colchester Weekend Tournament. But the longest-lasting memories for this player will be the sight of James Carlisle chasing after David Godfree in the capacity of ball boy; the groundsman approaching the manager with four coloured discs in his hand saying 'I found these on that lawn'; and particularly the famous Hunstanton teas, provided as always by croquet players, croquet wives and the bridge ladies. Thank you all, and a particular thank you to Jane Neville-Rolfe and Sarah Hampson, without whom . . .

## Results

*Event 1: Open Singles* (9 entries)

## DRAW

*First Round:* **D.Foulser** bt A.D.Karmel +20, **L.V.Latham** bt Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith +11, **J.G.Phillips** bt J.Haigh +5, **Mrs H.B.Carlisle** w.o.

*Semi-final:* **Latham** bt Foulser +22, **Phillips** bt Mrs Carlisle +15.

*Final:* **Latham** bt Phillips +17.

## PROCESS

*First Round:* **Foulser** bt H.B.H.Carlisle +18, **Haigh** bt Mrs Sundius-Smith +18, **Phillips** bt Karmel +22, **Latham** w.o.

*Semi-final:* **Haigh** bt Foulser +17, **Phillips** bt Latham +6.

*Final:* **Haigh** bt Phillips +9.

PLAY-OFF: **Haigh** bt Latham +17.

*Event 2: Level Singles, 2½–6 bisques* (10 entries)

## DRAW

*First Round:* **Mrs A.N.Rolfe** bt Dr D.A.Parker +18, **D.Turner** bt S.G.Kent +10.

*Second Round:* **Mrs R.F.Wheeler** bt R.O.Havery +14, **Turner** bt Mrs Rolfe +5, **Miss S.G.Hampson** bt Dr R.Wheeler +14, **R.S.Alford** bt T.G.S.Colls +15.

*Semi-final:* **Mrs Wheeler** bt Turner +5, **Miss Hampson** bt Alford +12.

*Final:* **Miss Hampson** bt Mrs Wheeler +2.

## PROCESS

*First Round:* **Mrs Wheeler** bt Alford +21, **Havery** bt Colls +22.

*Second Round:* **Mrs Wheeler** bt Kent +19, **Parker** bt Miss Hampson +1, **Turner** bt Havery +22, **Wheeler** bt Mrs Rolfe +3.

*Semi-final:* **Mrs Wheeler** bt Parker +7, **Turner** bt Wheeler +21.

*Final:* **Turner** bt Mrs Wheeler +5.

PLAY-OFF: **Miss Hampson** bt Turner +16.

Event 3: Handicap Singles, 6½ bisques and over (7 entries)

DRAW

First Round: Mrs F.H.N.Davidson (7½) bt A.Gordon (7) +17, D.L.Godfree (11) bt J.Wood (8\*) +11, Mrs P.Sheldon w.o.

Semi-final: Godfree bt Mrs Davidson +14, Mrs Sheldon w.o.

Final: Godfree bt Mrs Sheldon +7(T).

PROCESS

First Round: Mrs Davidson bt Mrs Sheldon +14, Wood w.o., Gordon bt Mrs A.D.Karmel (6½) +9.

Semi-final: Mrs Davidson bt Wood +10, A.Gordon w.o.

Final: Mrs Davidson bt Gordon +7.

PLAY-OFF: Godfree bt Mrs Davidson +7.

Event 4: Handicap Singles X (25 entries)

First Round: A.Gordon (7) bt Dr R.F.Wheeler (5) +5, Dr D.A.Parker (3) bt R.O.Havery (4) +13, L.V.Latham (1½) bt J.Wood (8\*) +5, Mrs R.F.Wheeler (3) bt H.B.Carlisle (1½) +3, Mrs A.N.Rolfe (2½) bt S.G.Kent (4) +9, D.Foulser (2) bt Mrs A.D.Karmel (6½) +16, T.G.S.Colls (5) w.o., Mrs H.B.Carlisle (2) bt J.Hughes (14) +9, Mrs F.H.N.Davidson (7½) bt D.Turner (4½) +2.

Second Round: J.Haigh (0) bt Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith (½) +7, Gordon w.o., Latham bt Parker +11, Mrs Rolfe bt Mrs Wheeler +8, Foulser bt Colls +16, Mrs Carlisle bt Mrs Davidson +15, J.Phillips (½) bt R.Alford (3½) +19, Miss S.G.Hampson (3) bt A.D.Karmel (1½) +22.

Third Round: Haigh bt Gordon +14, Latham bt Mrs Rolfe +17, Foulser bt Mrs Carlisle +14, Miss Hampson bt Phillips +11.

Semi-final: Haigh bt Latham +20, Foulser bt Miss Hampson +3.

Final: Foulser bt Haigh +26.

Handicap Singles Y (11 entries)

Final: Turner bt Wheeler +14.

Event 5: Handicap Doubles (11 pairs)

First Round: Haigh & Miss Hampson (3) bt Turner & Wood (12½) +9, Mrs Rolfe & Mrs Sheldon (12½) bt Kent & Mrs Davidson (11½) +9, Phillips & Mrs Carlisle (2½) bt Colls & Alford (8½) +5.

Second Round: Mrs Sundius-Smith & Havery (4½) bt Dr & Mrs Wheeler (8) +4, Haigh & Miss Hampson bt Mrs Rolfe & Mrs Sheldon +14, Phillips & Mrs Carlisle bt Carlisle & Godfree (12½) +13, Latham & Foulser (3½) bt Parker & Gordon (10) +16.

Semi-final: Haigh & Miss Hampson bt Mrs Sundius-Smith & Havery +19, Latham & Foulser bt Phillips & Mrs Carlisle +22.

Final: Haigh & Miss Hampson bt Latham & Foulser +5.

Ladies' Field Cup, played at Hurlingham 21-24 August

When the eight chosen ladies arrived at Hurlingham they looked remarkably hale and healthy, but by Monday morning before play one had fallen by the wayside — then there were seven. By Tuesday afternoon another had retired — so then there were six, and they too had started to show signs of wear and tear. On Wednesday morning Barbara Meachem announced in a plaintive voice that she had been unable to eat her toast for breakfast. I, not knowing that Richard Rothwell had redrawn the remaining games, retired to the children's playground for what I considered a well-deserved rest on a deck-chair after lunch, as according to the original programme I was due to have played one of those who had scratched. An hour later Richard entered the playground and said my opponent had been waiting on court for nearly an hour and in any case I had no right to be in the playground as I had no child! That I could do nothing about, but I was restored to favour by finishing our game in one hour before either of the other games was completed. My third game ended at 8.15 and as I tottered back to my Club I just had the strength to press the lift button up to my room where I lay on the floor, supperless, for an hour to recover.

By Thursday evening it was all over, though as I left Hurlingham at 8.15 Kitty and Barbara were still playing. So far I have made no mention of the croquet. We started off shakily, no-one playing well, but as the matches proceeded so did the croquet improve. Kitty began her triple peels; the Tall Lady in the Hat was drawing her usual admiring spectators; Mrs Digby was hitting everything in sight and playing so fast that as I watched I wondered how many

minutes a game between her and Miss Arkell would take; little Mrs Cox was doing giant split shots from one end of the court to the other and Sarah Hampson, who led the field most of the way, announced that as she was such a rotten player none of the 'top-notchers' could understand her tactics and so were beaten. My finest shot was played in twilight from corner one to corner four — where I seemed to remember my partner ball was — and I was told by Richard I had hit it smack in the middle. My most puzzling moment was, when asked by a spectator — who said he thoroughly understood croquet — why we played with four balls. I found this an absorbing problem and having failed to think of a reason, suggested he ask the manager. Richard remained cool, calm and collected throughout and had a soothing effect on the players. Robin Godby acted as Referee for the first two days and ran from one waving mallet to another, as almost every hoop on every court contained a ball which had stuck. Then it was Liz Neal's turn and although there were not so many balls in hoops there were even more agitating happenings and the grass sometimes looked as though festooned with sequins (halfpence marking spots) with Liz's head bent to the ground to ensure that all was done correctly. (I asked her to raise it once or twice for fear that I would hit her!) Their patience and good humour were an example to everyone and they must have run many miles. On looking back, what fun it all was.

Footnote

Miss Hampson lost only to Miss Joly in the first series and was in the lead, but the latter won all her remaining five games. She was the most consistent hitter-in and hoop-maker and well deserved her victory — her first in this event. Miss Sessions and Mrs Meachem met in the last round with six wins apiece. It was 8.51 pm, with white handkerchiefs having to be held behind balls, when Mrs Meachem's second ball was heard to hit the peg with a resounding crunch to give her victory by two points and earn her second place. It must be recorded that, with the present standard of play, three games per day is too much and all the players found the programme exhausting. On no occasion was the last game over by 8 pm. The Hurlingham lawns were in excellent condition and easy-paced. The weather was fine with a lot of sunshine.

The Ladies' Field Cup							W I N S
Miss F.Joly	Mrs B.Meachem	Mrs G.T.Wheeler	Miss S.G.Hampson	Mrs G.S.Digby	Mrs N.W.T.Cox	Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	
Miss F.Joly	+8	-18	+17	+4	+10	-1	9
	+12	+8	+26	+26	+4		
Mrs B.Meachem	-8	+17	-10	+12	+16	-12	7
	-12	+2	+18	+8	+3		
Mrs G.T.Wheeler	+18	-17	-17	-3	+22	+7	6
	-8	-2	+3	+4	+19		
Miss S.G.Hampson	-17	+10	+17	+12	+15	+3	5
	-26	-18	-3	-13	-1		
Mrs G.S.Digby	-4	-12	+3	-12	-9	+3	4
	-26	-8	-4	+13	+8		
Mrs N.W.T.Cox	-10	-16	-22	-15	+9	+7	3
	-4	-3	-19	+1	-8		
Mrs B.L.Sundius-Smith	+1	+12	-7	-3	-3	-7	2

'Croquet Gazette's

Lt.-Col D.M.C.Prichard has received several kind responses to his plea for back numbers of the *Croquet Gazette*. He would welcome further copies of issues prior to 1971 plus April 1972 and April 1974. He still has a good supply of many back numbers (15p each).

The Chairman's Salver, played at Colchester 4-8 September

The eight competitors in this year's event were in strong contrast to those of 1977 in respect of age. Three players only from last year were again in action and with the notable exception of the New Zealander, Graeme Roberts, the newcomers were of the seasoned variety. Credit is particularly due to Ted Tucker who, in spite of being unfit, completed the course and attained 5 wins. The courts were easy-paced throughout and apart from a little rain early on Wednesday conditions were near perfect. The genial and efficient management of George Digby coped easily with every situation. Two games, one each in the tenth and eleventh rounds, had to be pegged down and were completed after the fourteenth round had been played.

By Monday evening three players, Eric Solomon, Edgar Jackson and John Soutter, each had a maximum whilst John Haigh, Graeme Roberts and Ted Tucker were on nil. Robin Godby had taken two games and Vic Rees one. Solomon went through his first two games in great style. He beat Tucker +26 with the aid of a perfect triple in less than an hour and next Haigh +25 in little more than an hour.

Solomon on Tuesday continued winning but by less convincing margins. Against Godby he pegged one ball out when Godby was for 4-back and three and joined up. Godby by a 3-ball break took his backward ball to peg and scored 4-back and penult with the other and then failed the return roquet. Thereupon Solomon hit the peg. The sixth round brought a break in the equality of Solomon and Jackson for whilst the former was beating Roberts albeit by the narrow margin of +4, the latter succumbed to Rees by a mere three points. Jackson was for 4-back and peg when Rees hit his lift shot, went round to peg and disposed of Jackson's rover. Rees's other ball was for four but by careful play he got round as daylight was fading.

The seventh round brought the two leaders together, providing Jackson with the opportunity to regain equality but this was not to be. Jackson dominated the early play and was for 4-back and penult when he missed a short roquet to let Solomon in. The position was reached where each had one clip on peg and one on 4-back and it appeared to be Jackson who was going out until he ran 4-back only to send the return roquet into the 4-back hoop in such manner as to frustrate further progress. Solomon hit his lift shot to go out. Jackson lost in the eighth round to Haigh and Wednesday ended with Solomon on maximum with a lead of three.

By 3.30 on Thursday the destination of the Salver was determined as Solomon completed his eleventh consecutive win. However, the twelfth round was to bring his first (and only) defeat; this at the hands (or by the mallet) of Roberts who had earlier run him to a close finish in the sixth round. Roberts, who had lost his first four games on the trot, was by now playing well. His opponent appeared, in this game, to be much frustrated by the fourth hoop and also, coincidentally, by 3-back.

The final round brought the two leaders together and again Solomon emerged as winner, this time by a comfortable margin. He had throughout the event shown a consistent superiority, ending with a lead of 4 games. The Salver was presented, somewhat inappropriately, by the C.A. President in the presence of the Chairman of the C.A.! Eric Solomon, on behalf of the players, presented to the Manager a token of their appreciation of his helpfulness both before and during the event. He thanked the Colchester Club for the use of their excellent courts and accommodation and, in particular, the ladies and one or two gentlemen responsible for the splendid catering.

Finally, a few reflections. Surprisingly, only one triple peel, that of Monday morning, was accomplished. Others were essayed but nothing more than doubles achieved. It was noticeable that games tended to last longer as the event proceeded; could it be staleness perhaps or fatigue? Spare a thought for John Soutter who, having won his first three games, could manage one more only, that in the eighth round. Six of his losses were by single-figure margins.

The Chairman's Salver								W I N S
Dr E.W.Solomon	G.E.P.Jackson	R.A.Godby	D.V.H.Rees	G.J.Roberts	J.Haigh	E.J.Tucker	J.H.J.Soutter	
Dr E.W.Solomon	+5	+3	+10	+4	+25	+26	+15	13
	+17	+19	+21	-15	+14	+14	+7	
G.E.P.Jackson	-5	+16	-3	+8	+10	+14	+16	9
	-17	+24	-20	+10	-5	+14	+9	
R.A.Godby	-3	-16	-13	+9	+9	+19	+3	7
	-19	-24	-7	-2	+17	+17	+10	
D.V.H.Rees	-10	+3	+13	+16	+18	-15	-26	7
	-21	+20	+7	-4	-4	-17	+3	
G.J.Roberts	-4	-8	-9	-16	-12	+3	-15	6
	+15	-10	+2	+4	+16	+26	-15	
J.Haigh	-25	-10	-9	-18	+12	+11	-5	5
	-14	+5	-17	+4	-16	-11	+4	
E.J.Tucker	-26	-14	-19	+15	-3	-11	+16	5
	-14	-14	-17	+17	-26	+11	+6	
J.H.J.Soutter	-15	-16	-3	+26	+15	+5	-16	4
	-7	-9	-10	-3	+15	-4	-6	

Spencer Ell Cup, 4-8 September

This tournament, held at Budleigh Salterton for the first time, opened in splendid sunshine. On the first day two players made the news; Simon Tapp, coming in as reserve and making his debut, made rhythmic all-round breaks to score three wins. David Croker, after winning a game he should have lost, proceeded to lose two he could have won; in one game, with his other ball pegged out he shot from three yards for Rover (and missed) instead of going into more precise position; that would have raised the question of whether his opponent, behind on points and with his front ball (for peg) eleven yards away could have risked shooting thereby leaving his balls 30 yards apart.

The second day brought welcome rain — and then more rain; this freshened not only the lawns, but also, to the delight of Ken Schofield the manager, the rate of play as there was a threat of imposing time limits. John Phillips, recovering from a chill, won his first game, but Roger Wood, despite leading in practically every game, still awaited his first win. In the fading light Vincent Camroux seemed to be coasting towards a win against Chris Cousins and was 'both on the peg' for ¾ hour. After a chapter of disasters to both players, with Cousins creeping nearer, Camroux completed his three wins in a day to chase Tapp with a maximum of six.

The third day produced unsettled weather; the only pegged-down game was finished early and then Norman Davren showed splendid form to beat the leader. Tapp, however, recovered to win a nail-biter against Cousins, then his nearest rival, to establish a valuable three-game lead.

Sunshine after rain on the fourth day made the lawns lovely; six players within a point of each other were fighting for second place. Suddenly, after nine rounds of conventional play, three people, almost simultaneously, attempted triples. All succeeded hoopwise but all failed to make the peg with both balls, one player losing the game. Everyone was pleased when Wood scored his first win, which was against the leader and included the nearly successful straight triple. In the evening Tapp was again playing against his nearest rival, Tristram Owen. Although well behind, Simon hit a critical twenty-yard shot and in that turn won the game and the Cup, being three up with two to play.

On the fifth day the interest was in the race for second place, four players being level after round 13; the deciding game was a marathon between Owen and Cousins which the latter won. The

final round was elevated by John Phillips who elegantly achieved the only standard triple of the week.

The Cup was presented to Simon, a worthy winner, and tributes paid to all those many people who had helped to make this a successful and happy week.

All in all the hitting of long shots and the judgment of distances was very good; the sustaining of breaks, because of silly misses and hoop sticking, was not so good. Perhaps this represents the small difference between scratch players and minus players?

A few statistics: the winner of the toss won 33 and lost 23. The Red and Yellow balls won 29 and lost 27. The average time per game was nearly three hours for the first four rounds, suddenly reducing to under two hours until round 12. The quickest was +26 in 50 minutes in eight turns by the new champion who will hold his own in higher company.

The Spencer Ell Cup									W I N E R
S.A.Tapp	C.H.J.Cousins	D.J.Crocker	N.J.Davren	T.F.Owen	A.V.Camroux	J.G.C.Phillips	Dr R.Wood		
S.A.Tapp	+9	+4	-9	+26	+19	+10	+12		11
C.H.J.Cousins	+11	+13	+4	+3	+10	-2	-12		8
D.J.Crocker	-9	+2	+15	-17	-8	+2	+13		7
N.J.Davren	-4	-2	+14	+3	-24	+2	+18		7
T.F.Owen	-13	+4	-5	-3	+2	+12	-14		7
A.V.Camroux	+9	-15	-14	-2	-9	+10	+5		7
J.G.C.Phillips	-4	+26	+5	-14	+25	-17	+20		7
Dr R.Wood	-26	+17	-3	+2	+15	-16	+11		7
	-3	-4	+3	+14	-26	+13	-3		6
	-19	+8	+24	+9	-15	-15	+8		6
	-10	-10	-2	-25	+26	-13	+13		6
	-10	-2	-2	-10	+16	+15	+14		6
	+2	-1	-12	+17	-13	+13	-12		4
	-12	-13	-18	-5	-11	-8	-14		4
	+12	-24	+14	-20	+3	-13	+12		4

### The President's Cup, 5-9 September

The Hurlingham courts were in excellent condition though they were not fast enough to test the players to the full. The in-player therefore had a distinct advantage and a premium was placed on the ability of his opponent to hit the long shots. While the narrow hoops were, generally speaking, successfully negotiated, one important detail was highlighted by the play of Aspinall. This showed clearly the difference, when making a break, between having the pilot ball within a yard of the next hoop and conversely at a distance of three or four yards, and although these approach shots were often accurately executed, it will not be the same story in New Zealand where the faster lawns will require a very delicate touch.

Keith Wylie, the holder, and William Prichard were unable to take part this year. The fear that bad weather would delay the harvest forced Andrew Hope to withdraw; in fact the weather improved and Paul Hands who was not available for inclusion in the Test Team generously offered to give up his place to Hope, which offer was accepted. The competition was sadly interrupted on Thursday evening by the sudden illness of William Ormerod, who was taken to hospital with a virus infection, which had undoubtedly begun to affect his play from the start. This misfortune coming as it did at such a vital time was a matter of deep regret to all of us.

Aspinall set a hot pace from the outset. Playing with confidence and assurance he won each of his first two games in forty minutes or less and was never seriously challenged, although Openshaw

chased him valiantly. He was defeated only once by Heap, missing the second lift-shot in a copy-book exhibition of croquet, and was stretched to the full by Hope in their second meeting. In his remaining eleven games he brushed aside the opposition without argument, though Murray launched a strong attack which finally ended in disaster. This display of all-round skill and the ability to fight back stamped Aspinall as unquestionably the outstanding player of the year. It is interesting to note that the name 'Nigel' is the English form of the Celtic word 'Neil' meaning 'champion'. Openshaw, having escaped virtually certain defeat in the first round, settled down to play with admirable consistency, shooting well and making few mistakes. He is now a strongly equipped player with a temperament to match. Heap began slowly but when in full flow gave good measure in his calm unhurried style. He was the only contestant to defeat the two leaders and deserved to finish in third place. Neal's marked ability for concentration and care taken over every stroke paid rich dividends and it was noticeable that he made fewer vital errors than the three colleagues who finished level with him. Murray played three faultless games at the gallop. At his best he is very good but those occasional lapses continue to mar the quality of his overall performance. Hope was engaged in four desperate end-games last year. This year it was five! Although he was sometimes out of touch with his hoop-approaches, his shooting stood him in good stead and this was especially dangerous to his opponents in the final stages. How well he played against Aspinall in Round 13! Mulliner's hitting-in (until the last few rounds) was an outstanding feature. He will prove an even more formidable adversary in the coming years, when greater self-control is added to his natural skill. A very promising first appearance.

### Results

**Round 1.** Aspinall beat Heap +26. Aspinall won in two turns with a triple peel, Heap never taking croquet. Neal beat Hope +9. After each player had made a break, defensive tactics prevailed until Neal went ahead and won with a double peel and an accurate long peg-out. Openshaw beat Murray +1. By over-hitting a simple straight rush to rover and giving himself a long peg-out, Murray lost a game which he should have won. Openshaw hit the last shot and went out in two turns from 3-back. Mulliner beat Ormerod +17. Mulliner hit the first lift-shot and then played with great accuracy to win with a triple peel.

**Round 2.** Aspinall beat Hope +26. Hope suffered the same treatment from Aspinall as Heap had experienced, the game finishing in just over thirty minutes. Neal beat Heap +9. Both players showed good form, Neal having the advantages in the final stages. Openshaw beat Mulliner +17. Excellent croquet by both players. By virtue of obtaining the first break, Openshaw was the winner. Murray beat Ormerod +8. After Murray was round to 4-back, play deteriorated and mistakes were frequent in a long game.

**Round 3.** Aspinall beat Ormerod +16. Two mistakes by Ormerod proved fatal. A missed short roquet in the early stages and later, when he was in play with a four-ball break, a failure at hoop 5 set Aspinall on the path to victory. Mulliner beat Heap +14. Heap had two good chances after Mulliner had taken the lead, but missed a short roquet on each occasion. Murray beat Hope +26. Murray at his best, winning unchallenged in two turns with a triple-peel. Openshaw beat Neal +10. A long game in which neither player could make progress with his second ball. After Neal was halted at 2-back, Openshaw broke away with a decisive turn from hoop 4 to the peg.

**Round 4.** Aspinall beat Mulliner +26. Mulliner hit the first lift-shot but failed to progress. Aspinall then obtained the innings and finished with a triple-peel. Openshaw beat Hope +17. Hope led to 4-back but remained stationary with his second ball. Openshaw then hit and advanced to 4-back and peg in two turns with no reply from his opponent. Murray beat Neal +26. Murray gave another fine display, winning with a triple-peel in forty minutes. Heap beat Ormerod +26. Heap now found his best form and made no semblance of a mistake to score a convincing victory.

**Round 5.** Aspinall beat Murray +7. When each player had a clip on 4-back, Murray took a bold shot, hit and established a break. But in attempting a straight peel from very close range at 4-back he was unable to jump his partner ball. Aspinall successfully negotiated a difficult first hoop and went on to win. Neal beat Mulliner +24. A failure at hoop 3 by Mulliner gave Neal the initiative, which he maintained to the finish. Hope beat Ormerod +16. After each player had an all-round break, mistakes occurred on both sides. Hope presently gained the lead and final victory. Openshaw beat Heap +20. Heap broke down at hoop 5 in his first break and was not in contention after this, Openshaw finishing strongly.

**Round 6.** Aspinall beat Openshaw +14. A clever leave by Aspinall when he was for peg and penultimate, requiring a roquet cannon off the second hoop wire to approach penultimate. Openshaw failed to hit this double target from A baulk and Aspinall went out. Ormerod beat Neal +14. Ormerod, here at his best, went round in two turns but missed a long peg-out with his forward ball. Neal retaliated with a fine 3-ball break from hoop 1 to the peg, but to no avail, as Ormerod hit the peg with his next shot. Hope beat Mulliner +2. An exciting one-ball finish with Hope for the peg and Mulliner, in play, for rover. A long and difficult hoop shot turned off the wire and Hope scored the winning point. Heap beat Murray +17. After Murray led to 4-back Heap hit the lift-shot and was thereafter in command.

**Round 7.** Aspinall beat Neal +26. Aspinall led all the way, until he stuck in rover with his second ball. Neal had two more turns but was unable to progress. Openshaw beat Ormerod +16. Both players were making some mistakes, but when Ormerod broke down at hoop 2 with his second ball, Openshaw hit and went ahead to win. Mulliner beat Murray +14. A lively encounter. Murray's failure at hoop when he had begun a triple enabled Mulliner to go out from 4-back. Heap beat Hope +2. A level game with a close finish after Hope was left with one ball at 4-back. His final long shot narrowly missed.

**Round 8.** Mulliner beat Ormerod +23. Mulliner was in command throughout, after Ormerod missed a roquet at hoop 3. Heap beat Aspinall +16. A fine display by Heap who achieved a clear-cut victory over his hitherto undefeated opponent. When each player had a clip on 4-back Heap hit in with his backward ball and went round to the peg. Aspinall missed the lift-shot and Heap finished. Openshaw beat Murray +17. At the end of his first break Murray missed a short roquet, which gave Openshaw the innings. After this, Murray was never again in the hunt. Hope beat Neal +2. This game produced a thrilling climax with each player left with one ball. Although Neal was for rover and Hope for 1-back, Hope played with remarkable accuracy to score a victory which had seemed very much against the odds.

**Round 9.** Aspinall beat Murray +26. Aspinall won unchallenged. Mulliner beat Heap +13. Heap went round to 4-back but then Mulliner hit and went out in the next turn with a three-ball break from the first hoop. Openshaw beat Neal +19. Openshaw led with the first break but Neal hit the lift shot and went to 2-back. Openshaw then retained control for the rest of the game. Hope beat Ormerod +13. An in-and-out affair with slow progress.

**Round 10.** Neal beat Mulliner +14. Mulliner once again triple-peeled his opponent, but this time the tables were turned. Neal hit in with a long shot and established an accurately played three-ball break from hoop 4 to win. Heap beat Openshaw +25. After Openshaw missed a cut-rush to hoop 2, Heap played a fine game to win with a triple peel. Hope beat Murray +8. A level game which either player might have won. A failure at 3-back by Murray in his second break proved the decisive point.

**Round 11.** Aspinall beat Mulliner +24. Mulliner gained the first break but a missed cut-rush to hoop 3 was his undoing. Aspinall took control and won in two turns with a triple-peel. Heap beat Murray +17. Murray took the lead but a missed roquet at the start of his second break gave Heap the innings. Playing with great

accuracy, he won with a triple-peel. Openshaw beat Hope +20. After two all-round breaks by Openshaw, Hope hit in and fought back, but an error after the sixth hoop settled the issue in Openshaw's favour.

**Round 12.** Aspinall beat Openshaw +17. Each player had a clip on 4-back. Although Aspinall made two mistakes during his second break, Openshaw's backward ball never passed the first hoop. Mulliner beat Hope +17. After Hope led, the game became slow, Mulliner having the better of the exchanges and finally winning comfortably. Murray beat Neal +3. A remarkable end-win by Murray. Neal having overcome a series of difficult hazards from 3-back with his second ball missed a simple rover hoop. Murray advanced from penultimate to peg and then played a splendid three-ball break from hoop 6 to the finish.

**Round 13.** Aspinall beat Hope +2. An exciting climax to this game, each player being left with one ball, Aspinall for peg and Hope for penultimate. Hope hit the last shot and after making one hoop positioned himself a yard away from the peg. Aspinall then hit with a long shot to win. Neal beat Heap +3. An open game. When Heap was for peg and penultimate, Neal hit with his backward ball and pegged out his opponent. In his next turn a three-ball break from 3-back gave him the victory. Openshaw beat Mulliner +6. A game which lasted four and a half hours! Mulliner very slowly closed the gap but when he looked like forcing a narrow win, a catastrophe at penultimate handed the game to Openshaw.

**Round 14.** Aspinall beat Neal +24. Aspinall brushed aside some early opposition and went out in two turns. Murray beat Mulliner +26. A copy-book display by Murray who won in forty minutes with a triple-peel. Hope beat Heap +5. A close game all the way. With two clips on 4-back Heap pegged out his opponent but then, unwisely, left his two balls together near the second corner. Hope hit the lift-shot and by accurate play finished the game.

The President's Cup									W I N E R
G.N.Asinnall	D.K.Openshaw	M.E.W.Heap	A.B.Hope	S.N.Mulliner	Dr M.Murray	B.G.Neal	Dr W.P.Ormerod		
G.N.Asinnall	+14	+26	+26	+26	+7	+26	+16		12
D.K.Openshaw	+17	-16	+2	+24	+26	+24			10
M.E.W.Heap	-14	+20	+17	+17	+1	+10	+16		6
A.B.Hope	-17	-25	+20	+7	+17	+19			6
S.N.Mulliner	-26	-20	+2	-14	+17	-9	+26		5
Dr M.Murray	+16	+25	-4	-13	+17	-3			5
B.G.Neal	-26	-17	-2	+2	-26	-15	+16		5
Dr W.P.Ormerod	-2	-20	+4	-17	+8	+2			5
	-26	-17	+14	-2	+13	-24	+17		5
	-24	-7	+13	+17	-26	-14	xo		5
	-7	-1	-17	+26	-13	+26	+8		5
	-26	-17	-17	-8	+26	+3			5
	-26	-10	+9	+15	+24	-26	-14		5
	-24	-19	+3	-2	+14	-3			5
	-16	-16	-26	-16	-17	-8	-14		1

X Denotes triple peel  
XO Denotes tripled peeled opponent

## Handicap Alterations

Colchester weekend: 26-29 May. N.J.Gooch 5 to 4; A.Lindley 5 to 4½; B.C.Sykes 7 to 6.

Parkstone: 5-10 June. L.S.Butler 2 to 1½; Dr J.A.McMordie 11 to 8; Mrs E.M.Purse 11 to 10; Miss A.R.Robertson 13 to 12.

Challenge and Gilbey (Budleigh) 12-17 June. Before Play: Mrs H.G.T.Bolton 12 to 13 (D11). After Play: Dr W.R.Bucknall 3½ to 3; Mrs G.S.Digby 4 to 3½; Mrs P.Dwerryhouse 13(D12) to 11; M.Granger Brown 5 to 4; Mrs E.Purse 10 to 9(D8); W.A.Scarr 7½ to 7; R.A.Simpson 2½ to 2; M.J.Stevens 2 to 1.

Compton: 5-10 June. A.F.Coleman 2 to 1½; H.A.C.Evans 12 to 11; Mrs E.C.T.Drake 8 to 7; R.E.Wallis 5 to 4; Dr B.D.Yallop 3½ to 2½.

Carrickmines: 12-17 June. G.B.Binks 8 to 6; P.E.Collin 10 to 9 (Non-Associate).

Bowdon Club Recommendation: June. Mrs A.Fotiadi 4½ to 7 (at own request).

Hunstanton weekend: 9-11 June. Mrs J.M.Anderson 14 to 13; R.Forth 8 to 7; H.C.Green 1½ to 1.

Southwick weekend: 16-18 June. M.F.Phelps 5 to 3.

Ryde: 12-17 June. Before Play: D.C.Cross \*11 to 10. After Play: G.Birch 1½ to 1; D.C.Cross 10 to 9(D8); Dr C.W.Marshall 10 to 9; Mrs C.W.Marshall 9 to 8; R.W.Newham 8 to 7; H.G.B.Wagnall 8 to 7½; L.Wharrad 6 to 4½; Mrs L.Wharrad 14 to 13(D12).

Men's & Women's Championships (Cheltenham): 19-24 June. Mrs S.R.Hemsted 4½ to 4; Mrs H.B.H.Carlisle 3 to 2.

Bowdon Club Recommendation. June. J.H.Bowman 14 to 12.

Woking weekend: 22-25 June. S.J.H.Battison 4 to 3; B.G.Bucknall 7½ to 7; G.Cuttle 10 to 9; J.Gosden 8 to 7; B.A.Keen 1½ to 1; A.Mozeley 6 to 5½; Mrs M.A.Nalder 7½ to 7; C.J.Newman 14 to 13 (Non-Associate); F.H.Newman 11 to 8; Mrs J.H.J.Soutter 8 to 7½; L.Wharrad 4½ to 4.

Compton: 3-8 July. Lt-Col D.F.T.Brown 7½ to 7; R.A.Chappell 8 to 7; G.A.Hutcheson 6½ to 5½; E.Strickland 7 to 6½; E.J.Tucker 0 to -½; Mrs E.J.Tucker 8 to 7½; Mrs E.C.Tyrwhitt Drake 7 to 6½.

Budleigh Salterton: 3-8 July. L.D.Adams 3½ to 3; P.L.Alvey 5 to 4; R.H.C.Carder 5 to 4½; P.K.Devitt 5 to 4½; Mrs M.J.Goode 8(D7) to 7; Mrs R.S.Stevens 10 to 9; B.C.Sykes 6 to 4.

Southwick: 10-15 July. T.F.Owen ½ to 0; W.A.Scarr 7 to 6; Mrs W.A.Scarr 8 to 7; Miss P.Shine 12 to 11; M.Tapp 3 to 1½.

Colchester: 10-15 July. During Play: Mrs C.Aberhalden 13 to 10. After Play: C.Aberhalden 7½ to 6½; Mrs C.Aberhalden 10 to 11; R.F.A.Crane 4½ to 3½; S.J.H.Wright 0 to -½.

Roehampton Evening: 25 June to 2 July. I.D.Bond 7½ to 4; D.J.Crocker 3 to 2; S.Godsi 14 to 9; J.G.C.Phillips 1½ to 1.

Open Championships (Hurlingham): 17-22 July. C.H.J.Cousins 1½ to 1; J.Haigh 1½ to 1; M.E.W.Heap -2 to -2½; W.de B.Prichard -2 to -2½; G.J.Roberts 1 to 0; Dr E.W.Solomon 0 to -½; J.A.Wheeler 1½ to 1.

Cheltenham: 24-25 July. E.Asa Thomas 8 to 7; I.D.Bond 4 to 3½; Mrs D.G.Crocker 10 to 9; D.R.Foulser 3 to 2½; E.E.Rees 2 to 1½; Miss I.M.Roe 7½ to 6½.

Hurlingham: 3-12 August. Before Play: G.D.P.Solomon 14(D12) to 9. After Play: R.O.Havery 3 to 4; P.L.Alvey 4 to 3½; Lady Bazley 9(D8) to 7; C.H.J.Cousins 1 to ½; D.J.Crocker 2 to 1; Mrs D.J.Crocker 9 to 8; G.E.J.A.Doughty 4½ to 4; Lt-Col C.M.Fox 12 to 11; J.Haigh 1 to 0; C.Hudson 5 to 4½; Mrs B.Mansfield 8 to 7; G.B.Martin 3½ to 2½; M.J.Pearson 4 to 3½; J.G.C.Phillips 1 to

½; C.B.Sanford 5 to 4½; Mrs S.S.Townsend 14 to 13; Dr R.F.Wheeler 6 to 5; Mrs R.F.Wheeler 4 to 3.

Cheltenham Trophies: 5-13 August. Miss S.Foden 13(D11) to 11; D.R.Foulser 2½ to 2; Mrs H.Handley 5½ to 5; S.Hoole 12(D10) to 10 (Non-Associate); B.C.Sykes 4 to 3.

Nottingham: 14-19 August. Before Play: P.J.Death 4 to 3; R.H.Fletcher 7 to 6½; Miss D.Manning 4 to 3½; L.Robinson 8 to 7. After Play: P.V.Cozens 4 to 3; Dr R.C.Jones 8 to 7; G.Noble 2 to ½ (Queried by H'Cap Co-Ord Cmttee); J.Rose 1 to ½; J.L.MacDonald 8 to 7 (Non-Associate); J.C.Straw 10 to 9 (Non-Associate).

Southwick: 14-19 August. D.M.Bull 5 to 4½; Miss E.Hodgens 6½ to 6; Miss D.Linstead 8 to 7; Col E.P.Mattinson 6½ to 6; Dr D.A.Parker 5 to 3; Miss A.M.Ryan 11 to 10; Miss P.Shine 11 to 10; Mrs F.F.W.Staddon 5½ to 5; Mrs R.E.Tucker 5 to 4½; R.E.Wallis 4 to 3½; B.G.F.Weitz 1 to ½; Mrs B.G.F.Weitz 3½ to 3.

Carrickmines: 14-19 August. Sir Alfred Beit 13 to 12; Dr M.Kolbuszewski 5½ to 5; Mrs H.M.Read 5 to 4½; A.Bennet 6½ to 5 (Non-Associate).

Bowdon weekend: 25-28 August. Mrs J.Ashton 14 to 12; Miss S.Foden 11 to 10; E.Bell 1½ to 1; E.Black 4½ to 4; J.H.Bowman 12 to 7½; C.Hudson 4½ to 4; A.Bennet 5 to 4½ (Non-Associate); S.Lewis 10 to 8 (Non-Associate).

Cheltenham weekend: 26-29 August. After Cheltenham Trophies: Mrs J.H.J.Soutter 7½ to 7; Mrs W.J.Sturdy 8 to 7½. After Play: R.B.W.Gladstone 6 to 5; Rev W.E.Gladstone ½ to 0; P.W.Hands -1½ to -2; W.J.Sturdy 4 to 3½; Mrs W.J.Sturdy 7½ to 7; Mrs K.Yeoman 10 to 9.

Budleigh Salterton Club Recommendations: August. K.S.Schofield 5 to 4; Mrs M.Ovens 8 to 7½; G.H.Mapstone 10 to 9.

Colchester weekend: 25-28 August. A.J.Girling 3½ to 3; Dr T.J.Haste 7½ to 5½.

Hunstanton: 27 August to 2 September. D.R.Foulser 2 to 1½; D.L.Godfree 11 to 10; L.V.Latham 1½ to 1; D.Turner 4½ to 4; J.Wood \*8 to 8 (Non-Associate).

Chairman's Salver (Colchester) 4-8 September. Dr E.W.Solomon -½ to -1; E.J.Tucker -½ to 0.

President's Cup (Hurlingham) 5-9 September. A.B.Hope -1 to -1½; S.N.Mulliner -½ to -1½; Dr M.Murray -1 to -1½; D.K.Openshaw -1 to -2.

### Longman Club Team Cup

First Round: correction Ryde bt Southwick 3-2

Second Round: Southport bt Ellesmere 3-2  
Walsall bt Nottingham 3-0 (2 unplayed)  
Harwell bt Wolverhampton 4-1  
Cheltenham bt Edgbaston 3-2  
Hurlingham bt Reigate Priory 4-1  
Compton bt Ryde 5-0

Oxford University bt Maidenhead 3-2  
Harrow Oak bt British Airways 3-2.

Third Round: Walsall bt Southport 4-1  
Cheltenham bt Harwell 3-2  
Compton w.o. Hurlingham  
Harrow Oak bt Oxford University 3-2

Semi-final: Walsall bt Cheltenham 3-2  
Harrow Oak bt Compton 3-2

### Western Province Croquet Association

Mrs D.J.Martin has written to advise readers that the date of the above tournament (see C.G. No. 148 p.2) has had to be changed to 19-24 March, 1979 (not 12-17 March).

## An Answer to Question of Tactics: 3

This little problem is one of surprising complexity, the solution of which depends on the calibre of Red.

One cannot lightly dismiss the idea of simply sitting in the fourth corner and hoping that Red will either miss or fail to go out if he hits. However, that is a risk that few people would care to take, so what should Blue do with Black before pegging himself out? He can roll up to the peg, and probably should do so\* if Red has a handicap higher than about scratch, but this is inadvisable against a stronger player because if Red then hits Black from A baulk he would be very well placed.

He can try a straightforward peg-out from where Black lies, sending it nearly off if it misses, but then Red will probably take position for penult, leaving Black with no good alternative to shooting at the peg.

The best idea is probably to rush Black to about eight yards short of the South boundary and try the peg-out from there. If it misses and Red takes position, Black will be able to shoot at Red from about eleven yards and end up, if he misses, in a good position.

\* Note. He did and Red missed.

K.F.W.

## Inter-club Championship

Second Round:

Hurlingham bt Cheltenham 4-3  
Harrow Oak bt Colchester 7-0  
Roehampton w.o. West Park disqualified  
Compton bt Phyllis Court 4-3.

Semi-final:

Hurlingham bt Harrow Oak 7-0  
Roehampton bt Compton 5-2.

# CROKEY

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

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

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

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

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

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## Secretary's Notes

### 1. THE C.A. OFFICE

The Secretary has been given leave of absence to go to South Africa as a private individual at the invitation of the South African Croquet Association from 26 October to 28 November.

During his absence the C.A. Office will be manned periodically by Mr S.S.Townsend who will deal with urgent business. His home telephone number is 01-748 5815. Council and Committee business should be addressed to the Chairman, Dr R.W.Bray, at 255 Maldon Road, Colchester, Essex, CO3 3BQ. His telephone number is Colchester (0206) 66464, office (0206) 44144, extension 2171.

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### 3. DEATHS

Miss E.C. (Cicely) Brumpton.  
Former Associates: Mrs R.S.Leach and W.B.C.Paynter.

### 4. RESIGNATIONS

Miss Mary Chown, A.J.Heaton-Armstrong, Mrs R.A.W.Lewty. S.M.Ballard, who recently resigned, is rejoining.

### 5. NEW REGISTERED CLUBS

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### 6. CHANGES IN THE CLUBS

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Cheltenham. Tournament Secretary: Miss M.J.Lodge, 15 Ricardo Road, Beacon Park, Minchinhampton, Stroud, Glos., GL6 9BY. Tel: Brimscombe (045 388) 3464.

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Heley Club. New Secretary: C.G.Hopewell, 48 The Priory, London S.E.3. Tel: 01-852 1768.

Tunbridge Wells. New title: Kent and Sussex Croquet Club.

### 7. MANAGERS

Add H.B.H.Carlisle and M.G.Pearson.

### 8. REFEREES

Add M.E.W.Heap (omitted in error).