

R M Morshead	13
Mrs E A Taylor	16 (D14)
Mrs A D J Ward	16 (D14)
P Weedon	11

Ryde (Club) June

Mrs S B Hudson	11	10
C G Pountney	4	6

Southwick (Club) June

Mrs L A Coombs	4½	5
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Mrs N W T Cox	4	3½
Mrs E A Mapletoft	15	13 (D11)
Mrs E A Staddon	5½	6

HANDICAP ALTERATIONS**Budleigh Salterton 10-15 May**

Mrs C Bagnall	3½	to	4 (December 1981)
W C Broad-Thomas	11		10
Mrs W C Broad-Thomas			16 (D14) Non-Assoc
Dr W R Bucknall	4		4½
H J Crozier	16		14 (D13) Non-Assoc
R Forth	8		9
Dr C L Greenbury	6		5½
Mrs G P N Healy	*14		13
F H Newman	4		3
Mrs F H Newman	5		4½
H E Ovens	5		5½
R A Simpson	2		2½ Non-Associate
Mrs R A Simpson	3		4
R S Stevens	1½		2
Dr P D B West	5		3½

Wrest Park W/E 14-16 May

Mrs T W Anderson	6½	5½
E Audsley	3	2
D Goulding	4	3
Mrs A J Collin	13	10
M A Holford	7	6
Mrs P H Mann	6½	8
J Wolfe	8	7

Bowdon (Club) May

Mrs C J Irwin	16 (D14)	14
F I Maugham	10	8
D Peterson	8	6½

Woking (Club) May

A McCormack	7	6½
A Mrozinski	9 (D7)	8

Hurlingham (Club) June

Mrs E M Lightfoot	2	4
Mrs B L Sundius-Smith	3	4

DEATHS

N Greatorex
E J Tucker

RESIGNATIONS

Miss M G Anderson
Miss L H Smith
Mrs E M Speer

INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**1st Round**

Cambridge University beat Southwick 5-2
Bowdon 2 beat Bath 4-3
Reckitt Club beat Heley Club w.o.
Roehampton beat Cheltenham 2 5-2
Edgbaston beat Harwell 4-3

2nd Round

Hurlingham beat Wrest Park 5-1
Cambridge University beat Nottingham 4-3
Roehampton beat Edgbaston 7-0
Colchester beat Compton 6-1
Bowdon 1 beat Hunstanton 4-3

LONGMAN CUP**1st Round**

Edgbaston beat Bretby w.o.
Bowdon beat Wolverhampton 3-2
Bristol beat Nailsea 4-1
Harwell beat Coal Research 5-0
Parkstone beat Ryde 3-2
Woking beat Hurlingham 3-2
Nottingham beat Wrest Park 3-2

2nd Round

Norton Hall beat East Riding 3-2
Walsall beat Edgbaston 3-2
Southport beat Bowdon 3-2
Chester beat Ellesmere 3-2
Bath beat Cheltenham 4-1
Harwell beat Bristol 3-2
Parkstone beat Oxford University 3-2
Worcester beat Stourbridge 4-1
Aldermaston beat British Airways 4-1
Woking beat Compton w.o.
Reigate Priory beat Maidenhead w.o.
Parsons Green beat Southwick 3-2
Cambridge University beat Roehampton 4-1
Nottingham beat Bentley w.o.
Colworth beat Harrow Oak 3-2
Hunstanton beat Colchester 3-2

1982 DIRECTORY

The new 1982 Directory has been sent to all Registered Clubs. Copies are available from the C.A. Office for £1.35 (+40p postage). Amendment Sheets will be sent for a further £1.25 (including postage) as issued (free to Clubs holding CA Calendar Tournaments).

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MATEUS INTER COUNTY CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP



Mr John Doswell (Director of J. Hedges and Butler, Sponsors of the Inter Counties tournament) presenting the Mateus Inter Counties Croquet Championship Cup to John Rose, Captain of the Northern Counties winning team and John Solomon, waiting to present John with the Mateus Goblet.

(Photographs by Alan F. Raymond)



The victorious Northern team with the Mateus Trophy. Each member of the team was also presented with an engraved Dartington Mateus glass, specially made for the occasion.
Standing (l to r): Stephen Wright, John Maude, John Bowman, Tim Haste, John Greenwood, David Openshaw; Kneeling: John Rose (Captain) and Paul Drury.

The Secretary & Editor.

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All Tournament results to be sent to the Secretary C.A., but **all tournament reports** to the Editor.

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

Roving Eye**Announcement of the Test Team**

The Great Britain team to travel to Australia later this year was recently announced by the Selection Committee of the C.A. and is as follows:

David Openshaw (Harrow Oak) — Captain
Andrew Hope (Cheltenham) — Player/Manager
Stephen Mulliner (Roehampton)
Martin Murray (Cheltenham)
William Prichard (Cheltenham)
Keith Wylie (Parkstone)

On behalf of all British Associates I am sure that I express our hope that they will play really well and come back with the MacRobertson Trophy. It is of course a great shame that Nigel Aspinall was not available for selection but it is rumoured that New Zealand may also be without Bob Jackson and Joe Hogan. Congratulations anyway to all six players selected, and in particular to Andrew Hope and Stephen Mulliner who will be making their first test match appearances for their country. Commiserations too, to those players on the fringe of selection, who did not quite make it — Eric Solomon, Bernard Neal, Paul Hands, John McCullough, David Foulser and any others who were considered. One has to feel particularly sorry for Eric Solomon, who is the official reserve, as he must have been so close to selection, having won the President's Cup only 3 years ago.

Test Team v The Rest

A match between the Test team mentioned above, and a team comprising the best available six players, is to be played at Cheltenham on 18th & 19th September to provide our Test Team with reasonably strong opposition a few weeks before they depart for "down under" and give them a chance to try out some doubles combinations. All spectators will be most welcome. The likely opposition will consist of Nigel Aspinall, Eric Solomon, Paul Hands, Bernard Neal, David Foulser and John McCullough.

Forthcoming Wedding

Paul Hands has just announced Saturday 4th September 1982 as the date of his marriage to Penny Swingler and the wedding will be at St. Peters Church, Leckhampton, Cheltenham at 1.00 pm. On behalf of all his friends and acquaintances in the croquet world I wish them every happiness in the future and in their new home.

P M J

CORRIGENDA

The photograph on the front page of the previous issue of the Gazette (No. 165) is of course, incorrect, in that the lady pictured with Edward Duffield, is not his wife, but is actually Louise Rawlinson. Apologies from the Editor to all concerned.

Croquet Association Tour to Australia

A number of people have expressed an interest in travelling to Australia this autumn to watch the Test matches between Great Britain, Australia and New Zealand. In view of the possible financial advantages, both to supporters and the team, of arranging as large a

group as possible, the Test Tour Fund Raising Committee has decided to issue this information sheet for the guidance of prospective participants.

The basic timetable for the tour is as follows:

Oct. 30th—Nov. 2nd	Perth
Nov. 3rd	travel to Sydney
Nov. 4th—Nov. 14th	Sydney
Nov. 15th	travel to Adelaide
Nov. 16th—Nov. 25th	Adelaide
Nov. 26th	travel to Melbourne
Nov. 27th—Dec. 8th	Melbourne

In Perth the team will play a match against Western Australia, and in each of the three other cities there will be Test matches against Australia and New Zealand, as well as a match between them.

The travel arrangements for the team have not yet been finalized, there being two possibilities under consideration.

A1	Using British Airways Depart London Heathrow Monday, Oct. 25th Arrive Perth Tuesday, Oct. 26th Internal travel as above (by air) Depart Melbourne Thursday, Dec. 9th Stopover in Singapore (48 hrs.) Arrive London Heathrow Sunday, Dec. 12th
A2	Using Malaysian Airlines System Depart London Heathrow Sunday, Oct. 24th Stopover in Kuala Lumpur (24 hrs.) Arrive Perth Wednesday, Oct. 27th (1.15 am) Internal travel as above (by air) Depart Melbourne Saturday, Dec. 11th Stopover in Kuala Lumpur (24 hrs.) Arrive London Heathrow Monday, Dec. 13th

The fares for these two alternatives are (including internal flights):
 A1 British Airways £1030
 A2 Malaysian Airlines £944 (this fare may be increased very soon).

Some discount (up to £50?) may be available on these fares for a group travelling together throughout.

Considerable savings on these fares are possible for supporters who wish to fly direct from London to Sydney around Nov. 1st. Three options are then available:

B1	British Airways or Qantas APEX £914 (No stopovers in either direction)
B2	Malaysian Airlines £800 (liable to increase) (Stopovers in Kuala Lumpur available at £25 each way)
B3	Phillipine Airlines £750 (Stopover in Manila possible on outward journey only)

Accommodation

The team will be booking hotel accommodation (bed and breakfast only) in the four Australian cities, which it is estimated will cost about £12 per night (i.e. approx. £500 for the whole tour), based on participants sharing twin-bedded rooms. Again, it is probable that supporters booking accommodation together with the team will be able to save on the cost.

Playing Facilities

It will be appreciated that any supporters accompanying the team will have no official status, and therefore no guarantee can be given that they will have access to playing facilities. However, we would expect that opportunities would arise for players to have informal games at clubs in the cities visited. At the moment, we have no details of the dates of any Australian tournaments or championships.

Bookings

The team will be announced at the Caskets on June 19th, and a decision on the two alternative travel arrangements (A1 or A2) will be made by then at the latest in the light of fare levels at that time. Bookings of flights and accommodation will then be made as soon as possible, and prospective participants wishing to make bookings together with the team will be asked for a definite decision, and a deposit, at the same time.

Any questions about details of the tour and travel arrangements should be referred to one of the members of the Fund Raising Committee, Andrew Hope, David Openshaw and Martin Murray.

PIMMS INTERNATIONALS**Scotland
versus
Wales**

at Southwick, 29th May, 1982

Over the previous two years, Pimms must have wondered what particular gremlin had taken over control of the weather, for almost every match was dogged with bad weather, — indeed on a couple of occasions conditions were almost in the "appalling" category.

For this third year of Pimm's sponsorship two new clubs had been selected and the format of the matches changed from 4 singles to 2 singles and 1 double — all of course being best of three games. Whilst some players find this a little unsatisfactory the advantages are that it requires only 3 lawns, it avoids a drawn result, and it would make it easier to accommodate a fourth country.

For the first match at Southwick — the first of the new venues for the series — the weather could not have been more perfect. The double was contested between Colin Prichard and Vic Rees for Wales against Stephen Wright and Bill Spalding for Scotland. Owing to a late arrival due to a misunderstanding as to where the match was being played, the game did not begin until noon. Whether this delay caused inhibitions or not is not known, but certainly rarely has such indifferent play been seen at an international level. Stephen got his ball round, but the other players had a series of missed hoops and failed positions, and the clips rarely advanced by more than two or three hoops at a time. In the end Vic made rover but failed to peg out from about 6 or 7 feet, but Colin soon hit to win +11 after over 4 hours play.

In the second game, as can often happen, a good deal was redeemed. Bill Spalding was soon on 4 back. Colin went to the 5th and then the 6th. Vic seemed to be going well but failed at the 4th, and Stephen took advantage of this to get his ball round. It was not long before Scotland finished the game to make it level. As it was now early evening and the match had already been won, the third game was not played.

The second single was between Andrew Hope for Scotland against David Croker for Wales. Play was mixed, with one or two good patches marred by errors. Andrew reached 4 back in fits and starts, during which David had a considerable number of shots without making contact. Andrew continued with his second ball to reach the peg, his attempt at a straight triple failing, and soon finished +24.

The second game was not greatly different, Andrew again being first round. His second ball proved more troublesome and David hit but got into difficulties at 3 back. Andrew took his second ball to the penult and David followed suit. But with this in and out play it was a question of who retained control long enough to win and this was achieved by Andrew +8 to provide the first win for Scotland.

The top singles was the one most worthy of an international match. William Prichard was soon on 4 back, but Martin Murray quickly followed his example, and William having missed the lift Martin started his second break. He put yellow into the jaws of 4 back after the 3rd, rushed it through after the 5th but failed position for the 6th and scattered. After an excellent start to the match everything suddenly went to pieces, positions were failed, hoops were stuck in, and all was generally in and out. Eventually William pegged out Martin, who had only one shot with his penultimate ball before William won +3.

In the second game Martin was first round with yellow but failed to establish the second break after the lift. William took advantage of this to get his ball round, and was soon proceeding with his partner. After the 3rd, he put his partner into the jaws of 4 back splitting to a ball just outside Corner II and from there played an excellent pass-roll to the 5th and his own to the 4th. Unaccountably he played the wrong ball at the 6th. This gave Martin his opportunity and although several problems arose with his peeling attempts he had soon won +12.

In the 3rd game William decided to switch the balls, but this psychological ploy did not pay off as Martin was soon on 4 back. His break included a similar pass-roll to 5th and 4th from the middle of the west boundary. His triple was achieved with some difficulty as peels did not go through but stuck in the hoops, but all emerged safely in the end to win by 26.

So Scotland went ahead on this first match with 2 wins. The Southwick Club, as always, provided excellent hospitality and thanks are due to the small army of ladies who worked so hard in the kitchens, and to the men who poured liquid refreshments in the bar.

Result

M. Murray (Scotland) beat W. de B. Prichard (Wales) —3, +12, +26

A. B. Hope (Scotland) beat D. J. Croker (Wales) +24, +8

S. Wright & W. Spalding (Scotland) drew with C. Prichard & V. Rees (Wales) —11, +18 (third game not played).

**England
versus
Wales**

at Colchester, 4th June, 1982

The second in the series of Pimms Internationals was probably the most successful of all those played to date, both in terms of spectators and the weather. Of the former there were well over 100 at its peak, and allowing for those who came in for an hour or so in the morning or the afternoon, it is probable that at least 150 came in to view the days events. Of the weather we had a most perfect sunny day, a little on the humid side, and although a few spots of rain fell for a couple of minutes it was not enough to drive the spectators under cover.

The Welsh order of play was probably predictable, William Prichard and David Croker playing the two single with Colin Prichard and Vic Rees pairing up for the doubles.

The England order was perhaps a little unexpected but certainly difficult to criticise. David Openshaw and Steve Mulliner provided the singles, while Nigel Aspinall partnered Eric Solomon in the doubles.

Let us start with the doubles. On the whole it was a good match, though very one-sided. Nigel went almost immediately to 4-back. Eric's break took a few turns to engineer, but after the 3rd his split to the 4th ended up wired from his partner and he had to retire to the boundary. Nigel rescued the position after the opponents had missed and Eric went to the peg, peeling his partner at 4 back. His leave, attempting to put one of the opponents on the wire of the rover, failed (it ran through the hoop) because he did not take enough care to rush the ball back in front of rover when he had absolute control.

However, this error did not incur any penalty, as the lift was missed. Nigel over-rolled the penultimate from the North boundary, but as the opponents missed he was able to make his last two hoops, but missed a hard peg out from some 4 yards, sending his partner off. The opponents joined in the 3rd corner and Nigel pegged out.

Vic Rees took croquet for the first time for Wales in this game, rushing his partner to IV corner to lie up, but Eric hit the peg at the first attempt, to win +26.

In the second game Wales got control first but had no cast iron opportunities. Vic made one hoop, Colin made two, but failed at a difficult 3rd. Nigel hit and went to 4 back. The lift was missed and Eric proceeded to the peg, achieving 3 peels more by luck than judgement. His troubles started because, although he had his partner at the 3rd before making the 2nd, he failed to achieve a rush to the third after the second from an approach position of less than a yard and had to resort to two long rolls, neither of which was very accurate. Nevertheless the 4 back peel was achieved, partner was almost in the jaws of the penultimate after the 6th, but a poor split after 1-back over-rolled, and he had to roquet Nigel's ball out of the hoop.

Despite these mishaps the peels were achieved, rover being back-peeled, but in attempting to send an opponent ball to Corner II, it hit the rover, leaving it not far from Nigel's ball and Eric pegged out. Nigel missed a 9 yard peg out, but succeeded on his next attempt from the North boundary to win +23.

The second single between Steve Mulliner and David Croker went, rather predictably, very much England's way. David got in first, but got into trouble after the 5th, and failed his approach to the 6th. Steve was soon round to 4-back and although the lift was hit, Steve was soon round to the peg with his backward ball, and a few minutes later had won the game +21.

In the second game Steve switched the balls (it was intriguing to observe the Pimms scoreboard at the start of the day, with all the Welsh players playing Red and Yellow — the general theory was that

they were all so besotted with dragons and daffodils that these colours were an inevitable choice). However that may be Steve went straight to 4 back. His second break seemed to be going well but unaccountably he stuck in 1 back from a very easy position. David made one hoop of this, but Steve was soon in again, but after making 1 back David hit the short lift shot and played a good break to 4 back. The lift being missed, he failed at the 1st and Steve had soon finished +17.

Of the top single, it is difficult to say anything of merit. David Openshaw staggered round to 4 back, William Prichard having occasional chances, one of which came to grief at the 2nd. This reporter's notes are a succession of "made 2 hoops and laid up", or "failed position", "over-rolled attempt at rush" and almost every variation of this theme that can be thought of. William had several chances, but failed position for hoops, missed several short roquets, and failed several not too difficult hoops.

Considering the chances he was given, David really did not play very well, but he had so many that it was not surprising that he won +24 +25.

This reporter has recorded before in reporting this series that the standard of play was not good enough for those representative of their country. Thinking inevitably of the MacRobertson Trophy looming in the selectors minds before long, one is conscious of the fact that a Great Britain team is quite different from the home international teams we have been watching, but quite clearly on this day's showing there were only two players who could be considered worthy of inclusion in any team to play in the Antipodes — Nigel Aspinall, who has shown his fallibility on a number of occasions in the last couple of years, but who played extremely well on this occasion; and Steve Mulliner, who certainly made a couple of errors in his match, but who generally played with confidence and accuracy, albeit not against the strongest opposition that he might expect to find on the other side of the world. Quite frankly, and very regrettably, no-one else could be considered for such a team.

At the end of play, Alastair Simpson, Managing Director of Pimms, paid tribute to all those who had worked so hard at the Colchester Club to provide refreshments, and presented individually engraved commemorative goblets to the members of the Welsh team who had now finished their involvement in the series and would not be appearing the following week at Southport.

In reply, John Solomon, President of the C.A., thanked Pimms for this 3rd year of sponsorship and similarly echoed the appreciation for the hard work done by so many at Colchester to make such a successful day. In particular he mentioned Lionel Wharrad, Vice Chairman of the Council and Chairman of the Sponsorship Committee, who had done so much to ensure the success of this venture.

So, after two of the three rounds, Wales are without a win, and therefore not in contention. The final match at Southport is between England and Scotland, each with one victory and it is quite a possibility that it will be quite a cliff-hanger.

Result

D. Openshaw (England) beat W. de B. Prichard (Wales) +24 +25
S. Mulliner (England) beat D. Croker (Wales) +21 +17
G. N. Aspinall and E. Solomon (England) beat C. Prichard and V. Rees (Wales) +26 +3.

ENGLAND v SCOTLAND at Southport — 11th June

Southport for the second year was the venue for a Pimms International, this time for the third match to decide whether England would retain the trophy they won last year, or if Scotland would regain it after their win in 1980. Both had beaten Wales in earlier matches at Southwick and Colchester.

Scotland strengthened their team with the inclusion of the experienced William Ormerod in favour of Bill Spalding, whilst England stuck to their same quartet although their order of play was altered.

After two perfect summer days at Southwick and Colchester, both ideal Pimms drinking days, one could hardly have hoped for the

English summer to last over a third weekend. In the event it was rainless but with only intermittent sun with a keen wind at times. Indeed there was heavy rain on Thursday night. The club grounds at Southport are situated at the south end of the vast Victoria Park (where the famous Southport Flower Show is held in August) all land reclaimed from the sea some century ago. Apparently the water table rises with the tide which does not assist drainage of surface water. Six Council employees were necessary on Friday morning with squeegees to get rid of lying water before mowing was possible in the afternoon. Despite these problems the lawns were in fair condition although not as fast as at Southwick and Colchester.

Our President, John Solomon, was unable to get to Southport and the match proved not to be quite the cliff-hanger he had hoped for in his report of the second match. The first two matches were won by England both fairly comfortably in straight games, and so the match had been decided before the top single was completed, the only match to go to three games.

The first match to finish was the second singles between Nigel Aspinall and Andrew Hope. After a cautious start Nigel, who played the best croquet of the day, won the first game with a well executed triple in under 1¼ hours. In the second he laid a nice level with the peg which Andrew ignored. Nigel hit and went to 4-back. After the lift shot was missed he attempted a delayed triple but he failed to peel yellow well before making it with red and finished the turn on peg and penultimate. After some jockeying Andrew got black to 4-back and laid what he thought was a reverse rush near the fourth corner to deter Nigel from taking the shot lift. He took it and missed. Andrew played with black, got a ball to the second and on approaching the first discovered to his dismay that it was blue's clip on the hoop. Although blue did eventually make two hoops Nigel got in with his backward ball and won the game by 15 and the match.

The second match to finish was the doubles between Steve Mulliner and Eric Solomon against Stephen Wright and William Ormerod. England retained early possession and Eric got to 4-back in several turns. Steve hit after some time and started a triple. He got the first peel before making the 5th but could not get the penultimate peel before he approached that hoop himself and so finished the break on peg and rover.

Both William and Stephen had difficulty in making the first hoop. Steve had five shots at them from distances varying from 10 to 18 yards all of which narrowly missed. Despite these let offs Stephen missed a short roquet when approaching the 3rd and England won by 24. In the second game Steve stuck in the 4th when well set but Stephen made a short approach to the second and missed the five yard roquet. This enabled Steve to get to 4-back. Stephen hit in and in the best break he played all day got to 4-back, but Eric promptly shot in and started on a triple. It was not successful but the game was soon won by England by 17 to give them an unassailable lead of 2-0 in the match.

The last match to finish was the top single between David Openshaw and Martin Murray. David had the first chance but twice over-rolled the 1st hoop. After the second time he played a perfect scatter shot. Martin shot at some risk and David soon had his blue on 4-back. He laid up rather unusually on the west boundary near the second corner, and eventually when for 3-back with his second ball went for an enemy ball on the boundary behind the hoop to get a break and missed from 5 yards. This enabled Martin to get his first ball to 4-back. With the lift shot missed Martin got the first peel of his triple after making the 3rd but failed at the 4th when well set. After some undistinguished play David won by 13. The second game started with Martin hitting with the second ball and rolling both up to the peg. David rolled up to them. Martin missed with the fourth ball but David only made one hoop and Martin soon had a ball on 4-back. He subsequently got the 4-back peel when approaching 4-back himself but failed to make the hoop with his other ball and David soon had a ball on 4-back. Martin got in and got his other ball to the peg and when the lift was missed soon had the game won by 17 to level the match.

In the deciding game Martin was the first to get red to 4-back after David had failed at the 3rd. Martin failed at the 1st with yellow on black. David triple peeled red and despite it sticking in the rover which necessitated a half jump by black though it managed to peg it out. How spectators love a pegged out game. However it did not last long. David made the 4th off his own ball, likewise the 5th, 6th and 1-back. After running the 2-back he picked up yellow on the south boundary and finished the game in that turn with a fine display. This gave him a 2-1 win and victory for England by 3-0.

After the match Richard Rothwell thanked Pimms on behalf of the C.A. for their generous sponsorship of the series on Internationals which has aroused much interest and got the game a lot of national and local publicity. He also thanked the Southport and Birkdale Club, their Secretary Geoffrey Binks in particular, for staging the event so well. At the present time it is not known whether Pimms will continue their sponsorship next year. It is sincerely hoped so as the Home Internationals have proved popular and successful and it may not be possible to continue them without sponsorship. R F R

Devonshire Park 5-10 April

Event 1: The Ionides Challenge Trophy (8 entries)

DRAW

First Round: **J.R. Hilditch** bt E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake +18, **M. Tapp** bt A.F. Coleman +8, **Dr. R.D. Bowen** bt D.A. Harris +10, **E.E. Rees** bt M.J. Coward +12.

Semi-final: **Tapp** bt Hilditch +13(TP), **Bowen** bt Rees +8.

Final: **Tapp** bt Bowen +12.

PROCESS

1st Round: **J.R. Hilditch** bt Dr R.D. Bowen +16, **A.F. Coleman** bt E.E. Rees +15, **E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake** bt D.A. Harris +6, **M.J. Coward** bt M. Tapp +26.

Semi-final: **Hilditch** bt Coleman +9, **Coward** bt Tyrwhitt Drake +24.

Final: **Hilditch** bt Coward +9.

PLAY-OFF

Tapp bt Hilditch +12.

Event 2: Devonshire Park Salver. Advanced (2½, Bisches or over)

DRAW

First Round: **J.H. Bowman** bt L. Wharrad +26, **K.M.H. Aiton** bt Dr D.A. Parker +22, **R.E. Wallis** bt R.F. Rothwell +5, **D. Gunasekera** bt R.P. Chappell +15.

Semi-final: **Aiton** bt Bowman +23, **Wallis** bt Gunasekera +5.

Final: **Aiton** bt Wallis +17.

PROCESS

First Round: **R.F. Rothwell** bt L. Wharrad +12, **D. Gunasekera** bt Dr D.A. Parker +23, **R.E. Wallis** bt J.H. Bowman +15, **K.M.H. Aiton** bt R.P. Chappell w/o scr.

Semi-final: **Gunasekera** bt Rothwell +8, **Aiton** bt Wallis +4.

Final: **Aiton** bt Gunasekera +10.

PLAY-OFF for 2nd place:

Gunasekera bt Wallis +15.

Event 4: Trevor Williams Cup. Handicap Singles (9 bishes and over)

First Round: **A.K. Soper** (10) bt Miss E.A. Taylor (16) +19, **R. Martin** (11) bt J.F.S. Thomas (11) +12, **J.B. Black** (12) bt P.R. Weedon (11) +17, **Mrs. M. E. Wharrad** (11) bt Miss D.V. Harding (16) +12.

Semi-final: **Martin** bt Soper +8, **Black** bt Mrs Wharrad +18.

Final: **Martin** bt Black +12.

Event 5X: Sussex Cup. Open Handicap Singles (22 entries)

First Round: **A.K. Soper** (10) bt Miss D.V. Harding (16) +17, **K.M.H. Aiton** (3) bt R.P. Chappell (3½) +24, **Dr R.D. Bowen** (1) bt E.E. Rees (1½) +14, **R.E. Wallis** (2½) bt M. Coward (7) +21, **J.R. Hilditch** (1½) bt R.F. Rothwell (2½) +5, **Dr D.A. Parker** (2½) bt J.F.S. Thomas (11) +8.

Second Round: **D.A. Harris** (2) bt L. Wharrad (2½) +8, **J.B. Black** (12) bt M. Tapp (1) +6, **Soper** bt Aiton +14, **Bowen** bt Wallis +1, **Hilditch** bt Parker +8, **A.F. Coleman** (1½) bt Mrs M.E. Wharrad (11) +16, **R. Martin** (11) bt J.H. Bowman (2½) +25, **D. Gunaskera** (5) bt Mrs A.E. Millns (8) +24.

Third Round: **Black** bt Harris +26, **Soper** bt Bowen +26, **Hilditch** bt Coleman +22, **Martin** bt Gunasekera +26.

Semi-final: **Black** bt Soper +5, **Martin** bt Hilditch +26.

Final: **Black** bt Martin +12.

Event 5Y: Sussex Challenge Cup (11 entries)

Semi-final: **E.E. Rees** (1½) bt L. Wharrad (2½) +3, **M.J. Coward** (7½) bt J.H. Bowman (2½) +26.

Final: **Coward** bt Rees +19.

Event 6. Handicap Doubles (12 pairs)

Final: **E.E. Rees & J.H. Bowman** (4) bt M.J. Coward & J.R. Hilditch (2) +13.

Devonshire Park 12-17 April

Championship of the South of England

Event 1A. O'Callaghan Gold Cup (8 entries)

DRAW

First Round: **D.A. Harris** bt D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller w/o scr., **T.F. Owen** bt R.E. Wallis +26, **G. Borrett** bt Dr R.F. Wheeler +24, **B.C. Sykes** bt E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake +22.

Semi-final: **Owen** bt Harris +14, **Sykes** bt Borrett +2.

Final: **Sykes** bt Owen +15(TP).

PROCESS

First Round: **G. Borrett** bt D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller w/o scr., **B.C. Sykes** by R.E. Wallis 123(TP), **D.A. Harris** bt Dr R.F. Wheeler +23, **T.F. Owen** bt E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake +23.

Semi-final: **Sykes** bt Borrett +14, **Owen** bt Harris +6.

Final: **Sykes** bt Owen +17.

Event 3A. Felix Cup. Handicap Singles (3½ bisques and over)

DRAW

First Round: **R.P. Chappell** (3½) bt Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (4½) +12, **Mrs I.B. Tucker** (6½) bt W. Nicholson (5) +16, **Mrs A.E. Millns** (8) bt C.G. Pountney (4) +13, **T. Vale** (8) bt T.I. Card (8) +6.

Semi-final: **Chappell** bt Mrs Tucker +4, **Vale** bt Mrs Millns +18.

Final: **Vale** bt Chappell +26.

PROCESS

First Round: **R.P. Chappell** (3½) bt C.G. Pountney (4) +5(T), **W. Nicholson** (5) bt T. Vale (8) +4, **Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake** (4½) bt Mrs A.E. Millns (8) +7, **T.I. Card** (8) bt Mrs I.B. Tucker (6½) +11.

Semi-final: **Nicholson** bt Chappell +7, **Card** bt Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake +15.

Final: **Nicholson** bt Card +17.

PLAY-OFF

Vale +11.

Event 4A. Sussex Union Cup. Handicap Singles (21 entries)

First Round: **E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake** (1) bt Miss E.A. Taylor (16) +18, **R.E. Wallis** (2½) bt Mrs R.F. Wheeler (2½) +19, **Mrs A.E. Millns** (8) bt Miss D.V. Harding (16) +17, **T. Vale** (8) bt D.A. Harris (2) +24.

Second Round: **Cdr G. Borrett** (2½) bt E. Strickland (6) +6, **Dr R.F. Wheeler** (4½) bt Mrs I.B. Tucker (6½) +6, **C.G. Pountney** (4) bt Mrs H.G. Wills (6) +2, **Wallis** bt Tyrwhitt Drake +21, **Vale** bt Millns +11, **T.I. Card** (8) bt Dr D.A. Parker (2½) w/o scr., **W. Nicholson** (5) bt R.P. Chappell (3½) +7, **B.C. Sykes** (½) bt Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (4½) w/o scr.

Third Round: **Wheeler** bt Borrett +9, **Wallis** bt Pountney +15, **Card** bt Vale 114, **Sykes** bt Nicholson w/o scr.

Semi-final: **Wallis** bt Wheeler +9, **Sykes** bt Card +4.

Final: **Sykes** bt Wallis +3.

Event 4Y. Handicap Singles

Semi-final: **Dr R.F. Wheeler** bt Mrs I.B. Tucker +24, **D.A. Harris** bt R.P. Chappell +8.

Final: **Wheeler** bt Harris +5.

Event 5A. Victor Vases. Advanced Doubles (4 pairs)

	A	B	C	D	Wins	Pts
A B.C. Sykes & G. Borrett	—	+15	-11	-12	1	-8
B E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake & D.A. Harris	-15	—	+1	+3	2	-11
C T.F. Owen & R.E. Wallis	+11	-1	—	+19	2	+29
D Dr R.F. Wheeler & Mrs R.F. Wheeler	+12	-3	-19	—	1	-10

Event 6 Anna Millns Salvors

Swiss 22 Point Games

Ed Strickland & Tina Wills 3 Wins from 3
Ralph Chappell & Anna Millns 2 Wins from 3
Cyril Pountney & Ian Card 2 Wins from 3
Vera Tyrwhitt Drake & Betty Tucker 1 Win from 3
Tom Vale & Blanche Dennant 1 Win from 3
Bill Nicholson & Evelyn Taylor 0 Wins

COLES Cheltenham Open Championship May 1-3, 1982

Report

Despite the absence of at least six of the top players from last years line-up, for reasons such as a) return to New Zealand, b) broken wrist, and c) it is usually too cold, the 'Coles' was still quite a strong event... both last seasons Open Champion and Presidents Cup winners were in action.

Saturday... might have been a nice day but for a cold wind, and this, coupled with the lack of rain during the last 6 weeks, caused most players some problems and games took quite a time (generally). The first to finish was Paul Hands who despatched John Wheeler +26 in 45 minutes. Top seed David Openshaw had little trouble progressing to the third round beating both Alan Girling and then Robin Godby by +20. Other likely strong contenders Steve Mulliner and Martin Murray also reached the third round — but Steve was in some trouble against John Phillips (John on peg with one ball and in play with a 4-ball break with the other...) but eventually triumphed +7. The first 'giant-killer' proved to be Tim Haste, who sent Dave Foulser crashing out of the main event +4 in the first round (poor Dave has yet to reach the second round after 3 attempts). Mark Avery also gave notice of a highly promising future by defeating John McCullough (last seasons Chairmans Salver victor) +15 in the second round. Bernard Neal managed to get through a tough 'eighth' of the draw by defeating first Ian Vincent +16 and then Eddie Bell +4 late on in the day.

Sunday... if anything a worse day than Saturday, because we had rain as well. The Quarter-finals got under way (as best-of-3, but the effect of this on the Swiz may persuade me back towards single games in the third round next year) and some of the favourites began to falter. Martin Murray lost a good match against Paul Hands —24, +14, —25 — Paul narrowly failing his triple and pegging out one ball in the final game, only for Martin to play with the wrong ball soon afterwards (what a time to do it). Steve Mulliner could never get to grips with Bernard Neal who triumphed +14, +12. David Openshaw won in straight games — neither of them easy — against Mark Avery. The remaining quarter-final seemed to last for ages, neither player able to progress very far in any one turn — Tim Haste winning the first easily, then William Prichard winning the next two, the final game by only 3. Both semi-finals were started on Sunday evening — Paul Hands managing to secure his place in the final by defeating Bernard Neal +13, +23... the first game scrappy, the second rapid. Only one game was completed (at about 9 p.m.) in the other semi-final, David Openshaw taking it +9.

Monday... at last quite a nice day, although still fairly windy for the most part. Overnight rain had slowed the courts to the extent of making them very easy-paced (thank goodness — manager), so many games took less time than those of the previous 2 days. The second game of the remaining semi-final was quite exciting — William Prichard now beginning to play as we all know he can — but in the end this was not well enough to stop David Openshaw (the number 1 seed) winning +5 to reach the final. Up until now no triple-peels had (quite) been completed, but the slower lawns changed all this, with successful turns from Martin Murray (against Mark Avery), Geoffrey Taylor (against George Noble and Dave Foulser (against Robin Hobbs). The Swiz reached its conclusion with John McCullough triumphant over William Prichard +22 (with a copybook triple) in the final. The Championship final saw David Openshaw overpowering Paul Hands +12 +2, the second game being a thriller with Paul seeming certain to win but his failure to run first penultimate, and later rover when the game beckoned, eventually caused his downfall. So David became the Champion for the first time following in Nigel Aspinall's footsteps (Nigel being Champion in 1980 and 1981).

Observations... the best-of-three quarter-finals caused some delay in the Swiz which may cause it to be single games up until the semi-finals next year — we'll have to think on the experience gained over the last two years before decision on this. Mark Avery and Tim Haste came into the limelight as potential high class performers (Mark seems to ooze confidence and is surely destined for the very top,

while Tim is more of a tenacious battler whose sheer effort and concentration wins games which he might have been expected to lose). John McCullough had his usual high success-rate of six wins from seven games... certainly one of the most consistent players around today. Paul Hands appears to have come back to something like his best, and could well be a force this year in other events. David Openshaw is undoubtedly one of the most difficult players to beat — even when he is not at his best he is able to adapt his game. One of the nicest sights this year was that of William Ormerod in action... let us hope you return next season William.

We might also offer our thanks to COLES (our sponsors) for their support of this tournament, which must be Croquets version of Snooker's 'Pot Black'.

P.W.H.

(Wins in the main event are shown by round, e.g. (1), rest follow word *Swiz*)

Winner: D. K. Openshaw beat (1) A. J. Girling +20, (2) R. A. Godby +20, (3) M. Avery +6, +9, (SF) Capt. W. de B. Prichard +12, +5, (F) P. W. Hands +12, +2.

Second: P. W. Hands beat (1) J. A. Wheeler +26, (2) Dr. G. K. Taylor +21, (3) Dr. M. Murray +24, —14, +25, (SF) Prof. B. G. Neal +13, +23.

Third: J. R. McCullough beat (1) P. Cordingley +10, *Swiz* R. A. Godby +13, B. C. Sykes +20, E. Bell +22, P. M. Johnson +13, Capt. W. de B. Prichard +22.

5 wins: Capt. W. de B. Prichard beat (1) L. V. Latham +10, (2) B. C. Sykes +9, (3) T. J. Haste —21, +8, +3, *Swiz* Prof. B. G. Neal +9, T. J. Haste +24.

4 wins: T. J. Haste beat (1) D. R. Foulser +4, (2) H. O. Hicks +20, *Swiz* M. Avery +11, S. N. Mulliner +6 (from 6 rounds).

4 wins: S. N. Mulliner beat (1) P. M. Johnson +23, (2) J. G. C. Phillips +7, *Swiz* Dr. Murray +18, Prof. B. G. Neal +14 (from 6 rounds).

4 wins: E. Bell beat (1) Dr. W. P. Ormerod +9, *Swiz* J. G. C. Phillips +18, J. Rose +5, Dr. M. Murray +3.

4 wins: J. Rose beat (1) G. W. Noble +17, *Swiz* Dr. G. K. Taylor +10, R. M. Hobbs +3, B. C. Sykes +5.

4 wins: D. R. Foulser beat *Swiz* P. Cordingley +24, D. J. Croker +3, R. M. Hobbs +4, Dr. G. K. Taylor +5.

4 wins: P. M. Johnson beat *Swiz* L. S. Butler +11, Dr. W. P. Ormerod +9, R. M. Hobbs +15, L. V. Latham +16 (from 6 rounds).

4 wins: L. V. Latham beat *Swiz* D. J. Croker +2, D. R. Foulser +15, W. Aldridge +19, E. Bell +15.

4 wins: Dr. W. P. Ormerod beat *Swiz* Dr. I. G. Vincent +15, J. Rose +17, A. J. Girling +15, M. Avery +16.

4 wins: Dr. I. G. Vincent beat *Swiz* L. S. Butler +11, J. A. Wheeler +13, Dr. B. G. Weitz +10, H. O. Hicks +18 (from 6 rounds).

3 wins: Dr. M. Murray beat (1) Dr. B. G. Weitz +16, (2) J. Rose +10, *Swiz* M. Avery +26 (from 5 rounds).

3 wins: Prof. B. G. Neal beat (1) Dr. I. G. Vincent +16, (2) E. Bell +4, (3) S. N. Mulliner +14, +12 (from 5 rounds).

3 wins: M. Avery beat (1) C. von Schmeider +15, (2) J. McCullough +15, *Swiz* D. J. Croker +20.

3 wins: R. A. Godby beat (1) W. Aldridge +7, *Swiz* H. O. Hicks +16, J. G. C. Phillips +10 (from 6 rounds).

3 wins: J. C. G. Phillips beat (1) L. S. Butler +15, *Swiz* Dr. G. K. Taylor +22, R. M. Hobbs +11 (from 6 rounds).

3 wins: B. C. Sykes beat (1) D. J. Croker +15, *Swiz* H. O. Hicks +8, L. V. Latham +5.

3 wins: W. Aldridge beat *Swiz* A. J. Girling +22, P. Cordingley +11, C. von Schmeider +25 (from 6 rounds).

3 wins: P. Cordingley beat *Swiz* C. von Schmeider +10, A. J. Girling +4, B. C. Sykes +26.

3 wins: D. J. Croker beat *Swiz* C. von Schmeider +26, G. W. Noble +10, P. Cordingley +23.

3 wins: G. W. Noble beat *Swiz* Dr. B. G. Weitz +10, Dr. W. P. Ormerod +19, L. S. Butler +3.

3 wins: J. A. Wheeler beat *Swiz* W. Aldridge +18, L. S. Butler +15, Dr. B. G. Weitz +17 (from 6 rounds).

2 wins: Dr. G. K. Taylor beat (1) R. M. Hobbs +10, *Swiz* G. W. Noble +15.

2 wins: R. M. Hobbs beat *Swiz* J. A. Wheeler +3, G. W. Noble +22.

2 wins: C. von Schmeider beat *Swiz* A. J. Girling +10, Dr. G. K. Taylor +10.

2 wins: Dr. B. G. Weitz beat *Swiz* L. S. Butler +1, C. von Schmeider +16 (from 6 rounds).

1 win: L. S. Butler beat *Swiz* H. O. Hicks +15.

1 win: A. J. Girling beat *Swiz* R. A. Godby +7 (from 6 rounds).

1 win: H. O. Hicks beat *Swiz* D. R. Foulser +3 (from 6 rounds).

Budleigh Salterton May 10-15th

This year weather conditions were just right, plenty of sun, no rain and only one spell when a high wind was troublesome.

Some excellent croquet was seen; there was no holding the Newman's from Woking, and if they progress at this rate we shall see them in the top ranks before long. Last year Frank was runner-up in Division II; this year he went on to win Division I. Not without excitement, for in the final his opponent, Peter West, attempted to peg him out. When this failed Peter was himself pegged out and lost — 11. Margaret Newman, who won Division II last year, reached the semi-final in Division I.

In the 'X' Doubles the Newmans just failed to beat Arthur Rowlands of Ryde, who was partnered by their son, Christopher. When in a strong position Christopher was pegged out by his mother, but though the parents did a big 'catch up' the issue was decided by a long hit in by Arthur, who then pegged out for a five point win.

There were some close matches with plenty of incident; to mention a few we saw Reg Pierce of Sidmouth (5) get to the peg before Joan Simpson had started, having used his bisques well. She then made 23 hoops before Reg hit the peg with his second ball from a considerable distance.

Her husband Reg (2) was unlucky to lose — 1 to Ray Stevens; accustomed to advanced croquet he forgot his ½ bisquel

As on previous occasions we saw that "there is many a slip etc." For example, Joan Goode had an eight point lead over Philip Derryhouse, but risked giving him some chances. He took them and went on to win +1 on time.

In the 'X' Doubles Gerrard Healy went through hoop 1 after hoop 4 in a 22 point game: downcast, he watched Arthur Rowlands go for a two foot rush. However the delighted Arthur hit so enthusiastically that he jumped the target ball! Back in, Gerrard and his wife, Ann, got both clips on the peg, with Arthur still at 2 back. Chris Newman then succeeded in pegging Gerrard out, and, keeping Ann (12) well away from the peg, his side went on to win +1.

As for bonuses, the prize one went to Ken Schofield. His ball, for Rover, was on the North boundary; aiming to join his partner ball on the South boundary, he did so but ran Rover on the way!

Altogether an enjoyable tournament; the successful visitors were noticed by the handicapper; no fewer than seven of the less successful players had their handicaps increased. All went smoothly under the management of Pat Tunmer; Ray Stevens, the Tournament Secretary, was also responsible for guiding Bob, the new groundsman into having the lawns in first class condition.

C. W. Marshall

Budleigh Salterton 10-15 May

Event 1. Handicap Singles (38 entries)

BLOCK A: **F.H. Newman** (4) 6 wins, G.P.N. Healy (2) 4 wins (+45), Col E.L.L. Vulliamy (2) 4 wins (+32), B.G. Perry 3 wins, Dr W.R. Bucknall (4) 2 wins, R.A. Simpson (2) 1 win, R.S. Stevens (1½) 1 win.

BLOCK B: **Dr P.D.B. West** (5) 6 wins, Mrs F.H. Newman (5) 5 wins, D.C. Wallace (5½) 4 wins, R.A. Peirce (5) 3 wins, H.E. Ovens (5) 2 wins, K.S. Schofield (4) 1 win, Mrs R.A. Simpson (3) 0 wins.

PLAY-OFF: **F.H. Newman** bt Dr P.D.B. West +11 and won the Godfrey Turner Challenge Cup.

BLOCK C: **Dr C.L. Greenbury** (6) 5 wins, Mrs P.A. Tunmer (6) 3 wins, C.J. Newman (7) 3 wins, Mrs D.C. Wallace (7) 2 wins, F.A. Rowland (7) 1 win, Mrs P.A. Derryhouse (7½) 0 wins.

BLOCK D: **S.F. Blackler** (9) 4 wins (+39), P.A. Derryhouse (8) 4 wins (—2), Mrs R.S. Stevens (7) 3 wins, Mrs E.M. Pursey (7½) 2 wins, Mrs J.M. Goode (7) 2 wins, R. Forth (8) 0 wins.

PLAY-OFF: **Dr C.L. Greenbury** bt S.F. Blackler +8 and won the J.K. Brown Memorial Challenge Cup.

BLOCK E: **W. Broad-Thomas** (11) 4 wins, Mrs S.F. Blackler (11) 3 wins (+1), A. Grant (11) 3 wins (—16), P.K.L. Danks (13) 2 wins, F.T. Moores (8) 2 wins, Mrs C.W. Marshall (8) 1 win.

BLOCK F: **H.J. Crozier** (16) 5 wins, Mrs G.P.N. Healy (14) 4 wins, Dr H.A. Thomas (16) 2 wins, Mrs W. Broad-Thomas (16) 2 wins, Mrs A. Grant (13) 1 win, K. Ham (16) 1 win.

PLAY-OFF: **H.J. Crozier** bt W. Broad-Thomas +5 and won the L.G. Walters Long Handicap Trophy.

Event 2. The Daldry Cups 'X' Handicap Doubles

First Round: **Mr & Mrs R.S. Stevens** (8½) bt K.S. Schofield & Mrs J.M. Goode (11) +13, **R.A. Peirce & F.T. Moores** (13) bt C. Edwards & R.H. Lee (8½) +8, **Mr & Mrs F.H. Newman** (9) bt Mr & Mrs A. Grant (24) +4(T), **R.A. Simpson & Dr P.D.B. West** (7) bt Mr & Mrs B.G. Perry (13½) +7, **Dr W.R. Bucknall & R. Forth** (12) bt Mr & Mrs P.A. Derryhouse (15½) +3(T), **Mr & Mrs G.P.N. Healy** (16) bt Mrs E.M. Pursey & K. Ham (21½) +14, **F.A. Rowlands & C.J. Newman** (14) bt Dr C.W. Marshall & W. Broad-Thomas (20) +13.

Second Round: **Mr & Mrs Stevens** bt Peirce & Moores +2(T), **Mr & Mrs Newman** bt Simpson & West +10, **Mr & Mrs Healy** bt Bucknall & Forth +7, **Rowlands & Newman** bt Dr C.L. Greenbury & P.K.L. Danks (18) +16.

Semi-final: **Mr & Mrs Newman** bt Mr & Mrs Stevens +12, **Rowlands & Newman** bt Mr & Mrs Healy +1.

Final: **Rowlands & Newman** bt Mr & Mrs Newman +4.

Event 2a. Handicap Doubles 'Y'

Semi-final: **Mr & Mrs A. Grant** (24) bt C. Edwards & R.H. Lee (8½) w/o scr., **Dr C.L.G. Greenbury & P.K.L. Danks** (18) bt Mr & Mrs P.A. Derryhouse (15½) +10.

Final: **Greenbury & Danks** bt Mr & Mrs Grant +14.

Inter-County Championship May 20-23rd

As an experiment this year it was decided to shift the Counties from Hurlingham to Southwick where nine of their diligently prepared courts provided as pleasant a setting as the previous venue. Teams might have been discouraged by a certain amount of extra travel and overnight accommodation, but temptation in the shape of sponsorship by Mateus Wines overcame that. After the second day Eastern Counties had made an unexpectedly good show, being joint leaders instead of joint trailers. This was mostly due to a boasting contingent from Cambridge, though sadly one of these youngsters stuck in a one-foot straight rover hoop on the last day against Midlands to turn a victory on time into a vital loss by 2 games to 1. Surrey always looked to be a strong team but lost in the second round of the round-robin to the eventual winners, Northern: they shared an equal number of matches, but in the last round on Sunday Surrey needed to beat Sussex 3-0 in order to tie on games as well. They failed, so were pipped by one game to Northern. The last year's holders, Berkshire, missed two strong players and never looked like retaining their title, especially on the last day when they contrived to lose to the team that finished equal bottom — Middlesex, who before play started might have been judged joint favourites.

At the prize-giving late on Sunday the new venue was deemed a success. John Doswell on behalf of the sponsors presented a new silver trophy to the captain, John Rose, and glass goblets to his team and white pullovers with a special motif to all competitors. Everyone admired Lionel Wharrad's pristine white scoreboard showing all results and the final positions, which were as follows:-

6 wins Northern, Surrey; 5 wins Eastern; 3 wins Berks. & Oxon., Midlands, Sussex; 1 win Bedford, Middlesex.

G. N. Aspinall

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THE CASKETS Cheltenham 14-19 June

The entry for the championships was somewhat lower than last year's, with only 24 men and 15 women in the two singles events; the doubles entry totalled some 20 pairs. What we lacked in numbers, though, we certainly made up for it in strength, at least as far as the men were concerned, with five of the Test team (announced on the Friday of the tournament, the selection committee having deliberated long and hard — though nobody could quite fathom what took them so long — on Thursday afternoon) in the event. Graeme Roberts and Roger Murfitt, both now returned to New Zealand and doubtless trained hard for the forthcoming series, were among the ten absentees; Keith Wylie and Steve Mulliner the most notable of the replacements, with Eddie Bell also back after his absence last year. The draw for the Mens was — by contrast with that for last year's Open Championship — remarkably even, with a member of the Test team in each quarter, and the best of the remaining players also well distributed. This resulted in some excellent matches later in the week.

There were no great surprises on the first day, with the results going largely according to the book. Rain at the end of the previous week had taken the edge off the lawns and reduced their pace sufficiently for them to present few problems. Triples were forthcoming from Steve Mulliner, Andrew Hope and Paul Hands (both the last two particularly good); Keith Wylie, only recently back in action after a wrist injury, showed little sign that this was having any marked effect on his play. In the first round of the Womens, Kitty Wheeler was somewhat unlucky to lose; and Kay Yeoman provided unexpectedly stiff resistance for Mrs Wiggins, who seemed to be somewhat short of match sharpness.

Tuesday was less sunny than Monday, with some light rain in the latter part of the afternoon. Again, there were few surprises. The closest to an upset came on Lawn 1 in the match between David Openshaw and Les Butler. Les took the first game and an early lead in the second, with good chances to win it too, but David recovered in time to complete a triple and win the decider in some comfort. In the Womens, Mrs Wiggins was beginning to look more confident and was striking the ball much better. Two of the four matches went to time, though the conditions were far from difficult. As the afternoon drew to a close there was something of a lull. The Du Pre was drawn after tea (how nice not to be asked for yet more money to play in the consolation event) but little was started because of people tied up in games still in progress and the manager's reluctance to eliminate people too early in the week.

Wednesday was, as now seems to be the tradition, the day for doubles. X and Y, despite the large entry; and a rather uneven draw, with the three strongest pairs — on paper at least — all in the top half. The sun finally decided to make a more determined attempt to enliven the proceedings, and, with a breeze most of the day, contrived one of those deceptive days on which one feels just pleasantly warm yet ends the day sunburnt. The main excitement came from those games which ran into time trouble, most notably that involving Keith Wylie and Betty Prichard against Lawrence Latham and Lady Bazley. Keith, in the last turn of the game, needed to reach the peg and peg out his own ball, as well as completing one peel of partner, to win. The position was by no means easy, with partner at completely the wrong end of the lawn and not very accessible, and despite a valiant attempt — which delighted the lunchtime crowds — he fell three points short of his target.

The doubles semi-finals were played on Thursday morning. Lawrence Latham and Lady Bazley narrowly defeated George Sisum and Heather Handley on time in one half. In the other, a costly mistake at penult by Ian Bond, when he and Veronica Carlisle looked well in control, let in Carol Knox who completed a faultless turn from four to 4-back; after a number of cautious and unproductive turns, Nigel Aspinall got going and went out with the first triple in the event for several years — other than those credited to the fecund Sykes mallet in the last two. What a shame not to see the Sykes team here this year.

The Du Pre was now in full (but increasingly slow) progress, with conditions becoming very difficult. Two days of hot sun, and an increasingly strong north breeze (north in terms of court compass, that is) had so increased the speed of the lawns by the afternoon that

balls were literally being carried forward by it before coming to rest. The two remaining third round Mens matches were started; Martin Murray beat Andrew Hope fairly easily (though it looked much closer than the scores eventually suggested) but Keith Wylie had more difficulty with Dave Foulser. He nearly completed a triple in the first game ("as difficult in today's conditions as doing a sextuple at Hurlingham") but lost the second after pegging out Dave's forward ball (other for 4-back) and joining near the west boundary level with hoop 2. Dave hit the lift and went out, leading some pundits to think that Keith had made a tactical mistake by joining at that stage (but can a player so fastidious as to jump his partner ball when it stymied him from the precise spot on the boundary he wanted for a leave be guilty of such lapses? I think not). By this time it was too late to start the final game, which was held over to Friday.

Friday. To much managerial relief, it had rained heavily overnight (and showered again at midday), bringing breaks back to the realms of the possible even for ordinary mortals. Keith quickly won the final game against Dave to complete the semi-final line up. Neither of the Mens matches was particularly memorable, and none of the five games produced a triple; Martin Murray mislaid his mallet, and had to borrow one from his opponent, but even this did not prevent an easy victory over Steve Mulliner. In the Womens semi-finals, Betty Prichard was easily beaten by Carol Knox, who was looking much more confident with six singles and four doubles games behind her. The match between Veronica Carlisle and Mrs Wiggins developed into a more substantial tussle, though. The first game, in which Mrs Wiggins had a clip on 4-back in the fifth turn, somewhat surprisingly went to time, with Veronica looking increasingly frustrated with her own inability to make progress. The second, going to Veronica in only 2½ hours, was the only game of the match to be completed, for the final game was also concluded on time. This had a very close finish, with Veronica nearly snatching it with a remarkable break after time had been called: six points behind, she made six, 1-back and 2-back on a two-ball break, running the last to the boundary. With an excellent chance of picking up the remaining balls, she took a shortish shot at a ball near the first corner which — as is so often the way with those easy shots after the difficult ones — missed.

The doubles final, played in the afternoon, was rather one-sided. Lawrence Latham and Lady Bazley had done well to reach this stage, but proved no match for Nigel Aspinall and Carol Knox, who won in convincing style with another triple. In the Du Pre, Bernard Neal and Eddie Bell were showing well, with John McCullough in good form and Edgar Jackson showing more of his accustomed fluency. Pat Hague also scored a useful win against Lawrence Latham, which boosted her confidence no end.

Saturday. Rain again overnight, so the lawns had become very easy. The proceedings began with the Womens final, which — as the doubles — proved to be rather one-sided: Mrs Wiggins played as well as at any time during the week, making few mistakes and playing safe if at times unenterprising croquet. Carol Knox, though she had some chances, was unable to make much of them. The Mens final provided more excitement. In the first game, Keith Wylie peeled Martin Murray's forward ball from 4-back in two turns and pegged out both forward balls leaving himself for 2-back and Martin for the first. A foregone conclusion, one might have thought; but no: Martin, with breaks from three to 2-back and 2-back to peg out demonstrated yet again the remarkable things that can be achieved in such situations. The second game went to Keith, with one particularly good pick-up, and the third looked to be going even more decisively in his favour after Martin played a careless approach to the second leaving himself stymied. Keith progressed in two turns to peg and rover from this, but Martin hit the next lift and was round to 4-back. After some in and out play, he reached peg with the other ball, and Keith missed the lift. A very closely contested and well played final, which must rival any over the last few years.

The rest of the day was taken up with the "Y" doubles final (John McCullough — with a straight triple — and Kay Yeoman defeating John Haigh and Sarah Hampson) and the last stages of the Du Pre. Bernard Neal beat John McCullough in one half, after being pegged out, but lost the other to Edgar Jackson (who was also pegged out) as the evening approached. One outstanding shot from Edgar remains in the memory: for rover, he shot corner 2 at Bernard joined semi-wired in corner 4, and hit the wired ball with a stroke which would barely have carried another three inches, let alone reached the boundary three feet away; a well-deserved win. The play-off, which it was a little too late to play that evening, is still to be played.

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The Mens and Womens Championship Cheltenham 14-19 June

Event 1. The Mens Championship (24 entries)

First Round: Prof. B.G. Neal bt D.H. Moorcraft +17 +19, *K.F. Wylie* bt R.M. Hobbs +19 +26, *D.R. Foulser* bt Dr B.G.F. Weitz +18 +26, *G.W. Sisum* bt Dr W.R.D. Wiggins +15 +13, *A.B. Hope* bt E. Bell +19 +19(TP), *P.W. Hands* bt J. Haigh +18 +26(TP), *Dr M. Murray* bt L.V. Latham +10 +15, *W.O. Aldridge* bt G.E.P. Jackson +15 +7.

Second Round: L.S. Butler bt P.L. Alvey +12 +4, *D.K. Openshaw* bt R.A. Godby +17 +16, *Wylie* bt Neal +24 +3, *Foulser* bt Sisum +19 +23(TP), *Hope* bt Hands +24 +26, *Murray* bt Aldridge +17 +26(TP), *S.N. Mulliner* bt Lt Col D.M.C. Prichard +23 +12, *J.R. McCullough* bt I.D. Bond +17 +13.

Third Round: Openshaw bt Butler —12 +16(TP) +24, *Wylie* bt Foulser +10 —13 +17, *Murray* bt Hope +21 +15, *Mulliner* bt McCullough +23 +12.

Semi-final: Wylie bt Openshaw +16 —17 +7, *Murray* bt Mulliner +16 +17.

Final: Murray bt Wylie +4 —15 +3.

Event 2. The Womens Championship (15 entries)

First Round: Mrs D.M.C. Prichard bt Mrs L. Taylor +20 +17, *Mrs P. Hague* bt Mrs B.G. Neal +14 +14, *Mrs C. Knox* bt Mrs N. Coetzee +7 —4 +17, *Lady Bazley* bt Mrs K.M.O. Wheeler +3 —20 +4(OT), *Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle* bt Mrs C.A. Smith +14 +16, *Miss E.H. Arkell* bt Miss S.G. Hampson +15 +15, *Mrs W.R.D. Wiggins* bt Mrs K.D. Yeoman +16 +13.

Second Round: Mrs Prichard bt Mrs Hague +7 +11(OT), *Mrs Knox* bt Lady Bazley —11 +2 +5(OT), *Mrs Carlisle* bt Miss Arkell +14 +18, *Mrs Wiggins* bt Mrs J. Neville Rolfe +24 +19.

Semi-final: Mrs Knox bt Mrs Prichard +21 +21, *Mrs Wiggins* bt Mrs Carlisle +13 +4(OT).

Final: Mrs Wiggins bt Mrs Knox +24 +22.

Event 3. The Mixed Doubles Championship (20 pairs)

First Round: Dr & Mrs W.R.D. Wiggins bt R.M. Hobbs & Mrs N. Coetzee +4(OT), *G.N. Aspinall & Mrs C. Knox* bt J. Haigh & Miss S.G. Hampson +14, *L. Latham & Lady Bazley* bt K.F. Wylie & Mrs D.M.C. Prichard (OT), *D.H. Moorcraft & Mrs P. Asa-Thomas* bt Dr B.G.F. Weitz & Mrs G. Harris +11.

Second Round: Dr M. Murray & Mrs J. Neville Rolfe bt L.S. Butler & Miss E.H. Arkell +24, *I.D. Bond & Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle* bt D.R. Foulser & Mrs C.A. Smith +20, *W.D. Aldridge & Miss M.J. Lodge* bt R.A. Godby & Mrs A. Warren w/o scr., *Aspinall & Mrs Knox* bt Dr & Mrs Wiggins +4(OT), *Latham & Lady Bazley* bt Moorcraft & Mrs Asa-Thomas +2(OT), *E. Bell & Mrs Hague* bt Col & Mrs G.T. Wheeler +13, *G.W. Sisum & Mrs H.G. Handley* bt P.L. Alvey & Mrs L. Taylor +10(OT), *Prof & Mrs B.G. Neal* bt J.R. McCullough & Mrs K.D. Yeoman +1(OT).

Third Round: Bond & Mrs Carlisle bt Murray & Mrs Rolfe +19, *Aspinall & Mrs Knox* bt Aldridge & Miss Lodge +13, *Latham & Lady Bazley* bt Bell & Mrs Hague +19, *Sisum & Mrs Handley* bt Prof & Mrs Neal +1(OT).

Semi-final: Aspinall & Mrs Knox bt Bond & Mrs Carlisle +7(TP), *Latham & Lady Bazley* bt Sisum & Mrs Handley +3(OT).

Final: Aspinall & Mrs Knox bt Latham & Lady Bazley +26(TP).

Event 3A. 'Y' Mixed Doubles (10 pairs)

First Round: J. Haigh & Miss S.G. Hampson bt R.M. Hobbs & Mrs N. Coetzee +12, *K.F. Wylie & Mrs D.M.C. Prichard* bt Dr B.G.F. Weitz & Mrs G. Harris +23.

Second Round: D.R. Foulser & Mrs C.A. Smith bt L.S. Butler & Miss E.H. Arkell +8, *Haigh & Miss Sampson* bt W.O. Aldridge & Miss M.J. Lodge w/o scr., *Wylie & Mrs Prichard* bt Col & Mrs G.T. Wheeler +3, *J.R. McCullough & Mrs K.D. Yeoman* bt P.L. Alvey & Mrs L. Taylor +4(OT).

Semi-final: Haigh & Miss Hampson bt Foulser & Mrs Smith +2(OT), *McCullough & Mrs Yeoman* by Wylie & Mrs Prichard +23.

Final: McCullough & Mrs Yeoman bt Haigh & Miss Hampson +20(STP).

Event 4. The "Du Pre" Cup

DRAW

First Round: I.D. Bond bt Mrs J. Neville Rolfe +20, *D.H. Moorcraft* bt Miss S.G. Hampson +19, *E. Bell* bt Mrs C.A. Smith +9(OT), *Mrs K.D. Yeoman* bt Mrs N. Coetzee +9, *Dr B.G.F. Weitz* bt R.A. Godby +2, *Mrs K.M.O. Wheeler* bt Mrs B.G. Neal +16, *Prof B.G. Neal* bt J. Haigh +20, *R.M. Hobbs* bt Lady Bazley +10, *P.L. Alvey* bt L.S. Butler +25.

Second Round: G.E.P. Jackson bt G.W. Sisum +6, *J.R. McCullough* bt Dr W.R.D. Wiggins +19, *Bond* bt Moorcraft +17, *Bell* bt Mrs Yeoman +14, *Weitz* bt Mrs Wheeler +19, *Neal* bt Hobbs +15, *L.V. Latham* bt Alvey +4, *Mrs P. Hague* bt Mrs L. Taylor +4(OT).

Third Round: Jackson bt McCullough +19, *Bell* bt Bond +7, *Neal* bt Weitz +3, *Mrs Hague* bt Latham +5.

Semi-final: Jackson bt Bell +11, *Neal* bt Mrs Hague +20.

Final: Jackson bt Neal +5.

PROCESS

First Round: Prof B.G. Neal bt G.E.P. Jackson +22, *Mrs P. Hague* bt Mrs C.A. Smith +5, *I.D. Bond* bt P.L. Alvey +18, *R.M. Hobbs* bt Dr W.R.D. Wiggins +12, *Miss S.G. Hampson* bt L.V. Latham w/o scr., *J. Haigh* bt G.W. Sisum +10, *L.S. Butler* bt Mrs J. Neville Rolfe +19, *J.R. McCullough* bt Lady Bazley +23, *D.H. Moorcraft* bt Mrs L. Taylor +17.

Second Round: Neal bt Mrs Hague +21, *Dr Weitz* bt Bond +2, *Hobbs* bt Mrs K.D. Yeoman +20, *Miss Hampson* bt Mrs B.G. Neal +11, *E. Bell* bt Haigh +2, *R.A. Godby* bt Butler +14, *McCullough* bt Mrs N. Coetzee +24, *Moorcraft* bt Mrs K.M.O. Wheeler +1.

Third Round: Neal bt Weitz +20, *Hobbs* bt Miss Sampson +18, *Bell* bt Godby +11, *McCullough* bt Moorcraft +16.

Semi-final: Neal bt Hobbs +20, *McCullough* bt Bell +3.

Final: Neal bt McCullough +9.

Veterans at Compton 21-26 June

Event 1. Rothwell Cup. Open

DRAW

First Round: D.A. Harris bt H.C. Green +10, *E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake* bt A.D. Karmel +25, *L.D. Adams* bt Cdr G. Borrett +10.

Semi-final: Tyrwhitt Drake bt Harris +11, *D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller* bt Adams +2(OT).

Final: Hamilton-Miller bt Tyrwhitt Drake +12.

PROCESS

First Round: L.D. Adams bt D.A. Harris +13, *D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller* bt A.D. Karmel +15, *Cdr G. Borrett* bt H.C. Green +14.

Semi-final: Hamilton-Miller bt Adams +15, *E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake* bt Borrett +18.

Final: Hamilton-Miller bt Tyrwhitt Drake +8.

No play-off for second place.

Event 2. Felixstowe Cup. Level Singles 3½-6½

First Round: C. Abderhalden bt Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake +19, *Lt Col D.F.T. Brown* bt Lt Col A.W.D. Nicholls +6, *Dr C.L. Greenbury* bt Miss B. Duthie +7(OT), *S.G. Kent* bt N.W.T. Cox +11, *Lt Col R.P. Chappell* bt G.H. Betts +8, *Mrs N.W.T. Cox* bt Mrs B. Davidson +15, *R.F. Rothwell* bt R.F.A. Crane w/o scr., *G.F. Rothwell* bt Mrs B.L. Sundius-Smith opp. retd on peg.

Second Round: Brown bt Abderhalden +3, *Kent* bt Greenbury +4, *Mrs Cox* bt Chappell +5, *R.F. Rothwell* bt G.F. Rothwell +7.

Semi-final: Brown bt Kent +2, *Mrs Cox* bt Rothwell +5.

Final: Mrs Cox bt Brown +7.

PROCESS

First Round: Lt Col R.P. Chappell bt C. Abderhalden +6, *R.F. Rothwell* bt Dr C.L. Greenbury +22, *Mrs N.W.T. Cox* bt Lt Col D.F.T. Brown +9, *N.W.T. Cox* bt G.F. Rothwell +4, *G.H. Betts* bt Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake +16, *Miss B. Duthie* bt R.F.A. Crane w/o scr., *Mrs B. Davidson* bt Lt Col A.W.D. Nicholls +22, *Mrs B.L. Sundius-Smith* bt S.G. Kent +9.

BLOCK A: Advanced Play, 9 Competitors Handicap 1/2 to 1
K.E. Jones (7 wins) bt Cordingley +25(TP), Death +8, Girling +7, Stevens +24, Taylor +4, Vincent +2 and Wheeler +1.
 P. Cordingley (6 wins) bt Death +12, Girling +26, Noble +4, Stevens +22, Vincent +13 and Wheeler +5.
 G.W. Noble (5 wins) bt Jones +15(TP), Girling +17, Stevens +19, Taylor +15 and Vincent +16(TP).
 Dr I.G. Vincent (5 wins) bt Death +26(TP), Girling +25(TP), Stevens +7, Taylor +8 and Wheeler +17(TP).
 J.A. Wheeler (5 wins) bt Death +14, Girling +24, Noble +12, Stevens +14 and Taylor +11.
 P.J. Death (3 wins) bt Girling +21, Noble +2 and Taylor +5.
 M.J. Stevens (3 wins) bt Death +3, Girling +14 and Taylor +14.
 A.J. Girling (1 win) bt Taylor +10.
 Dr G.K. Taylor (1 win) bt Cordingley +4.

BLOCK B: Advanced Play, 9 Competitors Handicap 1/2 to 4
E.J. Davis (7 wins) bt Caporn +7, Henshaw +24, Hopewell +10, Jones +19, Meads +4, Mrs Wheeler +21 and Irwin +13.
 C. Irwin (6 wins, +88) bt Caporn +17(TP), Dawson +10, Henshaw +26, Hopewell +23, Jones +24 and Mrs Wheeler +15.
 J. Meads (6 wins, +75) bt Caporn +25, Dawson +12, Henshaw +21, Hopewell +1, Mrs Wheeler +7 and Irwin +14.
 J.P. Dawson (6 wins, +16) bt Caporn +8, Davis +5, Henshaw +6, Hopewell +12, Jones +5 and Mrs Wheeler +2.
 D.C. Caporn (3 wins) bt Henshaw +18, Hopewell +5 and Mrs Wheeler +6.
 Dr R.C. Jones (3 wins) bt Caporn +10, Henshaw +5 and Meads +1.
 C.G. Hopewell (2 wins) bt Henshaw +13 and Jones +13.
 Mrs D.A. Wheeler (2 wins) by Hopewell +17 and Jones +2.
 G. Henshaw (1 win) bt Mrs Wheeler.

BLOCK C: Ordinary Level Play, 8 Competitors Handicap 4 to 10
A. Palmer (7 wins) bt Bucknell +11, Mrs Bucknell +20, Meredith +18, Sandford +22, Smith +21, Straw +21 and Wheeler +23.
 Dr T.W. Smith (5 wins, +30) bt Bucknell +3, Mrs Bucknell +25, Meredith +12, Sandford +8 and Wheeler +9.
 J.C. Straw (5 wins, +5) bt Bucknell +3, Mrs Bucknell +19, Meredith +17, Sandford +3 and Smith +6.
 I.C. Meredith (4 wins) bt Bucknell +18, Mrs Bucknell +5, Sandford +6 and Wheeler +14.
 C.B. Sandford (3 wins) bt Bucknell +7, Mrs Bucknell +15 and Wheeler +24.
 A.J. Bucknell (2 wins) bt Mrs A.J. Bucknell +20 and Wheeler +15.
 Dr R.F. Wheeler (2 wins) bt Mrs A.J. Bucknell +23 and Straw +22.
 Mrs A.J. Bucknell (0 wins).

	D. Goulding	E. Solomon	E. C. Matthews	P. Cordingley	H. O. Hicks
D. Goulding		4	7	4	6
E. Solomon	7		7	6	7
E. C. Matthews	6	2		1	3
P. Cordingley	7	7	7		7
H. O. Hicks	7	4	7	3	

Final
 Bond } 3.5
 Cordingley } 7.7 } P. Cordingley

Delves Broughton Challenge Cup Doubles

	M. Stevens I.D. Bond	D. Goulding E. C. Matthews	Dr. M. Murray P. Cordingley	J. Rose E. Solomon	H. O. Hicks A. Palmer
M. Stevens I. D. Bond		7 3	5 5	5 5	
D. Goulding E. C. Matthews	6		6 3	4 4	
Dr. M. Murray P. Cordingley	7 7	7		5 4	
J. Rose E. Solomon	7 7	7	7		7
H. O. Hicks A. Palmer	7 7	7	7	3	

Doubles Winners: J. Rose & E. Solomon.

Obituary

Edward J. Tucker

Ted Tucker, who died on 23rd May, 1982, aged 82, came to the Compton Club at Eastbourne, and so to croquet, on his retirement from a long and successful City practice as a solicitor. At a time of life when many are content to relax, he threw himself into his new sport with all the enthusiasm which he had previously shown for ballroom dancing, riding, tennis and his other great, and continuing, passion bridge. He quickly became a scratch player and remained determinedly there until, on his doctor's advice, he was obliged to abandon tournament croquet in 1981. Never a showy or a careless player, his strength lay in his seemingly immutable consistency: he was a good shot, an exemplar of the big split and long take off, and a layer of despair-inducing leaves. At Compton he dominated the club open competition for a decade, making the Cyril Tollay trophy virtually his own. He enjoyed regular successes at Devonshire Park, was a frequent visitor to Cheltenham and Southwick, and a mainstay of the Sussex team at the Inter-Counties. Although he appeared several times in the Spencer Ell competition and once in the Chairman's Salver, he met with only limited success: he was always at his best in Knockout events.

Ted Tucker was a man who set himself high standards and sometimes showed his irritation when he failed to maintain them. This annoyance was rarely directed at anyone other than himself and those who had the privilege of knowing him will mourn, with Compton, the passing of a good friend and a delightful and witty companion.

R.W.

Golf Croquet Championship 1982 Ascot Challenge Cup Singles

	M. Stevens	A. Palmer	I.D. Bond	M. Murray	J. Rose
M. Stevens		7	3	6	1
A. Palmer	3		3	5	7
I. D. Bond	7	7		7	7
M. Murray	7	7	5		7
J. Rose	7	5	4	6	

NEW OFFICIALS

Examining Referee: S N Mulliner
 Referees: Dr R D Bowen
 G P N Healy
 Handicappers: A J Collin
 A G Gordon
 J R Hilditch

NEW REGISTERED CLUB

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 NEW SOUTH WALES C.A. New Secretary: T E Cresswell, PO Box 30, Concord West 2138, New South Wales, Australia.
 BROMSGROVE C.C. Disbanded.

HANDICAP ALTERATIONS

Cheltenham W/E 10-12 April
 Mrs T W Anderson 7½ to 6½
 P B H Boddington 7 6
 F J Exell 8 7½
 P W Hands —½ —1
 Mrs G D Harris 13 12 (D10)
 G E P Jackson —½ 0
 Mrs M T Paddon 14 12 (D10)
 A Palmer 8 6
 Mrs A Warren 10 9 (D7)
 Mrs D Willetts 7½ 9

Devonshire Park 1 5-10 April

K M H Aiton 3 2
 J B Black *12 8 Non-Associate
 D L Gunaskera 5 4
 R F Rothwell 2½ 3½
 A K Soper *10 6 Non-Associate
 R E Wallis 2½ 2

Devonshire Park 2 12-17 April

T I Card 8 6
 Major T Vale 8 6

Hurlingham (Club) April

H B H Carlisle 2½ 4

Southport W/E 24-25 April

Mrs W Hague 6 5
 C J Irwin 4 3
 A F Sutcliffe 6½ 5½

Hunstanton W/E 1-3 May

B Barnett 7 6½ Non-Associate
 Prof K Campbell 11 10
 A G Gordon 7 6½
 D L Gaunt 6 5
 Miss S G Hampson 2½ 3½
 Mrs M G Tompkinson 11 10
 J W Wood 4 3½

Cheltenham W/E 1-3 May

M Avery ½ 0
 Miss D E Barber 16 (D14) 15 (D13)
 P W Hands —1 —1½
 Dr T J Haste 1 —½

Woking (Club) May

A Mrozinski 10 (D8) 9 (D7)

Phyllis Court (Club) May

Dr H A Pim 5½ 7

Cheltenham (Club) May

R L S Berkeley 7 6½
 K Cotterell 4 3
 Mrs K Cotterell 6 5½
 Mrs A Warren 9 8
 Mrs V Worsley 13 11 (D9)

Cambridge University (Club) May

N G Hyne 7 5

Colchester (Club) May

Mrs G S Digby 5 6
 P J C Hetherington 9 7

Colchester W/E 29-31 May

H F Barnett 6½ 8
 D L Gaunt 5 4½
 G P N Healy 2 1½
 P J C Hetherington 7 5½
 J O Walters 6 4½

Nottingham W/E 29-31 May

Miss G F Hallam 15 (D13) 14 (D12)
 J C Straw 6 5
 P W Thompson 8 7
 Mrs K F W Townsend 13 12
 Miss H Watson-Walker 16 (D14) 14 (D12)

Roehampton (Club) May

J E Guest 12 7

Southport W/E 29-31 May

Mrs A J Collin 10 9

Cheltenham W/E 29-31 May

R F A Crane 3½ 4½
 C Duckworth 4½ 4
 T Griffith 1½ 1
 Mrs G D Harris 12 (D10) 11 (D9)
 Mrs M Langley 14 (D12) 13 (D11)
 Mrs V Latham 16 (D14) 15 (D13)
 D H Moorcraft 2 1½
 M T Paddon 5 4
 Mrs M T Paddon 12 (D10) 11 (D9)

Roehampton (Evening) 29 May-5 June

Mrs S N Mulliner 14 11
 G W Noble 0 —½
 A Palmer 6 5
 M J Stevens 1 ½

Hunstanton W/E 5-7 June

B Barnett 8 7½ Non-Associate
 J P Dawson 5 4
 R A Gosden 7 6½
 Mrs R A Gosden 8 7½
 D L Gunaskera 4 3
 Miss P Hampson 12 11 (D10)
 J F S Thomas 11 10

New Associates

Miss M Curtois 14
 P J Drury 2½
 Mrs R E Flutter 13
 T Grace 1½ (NZ)
 C S Harman 6
 J J Knight 9
 Miss Jan MacLeod 10