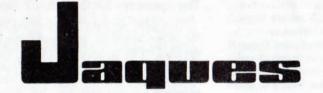
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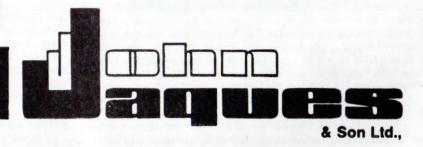
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World Croquet Championships

The offer of sponsorship for a World Croquet Championship has been withdrawn. Initial discussions between the C.A. and the sponsors proved very encouraging, but it was then discovered that the event would not be able to attract adequate publicity. Both the B.B.C. and I.T.V. decided that they could not give full television coverage for the event in 1980 and there seemed little prospect of obtaining such coverage in future years.

Chairman C.A. Council.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING to be held at The Hurlingham Club on

SATURDAY 19th APRIL 1980 at 11.30 am.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd June 1979 were published on Page 21, issue No. 152 (Summer 1979) of the Croquet

- Minutes of Special General Meeting held on 8th March 1980.
- President's Address
- Chairman's Report for 1979
- Treasurer's Report for 1979.

If passed by the Special General Meeting on 8th March 1980 under new rule XVI the Audited Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1979 will be available before the Meeting or sent by post on request to Associates in the United Kingdom.

Election of Treasurer.

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

Election of Members of the Council.

- (i) Under Rule VI(a) (i) the following members retire having completed their term of office and seek re-election:-D.C. Caporn, D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller, A.J. Girling, Mrs B. Meachem, Lt. Col. D.M.C. Prichard, K.S. Schofield.
- (ii) Under Rule XII the following members retire and seek re-G.B. Martin, Dr. R.F. Wheeler.
- (iii) Under Rule VI(a) (ii) having been proposed and seconded by two other Associates the following seeks election:-
- (iv) Dr. G.K. Taylor retires under Rule VI(a) (i) having completed his term of office and does not seek re-election.

Election of Auditors.

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

The names in the Benefactors Book to be read.

10. Any Other Business.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is given that a SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the Association has been called by the COUNCIL in accordance with Rule IV to be held at the Hurlingham Club on SATUR-DAY 8th MARCH 1980 at 11 am. for the purpose of conducting the following business:-

That Rule XVI be AMENDED by the DELETION of existing Rule XVI which reads as follows:-

ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Council shall submit to the Annual General Meeting a Report and Statement of Accounts for the preceding year accompanied by a report from the Auditors and signed by the Chairman of the Council, which shall be published in 'Croquet' or sent by post with the notice convening the Meeting.

and the SUBSTITUTION of the following new Rule:-

ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Council shall submit to the Annual General Meeting a Report and Statement of Accounts for the preceding year accompanied by a report from the Auditors and signed by the Chairman of the Council. The Annual Report and Statement of Accounts shall be published in 'Croquet' as soon as possible after they have been approved by the Council. Copies of these documents shall be available before the Meeting and on request shall be sent by post to individual Associates in the United Kingdom. R.F. Rothwell Secretary.

The Secretary & Editor.

The Secretary of the Croquet Association is Mr. R.F. Rothwell. The Hurlingham Club, London, SW6 3PR. Tel: 01-736 3148.

The Editor of the Croquet Gazette (from 1st January 1980) is Mr. D.R. Foulser. 17 Moorend Road, Leckhampton, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. Tel: Cheltenham (0242) 580295 (Home)

All Contributions should be sent to the Editor. They are not acknowledged but are most welcome. Please send EARLY do not wait for the deadline.

All Correspondence concerning non-delivery of Gazettes or incorrect addresses must be sent to the SECRETARY C.A. and NOT to the EDITOR.

Copy for the Winter Issue of the Gazette must reach the Editor not later than SATURDAY JANUARY 19th.

C.A. Directory 1980/81.

A new Directory for 1980/81 is in course of preparation. Associates and Clubs are asked to notify the C.A. Secretary as soon as possible of any alterations or additions to addresses, telephone numbers or postal codes for inclusion in the new Edition It is hoped to go to press as soon as possible.

MLM Mailings regret that they have again been unable to produce this issue on time. They are taking steps to resolve the internal difficulties which they have encountered.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

NEW ASSOCIATES

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- S Dr. Hilary L. Webb, Knockoulart, Shankill, County Dublin, Eire.

2. NEW MANAGERS

Dr. R.F. Wheeler, Mrs R.F. Wheeler.

3. NEW HANDICAPPERS

E.C. Avery, Dr. B.C. Sykes, H.B.H. Carlisle, Miss S.G. Hampson.

4. NEW REFEREE

C.G. Pountney.

5. ALTERATIONS IN THE CLUBS

Cheltenham — NEW CHAIRMAN (and Tournament Secretary) Miss M. J. Lodge, 15 Ricardo Road, Beacon Park, Minchinhampton, Stroud, Gloucestershire. Tel: Brimscombe (045 388) 3464.

Cheltenham — NEW SECRETARY, G.F. Blumer, CBE., 79 Naunton Park Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL53 7DG. Tel: (0242) 517218.

Walsall — New Address of Secretary:- M.S. Hare, 93 Greenwood Road, Aldridge, Walsall, WS9 8XW. Tel: (0922) 55695.

6. NEW SUBSCRIPTION RATES 1980

Subscription Rates are being raised as from 1st January 1980 as follows:

 Standard Rate
 from £5.00
 to £7.00

 Reduced Rate & Junior Rate
 from £2.50
 to £3.50

 Overseas Rate
 from £3.00
 to £4.00.

Those Associates who already pay by Bankers Order are asked to apply for a new form from the C.A. Secretary for forwarding to their Bank.

Those Associates who at present do not pay by Bankers Order are encouraged to do so as this saves much secretarial work and does ensure that the money comes to the Association when it is due. Forms can be obtained from the C.A. Secretary.

HANDICAP ALTERATIONS

Edgbaston (22-24 June) H.J. Bottomley 3 to 2.

Harrow Oak (July) P. Cordingley 9 to 8, J.E. Bardo 3½ to 2½.

Roehampton (June) S.M. Godsi 8(D7) to7.

Ryde (18–23 June) P. Bishop 4 to 3, F.H. Newman 7 to 6½, Mrs F.H. Newman 11 to 9(D8), R.W. Newnham 7 to 6½, P.H. Mann 5½ to 7, Mrs M.G. Tompkinson 12 to 11 (D10), H.G.B. Wagnell 7½ to 7, Miss J. Wraith 10 to 9.

Men's and Women's Championships (Cheltenham 18–23 June), Lady Bazley 6½ to 5½, I.D. Bond 2½ to 2, D.R. Foulser 1½ to 1, G. Noble ½ to 0, Dr. B.C. Sykes 2 to 1½, Mrs B.C. Sykes 6 to 5½, R.M. Hobbs *14. Oxford University (June) R.M. Hobbs *14 to 11, G.A.R. Cormack 14, F.J.R. Landor 9, S.J. Hobson 12, G.M. Lenox-Smith 14, N.P. Rhodes 8. Wrest Park (18–20 May) Mrs J. Anderson 11 to 10, Mrs V.D. Burgmann 9 to 11, A.C.W. Davies 4 to 3½, Dr. T.J. Haste 5 to 4½, M.G. Tompkinson 4 to 3.

Nottingham (29 June - 1 July) G.A.R. Cormack, R. Brabin *16 to 16 non-Associate, Mrs L. Death *16 to 16 non-Associate.

Bowdon (23-29 June) A. Collin 8 to 6½, D.R. Foulser 1 to ½, C. Hudson 4 to 3½, S.E. Lewis 8 to 6.

Veterens (Compton 26-30 June) G.A. Hutcheson 5 to 4½, A.W.D. Nicholls 6 to 5.

Budleigh Salterton (2 - 7 July).

Before play: S.F. Blackler 16(D14) to *14, Mrs S.F. Blackler 15(D14) *14.

During Play: R.M. Hobbs 11 to 9, S.F. Blackler *14 to 14(D12), F.J.R. Landor 9 to 7.

After Play: Mrs C. Bagnall 5 to 4½, S.F. Blackler 14(D12) to 12, Mrs S. F. Blackler *14 to 12, H.G.T. Bolton 1 to 2, R.M. Hobbs 9 to 7, F.J.R. Landor 7 to 6, Mrs C.W. Marshall 8 to 9, Dr. C.A. Parker 2½ to 3½, Miss P.E. Parker 9 to 7½, Mrs R.S. Stevens 9 to 8.

Colchester (9 - 14 July) R.S. Alford 3½ to 3, V.D. Burgmann 6 to 5½, Mrs I.L. Chadwick 10 to 9.

Roehampton (25 June - 1 July) I.D. Bond 2 to 1, P. Campion 8 to 7, S. M. Godsi 7 to 7(D5), Mrs B. Gosden 13 to 12, R.J. Smith 12 to 10, C.J. Hughes 10 (non-Associate), P.G. Gunn 7 (non-Associate).

Southwick (9 - 14 July) A.J. Betts 6½ to 5½, Dr. C.J. Chandler 10 to 9, R.M. Hobbs 7 to 5, F.J.R. Landor 6 to 3, M.F. Phelps 3 to 2.

Open Championships (Hurlingham 16 - 21 July) D.J. Croker 1 to 0.

Handicap Co-ordination Committee (July) Miss B. Duthie 2 to 4, Mrs B. G. Neal 5 to 6 (see Peels, May).

Southport & Birkdale (26 - 28 May)

Before Play: A. Collin 10 to 8.

After Play: J.H. Bowman 7 to 6, Mrs A. Hadcroft 10 to 9, Mrs P. Hague 11 to 10, T.J. Haste 4 to 3.

Cheltenham (22 – 29 July) Mrs E. Asa-Thomas 3½ to 3, A. Bennet 4½ to 4, Mrs D.J. Croker 8 to 7½, Dr. M. Murray –1½ to –2, Mrs H.M. Read 4½ to 6, G. Sisum 8 to 6½, Mrs B.C. Sykes 5½ to 5.

Colchester (24 July) M. Avery 10 to 8.

Hurlingham (2 – 11 August) P.L. Alvey 3 to 1½, J.E. Bardo 2½ to 2, J. S.H. Battison 3 to 2½, Lady Bazley 5 to 4½, Mrs E.E. Bressey 4½ to 4, Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle 2 to 1½, Dr. O.A. Kerensky 6½ to 6, J.G.O. Miller 10 to 9, G.R.D. Solomon 9 to 8, J.R.N. Lisle *13(D12) to 13(D11).

Southwick (13 – 18 August) M.F. Phelps 2 to 1, Mrs W.A. Scarr 7 to 6½. Club Recommendations:

W.J. Baverstock 4½, Miss C. Cox 6½ to 6, Mrs F.S. Fox 10, Mrs E.A. Jackson 9, Mrs T.F. Owen 14(D12), Mrs M. Rankin 11, Mrs E.M. Speer 5, Miss M.K.A. Towers 7½ to 9.

Nottingham (3 - 8 August)

During Play: J. McCullough 5 to 3.

After Play: P.V. Cozens 3 to 2½, A.J. Girling 2½ to 2, Dr. R.C. Jones 6 to 5½, D. de Q. Lenfestey 4½ to 6, J. McCullough 3 to 2½, J.L. McDonald 7 to 6½, J.C. Straw 9 to 8, Dr. I.G. Vincent 1 to ½, I.H. Wright 1 to 2½.

Club Recommendations: A.J. Bucknell 6 to 7, Mrs A.J. Bucknell 9(D8) to 10, C. Chamberlain 6½ to 8, Mrs C. Chamberlain 8 to 10.

All-England Handicap — Area Final (Colchester 18 August)
J. Piper 16 to 13 (non-Associate).

Handicap Co-ordination Committee (August) Mrs A.D. Karmel 6% to 7, J.T.C. Lindsay 5% to 4%.

Jeallots Hill (August) D.E. Wood 10(D8) to 9(D8).

Carrickmines (13 – 18 August) R.J. Leonard 3½ to 4, Mrs R.J. Leonard 5½ to 7 (non-Associate), Dr. H.L. Webb 12 to 11 (non-Associate), F. Rogerson 14 to 11, (non-Associate), M.B. McWeeney 4½ to 4)non-Associate).

Budleigh Salterton (August) Mrs G.H. Mapstone 8 to 7.

All-England Handicap Area Final (Compton 18 – 19 August) J. Franklin 9 to 7 (non-Associate).

Cheltenham (Trophies Week 4-12 August) R.L.S. Berkeley 9 to 8, Mrs C. Chard 16(D14) to 12(D10), F.J. Exell 16(D14) to 12(D10), R.M. Hobbs 5 to 4½, S.J.H. Hoole 6 to 5, Mrs G.T. Wheeler 2 to 3.

Colchester (25 - 27 August) Mrs C. Chard 12 to 8, Dr. T.J. Haste 3 to 2.

Hunstanton (27 August - 1 September) M. Avery 8 to 7, D.L. Godfree 10 to 9, S.J.W. Hoole 5 to $4\frac{1}{2}$, P.M. Johnson 4 to $3\frac{1}{2}$, Mrs P. Sheldon 10 to 9, M.J. Tapp $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 1.

Ladies Field Cup (Budleigh Salterton 18 - 24 August) Mrs R.F. Wheeler 3 to 2½.

Correction. Lt. Col. A.W.D. Nicholls 71/2 to 6 (not 8).

LONGMAN CUP - 3rd Round

Southport & Birkdale bt Walsall 3-2
Bath bt Edgbaston 4-1
Hurlingham bt Roehampton 4-1
Oxford University bt British Airways 4-1

SEMI-FINALS

Bath bt Southport & Birkdale 3-2
Oxford University bt Hurlingham 5-0

INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP - 2nd Round

Hunstanton bt Nottingham 4–3
Harrow Oak bt Roehampton 4–3
Cheltenham bt Hurlingham 5–2
Phyllis Court bt Colworth 6–1

SEMI-FINALS

Hunstanton bt Harrow Oak 4-3 Cheltenham bt Phyllis Court 6-1

FINAL

Cheltenham bt Hunstanton 7-0

INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL (Played at Wrest Park - Sunday September 9th 1979)

Cheltenham 7 Hunstanton 0
Results (Cheltenham names first)

W. de B. PRICHARD & Dr. M. MURRAY bt J. Haigh & Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle +17, P.W. HANDS bt Mrs J. Neville Rolfe +16(Quintuple peel), A.B. HOPE bt Miss S. Hampson +26(Triple peel), W.de B. PRICHARD bt J. Haigh +25(Triple peel), Dr. M. MURRAY bt Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle +3 (Triple peel on opp.), A.B. HOPE bt Mrs J. Neville Rolfe +24, P.W. HANDS bt Miss S. Hampson +22.

A sunny day at Wrest Park saw a strong Cheltenham team regain the Inter-Club Championship they last held in 1976. Cheltenham started the Doubles with only one player (Martin Murray late — as usual.....) but after a bit of sparring William Prichard did 2 peels of a Quadruple and laid up for Martin to finish the game next turn. Meanwhile, Andrew Hope (fresh from the harvest) was giving Sarah Hampson a miserable time, winning +26 with a triple peel. Paul Hands (still suffering from shell-shock after a poor showing in the President's Cup) was soon struggling against Jane Neville Rolfe, who got both balls to the sixth hoop while Paul switched from Irish to Solomon grip (and back again) trying to effect a roquet. Suddenly Paul got going, and from a hit-in while he was for hoops 5 and 2-back, managed to finish the game with a quintuple peel — doing the last 4 peels as a straight quadruple.

Thus Cheltenham needed to win just one of the last four singles to be played in the afternoon. William Prichard obliged by beating John Haigh +25. John Haigh's spectacular attempt to jump over the peg (I mean attempt to jump his ball over the the peg) stopped all the other games - Martin Murray even managed to take a photo of the attempt - but it missed and William went out with a triple peel. Paul Hands was playing confidently against Sarah Hampson and did the 6 peels of a sextuple but could only peg out one ball. Sarah forgot the contact, and Paul soon hit-in to finish the game. Andrew Hope beat Jane Neville Rolfe fairly easily, but Martin Murray got involved in a thriller against Veronica Carlisle after tripling one of her balls out. Veronica hit-in from 30 yards and got a 3-ball break going, but unfortunately for Veronica and Hunstanton a long return roquet after 4 back was missed, and Martin didn't let her in again.

John Wheeler (who looked after us all day) presented the Salver to the winning team — who decided against a lap of honour round Wrest Park (it's a bit on the large side!). Instead the team celebrated with an ice-cream and a sit on the grass.

CORRESPONDENCE

Handicaps. Should they be raised?

from Mr D. V.H. Rees

Sir,

I wonder if the following ideas are worth considering in attempting to overcome the vexed question of correct handicapping.

- (1) Handicappers should have the ability to raise handicaps without the player's request.
- (2) After a player's handicap has 'stabilised' (this should occur on average in about 3 seasons) it should only be altered by the Handicapping Committee on the evidence of at least two tournaments. 'Stabilised' handicaps would be indicated by a letter 'S'.
- (3) No handicap alterations should be made where ladies oppose ladies.
- (4) Where ladies oppose men in handicap events the handicap of the ladies should be increased by 2 (say).
- Alterations based on weekend tournament results should be recommended with extreme caution since a cavalier spirit often prevails in these events.

I hope these suggestions will at least create a basis for creative discussion and possibly help to remove some of the anomolies that now exist.

Wrest Park Bedfordshire Yours sincerely D.V.H. Rees

An Ounce of Practice

from Lt. Col. A.W.D. Nicholls OBE., MC.

Sir,

What a splendid manager Tristam Owen must be. I was delighted to read of his experiment at Southwick of which he gives such a good account (CG 152). One can only hope that other managers will follow his example and that competitors will avail themselves of the opportunity thus offered.

I am grateful to Roy Wallis for his comments on my original letter, I was not aware of the point he makes, though possibly I should have been.

It is interesting to note that since Norah Adlam's letter much more has been said about practising being allowed if players wished to do so than had been said previously, in fact I had grown up to believe that it was just 'not done' to ask to be allowed to knock-up prior to a game. How mistaken can one be.

40 Willow Green Ingatestone Yours faithfully, A.W.D. Nicholls.



I SAY WOULD YOU MIND HITTING THEM AROUND A BIT SO I CAN TUNE IN!

The Problem of Side

In the Summer 1979 Gazette, Dr. C.A. Parker describes how when approaching a hoop from behind with a thin take-off, he uses that part of the face of the mallet which is nearer the hoop, thus imparting side which causes the ball to execute a fraction of a turn inwards towards the front of the hoop when coming to rest.

But, regardless of which part of the mallet face is used, this effect can always be observed if one takes off from the outside (the side further from the hoop) probably due to the slight rotation imparted by the sliding action against the croqueted ball. In support of this, try taking off from the inside of the croqueted ball when a turn in the opposite direction will be seen.

OLD BROWN

A Question of Tactics. 6. (C.G. 152 p6).

Surely the best plan is to shoot very softly at Blue? If Yellow hits he has the best chance of a two-ball break to finish (Blue would remain near penultimate). If he misses Black dare not play so little will be lost directly.

S.N. Mulliner.

Accommodation

The price of accommodation has risen so steeply that a number of players have been deterred from entering tournaments. Most Clubs will help would-be visitors to find the type of accommodation they want, but it has been suggested that Clubs

should maintain lists of the cheaper forms — such as holiday flatlets or bed and breakfast only. In addition the Croquet Gazette will print the names and addresses of any C.A. member who is willing to offer bed and breakfast to other players during tournaments (terms to be arranged privately).

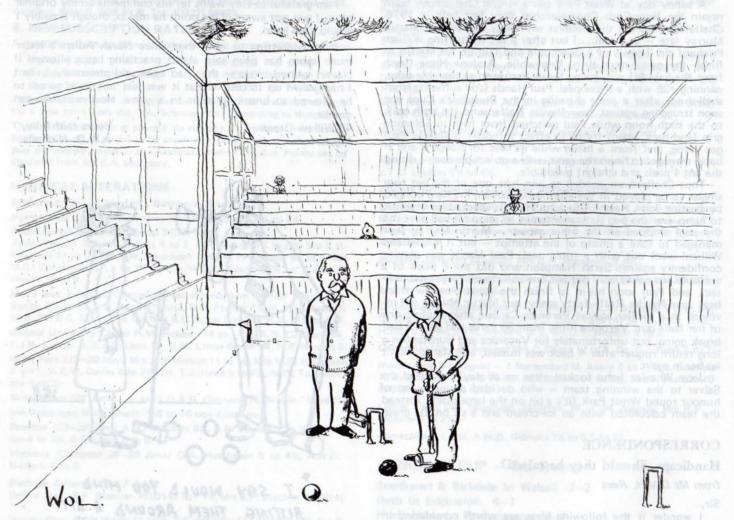
SCOTTISH CROQUET ASSOCIATION

SPRING WEEKEND TOURNAMENT I at Edinburgh 12 – 13 May.

Block 1. M.P.W. Smith (6) 3 wins (+16); I.H. Wright (1) 3 wins (+2 points); A.H.M. Adam (8) 2 wins (+14 points; R. Williams (2½) 2 wins (+12 points); Mrs V.M. MacPherson (7) 2 wins (-14 points); R.O. Calder (4) Nil.

Block 2. E.M. Bowie (3½) 4 wins; R.N. MacLean (1½) 3 wins (+16 points); Mrs M. Lauder (6½) 3 wins (0 points); P. Simpson (10) 2 wins; C.J. Tait (8) Nil (-40 points); J.E. Rowe (5½) Nil (-47 points).

Play-off:- E.M. Bowie bt M.P.W. Smith +15.



IT'S NO GOOD. I CAN'T PLAY WITH AN AUDIENCE.

C.A. DIRECTORY 1980/81

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Inter-County Championship 29 May-1 June.

The Counties started in its usual stuttering way. The last game on at Roehampton on Tuesday morning started at 11.30. This was because of the now standard reason that the Club had not been informed that it was taking place.

The decline of Berks and Oxon coincided with the absence of Aspinall, and others of the Test team did not make regular appearances for their respective Counties. William Prichard was absent throughout and Neal and Openshaw were sporadic players. On the other hand, Wylie appeared on Friday morning for the struggling Eastern Counties and won well. Cousins, electing to play for Middlesex in the absence of a true Shire County, was a major factor in their successful defence of the title. Sykes, playing for Berks and Oxon signalled his appearance with a triple-peel. Other newcomers included Matthew Tapp of Sussex, and Alvey and Mulliner of Surrey, all of whom seem to have promising futures in the game.

Middlesex had won the title by Thursday evening, which may have accounted for their whitewash at the hands of Surrey the next morning. In addition to Cousins, they welcomed back Townsend to their team who played soundly throughout. Though sometimes handicapped by Colin Prichard and Mrs Sundius-Smith, who both palpably failed to get to grips with double-banking, the imaginative Captaincy of Godby and the skills of Eric Solomon saw them through. Godby, injected the experience of both Col. and Mrs Prichard to clinch the victory that Middlesex so keenly wanted.

Surrey had to play under strength on occasions, winning all their matches when Neal was present. Pountney, Wiggins, Hamilton-Miller and Haigh were not at their best, but Camroux was in superb form, culminating in a brilliantly controlled break against Middlesex, with which even Wylie would have been pleased.

Northern Counties suffered most from the absence of Openshaw in one or two of the most crucial matches, but Rose and Bell both played consistantly well.

Sussex were cruelly handicapped by an injury to Tyrwhitt-Drake, and the unavailability of Tucker, probably their best player. Both were very much missed. Roger Wood manipulated his remaining resources well and Yallop, Borrett and Owen all performed creditably. Owen, in particular, made a couple of immaculate breaks, to take them to equal 2nd with 5 wins.

The whole of the Bedfordshire team were below their normal form. Davren appeared to be short of practice.

Midland Counties provided grace if not much good play. Mrs Meachem, Hopewell and Archer all looked very stylish.

Berks and Oxon were always going to struggle without Aspinall, who also was much missed, and they were further handicapped by the loss of form of Rothwell, the working Secretary, which coincided with the disappearance of his mallet. On the other hand both Croker and Mrs Croker look to be players of great potential.

The Eastern Counties finished last again but they improved their tally of wins by 3 games. Peter Hallett was their star player, when, of course, Wylie was not playing. Niether Judge Karmel nor Pearson were on top form, (at least on the court).

Carlisle Captained them thoughtfully but with little success.

Eric Solomon Managed well, and it is encouraging to see that the standard of play was higher than usual, double-banking excluded. Everyone still misses Devon, Perry, Cooper et alia, and Midland Counties badly missed Col. Cave. It is sad that they do not still come.

FINAL ORDER.

MIDDLESEX 6 wins. (15 games) R.A. Godby (Capt), C.H.J. Cousins, C.H.L. Prichard, Lt. Col. and Mrs D.M.C. Prichard, Dr. E. Solomon, Mrs B. Sundius-Smith, S.S. Townsend.

SURREY 5 wins (15 games) B.G. Neal (Capt), P.L. Alvey, A.V. Camroux, J. Haigh, D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller, G.B. Martin, S.N. Mulliner, C.G. Pountney, Dr. W.R.D. Wiggins.

SUSSEX 5 wins (13 games) Dr. R. Wood (Capt), Cmdr G. Borret, R.N. D.A. Harris, T.F. Owen, A.E.C. Tapp, M. Tapp, Mrs H.G. Wills, Dr B.D. Yallop.

NORTHERN COUNTIES 4 wins (12 games) J. Rose (Capt), J. Maude, J. Meads, D.K. Openshaw, D.G. Richardson, P. Stoker, E. Bell

BEDFORDSHIRE 4 wins (11 games) D.V.H. Rees (Capt), T. Anderson, E. Audsley, N. Davren, A. Dymont, H.C. Green, B. Harral, J.A. Wheeler.

BERKS and OXON 2 wins (7 games) R.F. Rothwell (Capt), G.H. Betts, I.D. Bond, R.F.A. Crane, D.J. Croker, Mrs D.J. Croker, J.H.J. Soutter, B.C. Sykes, Mr and Mrs B.G.F. Weitz, T.I. Wood.

MIDLAND COUNTIES 2 wins (8 games) D.C. Caporn (Capt), D. Archer, Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle, G. Hopewell, J. McLaren, Mrs B. Meachem, G. Noble, L. Wharrad, Dr. and Mrs R.F. Wheeler.

EASTERN COUNTIES Nil wins (3 games) H.B.H. Carlisle (Capt), Mrs E.E. Bressey, Miss S. Hampson, Judge A.D. Karmel, Mrs B.G. Neal, M. Pearson, K.F. Wylie. P.D. Hallett, A.W. Skempton, E.B.T. Tanner.

GRADES FOR 1979 (1) ending 31st JULY 1979

1 D.K. Openshaw	177	21	R.A. Godby	12
2 W. De B. Prichard	171	22	P.J.M. Fidler	12
3= D.J. Croker	166	23	A.J. Cooper	12
3= Dr. M. Murray	166	24=	C.H.L. Prichard	12
5 Dr. E.W. Solomon	164	24=	S. Tapp	12
6 G.N. Aspinall	161	26=	P. Newton	12
7 M.E.W. Heap	158	26=	B. Weitz	12
8 Prof. B.G. Neal	157	28	M.J. Evans	11
9 T.O. Read	156		T.F. Owen	11
10 G.W. Noble	155	30		11
11 K.F. Wylie	152	31	L.S. Butler	11
12 P.W. Hands	145		Dr. W. Ormerod	11
13 A.B. Hope	142	32=	D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller	11
14 G.E.P. Jackson	141	32=	J.H.J. Soutter	11
15 S.N. Mulliner	139	32=	B.C. Sykes	11
16 S.R. Hemsted	135	36	G. Birch	11
17=G.J. Roberts	132	37	A. Coleman	11
17=S.J.H. Wright	132	1000	Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle	11
19 I.H. Vincent	131	38=	J.G.C. Phillips	11
20 D.R. Foulser	128	40	E. Bell	11
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NOTE

The game scores on which these grades are based are calculated by a new formula which will be fully explained in an article which it is hoped to publish in a forthcoming issue. In brief, the system is now able to use the results of all Open Games between players of any grade.

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Weekend Tournaments

Wrest Park II (Open) 6 - 8 July

Block A. MURRAY 6 wins bt Foulser +17, Hemsted +8, Mulliner +15, Openshaw +26, Phillips +15, Roberts +10. P.W. Hands 5 wins bt Hemsted +26, Mulliner +5, Murray +11, Phillips +23, Roberts +25. S.N. Mulliner 4 wins bt Hemsted +26, Openshaw +6, Phillips +5, Roberts +8. D.K. Openshaw 4 wins bt Foulser +12, Hands +5, Hemsted +3, Phillips +17. D. Foulser 3 wins bt Hands +26, Hemsted +14, Mulliner +10. J. Phillips 2 wins bt Foulser +2, Roberts +24. G. Roberts 2 wins bt Foulser +24, Openshaw +12. S. Hemsted 2 wins bt Phillips +11, Roberts +14.

Block B. I.D. BOND 6 wins bt Bell +3, Green +15, Keen +17, Rose +14, Ruddock +5, Wheeler +4. J.A. Wheeler 5 wins bt Bell +3, Green +16, Keen +20, Ruddock +19, Sykes +16. J. Rose 4 wins bt Green +11, Ruddock +9, Sykes +23, Wheeler +22. B.C. Sykes 4 wins bt Bell +16, Bond +1, Green +2, Ruddock +22. B.A. Keen 4 wins bt Bell +10, Rose +5, Ruddock +1, Sykes +15. H.C. Green 3 wins bt Bell +3(T), Keen

Ruddock +6. E. Bell 2 wins bt Rose +5(T), Ruddock +22. J.C. Ruddock Nil.

Block C. A. GIRLING 6 wins 51 points bt Hopewell +5, Meads +18, Neville-Rolfe +9(T), Norman +5, Stoker +13, Wheeler +2(T). J. Coutts 6 wins 21 points bt Girling +1, Hopewell +1(T), Meads +8, Neville Rolfe +7(T), Norman +2(T), Stoker +9. Mrs D.A.B. Wheeler 5 wins bt Coutts +7, Meads +1(T), Neville Rolfe +1(T), Norman +7, Stoker +15. J. Meads 4 wins bt Hopewell +1, Neville Rolfe +14, Norman +6, Stoker +6. G.C. Hopewell 3 wins bt Norman +6, Stoker +17, Wheeler +13. P. Stoker 2 wins bt Neville Rolfe +7, Norman +6(T). N.A.J. Norman 1 win bt Neville Rolfe +15, Mrs J. Neville Rolfe 1 win bt Wheeler +1

Block D. E. Audsley 5 wins 51 points bt Alvey +10, Dumont +1(T), Harral +21, Sykes +13, Wheeler +14. T.W. Anderson 5 wins 44 points bt Audsley +8, Dumont +22, Harral +4(T), Sykes +1(T), Wheeler +12. R. Wheeler 3 wins bt Alvey +15, Dumont +3, Harral +2(T). Mrs S. Sykes 3 wins bt Dumont +1(T), Harral +9(T), Wheeler +5(T). A.G. Dumont 2 wins bt Alvey +10, Harral +2(T). P. Alvey 2 wins bt Anderson +3(T), Sykes +18. B.B. Harral 1 win bt Alvey +11.

There was a high quality field again this year. In Block A. there were five players from the President's Cup, two of whom were in the 1979 Great Britain Team. In spite of the strong entry, there were no triple peels completed. Was it the tight hoops and the fast lawns?

During the tournament, the Beddows Cup was on display. This trophy was won outright by D.D. Steel in 1933 and its whereabouts had been a mystery for many years until last autumn when Tom Anderson spotted 'Croquet Cup for Sale' in a local paper. It is now owned jointly by the Andersons and the Wheelers.

Colchester Weekend Tournament 25 - 27 August

Swiss Handicap Singles (3½ hr. time limit)

6 wins. Mrs C. CHARD (12) -5 wins. Dr. T.J. Haste (3) -4 wins. I.D. Bond (1), G. Henshaw (3), E.A. Locke (5), Mrs R.F. Wheeler (2½), K.F. Wylie (-2%) -3 wins. R.S. Alford (3), G.S. Digby (2), D.R. Foulser (½), R.A. Girling (10), Mrs J.A. Hetherington (10), R.D.C. Prichard (2) -2 wins. Mrs G.S. Digby (3), Mrs F. Stanley-Smith (7), Dr. R.F. Wheeler (5) -1 win. Mrs L.L. Duveen (8) final game unfinished, J.H.T. Griffiths (8) final game unfinished, Miss A.M. Ryan (10) final game unfinished - Nil. Dr. W.W. Dean (10) final game unfinished.

Compton Open Weekend 28 - 29 July

BLOCK A.

J.G.C. PHILLIPS (6 wins) bt E.J. Tucker +15, Dr. I.G. Vincent +25(TP) Dr. B.D. Yallop +2, D.K. Openshaw +7, E.E. Rees +10, Dr. R. Wood +6 Openshaw (5 wins) bt Tucker +23, Vincent +26(TP), Yallop +26, Rees +26(TP), Wood +22, Yallop (4 wins) bt Tucker +15, Vincent +9, Rees +18, Wood +15. Vincent (3 wins) bt Tucker +12, Rees +15, Wood +3, Wood (1 win) bt Rees +3, Tucker (1 win) bt Wood +4. Rees (1 win) bt Tucker +3

BLOCK B.

S.N. MULLINER (6 wins) bt J.C. Ruddock +16, J. Rose +14, H.G. Drake +26(TP), Cdr. G. Borrett +16, E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +23, Dr. D. Parker +22, Borrett (4 wins) bt Ruddock +2, Rose +9, Tyrwhitt-Drake +8, Parker +10. Rose (3 wins) bt Ruddock +11, Tyrwhitt-Drake +8, Parker +9. Tyrwhitt-Drake (3 wins) bt Ruddock +3, Drake +14, Parker +5. Ruddock (2 wins) bt Drake +1, Parker +19. Parker (1 win) bt Drake +26. Drake (1 win) bt Borrett +11.

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Play-off: PHILLIPS bt Mulliner +21.

Sweltering day on Saturday followed, as last year, by storms and torrential rain on Saturday night. The Courts were flooded on Sunday morning and we lost just over an hour's play.

Drizzle for most of the day. With the slower lawns, out came the peeling finishes — 4 triples and a double. Steven Mulliner's triple took 32 minutes! — made at a trot.

John Ruddock snapped the head of his mallet clean off attempting a big split on a soggy lawn.

John Phillips retained the COWHorn beating David Openshaw in his block by coming from behind; and giving Mulliner little chance in the Play-off after Mulliner attempted the standard John Solomon sextuple leave after his first break, but did not make the sixth hoop and accidently wired John's yellow from everything!

Only 1 game (Rose v Drake) was not finished.

Bowdon Weekend Tournament 24 - 27 August

Block A. J.H. BOWMAN (6) 5 wins +62, M.H. Sandler (5) 5 wins +46, J. Rose (½) 4 wins, G.K. Collin (12) 3 wins -3, P. Stoker (2½) 3 wins -33, D.J. Kelly (9) 1 win, Mrs J. Ashton (12) Nil.

Block B. A.J. COLLIN (6%) 4 wins, M. Kolbuszewski (5) 3 wins +34, D.A. Parker (3) 3 wins +18, E. Bell (1) 3 wins +5, W.O. Aldridge (9) 2 wins, Mrs M.C. Cotterell (15) Nil.

Block C. K. COTTERELL (14) 5 wins, J.D. Meads (2) 4 wins, Mrs P. Hague (10) 2 wins +1, M. Hopwood (6) 2 wins -3, A Bennett (4) 1 win -40, C. Hudson (3½) 1 win -50.

Block D. B.A. KEEN (1) 4 wins +48, Mrs N. Tyldesley (5) 4 wins +20, A.C. Mason (12) 3 wins, E.L. Gardiner (9) 2 wins, I. Glass (14) 1 win -24, W.E. Black (4) 1 win -32.

Play-off for REED CUP

Semi-final: Collin bt Bowman +1(T), Keen bt Cotterell +16.

Final: KEEN bt Collin +10.

NOTES:- Four days perfect croquet weather, a large entry, a number of younger players playing in their first tournament, and excellent catering provided by the ladies of the Bowdon Club made this a most successful tournament.

Cheltenham Weekend III 25 - 27 August

Block A. P.W. HANDS (-2) 5 wins +48, Dr. C.B. Snowdon (4) 4 wins +30, B.C. Sykes (1½) 4 wins, Mrs W.J. Sturdy (7) 4 wins, Mrs M. Warren (10) 1 win, Mrs R.F. Crane (10) 1 win, Lady Bazley (5) 1 win.

Block B. G.E.P. JACKSON (-½) 6 wins, Mrs J.H.J. Soutter (7) 4 wins, L.G. Ayliffe (5½) 4 wins, R.M. Hobbs (4½) 3 wins, Miss J. Wraith (9) 2 wins, Mrs J. Povey (3) 2 wins, Capt. P. Reid (10) Nil.

Block C. D.J. CROKER (0) 6 wins, C.G. Pountney (1) 5 wins, A. Warren (10) 3 wins, Mrs K. Yeoman (9) 3 wins, R.B.W. Gladstone (5) 2 wins, A. Blenkin (8) 1 win, Mrs Roberts (3) 1 win.

Block D. J. McCULLOUGH (2½) 6 wins, R.F. Crane (3½) 4 wins, Rev. W.E. Gladstone (0) 4 wins, Mrs J. Exell (10) 3 wins, Mrs D.J. Croker (7½) 2 wins, Miss E.H. Arkell (3½) 2 wins, Mrs M. Langley (14) Nil.

Block E. R.L.S. BERKELEY (9) 5 wins +60, N.A.J. Norman (3) 5 wins +58, G.F. Blumer (5½) 5 wins +49, Miss M.J. Lodge (6½) 3 wins, J.H.J. Soutter (0) 2 wins, G. Betts (3½) 1 win, Mrs F.E. Pearson (12) Nil.

Block F. Dr. G. ROBERTS (0) 4 wins +41, Miss I.M. Roe (5½) 4 wins +23, M.J. Duck (5½) 4 wins +5, Miss A. Searle (8) 3 wins, F.E. Pearson (3) 3 wins, W.J. Sturdy (3½) 3 wins, Mrs V. Worsley (12) Nil.

Southwick I. 21-26 May

Despite a cold wind and some rain, everyone at Southwick had a good week. The standard of the croquet was variable so early in the season and consequently some shone and others did not.

Cyril Pountney, in his game against Dudley Hamilton—Miller, caused much joy when taking a half bisque to remove Dudley from the jaws of 4 back, he played an almighty vengeful swipe causing his ball to perform a jump shot leaving Dudley's ball still comfortably seated in the hoop!

For the first time, a five minutes knock up was introduced before each game, by Tristam Owen who ably assisted by Edith Tucker gave us an efficient and happy tournament. The food, thanks to Hilda Wells and her capable band of helpers was splendid -- in short a very good time was had by all.

Results.

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SWISS EVENT (Games 26, 18 and 14 points according to handicap). 8 Wins: J. GOSDEN (6).

6 Wins: C.G. Pountney (1½), Mrs N.W.T. Cox (3), W.E. Moore (0), T.F. Owen (0).

5 Wins. N.W.T. Cox (½), D.S. Jones (11), D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller (1), Mrs T.F. Owen (16D14), C.E. Knight (4½), E.B.T. Tanner (6½).

4 Wins. H.A. Sheppard (4), Mrs S.J. Turner (5), Dr. C. Chandler (10), Mrs C.A. Grout (9), Mrs F.F.W. Staddon (5), Mrs G. Day (8), Mrs R.E Tucker (4½), Mrs D.M. Jones (7½).

3 wins. G.T. Griffiths (8), Mrs D. Linstaed (7), Miss M. Anderson (5), Mrs E.B.T. Tanner (12), Mrs M.M. Edwards (7), G.T. Coates (5½), G.F. Paxon (5½), Mrs A. Millns (9), Miss D. Parker (6).

2 wins. C.A. Grout (10), Mrs E. Lewis (8).

1 Win. Mrs D. Waterhouse (10), Mrs M. Rankin (11).

X HANDICAP DOUBLES (14 pairs) (3½ hours, Third hoop start). Semi-finals: J. Gosden & Mrs M. Rankin (17) bt W.E. Moore & Mrs D. Linstead (7) +21. Mr & Mrs T.F. Owen (14) bt Mr & Mrs E.B. Tanner (18½) +15.

Final: GOSDEN & MRS RANKIN bt Mr & Mrs Owen +10.

Y HANDICAP DOUBLES (7 pairs) (3½ hours, Fifth hoop start) Semi-finals; C.E. Knight & G.A. Hutcheson (9½) bt G.F. Paxon & Mrs E. Lewis (14½) +8. C.G. Pountney & Mrs S.J. Turner (6½) bt Mr & Mrs S.A. Jones (18½) +4.

Final: POUNTNEY & MRS TURNER bt Knight & Hutcheson +3T.

Parkstone. 4-9 June

Event 1: Open Singles (entries 9)

DRAW

First Round: Mrs N.A.C. McMillan bt Air Cmdr J.H. Gresswell +3. Second Round: Dr. W.P. Ormerod bt Dr. C.A. Parker +26, K.F. Wylie bt Mrs N.A.C. McMillan +23, Rev W.E. Gladstone bt L.S. Butler +5, Col. E.L.L. Vulliamy bt P.L. Alvey +3.

Semi-finals: Wylie bt Ormerod +16, Gladstone bt Vulliamy +4.

Final: Wylie bt Gladstone +24.

PROCESS

First Round: Dr. W.P. Ormerod bt P.L. Alvey +14.

Second Round: Ormerod bt Mrs N.A.C. McMillan +18, L.S. Butler bt K.F. Wylie +3, Rev W.E. Gladstone bt Dr. C.A. Parker +16, Col. E.L.L. Vulliamy bt Air Cmdr J.H. Greswell +15.

Semi-finals: Butler bt Ormerod +6, Vulliamy bt Gladstone +4. Final: WYLIE bt Butler +26.

Event 2: Level Singles (entries 17)

First Round: R.H.C. Carder bt Miss J.E. Assheton +14.

Second Round: J.H.T. Griffiths bt R.A. Welch +18, A. Rushbrooke bt Mrs G.H. Mapstone +16, Miss M.G. Anderson bt Mrs G.L. Ormerod G.N. Leech bt R.H.C. Carder +16, P.J. Shephard bt Dr. J.A. McMordie +11, Mrs W.A. Scarr bt Mrs G.C. Day +9, Mrs E. Asa-Thomas bt Mrs L. M. Bishop +14, W.A. Scarr bt G.H. Mapstone +10.

Third Round: Rushbrooke bt Griffiths +16, Leech bt Miss Anderson w.o. opp. rtd, Shephard bt Mrs Scarr +10, Mrs Asa-Thomas bt Scarr +8. Semi-finals: Leech bt Rushbrooke +12, Mrs Asa-Thomas bt Shephard w.o. opp. scr.

Final: MRS ASA-THOMAS bt leech +11.

Event 3 Handicap Singles (entries 6) (10 Bisques and over)

First Round: Miss A.R. Robertson (11) bt Mrs S.P.Y. Whitby (15) +18, Miss P.E. Parker (10) bt Mrs D. Mitchell (12) +9.

Semi-finals: Mrs C.A. Parker (15) bt Miss Robertson +5, Miss Parker bt Mrs E.V.W. Deakin (13) +10.

Final: MISS PARKER bt Mrs Parker +12.

Event 4X. Handicap Singles.

First Round: Mrs E. Asa-Thomas (4) bt Miss P.E. Parker (10) +3T, P.J. Shephard (9) bt Mrs E.V.W. Deakin (13) +19, Mrs D. Mitchell (12) bt R.A. Welch (7½) +6T, Dr. J.A. McMordie (8) bt Miss A.R. Robertson (11) +15, Miss J.E. Assheton (9) bt Mrs C.A. Parker (15) +5T, Mrs L.M. Bishop (9) bt Miss M.G. Anderson (5) +6, Mrs N.A.C. McMillan (3) bt H.T. Griffiths (8) +5, Dr. C.A. Parker (2½) bt Mrs S.P.Y. Whitby +21, L.S. Butler (1) bt Col. E.L.L. Vulliamy (2) +25, P.L. Alvey (3½) bt A.

Rushbrooke (6½) +6, Rev. W.E. Gladstone (0) bt G.H. Mapstone (8) Mrs G.H. Mapstone (8) bt Mrs G.L. Ormerod (9) +6, W.A. Scarr (6) bt Air Cmdr J.H. Greswell (3) +17, G.N. Leech (4½) bt Mrs W.A. Scarr (7) +7T

Second Round: Mrs Asa-Thomas bt Mrs G.C. Day (8) +6, Shephard bt Mrs Mitchell +14, McMordie bt Miss Assheton +21, Mrs McMillan bt Mrs Bishop +9, Dr. Parker bt Butler +10, Alvey bt Gladstone +17, Scarr bt Mrs Mapstone w.o. opp. scr., Leech bt R.H. Carder (4½) +18. Third Round: Shephard bt Mrs Asa-Thomas +8, McMordie bt Mrs McMillan +22. Alvey bt Dr Parker +8, Scarr bt Leech +21.

Semi-final: Shephard bt McMordie +21, Scarr bt Alvey +9. Final: SHEPHARD bt Scarr +22.

Event 4Y. Handicap Singles.

First Round: Mrs G.C. Day (8) bt Miss P.E. Parker (10) +1T, Mrs Deakin (13) bt Mrs C.A. Parker (15) +2, R.A. Welch (7½) bt Miss A.R. Robertson (11) +7, Miss M.G. Anderson (5) bt J.H.T. Griffiths (8) +2, Col. E.L.L. Vulliamy (2) bt Mrs S.P.Y. Whitby (15) +19, G.H. Mapstone (8) bt A. Rushbrooke (6½) +16, Air Cmdr. J.H. Greswell (3) bt Mrs G.L. Ormerod (9) +8, Mrs W.A. Scarr (6) bt R.H.C. Carder (4½) +14.

Second Round: Mrs Day bt Mrs Deakin w.o. opp. scr., Welch bt Miss Anderson +12, Col. Vulliamy bt Mapstone +7, Mrs Scarr bt Air Cmdr. Greswell +12'

Semi-final: Welch bt Mrs Day +1T, Col. Vulliamy bt Mrs Scarr +11. Final: WELCH bt Col. Vulliamy +5.

Event 5. Handicap Doubles. (14 pairs).

First Round: G.N. Leech & P.J. Shephard (13½) bt Mrs L.M. Bishop & Mrs E.V.W. Deakin (22) +17, R.A. Welch & Miss J.E. Assheton (16½) bt Air Cmdr J.H. Greswell & Miss P.E. Parker (13) +4T, Mrs N.A.C. McMillan & Dr. J.A. McMordie (11) bt Mr & Mrs G.H. Mapstone (16+13, L.S. Butler & Miss A.R. Robertson (11) bt Mrs G.L. Ormerod & Mrs S.P.Y. Whitby (23) +16, Rev. W.E. Gladstone & Mrs E. Asa-Thomas (4) bt Dr. & Mrs C.A. Parker (15½) +7, P.L. Alvey & Mrs D. Mitchell (15½) bt R.H.C. Carder & A. Rushbrooke (11) +13.

Second Round: Leech & Shephard bt Mr & Mrs W.A. Scarr (13) +20, Welch & Miss Assheton bt Mrs McMillan & Dr. McMordie +9, Butler & Miss Robertson bt Gladstone & Mrs Asa-Thomas +10, Alvey & Mrs Mitchell bt J.H.T. Griffiths & Mrs G.C. Day (16) +10.

Semi-final: Leech & Shephard bt Welch & Miss Assheton +9, Alvey & Mrs Mitchell bt Butler & Miss Robertson +3.

Final: LEECH & SHEPHARD bt Alvey & Mrs Mitchell +1T.

Carrickmines, 11-16 June

From the point of view of both management and spectators the Championships of Co. Dublin worked out very well, with home player Carl von Schmieder winning the Draw and the popular visitor Humphrey Hicks the Process. The final was played on Saturday morning, as both finalists were involved in the final of the Coronation Cups Handicap Doubles and a sparse attendance saw the home player beat Hicks by a comfortable +17. There is no doubt that von Schmieder is the most improved player at Carrickmines - he plays a cool, precise game but is sometimes in trouble running hoops. His tactics too, are sometimes suspect, but having played that master tactician Humphrey Hicks at least three times during the week he is bound to have learned a lot. The final itself was vintage stuff - both players made mistakes that would have cost them the match if the other had been on top form. Suffice to say that von Schmieder made the best of the opportunities that came his way.

However, Hicks did not leave Carrickmines empty-handed. Partnered by Dr. H. Webb, who did as he was told in sterling fashion, Humphrey won the Handicap Doubles in just under three hours, the disappointed runners-up being C. von Schmieder and Mrs H. M. Read.

RESULTS.

Event 1. Championship of Co. Dublin Open (9 entries)
DRAW

First Round: M. McWeeney bt R.J. Leonard +2.

Second Round: H.O. Hicks bt Miss S. Hopkins +24, C. von Schmieder bt McWeeney +13, A.D. Craig bt R.E. Steen +20, C.A. Gamble bt Mrs H M. Read +15.

Semi-finals: Craig bt Gamble +5, von Schmieder bt Hicks +8. Final: VON SCHMIEDER bt Craig +17.

PROCESS

First Round: Hicks bt Steen +24.

Second Round: Hicks bt Leonard +24, von Schmieder bt Mrs Read Gamble bt Miss Hopkins +10, Craig bt McWeeney +24.

Semi-finals: Hicks bt von Schmieder +21, Gamble bt Craig +6.
Final: HICKS bt Gamble +4.

PLAY-OFF: VON SCHMIEDER bt Hicks +17.

Event 2 Duff Mathews Cup (Handicap Singles) (6 bisques and over)

Final: F. RUSERSEN bt H.L. Webb +3.

Event 3. Boxwell Cup Handicap Singles X
Final: C.A. GAMBLE (3) bt C. von Schmieder (3) +15.

Event 4. Coronation Cups Handicap Doubles

First Round: von Schmieder & Mrs Read (7½) bt Leonard & McWeeney
(7½) +4, Hicks & Webb (12½) bt Steen & Ruserson (11) +14.

Semi-final: von Schmieder & Mrs Read bt Craig & Miss Hopkins (11)
+3, Hicks & Webb bt Gamble & Mrs McWeeney (19) +6.

Final: HICKS & WEBB bt von Schmieder & Mrs Read +15.

Compton, 11-16 June

A tournament full of the unexpected. First, the intended Manager, Mr R.E. Wallis, fell victim to a mysterious virus just before the tournament started. Roger Wood had the foresight to realise that Nelson Leech from Pretoria, who was playing in the tournament, had a talented wife, Olive, who might be prevailed upon to share the management. The combined force of Roger and Olive in the managerial sashes proved most effective and produced a friendly, relaxed tournament. Happily Mr Wallis, somewhat recovered, was able to help from time to time during the week. There were no time-limits (except in the Compton Plate) and no Double Banking — "for which relief much thanks".

The weather was not at all what one would expect for June, being cold and damp most of the time, but the sunshine returned to grace the finals. However, there was much to compensate for this, the beautiful setting of the Saffrons with occasional cricket for a diversion, the lunches and teas and the bar (for which our thanks are due to the helpers), and plenty of croquet.

Speaking of croquet, at the beginning of the week the players appeared to be "much of a muchness". However, as the week went on, one or two began to gain confidence. Bernard Yallop disposed of 15 opponents during the week by increasingly large margins to win both the Big Handicaps and both halves of the Open. His handicap was rightly reduced from 2 to ½. Bernard's virtue is that he finds he still has much to learn and he takes the trouble to watch experienced players. Although he might consider changing his style, his willingness to learn and compete further afield suggest an even brighter future. 'Tiny' Tyrwhitt-Drake, who had not played for some weeks after damaging a knee at Devonshire Park, showed much benefit from his lack of practice and deserved his second place in the Opens. Denno Harris had some good wins in both Open and Handicap.

The 'B' Open was won by Mr Crane with a combination of good shooting and a little help from his opponents. In the 'C' final, the end of which drained everyone's emotions, Mrs Crane beat Mrs Grout +3. Mrs Grout hit a last shot by the peg in a most unusual way, by hitting the peg and richocheting

about 15° to hit the enemy ball in the middle. Regrettably she then left a double which was hit, and that was that. Mrs Crane discovered in this game that Aunt Emma does not always pay. Both players deserved their handicap reductions.

The Doubles were won by Peter Hallett and Howard Evans. Although Peter split his whites after losing three singles on the Tuesday, his halo did not entirely desert him. He was adjudged a very good shepherd (of his partner) and pulled through a hard fought Doubles final against Mr and Mrs Scarr +2. His form in singles also improved sufficiently to win him the Compton Plate against Mr Kent.

The best play of the week was a Double-peel and peg-out by Bernard Yallop. The worst? Well, no prizes for that. Two incidents were observed, involving experienced players. In the first, a player changed balls three times during a break. In the second, the in-player got such a good rush to 4 back that he quite forgot to make 3 back in order. Both incidents were condoned. And that seems a good point to thank the spectators, for their proper silence at the right point, and also for supporting the tournament and simply watching the play.

Event 1. Open Singles (entries 9)

DRAW

First Round: Cmdr G. Borrett bt E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake +4.

Second Round: E.J. Tucker bt C.G. Pountney +18, D.A. Harris bt Cmdr. G. Borrett +10, Dr. B.D. Yallop bt N.W.T Cox +25, Dr. R. Wood bt Rev. P.D. Hallett +9.

Semi-final: Tucker bt Harris +13, Yallop bt Wood +24. Final: YALLOP bt Tucker +26.

PROCESS

First Round: C.G. Pountney bt Rev. P.D. Hallett +2.

Second Round: E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake bt Pountney +7, N.W.T. Cox bt D.A. Harris +20, Dr. B.D. Yallop bt E.J. Tucker +5, Cmdr. G. Borrett bt R. Wood +5.

Semi-final: Tyrwhitt Drake bt Cox +25, Yallop bt Cmdr Borrett +15. Final: YALLOP bt Tyrwhitt Drake +24.

Event 2. Level Singles (entries 16) (3½-7 inc. Adv. play). DRAW

First Round: Mrs N.W.T. Cox bt Mrs W.A. Scarr +7, Mrs G.F.H. Elvey bt G. Nelson Leech +6, C.E. Knight bt Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake +9, W.A. Scarr bt Mrs H.G. Wills +4, R.P. Chappell bt Miss H.D. Parker +11, G.A. Hutcheson bt S.G. Kent +26, R.S. Alford bt R.F.A. Crane +2, Mrs E.M. Temple bt Lt. Col. D.F.T. Brown +4.

Second Round: Mrs Cox bt Mrs Elvey w.o. opp. scr., Scarr bt Knight +5 Hutcheson bt Chappell +14, Mrs Temple bt Alford +11.

PROCESS

First Round: R.P. Chappell bt Mrs W.A. Scarr +12, R.S. Alford bt Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake +18, G.A. Hutcheson bt Mrs G.F.H. Elvey +10, Lt. Col. D.F.T. Brown bt W.A. Scarr +8, Mrs N.W.T. Cox bt Miss H.D. Parker +24, R.F.A. Crane bt C.E. Knight +12, G. Nelson Leech bt S.G. Kent +17, Mrs E.M. Temple bt Mrs H.G. Wills +13.

Second Round: Alford bt Chappell +14, Hutcheson bt Col. Brown +3, Crane bt Mrs Cox +2, Leech bt Mrs Temple +6.

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Quarter-final: R.F.A. Crane bt R.S. Alford +12, Mrs N.W.T. Cox bt Mrs E.M. Temple +11, G. Nelson Leech bt W.A. Scarr +18.

Semi-final: Crane bt Hutcheson +12, Leech bt Mrs Cox +10. Final: CRANE bt Leech +7.

Event 3. Handicap Singles (entries 11) (71/2 and over)

First Round: Mrs A.E. Millns (9) bt Mrs E.J. Tucker (7½) +9, Mrs C.A. Grout (9) bt Mrs C.W. Haworth (14) +10.

Second Round: H.A.C. Evans (10) bt J.E. van Berckel (11) w.o. opp. scr., Mrs Grout bt Mrs Millns +16, C.A. Grout (11) bt J.N.D. Bettley (9) +4, Mrs R.F.A. Crane (12) bt Mrs D.G. Waterhouse (10) +17. Semi-final: Mrs Grout bt Evans +19, Mrs Crane bt Grout +3.

Final: MRS CRANE bt Mrs Grout +3.

Event 4. Handicap Singles (entries 35) (unrestricted)

First Round: Rev. P.D. Hallett (1) bt Cmdr. G. Borrett (½) +3, C.G. Pountney (1) bt Mrs H.G. Wills (7) +7, H.A.C. Evans (10) bt Miss H.D. Parker (6) +6.

Second Round: R.S. Alford (3½) bt Lt. Col. D.F.T. Brown (6½) +1, P. Chappell (6½) bt R.F.A. Crane (3½) +1, Mrs C.A. Grout (9) bt Mrs N.W.T. Cox (3½) +8, Dr. B.D. Yallop (2) bt G.N. Leech (4½) +7, Mrs G.F.H. Elvey (3½) bt Mrs A.E. Millns (9) +8, Mrs R.F.A. Crane (12) bt Mrs D.G. Waterhouse (10) +21, E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (½) bt W.A. Scarr (6) +24, Pountney bt Rev. Hallett +4, D.A. Harris (1½) bt Evans +21, S.G. Kent (4) bt Mrs E.J. Tucker (7½) +19, Mrs W.A. Scarr (7) bt Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (6½) +11, N.W.T. Cox (1½) bt Mrs E.M. Temple (5½) +7, J.E. van Berckel (11) bt E. Strickland (6½) w.o. opp. scr., C.E. Knight (4½) bt Mrs C.W. Haworth (14 +15, Dr. R. Wood (1) bt C.A. Grout (11) +15, J.N.D. Bettley (9) bt R.E. Wallis (3½) w.o. opp. scr. Third Round: Alford bt Chappell +15, Yallop bt Mrs Grout +17. Mrs

Third Round: Alford bt Chappell +15, Yallop bt Mrs Grout +17, Mrs Elvey bt Mrs Crane +2, Tyrwhitt Drake bt Pountney +16, Harris bt Kent +5, Mrs Scarr bt Cox +5, Knight bt van Berckel +17, Wood bt Bettley +12.

Fourth Round: Yallop bt Alford +15, Tyrwhitt Drake bt Mrs Elvey Harris bt Mrs Scarr +24, Knight bt Wood +14.

Semi-final: Yallop bt Tyrwhitt Drake +25, Harris bt Knight +6.

Final: YALLOP bt Harris +14.

Event 5. Handicap Doubles (entries 16 pairs) (No 2 players may partner each other)

First Round: R.S. Alford & Mrs E.M. Temple (9) bt E. Strickland & Mrs H.G. Wills (13½) +8, Rev. P.D. Hallett & H.A.C. Evans (11) bt Mrs G.F.H. Elvey & J.N.D. Bettley (12½) +6, Mr & Mrs R.F.A. Crane (13½) bt R.P. Chappell & Mrs A.E. Millns (15½) +1, Cmdr G. Borrett & G.A. Hutcheson (5½) bt Mr & Mrs C.A. Grout (20) +13, E.J. Tucker & Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (6½) bt S.G. Kent & Lt. Col. D.F.T. Brown (10½) +5, C.G. Pountney & Mrs E.J. Tucker (9) bt Dr. B.D. Yallop & J.E. van Berckel (11) +17, Mr & Mrs W.A. Scarr (13) bt D.A. Harris & C.E. Knight (6) +9, E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake & Mrs C.W. Haworth (14½) bt Dr. R. Wood & G.N. Leech (5) +12.

Second Round: Hallett & Evans bt Alford & Mrs Temple +7, Cmdr Borrett & Hutcheson bt Mr & Mrs Crane +1, Tucker & Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake bt Pountney & Mrs Tucker +9, Mr & Mrs Scarr bt Tyrwhitt Drake & Mrs Haworth +10.

Semi-final: Hallett & Evans bt Cmdr Borrett & Hutcheson +18, Mr & Mrs Scarr bt Tucker & Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake +4.

Final: HALLETT & EVANS bt Mr & Mrs Scarr +2.

Budleigh Salterton 11-16 June

The Challenge and Gilbey Cups

This event was again held at Budleigh, and the opening day, with perfect June weather, and the shimmering sea in the background, showed the grounds at their best. Though the clouds soon came back, and the temperature fell alarmingly, and the wind speed rose high, there was actually very little rain during playing hours and conditions on the lawns remained good. Finals day was, as in May, perfect for playing and watching.

The entry was quite modest, a peculiarity of this tournament, and the programme was carried through without a hitch under the the expert and sympathetic management of Ken Schofield. For some years now, the entries for the Stevenson Cup (for those of 10 bisques and over - playing level) have been exceedingly small, and this year there was quite a problem to find a fourth entrant. Perhaps those of 10 bisques and over do not relish the prospect of playing each other level, or perhaps there are not enough C.A. members in that class to provide a reasonable entry.

In the top class, John Cooper had to withdraw owing to a strained back, which reduced the competition somewhat. The play-off was between Bill Perry and Ray Stevens, and a very cagey game it was too. It ran to time (3½ hours), and the end of the game was fascinating to watch, as first one, and then the other, tried to gain the advantage. It ended with Ray Stevens

splitting the four balls to the four corners of the lawn, leaving Bill Perry with the almost impossible hope of hitting in on his last turn. So Ray won by +2 on time, an unusual result for a Class "A" event.

The return of Mrs Stanley Smith to competition croquet was marked by her winning the Reckitt Cup (6½–9 bisques), and her performance indicated that she will win many more. In partnership with Mrs Digby, she also won the Doubles. Their opponents in the Final, Mrs Simpson and Mrs Dwerryhouse, had had several notable soccesses in earlier rounds, but in the final, Mrs Dwerryhouse could not repeat her earlier performances

The Gilbey Goblet was won by Frances Joly, who came to Budleigh with her handicap recently raised from 1½ to 2, and left Budleigh with it reduced again to 1½. The Council Cup will have a new name on it, in the shape of Charles Waller, who had a narrow win in the final over Bill Ovens.

The Prizes were presented by Mrs Rotherham, who, although not playing much croquet these days, still retains a lively interest in the game. It was pointed out that her association with the C.A. dates back to a time before most of the players in this tournament had started to play croquet, so who better could present the prizes?

Event 1. Roehampton Cup (entries 8) (Adv Play) DRAW

First Round: Col. E.L.L. Vulliamy bt H.G.T. Bolton +5, R.S. Stevens bt R.A. Simpson +10, B.G. Perry bt G.S. Digby +5, A.J. Cooper bt Miss F. Joly +9,

Semi-final: Stevens bt Col. Vulliamy +15, Perry bt Cooper w.o. opp. scr.

Final: STEVENS bt Perry +6T.

PROCESS

First Round: H.G.T. Bolton bt G.S. Digby +21, Miss F. Joly bt R.S. Stevens +11, B.G. Perry bt Col. E.L.L. Vulliamy +17, R.A. Simpson w.o. opp. scr.

Semi-final: Miss Joly bt Bolton +10, Perry bt Simpson +23.

Final: PERRY bt Miss Joly +5.

Play-off STEVENS bt Perry +2T.

Event 2. Council Cup. (2½–6 bisques inc.) (Adv Play). DRAW

First Round: Mrs R.A. Simpson bt Mrs C. Bagnall †3, M. Granger Brown bt H.E. Ovens +15, C.J. Waller bt C. Edwards +3, Mrs G.S. Digby bt Dr. W.R. Bucknall +18.

Semi-final: Mrs Simpson bt Granger Brown +1, Waller bt Mrs Digby

+10.
Final: WALLER bt Mrs Simpson +11.

PROCESS

First Round: Mrs C. Bagnall bt C. Edwards +7, H.E. Ovens bt Mrs S. Digby +5, Mrs R.A. Simpson bt C.J. Waller +7, Dr. W.R. Bucnall bt M. Granger Brown +13.

Semi-final: Ovens bt Mrs Bagnall +3T, Dr. Bucknall bt Mrs Simpson +5.

Final: OVENS bt Dr. Bucknall +4. Play-off: WALLER bt Ovens +3T.

Event 3. Reckitt Cup. Open Level Singles. (entries 13) (6%—9 bisques inc).

First Round: Mrs D. Henshaw bt Mrs E.F. Dell +12, Mrs J.M. Goode bt Mrs S.S. Cruden +12, Mrs F. Stanley Smith bt Miss D. Locks Latham +22, Mrs H.E. Ovens bt Mrs C.W. Marshall +13, Mrs R.S. Stevens bt Dr. C.W. Evans +12.

Second Round: Dr. C.W. Marshall bt Mrs Henshaw +2, Mrs Stanley Smith bt Mrs Goode +7, Mrs Ovens bt Mrs Stevens +10T, Mrs E.M. Pursey bt Mrs P.K. Devitt +17.

Semi-final: Mrs Stanley Smith bt Dr. Marshall +24, Mrs Ovens bt Mrs Pursey +4T.

Final: MRS STANLEY SMITH bt Mrs Ovens +8T.

Event 4. The Stevenson Cup (entries 4) (Level Play) (All Play Owing to Small Entry)

Mrs P.A. Dwerryhouse 3 wins, M. Hawthorn 2 wins, P.A. Dwerryhouse 1 win, Mrs M Hawthorn Nil.

The Stevenson Cup was won by MRS DWERRYHOUSE.

Event 5. Handicap Doubles (entries 13 pairs) (Combined Handicaps of pairs 6 or over. Full Game).

First Round: R.S. Stevens & Mrs Stevens (10½) bt H.G.T. Bolton & Mrs Bolton (12) +9, A.J. Cooper & Mrs Pursey (8½) bt P.K. Devitt & Mrs C. Bagnall (91/2) +2, Mrs G.S. Digby & Mrs Stanley Smith (11) bt R.A. Simpson & M. Hawthorn (14) +9, C. Edwards & B. Hancock (9) bt Mrs Cruden & Mrs Marshall (15½) +11, Mrs Simpson & Mrs Dwerryhouse (14) bt G.S. Digby & Dr. C.W. Marshall (10) +17.

Second Round: Stevens & Mrs Stevens bt K. Schofield & P.A. Dwerryhouse (16) +1T, Mrs Digby & Mrs Stanley Smith bt Cooper & Mrs Pursey +17, Mrs Simpson & Mrs Dwerryhouse bt Edwards & Hancock +18, M. Granger Brown & H.E. Ovens (9) bt Dr. W.R. Bucknall & Mrs H.J. Goode (10) +19.

Semi-final: Mrs Digby & Mrs Stanley Smith bt Stevens & Mrs Stevens +21, Mrs Simpson & Mrs Dwerryhouse bt Granger Brown & Ovens +2T.

Final: MRS DIGBY & MRS STANLEY SMITH bt Mrs Smpson & Mrs Dwerryhouse +11.

Event 6X. The Gilbey Goblet. Handicap Singles. (entries 33)

Preliminary Round: R.A. Simpson (2) bt R.S. Stevens (11/2) +1. First Round: Simpson bt Mrs C.W. Marshall (8) +16, K.S. Schofield (4) bt Brig. J.S. Vickers (14*) +23, Mrs P.K. Devitt (9) bt Dr. W.R. Bucknall (3) +11, Mrs G.S. Digby (3) bt E. Coombe (14*) +18, M. Granger Brown (31/2) bt P.A. Dwerryhouse (12) +10, Mrs P.A. Tunmer (5) bt Mrs E.M. Pursey (9) +2, A.J. Cooper (1/2) bt Mrs M. Hawthorn (16) +15, Mrs F. Stanley Smith (8) bt H.E. Ovens (51/2) +15, Mrs M.J. Goode (7) bt Col. E.L.L. Vulliamy (2) +8, B.G. Perry (-1/2) bt Mrs C. Bagnall +18, Mrs S.S. Cruden (71/2) bt Mrs E.F. Dell (9) +15, Mrs H.E. Ovens (71/2) bt Dr. C.W. Marshall (9) +12, Miss F. Joly (2) bt G.S. Digby (2) +24, H.G.T. Bolton (1) bt Mrs P.A. Dwerryhouse (11) +6T, Mrs R.S. Stevens (9) bt Mrs R.A. Simpson (3) +17, Miss D. Locks-Latham (9) bt Dr. C.W. Evans (9) +5.

Second Round: Simpson bt Schofield +14, Mrs Devitt bt Mrs Digby +23, Granger Brown bt Mrs Tunmer +12, Mrs Stanley Smith bt Cooper +21, Perry bt Mrs Goode +15, Mrs Ovens bt Mrs Scruden +6, Miss Joly bt Bolton +21, Mrs Stevens bt Miss Locks Latham +19. Third Round: Simpson bt Mrs Devitt +7, Granger Brown bt Mrs Stanley Smith +22, Perry bt Mrs Ovens +7, Miss Joly bt Mrs Stevens

Semi-final: Simpson bt Granger Brown +10, Miss Joly bt Perry +18. Final: MISS JOLY bt Simpson +9.

Event 6Y. (entries 16) (For Players Beaten in First Round of 6X)

First Round: R.S. Stevens (11/2) bt Mrs C.W. Marshall (8) +6, Dr. R. Bucknall (3) bt Brig. J.S. Vickers (14*) +19, Mrs E.M. Pursey (9) bt P.A. Dwerryhouse (12) +16, H.E. Ovens (5½) bt Mrs M. Hawthorn (16) +16, Col. E.L.L. Vulliamy (2) bt Mrs C. Bagnall (5) +15, Dr. C.W. Marshall (9) bt Mrs E.F. Dell (9) +14, G.S. Digby (2) bt Mrs P.A. Dwerryhouse (11) +8, Mrs R.A. Simpson (3) bt Dr. C.W. Evans (9) w.o. opp. scr.

Second Round: Dr. Bucknall bt Stevens +25, Mrs Pursey bt Ovens w.o. opp. scr., Col. Vulliamy bt Dr. Marshall +2 opp. ret. on peg, Digby bt Mrs Simpson w.o. opp. scr.

Semi-final: Dr Bucknall bt Mrs Pursey +14, Digby bt Col. Vulliamy

Final: DIGBY bt Dr. Bucknall +22.

Ryde. 18-23 June.

The Tournament Manager, Gerald Birch, always maintains that he brings the sunshine and although in the past this has proved an overstatement this year the June tournament was played in glorious weather at this most friendly of clubs.

The Isle of Wight Championship open event - which has tended over the years to be a Pountney-Birch Benefit this year got nearer to being captured by new faces as Lionel Wharrad, Betty McMillan, Peter Bishop, Michael Tomkinson

and Jim Townsend did their best to break the monopoly, producing some extremely exciting games, but to no avail. The Championship has been won for the past two years by Gerald Birch, who was naturally all out to make it a three time but the draw and the process were both won by Cyril Pountney, thus eliminating the need for a play-off.

In the handicap event a stirring early game between Valerie Tomkinson (12) and Gerald Birch (1) was watched by an amiable unruly crowd (busy rooting for the high bisquer of course) but Gerald prevailed after being on 1 and 5 with Valerie on 3 back and rover. A newcomer to this tournament Margaret Newman defeated a club stalwart in Horace Wagnell and a win by Gwynneth Mann over returned islander Betty McMillan produced a much more exciting game than the result suggests. Eventually Peter Bishop won the X defeating Cyril Pountney and Valerie Tomkinson won the Y by defeating Jim Townsend.

In the B class level singles Frank Newman won the draw by beating Roy Newman +5 and in the process Horace Wagnell triumhed over Humphrey Griffiths +7. The Final, played on Sunday morning resulted in a win by Frank Newman who thus returned to Woking the Cup taken there last year by Lionel Wharrad.

As the sunshine speeded up the lawns the first round of the doubles produced a lot of particularly friendly and lighthearted games in which several "normally successful" first round partnerships such as Cyril Pountney and Roy Newman, Gerald Birch and Margery Marshall and Moira and Lionel Wharrad all bit the dust. The husband and wife team of Margaret and Frank Newman did well to get to the finals but, after a very level match lost by 4 to Peter Bishop and Jean Wraith.

The class C event saw the stately progress of Charles Marshall to the final, courteously brushing out of his way Moira Wharrad and Margaret Newman. He was finally beaten by Jean Wraith after a long game which had him with both balls for the peg for what seemed to be most of it but with his opponent cleverly ensuring that he just could not peg out.

Regular visitors to the Ryde club will have become complacently happy about the high standard of hospitality offered to it's quests. In it's President, Joe Orchard, the club has the original chief cook and bottle washer. From cooking chickens and beef to providing endless coffees, teas and pink gins Joe is always in evidence, unfailingly good tempered and considerably helped this year by new members who joined during the May recruiting drive and who weighed in with a will to cope with the hard work of feeding 25 people three times a day. The friendly atmosphere of one long table seems to produce exactly the right blend of amiable congratulation for the successful and of sympathetic commiseration for the less so. All in all a thoroughly enjoyable week.

Event 1. Open Singles (entries 7) Cyp. (for those of JP bisques and over coleving

DRAW;

First Round: L. Wharrad bt M.G. Tomkinson +26, C.G. Pountney bt Mrs N.A.C. McMillan +13, G. Birch bt P. Bishop +7. Semi-final: Pountney bt Wharrad +4, Birch bt S.S. Townsend +24. Final: Pountney bt Birch +12.

PROCESS

First Round: P. Bishop bt L. Wharrad +5, C.G. Pountney bt S.S. Townsend +22, G. Birch bt M.G. Topkinson +22. Semi-final: Pountney bt Bishop +4, Birch bt Mrs N.A.C. McMillan +23. Final: POUNTNEY bt Birch +15.

Event 2. Level Singles (entries 7) (41/2-8 bisques) DRAW MALE A SIM SO (S.E) PROPERTY NO. 10 P. Mary A. D. S. D. Mary A. D. S. D.

First Round: R.W. Newnham bt Mrs C.W. Marshall +12, J.H.T. Griffiths bt P.H. Mann +4, F.H. Newman bt Mrs P.H. Mann +11, Semi-final: R.W. Newnham bt Griffiths +22, Newman bt H.G.B. Wagnell +10. Final: NEWMAN bt Newnham +5.

PROCESS

First Round: Mrs P.H. Mann bt Mrs C.W. Marshall +19, H.G.B. Wagnell bt P.H. Mann +6, R.W. Newnham bt F.H. Newman +1T.

Semi-final: Wagnell bt Mrs Mann +10, J.H.T. Griffiths w.o. Newnham scratched Final: WAGNELL bt Griffiths +7.

Play-off: NEWMAN bt Wagnell +21.

Event 3. Hutton Cup. Handicap Singles. (entries 6) (9 bisques and over)

First Round; Miss J. Wraith (10) bt Mrs M.G. Tompkinson (12) +6, W. Marshall (9) bt Miss P.G. Hampson (14) +3T.

Semi-final: Miss Wraith bt Mrs L. Wharrad (13) +11, Marshall bt Mrs H. Newman (11) +3.

Final: MISS WRAITH bt Marshall +2.

2nd LIFE. (18 point game).

First Round: C.W. Marshall (6) bt Mrs L. Wharrad (9) +7, Mrs F.H. Newman (7½) bt Miss J. Wraith (7) +12.

Semi-final: Mrs M.G. Tompkinson (8%) bt C.W. Marshall w.o. opp. scr., Mrs Newman bt Miss P.G. Hampson (10) +7.

Final: MRS NEWMAN bt Mrs Tompkinson +3.

As this Second Life was a shortened game, there was no Play-off with the winner of the Draw.

Event 4A. Handicap Singles. (entries 20).

DRAW

First Round: F.H. Newman (7) bt Miss J. Wraith (10) +20, Miss P.G. Hampson (14) bt P.H. Mann (5½) +11, L. Wharrad (3½) bt C.W. Marshall (9) +12, R.W. Newnham (7) bt S.S. Townsend (11/2) +17. Second Round: P. Bishop (4) bt Mrs L.Wharrad (13) +17, M.G. Tompkinson (3) bt J.H.T. Griffiths (8) +14, G. Birch (1) bt Mrs M.G. Tompkinson (12) +6. Newman bt Miss Hampson +4, Newnham bt Wharrad +18, Mrs F.H. Newman (11) bt H.G.B. Wagnell (7½) +4, C.G. Pountney (1) bt Mrs C.W. Marshall (8) +12, Mrs P.H. Mann (7½) bt Mrs N.A.C.

Third Round: Bishop bt Tompkinson +11, Birch bt Newman w.o. opp. scr., Newnham bt Mrs Newman +9, Pountney bt Mrs Mann +10. Semi-final: Bishop bt Birch +25, Pountney bt Newnham +14. Final: BISHOP bt Pountney +22.

Event 4B. Handicap Singles Y. (entries 9).

DRAW

First Round: S.S. Townsend (11/2) bt Mrs L. Wharrad +18' Second Round: Miss J. Wraith (10) bt P.H. Mann (51/2) +16, Townsend (1½) bt C.W. Marshall (9) +19, Mrs M.G. Tompkinson (12) bt J.H.T. Griffiths (8) +6, H.G.B. Wagnell (71/2) bt Mrs C.W. Marshall (8) +12. Semi-final: Townsend bt Miss Wraith +3, Mrs Tompkinson bt Wagnell +5. Final: MRS TOMPKINSON bt Townsend +5.

Event 5. Handicap Doubles (entries 10). (Restricted to Combined Handicap 4 and over)

First Round: Mr & Mrs F.H. Newman (18) bt H.G.B. Wagnell & Mrs H. Mann (15) +23, Mr & Mrs M.G. Tompkinson (15) bt Mr & Mrs L. Wharrad (15½) +1T.

Second Round: S.S. Townsend & Miss P.G. Hampson (131/2) bt C.G. Pountney & R.W. Newnham (8) +5T, Newman & Mrs Newman bt P.H. Mann & C.W. Marshall (14½) +21, Tompkinson & Mrs Tompkinson bt Mrs N.A.C. McMillan & J.H.T. Griffiths (11) +15, P. Bishop & Miss J. Wraith (14) bt G, Birch & Mrs C.W. Marshall (9) +3.

Semi-final: Newman & Mrs Newman bt Townsend & Miss Hampson +4T, Bishop & Miss Wraith bt Tompkinson & Mrs Tompkinson +4T. Final: BISHOP & MISS WRAITH bt Newman & Mrs Newman +4

Northern Championships. Bowdon 25-29 June.

These Championships, being held for the first time since 1956, were undoubtedly a great success and much credit for this must go to the progressive thinking of the Bowdon Club Committee. The catering was exceptional, the tournament Management was excellent, the lawns were in good condition and the weather on the whole very pleasant.

Play was made very interesting by the fact that the best two lawns saw their hoops set to 3 11/16th inches wide as used in the President's Cup. As the lawns were understandably not as flat as many of the larger Clubs this meant hoop approaching was a great test of skill.

Highlights of the play on the opening day were an all round break with a double-peel by Cheltenham's David Foulser against Southport's Geoffrey Binks in the "X" Handicap Singles. Foulser followed this up by beating Don Lenfesty by +26 in the Championship of the North of England, in the afternoon to confirm his challenge for the Faulkner Cup to local favourites Barry Keen and Eddie Bell. The latter two players did not enter the "X" or the Handicap Doubles events as this allowed them to remain at work during the day and play in the evening. This ensured that the spectators had a sort of 'Match of the Day' every evening. On that first evening Bell beat Keen in the first round of the draw in a 41/2 hour marathon. Chris Hudson also pulled off an unexpected win over Paul Stoker.

The following day Foulser beat Bell in the first round of the Process and it began to look as if he might win both the Draw and Process which would have been a great pity for the Bowdon Club as there would have then been no play-off on the Friday afternoon at 2.00 pm. as had been arranged, particularly as many club members and several local newspapers were intending to be present. Foulser beat Bell again to win the Process but lost in the final of the Draw in a thrilling match against Keen. Keen was on penultimate and peg whilst Foulser had not made much progress with either ball. Foulser took the short lift shot and hit, went to the peg and pegged out Keen's forward ball, thus giving Keen contact. He left his balls in the fourth corner and midway up the East boundary. From that leave Keen placed his ball in position to run penultimate, which he duly did after Foulser had joined up wide. Keen eventually hit in and won by +8. In the Play-off Keen quickly went to 4 back, as did Foulser shortly after. Keen hit in and went to Rover with his other ball and looked to have won the match but Foulser again hit the lift and Keen never took croquet again as Foulser staged a worthy comeback to become Champion of the North of England.

In the Level Singles event for players of handicap 5 and over, young Andrew Collin from Chester, played a lot of fine four ball breaks to win the Draw and the eventual playoff against John Bowman. These two players met each other 3 times in the event and all their matches were close. The big Handicap was won by Steve Lewis of Bowdon and it is hoped that this will encourage him to play more as he gave the game up for a couple of seasons recently. His opponent in the final was Hudson, who played brilliantly in the semi-final against Foulser, using his 3 bisques only to gain the innings, and then going round with virtually no errors. Foulser's shooting in this match was magnificent and he nearly won with a straight Double-peel. However, this was not to be and Hudson's last long shot saw him win a very high class match by +3. Collin won the "Y" Handicap singles against Alex Fotiadi in a surprisingingly close game. The Doubles final was won by Stoker and Lewis by the slenderest of margins after Don Lenfestey had been pegged out by Stoker when his wife was still for rover.

"The Trophy for the Championship was very kindly donated by Mrs Faulkner, widow of Ron Faulkner who won the last Championship held in Buxton in 1956. Second in the 1956 Championship was Mrs Fotiadi, still competing and playing well this year. Another competitor in 1956 was Edward Duffield, President of the Croquet Association, whom we were very pleased to welcome to Bowdon as a visitor during this year's tournament".

As a visitor I was made most welcome and I can recommend both these Championships and Bowdon Club to croquet players throughout the country. I believe David Openshaw is intending entering next season - I hope more of our top players join him.

Event 1. Open Singles (entries 7) (Advanced Play)

DRAW

First Round: B.A. Keen bt D. De Q. Lenfestey +15, D.R. Foulser bt E. Bell +18, D.G. Richardson bt C. Hudson +14. Semi-final: Keen bt Richardson +17, Foulser bt P. Stoker +2. Final: KEEN bt Foulser +8.

First Round: E. Bell bt B.A. Keen +20, C. Hudson bt P. Stoker +13, D. Foulser bt D. De. Q. Lenfestey +26.

Semi-final: Bell bt Hudson +11, Foulser bt D.G. Richardson +17. Final: FOULSER bt Bell +12.

Play-off: FOULSER bt Keen +6.

Event 2. Level Singles (entries 7) DRAW

First Round: J.M. Bowman bt S.E. Lewis +16, A.J. Collin bt Mrs A. Madcroft +9, Mrs D. De Q. Lenfesty bt G.A. Binks +8. Semi-final: Bowman bt Collin +10, Mrs Lenfesty bt D. Anderson +9. Final: BOWMAN bt Mrs Lenfestey +10.

PROCESS

First Round: G.B. Binks bt S.E. Lewis +3, D. Anderson bt Mrs A. Madcroft +15, J.H. Bowman bt Mrs D. De Q. Lenfesty +8. Semi-final: Anderson bt Binks +1, Collin bt Bowman +4 Final: COLLIN bt Anderson +4. Play-off: COLLIN bt Bowman +13.

Event 3. Bowdon Handicap 'X'. Singles (entries 14)

First Round: S.E. Lewis (8) bt Mrs A. Fotiadi (71/2) +10, D. Anderson (8) bt D.G. Richardson (31/2) +5, J.M. Bowman (6) bt P. Stoker (21/2) +3, D. De Q. Lenfesty (41/2) bt Mrs A. Madcroft (9) +3, Mrs S. Tyldesley (5) bt Mrs D. De Q. Lenfestey (6) +19, C. Hudson (4) ht A.J. Collin (8) +12.

Second Round: D.R. Foulser (1) bt G.B. Binks (6) +20, Lewis bt Anderson +9, Bowman bt Lenfesty +14, Hudson bt Mrs Tyldesley

Semi-final: Lewis bt Bowman +14, Hudson bt Foulser +3. Final: LEWIS bt Hudson +16.

Event 4. Bowdon Handicap 'Y' Singles (entries 6)

First Round: P. Stoker (21/2) bt D. Anderson (8) +5, Mrs D. De Q. Lenfesty (6) bt Mrs A. Madcroft (9) +14, A.J. Collin (8) bt G.B. Binks +24.

Semi-final: Mrs A. Fotiadi (71/2) bt Stoker +12, Collin bt Mrs Lenfesty w.o. opp. scr. Final: COLLIN bt Mrs Fotiadi +7.

Event 5. Handicap Doubles (entries 6 pairs)

First Round: G.B. Binks & J.M. Bowman (12) bt Mrs A. Madcroft & Mrs J.S. Tyldesley (14) +3, S.E. Lewis & P. Stoker (10%) bt D.R. Foulser & A.J. Collin (9) +4.

Semi-final: Mr & Mrs D. De Q. Lenfestey (10%) bt Binks & Bowman +10, Lewis & Stoker bt D.G. Richardson & D. Anderson (10) +4. Final: LEWIS & STOKER bt Mr & Mrs Lenfesty +1.

Compton. Veterans Tournament. 25-30 June

The Veterans Tournament was held at Compton during the last week of June. The sun shone brightly, the groundsman had made a first rate job of the lawns, excellent meals were provided to keep us going and the Management was superbly smooth and efficient. However, we were much saddened when Cyril Grout collapsed while in play and was found to be dead on arrival at hospital. Although Cyril started playing too late to be a good player he was a very determined player with that determination that he showed throughout his life in overcoming deafness. Our sympathies go out to Monica whose courage matched his own.

The standard of play was high throughout the tournament although there were no triple-peels in spite of the influence of the Wheelers who sat on the side lines like a Roman Emperor and Empress at a gladiatorial show encouraging by their presence the Christians to peel and peg the lions (or vice versa). Their influence certainly appeared to affect the final of the Handicap event when Green after failing to peel and peg Deno Harris was himself pegged out leaving his other ball for hoop and three. After some manoeuvering with Deno laid up for 3 back, Green hit in the length of the lawn and then conducted a 3 ball break from hoop 5 to the peg by means of a number of mammoth splits. The final of the restricted Handicap between Alan Hutcheson and Allan Nichols was even more exciting. Both players alternately hit in long shots as they raced neck and neck for the peg. With the peg dressed overall with all four colours Alan Nicholls in spite of careful lining up missed the peg with his leading ball. Alan Hutcheson who had joined up now had the innings but had difficulty in getting a safe rush to the peg, with the result that Nicholls with his distinctive swinging pendulum style hit in nearly the length of the lawn to win.

Event 1. Open Singles (entries 8) (Advanced Play)

First Round: G. Borrett bt E.J. Tucker +10, Mrs K.M.O. Wheeler bt W.T. Cox +9, D.A. Harris bt Miss F. Joly +8, E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake bt C. Green +14.

Semi-final: Borrett bt Mrs Wheeler +5, Tyrwhitt Drake bt Harris +9. Final: BORRETT bt Tyrwhitt Drake +6.

PROCESS

First Round: Borrett bt Miss Joly +12, Tyrwhitt Drake bt Mrs Wheeler +9, Tucker bt Harris +21, Cox bt Green +1T. Semi-final: Borrett bt Tyrwhitt Drake +13, Tucker bt Cox +20. Final: BORRETT bt Tucker +2. Play-off for 2nd place: Tucker bt Tyrwhitt Drake +23.

Event 2. Felixstowe Cup. Handicap Singles (entries 20) (3½ bisques and over)

First Round: Col. G.T. Wheeler (41/2) bt A.N.D. Nicholls (6) +2, Mrs W.T. Cox (31/2) w.o. opp. scr., G.A. Hutcheson (5) w.o. opp. scr., C.E. Knight (41/2) bt D.F.T. Brown (6) +1T.

Second Round: Mrs E.J. Tucker (7½) bt J.E. van Berckell (11) +6, R.P. Chappell (6½) bt H.A.C. Evans (10) +16, Mrs E.M. Temple (5½) bt C. Grout (11) +4, Mrs E. Cox (31/2) w.o. opp. scr., A. Hutcheson (5) w.o. opp. scr., Mrs G. Day (8) bt Mrs G.F.H. Elvey (31/2) +4, Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (6%) bt Mrs H.G. Wills (7) +5, G.H. Betts (3%) bt Mrs A.E. Millns (9) +7.

Third Round: R.A. Chappell (61/2) bt Mrs Tucker +13, Temple bt Mrs Cox +16, Day w.o. opp. scr., Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake bt Betts +10.

First Round: Mrs E.J. Tucker (7½) bt Mrs T. Wills (7) +17, R.P. Chappell (6½) bt Mrs A. Millns (9) +6, Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (6½) bt J. van Berckell (11) +17, H.A.C. Evans (10) bt G.H. Betts (31/2) +2.

Second Round: Mrs Tucker w.o. opp. scr., E.J. Knight (41/2) bt Mrs M. Temple (5½) +12, Chappell w.o. opp. scr., A.N.D. Nicholls (6) bt Mrs G. Day (8) +16, Mrs N.W.T. Cox (3½) bt Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake (6½) +11, D. Brown (6½) w.o. opp. retd., A.J. Hutcheson (5) bt Evans +11, Col. G.T. Wheeler (41/2) bt Mrs G.F.H. Elvey (31/2) †1.

Third Round: Tucker bt Knight +2, Nicholls w.o. opp. scr., Cox bt Brown +10, Hutcheson bt Wheeler +9,

At this stage the DRAW and PROCESS were combined and redrawn under REGULATION 20(d) as follows:-

Quarter final: A.J. Hutcheson (5) bt Mrs G. Day (8) +17, Mrs N.W.T. Cox (31/2) bt Mrs E.J. Tucker (71/2) +12, A,N.D. Nicholls (6) bt Mrs E. Tyrwhitt Drake (6½) +9T, R.P. Chappell (6½) bt Mrs E.M. Temple w.o. opp. scr.

Semi-final: Hutcheson bt Mrs Cox +14, Nicholls bt Chappell +18. Final: NICHOLLS bt Hutcheson +2.

Event 3X. Singles (entries 24)

First Round: Mrs E. Tyrwhitt Drake (6½) bt C.A. Grout (11) +7, H.C. Green (1) bt H.A.C. Evans (10) +5, A,N.D. Nicholls (6) bt J.E. van Berckell (11/9) +15, E.C. Knight (4½) bt G.H. Betts (3½) +6, Col. G.T. Wheeler (41/2) bt Mrs H.G. Wills (7) +16, E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (1/2) bt F.T. Brown (6½) +17, D.A. Harris (1½) bt G. Borrett (½) +7, R.P. Chappell (6½) bt Mrs E.M. Temple (5½) +15.

Second Round: Miss F. Joly (2) bt Mrs G. Day (8) +13, Mrs E.J. Tucker (7) bt Mrs G.F.H. Elvey (3½) +23, Green bt Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake +14, Nicholls bt Knight +2, Tyrwhitt Drake bt Col. Wheeler +21, Harris bt Chappell +10, Mrs G.T. Wheeler (2) bt Mrs N.W.T. Cox (31/2) +3, N.W.T. Cox (11/2) bt Mrs A. Millns (9) +19.

Third Round: Miss Joly bt Tucker +13, Green bt Nicholls +22, Harris bt Tyrwhitt Drake +13, Mrs Wheeler bt Cox +4.

Semi-final: Green bt Joly +5, Harris bt Wheeler +16.

Final: GREEN bt Harris +6.

Event 3Y. Handicap Singles. (entries 12)

First Round: Evans w.o. opp. retd., Betts bt van Berckell +19, Mrs Wills bt Brown +22. Mrs Temple bt Borrett +16

Second Round: Mrs Elvey bt Mrs Day +2, Betts bt Evans +7, Wills bt Temple +13, Mrs Cox bt Mrs Millns +13.

Semi-final: Betts bt Mrs Elvey +18, Mrs Cox bt Wills +7. Final: MRS COX and BETTS divided

Event 4. Handicap Doubles (3½ hours) (entries 11)

First Round: E.J. Tucker & R.P. Chappell (61/2) bt G. Borrett & Mrs J. Tucker (8) +12, A.N.D. Nicholls & D.F.T. Brown (121/2) bt Mrs E.M. Temple & Mrs A. Millns (14½) +11, Col. & Mrs G. Wheeler (6½) bt D.A. Harris & J.E. van Berckell (10½) +17.

Second Round: C.E. Knight & G.A. Hutcheson (91/2) bt H.C. Green & H.A.C. Evans (11) +8, Tucker & Chappell bt Nicholls & Brown +10, Col & Mrs Wheeler bt Mrs T. Wills & C.A. Grout (18) +11, Mr & Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (10) bt T. Owen & E. Strickland (6½) +7.

Semi-final: Tucker & Chappell bt Knight & Hutcheson +1T, Mr & Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake bt Col. & Mrs Wheeler +18.

Final: TUCKER & CHAPPELL bt Mr & Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake +6.

Roehampton Evening Tournament. 24 June — 1 July.

This second year of the tournament saw a much increased entry, and though four lawns were available for most of the week the Manager was faced with a considerable challenge. By the end of the first Sunday things were not looking too bright: strong winds and several heavy showers made play difficult, and the consequently longer games put the events dangerously behind schedule. However, by "doubles evening" on Wednesday (followed, as before, by a Dinner in the Club) the willingness of players to start games which would inevitably be pegged down (at least one starting as late as 8.55) and the promptness with which play started in the evenings, had enabled the deficit to be made up.

The Doubles were dominated by Mulliner and Mrs Soutter, who played very confidently together, with Mulliner attempting a triple in every game - somewhat difficult from a third hoop start - but succeeding only against Alvey and Mrs Mansfield. In the "C" class, Smith and Mrs Gosden stood out as the best players, both attracting the attentions of the Club Handicap Committee at the end of the week. The three hour time limit was clearly too short for full games in this class - even with the Knock-up which was allowed in all events - but with two lives rather than one they had plenty of play nevertheless.

In the Opens, Mulliner progressed steadily through the Process; but was beaten by Hamilton-Miller, who was in excellent form and played particularly steadily, in the Draw. Bond only narrowly avoided defeat by Phillips in the Draw, being let in by a failed peg out. After a tentative start in the play-off, both were round to four back, and though Bond progressed to four Mulliner was soon in again and started on a triple. Sticking in four back on Bond's backward ball proved to be a costly mistake, and Mulliner missed his last two shots.

For spectators, Maude v Cozens in the third round of the "X" was one of the most enthralling games. With Cozens eleven points behind, Maude pegged out one of his balls. Cozens then shot from close to the middle of the North Boundary, hit the peg and bounced off onto Maude's remaining ball two feet away! There then followed a thrilling struggle. Maude, whose excellent hitting-in had contributed to his success in both halves of the "B", found that his shooting had deserted him; and after what seemed like an eternity Cozens finally won, having himself missed a peg out before doing so.

Croker's victory in the "X", and Alvey's success against Mrs Croker in the "Y", completed the tournament by 7 pm. on Sunday. A full week, but by no means impossible; and from all appearances much enjoyed by all.

Event 1. Open Singles (entries 12) (Advanced Law 36)

First Round: M.J. Stevens bt Miss B. Duthie +23, J.G.C. Phillips bt Mrs B. Mansfield +20, S.N. Mulliner bt J.H.J. Soutter +26, M.G. Pearson bt

Second Round: I.D. Bond bt J. Haigh +15, Phillips bt Stevens +24, Mulliner bt Pearson +23TP, D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller bt P.L. Alvey +9. Semi-final: Bond bt Phillips +1, Hamilton-Miller bt Mulliner +7. Final: Bond bt Hamilton-Miller +14.

PROCESS

First Round: Croker bt Bond +23, Hamilton-Miller bt Miss Duthie +5, Pearson bt Haigh +6, Alvey bt Stevens +7.

Second Round: Phillips bt Croker +5, Hamilton-Miller bt Soutter w.o. scr., Pearson bt Mrs Mansfield +18, Mulliner bt Alvey +19.

Semi-final: Hamilton-Miller bt Phillips +4, Mulliner bt Pearson +12. Final: MULLINER bt Hamilton-Miller +19.

Play-off: BOND bt Mulliner +7.

Event 2. Level Singles (entries 14) (Advanced Law 36)

First Round: T.J. Haste bt P.J. Crawford +25, S.M. Godsi bt Mrs S. Soutter +1T, J.S. Maude bt Mrs W. Jones +11, Mrs B. Mansfield bt P. Campion +15, L. Wharrad bt Mrs A. Croker +9, P.V. Cozens bt Mrs

Second Round: Haste bt J. Greenwood +12, Maude bt Godsi +23, Wharrad bt Mrs Mansfield +11, D.C. Caporn bt Cozens +11. Semi-final: Maude bt Haste +3, Caporn bt Wharrad +12.

Final: Maude bt Caporn +5T.

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First Round: Campion bt Greenwood +12, Cozens bt Mrs Jones +23, Wharrad bt Haste +2T, Crawford bt Mrs Croker +10, Mrs Soutter bt Caporn +13, Maude bt Mrs Rentoul +16.

Second Round: Campion bt Cozens +5, Godsi bt Wharrad +9, Mrs Soutter bt Crawford +1, Maude bt Mrs Mansfield +23.

Semi-final: Campion bt Godsi +1T, Maude bt Mrs Soutter +13.

Final: MAUDE bt Campion +11.

Event 3, Handicap Singles (entries 9)

First Round: Mrs W. Jones (9) bt P.E. Callan (9) +3.

Second Round: R. Smith (12) bt Mrs J. Healy (10) +5T, Mrs Jones bt D. Wood (10) +11T, Mrs R.A. Gosden (13) bt Mrs M. Wharrad (13) +17, R.A. Gosden (11) bt Mrs W. Browne (11) +6T. **PROCESS**

First Round: Gosden bt Mrs Healy +4T.

Second Round: Gosden bt Callan +3T, Mrs Wharrad bt Wood +13T, Smith bt Mrs Gosden +9T, Mrs Jones bt Mrs Browne +2T.

Redrawn (Two Life Variation).

Semi-final: Smith bt Gosden +1T, Mrs Gosden bt Mrs Jones +1T. Final: SMITH bt Mrs Gosden +3T.

Event 4. Handicap Singles 'X' (entries 33)

First Round: M.G. Pearson (31/2) bt Mrs M. Wharrad (13) +14.

Second Round: S.N. Mulliner (-11/2) bt D.E. Wood (10) +23, Mrs D.J. Croker (8) bt P.L. Alvey (3) +10, S.M. Godsi (7) bt J. Greenwood (5½) +15, P.J. Crawford (5) bt Mrs J. Healy (10) +9, J. Maude (3) bt Mrs Y. Rentoul (6½) +10, T.J. Haste (3) bt L. Wharrad (3½) +4, P.V. Cozens (3) bt Mrs W. Jones (9) +4, J.G.C. Phillips (0) bt Pearson +9, Miss B. Duthie (2) bt R.A. Gosden (11) +9, I.D. Bond (2) bt Mrs B. Mansfield (7) +2, D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller (1) bt J.H.J. Soutter (0) +17, P.W.P. Campion (8) bt D. Goulding (7) +4, Mrs W. Browne (11) bt Mrs R.A. Gosden (13) +14, D.J. Croker (1) bt M.J. Stevens (1) +4, R. Smith (12) bt Mrs S. Soutter (7) +6T, J. Haigh (0) bt D.C. Caporn (4½) +5.

Third Round: Mulliner bt Mrs Croker +5, Godsi bt Crawford +9, Maude bt Haste +23, Cozens bt Phillips +15, Bond bt Miss Duthie +15, Hamilton-Miller bt Campion +10, Croker bt Mrs Browne +20, Haigh bt

Fourth Round: Mulliner bt Godsi +12, Cozens bt Maude +1, Bond bt Hamilton-Miller w.o. opp. scr., Croker bt Haigh +25.

Semi-final: Cozens bt Mulliner +22, Croker bt Bond +14.

Final: CROKER bt Cozens +21.

Event 'Y'. (2 hours Time Limit: Law 54 (b) (iv)).

P.L. ALVEY (3) bt Mrs D.J. Croker (8) +4.

Event 5. Handicap Doubles (entries 15 pairs)

First Round: P.V. Cozens & Mrs Y. Rentoul (91/2) bt Mr & Mrs L. Wharrad (16%) +9, I.D. Bond & J. Maude (5) bt P.E. Callan & P.W.P. Campion (17) +18, M.J. Stevens & T.J. Haste (4) bt D.E. Wood & R.J. Smith (20) +11, P.G. Gunn & C.J. Hughes (17) bt D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller & Mrs W. Jones (10) +1T, J.G.C. Phillips & Mrs J. Healy (10) bt Mr & Mrs R.A. Gosden (24) +6, D.C. Caporn & S.M. Godsi (111/2) bt J. Haigh & Mrs W. Browne (11) +7, S.N. Mulliner & Mrs S. Soutter (5½) bt Mr & Mrs D.J. Croker (9) +9

Second Round: Cozens & Mrs Rentoul bt Bond & Maude +5, Stevens & Haste bt Gunn & Hughes +2, Phillips & Mrs Healy bt Caporn & Godsi +2, Mulliner & Mrs Soutter bt P.L. Alvey & Mrs B. Mansfield (10) +12. Semi-final: Cozens & Mrs Rentoul bt Stevens & Haste +5, Mulliner & Mrs Soutter bt Phillips & Mrs Healy +15.

Final: MULLINER & MRS SOUTTER bt Cozens & Mrs Rentoul +11.

Budleigh Salterton July Tournament. 2-7 July.

This tournament was played in the most perfect weather possible, which was all the more appreciated because of the long delay in the arrival of Summer. In consequence, the lawns were very fast but a bit tricky.

A very large entry included 24 visitors, 10 of these being

from Parkstone, which has always strongly supported this event. There were 3 visitors from Australia and one from New Zealand.

Edgar Jackson again managed the tournament, and also contrived to play in most of the events. It is amazing how he copes with managerial problems in the course of playing an important game without letting the interruptions affect his concentration. In the Class 'A' event, he met no serious opposition and retained the Colman Cup.

In the Class 'B' event, both Draw and Process were won by Christine Bagnall, although she had some narrow squeaks in

some of her games.

The Class 'C' event was, for the first time, played on a Draw and Process basis, but with 18 point games with the idea of avoiding the need for time limits. However, some of the games did take a very long time, and it is by no means certain that the experiment would be worth repeating. Miss Pat Parker, who has been improving steadily over the last few years, won this

The story of the Big Handicap is the tale of the two young men from Oxford, who arrived with far more bisques than they needed. Francis Lander (with a handicap of 9) and Robin Hobbs (with a handicap of 11) were quite clearly over-generously handicapped. The situation was eased a little when Lander was recalled to Oxford on Tuesday for a viva, but this left Hobbs to sail through and win the Oliver Bowl, with so many bisques to spare that he could afford to be lavish in their

In the Doubles final was the familiar figure of Colin Edwards, who has featured in that position so often. This time, partnered by Brian Redford, they had both reached 2 back having a substantial lead, but there they stuck for a long time, and really struggled in getting any further. Thanks to some of Robin Hobbs numerous bisques, and his Australian partner's steady play, their opponents crept up and then overtook them to win

Event 1. Colman Cup. Open Singles (entries 16) (Adv. play). DRAW

First Round: B.G. Perry bt Lt. Col. D.M.C. Prichard +11, P. Newton bt H.G.T. Bolton +7, G.E.P. Jackson bt Dr. W.R. Bucknall +14, L.S. Butler bt A.J. Cooper +13, R.A. Godby bt Mrs D.M.C. Prichard +16, Dr. B.G.F. Weitz bt Dr. C.A. Parker +6, Mrs E.M. Lightfoot bt Mrs B.G. F. Weitz +10, R.S. Stevens bt Mrs N.A.C. McMillan +12.

Second Round: Perry bt Newton +15, Jackson bt Butler +16, Godby bt Dr. Weitz +23, Stevens bt Mrs Lightfoot +4.

Semi-final: Perry bt Jackson +2, Godby bt Stevens +6.

Final: GODBY bt Perry +5.

PROCESS

First Round: R.A. Godby bt Lt. Col. D.M.C. Prichard +11, Dr. W.R. Bucknall bt Mrs E.M. Lightfoot +14, Dr. B.G. Weitz bt P. Newton +19, L.S. Butler bt Mrs N.A.C. McMillan +10, B.G. Perry bt Mrs D.M.C. Prichard +2, G.E.P. Jackson bt Mrs B.G.F. Weitz +16, Dr. C.A. Parker bt H.G.T. Bolton +1T, A.J. Cooper bt R.S. Stevens +2.

Second Round: Godby bt Bucknall +18, Butler bt Weitz +16, Jackson bt Perry +16, Cooper bt Parker +2.

Semi-final: Godby bt Butler +1, Jackson bt Cooper +25.

Final: JACKSON bt Godby +9. Play-off: JACKSON bt Godby +20.

Event 2. Longman Cup. Level Singles (entries 14) (3½—7 only) (Advanced play).

First Round: H.E. Ovens bt A. Rushbrooke +4, Mrs C. Bagnall bt R.H. C. Carder +1, P.J. Shepard bt C. Edwards +9, Mrs P. Newton bt Mrs D. Christie +22, Mrs N.M. Jones bt F.J.R. Lander w.o., C.J. Waller bt P.K.

Second Round: Ovens bt B. Bedford +22, Mrs Bagnall bt Shepard +4, Mrs Jones bt Mrs Newton +6, Waller bt Mrs S.S. Cruden w.o. Semi-final: Mrs Bagnall bt Ovens +2, Waller bt Mrs Jones +10. Final: Mrs Bagnall bt Waller +9.

PROCESS

First Round: R.H.C. Calder bt C.J. Waller +7, H.E. Ovens bt F.J.R. Lander w.o., P.J. Shepard bt Mrs S.S. Cruden w.o., B. Redford bt Mrs P. Newton +26, Mrs C. Bagnall bt P.K. Devitt +1T, Mrs N.M. Jones bt A. Rushbrooke +4.

Second Round: Carder bt Mrs D. Christie +25, Shepard bt Ovens +23, Mrs Bagnall bt Redford +9, C. Edwards bt Mrs Jones +16. Semi-final: Carder bt Shepard +2T, Mrs Bagnall bt Edwards +5.

Final: MRS BAGNALL bt Carder +1.

Mrs Bagnall won both Draw & Process and won the LONGMAN CUP.

Play-off for 2nd place: Waller bt Carder +1.

Event 3. The Stone Challenge Cup. Handicap Singles (entries 17) (8 bisques & over) (18 point game, starting at hoop 5).

First Round: Dr. C.W. Marshall (9) bt Mrs D. Waterhouse (10) +13. Second Round: J.H.T. Griffiths (8) bt Mrs M.M. Edwards (9) +3. Mrs R.S. Stevens (9) bt Mrs C.A. Parker (14) +9, Mrs S.F. Blackler (14*) bt D.S. Jones (9) +3. Dr. C.W. Marshall (9) bt Mrs P.K. Devitt (8) +7. Mrs G.H. Mapstone (8) bt Miss D. Locks Latham (9) +7, R.M. Hobbs (11) bt Mrs E.M. Pursey (9) +9, S.F. Blackler (14*0 bt Mrs C.W. Marshall (8) +11, Miss P.E. Parker (9) bt M. Hawthorn (12) +1.

Third Round: Mrs Stevens bt Griffiths +1, Mrs Blackler bt Dr. Marshall +8, Mrs Mapstone bt Hobbs +1, Miss Parker bt Blackler +3.

Semi-final: Mrs Blackler bt Mrs Stevens +8, Miss Parker bt Mrs Mapstone +10.

Final: MISS PARKER bt Mrs Blackler +11.

Play-off: MISS PARKER bt Mrs Stevens +8.

PROCESS

First Round: Miss P.E. Parker (9) bt J.H.T. Griffiths (8) +14. Second Round: Miss Parker bt Dr. C.W. Marshall (8) +7, R.M. Hobbs (11) bt D.S. Jones (9) +5, Mrs R.S. Stevens (9) bt Mrs G.H. Mapstone (8) +8, Mrs C.W. Marshall (8) bt Mrs M.M. Edwards (9) +5, M. Hawthorn (12) bt Mrs D. Waterhouse (10) +11, Mrs S.F. Blackler (14*) bt Mrs E.M. Pursey (9) +1T, Mrs C.A. Parker (14) bt Miss D. Locks Latham (9) +2T, S.F. Blackler (14*) bt Mrs P.K. Devitt (8) +8. Third Round: Hobbs bt Miss Parker +17, Mrs Stevens bt Mrs Marshall +10, Mrs Blackler bt Hawthorn +10, Blackler bt Mrs Parker +10. Semi-final: Mrs Stevens bt Hobbs w.o., Mrs Blackler bt S.F. Blackler +1T. Final: Mrs Stevens bt Mrs Blackler +1T.

Event 4. The Oliver Bowl. Handicap 'X' Singles (entries 46)

First Round: B. Redford (5) bt Mrs M.M. Edwards (9) +14, L.S. Butler (½) bt Dr. C.W. Marshall (9) +15, Mrs B.G.F. Weitz (3) bt Mrs S.S. Cruden (7½) +20, G.E.P. Jackson (-½) bt Mrs C.W. Marshall (8) +23, H.E. Ovens (7½) bt A. Rushbrooke (6½) +4, Mrs H.E. Ovens (7½) bt D S. Jones (9) +9, F.J.L. Lander (9) bt Mrs E.M. Pursey (9) +18, P.J. Shepard (7) bt Mrs C. Bagnall (5) +11, S.F. Blackler (14*) bt P. Newton (½) +10, H.G.T. Bolton (1) bt Dr. C.A. Parker (2½) +20, Dr. W.R. Buck nall (3) bt Mrs E.M. Lightfoot (2) +3, J.H.T. Griffiths (8) bt Mrs P.K. Devitt (8) +1, R.M. Hobbs (11) bt C. Edwards +25, Mrs D.M.C. Prichard (2) bt Mrs S.F. Blackler (14*) +20.

Second Round: Mrs P.A. Tunmer (5) bt Mrs C.A. Parker (14) +8, R.A. Godby (0) bt K.S. Schofield (4) opp. ret. on peg., R.S. Stevens (11/2) bt Lt. Col. D.M.C. Prichard (11/2) +3, R.H.C. Carder (41/2) bt M. Hawthorn (12) +1, Redford bt Mrs D. Waterhouse (10) +17, Butler bt Mrs Weitz +3, Jackson bt H.E. Ovens (5) +14, Lander bt Mrs Ovens +22, Blackler bt Shepard +7, Bucknall bt Bolton +20, Hobbs bt Griffiths +15, Mrs Prichard bt Mrs N.A.C. McMillan (3) +17, Miss P.E. Parker (9) bt Miss D. Locks Latham (9) +6, Dr. B.G.F. Weitz (0) bt Mrs G.H. Mapstone (8) +13, A.J. Cooper (1/2) bt Mrs N.M. Jones (71/2) +16, Mrs R.S. Stevens (9) bt Mrs P. Newton (51/2) +24.

Third Round: Godby bt Mrs Tunmer+22, Stevens bt Carder +5, Butler bt Redford +11, Jackson bt Landor w.o., Bucknall bt S.F. Blackler +2T, Hobbs bt Mrs Prichard +26, Miss Parker bt Dr. Weitz +15, Mrs Stevens bt Cooper +20.

Fourth Round: Stevens bt Godby +12, Butler bt Jackson w.o., Hobbs bt Bucknall +25, Miss Parker bt Mrs Stevens opp. ret. on peg. Semi-final: Stevens bt Butler +10, Hobbs bt Miss Parker +11. Final: HOBBS bt Stevens +25. (and won the Oliver Bowl).

Event 4. Handicap 'Y' Singles (entries 22).

(22 point game. 21/2 hour time limit).

Third Round: Mrs C.A. Parker (14) bt M. Hawthorn (12) +3, A. Rushbrooke (6½) bt Dr. C.W. Marshall +9, Dr. C.A. Parker (2½) bt P. Newton +6, Mrs D.S. Jones (7½) bt Mrs G.H. Mapstone (8) +6.

Semi-final: Rushbrooke bt Mrs Parker +11, Dr. Parker bt Mrs Jones +14. Final: RUSHBROOKE bt Dr. Parker +14.

Event 5. The Le Mesurier Cups. Handicap Doubles. (Entries 21 pairs) (Start at 3rd hoop) (3½ hour time limit).

First Round: L.S. Butler & Mrs D Christie (8) bt Mrs Lightfoot & Dr. C.W. Marshall (11) +1, R.A. Godby & Miss P.E. Parker (9) bt Mrs Mc-Millan & P.J. Shepard (10) +10, B.G. Perry & Mrs Stevens (81/2) bt Lt. Col. D.M.C. Prichard & G.H. Mapstone (101/2) +10, R.M. Hobbs & Mrs M.M. Edwards (18) bt Mr & Mrs P. Newton (6) +13, Mrs D.M.C. Prichard & Mrs G.E. Cave (71/2) bt J.A.T. Griffiths & Mrs C.W. Marshall (8)

Second Round: C. Edwards & B Redford (81/2) bt G.E.P. Jackson & Mrs S.F. Blackler (13%) +9. Mrs B.G.F. Weitz & M. Hawthorn (15) bt R.S. Stevens & Mrs G.H. Mapstone (9%) +10. Butler & Mrs Christie bt Dr. & Mrs C.A. Parker (141/2) +7, Perry & Mrs Stevens bt Godby & Miss Parker +21, Hobbs & Mrs Edwards bt Mrs Prichard * Mrs Cave +8, Dr. B.G.F. Weitz & S.F. Blackler (12) bt R.H.C. Carder & A. Rushbrooke (11) +13, Mr & Mrs H.G.T. Bolton (12) bt Mr & Mrs D.S. Jones (161/2) +2, A.J. Cooper & Mrs C. Bagnall (51/2) bt Dr. W.R. Bucknall & B. Hancock (81/2)

Third Round: Edwards & Redford bt Mrs Weitz & Hawthorn +6, Perry & Mrs Stevens bt Butler & Mrs Christie +5, Hobbs & Mrs Edwards bt Dr. Weitz & Blackler +14, Mr & Mrs Bolton bt Cooper & Mrs Bagnall +22. Semi-final: Edwards & Redford bt Perry & Mrs Stevens +6, Hobbs & Mrs Edwards bt Mr & Mrs Bolton +8.

Final: HOBBS & MRS EDWARDS bt Edwards & Redford +6, and won the Le Mesurier Cups

Colchester 9 – 14 July

The Sixteenth Annual Croquet Tournament at Colchester attracted a comfortable number of entrants. There were 15 visitors, outweighing the locals. Not for the first time Phyllis Court members predominated the visitors, but the prize for the furthest travelled players must be shared by V. Burgmann from the Canberra Club and Mr & Mrs D.S. Jones of Sydney.

Due to Ground Staff difficulties and perhaps to the high cost of Petrochemical Derivatives the Courts were not up to the usual high standard of perfection that one has been accustomed to - patches of clover made the brown fast flat closely shaved surfaces rather unpredictable. However the sun shone all week ensuring conditions that one longs for during the long winter months

As usual all our creature comforts were well catered for and we were Master-Managed by that doyen of tact, Edward Duffield who was mowing the lawns before we arrived and was ever ready to RUN onto the courts to watch our doubtful shots, which made his number of birthdays seem unbelievable. Croquet, like Guinness, is good for you!

As in the tournament two years ago, Michael Heap was kept up most of the night before Finals day by his offspring. Hope must have risen in the breasts of his opponents. Would he be just a little off song? His first game of the day was against Bishop in the final of the Process, who was able to make 6 hoops before the great slinky Cat took over and delighted us in the execution of the "Worst Triple Peel of his Life" (his words). Twice his playing ball ended up at right angles to the rush line with his forward ball between the uprights offering the slimmest of targets. Both were hit with extreme precision rushing the ball to most satisfactory positions. He dealt with Digby & Hicks in somewhat similar fashion in the semi-final & Final of the Draw. Sheer poetry in motion. If only someone would come and give him a fright!

Crane and Alford seemed to be on the Courts all too often for some. In the Level Singles (which finished at 8 o'c) the latter defeated the former. In the Handicap Singles (played on a Block system not to everyone's liking) The Final was between Alford and Eades (who had been practising on the court at Santa Barbara where the Boundary is made of Marble Chippings!) In this case both played rather scrappy games, Alford being the survivor by +3. Mrs Chadwick won the 'C' event, as she did in 1977.

The Final of the Doubles was between Hicks & Burgmann and Nicholls & Rita Stanley-Smith. The latter, who are greatly improved players, (Nicholls reaching his two other Finals), had the game in the bag just before time was called but made the mistake of going for more hoops instead of hiding, only to stick in a hoop, which resulted in their coming in second. The Road to Happiness is often Paved with Sadness!

Event 1. Colchester Bowl (entries 6) DRAW

First Round. G.S. Digby bt P. Bishop +25, H.O. Hicks bt G.F. Hallett

Semi-final: M.E.W. Heap (TP) bt Digby +20, Hicks bt Mrs G.S. Digby

Final: HEAP bt Hicks +24.

Final:

First Round: Heap bt Hicks +15, Bishop bt Mrs Digby +7. Semi-final: Heap bt Digby +24, Bishop bt Hallett +4. Final: HEAP (TP) ht Bishon +21 Play-off: Waived - Hicks and Bishop shared.

Event 2. Locke Bowl (entries 12) (Handicap 3½ or over) Level Singles

First Round: Mrs D.S. Jones bt R.S. Eades +5, R.S. Alford bt Mrs F.E.M. Puxon +4, Mrs F. Stanley-Smith bt R.O. Calder +21, Mrs E.E. Bressey bt V.D. Burgmann +6.

Second Round: Lt. Col. A.W.D. Nicholls bt E.A. Locke +18, Alford bt Mrs Jones +3(T), Mrs Bressey bt Mrs Stanley-Smith +10, R.F.A. Crane bt C. Abderhalden +18.

Semi-final: Alford bt Lt. Col. Nicholls +23, Crane bt Mrs Bressey +1 (T). Final: Alford bt Crane +16.

Event 3. Cordy Salver (entries 9) (18 point games) (Handicap 7 or over)

First Round: D.S. Jones (9) bt Mrs R.F.A. Crane (10) +5. Second Round: Mrs P.H. Mann (7½) bt S.A. Claydon (14) +6, Jones bt Mrs F.E.M. Puxon (7½) +6, Mrs C. Abderhalden (11) bt Mrs N. Adlam (11) +7, Mrs I.B. Chadwick (10) bt P.H. Mann (7) +7. Semi-final: Jones bt Mrs Mann +12, Mrs Chadwick bt Mrs Abderhalden +11

Event 4. Franklin Cup and Lexden Goblet (entries 20)

Block A. R.F.A. Crane (31/2) 4 wins, P. Bishop (3) 3 wins, G.S. Digby (2) 2 wins, Mrs D.S. Jones (7½) 1 win, P.H. Mann (7) Nil.

Block B. R.S. Eades (31/2) 4 wins, V.D. Burgmann (6) 3 wins, G.F. Hallett (2) 2 wins, C. Abderhalden (6%) 1 win, Mrs N. Adlam (11) Nil.

Block C. R.S. Alford (31/2) 4 wins, Mrs E.E. Bressey (41/2) 2 wins, Mrs G.S. Digby (3) 2 wins, Mrs F. Stanley-Smith (7) 2 wins, Mrs C. Alderhalden (11) Nil.

Block D. Lt. Col. A.W.D. Nicholls (5) 4 wins, R.O. Calder (4) 2 wins, S. Jones (9) 2 wins, Mrs R.F.A. Crane (10) 1 win, Mrs P.H. Mann (7½)

Semi-final: Eades bt Crane +3(T), Alford bt Lt. Col. Nicholls +8. Final: Alford bt Eades +3.

Event 5. Clark and Cork Trophies (entries 13 pairs) (Handicap Doubles)

First Round: G.F. Hallett & S.A. Claydon (16) bt E.A. Locke & Mrs G. Kimber (16) +14, Mr & Mrs G.S. Digby (5) bt Mr & Mrs D.S. Jones (16½) +8, Mr & Mrs R.F.A. Crane (13½) bt R.O. Calder & Mrs N. Adlam (15) +15, Mr & Mrs Abderhalden (17½) bt P.H. Mann & Mrs F.E.M. Puxon (12) +10, R.S. Alford & P. Bishop (61/2) bt R.S. Eades & Mrs E.E. Bressey (8) +2(T).

Second Round: H.O. Hicks & V.D. Burgmann (6½) bt Hallett & Claydon +3(T), Mr & Mrs Crane bt Mr & Mrs Digby +2(T), Alford & Bishop bt Mr & Mrs Abderhalden +14, Lt. Col. A.W.D. Nicholls & Mrs F. Stanley-Smith (12) bt F.E.M. Puxon & Mrs P.H. Mann (15) +20.

Semi-final: Hicks & Burgman bt Mr & Mrs Crane +23, Lt. Col. Nicholls & Mrs Stanley-Smith bt Alford & Bishop +6(T).

Final: Hicks & Burgmann bt Lt. Col. Nicholls & Mrs Stanley-Smith

Southwick 9 -14 July

Day after day the lawns of Southwick were bathed in glorious sunshine with players and spectators alike basking in this unexpected but welcome burst of summer. White clad figures in a variety of sunhats played their games with never a thought of their waterproofs and the only complaints were from those who felt that hoops did not allow them sufficiently easy passage. There was perhaps a little more grass on the lawns than in some years which only shows how much the Club owed in the past to the late Mr Finch's efforts as

Ian Vincent once again conducted a smoothly flowing tournament and in addition collected the Sussex Gold Cup after a triangular contest with Owen and Moore which he was made to fight every inch of the way, the destination of the trophy being in doubt until 7 pm. on the final day. Phelps won the Whetstone Cup decisively after victories over Adams in Draw and Process and will be a strong contender in future Open events. Adams whose croquet career started over 60 years ago raced around the lawns and notched up some useful wins although he lost by 26 in one game with Sheppard who must be ten years his senior, a result which demonstrates yet again that length of years is no bar to good croquet.

The 'C' level event looked like being a clean sweep for a powerful raiding party from Oxford in the shape of Hobbs and Landor whose exploits early in the week had the handicappers reaching for their hatchets and they had a hard-fought struggle in the Final of the Handicap for the Reckitt Bowl. Alan Betts had his own idea of the destination of the Franc Cup and beat first Landor and then Hobbs on Saturday afternoon; the last moments of the latter game combining high drama with knockabout comedy. Hobbs had both clips on Rover and Betts, for the peg, was on the North Boundary. He took off from there to separate the opposition only to come to grief half way down the lawn by pegging himself out. Hobbs left a wired rush to rover and then watched Betts hit the peg again, intentionally this time, to snatch victory that neither of them seemed to expect. Dr. Chandler won the Montieth Bowl convincingly in a small but select group of higher bisquers and was duly dealt with by the Handicapper.

The Doubles was won by Phelps and Townsend who speeded up their games as the week went on and in the final beat Moore and Bull by 8 in the indecently short time of 1% hrs. All four players made breaks of varying tidiness, undoubtedly the best being that by Phelps who made a gallant effort to do a straight triple and had both clips on rover in just over the

The hospitality and welcome at Southwick were as genuine and warm as ever and particular thanks must go to the members who worked so hard in the background to look after usall. As one player said 'What could be pleasanter than croquet at Southwick in weather like this?' What indeed!

Event 1. Sussex Gold Cup (entries 3) (Open Singles) 2 Games (Played as an American Tournament)

First Round: Vincent bt Moore +3, Owen +3. Owen bt Moore +16, lost to Vincent -3. Moore lost to Vincent -3, Owen -16.

Second Round: Vincent bt Moore +7, lost to Owen -3. Owen bt Moore +18, Vincent +3. Moore lost to Vincent -7, Owen -18. Play-off VINCENT bt Owen +4.

Event 2. Ron Whetstone Cup (Level Singles) (2 Life) (2½ – 5 Bisques) (entries 11)

DRAW

First Round: L.D. Adams bt Miss H.D. Parker +22, G.H. Betts bt Mrs M. Speer +10. Mrs F.F.W. Staddon bt H.A. Sheppard +1. Second Round: D.M. Bull bt Mrs E.H.P. Mallinson +12, Adams bt Betts +12, C.E. Knight bt Mrs Staddon +9, M.F. Phelps w.o. opp. scr. Semi-final: Adams bt Bull +18, Phelps bt Knight +14. Final: PHELPS bt Adams +19.

PROCESS

First Round: Bull bt Knight +8, Adams bt Mrs N.W.T. Cox +26, Phelps bt Mrs Mallinson +9.

Second Round: Bull bt Mrs E.M. Speer +14, Adams bt Sheppard +16, Phelps bt Betts +12, Mrs Staddon bt Miss H.D. Parker +16. Semi-final: Adams w.o. opp. retd., Phelps bt Mrs Staddon +22. Final: PHELPS bt Adams +2.

Event 3. Franc Cup (entries 11) (Handicap Singles)

First Round: F.J.R. Landor (6) bt Rev. C.H. Townshend (61/2) +11, R.M. Hobbs (7) bt Mrs W. Longman (5%) +19.

Second Round: T.C. Coates (5%) bt G.F. Paxin (5%) +9, Landor bt Hobbs +14, A.J. Betts (61/2) bt E.H.P. Mallinson (6) +10, Mrs D. Linstead (7) bt Mrs G. Day (8) +12.

Semi-final: Landor bt Coates +21, Betts bt Mrs Linstead +9. Final: BETTS bt Landor +3.

Play-off: BETTS bt Hobbs +4.

PROCESS

First Round: Col. E.H.P. Mallinson (6) bt G.F. Paxon (5½) +19, Mrs G. Day (8) bt Rev. C.H. Townshend (6½) +16, Mrs D. Linstead (7) bt G.T. Coates (5%) +4.

Second Round: Mallinson bt Mrs W. Longman (51/2) +8, Betts bt Day +12, R.M. Hobbs (7) bt Mrs Linstead +17, Landor bt Mrs C.A. Grout

Semi-final: Betts bt Mallinson +11, Hobbs bt Landor +12. Final: HOBBS bt Betts +19.

Event 4. Montieth Bowl (entries 4) (9 Bisques & over) 18 pts. DRAW

Semi-final: Dr. C. Chandler (10) bt Miss P. Shine (10) +12, Mrs E. Lewis (9) bt Mrs A. Millns (9) +3. Final: DR CHANDLER bt Mrs Lewis +8.

Semi-final: Miss P. Shine (10) bt Mrs A. Millns (9) +7, Dr Chandler (10) bt Mrs E. Lewis (9) +6

Final: CHANDLER bt Miss Shine +9. Play-off for 2nd place: Shire bt Lewis +5.

Event 5X. Maurice Reckitt Bowl (entries 30) (H/c Singles)

First Round: T.F. Owen (0) bt Mrs C.A. Grout (8) +16, C.E. Knight (4½) bt Miss P.A. Shine (10) +19, A.J. Sheppard (4) bt Prof. A.S.C. Ross (5) +11, L.D. Adams (21/2) bt Mrs F.F.N. Staddon (51/2) +18, G.F. Paxon (5½) bt Miss D. Parker (5½) +19, R.M. Hobbs (7) bt Mrs E. Lewis (9) +14, M.F. Phelps (3) bt G. Betts (31/2) +9, Mrs D. Linstead (7) bt Mrs G. Day (3) +8, Rev. C.H. Townshend (61/2) bt Mrs A Millns (9) +17, Dr. C. Chandler (10) bt Mrs S.J. Turner (5) +11, T.G. Coates (51/2) w.o. opp. retd., F.J.R. Landor (6) bt Mrs W.E. Longman (5½) +22, A.J. Betts (6½) bt Mrs E.M. Speer (5) +19, D.M. Bull (4½) bt W.E. Moore

Second Round: Owen bt Knight +7, Sheppard bt Adams +26, Hobbs bt Paxon +16, Phelps tb Linstead +20, Townshend bt Chandler +5, Landor bt Coates +15, Betts bt Bull +5, I.G. Vincent (1) bt A.J. Hutcheson (4%) + 18

Third Round: Owen bt Sheppard +5, Hobbs bt Phelps +25, Landor bt Townshend +12, Vincent bt Betts +14.

Semi-final: Hobbs bt Owen +8, Landor bt Vincent +26. Final: LANDOR bt Hobbs +2.

Event 5Y (Handicap Singles) (entries 15)

First Round Miss P. Shine (10) bt Mrs C.A. Grout (8) +5, Mrs F.F.N. Staddon (5) bt Prof. A.S.C. Ross (5) +15, Mrs E. Lewis (9) bt Miss H. Parker (6) +11, G.H. Betts (31/2) bt Mrs G. Day (8) +7, Mrs S.J.Turner (5) bt Mrs A. Millns (9) +10, Mrs E.H.P. Mallinson (5) bt Mrs W. Longman (5½) +4, W.E. Moore (0) bt Mrs E.M. Speer (5) +15.

Second Round: Mrs Staddon bt Miss Shine +10, G.H. Betts bt Mrs Lewis +5, Mrs Mallinson bt Mrs Turner +10, Moore bt A.J. Hutcheson (4%) +5.

Semi-final: Mrs Staddon bt G.H. Betts +7, Moore bt Mrs Mallinson +2. Final: MOORE bt Mrs Staddon +8.

Event 6. (Doubles) (entries 12 pairs)

First Round: Mrs D. Linstead & J. Hanbury (16) bt C.E. Knight & Mrs C.A. Grout (12½) +11(T), Rev. C.H. Townshend & M.F. Phelps (9½) bt

Mrs E.M. Speer & A.J. Betts (111/2) +7(T), D.M. Bull & W.E. Moore (4½) bt Mrs S.J. Turner & G.F. Paxon (10½) +2(T), Col. E.H.P. & Mrs Mallinson (11) bt Mrs A. Millns & A.J. Hutcheson (131/2) +9.

Second Round: L.D. Adams & G. Betts (6) bt F.J.R. Landor & R.M. Hobbs (13) +6, Rev. Townshend & Phelps bt Mrs Linstead & Hanbury +8, Bull & Moore bt Col. & Mrs Mallinson +11, Miss P. Shine & T.F. Owen (10) bt Mrs F.F.N. Staddon & Dr C. Chandler (15) +14.

Semi-final: Rev Townshend & Phelps bt Adams & Betts +10, Bull & Moore bt Owen & Miss Shine +10.

Final: REV. TOWNSHEND & PHELPS bt Bull & Moore +9.

Woking 12 - 15 July

This year we changed our format very successfully. Instead of giving leave to Woking players on the Thursday, which created great problems for the Manager who had unused lawns that day and crowded lawns on the other 3 days, we had a handicap doubles on the Thursday - limited to 8 pairs on an X,Y basis. All pairs had two matches and 4 pairs had 3. Friday to Sunday covered American handicap Singles in 4 blocks with seven players in each so we accepted 28 entries on four lawns double-banked. There were no time limits except where the Manager imposed one hour after two hours play on one day in one round but all games finished except one! The length of games was reduced by the following formula: - combined handicaps up to $7\frac{1}{2}$ = 26 points, $8-17\frac{1}{2}$ = 22 points (3rd hoop start) and over 18 = 18 points (5th hoop start). The average time taken in all games was 2½ hours. All the competitors said they enjoyed this much better than a time limit with its frustrations. I think it would have been improved by making the combined handicap for a 22 point game 16 and not 171/2. We confidently recommend this practice instead of time-limits for all games whether handicap or not.

The weather was perfect, refreshments outstanding, everyone was friendly and the Manager only had one grumble what more could we ask. Next year we are considering a new type of tournament incorporating our very popular American handicap singles from Friday to Sunday but including events on the previous Saturday and Sunday plus evening play from Monday to Thursday so watch the fixtures book for something unusual, of particular interest to Woking players - enter early as this year we had a reserve list by the end of April.

Event 1 Handicap Doubles

Semi-final: J. Rose & J.L. Wankling (9½) bt N. Morrison & Mrs C.W. Marshall (17) +10/T, L. Wharrad & Dr. C.W. Marshall (12%) bt K. Schofield & Dr. G.D. Coley (13) +60/T.

Final: WHARRAD & MRS MARSHALL bt Rose & Wankling +70/T.

Event 2. Handicap Singles (Block Winners)

Red: L. WHARRAD (3½) bt J. Haigh (0) +18, P.V. Cozens (3) +10, Mrs C.W. Marshall (9) +13, Mrs W. Jones (9) +4, D.E. Wood (10) +10, R. Gosden (10) +40/T

Yellow: DR. T.J. HASTE (3) bt J. Rose (1/2) +14, B. Whitehouse (5) +4, Mrs M. Nalder (7) +6, Dr. C.W. Marshall (9) +9, R. Smith (10) +12, N. Morrison (7½) +6.

Blue: S. BATTISON (3) bt C. Southern (11/2) +11, D.C. Caporn (41/2) +5, R.W. Newnham (7) +10. Mrs W.J. Browne (11) +7. and lost to G. Cuttle (9) -3, J.L. Wankling (9) -7.

Black: J.S. MAUDE (3) bt K. Schofield (4) +13, A. Mozeley (51/2) +2, A. McCormack (10) +5, J.H.T. Griffiths (8) +13, Dr. G.D. Coley (9) +1, Mrs B. Gosden (12) +7.

Hurlingham and Roehampton 16 - 21 July

The Open Championships

There was a formidable roll of absentees; in addition to John Solomon and William Ormerod six of our top players were missing and as the week progressed it did lack the originality and lustre that such players bring to a tournament. 38 entries were accepted (no cut-off) and there were 16 pairs in the Doubles - only one entry was unable to find a partner. The first two rounds of the Singles produced no surprises except perhaps that Aspinall was not showing his usual fluency. Even so, nobody would have foretold the drama of the 3rd round, when Croker, at his first Championships, put Aspinall, the holder out in two games on the Cricket Field. The first game saw mistakes at hoops following excellent hitting-in by both players, with Croker's ability to approach hoops from any distance giving him the edge. In the second game Croker mastered the hoops and when Aspinall missed the last three long shots the match was over. Other 3rd round games of were: Godby's two storming finishes from well behind against Wright; Mulliner's sketchiest of victories over Lester O'Brien, a charming New Zealander who has only been playing for a couple of seasons; Mrs Carlisle's excellent performance in taking a game off John Phillips at her first Championships after she had beaten Hicks the round before; a fine game between Openshaw (who had only conceded 6 hoops in his previous four games) and Prichard with both players at their best and especially notable for the accuracy with which they placed

However, the mantle of favourite now fell on Neal. He beat Eric Solomon in the Quarter Finals in three games - his first real test but this was to be as nothing compared with his Semifinal against Croker. It started well for Neal but he missed a split peg-out on Croker's forward ball and lost the game by 5. In the second game Neal failed position at penultimate (with his partner clip on the peg), and it was Croker who pegged that ball out. Neal had three or four long shots, all agonisingly close and it looked all over for him; he had played really well apart from those two mistakes. Then Croker just failed to run the Rover and Neals ball failed to hit it, but in glancing off the wire it caused Croker's ball to go through but into such a position that there was no rush to the peg. Croker rolled up and pegged one ball out. Neal hit this last shot and cleverly scored his last three points to escape defeat. In the decider, both played well but it was Neal who produced his best form and went out with a triple peel. Meanwhile Openshaw had progressed steadily to the final also; Mulliner had failed to dent his armour but Hemsted had nearly taken the first game off him in the Semi-final. Hemsted failed position at penultimate, having held the initiative throughout the game, and retreated. The ensuing tactical sequence ended with Openshaw taking the innings and the game swung in his favour. Hemsted hit both lifts but the first time he missed a roquet and the second stuck in Rover. The second game, the next morning, went all Openshaw's way. The clash of the two Internationals, neither of whom had shewn their proper form in New Zealand was one-sided. Neal was only in once in the first game when a mistake at hoop 3 have Openshaw the opportunity to show how accurate he could be. There was one hint of a mistake when Openshaw failed the 4 back peel but after running the Rover he returned to rush peel the ball and roll away to safety. Once again in the next game the importance of hitting in was underlined. Neal never got in until Openshaw, doing a triple peel rare this week - pegged only one ball out. Neal hit in and laid up but all to no avail because Openshaw hit the 20 yard shot. So a new name is added to the Coronation Gold Cup and he is an opponent whom nobody takes lightly. In 1977 he was put out by Ormerod and in 1978 by Aspinall but both dropped a game to him and this year not one of his opponents took a game off him. To add to his great accuracy he has the perfect temperament - a winning combination.

If Croker was the giant-killer of the Singles then Wheeler and Green were the sensation of the Doubles. They had an unusual approach: hoops were locked doors to them until Time was called and that was their Open Sesame. Against Cousins and Openshaw, Green ran six hoops when time was called during his turn to win the deciding game +1, -1(T), +2(T)! Similarly, having lost the first game to Perry and Haigh, Wheeler ran 3 hoops after time was called to win +1(T) (after 8 hours 16 mins!). The Referee of the Tournament ruled that a

full hour must be played for the third game, so when Green and Wheeler won that too +1(T) the match had been in play for 9 hours 21 min. No wonder the Manager is asking for some alteration to the timing of Doubles. Many thought that a time limit for the first game would give greater sense of urgency; but if all three games went to time the total time, including the Time periods might be nearer 10 hours than 9. There is no doubt that too much consultation has bedevilled the Doubles Championships for many years. It was refreshing to see that some of the newer pairings were exemplary in this respect: Stevens and Hopewill were seldom on the lawn together and never interrupted each others breaks; Roberts left Bond to his own devices in a thrilling pegged out finish against Solomon and Ruddock; Perry was alert to fielding his partner's ball and alerted his partner to be ready to do the same!

Neal and Hemsted, a seasoned combination, were extended only once on their way to the final and that was by Prichard and Godby who were laid up to make their last two hoops when the last shot was hit in the deciding game. The Final was another non-event, but this time Neal was the one with the upper hand and he and Hemsted won the Championship for the first time.

Not for the first time, older players did well in the Association Plate. When it came to the last eight Owen and Camroux were still in both lives while Hamilton-Miller was still there. But it was the youngest of the other three semi-finalists Roberts who had the stamina to come through on the last day: he beat Owen, then Camroux: Camroux then also had to beat Owen and then lost to Roberts in the play-off at the end of a long day. Roberts was runner-up to Mulliner last year and well deserved his victory.

While triple peels from the better players were remarkable by their absence, many of the newcomers were trying them at every opportunity. Stevens just failed a straight triple, then lost a game to Foulser by missing a long peg-out to complete a triple (Foulser had to play faultlessly to take the game) and finally completed a triple against Green.... there was a hole-inone atmosphere in the Bar. The gap between top players and those who are improving so fast like Stevens, Foulser, Bond, Croker and Alvey continues to get narrower, Graham Martin seemed to enjoy Managing and was determined to make full use of his lawns; he even started a few Plate games on Monday. He was frustrated by the slowness of one or two matches at Roehampton, and even suspected winners of deliberate dallying, while some Best of Three Doubles were hideously long. but he showed no hint of impatience in spite of having to be at Hurlingham until dusk every night.

Event 1. Open Championships (Singles)

First Round: G.N. Aspinall bt H.C. Green +8 +24, D.J. Croker bt A.D. Karmel +26 +21, T.F. Owen bt P.L. Alvey +7 -15 +15, E. Bell bt I.D. Bond -26 +22 +6, D.K. Openshaw bt B.G. Perry +26 +26, C.G. Hopewell bt D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller +15 -19 +15.

Second Round: Dr. E.W. Solomon bt Mrs D.M.C. Prichard +22 +3, G.J. Roberts bt A.V. Camroux +15 +10, J. Haigh bt C.H.J. Cousins +16 +26 B.G. Neal bt J. Rose +22 +25, S.J.H. Wright bt Miss B. Duthie +6 +23, R.A. Godby bt Lt. Col. D.M.C. Prichard -9 +19 +10, Aspinall bt D.R. Foulser +25 +2, Croker bt Owen +23 +7, Openshaw bt Bell +22 +24, C. H.W. Prichard bt Hopewell +14 +4, L.E. O'Brien bt Dr. W.R.D. Wiggins -10 +4 opp. retd., S.N. Mulliner bt M.J. Stevens +13 +12, S.R. Hemsted bt B.A. Keen +3 +18, J.C. Ruddock bt J.A. Wheeler opp. scr., Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle bt H.O. Hicks +7 +14, J.C.G. Phillips bt C.M. von Schmieder +16 +6.

Third Round: Solomon bt Roberts +16 +26(TP), Neal bt Haigh +13 +4, Godby bt Wright +4 +1, Croker bt Aspinall +10 +16, Openshaw bt W. Prichard +9 +13, Mulliner bt O'Brien +3 +2, Hemsted bt Ruddock +25 +21, Phillips bt Mrs Carlisle +20 -4 +16.

Fourth Round: Neal bt Solomon +16 +26(TP), +10 Croker bt Godby +21 +25, Openshaw bt Mulliner +12 +17, Hemsted bt Phillips +1 +6 Semi-final: Neal bt Croker -5 +1 +14, Openshaw bt Hemsted +3 +24. Final: OPENSHAW bt Neal +24 +26.

Event 2. Open Doubles (entries 16 pairs) (Best of Three)

First Round: J.C. Ruddock & Dr. E.W. Solomon bt G.J. Roberts & I.D Bond +14 →25 +4, J. Haigh & B.G. Perry bt H.O. Hicks & C.M. von Schmieder +23 +9, H.C. Green & J.A. Wheeler bt Miss B. Duthie & Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle +8 +20, C.H.J. Cousins & D.K. Openshaw bt J.C.G. Phillips & A.V. Camroux +19 +16, S.R. Hemsted & B.G. Neal bt B.A. Keen & E. Bell +8 +15, R.A. Godby & C.H.W. Prichard bt J. Rose & S.H. Wright +14 +6, M.J. Stevens & C.G. Hopewell bt Lt. Col. & Mrs D.M.C. Prichard +12 +14, D.J. Croker & P.L. Alvey bt L.E. O'Brien & T.F. Owen +20 +4.

Second Round: Haigh & Perry bt Ruddock & Solomon +24 +20, Green & Wheeler bt Cousins & Openshaw +1 -1(T) +2(T), Hemsted & Neal bt Godby & Prichard +5 -18 +4, Croker & Alvey bt Stevens & Hopewell +12 +11.

Semi-final: Green & Wheeler bt Haigh & Perry -10 +1(OT) +1(OT), Hemsted & Neal bt Croker & Alvey +13 +24.

Final: HEMSTED & NEAL bt Green & Wheeler +23 +24.

Event 3. Association Plate (entries 24)

DRAW

First Round: H.C. Green bt C.H.J. Cousins +5, A.V. Camroux bt A.D. Karmel +23, B.G. Perry bt D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller +21, P.L. Alvey bt M. von Schmieder +12, J. Rose bt Mrs D.M.C. Prichard +3, T.F. Owen bt E. Bell +18, B.A. Keen bt I.D. Bond +14, D.R. Foulser bt J. Haigh +9, G.J. Roberts bt Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle w.o. opp. scr.

Second Round: M.J. Stevens bt C.G. Hopewell +18, Green bt Lt. Col. Prichard w.o., Camroux bt Perry +16, Alvey bt Rose +22, Owen bt Keen +13, Roberts bt Foulser +5, Miss B. Duthie w.o., L.E. O'Brien bt J.C. Ruddock w.o. opp. scr.

Third Round: Stevens bt Green +23(OT), Camroux bt Alvey +22, Owen bt Roberts +17, O'Brien bt Miss Duthie +2.

Semi-final: Camroux bt Stevens +15, Owen bt O'Brien +17. Final: CAMROUX bt Owen +4

PROCESS

First Round: B.A. Keen bt C.G. Hopewell +10, B.G. Perry bt J.C. Ruddock w.o. opp. scr., G.J. Roberts bt H.C. Green +17, J. Rose (bye), Lt. Col. D.M.C. Prichard bt J. Haigh +7, P.L. Alvey (bye), A.D. Karmel (bye), T.F. Owen (bye), D.R. Foulser bt M.J. Stevens +1, C.M. von Schmieder (bye), A.V. Camroux bt Miss B. Duthie +11, E. Bell (bye), C.H.J. Cousins bt Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle w.o. opp. scr., Mrs D.M.C. Prichard (bye), D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller bt L.E. O'Brien +18, I.D. Bond (bye)

Second Round: Perry bt Keen +18, Roberts bt Rose +24, Alvey bt Col. Prichard w.o., Owen bt Karmel +18, Foulser bt von Schmieder +10, Camroux bt Bell +2, Mrs Prichard bt Cousins +6, Hamilton-Miller bt Bond +15.

Third Round: Roberts bt Perry +18, Owen bt Alvey +7, Camroux bt Foulser +6, Hamilton-Miller bt Mrs Prichard +9.

Semi-final: Roberts bt Owen +13, Camroux bt Hamilton-Miller +8.

Final: ROBERTS bt Camroux +8.

Play-off: ROBERTS bt Camroux +25.

Cheltenham Open Tournament 22 - 29 July

Those who have written up the Cheltenham Open Tournament in each of the last three years have drawn attention to the variety of experiments introduced into the programme with a view to finding a solution to some of its problems accommodating as many as possible of those who want to take part, giving them all a reasonable amount of play to keep them occupied and ensuring that the day's play ends in time for competitors to get to bed at a reasonable hour. This year in response to comments received the organisers reverted to a more traditional pattern: the class events were all Draw & Process full 26 point games, apart from the Calthrop Cup (18 pts), all with 3 hour time limits, apart from the Open; the length of the X Handicap varied according to the sum of the contestant's handicaps, the Y and Z were 18 point games, the latter timed to 2½ hours; the Doubles were 22 point games limited to 3½ hours. The one innovation this year was to extend the length of the tournament from 6 to 7½ days, from 2 pm. on Sunday 22nd. to Sunday 29th July, the object to avoid late play by increasing the number of playing days.

But all this careful planning was upset by the glorious weather. There had been no rain for six weeks and the lawns were too fast for many competitors, particularly B and C class players, who had difficulty both in approaching and in running hoops. Break downs were more common than breaks. In the Money Salver and in the Asa-Thomas Trophy over half the games went to time and a high proportion of these were decided by narrow margins. In particular three out of four Draw & Process finals went to time, two of them being won by a margin of plus one on time. This is not a desirable outcome. It is tolerable to have a small proportion of games going to time but unsatisfactory to have the course of a knock-out event determined in this way. Overall, games took about 15% longer than expected so that by the end of the day the cumulative delay was about an hour and a half, with the last games finishing at 9 pm. instead of 7.30 pm. as the organisers had intended.

The Scenario was very different on Sunday, the Final day of the Tournament. There had been heavy early morning rain and every one of the ten lawns was flooded with standing water which could not seep away, so there could be no play at all. To add to our gloom we heard that the Newtons, who were finalists in the Doubles after having beaten Bond & Sykes in their semi-final, had had to scratch as Mrs Newton had been unwell at early service. This gave a walk-over in the Barwell Salvers to Sisum & Mrs Handley, who had defeated Blumer and Miss Roe in their semi-final. However, the Cheltenham lawns are very well drained and with the help of some sunshine Court 7 was declared fit for play by 10.45 am. and McLaren & Mrs Asa-Thomas contested the final of the Process of the Money Salver. At 11.10 am. Bennet and Kolbuszewski were able to start their final of the Draw of the Asa-Thomas Trophy on Court 6 and six lawns were in play by 11.55 am. There was no more rain and the lawns were much more manageable for the finals than in the earlier days. As advertised, there was no ceremonial prize giving. Winners were given their prizes as they won them, but even so, owing to a number of finalists and semi-finalists figuring in different events, it was late on Sunday and most people had gone home before the last event, the final of the Daniels Cup, ended in a victory for Sykes over Bennet.

Event 1A Cheltenham Challenge Cup (entries 18)
DRAW

First Round: T.O. Read bt Dr. B.G. Weitz +18, I.D. Bond bt J.H.J. Soutter +25.

Second Round: J. Haigh bt P. Newton +2, R.S. Stevens bt Rev. W.E. Gladstone +19, D. Croker bt J. Meads +10, Read bt Bond +23, G.E.P. Jackson bt G.S. Digby +10, Prof. B.G. Neal bt Mrs G.T. Wheeler +15, Dr. M. Murray bt B.C. Sykes +4, Miss F. Joly bt H.T. Bolton +4.

Third Round: Haigh bt Stevens +5, Read bt Croker +8, Jackson bt Neal +10, Murray bt Miss Joly +4.

Semi-final: Read bt Haigh +21, Murray bt Jackson +14.

Final: MURRAY bt Read +21.

PROCESS

First Round: Bolton bt Newton +3, Miss Joly bt Haigh +11(OT).

Second Round: Soutter bt Bolton +2(OT), Neal bt Meads +22, Gladstone bt Digby +1 (OT), Murray bt Read +15, Bond bt Miss Joly +17, Croker bt Mrs Wheeler +25, Jackson bt Stevens +6, Weitz bt Sykes +6. Third Round: Neal bt Soutter +19, Murray bt Gladstone +23, Croker bt Bond +10, Jackson bt Weitz +19.

Semi-final: Neal bt Murray +14, Croker bt Jackson +12.

Final: Croker bt Neal +20.

Play-off: MURRAY bt Croker +26.

Event 1B The Money Salver (entries 11)

DRAW

First Round: Mrs B.G. Weitz bt J. McLaren +9, Mrs P. Asa-Thomas bt Miss E.H. Arkell +10, D. Moorcraft bt Mrs J. Povey +10.

Second Round: Mrs R.F. Wheeler bt L. Wharrad +18, Mrs Asa-Thomas bt Mrs Weitz +10(OT), R.F. Crane bt Moorcraft +13, Mrs G.S. Digby bt Miss S. Hampson +1(OT).

Semi-final: Mrs Wheeler bt Mrs Asa-Thomas +3(OT), Mrs Digby bt Crane +9(OT).

Final: MRS WHEELER bt Mrs Digby +6(OT).

PROCESS

First Round: Mrs Wheeler bt Crane +11(OT), McLaren bt Miss Hampson +1(OT), Wharrad bt Mrs Digby +3.

Second Round: Mrs Wheeler bt Miss Arkell +18, McLaren bt Mrs Povey +6, Mrs Asa-Thomas bt Wharrad +4(OT), Moorcraft bt Mrs Weitz +12. Semi-final: McLaren bt Mrs Wheeler +7(OT), Mrs Asa-Thomas bt Moorcraft +17.

Final: MRS ASA-THOMAS bt McLaren +1(OT). Play-off: MRS ASA-THOMAS BT Mrs Wheeler +13.

Event 1C The Asa-Thomas Trophy (entries 16) (Full Games — Handicap Play — 3 hour Time Limit)

First Round: Mrs H. Handley (5) bt Miss M.J. Lodge (6½) +7, Mrs B.G. Neal (6) bt Mrs J.H.J. Soutter (7) +11(OT), A. Bennet (4½) bt G. Blumer (5½) +2(OT), Mrs B.C. Sykes (5½) bt Mrs P. Newton (5½) +20, Mrs H.M. Read (4½) bt Mrs Hooper w.o. opp. scr., Dr. M. Kolbuszewski (5) bt Dr. C.B. Snowdon (4½) +3(OT), E. Asa-Thomas (7) bt R.F. Wheeler (5) +9(OT), P.J. Shepard (7) bt Miss I.M. Roe (5½) +16.

Second Round: Mrs Handley bt Mrs Neal +1 (OT), Bennet bt Mrs Sykes +2 (OT), Kolbuszewski bt Mrs Read +15, Shepard bt Asa-Thomas +5.

Semi-final: Bennet bt Mrs Handley +7, Kolbuszewski bt Shepard +8 (OT).

Final: BENNET bt Kolbuszewski +5(OT).

PROCESS

First Round: Mrs Handley w.o. opp. scr., Bennet bt Wheeler +9(OT), Kolbuszewski bt Mrs Soutter +1(OT), Mrs Sykes bt Shepard +8(OT), Miss Lodge bt Mrs Read +21, Blumer bt Asa-Thomas +5, Snowdon bt Mrs Neal +8(OT), Miss Roe bt Mrs Newton +8(OT).

Second Round: Bennet bt Mrs Handley +6, Mrs Sykes bt Kolbuszewski +7(OT), Miss Lodge bt Blumer +9, Snowdon bt Miss Roe +3.

Semi-final: Mrs Sykes bt Bennet +12, Snowdon bt Miss Lodge +12.

Final: MRS SYKES bt Snowdon +9.
Play-off: MRS SYKES bt Bennet +8.

Event 1D. The Calthrop Cup (entries 11)

DRAW

First Round: Miss A. Searle (8) bt G. Sisum (8) +8, Mrs R.S. Stevens (8) bt Miss P. Shine (10) +4, Mrs D. Croker (8) bt Mrs M. Warren (10) +12.

Second Round: Lady Porter (10) bt Mrs L. Wharrad (13) +13, Mrs Stevens bt Miss Searle +10, Mrs Croker bt Miss J. Wraith (9) +11, Mrs D. Moorcraft (10) bt Mrs R.F. Crane (10) +2.

Semi-final: Lady Porter bt Mrs Stevens +4, Mrs Croker bt Mrs Moor-craft +9.

Final: LADY PORTER bt Mrs Croker +5.

PROCESS

First Round: Miss Wraith (9) bt Mrs Wharrad (13) +1, Miss Searle (8) bt Mrs Crane (10) +8, Lady Porter (10) bt Mrs Moorcraft (10) +7(OT).

Second Round: Mrs Stevens (8) bt Miss Wraith +15, Mrs Croker (8) bt Miss Searle +5, Lady Porter bt Miss Shine (10) +7, G. Sisum (8) bt Mrs M. Warren (10) +2.

Semi-final: Mrs Croker bt Mrs Stevens +12, Sisum bt Lady Porter +14. Final: SISUM bt Mrs Croker +8.

Play-off: SISUM bt Lady Porter +12.

Event 2X Bray System (entries 52)

First Round: Rev. W.E. Gladstone (0) bt D. Moorcraft (21/2) +4, Dr. Snowdon (4) bt G.S. Digby (2) +26, Mrs H. Handley (5) bt Mrs R.F. Wheeler (3) +9, G.E.P. Jackson (-1/2) bt Miss A. Searle (8) +2, J. Haigh (0) bt Miss P. Shine (10) +14, G. Blumer (5½) bt P. Newton (½) +6, D. Croker (0) bt Mrs G.S. Digby (3) +15, T.O. Read (-1/2) bt Miss I.M. Roe (5½) +17, G. Sisum (8) bt Mrs H.T. Bolton (13) +7, I.D. Bond (1) bt Mrs G.T. Wheeler (2) +14, R.F. Crane (31/2) bt Mrs H.M. Read (41/2) +10, H.T. Bolton (2) bt Mrs R.F. Crane (10) +5, A. Bennet (41/2) bt Miss E.H. Arkell (3½) +2. Miss S. Hampson (3) bt Mrs P. Asa-Thomas (3½) +1. Mrs D. Croker (8) bt Mrs P. Newton (5½) +15, Dr. B.G. Weitz (½) bt Miss J. Wraith (9) +15, Mrs R.S. Stevens (8) bt P.J. Shepard (7) +6, R.F. Wheeler (5) bt Mrs J. Povey (3) +2, Mrs B.C. Sykes (51/2) bt Mrs L. Wharrad (13) +13, Prof. B.G. Neal (-2) bt Mrs J.H.J. Soutter (7) +6, Dr. M. Kolbuszewski (5) bt Mrs D. Moorcraft (10) +4, Miss F. Joly (2) bt Mrs B.G. Weitz (3) +5, J. Meads (2) bt Lady Porter (10) +9, Mrs B.G. Neal (6) w.o. opp. scr.

Second Round: B.C. Sykes (1½) bt J. McLaren (3) +13, J.H.J. Soutter (0) bt Mrs M. Warren (10) +6, Snowdon bt Rev. Gladstone +4, Jackson bt Mrs Handley +11, Haigh bt Blumer +8, Croker bt Read +14, Sisum

bt Bond +8 Bolton bt Crane +2, Bennet bt Miss Hampson +15, Mrs Croker bt Dr. Weitz +16, Mrs Stevens bt Wheeler w.o. opp. scr., Neal bt Mrs Sykes +6, Miss Joly bt Kolbuszewski +1, Meads bt Mrs Neal +7, R.S. Stevens (1½) bt E. Asa-Thomas (7) +17, L. Wharrad (3½) bt Miss M.J. Lodge (6½) +3.

Third Round: Sykes bt Soutter +14, Dr. Snowdon bt Jackson +11, Croker bt Haigh +5, Bolton bt Sisum +2, Bennet bt Mrs Croker +5, Neal bt Mrs Stevens +11, Miss Joly bt Meads +3, Stevens bt Wharrad +19.

Fourth Round: Sykes bt Dr. Snowdon +9, Croker bt Bolton +15, Bennet bt Neal +11, Miss Joly bt Stevens +10.

Semi-final: Sykes bt Croker +15, Bennet bt Miss Joly +3. Final: SYKES bt Bennet +3.

Event 2Y 18 pt. Game (entries 28) (1 & 3 back)

First Round: D. Moorcraft bt G.S. Digby +12, Miss A. Searle bt Mrs R.F. Wheeler +8, P. Newton bt Miss P. Shine +9, Miss I.M. Roe bt Mrs G. S. Digby +11, Mrs G.T. Bolton bt Mrs G.T. Wheeler +9, Mrs H.M. Read bt Mrs R.F. Crane +7, Mrs P. Asa-Thomas bt Miss E.H. Arkell +9, Mrs P. Newton bt Miss J. Wraith +10, Mrs J. Povey bt P.J. Shepard +10, Mrs L. Wharrad w.o. opp. scr., Mrs D. Moorcraft bt Mrs B.G. Weitz +6, Lady Porter bt Mrs B.G. Neal +14.

Second Round: J. McLaren bt Mrs M. Warren +10, Miss Searle bt Moorcraft +15, Miss Roe bt P. Newton w.o. opp. retd. Mrs Read bt Mrs Bolton +4, Mrs Asa-Thomas bt Mrs Newton +12, Mrs Povey bt Mrs Wharrad +7, Mrs Moorcraft bt Lady Porter +9, Miss M.J. Lodge bt A.N. Other +14.

Third Round: McLaren bt Miss Searle +15, Miss Roe bt Mrs Read +7, Mrs Povey bt Mrs Asa-Thomas +7, Miss Lodge bt Mrs Moorcraft +15. Semi-final: McLaren bt Miss Roe +9, Mrs Lodge bt Mrs Povey +9. Final: McLAREN bt Miss Lodge +8.

Event 2Z 18 pt Game (entries 27) (1 & 3 back)

First Round: Mrs M. Warren w.o. opp. scr., E. Asa-Thomas bt P.J. Shepard +1(OT), G. Sisum w.o. opp. scr., J. Haigh opp. retd., Mrs R.S. Stevens bt L. Wharrad +2, T.O. Read bt Mrs G.S. Digby +15, G.S. Digby bt R.F. Wheeler +9, Mrs J.H.J. Soutter bt Mrs L. Wharrd +9, Dr. M. Kolbuszewski bt Mrs D. Croker +9, Mrs B.C. Sykes bt Mrs R.F.A. Crane +13

Second Round: Mrs G.T. Wheeler bt R.F. Crane +17, Asa-Thomas bt Mrs Warren +10, Haigh w.o. opp. scr., Read bt Mrs Stevens +2, Mrs Soutter w.o. opp. retd., Mrs Sykes bt Dr. Kolbuszewski +9, J.H.J. Soutter bt J. Meads +3, Miss J. Wraith w.o. opp. scr.

Third Round: Asa-Thomas bt Mrs Wheeler +8, Haigh bt Read +4, Mrs Soutter bt Mrs Sykes +8, Soutter bt Miss Wraith +15.

Semi-final: Asa-Thomas bt Haigh +4, Mrs Soutter bt Soutter +13. Final: MRS SOUTTER bt Asa-Thomas +11.

Event 3 Doubles (entries 26 pairs) (22 pt Game)

First Round: Mr & Mrs P, Newton (6) bt T.O. Read & Mrs H.M. Read (4) +6, P.J. Shepard & Mrs R.F. Wheeler (10) bt Mr & Mrs R.F. Crane (13½) +18, J. McLaren & Dr. C.B. Snowdon (7) bt Miss M.J. Lodge & Mrs M. Warren (15½) +4, Mr & Mrs D. Croker (8) bt Col. & Mrs G.T. Wheeler (6½) +9, B.C. Sykes & I.D. Bond (2½) bt Mr & Mrs R.S. Stevens (9½) +8, Prof. & Mrs B.G. Neal (5½) bt Mrs J. Povey & Miss P. Shine (13) +6(OT), J. Haigh & Miss S. Hampson (3) bt Mr & Mrs G.s' Digby (5) +12, Mr & Mrs L. Wharrad (15½) bt J.Meads & Dr. M. Kolbuszewski (7) +1(OT), Dr. & Mrs B.G. Weitz (3½) bt Rev. W.E. Gladstone & Mrs P. Asa-Thomas (3½) +8, G. Blumer & Miss I.M. Roe (11) bt Mr & Mrs H.T. Bolton (13) +7.

Second Round: A. Bennet & Miss J. Wraith (13½) bt Miss E.H. Arkell & Mrs B.C. Sykes (9) +4, Newton & Mrs Newton bt Shepard & Mrs Wheeler +1(OT), McLaren & Dr. Snowdon bt Mr & Mrs Croker +17, Sykes & Bond bt Prof. & Mrs Neal +20, Mr & Mrs Wharrad bt Haigh & Miss Hampson +1(OT), Blumer & Miss Roe bt Mrs & Mrs Weitz +8, Miss A. Searle & Lady Porter (18) bt Mr & Mrs D. Moorcraft (12½) +16, Mrs H. Handley & G. Sisum (13½) bt Mr & Mrs J.H.J. Soutter (7) +16.

Third Round: Mr & Mrs Newton bt Bennet & Miss Wraith +4, Sykes & Bond bt McLaren & Dr. Snowdon +5, Blumer & Miss Roe bt Mr & Mrs Wharrad +1 (OT), Mrs Handley & Sisum bt Miss Searle & Lady Porter +5.

Semi-final: Mr & Mrs Newton bt Sykes & Bond +4, Mrs Handley & Sisum bt Blumer & Miss Roe +8.

Final: MRS HANDLEY & SISUM bt Mr & Mrs Newton w.o. opp. scr.

Hurlingham 2 – 11 August

This 10 day tournament, arguably the most difficult in the calendar to manage, was again in the capable hands of Mike Pearson and Sarah Hampson. With no fewer than 13 draw sheets facing them each day and some 70 competitors awaiting instructions (coupled with the situation of the Managers themselves competing in four events apiece) their organising abilities were tested to the full. It is inevitable that with a large number of contestants some requests for leave are to be expected during the ten days, but they do add to the management problems and one would hope for them to be kept to a minimum. Mike and Sarah could be forgiven for adopting some lines from Scott's Marmion:

'Oh, what a tangled web we weave should players ask for too much leave,

While the majority of games were commendably finished in reasonable time, not a few extended into a fourth, fifth, or (in two cases) a sixth hour. These occured mainly in the two Handicap Doubles events and it might be prudent to impose third hoop starts in future years in an effort to speed things up. Certainly the state of the lawns was no excuse for long matches, many games on the cricket field being finished in well under 2½ hours. Mr Ponton can rarely have had the lawns in such perfect condition.

Comments on the 13 events must necessarily be restricted to key features of the ten days. Pride of place should perhaps be accorded to Peter Alvey and Gregory Solomon. The Former's game expanded visibly as the days passed, a change of grip having apparently worked wonders in his stroke play, carrying with it a surgical precision. In addition to coming through a strong field to win the big handicap, he had acquired a notable number of scalps in the Hurlingham Cup. His handicap had entitled him to enter the lower class Turner Cup, but in going for the big one he beat among others Eric Solomon, Robin Godby and Dudley Hamilton-Miller before succmbing in the Play-off to Stephen Mulliner. Stephen had risked his chance of repeating his 1978 win by scratching from the Draw, but scuttled merrily through his Process games.

Gregory Solomon became at the tender age of 15 the youngest ever holder of the Longworth Cup, thus depriving his father of this accolade which he had won at the age of 16 in 1948, the year when he burst spectacularly upon the croquet scene. One of John's wins in the event in 1948 was against a lady of 83 summers, but Gregory's victims were of somewhat less mature vintage. It was good to see the three Solomon generations at the Prize giving, in the persons of Pat, John and Gregory.

A memorable feat in the Hurlingham Cup was Barbara Meachem's win over William Prichard, possibly as satisfying to her as any in her croquet career. William's army duties permit very limited appearances on the lawns and a degree of less than perfection must be anticipated — which is not to detract from Barbara's win. In the Mixed Open Doubles, piloting his mother William however showed his pristine prowess and in the final all but brought off a difficult combination peg-out. This game lasted somewhat unusually longer than the two Handicap Doubles finals currently in progress on adjacent lawns.

Spectators watching one of Bernard Neal's handicap doubles games in the company of the courageous David Godfree were treated to a perfectly executed quadruple peel topped of by a combination peg-out. This event was comfortably won by Nigel Aspinall with supporting cast of Neville Lisle, who with isolated exceptions carried out Nigel's instructions to the letter. The irony of their games was that they usually received bisques, which acted as an extra burden on their opponent's tactics. The thought of Nigel quintupling and pegging out one of them with the aid of bisques should one advance too far was no doubt always at the back of their minds. (A former President's Cup holder Captain J.B. Morgan, executed this ploy some 50 years ago when playing with a high bisquer, using three bisques to carry out a quintruple and peg-

pegging out the opponent).

Graham Martin will have been pleased with Julian Bardo's success in the Turner Cup. Julian, who is rapidly following in the steps of others from the Harrow Oak stable, notably David Openshaw and Eric Solomon, won most of his games comfortably. He will have learned however of the penalty of going as far as the penultimate in a Doubles against Nigel Aspinall, with his partner only at the fourth hoop. Nigel's tactics during the protracted post-pegging out stages of this game were impeccable and will have taught his partner (and the opponents) much to be stored up for future use. The partner in question was competing in his first tournament, but won no fewer than eight games (singly, or in combination) and if he can find time to devote to the game looks to have a promising future.

Space permits only a passing reference to the Ladies Field Candlesticks where the holders Sarah Hampson and Dab Wheeler bestrode the event like Colossi, and, subject to losing bisques, look to being likely favourites for a few years to come. The other half of the Wheeler menage, Roger, prevailed in the Younger Cup against Liz Neal who seemed to be occupying one lawn or another from dawn to dusk on most days.

It is hoped next year to obtain the use of the Cricket field lawns on the first Saturday and Sunday, thus enablig more competitors to play who would otherwise be idle at the weekend.

Event 1 Hurlingham Cup (entries 21)

DRAW

First Round: C.G. Pountney bt Miss F. Joly +8, B.G. Perry bt J. Haigh +7, R.A. Godby bt S.N. Mulliner w.o., C.H.J. Cousins bt H.B.H. Carlisle +7, Mrs B.L. Sundius-Smith bt S.S. Townsend +11.

Second Round: D.V.J. Hamilton-Miller bt J.G.C. Phillips +13, Mrs B.M. Meachem bt W. de B. Prichard +10, P.L. Alvey bt Pountney +4, Godby bt Perry +20, Mrs Sundius-Smith bt Cousins +14, Dr. E.W. Solomon bt R.F. Rothwell +25, E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake bt A.D. Karmel +24, D.J. Croker bt Dr. B.G.F. Weitz +5.

Third Round: Hamilton-Miller bt Mrs Meachem +3, Alvey bt Godby +20, Dr. Solomon bt Mrs Sundius-Smith +17, Croker bt Tyrwhitt-Drake +19.

Semi-final: Alvey bt Hamilton-Miller +10, Dr. Solomon bt Croker +23. Final: ALVEY bt Dr. Solomon +1.

PROCES

First Round: J.G.C. Phillips bt R.F. Rothwell +21, P.L. Alvey bt Dr. B. G.F. Weitz +10, W. de B. Prichard bt E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +25, D.V.G. Hamilton-Miller bt A.D. Karmel +10, D.J. Croker bt Mrs B.M. Meachem +17.

Second Round: B.G. Perry bt Phillips +21, Alvey bt bt H.B.H. Carlisle +22, S.M. Mulliner bt Prichard +15, Mrs B.L. Sundius-Smith bt C.G. Pountney +10, R.A. Godby bt Hamilton-Miller +24, S.S. Townsend bt Miss F. Joly +13, Croker bt C.H.J. Cousins +4, Dr. E.W. Solomon bt J. Haigh w.o..

Third Round: Alvey bt Perry +23, Mulliner bt Mrs Sundius-Smith +23, Godby bt Townsend +6, Dr. Solomon bt Croker +24(TP).

Semi-final: Mulliner bt Alvey +3, Dr. Solomon bt Godby +24.

Final: MULLINER bt Dr. Solomon +23(TP).
Play-off: MULLINER bt Alvey +25.

Event 2 Turner Cup (entries 16)

DRAW

First Round: J.E. Bardo bt S.G. Kent +20, Mrs N.A.C. McMillan bt Miss B. Duthie +9, Mrs R.F. Wheeler bt Mrs B.G. Weitz +14, L. Wharrad bt C.B. Sanford +20, G.B. Martin bt G.E. Doughty +15, Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle bt S. Battison +9, M.G. Pearson bt Mrs W. Longman +22, Miss S.G. Hampson bt D.C. Caporn +4.

Second Round: Bardo bt Mrs McMillan +10, Mrs Wheeler bt Wharrad +5, Martin bt Mrs Carlisle +3, Miss Hampson bt Pearson +4.

Semi-final: Mrs Wheeler bt Bardo +5(T), Martin bt Miss Hampson +10. Final: MRS WHEELER bt Martin +10.

PROCESS

First Round: G.E. Doughty bt S.G. Kent +25, Mrs B.G. Weitz bt Mrs W. Longman +23, S. Battison bt Mrs N.A.C. McMillan +16, Miss S.G. Hampson bt L. Wharrad +8, J.E. Bardo bt G.B. Martin +26, Mrs R.F.

Wheeler bt M.G. Pearson +12, Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle bt Miss B. Duthie +9, D.C. Caporn bt C.B. Sanford +13.

Second Round: Doughty bt Mrs Weitz +26, Battison bt Miss Hampson +20, Bardo bt Mrs Wheeler +11, Caporn bt Mrs Carlisle +10. Semi-final: Battison bt Doughty +10, Bardo bt Caporn +16.

Final: BARDO bt Battison +9.

Play-off: BARDO bt Mrs Wheeler +15.

Event 3. Younger Cup (entries 13)

First Round: Dr. R.F. Wheeler (bye), Prof. A.W. Skempton bt J.G. Greenwood +10, Lady Bazley bt E.B.T. Tanner +4, Mrs E.A. Neal bt Mrs B. Mansfield +9, Mrs A.W. Skempton bt L. Middleton +12, Mrs F.M N. Davidson bt Mrs E.E. Bressey w.o., Mrs D.J. Croker (bye), O.A. Kerensky (bye).

Second Round: Dr. Wheeler bt Prof. Skempton +9, Mrs Neal bt Lady Bazley +4, Mrs Davidson bt Mrs Skempton +5, Kerensky bt Mrs Croker

Semi-final: Dr. Wheeler bt Mrs Neal +8, Mrs Davidson bt Kerensky +12. Final: DR WHEELER bt Mrs Davidson +17.

PROCESS

First Round: Dr. R.F. Wheeler bt Mrs A.W. Skempton +12, E.B.T. Tanner bt O.A. Kerensky +13, Prof. A.W. Skempton and Mrs E.E. Bressey both scr., Mrs B. Mansfield (bye), J.G. Greenwood bt Mrs F.H.N. Davidson +15, Mrs E.A. Neal (bye), Lady Bazley bt Mrs D.J. Croker +13, L. Middleton (bye).

Second Round: Dr. Wheeler bt Tanner +13, Mrs B. Mansfield w.o., Mrs Neal bt Greenwood +10. Lady Bazley bt Middleton w.o. opp. scr.

Semi-final: Mrs Mansfield bt Dr. Wheeler +8, Mrs Neal bt Lady Bazley +9 on time. Final: MRS NEAL bt Mrs Mansfield +2.

Play-off: Dr. Wheeler bt Mrs Neal +22.

Event 4 Longworth Cup (entries 12) (3rd hoop start) DRAW

First Round: J.R.N. Lisle (13*D11) (bye), Miss J. Wraith (9) (bye), Mrs W. Jones (10) bt Col. C.M. Fox (11) +10, J.G.O. Miller (10) bt Mrs S.S. Townsend (13) +16, Mrs W.J. Browne (11) bt Mrs A.R. Robertson (10) +9, M.N.D. Elliott (9) bt Mrs L. Wharrad (13) w.o., G.D.P. Solomon (9) (bye), N.O. Hicks (8) (bye).

Second Round: Miss Wraith bt Lisle +12, Mrs Jones bt Miller +4, Elliott bt Mrs Browne +4, Solomon bt Hicks w.o. opp. scr.

Semi-final: Mrs Jones bt Miss Wraith +13, Solomon bt Elliott +16. Final: SOLOMON bt Mrs Jones +19.

First Round: J.R.N. Lisle (13*D11) bt Mrs L. Wharrad (13) w.o., Mrs S,S. Townsend (13) (bye), G.D.P. Solomon (9) bt Mrs W. Jones (9) +6, Miss A.R. Robertson (10) (bye), Miss J. Wraith (9) bt M.N.D. Elliott +12, J.G.O. Miller (10) (bye), Col. C.M. Fox (11) bt N.O. Hicks (8) Mrs W.J. Browne (11) (bye).

Second Round: Lisle bt Mrs Townsend +7, Solomon bt Miss Robertson +8, Miller bt Miss Wraith +20, Mrs Browne bt Col. Fox +10.

Semi-final: Solomon bt Lisle +12, Mrs Browne bt Miller +18.

Final: SOLOMON bt Mrs Browne +6.

Play-off for 2nd place: Mrs Browne bt Mrs Jones +13.

Event 5 Hurlingham Mixed Doubles (entries 19 pairs)

First Round: W. de B. & Mrs Prichard (bye), C.G. Pountney & Mrs E.E. Bressey (bye), Mr & Mrs Hempsted (bye), J. Greenwood & Mrs W. Jones (bye), G.N. Aspinall & Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle (bye), P.L. Alvey & Mrs B. Mansfield (bye), J. Haigh & Miss S.G. Hampson bt Mr & Mrs R.F. Wheeler +15, Mr & Mrs G.J. Roberts bt Dr. & Mrs B.G. Weitz +12, D.G.V. Hamilton-Miller & Miss F. Joly bt C.H.J. Cousins & Mrs B. Meachem +3, R.A. Godby & Lady C. Bazley (bye), Prof. & Mrs B.G. Neal (bye), J.G. Phillips & Mrs S.A. Soutter (bye), M.G. Pearson & Mrs C. McMillan (bye), B.G. Perry & Mrs D.J. Croker (bye), D. Openshaw & Mrs B.L. Sundius-Smith (bye), S.G. Kent & Miss B. Duthie (bye). Second Round: Prichard & Mrs Prichard bt Pountney & Mrs Bressey

+21, Mr & Mrs Hemsted bt Greenwood & Mrs Jones +20, Alvey & Mrs

Mansfield bt Aspinall & Mrs Carlisle +2, J. Haigh & Miss Hampson bt Mr & Mrs Roberts +9, Hamilton-Miller & Miss Joly bt Godby & Lady Bazlev +2 Phillips & Mrs Soutter bt Prof. & Mrs Neal +11, Pearson & Mrs McMillan bt Perry & Mrs Croker +15, Openshaw & Mrs Smith bt Kent & Miss Duthie +26.

Third Round: Prichard & Mrs Prichard bt Mr & Mrs Hemsted +17, Haigh & Miss Hampson bt Alvey & Mrs Mansfield +2, Hamilton-Miller & Miss Joly bt Phillips & Mrs Soutter +4, Openshaw & Mrs Sundius-Smith bt Pearson & Mrs McMillan +7.

Semi-final: Prichard & Mrs Prichard bt Haigh & Miss Hampson +26, Openshaw & Mrs Sundius-Smith bt Hamilton-Miller & Miss Joly +18. Final: W. PRICHARD & MRS PRICHARD bt Openshaw & Mrs Sundius-Smith +17. The reviewed and bluco rises been solid amum

Event 6 Ladies Field Candlesticks (entries 11 pairs)

First Round: Mrs W. Jones & Mrs W.J. Browne (20) (bye), Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle & Mrs B. Glover (16) (bye), Mrs D.A. Wheeler & Miss S.G. Hampson (6) bt Miss J. Wraith & Mrs A.W. Skempton (15½) +9, Mrs B.M. Meachem & Lady C. Bazley (6) bt Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake & Mrs B.L. Sundius-Smith (7) +7, Miss B. Duthie & Mrs F.H.N. Davidson (11½) bt Mrs D.J. Croker & Mrs B.G. Weitz (10½) +14, Mrs B.M. Mansfield & Mrs B.G. Neal (13) (bye), Mrs A.R. Robertson & Mrs N.A.C. McMillan (11) (bye), Miss F. Joly & Mrs E.E. Bressey (61/2) (bye).

Second Round: Mrs Glover & Mrs Carlisle bt Mrs Jones & Mrs Browne +10. Mrs Wheeler & Miss Hampson bt Mrs Meachem & Lady Bazley +7. Mrs Mansfield & Mrs Neal bt Miss Duthie & Mrs Davidson +4, Miss Joly & Mrs Bressey bt Mrs Robertson & Mrs McMillan +7.

Semi-final: Mrs Wheeler & Miss Hampson bt Mrs Glover & Mrs Carlisle +4, Mrs Mansfield & Mrs Neal bt Miss Joly & Mrs Bressey +7(OT). Final: MRS WHEELER & MISS HAMPSON bt Mrs Mansfield & Mrs

Event 7 Men's Handicap Doubles (entries 19)

First Round: M.G. Pearson & Dr. B.G. Weitz (4) (bye) W. de B. Prichard & E.B.T. Tanner (3½) (bye), H.B.H. Carlisle & J.G.O. Miller (11½) (bye), S.G. Kent & O.A. Kerensky (10½) (bye), C.B. Sanford & S.S. Townsend (6) (bye, D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller & C.G. Pointney (2) (bye), Prof. B.G. Neal & D.A. Godfree (8) bt Dr. E.W. Solomon & J.W.H. Carlisle (13) +21, J.G.C. Phillips & G.D.P. Solomon (10) bt B.G. Perry & A.L. d'Antal (4) +22, G.N. Aspinall & J.R.N. Lisle (7½) bt S. Battison & J.E. Bardo (5½) +5, R.A. Godby & Col. C.M. Fox (11) (bye), D.C. Caporn & Prof. A.W. Skempton (91/2) (bye), C.H.J. Cousins & P.L. Alvey (31/2) (bye), G.E.J.A. Doughty & M. Elliott (13) (bye), D.J. Croker & R.F. Wheeler (5) (bye), J. Haigh & L. Wharrad (31/2) (bye), E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake & R.F. Rothwell (2) (bye).

Second Round: Pearson & Dr. Weitz bt Prichard & Tanner +9, Carlisle & Miller bt Kent & Kerensky +20, Sanford & Townsend bt Miller & Pountney +6, Prof. Neal & Godfree bt Solomon & Phillips +18, Aspinall & Lisle bt Godby & Col. Fox +14, Cousins & Alvey bt Caporn & Prof. Skempton +23, Croker & Wheeler bt Doughty & Elliott +5, Haigh & Wharrad bt Tyrwhitt-Drake & Rothwell +12.

Third Round: Carlisle & Miller bt Peason & Weitz +3, Sanford & Townsend bt Prof. Neal & Godfree +18, Aspinall & Lisle bt Cousins & Alvey +12, Croker & Wheeler bt Haigh & Wharrad +8.

Semi-final: Sanford & Townsend bt Carlisle & Miller +5, Aspinall & Lisle bt Croker & Wheeler +13.

Final: ASPINALL & LISLE bt Sanford & Townsend +13.

Event 8X Silver Jubilee Cup (Handicap Singles)

First Round: G.E. Doughty (4) (bye), C.H.J. Cousins (1/2) (bye), J.E. Bardo (2½) bt J. Haigh (0) +10, Dr. E.W. Solomon (-1) bt Miss J. Wraith (9) +18, S.G. Kent (4) bt Mrs B. Mansfield (7) +11, S. Battison (3) bt Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (61/2) w.o., J.G.O. Miller (10) bt H.B.H. Carlisle (11/2) +17, Mrs D.J. Croker (8) bt Mrs W.J. Browne (11) +13, Dr. B.G.F. Weitz (1/2) bt E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (1/2) w.o., P.L. Alvey (3) bt Col. C.M. Fox (11) +22, Mrs B.G. Weitz (3) bt N.O. Hicks (8) w.o., D.J. Croker (0) bt D.C. Caporn (41/2) +4, R.A. Godby (0) bt L. Middleton (6) +17, J.D. Greenwood (5½) bt M. Elliott (9) +8, C.B. Sanford (4½) bt Mrs F.H.N. Davidson (71/2) +7, L. Wharrad (31/2) bt M.G. Pearson (3½) +4, Mrs B.G. Neal (6) bt Mrs R.F. Wheeler (3) +2, Mrs W. Jones (9) bt Miss B. Duthie (4) +6, C.G. Pountney (1) bt Miss A.R. Robertson (10) +15, Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle (2) bt Mrs L. Wharrad (13) w.o., R.F. Rothwell (1½) bt O.A. Kerensky (6½) +1, S.S. Townsend (1½) bt Miss S.G. Hampson (3) +15, A.L. d'Antal (4½) bt Mrs A.W. Skempton (6½) +6, J.G.C. Phillips (0) bt E.B.T. Tanner (61/2) +24, Mrs E.E. Bressey (4½) bt A.D. Karmel (1½) +3, Mrs N.A.C. McMillan (3) bt R.F. Wheeler (5) +6 Mrs B.M. Meachem (%) bt G.D.P. Solomon (9) +3. Miss F. Joly (1/2) bt Mrs W. Longman (51/2) +18, J.R.N. Lisle (13*) (bye), Lady C. Bazley (5½) (bye), Mrs B.L. Sundius-Smith (½) (bye), Prof. A.W. Skempton (5) (bye).

Second Round: Doughty bt Cousins +18, Bardo bt Dr. Solomon +10, Battison bt Kent +3, Miller bt Mrs Croker +12, Alvey bt Dr. Weitz +7, Croker bt Mrs Weitz +12, Godby bt Greenwood +22, Sanford bt Wharrad +9, Mrs Jones bt Mrs Neal +12, Mrs Carlisle bt Pountney +25, Rothwell bt Townsend +8, Phillips bt d'Antal +19, Mrs Bressey bt Mrs McMillan +17, Mrs Meachem bt Miss Joly +20, Lady Bazley bt Lisle +1, Mrs Sundius-Smith bt Prof. Skempton +2.

Third Round: Bardo bt Doughty +23, Battison bt Miller +15, Alvey bt Croker +22. Godby bt Sanford +16. Mrs Carlisle bt Mrs Jones +14. Rothwell bt Phillips +4, Mrs Bressey bt Mrs Meachem +20, Lady Bazley bt Mrs Sundius-Smith +19.

Fourth Round: Battison bt Bardo +10, Alvey bt Godby +16, Mrs Carlisle bt Rothwell +6, Mrs Bressey bt Lady Bazley +6.

Semi-final: Alvey bt Battison +7, Mrs Carlisle bt Mrs Bressey +18. Final: ALVEY bt Mrs Carlisle +5.

Event 8Y Baillieu Plate

(first round losers of Silver Jubilee Cup)

First Round: C.H.J. Cousins (1/2) (bye), Miss J. Wraith (9) bt Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (6½) w.o., Dr. B.G. Weitz (½) bt Mrs B. Mansfield +17, H.B.H. Carlisle (1%) bt Mrs W.J. Browne (11) +8. Col. C.M. Fox (11) bt E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (1/2) w.o., D.C. Caporn (4/2) bt Mrs B.G. Weitz (3) +26, M. Elliott (9) bt L. Middleton (6) +19, M.G. Pearson (31/2) bt Mrs F.H.N. Davidson (7½) +3, Miss B. Duthie (4) bt Mrs R.F. Wheeler (3) +16, Miss A.R. Robertson (10) bt Mrs L. Wharrad (13) w.o., O.A. Kerensky (6%) bt Miss S.G. Hampson (3) +8. Mrs A.W. Skempton (6%) bt E.B.T. Tanner (6½) +7, Dr. R.F. Wheeler (5) bt A.D. Karmel (1½) +22, Mrs W. Longman (5½) bt G.P.D. Solomon (9) +7, J.R.N. Lisle (13*) (bye), Prof. A.W. Skempton (5) (bye).

Second Round: Cousins bt Miss Wraith +21, Carlisle bt Dr. Weitz +7, Caporn bt Col. Fox +9, Pearson bt Elliott +19, Miss Robertson bt Miss Duthie +16, Kerensky bt Mrs Skempton +6, Mrs Longman bt Dr. Wheeler +2, Lisle bt Prof. Skempton +18.

Third Round: Cousins bt Carlisle +23, Caporn bt Pearson +23, Kerensky bt Miss Robertson +22, Lisle bt Mrs Longman +5 on time. Semi-final: Caporn bt Cousins +14, Lisle bt Kerensky +1 on time.

Final: CAPORN bt Lisle +17.

Southwick 13 - 18 August

A good entry with an equal division of low and high bisquers ensured not only keen competition in the singles but also a stern test for survival in the handicap doubles, round by round. Tristam Owen concluded a most successful week with a remarkable display of stamina as well as skill on the Saturday, during which time he played four matches and won them all. Having achieved a comfortable victory in the morning final of the doubles in partnership with his wife against Mr & Mrs Scott he then defeated Michael Phelps and Bill Moore in quick succession to win the Process. This brought him in the late afternoon to the Play-off for the Abbey Challenge Cup against Dudley Hamilton-Miller, the winner of the Draw, Profiting by his opponent's mistake in going for the wrong hoop, he established a break with his backward ball and held a decisive advantage, until an error resulted in his forward ball being pegged out. But presently in the gathering darkness he hit in with a lift shot and after making a difficult rover hoop was the well deserved winner by 7 points.

D.M. Bull, playing consistently in earlier rounds, always had the edge on H.A. Seppard in the final of the 'B' class. The latter player had a good run in the handicap singles with several excellent successes. Mrs Scarr was the winner of the 'C' class and Dr. C. Chandler after a close game in the 'D' class final, got safely home against Mrs Owen. A word must be said about M.F. Phelps, winner of the Men's Handicap Singles, in which his opponent, Bill Moore, was allowed precisely three turns and no more. Phelp's play throughout the week was of the highest quality. In the Opens he defeated Ted Tucker twice and Tristam Owen once. His eventual defeat by Hamilton-Miller in the final of the Draw was brought about by attempting a triple peel, which proved his undoing, but if he has the time to give to croquet he will certainly go far.

In the Womens Handicap Singles, Mrs Mallinson established an early lead against Mrs Staddon and held it to the end of the

Event 1 Abbey Challenge Cup (entries 13)

First Round: E.E. Rees bt Mrs E. Asa-Thomas +23, M.F. Phelps bt S.H. Battison +7, T.F. Owen bt E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +23, D.V.J. Hamilton-Miller bt Prof. B. Weitz +3, W.E. Moore bt R.F. Rothwell +23. Second Round: E.J. Tucker bt Rees +7, Phelps bt Owen +11, Hamilton-

Miller bt Moore +10. Mrs B. Weitz bt F. Reynold +6. Semi-final: Phelps bt Tucker +11, Hamilton-Miller bt Mrs Weitz +8.

Final: HAMILTON-MILLER bt Phelps +9.

First Round: E.J. Tucker bt D.V.J. Hamilton-Miller +4, M.F. Phelps bt Mrs B. Weitz +17, R.F. Rothwell bt Mrs E. Asa-Thomas +19, W.E. Moore bt E.E. Rees +26, F. Reynold bt J.S.H. Battison +7.

Second Round: Phelps bt Tucker +14 T.F. Owen bt Rothwell +10 Moore bt E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +7, Prof. B. Weitz bt Reynold +9. Semi-final: Owen bt Phelps +17, Moore bt Prof. Weitz +3.

Final: OWEN bt Moore +17. Play-off: OWEN bt Hamilton-Miller +8.

Event 2 Scott Cup (entries 10)

Final: D.M. BULL bt H.A. Sheppard +5(OT).

Event 3 Daldy Cup (entries 13)

DRAW

First Round: E.B.T. Tanner (6) bt Miss E. Hodges (6) +2, Mrs E.J. Tucker (7½) bt Miss H. Parker (6) +12, G.F. Paxon (5½) bt W.A. Scarr (6) +14. E. Asa-Thomas (7) bt Mrs W. Longman (5½) +12, Mrs W.A. Scarr (7) bt Mrs D. Linstead w.o. opp. scr.

Second Round: E.H.P. Mallinson (6) bt Tanner +16, Paxon bt Tucker +1, Asa-Thomas bt Mrs Scarr w.o., G.T. Coates (5½) bt J.H. Bowman (6) + 8

Semi-final: Mallinson bt Paxon +1 (OT), Asa-Thomas bt Coates +17. Final: MALLINSON bt Asa-Thomas +9.

PROCESS

First Round: E. Asa-Thomas (7) bt E.H.P. Mallinson (6) +11, G.T. Coates (5½) bt Mrs E.J. Tucker (7½) +6, Mrs W A. Scarr (7) bt E.B.T. Tanner (6) +8, Mrs D. Linstead (7) bt Mrs E. Hodges (6) +7, J.H. Bowman (6) bt Miss H. Parker (6) +10.

Second Round: Asa-Thomas bt Coates +5. Mrs Scarr bt G.F. Paxon (5½) +7, W.A. Scarr (6) bt Mrs Linstead w.o. opp. scr., Bowman bt Mrs W. Longman (5½) †11.

Semi-final: Mrs Scarr bt Asa-Thomas +9, Scarr bt Bowman +20. Final: MRS SCARR bt Scarr +5.

Play-off: MRS SCARR bt Col. Mallinson +5.

Event 4 (Handicap Singles) (8 or over) (entries 10)

DRAW

First Round: Mrs D. Osborne (10) bt Miss P. Shine (10) +2, Mrs E. Lewis (9) bt Mrs D. Waterhouse (10) +11.

Second Round: Mrs G.A. Grout (8) bt Dr. C. Chandler (9) +2, Mrs Lewis bt Mrs Osborne +5, Mrs T.F. Owen (14) bt Mrs E.B.T. Tanner (12) +4, Mrs M. Rankin (12) bt Mrs B. Dennant (12) +3.

Semi-final: Mrs Grout bt Mrs Lewis +5, Mrs Owen bt Mrs Rankin +16. Final: MRS OWEN bt Mrs Grout +10.

PROCESS

First Round: Mrs B. Dennant (12) bt Mrs G.A. Grout (8) +8, Dr. C. Chandler (9) bt Mrs M. Rankin (12) +10.

Second Round: Mrs Dennant bt Mrs D. Waterhouse +5, Mrs D. Osborne (10) bt Mrs E.B.T. Tanner (12) +10, Dr. Chandler bt Mrs E. Lewis (9) +3, Mrs T.F. Owen (12) bt Miss P. Shine (10) +11.

Semi-final: Mrs Dennant bt Mrs Osborne +2(OT), Dr. Chandler bt Mrs Owen +8.

Final: DR. CHANDLER bt Mrs Dennant +2(OT).
Play-off: DR. CHANDLER bt Mrs Owen +4(OT).

Event 5X Douglas Jones Cup (entries 22) (Men Only)

First Round: M.F. Phelps (2) bt R.F. Rothwell (1½) +9, F. Reynold (2) bt G.A. Hutcheson (4½) +9, Prof. A.S.C. Ross (5½) bt E. Asa-Thomas (7) +3, D.M. Bull (4½) bt W.A. Scarr (6) +4, J.S.H. Battison (2½) bt G.F. Paxon (5½) +25, G.T. Coates (5½) bt E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (½) +7.

Second Round: Prof. B. Weitz (½) bt Dr. C. Chandler (9) +11, H.A. Sheppard (4) bt D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller (1) +24, Phelps bt Reynold +17, Bull bt Ross +9, Battison bt Coates +18, E.J. Tucker (0) bt T.F. Owen (0) +1, E.E. Rees (1½) bt E.B.T. Tanner (6) +3, W.E. Moore (0) bt J.H. Bowman (6) +14.

Third Round: Sheppard bt Weitz +3, Phelps bt Bull +12, Battison bt Tucker +14, Moore bt Rees +2.

Semi-final: Phelps bt Sheppard +21, Moore bt Battison +14.

Final: PHELPS bt Moore +26.

Event 5Y (Men Only)

First Round: G.A. Hutcheson (4½) bt R.F. Rothwell (1½) +9, W.A. Scarr (6) bt E. Asa-Thomas (6) +2, G.F. Paxon (5½) bt E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (½) +3.

Second Round: D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller (1) bt Dr. C. Chandler (9) +11, Hutcheson bt Scarr +10, T.F. Owen (0) bt Paxon +2, J. Bowman (6) bt E.B.T. Tanner (6) +7.

Semi-final: Hutcheson bt Hamilton-Miller +4(OT), Owen bt Bowman +21

Final: HUTCHESON bt Owen +8.

Event 6X Sussex Vase (entries 22) (Women Only)

First Round: Mrs W.A. Scarr (7) bt Mrs R.E. Tucker (4½) +22, Mrs M. Speer (5) bt Mrs E.J. Tucker (7½) +6, Miss E. Hodges (6) bt Mrs E. Lewis (9) +8, Miss P. Shine (10) bt Mrs E.B.T. Tanner (12) +16, Mrs E. Asa-Thomas (3) bt Mrs D. Linstead (7) +1, Mrs E.P.H. Mallinson (5) bt Mrs D. Waterhouse (10) +22.

Second Round: Mrs F.F.W. Staddon (5) bt Mrs W. Longman (5½) +12, Miss B. Dennant (12) bt Miss H. Parker (6) +6, Mrs Speer bt Mrs Scarr +2, Miss Hodges bt Miss Shine +6, Mrs Mallinson bt Mrs Asa-Thomas +17, Mrs S.J. Turner (5) bt Mrs D. Osbourne (10) +4, Mrs B. Weitz (3) bt Mrs M. Rankin (11) +20, Mrs T.F. Owen (14*12) bt Mrs T.F. Grout (8) +6.

Third Round: Mrs Staddon bt Miss Dennant +6, Miss Hodges bt Mrs Speer +21, Mrs Mallinson bt Mrs Turner +12, Mrs Wietz bt Mrs Owen +16.

Semi-final: Mrs Staddon bt Miss Hodges +6, Mrs Mallinson bt Mrs Weitz +9.

Final: MRS MALLINSON bt Mrs Staddon +12.

Event 6Y (Women Only) (entries 11)

First Round: Mrs R.E. Tucker (4½) bt Mrs E.J. Tucker (7½) +10, Mrs E. Lewis (9) bt Mrs E.B.T. Tanner (12) +1, Mrs D. Waterhouse (10) bt Mrs D. Linstead (7) w.o. opp. scr.

Second Round: Mrs W. Longman (5½) bt Miss H. Parker (6) +5, Mrs E. Tucker bt Mrs Lewis +9, Mrs D. Osborne (10) bt Mrs Waterhouse +13, Mrs G.A. Grout (8), bt Mrs M. Rankin (11) +14.

Semi-final: Mrs Tucker bt Mrs Longman +7, Mrs Grout bt Mrs Osborne +10.

Final: MRS GROUT bt Mrs Tucker +2.

Event 7 Handicap Doubles (entries 19 pairs)

First Round: Mr & Mrs W.A. Scarr (13) bt D.M. Bull & Mrs E.J. Tucker (12) +15, G.A. Hutcheson & Mrs R.E. Tucker (9) bt Mrs G.A. Grout & Miss B. Dennant (20) +12, E.E. Rees & Mrs S.J. Turner (6½) bt Mrs W. Longman & Mrs M. Rankin (16½) +8(T).

Second Round: W.E. Moore & Mrs D. Linstead (7) bt J.S.H. Battison & Mrs E. Lewis (12) +9, Prof. B. Weitz & Miss P. Shine (10½) bt Mr & Mrs E.B.T. Tanner (18) +10, R.F. Rothwell & Mrs E.M. Speer (6½) bt

Hamilton-Miller & Dr. C. Chandler (10) +4, Mr & Mrs Scarr bt Hutcheson & Mrs Tucker +12, Rees & Mrs Turner bt Prof. A.S.C. Ross & F. Paxon (10½) +1(T), Col. & Mrs E.H.P. Mallinson (11) bt E.J. Tucker & Mrs E. Asa-Thomas (3) +3, Mr & Mrs T.F. Owen (12) bt J. Bowman & Miss E. Hodges (12) +7, M.F. Phelps & Mrs D. Osborne (12) bt Mr & Mrs Tyrwhitt-Drake (7) +6.

Third Round: Weitz & Miss Shine bt Moore & Mrs Linstead +13, Mr & Mrs Scarr bt Rothwell & Mrs Speer +9, Rees & Mrs Turner bt Col. & Mrs Mallinson +4(T), Mr & Mrs Owen bt Phelps & Mrs Osborne +10.

Semi-final: Mr & Mrs Scarr bt Weitz & Miss Shine +8, Mr & Mrs Owen bt Ress & Mrs Turner +2(OT)

Final: MR & MRS OWEN bt Mr & Mrs Scarr +4

Championship of Ireland

Carrickmines II. 13 – 18 August

Event 1 Open Singles (entries 13) (best of three games)

First Round: C.von Schmieder bt Mrs H.M. Read —2 +18 +14, M. Mc-Weeney bt Dr. T.J. Haste w.o., A. Bennet bt Mrs R.J. Leonard +17 +6, R.J. Leonard bt R.E. Steen +18 +22, T.O. Read bt C.A. Gamble w.o. Second Round: von Schmieder bt J.D. Meads +3 +4, Bennet bt Mc-Weeny +22 +17, Read bt Leonard +20 +10, M. Kolbuszewski bt A.D. Craig +8 opp. retd.

Semi-final: von schmieder bt Bennet +2 +6, Read bt Kolbuszewski +21 +8.

Final: READ bt von Schmieder +19 +23.

Event 2 Green Cup (entries 4)

Semi-final: F. Rogerson (14) bt Miss G. Hopkins (6½) +17, J. Campbell (8) bt Dr. H.L. Webb (12) +11.

Final: ROGERSON bt Campbell +20.

Event 3 Steele Cup (Plate Event) (entries 8)

First Round: M.B. McWeeney (4½) bt Mrs R.J. Leonard (7) +7, Dr. H.L Webb (12) bt Mrs H.M. Read (6) +7, A.D. Craig (4½) bt R.J. Leonard (3½) +25, J.D. Meads (2) bt Miss G. Hopkins (6½) +17.

Semi-final: McWeeney bt Dr. Webb +12, Meads bt Craig +16.

Final: McWEENEY bt Meads +11.

Event 4 Founders Cup (entries 16)

First Round: J. Campbell (8) bt C.A. Gamble (3) w.o., F. Rogerson (14) bt Mrs R.J. Leonard (7) +11, T.O. Read (-½) bt A.D. Craig (4½) +10, Miss G. Hopkins (6½) bt Dr. H.L. Webb (12) +7, Mrs H.M. Read (6) bt R.E. Steen (6½) +14, J.D. Meads (2) bt C. von Schmieder (2½) +14, A. Bennet (4) bt M. McWeeney (4½) +5, M. Kolbuszewski (5) bt R.J. Leonard (3½) +4.

Second Round: Rogerson bt Campbell +3, Read bt Miss Hopkins +10, Meads bt Mrs Read +9, Kolbuszewski bt Bennet +24.

Semi-final: Rogerson bt Read +15, Meads bt Kolbuszewski +11. Final: MEADS bt Rogerson +12.

Event 5 Stonebrook Cups (entries 7 pairs) (handicap doubles) (3½ hr time limit)

First Round: M. McWeeney & Dr. H.L. Webb (16½) bt J.D. Meads & M. Kolbuszewski (7) +24, T.O. Read & R.E. Steen (6) bt Mrs H.M. Read & A. Bennet (10) +10, A.D. Craig & Miss G. Hopkins (11) bt Mr & Mrs R.J. Leonard (10½) +12.

Semi-final: C. von Schmieder & F. Rogerson (16½) bt McWeeney & Dr. Webb +9, Craig & Hopkins bt Read & Steen +8

Final: von SCHMIEDER & ROGERSON bt Craig & Miss Hopkins +11.

Nottingham 13 - 18 August

Despite howling winds and rain, the Nottingham tournament in the Club's 50th Jubilee Year was clearly a most enjoyable event even for the unsuccessful. With the added bonus of a Civic Reception at the Council House. Buck and Audrey Bucknall presided magnificently throughtout, as well as doing

their best to beat all comers, and ended the week just a few hoops away from a trophy each. Audrey Bucknall drew the weeks biggest ovation by beating John Phillips +26.

With the Club's beautiful lawns, friendly atmosphere and delightful cooking, the Nottingham tournament has become an important fixture for a good number of players, especially since players are currently guaranteed seven games. We regulars are looking forward to this year's revels becoming a permanant institution.

One feature of this year's tournament was a pre-start practice period, generally taken advantage of and uncriticised in my hearing. Certainly, this year's handicap doubles were notable for being less time-consuming than usual.

John McCullogh carried off both the big handicap trophies and finished the week at half his starting handicap. Stephen Wright made three triple peels but failed to make the Opens Play-off where Phil Cozens failed to pull off a surprise victory, succumbing to lan Vincent's immaculate breaks.

Most promising player at the tournament was James De'ath (aged 2) who hits the ball more accurately with his shortened mallet than at least one of the tournaments more experienced players.

Event 1 Robin Hood Gold Cup (entries 30)

First Round: P. Stoker (2½) bt Mrs D. de Q. Lenfestey (6) +1(T), Dr. G.K. Taylor (1) bt R.H. Fletcher (7½) +21, J.L. McDonald (7) bt Dr. R.F. Wheeler (5) +9, Dr. T.W. Smith (4½) bt I.H. Wright (1) +16, Mrs R.F. Wheeler (3) bt D. de Q. Lenfestey (4½) +6, J.R. McCullough (5) bt G.W. Noble (0) +23, Dr. R.C. Jones (6) bt Dr. I.G. Vincent (1) +7, S.J. H. Wright (-½) bt A.J. Bucknall (7) +14, E. Bell (1) bt G. Henshaw (3) +5, P.V. Cozens (3) bt Mrs C. Chamberlain (10) +7, J.G.C. Phillips (0) bt L. Robinson (7) +18, Mrs A.J. Bucknall (10) bt R.O. Calder (4) +18, G. C. Hopewell (1½) bt C. Chamberlain (8) +13, P.J. De'ath (2½) bt J.C. Straw (9) +16, Mrs J. Haworth (14) (bye), A.J. Girling (2½) (bye).

Second Round: Taylor bt Stoker +26, Smith bt MacDonald +14, McCullough bt Mrs Wheeler +11, S.J.H. Wright bt Jones +10, Bell bt Cozens +3, Mrs Bucknall bt Phillips +26, De'ath beat Hopewell +19, Girling bt Mrs Haworth +15.

Third Round: Smith bt Taylor +15, McCullough bt S.J.H. Wright +26, Bell bt Mrs Bucknall +12, Girling bt De'ath +17.

Semi-final: McCullough bt Smith +13, Girling bt Bell +7.
Final: McCULLOUGH bt Girling +7.

Event 2 Open Singles (Advanced Play) (entries 15)

DRAW

First Round: J.R. McCullough (5) bt Mrs R.F. Wheeler (3) +9, Dr. G.K. Taylor (1) bt P.V. Cozens (3) +12, S.J.H. Wright (-½) bt E. Bell (1) +19, G.C. Hopewell (1½) bt P. Stoker (2½) +17, G.W. Noble (0) bt A.J. Girling (2½) +24, J.G.C. Phillips (0) bt G. Henshaw (3) +16, I.H. Wright (1) bt P.J. De'ath (2½) +5, Dr. I.G. Vincent (1) (bye).

Second Round: McCullough bt Taylor +7, S.J.H. Wright bt Hopewell +2(T), Noble bt Phillips +11, Vincent bt I.H. Wright +10.

Semi-final: S.J.H. Wright bt McCullough +6, Vincent bt Noble +16. Final: VINCENT bt S.J.H. Wright +26.

PROCESS

First Round: G.W. Noble bt Mrs R.F. Wheeler +3, E. Bell bt P.J. De'ath +11, Dr. G.K. Taylor bt J.G.C. Phillips +3, Dr. I.G. Vincent bt P. Stoker +10, J.R. McCullough bt A.J. Girling +16, S.J.H. Wright bt I.H. Wright +26TP, P.V. Cozens bt G. Henshaw +2, G.C. Hopewell (bye).

Second Round: Bell bt Noble +16, Taylor bt Vincent +3, S.J.H. Wright

Second Round: Bell bt Noble +16, Taylor bt Vincent +3, S.J.H. Wright bt McCullough +16TP, Cozens bt Hopewell +16.

Semi-final: Taylor bt Bell +11, Cozens bt S.J.H. Wright +16.

Final: COZENS bt Taylor +17.

Play-off: Dr. VINCENT bt Cozens +8.

Event 3 Singles 'B' Level (Handicaps 4 – 8) (entries 10)

DRAW

First Round: D.de Q. Lenfestey (bye), R.H. Fletcher (bye), C. Chamberlain bt R.O. Calder +10(T), Dr. R.F. Wheeler bt Dr. R.C. Jones +9, G.L. Anderson (withdrew), Dr. T.W. Smith (bye), J.L. McDonald (bye), A.J. Bucknall (bye), Mrs D. de Q. Lenfestey (bye).

Second Round: Lenfestey bt Fletcher +13, Dr Wheeler bt Chamberlain +7, Smith bt McDonald +15, Bucknall bt Mrs Lenfestey +2.

Semi-final: Dr. Wheeler bt Lenfestey +1, Smith bt Bucknall +7.

PROCESS

First Round: J.L. McDonald (7) bt D. de Q. Lenfestey +1T, Dr. R.C. Jones (bye), C. Chamberlain bt Mrs D. de Q. Lenfestey +2T, Dr. T.W. Smith (bye), A.J. Bucknall bt R.H. Fletcher +5, Dr. R.F. Wheeler (bye), R.O. Calder (bye), G.L. Anderson (withdrew).

Second Round: Jones bt McDonald +24, Smith bt Chamberlain +3, Dr. Wheeler bt Bucknall +21, R.O. Calder (bye).

Semi-final: Jones bt Smith +13, Dr. Wheeler bt Calder +6.

Final: DR. WHEELER bt Jones +5.

Play-off for 2nd place: Dr. Jones bt Dr. Smith +18.

Final: Dr. WHEELER bt Dr. Smith +4.

Event 4 Singles (Handicaps 9 and over) (entries 6)

DRAW

First Round: Mrs C Chamberlain (10) bt Mrs J. Haworth (14) +2, Mrs A.J. Bucknall (10) bt J.C. Straw (9) +4T, D. Phillimore (14) (bye), E.L. Gardiner (9) (bye).

Semi-final: Mrs Bucknall bt Mrs Chamberlain +7, Gardiner bt Phillimore +19.

Final: "BAILLEAU MARRAIGE". (see Process).

PROCES

First Round: Mrs J. Haworth (14 bt D. Phillimore +3T, J.C. Straw (bye), E.L. Gardiner (9) bt Mrs C. Chamberlain (10) +12T, Mrs D. Bucknall (10) (bye).

Semi-final: Straw bt Mrs Haworth +23, Mrs Bucknall bt Gardiner +17.

* "BAILLEAU MARRAIGE"

Straw bt Gardiner +5.

Final Play-off: STRAW bt Mrs Bucknall +7.

Event 5X Handicap Singles (entries 31)

First Round: P. Stoker (2½) bt J.C. Straw (9) +13, D. de Q. Lenfestey (4½) bt Mrs C. Chamberlain (10) +13, I.H. Wright (1) bt C. Chamberlain (8) +10, J.R. McCullough (5) bt G. Henshaw (3) +17, E. Bell (1) bt L. Robinson (7) +7, G.W. Noble (0) bt P.V. Cozens (3) +19, A.J. Girling (2½) bt A.J. Bucknall (7) +12, G.C. Hopewell (1½) bt Mrs R.F. Wheeler (3) +19, Dr. I.G. Vincent (1) bt R.O. Calder (4) +21, J.G.C. Phillips (0) bt Mrs J. Haworth (14) +22, S.J.H. Wright (-½) bt Dr. R.F. Wheeler (5) +9, E.L. Gardiner (9) bt Mrs A.J. Bucknall (10) +5, P.J. De'ath (bye), Dr. T.W. Smith (4½) bt J.L. McDonald (7) +20, R.H. Fletcher (7½) bt Mrs D. de Q. Lenfestey (6) +5, Dr. R.C. Jones (6) bt Dr. G. K. Taylor (1) +5.

Second Round: Stoker bt Lenfestey +6, McCullough bt I.H. Wright +26 Bell bt Noble +11, Girling bt Hopewell +6, Vincent bt Phillips +6, S.J.H. Wright bt Gardiner +8, De'ath bt Smith +9, Jones bt Fletcher +19. Third Round: McCullough bt Stoker +12, Girling bt Bell +5, Vincent bt S.J.H. Wright +24, De'ath bt Jones +4.

Semi-final: McCullough bt Girling +4T, Vincent bt De'ath +6.

Final: McCULLOUGH bt Vincent +26.

Event 5Y Handicap Singles (entries 31)

First Round: J.C. Straw (9) bt Mrs C. Chamberlain (10) +11, G. Henshaw (3) bt L. Robinson (7) +6, A.J. Bucknell (7) bt P.V. Cozens (3) +8 Mrs R.F. Wheeler (3) bt R.O. Calder (4) +22, Dr. R.F. Wheeler (5) bt Mrs J. Haworth (14) +18, J.L. McDonald (7) bt Mrs A.J. Bucknall (10) +9, C. Chamberlain (8) bt Mrs D. de Q. Lenfestey (6) +5T. Dr. G.K. Taylor (1) (bye).

Second Round: Straw bt Henshaw +2, Bucknall bt Mrs Wheeler +2, MacDonald bt Dr. Wheeler +15, Dr. Taylor bt Chamberlain +6.

Semi-final: Bucknall bt Straw +1T, MacDonald bt Taylor +10.

Final: MacDONALD bt Bucknall +13.

Event 5Z Handicap Singles (entries 11)

First Round: G.C. Hopewell (1½) bt I.H. Wright (1) +22, E.L. Gardiner (9) (bye), G.W. Noble (0) bt R.H. Fletcher (7½) +1, D. de Q. Lenfestey (4½) bt Mrs J. Haworth (14) +11, L. Robinson (7) bt Mrs C. Chamber-

lain (10) +19, P. Cozens (bye), Mrs D. de Q. Lenfestey (6) (bye). Second Round: Hopewell bt Gardiner +12, Noble bt Lenfestey +11, Cozens bt Robinson +10, Mrs Lenfestey (bye).

Semi-final: Hopewell bt Noble +17, Cozens bt Mrs Lenfestey +16.

Final: HOPEWELL bt Cozens +23.

Event 6 Handicap Doubles (entries 14 pairs)

First Round: S.J.H. Wright & R.H. Fletcher (7) bt J.C. Straw & J.L. MacDonald (16) +1, A.J. Girling & Dr. R.C. Jones (8½) bt G. Henshaw & P.J. De'ath (5½) +9, P. Stoker & J. McCullough (5½) bt Mr & Mrs D. de Q. Lenfestey (10½) +15, Dr. T.W. Smith & A.J. Bucknall (11½) bt P.V. Cozens & L. Robinson (10) +1, E. Bell & C. Chamberlain (9) bt J.G. C. Phillips & Mrs J. Haworth (12) +15, G.W. Noble & Mrs A.J. Bucknall (10) bt Dr. & Mrs R.F. Wheeler (8) +4T, Dr. G.K. Taylor & E.L. Gardiner (10) (bye), G.C. Hopewell & R.O. Calder (5½) (bye).

Second Round: Girling & Jones bt Wright & Fletcher +18, Stoker & McCullough bt Smith & Bucknall +10, Bell & Chamberlain bt Noble & Mrs Bucknall +6, Dr. Taylor & Gardiner bt Hopewell & Calder +24.

Semi-final: Girling & Jones bt Stoker & McCullough +2, Bell & Cham-

berlain bt Taylor & Gardiner +2T.

Final: GIRLING & JONES bt Bell & Chamberlain +8.

LADIES FIELD CUP

Budleigh Salterton 20 - 24 August

In the first series, Kitty Wheeler started by narrowly missing a triple peel against Frances Joly, and in the next round, Betty Prichard did in fact go out with a double peel, also against the luckless Frances. Jocelyn Sundius-Smith and Kitty then had a nailbiting finish before an enthusiastic audience, but Kitty in her game against Barbara Meachem the following morning, failed to take croquet: The remaining fifth round matches being very closely contested.

Thus, at the end of the first series, Barbara led, having won all five matches and playing easily and well, with Betty and Jocelyn on four and three wins respectively.

In the second series, Barbara faltered. In the first game, she lost to Mrs (Dabs) Wheeler, who played with great courage and spirit to win with an adventurous finish. This so encouraged "Dabs" that she went on to win all her remaining four games, finishing with a classic win over Frances. The latter with her opening break, went to 4 back and 2, and looked, and was, pleased with herself. "Dabs" however, counter attacked, and taking her second ball from the first hoop to the peg, won handsomely; thus showing not only her fighting spirit but her true potential and should earn her future recognition.

Jocelyn and Betty, meanwhile, were fighting for third and fourth place, which looked to be Betty's. With both clips on 4 back to Jocelyn's 4 back and 1, an injudicious shot invited Jocelyn to make an all round break, an invitation she accepted with alacrity and went to the stick with her backward ball. This was promptly pegged out by Betty, who retired to the South Boundary. Jocelyn moved to the centre of the North Boundary, and Betty laid her rush to 4 back, well wired from Jocelyn. The latter, with a bold and accurate shot, made penult from the boundary, travelling well down beyond rover; from there, she hit what was now a double and went out, a most stout-hearted performance, and a match well worth going a long way to see, if only for the sporting spirit in which it was played.

Barbara meanwhile, won her last match against Kitty, bringing her tally to 8 games out of 10 - she had lost another one to Betty in the seventh round — and shewed herself a convincing and popular winner.

One must mention the spectacular one ball finish in the ninth round between Betty and 'Dabs' Wheeler; and also some glorious shots by Kitty Wheeler, but not enough of them.

Ken Schofield's statistics informs us that "the winner of the toss" won 15 games and lost 15; and that Red and Yellow won 22 and lost 8.

The prizes were presented by Mrs Rotherham, Vice-President of the Croquet Association, a six times winner of this

event, who thanked the Club, on behalf of the C.A., for their hospitality and excellent catering and for the enthusiasm of the Club members in watching. She stressed too, the relief of both Players and Management in having only six players in the event, and remarked on how obvious was the improvement in the standard of play, with the players so much more relaxed and not tired out.

All in all, it turned out to be a very happy and successful Tournament

"LADIES FIELD" CUP 1979	SERIES	Miss F. Joly	Mrs B. Meachem	Mrs D.M.C. Prichard	Mrs B.L. Sundius-Smith	Mrs G.T. Wheeler	Mrs R.F. Wheeler	TOTALS	FINAL PLACINGS	
Miss E. Joke	1	OF 30	-8	-18	-21	-4	-4	0	F.15	
Miss F. Joly	2	(10 11)	-15	+10	-14	+10	-14	2	5th	
Mrs B. Meachem	1	+8		+4	+14	+25	+13	5	1st	
IVII'S D. IVIERCHEITI	2	+15		-9	+14	+15	-8	3		
Mrs D,M,C. Prichard	1	+18	-4	60	+2	+15	+21	4	4.1	
IVITS D,IVI,C. FTICHAIG	2	-10	+9		-5	-11	-1	1	4th	
Mrs B.L. Sundius-Smith	1	+21	-11	-2	100	+3	+11	3	2-4	
Mis D.C. Odnords-Omitin	2	+14	-14	+5	10 3	+19	-18	3	3rd	
Mrs G.T. Wheeler	1	+4	-25	-15	-3	rd Is	-18	1	Est	
ivirs G. F. vvneeler	2	-10	-15	+11	-19	NT 5	-24	1	5th	
Mrs R.F. Wheeler	1	+4	-13	-21	-11	+18	harm?	2	0 1	
ivirs m.r. wheeler	2	+14	+8	+1	+18	+24	nos	5	2nd	

Edinburgh 20 – 25 August

'Le style est I'homme meme.' Why is it that in most games there is a generally accepted good style? All the best golfers have similar swings; in snooker the top players have similar cue actions; cricketers who score a lot of runs play their strokes in a similar fashion; the examples are endless. We have only to look at the players in the Edinburgh Croquet Club Tournament to see how untrue this is of Croquet.

Glancing round the Courts, we see Stephen Wright with a fluid and apparently effortless swing sending the croqueted ball the full length of the court while Donald Lamont seems to expend five times as much effort in forcing a ball to travel half as far. Look at Ewen Bowie stalking his ball casually with a swinging mallet, playing his stroke almost without pausing in his stride and not even grounding his mallet. Compare this with Gavin Anderson's stop-go stalk like a kitten playing with a ball of fluff or Alisdair Adam's long contemplation after he has grounded his mallet and is performing his genuflection routine. Consider Miss Murray glaring at the object ball after she has grounded her mallet as if defying her own ball to miss the target while Roger Wood seems to obtain his aim solely from his stalk with scarcely a flicker of an eyelid at the object ball. If there is any lesson to be learned from this it is to stick to your own style for they are all good players in their class and any attempt to change their methods would probably be disastrous

But what of the tournament? In the Open event, four different players reached the finals of the Draw and Process, the successful finalists being Jack Norton and Ewen Bowie. In the Play-off we expected fireworks but it turned out to be a day on which both players made mistakes and Jack Norton eventually achieved victory in a somewhat undistinguished game which was of much poorer quality than some in the earlier rounds.

Another success for Jack Norton was in the Doubles final where he skillfully piloted his 10 bisque partner Stewart Kil-

patrick to victory against Stephen Wright and Reg. Forth. We were sorry that Stephen was able to play only in the Doubles so that we missed the opportunity of seeing more of the high class croquet which he nearly always produces.

In the Big Handicap Jack Norton reached another final, this time against Robert Milne to whom he conceded 1½ bisques. The bisques, aided by their user's skill, were too much for Jack and Robert regained the Edinburgh Cup of which he was the first holder in 1969 but has never won since. A happy tenth anniverary.

Ian Wright, Managing the tournament with his usual competence, coped with a vast number of requests for leave and succeeded in having the last final finished on Saturday shortly after half past five. Mrs Tait presented the prizes with charm and accomplished grace and within a short time the tents were down, the courts were cleared and the events of the week began to become memories.

Event 1 The Cramond Cup (entries 9)

DRAW

First Round: F.V.X. Norton bt E.M. Bowie +10.

Second Round: R. Williams bt S.R.C. Malin +15, G. Anderson bt I.H. Wright +16, Norton bt R.M. Milne +22, R. Wood bt R.O. Calder +18. Semi-final: Anderson bt Williams +13, Norton bt Wood +8. Final: NORTON bt Anderson +8.

PROCESS

First Round: R. Williams bt R. Wood +19.

Second Round: Williams bt I.H. Wright +5, E.M. Bowie bt G. Anderson +19, S.R.C. Malin bt R.O. Calder +5, R.M. Milne bt F.V.X. Norton +2. Semi-final: Bowie bt Williams +3, Milne bt Malin +7.

Final: BOWIE bt Milne +11.

Play-off: NORTON bt Bowie +7.

Event 2 The Silver Jubilee Salver (entries 4) (level Singles)

M.P.W. SMITH bt Mrs V. McPherson +2 +18, Mrs Lauder +5 +3, R. Forth +6. Mrs M. Lauder bt R. Forth +10 +22, Mrs MacPherson +6. Mrs V.M. MacPherson bt Mrs Lauder +6, R. Forth +9. R. Forth bt Mrs MacPherson +3(T), M.P.W. Smith +8.

Event 3 The Walter B. Laing Cup (entries 6)

DRAW

First Round: Miss A.M. Murray bt A.G.M. Hunter +5(T), P. Simpson bt C.J. Tait +1(T).

Semi-final: G. Anderson bt Miss Murray +2(T), Simpson bt A.D. Lamont +9.

Final: SIMPSON bt Anderson +14.

PROCESS

First Round: C.J. Tait bt Miss A.M. Murray +5(T), P.G. Simpson bt G.M. Hunter +11.

Semi-final: A.D. Lamont bt Tait +5(T), Simpson bt G. Anderson +19. Final: LAMONT bt Simpson +3(T).

Play-off: SIMPSON bt Lamont +3.

Event 4 Norton-Wright Cups (entries 10 pairs)

First Round: S.J.H. Wright & R. Forth (6½) bt Mrs M. Lauder & R. Lay (19½) +6, F.V.X. Norton & W.S. Kilpatrick (10½) bt J.C. McCullough & Miss A.M. Murray (17) +16.

Second Round: C.J. Tait & A.D. Lamont (16) bt R. Wood & S.R.C. Malin (5) +3(T), Wright & Forth bt R. Williams & M.P.W. Smith (8½) +13, Norton & Kilpatrick bt E.M. Bowie & Mrs V.M. MacPherson (10) +20, R.O. Calder & A.H.M. Adam (12) bt A.G.M. Hunter & G. Anderson +5(T).

Semi-final: Wright & Forth bt Tait & Lamont +14, Norton & Kilpatrick bt Calder & Adam +12.

Final: NORTON & KILPATRICK bt Wright & Forth +19.

Event 5X The Edinburgh Cup (entries 19)

First Round: I.H. Wright (2½) bt S.R.C. Malin (4) +16, M.P.W. Smith (6) bt A.D. Lamont (8) +8, E.M. Bowie (3) bt R. Williams (2½) +12, O. Calder (4) bt George Anderson (12) +14.

Second Round: A.G.M. Hunter (11) bt R. Wood (1) +3(T), Mrs M. Lauder (6½) bt P.G. Simpson (10) +6, Smith bt Wright +3, Bowie bt J. Tait (8) +8, A.H.M. Adam (8) bt Calder +3(T), Mrs M. MacPherson (7) bt R. Forth +20, F.V.X. Norton (½) bt Gavin Anderson (4) +6. Third Round: R.M. Milne (2) bt Hunter +21, Smith bt Mrs Lauder +7, Bowie bt Adam +15, Norton bt Mrs MacPherson +12. Semi-final: Milne bt Smith +9, Norton bt Bowie +21. Final: MILNE bt Norton +13.

Event 5Y Handicap Singles (entries 9)

First Round: R. Williams (21/2) bt C.J. Tait (8) +16.

Second Round: R.Wood (1) bt P.G. Simpson (10) +2, S.R.C. Malin (4) bt A.D. Lamont (8) +14, Williams bt George Anderson (12) +14, Gavin Anderson (4) bt R. Forth (7) +16.

Semi-final: Malin bt Wood +5, Gavin Anderson bt Williams +11(T).

Final: GAVIN ANDERSON bt Malin +15.

Event 5Z Handicap Singles (entries 9)

First Round: Mrs M. Lauder (6½) bt R.O. Calder (4) +22.

Second Round: A.G.M. Hunter (11) bt I.H. Wright (2½) +12, Mrs V.M. MacPherson (7½) w.o. opp. scr., A.D. Lamont (8) bt P.G. Simpson (10) +7, C.J. Tait (8) bt George Anderson (12) +5(T).

Semi-final: Hunter bt Mrs MacPherson +7, Tait w.o. opp. scr.

Final: HUNTER bt Tait +10.

Hunstanton 27 August — 1 September

The Hunstanton lawns have improved considerably since this reporter was there two years ago. The departure of the rabbits, who in previous years made interesting holes overnight the attention and skill fo the groundsman and the work of such members as John Wood have all contributed to this improvement. There were of course the usual one or two boundaries which gave an advantage to the initiated but small irregularities are present at all Clubs and add to the fun of the game. Golfers have to read the lawns — why not croquet players?

The Club is unusual in having a grass apron in front of the Clubhouse — the five lawns surround this area, two on each side and one ahead, - so that it is possible to watch three games without moving one's seat. With swivel chairs one could comfortably follow the play on all five lawns! There was no time during which from this apron there wasn't a game or two worth watching and there were some really high spots.

Double banking was used from the first day. This presented one or two problems, particularly to those who had never double-banked before (some of whom would perhaps have benefitted from reading the C.A's guide lines for players in double-banked games). There were some minor grumbles but on the whole these were a minority expression — most people seem to have accepted that the economics of running a club requires more paying members than can be accomodated without double-banking. Anyway this writer finds in double-banking yet another excuse for inadequacies in prowess!

Fortunately, the Managers, Sarah Hampson and Roger Wheeler, had decided that there would be no time limits — a wise decision when double-banking — nothing is more calculated to raise the temperature than a slow player who is in the lead, or a hold up caused by the other game — especially in the last half hour of play. Double-banking and time limits are uneasy companions.

Although a census revealed that there were in fact only three of them, the tournament seemed to be full of Tapps. They appeared at one stage to be set to win everything except the 'B' and 'C' class events, but they were finally frustrated in the main handicap event for the Ingleby Challenge Cup by thirteen year old Mark Avery, who, playing off a handicap of 8 uncremoniously ousted Matthew Tapp (1½) in the semi-final by using his bisques with speed and confidence to win the game in just over twenty minutes.

Matthew Tapp is himself only sixteen and it was no doubt a

new experience for him to be so decisively beaten — and for such a brilliant young player very hard to take. But he took his defeat well — no doubt consoled by memories of his own pretty meteoric rise during which he has no doubt inflicted similar defeats on many experienced and crestfallen players. He had even more positive consolation from his own brilliant win in the Open Singles for the Norfolk Challenge Cup, in which he beat his brother Simon. The finalists in both Draw and Process were all Tapps — Simon beat his father in one of these in a very exciting game. Arthur (father) Tapp took his first ball to 4 back and before Simon had made much progress had completed two thirds of the triple but broke down at 1 back; Simon hit in but made little of it and Arthur went round to the peg but only pegged out one ball — nor did he peg out the other as Simon took both his balls round and pegged out to win.

The Tapps filled three places in the finals of the Doubles, Matthew and father beating Simon and David Godfree.

In the main Handicap event young Mark Avery (8) had to Play Steve Hoole (5) who is also relatively new to the game and an improving player. Mark took his first ball to three back with one bisque. Steve took his first ball to Rover and cross wired Mark at hoop one. Mark used two bisques to run the second hoop and join up. Steve did not hit in and Mark, now without bisques, took his second ball round to the peg from the second hoop, peeled his partner ball through Rover and pegged out. The game took an hour.

Apart from the exploits of the young Tapps and Avery there were a lot of other intresting games. Sarah nearly lost her chance of the Hunstanton Challenge Bowl by inadvertantly pegging herself out with her second ball on Rover. Lionel Wharrad plodded round from 4 back and 3 wiring Sarah at each hoop until he reached peg and Rover where he unwisely left a ball open which Sarah hit and went out. She went on to contest the final but succombed to Jane Rolfe who had played consistently well to win the Challenge Bowl.

The weather was marvellous - almost any croquet ground would be enjoyable in such weather. The croquet was at times almost as dazzling as the skies and there was excitement at all levels of play. Edith Wood and Moira Wharrad with all four clips on the peg — Hugh Carlisle who played Midge Sheldon as though determined not to score finally coming to when Midge had very capably taken both balls to Rover. He responded to the muttered if cynical aside of a passing competitor "a nice game to win" by doing just that!

I reccommend Hunstanton to all who have not so far gone there — pick some nice weather if you can — then you will be assured of a delightful week fortified by excellent food and a friendly and warm welcome.

Event 1 Norfolk Challenge Cup (entries 8)

Open Singles 'A' (up to 2 bisques)

DRAW

First Round: S.A. Tapp bt Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle +15, A.D. Karmel w.o. opp. scr., M.Tapp bt H.B.H. Carlisle +17, Mrs B. Sundius-Smith bt A.E. Tapp +7.

Semi-final: S. Tapp bt Karmel +23, M. Tapp bt Mrs Sundius-Smith +25. Final: M. TAPP bt S. Tapp +3.

PROCESS

First Round: S.A. Tapp bt H.B.H. Carlisle +4, Mrs B. Sundius-Smith w.o. opp. scr., Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle bt M. Tapp +4, A.E. Tapp bt A.D. Karmel +7.

Semi-final: S.A. Tapp bt Mrs Sundius-Smith +4, A.E. Tapp bt Mrs Carlisle +4.

Final: S. TAPP bt A.E. Tapp +1.

Play-off: M. TAPP bt S. Tapp +13.

Event 2 Hunstanton Challenge Bowl (entries 12)

Level Singles 'B' (2½ - 6 bisques)

DRAW

First Round: L. Wharrad bt G. Henshaw +10, Miss S. Hampson bt S.G. Kent +9, Mrs R. Wheeler bt D. Turner +26, Mrs A. Neville-Rolfe bt S.J.W. Hoole +8.

Second Round: D.R. Wheeler bt P.M. Johnson +6, Miss Hampson bt Wharrad +3, R. Alford bt Mrs Wheeler +3, Mrs Rolfe bt H. Ormerod +8. Semi-final: Miss Hampson bt Wheeler +5, Mrs Rolfe bt Alford +3.

Two Life Variation (marriage) see PROCESS

PROCESS

First Round: P.M. Johnson bt Mrs A. Neville-Rolfe +15, G. Henshaw bt Mrs D.R. Wheeler +12, D.R. Wheeler bt S.G. Kent +18, L. Wharrad bt S.J.W. Hoole +7.

Second Round: Johnson bt Ormerod +24, Henshaw bt Alford +15, Miss Hampson bt Wheeler +7, Turner bt Wharrad +11.

Semi-final: Johnson bt Henshaw +16, Miss Hampson bt Turner +7.

Two Life Variation (marriage)

Semi-final: Mrs Rolfe bt Johnson +6.

Final: Mrs ROLFE bt Miss Hampson +16.

Event 3 Silver Rose Bowl (entries 13)

Handicap Singles 'C' (6½ bisques and over)

First Round: Mrs F.H.N. Davidson (7½) bt Miss M. Bradds (14) +16, Mrs A. Solomon (14) w.o. opp. scr., Mrs L. Wharrad (13) bt Miss E. Wood (10) +1, J. Wood (8) bt M. Avery (8) +6, G. Solomon (8) bt Mrs A. Zinn (8) +8.

Second Round: D. Godfree (10) bt Mrs Davidson +5, Mrs A. Solomon bt Mrs Wharrad +6, Wood bt G. Solomon +14, I. Meredith (11) bt Mrs P. Sheldon (10) +2.

Semi-final: Godfree bt Mrs Solomon +6, Meredith bt Wood +1 (T). Final: GODFREE bt Meredith +8.

Event 4X Ingleby Challenge Cup (entries 32)

First Round: S.A. Tapp (0) bt Mrs A. Zinn (8) +8, I.C. Meredith (11) bt Mrs A.N. Rolfe (2½) +12, Mrs F. Davidson (7½) bt Mrs L. Wharrad (13) +19, M.J. Tapp (1½) bt Mrs A. Solomon (14) +14, A. Tapp (0) bt A.D. Karmel (1½) +5, P.M. Johnson (4) bt Mrs B. Sundius-Smith (½) +6, J. Wood (8) bt D.L. Godfree (10) +9(T), M. Avery (8) bt Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle (1½) +16, L. Wharrad (3½) bt D. Turner (4) +5, Rev. H. Ormerod (4½) bt Miss S. Hampson (3) +12, H.B.H. Carlisle (1½) bt Miss E. Wood (10) +16, Mrs P. Sheldon (10) bt S.G. Kent (4) +3, G. Solomon (8) bt J. Haigh (0) opp. retd., S.J.W. Hoole (5) bt Mrs A.D. Karmel (7) +12, G. Henshaw (3) bt Dr. D.R. Wheeler (5) +5, Mrs R.F. Wheeler (2½) bt R.S. Alford (3) +12.

Second Round: S.A. Tapp bt Meredith +8, M. Tapp bt Mrs Davidson +7 Johnson bt A. Tapp +24, Avery bt Wood +6, Wharrad bt Rev. Ormerod +9, Carlisle bt Mrs Sheldon +2, Hoole bt Solomon +20, Henshaw bt Mrs Wheeler +21.

Third Round: M. Tapp bt S. Tapp +6, Avery bt Johnson +20, Wharrad bt Carlisle +24, Hoole bt Henshaw +7.

Semi-final: Avery bt M. Tapp +26, Hoole bt Wharrad +16. Final: AVERY bt Hoole +15.

Event 4Y (entries 15)

First Round: Mrs A. Zinn (8) bt Mrs A. Neville-Rolfe (2½) +3, Mrs L. Wharrad (13) bt Mrs A. Solomon opp. retd., Mrs B. Sundius-Smith (½) bt A.D. Karmel (1½) +8, Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle (1½) bt D.L. Godfree opp. scr., D. Turner (4) bt Miss S. Hampson w.o. opp. scr., S.G. Kent (4) bt Miss E. Wood (10) +3, R.F. Wheeler (5) bt R.S. Alford (3) +13.

Second Round: Mrs Zinn bt Mrs Wharrad +10, Mrs Carlisle bt Mrs Sundius-Smith w.o. opp. scr., Turner bt Kent +10, Wheeler bt Mrs A.D. Karmel (7) +22.

Semi-final: Mrs Carlisle bt Mrs Zinn +10, Turner bt Dr. Wheeler +9.
Final: TURNER bt Mrs Carlisle +4.

Event 5 Hope Cups (Handicap Doubles) (entries 16 pairs)

First Round: I. Meredith & Mrs A. Solomon (22) bt Judge A.D. Karmel & Mrs A.D. Karmel (8½) +4(T), S. Tapp & D. Godfree (10) bt Mrs H.

Carlisle & Miss F. Carlisle (15½) +24, Mrs A. Neville-Rolfe & J. Wood (10½) bt Rev. H. Ormerod & Mrs A. Zinn (12½) +10, P.M. Johnson & S.J.W. Hoole (9) bt G. Henshaw & Miss F. Wood (13) +13, S.G. Kent & Mrs F. Davidson (11½) bt L. Wharrad & Mrs L. Wharrad (16½) +10, Miss S. Hampson & D. Turner (7½) bt H.B.H. Carlisle & J. Carlisle (15½) +20, Mrs B. Sundius-Smith & G. Solomon (8½) bt R. Alford & M. Avery (11) +2, A. Tapp & M. Tapp (2½) bt Dr. R. Wheeler & Mrs R. Wheeler (7½) +6.

Second Round: S. Tapp & Godfree bt Meredith & Mrs Solomon +17, Johnson & Hoole bt Mrs Rolfe & Wood +10, Miss Hampson & Turner bt Kent & Mrs Davidson +6, A. Tapp & M. Tapp bt Mrs Sundius-Smith & Solomon +6.

Semi-final: S. Tapp & Godfree bt Johnson & Hoole +13, A. Tapp & M. Tapp bt Miss Hampson & Turner +6.

There was bound to be a new winner of this cup because

Final: A. TAPP & M. TAPP bt S. Tapp & Godfree +16.

The President's Cup 4 – 8 September

for almost the first time there was no former holder playing there are normally three or four. However, the only newcomer to the eight was Eric Solomon and he did not come unsung having won the Chairman's Salver twice in the last three years. From the start Neal looked the likely winner, winning not only the games in which he established early leads but also three close games against Solomon, Openshaw and mulliner from behind. The narrow hoops coupled with welcome fast lawns brought mistakes from all the other players to begin with: Prichard and Jackson both stuck in 4 back when well set to finish, giving the games to Mulliner and Murray; in the next round Mulliner had made a fine come-back but carelessly ran on to his partner ball after Rover to hand the match back to Solomon. Hands was the first to complete a triple but it was to be his last - he had to wait until the 9th round to notch another win. Murray was making more mistakes than usual but was at his best with a fine triple peel against Solomon. The last named was playing consistently well and made up for only one win on Tuesday by winning all three on Wednesday, starting with a quadruple peel against Jackson. Jackson was not hooping well and had to wait until the 6th round for a win, then one mistake, while doing a triple, from Mulliner gave Jackson the opportunity to make a fine break to peg Mulliner out and win the game. Openshaw was not playing like the Open Champion and although he had 3 wins in the first series one was a gift from Prichard who missed a short roquet after running Rover with his backward ball. So at the end of the 1st Series it looked as though only Murray and Solomon who had each completed fluent triples in the 7th round and who had 5 wins apiece were the only threats to Neal. But Mulliner's firefly brilliance and Openshaw's more measured tread were still there behind them. The star game was Openshaw's five peels, 1 back to penultimate, before Neal had started, yet the latter snatched a remarkable victory. Had that game gone the other way, or Prichard's 'gifts' to Mulliner and Openshaw, or the Solomon game or.... but they didn't!

The second series started with Neals first defeat, an easy win for Solomon, while Murray looked unbeatable with a fast triple against Jackson and Openshaw played more confidently to beat Hands. Prichard and Mulliner started scratchily but after a good break from the latter this game was pegged down (after 2 hours only) to enable the 9th round to start so that Jackson could go to the Opera. At 6 o'clock the Prichard/Jackson game was also pegged down for the same reason, after less than 2 hours, with Prichard on 4 back and Penultimate. The Mulliner game was then resumed and Prichard hit in ruthlessly to win it by 3. This was a setback for Mulliner who had just completed a brilliant triple against Openshaw who had looked set for a +26 until he missed a short roquet a penultimate. Hands had beaten Neal, who was feeling the strain that bedevils leaders and with Solomon having been too steady for Murray (who could not hit in) there were now joint leaders with 7 games each, Murray being on 6 and Mulliner 5.

Friday was a day that Murray will never forget. In the morning he lost for a second time to a triple peel from Mulliner; in the afternoon he triple peeled Neal and pegged both balls out leaving Neal for hoop 1 and himself for 2 back. With accurate positioning and incredible hitting-in Neal made his 13 points while Murray made only 3 (reminiscent of a game at the Caskets in 1974 when Murray beat Wylie from a similar position). With his chance of winning the event gone Murray was to meet players who were not in contention so he set his sights on a sextuple peel. In the evening his opponent was Colin Prichard. Murray laid a close cross wire at hoop1 with his forward ball eight inches in front of 1 back and his backward ball 6 foot away. Prichard just missed this ball and the sextuple was afoot; a rush peel at 1 back was followed by the 2 back peel after running hoop 1, 3 back after4, 4 back before 6, but because the pioneer at 2 back was not well placed Murray now concentrated on making the next three hoops, and accomplished the penultimate peel before 4 back. There was an anxious moment when Murray sent the two balls too near to each other and Rover but this was felt more by the spectators than by the player who cooly nudged one with the other and completed the first sextuple peel in the President's Cup (with 3 11/16th ins hoops). The astonishing thing about the break was how easy it was made to look and how guick.

Meanwhile there was no let up between the three leaders: Mulliner had three easy wins with 2 triples; Solomon had his first game in the bag with both balls for the peg when Openshaw went off beside them on the Boundary but Solomon only managed to peg one ball out leaving the other near the peg with Openshaw neatly the other side of the peg. Openshaw hit in from corner IV and playing carefully and cleverly took both balls round to win by 1. Solomon followed this set-back with two masterly wins bringing him into the joint lead with Neal at 9 wins. Neal had the gift of a game from Jackson who stuck in Rover from 6 ins, which was followed by the game stolen from Murray and ended in a protracted game with Openshaw which both would like to forget and which was pegged down - the only one of the week. Solomon's game against Jackson had been too long to allow for more than a short second act of the Opera game (Prichard won it quite quickly in the 3rd act on Saturday.

The needle game on Saturday morning was Solomon/Mulliner — if the latter won he might go into the lead jointly with Neal and Solomon. Solomon was first round but Mulliner followed with a brilliant triple peel on his opponent with Solomon's other ball for Hoop 2 and his own for hoop 1. With so much at stake it is not surprising that a few errors crept in: the contact was useless to Solomon but he kept forcing Mulliner to use him by shooting at the forward ball wherever it retreated to. Mulliner became less sure and due to his errors Solomon got in three times with what would have been easy chances in a normal game but Solomon only made one hoop each time. Mulliner switched from defence to attack but failed twice at 1 back whereupon Solomon strode on to take the game +7 with outward confidence but - so he says inner turmoil. Prichard had meanwhile played Neal who was not hitting in and with some effective cut rushes and huge splits Prichard put paid to Neal's chance of winning the Cup -Prichard had proved himself to be a specialist in recovery throughout the week and played well to win 4 games in the second series. Jackson got his second win to keep his record. He and Hands are different players in London from the form they show at Cheltenham; Jackson's mallet seemed too inert to hit the ball crisply while Hands hit harder and wider as the week progressed.

In the last round, with the pressure off, Neal resumed where he left off at the end of the first series. Mulliner had set off like Sebastan Coe to show us the quickest triple peel but Neal hit in and showed us the surest — with only the occasional glance down to see if Prichard could possibly topple Solomon. But Solomon was not going to be deprived of his

dream; he broke down trying a triple peel but almost rescued himself with a brilliant jump over a ball at 5th to scatter a ball at 6th, sending both balls to the North Boundary. Prichard, robbed of an easy break did hit in but when Solomon got back in he went out in style. He did the penultimate peel splitting his other ball to within the yardline area on the West boundary to get a rush on an enemy ball to 2 back. John Solomon at his best would have been justly proud of these two strokes, and they show how Eric Solomon has grown in stature during this year — even during this week.

Noel Hicks has said that out of the many President's Cups he has watched perhaps the finest consistent play was shewn in 1972 when there were 22 triple peels and half the games were won by 20 points or more and now Dr. E.W. Solomon joins the winner that year, William Prichard, and Patrick Cotter (1949) as the only players to win the event at their first attempt since the war. This year Murray did his historic sextuple plus four triples and Mulliner did seven triple peels - yet they only tied for fourth place with 8 wins each. Neal had played well enough to win and had fought well while Openshaw, almost unnoticed, had won six games in the second series to pull himself up to third place, only one behind Neal and two behind the winner. The absentees, when they return will not find vacant spaces. This year, to quote Aesop "slow and steady wins the race" but next it could equally well be the turn of the hare or the grasshopper.

PRESIDENT'S	1.	2	3	4	5.	6.	7.	8.	799
1 E.W. Solomori		-8 +23	+24	+7	-23 +17	+24(1)	+16	+22tp +19	11
2 B.G. Neat	+8		+2	+2 +17tp	+10	+25tp -13	*6tp -22	+24	10
3 D.K. Openshaw	-24 +1	-2 +10		-11 -4	-15 +25	+1	+11 +15	+16	9
4 S.N. Multiner	-1 -2 (po	-2 -17	+1.11p +41p		+20tp +26tp	+6 -3	+25tp +16tp	-4 +12	8
to M. Murray	+23tp -17	-10 -3tpo	+15 -25	-20 -26		+22 +26 6p	+20tp +24	+5 +26tp	8
6 CHLL Prictiand	24 24	-25 +13	-1 -10	-5 +3	-22 -26		+21	+4	6
7 P.W. Hands	-16 -16	-6 +22	-11 -15	-25 -16	-20 -24	-21 -17		+20tp -22	2
8. G.E.P. Jackson	-22 19	-24 -2	-16 -4	+4 -12	-5 -26	-4 -11	-20 +22		2
	19	~2	-4	-12	-26	-11	+22	1	

The Chairman's Salver — Compton 3 — 7 September

To members of the Compton Club, and perhaps many others, this year's eight players selected for the Chairman's, looked to be rather weaker than usual. They were in great contrast to those eight from the previous year. There were only two survivors from 1978, 4 promoted from the EII Cup and two newcomers to the "Eights" altogether in Ian Bond and David Foulser. The Courts were easy paced and warm and sunny weather prevailed throughout. Ed Strickland managed the event superbly, and the players were treated most graciously by the host Club.

The first day's play can be best described as historic, in that all three rounds were completed by 4.13 pm. in lightning fashion, despite an hour and a half break for lunch. John Phillips and Foulser were the only unbeaten players by Monday evening with Tristram Owen and Vincent Camroux each on two wins. The favourite, Graeme Roberts, started badly losing his first three games. Foulser looked in tremendous form on the first day, beating Bond +25 in 66 minutes, David Croker +26 with the aid of a perfect triple peel in 48 minutes and Owen by +21 in 74 minutes. Triples were attempted by Bond, Croker and Camroux as well, but none were successful. Roberts was on peg and 4 back against Owen, who pegged him out with his other ball still for the 1st hoop. Roberts made 4 back but never took croquet again.

On Tuesday morning Foulser went to 4 back on the 4th ball against Robin Godby, but in trying to leave a ball ham-

pered in front of the 4th hoop, he did a poor leave which Godby hit without the necessity of a lift shot, and Foulser never recovered the innings again. This was followed by Roberts inflicting a flowing +26 defeat on Foulser. Phillips was meanwhile playing delightful croquet to beat both Bond and Croker easily. The sixth round saw the first clash between Phillips and Foulser which the latter won in a rather tense match in which both players made surprising errors.

Phillips won all his three matches on Wednesday by single figure margins, whilst Foulser lost to Bond and Roberts equally closely. The game between Foulser and Roberts was won by Roberts with an intriguing score +1TP. However, there was not a 3 ball triple peel by Roberts as the score might suggest. Foulser was on the peg with both balls and Roberts was for the 1st and 3rd hoops. Instead of attempting a fairly long peg-out, Foulser laid up with a rush to the peg, when Roberts hit in with his backward ball and went to 4 back. His opponent missed the lift and Roberts brought off a beautifully controlled delayed triple peel, with all 3 peels done by the time he made 3 back. Before pegging out to win the match, Roberts also pegged out one of the enemy balls. Foulser recovered his form in the evening session to beat Camroux by +23. This was a match which should have been +26 for Foulser did all three peels of a spectacular straight triple but missed the peg-out, after which Camroux made three hoops before breaking down. Camroux did two peels of a triple himself against Phillips but missed a short roquet going to 1 back. Later, he was on peg and peg, but missed a 6 foot roquet after running rover to give Phillips the game.

On Thursday morning there seemed little prospect of anyone catching Phillips, who had won 8 out of 9, followed by Foulser, Croker and Owen, all having 5 wins. Owen was immediately despatched by Foulser, whilst Croker beat Roberts and Phillips got the better of Bond. Phillips was then well beaten by both Croker, and for the second time, by Foulser. This round saw 2 pegged out games which were both won by the player left with only one ball. Phillips broke down at 1 back, having done the 4 back peel. Bond played immaculately to double peel and peg out Phillips, thus giving him contact. Phillips shot well, and played soundly to win without too much trouble. Godby pegged out one of Croker's balls, when both players were for the peg and 4 back. Croker's brilliant shooting saw him hit in to make 4 back and penultimate whereupon he broke down. Godby laid up, and Croker hit in again to make rover and obtain victory.

The final day saw Phillips starting with 9 wins, closely followed by Foulser and Croker on 8. These two met immediately, and Foulser played with great composure to win +26 again with Croker not taking Croquet. Phillips, at this point, was showing signs of pressure and was beaten by Godby. However, he recovered to trounce Owen in the afternoon, in convincing style. Camroux made the first hoop against Foulser early in the game, but missed a 12 foot roquet after which he never regained the innings as Foulser strolled to victory +25.

Thus Phillips and Foulser were level on 10 victories apiece, and a play-off was required. Phillips was the first to strike but broke down at 1 back on his partner ball. Foulser misses a reasonably short shot and Phillips played a fine all round break to give the opposition contact. Unfortunately, in trying to get all four balls on the boundary, one went off to spoil what would otherwise have been a clever leave. Foulser was soon around to 4 back, resisting the temptation to go to the peg and peg out Phillips' ball. The lift was missed and Foulser picked up a difficult break but found himself hampered after running a controlled 5th hoop. He conceded the innings and Phillips hit in to run the last 6 hoops and to take the Salver.

Phillips strength was his ability to punish opponents for their mistakes thanks to his determination to win. Having been the leader all week, only to falter near the end, it would have been sad if he had not won the event. Foulser's play was nearly always quick and flambouyant, in the mould of Cheltenham's trio of Martin Murray, Paul Hands and Andrew Hope. Croker's form was a little erratic as his success owes so much to his shooting ability which sometimes deserted him. Owen, too, did not shoot as well as he can, but always fought hard, and was as difficult to beat as ever, taking very few risks. Roberts play varied enormously — sometimes brilliant and other times rather poor. Godby played very nicelt at times but often broke down unaccountably. Bond was not at his best due to his shooting not being up to its usual standard. In addition he was a little unwell for a couple of days. Camroux began well, winning his first two games, but then faded. He lost several games through missing short to middle distance shots that he would have been expected to hit.

Finally a few statistics:— 28 games were won by the player having won the toss whilst 28 were won by the player having lost the toss. Every game was timed by the Manager. The players average times over their 14 matches were as follows:— Foulser, 1 hour 21 minutes — Bond 1.33 — Croker 1.38 — Phillips 1.39 — Camroux 1.48 — Roberts 1.50 — Godby 1.52 — Owen 2.05. The shortest game lasted 48 minutes and the longest 3.08.

CHAIRMAN'S SALVER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1. D.R. Foulser	1	+12 +22	+26tp +26	+21 +21	-26 -1	-17 +8	+25 -6	+23 +25	10
2. J.G.C. Phillips	-12 -22		+22 -14	+6 +16	+20	+16 -21	+25	+10	10
3. D.J. Croker	-26 -26	-22 +14	1	+7 -24	+13 +8	+7 +5	+13 +13	-12 +18	9
4. T.F. Owen	-21 -21	-6 -16	-7 +24		+3	+17 +9	-4 +6	+3 +7	7
5. G.J. Roberts	+26 +1tp	-20 -9	-13 -8	-3 +5		-24 +4	+17 +17	+5 -15	7
6. R.A. Godby	+17 -8	-16 +21	-7 -5	-17 -9	+24		-6 -10	+10	5
7. Bond	-25 +6	-25 -5	-13 -13	+4 -6	-17 -17	+6 +10		-23 -14	4
8. A.V. Camroux	-23 -25	-10 -2	+12 -18	-3 -7	-5 +15	-10 -8	+23		4

Play-off: J.G.C. PHILLIPS bt D.R. Foulser +12.



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The Spencer-Ell Cup 3 - 7 September

This year we have to thank the Nottingham Croquet Club for their hospitality in allowing the competition for the Spencer-Ell Cup to be played on their lawns, and what magnificent lawns they are now, true and well maintained. The weather was perfect all the week and Mrs Ward worked hard to provide very excellent lunches and teas. Ian Vincent managed, and nearly won, the event and although the whole event was well planned in advance, he did have the worry of deciding to peg down the slower games and when to get them played off. In addition Ian produced a form and persuaded the players to keep a record of their games-opening gambits- long shots- peels and any items of note. As a result there is now a vast amount of information on the event which will take a long time to analyse. Some games ran to around 5 hours duration and over 50 turns. On the other hand one game was finished in 55 minutes and there were 6 triples, four by Brian Sykes. Triples were also done by George Noble and Ian Vincent and there were many other attempted and failed triples, one even after all three peels had been completed. Cautious play rather spoilt the games at the lower levels in the league. After all the safest play may well start with a successful suicide shot followed by a triple. While if the suicide shot is missed the cautios player by his caution will give the adventurous player plenty of later opportunities. It was unfortunate that Vic Rees had to drop out in the week before but his place was taken by Peter Alvey who put up a good performance to come equal 5th with Eddie Bell. Although Chris Cousins made a slow start in the first half he only lost one in the second half to clock up 8 wins.

SPENCER ELL CUP	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1. B.G. Sykes		+19 -19	-14 +17	+15	+4 +26tp	+2 +24	+16 +24tp	+23tp +14tp	11
2. I.G. Vincent	-19 +19		+17 -15	+8 +22	+15	+14	+24 +26tp	+13 +24	11
3. G.W. Noble	+14 -17	-17 +15		-1 -11	-9 +15	+5. +26tp	+14 +9	+9 +11	9
4. C.H.J. Cousins	-15 +11	-8 -22	+1 +11		-11 +19	-3 +4	-4 +13	+19 +5	8
5. P.L. Alvey	-4 -26	-15 +8	+9 -15	+11		-4 -15	+16 -2	+16 +5	6
6. E. Bell	-2 -24	-14 -14	-5 -26	+3	+4 +15		+14	+14	6
7. H.C. Green	-16 -29	-24 -26	-14 -9	-4 -13	-16 +2	-14 +3		+16	5
B. L.E. O'Brien	-23 -14	-13 -24	-9 -11	-19 -5	-16 -5	-14 -24	-16 -9		0

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