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By E. P. C. COTTER

AN APOLOGY

The Editors greatly regret that owing to an unfortunate mistake the photograph on the cover of our last issue was not in fact that of the Bowden Club. They offer a humble apology to the members of that club and have attempted to make amends by reproducing the correct photograph on the cover of this issue.

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It has been suggested that Associates who are not members of clubs, or who do not live within easy access to a club might like to be put in touch with others similarly situated. The Secretary would be pleased to publish names and addresses of such persons.

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Clubs are Trumps

EVERY picture, the advertisement used to assure us, tells a story. The attractive pictures which have appeared on the cover of this journal since its foundation tell the story of Croquet's roots in the affections of its devotees all over this country—even though, by an unhappy accident, the last one told a "story" in another sense also! These photographs, and the brief histories which have gone with them, remind us that though our Association is a body of individuals and not, as with most other games, a federation of clubs, it is on the vitality of our clubs that the future of Croquet in Britain depends. It is by their power to survive difficulties and continually to renew their forces that the survival and renewal of this splendid game will ultimately be determined.

If this is true—and who will be found to deny it?—an editorial writer may be pardoned for returning, at the end of a season, to a theme he formerly ventured to discuss at the opening of one. If nothing is said that is very original it may yet be important enough to justify repetition, and experience does not suggest that all that is written here is so well remembered that to encounter it once more would necessarily be tedious.

A reader of this journal once told us that the first thing she turned to in every number was "News from the Clubs". This was not, let us admit, quite what we should have expected, yet on reflection we came to think that the particular interest which it suggested was a very healthy one. For it indicated that for this reader what mattered most were not the feats of a few stars, nor even the concerns of her own particular club, but what was going on in the various croquet centres up and down the country. And in truth this is what matters most to the continued vitality of the game, and not in the larger and more famous clubs only. Nothing has been more encouraging in recent months than the response of a number of the smaller clubs to the appeal for the New Zealand Hospitality Fund. In several cases every single member of these little bodies has subscribed to the club's contribution to the Fund, including many who were not Associates. This is truly encouraging, not only for the economic help it brings, but still more for the remarkable degree of public spirit which it reveals to exist among those who might seem to get less out of the game than others more fortunately placed.

It is generally inevitable that the burden of sustaining club life should devolve upon relatively few, and Croquet has been, and is, most wonderfully served in this way. Yet perhaps there is a certain danger that this tendency may be allowed to go too far. For it is also true that those clubs are most securely founded in which an appreciable number of members are drawn in to take their share in running their affairs, or are at least able to feel that they would be welcome to do so if they could. If it is all too easy for the mass of members to

allow a "willing horse" to do all the work, it is also possible for an energetic and competent individual to resent—or at any rate to evade—what may come to be regarded as "interference" with what such a person prefers to do in his own way. A good secretary, like any other good leader, should know how to evoke co-operation and how to devolve functions. If, for example, it were to become the accepted responsibility of somebody in every club to see that the hoops were in all cases properly set—and, where necessary, painted—much slack play could be avoided and competitors confronted with the "real thing" at tournament would not be taken aback, as now they often are, by having to run hoops set down to gauge.

The danger of cliques developing in a club is one which often arises without anyone realising it, much less desiring such a thing. But if a few players get into the habit of constantly playing with one another, and in particular if the better ones show no interest in the play of the less expert, a spirit of exclusiveness, however unintentional in origin, will naturally begin to be suspected. More can often be done to bring on beginners than is in fact generally done. The coaching methods in operation at Budleigh Salterton, so interestingly described in our issue for October last year by Major Stone, might be more widely copied. There are further expedients. One is the "advisory double" in which a high bisquer is accompanied by an experienced partner who does not actually play at all himself but advises on what is to be done and how to do it. Where there are sufficient numbers available in both categories, a whole event can be played in this way, and can be great fun for all parties.

Week-end tournaments and evening competitions have been more than once advocated in these pages. Rover has another suggestion to make in this issue, for a "pegged-out game" event. Ingenuity will suggest all sorts of variants to get away from a certain monotony which can easily spread its damping influence over club croquet. One such—a clip game variation—was mentioned in the Cheltenham contribution to "Notes from the Clubs" last month. And there is always the One Ball Game.

But in most clubs it is above all a larger membership which is needed. Success here depends predominantly on individual initiative. Publicity from the centre can do something, but what inevitably counts for much more is that spirit of proselytism which leads players to go after their friends and induce them to "have a go". Let all club members think over these things in the coming winter and be ready to take action in the spring. 1956 should be a notable year for Croquet; it will see the Diamond Jubilee of our Association, and the first visit of a New Zealand team to these shores. The Council will do what it can, but it will lie with the clubs most of all to make the best of the opportunities before us.

Three

NOTES *by* ROVER

THE well-merited success of John Solomon in the President's Cup breaks the eight year domination of this unique event by Humphrey Hicks and Patrick Cotter, culminating in the unbeaten record by the former last year in a particularly strong field. That the opposition was not so formidable on this occasion is no reflection on the skill of the victor this year, for John was at his brilliant best, reeling off so many "triples" that one quite lost count of them. But it is regrettable that so many of those selected were unable—or unwilling—to compete. Such refusals are, of course, often unavoidable; in one instance this year the long arm of the law intervened to withdraw a prominent competitor, though not, we hasten to add, in the capacity of an accused! But an invitation to play in our "Masters' tournament" has been traditionally regarded as almost tantamount to a royal command, and clearly much of the significance attaching to this event is lost if a number of the aforesaid masters are not competing.

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That interesting innovation, the Surrey Cup, proved a distinct success, and the competitors for it completely refuted certain gloomy predictions that their games would never be finished in the time allotted. Some of the play was of a high order, and one cheerful loser proudly announced at the end of his game, "We can do triples in the Surrey Cup too!" The hero of this feat was Col. Beamish, whose success was no surprise to visitors to the Devon tournaments, who already knew how beautifully he hits his ball. It was a signal victory for a player appearing at his first London tournament, and should be the prelude to many more if the Colonel can acquire a still better understanding of the tactics called for by first-class croquet. That the runner-up should be Spencer Ell was naturally a great joy to all of us who admire the skill he has so wonderfully acquired, and his success in the competition was particularly appropriate since its institution was so largely due to his initiative. All those competing were in fact "novices" in this form of contest, in the sense that they had never appeared in a "Best Eight", and it seems to be widely agreed that it would be better formally to confine it to such players in future.

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Enterprising club committees, on the look out for a new feature for their summer programmes—or even for their Open Tournaments—might well give some consideration to the idea of a Pegged-Out Game event. Such a competition might perhaps best be played as an "American" and in four classes, with varying conditions for each. In every case, however, each competitor would meet his opponents twice, playing the two balls in one instance and the solitary ball in the other. The scoring would be by games, with points taken into account in the event of a tie. Suppose that in every case the "pegger-out's" backward ball was assumed

to be for the first hoop, it might be natural to provide that the distance which the solitary ball had to go should vary with the "class" of the competitor. Only experiment can establish what are the appropriate situations for this ball, but to "start the ball rolling" theoretically, Rover will suggest hoop 3 for A class, hoop 6 for B class, 2-back for C class and 4-back for D class. The game might begin with the two balls in contact in Corner 1 and the solitary ball in Corner 4, this ball having the first turn. The "lift" should be played in the A class; if it was decided to introduce bisques as a further refinement, not more (and possibly less) than half the difference between the handicaps of the competitors should be allowed.

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These suggestions are put down for readers to think (and possibly try) out during the close season. But that some competitions of this sort would be desirable, as well as being interesting in themselves, is not, in Rover's opinion, to be questioned. Ignorance of the pegged-out game in both its aspects is widespread, even among players whose general play reaches a high standard. This is of course natural enough; few people are likely to perform well what they never practise, and club players—in Rover's experience at any rate—seldom if ever seem to think it worth while to play each other at this kind of contest. Yet, strangely enough, it is widely agreed that there is no more interesting form of Croquet. The player of the two balls has to work out how he may obtain the best chances of wiring them from his opponent, decide when it is necessary to remove his adversary's ball, and where exactly it should be sent so that it is least likely to get a "free shot". The player of the solitary ball has to decide when he can attempt to approach his hoop without giving the chance of a break to his opponent, or when he can safely shoot, or if he can do neither, where best he can get on to a "thin" wired line. All this needs clarity of thought and delicacy of touch, and competitions which will evoke these would surely be both fascinating to the players and advantageous to the game.

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At the close of the season there are some of us who feel, with more or less of justification, that "another little bisque wouldn't do us any harm." Such an increase does indeed do many players even more good than they expect, for it acts as a sort of psychological "shot in the arm", restoring confidence and giving the competitor the feeling of making a new start. The Handicap Committee is always most ready to consider such applications—but on one condition. This is that they are accompanied by full details of the player's performances in recent competition, say in his last half dozen tournaments. The "research" involved for this demands more time than is available in the office, and the onus of supplying this very necessary information must rest with the applicant.

Beginners, Please!

FIRST AND LAST

by The Rev. G. F. H. Elvey

THIS being the last of the present series of talks, we shall have to spend our time in tying up a few loose ends. One of my pupils specially asks me to say a few words about the openings, another would like some remarks about the end game, and a third specially wants some suggestions about bisques. How this can all be done in a short talk, I do not quite know, but I will have a try.

It appears to me that the openings have become somewhat stereotyped, and I do not know how this can be avoided. After all, it amounts to this, that experience has demonstrated what are the best methods for opening the game, and so not much scope is left for originality. Each player has to spar for position until something breaks. My advice would be always take the innings in level play if you have won the toss. In handicap play it is often better to put the opponent in, but we have not time to talk about that just now. It will be most simple to take the balls in their natural order. You have won the toss, and you are Blue and Black. Send Blue about a yard from fourth corner on the East boundary. Red will now "lay a tice" on the West boundary. He will go on the boundary about ten yards from the first corner. Now comes a question. Shall Black shoot at Red, or go about two feet from Blue on the East boundary? Speaking for myself, unless the tice is a short one, I should prefer to go to Blue. The white boundary line often distracts the eye, and so tices are frequently missed! But please note that many first-class players take the other view. But here I must introduce an exception. If the game is a handicap game, and you are up against a first-class player, who has put you in, go for the tice, because if you join Blue, and he should hit the tice with Yellow, he has the opportunity of picking up a break straight away. If Black hits Red, you can roquet it off the boundary about a yard north of Blue, staying yourself in the middle of the ground. If Yellow hits the long shot, it is just too bad, but if not you can cut Red up the ground, and get a rush on Black for the first hoop. This method has the advantage of giving you partner ball for your first hoop.

But suppose, instead of trying to hit the tice, you joined Blue, and suppose Yellow missed Red, what then? The best thing is to rush Black to a point wired from Red, and lay yourself a good rush on hoop 1. What should Red do now? If Yellow has landed in the second corner, he probably could not do better than go about six yards from it on the North boundary. If Yellow on the other hand is on the West boundary about six or seven yards from Red, he might safely have a shot at it. If he makes the roquet he will take off to Blue and Black,

appropriate Blue's rush to the first hoop, and with luck he may be able to pick up a break. At all events he should be able to lay one.

If Red has missed Yellow, or taken position as indicated on the East boundary. Blue will rush Black to hoop 1. Make hoop 1 trying for a rush up the ground. This being successfully done, Blue might work up a break, but at all events should be able to retain the innings and lay one.

In making these suggestions, I am not, as you might easily suppose, forgetting that I am talking to beginners and others of very moderate croquet attainments, and that taking my advice will often end in a break-down. But unless even a beginner has some idea of what to try to do, and why, there would appear to be know hope of getting rid of the "L".

Now we must leave beginnings and go to endings. How very often people, who have ceased to be beginners, and made definite progress in the art of Croquet, do quite well until the winning peg is in sight, and then fail. This is always a most disappointing business, and what advice can we give to make it less likely to happen.

If the game has, as I sometimes describe it, thoroughly warmed up! If the clips are decorating 4-back, the penultimate, and last hoop, and at the moment you are the out player. Think twice before you take a shot at the enemy, landing on a distant boundary. If your partner ball is on a boundary out of the way, it is usually best to join up towards the end of a game. Nothing will give your opponent so much confidence at this stage of the game, as to be making hoops on his partner ball with his opponent's widely separated, and safely out of the way. He will not be nearly so happy if he sees over his shoulder, his opponent's balls close together ready and waiting to pounce, if anything goes wrong!

There is one very important difference between a game in which a novice or comparatively inexperienced player is fighting against a similar type of player, and a game in which experienced players are involved. In the latter case, balls should hardly ever be laid up near the middle of the ground. A good player with a ball for the last hoop and peg would not think of leaving his balls close to the last hoop, but would take them to a boundary, leaving himself a good rush on the rover hoop. But a novice not very reliable in rushing would be well advised, especially if his opponent has fallen behind, to take the risk of laying up by the last hoop, and making sure, as far as may be, of getting out next time. In doing this be careful not to leave a double, and if your

balls near the last hoop are wired from one or both your opponent's ball so much the better. By the bye, some knowledge of the geography of the court is very helpful for wiring. Notice that the two centre hoops and peg form a useful barrier to protect you from an opponent's ball near the centre of either baulk line. As an example position, take the following. Red is near the end of Baulk B, Yellows is close to the fourth corner. You have just made the rover hoop with Black, and you want to leave it safe for Blue to make the rover hoop and go out. You should be able to leave Blue and Black wired securely from Red, and at least one of them wired by the fourth hoop from Yellow.

Now just a word on a matter that concerns a slightly more advanced type of player. If you have in mind to peel the last hoop, if possible have both the enemy balls handy, one close to the hoop, the other nearer the boundary, in case you should have to go through hard, or even jump. And—in case the first ball goes through the hoop comfortably but remains more or less wired from the peg; when you have roqueted one enemy ball, croquet it so as to cannon partner ball from behind the rover hoop, at the same time going to the other enemy ball, roqueting it, and croqueting it so as to get your perfect rush on partner ball for the peg.

I have one last suggestion to make about the end of games. When you have rushed partner ball to the peg, and find that you are four to five feet away, and you say to yourself: "Shall I try and peg out, or leave partner ball near the peg and go and separate the enemy?" Don't give up the idea of pegging out too quickly! Remember that if you

place the balls *very carefully*, and look from both sides of the peg, and *are satisfied with nothing but perfection* even though it means a considerable amount of trouble; the odds are strongly in favour of your getting out, and then the game is yours right away, you have won!

I am afraid I have left very little time to talk about bisques, and so I must be satisfied with giving two hints. When you have failed in an approach to a hoop, and have one stroke left before your bisque, which you have decided to take, always look round the court to see how you can take your bisque to the best possible advantage. Remember that if there is a ball somewhere about a foot from a corner, you can take a shot at it, no matter how far away it is, and then rush it into the ground, and likely enough your bisque will have given you a four-ball break instead of just the possibility of one more point. And the other suggestion is. When the question comes, "Shall I take a bisque" ask yourself these three questions: (1) Am I ever likely to have a better opportunity of taking a bisque? (2) Can I use my ordinary turn to lay a break, and then take my bisque and go ahead? (3) If I don't take a bisque shall I leave my opponent the chance of going round? (Don't overlook the fact that if he gets one ball round in the early part of the game, in all probability "You've had it!") If the answer to the first of these questions is NO!, to the second YES, or the third YES, be sure and take your bisque.

In closing this series of talks I wish all my pupils the best of luck.

Honours Standard . . . by S.S.T.

IN a certain bygone year there was only one vacancy to be filled on the C.A. Council, this being before the introduction of the present rules governing resignations and the like. Competition to secure elevation to the council was, however, so keen that an unusually, if not unprecedentedly, high number of candidates presented themselves for election. Voting papers were in due course sent to all C.A. members and the counting was carried out during the proceedings at the Annual General Meeting. The scrutineers were, however, so long in returning to announce the result that the Treasurer, who had been instructed to speak to the accounts until such time as the scrutineers completed their appointed task, was constrained to go into details of the monthly fluctuations in postage costs. However, just as he was casting about in his mind how to spin out his remarks further, the scrutineers returned flushed and bleary-eyed, their spokesman announcing that after five recounts they were

unable to announce the successful name as all candidates had secured an equal number of votes. On a proposition from the floor that the Chairman should give a casting vote he demurred on the unanswerable grounds that among the candidates there would be found the names of his mother-in-law who had recently taken up her abode with him, his uncle from whom he entertained certain expectations, his dentist whom he was visiting on the following day in the latter's professional capacity and the managing director of a publishing firm who was at that moment considering whether to publish a book of verse compiled by himself, the Chairman. The vacancy was accordingly left unfilled.

How many candidates were there, did you say? I remember that the number of votes recorded was between 300 and 400 and if I told you the actual number you could tell me the number of candidates. How many candidates were there, in your opinion?

Your Turn to Play . . . by Tactician

THE situations involved in the problems set last month were such as to suggest a good many different ways of handling the matter in each case, and Tactician, in marking the replies received, has not thought it necessary—or indeed just—to insist on any close conformity with the "solutions" hereinafter given. Some competitors did come pretty close to hitting on these solutions for themselves, but where others showed evidence of really careful thinking, they have not been penalised merely for arriving at solutions different from those given below. But in regard to the first problem, replies which recommended a long take-off to the Red ball from the neighbourhood of hoop 3 (whether or not after an attempt to cross-wire the opponent balls there) did not much appeal to Tactician, since what was clearly vital was to get Red really close to hoop 2, and the long roll stroke probably involved would be a very uncertain method of doing this and might even lead to leaving a "double". The second problem produced replies very difficult to mark since the ways of tackling it were so various, but Tactician did not feel that anyone had quite earned full marks here by proposing a solution as good as—or better than—that "officially" furnished.

Solution to Question 1

Yellow should rush Black, with a slight cut, to a point level with hoop 3. Then sending it to a point about a foot and a half from the upright side of this hoop, he plays at the same time to get a rush on Blue to the South boundary opposite hoop 1. He then sends Blue carefully to a point about two feet in front of hoop 1 and obtains a rush on Red to the West side of hoop 2. Carefully placing Red where it will be wired from both Blue and Black, he puts Yellow just south of it, where it will be similarly wired. The result will be a three-ball break for either Red or Yellow, depending upon which of his balls the player of Blue and Black moves. In the—rather unlikely—event of either Blue or Black hitting, neither will have a ball at its hoop.

Solution to Question 2

The best way for Black to obtain that control of the court which is necessary for successful break laying is for him to begin by making a hoop himself. Having hit Yellow therefore he sends it towards hoop five and makes the third hoop with Blue. He now sends Blue south of hoop 1 and goes to Yellow securing a rush on it to hoop 4—ideally to the East side of it. If he is now dissatisfied with the position of either Yellow or Blue he should now make hoop 4, then take off to Red sending it just North of hoop 1, and proceed to wire Blue and Black from it. This is easier to effect than the

wiring of Red and Yellow at hoop 1 and it gives Black the opportunity of more strokes by making hoop 4 if he is not satisfied with the position of the balls before this. The position as left makes it unlikely that Yellow, the minus player and so presumably the better shot, will risk shooting. If he does, and misses, Blue has a four-ball break at once by making Black the centre ball and sending Yellow back to hoop 4.

RESULT OF SEPTEMBER COMPETITION WITH FINAL TOTALS

	Q1(4)	Q2(5)	Total	Grand Total
Old Faggot	7	44
Foot	...	4*	4	8
B. I. Rite	...	3	4	7
Flying Hackle	...	4*	4	8
Boxwood	...	2	3	5
Eagerheart	...	3	2	5
Virtuous	...	3	3	6
Tortoise	...	3	4	7
Chip	...	2	2	4
Reasoned	...	3	4	7
Canary	...	3	3	6
†Blurebky	...	—	—	24
†Candy	...	—	—	21
Kim	...	1	0	1
†Lulu	...	—	—	9
Pusscat	...	2	3	5

*Full Marks.

†No solutions received by September 14th.

The competition is now concluded and Tactician would like to congratulate all those who so nobly stayed the course, even where victory might seem to have slipped from their grasp. In the case of about two-thirds of the competitors the standard of tactical thinking seemed steadily to improve as the contest proceeded, and remembering that all those engaged were no better than B class players, was in the case of the first half dozen entrants encouragingly high. Indeed one doubts whether a good many of our A class players would have done as well. When the sealed envelopes containing the competitors' names were opened—which of course was not done until the marking was concluded—it was no great surprise to find so experienced and successful a player as Mr. Sopwith to be the winner, but his victory was a very narrow one and P. Elliot Scott—a nine bisquer—has well earned a second prize. Congratulations too to Mrs. Collins, Col. Daniels and Dr. Ormerod. To get 40 or more marks out of a possible 54 was to do very well indeed.

Among those who set the problems were Mrs. Ashton, the Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, Miss Lintern, Capt. J. B. Morgan and Mr. M. B. Reckitt, but it was thought to be desirable that the marking throughout should be done by a single individual. He hopes that all concerned will feel that no injustice has been done to them, and that they have enjoyed the competition as much as he has.

LEX is very glad to print the following on the subject of the pass-roll which has been contributed by an Associate.

I have been interested to read in the last three numbers of *Croquet* the opinions expressed on the pass-roll. Some few years ago, realising that the photographing of the stroke could only be undertaken with a very fast camera under special conditions not available to the ordinary person, I requested a graduate in mathematics to advise me on the legality of the stroke which we Associates describe as a pass-roll. I acquainted him with Law 26, and especially the section which at a later date—*April Gazette*, 1952—Col. Adams described thus: "There must be an audible tap: then the mallet is for a short time in contact with the striker's ball while the latter is touching another ball: then the balls separate and when they are apart the mallet must no longer be in contact."

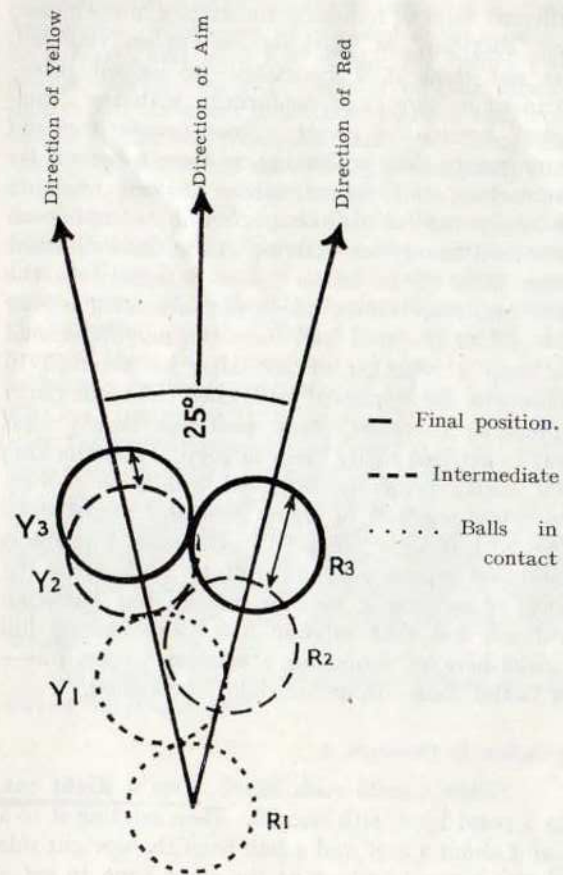
The mathematician was able, in a very short time to assure me that the pass-roll was possible within the terms of Law 26, and that any irregularity would be due to faulty execution on the part of the player. We also discussed the ways of eliminating the chances of fouls, but this is not the chief purpose of this letter.

Without delving too deeply into the dynamics of the matter, I believe the best way of explaining that the pass-roll is possible, without contravening Law 26, is to offer an explanation by means of diagrams. Two coins of the same size and value, it is suggested, should represent two croquet balls (Red and Yellow) and move away in contact with each other at an angle of divergence of approximately 25°. In the following diagram the positions of the croquet balls are given, firstly, when they are in contact (R₁ and Y₁), at an intermediate stage (R₂ and Y₂), and at the final stage (R₃ and Y₃) when they separate.

It will be seen that the Red (mallet ball) during the latter part of its contact with the Yellow balls moves at least three (3) times the distance of the Yellow, so that at the point of separation the Red ball is moving at, at least, three times the velocity of Yellow. I am informed that the distance Red is projected is nine times the distance that Yellow will travel in accordance with the formula $S \times V^2$, that is, the distance (S) projected is proportional to the square of the velocity (v). Here then, in the words of Mr. Crowther-Smith (*June Croquet*, 1955) is "the considerable impetus given to the mallet ball."

I had the pleasure of playing against the late C. J. Miller in 1937, and saw him in matches and in practice make his remarkable stroke from No. 2

DIAGRAM



R₁, R₂, R₃ are Red ball positions, simultaneously with Y₁, Y₂, Y₃ Yellow ball positions. Note the arrows, shown thus \longleftrightarrow indicating that the Red ball has moved from position R₂ to position R₃, approximately three times as far (and therefore with three times the velocity) as the Yellow ball which has in the same period moved from Y₂ to Y₃.

corner. Although I have since failed to find the secret (knack) of the stroke, I am nevertheless not one of the "most players" who believe that "there must be a foul involved." He was, in my opinion, able to do practically what we know to be theoretically possible, and no one else but he in my experience has, by holding the mallet high up on the shaft with both hands, been able to execute a pass-roll without contravening Law 26.

The pass-roll is, I think, the most interesting and possibly the most worth-while stroke in the game of Croquet, and each player should find his own solution to the problem of how to carry it out successfully. May I direct attention to the importance of playing the stroke with the smallest possible arc and radius, holding the mallet as low down as you can, and hinging the stroke on the wrists?

WE hear from the REIGATE Club that they have several new young members this year. They include L. Newsom Smith, who is aged 15 and at Wellington, and G. Newsom Smith aged 12 who is still at his Preparatory School. We regard this as very good news for we need young recruits. We hope they and others will soon be playing in tournaments.

The energetic secretary of the Club, Mr. L. Buckley, tells us that they now have twenty members and hope soon even to increase on this number. Club competitions have been held and much appreciated by all members.

We were very much interested the other day to hear of Croquet being played both at OXFORD and CAMBRIDGE. Now that W. Ormerod is going up to Cambridge we hope we may be able to give our readers some regular news of university croquet.

Croquet is certainly played at some of the Oxford colleges, for recently we came across a croquet lawn set out at one of the colleges. We were relieved to see that the setting was correct, but disappointed that the hoops were of the wire variety and of somewhat generous proportions.

We have reason to believe that Croquet is in fact played either by senior members of the university or by undergraduates in upwards of a dozen colleges at Oxford and Cambridge. We are a little doubtful of how orthodox a game is played but now that one or two Associates are going up we hope that the universities will be reintroduced to Association Croquet. We say reintroduce advisedly for at Oxford at least till a comparatively short time ago excellent Croquet was played in the Parks by the great Dr. Grundy and the late Sir Frances Knowles.

We hear from the FELIXSTOWE Club that they have two full size lawns which are open for play throughout the winter. Lt.-Colonel Story is the secretary. He will gladly give further particulars to anyone who is interested.

Dulwich visited ROEHAMPTON Club for an afternoon of Golf Croquet on Thursday, 25th August, and a most enjoyable time was spent, resulting in a win for Dulwich. Particulars appear elsewhere, but the contest was a keenly contested one, and as Dulwich preferred to visit Roehampton, the home players had the unusual experience of being entertained to tea at their own Club!

The annual Handicap Singles for the Turketine Trays is at present in progress, the previous holders have both been knocked out, and the final result will appear at a later date, and the

trays are likely to be held by new comers to this competition.

We hear from the FOLKESTONE Club that they have been busy playing their usual club tournament. The main event which was of course the Bowra Trophy was won by a new member Mr. Harris. His courageous style and straight eye also took him to the final of the club section of the All England Handicap.

They now look forward to next year when the Folkestone Club hopes to stage an Open Tournament in early June at the Imperial Hotel, Hythe, whose manager has very kindly placed five good lawns at their disposal. We understand that Bridge will be provided at the hotel for non-players. We hope that Associates will give all the support they can to this new tournament.

The HURLINGHAM season is fading gradually, with friendly games providing an opportunity for fresh gambits to be explored. This reminds us that we recently saw John Solomon utilising a friendly game to extemporise a sextuple peel. Having stopped the Yellow at 1-back (whether by design or otherwise) he got in again with Red, which was for the first hoop, peeled Yellow through 1-back and set about the remaining five hoops. We had to leave when he was negotiating Yellow through four-back so cannot complete the story but all looked set for a Grand Coup.

Colonel Hayward, our active Games Manager, has been seen chasing up laggard contributors to the New Zealand fund and by the time these notes are in print the harvest should have been gathered in.

Our CLIFTON Club correspondent writes as follows:

"The Club has now a record number of members several of whom have joined the Association this year, but we hope for an even higher proportion of Associates next year.

"Members have won four events in outside tournaments this year including the All England Handicap for the first time in the Club's history.

"At present there is the usual rush to finish off the Club competitions which for various reasons always seem to get put off till the end of the season—whatever good intentions are made early on.

"The idea of the two half-size lawns did not seem to take on, but we hope that they will be laid out again next year and will really have to be used on Saturday afternoons to accommodate the players.

"We sympathise with our Secretary over her fractured wrist but congratulate her on discovering a quick cure—croquet from an early stage."

BRIDGE

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

Elimination

ELIMINATION is the preparatory manoeuvre usually, but not always, required to make a throw-in play effective. No good player risks his contract on a finesse which is but a 50 per cent chance when there is another line which offers 100 per cent certainty.

Here is an actual hand from tournament play where my partner landed his contract of six hearts. This hand was played at Eastbourne in the South of England Pairs Championship. The situation is a classic.

S—A, x, x.
H—K, x, x, x, x, x.
D—x.
C—x, x, x.

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

S—
H—A, J, 10, x, x, x.
D—A, x, x.
C—A, J, 10, x.

West, feeling fairly confident, opened SK. Many a club player would, after winning the first trick with the SA, draw trumps and take two finesses in clubs. This would work when the club honours were divided between East and West or both with East. But as the cards lie this primitive method fails. But the contract is stone cold if played properly. Observe how it was played:—

Trick one: Ruff spade King. *Two:* Draw trump. *Three:* Ace of diamonds. *Four:* Ruff a diamond. *Five:* Ace of spades. *Six:* Ruff a spade. *Seven:* Ruff a diamond. Now spades and diamonds have been eliminated from both dummy and declarer and the stage is set for the throw-in play—in this instance by finesse. The position is:

S—
H—K, x, x.
D—
C—x, x, x.

N
W E

S—
H—J, 10, x.
D—
C—A, J, 10.

Dummy leads a small club and finesses the 10, losing to West's Queen. But West has now no lead that can avoid giving South his contract. A club lead runs into South's tenace and a spade or diamond lead allows the declarer to ruff in one hand and discard in the other.

Now when you are playing a hand in a suit contract look out for the possibility of an end play. Remember the conditions—elimination and throw-in. Of course end plays occur at no-trump (see August number of *Croquet*) but the ruff-discard element is lacking so the elimination must be more complete. There are, too, many variations. For example, in the above hand if South's clubs were A, Q, 9, instead of A, J, 10, the same throw-in is possible. South merely covers any card played by East.

Answer to "WHAT DO YOU LEAD?"

As my partner unprovoked had bid six spades he must have the heart control so I led HJ because I thought it the best lead. They went two down. Little did I think at the time that without that lead they would have made their contract!

The hands were:

S—A, K, J, 6, 2.
H—A, Q, 10, 7, 5, 4, 2.
D—3.
C—

S—	N	S—10, 4, 3.
H—K, 9.	W E	H—6, 3.
D—A, Q, 9, 8, 5, 4.	S	D—J, 6.
C—A, 10, 7, 6, 4.		C—K, Q, J, 9, 8, 2.

S—Q, 9, 8, 7, 5.
H—J, 4.
D—K, 10, 7, 2.
C—5 3.

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South African Letter

ONCE again the Natal Annual Tournament took place at the Pinetown Club; and, again, Mr. Jack Turves had prepared us a lovely bowling green on which the finals and as many other games as possible were played.

The whole week's play moved smoothly in the good weather from 9 a.m. on the Monday morning to 4.30 p.m. on the following Saturday. The writer retained his Singles Championship, beating the South African title holder, Comdr. A. Clark, in the semi-final.

The keenly contested doubles event, The Kirby Trophy, was won by Pietermaritzburg.

Some delay in sending these lines has been occasioned by lack of S.A.C.A. news. Difficulties of an internal nature have meant the lapsing of our National Championships for this year, sad to relate.

The next official meeting is dated for the end of April, 1956, at the Durban Club. Some of us are most interested in "Strikers Opinion" and the concern about it. In no other game is "Strikers Opinion" encouraged or (in serious competition) even asked for! Maybe there are too many occasions on which we are inclined to doubt the accuracy, if not the goodwill of such opinion. More I cannot say here, but that players at large would welcome any help on the matter.

The S.A.C.A. sent an official invitation to the N.Z. Croquet Council for two or more members of the touring team to stop off on their return from England in order to play against a team selected by the South African C.A. A cordial reply has been received from Mr. Kirk. It is, as yet, too soon to know if such a visit will materialise. If it does, it will be most welcome to all of us in the Union.

E. L. WARD PETLEY

August, 1955.

CORRESPONDENCE

CROQUET ALL THE YEAR ROUND

Dear Sir,

Recently I received a copy of *Croquet* for May, from a friend in England. I was specially interested in the letter from a Budleigh Salterton member who wonders why Croquet cannot be played in winter, and I thought you might like to know our experiences here.

Since my son and I left England two years ago we have belonged to a club in New Zealand, and are now members of a club in a suburb of Melbourne which, to our joy, plays all the year round.

We are glad of this, as we know that it will often be too hot for us to play in summer and so are making the most of winter games.

There are three full-sized lawns but these are often used as six small ones, thus enabling more players to take part at one time. The grass is kept very short and the ground is well drained having previously been bowling greens, so that the lawns are as good as those at home in summer.

In New Zealand we found they often played two games on one lawn—different coloured balls being used. While it is not an ideal solution, so many balls being rather confusing it certainly helps to solve the problem of getting more people on to the lawns.

I pass on my copy of *Croquet* to our secretary who is interested in the English news.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

MERCY R. FIELD

LAW 44

Dear Sir,

It is with great diffidence that one criticises remarks made by a player with, I suppose, the greatest record of all time, but someone has got to say it—so here it is.

The iniquitous business of "wiring at the 1st hoop" in level games is gone, dead and buried and can never be resurrected.

It is quite true that "lifts" were started to give the outplayer a chance and the arrangement has undoubtedly levelled up the opportunities. If Law 44 has made "A" Class games longer than under the old conditions it is because both contestants are now in the game with a good chance even if the first break be lost.

Now that Law 44 is usually suspended in "B", "C" and "D" Classes and of course does not apply to Handicap games (singles or doubles), to what percentage of games in the season does Law 44 apply? About 5 per cent? Or 10 per cent?

Is it then seriously suggested that Law 44 has showed up the other 95 or 90 per cent of games on account of "lift consciousness"? I am perturbed about the "D" Class player who, in the circumstances mentioned, shot away into a corner but consideration of that special case should be deferred pending a medical report.

Perhaps the "A" Class games are longer on the whole, but for the great body of croquet players, the causes of long games are the same as they always have been—viz.:

- (1) Difficult lawns.
- (2) Defensive tactics or "Aunt Emma" carried to unreasonable limits.
- (3) Sporadic attacks of "hoopitis".

There is very little doubt that 4-inch hoops would speed up games, but paradoxically I believe such a change would not be voted for by the longer bisquers under the impression that it was for their special benefit and therefore humiliating.

Yours faithfully,

R. V. N. WIGGINS

TIMED GAMES

Dear Sir,

A recent experience of playing handicap matches with a 2½ hour time limit convinces me that all open tournaments would benefit immeasurably and suffer infinitesimally if such a time limit were universally adopted.

No one disputes that the main reason Croquet has not the general popularity it deserves is the time taken over drawn out matches.

Many people are denied the pleasure, and frequent thrill, of playing tournament croquet because all-time attendance is necessary. With a 2½ hour time limit play starts 10.30 (so much more attractive than 10.00), the manager knows all courts free by 1.00, all courts free again 3.30, play definitely finishes 6.00.

Not only can the manager accept increased entries but also can much more easily arrange for players to be free to fulfil "other engagements"—even if it be only to arrive home in a reasonable hour for dinner with their non-croquet spouses.

Within 2½ hours low bisquers have, or certainly should have, no difficulty in finishing; high bisquers are encouraged to use their bisques and get on with it. No one dawdles about the court.

I have no hesitation in begging the Council of the Association to adopt this time limit as a tournament rule for the good of the game as played under modern conditions of life.

Yours most earnestly,

H. G. STOKER

GOLF CROQUET MATCH

ROEHAMPTON *versus* DULWICH

Played at Roehampton on Thursday, August 25th, 1955. Roehampton players named first

AMERICAN DOUBLES

Mrs. D. Atfield and Miss M. L. Hellyer bt Mrs. Raine and Mrs. Paine 7 to 5; lost to Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Pethebridge 4 to 9; bt Miss Richardson and Mrs. Swindlehurst 8 to 5.

Mrs. G. J. Turketine and Mrs. D. M. Staub bt Mrs. Raine and Mrs. Paine 8 to 5; lost to Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Pethebridge 6 to 7; lost to Miss Richardson and Mrs. Swindlehurst 5 to 8.

Miss A. M. M. Carlyon and Mrs. E. Bristow lost to Mrs. Raine and Mrs. Paine 6 to 7; lost to Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Pethebridge 5 to 8; bt Miss Richardson and Mrs. Swindlehurst 8 to 5.

RESULT.—Dulwich bt Roehampton by 5 games to 4.

SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S PUZZLE. AT THE DOUBLE

I walk one mile in fifteen minutes and I run one mile in seven and a half minutes. If therefore x denotes the part of the mile I walked and 1—x the part I ran, taking 12 minutes in all, then

$$12 = 15x + 7\frac{1}{2}(1 - x)$$

$$\text{and } x = \frac{2}{3}$$

I ran therefore $\frac{2}{3}$ of a mile and walked $\frac{1}{3}$ of a mile.

BRIGHTON

AUGUST 22nd to 27th

The first week of the Autumn Tournament was very fortunate in having superb weather with no rain, nearly continuous sunshine, which made it necessary for the players to use special attention and skill. In the first event, the Gold Cup, which was played under the "Two Lives" system, there were twenty-two competitors, one more than last year, among those competing, the play and skill of Mr. Cotter, Major Stone and Mrs. Rotherham, was much admired. In the Gold Cup, Major Stone went right round to the stick with both balls, before Mr. Cotter had made a point, then Major Stone missing the peg-out with the forward ball, Mr. Cotter hit in a long shot and went round to the stick, there Mr. Cotter failed at the 2nd hoop with his partner ball, when Major Stone hit in but failed to peg-out.

In the second event, the Franc Cup, there were fourteen competitors, the Monteith Bowl had twenty-six competitors, in the large handicap there were no less than fifty-six competitors and in the Handicap Doubles there were twenty-five pairs. The writer in last year's report felt that it was necessary to make mention that a large proportion of worms seemed to live in this area, but our new groundsmen Adams has by careful work eliminated all these obnoxious animals, with the result that the lawns were in excellent condition. We were all very sorry that Mr. Maurice Reckitt had to retire from the tournament about the middle of the first week as he contracted tonsillitis. The catering was, as usual, carried out most successfully by Mr. and Mrs. Miller and her staff to whom we owe our best thanks and our old friend Mr. Robards acted as an excellent barman.

I think everybody will agree that the tournament was so successful owing to having a magnificent manager and handicapper like Miss Steel and a splendid hard working Hon. Secretary as Mr. Cooke.

OPEN SINGLES.

("Two Lives" System).

THE SUSSEX GOLD CUP.

(22 Entries).

THE DRAW

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton bt T. Wood-Hill by 10.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 3.
Major G. F. Stone bt Major J. R. Abbey by 18.
E. P. Duffield bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey by 13.
E. P. C. Cotter bt Miss M. J. Daldy by 25.
Miss D. D. Steel bt Canon Creed Meredith by 25.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. W. Longman w.o. G. Williams opponent scratched.
L. Kirk Greene bt Mrs. V. Gasson by 13.
Mrs. N. Oddie bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton by 15.
Major G. F. Stone bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 5.
E. P. C. Cotter bt E. P. Duffield by 17.
Miss D. D. Steel bt Major J. H. Dibley by 15.
M. B. Reckitt bt W. Longman by 16.
R. Tingey bt N. Oddie by 17.

THIRD ROUND.

L. Kirk Greene bt Mrs. W. Longman by 24.
Major G. F. Stone bt Mrs. N. Oddie by 22.
E. P. C. Cotter bt Miss D. D. Steel by 4.
M. B. Reckitt bt R. Tingey by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.

Major G. F. Stone bt L. Kirk Greene by 7.
E. P. C. Cotter w.o. M. B. Reckitt opponent scratched.

FINAL.

Major G. F. Stone bt E. P. C. Cotter by 10.

PROCESS.

(22 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs. V. Gasson by 23.
Mrs. N. Oddie w.o. N. Oddie opponent scratched.
Canon Creed Meredith bt Mrs. W. Longman by 16.
L. Kirk Greene bt W. Longman by 3.
R. Tingey bt T. Wood-Hill by 16.
Major J. H. Dibley w.o. G. Williams opponent scratched.

SECOND ROUND.

E. P. C. Cotter bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton by 26.
M. B. Reckitt w.o. Major G. F. Stone opponent scratched.
E. P. Duffield bt Mrs. N. Oddie by 10.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Canon Creed Meredith by 18.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Miss D. D. Steel by 14.

L. Kirk Greene bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey by 16.

R. Tingey bt Miss M. J. Daldy by 11.

Major J. R. Abbey bt Major J. H. Dibley by 7.

THIRD ROUND.

E. P. C. Cotter w.o. M. B. Reckitt opponent scratched.

E. P. Duffield bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 6.

L. Kirk Greene bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 18.

R. Tingey bt Major J. R. Abbey by 23.

SEMI-FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter bt E. P. Duffield by 13.

L. Kirk Greene bt R. Tingey by 24.

FINAL.

L. Kirk Greene bt E. P. C. Cotter by 13.

PLAY-OFF.

Major G. F. Stone bt L. Kirk Greene by 4.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS B).

THE FRANC CUP.

(2 to 5 Bisesques).

(17 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Lady Ursula Abbey bt Miss M. Posford by 3.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss H. D. Parker bt Mrs. A. J. Robards by 6.

E. A. Roper bt Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone by 13.

R. H. Newton bt Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels by 1.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden w.o. Lady Ursula Abbey opponent scratched.

Mrs. J. H. Dibley bt Mrs. R. S. Pearce by 10.

Mrs. H. Franc bt Mrs. A. L. Megson by 10.

S. F. Sopwith bt Mrs. M. Reckitt by 15.

Mrs. R. Tingey bt Mrs. S. Phillips by 3.

THIRD ROUND.

E. A. Roper bt Miss H. D. Parker by 4.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt R. H. Newton by 4.

Mrs. J. H. Dibley bt Mrs. H. Franc by 3.

Mrs. R. Tingey bt S. F. Sopwith by 21.

SEMI-FINAL.

E. A. Roper bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 7.

Mrs. R. Tingey bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley by 14.

FINAL.

E. A. Roper bt Mrs. R. Tingey by 17.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS C).

THE MONTEITH BOWL.

(5½ Bisesques and over).

(27 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

W. P. H. Roe (8) bt Mrs. Paxon (8) by 4.

Brig. J. S. Omond (5½) w.o. Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) opponent retired.

Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (7) bt Mrs. K. Eakin (6) by 6.

M. Vlasto (9) bt Miss D. L. Latham (9) by 11.

Mrs. A. M. Daniels (8) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) by 15.

D. Woodhams (8) w.o. Mrs. C. A. Bishop (9) scratched.

D. J. Dibley (6) bt F. W. Snow (7) by 12.

Capt. K. B. Millar (5½) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan (6) by 13.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss L. Tollemache (6) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (9) by 2.

Brig. J. S. Omond (5½) bt W. P. H. Roe (8) by 4.

M. Vlasto (9) bt Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (7) by 11.

Mrs. A. M. Daniels (8) bt D. Woodhams (8) by 8.

D. J. Dibley (6) bt Capt. K. B. Millar (5½) by 16.

G. F. Paxon (8½) bt Hon. Clive Pearson (10) by 21.

Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (5½) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) by 10.

Miss M. M. Morgan (8½) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (7) by 7.

THIRD ROUND.

Brig. J. S. Omond (5½) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels (8) by 14.

Mrs. A. M. Daniels (8) bt M. Vlasto (9) by 3.

D. J. Dibley (6) bt G. F. Paxon (8½) by 16.

Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (5½) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) by 10.

SEMI-FINAL.

Brig. J. S. Omond (5½) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels (8) by 14.

D. J. Dibley (6) bt Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (5½) by 7.

FINAL.

D. J. Dibley (6) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (5½) by 13.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

THE MAURICE RECKITT BOWL.

(56 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Sir C. Douglas Jones (5½) w.o. G. Williams (0) scratched.

Mrs. N. Oddie (-2½) bt Mrs. S. Phillips (2½) by 14.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-2) bt D. Woodhams (8) by 7.

Miss H. D. Parker (5) w.o. Mrs. M. Reckitt (2½) scratched.

Mrs. R. Tingey (4) w.o. Miss Elphinstone Stone (3½) scratched.

E. A. Roper (2½) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1½) by 6.

Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (5) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) by 7.

Miss M. Posford (5½) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) by 10.

Capt. K. B. Millar (5½) bt A. L. Megson (1½) by 15.

Major G. F. Stone (-4) bt Miss M. J. Daldy (-1½) by 25.

Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton (-½) bt W. P. H. Roe (8) by 5.

G. J. Dibley (6) bt E. P. Duffield (-1) by 12.

Mrs. H. D. Wooster (7) bt Mrs. W. Longman (-1) by 11.

Mrs. M. D. Cork (9) bt Mrs. H. Franc (4) by 4.

Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) bt Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) by 17.

Mrs. D. S. Pearce (4½) bt Mrs. W. P. H. Roe (10) by 10.

M. B. Reckitt (-3) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan (6) by 14.

Mrs. R. H. Dibley (4½) bt Hon. Clive Pearson (10) by 16.

F. W. Snow (7) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) by 20.

E. P. C. Cotter (-4½) bt R. H. Newton (2) by 16.

R. Tingey (-2½) bt Mrs. R. E. Pertwee (7) by 22.

Mrs. A. M. Daniels (7) bt Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (7) by 18.

Canon Creed Meredith (½) bt W. Longman (-3) by 3.

Miss M. Morgan (8½) bt T. Wood-Hill (1½) by 13.

SECOND ROUND.

Major J. H. Dibley (½) bt Mrs. K. Eakin (6) by 3.

Miss D. L. Latham (9) bt Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) by 6.

Mrs. N. Oddie (-2½) bt Sir C. Douglas Jones (5½) by 11.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-2) bt Miss H. Parker (5) by 14.

E. A. Roper (2½) bt Mrs. R. Tingey (4) by 4.

Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (5) bt Miss M. Posford (5½) by 4.

Major G. F. Stone (-4) bt Capt. K. B. Millar (5½) by 13.

D. J. Dibley (6) bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton (-½) by 26.

Mrs. M. D. Cork (9) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (7) by 6.

Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) w.o. Mrs. D. S. Pearce (4½) opponent scratched.

Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4½) w.o. M. B. Reckitt (-3) opponent scratched.

E. P. C. Cotter (-4½) bt F. W. Snow (7) by 13.

Mrs. A. M. Daniels (7) bt R. Tingey (-2½) by 4.

Canon Creed Meredith (½) bt Miss M. Morgan (8½) by 6.

M. Vlasto (9) bt Major J. R. Abbey (½) by 7.

N. Oddie (1) bt G. F. Paxon (8½) by 6.

THIRD ROUND.

Major J. H. Dibley (½) bt Miss D. L. Latham (9) by 16.

Mrs. N. Oddie (-2½) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-2) by 4.

Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (5) bt E. A. Roper (2½) by 4.

D. J. Dibley (6) w.o. Major G. F. Stone (-4) opponent scratched.

Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (9) by 7.

E. P. C. Cotter (-4½) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4½) by 19.

Mrs. A. M. Daniels (7) bt Canon Creed Meredith (½) by 12.

M. Vlasto (9) bt N. Oddie (1) by 9.

FOURTH ROUND.

Major J. H. Dibley (½) bt Mrs. N. Oddie (-2½) by 15.

D. J. Dibley (6) bt Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (5) by 23.

E. P. C. Cotter (-4½) w.o. Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) opponent scratched.

M. Vlasto (9) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels (7) by 1.

SEMI-FINAL.

D. J. Dibley (6) bt Major J. H. Dibley (½) by 14.

E. P. C. Cotter (-4½) bt M. Vlasto (9) by 19.

FINAL.

D. J. Dibley (6) bt E. P. C. Cotter (-4½) by 25.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(25 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Major G. F. Stone and Mrs. E. Roper (2) bt R. Tingey and Mrs. R. Tingey (1½) by 12.

Mrs. V. Gasson and Capt. K. B. Millar (7) w.o. Rev. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-3) opponents retired.

Mrs. A. J. Robards and Miss C. Tollemache (8½) bt Miss M. Posford and Miss H. D. Parker (10½) by 4.

Mrs. N. Oddie and L. Kirk Greene (-4) bt E. P. Duffield and Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) by 10.

M. B. Reckitt and Brig. J. S. Omond (2½) bt F. W. Snow and F. E. Corke (11) by 8.

G. F. Paxon and Mrs. Paxon (16½) bt Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone and Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (10½) by 12.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Lady Ursula Abbey (6½) bt Miss M. Morgan and Miss G. Forbes Cowan (14½) by 1 on time.

T. Wood Hill and Mrs. H. F. Eakin (7½) bt E. A. Roper and Mrs. A. Badcock (4) by 5.

Mrs. A. L. Megson and W. P. H. Roe (12) bt Rev. Creed Meredith and Mrs. D. S. Pearce (5) by 13.

SECOND ROUND.

R. H. Newton and Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (7½) bt M. Vlasto and Sir C. Douglas Jones (14½) by 10.

Major G. F. Stone and Mrs. E. A. Roper (2) bt Major J. R. Abbey and Hon. Clive Pearson (10½) by 10.

Mrs. V. Gasson and Capt. K. B. Millar (7) bt Mrs. A. J. Robards and Miss L. Tollemache (8½) by 14.

Mrs. N. Oddie and L. Kirk Greene (-4) bt M. B. Reckitt and Brig. J. S. Omond (2½) by 10.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Lady Ursula Abbey (6½) bt G. F. Paxon and Mrs. Paxon (16½) by 10.

Mrs. A. L. Megson and W. P. H. Roe (12) bt T. Wood-Hill and Mrs. K. F. Eakin (7½) by 12.

Major J. H. Dibley and Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner and D. Woodhams (16) by 4.

E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs. E. Rotherham (-7½) bt W. Longman and Mrs. W. Longman (-4) by 10.

THIRD ROUND.

Major G. F. Stone and Mrs. E. A. Roper (2) bt R. H. Newton and Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (7½) by 6.

Mrs. N. Oddie and L. Kirk Greene (-4) bt Mrs. V. Gasson and Capt. K. B. Millar (7) by 9.

Mrs. A. L. Megson and W. P. H. Roe (12) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Lady Ursula Abbey (6½) by 3.

E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs. E. Rotherham (-7½) bt Major J. H. Dibley and Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5) by 16.

SEMI-FINAL.

Major G. F. Stone and Mrs. E. A. Roper (2) bt Mrs. N. Oddie and L. Kirk-Greene (-4) by 14.

E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs. E. Rotherham (-7½) bt Mrs. A. L. Megson and W. P. H. Roe (12) by 8.

FINAL.

Major G. F. Stone and Mrs. E. A. Roper (2) bt E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs. E. Rotherham (-7½) by 7.

BRIGHTON

(UNOFFICIAL)

AUGUST 29th—SEPTEMBER 3rd

The non-official tournament following the turmoil of the previous week was a pleasant respite. The entry, however, was so numerous that the programme had to be altered by abandoning the two class events and making the advertised X.Y. into an X.Y.Z. affair.

I gathered from several players that this was a welcome change as with X.Y. the end comes sometimes earlier than expected, whereas with Z added death is more lingering and more players are able to remain "in the tournament" right until the end of the week.

With 60 in X.Y.Z. and 25 pairs of Doubles Major Dibley was kept very busy, but with his usual skill he got it all through to the satisfaction of everybody. A most pleasant week.

HANDICAP SINGLES (X.Y.Z.).

EVENT "X".

(60 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. W. Longman (-1) bt S. F. Sopwith (2) by 18.

Mrs. H. Roberts (8) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (5½) by 4.

Mrs. H. Roberts (8) bt Mrs. W. Longman (—1) by 13.
 Miss E. M. Bray (7) bt Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (5½) by 2.
 Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (12) by 2 on time.
 Miss L. Tollemache (6) bt Miss D. L. Latham (9) by 4 on time.
 Mrs. A. J. Robards (2½) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4½) by 16.
 Mrs. D. M. Roe (6½) bt Mrs. R. E. Pertwee (7) by 16.
 Mrs. N. Oddie (—2½) bt Miss E. M. Watson (5) by 5.
 W. P. H. Roe (8) w.o. Mrs. R. Paxon (8) opponent retired.
 F. W. Snow (7) bt Miss H. D. Parker (5) by 6.
 Mrs. A. Badcock (1½) bt Miss G. Allen (9) by 9.
 Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (5) bt N. Oddie (1) by 3.
 G. F. Paxon (8½) bt E. A. Roper (2½) by 3 on time.
 R. Whitham (8) bt R. H. Newton (2) by 13.
 R. V. N. Wiggins (½) bt W. Longman (—3) by 19.
 Miss G. Forbes Cowan (6) bt Mrs. A. Nichols (5½) by 6 on time.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. H. Roberts (8) bt Mrs. M. Roy (3) by 13.
 Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) bt Miss E. M. Bray (7) by 11 on time.
 Mrs. A. J. Robards (2½) bt Miss L. Tollemache (6) by 6.
 Mrs. N. Oddie (—2½) bt Mrs. D. M. Roe (6½) by 5.
 F. W. Snow (7) bt W. P. H. Roe (8) by 10.
 Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (5) bt Mrs. A. Badcock (1½) by 13.
 G. F. Paxon (8½) bt R. Whitham (8) by 18.
 R. V. N. Wiggins (½) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan (6) by 11.

FOURTH ROUND.

Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) bt Mrs. H. Roberts (8) by 1 on time.
 Mrs. N. Oddie (—2½) bt Mrs. A. J. Robards (2½) by 13.
 F. W. Snow (7) bt Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (5) opponent retired.

SEMI-FINAL.

R. V. N. Wiggins (½) bt G. F. Paxon (8½) by 5.
 Mrs. N. Oddie (—2½) bt Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) by 19.
 R. V. N. Wiggins (½) bt F. W. Snow (7) by 4.

FINAL.

R. V. N. Wiggins (½) bt Mrs. N. Oddie (—2½) by 20.

EVENT "Y". (30 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Brig. J. S. Omond (5½) bt S. F. Sopwith (2) by 15.
 H. T. Pinkney Simpson (0) bt A. L. Megson (1½) by 3.
 T. Wood Hill (1½) bt Hon. Clive Pearson (10) by 15.
 Mrs. W. A. Naylor (12) bt Mrs. E. Turner (3½) by 1 on time.
 Miss M. G. Allen (9) bt Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) by 6 on time.
 Miss M. Morgan (8½) bt Sir C. Douglas Jones (5½) by 22.
 T. A. Chignell (7) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) by 10.
 Mrs. A. M. Daniels (7) bt Mrs. R. Whitham (9) by 12.
 Mrs. W. P. H. Roe (10) w.o. Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) opponent retired.

Mrs. G. Ratsey (10) bt Miss E. Walker (3½) by 2.
 Mrs. H. Franc (4) bt Mrs. S. Phillips (2½) by 3.
 Comdr. D. W. Roe (2) bt Mrs. A. E. Roper (6) by 7.
 Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5½) bt Miss E. E. Bennett (14) by 9.
 Miss M. J. Daldy (—1½) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (9) by 18.

SECOND ROUND.

Brig. J. S. Omond (5½) bt Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (3½) by 16.
 T. Wood Hill (1½) bt H. T. Pinkney Simpson (0) by 10.
 Miss M. G. Allen (9) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (12) by 10 opponent retired.
 T. A. Chignell (7) bt Miss M. Morgan (8½) by 11.
 Mrs. A. M. Daniels (7) bt Mrs. W. P. H. Roe (10) by 11.
 Mrs. G. Ratsey (10) bt Mrs. H. Franc (4) by 3.
 Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5½) bt Comdr. D. W. Roe (2) by 12.
 Miss M. J. Daldy (—1½) bt Mrs. A. Nichols (5½) by 13.

THIRD ROUND.

T. Wood Hill (1½) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (5½) by 3.
 T. A. Chignell (7) bt Miss M. G. Allen (9) by 13.
 Mrs. A. M. Daniels (7) bt Mrs. G. Ratsey (10) by 2 on time.
 Miss M. J. Daldy (—1½) bt Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5½) by 4.

SEMI-FINAL.

T. A. Chignell (7) bt T. Wood Hill (1½) by 1 on time.
 Miss M. J. Daldy (—1½) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels (7) by 11.

FINAL.

Miss M. J. Daldy (—1½) w.o. T. A. Chignell opponent retired.

EVENT "Z". (32 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) bt Mrs. R. E. Pertwee (7) by 1 on time.
 Mrs. J. S. Omond (12) bt Miss E. Walker (3½) by 8.
 Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) by 10.
 Mrs. A. Nichols (5½) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (9) by 10.
 Miss E. M. Watson (5) bt Mrs. R. Whitham (9) by 6.
 A. L. Megson (1½) bt Miss E. E. Bennett (14) by 1 on time.
 N. Oddie (1) w.o. Mrs. R. Roy (3) opponent retired.

S. F. Sopwith (2) bt Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (3½) by 9.
 Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (5½) bt E. A. Roper (2½) by 13.
 W. Longman (—3) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan (6) by 4.
 Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4½) by 12.
 Hon. Clive Pearson (10) bt Mrs. W. Longman (—1) by 1 on time.

Miss M. G. Allen (9) bt Mrs. E. Turner (3½) by 12.
 Mrs. Paxon (8) bt Sir C. Douglas Jones (5½) by 9.
 Miss H. D. Parker (5) bt Miss D. L. Latham (9) by 7.
 R. H. Newton (2) bt Mrs. S. Phillips (2½) by 14.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. J. S. Omond (12) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) by 4 on time.
 Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) bt Mrs. A. Nichols (5½) by 10.
 Miss E. M. Watson (5) bt A. L. Megson (1½) by 7.
 S. F. Sopwith (2) w.o. N. Oddie (1) opponent retired.
 Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (5½) bt W. Longman (—3) by 6 on time.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) bt Hon. Clive Pearson (10) by 11.
 Miss M. G. Allen (9) w.o. Mrs. Paxon (8) opponent retired.
 Miss H. D. Parker (5) bt R. H. Newton (2) by 12.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (12) by 1 on time.
 Miss E. M. Watson (5) bt S. F. Sopwith (2) by 13.
 Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) bt Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (5½) by 8.
 Miss H. D. Parker (5) bt Miss M. G. Allen (9) by 12.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) bt Miss E. M. Watson (5) by 7.
 Miss H. D. Parker (5) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) by 9.

FINAL.

Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) bt Miss H. D. Parker (5) by 4.

HANDICAP DOUBLES. (25 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss H. D. Parker and S. F. Sopwith (7) bt Miss Elphinstone Stone and Mrs. W. A. Naylor (15½) by 4 on time.
 Miss E. Watson and Mrs. F. N. Latham (6½) bt Mrs. N. Oddie and F. W. Snow (4½) by 8.
 T. A. Chignell and Mrs. R. Whitham (16) bt W. P. H. Roe and Mrs. W. P. H. Roe (18) by 13.
 W. Longman and Miss M. G. Allen (6) bt Comdr. D. W. Roe and Mrs. D. W. Roe (8½) by 7.

Miss E. M. Walker and Mrs. R. E. Pertwee (10½) bt Mrs. W. Longman and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (6) by 7 on time.
 Mrs. A. J. Robards and Mrs. H. Roberts (10½) bt Mrs. A. L. Megson and Miss E. E. Bennett (16) by 2 on time.
 Com. A. M. Daniels and Mrs. A. M. Daniels (12) bt Miss G. Allan and Mrs. M. D. Cork (18) by 10.

Miss L. Tollemache and Miss G. Forbes Cowan (12) bt R. H. Newton and R. Whitham (10) by 6.
 Mrs. S. Phillips and Mrs. A. Badcock (4) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner and Miss M. Morgan (16½) by 12.
 Mrs. M. Roy and Mrs. M. MacArthur (6) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Sir C. Douglas Jones (7½) by 7.

SECOND ROUND.

T. Wood Hill and Mrs. G. Ratsey (8½) bt N. Oddie and Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (6½) by 1 on time.
 Miss H. D. Parker and S. F. Sopwith (7) bt E. A. Roper and Mrs. E. A. Roper (8½) by 2.
 T. A. Chignell and Mrs. R. Whitham (16) bt Miss E. M. Watson and Mrs. F. N. Latham (6½) by 12.

W. Longman and Miss M. G. Allen (6) bt Miss E. Walker and Mrs. R. E. Pertwee (10½) by 9.
 Col. A. M. Daniels and Mrs. A. M. Daniels (12) bt Mrs. A. J. Robards and Mrs. H. Roberts (10½) by 4 on time.
 Mrs. S. Phillips and Mrs. A. Badcock (4) bt Miss L. Tollemache and Miss G. Forbes Cowan (12) by 7.

G. F. Paxon and Mrs. Paxon (16½) bt Mrs. M. Roy and Mrs. M. MacArthur (6) by 6.
 Major J. H. Dibley and Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (6) bt Brig. J. S. Omond and Mrs. J. S. Omond (17½) by 7.

THIRD ROUND.

T. Wood Hill and Mrs. G. Ratsey (8½) bt Miss H. D. Parker and S. F. Sopwith (7) by 1 on time.
 T. A. Chignell and Mrs. R. Whitham (16) bt W. Longman and Miss M. G. Allen (6) by 4 on time.
 Col. A. M. Daniels and Mrs. A. M. Daniels (12) bt Mrs. S. Phillips and Mrs. A. Badcock (4) by 19.
 G. F. Paxon and Mrs. Paxon (16½) bt Major J. H. Dibley and Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (6) by 11.

SEMI-FINAL.

T. A. Chignell and Mrs. R. Whitham (16) bt T. Wood-Hill and Mrs. G. Ratsey (8½) by 4.
 G. F. Paxon and Mrs. Paxon (16½) bt Col. A. M. Daniels and Mrs. A. M. Daniels (12) by 3 on time.

FINAL.

G. F. Paxon and Mrs. Paxon (16½) bt T. A. Chignell and Mrs. R. Whitham (16) by 2 on time.

HUNSTANTON

August 29th—September 3rd

"The fault Dear Brutus, lies not in our stars,
 But in ourselves that we are underlings."

Julius Caesar

"How I wish the week were starting all over again," said Mrs. Heley on the penultimate (i.e. the Friday). Her simple wish for pleasure prolonged was universally shared for "Summer's lease hath all too short a date." There were others who had a further reason for wishing the week to start afresh. They wished for the second chance which was granted to the characters of Barrie on a midsummer eve in his play "Dear Brutus." Form was at times topsy-turvy; but that is one of the features of the game. Who could believe that the Warwicks would leave Hunstanton Cup-less?

Still on the penultimate Mrs. Heley gained what was the first victory over Dr. Sandiford whose precision play in stymieing his opponents was most attractive. On the Saturday morning Mrs. Heley coasted on to the second victory of the tournament against Dr. Lewis who insists on being the master and not the servant of croquet.

The final of the doubles between J. G. Warwick and Mrs. Perowne against H. O. Hodgson and Miss Stevenson was most closely contested. They were level when time was called, but extra time gave the latter couple a win by the extra point. Whilst this match was going on, a long blood battle continued to be contested between the two Brummages, Miss Trought and Miss Templeton, the former proving the winner. On another lawn the stormy petrel E. V. Carpmael gained his second victory in three years in the Ingleby Challenge Cup.

The open still remained to be concluded. H. O. Hodgson who had become the "manager's head-ache" recommenced a long battle with E. V. Carpmael, as the Saturday drew to its close. This victory of Hodgson over Carpmael made him the winner of the Process. The final was left to be decided on the Sunday morning.

All praise must go to H. O. Hodgson for winning the final and, in doing so, playing the best croquet of the week. This was a just award for perseverance, for his first attempt was in 1913 and this was his first win. In the crisis he resembled King Bruce in the magnificence of his shooting. At other times, weaving round the lawn, he reminded one of the spider from whom the King gained his inspiration. He would steal two or three hoops with two balls and then hitch-hike half way round the lawn resembling Rupert Brooke's "sly shade of a rural dean." He spurned the quest for four-ball breaks, but when one arrived it was to him "argent pour confiture." A delightful week, marred only by the absence of the President, Miss Gillespie, was again made possible by Mr. Bird. He has managed ten tournaments at Hunstanton in the last 8 years. Those who were there this year will want, above all, to read a handsome tribute paid to his tireless efforts in creating pleasure for others. Grateful thanks must be expressed to the many ladies who did so much to add to the comfort of the players. It would be invidious to mention names and distribute the praise.

As a postscript let it be added that during the week the Brights were a beacon and Miss Warwick, both on and off the lawn, was indefatigable.

OPEN SINGLES (CLASS 'AA').

THE NORFOLK CHALLENGE CUP.

("Two Lives" System).

THE DRAW.

(7 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

I. C. Baillieu bt Miss E. J. Warwick by 11.
 Mrs. E. Reeve bt Dr. B. R. Sandiford by 6.
 H. O. Hodgson bt E. V. Carpmael by 12.

SEMI-FINAL.

I. C. Baillieu bt Mrs. E. Reeve by 2.
 J. G. Warwick bt H. O. Hodgson by 9.

FINAL.

I. C. Baillieu bt J. G. Warwick by 5.

PLAY-OFF.

H. O. Hodgson bt I. C. Baillieu by 24.

PROCESS.

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. E. Reeve bt J. G. Warwick by 6.
 H. O. Hodgson bt I. C. Baillieu by 5.
 E. V. Carpmael bt Dr. B. R. Sandiford by 17.

SEMI-FINAL.

H. O. Hodgson bt Mrs. E. Reeve by 4.
 E. V. Carpmael bt Miss E. J. Warwick by 24.

FINAL.

H. O. Hodgson bt E. V. Carpmael by 7.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B").

THE HUNSTANTON CHALLENGE BOWL.

(2 to 8½ Bisques).

(6 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. W. Leake w.o. W. L. Bright opponent retired.
 Mrs. H. T. Farris w.o. Mrs. B. C. Perowne opponent scratched.

SEMI-FINAL.

Dr. F. W. Lewis bt Mrs. W. Leake by 19.
 Mrs. P. E. Heley bt Mrs. H. T. Farris by 23.

FINAL.

Mrs. P. E. Heley bt Dr. F. W. Lewis by 19.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C").

(9 Bisques and over).

(4 Entries).

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss H. Trought (9) bt Mrs. N. L. Bright (13) by 19.
 Miss C. Templeton (10) bt Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) by 7.

FINAL.

Miss H. Trought (9) bt Miss C. Templeton (10) by 3.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y.").

INGLEBY CHALLENGE CUP.

EVENT "X".

(17 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

N. L. Bright (4) bt Mrs. H. T. Farris (8) by 11.

SECOND ROUND.

H. O. Hodgson (0) bt Miss H. Trought (9) by 2.
 Mrs. B. C. Perowne (6) bt Dr. B. R. Sandiford (1½) by 11.
 I. C. Baillieu (2½) w.o. Dr. F. W. Lewis (3) opponent retired.

N. L. Bright (4) bt Mrs. W. Leake (7) by 18.

J. G. Warwick (—1½) bt Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) by 6.
 Miss J. Warwick (3) bt Mrs. E. Reeve (—2) by 23.
 E. V. Carpmael (0) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) by 24.
 Miss C. Templeton (10) bt Mrs. I. C. Baillieu (9) by 2.

THIRD ROUND.

H. O. Hodgson (0) bt Mrs. B. C. Perowne (6) by 11.
 I. C. Baillieu (2½) w.o. N. L. Bright (4) opponent retired.
 Miss J. Warwick (3) bt J. G. Warwick (—1½) by 13.
 E. V. Carpmael (0) bt Miss C. Templeton (10) by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.

I. C. Baillieu (2½) bt H. O. Hodgson (0) by 6.
 E. V. Carpmael (0) bt Miss J. Warwick (3) by 2.

FINAL.

E. V. Carpmael (0) bt I. C. Baillieu (2½) by 8.

EVENT "Y".

(7 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. W. Leake (7) bt Mrs. H. T. Farris (8) by 9.

SECOND ROUND.

Dr. B. R. Sandiford (1½) bt Miss H. Trought (9) by 8.
 Dr. F. W. Lewis (3) bt Mrs. W. Leake (7) by 16.
 Mrs. E. Reeve (—2) bt Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) by 2.
 Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) bt Mrs. I. C. Baillieu (9) by 14.

SEMI-FINAL.

Dr. B. R. Sandiford (1½) bt Dr. F. W. Lewis (3) by 19.
 Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) bt Mrs. E. Reeve (—2) by 4.

FINAL.

Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) bt Dr. B. R. Sandiford (1½) by 2.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(6 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

I. C. Baillieu and Mrs. I. C. Baillieu (11½) bt E. V. Carpmael and Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) by 14.

J. G. Warwick and Mrs. B. C. Perowne (4½) bt Dr. B. R. Sandiford and Miss C. Templeton (11½) by 2.

SEMI-FINAL.

H. O. Hodgson and Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) bt I. C. Baillieu and Mrs. I. C. Baillieu (11½) by 9.

J. G. Warwick and Mrs. B. C. Perowne (4½) bt Mrs. E. Reeve and Miss J. Warwick (1) by 15.

FINAL.

H. O. Hodgson and Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) bt J. G. Warwick and Mrs. B. C. Perowne (4½) by 1 on time.

THE PRESIDENT'S CUP

SEPTEMBER 5th—9th

The "Best Eight" players who competed for the above trophy differed considerably from those of last year. H. O. Hicks was unable to accept the invitation of the Council as he was shortly to leave for Canada. His last year's record—winning all 14 games—still remains in this unique state after the 1955 competition.

E. P. C. Cotter, nevertheless, started very seriously to threaten Hick's score of 14 games, for half way through he had not lost a game. He started the Second Series with two more wins; he then lost his first game—against R. F. Rothwell. This opponent, playing very accurately, went round in his second break (the partner on 4-back) and pegged Cotter's rover out. The solitary other ball, with only the last three hoops to make, at once shot in from baulk, and was soon advancing to the peg; progress, however, ceased—for Cotter stuck in the rover hoop. Rothwell soon after was a rover with both balls—but he failed to peg out his partner ball and went out with the other. Cotter, entitled to the lift, shot from the North Baulk-Line; it seemed more than likely that he would hit the solitary ball close to the peg; but he missed it and Rothwell proceeded to rob his opponent of any chance of equalling the existing record of 14 games.

J. W. Solomon, in the meantime, had been indulging in embroidering several of the first half dozen or so of his games with triple peels. It was not, however, until well on in the Second Series that Cotter's chance of adding another to his four previous victories in this Event was really threatened. Then Mrs. E. Rotherham resorted to one of those accurate examples of the game that she produced against Hicks in the second round of the recent Open Championship, thus creating a second to Rothwell's defeat of Cotter.

M. B. Reckitt, at this stage, was well in the picture to make those among the spectators who revel in prophecy seriously consider his chances, for he had only lost one of his games—to Cotter—in the First Series.

These five players, it will be realised from their play, supplied the principal interest in the competition; two of them as spoilers, three as to which of them would finally come through as the winner.

As the games neared the last few of the second series of seven, and Solomon had not lost one of them, the position was this; at the end of the 12th round Cotter had won 10 games and Solomon 10 games; in the 13th round when they were to play each other, this game was expected to decide which of them would appear on the 1955 records as the holder of the President's Cup.

Solomon gave a perfect example of the game; the triple peel which embellished it was one of exceptional skill. He had very meagre material from which to weave his first break; but it soon was brought into a perfect pattern and the clips placed, one on the second hoop, the other on 4-back.

Cotter missed the lift shot, and away went his opponent to manufacture a second break and its—for him—natural accompaniment the triple peel. The peel through the 4-back hoop was done at the usual time, but the penultimate peel was a delightful example of the player's skill. He had no ball at 1-back, a ball at 2-back, and the other three balls close together near the penultimate hoop. The peel was done with a little split shot that also gave the striker a perfect rush on the third ball to 1-back. The break continued with exemplary play, the single peel through the rover hoop was accomplished, and Solomon had won 11 games to Cotter's 10. As they each won their 14th game Solomon became the winner of the 1955 President's Cup.

ANALYSIS OF PLAY

J. W. Solomon won 12 games: namely, against E. P. C. Cotter +26, Miss D. A. Lintern +22 +22, Miss D. D. Steel +26 +25, R. F. Rothwell +16 +23, Mrs. E. Rotherham +3 +14, M. B. Reckitt +26, Dr. H. J. Penny +5 +25. And lost 2 games to: E. P. C. Cotter—3, M. B. Reckitt—26.

E. P. C. Cotter won 11 games: namely, against Miss D. A. Lintern +12 +17, J. W. Solomon +3, Miss D. D. Steel +15 +25, R. F. Rothwell +17, Mrs. E. Rotherham +18, M. B. Reckitt +22 +14, Dr. H. J. Penny +17 +17. And lost 3 games to: J. W. Solomon—26, R. F. Rothwell—2, Mrs. E. Rotherham—16.

M. B. Reckitt won 10 games: namely, against Miss D. A. Lintern +25, J. W. Solomon +26, Miss D. D. Steel

+15 +25, R. F. Rothwell +26 +3, Mrs. E. Rotherham +15 +11, Dr. H. J. Penny +17 +14. And lost 4 games to: E. P. C. Cotter—22—14, Miss D. A. Lintern—22, J. W. Solomon—26.

Mrs. E. Rotherham won 7 games: namely, against E. P. C. Cotter +16, Miss D. A. Lintern +18 +13, Miss D. D. Steel +11, R. F. Rothwell +25, Dr. H. J. Penny +9 +23. And lost 7 games to: E. P. C. Cotter—18, J. W. Solomon—3—14, Miss D. D. Steel—14, R. F. Rothwell—8, M. B. Reckitt—15—11.

R. F. Rothwell won 7 games: namely, against E. P. C. Cotter +16, Miss D. A. Lintern +21, Miss D. D. Steel +8 +2, Mrs. E. Rotherham +8, Dr. H. J. Penny +4 +22. And lost 7 games to: E. P. C. Cotter—17, Miss D. A. Lintern—25, J. W. Solomon—16—23, Mrs. E. Rotherham—25, M. B. Reckitt—26—3.

Miss D. A. Lintern won 4 games: namely, against Miss D. D. Steel +11, R. F. Rothwell +25, M. B. Reckitt +22, Dr. H. J. Penny +5. And lost 10 games to: E. P. C. Cotter—12—17, J. W. Solomon—22—22, Miss D. D. Steel—2, R. F. Rothwell—21, Mrs. E. Rotherham—18—13, M. B. Reckitt—25, Dr. H. J. Penny—10.

Miss D. D. Steel won 3 games: namely, against Miss D. A. Lintern +2, Mrs. E. Rotherham +14, Dr. H. J. Penny +22. And lost 11 games to: E. P. C. Cotter—15—25, Miss D. A. Lintern—11, J. W. Solomon—26—25, R. F. Rothwell—8—2, Mrs. E. Rotherham—11, M. B. Reckitt—15—25, Dr. H. J. Penny—10.

Dr. H. J. Penny won 2 games: namely, against Miss D. A. Lintern +10, Miss D. D. Steel +10. And lost 12 games to: E. P. C. Cotter—17—17, Miss D. A. Lintern—5, J. W. Solomon—5—15, Miss D. D. Steel—10, R. F. Rothwell—4—22, Mrs. E. Rotherham—9—23, M. B. Reckitt—17—14.

THE SURREY CUP

For the first time in the history of the game another cup was played for simultaneously with the President's Cup. There were also only eight competitors; and far from disparaging their quality they might justly claim to be playing in the next best thing to the President's Cup itself.

As in the long established Event, there were, among the eight players, two or three, that soon established themselves as likely to provide the actual winner. After the First Series, for instance, Col. D. W. Beamish, M. Spencer Ell, and Major J. W. Cobb, had each won five of their seven games.

This position of quality continued in the Second Series, and Beamish and Spencer Ell provided considerable speculation as to which would finally come through as the first holder of the Surrey Cup.

The score of games denotes what a very little difference there was between Beamish and Spencer Ell. Beamish was playing consistently well all through, and, in addition, stood out as the only competitor to include a triple peel among his 14 games. Cobb made a good start, but could not keep up the quality of his first few games.

Lady FitzGerald, and Mrs. L. H. Ashton, won seven games each, finishing fourth.

Miss M. J. Daldy, though winning only six of the fourteen games, was, we understand, short of practice.

Mrs. G. J. Turketine was in charge of the two Events and again gave every satisfaction to the competitors. Her consideration for their comfort and, when necessary, her firmness in directing and correcting any unpunctuality, was wonderful.

ANALYSIS OF PLAY

Col. D. W. Beamish won 11 games: namely, against Mrs. L. H. Ashton +8 +7, Major J. W. Cobb +6 +20, V. A. de la Nougerede +13 +26, J. G. Warwick +13 +11, Lady FitzGerald +25, M. Spencer Ell +18 +15. And lost 3 games to: Lady FitzGerald—18, Miss M. J. Daldy—20.

M. Spencer Ell won 10 games: namely, against Mrs. L. H. Ashton +23 +18, V. A. de la Nougerede +16 +8, Lady FitzGerald +3 +16, Miss M. J. Daldy +2 +22, J. G. Warwick +8 +2. And lost 4 games to: Major J. W. Cobb—5—8, Col. D. W. Beamish—18—15.

Major J. W. Cobb won 8 games: namely, against Mrs. L. H. Ashton +10, V. A. de la Nougerede +26 +20, J. G. Warwick +13, Lady FitzGerald +14, M. Spencer Ell +5 +8, Miss M. J. Daldy +14. And lost 6 games to: Mrs. L. H. Ashton—5, J. G. Warwick—5, Col. D. W. Beamish—6—20, Lady FitzGerald—17, Miss M. J. Daldy—13.

Lady FitzGerald won 7 games: namely, against Mrs. L. H. Ashton +5, Major J. W. Cobb +17, V. A. de la Nougerede +5 +11, J. G. Warwick +12, Col. D. W. Beamish +18, Miss M. J. Daldy +3. And lost 7 games to: Mrs. L. H. Ashton—11, Major J. W. Cobb—14, J. G. Warwick—14, M. Spencer Ell—3—16, Miss M. J. Daldy—17, Col. D. W. Beamish—25.

Mrs. L. H. Ashton won 7 games: namely, against Major J. W. Cobb +5, V. A. de la Nougerede +11, J. G. Warwick +8 +20, Lady FitzGerald +11, Miss M. J. Daldy +8 +4. And lost 7 games to: Major J. W. Cobb—10, V. A. de la Nougerede—6, Col. D. W. Beamish—8—7, Lady FitzGerald—5, M. Spencer Ell—23—18.

Miss M. J. Daldy won 6 games: namely, against Major J. W. Cobb +13, V. A. de la Nougerede +7, J. G. Warwick +12, Col. D. W. Beamish +2, +20, Lady FitzGerald +17. And lost 8 games to: Mrs. L. H. Ashton—8—4, Major J. W. Cobb—14, V. A. de la Nougerede—4, J. G. Warwick—1, Lady FitzGerald—3, M. Spencer Ell—2—22.

V. A. de la Nougerede won 4 games: namely, against Mrs. L. H. Ashton +6, J. G. Warwick +11 +11, Miss M. J. Daldy +4. And lost 10 games to: Mrs. L. H. Ashton—11, Major J. W. Cobb—26—20, Col. D. W. Beamish—13—26, Lady FitzGerald—5—11, M. Spencer Ell—16—8, Miss M. J. Daldy—7.

J. G. Warwick won 3 games: namely, against Major J. W. Cobb +5, Lady FitzGerald +14, Miss M. J. Daldy +11. And lost 11 games to: Mrs. L. H. Ashton—8—20, Major J. W. Cobb—13, V. A. de la Nougerede—11—11, Col. D. W. Beamish—13—11, Lady FitzGerald—12, M. Spencer Ell—8—2, Miss M. J. Daldy—12.

PARKSTONE (East Dorset)

AUGUST 29th—SEPTEMBER 3rd

With the knowledge that no recordable rain had fallen at Parkstone since the June tournament one might have expected to find unplayably fast courts, but with watering and the obvious careful attention put in by the new groundsman Abarrow (who looks like being a worthy successor to King who has now retired after many years valuable service) the courts were easy at the beginning of the week. The hot sun of the first four days and the wind and sun of the last two, however, made them progressively faster and more difficult.

Entries were slightly lower than those of the last few years but there were several new and welcome competitors including Major and Lady Ursula Abbey, Mrs. Craven and F. H. Fisher, most of whom featured in the prize list. Few games were very prolonged which enabled Mr. Ashton to complete all the advertised events after tea on Saturday as well as an extra event. How nice it is to be managed with such quiet and unobtrusive efficiency that one hardly realises that he is there. In my opinion the hallmark of a good manager. Long may his health allow him to carry on.

The usual, and now accepted, first-class lunches and teas, not to mention morning coffee, seem to be taken for granted at Parkstone. They were right up to the usual high standard thanks to Mrs. Ashton, Mrs. Baker and their many helpers.

The play during the week was not spectacular. There were no triples and only two double peels successfully completed. The Open Singles was won, as expected, by Mrs. Rotherham, although she had a long four-hour battle in the final against Col. Beamish and won only after much in and out play. The Ashton trophy was won by F. H. Fisher.

Miss A. E. Mills just got home against Wilson-Smith in the "B's" whilst Lady Ursula Abbey after a close fight with Capt. Millar in the final of the "Cs" finished with a perfect break.

The big handicap for the Cripps Gold Cup was a very open affair being won eventually by R. F. Rothwell from Major Abbey after the former had all but succumbed to Canon Creed Meredith in the semi-final. R. F.'s brother G. F. won it last year and due to a broken ankle was unable to defend it although he was able to come down for the Saturday complete in plaster to witness his brother's victory.

In the Doubles, G. Williams and Major Hill-Bernhard, seemed to have too many bisques in all their games, and

showed great reluctance to part with them. Hill-Bernhard, if he can steady down and study the tactics of the game should soon lose some of his bisques. The Doubles were not time limited, instead the shortened game of starting at the third hoop was employed to keep their duration reasonable, this system proving seemingly more popular with the competitors.

Mention should be made of the assistance rendered by the Automobile Association whose road signs with the simple direction "Croquet" introduced several parties of complete strangers as spectators, as well as assisting visiting players. Parkstone looks like obtaining several new members as a result.

I know all the visitors would wish me to say "thank you, Parkstone for having us—we shall be back."

OPEN SINGLES.

THE BOURNEMOUTH BOWL.

(17 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt V. de la Nougerede by 12.

SECOND ROUND.

G. Williams bt F. H. Fisher by 3.
R. F. Rothwell bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 11.
Rev. G. F. H. Elvey w.o. C. W. R. Hodges opponent scratched.

Mrs. Rotherham bt Major J. R. Abbey by 17.

J. K. Brown bt Mrs. M. W. Craven by 25.

Col. D. W. Beamish bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 25.

Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt W. W. Sweet Escott by 16.

Canon R. Creed Meredith bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 5.

THIRD ROUND.

G. Williams bt R. F. Rothwell by 6.

Mrs. Rotherham bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey by 24.

Col. D. W. Beamish bt J. K. Brown by 4.

Canon R. Creed Meredith bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 10.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. Rotherham bt G. Williams by 10.

Col. D. W. Beamish bt Canon R. Creed Meredith by 15.

FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 11.

OPEN SINGLES.

THE ASHTON TROPHY.

(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

V. de la Nougerede bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 6.

W. Sweet Escott bt Major J. R. Abbey by 14.

F. H. Fisher bt Mrs. M. W. Craven by 10.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 14.

SEMI-FINAL.

V. de la Nougerede bt W. W. Sweet Escott by 6.

F. H. Fisher bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 9.

FINAL.

F. H. Fisher bt V. de la Nougerede by 4.

LEVEL SINGLES (VARIATION B).

THE DESHON CUP.

(1½ to 4 Bisques).

(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss A. E. Mills bt Miss M. K. Haslam by 8.

Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin bt Miss D. M. Law by 11.

H. Wilson Smith bt Miss K. Ault by 7.

Miss M. C. Macaulay bt Mrs. J. A. McMorde by 6.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss A. E. Mills bt Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin by 7.

H. Wilson Smith bt Miss M. C. Macaulay by 22.

FINAL.

Miss A. E. Mills bt H. Wilson Smith by 7.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

THE HALSE SALVER.

(4½ Bisques and over).

(10 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Comdr. S. D. Wilson (12) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (9) by 12.

P. Eliot Scott (9) bt Mrs. G. M. Robertson (12) by 13.

SECOND ROUND.

Lady Ursula Abbey (4½) bt Major C. T. Carfrae (5) by 25.
Comdr. S. D. Wilson (12) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) by 14.
Major F. Hill-Bernhard (10) bt P. Eliot Scott (9) by 2.
Capt. K. B. Millar (5½) bt Mrs. S. D. Wilson (12) by 17.

SEMI-FINAL.

Lady Ursula Abbey (4½) bt Comdr. S. D. Wilson (12) by 14.
Capt. K. B. Millar (5½) bt Mrs. S. D. Wilson (12) by 8.

FINAL.

Lady Ursula Abbey (4½) bt Capt. K. B. Millar (5½) by 8.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(Unrestricted).

GOLD CUP.

(30 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Capt. K. B. Millar (5½) bt V. de la Nougerede (0) by 7.
F. H. Fisher (-1½) bt Miss M. K. Haslam (1½) by 1.
Major J. R. Abbey (½) bt H. Wilson Smith (1½) by 7.
Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (1) bt Miss K. Ault (3) by 11.
W. W. Sweet Escott (-½) bt Miss M. C. Macaulay (3½) by 22.
Major F. Hill-Bernhard (10) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-2) by 23.
Col. D. W. Beamish (-1½) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (2½) by 6.
Canon R. Creed Meredith (½) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (9) by 10.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) bt Mrs. M. W. Craven (1) by 17.
Lady Ursula Abbey (4½) bt Mrs. J. A. McMordie (3½) by 1.
Mrs. L. H. Ashton (-2) bt Miss G. L. Weston (11) by 18.
J. K. Brown (-1) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1½) by 6.
G. Williams (0) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) by 8.
R. F. Rothwell (-1½) bt Mrs. G. M. Robertson (12) by 20.

SECOND ROUND.

Capt. K. B. Millar (5½) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1½) by 26.
Major J. R. Abbey (½) bt F. H. Fisher (-1½) by 14.
Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (1) bt W. W. Sweet Escott (-½) by 22.
Col. D. W. Beamish (-1½) bt Major F. Hill Bernhard (10) by 6.
Canon R. Creed Meredith (½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) by 16.
Lady Ursula Abbey (4½) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton (-2) by 13.
G. Williams (0) bt J. K. Brown (-1) by 16.
R. F. Rothwell (-1½) bt P. Eliot Scott (9) by 9.

THIRD ROUND.

Major J. R. Abbey (½) bt Capt. K. B. Millar (5½) by 7.
Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (1) bt Col. D. W. Beamish (-1½) by 4.
Canon R. Creed Meredith (½) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (4½) by 8.
R. F. Rothwell (-1½) bt G. Williams (0) by 11.

SEMI-FINAL.

Major J. R. Abbey (½) bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (1) by 7.
R. F. Rothwell (-1½) bt Canon R. Creed Meredith (½) by 2.
R. F. Rothwell (-1½) bt Major J. R. Abbey (½) by 12.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Unrestricted).

(15 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (3) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornewill and Miss G. L. Weston (19) by 16.
W. W. Sweet Escott and Miss K. Ault (2½) bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Miss M. C. Macaulay (4½) by 6.
F. H. Fisher and V. A. de la Nougerede (-1½) bt J. Hewitt and Mrs. S. D. Wilson (11½) by 11.
Canon R. Creed Meredith and Major C. T. Carfrae (6) bt J. K. Brown and Capt. K. B. Millar (4½) by 10.
R. F. Rothwell and Mrs. J. A. McMordie (2) bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-3) by 12.
G. Williams and Major F. Hill Bernhard (10) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill and P. Eliot Scott (15) by 11.
Major J. R. Abbey and Lady Ursula Abbey (5) bt Mrs. T. H. F. Clarkson and Miss M. K. Haslam (1½) by 18.

SECOND ROUND.

W. W. Sweet Escott and Miss K. Ault (2½) bt Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (3) by 4.

F. H. Fisher and V. A. de la Nougerede (-1½) bt Canon R. Creed Meredith and Major C. T. Carfrae (6) by 5.
G. Williams and Major F. Hill Bernhard (10) bt R. F. Rothwell and Mrs. J. A. McMordie (2) by 11.

Mrs. L. H. Ashton and Mrs. M. W. Craven (-1) bt Major J. R. Abbey and Lady Ursula Abbey (5) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.

W. W. Sweet Escott and Miss K. Ault (2½) bt F. H. Fisher and V. de la Nougerede (-1½) by 6.

G. Williams and Major F. Hill Bernhard (10) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton and Mrs. M. W. Craven (-1) by 6.

FINAL.

G. Williams and Major F. Hill Bernhard (10) bt W. W. Sweet Escott and Miss K. Ault (2½) by 11.

CHEL TENHAM

(Non-Official)

SEPTEMBER 12th-17th

What is it that makes these non-official tournaments such very pleasant affairs? This one was particularly so.

The entry was very satisfactory—11 in the A event played under the "Two Life" system, in which 6 of that number were scratch or minus players—three other class events, and an "X.Y." with 31 entries.

One of the best performances of the week was Miss Parker's victory over Miss Steel in the final of the "Y". She receiving 9 bisques went out in 2 turns to win by 26 with 4 bisques in hand. Miss Steel only had one shot after the four balls were in play.

Later Miss Parker converted this event into a double win by her success in the B class. All full games in the Handicap Doubles event were completed within the time limit of 3½ hours.

The lawns were in excellent condition, a few early morning showers having taken away some of the difficulties experienced during the drought of earlier months.

Every event had reached its conclusion about 6 o'clock Saturday evening.

Many thanks were expressed to the Manager and Tournament Secretary, Mr. F. Langley, for the efficient running of the programme and mention should be made of the able assistance given in the secretarial work by Mrs. Langley.

OPEN SINGLES.

("Two Lives").

THE DRAW.

(11 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss D. D. Steel bt Comdr. D. Roe by 17.
Rev. G. F. H. Elvey bt G. Williams by 8.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt T. Wood-Hill by 15.

SECOND ROUND.

R. H. Newton bt F. H. Fisher by 8.
Miss D. D. Steel bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey by 2.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Major N. E. O. Thackwell by 15.
Major J. H. Dibley bt Mrs. G. Ozanne by 4.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss D. D. Steel bt R. H. Newton by 10.
Major J. H. Dibley bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 8.

FINAL.

Miss D. D. Steel bt Major J. H. Dibley by 20.

PROCESS.

(11 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. G. Ozanne bt Comdr. D. Roe by 14.
Major N. E. O. Thackwell bt R. H. Newton by 4.
F. H. Fisher bt Major J. H. Dibley by 7.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Mrs. G. Ozanne by 1.
Rev. G. F. H. Elvey w.o. Major N. E. O. Thackwell scratched.
Miss D. D. Steel bt T. Wood-Hill by 19.
F. H. Fisher bt G. Williams by 22.

SEMI-FINAL.

Rev. G. F. H. Elvey bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 3.
Miss D. D. Steel bt F. H. Fisher by 14.

FINAL.

Miss D. D. Steel bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey by 13.

Miss Steel Winner of Draw and Process.

PLAY-OFF (2nd Prize).

Rev. G. F. H. Elvey w.o. Major J. H. Dibley scratched.

LEVEL SINGLES.

(3 Bisques or more).

(6 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss H. D. Parker bt Mrs. S. Mathews by 16.
Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley by 13.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss H. D. Parker bt Miss M. Posford by 22.

Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels w.o. Mrs. W. A. Odling scratched.

FINAL.

Miss H. D. Parker bt Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels by 8.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(5½ to 9 Bisques).

(9 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. A. M. Daniels (7) w.o. N. B. Fuller (7) scratched.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. D. Roe (6½) bt Miss V. Bolton (9) by 10.
Mrs. M. P. Miller (8) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels (7) by 4.
Miss H. McKean (7½) bt Capt. V. G. Gilbey (7) by 21.
G. E. P. Jackson (7) bt Mrs. H. T. Farris (8) by 23.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. M. P. Miller (8) bt Mrs. D. Roe (6½) by 4.

Miss H. McKean (7½) w.o. G. E. P. Jackson (7) retired.

FINAL.

Mrs. M. P. Miller (8) bt Miss H. McKean (7½) by 9.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(10 Bisques or over).

(6 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Major A. P. E. Knapp (10) bt Miss L. Wilkinson (14) by 13.
Miss W. Adye (10) bt Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (11) by 1.
Major F. Hill-Bernhard (10) bt Miss E. E. Bennett (14) by 13.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss W. Adye (10) bt Major A. P. E. Knapp (10) by 6.
Major F. Hill-Bernhard (10) bt Miss B. Conolly (14) by 23.

FINAL.

Major F. Hill-Bernhard (10) bt Miss W. Adye (10) by 16.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y.").

EVENT "X".

(31 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. S. Mathews (4) bt Miss L. Wilkinson (14) by 7.
F. Langley (1) bt Miss V. Bolton (9) by 10.
Miss E. E. Bennett (14) w.o. Mrs. W. A. Odling (3) retired.
Mrs. A. M. Daniels (7) bt Mrs. D. Roe (6½) by 6.
Mrs. G. Ozanne (1) w.o. N. B. Fuller (7) scratched.
Major N. E. O. Thackwell (1½) bt T. Wood-Hill (1½) by 10.
G. Williams (0) bt Mrs. M. P. Miller (8) by 8.
Mrs. A. V. Armstrong (5) bt Miss H. D. Parker (5) by 5.
F. Hill-Bernhard (10) bt Mrs. H. T. Farris (8) by 10.

Miss M. Posford (5) bt Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (11) by 12.
F. H. Fisher (-1½) bt Miss D. D. Steel (-4) by 20.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-2) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4½) by 2.
R. H. Newton (2) bt Comdr. D. Roe (2) by 6.
Major J. H. Dibley (½) bt Miss H. McKean (7½) by 8.
Capt. V. G. Gilbey (7) bt Capt. L. C. Adye (12) by 14.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. S. Mathews (4) bt F. Langley (1) by 6.
Mrs. A. M. Daniels (7) bt Miss E. E. Bennett (14) by 2.
Mrs. G. Ozanne (1) bt Major N. E. O. Thackwell (1½) by 7.
G. Williams (0) bt Mrs. A. V. Armstrong (5) by 14.
Major F. Hill-Bernhard (10) bt Miss M. Posford (5) by 10.
F. H. Fisher (-1½) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-2) by 14.
Major J. H. Dibley (½) bt R. H. Newton (2) by 11.
Capt. V. G. Gilbey (7) bt Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (5) by 16.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. A. M. Daniels (7) bt Mrs. S. Mathews (4) by 2.
G. Williams (0) bt Mrs. G. Ozanne (1) by 13.
F. H. Fisher (-1½) bt Major F. Hill-Bernhard (10) by 7.
Major J. H. Dibley (½) bt Capt. V. G. Gilbey (7) by 6.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. Williams (0) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels (7) by 13.
F. H. Fisher (-1½) bt Major J. H. Dibley (½) by 2.

FINAL.

G. Williams (0) bt F. H. Fisher (-1½) by 8.

EVENT "Y".

(15 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss L. Wilkinson (14) bt Miss V. Bolton (9) by 7.
Mrs. D. Roe (6½) w.o. Mrs. W. A. Odling (3) scratched.
Mrs. M. P. Miller (8) bt T. Wood-Hill (1½) by 14.
Miss H. D. Parker (5) bt Mrs. H. T. Farris (8) by 23.
Miss D. D. Steel (-4) bt Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (11) by 14.

Comdr. D. Roe (2) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4½) by 8.
Capt. L. C. Adye (12) bt Miss H. McKean (7½) by 5.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. D. Roe (6½) bt Miss L. Wilkinson (14) by 7.
Miss H. D. Parker (5) bt Mrs. M. P. Miller (8) by 6.
Miss D. D. Steel (-4) bt Comdr. D. Roe (2) by 14.
Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (5) Capt. L. C. Adye (12) by 12.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss H. D. Parker (5) bt Mrs. D. Roe (6½) by 14.
Miss D. D. Steel (-4) bt Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (5) by 5.

FINAL.

Miss H. D. Parker (5) bt Miss D. D. Steel (-4) by 26.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(10 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Rev. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-3) bt Major J. H. Dibley and Mrs. G. Mathews (4½) by 4.
W. P. Ormerod and Miss K. M. G. Ault (2½) bt R. H. Newton and Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (7) by 9.

SECOND ROUND.

G. Williams and F. Hill-Bernhard (10) bt Miss H. M. Parker and Mrs. A. M. Daniels (12) by 7.
Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (7) bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-3) by 15.
W. P. Ormerod and Miss K. M. G. Ault (2½) bt F. H. Fisher and T. Wood-Hill (0) by 10.
Comdr. D. Roe and Mrs. D. Roe (8½) bt A. V. Armstrong and Mrs. M. P. Miller (13) by 16.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. Williams and F. Hill-Bernhard (10) bt Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (7) by 2.
W. P. Ormerod and Miss K. M. G. Ault (2½) bt Comdr. D. Roe and Mrs. D. Roe (8½) by 6.

FINAL.

G. Williams and F. Hill-Bernhard (10) bt W. P. Ormerod and Miss K. M. G. Ault (2½) by 9.

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