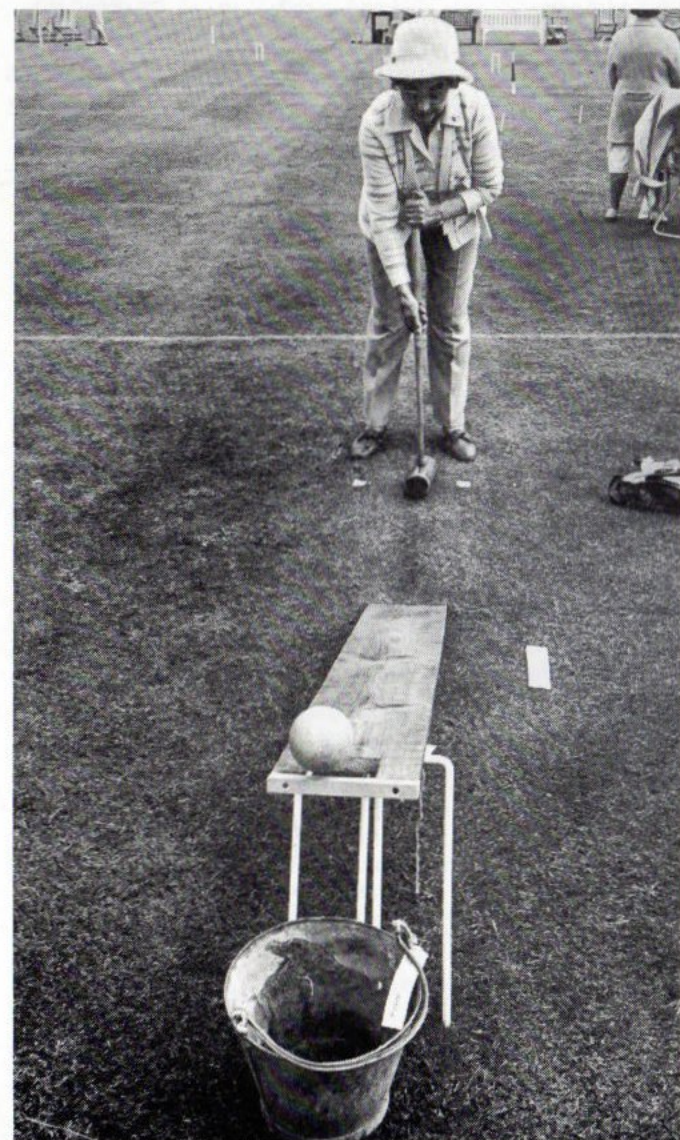


Dollar/Edinburgh (Club) 17 Aug			
A H M Adam	8	7	
Hurlingham (Club) 18 Aug			
R A Godby	½	0	
Southwick 23-28 Aug			
BEFORE PLAY			
G D H Whillock	10*	7	
Mrs S J Turner	5½	6	
AFTER PLAY			
Mrs C J Chandler	11 (D9)	8	
Mrs N W T Cox	3½	4½	
Dr E P Davey	16 (D14)	14	Non-Associate
Miss D V Harding	15	14	
S J Hobson	8	5½	
M A Holford	4	3	
Mrs G A Hurcheson	10	12	
N G Hyne	3½	3	
M F Phelps	½	0	
E E Rees	1½	2½	
Mrs C A Smith	4	3	
Rev C H Townshend	4½	3½	
G F H Whillock	7	6	
Cheltenham 28-30 Aug			
D H Moorcraft	1½	1	
Mrs M Langley	13	12 (D10)	
P L Smith	3	2½	

Hurlingham 28-30 Aug			
R F Hall	12	11	
Hunstanton 30 Aug-4 Sept			
Professor K Campbell	10	9	
R A Gosden	6½	5½	
Miss P Hampson	11	9	
M A Holford	3	2½	
Mrs I P M MacDonald	8	6½	
I P M MacDonald	4½	4	
J W Wood	3½	2½	
Mrs H A Zinn	8	10	
Parkstone 30 Aug-4 Sept			
R F Bailey	5½	4½	
Mrs P A Dwerryhouse	7½	7	
Mrs S B Hudson	10	9	
Miss A R Robertson	9 (D8)	8	
A A Rushbrooke	5½	5	
Mrs B R Saunders	11 (D10)	9	
Mrs M G Tompkinson	10	8	
J P Dawson	3½	3	
Roehampton (Club) 4 Sept			
A Palmer	4	3	
Miss J Macleod	10	9	
Hurlingham (Club) 5 Sept			
B H Bliss	5½	7	
Mrs H B H Carlisle	1	2	
S G Kent	5	6	
Cheltenham (All England Area Final) 5 Sept			
H Watson	from 9	to 7	Non-Associate
Cheltenham (Club) 5 Sept			
P Dyke		15 (D13)	
Chairman's Salver (Budleigh) 6-20 Sept			
M J Coward	0	—½	
Spencer Eli Cup (Compton) 6-10 Sept			
K E Jones	0	—½	
M Tapp	0	—½	
Cheltenham 10-12 Sept			
W R Bawden	9	7	
Mrs A Blenkin	12	11 (D9)	
G F Blumer	6½	5½	
D Cairns	4½	4	Non-Associate
P Fitzsimmons	13	10	Non-Associate
S Hare	4	3½	Non-Associate
S J W Hoole	2½	2	
J MacLaren	2	3	
Gp/Capt R S Ryan	14	12 (D10)	
Mrs W J Sturdy	7	6	



'Walking the Plank'

This was a popular item in a Gala organised by the Croquet Section of the Sidmouth Cricket Club, and may be of interest to those concerned with similar events.

The problem is to shoot a ball up the inclined plank, and through the hole into the bucket. The hole measures 4" square. A competitor gets 4 shots for 10p, and can make repeated entries.

Success is rewarded by a resounding 'clang' when the ball falls into the bucket, and the best scorer gets a prize.

The photograph is by courtesy of the *Sidmouth Herald* and their extensive coverage of the Gala was much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,
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The 1982 Great Britain Test Team pictured during the match against "The Rest" at Cheltenham in September.
(Photo by Peter Alvey)



The victorious England team in the 1982 Pimms Internationals.
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Inland Revenue Publications: Income Tax and Corporation Tax

A new leaflet - IR 46 'Clubs, Societies and Associations' - has just been published. It aims to help those concerned with the organisation of clubs, societies, residents' associations, and other similar bodies run either for the benefit of their own members, or for some wider public good.

The leaflet is not a comprehensive survey of the tax rules covering clubs. It does, however, try to answer questions often put by club members to club officials, and by those officials to Inspectors of Taxes.

Anyone requiring copies of this and other leaflets may obtain them free of charge from the offices of HM Inspectors of Taxes and from PAYE Enquiry Offices. Stocks are not held in the Press Office.

OBITUARY

J. G. C. Phillips, Q.C.

The croquet world will, indeed, be the poorer, with the tragic loss of John, who died last September, at the age of forty-three. He played in the Hurlingham tournament of 1976, on a handicap of 6. Two years later, he was competing in the Spencer Ell.; and the following year he won the Chairman's Salver.

John played a forward - even bold - game; and was, at the same time, an excellent tactician. He was also a very useful golfer, and in 1980, reached the final - from a large entry - of the Bar golfing tournament - at Rye. John was a member of Roehampton, where he always supported the Club events; he played for Harrow Oak; and was also a member of Frant.

The parties that he sometimes gave for all comers during the Open Championships were (pace the finalists) the high point of the week. He will long be remembered for the generosity, the modesty, the enthusiasm, and the cheerfulness that he showed wherever he went.



A close-up of John Phillips at the Hurlingham tournament in 1978.

VARSITY MATCH 1982

The annual Oxford v Cambridge match took place at Hurlingham on Monday June 7th. With the changing University populations, fluctuations in the standard of the players are relatively large: Oxford had a powerful side in 1980, but Cambridge's 1982 team was perhaps their most formidable ever. Consequently, the eventual emphatic margin (9-0) of the Cambridge victory reflected the unprecedented strength in depth of their side, rather than any particular weakness in the Oxford team.

Play began at about 10.40 and, within an hour, Cambridge were 2-0 up. On lawn 1, Martin Burn took croquet in the fifth turn, but could not score; Martin Coward soon advanced to 4-back, then peg and penultimate, before emerging the winner by +26. Keith Aiton reached 2-back, on lawn 4; John Watson then held the innings briefly, but Aiton regained control and took his backward ball to rover, so as to leave a single peel for his final turn.

The other morning singles games were more evenly contested. Raoul Allim always had the edge against Peter West and won +19, whilst Dayal Gunasekera wore down Dave Preston by +16. Oxford then needed to win both of the remaining games, to keep the match alive, but they could not press home their advantage in promising situations. Despite an early break to 4-back by Richard Taylor, on lawn 6, Nick Hyne fought back to win +7 and clinch the match for Cambridge. Phil Boddington appeared to have the measure of Richard Hilditch; however, in the tense final minutes of this game, which almost ran to time, Hilditch's greater experience proved decisive and he registered a +6 victory.

With the issue decided and the pressures removed, the afternoon doubles were played in a more cavalier fashion; some excellent croquet ensued.

On lawn 3, Hyne placed his clip on 4 back at the end of the eighth turn; when the lift was missed, Gunasekera completed the game with a beautifully controlled triple peel (his first in a match). The top game began similarly (with a fourth corner opening): Allim hit with the fourth ball and played a careful three ball break to 4-back, despite having difficulty with the pace of the lawn; Oxford hit the lift, but failed to make progress; Coward then got in, ran a speculative four yard first hoop, and finished the game with a triple peel in the sixth turn. After Aiton reached 4-back, Burn was determined to prevent a repetition on lawn 2: he began to peel out Aiton's ball, only to break down after making the first peel. It was not long before Hilditch made both the remaining peels, but he could peg out only one ball. Aiton hit in his next turn, to complete the clean sweep for Cambridge.

So ended a varsity match in which several games were played to a high standard and some splendid sportsmanship was displayed.

Results (Cambridge names first) * Denotes captain

M J Coward (½) Corpus beat M J H Burn* (3) Balliol +26
R A Allim (1½) Corpus beat Dr P D B West (3½) Pembroke +19
J R Hilditch (1½) Sidney beat P B H Boddington (6) Brasenose +6
K M H Aiton* (2) Sidney beat J P G Watson (11) Pembroke +23
D Gunasekera (2) Sidney beat D Preston (11) +16
N G Hyne (5) Sidney beat R Taylor (12) Queens +7
Coward and Allim (2) beat Dr West and Watson (14½) +26 TP
Hilditch and Aiton (3½) beat Burn and Taylor (15) +19
Gunasekera and Hyne (7) beat Boddington and Preston (17) +26 TP
Dr R D Bowen

The Open Championships Hurlingham 12-17 July

The splendid conditions of the Hurlingham lawns gave promise of a high standard of performance which more often than not was achieved throughout the week. In fact the abundance of triple peels recorded gave rise to some talk among the players in favour of the introduction of President Cup hoops. Such a suggestion, however, though worthy of consideration, might prove likely to present the manager with insuperable problems unless the format of the Doubles Championship were to be altered.

As both semi-finals and final of the Singles this year were won quickly and decisively, a brief mention may be made of several matches in the earlier rounds. Among the more notable first round clashes, Stephen Wright played well to defeat Foulser, Hope outstayed William Ormerod, an out-of-touch Martin Murray recovered his form just in time to peg back Martin Coward who deserved to win this match, and Alvey recorded a noteworthy win against Phillips. Finally, after three games of good croquet by both players, George Noble got the verdict over Eric Solomon by virtue of a late triple peel.

Coming now to the second round, Ian Bond convincingly reversed the Chairman's Cup placings with McCullough, Stephen Wright continued his progress with a smooth late spurt in the third game against Andrew Hope, and Martin Murray suffered a heavy defeat at the hands of Ian Vincent. Two outstanding matches remained; a brilliant display by Mark Avery with two all-round breaks and a triple peel rewarded him with an opening lead against Aspinall, who had already reached peg and penultimate, and when Aspinall was hoop-bound at penultimate in the second game, Avery was given one further chance to repeat this performance; but a missed cut-rush after making the first hoop enabled Aspinall to level the score without further argument and then take the final game with two faultless breaks and a triple peel. Meanwhile a tense third game was in progress between Openshaw and Noble with the issue in doubt until the very end. Although Noble failed twice with a long peg-out, leaving Openshaw on each occasion a shot of some 12 yards, the ensuing roquet was twice unsuccessful and Noble at his third attempt made no mistake.

The last eight players now met on Thursday morning. Here, the second game between Mulliner and Neal held promise of interesting developments with Mulliner at hoop 6 and his other ball pegged out, Neal being for hoop 2. But a fine long shot, the length of the lawn, and a subsequent three-ball break put paid to Neal's hopes soon afterwards. A similar disappointment was experienced by Vincent, whose accurate and excellent play so nearly brought him a second game win against Aspinall. There was little to choose between John Rose and Stephen Wright until the third game when Rose pulled out all the stops and gave his opponent no chances except with the two lift shots. If, as sometimes in Chess Tournaments, a special award was given to one outstanding match by both the winner and loser, the duel between Ian Bond and George Noble with its dramatic eleventh-hour turning point would certainly have my vote. When Noble after two quick all-round breaks and a narrowly uncompleted triple peel was laid up to win in the next turn, Bond hit the final lift-shot and set out on the first of two consecutive breaks, every stroke being quickly played with quiet assurance and a perfect touch. Thus, when Noble just missed the intermediate lift-shot, Bond with a seemingly easy triple peel came home the winner, having turned a likely score of -26 into +2.

So to the semi-finals, where Aspinall was soon a game up against Rose. But now the latter fought back with great determination and with one clip on 4-back was given the opportunity to start a second break, which ended with a roquet being missed at hoop 4. Aspinall now went round to 4-back but Rose, hitting the lift-shot, continued his break until after completing two peels he missed a short roquet at penultimate. Aspinall now played with his forward ball and pegged out his opponent's rover, his own ball being for the second hoop. By accurate two-ball croquet he was round to 4-back in a few turns. A long shot by Rose narrowly missed and Aspinall finished. A similar match pattern evolved between Mulliner and Bond. When Mulliner is in one of his flashing Grand Prix Racing-Driver moods on the court he is a most difficult adversary to catch, let alone overtake. And so it was today. Bond came with a spirited challenge in the second game which lasted until he had placed one clip on 4-back. Mulliner allowed him no further progress.

The Final. It became evident that with each player now in peak form, neither could afford to make the least slip. Mulliner was the first to hit and at full speed showing perfect touch, placed his clip on 4-back, leaving one opponent ball near hoop 2, the other against the wire of hoop 4 and his own balls on the adjacent boundary with a rush to hoop 2. Aspinall replied by hitting in from B. baulk and going round. But for once his leave was decidedly at fault with one opponent ball resting in mid-court a mere yard beyond hoop 5. This gave Mulliner every chance to hit in and regain the initiative, but he missed and Aspinall was a game up after the next turn. In the opening stages of the second game Mulliner from the second corner aimed to hit back along the boundary at his tice but misfired badly, his ball going off the boundary some four yards beyond his target. Aspinall with an accurate split-shot was now presented with an easy break and after the lift-shot from B. baulk narrowly missed he took the game and his sixth Championship with a second triple peel. His play had been of the highest class throughout the week and he was at his best whenever danger threatened. For Mulliner, there was only one lift shot in each game, but in all the earlier rounds his play had matched the quality of the winner.

Two factors in a close first round match in the Doubles Championship contributed to a narrow win for Openshaw and Avery against Mulliner and Mark Ormerod. Mulliner failed to complete a good triple peel by missing the peg and sending his partner ball off the lawn, and then Avery hit a vital 10-yard roquet, which enabled Openshaw who was stuck on a first hoop wire to go round to the peg in his next turn. Their subsequent clash with Neal and Eric Solomon produced the best Doubles play of the week with three quick games and three triple-peels.

The issue was finally decided when Openshaw, given a lucky 'lift', failed to hit Eric Solomon who had missed the first hoop. Solomon now went round and out with a triple. Phillips and Wright after an impressive victory over Noble and Vincent came through to the semi-final to face Murray and Hope and were a game up, when Stephen Wright unfortunately broke the shaft of his mallet. Murray and Hope now gained the upper hand and by a quick and polished display took the third game in two breaks and a triple peel. Aspinall and William Ormerod contested the other semi-final against Neal and Eric Solomon. Here, the opening game was a most tedious affair, each pair holding so many lengthy conferences that a visiting stranger might have supposed them to be four eminent archaeologists discussing the finer points of a 'dig'. Ormerod had been trailing but came on the scene late with a good turn from 2-back to rover, where he was unable to surmount a difficult hoop. This gave Solomon and Neal the game since they had already a ball in baulk and now were given a 'lift'. With a fresh start the tempo quickened from andante to allegro con vibrato. Aspinall's legerdemain was fully deployed and with Ormerod giving good support the score soon became level. In the closing stages of the deciding game when Aspinall was on the peg having peeled his partner through two hoops, Solomon struck back by hitting in and pegging Aspinall out. Neal at hoop 4 had a long journey to make but by accurate wiring inched his way to penultimate, where in aiming for a forward rush his gentle hoop-shot proved too gentle! Ormerod with a lift now hit in and the match was won.

The Final. As it happened, the opening game was the most important and the most spectacular. Ormerod missed a six-yard roquet and Martin Murray went round to 4-back. Soon after this, Hope set up an excellent break, which was not easy to collect, and went to the peg. Aspinall now hit in and ended his turn by pegging Hope out, giving 'contact' in the process. Presently, Murray was twice baulked from making penultimate when he was in position and Ormerod made steady progress until he too was for that hoop. He now rushed and approached from the second corner not very accurately and missed the hoop. Murray hit in from B. baulk and finished. Aspinall and Ormerod held the advantage throughout the second game, which they won easily. But now Murray and Hope were seen at their best and in the lead from the start gave their opponents no chance to gain the innings except by hitting the lift shots. A convincing victory by a pair who complement each other admirably in different styles. Murray 'hits hard', Hope 'strokes delicately'.

In the Association Plate, the semi-finalists were Wright versus Vincent and Noble versus Cordingley. Wright +26 and Cordingley +2 came through to contest the final, won by Cordingley whose all-round play was of a high standard. One must commiserate with George Noble, who was about to peg out when he roqueted his opponent (for the peg) on to the peg! His turn ceased and Cordingley hit and made his last two hoops.

The John Solomon Trophy for the maximum number of peels was won by Nigel Aspinall. Finally, a word of congratulation to Peter Alvey for a remarkable performance in the Doubles. He hit with the fourth ball and went round to 4-back in both the first and third games and in the second game he brought off his first triple-peel!

Paul Hands' quiet but efficient role as Manager was appreciated by all, especially by the early losers in the Plate who were enabled to have further games by his 'variation' which was played this year.

D. J. V. H-M.

Open Championships. Best of Three

First Round: P.W. Hands bt D.V.H. Rees +24 +23, B.G. Neal bt K.E. Jones -2 +12 +22, S. N. Mulliner bt Dr W.R.D. Wiggins +16 +22, C.H.L. Prichard bt D. J. Croker +7 +15, I.D. Bond bt J. Haigh +13 +11, J.R. McCullough bt M. Ormerod +18 +17, G.W. Noble bt Dr E.W. Solomon -3 +22 +5 (TP), D.K. Openshaw bt L.S. Butler +16 (TP) +23, S.J.H. Wright bt D.R. Foulser +17 (TP) +17, A.B. Hope bt Dr W.P. Ormerod +15 +5, P.L. Alvey bt J.G.C. Phillips -17 +5 +4, J. Rose bt Mrs W.R.D. Wiggins +14 (TP) +26, Dr M. Murray bt M.J. Coward -17 (TP) +3 +16 (TP), Dr I.G. Vincent bt P. Cordingley +9 +4, G.N. Aspinall bt Dr B.C. Sykes +24 (TP) +17, M. Avery bt J.D. Meads +12 +24 (STP).

Second Round: Neal bt Hands +26 -17 (TP) +17, Mulliner bt Prichard +26 +12, Bond bt McCullough +26 +23, Noble bt Openshaw +2 -26 (TP) +4, Wright bt Hope -17 (TP) +20 (TP) +5, Rose bt Alvey +13 +20, Vincent bt Murray +23 +24, Aspinall bt Avery -4 (TP) +25 +26 (TP).

Third Round: Mulliner bt Neal +26 (TP) +16, Bond bt Noble +8 -20 +2 (TP), Rose* bt Wright -17 +12 +26, Aspinall bt Vincent +25 +26 (TP).

Semi-final: Mulliner bt Bond +26 +16, Aspinall bt Rose +17 (TP) +3.

Final: Aspinall bt Mulliner +26 (TP) +26 (TP).

Pre-qualifying Competitions

At Harrow Oak

Semi-final: R.A. Godby bt M.G. Pearson, P. Cordingley bt A.V. Camroux.

Final: Cordingley bt Godby.

At Hunstanton

Semi-final: J.R. Hilditch bt Mrs R.F. Wheeler +21 +20, M. Avery bt R.M. Allim +11 -10 +20.

Final: Avery bt Hilditch +8 +2.

At Bowdon

Semi-final: S.E. Lewis bt Dr T.J. Haste w/o.

Final: J.D. Meads bt Lewis.

At Cheltenham

Semi-final: P.M. Johnson bt A. J. Girling +16 +16, K.E. Jones bt G.C. Roy +18 +5.

Final: Jones bt Johnson +3 +4.

At Southwick

Semi-final: P.L. Alvey bt R.M. Hobbs, L. Wharrad bt M.J. Stevens w/o.

Final: Alvey bt Wharrad +4 +8.

Association Plate. Singles Advanced

First Round: D.J. Croker bt Dr W.R.D. Wiggins +7, M. Ormerod bt J. Haigh +9, Dr E.W. Solomon bt L.S. Butler +22 (TP), Mrs W.R.D. Wiggins bt B.C. Sykes +23.

Second Round: K.E. Jones bt Croker +2, Ormerod bt Solomon +3, C.H.L. Prichard bt P.W. Hands +9, J.R. McCullough bt D.K. Openshaw +26, A.B. Hope bt P.L. Alvey +26, Dr M. Murray bt M. Avery +9, D.R. Foulser bt J.G.C. Phillips +19, P. Cordingley bt Mrs Wiggins +8.

Third Round: Jones bt Ormerod +3, Prichard bt McCullough +5, Hope bt Murray +13, Cordingley bt Foulser +6 (TP).

Fourth Round: S.J.H. Wright bt Jones +11, Dr I.G. Vincent bt Prichard +15, G. W. Noble bt Hope +25 (TP), Cordingley bt B.G. Neal w/o.

Semi-final: Wright bt Vincent +26, Cordingley bt Noble +2.

Final: Cordingley bt Wright +18.

Doubles Championship. Best of Three. Advanced

First Round: D.K. Openshaw & M. Avery bt D.V.H. Rees & Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle +26 +24 (TP).

Second Round: G.N. Aspinall & Dr W.P. Ormerod bt Dr & Mrs W.R.D. Wiggins +17 +19, J.R. McCullough & P. Cordingley bt M.J. Coward & J. Haigh +17 +5, Dr E.W. Solomon & B.G. Neal bt P.L. Alvey & G.C. Roy +14 (TP) -2 (TP) +8, Openshaw & Avery bt S.N. Mulliner & M. Ormerod +11 -26 +2, I.D. Bond & B.C. Sykes bt C.H.L. Prichard & R.A. Godby +15 -17 +26 (TP), Dr M. Murray & A.B. Hope bt P.W. Hands & D.R. Foulser +17 +7, J.G.C. Phillips & S.J.H. Wright bt J. Rose & L.S. Butler +11 +8, G.W. Noble & Dr I.G. Vincent bt K.E. Jones & J.D. Meads -22 +24 (TP) +23 (TP).

Third Round: Aspinall & Ormerod bt McCullough & Cordingley +4 -12 +8 (OT), Solomon & Neal bt Openshaw & Avery -26 (TP) +24 (TP) +24 (TP), Murray & Hope bt Bond & Sykes +9 -2 +20, Wright & Phillips bt Noble & Vincent +24 -26 +21.

Semi-final: Aspinall & Ormerod bt Solomon & Neal -3 +26 (TP) +3, Murray & Hope bt Wright & Phillips +24 -26 +21.

Final: Murray & Hope bt Aspinall & Ormerod +4 -21 +26 (TP).

C.A. (England) v C.A. (Scotland) Glasgow 31 July - 1 August

This annual fixture is a very good racket to get into. The Scottish team adopted the fiendishly cunning strategy of providing the opposition with large quantities of excellent food and drink in an attempt to prevent them from fitting into their white trousers. This plan achieved partial success, but the English players survived and indeed were inspired by the hospitality, and proceeded to win the match 5-3.

Barry Keen says he fudged the selection of the English team so as to match the handicaps approximately with those of the Scottish team but still win. The visiting team included players from most parts of England plus Tom Anderson from Scotland, while Geoff Strutt from England was playing for Scotland. Geography seems to have been changed since I was at school.

The Scottish C.A. had organised four bowling greens at Glasgow Green, which started off fast and glassy but slowed down when it rained on the Sunday. The hoops were the right width and set firmly in the ground, which caused some problems even to those of us who have tangled with Bowdon hoops (for which Barry disclaims all responsibility). An efficient publicity machine attracted a fair number of reporters and photographers, whose professional methods did not always fit in with the progress of the croquet. (Personally, I'll start taking the press seriously when they start putting croquet in the sports section.)

England started well with two victories in the doubles. In the third doubles match, between the top pairs on each side, the second game went to a timed finish and they never got round to playing the decider. Hence the fractions in the final result. The singles were evenly split with several close finishes, and the result was not finally decided until the fifth out of six matches was over.

Barry Keen left his lunch box in my car. Simon Gagrett left his hat. I haven't found anything else yet, but I'm still looking just in case there's something valuable.

Results

S.H. Wright & R.V. MacLean drew P. Cordingley (Harrow Oak) & T. Haste (Southport) -16, +1 T.

I.H. Wright & S. Mullin lost B.A. Keen (Bowdon) & M. Kolbuszewski (East Riding) -16, -10.

G. Strutt & Mrs C. Roe lost T. Anderson (Colworth) & S. Garrett (Bath) -13, -18.

S.H. Wright beat P. Cordingley +8, -11, +7.

R.V. MacLean beat T.J. Haste -15, +8, +26.

I.H. Wright lost to B.A. Keen -6, -24.

G. Strutt beat M. Kolbuszewski +22, -3, +3.

S. Mullen lost to T. Anderson +7, -3, -10.

Mrs. C. Roe lost to S. Garrett +6, -12, -21.

C.A. beat Scottish C.A. 5-3.

B.A. Keen

Ladies' Field Cup - Nottingham

	SW	KY	DW	JR	CK	CB	Wins
Susan Wiggins	+15	-15	+26	+14	+24		7
Kay Yeoman	-15		+15	+6	-20	-10	6
Dab Wheeler	+15	-15		-10	+6	+20	5
Jane Rolfe	-26	-6	+10		+18	+7	5
Carole Knox	-9	-3	+6		+6	-13	4
Carmen Bazley	-14	+20	-6	-18		+12	4
	+3	-8	-3	-6		+12	4
	-24	+10	-20	-7	-12		3
	-9	+16	-15	+13	-12		3

Ladies Second Event at Southwick

Southwick was pleased to host the Ladies Second Event which was played for the second time having been started, at the suggestion of Mrs W. Longman, in 1980, but not played in 1981. The weather conditions were good for all days except one which suffered heavy rain storms in the afternoon. However, no games were abandoned only delayed and the tournament was completed on time having been saved from having three equal winners on seven wins each, because Mrs Hague won her last game to come out the clear winner on eight wins. Some good breaks were achieved on not too difficult lawns and the only criticism which could be made is that the slowest players seemed to get the least successful results. Is there a moral in this? If you want to play better play quicker! or she who hesitates is last! All the ladies enjoyed the event which it is hoped will now be a permanent fixture in the calendar.

Ladies' Second Event. Two rounds of American Singles (Open) (6 entries)

	Rd	WH	NC	FN	RT	LC	BN	Won	Pos
Mrs W. Hague	1		+4	-5	+9	+12	+14		
	2		+3	-3	+13	+3	+3	8	1st
Mrs N. Coetzee	1	-4		+9	+11	+19	+14		
	2	-3		-4	+12	+14	+10	7	=2nd
Mrs F.H. Newman	1	+5	+9		-7	+13	-5		
	2	+3	-4		+4	+14	+8	7	=2nd
Mrs R.E. Tucker	1	-9	-11	+7		-9	+6		
	2	-13	-12	-4		+1	+9	4	4th
Mrs L.A. Coombs	1	-9	-19	-13	+9		+4		
	2	-3	-14	-14	-1		-7	2	=5th
Mrs B.G. Neal	1	-14	-14	+5	-6	-4			
	2	-3	-10	-8	-9	+7		2	=5th

President's Cup, 1982 Hurlingham

The most dramatic incident in the First Series undoubtedly occurred in Round 6 when the two leaders, Murray and Aspinall, were in opposition. Murray, on peg and 1-back and a game up, had cross-wired Aspinall's balls at 2-back and was laid up with a short rush to 1-back, neatly poised to finish the game in his next turn. Who would have guessed at this moment that it was Aspinall, on penultimate and hoop 6, who was going to play and win in that turn? This remarkable feat he achieved by a superb jump over the hoop to land on top of his partner ball, after which

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	Aspinall	Murray	Mulliner	Rose	Solomon	Openshaw	Noble	Neal	Wins			Final order
									1st Series	2nd Series	Total	
G.N. Aspinall		+8 -9	+26* +4	+17 +17	+16* +20	-17 +26*	+9* +19*	+25* +26*	6	6	12	1st
Dr M. Murray	-8 +9		+17 -26	+4 -22	+16* -25	+15 +10	+4 -26	+26* +12*	6	3	9	=2nd
S.N. Mulliner	-26 -4	-17 +26		+20 +21	+26* +17*	+26 -3	-15 +26	+17 +26*	4	5	9	=2nd
J. Rose	-17 -17	-4 +22	-20 -21		+23 -17	+23 +18	+3 +18*	+11 -17	4	3	7	=4th
Dr E.W. Solomon	-16 -20	-16 +25	-26 -17	-23 +17		-17 +25*	+5 +17	+23* +13	2	5	7	=4th
D.K. Openshaw	+17 -26	-15 -10	-26 +3*	-23 -18	+17 -25		-1 +3	+26* +26*	3	3	6	6th
G.W. Noble	-9 -19	-4 +26*	+15 -26	-3 -18	-5 -17	+1 -3		+17* -25	3	1	4	7th
B.G. Neal	-25 -26	-26 -12	-17 -26	-11 +17†	-23 -13	-26 -26	-17 +25		0	2	2	8th

* = TP † = TPO

Chairman's Salver Budleigh Salterton 6-10 September

	Coward	Vincent	Bell	Bond	Haste	Cordingley	Foulser	Prichard	Wins			Final Order
									1st Series	2nd Series	Total	
M.J. Coward		+16 -19	+11 -10	+24 +5	+5 -10	+7 +10	+10 +15	+7 +19	7	4	11	1st
Dr I.G. Vincent	-16 +19		+26 -10	-14 +26	+23 +11	+6 -25	+17 +15	+10† -10	5	4	9	2nd
E. Bell	-11 +10	-26 +10		-25 -21	+13 -18	-23 +8	+6 -3	+9 +16	3	4	7	=3rd
I.D. Bond	-24 -5	+14 -26	+25 +21		+10 -11	-20 -16	+15 +26*	+22 -3	5	2	7	=3rd
Dr T.J. Haste	-5 +10	-23 -11	-13 +18	-10 +11		+3 +13	+25 -4	-9 +16	2	5	7	=3rd
P. Cordingley	-7 -10	-6 +25	+23 -8	+20 +16	-3 -13		-15 +11	-26 +16	2	4	6	6th
D.R. Foulser	-10 -15	-17 -15	-6 +3	-15 -26	-25 +4	+15 -11		+1 +9	2	3	5	7th
C.H.L. Prichard	-7 -10	-10 +10	-9 -16	-22 +3	+9 -16	+26 -16	-13 -9		2	2	4	8th

* = TP in 25 mins. † = TP

he went round and out with a double peel! Rounds 8 and 9 proved decisive on Thursday afternoon, Aspinall winning his two games with triple-peels and Murray losing by 26 to Noble and 25 to Eric Solomon. In this latter game he had several chances but made some bad mistakes. Aspinall having established a lead of two points never looked like being caught after this. His play throughout the week was a model of consistency, his long rushes and cut-rushes being executed with notable accuracy. Murray in the Second Series could not quite maintain the excellence of his earlier play. Occasional expensive errors crept in and his powerful long shooting lost its fine razor-edge. But he had two

high spots: a revenge win against Aspinall, when after being pegged out he hit the peg from the 4th corner, and an almost incredible victory over Openshaw, again when pegged out. Openshaw at the finish of his turn left his two balls in the first corner and just outside the fourth corner, Murray being for 1-back with 'contact'. Murray taking croquet from the first corner brought off a split-shot sending the pilot ball towards the peg while his own ball finished within inches of the boundary near fourth corner, giving him a perfect long rush across the lawn to 1-back! Having made this hoop he established an accurate 3-ball break to take the game.

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	Ormerod	Jones	Tapp	Sykes	Butler	Jackson	Haigh	Hilditch	Wins			Final Order
									1st Series	2nd Series	Total	
M. Ormerod		+4 +10	+1 -19	+7 -1	+4 +9	+21 +22	+26 +20*	+22 +8	7	5	12	1st
K.E. Jones	-4 -10		+15 +10	-12 +7	+9 +26	+26 +2	+26 +16*	+17 +2	5	6	11	2nd
M. Tapp	-1 +19	-15 -10		+11 -4	+14 +12	+23 +22	-17 +15	+11 +15	4	5	9	3rd
Dr B.C. Sykes	-7 +1	+12 -7	-11 +4		-4 -13	+26* -11	+9 -3	-7 -15	3	2	5	=4th
L.S. Butler	-4 -9	-9 -26	-14 -12	+4 +13		+14 -18	-14 -2	+10 +14	3	2	5	=4th
G.E.P. Jackson	-21 -22	-26 -2	-23 -22	-26 +11	-14 +18		+5 +3	+15 -26	2	3	5	=4th
J. Haigh	-26 -20	-26 -16	+17* -15	-9 +3	+14 +2	-5 -3		-2 +3	2	3	5	=4th
J.R. Hilditch	-22 -8	-17 -2	-11 -13	+7 +15	-10 -14	-15 +26*	+2 -3		2	2	4	8th

* = Triple Peel

Mulliner after the half-way mark was always close on Murray's heels, drawing level with him in Round 9 and again in Round 11 and finally in Round 14 to share the 2nd Position. In the Second Series when he was at his best he would have been dangerous, if the leaders had shown any signs of faltering. A defeat by Noble in Round 2 left him too much leeway to make up. John Rose, not in the least intimidated by his promotion to the Top Eight had a most successful initiation with a score of 7 wins. Although his hoop-running was sometimes suspect, his ability to hit in with long shots was a strong point and often enabled him to regain the innings. Eric Solomon after a modest tally of two wins at the half-way stage then made rapid advance, finishing on a high note in Round 13 with an excellent late-triple win to share 4th place with Rose. His hoop-running, like that of Rose, was not always up to his usual standard. Openshaw began the week in style with a victory over Aspinall and two further successes on the first day. But he then had a lean spell and failed notably to take two chances of hitting in against Noble in a close end-game of Round 6. He played one very good game in Round 12 to come from behind and win with a triple-peel against Mulliner. Noble played his best croquet in the First Series which included a defeat of Mulliner. In the Second Series his game gradually deteriorated apart from one fine performance against Murray, where he scored a quick triple-peel win by 26. It is noticeable that he often finds it difficult to deliver the knock-out blow when he has a game practically won, and two of his narrow defeats could easily have been reversed. Bernard Neal with no less than nine triple-peels being delivered against him seemed this week to have been marked out by an especially malign 'jinx'! But at the same time when he was in play, errors in hoop-running were apt to occur and these proved expensive in this company. But after a long series of defeats he recovered his form and fortune in time to score two late wins against Rose and Noble in Rounds 12 and 14.

Tuesday: Openshaw v. Aspinall. After each player had a clip on 4-back, careful tactics followed. When Openshaw was laid up at 1 hoop, Aspinall missed with a long shot. Openshaw now made progress rather scrappily but tidied up his break after making hoop 4, reaching peg with one peel. Aspinall shot from B baulk at his partner ball in front of hoop 6 but missed. Against Eric Solomon, Openshaw had all the early play but then missed a short roquet after hoop 6 with his second ball. Solomon went round but Openshaw regained the innings and finished in two turns. He then concluded a successful day with a quick triple-peel win against Neal. Murray defeated Noble by 4 points in a close 2-ball ending and Neal by 26, triple-peel. A 17-point triple against Solomon left him sharing the lead with Openshaw. Mulliner after a win against Neal had three chances to save the game against Noble but could not hit in and finally fell decisively to Aspinall with a triple-peel 26. Aspinall registered his second success with a win against Rose, both players making several mistakes. Rose finished the day with a score of two, defeating Solomon and Noble, narrowly.

Wednesday: Murray had to work hard to score his next two points; Rose lost only by missing a short rush from 4-back with his second ball and Openshaw threw away a late chance of success by missing hoop 3. In one of the best games of the week Noble was within sight of victory with a triple-peel against Aspinall when he slipped up at 3-back in his second break. And now it was Aspinall who brought off the triple. With a second triple against Neal and a remarkable victory over Murray (already described), he was now on level terms with the latter. Mulliner made short work of his three opponents, disposing of Solomon, Openshaw and Rose in quick succession. Neal took an early lead against Rose but a failure at hoop 6 with his second ball gave Rose an advantage which he extended and maintained.

Thursday: The important match of Round 7 was the encounter between Murray and Mulliner. When each had a clip on 4-back, Murray hit with his backward ball and after a shaky beginning went round with two peels. Mulliner missed the lift and Murray finished the game. A short roquet missed by Neal in his second break cost him the game against Noble, who then won in two turns with a triple. Rose was always in the lead against Openshaw, although he failed twice to peg out, and Aspinall finished strongly with a triple-peel victory by 17 over Solomon. The scores at the half-way stage now read, Murray and Aspinall 6; Mulliner and Rose 4; Noble and Openshaw 3; Solomon 2 and Neal 0. Round 8 was settled quickly with decisive wins by Aspinall, Mulliner and Noble against Openshaw, Neal and Murray, while Solomon played a good game to defeat Rose. Round 9 followed a similar pattern; Aspinall with a third consecutive triple beat Noble, Mulliner beat Rose and Openshaw beat Neal. Solomon now stopped Murray's progress in an unimpressive game in which the latter made several bad mistakes.

Friday: Two separate mistakes by Noble in Round 10 and by Murray in Round 11 enabled Rose to establish a winning advantage in each game, while Solomon also made two moves ahead at the expense of Noble and Neal. Mulliner needed only one more turn to defeat Aspinall, but a long hit-in by Aspinall late in the game unexpectedly reversed the verdict. At the end of his first break he pegged out one of Mulliner's balls and then finished with a 3-ball break from hoop 4 in his next turn. After beating Neal in the seventh turn of the game, his progress was halted by Murray in an exciting finish to a well-balanced game, Murray hitting the peg from the 4th corner with his one remaining ball. Murray's second success, with its dramatic ending already described, came against Openshaw, who in turn scored two narrow wins against Noble and Mulliner. Mulliner had only one win today with a late triple-peel against Solomon. Finally Neal, still resolute after a series of defeats, opened his account against Rose, hitting the first lift and continuing to keep control. When play ended in the evening, Aspinall was 2 up with 2 to play.

Saturday: Round 13. Neal was on his way to bring off a triple-peel

against Murray, when from an accurate take-off his ball finished in the middle of hoop 5 and he was unable to hit. After this misfortune Murray had all the play and won with a triple. Mulliner gave Noble no chances and Openshaw could never get into his stride against Solomon in the course of a slow game. Rose made one late break in his game with Aspinall but could make no further headway.

Round 14. Aspinall's hitting-in against Solomon swung the balance in his favour after earlier exchanges were level. Rose was in good form against Openshaw, although the miss of a return roquet after running rover allowed Openshaw to advance to 3-back where he broke down. Neal continued to show improved form and in spite of making some errors with his second ball defeated Noble by 25. The opening stages of the important game between Murray and Mulliner were marked by an extraordinary series of successive mistakes from each player. Mulliner sticks in hoop 2. Murray hits and then completely misses a cut-rush. Mulliner sticks in 3 and with his other ball in 1 hoop. Murray with a 4-yard roquet misses! After these fireworks Mulliner proceeded smoothly to win by 26 and thus finish the week in equal second place.

Richard Rothwell, as presiding manager, completed the programme of games with unruffled efficiency and we were all delighted to congratulate David Openshaw and his wife on the birth of a son.

D.J.V. H-M.

Not the Chairman's Salver Budleigh Salterton 6-10 September

The dearth of good players for the invitation events was all too evident at this year's Chairman's, where all but one professed minimal experience and an almost complete ignorance of the rules; what a difficult job the selectors must have had to choose between these unknowns and the many other players with more obvious claims. However, a quarter of an hour spent with a booklet in the 'Know the game' series soon put us on the right rink (except for the competitor who was under the mistaken impression that we were to play on a crown green) and our biases were quickly to the fore - with the exception of Phil, whose cack-handedness (I write technically rather than pejoratively) was all too evident.

The manager was put under the greatest difficulty by the players, who persisted in spending long periods entirely oblivious of the competition and instead engaged in lengthy endeavours on the nearby croquet lawns. That their performances there also lacked something was only too obvious; as one evidently knowledgeable spectator was heard to remark on seeing one of these games, 'this is the worst game of this class of croquet I've ever seen'. Also overheard: 'Oh, that's two hoops in one turn, I don't often do that', and 'As I'm over here, I'll take a bisque'. (What sort of game could this have been? Not the Chairman's, I'm sure.) Even the players occasionally lost interest in this apparently pointless distraction, one falling asleep during a turn the dourness of which was obviously too much for him (wake up, Dave!); and some unprecedented crowd trouble cannot escape mention: a solo lawn invasion by a spectator during a match, in order - some thought - to establish the colours of the more distant clips. Add to this some thoughtful fourth corner chairpersons who, by moving considerably to just off the line of aim, made the short lift the most difficult of the game to hit. And referees? One called to adjudicate the position of some yard line balls was witnessed, proceeding towards the scene of the crime, white stick in hand, I will say no more.

But back to the main event. The green was in excellent condition, and the majority of the matches were played on rink 3 which had some testing variations of pace and interesting slight deviations from perfect flatness. Much of the play was also good, especially in view of the lack of previous experience of the competitors, with a number of extremely close ends and impressive fightbacks from hopeless positions. Ian, who seemed to spend rather less time than the other players distracted by the croquet, lost his first game and so resorted to the tactic of making sure that he played more than anyone else, to improve his average. Colin however decided that he could do better than this by winning his first two and then retiring unbeaten. The manager would have none of it, and in the best traditions of disinterested adjudication deemed three games to be the minimum - and so won the magnificent trophy himself. (At least he would have done if he had remembered to buy it!)

A thoroughly enjoyable week, though the selectors will have to do something about the experience of the players they choose and would do well to consider a ban on distractions like croquet during such an important event as this. Many thanks to the club for allowing us to use their excellent facilities: and a special mention for a local member who for reasons of security I can only refer to as 'Deep Gut': thank you for proving to be a source of unquestionable accuracy, and guiding us to prandial pleasures which we would never have discovered unaided.

JF

Results: Singles - 15 up

	Tim	Martin	Ian	Dave	Phil	Eddie	Colin	Ian
Tim	-	-	-	-	15	15	-	13
Martin	-	-	-	15	-	-	12	8
Ian	-	-	-	15	15	-	8	6
Dave	-	12	4	-	14	15	-	9
Phil	6	-	9	15	-	-	-	15
Eddie	13	-	-	8	-	-	-	-
Colin	-	15	15	-	-	-	-	-
Ian	15	15	15	15	5	-	-	-

Test Team 1982 v The Rest played at Cheltenham on 18 and 19 September

The Cheltenham lawns shimmered green and brown in the almost Australian heat, giving due warning that breaks might prove more difficult to hold than they had been on the denser green at Hurlingham.

Solomon (E.W.), the Test Team reserve, had declined the invitation to play for the Rest; Hands played only on Saturday and Aspinall on Sunday. However, the reserves Noble and Wright in no way weakened the team: together they topped the 1982 Doubles Champions in two games - no-one could have done better than that; Wright did break down once which allowed Hope to make an impeccable break but Murray was never given a real chance to keep up with the pace. While this seasoned partnership foundered, a new pairing was oiling its wheels. Spectators were treated to the meshing of the whirring brain of Wylie with the more purring beat of Openshaw (demon bicyclist versus Volvo driver?). Early mistakes gave McCullough the chance to get round but the uneven pace of the lawn did not flatter Neal's more gentle style. The defensive play of the G.B. pair was such that there was seldom a safe shot and never a real target - even so I remember one cracking shot of McCullough's hitting from corner I to corner III. Wylie's intricate peeling and accurate rushing with the precision of Openshaw's splits aroused admiration and envy, and although this was the last game on court the outcome was never in doubt. Mulliner and Prichard have teamed up only once before but they play the same type of game and hardly ever go on the court together except, perhaps, when help is needed in arranging a tight leave. Hands and Foulser played a more predatory game; their shooting was superb but too many of their breaks ended abruptly. In the first game Foulser pegged out Prichard and laid up widely separated; from this Mulliner ran penultimate and later finished the game with panache by running a long angled Rover and hitting the peg. Fortunes fluctuated in the next game: Prichard went round; Mulliner over-controlled the first hoop; Hands went round; Foulser failed to punish a risky lift shot (which had been meant to punish a loose leave); Mulliner completed 3 peels only to fail to approach 4-back from 1 foot! However, G.B. won this close game when Prichard hit the peg from the side boundary, and it proved to be the clinching match.

The eagerly anticipated match between Aspinall and Wylie evoked amazement, disappointment, and regret. Amazement at the skill, the mastery of the art of triple peeling and the shooting of Aspinall - the complete croquet player; disappointment at the eclipse of Wylie whose defensive tactics in the first game and patience in the second did not get their reward; regret that Aspinall is not available for the Test Tour - it seems a little like Hamlet without the Prince of Denmark.

Noble seems to have the perfect croquet temperament and he started the day playing as well as he has been doing this season, but Mulliner suddenly sparked and in that form there was no holding him, his croquet just flowed. Foulser also started well but an unlucky roll at 4-back launched Prichard into an improvised triple. Then to put the icing on the cake Prichard brought off a three ball triple peel; it all went smoothly until the Rover; a jump over the peeler; a nervous nine-yard return roquet; a sideways ricochet nudging the peeler clear of the hoop and he was home and dry. Neal played much better today but it was all to no avail as Hope played with great touch, exemplified by a pass roll from the peg ending with both balls in perfect position at 1-back - a game-

winning stroke. When he won the next with a straight double peel cum promotion cannon the Test team were assured of victory.

To say that Openshaw and Murray were below form would be ungenerous to their opponents. McCullough had drawn many supporters from Bath and Bristol and he gave them plenty to cheer about; it was his shooting which helped to win him the scalp of the G.B. Captain, who played well when allowed in. Wright meanwhile was playing with such confidence and accuracy that for once the confidence of Murray was sapped. It was the only match to go to three games and Murray did well to take the middle game with a triple. Wright riposted with another, playing vintage croquet on a difficult lawn.

As a postscript to this important match Aspinall and Wylie played an additional game. Aspinall laid for a sextuple; Wylie narrowly missed the balls close to Hoop 2 and Aspinall duly completed the sextuple peel - all in under 45 minutes.

Three Ball Triple

The three ball triple is described as easy in an article in the *Gazette* (p. 19 Autumn 1980). Nevertheless the only recorded instances in a serious match in this country are:

Date	Player	Opponent	Match	Position of 4th ball
1964	J.W. Solomon	E.P.C. Cotter	Open Championship	Corner I
1975	G.N. Aspinall (partner W.P. Ormerod)	W. deB. and D.M.C. Prichard	Open Doubles Championship	Corner IV
1978	K.F. Wylie	W.P. Ormerod	Open Championship	Middle of S. boundary
1982	W. deB. Prichard	D.R. Foulser	Test Team v The Rest	2 yds North of Corner I

In no case was the fourth ball touched at any stage in the break. A few other three ball triples have been claimed where the break started or finished by touching the fourth ball and leaving it where it lay. No instances are known of a three ball triple where only three balls are left in the game.

Great Britain versus The Rest

Saturday: Results (Great Britain names first)

K.F. Wylie & D.K. Openshaw bt J.R. McCullough & Prof B.G. Neal +18, +11.

S.N. Mulliner & Capt W. deB. Prichard beat D.R. Foulser & P.W. Hands +9, +4.

Dr M. Murray & A.B. Hope lost to G.W. Noble & S.J.H. Wright -17, -23.

End of day score: Great Britain 2 The Rest 1.

Sunday: Matches (each best-of-3-games) to be played. (Great Britain names first)

Lawn 8: K.F. Wylie lost to G.N. Aspinall -26 (TP), -26 (TP).

Lawn 7: S.N. Mulliner beat G.W. Noble +6, +26 (TP).

Lawn 10: Dr M. Murray lost to S.J.H. Wright -26, +17 (TP), -26 (TP).

Lawn 2: D.K. Openshaw lost to J.R. McCullough -17, -16.

Lawn 1: Capt W. deB. Prichard beat D.R. Foulser +8 (TP), +24 (TP).

Lawn 9: A.B. Hope beat Prof B.G. Neal +13, +26.

Final result: Great Britain 5 The Rest 4.

ROVER NOTES

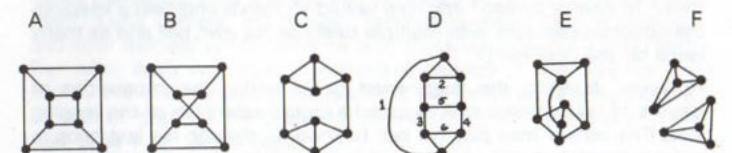
Some observations on small Swiss' and cubic graphs

Croquet tournaments organised on a Swiss basis (or consolation events organised as progressive Swiss) are increasing in number, and rightly so in my opinion. When the entry is small the manager often has to be very careful to make sure that, (i) players should not play one another more than once and (ii) the optimum shape of each round subject to (i) is used. Here I mean by 'shape' the pairing of the numbers of wins so that for example with 6 players after 3 rounds, the shape 32,21,10 is preferable to 31,21,20 (the numbers indicating in this 2nd case that a player with 3 wins plays one with 1, a 2 plays a 1 and a 2 plays a 0 in the next (4th) round). In practise condition (i) is often relaxed, particularly in the last round, to ensure a clear cut victory for a player (and often denying at the same time some other player a chance to catch up). This is obviously at the discretion of the manager, but goes against the true spirit of a Swiss in my opinion (which if necessary should be decided on

total wins of adversaries, or even goal difference when playing level). A far more important problem is the fact that often one cannot wait for the full completion of a round before starting the next (this particularly occurs when there are insufficient lawns or in non-time limited open events). In this case the manager has to guess and often waive (i) and (ii). There can also be the pressure from certain players either keen to play or go home which can lead to hasty decisions.

Having considered the above points I decided to examine a particular case, that of 8 players (for example the All England final of last year played over 5 rounds with sufficient lawns to allow optimal strategies). By considering all the cases, I have produced tables to give the optimum shape of (ii) for the 4th round (i.e. after the obvious knockout for the first 3 rounds). In many cases it was not at all transparent what the optimum shape was and so it may be that these tables (which I produced for fun) would be of interest to readers and I'd be pleased to send anyone a copy. Statistically the best shape of 32,22,11,10 occurs 5/8th of the time and the worst shape that occurs, that of 31,22,20,11 occurs 1/32nd of the time. The analysis of the 5th round, which could be done easily by machine, would, I believe, not be too enlightening and I turn now to the problem of its existence (subject to (i)).

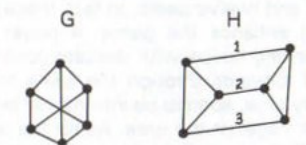
Representing players by points and matches *not* played (i.e. potential games) by lines between them we have after 4 rounds a cubic graph (i.e. each point has 3 incident lines) with 8 points. A result from graph theory of Petersen (1891) (see for instance the book by Laszlo Lovasz, *Combinatorial Problems and Exercises*, North Holland (1979) Prob. 7.29) ensures that there is always a 1-factor (which is to say a set of 4 lines in the graph joining all 8 points, i.e. 2 each). That is to say we can always obtain a pairing for the 5th round satisfying (i). Of the 6 possible cubic graphs with 8 points we can get a 6th round should we wish except in the case D when the triangles are not both broken up by the 5th round:



In case D if lines 1,2,3,4 are removed in the 5th round then the graph remaining has no 1-factor. If instead say 1,2,5,6 are removed we can have a 6th round satisfying (i).

For other even numbers of points the situation is as follows:

N=6, The situation is similar to that of 8, surprisingly, i.e. after 2 rounds we have one of 2 graphs and if in H 1,2,3 is chosen as the 3rd round (in order to optimise shape) then there remain 2 triangles and no 4th round can be obtained subject to (i):



N=10, We can always get 7 rounds but it is possible that after 6 rounds there is no way to get to 8 rounds with (i), the example is called the Petersen graph:



This graph has no disjoint pair of 1-factors.

N=12 and 14, similar to N=10

N=16, can get a situation after 12 rounds when there is no 13th subject to (i):



This graph has no 1-factor.

Obviously, much of the above graphical analysis has only mathematical interest but the existence of N-3rd round for any even N less than 14 subject to (i) is useful (particularly for N=8). The consideration of the N-2nd round above is also rather artificial since with the addition of one extra round we can have all play all (N-1 rounds), but it is possible that one might want 4 rounds with 6 players or 6 with 8 and if so then we see that the configurations D and H care in the choice of the penultimate (i.e. 3rd and 5th respectively) round must be taken if (i) is the prime consideration (which seems reasonable in these almost American situations).

THE LENGTHENED GAME

The Laws contain provision for various ways of shortening the game: readers may like to hear of a lengthened game developed largely by Messrs Kolbuszewski and Meads which has provided some very entertaining friendly games owing to its increased tactical possibilities.

In addition to the usual conditions of advanced play, the striker may peel a ball back through its last hoop in order, thereby causing it to 'unmake' that hoop. Roger Wheeler has suggested a most appropriate term for a peel backwards, a 'leap'. The player new to the lengthened game must take care to remember that it is not the hoop with the clip on where leaping commences: an opponent's clip on 4-back means of course that the first leap is through 3-back. A ball which has been leaped through hoop 1, or which has not made hoop 1, may be removed from the game by causing it to hit the peg ('gepping out'), and the player of that ball must replay it into the game next turn from either baulk line, thus permitting the leeper to lay up with the other opponent ball.

What then would Mr Wylie do if faced with an opponent's clip on 1-back? To peel or to leap? And how would Mr Hands engineer a keeping-the-options-open turn with multiple peels on his own ball and as many leaps on the opponent?

However, bringing the lengthened game within the capabilities of players of less exalted rank required a logical extension of the leaping idea. The striker may play his ball backwards through his last hoop in order (a 'pooh'), thereby 'unmaking' it and earning himself an extra turn, just as if he had made a hoop. One may thus start a turn with a few poohs to arrange the balls for a peeling break, or use a couple of poohs in mid-break to revive a crumbling triple.

At first I had thought that the number of poohs would have to be limited to perhaps three per game: the thought of a slow player running his hoop in alternate directions numerous times to obtain the ideal forward rush is not an attractive one. Besides, it seems too easy a solution to the problem of running on to the partner ball after a straight peel, and for that matter brings the possibility of a game won by one turn consisting of numerous poohs and twelve peels. In fact, these possible objections tend if anything to enhance the game. A player who is so bad at approaching and running hoops with delicate control that he needs to run backwards and forwards through the same hoop is likely to get worse position every time, soon to be interrupted by a missed roquet or by a clang (or 'gnalc') against the wire. As for the possibility of a game being won '+26 12P', I should like to see it done before considering it a disadvantage. The record at the time of writing was achieved by David Peterson in his first lengthened game. Quickly realising how it can be done, he started with both balls for the first hoop and ended his turn when he broke down at hoop 6, having done five peels.

In its few trials, at Hull, Southport and Bowdon, the lengthened game has proved to be an interesting variation for those such as myself whose triple peels happen in the bar often enough but always seem to come to grief on the lawn.

Andrew Bennet

Tournament Food Guides

A recent visit to Colchester for their annual week tournament brought back to me (because of the unfamiliar territory) the difficulties of finding good places to eat in the evening. The locals tended to eat more expensively when dining out than I could afford for six days — not surprising really, because they would be eating out as an occasion, not just for food — so the search was on for less exalted fare.

Having tracked down some places which seemed quite reasonable, an old idea stirred again: why not record the information thus acquired to guide others, even if only to rule out places for them on grounds of cost or whatever? Colchester club provided an excellently researched accommodation guide, but no similar assistance for eating.

Hence the four entries below. These are proffered as examples for what could contribute towards a local food guide for clubs, added to and amended by competitors and members as the years go by. It would most sensibly be kept at the club itself, perhaps in a binder which could accommodate new or revised entries as necessary. Multiple entries for a single establishment need not be precluded, for the preferences of the authors will undoubtedly affect their opinions. The entries need not be long, but ought to include the following basic information:

- The nature of the establishment and the type and range of food available.
- the approximate price of a full meal, including VAT and 10% tip or service charge but excluding drink (record this separately).
- any special points of interest (e.g. closed on Mondays).
- date of visit and name of reporter.

Together with a map of the area, a guide like this could help to ease the problems of eating reasonably in the evenings in unfamiliar territory.

IB

William Scragg's North Hill, Colchester

A small restaurant specialising in fish dishes (though they do always provide at least one non-fish main course). Expensive — £9 is probably a minimum, £12–£14 more typical; wine starts at about 80p per glass, £3.60 per bottle — but excellent value all the same: well prepared food, pleasant cottage-style surroundings. 10% service charge included on the bill. Excellent.

The Sun Kelvedon

Pub with better than average grub (and restaurant too, not tried). Beers are Tetlys (gassy) and Ind Coope (OK). The bread and dripping and chip butties were apparently good — I will not name the guilty party — the home-made soup and large well-filled torpedoes proved so on personal examination. Trout also looked good. £3 or £4 should suffice. Satisfactory.

Bistro Nine North Hill, Colchester

Not a good evening, probably because of an excess of the house white (not recommended, especially when watered down — water was supplied in a carafe identical to that used for the wine, and the inevitable happened). Food generally good, though not universally praised, and a reasonably wide choice. Mid-priced (£6–£8) and usually busy. Not open on Mondays. Mixed feelings, but would try it again.

Frog and Beans North Hill, Colchester

Wine bar serving a limited range of food. Pub-type atmosphere, food better than that: steak+copious salad, good rhubarb crumble for about £5. Wine from 80p per glass. Good of its type.

Another Bird Competition

£5.00 prize

The answer to each question is the name of a British Bird. Only one answer may be given to each question. Closing Date. One month after publication of this issue. Please send your entries, enclosing two first class stamps for each entry to:

Mrs A. Neville-Rolfe,
Weathercocks,
Heacham, King's Lynn,
Norfolk, PE31 7JT.

£5.00 will be awarded for the first correct entry drawn. Profit, if any, will be given to the C.A.

Bird Competition

1. Writer of several travel books.
2. Keeper of the forest.
3. The carpenter's friend.
4. Could be an animal or a bird.
5. Often seen on a building site.
6. Grand beer perhaps, but not real ale.
7. One of three who sat on a tree.
8. Never seen at traffic lights.
9. Does he
10. Use this . . . for a hitch.
11. Everybody should have at least one.
12. A famous ladybird.
13. Bird of the month.
14. A member of The Speckled Band?

Letters to the Editor

Many players when they have pegged out (or vice versa) point with their finger to the unscored hoops to count up the margin of victory — an operation which often requires several attempts!

There is a sophisticated yet simple method if you remember the 'magic' numbers 16, 22, 28.

Thus if the losers clips are on 2 and 5 (total 7) then 7 from 28 gives +21; similarly if clips on 3 back and 5 (=8) then 8 from 22 yields +14. Finally if both clips on the side (say 3 back and 4 back) then 7 from 16 = +9.

This method applies equally to shortened games (as only the unscored hoops are costed) and is well worth using though I suspect that most players will use the traditional method . . . until they run out of fingers.

Yours faithfully,
K. S. Schofield

4 Boucher Road,
Budleigh Salterton.

Dear Sir,

In a recent Gazette John Soutter tells us that in the past all Croquet lawns always used to be fast! I can speak a little for Cheltenham's lawns.

When I joined in the middle 50s our lawns were horribly slow, indeed Hope Rotherham used to say they were so awful she'd never come again — but she always did, bless her. However, over the years, season by season, they have gradually got better, flatter and faster. Each of our Lawn Managers have made great contributions striving for improvement; Lena Daniels, Bill Thorpe, Tyrwhitt Wheeler, Dick Whittington and now Bernard Weitz, to name only those who served a good spell. Bur what each was able to achieve depended on the weather, the money the Club thought it could afford, the extent of voluntary labour; as well as their own efforts. Money was short early on though there was quite a lot of free labour.

Wheeler's great achievements, to my mind, were the perfection of Court 9, removal of the hump where the tice lay on 1, and most of all, the build up of the boundaries all around the club. Whittington's wonder, in his short time, was turning the poxmarked 6 into a worthwhile lawn. Weitz is now at grips with 2. 5 alone seems to have retained its excellence unaided.

Those of us who played in the Caskets a few weeks ago will testify to the glass-like surfaces in the middle of the week; fast lawns are still to be had at Cheltenham when the conditions are right!

Yours faithfully,
G. E. P. Jackson

Park House,
Thirlestaine Road.

Further Thoughts on Handicaps

Sir,

Dr. Bucknall's letter (Gazette of April 1981) and Mr. Townsend's response (Gazette of Spring 1982) raise an important issue once again. My own experience as a handicapper is limited, so I will leave to others the consideration of the intricacies of handicapping; however, I do have recent experience of the other side of the problem, the mixed blessing of having been a rapidly improving player, so perhaps I might present "the case for the defence."

I should say at the outset, to avoid any possible confusion, that I wholeheartedly endorse — and who could not? — the ideas that all should play at a "correct" handicap. However, this may not be easy to achieve. We should remember that we are not talking here primarily of players who lose two or even three bisques in a season. The "problem" players lose their bisques by the handful: for example, the joint winners of the Apps bowl in 1978 lost 7½ and 6 bisques in the season; that is equivalent to one bispue every three or four weeks from May to September. No handicapper, however well-intentioned, experienced and assiduous, could guarantee to ensure that such players are always correctly handicapped. This is especially so since their progress is rarely uniform, but tends to occur by leaps and bounds interspersed with periods of little change or even regression; and even within such a pattern, is often extremely erratic. Moreover, such players seem to perform rather better in tournament

IB

15. Wizard bird.
16. Could be a bird or a fish.
17. Seen in the Sky at Night.
18. Not often seen on the golf course.
19. Look for our Sale Offer now. Last chance for a bargain.
20. Often taken on manoeuvres.
21. Said he might be late for dinner.
22. If only I could find this seabird, it might prove very profitable.
23. Painter and decorator with a butterfly touch.
24. Latent plant or insect: probably both.
25. Ship's officer.
26. Highly coloured politician, but no motorist.
27. Migrant from Eire.
28. Seen on festive occasions.
29. Found in America, U.K. and various European countries.
30. Partly seabird, wholly land bird.
31. If he sang a bit louder, he could be in light opera.
32. Change a letter for a familiar politician.
33. Norfolk footballer.

Any Hope of Female Minus Players?

There are certain conventions which are observed when writing tournament reports which restrict the author from commenting on those aspects which fail to reach the highest standards. The full expression of things as they are, though apparently desirable, is — as members of the Oxford Movement found — a definite obstacle to the preservation of peaceful coexistence amongst those more used to the deceptions and omissions of such conventions. For those, who wish to remain in ignorance, read no further; for these conventions are now to be temporarily suspended.

For those who are still reading, it can be stated quite plainly: the general standard of play in the Womens event fell short of championship standards, if by that is meant as a minimum requirement a basic level of play at least approximating to "A" class. One indication of this is the average time per game in the event, which worked out at about 2hrs 40mins even without allowance for those games — 5 out of 32 — which were won on time (by contrast, the Mens games averaged about 1hr 50mins, with only one out of 50 close to time). This throws some interesting light on the vexed topic of handicaps, though I will leave to the more assiduous students of those matters the implication which might be drawn from this figure. Another is the tactical standards which were prevalent; in some instances, these would not have seemed out of place in a moderately good "C" class event.

All this is not intended with any disrespect to those who were playing, but merely to air a simple question: why should this be, when in the past women have been quite able to compete on equal terms with men? The general standard of stroke production was by no means poor, and as for the shooting — well, many of the men would be close to unbeatable if they could hit long shots as some of the ladies were doing.

This is not the place to expound at length on the subject, except to mention one side-effect of it which has attracted comment before and was much discussed during the week: the Du Pre. Many of the ladies seemed to be of the opinion that it would be better for them to have a separate consolation event, because the Du Pre is tougher for them than their championship. Admittedly, some welcomed the opportunity offered by the Du Pre, one even after a rather rapid dispatch from the first round of one half, but this was the exception. Such a change would probably only accelerate the decline in standards (but if it is what the players want, I am sure the manager would provide it — though I hope he would leave open the option of the Du Pre for those who wanted to enter); it would in addition be very disappointing, for one of the virtues of croquet is surely that, provided the lawns are not unduly heavy, it is one of the few sports where the sexes can realistically expect to compete on an equal footing. I will not trespass on any more of the Editor's valuable space, but I hope that some attention will be paid to this general topic; if it is not, croquet will be the poorer.

competition than usual: the occasion seems to sharpen their concentration and make their play less dangerously carefree. It would be a superhuman handicapper who could capture such elusive spirits.

Perhaps I might now raise the first of my two points. Just as it may well not be the handicapper who is at fault in his assessment of the "problem" player, it is even less likely that the player himself is to blame. Remember, first, that he is new to the game and so knows little about its inner workings. Remember, too, that a handicapper may be difficult to find; this is a serious difficulty which should not be underestimated. In my own case, my year of most rapid progress was spent at a small, new club with no handicapper (we were all novices), the nearest official being some 40 miles away. Players can hardly be expected to travel 80 miles every week or two to have their handicap checked, especially when a single game under such circumstances may do little to indicate competitive potential.

I raise this point because complaints about handicaps are frequently directed — usually obliquely — at the player himself. It can be both embarrassing and disheartening to go to a tournament at an unfamiliar club and rapidly gain the impression that one has somehow violated a code of conduct which suggests that, if you are a novice and win, your handicap is wrong and it is all your fault. I exaggerate somewhat, but less than those who make such careless remarks might suppose.

My second point is simply a plea to handicappers, when faced with such a "problem" player, to avoid the temptation of excessive reduction of his handicap. It has on occasion been my suspicion that players have been reduced sufficiently to make sure that the same "mistake" (i.e. putting them in a position from which they might win an event) is not repeated at their next tournament. More honourably, handicappers may quite genuinely be uncertain about a player's correct handicap when, for example, he has been under no pressure or has finished games with bispues in hand. In such cases, I would urge that caution is exercised, even to the extent that another substantial adjustment is required at the next tournament too.

The reason for this is as simple as the point itself: there can be few things as likely to dampen a beginner's enthusiasm for the game than for him to be playing at a handicap lower than his ability. He will, after early successes, be immediately faced with games he has little hope of winning, particularly if the reduction takes him into the lower "B" class range of — say — 5 down to 2 or 3, where he will increasingly find himself conceding rather than receiving bispues, and, what is more, conceding them to players who will generally be consistent and experienced. I know of at least two recent instances where I believe excessive reduction of handicap was made. In my opinion, this in one case affected the player's continued development and in the other contributed to his withdrawal from the game. How many players, I wonder, have been discouraged early in their experience of the game, and turned to other pursuits? If we are serious about wishing to develop croquet, and attract more potentially skilful players, we cannot afford to risk discouraging them simply because they win too often or too convincingly for our taste.

A final observation. I think one would find that the successes which remain most indelibly in the memory are those achieved when one first begins to play in tournaments. I myself have the fondest memories of my first tournament (at one of which, I might add, I won nothing and was reduced by three bispues!) and am sure others have similar recollections. An enthusiastic welcome and realistic handicapping for "problem" players may well not stop them winning; but it will make a great difference to their attitude to the game and increase the chances that they persevere with what is, after all, a complex but rewarding sport. We should encourage them, not seek ways to prevent them from winning.

19 Tintern Street,
Clapham, S.W.4

Sincerely
Ian Bond

Is 'A' Class Play Boring?

Dear Sir,

As I write in July, we have just enjoyed the spectacle of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships and more recently the excitement of the Open Golf at Troon.

With brilliant execution the tennis ball is sent whistling across the net, each player probing the weakness of the other until a minor inaccuracy decides a point. A fractional loss of concentration and the golf ball is

sliced into a bunker — a shot dropped — then a herculean effort made to regain it by a perfect approach or a long putt.

Now we come to the Croquet Championships — and what a contrast! A monotonous sequence of '26s', one way or the other. Many a game in which the loser hardly participates and results which bear no relationship at all to the relative skills of the opponents, many games in fact depending on a single shot just hit or just missed and few providing the kind of ding-dong struggle which makes other games so thrilling either to play or to watch. Triple peels are recorded like rows of medals or academic honoraria and merely represent the skill of the individual.

Happy the 'B' and 'C' class players who always break down during their games and at least feel that they are enjoying a tussle with their opponents.

Surely it is time we did something to make 'A' class play a little more exciting. No wonder 'A' class players tend to quit the game from sheer boredom.

Perhaps the C.A. might stage a competition, inviting suggestions for amendment to the laws with a handsome prize to any competitor whose suggestion leads to an amendment of the existing laws. My entry might include the suggestion that in advanced play a competitor shall only be allowed to make one peel in the course of a game. May we at least give the situation some thought in the interests of the game of croquet.

Yours,
Bill Scarr

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Worlebury, Weston-Super-Mare,
Avon.

Faster Lawns and Firmer Hoops

Dear Sir,

In his final bulletin on the 1979 New Zealand test tour, Dr Wiggins reached some conclusions (not subsequently reproduced in the Gazette) which deserve publication and with which many players may agree. "Some thoughts must be directed at producing some courts which are not kept lush and green just for the sake of it. There is a world of difference playing at Hurlingham — or even more so at Roehampton — to playing here. Our players are used to these easy conditions and generous hoops which are so often provided in England. The hoop problem was to make itself felt early on. They were the correct size and firmly fixed and rejected any 'rubbish offered'".

Once more our cavalry will ride resolutely against the tanks.

17 Carlton Street
Southampton

Yours faithfully
K F Wylie

Interpretation of Laws

Dear Sir

I wonder if the Laws Committee would have another look at Law 29 (b) "Taking Croquet when not entitled to do so".

After forestalling has been discussed, line 5 continues 'in the event, all balls shall be replaced and the striker shall continue his turn without penalty'. Surely there is an ambiguity here; if the attempted roquet say on a ball previously used for a croquet shot without an intervening hoop-running, was a continuation shot, surely the turn ends in the normal way after the balls have been replaced. Perhaps it would meet the case if the words 'and the striker shall continue his turn' were deleted; without penalty covers the action after the balls are replaced.

"Cranham",
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Pinhoe, Exeter
EX4 9JQ

Yours faithfully
C. W. Marshall

Incorrect Definition

Dear Sir,

Those who have patiently read the Law Book right through will have noted in Section 4(b) of the Regulations for Tournaments that a Referee in Charge of a Game is expected to act as 'an ever-vigilant adversary'.

According to the Oxford dictionary, an adversary is an opponent or an enemy — hardly a fitting role for a referee. Quite the reverse in fact as one would expect him to remain strictly impartial at all times.

May I suggest that the next time the Laws are reviewed 'ever-vigilant adjudicator' would describe more accurately the function of a referee in charge of a game.

Yours sincerely,
Bill Scarr

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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Wrest Park W/E 14-16 May

BLOCK A: **D. Goulding** (4) 5 wins 77 pts, M. Holford (7) 5 wins 71 pts, P. Gregg (10) 3 wins —8 pts, H.C. Green (½) 3 wins —34 pts, P. Stoker (3) 2 wins —10 pts, G. Roy 2 wins —49 pts, A.G. Dumont (5) 1 win.

BLOCK B: **E. Audsley** (3) 5 wins 96 pts, A. Watkin (9) 5 wins 29 pts, S. Mulliner (—2) 4 wins, P. Gunn (4) 3 wins, H. Bottomley (2) 2 wins —6 pts, Mrs D.A.B. Wheeler (2½) 2 wins —59 pts, P. Mann 0 wins.

BLOCK C: **T. W. Anderson** (3½) 5 wins, J. Wolfe (8) 4 wins 44 pts, Mrs M. Collin (13) 4 wins 17 pts, J.A. Wheeler (½) 4 wins 15 pts, C.B. Sanford (4½) 2 wins —14 pts, Miss Hampson (3½) 2 wins —22 pts, Mrs G. Mann (6½) 0 wins.

BLOCK D: **Mrs J. Anderson** (6½) 5 wins 83 pts, R. Allim (1½) 4 wins, D. Wood (8) 3 wins —15 pts, R. Martin (11) 3 wins —15 pts, A. Collin (3½) 2 wins 1 pt, R. Wheeler (4½) 2 wins —27 pts, J. Haigh (½) 2 wins —59 pts.

BLOCK E: **G. Collin** (6) 4 wins 28 pts, D. Caporn (3) 4 wins 17 pts, M. Coward (½) 4 wins 15 pts, J.M. Wilson (5) 3 wins 8 pts, R. Smith (3) —11 pts, J. Maude (2½) 2 wins, Mrs S. Mulliner (14) 1 win.

The tournament was dominated by home players, the Andersons, Eric Audsley and new member from the north, George Collin but David Goulding managed to win his block in spite of the presence of two Wrest Parkers.

On Friday evening we had supper in the N.I.A.E. social centre and on Saturday evening some of us had dinner at The Waggon and Horses in Barton le Cley.

Nottingham 29-31 May

Handicap Singles

BLOCK A: **E.J. Davis** (3½) 5 wins (+67), K. Townsend 5 wins (+42), Dr I.G. Vincent (—½) 5 wins (+33), R.J. Smith (5) 3 wins, C. Chamberlain (8) 2 wins, R. Weyndling 1 win, Miss H. Watson-Walker (14) 0 wins.

BLOCK B: **C.G. Hopewell** (2½) 6 wins, Mrs K. Townsend (13) 4 wins, G.E.P. Jackson (0) 3 wins (+6), Dr M. Haslam (5½) 3 wins (—13), Mrs C. Chamberlain (10) 3 wins (—29), L. Robinson (7) 2 wins, Mrs A.J. Bucknell (10) 0 wins.

BLOCK C: **J.A. Wheeler** (½) 6 wins, Mrs P. Hague (5) 4 wins, P.W. Thompson (8) 3 wins (+21), A.J. Bucknell (7) 3 wins (+7), J.F.S. Thomas (11) 3 wins (—3), G. Henshaw (3) 2 wins, Mrs H.J. Haworth (14) 0 wins.

BLOCK D: **J. Straw** (6) 6 wins, P.J. Death (1) 5 wins, J.S. Maude (2½) 3 wins (—12), D. Daintree (11) 3 wins (—15), Mrs N. Tyldesley (8) 2 wins (—27), Dr R.F. Wheeler (4½) 2 wins (—28), Dr E.J. Hiller (14) 0 wins.

Hunstanton 5-7 June

Open Level Singles. American and Swiss

A1 BLOCK (Advanced Play):

R.S. Eades +11 —24 —11 +4 2 wins —20
R. Hilditch —11 —7 118 +12 2 wins +12
D. Gunasekera +24 +7 +14 +14 4 wins +59
R. Wheeler +11 —18 —14 +5 2 wins —16
J. Wood —4 —12 —14 —5 0 wins —35

A2 BLOCK (Advanced Play):

W. Aldridge —10 +6 +14 +7 3 wins +17
R. Allim +10 —15 +17 +9 3 wins +21
K. Cotterell —6 +15 —7 —12 1 win —10
Miss S. Hampson —14 —17 +7 +8 2 wins —16
Mrs J.N. Rolfe —7 —9 +12 —8 1 win —12

A3 BLOCK (Advanced Play):

K. Aiton —4 +25 +9 +10 3 wins +40
M. Coward +4 +9 +23 (TP) +19 4 wins +55

J. Haigh —25 —9 +14 +11 2 wins —9
C. Abderhalden —9 —23 —14 +9 1 win —37
Mrs R. Wheeler —10 —19 —11 —9 0 wins —49

B BLOCK (Level Play):

Mrs R.A. Gosden +15 —22 +2 —3(T) 2 wins —8
Mrs K. Cotterell —15 —22 +12 —16 1 win —41
J. Dawson +22 +22 +20 +14 4 wins +78
Mrs P. Dwerryhouse —2 —12 —20 —13 0 wins —47
R.A. Gosden +3(T) +16 —14 +13 3 wins +18

C BLOCK (Level Play):

Mrs C. Abderhalden +2 +3 —1 +6(T) 3 wins +10
B. Barnett —2 +1(T) +13 +8 3 wins +20
P. Dwerryhouse —3 —1(T) +3 +3(T) 2 wins +2
Mrs P. Sheldon +1(T) —13 —3 +8(T) 2 wins —7
Mrs A. Zinn —6(T) —8 —3(T) —8(T) 0 wins —25

D BLOCK:

Prof. K. Campbell —8(T) —13 12 113 2 wins —6
Miss P. Hamps +8(T) —7 —9 +16 2 wins +8
R. Martin +13 17 —10 +5 3 wins +15
J.S. Thomas —2 +9 +10 +1(T) 3 wins +18
Miss E. Wood —13 —16 —5 —1 0 wins —35

Swiss Event

3 rounds (Advanced Play):

2 wins: R.S. Eades, J. Haigh, Dr. R. Wheeler, J. Wood, Mrs J.N. Rolfe, J. Dawson.
1 win: Miss S. Hampson, Mrs. R. Wheeler, R.A. Gosden.
0 wins: C. Abderhalden.

2 rounds (Level Play):

1 win: Mrs R.A. Gosden, Mrs P. Dwerryhouse*, J.S. Thomas, Miss P. Hampson, Mrs. C. Abderhalden, B. Barnett*.
0 wins: P. Dwerryhouse*, K. Campbell, Miss E. Wood*, Mrs A. Zinn*.
* 1 game not played

To avoid most of the Cambridge players and most of the Hunstanton being in the same blocks, 3 'A' blocks were played with a wider range of handicaps.

As 10 players were only able to stay for 2 days, a Swiss Event was held from 4 pm on the second day and the whole of the third day.

Carrickmines 5-12 June

Event 1. Championship of County Dublin. Singles. Advanced

DRAW

First Round: **G. Henshaw** (3) bt F.J. Rogerson (5) +5.

Second Round: **G.C. Roy** (2½) bt R.J. Leonard (6½) +16, **Henshaw** bt C.M. von Schmieder (1½) +7, **C.A. Gamble** (3) bt Mrs R.J. Leonard (5½) +22, **Mrs N Read** bt A.D. Craig (5) +1.

Semi-final: **Roy** bt Henshaw +15, **Gamble** bt Mrs Read +10.

Final: **Roy** bt Gamble +12.

PROCESS

First Round: **F. J. Rogerson** bt R. J. Leonard, **C.M. von Schmieder** bt Mrs R.J. Leonard +19, **C.A. Gamble** bt G.C. Roy +10, **G. Henshaw** bt A.D. Craig +10.

Semi-final: **von Schmieder** bt Rogerson +14, **Henshaw** bt Gamble +18.

Final: **Henshaw** bt von Schmieder +13.

Event 2. Duff Matthews Cup. 6 and over. Singles Handicap

First Round: **M. McWeeney** bt P. Thornton +8, **G. Reynolds Snr** bt A. Brown +13, **G. Reynolds Jnr** bt N. de Renzy +15, **Mrs L. McWeeney** bt H.L. Webb +20.

Semi-final: **Reynolds (Snr)** bt McWeeney +2, **Reynolds (Jnr)** bt Mrs McWeeney +10.

Final: **Reynolds (Jnr)** bt Reynolds (Snr) +7.

Event 3. Boxwell Cup. Open to all. Singles Handicap

First Round: **F. J. Rogerson** (5) bt Mrs N. Read (6) +24, **P. Thornton** (11) bt Mrs R.J. Leonard (5½) +6, **R.J. Leonard** (6½) bt H.L. Webb (9) +1, **C.A. Gamble** (3) bt Mrs L. McWeeney (13) +16, **C.M. von Schmieder** (1½) bt A.D. Craig (5) +11.

Second Round: **Rogerson** bt A. Brown (16) +22, **Leonard** bt Thornton

+11, **von Schmieder** bt Gamble +3, **G.C. Roy** (2½) bt G. Henshaw (3) +22.

Semi-final: **Leonard** bt Rogerson +13, **von Schmieder** bt Roy +17.

Final: **von Schmieder** bt Leonard +10.

Event 4. Coronation Cups Combined Handicap not less than 6. Doubles

First Round: **F.J. Rogerson & Solomon** bt M McWeeney & Hopkins +12 (OT).

Second Round: **R.L. Leonard & G.C. Roy** bt C.A. Gable & Moore, **H.L. Webb & C.M. von Schmieder** bt Rogerson & Solomon +1 (OT), **A.D. Craig & A. Brown** bt Mrs H.M. Read & Reynolds +5 (OT), **Mrs R.J. Leonard & N. McWeeney** bt P. Thornton & G. Henshaw +1 (OT).

Semi-final: **Webb & von Schmieder** bt Leonard & Roy +7, **Mrs Leonard & McWeeney** bt Craig & Brown w/o ret'd.

Final: **Mrs Leonard & McWeeney** bt Webb & von Schmieder +10.

Southwick Weekend Tournament June 11-13

The weekend tournament was a great success, being played in excellent weather under the very efficient management of Patricia Shine. Twenty eight players competed, divided into four blocks of seven. Only Edna Cox managed to win all six games in a block, whilst the other block winners had to settle for one defeat (and some of us more than that!).

The games were played on first class Southwick lawns with all hoops meticulously set at regulation width, although at times they seemed even narrower! No game was double banked which is such a refreshing change in tournaments these days. The writer finds the game of croquet hard enough without having to worry about the shout of 'look-out' moments before a ball from the other game homes in on you like an Exocet missile.

The catering on all three days was superb with Edith Tucker's home-made blackcurrant jam being a particular favourite of the writer, making his daily journey from London worthwhile for that alone.

Winners

BLOCK A: **D.L. Gaunt** (4½) 5 wins 67 points
BLOCK B: **M.F. Phelps** (½) 5 wins 73 points
BLOCK C: **Mrs N.W.T. Cox** (4) 6 wins 63 points
BLOCK D: **Alec F. Coleman** (1) 5 wins 53 points
Runners-Up
BLOCK A: **D. Goulding** (3) 4 wins 54 points
BLOCK B: **D.C. Caporn** (3½) 4 wins 20 points
BLOCK C: **P.G. Gunn** (4) 5 wins 52 points
BLOCK D: **P.J. Shepard** (5½) 5 wins 46 points

Ryde Croquet Tournament 14th-19th June 1982

This year was Ryde's 64th annual croquet tournament held during the 75th anniversary year of the founding of the club. Much work had been given to the preparation of the lawns and as a result they were in good condition and became quite fast by Thursday after plenty of sunshine and sea breezes. Some rain fell on Friday and Saturday but not enough to spoil a thoroughly enjoyable week's croquet. It says much for Mrs Edith Tucker's Management in trying to ensure continuity of activity that, with only one exception, all players had games to play each day until Friday afternoon.

The Class A event, the Isle of Wight Championship Trophy, was played on the basis of best of three games at each round. Dr C. A. Parker won decisively by beating all his opponents in two games. Alan somehow looked like being the ultimate winner, right from the beginning.

Ian Card won the Chapman cup (B class). He won the C class event last year, but Ian has been improving rapidly. Even though he sometimes found himself at some disadvantage through lack of experience with the game of advanced play, he still proved himself too good to be beaten.

Arthur Rowlands successfully defended his title to the handicap singles event, and similarly the doubles was won again this year by Roy Newnham and Ian Card.

The prizegiving ceremony at Ryde is always a happy affair, and once again we had the pleasure of meeting Miss Joan Preston who, at the age of eight, was a family member of the club when it opened in July 1907 and has been a member ever since. This must be quite a record. On the wall of the clubhouse (same clubhouse) is a fine old photograph of the opening day which Joan remembers was attended by the band of

the Royal Fusiliers. In its usual thoughtful way the club made a surprise presentation of a bouquet of yellow roses to Mrs Gwyneth Mann to mark the occasion of the 50th anniversary of her wedding. Though moved almost to tears, Philip rose to the occasion and sang the cockney song telling us that there ain't a lady in the land that he'd swop for his dear old Dutch. We felt we already knew this and were touched by his impromptu performance.

Under its president, Joe Orchard, Ryde club offers a wonderful hospitality to its visitors so that the week is as much a holiday as a tournament. Although over half the players were visitors, more could have played. It could be that some are discouraged by the idea of travelling by car to the Isle of Wight but one wonders whether they have considered using the very convenient train and boat service which operates at hourly intervals throughout the day for seven days a week. Reasonable accommodation exists within walking distance of the club.

Event 1. The Challenge Cup. Singles. Advanced

First Round: **Dr C.A. Parker** bt M.G. Tompkinson +7 +5.

Semi-final: **G. Birch** bt F.H. Newman -21 +5 +12, **Parker** bt. L. Wharrad +6 +11.

Final: **Parker** bt Birch +19 +19.

Event 2. 'B' Draw. Chapman Cup. 4½ to 8 Bishes. Singles. Advanced DRAW

First Round: **Mrs P.H. Mann** bt F.A. Rowlands +11, **I. Card** bt R.W. Newnham +2, **C. Abderhalden** bt C.G. Pountney +4.

Semi-final: **Mrs Abderhalden** bt Mrs Mann +12, **Abderhalden** bt Card +11.

Final: **Abderhalden** bt Mrs Abderhalden +5.

PROCESS

First Round: **I. Card** bt Mrs C. Abderhalden +3, **C.G. Pountney** bt Mrs P.H. Mann +12, **F.A. Rowlands** bt C. Abderhalden +9.

Semi-final: **Card** bt Pountney +7 (OT), **Newnham** bt Rowlands +4 (OT).

Final: **Card** bt Newnham +1 (OT).

PLAY-OFF: **Card** bt Abderhalden +16.

Event 3. Handicap Singles. 9 bisques and over. American. 22 point game

Handicap		Thomas	Mrs Wharrad	P. Mann	Mrs Hudson	Mrs Parker	Net points	Wins
10	J.S.H. Thomas		+2	+8	+11	+9	+30	4
11	Mrs L. Wharrad	-2		+8	+3	+5	+24	3
10	P.H. Mann	-8	-8		+3	+10	-3	2
10	Mrs S.B. Hudson	-11	-3	-3		+14	-3	1
10	Mrs C.A. Parker	-9	-15	-10	-14		-48	0

Event 4X. The Dibley Cup. Singles Handicap

First Round: **F.A. Rowlands** (7) bt L. Wharrad (2½) +18, **F.H. Newman** (3) bt Mrs P.H. Mann (8) +8, **I. Card** (6) bt P.H. Mann (10) +15, **Dr C.A. Parker** (3) bt Mrs C. Abderhalden (8) +12, **J.S.H. Thomas** (10) bt C.G. Pountney (6) +12, **R.W. Newnham** (5) bt Mrs C.A. Parker (10) +12, **M.G. Tompkinson** (1½) bt C. Abderhalden (5½) +15.

Second Round: **Rowlands** bt Newman +10, **Dr Parker** bt Card +3, **Thomas** bt Newnham +5, **Tompkinson** bt Mrs L. Wharrad (11) +7.

Semi-final: **Rowlands** bt Dr Parker +10, **Tompkinson** bt Thomas +9.

Final: **Rowlands** bt Tompkinson +14.

Event 4Y. Benest Cup. 22 point game. Singles Handicap

First Round: **L. Wharrad** (2½) bt Mrs. P. Mann (8) +9, **Mrs C. Abderhalden** (8) bt P. Mann (10) +13, **C.G. Pountney** (6) bt Mrs C.A. Parker (10) +12, **C. Abderhalden** (5½) bt Mrs. L. Wharrad (11) +3.

Semi-final: **Wharrad** bt Mrs Abderhalden +8, **C. Abderhalden** bt Pountney +18.

Final: **Wharrad** bt C. Abderhalden +14.

Event 4Z. 18-point game

First Round: **P. Mann** (10) bt I. Card (6) w/o scr., **F.H. Newman** (3) bt R.W. Newnham (5) +3, **Mrs C.A. Parker** (10) bt Mrs P. Mann (8) +3.

Semi-final: **Newman** bt P. Mann +2, **Mrs L. Wharrad** (11) bt Mrs Parker +14.

Final: **Newman** bt Mrs Wharrad +11.

Event 5. Birch Cups. Doubles Handicap

First Round: **M. Tompkinson & P. Mann** (11½) bt Mr & Mrs C. Abderhalden (13½) +10, **Dr & Mrs C.A. Parker** (13) bt C.G. Pountney & A. Rowlands (13) +8, **Mrs P. Mann & J.S.H. Thomas** (18) bt Mr & Mrs L. Wharrad (13½) +11.

Semi-final: **Dr & Mrs Parker** bt Tompkinson & Mann +1 (OT), **R. Newnham & I Card** (11) bt Mann & Thomas +9 (OT).

Final: **Newnham & Card** bt Dr & Mrs Parker +24.

Edgbaston Open Weekend June 18th-20th

This weekend is a new addition to the association's fixture list although it has been in existence since 1979. The partially demolished pavilion was supplemented by facilities offered by a local school to the satisfaction of all. Even so, we look forward to the new structure which should be complete by the end of the season.

The two blocks were of roughly equal strength. From the start it looked as though Block A would be settled by the result of the Ken Jones-Phil Cordingley game on Sunday morning and so it proved despite an impressive performance by Alan Sutcliffe who beat Ken in the afternoon but could not prevent him from winning the block.

Alan Girling also suffered an unexpected loss on Sunday to Martin Granger Brown but made sure of winning block B by beating Gerard Healy in his last game.

Victory for the home players in both blocks — but an enjoyable 2½ days for all (play started on Friday evening) in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Advanced Play

BLOCK A:

K.E. Jones 5 wins (+72) bt Miss Assheton +25, Hawkins +18, Cordingley +15, Meads +5, Wheeler +18.

P. Cordingley 5 wins (+61) bt Miss Assheton +22, Hawkins +10, Meads +18, Sutcliffe +10, Wheeler +16.

L.H. Hawkins 4 wins (+48) bt Miss Assheton +21, Meads +16, Sutcliffe +25, Wheeler +14.

A. Sutcliffe 4 wins (+5) bt Miss Assheton +11, Meads +12, Wheeler +8, Jones +9.

J.D. Meads 2 wins bt Miss Assheton +17, Wheeler +14.

Dr R.F. Wheeler 1 win bt Miss Assheton +15.

Miss J.E. Assheton 0 wins.

BLOCK B:

A.J. Girling 5 wins (+66) bt Hare +10, Healy +6, Jones +22, Miss Hewitson +19, Kolbusewski +16.

Dr M. Kolbusewski 5 wins (+24) bt Hare +1, Healy + (OT), Jones +22, Brown +8.

G.P.N. Healy 3 wins (+14) bt Jones +19, Miss Hewitson +14, Brown +8.

Dr R.C. Jones 3 wins (-27) bt Hare +12, Miss Hewitson +14, Brown +10.

S. Hare 2 wins (0) bt Healy +20, Miss Hewitson +22.

M. Granger Brown 2 wins (-14) bt Hare +19, Girling +7.

Miss H. Hewitson 1 win bt Brown +14.

No Play-Off took place owing to lack of time.

Veterans Championship (Compton 21st to 26th June)

The 12th Veterans Championship was held at Compton again and once more a happy and successful event thanks to the kind hospitality of the Compton Club and the quiet but efficient management of Edith Tucker. A few too many entries were accepted which necessitated some double banking on the first two days and although the weather did not live up to the reputation of flaming June nothing could deter the enthusiasm of those taking part. Such is the popularity of the fixture that some before leaving were asking the date and venue of the 1983 tournament so that they could book in there and then to avoid failing to be accepted as quite a few were this year.

The Championship was won as a result of consistent play throughout the week by Dudley Hamilton-Miller — a true Veteran who won the first of his two Open Championships as long ago as 1938. The B class singles for the Felixstowe Cup was won by Guy Betts who showed amazing stamina on the last day. Starting at 10 a.m. he won the doubles with Lionel Adams in a nail-biting match against Dudley Hamilton-Miller and Jocelyn Sundius-Smith by 2, he then polished off Richard Rothwell in the B Process and finally in the play-off for the cup Edna Cox coming off court at about 7.30 p.m. Not bad for a youngster of nearly 80.

With Giles Borrett beating off the challenge of much improving John Exell in the final of the big handicap and Hubert Pim emerging victorious in the Restricted Singles the average age of all the winners must have been about 80 — a true Veteran's meeting.

Southwick Open W/E 25-27 June

Best of Three. Singles Advanced

First Round: **J.R. McCullough** bt D.J. Croker +5 +16, **I.D. Bond** bt H.O. Hicks +21 +16, **S.N. Mulliner** bt J.G.C. Phillips +17 +1, **J. Haigh** bt T.F. Owen +4 -11 +15, **D.R. Foulser** bt Dr R. Wood +18 +23, **S.J.H. Wright** bt R.M. Hobbs +22 +17, **P.W. Hands** bt Dr B.D. Yallop +26 +25, **P.M. Johnson** bt Mrs C. Knox +14 -10 +10.

Second Round: **Bond** bt McCullough +14 -15 +26, **Mulliner** bt Haigh +16 +13, **Foulser** bt Wright +17 +13, **Hands** bt Johnson +16 +22.

Semi-final: **Mulliner** bt Bond +6 +10, **Foulser** bt Hands +25, -17 QdP +4.

Final: **Mulliner** bt Foulser* +16 +25 (TP)

* C.A. Silver Medal.

Nottingham 25-27th June

3 American blocks (26 entries)

BLOCK A: (Advanced Play, 9 Competitors H'cap -½ 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 H'cap 1½ 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.J. 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) bt Hopewell +17 and Jones +2.

G. Henshaw (1 win) bt Mrs Wheeler.

BLOCK C: (Ordinary Level Play, 8 Competitors H'cap 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 +13.

Dr R.F. Wheeler (2 wins) bt Mrs A.J. Bucknell +23 and Straw +22.

Mrs A.J. Bucknell (0 wins).

Budleigh Salterton II. 28th June-3rd July

This, the first visit by Denis Moorcraft in the capacity of Manager, showed us how a Tournament can be run smoothly and finished on time in spite of the number of games to be played by the leading players in the last days; he was helped by fine weather and good playing conditions. Ray Stevens, the Tournament Secretary, had the arrangements well under control, and Bob and Peter, the groundsman, had got the lawns in very good trim under his direction.

The Tournament was notable for the success of the entrants from Cambridge, who carried off eight of the fourteen prizes. We were glad to hear of the interest in the game there; apparently nearly 300 pairs entered for the University Doubles Competition, certainly a major undertaking for the organisers.

Keith Aiton, the Cambridge Captain, won all his matches and only lost one game, that against Bill Perry, a former Club and South-West Champion. Keith's four 'triple peels' were a treat to watch, and there were quite as many attempts by himself and others which did not quite come off. At the moment we are not accustomed to this at Budleigh, clearly we shall have to pull up our socks!

Close finishes are always enjoyed by the spectators, perhaps the closest was when Charles Evans and Paul Gregg each had a clip on the peg with the partner ball pegged out. Time was called when Paul was on the east boundary and Charles only a foot south-east of the peg. Undismayed by the odds against him, Paul hit in and went out.

Kitty Wheeler paid the penalty for missing a peg-out with her forward ball. She pegged out the other, but Helga Cruden, three hoops behind, did a good hit-in and went out.

Frank Shergold was lucky not to meet the same fate. Going past the stick to split up his opponent's balls on the east boundary he accidentally pegged himself out. Peter West, on penult. and two back, then got both balls to Rover; stuck in it in the time-honoured way and let Frank back in to win +4.

The prowess of Keith Aiton and Jeremy Short in the Doubles should be mentioned. Usually receiving bisques (they were at 2 and 12 handicaps) Keith used them to get his partner round to four-back (twice), to penult. and to Rover. Jeremy did all that was asked of him, including a final hoop and peg-out. Keith succeeded in making two 'triple peels' and a 'double peel'; not surprisingly, only four hoop points were made against them in four games. However the handicapper, Ken Schofield, was watching and they will find their next handicap games harder.

Event 1. Colman Cup. Singles Advanced

DRAW

First Round: R.S. Stevens bt Dr C.A. Parker, D.H. Moorcraft bt Dr R.D. Bowen +2.

Second Round: L.S. Butler bt B.G. Perry +26, D. Gunaskera bt Stevens +6, Mrs Wheeler bt Moorcraft +4, K.M.H. Aiton bt J.H.J. Soutter +9.

Semi-final: Gunaskera bt Butler +18, Aiton bt Mrs Wheeler +15.

Final: Aiton bt Gunaskera +8 (TP).

PLAY-OFF: Aiton bt Gunaskera +26 (TP).

PROCESS

First Round: L.S. Butler bt J.H.J. Soutter +6, B.G. Perry bt K.M.H. Aiton +17.

Second Round: Butler bt Dr C.A. Parker +4, D. Gunaskera bt Dr R.D. Bowen +14, Perry bt D.H. Moorcraft +4, Mrs K.M.O. Wheeler bt R.S. Stevens +13.

Semi-final: Gunaskera bt Butler +7, Perry bt Mrs Wheeler +10.

Final: Gunaskera bt Perry +26.

Event 2. Longman Cup. 3½ to 7½ Bisques. Singles. Advanced

DRAW

First Round: C. Edwards bt D.C. Wallace, P.J. Shepard bt R.H.C. Carder +20, Mrs C. Bagnall bt Mrs J.H.J. Soutter +19, Mrs R.S. Stevens bt Mrs P.A. Derryhouse +10.

Second Round: Mrs H. Cruden bt Mrs K. Mapstone w/o, F.L. Shergold bt W.A. Scar +26, N.G. Hyne bt R.A. Peirce +17, Shepard bt Edwards +16, Mrs Bagnall bt Mrs Stevens +17, A. Rushbrooke bt K.S. Schofield w/o, Dr W.R. Bucknall bt Mrs W.A. Scarr +16, Dr P.D.B. West bt Miss P.E. Parker +11.

Third Round: Shergold bt Mrs Cruden +24, Hyne bt Shepard +6 (OT), Rushbrooke bt Mrs. Bagnall +6, West bt Bucknall +23.

Semi-final: Shergold bt Hyne +13, West bt Rushbrooke +24.

Final: Shergold bt West +8.

PLAY-OFF: Shergold bt Hyne +3.

PROCESS

First Round: Dr W.R. Bucknall bt Mrs H. Cruden +15, F.L. Shergold bt Miss P.E. Parker +19, Dr P.D.B. West bt W.A. Scarr +19.

Second Round: P.J. Shepard bt Dr Bucknall +10 (OT), R.A. Pierce bt Mrs R.S. Stevens +3 (OT), Shergold bt Mrs C. Bagnall +7, A. Rushbrooke bt C. Edwards +22, R. H. C. Carder bt Mrs W.A. Scarr +8, N.G. Hyne bt Mrs P.A. Derryhouse +23, West bt Mrs J.H.J. Soutter +24, D.C. Wallace bt K.S. Schofield w/o.

Third Round: Shepard bt Peirce +11, Rushbrooke bt Shergold +2, Hyne bt Carder, West bt Wallace w/o.

Semi-final: Rushbrooke bt Shepard +18, Hyne bt West +8.

Final: Hyne bt Rushbrooke +22.

Event 4 X. Oliver Bowl. Singles Handicap

First Round: D.H. Moorcraft (1½) bt Mrs J.M. Goode (7) +11, D.G. Riches (13) bt R.A. Peirce (5) w/o, J.H.J. Soutter (1) bt K.S. Schofield (4) w/o, L.S. Butler (½) bt Mrs K. Mapstone (5) +22, Mrs. R.S. Stevens (7) bt Col G.T. Wheeler (4½) +15, D. Gunaskera (2) bt Mrs S.F. Blackler (11) +5, W. Broad-Thomas (8) bt Mrs J.H.J. Soutter (5½) w/o, N.G. Hyne (5) bt Dr C.A. Parker (2½) +15, Dr P.D.B. West (3½) bt P. Gregg (10) +12, F.L. Shergold (3½) bt Mrs D.H. Moorcraft (12) +12, F.T. Moores (8) bt J.A. Short (12) +5.

Second Round: Mrs D. Wallace (7) bt A. Rushbrooke (5½) +18, P.J. Shepard (5½) bt S.F. Blackler (9) +4 (OT), P.A. Derryhouse (8) bt Miss P.E. Parker (6) +4, W.A. Scarr (6) bt Dr C.W. Marshall (9) +16, Dr R.D. Bowen (2) bt Mrs E.M. Pursey (7½) +15, Moorcraft bt Riches +3, Soutter bt Butler +3, Gunaskera bt Mrs Stevens +14, Hyne bt Broad-Thomas +15, Shergold bt West +4, Moores bt Mrs C.W. Marshall (9) +14, Mrs W.A. Scarr (5) bt R.H.C. Carder (4) +20, Mrs P.A. Derryhouse (7½) bt Mrs C. Bagnall (4) +10, R.S. Stevens (2) bt Mrs C.A. Parker (10) +8, Mrs H. Cruden (7½) bt Mrs K.M.O. Wheeler (3) +1, K.M.H. Aiton (2) bt Dr W.R. Bucknall (4½) +17.

Third Round: Shepard bt Mrs Wallace +11, Scarr bt Derryhouse +11, Moorcraft bt Bowen +2, Gunaskera bt Soutter +20, Hyne bt Shergold +8, Mrs Scarr bt Moores +12, Mrs Derryhouse bt Stevens +13, Aiton bt Mrs Cruden +20 (TP).

Fourth Round: Scarr bt Shepard +2, Gunaskera bt Moorcraft +18, Hyne bt Mrs Scarr +5, Aiton bt Mrs Derryhouse +21 (TP).

Semi-final: Scarr bt Gunaskera +24, Aiton bt Hyne +1.

Final: Aiton bt Scarr +17.

Event 4 Y. Oliver Bowl. 22-point game. Singles Handicap

First Round: Mrs J.M. Goode (7) bt Mrs E.M. Pursey (7½) +9, R.A. Peirce (5) bt D.G. Riches (13) w/o, K.S. Schofield (4) bt Col G.T. Wheeler (4½) +7, Mrs S.F. Blackler (11) bt Mrs J.H.J. Soutter (5½) +15, W. Broad-Thomas (8) bt Dr C.A. Parker (2½) +12, P. Gregg (10) bt Mrs D.H. Moorcraft (12) +7 (OT), J.A. Short (12) bt Mrs C.W. Marshall (9) +5.

Second Round: S.F. Blackler (9) bt A. Rushbrooke (5½) +14, Miss P.E. Parker (6) bt Dr C.W. Marshall (9) +9, Peirce bt Mrs Goode +21, Mrs Blackler bt Schofield opp. ret'd on peg, Gregg bt Broad-Thomas +12, Short bt R.H.C. Carder (4) +6, Mrs C.A. Parker (10) bt Mrs C. Bagnall (4) opp. ret'd on peg, Dr W.R. Bucknall (4½) bt Mrs K.M.O. Wheeler (3) +10 (OT).

Third Round: Blackler bt Miss Parker +7 (OT), Mrs Blackler bt Peirce +13, Short bt Gregg +2, Dr Bucknall bt Mrs Parker +10.

Semi-final: Blackler bt Mrs Blackler +2 (OT), Dr Bucknall bt Short +2.

Final: Blackler bt Dr. Bucknall +21.

Event 5. Le Mesurier Cups. 3rd Hoop Start, 3½ hour limit. Doubles Handicap

First Round: L.S. Butler & Miss P.E. Parker (6½) bt Mrs H. Cruden & P. Gregg (17½) +5, F.L. Shergold & D.G. Riches (17½) bt Mr & Mrs J.H.J. Soutter (6½) +17, Mrs C. Bagnall & Mrs J.M. Goode (11) bt Col & Mrs G.T. Wheeler +18, Mr & Mrs Derryhouse (15½) bt Dr W.R. Bucknall & Mrs E.M. Pursey (12) +5, A. Rushbrooke & R.H.C. Carder (9½) bt Dr R.D. Bowen & Mrs C.W. Marshall (11) +12, D. Gunaskera & N.G. Hyne (7) bt Dr & Mrs C.A. Parker (12½) +5, K.M.H. Aiton & J.A. Short (14) bt Mr & Mrs W.A. Scarr (11) +19 (TP).

Second Round: R.A. Peirce & F.T. Moores (13) bt W. Broad-Thomas & S.F. Blackler (17) +7, D.G. Riches & Mrs D.C. Wallace (20) bt C. Edwards & Dr C.W. Evans (16) +9, Butler & Miss Parker bt Shergold & Mrs Riches +6, Mrs Bagnall & Mrs Goode bt Mr & Mrs Derryhouse +2 (OT), Gunaskera & Hyne bt Rushbrooke & Carder +15, Aiton & Short bt Dr P.D.B. West & Dr C.W. Marshall (12½) +21, P.J. Shepard & Mrs S.F. Blackler (16½) bt Mr & Mrs B.G. Perry (11½) +21, Mr & Mrs R.S. Stevens (9) bt Mr & Mrs D.H. Moorcraft (11½) +10.

Third Round: Pierce & Moores bt Riches & Mrs Wallace +10, Butler & Miss Parker bt Mrs Bagnall & Mrs Goode, Aiton & Short bt Gunaskera & Hyne +22, Stevens bt Shepard & Mrs Blackler +4 (OT).

Semi-final: Butler & Miss Parker bt Peirce & Moores +12, Aiton & Short bt Stevens +22.

Final: Aiton & Short bt Butler & Miss Parker +22.

Event 3X. Stone Cup. 8 Bisques and over. Singles Handicap

First Round: P. Gregg (10) bt Dr. C.W. Evans (10) +1, P.A. Derryhouse (8) bt Mrs S.F. Blackler (11) +7 (OT), D.G. Riches (13) bt Mrs D.H. Moorcraft (12) +9, J.A. Short (12) bt Mrs C.W. Marshall (9) +19, W. Broad-Thomas (8) bt Mrs C.A. Parker (10) +7 (OT).

Second Round: Gregg bt Dr C.W. Marshall (9) +10, Derryhouse bt Riches +9 (OT), Short bt Broad-Thomas +7, S.F. Blackler (9) bt F.T. Moores (8) +14.

Semi-final: Derryhouse bt Gregg +2 (OT), Blackler bt Short +1 (OT).

Final: Derryhouse bt Blackler +7 (OT).

Event 3Y. Stone Cup. 22 points: 8 bisques and over. Singles Handicap

First Round: Dr C.W. Marshall (9) bt Dr C.W. Evans (10) +13, Mrs Moorcraft (12) bt Mrs S.F. Blackler (11) +1 (OT), Mrs C.A. Parker (10) bt Mrs C.W. Marshall (9) +6.

Semi-final: Mrs Moorcraft bt Dr Marshall, F.T. Moores (8) bt Mrs Parker +10.

Final: Moores bt Mrs Moorcraft +1 (OT).

Wrest Park Open W/E 2-4 July

BLOCK A: S.N. Mulliner 7 wins bt E. Bell +13, Cordingley +26, Foulser +3, Murray +17, Noble +17, Openshaw +14, Vincent +18; D.K. Openshaw 6 wins bt Bell +26TP, Cordingley +26, Foulser +26, McCullough +26TP, Murray +25, Vincent +6; P. Cordingley 5 wins bt Foulser +18, McCullough +20, Murray +23, Noble +16, Vincent +9; E. Bell 3 wins 36 pts bt Cordingley +17TP, Murray +26, G. Noble +26; J. McCullough 3 wins bt E. Bell +3, D. Foulser +25, S. Mulliner +24TP, Murray +26; G. Noble 3 wins -40 pts bt Foulser +26TP, McCullough +17, Openshaw +6TP; Dr I.G. Vincent 3 wins -47 pts bt Bell +6, McCullough +10, Noble +5; D. Foulser 2 wins bt Bell +17, Vincent +26.

BLOCK B: Dr T Haste 7 wins bt Coward +14, Girling +6, Green +22, Jones +2, Keen +25, Meads +18, Wheeler +19; A. Girling 5 wins bt Green +15, Jones +16, Keen +26, Meads +20, Wheeler +13; M. Coward 4 wins 43 pts bt Girling +26TP, Jones +5TPO, Meads +24TP, Wheeler +10QdPO (lost to Haste -14 after a TPO); H.C. Green 4 wins -25 pts bt Coward +3, Jones +3, Meads +12, Wheeler +4; K. Jones 3 wins +20, bt Keen +22, Meads +10, Wheeler +14; B.A. Keen 3 wins -56 pts bt Coward +5, Green +10, Wheeler +18; J.D. Meads 2 wins bt Keen +16, Wheeler +19; J.A. Wheeler no win.

BLOCK C: J.R. Hilditch 6 wins 86 pts bt Allim +14, Alvey +25, Audsley +22, Lewis +5, Mrs Neville-Rolfe +3, Mrs Wheeler +18; C. Irwin 6 wins 68 pts bt Allim +9, Alvey +6, Audsley +9, Hilditch +1, Lewis +25, Mrs Neville-Rolfe +23; R. Allim 5 wins bt Alvey +10, Audley +15, Lewis +26, Mrs Neville-Rolfe +16, Mrs Wheeler +22; P. Alvey 3 wins -14 pts bt Audsley +8, Mrs Neville-Rolfe +15, Mrs Wheeler +11; E. Audsley 3 wins -34 bt Lewis +1, Mrs Neville-Rolfe +9, Mrs Wheeler +10; Mrs D.A.B. Wheeler 3 wins -45 pts bt Irwin +5, Lewis +3t, Mrs Neville-Rolfe +8t; S. Lewis 2 wins bt Alvey +5, Mrs Neville-Rolfe +7; Mrs J. Neville-Rolfe no win.

BLOCK D: J. Coultts 6 wins bt Anderson +17, Collin +25, Jones +19, Stoker +15, Wallis +4, Wheeler +3; T.W. Anderson 5 wins 39 pts bt Jones +15, Peterson +4, Stoker +17, Wallis +2t, Wheeler +15; A. Collin 5 wins 35 pts bt Jones +18, Peterson +23, Stoker +12, Wheeler +8; R. Wallis 4 wins 34 pts bt Collin +14, Jones +4, Stoker +15, Wheeler +16; D. Peterson 4 wins 8 pts bt Coultts +17, Stoker +18, Wallis +7, Wheeler +7; Dr R. Jones 3 wins bt Peterson +4, Stoker +13, Wheeler +11; P. Stoker 1 win bt Wheeler +19; Dr R. Wheeler no win.

The manager increased the tournament by yet another block and 240 games were completed on six lawns in the three days with minimal double banking in the top block. The social diary included a buffet supper in the social centre at Wrest Park on Friday evening and a five course dinner in The Jolly Coopers, Flitton, on Saturday evening. On Friday Martin Murray showed slides taken during the Test tour to New Zealand in 1979 and a trip he and Andrew Hope made two years later. On the lawns David Openshaw, the winner of the top block, in 1981 just failed to win this year, scoring 6/8 wins, the winner was Steve Mulliner with 7/8. In third place was newly promoted Phillip Cordingley with 5/8. David won four of his games with maximum points, two of them with triple peels, Steve lost but one of his, John McCullough beat him +24TP. There were seven triple peels completed in the top block but the peeling star of the weekend was Martin Coward. Martin completed a QPO, a winning TPO, a losing TPO and two TPs in spite of all this he came third. The winner of this block was a very determined Tim Haste with 7/7. Block 3 was fairly evenly balanced and was eventually won by Richard Hilditch who just missed a 100% record when runner-up Chris Irwin beat him +1. Tom Anderson appeared to be winning the race for the fourth block until Sunday when he was beaten by the eventual winner John Coultts.

Edgbaston 23-25 July

Handicap Weekend, 3 American Blocks (21 entries)

Unperturbed by the barrow-loads of sand being wheeled round the boundary of lawn 1, play got off to a prompt start on Friday morning. Mary Collin gave warning to the rest of Block B in beating Bevis Sandford by 16. She is a much improved player and lost only to Tony Watkins who was also in peak form throughout the tournament. All the blocks were closely contested, Alan Gordon taking block A having played exceptionally well on Saturday and Andrew Collin emerged a clear winner in block C.

Building work on the new pavilion detracted somewhat from the proceedings on Friday but will no doubt enhance the club as a tournament venue in future. It is to be hoped that the weekend will become a regular fixture after an enjoyable start this year.

Handicap, America Blocks (21 entries)

BLOCK A: A. Gordon (6½) 5 wins (+52) bt Jones +3, Kolbuszewski +21, Pountney +1, Bennet +19, Miss Curtois +14; K. Jones (½) 5 wins (+38) bt Kolbuszewski +7, Pountney +16, Bennet +4, Welch +7, Miss Curtois +7; A. Bennet 4 wins (+53) bt Kolbuszewski +26, Pountney +14, Welch +21, Miss Curtois +15; R. Welch (6½) 4 wins (+23) bt Kolbuszewski +26, Pountney +9, Gordon +6, Miss Curtois +10; C. Pountney (6) 2 wins bt Kolbuszewski +4, Miss Curtois +16; M. Kolbuszewski (2½) 1 win bt Miss Curtois +8; Miss M. Curtois (14) 0 wins.

BLOCK B: Mrs A. Collin (9) 5 wins (+63) bt Meads +26, Henshaw +11, Sanford +16, Jones +9, Mrs Worsley +3; A. Watkins (8) 5 wins (+44) bt Meads +24, Sanford +6, Jones +22, Mrs Collin +2, Mrs Worsley +8; R. Jones (4½) 4 wins bt Meads +19, Henshaw +24, Sanford +13, Mrs Worsley +9; Mrs V. Worsley (11) 2 wins (-7) bt Meads +8, Sanford +21; G. Henshaw (3) 2 wins (-15) bt Watkins +18, Mrs Worsley +16; C.B. Sanford (4½) 2 wins (-29) bt Meads +20, Henshaw +7; J. Meads (1½) bt Henshaw +7.

BLOCK C: A. Collin (3) 4 wins bt Tompkinson +16, Assheton +4, Meredith +10, Mrs Flutter +9; I. Meredith (7) 3 wins (+12) bt Tompkinson +11, Mrs Hague +5, Assheton +19; M. Tompkinson (1½) 3 wins (-12) bt Mrs Hague +2, Assheton +3, Mrs Flutter +10; Mrs R. Flutter (14) 2 wins (+5) bt Assheton +14, Meredith +13; Mrs P. Hague (4½) 2 wins (-13) bt Collin +15, Mrs Flutter +3; J. Assheton (5½) 1 win bt Mrs Hague +25; Miss H. Hewitson (6) 2 wins (out of 4); A. Girling (1) 1 win (out of 2).

Colchester 4-10 July

Our drive down the A12 was made in anticipation of a week of pleasure on the lovely courts at Colchester. On arrival, there was Edward Duffield marking out the courts and adjusting every hoop; his courts you felt were very close to his heart. The result achieved over many years is indeed remarkable, every device is used and the result speaks for itself. And how the players responded! The standard of play was extremely high and time limits proved unnecessary. The player to catch the eye was a sixteen year old Mark Avery. His scales were delicately poised, exquisite touch, his play was a delight to watch. The contrast between

him and the cannon ball brigade is enormous. To return to happy subjects, a week of perfect weather, lovely sunshine and a gentle breeze was sublime. Your writer enjoyed enormously a visit to a private lawn at Wivenhoe. A lovely court in a picturesque setting of an old country house with stately trees, all so typically English. Here touch croquet could be played — sheer delight. Our host had just been successful at a local flower show with his sweet peas of glorious hues. The company present all took champagne from a silver cup to complete a delightful day.

The amenities at Colchester are exceptional. A well designed clubhouse of architectural merit must give much satisfaction to its designer and all of us. Inside a band of ladies provided excellent lunches and teas every day at a very modest charge.

The Draw and Process finals of the Opens provided play of the highest standard. A superbly played triple peel saw Mark Avery triumph by plus 17 over Ian Bond and, in the closest finish, Keith Aiton got home by plus 1 after pegging out Susan Wiggins' Rover leaving her other ball on 4 back. Splendid play saw her make the three hoops but she was denied a shot at the peg. The play-off was a classic, a perfectly played triple peel by Mark Avery was never in difficulty.

All good things come to an end. A tournament could not have been more expertly managed. Edward Duffield arranged that all courts were being used on Saturday. He was present early on Saturday to mark out all the courts, made necessary by a heavy thunderstorm on Friday evening. Our grateful thanks to him. The Chairman, Mrs Rita Stanley-Smith, called on Susan Wiggins to present the prizes in a very pleasant speech and the proceedings terminated.

Event 1. Open Singles. Advanced

DRAW

First Round: Mrs W.R.D. Wiggins bt H.O. Hicks +7, M.J. Coward bt I.D. Bond +26, M.N. Avery bt B.C. Sykes +17, Dr T.J. Haste bt R.M. Hobbs +3, G.P.N. Healy bt D.L. Gunasekera +19, K.M.H. Aiton bt R.A. Girling +22.

Second Round: Mrs Wiggins bt Dr W.R.D. Wiggins +16, Avery bt Coward +16, Haste bt Healy +15, Aiton bt J.R. Hilditch +17.

Semi-final: Mrs Wiggins bt Avery +17, Aiton bt Haste +19.

Final: Aiton bt Mrs Wiggins +1.

PROCESS

First Round: Dr T.J. Haste bt Dr W.R.D. Wiggins +23, K.M.H. Aiton bt M.J. Coward +4, Mrs W.R.D. Wiggins bt G.P.N. Healy +17, D.L. Gunasekera bt H.O. Hicks +21, J.R. Hilditch bt B.C. Sykes +17, I.D. Bond bt R.A. Girling +12.

Second Round: Aiton bt Haste +5, Avery bt Mrs Wiggins +17, Gunasekera bt Hilditch +10, Bond bt R.M. Hobbs +19.

Semi-final: Avery bt Aiton +9, Bond bt Gunasekera +14.

Avery bt Bond +17 (TP).

PLAY-OFF: Avery bt Aiton +26 (TP).

Event 2. Level Singles. 3 or over. Advanced

First Round: J.O. Walters bt G.F. Hallett +20, G.S. Digby bt R.S. Alford w/o.

Second Round: P. Bishop bt Mrs R. Stanley-Smith +20, Walters bt LtCol A.W.D. Nichols +10, Digby bt C.L. Sheen +6, Mrs E.E. Bressey bt Mrs P. Mann w/o.

Semi-final: Walters bt Bishop +24, Digby bt Mrs Bressey +10.

Final: Walters bt Digby +5.

Event 3. Restricted Handicap Singles. 7 and over

First Round: P.H. Mann bt D. Purdon +10, Mrs I.L.B. Chadwick bt Mrs J.A. Hetherington +2, Cdr G.L. Baker bt S.A. Clayton +6, J. Haslam bt Mrs P.H. Mann +9.

Semi-final — 5th hoop start: Chadwick bt Mann +17, Baker bt Haslam +5.

Final: Baker bt Chadwick +4.

Event 4. Unrestricted Singles Handicap

First Round: LtCol A.W.D. Nicholls (5) bt P.H. Mann (10) +11, C.L. Sheen bt Mrs R. Stanley-Smith +3, M.J. Coward bt Mrs W.R.D. Wiggins +22, J.R. Hilditch bt Mrs G.S. Digby +12, K.M.H. Aiton bt G.S. Digby +26 (TP), J.O. Walters bt D.L. Gunasekera +17, I.D. Bond bt R.M. Hobbs +24 (TP), Dr W.R.D. Wiggins bt Mrs J.A. Hetherington +9.

Second Round: G.P.N. Healy (1½) bt H.O. Hicks (1½) +11, Dr T.J. Haste (½) bt Mrs P.H. Mann (6½) +10, Sheen bt Nichols +16, Coward bt Hilditch +11, Aiton bt Walters +3, Bond bt Wiggins +19, R.A. Girling bt P. Bishop +13, Mrs E.E. Bressey bt G.F. Hallett +22.

Third Round: Healy bt Haste +8, Coward bt Sheen +10, Aiton bt Bond +18, Mrs Bressey bt Girling +17.

Semi-final: Coward bt Healy +13, Aiton bt Mrs Bressey +11.

Final: Coward bt Aiton +6.

Event 5. Handicap Doubles

First Round: M.N. Avery & J.O. Walters (4½) bt Dr & Mrs W.R.D. Wiggins (2½) +14, G.P.N. Healy & R.A. Girling (4) bt LtCol A.W.D. Mann (11½) +17, M.J. Coward & J.R. Hilditch (1½) bt LtCol A.W.D. Nichols & Mrs R. Stanley-Smith (11) +7, P. Bishop & Mrs E.E. Bressey (8) bt G.F. Hallett & Mrs J.A. Hetherington +7 (OT).

Second Round: G.S. Digby & C.L. Sheen (8) bt I.D. Bond & Mrs P.H. Mann (7½) +22, Avery & Walters bt Healy & Girling +11, Coward & Hilditch bt Bishop & Mrs Bressey +5 (OT), Dr T.J. Haste & R.M. Hobbs (1½) bt D.L. Gunasekera & K.M.H. Aiton (1½) +22.

Semi-final: Digby & Sheen bt Avery & Walters +2, Coward & Hilditch bt Haste & Hobbs +12.

Final: Digby & Sheen bt Coward & Hilditch +13.

Woking Irish Week

Woking Irish Week — Event A1 — Open Singles

Conditions

1. Advanced level singles play.
2. No time limits subject to regulation 8b.
3. 1st round — 2 American blocks of 4 competitors.
4. 2nd round — knockout between top 2 competitors in each block.

ROUND 1

Block I	JH	JSHB	WBD	JSM
J. Haigh		-17	-4	-4
J.S.H. Battison	+17		+15	+15
W.B. Denison	+4	-15		-13
J.S. Maude	+4	-15	+13	

Block II	JR	RAG	LW	SH
J. Rose		+7	+18	+23
R.A. Godby	-7		-1	+25
L. Wharrad	-18	+1		+17
S. Hampson	-23	-25	-17	

ROUND 2

Winner I J.S.H. Battison

Wharrad +1

Rose +25 (TP)

Second II L. Wharrad

Rose +10

Second I J.S. Maude

Rose +10

Winner II J. Rose

Woking Irish Week — Event A2 — Restricted Singles

Conditions

1. Advanced level singles play.
2. No time limits subject to regulation 8b.
3. 1st round — 2 American blocks of 4 competitors.
4. 2nd round — knockout between top 2 competitors in each block.

ROUND 1

Block I

	DC	DG	RS	AM
D. Caporn		-10	-22	+16
D. Goulding	+10		+12	+24
R.J. Smith	+22	-12		+17
A. Mrozinski	-16	-24	-17	

Block II

	AL	PG	DG	GR
A. Lindley		+11	+10	+15
P. Gunn	-11		-6	+23
D. Gaunt	-10	+6		+6
G. Roy	-15	-23	-6	

ROUND 2

Winner I D. Goulding

D. Goulding +25

Second II D. Gaunt

D. Goulding +2

Second I R.J. Smith

R.J. Smith +12

Winner II A. Lindley

— Event D — Handicap Singles

BLOCK A

Name	Hcp	JH	JG	DG	DG	AM	CM	JM	Tot	Pos
J. Haigh	½		-7	-3	-7	+3	+14	-18	2-17	5
J. Gosden	2½	+7		-17	-13	-10	+17	+10	3-12	4
D. Goulding	3	+3	+17		+6	+3	+9	+5	6+12	1
D. Gaunt	4½	+7	+13	-6		-3	+17	+9	4+40	2
A. McCormack	6½	-3	+16	-3	+3		+4	+10	4+30	3
Mrs C. Marshall	9	-14	-17	-9	-17	-4		-16	0-81	6
Mrs J. McDairmid	10	+18	-10	-5	-9	-10	+16		2=0	5

BLOCK B

Name	Hcp	KJ	WD	FN	PG	RG	MN	MW	Tot	Pos
K. Jones	1		+6	+12	+10	-16	+20	-15	5+47	1
W. Dennison/ P. McDairmid	2½ 10	-6		+8	-8	+1	+13	+5	4+13	3
F. Newman	3	-12	-8		-8	+17	-2	+9	2-4	5
P. Gunn	4	-10	+8	+8		+9	+13	+8	5+36	2
R. Gosden	6½	+16	-1	-17	-9		+12	+2	3+4	4
Mrs M. Nalder	8	-20	-13	+2	-13	-12		-3	1-59	6
Mrs M. Wharrad	9	-15	-5	-9	-8	-2	+3		1-36	6

BLOCK C

Name	Hcp	JR	JM	GR	DC	BW	BG	EM	Tot	Pos
J. Rose	0		-26	+5	+4	-5	+19	+10	4+7	2
J. Maude	2½	+26		+18	-14	-7	+2	-1	3+24	3
G. Roy	2½	-5	-18		+19	-6	+10	+9	3+9	4
D. Caporn	3	-4	+14	-19		+10	-13	+10	3-2	5
B. Whitehouse	4	+5	+7	+6	-10		+10	+10	5+28	1
Mrs B. Gosden	7	-19	-2	-10	+13	-10		-12	1-40	7
E. Matthews	12	-10	+1	-9	-10	-10	+12		2-26	6

BLOCK D

Name	Hcp	LW	AL	SH	MN	CS	AM	CM	Tot	Pos
L. Wharrad	2½		+23	+22	-8	+4	+14	+10	5+65	1
A. Lindley	3	-23		-5	-15	-11	+4	+11	2-39	5
Miss S. Hampson	3½	-22	+5		+7	+11	-18	+10	4-7	3
Mrs M. Newman	4½	+8	+15	-7		+1	-13	-14	3+42	4
C. Sandford	4½	-4	+11	-11	-1		-14	+13	2-6	5
A. Mrozinski	8	-14	-4	+18	+13	+14		+12	4+39	2
Dr C. Marshall	9	-10	-11	-10	+14	-13	-12		1-42	6

Event X. Open Doubles

First Round: Wharrad & Caporn bt Lindley & Gaunt +22, Goulding & Gunn bt Dennison & Roy +2, Haigh & Rose bt Godby & Hampson +21, Battison & Mrozinski bt Maude & Smith +9.

Semi-final: Goulding & Gunn bt Wharrad & Caporn +8, Haigh & Rose bt Battison & Mrozinski +20.

Final: Haigh & Rose bt Goulding & Gunn +22.

Event Y

Semi-final: Dennison & Roy bt Lindley & Gaunt +4, Maude & Smith bt Godby & Hampson +23.

Final: Dennison & Roy bt Maude & Smith +7.

One day Handicap Doubles. 3rd hoop start. Time 3 hours

First Round: D.C. Caporn & J.W.L. Wankling (10½) bt R.A. Godby & Mrs C.W. Marshall (9½) +6, J. Rose & Mrs M. Nalder (8) bt J. Haigh & Dr C.W. Marshall (9½) +10, D. Goulding & P.G. Gunn (7) bt Mr & Mrs L. Wharrad +2, A. Lindley & A.J. Mrozinski (10) bt Miss S. Hampson & D.L. Gaunt (8) +14.

Semi-final: Rose & Nalder bt Caporn & Wankling +11, Lindley & Mrozinski bt Goulding & Gunn +5 (OT).

Final: Lindley & Mrozinski bt Rose & Nalder +18.

Y Final: Hampson & Gaunt bt Gosdens +7.

Coleman Bowl. Open Doubles. 3rd hoop. No contact

First Round: W. Denison & A. Mrozinski bt Mr & Mrs R. Gosden +16, Carole Knox & Mrs M. Newman bt Miss S. Hampson & D. Gaunt +16, R.A. Godby & G. Roy bt L. Wharrad & G. Cuttle +15.

Semi-final: D. Goulding & F. Newman bt Denison & Mrozinski +6, Godby & Roy bt Knox & Newman +10.

Final: Goulding & Newman bt Godby & Roy +2.

Woking Opens (8 entries)

BLOCK A: L. Wharrad bt Carol Knox +13, G. Roy +9, Mrs M. Newman +19.

G. Roy bt Carol Knox +3 OT, Mrs M. Newman +24. Carol Knox bt Mrs M. Newman +16.

BLOCK B: **R.A. Godby** bt D. Goulding +5, F. Newman +14.
W.B. Denison bt R.A. Godby +10, F. Newman +15.
D. Goulding bt W.B. Denison +3.

Final: **Denison** bt Wharrad +17.

'B' Singles. Advanced Play 3½ to 9

BLOCK A: **D.L. Gaunt** bt Mrs R. Gosden +11, Mrs N. Nalder +12, G. Cuttle +9.

Mrs B. Gosden bt Mrs M. Nalder +8, G. Cuttle +3.
G. Cuttle bt Mrs M. Nalder +9.

BLOCK B: **Miss S. Hampson** bt R. Gosden +7, J. Wankling +7, A. Mrozinski +15.

R. Gosden bt J. Wankling +13, A. Mrozinski +14.
A. Mrozinski bt J. Wankling +5.

Final: **Gaunt** bt Hampson +14.

Southwick 5-10 July

Event 1. *Sussex Gold Cup. Open Singles. Advanced*

DRAW

First Round: **G.E.P. Jackson** bt T.F. Owen +17, **M.F. Phelps** bt E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +17.

Semi-final: **Jackson** bt W.E. Moore +8, **P.J. Death** bt Phelps +7.

Final: **Death** bt Jackson w/o.

PROCESS

First Round: **W.E. Moore** bt E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +12, **P.J. Death** bt G.E.P. Jackson +5 (OT).

Semi-final: **Moore** bt T.F. Owen +15, **Death** bt M.F. Phelps +5.

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

PLAY-OFF: **Death** bt Moore +6.

Event 2. *Ron Whetstone Cup. Level singles 2½ and over. Advanced*

DRAW

First Round: **D.M. Bull** bt Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +19, **Mrs H. Coombs** bt Mrs E. Staddon +7, **J.H. Bowman** bt Mrs E. Cox w/o, **J.E. Guest** bt Mrs R.E. Tucker +17.

Semi-final: **Bull** bt Coombs +16, **Bowman** bt Guest +17.

Final: **Bowman** bt Bull +18.

Play-off for 2nd place: **Mrs Cox** bt Bull +15.

PROCESS

First Round: **Mrs E. Cox** bt D.M. Bull +9 (OT), **Mrs R.E. Tucker** bt Mrs H. Coombs +1 (OT), **J.H. Bowman** bt Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +15, **J.E. Guest** bt Mrs E. Staddon +18.

Semi-final: **Mrs Cox** bt Mrs Tucker +12, **Bowman** bt Guest +9.

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

Event 3. *Franc Cup. 5½ and over. Singles Handicap*

DRAW

First Round: **Miss B. Dennant** (8) bt Mrs E. Lewis (8) +15, **L.B. Barnes** (6) bt E.B.T. Tanner (6) +5, **J.F. Exell** (7) bt C.J. Chandler (6) +13, **Mrs I.B. Tucker** (6½) bt T.G.S. Colls (7) +9.

Second Round: **A.J. Betts** (5½) bt Miss Dennant +10, **Exell** bt Barnes +5, **P.J. Shepard** (5½) bt Mrs Tucker +18, **Mrs M. Grout** (7½) bt G.F. Paxon (5½) +4.

PROCESS

First Round: **Tanner** (6) bt Mrs M. Grout (7½) +8, **Mrs E. Lewis** (7½) bt Mrs I.B. Tucker (6½) +8, **T.G.S. Colls** (7) bt Miss B. Dennant (8) +11, **L.B. Barnes** (6) bt G.F. Paxon (5½) +5 (OT).

Second Round: **A.J. Betts** (5½) bt Tanner +17, **C.J. Chandler** (6) bt Miss Lewis +10, **F.J. Exell** (7) bt Colls +9, **P.J. Shepard** (5½) bt Barnes +4.

MARRIAGE

First Round: **C.J. Chandler** bt Mrs M. Grout.

Semi-final: **P.J. Shepard** bt A.J. Betts +1, **Chandler** bt F.J. Exell +15.

Final: **Shepard** bt Chandler +14.

Event 4. *Monteith Bowl. 9 and over. Singles Handicap*

DRAW

First Round: **Mrs A. Smith** (16) bt Miss D. Harding (16) +17.

Second Round: **Mrs J. Barnes** (9) bt Mrs E. Ross (12) +1 (OT), **Mrs Smith** bt Mrs F. French (16) +9, **Mrs J. Chandler** (11) bt Mrs M. Tanner (12) +10, **Mrs E. Mapletoft** (13) bt F.J. Fowke (10) +8.

PROCESS

First Round: **Mrs E. Mapletoft** (13) bt Mrs J. Barnes (9) +11 (OT).

Second Round: **Mrs Mapletoft** bt Miss D. Harding (16) +12, **Mrs M. Tanner** (12) bt Mrs S. French (16) +1 (OT), **Mrs J. Chandler** (11) bt Mrs E. Ross (12) +7, **Mrs A. Smith** (16) bt F.J. Fowke (10) +15.

MARRIAGE D & P

First Round: **Mrs Barnes** bt Mrs Tanner.

Semi-final: **Mrs Mapletoft** bt Mrs J. Chandler +2, **Mrs Barnes** bt Mrs A. Smith +2.

Final: **Mrs Mapletoft** bt Mrs Barnes +14.

Event 5. *Handicap Singles. Maurice Reckitt Bowl*

Run as a Swiss (Bray). All competitors had 6 games.

J.H. Bowman and P. Death won 6 games each. In play-off Bowman bt Death +9.

A.J. Betts and M.F. Phelps won 5 games each.

Event 6. *Handicap Doubles. 22 point game*

First Round: **T.F. Owen & Mrs C.J. Chandler** (11½) bt Mrs H. Coombs & Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (9½) +9, **Mrs N.W.T. Cox & Mrs Mapletoft** (14½) bt Mr & Mrs L.B. Barnes (15) +14, **N.W.T. Cox & Mrs E. Ross** (16) bt Mr & Mrs E.B.T. Tanner (18) +1 (OT), **Bull/Tucker** bt Death/Fowke +2 (OT), **G.F. Paxon & Mrs E. Lewis** (13½) bt P.J. Shepard & Mrs E. Staddon (11½) +1 (OT), **J.H. Bowman & Mrs R.E. Tucker** (7) bt W.E. Moore & C.J. Chandler (7) +10, **J.E. Guest & Mrs Smith** (19) bt E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake & Miss D. Harding (15½) +2 (OT), **M.I. Phelps & Mrs S. French** (14½) bt G.E.P. Jackson & T.G.S. Colls (7) w/o opp. ret'd.

Second Round: **Owen/Chandler** bt Cox/Mapletoft +11, **Cox/Ross** bt Bull/Tucker +7, **Tucker/Bowman** bt Paxon/Lewis +7 (OT), **Phelps/French** bt Guest/Smith +10 (OT).

Semi-final: **Cox/Ross** bt Owen/Chandler +10, **Phelps/French** bt Tucker/Bowman +5.

Final: **Phelps/French** bt Cox/Ross +4 (OT).

Bristol Handicap Weekend 10-11 July 1982

The event this year was dominated by entries from the host club and Bath, the only visitors being Jim and Hazel Potter (Stourbridge) and Deborah Latham (Cheltenham). Unlike last year's inaugural event, there were no minus players, doubtless due to the proximity of the Opens, and John McCullough's unselfish desire to devote his attention entirely to managing and refereeing. Our congratulations and thanks go to John for his fine organization and to all those who helped with the excellent catering and other arrangements which contributed so greatly to the success and enjoyment of the Weekend.

Robert Race (Bath) and John Phillips (Bristol) were competing in their first tournament, as was David Goacher (also from Bristol) who did particularly well to reach the Final.

Laurance Latham came needing only to make one hoop in the Main Event to improve on his 1981 performance, but, alas, his hopes of achieving such a feat were to be dashed. David Goacher, the sight of whose bisques would have aroused alarm in anyone even remotely connected to tree conservation, took six in the 4th turn to reach peg. This seemed to unsettle Laurence, who shot at the fourth corner but missed by some considerable margin. David then picked up and executed his first ever all round break to win the game in the 6th turn, his remaining 6½ bisques being untouched. His fine play continued in the second round, where he reached peg and 2-back before Simon Garrett took croquet.

Nan Coetzee was the last of the six ladies to be knocked out, reaching the Semi-Final after pegging out from the third corner against Margaret Langley, who was laid up for peg and rover following an amazing sequence of hitting by both players.

Hugh Watson played quiet yet effective croquet throughout to win the tournament.

The prizes were presented by Club President Mrs Violet Ormerod, who

will be retiring from office at the end of the season. The Club would like to extend its gratitude to Mrs Ormerod for the numerous services performed by her in this capacity since 1975.

Semi-Final

D Goacher (13) beat R Race (14) +16
H Watson (10) beat Mrs N Coetzee (4½) +9

Final

H Watson (10) beat D Goacher (13) +7

Swiz Prizes

S Garrett

Mrs K Yeoman

Mrs N Coetzee

(Cider — Mrs D Latham!)

Cheltenham Open Tournament July 19-25

Weather favoured the Cheltenham July Tournament with not a drop of rain, plenty of sunshine, and only the temperature erratic.

Just as well, for with a programme bursting at the seams there would hardly have been time for the donning of waterproofs. As it was, there had to be a certain amount of double-banking, and players surviving in knock-out events and also playing in blocks, found themselves calling on reserves of stamina to complete 3 games a day in the early stages.

With a guaranteed minimum of 8 games in the week, with one-ball games if he so wished, the least successful visitor could well feel that his journey had been well worth while.

Managed by Cheltenham's father figure Edgar Jackson, the tournament was resolutely propelled towards the long-awaited finals in which Cheltenham members shone brightly.

All visitors are made welcome at Cheltenham, many of course being old friends, but it is particularly rewarding to see first-time visitors doing well. In only his second tournament away from home schoolboy D. Peterson of the Bowdon Club played some fine croquet, winning his block in the advanced play Money Salver with a total of 67 points, then losing in the final to E. J. Davis. The game that he will rue for many a long day, however, was that against D. Wiggins in the Y handicap. Peterson had two attempts to peg out, failed them both, and when again let off the hook, wired himself in laying a rush to the peg. He bore this misfortune with fortitude to lose by 2 points.

The outstanding performance of the tournament, however, was that of Cheltenham member Paul Smith, playing off handicap 5 for the Daniels Cup. He demolished his first three opponents by 26 points each, won his quarter final and semi-final by 14 points each, finally defeating Mrs Wiggins by 19 points.

However, winners reap enough glory in their trophies and the record books, and there are times when those who give them a good fight deserve mention. First-time visitors Alan and Eleanor Grant, of the Reigate Priory Club, for instance, acquitted themselves well with several rewarding wins in the Calthrop Cup, as did Mrs G. Harris. A wonderfully sporting competitor, she lost in the all-Cheltenham final of this event, in which the outcome of the game was in doubt until the peg-out.

The Calthrop Cup event is a great encouragement to aspiring players, particularly to those who have taken to croquet some years after the full flush of youth. In this category Miss D. Barber played steadily to achieve 3 wins in her block, losing only to A. Grant, who won it with 4 wins.

Fine weather, good lawns, experienced management and changing fortunes in so many games made this a memorable tournament for player and onlooker, with one other factor setting the seal on excellence — the catering. As always at Cheltenham, this is a labour of love by lady members, as indeed is the running of the bar.

Event 1. *Class Events in Blocks (50 entries)*

The Challenge Cup of Advanced play

BLOCK A: **D.J. Croker** 4 wins +95, G.E.P. Jackson 3 wins +45, Col. E.L.L. Vulliamy 2 wins -20, Mrs R.F. Wheeler 1 win -45, Mrs K.M.O. Wheeler 0 wins -75.

BLOCK B: **Prof. B.G. Neal** 4 wins +53, Dr B.G. Weitz 3 wins +34, H.G.T. Bolton 2 wins -11, Mrs E. Asa-Thomas 1 win -39, D.H. Moorcraft 0 wins -37.

BLOCK C: **T. Griffith** 4 wins +56, Mrs W.R.D. Wiggins 3 wins +8, G.W. Sisum 2 wins -11, Dr W.R.D. Wiggins 1 win -14, J. McLaren 0 wins -39.

PLAY-OFF: **Croker** bt Weitz +4, **Neal** bt Mrs Wiggins +17.

Semi-final: **Croker** bt Neal +17, **Jackson** bt Griffith +15.

Final: **Croker** bt Jackson +9.

The Money Salver. 22-point game. Advanced play

BLOCK A: **D. Peterson** 4 wins +67, C. Duckworth 2 wins +9, R.F. Wheeler 2 wins -24, Mrs N. Coetzee 1 win -24, Miss E.H. Arkell 1 win -28.

BLOCK B: **E.J. Davis** 3 wins +42, M.J. Paddon 3 wins +6, Mrs K. Yeoman 2 wins -3, Lady Bazley 2 wins -17, W.J. Sturdy 0 wins -28.

PLAY-OFF: Semi-final: **Peterson** bt Paddon +17, **Davis** bt Duckworth +6.

Final: **Davis** bt Peterson +14.

The Asa-Thomas Trophy. 22-point game. Handicap play

BLOCK A: **G.F. Blumer** (6½) 4 wins +28, Miss P. Shine (7) 2 wins, P.J. Shepard (5) scratch, Mrs L.B. Barnes (9) 2 wins -8, Mrs A. Croker (7½) 0 wins -35.

BLOCK B: **J. Exell** (6½) 3 wins +42, Miss M.J. Lodge (6½) 3 wins +13, R.F.A. Crane (4½) 2 wins -14, Mrs A. Warren (8) 1 win -9, L.B. Barnes (6) 1 win -32.

BLOCK C: **Mrs W.J. Sturdy** (7) 3 wins +22, Miss A. Searle (5) 3 wins +14, P. Smith (5) 3 wins +12, E. Asa-Thomas (6½) 1 win -27, Mrs B.G. Neal (5) 0 wins -2.

PLAY-OFF: **Miss Lodge** bt Blumer, +11, **Miss Searle** bt Exell +11.

Semi-final: **Miss Searle** bt Miss Lodge +1, **Mrs Sturdy** bt Miss Shine +15.

Final: **Miss Searle** bt Mrs Sturdy +10.

The Calthrop Cup. 18-point game. Handicap play

BLOCK A: **A. Grant** (11) 4 wins +28, Miss D. Barber (15) 3 wins +15, Mrs D.H. Moorcraft (12) 2 wins +9, Mrs R.F.A. Crane (13) 1 win -28, Miss J. Wraith 0 wins -14.

BLOCK B: **W.R. Bawden** (10) 3 wins +20, Mrs G. Harris (11) +20, Mrs A. Grant (13) 2 wins -7, Mrs N. Adlam (11) 2 wins -7, Miss J. Marston (10) 0 wins -20.

PLAY-OFF: Semi-final: **Bawden** bt Grant +5, Mrs Harris bt Miss Barber +4.

Final: **Bawden** bt Mrs Harris +5.

Event 2X. *The Daniels Cup. Singles Handicap*

First Round: **Lady Bazley** (4) bt Mrs E. Asa-Thomas (3) +12, **G.W. Sisum** (3) bt Mrs N. Adlam (11) +12, **P.J. Shepard** (5) bt D.H. Moorcraft (1½) +3, **Mrs D.H. Moorcraft** (12) bt G.F. Blumer (6½) +8, **W. J. Sturdy** (4) bt Mrs R.F. Wheeler (2½) +15, **R.F. Wheeler** (4½) bt Mrs R.F.A. Crane (13) +12, **W.R. Bawden** (10) bt H.G.T. Bolton (2) w/o opp scr, **D. Peterson** (4) bt Mrs B.G. Neal (5) +11, **R.F.A. Crane** (4½) bt Mrs L.B. Barnes (9) +8, **Mrs N. Coetzee** (4½) bt Miss P. Shine (7) +7, **Mrs W.J. Sturdy** (7) bt Miss E.H. Arkell (4) +4, **P. Smith** (5) bt E.J. Davies (3) +26, **C. Duckworth** (4) bt L.B. Barnes (6) +8.

Second Round: **G.E.P. Jackson** (0) bt M.T. Paddon (4) +3, **Mrs W.R.D. Wiggins** (½) bt A. Grant (11) +9, **J. Exell** (7) bt Mrs D.J. Croker (7½) +13, **Mrs K. Yeoman** (4) bt E. Asa-Thomas (6½) +5, **Lady Bazley** bt Dr W.R.D. Wiggins (2½) +26, **Sisum** bt Shepard +14, **Sturdy** bt Mrs Moorcraft +19, **Wheeler** bt Bawden +10, **Crane** bt Peterson +7, **Mrs Coetzee** bt Sturdy +13, **Smith** bt Duckworth +26, **Dr B.G. Weitz** (½) bt Miss J. Marston (16) +13, **Mrs A. Warren** (8) bt Mrs A. Grant (13) +11, **J. McLaren** (2) bt Miss J. Wraith (11) +7, **Miss M.J. Lodge** (6½) bt Col E.W. Vulliamy (2) +4, **D.J. Croker** (-½) bt Mrs K.M.O. Wheeler (3) +9.

Third Round: **Mrs Wiggins** bt Jackson +5, **Exell** bt Mrs K. Yeoman +4, **Sisum** bt Lady Bazley +20, **Wheeler** bt Sturdy +17, **Crane** bt Mrs Coetzee +1, **Smith** bt Weitz +26, **Mrs Warren** bt McLaren +24, **Croker** bt Miss Lodge +9.

Fourth Round: **Mrs Wiggins** bt Exell +12, **Wheeler** bt Sisum +25, **Smith** bt Crane +14, **Croker** bt Mrs Warren +17.

Semi-final: **Mrs Wiggins** bt Wheeler +12, **Smith** bt Croker +14.

Final: **Smith** bt Mrs Wiggins +19.

Event 2Y. *Singles Handicap*

First Round: **Dr W.R.D. Wiggins** (2½) bt Mrs D.J. Croker (7½) +4.

Second Round: **G.E.P. Jackson** (0) bt Miss J. Wraith (11) +7, **D. H. Moorcraft** (12) bt Mrs N. Adlam (11) +12, **Mrs L.B. Barnes** (9) bt Miss J. Marston (16) +13, **L.B. Barnes** (6) bt Dr B.G. Weitz (½) +13, **E. J. Davies** (3) bt E. Asa-Thomas (6½) +3, **D.H. Moorcraft** (1½) bt A. Grant

(11) +3, **D. Peterson** (4) bt J. McLaren (2) +10, **Wiggins** bt Miss M.J. Lodge (6) +1, **Lady Bazley** (4) bt Miss P. Shine (7) +10, **Mrs W.J. Sturdy** (7) bt W.R. Bawden (10) +2, **M.T. Paddon** (4) bt Mrs K. Yeoman (4) +15, **Mrs K.M.O. Wheeler** (3) bt Mrs A. Grant (13) +8, **C. Duckworth** (4) bt Mrs Crane (13) +1, **G.F. Blumer** (6) bt Mrs B.G. Neal (5) +7, **Mrs E. Asa-Thomas** (3) bt P.J. Shepard (5) w/o, **Col E.W. Vulliamy** (2) bt Mrs R.F. Wheeler (2) +15.

Third Round: **Jackson** bt Moorcraft +8, **Barnes** bt Mrs Barnes +16, **Moorcraft** bt Davies +1, **Wiggins** bt Peterson +2, **Lady Bazley** bt Sturdy +7, **Wheeler** bt Paddon +3, **Duckworth** bt Blumer +8, **Mrs Asa-Thomas** bt Vulliamy +18.

Fourth Round: **Jackson** bt Barnes +12, **Wiggins** bt Moorcraft +11, **Wheeler** bt Lady Bazley +2, **Duckworth** bt Mrs Asa-Thomas +11.

Semi-final: **Wiggins** bt Jackson w/o opp scr, **Duckworth** bt Wheeler +17.

Final: **Duckworth** bt Wiggins w/o opp scr.

Event 3. The Barwell Salvagers. Handicap play. Ordinary pairs

First Round: **P. Smith & Mrs B.G. Neal** (10) bt P. Shepard & Miss P. Shine (12) +12, **D. Peterson & Miss M. Lodge** (10) bt Miss A. Searle & Mrs N. Adlam (16) +10, **D.H. Moorcraft & Mrs G. Harris** (10) bt G.E.P. Jackson & E. Asa-Thomas (6) +7, **G.F. Blumer & W.R. Bawden** (14) bt J. McLaren & Mrs E. Asa-Thomas (5) +10, **G.W. Sisum & Mrs K. Yeoman** (7) bt E.J. Davis & Miss J. Wraith (12) +2.

Second Round: **Dr B.G. Weitz & Mrs V. Coetzee** (5) bt Smith & Mrs Neal +12, **Peterson & Miss Lodge** bt Moorcraft & Mrs Harris +10, **Sisum & Mrs Yeoman** bt Blumer & Bawden +6, **M.T. Paddon & Lady Bazley** (8) bt Col E.L.L. Vulliamy & Mrs D.H. Moorcraft (12) +16.

Semi-final: **Weitz & Mrs Coetzee** bt Peterson & Miss Lodge +8, **Paddon & Lady Bazley** bt Sisum & Mrs Yeoman +14.

*Married with Family pairs.

Event 4. Barwell Salvagers. Family pairs

First Round: **Dr & Mrs W.R.D. Wiggins** (2) bt Col & Mrs G.T. Wheeler (11) +7, **Mr & Mrs W.J. Sturdy** (11) bt Mr & Mrs R.F.A. Crane (15) +11.

Second Round: **Mr & Mrs D.J. Croker** (7) bt Mr & Mrs R.F. Wheeler (7) +13, **Wiggins** bt Sturdys +13, **Mr & Mrs A. Warren** (16) bt Mr & Mrs A. Grant (24) +12, **Mr & Mrs L.B. Barnes** (15) bt Mr & Mrs J. Exell (17) +15.

Semi-final: **Wiggins** bt Crokers +3, **Warrens** bt Barnes +6 (OT).

*Married with Ordinary pairs.

Event 5. Barwell Salvagers. Amalgamation of Ordinary and Family pairs

Semi-final: **Dr & Mrs W.R.D. Wiggins** bt Dr B.G. Weitz & Mrs N. Coetzee +, **Mr & Mrs A. Warren** bt Mr & Mrs R.F.A. Crane +.

Final: **Wiggins** bt Warrens +12.

Event 6. The Barwell Salvagers. Handicap play

First Round: **E.J. Davis & Miss J. Wraith** (11) bt P. Shepard & Miss P. Shine (12), **Miss A. Searle & Mrs N. Adlam** (14) bt Mr & Mrs J. Exell (16).

Second Round: **Col & Mrs G.T. Wheeler** (7) bt J. McLaren & Mrs E. Asa-Thomas (7), **Davis & Miss Wraith** bt Miss Searle & Mrs Adlam, **Col E.L. Vulliamy & Mrs D.H. Moorcraft** (12) bt Dr & Mrs R.F. Wheeler (7), **Mr & Mrs R.F.A. Crane** (14) bt Mr & Mrs A. Grant (20).

Semi-final: **Davis & Miss Wraith** bt Col & Mrs Wheeler +7, **Mr & Mrs Crane** bt Col Vulliamy & Mrs Moorcraft +6(OT).

Final: **Davis & Miss Wraith** bt Mr & Mrs Crane +4 (OT).

Results of Compton Open Weekend

July 1982 (16 entries)

Main Event. Knock-out for Cowhorn Challenge Trophy.

Winner: **S.N. Mulliner** bt (1) R. Hobbs +20, (2) A. Palmer +6, (3) M.J. Coward +5 +15, (4) P. Cordingley +22 -4 +26 (TP).

Runner-up: **P. Cordingley** bt (1) J. Haigh +17. (2) G. Noble +3, (3) D. Foulser +26 +3.

Progressive Swiss Event for Swiss Cowbell Trophy

5 wins **Dr M. Murray** bt Swiss (1) Haigh +20, (2) Hobbs +26, (3) Foulser +16 (TP), (4) Dr R. Wood +19, (5) Noble +3.

4 wins G. Noble bt (1) Murray +2, Swiss (2) J.R. Hilditch +16 (STP), (3) M.J. Ormerod +9, (4) Foulser +22.

4 wins J.R. Hilditch bt (1) T.F. Owen +3, Swiss (2) A. Palmer, (3) Ormerod +9, (4) Coward +21.

3 wins M.J. Coward bt (1) R.E. Wallis +25, (2) Ormerod +13, Swiss (3) Hobbs +7.

3 wins Dr R. Wood bt Swiss (1) Wallis +4, (2) Owen +2, (3) Coward +3. *3 wins* D.R. Foulser bt (1) L. Wharrad +18, (2) Hilditch +17, Swiss (3) Ormerod +1.

3 wins J. Haigh bt Swiss (1) Wharrad +9, (2) Palmer +21, (3) Wood +23.

3 wins R. Hobbs bt Swiss (1) Wharrad +2, (2) Haigh +3, (3) Palmer +14. *3 wins* R.E. Wallis bt Swiss (1) P.L. Alvey +8, (2) Owen +7, (3) Wharrad +9.

2 wins M. Ormerod bt (1) Wood +1, Swiss (2) Palmer +24.

1 win T.F. Owen bt Swiss (1) Alvey +7.

1 win A. Palmer bt (1) Alvey +9.

1 win P.L. Alvey bt Swiss (1) Wharrad +9.

0 wins L. Wharrad.

Hurlingham 29 July to 7 August

Entries for the Hurlingham August Tournament were again plentiful with a welcome influx of young promising players difficult to beat, several of whom went home with reduced handicaps.

The Hurlingham Cup event this year included newcomer Mrs Susan Wiggins from New Zealand whose immaculate side style stroke brought her several victories, the welcome return of Stephen Hemsted, the ultimately successful Tom Griffith from Marlborough, but lost Barbara Meacham to self-imposed exile. Bernard Neal reached the final of both the Draw and the Process losing to Tom Griffith in one and beating Eric Solomon in the other. In the play-off Griffith beat Neal in an exciting game. Neal had pegged out his opponent's blue ball and was lined up with only one ball open in the third corner. Griffith, with black clip on the penultimate, risked all and hit the open ball from a position close to first corner and was thus able to finish the game. It is a pity that, although there were 16 competitors in this event, unavoidable withdrawals will presumably deprive Tom Griffith of consideration for a silver medal.

All the remaining singles events were dominated by young players. 16-year-old D. Peterson from Bowdon beat Andrew Bennet in the Draw, and Arthur Lindley in the Process to win the Turner Cup. James Carlisle, as yet only 14 years of age, won both Draw and Process of the Younger Cup. This level singles event is primarily intended for competitors of handicaps 5 to 7, but although James's handicap was well above that level he seemed to have no difficulty in winning all his games. We probably saw his truest form during the course of this event when he played Jonathon Wolfe, who had both clips on peg. James with one ball on 6 and the other on rover, hit a long shot and went out with a single peel. James also won the Silver Jubilee 'X' Handicap beating John Greenwood in the final +26 with 1½ bisques still standing.

Bruce Rigg, another young player, won the Longworth Cup, but was beaten in the final of the Silver Jubilee 'Y' Handicap by Greg Solomon whose easy style was a joy to watch.

There were a number of triple peels among the A class players, two by John Greenwood, mentioned here particularly because he claimed that these were his first in tournament play. Nigel Aspinall gave spectators some superb demonstrations of how we would all like to play. He won the final of the Hurlingham Doubles playing with Veronica Carlisle against Bernard and Liz Neal in less than an hour with a perfectly executed triple peel. He also won the Men's Handicap Doubles partnered by James Carlisle with a double peel.

Eric Solomon played well but never quite managed to get very far. In the big handicap event he was knocked out in the second round by James Carlisle but only after a very amusing exposition of how to lose without being entirely beaten. James, with both clips on the peg and with four bisques still standing, was only able to peg out one ball. Eric, still on first hoop and in a hopeless situation, hit in, and taking his ball right round, helpfully pegged out his opponent's second ball!

As usual, the lawns, hospitality, and management by Sarah Hampson were of the first order, and we look back on the Tournament with greatest pleasure.

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Event 1. Hurlingham Cup. Open Singles Advanced

DRAW

First round: **Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle** bt L. Wharrad +19, **T. Griffith** bt P.L. Alvey +16, **J. Haigh** bt R.A. Godby w/o, **Dr W.R.D. Wiggins** bt Mrs R.F. Wheeler +16, **Prof B.G. Neal** bt D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller w/o, **Dr E.W. Solomon** bt S.S. Townsend +19, **Mrs W.R.D. Wiggins** bt S.R.

Hemsted +10, **C.H.J. Cousins** bt J.D. Greenwood +3.

Second Round: **Griffith** bt Mrs Carlisle +17, **Haigh** bt Wiggins +24, **Neal** bt Solomon +15, **Mrs Wiggins** bt Cousins +16.

Semi-final: **Griffith** bt Haigh +21, **Neal** bt Mrs Wiggins w/o.

Final: **Griffith** bt Neal +13.

PROCESS

First Round: **Prof. B.G. Neal** bt Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle +19, **S.R. Hemsted** bt R.A. Godby w/o, **S.S. Townsend** bt P.L. Alvey +16, **J.D. Greenwood** bt Dr W.R.D. Wiggins +2, **L. Wharrad** bt D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller w/o, **Mrs W.R.D. Wiggins** bt J. Haigh +23, **Dr E.W. Solomon** bt T. Griffith +26, **C.H.J. Cousins** bt Mrs R.F. Wheeler +15.

Second Round: **Neal** bt Hemsted +25, **Greenwood** bt Townsend +21, **Wharrad** bt Mrs Wiggins +1, **Solomon** bt Cousins +26.

Semi-final: **Neal** bt Greenwood +24, **Solomon** bt Wharrad +11.

Final: **Neal** bt Solomon +9.

PLAY-OFF: **Griffith** bt Neal +5.

Event 2. Turner Cup. Handicap 2 and over. Singles Advanced

DRAW

First Round: **Mrs N.A.C. MacMillan** bt Mrs B.L. Sundius-Smith +12, **Col E.L.L. Vulliamy** bt A.D. Karmel +15, **F.H. Newman** bt B. Whitehouse +4.

Second Round: **I.P. MacDonald** bt Cdr G. Borrett +2, **Dr R.F. Wheeler** bt C.B. Sanford +5, **D. Peterson** bt A. Lindley +10, **Vulliamy** bt Mrs MacMillan +16, **Newman** bt Miss B. Duthie +15, **H.B.H. Carlisle** bt Mrs F.H. Newman +1, **Mrs E.E. Bressey** bt Miss S.G. Hampson w/o, **A. Bennet** bt Lady Bazley +9.

Third Round: **MacDonald** bt Wheeler +14, **Peterson** bt Vulliamy +5, **Newman** bt Carlisle +1, **Bennet** bt Mrs Bressey +11.

Semi-final: **Peterson** bt MacDonald +9, **Bennet** bt Newman +8.

Final: **Peterson** bt Bennet +13.

PROCESS

First Round: **Miss S.G. Hampson** bt Cdr G. Borrett +10, **A. Bennet** bt C.B. Sanford +7, **Lady Bazley** bt I.P. MacDonald +3.

Second Round: **Col E.L.L. Vulliamy** bt Miss Hampson +12, **A. Lindley** bt Miss B. Duthie +20, **B. Whitehouse** bt Bennet +5, **Mrs F.H. Newman** bt Mrs N.A.C. MacMillan w/o, **Lady Bazley** bt A.D. Karmel +2, **D. Peterson** bt H.B.H. Carlisle +24, **F.H. Newman** bt Dr R.F. Wheeler +9, **Mrs B.L. Sundius-Smith** bt Mrs E.E. Bressey +3.

Third Round: **Lindley** bt Vulliamy +18, **Mrs Newman** bt Whitehouse +16, **Peterson** bt Lady Bazley +13, **Newman** bt Mrs Sundius-Smith +25.

Semi-final: **Lindley** bt Mrs Newman +15, **Peterson** bt Newman +8.

Final: **Peterson** bt Lindley +20.

Event 3. Younger Cup. Level play: 5 and over. Singles

DRAW

First Round: **J.E. Guest** bt T.G.S. Colls +18, **Mrs A.W. Skempton** bt Mrs B. Mansfield +12, **Gen D.J. Wilson-Haffenden** bt O.A. Kerenski w/o, **S.G. Kent** bt Mrs F.H.N. Davidson +11.

Second Round: **LtCol C.M. Fox** bt Mrs W.J. Browne w/o, **J. Woolfe** bt C. Abderhalden +21, **Prof A.W. Skempton** bt Mrs B.G. Neal +13, **Guest** bt Mrs Skempton +24, **Kent** bt Wilson-Haffenden +15, **J.G.O. Miller** bt C.J. Newman +6, **J.W.H. Carlisle** bt B.H. Bliss +6, **G.D.P. Solomon** bt E.B.T. Tanner +19.

Third Round: **Wolfe** bt Fox +3, **Skempton** bt Guest +4, **Miller** bt Kent +11, **Carlisle** bt Solomon +16.

Semi-final: **Wolfe** bt Skempton +1, **Carlisle** bt Miller +16.

Final: **Carlisle** bt Wolfe +2.

PROCESS

First Round: **J.W.H. Carlisle** bt Mrs W.J. Browne w/o, **G.D.P. Solomon** bt J. Wolfe +17, **B.H. Bliss** bt LtCol C.M. Fox +15, **C. Abderhalden** bt E.B.T. Tanner +2.

Second Round: **Carlisle** bt Mrs B. Mansfield +11, **Prof A.W. Skempton** bt S.G. Kent +22, **Solomon** bt Gen D.J. Wilson-Haffenden +17, **J.E. Guest** bt J.G.O. Miller +9, **Mrs A.W. Skempton** bt Bliss +13, **Mrs B.G. Neal** bt Mrs F.H.N. Davidson +9, **Abderhalden** bt D.A. Kerenski w/o, **C.J. Newman** bt T.G.S. Colls +5.

Third Round: **Carlisle** bt Skempton +3, **Guest** bt Solomon +26, **Mrs**

Neal bt Mrs Skempton +10, **Newman** bt Abderhalden +9.

Semi-final: **Carlisle** bt Guest +17, **Mrs Neal** bt Newman +18.

Final: **Carlisle** bt Mrs Neal +4.

Event 4. Longworth Cup. 5th Hoop start, 8 and over. Singles Handicap DRAW

First Round: **B.K. Rigg** bt Miss S. McCord +8.

Second Round: **Mrs D. Torrington Petrie** bt Mrs A. Solomon +4, **Rigg** bt Mrs I.P. MacDonald +2, **F.I. Maugham** bt Mrs S.S. Townsend +8, **Mrs L. Wharrad** bt Miss J. Wraith +9.

Semi-final: **Rigg** bt Mrs Torrington Petrie +5, **Mrs Wharrad** bt Maugham +11.

Final: **Rigg** bt Mrs Wharrad +15.

PROCESS

First Round: **Mrs L. Wharrad** bt Mrs A. Solomon +2.

Second Round: **B.K. Rigg** bt Mrs Wharrad +8, **Mrs I.P. MacDonald** bt Mrs S.S. Townsend +2, **F.I. Maugham** bt Mrs D. Torrington-Petrie +11, **Miss S. McCord** bt Miss J. Wraith +1.

Semi-final: **Rigg** bt Mrs MacDonald +15, **Maugham** bt Miss McCord +6.

Final: **Maugham** bt Rigg +1.

PLAY-OFF: **Rigg** bt Maugham +18.

Event 5. Hurlingham Doubles. Mixed pairs, 3½ hour limit. Advanced

First Round: **Prof & Mrs B.G. Neal** bt Dr E.W. Solomon & Miss S. McCord +18, **P.L. Alvey & Mrs B. Mansfield** bt G.D.P. Solomon & Miss B. Duthie +5, **C.J.H. Cousins & Mrs B.L. Sundius-Smith** bt Mr & Mrs S.R. Hemsted +5, **Dr & Mrs W.R.D. Wiggins** bt J. Haigh & Mrs F.H. Newman +10, **J.D. Greenwood & Mrs J. Bonser** bt S.N. & Mrs Mulliner +4.

Second Round: **Neals** bt T.G.S. Colls & Lady Bazley +15, **Cousins & Mrs Sundius-Smith** bt Alvey & Mrs Mansfield +10 (OT), **Greenwood & Mrs Bonser** bt Wiggins +2, **G.N. Aspinall & Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle** bt R.A. Godby & Miss S.G. Hampson +17.

Semi-final: **Neals** bt Cousins & Mrs Sundius-Smith +15, **Aspinall & Mrs Carlisle** bt Greenwood & Mrs Bonser +26.

Final: **Aspinall & Mrs Carlisle** bt Neals +26.

Event 6. Ladies Field Candlesticks. Third Hoop start/3½ hours. Doubles Handicap

First Round: **Lady Bazley & Mrs F.H. Newman** bt Mrs I.P. MacDonald & Mrs W. Jones +8.

Second Round: **Mrs B.G. Neal & Mrs D. Torrington-Petrie** bt Mrs R.F. Wheeler & Miss J. Wraith +11, **Lady Bazley & Mrs Newman** bt Mrs B. Mansfield & Mrs L. Wharrad +1, **Mrs A.W. Skempton & Mrs E. Glover** bt Mrs B.L. Sundius-Smith & Mrs S.S. Townsend +1 (OT), **Miss S.G. Hampson & Mrs A. Solomon** bt Mrs N.A.C. MacMillan & Mrs F.H.N. Davidson +12.

Semi-final: **Mrs Neal & Mrs Petrie** bt Lady Bazley & Mrs Newman +13, **Mrs Skempton & Mrs Glover** bt Miss Hampson & Mrs Solomon +6 (OT).

Final: **Mrs Neal & Mrs Torrington-Petrie** bt Mrs Skempton & Mrs Glover +8.

Event 7. Men's Handicap Doubles. 3rd Hoop start. 3½ hour limit

First Round: **B. Whitehouse & T.G.S. Colls** (11) bt J.D. Greenwood & B.H. Bliss (8) +12, **G.N. Aspinall & J.W.H. Carlisle** (5) bt A. Lindley & Prof A.W. Skempton (9) +16.

Second Round: **J. Haigh & L. Wharrad** (3) bt J.E. Guest & C.H.J. Cousins (5) +7, **Dr E.W. Solomon & G.D.P. Solomon** (5) bt F.H. Newman & C. Newman (10) +8, **H.B.H. Carlisle & I.P. MacDonald** (8) bt Prof. B.G. Neal & D.L. Godfree (8) +15, **Aspinall & Carlisle** bt Whitehouse & Colls +13, **A. Bennet & J. Wolfe** (11) bt Gen D.J. Wilson-Haffenden & LtCol Fox (18) +5, **T. Griffith & Dr R.F. Wheeler** (7) bt S.S. Townsend & C.B. Sanford (6) +5, **Cdr G. Borrett & S.G. Kent** (7) bt S.R. Hemsted & J.G.O. Miller (7) +15, **F.I. Maugham & D. Peterson** (12) bt P.L. Alvey & C. Abderhalden +11.

Third Round: **Dr E.W. & G.D.P. Solomon** bt Haigh & Wharrad +2, **Aspinall & Carlisle** bt Carlisle & MacDonald +14, **Bennet & Wolfe** bt Griffith & Dr Wheeler +15, **Borrett & Kent** bt Maugham & Peterson +1.

Semi-final: **Aspinall & Carlisle** bt Dr E.W. & G.D.P. Solomon +21, **Bennet & Wolfe** bt Borrett & Kent +11.

Final: **Aspinall & Carlisle** bt Bennet & Wolfe +11.

Event 8 'X'. Silver Jubilee Cup. Unrestricted Singles Handicap

First Round: **L. Wharrad** (2½) bt A.D. Karmel (5) +4, **I.P. MacDonald** (4½) bt J. Haigh (½) +8, **Mrs W.R.D. Wiggins** (½) bt Miss B. Duthie (6) +9, **Mrs B.G. Neal** (5) bt C.J. Newman (7) +6 (OT), **P.L. Alvey** (1) bt Mrs N.A.C. MacMillan (6) +3, **C.B. Sanford** (4½) bt Mrs I.P. MacDonald (8) +5, **Miss J. Wraith** (11) bt J.G.O. Miller (8) +1 (OT), **F.H. Newman** (3) bt Mrs D. T-Petrie (14) +16, **A. Lindley** (3) bt B.K. Rigg (9) +14, **H.B.H. Carlisle** (4) bt Mrs L. Wharrad (9) +12, **Dr E.W. Solomon** (-1½) bt T.G.S. Colls (7) +10, **J.W.H. Carlisle** (11) bt Prof. B.G. Neal (-1) +10, **A. Bennet** (4) bt S.G. Kent (5) +8, **Mrs E.E. Bressey** (4) bt B. Whitehouse (4) +8, **D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller** (1) bt Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle (1) +4, **S.R. Hemsted** (-½) bt D.C. Caporn (3½) +9, **Mrs F.H. Newman** (4½) bt Mrs A.W. Skempton (7½) +14, **J.E. Guest** (5) bt E.B.T. Tanner (6) +14, **Lady Bazley** (4) bt Gen D.J. Wilson-Haffenden (9) +8, **C.H.J. Cousins** (½) bt Mrs A. Solomon (10) w/o, **T. Griffith** (1) bt Cdr G. Borrett (2) +18, **Col E.L.L. Vulliamy** (2) bt Mrs F.M. Davidson (6½) +5, **J.D. Greenwood** (3½) bt G.D.P. Solomon (7) +7, **Mrs B.L. Sundius-Smith** (4) bt Mrs B. Mansfield (7) +1, **D. Peterson** (4) bt R.A. Godby (½) +10.

Second Round: **F.I. Maugham** (8) bt Mrs W.J. Browne (11) w/o, **J. Wolfe** (7) bt Wharrad +18, **Mrs Wiggins** bt MacDonald +18, **Mrs Neal** bt Alvey +3, **Sanford** bt Miss Wraith +1, **Lindley** bt I.P. Newman +14, **Solomon** bt Carlisle +17, **J. Carlisle** bt Bennet +14, **Hamilton-Miller** bt Mrs Bressey +9, **Hemsted** bt Mrs Newman +7, **Lady Bazley** bt Guest +1 (OT), **Griffith** bt Cousins +18, **Greenwood** bt Vulliamy +11, **Mrs Sundius-Smith** bt Peterson +9, **Dr W.R.D. Wiggins** (2) bt Miss S. MacCord (11) +8, **LtCol C.M. Fox** (9) bt Miss S.G. Hampson (2½) +6.

Third Round: **Wolfe** bt Maugham +15, **Mrs Wiggins** bt Mrs Neal +16, **Lindley** bt Sanford +21, **Carlisle** bt Solomon +14, **Hamilton-Miller** bt Hemsted +15, **Griffith** bt Lady Bazley +7, **Greenwood** bt Mrs Sundius-Smith +19, **Wiggins** bt Fox +16.

Fourth Round: **Mrs Wiggins** bt Wolfe +3, **Carlisle** bt Lindley +17, **Hamilton-Miller** bt Griffith +26, **Greenwood** bt Wiggins +24.

Semi-final: **Carlisle** bt Mrs Wiggins +26, **Greenwood** bt Hamilton Miller +25.

Final: **J.W.H. Carlisle** bt Greenwood +26.

Event 8 'Y'. Silver Jubilee Cup. Singles Handicap

Final: **B.K. Russ** (9) bt Mrs A. Solomon (10) +10.

Event 9. Handicap Doubles. Unrestricted

First Round: **A. Bennet & J. Wolfe** (11) bt Mr & Mrs L. Wharrad +14, **D.C. Caporn & Prof A.W. Skempton** (9½) bt E.B.T. Tanner & Miss J. Wraith (17) +8, **C.B. Sanford & Mrs F.H.N. Davidson** (11) bt M.G. Pearson & Mrs N.A.C. MacMillan (6½) +8, **F.H. & C.J. Newman** (10) bt Mr & Mrs I.P. MacDonald (12½) +21, **A. Palmer & Mrs D. Torrington-Petrie** (18) bt Mr & Mrs S.S. Townsend (13½) +13, **B. Whitehouse & Mrs A. Solomon** (14) bt D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller & Mrs A.W. Skempton (8½) +12, **H.B.H. & J.W.H. Carlisle** (14) bt LtCol C.M. Fox & S.G. Kent (15) +10 (OT), **J.E. Guest & Mrs E.E. Bressey** (9) bt F.I. Maugham & D. Peterson (12) +10 (OT).

Second Round: **Bennet & Wolfe** bt Caporn & Skempton +5, **F.H. & C.J. Newman** bt Sanford & Mrs Davidson +10, **Palmer & Mrs T-Petrie** bt Whitehouse & Mrs Solomon +14, **Guest & Bressey** bt H.B.H. & J.W.H. Carlisle +5.

Semi-final: **Bennet & Wolfe** bt F.H. & C.J. Newman +10, **Palmer & Mrs T-Petrie** bt Guest & Mrs Bressey +1 (OT).

Final: **A. Palmer & Mrs D. Torrington-Petrie** bt Bennet & Wolfe +9.

Colchester Weekend Tournament 6-8 August

ROUND 1:

P. Bishop [1] bt G. Healy [0] +12, **P. Hetherington** [1] bt T. Anderson [0] +23, **S. Blackler** [1] bt Mrs T. Anderson [0] +1 (OT), **A.J. Palmer** [1] bt Mrs S. Blackler [0] +15, **R.F. Hall** [1] bt R.S. Eades [0] +1 (OT), **Mrs Stanley Smith** [1] bt D. Gunasekera [0] +1, **Mrs G. Healy** [1] bt G.C. Roy [0] +5 (OT), **R.O.C. Prichard** [1] bt F. Fowke [0] +20, **J.A. Wheeler** [1] bt G. Hallett [0] +6, **Mrs W.R. Wiggins** [1] bt G.S. Digby [0] +15, **J.O. Walters** [1] bt M.J. Coward [0] +12, **R.M. Hobbs** [1] bt J.R. Hilditch [0] +25, **R. Girling** [1] bt Dr W.R. Wiggins [0] +7, **M. Avery** [1] bt D. Purdon [0] +7.

ROUND 2:

Hetherington [2] bt Bishop [1] +12, **Palmer** [2] bt Blackler [1] +12, **Hall** [2] bt Mrs Stanley Smith [1] +3 (OT), **Prichard** [2] bt Mrs Healy [1] +1,

Wheeler [2] bt Mrs Wiggins [1] +25, **Walters** [2] bt Hobbs +23, **Girling** [2] bt Avery [1] +14, **Healy** [1] bt Anderson [0] +18, **Mrs Blackler** [1] bt Mrs Anderson [0] +3 (OT), **Gunasekera** [1] bt Eades [0] +6, **Roy** [1] bt Fowke [0] +15, **Hallett** [1] bt Digby [0] +12, **Hilditch** [1] bt Coward [0] +14, **Dr Wiggins** [1] bt Purdon [0] +7.

ROUND 3:

Palmer [3] bt Hetherington [2] +20, **Prichard** [3] bt Hall [2] +15, **Wheeler** [3] bt Walters [2] +4, **Girling** [3] bt Bishop [1] +24, **Blackler** [2] bt Mrs Stanley Smith [1] +6 (OT), **Mrs Healy** [2] bt Mrs Wiggins [1] +15, **Avery** [2] bt Hobbs [1] +10, **Healy** [2] bt Mrs Blackler [1] +1, **Roy** [2] bt Gunasekera [1] +7, **Hilditch** [2] bt Hallett [1] +10, **Dr Wiggins** [2] bt Anderson [0] +16, **Eades** [1] bt Mrs Anderson [0] +5, **Digby** [1] bt Fowke [0] +11, **Coward** [1] bt Purdon [0] +7.

ROUND 4:

Prichard [4] bt Palmer [3] +, **Girling** [4] bt Wheeler [3] +17, **Hetherington** [3] bt Hall [2] +7, **Walters** [3] bt Blackler [2] +1 (OT), **Avery** [3] bt Mrs Healy [2] +1, **Healy** [3] bt Roy [2] +5, **Dr Wiggins** [3] bt Hilditch [2] +10, **Bishop** [2] bt Mrs Stanley Smith [1] +8, **Mrs Wiggins** [2] bt Hobbs [1] +9, **Gunasekera** [2] bt Mrs Blackler [1] +1, **Eades** [2] bt Hallett [1] +4, **Coward** [2] bt Digby [1] +3, **Mrs Anderson** [1] bt Anderson [0] +16, **Purdon** [1] bt Fowke [0] +18.

ROUND 5:

Girling [5] bt Prichard [4] +6, **Wheeler** [4] bt Palmer [3] +23, **Hetherington** [4] bt Walters [3] +4, **Healy** [4] bt Avery [3] +5, **Dr Wiggins** [4] bt Hall [2] +7 (OT), **Mrs Healy** [3] bt Blackler [2] +9 (OT), **Hilditch** [3] bt Roy [2] +16, **Mrs Wiggins** [3] bt Bishop [2] +19, **Gunasekera** [3] bt Coward [2] +1, **Mrs Stanley Smith** [2] bt Eades [2] +14, **Hobbs** [2] bt Mrs Blackler [1] +1 (OT), **Mrs Anderson** [2] bt Digby [1] +13, **Purdon** [2] bt Hallett [1] +13, **Anderson** [1] bt Fowke [0] +22.

Final order:

5 wins: **Girling**

4 wins: Prichard, Wheeler, Hetherington, Healy, Dr Wiggins.

3 wins: Palmer, Walters, Avery, Mrs Healy, Hilditch, Mrs Wiggins, Gunasekera, Hall.

2 wins: Blackler, Roy, Bishop, Coward, Eades, Mrs Stanley Smith, Hobbs, Mrs Anderson, Purdon.

1 win: Mrs Blackler, Digby, Hallett, Anderson.

0 wins: Fowke.

Nottingham 8-14 August

This tournament was under new management this year owing to the indisposition of Ian Wright and Bob Chamberlain. Ian has in fact been observed wielding a mallet, while Bob assisted on the sidelines during the week. We all wish them both well and hope to see them back in action at Nottingham soon. The tournament was managed by Ian Vincent with assistance from Gordon Hopewell, Tim Smith acting as tournament secretary, and these gentlemen are to be congratulated for stepping into the breach and ensuring the usual enjoyable and smoothly running tournament. A team led by Joan Haworth continued Nottingham's fine tradition of croquet cuisine. The management were able to arrange good weather for most of the week but were unlucky on Friday the 13th when a heavy shower rendered the courts briefly unplayable.

A major innovation this year was the wasps' nest at the side of one of the bowling greens. This turned out to be decisive in the class events, which were all won by victims of wasp stings, although the other events were unaffected. The entomological explanation for this remarkable phenomenon has not yet been found. Perhaps it could be the subject of a research project at Cambridge University, which was represented by a large contingent speaking its own impenetrable croquet dialect. In fact no fewer than twelve of the fifteen players in the Open Singles were educated at Cambridge; surely a Department of Croquet with its own lecture list and Tripos must appear on the scene before long (hint to *Gazette* humorists in search of a subject).

Mark Avery and Keith Aiton both performed triple peels on their way to the Open Singles Draw final. Avery had attempted a sextuple but failed at rover, possibly because the spectators had agreed that he would be immersed in the lake if he succeeded. In an unusual final, Avery executed two peels of the triple but did not finish it and subsequently failed a long pegout, pegging the back ball out. Aiton then hit in and took croquet for the first time, and went out in a series of two- and three-ball breaks, proving that no game is ever lost until the final stroke. In the Process final, Dayal Gunasekera went to rover and peg on a triple, but instead of pegging out ended his turn with the four balls round rover leave, now beginning to eclipse the 2-back clang leave in popularity. Ian

Vincent, his opponent, declined the lift, hit the shot and took his backward ball to the peg with a 4-back peel, winning shortly afterwards. The play-off was won by Keith Aiton after Ian Vincent had played a wrong ball after 1-back, demonstrating an unusual variation on the 2-back clang leave.

The B class was won by Andrew Bennet, whose croquet has improved markedly this season, perhaps because of an unaccustomed note of sanity in his tactics. The C class was won by Brian Hallam, playing in his first Nottingham tournament.

In the final of the 'X' handicap singles, Ian Vincent went to 4-back in the fourth turn. Martin Kolbuszewski, the holder of the trophy, took a ball to the peg using a bisque, but declined two opportunities to use his remaining two bisques. This decision was proved wrong when Vincent hit in and went out on a flawless triple peel leaving the two bisques standing uselessly in the ground. The 'Y' was won by Gordon Hopewell, who came out on top in a dour battle against Andrew Bennet in the final. The Robin Hood Gold Cup was won by Geoffrey Taylor after a close final against John Davis featuring some good break play on both sides.

The doubles was won by Mark Avery and Hilary Watson-Walker, who beat some strong opposition in close games on their way to the final. Avery went round approximately in step with his partner and attempted large numbers of speculative peels. Hilary played her part carefully and precisely; she has improved noticeably in the last year or two and should soon be attracting the attention of handicappers. Their opponents in the final were Richard Bowen and Steve Thomas, who had had an earlier win by 16-12 on time, but were able to come up with a much more convincing performance in the final. The losers of the first round doubles went into a 'Y' doubles which however fizzled out. Perhaps events such as this should be played with 15-minute time limits, or over a course consisting of first hoop and peg; the effect of this on doubles tactics might be rather interesting.

Event 1. Robin Hood Gold Cup. Associates only. Singles Handicap

First Round: **K.M.H. Aiton** (½) bt J.L. Macdonald (6½) +21, **Dr R. C. Jones** (4½) bt J.D. Meads (1½) +23, **Dr R.D. Bowen** (2) bt Mrs C.W. Marshall (9) +16, **E.J. Davis** (2½) bt Mrs C. Chamberlain (10) +18, **Dr R.F. Wheeler** (4½) bt J.R. Hilditch (1½) +19, **M. Avery** (-½) bt R.A. Gosden (6½) +2, **Dr I.G. Vincent** (-½) bt Mrs A.J. Bucknell (10) +5, **M.L. Kolbuszewski** (2½) bt J.F.S. Thomas (9) +19, **Mrs S.B. Hudson** (10) bt A. Bennet (4) +7, **C.G. Hopewell** (2½) bt Mrs R.A. Gosden (7½) +8, **D. Gunasekera** (1) bt Dr T.W. Smith (4) +18, **A. J. Girling** (1) bt L. Robinson (7) +7, **Mrs R.F. Wheeler** (2½) bt Miss H. Watson-Walker (14) +19, **Dr G.K. Taylor** (½) bt N.G. Hyne (3½) +17, **J.C. Straw** (5) bt A.J. Bucknell (7) +6.

Second Round: **Jones** bt Aiton +26, **Davis** bt Bowen +6, **Avery** bt Wheeler +10, **Kolbuszewski** bt Vincent +12, **Mrs Hudson** bt Hopewell +10, **Gunasekera** bt Girling +18, **Taylor** bt Mrs Wheeler +7, **Straw** bt G. Henshaw (3) +17.

Third Round: **Davis** bt Jones +1, **Avery** bt Kolbuszewski +3, **Gunasekera** bt Mrs Hudson +11, **Taylor** bt Straw +9.

Semi-final: **Davis** bt Avery +10, **Taylor** bt Gunasekera +2.

Final: **Taylor** bt Davis +5.

Event 2. Open Singles Advanced

DRAW

First Round: **Dr R.D. Bowen** bt C.G. Hopewell +8, **D. Gunasekera** bt Dr G.K. Taylor +4, **M. Avery** bt Mrs R.F. Wheeler +23, **G. Henshaw** bt N.G. Hyne +20, **Dr I.G. Vincent** bt J.D. Meads +9, **M.L. Kolbuszewski** bt A.J. Girling +4, **J.R. Hilditch** bt E.J. Davis +11.

Second Round: **Gunasekera** bt Bowen +24, **Avery** bt Henshaw +26 (TP), **Vincent** bt Kolbuszewski +21, **K.M.H. Aiton** bt Hilditch +16 (TP).

Semi-final: **Avery** bt Gunasekera +10, **Aiton** bt Vincent +4.

Final: **Aiton** bt Avery +1.

PROCESS

First Round: **Dr I.G. Vincent** bt Dr R.D. Bowen +16, **E.J. Davis** bt Mrs R.F. Wheeler +22, **M.L. Kolbuszewski** bt Dr G.K. Taylor +18, **K.M.H. Aiton** bt N.G. Hyne +26, **C.G. Hopewell** bt J.D. Meads +15, **M. Avery** bt J.R. Hilditch +12, **D. Gunasekera** bt A.J. Girling +24.

Second Round: **Vincent** bt Davis +16, **Kolbuszewski** bt Aiton +14, **Hopewell** bt Avery +1, **Gunasekera** bt G. Henshaw +23.

Semi-final: **Vincent** bt Kolbuszewski +11, **Gunasekera** bt Hopewell +1.

Final: **Vincent** bt Gunasekera +3.

PLAY-OFF: **Aiton** bt Vincent +17.

Event 3. 'B' Level Singles. Advanced

DRAW

First Round: **Mrs R.A. Gosden** bt A.J. Bucknell +1.

Second Round: **J.C. Straw** bt Dr R.C. Jones +2, **A. Bennet** bt Mrs Gosden +1, **Dr R.F. Wheeler** bt R.A. Gosden +5, **Dr T.W. Smith** bt J.L. Macdonald +13.

Semi-final: **Bennet** bt Straw +15, **Wheeler** bt Smith +13.

Final: **Bennet** bt Wheeler +17.

PROCESS

First Round: **Dr T.W. Smith** bt J.C. Straw +4.

Second Round: **Smith** bt Mrs R.A. Gosden +5, **A. Bennet** bt Dr R.F. Wheeler +10, **Dr R.C. Jones** bt R.A. Gosden +15, **A.J. Bucknell** bt J.L. Macdonald +17.

Semi-final: **Smith** bt Bennet +10, **Jones** bt Bucknell +11.

Final: **Smith** bt Jones +7.

PLAY-OFF: **Bennet** bt Smith +23.

Event 4. 'C' Handicap Singles

DRAW

First Round: **Miss H. Watson-Walker** (14) bt Mrs C. Chamberlain (10) +13, **Mrs S.B. Hudson** (10) bt Mrs A.J. Bucknell (10) +9.

Second Round: **Dr C.W. Marshall** (9) bt Miss G. Hallam (12) +5, **Mrs Hudson** bt Miss Watson-Walker +1 T, **J.F.S. Thomas** (9) bt Mrs C.W. Marshall (9) +23, **B. Hallam** (11) bt Lady E. Porter (11) +1.

Semi-final: **Mrs Hudson** bt Marshall +22, **Hallam** bt Thomas +8.

Final: **Hallam** bt Mrs Hudson +2 (OT).

PROCESS

First Round: **Lady E. Porter** (11) bt Miss G. Hallam (12) +15, **B. Hallam** (11) bt Dr C.W. Marshall (9) +7.

Second Round: **Lady Porter** bt Mrs A.J. Bucknell (10) +7, **Mrs C. Chamberlain** (10) bt J.F.S. Thomas (9) +5, **Mrs S.B. Hudson** (10) bt Hallam +3, **Miss H. Watson-Walker** (14) bt Mrs C.W. Marshall (9) +19.

Semi-final: **Lady Porter** bt Mrs Chamberlain +8, **Mrs Hudson** bt Miss Watson-Walker +13.

Final: **Lady Porter** bt Mrs Hudson +13.

PLAY-OFF: **Hallam** bt Lady Porter +21.

Event 5. 'X' Handicap Singles

First Round: **M. Avery** (-½) bt Mrs C.W. Marshall (9) +11, **J.R. Hilditch** (1½) bt A.J. Bucknell (7) +7, **J.D. Meads** (1½) bt Miss H. Watson-Walker (14) +3, **Lady E. Porter** (11) bt J.F.S. Thomas (9) +13, **Mrs R.F. Wheeler** (2½) bt J.C. Straw (5) +2, **Dr I.G. Vincent** (-½) bt Mrs S.B. Hudson (10) +6, **D. Gunasekera** (1) bt A. Bennet (4) +7, **Dr R.F. Wheeler** (4½) bt Dr C.W. Marshall (9) +3, **Miss G. Hallam** (12) bt J.L. Macdonald (6½) +16, **K.M.H. Aiton** (½) bt Mrs C. Chamberlain (10) +20 (TP), **M.L. Kolbuszewski** (2½) bt C.G. Hopewell (2½) +8, **A.J. Girling** (1) bt Mrs R.A. Gosden (7½) +15, **Dr T.W. Smith** (4) bt Mrs A.J. Bucknell (10) +13, **Dr G.K. Taylor** (½) bt R.A. Gosden (6½) +16, **Dr R.C. Jones** (4½) bt G. Henshaw (3) +19, **Dr R.D. Bowen** (2*) bt L. Robinson (7) +15.

Second Round: **Hilditch** bt Avery +17, **Meads** bt Lady Porter +4, **Vincent** bt Mrs Wheeler +19, **Gunasekera** bt Wheeler +22, **Aiton** bt Miss Hallam +4, **Kolbuszewski** bt Girling +7, **Taylor** bt Smith +4, **Bowen** bt Jones +5.

Third Round: **Meads** bt Hilditch +7, **Vincent** bt Gunasekera +7, **Kolbuszewski** bt Aiton +7, **Bowen** bt Taylor +6.

Semi-final: **Vincent** bt Meads +11, **Kolbuszewski** bt Bowen +14.

Final: **Vincent** bt Kolbuszewski +12 (TP).

Event 5. 'Y' Handicap Singles

First Round: **A.J. Bucknell** (7) bt Mrs C.W. Marshall (9) +17, **Miss H. Watson-Walker** (14) bt J.F.S. Thomas (9) +18, **J.C. Straw** (5) bt Mrs S.B. Hudson (10) +6, **A. Bennet** (4) bt Dr C.W. Marshall (9) +20, **J.L. Macdonald** (6½) bt Mrs C. Chamberlain (10) +7, **C.G. Hopewell** (2½) bt Mrs R.A. Gosden (7½) +3, **Mrs A.J. Bucknell** (10) bt R.A. Gosden (6½) +12, **G. Henshaw** (3) bt L. Robinson (7) +4.

Second Round: **Miss Watson-Walker** bt Bucknell +17, **Bennet** bt Straw +9, **Hopewell** bt Macdonald +4, **Henshaw** bt Mrs Bucknell +17.

Semi-final: Bennet bt Miss Watson-Walker +18, *Hopewell* bt Henshaw +3.

Final: Hopewell bt Bennet +10.

Event 5. 'Z' Handicap Singles

First Round: N. Hyne (3½) bt Miss G. Hallam (12) +6 (T), *Mrs R.F. Wheeler* (2½) bt Mrs C.W. Marshall (9) +10, *A.J. Girling* (1) bt Lady E. Porter (11) +16, *Mrs R.A. Gosden* (7½) bt Mrs C. Chamberlain (10) +11, *R.A. Gosden* (6½) bt Dr C.W. Marshall (9) +12, *Dr R. Wheeler* (4½) bt J.F.S. Thomas (9) +8.

Second Round: Hyne bt Mrs Wheeler +10 (T), *Mrs Gosden* bt Girling +22, *Wheeler* bt Gosden +12, *B. Hallam* (11) bt L. Robinson (7) +9 (T).

Semi-final: Hyne bt Mrs Gosden +8, *Wheeler* bt Hallam opp scr.

Final: Wheeler bt Hyne +17.

Event 6. Handicap Doubles

First Round: J.C. Straw & J.L. Macdonald (11½) bt D. Gunasekera & Mrs A.J. Bucknell (11) +4 (T), *Dr R.D. Bowen & J.F.S. Thomas* (11) bt C.G. Hopewell & E.J. Davis (5) +7, *B. Hallam & Miss G. Hallam* (23) bt J.R. Hilditch & Dr C.W. Marshall (10½) +21, *Dr T.W. Smith & A.J. Bucknell* (11) bt G. Henshaw & A. Bennet (7) +20, *J.D. Meads & Mrs C.W. Marshall* (10½) bt A.J. Girling & Dr R.C. Jones (5½) +1 (T), *R.A. Gosden & Mrs R.A. Gosden* (14) bt Dr G.K. Taylor & Mrs S.B. Hudson (10½) +24, *M. Avery & Miss H. Watson-Walker* (11½) bt K.M.H. Aiton & Lady E. Porter (11½) +2, *M.L. Kolbuszewski & Mrs C. Chamberlain* (12½) bt Mrs R.F. Wheeler & Dr R.F. Wheeler (7) +26.

Second Round: Bowen & Thomas bt Straw & Macdonald +4 (T), *Hallam & Miss Hallam* bt Smith & Bucknell +1 (T), *Meads & Mrs Marshall* bt Gosden & Mrs Gosden +1 (T), *Avery & Miss Watson-Walker* bt Kolbuszewski & Mrs Chamberlain +3.

Semi-final: Bowen & Thomas bt Hallam & Miss Hallam +7 (T), *Avery & Miss Watson-Walker* bt Meads & Mrs Marshall +9.

Final: Avery & Miss Watson-Walker bt Bowen & Thomas +8.

Carrickmines August 1982

Event 1. Championship of Ireland. Best of 3 games each. Singles Advanced

First Round: M. McWeeney bt Mrs G.W. Solomon +12 +22, *J.W. Solomon* bt R. Rothwell +15 +23, *C.A. Gamble* bt C. Von Schmieder +2 +14, *F. Rogerson* bt Mrs B. Leonard +13, +8, *A.D. Craig* bt R.J. Leonard -8 +2 +10.

Second Round: J. Assheton bt McWeeney w/o, *Gamble* bt Solomon +17 +24, *Rogerson* bt Craig +3 +7, *T.O. Read* bt P. Rothwell +25 +14.

Semi-final: Gamble bt Assheton -2 +22 +17, *Read* bt Rogerson +18 +14.

Final: Read bt Gamble +16 +4.

Event 2. Green Cup. 6 and over. Singles Handicap

First Round: Rev N. Browne (12) bt A. Browne (16) +22, *P. Thornton* (11) bt R. Welch (6½) +5, *Liz McWeeney* (13) bt Mrs B. Solomon (16) +19, *N. McInerney* (9) bt G. Reynolds Jnr (14) +9.

Second Round: G. Reynolds Snr (15) bt R. Byrne (16) opp ret, *Browne* bt Thornton +13, *McInerney* bt McWeeney +4, *P. Thompson* (7) bt P. Brown (12) +17.

Semi-final: Browne bt Reynolds +10, *McInerney* bt Thompson +10.

Final: McInerney bt Browne +10.

Event 3. Steele Cup. 3 hour time limit. 'Y' for players beaten in Events 1 and 2. Singles Handicap

First Round: G. Reynolds Jnr (12) bt Mrs G.W. Solomon (6) +21, *R. Rothwell* (3½) bt A. Brown (16) +14.

Second Round: R.J. Leonard (5½) bt Mrs B. Solomon (16) +15, *Reynolds* bt Rothwell +10, *R. Welch* (6½) bt P. Brown (12) +18, *P. Rothwell* (4) bt Mrs B. Leonard (5½) +1.

Semi-final: Reynolds bt Leonard +12 opp ret, *Rothwell* bt Welch +18.

Final: Reynolds bt Rothwell +9.

Event 4. Founders Cup. Singles Handicap

First Round: P. Rothwell (4) bt Mrs L. McWeeney (13) +10, *Ms J. Assheton* (5½) bt Mrs B. Leonard (5½) +23, *N. McInerney* (9) bt P. Thompson (7) +10.

Second Round: R. Welch (6½) bt M. McWeeney (3½) +11, *A.D. Craig* (6) bt Mrs B. Solomon (16) +16, *N. Browne* (12) bt F. Rogerson (5½) +6, *Rothwell* bt Assheton +10, *J.W. Solomon* (-½) bt McInerney +6, *T.O. Read* (-½) bt R.F. Rothwell (3½) +18, *P. Thornton* (11) bt R.J. Leonard (5½) +2, *C.A. Gamble* (3) bt Mrs G.W. Solomon (6) +12.

Third Round: Welch bt Craig +22, *Rothwell* bt Browne +2, *Solomon* bt Read +26, *Gamble* bt Thornton +16.

Semi-final: Rothwell bt Welch +3, *Gamble* bt Solomon +20.

Final: Gamble bt Rothwell +11.

Event 5. Stonebrook Cups. 3½ hour time limit. Doubles Handicap

First Round: M. & E. McWeeney (16½) bt J. & B. Solomon (13½) +4, *T. Read & J. Smith* (13½) bt F. Rogerson & M. McGoldrick (19½) +12 (OT), *Leonard & Mrs G. Solomon* (11½) bt A. & P. Brown (26) +12, *P. Thornton & N. McInerney* (20) bt R. & P. Rothwell (7½) +19, *C. Gamble & M. Smith* (17) bt R. Assheton & R. Welch (12) +4 (OT).

Second Round: B. Leonard & G. Reynolds (19½) bt McWeeney +13, *Read & Smith* bt Leonard & Solomon +22, *Thornton & McInerney* bt Gamble & Smith +4 (OT), *N. Browne & A. Craig* (18) bt P. Thompson & Caroline (21) +18.

Semi-final: Read & Smith bt Leonard & Reynolds +15, *Thornton & McInerney* bt Browne & Craig +10.

Final: Read & Smith bt Thornton & McInerney +1 (OT).

Compton 9-14 August

Event 1. Open Singles Advanced

DRAW

First Round: E.E. Rees bt Cdr G. Borrett +12, *M. Tapp* bt D.A. Parker +22, *Dr W.R.D. Wiggins* bt J.H.J. Soutter +13, *Dr R. Wood* bt Mrs E. Asa-Thomas +6, *R.E. Wallis* bt Dr C.A. Parker +6, *Mrs W.R.D. Wiggins* bt R. Williams +4.

Second Round: Tapp bt Rees +10, *Wiggins* bt Wood +5, *Mrs Wiggins* bt Wallis +12, *D.A. Harris* bt E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +7.

Semi-final: Wiggins bt Tapp +7, *Mrs Wiggins* bt Harris +18.

Final: Mrs Wiggins bt Wiggins opp ret'd on peg.

PROCESS

First Round: R.E. Wallis bt E.E. Rees +5, *J.H.J. Soutter* bt D.A. Harris +3, *R. Williams* bt Dr D.A. Parker +14, *Dr C.A. Parker* bt Cdr G. Borrett +14, *Dr W.R.D. Wiggins* bt E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +11, *Mrs W.R.D. Wiggins* bt M. Tapp +8.

Second Round: Wallis bt Soutter +6, *Dr R. Wood* bt Williams +24, *Parker* bt Wiggins +11, *Mrs Wiggins* bt Mrs E. Asa Thomas +23.

Semi-final: Wood bt Wallis +15, *Mrs Wiggins* bt Parker +23.

Final: Mrs Wiggins bt Wood +25.

Event 2. 'B' Singles. Handicaps 3½-7. Advanced

DRAW

First Round: G.A. Hutcheson bt LtCol D.F.T. Brown +10, *Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake* bt Miss E.X. Hodgens +9, *Mrs H.G. Wills* bt P. Simpson +14, *J.E. Guest* bt T.G.S. Colls +8, *LtCol R.P. Chappell* bt Mrs N.W.T. Cox +3, *N.W.T. Cox* bt Miss P.E. Parker +13, *P.W.P. Campion* bt Mrs J.H.J. Soutter +5.

Second Round: Hutcheson bt Mrs Tyrwhitt-Drake +22, *Guest* bt Mrs Wills +18, *Cox* bt Chappell +25, *Campion* bt Mrs B. Tucker +26.

Married under Reg. 20(d).

PROCESS

First Round: LtCol R.P. Chappell bt G.A. Hutcheson +11, *P. Simpson* bt P.W.P. Campion +10, *Miss P.E. Parker* bt Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +4, *Mrs B. Tucker* bt T.G.S. Colls +1, *Mrs N.W.T. Cox* bt LtCol D.F.T. Brown +11, *Mrs H.G. Wills* bt Mrs J.H.J. Soutter +18, *N.W.T. Cox* bt Miss E.X. Hodgens +14.

Second Round: Chappell bt Simpson +15, *Miss Parker* bt Mrs Tucker +19, *Mrs Wills* bt Mrs Cox +3, *J.E. Guest* bt Cox +4.

Married under Reg. 20(d).

MARRIAGE

First Round: Campion bt Miss Parker +17, *N.W.T. Cox* bt Hutcheson +6, *Mrs Wills* bt Chappell +9.

Semi-final: Campion bt Guest +1, *Cox* bt Mrs Wills +15.

Final: N.W.T. Cox bt Campion +13.

Event 3. Restricted Handicap Singles. 7½ and over

First Round: Mrs M.M. Grout bt Mrs A.E. Millins +3, *Mrs L. Knight* bt Miss D.V. Harding +13, *Miss B.E. Dennant* bt Mrs D.M. Hutcheson +23.

Semi-final: Mrs Grout bt Mrs Knight +10, *Miss M.A. Braddy* bt Miss Dennant +2.

Final: Mrs Grout bt Miss Braddy +5.

Event 4. Handicap Singles. Unrestricted

First Round: P. Campion (6) bt Miss D. Harding (15) +18, *Dr W.R.D. Wiggins* (2) bt Miss B. Dennant (8) +16.

Second Round: D.A. Harris (2) bt Miss M.A. Braddy (12) +2, *E.E. Rees* (1½) bt Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (5) +3, *G.A. Hutcheson* (3½) bt R. Williams (1½) +18, *J.E. Guest* (5) bt Mrs H.G. Wills (6) +16, *Mrs A.E. Millins* (8) bt Mrs J.H.J. Soutter (5½) +5, *J.H.J. Soutter* (1) bt Mrs B. Tucker (6½) +13, *R.E. Wallis* (2) bt Mrs L. Knight () +9, *Campion* bt Wiggins +5, *Mrs Wiggins* bt Dr D.A. Parker (2½) +10, *Mrs E. Asa-Thomas* (3) bt Mrs M.M. Grout (7½) +14, *Dr C.A. Parker* (2½) bt Mrs G.A. Hutcheson (10) +16, *LtCol D.F.T. Brown* (5½) bt Miss E.X. Hodgens (5½) +9, *Dr R. Wood* (½) bt Miss P.E. Parker (6) +6, *Cdr G. Borrett* (2) bt M. Tapp (½) +8, *E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake* (1½) bt T.G.S. Colls (7) +3, *LtCol R.P. Chappell* (3½) bt P. Simpson (6½) w/o opp scr.

Third Round: Rees bt Harris +16, *Guest* bt Hutcheson +19, *Soutter* bt Mrs Millins +1, *Wallis* bt Campion +15, *Mrs Wiggins* bt Mrs Asa-Thomas +6, *Parker* bt Brown +14, *Wood* bt Borrett +5, *Chappell* bt Tyrwhitt-Drake +7.

Fourth Round: Guest bt Rees +8, *Wallis* bt Soutter +15, *Parker* bt Mrs Wiggins w/o opp scr, *Wood* bt Chappell +4.

Semi-final: Guest bt Wallis +25, *Parker* bt Wood +18.

Final: Guest bt Parker +19.

Event 5. Handicap Doubles

First Round: Mrs Millins & Miss Braddy (20) bt E.E. Rees & Mrs Grout (9) +10.

Second Round: Dr C.A. Parker & Miss P.E. Parker (8½) bt Mrs E. Asa-Thomas & Mrs B. Tucker (9½) +21, *Cdr G. Borrett & G.A. Hutcheson* (5½) bt LtCol D.F.T. Brown & R. Williams (7) +5, *Dr W.R.D. Wiggins & Miss B.E. Dennant* (10) bt R.E. Wallis & P. Simpson (8½) w/o opp scr, *P. Campion & J.E. Guest* (11) bt Mrs Millins & Miss Braddy +14, *Dr D.A. Parker & Mrs Parker* (12½) bt T.G.S. Colls & Miss Harding (21) +10, *D.A. Harris & Mrs Tyrwhitt-Drake* (7) bt J.H.J. & Mrs Soutter (6½) +14, *LtCol R.P. Chappell & M. Tapp* (4) bt Mrs Hutcheson & Mrs Knight (26) +13, *Mrs Wiggins & Mrs Wills* (6½) bt Miss Hodgens & E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (7) +10.

Third Round: Barrett & Hutcheson bt Parker & Miss Parker +2, *Campion & Guest* bt Wiggins & Miss Dennant +10, *Harris & Mrs Tyrwhitt-Drake* bt Dr & Mrs Parker +13, *Mrs Wiggins & Mrs Wills* bt Chappell & Tapp +4.

Semi-final: Barrett & Hutcheson bt Campion & Guest +10, *Mrs Wiggins & Mrs Wills* bt Harris & Mrs Tyrwhitt-Drake +10.

Final: Mrs Wiggins & Mrs Wills bt Borrett & Hutcheson +2.

THE NORTHERN CHAMPIONSHIPS: 1982 Bowdon Saturday 21st August to Monday 30th August

These were the fourth Northern Championships to be held since they were revived by Bowdon in 1979, and I wonder whether any of the previous championships, first held in 1898, have ever seen such a high standard of entry. Eighteen of this year's 28 players in the North of England Championship itself had a handicap of 1 or less, and the Championship must now rank as one of the major 'A' class events in the calendar.

This year the Bowdon committee had decided to switch the Bowdon weekend tournament to June, and to move the Northern Championships to August, to provide a last minute opportunity for players to obtain 'A' class competition in preparation for the '8's' a week or so later. In addition, Barry Keen had devised a completely new format for the championships, providing 'A', 'B', and 'C' class Open events during the first weekend and the following week, running concurrently with the Bowdon Handicap 'X' and 'Y' events. For those local players who could not stretch their holidays over the whole of the tournament, he instituted a new handicap event for the 'Reed' Cup, played over the first weekend, and the following weekday evenings. All these tournaments, as well as the Doubles Championship, were scheduled to finish on the

Thursday evening, and the following 4 days, (including the Bank Holiday Monday), were devoted to the North of England Championship itself, with a consolation Plate event, run as a Swiss tournament, and guaranteeing at least 5 games to all competitors if they were knocked out of the Draw and Process of the main event (more about this later!). So we had a situation where those players, who had played throughout the early part of the week and got to know the lawns, could spring a surprise in the Championship on those who arrived 'cold' on Friday morning.

In changing the date and format of the championships, the Bowdon committee were hoping for an increased entry, and it soon became apparent that the new format was proving to be very attractive. By June, there was already a waiting list over and above the 46 entries that could be accommodated, and there was some embarrassment insofar as the waiting list contained some very illustrious names indeed. However, the rules for entry were quite clear, and the committee stood firm! To allow for the large entry, the tournament was started on the Saturday, instead of the Sunday as originally planned, by playing off those games that involved mainly club members. John Haigh, making his first appearance at Bowdon, arrived a day early, and was immediately put to play Martin Granger-Brown. From then on, he seemed to be rarely off the lawns, taking on everybody with his usual enthusiasm.

Sunday saw the bulk of the visitors arrive, and the first appearance of Roger Tribe from Bristol, who dispatched Margaret Aldridge by 26-nil, and produced a flurry of activity amongst the handicap committee. He then disposed of Paul Stoker by a similar margin in an hour, and promptly found his handicap reduced from 10 to 7 for his remaining events. During the course of the day, one player (who prefers to remain anonymous!) played two games in an hour and 50 minutes, lost both without taking croquet, having had 3 shots in the first (handicap) game and 6 in the second (advanced), and travelled 70 miles for the privilege! Life can be tough near the top! During Sunday night, at about 2 a.m., the Clubhouse was broken into, but fortunately a neighbour had heard the sound of breaking glass, and shouted to scare the intruders away. Throughout the week, plain-clothes police visited the tournament to keep us informed of progress, and some 5 days later, we were pleased to hear that the intruders had been caught, and had admitted stealing 6 cans of beer from the club. The loss had not been noticed until then, but I suppose if you deal in firkins, the odd can is neither here nor there!

On Monday morning, we played the first round of the Doubles, and here there were 15 pairs entered, including some very promising partnerships. The holders, Barry Keen and Ian Maugham, came through with a comfortable margin, whilst Andrew and Mary Collin were somewhat surprisingly beaten by Chris Hudson and Barbara Sutcliffe. The afternoon saw the continuation of the Handicap 'X', the arrival of the customary bottles of port to keep up the spirits of the more northerly competitors, and the continued progress of Roger Tribe in the 'Reed' Cup, which he eventually won on Thursday by beating George Collin in the final by +24.

The Doubles continued on Tuesday morning, and produced what was probably the first slow handclap ever recorded in a croquet tournament. Barry Keen and Ian Maugham, defending their title with total dedication, were on Penult and Peg, whilst their opponents had one ball pegged out, and the other on Rover. Nell Tyldesley put her ball on the boundary behind Rover. Ian Maugham made Penult, and following his partner's instructions, wired himself from Nell with the Rover hoop, leaving a rush for Rover near Penult. Nell declined to move her ball, so Ian rushed 18 inches towards Rover, and wired his balls from Nell, giving himself another short rush to Rover. Nell again declined to take a shot, and Ian repeated his 18 inch rush, and wired himself again. This process was repeated some 10 times until Rover was eventually overwhelmed, and the game was over. Why Nell never moved her ball to the side of Rover to give herself a shot, or why Barry did not allow Ian to risk a rush of some 10 yards to Rover to make the hoop was never really explained, but it was an unusual finish, to say the least! And, as Barry said afterwards when tackled on the need for such tactics, 'We won, didn't we?'. The Afternoon saw the semi-final rounds of the 'B' class Draw and Process, with Pat Hague getting through to the finals of both, but she was unfortunate in losing later in both events; to George Collin in the Draw, and Alan Sutcliffe in the Process, with Alan emerging as the overall winner of the 'B' class on Thursday by beating George +15. George, incidentally, had had a good run to the final, beating 2 players with handicaps lower than his own.

On Tuesday evening, the first social event was held at the Bistro in Altrincham, where 16 of us enjoyed dinner and wine, and watched the Bowdon recruitment team in action. I doubt whether Hamid, the proprietor, had ever played croquet in his life, but by the end of the evening, he was sounding interested, although no membership application has yet been received! We were also entertained to a story about

two black eyes obtained in ecclesiastical surroundings, told by Liz Taylor, who during the course of the day's play, had seemed to be the only person able to obtain the services of a Referee in the heavy rain. In fact, the Referees were rather more noticeable than usual in this tournament. Very meticulous, with their red Rule Books in their pockets, and quoting chapter and verse from the book, only to be dumbfounded by one competitor who refused to believe it, and called the Tournament Referee! Still, it is an onerous task, and we are most grateful to all those who volunteered their services as Referees throughout the tournament.

The Doubles continued on Wednesday morning, with Mike Sandler and Steve Lewis looking impressive in beating Barbara Sutcliffe and Chris Hudson in the semi-final, but somehow they lost their nerve in the final, and succumbed to the holders by 4 points. The final was a close game, in which Steve and Mike were a long way behind at one stage, and then finally looked likely to catch Barry and Ian on the peg. But the professional approach of their opponents triumphed in the end, and the title stayed with the holders for another year. In the afternoon, Colin Irwin continued hammering his way to the finals of the 'A' class event with some fine controlled croquet, and in the end, he won the event outright, beating Martin Kolbuszewski in the final of the Draw by +15, and John Haigh in the final of the Process by +6. Martin beat John by +3 in the play-off for second place.

By Thursday, the Bowdon handicap was drawing to a close. With 29 entries, it had been a long slog for those who kept on winning, and John Meads finally triumphed, beating Andrew Collin by +9 in the semi-final, and Colin Irwin in the final by +6. Alan Sutcliffe was the other semi-finalist, and he had the distinction of being the only person to beat Roger Tribe during the tournament, Roger having overwhelmed the opposition to win the 'C' class outright. Chris Irwin, playing in her first tournament, won the play-off for second place in the 'C' class. In the 'Y' of the Bowdon Handicap, 15 entries started, but 6 of these were later scratched by the Manager at various stages. However Liz Taylor had to play through every round, and ran out the winner by beating Richard Hilditch in the final by +26.

The first part of the tournament came to an end with the presentation of the prizes by Basil Gerrard, Bowdon's new President, on Thursday evening. As well as the silver trophies (unfortunately not yet available for all events), the winners and runners-up in each event were given respectively a sweat shirt and a 'T' shirt, with crossed mallets printed on the left breast, above the title 'Bowdon 1982'. Roger Tribe, Alan Sutcliffe, Colin Irwin, Mike Sandler, Steve Lewis and George Collin all had their handicaps reduced. Colin Irwin won a C.A. Silver Medal as a result of his win in the 'A' class event, but what a pity it was that there was no silver medal on hand to present to him. He also won the 'Harvey Demmy' prize, given by a local sports promoter for the best performance by a local player in the Bowdon Handicap (Dinner for 2, and a bottle of wine, at Blinker's French Restaurant in Manchester!). Throughout the 6 days, the weather had been relatively kind, with only one really wet day, reports and results printed daily in the Northern editions of the 'Daily Telegraph' had produced the odd spectator from far afield (one family travelled to Bowdon from Leyland to watch), and we were getting used to the sight of Eddie Bell setting the hoops as tight as possible in the early hours of the morning, and then returning much later in the day with yet more barrels of beer. Eddie also organised the mowing of the lawns, which was carried out at least every other day throughout the tournament. Other memories that linger are the three games in the first round of the Handicap that all went to time, 2 of them with both players with handicaps of less than 1½; the sight of Martin Kolbuszewski after he had played a 'scatter' shot to avoid leaving a ball near baulk on his opponent's lift, only to see his own ball running into baulk at the other end of the lawn; and the news that Bill Aldridge had blobbed a hoop and kicked his mallet in disgust (ever so gently!) only to break the shaft!

So we prepared for the North of England Championship itself. Players who had entered only this event started to arrive on Thursday afternoon, and we were sorry to lose several players who had played earlier in the week, but were too late entering to gain a place in the championship. For many of the Bowdon members, it was a case of losing one guest to receive another, for this year, we had managed to put up all visitors who wished to stay with members in members' homes — a great step forward.

Friday dawned at last, and we waited to see how our local players would fare against the new influx of visitors. Would Colin Irwin, after playing so well earlier in the week, give David Openshaw a hard game in the first round? Well, he did, and keeping his nerve as he took his second ball through the last few hoops to the peg, he won by +10. So the championship was wide open, and David had another shock in the Process later in the afternoon to find Andrew Bennett ahead of him, with a 4-ball break set up, and looking likely to spring another upset. But

experience prevailed. John McCullough was now running as joint challenger for the title with Mark Avery, and he had a relatively easy passage through both his first round games. Mark put out George Collin with a triple peel in the first round of the Draw, but perhaps lived to regret it the following day, when he was put out himself by George's brother, Andrew. On Friday evening, Alison Keen and Barry provided an excellent 3-course supper for about 30 of us in the Clubhouse — paté, chicken and chips, gateaux, and wine. An excellent effort, which was very much appreciated by all present. The potential of the newly-decorated tea room in the Clubhouse became very obvious during the course of the evening, providing a very pleasant atmosphere for this type of function.

By the time Saturday came, there were already some players with no further interest in this year's championship, and for such as these, Barry had arranged his special Swiss 'Plate' event. Eddie Bell produced an indicator board, using red ink for a win, green ink for a loss, showing quite clearly for all to see who had yet to win a game. (Often not the sort of information one wants published!). The method of scoring in this Swiss event might be worth passing on — as each person was knocked out of the championship itself, so they joined the Swiss event, scoring one point for each of their wins in the championship, and ranking in the Swiss table by the ratio of the number of wins to the number of games played. In this way, players were able to compete in the Swiss, without having necessarily played the same number of games as everyone else.

Other upsets occurred in the championship itself on Saturday and through to Sunday. George Collin beat Alan Girling, Peter Alvey beat John McCullough, and Andrew Collin, with a magnificent run of games, beat Tim Haste, Mark Avery, and then John Meads, in the Process. In the Draw, Phil Cordingley knocked out Colin Irwin, to end his seemingly unstoppable progress, Phil Johnson beat John Haigh and John Rose, before losing to David Openshaw, and Tom Anderson notched up a couple of dogged wins against John Wheeler and John Meads before falling to Mark Avery.

So by the end of play on Sunday evening, we were left with David Openshaw to play Mark Avery in the final of the Draw, a game regarded by many as the one likely to decide the championship, Mark having already knocked out John McCullough in an earlier round. John Rose's game against Andrew Collin in the semi-final of the Process was pegged down, with Andrew in the lead, although John was making a comeback. The other semi-final of the Process had already been decided, Peter Death having beaten Colin Irwin by +4 to reach the final. Peter had been ahead for some time in this game, and had one ball pegged out, with the other on Rover, when he shot at Colin on the boundary and missed. Colin obtained a perfect rush to Penult, made a good approach to this hoop, and then inexplicably stuck in the jaws, after which Peter hit in and went out, to end Colin's bid for this year's title. After discussion in the Bar as to the likely outcome of Monday's play, we left in convoy for the 'Chez Nous', where 35 of us sat down to a very pleasant dinner, and discussed our chances of winning the championship next year, this year's opportunity having disappeared through sextuplets that went wrong, uneven lawns, sheer bad luck on our part/good luck on the part of our opponents, total exhaustion, or acts of God. Lack of skill rarely seemed to enter into it.

Monday started with rain, and we wondered whether John Rose could fight back against Andrew Collin in their pegged down game. John, who had been playing 'percentage' croquet since the start of the tournament, making only one hoop at a time unless it was absolutely safe to proceed further, was on 3-back and 4-back, with Andrew on Penult and Peg. John was in play when play resumed, having hit in on the last shot before the game was pegged down overnight, and he laid up with a rush to 4-back in the first corner. Andrew hit in across the lawn, and within 10 minutes, the game was over. Meanwhile, in the final of the Draw, Mark Avery was quickly round to 4-back with his first ball against David Openshaw, but then he stuck in 2-back with his second ball, having started a triple peel and got his first ball to Penult. Conditions for play had become difficult, with rain and gusty winds, and in fact, play had to be suspended for half an hour to let the lawns dry out, but even so, both players managed to hit in several times, although they then made little subsequent progress. Mark finally hit in and went round to the Peg, but he missed the peg out with his first ball, leaving it some 6 yards beyond the stick, and pegged his second ball out. David, now on 4-back and 3-back, missed the hit in, and Mark hit the stick from 6 yards with a resounding smack heard right across the ground to reach the final of the championship. In the final of the Process, Andrew Collin went round to 4-back, to be followed almost immediately by Peter Death. Then, after some skirmishing for a while, Peter made an all-round break and was home and dry, having put out the two players (Andrew Collin and Colin Irwin) who had such marvellous success in the tournament.

The final of the championship was played at 2.30 on Monday afternoon, and proved to be a little one-sided. Mark Avery set himself up for a

sextuple with a wire at Hoop 1, but then got stuck in the jaws of Hoop 6 instead of 1-back. Peter Death, however, was not able to take advantage of this, and Mark eventually beat him by +23, to become the third Champion of the North of England in 4 years and take home the Faulkner Cup. In the play off for third place, David Openshaw beat Andrew Collin by +25.

Whilst the final rounds of the Championship were being played, the Swiss 'Plate' event had been proceeding in the background. The final play-off in the Plate was between John McCullough and Colin Irwin, with John winning by +26 to gain some consolation for being knocked out relatively early in the championship itself. Apart from Mark Avery's triple peel in the championship, only 2 other triples were recorded, both in the Plate event. One by Steve Lewis against Peter Alvey, and the other by John McCullough against John Rose. Analysis of the final Swiss results shows that all competitors had at least 6 games (another tribute to the management of Barry Keen!) and that 7 had 8 games or more. John's final winning percentage was 77.78% (7 wins out of 9 games).

At the final presentations, tributes were paid to Margaret Aldridge and her mother who had provided lunches and teas throughout the whole 10 days under their professional banner of 'Kate's Kitchen', and to the large number of members who had worked so hard to ensure the tournament's success. Particular tribute was paid to Barry Keen, first for dreaming up the new format, and secondly for managing the tournament so successfully. In thanking the Club on behalf of the visitors, David Openshaw commented on how the standard of the local players had improved since his first visit in 1980, and this must be true for the standard of the entry generally. Mark Avery and Peter Death both Qualified for C.A. Silver Medals as a result of their successful play, and handicap reductions were announced for John Meads, Andrew Collin, and Colin Irwin.

Other notes might include the fact that Colin Irwin played 29 games in the tournament; that in all, 259 games were played on 4 lawns over the 10 day period, with play stopping at about 8 p.m. every evening due to bad light; that Chess, Bridge, and Domino schools appeared in the Club room at various times during the course of the championships; that once again, we got a lot of pleasure from looking at Peter Alvey's photographs; that we were very pleased to be able to inspect the Matteus Inter-Counties Trophy, now in the North where it should be!; and that the Bar did very steady business throughout. What a pleasure it was for all of us at Bowdon to welcome so many visitors from other Clubs, both near and far. We hope you will all be back next year and that you enjoyed your visit — but please remember, (as they say!), to book early to avoid disappointment! Who knows — when you come, you might even discover how many pints there are in a firkin!

Event 1. Championship of the North of England. Open Singles Advanced

PROCESS

First Round: **P. Johnson** bt C. Hudson +5, **S.E. Lewis** bt W. Aldridge +16, **P. Death** bt T. Anderson +15, **B.A. Keen** bt M. Sandler +23, **C.J. Irwin** bt D.K. Openshaw +10, **A.J. Girling** bt P. Cordingley +14, **J. McCullough** bt J. Haig +10, **P. Alvey** bt P. Stoker +9, **J. Rose** bt J. Wheeler +12, **J.D. Meads** bt M. Kolbuszewski +14, **E. Black** bt A. Bennett +11, **A.J. Collin** bt T.J. Haste +3.

Second Round: **Johnson** bt Lewis +22, **Death** bt P. Hague +4, **Irwin** bt Keen +17, **G.K. Collin** bt Girling +11, **Alvey** bt McCullough +9, **Rose** bt E. Bell +17, **Meads** bt Black +2, **A.J. Collin** bt M. Avery +2.

Third Round: **Death** bt Johnson +5, **Irwin** bt C.K. Collin +8, **Rose** bt Alvey +23, **A.J. Collin** bt Meads +4.

Semi-final: **Death** bt Irwin +4, **A.J. Collin** bt Rose +8.

Final: **Death** bt A.J. Collin +15.

3rd place play-off: **Openshaw** bt A.J. Collin +25.

DRAW

First Round: **B.A. Keen** bt M. Kolbuszewski +18, **J. Rose** bt P. Death +17, **A. Girling** bt T.J. Haste +18, **S.E. Lewis** bt P. Stoker +10, **D.K. Openshaw** bt A. Bennett +10, **E. Bell** bt P. Hague +20, **M. Avery** bt G.K. Collin +26 (TP), **J. McCullough** bt C. Hudson +9, **J.D. Meads** bt M. Sandler +17, **T. Anderson** bt J. Wheeler +13, **P. Cordingley** bt A.J. Collin +17, **W. Aldridge** bt P. Alvey +16.

Second Round: **P. Johnson** bt J. Haigh +3, **Rose** bt Keen +12, **Lewis** bt Girling +3, **Openshaw** bt Bell +9, **Avery** bt McCullough +8, **Anderson** bt Meads +10, **Cordingley** bt Aldridge +20, **C.J. Irwin** bt E. Black +19.

Third Round: **Johnson** bt Rose +15, **Openshaw** bt Lewis +25, **Avery** bt Anderson +10, **Cordingley** bt Irwin +13.

Semi-final: **Openshaw** bt Johnson +17, **Avery** bt Cordingley +10.
Final: **Avery** bt Openshaw +14.

PLAY-OFF: **Avery** bt Death +23.

Event 2. Northern Championships 'A' Class Singles Advanced
DRAW

First Round: **A. Bennett** bt P. Alvey +8.

Second Round: **J. Hilditch** bt P. Stoker +22, **R. Bowen** bt E. Black +4, **C.J. Irwin** bt D. Kelly +4, **J. Haigh** bt P.D. Hallett +5, **B.A. Keen** bt M. Granger-Brown +6, **M. Kolbuszewski** bt S.E. Lewis, **A.J. Collin** bt J.D. Meads +5, **C. Hudson** bt Bennett +8.

Third Round: **Bowen** bt Hilditch +2, **Irwin** bt Haigh +7, **Kolbuszewski** bt Keen +2, **Collin** bt Hudson +13.

Semi-final: **Irwin** bt Bowen +9, **Kolbuszewski** bt Collin.

Final: **Irwin** bt Kolbuszewski +15.

PROCESS

First Round: **J. Hilditch** bt A. Bennett +5.

Second Round: **Hilditch** bt B.A. Keen +6, **C.J. Irwin** bt A.J. Collin +8, **S.E. Lewis** bt E. Black +10, **C. Hudson** bt P.D. Hallett +7, **M. Granger-Brown** bt P. Stoker +10, **J.D. Meads** bt D. Kelly +6, **M. Kolbuszewski** bt R. Bowen +26, **J. Haigh** bt P. Alvey +11.

Third Round: **Irwin** bt Hilditch +11, **Lewis** bt Hudson +16, **Meads** bt Granger-Brown +25, **Haigh** bt Kolbuszewski +10.

Semi-final: **Irwin** bt Lewis +23, **Haigh** bt Meads +5.

Final: **Irwin** bt Haigh +6.

WINNER: **C.J. Irwin.**

Play-off for second place: **M. Kolbuszewski** bt J. Haigh +3.

Event 3. Northern Championship. 'B' Class Singles Advanced
DRAW

First Round: **M.P. Collin** bt G. Binks +11, **L. Taylor** bt A. Bennett w/o.

Second Round: **I. Maugham** bt L. Taylor +2, **P. Hague** bt M.P. Collin +2, **G.K. Collin** bt M. Sandler +5, **A. Sutcliffe** bt A. Bennett w/o.

Semi-final: **Hague** bt Maugham +16, **G.K. Collin** bt Sutcliffe +16.

Final: **G.K. Collin** bt Hague +10.

PROCESS

First Round: **L. Taylor** bt A. Bennett w/o.

Second Round: **M.P. Collin** bt L. Taylor +22, **P. Hague** bt G.K. Collin +6, **M. Sandler** bt I. Maugham +12, **A. Sutcliffe** bt G. Binks +26.

Semi-final: **Hague** bt M.P. Collin +6, **Sutcliffe** bt Sandler +6.

Final: **Sutcliffe** bt Hague +22.

PLAY-OFF: **Sutcliffe** bt G.K. Collin +15.

Event 4. Northern Championships. 'C' Class Level Singles
DRAW

Semi-final: **S.E. Black** bt C.E. Irwin +19, **R. Tribe** bt M. Aldridge +26.

Final: **R. Tribe** bt S.E. Black +12.

PROCESS

Semi-final: **C.E. Irwin** bt M. Aldridge +18, **R. Tribe** bt S.E. Black +14.

Final: **R. Tribe** bt C.E. Irwin +21.

WINNER: **R. Tribe.**

Second place play-off: **C.E. Irwin** bt S.E. Black +16.

Event 5. Northern Championships. Singles Handicap

First Round: **A.J. Collin** (3) bt D. Kelly (5) +13, **P.D. Hallett** (1) bt P. Hague (4½) +6, **E. Black** (5) bt C.E. Irwin (12) +9, **J.D. Meads** (1½) bt A. Bennett (3) +12, **B. Keen** (1) bt C. Hudson (3) +8, **S.E. Black** (11) bt G. Binks (8) +6, **M. Kolbuszewski** (1½) bt L. Taylor (9) +12, **M. Sandler** (5) bt P. Alvey (1) +21, **C.J. Irwin** (2) bt G.J. Collin (6) +24, **S.E. Lewis** (2½) bt J. Hilditch (½) +25, **M. Granger-Brown** (2½) bt J. Haigh (½) +24, **A. Sutcliffe** (4½) bt I. Maugham (8) +9, **R. Bowen** (2) bt P. Stoker (3) +21.

Second Round: **A.J. Collin** bt M.P. Collin (6) +7, **Hallett** bt Black +8, **Meads** bt Keen +7, **Kolbuszewski** bt Black +17, **Irwin** bt Sandler +6,

Lewis bt Granger-Brown +16, **Sutcliffe** bt Bowen +16, **R. Tribe** (7) bt M. Aldridge (15) +20.

Third Round: **A.J. Collin** bt Hallett +13, **Meads** bt Kolbuszewski +5, **Irwin** bt Lewis +11, **Sutcliffe** bt Tribe +10.

Semi-final: **Meads** bt A.J. Collin +9, **Irwin** bt Sutcliffe +8.

Final: **Meads** bt Irwin +6.

Event 6. Northern Championships. Bowden Doubles Handicap

First Round: **L. Taylor & J. Haigh** (9½) bt C.J. & C.E. Irwin (12) +9, **C. Hudson & B. Sutcliffe** (13) bt A.J. & M.D. Collin (9) +6, **P. Alvey & D. Kelly** (6) bt E. Black & J. Hilditch (5½) +24, **S.E. Lewis & M. Sandler** (7½) bt R. Bowen & R. Tribe (9) +7, **S.E. Black & P.D. Hallett** (12) bt M. Kolbuszewski & G.K. Collin (7½) +8, **A. Bennett & G. Binks** (11) bt J.D. Meads & M. Aldridge (13½) +11, **B.A. Keen & I. Maugham** (9) bt P. Hague & Grainger-Brown (7) +19.

Second Round: **Hudson & Sutcliffe** bt Taylor & Haigh +17, **Lewis & Sandler** bt Alvey & Kelly +24, **Bennett & Binks** bt Black & Hallett +7, **Keen & Maugham** bt A. Sutcliffe & N. Tyldesley (12½) +2.

Semi-final: **Lewis & Sandler** bt Hudson & Sutcliffe +19, **Keen & Maugham** bt Bennett & Binks +20.

Final: **Keen & Maugham** bt Lewis & Sandler +4.

Bowdon: Northern Championships. Event 1A Swiss 'Plate'

Winner	J. McCullough 7 wins out of 9	77.78%
	Beat B.A. Keen +17, S. Lewis +17, J. Rose +8TP, P. Cordingley +16, C.J. Irwin +26	
2nd Equal	J. Rose 6 wins out of 9	66.67%
	Beat R. Jones +11	
	C.J. Irwin 6 wins out of 9	66.67%
	Beat P. Johnson +22, J. Meads +6	
4th Equal	J. Meads 5 wins out of 8	62.50%
	Beat B.A. Keen +3, A. Girling +26, P. Johnson 5 wins out of 8	62.50%
	Beat T. Haste +3	
6th Equal	P. Cordingley 4 wins out of 7	57.14%
	Beat E. Bell +13	
	A. Girling 4 wins out of 7	57.14%
	Beat E. Black +17, P. Alvey +7	
8th Equal	E. Bell 3 wins out of 6	50%
	Beat W. Aldridge +10, T. Anderson +7(T)	
	Mrs P. Hague 3 wins out of 6	50%
	Beat A. Bennett +5, M. Sandler +7, C. Hudson +5	
	G. Collin 3 wins out of 6	50%
	Beat W. Aldridge +1(T), M. Kolbuszewski +9	
	T. Haste 3 wins out of 6	50%
	Beat P. Stoker +2, G. Collin +13, S. Lewis +14	
	S. Lewis 4 wins out of 8	50%
	Beat P. Alvey +9TP	
13th	P. Alvey 3 wins out of 7	42.85%
	Beat T. Anderson +13	
14th Equal	T. Anderson 2 wins out of 6	33.33%
	C. Hudson 2 wins out of 6	33.33%
	Beat P. Stoker +16, B. Keen +11	
	M. Kolbuszewski 2 wins out of 6	33.33%
	Beat M. Sandler +7, Mrs P. Hague +10	
17th	B.A. Keen 2 wins out of 7	28.57%
18th	A. Bennett 1 win out of 5	20%
	Beat D. Peterson +5	
19th	W. Aldridge 1 win out of 6	16.67%

Southwick 23-28 August

Event 1. Abbey Challenge Cup. Open Singles Advanced

DRAW

First Round: **W.E. Moore** bt G. Willock +21, **F. Reynold** bt L. Wharrad +11.

Second Round: **Mrs W.R.D. Wiggins** bt A.F. Coleman +19, **Moore** bt Reynold +17, **W.R.D. Wiggins** bt T.F. Owen +2, **M.F. Phelps** bt E.E. Rees +19.

Semi-final: **Mrs Wiggins** bt Moore +10, **Phelps** bt Wiggins +4.

Final: **Mrs Wiggins** bt Phelps +19.

PROCESS

First Round: **A.F. Coleman** bt E.E. Rees +12, **M.F. Phelps** bt Mrs W.R.D. Wiggins +9.

Second Round: **F. Reynold** bt Coleman +1, **T.F. Owen** bt W.E. Moore +5, **Phelps** bt L. Wharrad +2, **W.R.D. Wiggins** bt S. Willock +8.

Semi-final: **Owen** bt Reynold +22, **Phelps** bt Wiggins w/o opp scr.

Final: **Phelps** bt Owen +26.

PLAY-OFF: **M.F. Phelps** bt Mrs W.R.D. Wiggins +5.

Event 2. Scott Cup. 2½ and over. Singles Advanced

DRAW

First Round: **M.A. Holford** bt N. Hyne +22, **Mrs Coombs** bt S.G. Kent +6, **Mrs C.A. Smith** bt R.F. Rothwell +11.

Second Round: **J.E. Guest** bt Mrs N.W.T. Cox +17, **Holford** bt Mrs Coombs +20, **Mrs Smith** bt D.M. Bull +21, **Rev C.H. Townshend** bt G.A. Hutcheson +6.

Semi-final: **Holford** bt Guest +9, **Townshend** bt Mrs Smith +6.

Final: **Townshend** bt Holford +10.

PROCESS

First Round: **D.M. Bull** bt J.E. Guest +8, **N. Hyne** bt Rev C. Townshend +11, **Mrs E. Cox** bt G.A. Hutcheson +3.

Second Round: **Mrs H. Coombs** bt Bull +2, **Hyne** bt R.F. Rothwell +17, **Mrs Cox** bt S.G. Kent +2, **M.A. Holford** bt Mrs C. Smith w/o opp scr.

Semi-final: **Hyne** bt Coombs +24, **Holford** bt Cox +9.

Final: **Holford** bt Hyne +4.

PLAY-OFF: **Holford** bt Townshend +10.

Event 3. Daldry Cup. 5½ to 8 Bishes. Singles Handicap

DRAW

First Round: **Miss C. Cox** (5½) bt T.G.S. Colls (7) +7, **I.C. Meredith** (7) bt Mrs E. Lewis (8) +16, **Miss B. Dennant** (8) bt G.F. Paxon (5½) +1 (OT), **S.J. Hobson** (8) bt Miss P. Shine (7) +17, **F.J. Exell** (7) bt Mrs E. Staddon (6) +4.

Second Round: **C.J. Chandler** (6) bt Miss Cox +9, **Meredith** bt Miss Dennant +16, **Hobson** bt Exell +9, **Mrs M. Grout** (7) bt E.B.T. Tanner (6) +12.

Semi-final: **Chandler** bt Meredith +8, **Hobson** bt Mrs Grout +18.

Final: **Chandler** bt Hobson w/o opp scr.

PROCESS

First Round: **S.J. Hobson** (8) bt C.J. Chandler (6) +20, **I.C. Meredith** (7) bt Mrs M. Grout (7) +19, **Miss C. Cox** (5½) bt Mrs E. Staddon (6) +14, **T.G.S. Colls** (7) bt F.J. Exell (7) +5, **E.B.T. Tanner** (6) bt Mrs E. Lewis (8) +11.

Second Round: **Hobson** bt Meredith +3, **Miss Cox** bt Miss B. Dennant (8) +7, **Colls** bt G.F. Paxon (5½) w/o opp scr, **Tanner** bt Miss P. Shine (7) +6.

Semi-final: **Hobson** bt Miss Cox +9, **Colls** bt Tanner +8.

Final: **Colls** bt Hobson +1.

PLAY-OFF: **T.G.S. Colls** bt C.J. Chandler +7.

Event 4. 9 and over: 18-point game. Singles Handicap

DRAW

First Round: **Mrs L. Wharrad** (9) bt Mrs E.B.T. Tanner (12) +15, **E.P. Davey** (16) bt R.F. Hall (12) +18.

Second Round: **Miss D. Harding** (15) bt P.J. Mansfield (16) +5, **Mrs Wharrad** bt Davey +10, **Mrs C.J. Chandler** (11) bt Mrs A. Smith (15) +13, **Mrs E. Mapletoft** (12) bt Mrs D. Hutcheson (10) +10.

Semi-final: **Miss Harding** bt Mrs Wharrad +11, **Mrs Chandler** bt Mrs Mapletoft +7.

Final: **Mrs Chandler** bt Miss Harding +8

PROCESS

First Round: **Mrs E. Mapletoft** (12) bt Miss D. Harding (15) +11, **Mrs D. Hutcheson** (10) bt P.J. Mansfield (16) +11.

Second Round: **E.P. Davey** (16) bt Mrs Mapletoft +3, **Mrs A. Smith** (15) bt Mrs L. Wharrad (9) +6, **R.H. Hall** (12) bt Mrs Hutcheson +11, **Mrs J. Chandler** (11) bt Mrs M. Tanner (12) +10.

Semi-final: **Davey** bt Mrs Smith +8, **Mrs Chandler** bt Hall +8.

Final: **Mrs Chandler** bt Davey +13.

Winner: **Mrs J. Chandler**.

PLAY-OFF: *Second place:* **Miss Harding** bt E.P. Davey +13.

Event 5X. Douglas Jones Cup. Men's Handicap Singles

First Round: **Rev C.H. Townshend** (4½) bt E.B.T. Tanner (6) +10, **Dr W.R.D. Wiggins** (1) bt E.E. Rees (1½) +22, **A.F. Coleman** (1) bt N. Hyne (3½) +16, **R.F. Rothwell** (3½) bt L. Wharrad (2½) +3, **G.A. Hutcheson** (3½) bt F.J. Exell (7) +13, **S.G. Kent** (5) bt G.F. Paxon (5½) +8, **N.W.T. Cox** (4) bt S.J. Hobson (8) +6, **G.E. Guest** (4½) bt T.F. Owen (½) +13, **M.A. Holford** (4) bt P.J. Mansfield (16) +12, **I.C. Meredith** (7) bt D.M. Bull (4) +3.

Second Round: **M.F. Phelps** (½) bt G.D. Whillock (7) +2, **Townshend** bt Wiggins +9, **Rothwell** bt Coleman +14, **Kent** bt Hutcheson +8, **Guest** bt Cox +11, **Holford** bt Meredith +4, **W.E. Moore** (1) bt T.G.S. Colls (7) +8, **F. Reynold** (2) bt R.F. Hall (12) +10.

Third Round: **Townshend** bt Phelps +18, **Rothwell** bt Kent w/o opp retd, **Holford** bt Guest +3, **Reynold** bt Moore +12.

Semi-final: **Rothwell** bt Townshend +2, **Holford** bt Reynold +23.

Final: **Holford** bt Rothwell +14.

Event 5Y. Men's Handicap Singles

First Round: **T.F. Owen** (½) bt E.E. Rees (1½) +10, **S.J. Hobson** (8) bt R.F. Hall (12) +10, **T.G.S. Colls** (7) bt D.M. Bull (4) +11, **G.D. Willock** (7) bt F.J. Exell (7) +6, **L. Wharrad** (2½) bt E.B.T. Tanner (6) +13.

Second Round: **Owen** bt N. Hyne (3½) +12, **Hobson** bt Colls +10, **Willock** bt Wharrad +3, **G.F. Paxon** (5½) bt P.J. Mansfield (16) +11.

Semi-final: **Hobson** bt Owen, **Willock** bt Paxon w/o opp scr.

Final: **Willock** bt Hobson +8.

Event 6X. Sussex Vase. Women's Handicap Singles

First Round: **Miss B. Dennant** (8) bt Mrs E. Lewis (8) +19, **Mrs C.A. Smith** (4) bt Mrs E. Staddon (6) +11, **Mrs E.A. Mapletoft** (12) bt Miss D. Harding (15) +12, **Mrs H. Coombs** (5) bt Mrs L. Wharrad (9) +5, **Mrs M. Grout** (7) bt Miss P. Shine (7) +4, **Mrs M. Tanner** (12) bt Mrs D. Hutcheson (10) +13.

Second Round: **Mrs Smith** bt Miss Dennant +12, **Mrs Mapletoft** bt Mrs Coombs +10, **Mrs Tanner** bt Mrs Grout +6, **Mrs S. Wiggins** (½) bt Mrs E. Cox (3½) +6.

Semi-final: **Mrs Smith** bt Mrs Mapletoft +3, **Mrs Wiggins** bt Mrs Tanner +12.

Final: **Mrs Smith** bt Mrs Wiggins +24.

Event 6Y. Women's Handicap

First Round: **Mrs E. Lewis** (8) bt Miss D. Harding (15), **Miss P. Shine** (7) bt Mrs D. Hutcheson (10) w/o opp scr, **Miss E. Cox** (3½) bt Mrs E. Staddon (6) +8.

Semi-final: **Miss Shine** bt Mrs Lewis w/o opp scr, **Mrs Cox** bt Mrs M. Wharrad (9) +2.

Final: **Mrs Cox** bt Miss Shine +9.

Event 7. Handicap Doubles. Combined handicaps not less than 6

First Round: **D.F. Coleman & Miss P. Shine** (8) bt R.F. Rothwell & Mrs F.J. Exell (13½) +10, **S.J. Hobson & Miss Dennant** (16) bt Mrs E. Jackson & W.E. Moore (10) +4 (OT).

Second Round: **Miss C. Cox & N.W.T. Cox** (9½) bt I.G. Meredith & Mrs E. Staddon (13) +10 (OT), **M.F. Phelps & Mrs M. Grout** (7½) bt E.E. Rees & Mrs S. Turner (6½) +8, **Mrs H. Coombs & Rev C. Townshend** (9½) bt S.G. Kent & Miss D. Harding (19) +14, **Coleman & Miss Shine** bt Hobson & Miss Dennant +5 (OT), **R.F. Hall & Mrs W.R.D. Wiggins** (12½) bt D.M. Bull & Mrs J. Chandler (13) +4, **L. Wharrad & Mrs L. Wharrad** (11½) bt M.A. Holford & Mrs Mallinson (12), **T.G.F. Colls & Mrs C. Smith** (11) bt Mrs E. Lewis & G.F. Paxon (13½) +20, **Dr W.R.D. Wiggins & Mrs A. Smith** (16) bt Mrs E. Cox & J.F. Exell (10½).

Third Round: **Phelps & Mrs Grout** bt Mrs Cox & N.W.T. Cox +12, **Coleman & Miss Shine** bt Mrs Coombs & Townshend +3 (OT), **Mr & Mrs Wharrad** bt Hall & Mrs Wiggins +4 (OT), **Colls & Mrs Smith** bt Wiggins & Mrs A. Smith.

Semi-final: **Phelps & Grout** bt Coleman & Miss Shine +8 (OT), **Mr & Mrs Wharrad** bt Colls & Mrs Smith +13.

Final: **Mr & Mrs Wharrad** bt Phelps & Mrs Grout +3.

Edinburgh 23-28 August

Event 1. Cramond Cup. Open Single Advanced

DRAW

First Round: **R. Williams** bt Mrs W. Scarr +18, **W. Scarr** bt Mrs Rowe +1 (OT).

Semi-final: **Williams** bt Mrs Lauder +5, **W. Scarr** bt J. Rowe +9.

Final: **Williams** bt W. Scarr +7.

PROCESS

First Round: **Mrs Rowe** bt Mrs Lauder +5, **Mrs W. Scarr** bt J. Rowe +2 (OT).

Semi-final: **R.A. Williams** bt Mrs Rowe +24, **Mrs Scarr** bt W. Scarr +13.

Final: **Williams** bt Mrs Scarr +7.

Second place: **Williams** bt Mrs Scarr +5.

Event 2. Silver Jubilee Salver. Level 7 and over. Singles

DRAW

First Round: **A.H.M. Adam** bt P. Thompson +2 (OT), **A.G.M. Hunter** bt G. Anderson +7 (OT).

Semi-final: **Adam** bt J.C. McCulloch +2 (OT), **Hunter** bt A.D. Lamont +13.

Final: **Adam** bt Hunter +7.

PROCESS

First Round: **A.H.M. Adam** bt A.D. Lamont +6 (OT).

Semi-final: **Hunter** bt P. Thompson +3, **Adam** bt G. Anderson +21.

Final: **Adam** bt Hunter +5.

Runner-up: Hunter

Event 3 'X'. Walter Laing Cup. 8 and over. Singles Handicap

First Round: **C.J. Morrison** (11) bt Miss C. Griethuysen (14) +22, **C.J. Tait** (10) bt Mrs G.L. Clark (14) +15, **A.M. Ramsay** (12) bt Mrs M. Fotheringham (13) +12 (OT).

Second Round: **Miss S. McCord** (11) bt J. Marshall (15) +7 (OT), **Morrison** w/o (Tait deceased), **Ramsay** bt F. Mann (12) +15, **Mrs M.G. Wright** (11) bt R.F. Ottley (16) +15.

Semi-final: **Morrison** bt Miss McCord +10 (OT), **Ramsay** bt Mrs Wright +22.

Final: **Morrison** bt Ramsay +6.

Event 3 'Y'. Handicap Singles

First Round: **Mrs G.L. Clark** (14) bt Miss C. Griethuysen (14) +1 (OT), **F. Mann** (12) bt Mrs M. Fotheringham (13) +7.

Semi-final: **J. Marshall** (15) bt Mrs Clark +16 (OT), **Mann** bt R.F. Ottley (16) +14.

Final: **Mann** bt Marshall +15.

Event 4. Norton/Wright Trophies. Combined handicap 5 and over. Doubles Handicap

First Round: **Mrs Lauder & A.C.M. Hunter** (12) bt Miss A.M. Murray & J.C. McCulloch (18) +7 (OT), **Mr & Mrs Scarr** (11) bt Mr & Mrs Rowe (11½) +9, **P. Simpson & F.V.X. Norton** (6½) bt A.D. Lamont & F. Mann (20) +7, **A.M. Ramsay & G. Anderson** (18) bt Mrs M.G. Wright & C.J. Tait (21) +2 (OT), **R.A. Williams & Miss C. Gliethoysen** (15½) bt Mr & Mrs Fotheringham (24) +1 (OT).

Second Round: **Lauder & Hunter** bt H. Wright & J. Baird (28) +18, **Simpson & Norton** bt Scarrs +6, **Ramsay & Anderson** bt Williams & Miss Gliethoysen +7 (OT), **P. Thompson & Miss C. Hay** (21) bt Mrs Clark & Mrs Baird (28) +7 (OT).

Semi-final: **Lauder & Hunter** bt Simpson & Norton +12, **Ramsay & Anderson** bt Thompson & Hay +7 (OT).

Final: **Ramsay & Anderson** bt Lauder & Hunter +10 (OT).

Event 5 'X'. Edinburgh Cup. Unrestricted Singles Handicap

First Round: **A.M. Ramsey** (12) bt Mrs M.G. Wright (11) +6, **R. Hissett** (9) bt J.E. Rowe (6½) +11, **F. Mann** (12) bt Mrs C.A. Rowe (5) +4, **A.H.M. Adam** (7) bt Miss S. McCord (11) +19, **P. Thompson** (7) bt Mrs G.L. Clark (14) +1.

Second Round: **C.I. Morrison** (11) bt C.J. Tait (10) +1 (OT), **W.A. Scarr** (6) bt Mrs M. Lauder (5) +6, **Ramsay** bt L. Fotheringham (11) +4, **Hissett** bt Mann +4 (OT), **Adam** bt Thompson +1 (OT), **Mrs W.A. Scarr** (5) bt Mrs C. Gliethoysen (14) +17, **A.G.M. Hunter** (7) bt A.D. Lamont (5) +3 (OT), **G. Anderson** (8) bt R.A. Williams (1½) +6 (OT).

Third Round: **Scarr** bt Morrison +6, **Hissett** bt Ramsay +19, **Adam** bt Mrs Scarr +19, **Hunter** bt Anderson +25.

Semi-final: **Hissett** bt Scarr +10, **Adam** bt Hunter +1 (OT).

Final: **Adam** bt Hissett +6 (OT).

Cheltenham Bank Holiday Tournament August 28-30

There's something about a Cheltenham tournament that directs this observer's thoughts towards the inconsequential. The croquet is important, of course, but not all-important, and he who here sees only croquet sees guilt rather than gold.

The setting has much to do with it. Between games, the vast expanse of 10 lawns with its backdrop of the Cotswold hills, induces a feeling of euphoria in which players loom larger than their croquet. So it is that one is left with two outstanding impressions of the August Bank Holiday Tournament, managed ably and considerately by our own George Blumer. Nobody could mistake his station in life as tournament manager. Between his own games he tended to wander off into the distance, gauging the state of play. One hand inevitably in trousers pocket (the left, perhaps), and large manager's board under his arm, looking very much like a surferboarder searching for a big wave. Despite the cares of club secretary, George is having a good season in club events, and in this tournament enjoyed 4 wins out of his 6 games.

Of the ladies, Elizabeth Sturdy most caught the eye. One has to admire her perpetual serenity. As the out player, there she would sit, shaded from the sun by her broad-brimmed straw hat, erect and still, 'like patience on a monument', ever ready to greet the passer-by with an enigmatic Mona Lisa smile that gave no hint of possible torment within. This imperturbability, and good hitting, makes Elizabeth a difficult opponent to beat, as proved by her 4 wins to take second place in her block.

Ah! The tournament. One almost forgot. Handicap play, five blocks of 7 players each, the blocks being chosen to give a good mix of the handicap range. Two games a day for each player, with full, 22-point or 18-point games determined by a simple handicap formula, this in an attempt to ensure completion of games within three hours, and to obviate the need for an arbitrary time limit on all games.

That was the theory. It worked well but for one game on a distant lawn (out of sight, out of mind?) a marathon between Lady Bazley and Betty Wiseman, stretching to an unbelievable 6 hours and 10 minutes. This match was finally given a time limit, and resulted in that most unsatisfactory result of all, a +1 win on time.

At the other end of the scale, Bath's Margaret Langley must be commended for her quick and decisive play, which resulted in 5 wins well within time limits had they been in force, and to ensure nomination, had there been such an award, for the Manager's Favourite Player! Her several opponents, and no doubt fellow members at Bath, will share with her the joys of a cut in handicap from 13-12 (and not before time?).

Of the 5 top-ranking players, only Dennis Moorcraft and Geoffrey Taylor won their blocks, Dennis being the only unbeaten player in the tournament. As a reward he enters future tournaments with a handicap of 1 instead of 1½.

Cheltenham's runaway winner in earlier tournaments, Paul Smith, won his block with 5 wins, losing his unbeaten record at the hands of Marjorie Warren, who won +4. Paul also suffered, (though that is hardly the word for a player of his promise) a cut in handicap from 3 to 2½, which should help him on his way to join the croquet elite, where some new names would doubtless be welcome.

One block winner yet to receive favourable mention is Sheila Blenkin, not only on account of her performance in 4 wins, but because she and her husband voluntarily spend more time managing the bar than actually playing. Without their hard work, and that of the lady members who do the catering, Cheltenham tournaments would hardly be quite the success that they always are.

Finally, the weather. To see the lawns before play on the first day, a virgin sea of silver dew glittering in sunshine, was to have great expectations, fulfilled indeed on the first two days, and only partially marred on the final day by torrential rain in the afternoon. Some competitors were lucky. They had completed their stint before the rains came!

Cheltenham 28-30 August

5 Blocks. Handicap Play (35 entries)

BLOCK A: **P. Smith** (3) 5 wins +7, GpCapt R.S. Ryan 4 wins +11, Mrs K. Yeoman (4) 3 wins, Mrs A. Warren (8) 3 wins -9, Prof. B.G. Neal (-1) 3 wins -40, Miss M.J. Lodge (11) 1 win -40.

BLOCK B: **D.H. Moorcraft** (1½) 6 wins +71, S. Garrett (4) 4 wins +9, G.F. Blumer (6½) +4, Mrs N. Coetzee (4½) 3 wins +25, A. Warren (9) 3

wins -4, Mrs W.R. Bawden (13) 1 win -65, Mrs M. Paddon (11) 0 wins -49.

BLOCK C: **Mrs M. Langley** (13) 5 wins +59, N.T. Paddon (4) 4 wins -6, W.R. Bawden (9) 3 wins +16, G.E.P. Jackson (0) 3 wins -21, Mrs D.H. Moorcraft (12) 2 wins +6, Mrs B.G. Neal (5) 2 wins -24, L.B. Barnes (4) 2 wins -30.

BLOCK D: **Dr G.K. Taylor** (½) 5 wins +22, Mrs W.J. Sturdy (7) 4 wins +30, M.J. Duck (5½) 3 wins +7, A. Blenkin (10) 3 wins, Mrs E. Wiseman (13) 2 wins -10, Mrs R.F.A. Crane (13) 2 wins -16, Lady Bazley (4) 2 wins -33.

BLOCK E: **Mrs A. Blenkin** (12) 4 wins +45, G.W. Sisum (3) 4 wins +40, R.L.S. Berkeley (6½) 3 wins, Mrs G. Harris (11) 3 wins -3, W.J. Sturdy (4) 3 wins -17, Mrs K.M.O. Wheeler (3) 2 wins -23, P. Dyke (15) 2 wins -42.

Hunstanton 30 August-4 September

This year's Hunstanton tournament began not on the Monday but on the Sunday evening with a dinner, followed by candle-lit golf croquet in competition for the President's cups. How apt therefore that these cups should have been won by Hugh Carlisle, the president of the club, and his partner Beryl Gosden. Your reporter was not a witness to these proceedings but, judging from the arguments still persisting on Monday morning, competition was fierce.

The tournament proper was blessed with enough sunny weather to keep the lawns fairly fast and therefore a good test for every standard of player. In the open there were many games which were very exciting to watch because the result was often in doubt up until the end. For example in the final of the draw Keith Aiton was soon round to 4-back but then lost the innings and made no more hoops until his opponent Nick Hyne was on 4-back and penultimate. Keith then produced the only triple peel of the tournament to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat. In the final of the process mistakes were in abundance but gradually John Wood calmly gained control partly due to Richard (I 'ad the 'ill) Hilditch's inability to make roquets from four yards. Keith seemed to have the play-off under control, with two peels of a quadruple already done, until he failed at two back. With John having caught up to 3-back and 4-back Keith unfortunately just reached the peg with what would have been his final rush and would have lost but for John sticking at rover with his partner waiting at the peg.

The three youngest competitors were all involved in the B class, as was the oldest Buck Bucknell who saw off the youngest James Carlisle in the first round of the draw. The final of the draw was won by Ron Gosden who beat Paul Macdonald in a game which finished by torchlight. The process was dominated by John Walters who also won the play-off, thus confirming the promise he had shown here last year. The C CLASS WAS ALMOST ENTIRELY A FEMALE PRESERVE, Professor Ken Campbell being the only man in the event. Despite (or perhaps because of) his penchant for peeling he was unable to prevent Mrs Macdonald winning the draw and Pat Hampson winning the process. In the play-off Mrs Macdonald, who was the holder, was victorious in yet another close game.

There were many memorable games played in the 'X' handicap, for example Veronica Carlisle overcoming 'danger man' John Walters, Pat Hampson beating her sister Sarah and Richard Hilditch scraping home in a four clips on the peg ending against John Wood, to name but three. The final was something of an anti-climax because although Miles Holford had used up his last bisque well before the end Richard Hilditch was unable to make anything of his chances due to more missed short roquets. The 'Y' was impressively won by John Walters, demonstrating what might have been in the 'X'.

There must be something about doubles play that stirs the Carlisle blood, as the final was between Hugh and James, and Bill Barnett and Jane Neville-Rolfe. The Carlisles made steady progress until they reached penultimate and rover but then ground to a halt allowing the opposition to reach 2-back and 4-back before finishing off, to prolonged applause from the large crowd. The 'Y' doubles were won by Mr and Mrs Macdonald despite an 18-point break from Keith Aiton in the final.

Many thanks are due to Sarah Hampson for her efficient management, Midge and her faithful band of helpers for the food, Jane Neville-Rolfe for organising, Hugh Carlisle, resplendent in a new Hurlingham pullover, for being referee of the tournament, and John Wood for helping keep the lawns in excellent condition. Keith M. Aiton

Event 1. Norfolk Challenge Cup. Open Singles Advanced

DRAW

First Round: **K.M.H. Aiton** bt Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle +14, **S.S. Townsend** bt Mrs J. Neville-Rolfe +3, **J.W. Wood** bt Mrs R.F. Wheeler +12, **J. Haigh** bt Dr R.F. Wheeler +6.

Second Round: **Aiton** bt N.G. Hyne +20, **J.R. Hilditch** bt Townsend +22, **Wood** bt G. Henshaw +19, **Haigh** bt M.A. Holford +12.

Semi-final: **Hilditch** bt Aiton +10, **Wood** bt Haigh +18.

Final: **Wood** bt Hilditch +10.

PROCESS

First Round: **Dr R.F. Wheeler** bt Mrs J. Neville-Rolfe +3, **N.G. Hyne** bt G. Henshaw +19, **M.A. Holford** bt J.R. Hilditch +10, **K.M.H. Aiton** bt Mrs R.F. Wheeler +10.

Second Round: **Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle** bt J.W. Wood +15, **Hyne** bt Wheeler +2, **Aiton** bt Holford +24, **J. Haigh** bt S.S. Townsend +18.

Semi-final: **Hyne** bt Mrs Carlisle +21, **Aiton** bt Haigh +5.

Final: **Aiton** bt Hyne +7 (TP).

Play-off: **Aiton** bt Wood +3.

Event 2. Hunstanton Challenge Bowl. 'B' Opens Singles Advanced
DRAW

First Round: **I.P.M. MacDonald** bt J. Walters +20, **H.F. Barnett** bt A.J. Bucknell +10, **R.A. Gosden** bt Mrs R.A. Gosden +10, **Miss S.G. Hampson** bt H.B.H. Carlisle +9.

Semi-final: **MacDonald** bt Barnett +17, **Gosden** bt Miss Hampson +9.

Final: **Gosden** bt MacDonald +11.

PROCESS

First Round: **J. Walters** bt Miss S. Hampson +21, **I.P.M. MacDonald** bt H.B.H. Carlisle +4 (OT).

Second Round: **Walters** bt P. Hetherington +16, **J. Carlisle** bt R.A. Gosden +18, **H.F. Barnett** bt MacDonald w/o opp scr, **A.J. Bucknell** bt Mrs R.A. Gosden +10.

Semi-final: **Walters** bt Carlisle +7, **Bucknell** bt Barnett +15.

Final: **Walters** bt Bucknell +19.

Play-off: **Walters** bt Gosden +19.

Event 3. Silver Rose Bowl. 5th Hoop start
DRAW

First Round: **Mrs J. Hetherington** (8) bt Mrs I.P.M. MacDonald (8) +10, **Mrs A.J. Bucknell** (10) bt Mrs G. Jones (9) +10.

Second Round: **Prof K. Campbell** (10) bt Miss E. Wood (12) +10, **Mrs Hetherington** bt Mrs Bucknell +16, **Mrs A. Zinn** (8) bt Mrs P. Sheldon (9) +17, **Miss P. Hampson** (11) bt Mrs S.S. Townsend (11) +2.

Semi-final: **Campbell** bt Mrs Hetherington +17, **Miss Hampson** bt Mrs Zinn +5.

Final: **Miss Hampson** bt Campbell +9.

PROCESS

First Round: **Prof K. Campbell** (10) bt Mrs S.S. Townsend (11) +9, **Mrs I.P.M. MacDonald** (8) bt Mrs A. Zinn (10) +15.

Second Round: **Campbell** bt Mrs G. Jones (9) +15, **Mrs P. Sheldon** (9) bt Mrs J. Hetherington (8) +3, **Miss P. Hampson** (11) bt Miss E. Wood (12) +10, **Mrs MacDonald** bt Mrs A.J. Bucknell (10) +10.

Semi-final: **Mrs Sheldon** bt Campbell +6, **Mrs MacDonald** bt Miss Hampson +6.

Final: **Mrs MacDonald** bt Mrs Sheldon +12.

Play-off: **Mrs MacDonald** bt Miss Hampson +7.

Event 4 'X'. Ingleby Challenge Cup. Unrestricted Singles Handicap

First Round: **S.S. Townsend** (1½) bt G. Henshaw (3) +17, **Dr R.F. Wheeler** (4½) bt Mrs S.S. Townsend (11) +12, **Mrs A.J. Hetherington** (8) bt Mrs A.J. Bucknell (10) +12, **Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle** (1) bt J. Walters (4) +4, **Mrs A.N. Rolfe** (2½) bt Mrs A. Zinn (10) +13, **A.J. Bucknell** (7) bt Mrs G. Jones (9) +7, **Mrs I.P.M. MacDonald** (8) bt Mrs R.F. Wheeler (2½) +10, **Miss S. Hampson** (4½) bt Miss E. Wood +15, **Miss P. Hampson** (11) bt H.B.H. Carlisle +2, **J.R. Hilditch** (½) bt Mrs R.A. Gosden (7½) +5, **N.G. Hyne** (3) bt I.P.M. MacDonald (4½) +3, **K.M.H. Aiton** (0) bt H.F. Barnett (7½) +8, **J.W. Wood** (3½) bt J. Haigh (½) +9, **Prof K. Campbell** (10) bt J. Carlisle (6) +17, **R.A. Gosden** (6½) bt P. Hetherington (5) +7.

Second Round: **M.A. Holford** (3) bt Townsend +16, **Mrs Hetherington** bt Dr Wheeler +16, **Mrs Rolfe** bt Mrs Carlisle +8, **Mrs MacDonald** bt A.J. Bucknell +16, **Miss P. Hampson** bt Miss S. Hampson +8, **Hilditch** bt Hyne +3, **Wood** bt Aiton +24, **Campbell** bt Gosden +16.

Third Round: **Holford** bt Mrs Hetherington +7, **Mrs Rolfe** bt Mrs MacDonald +10, **Hilditch** bt Miss P. Hampson +7, **Wood** bt Campbell +10.

Semi-final: **Holford** bt Mrs Rolfe +19, **Hilditch** bt Wood +12.

Final: **Holford** bt Hilditch +16.

Event 5. Hope Cups. 3½ hours time limit. Doubles Handicap

First Round: **J.W. Wood & Miss P. Hampson** (13½) bt R.A. Gosden & J.R. Hilditch (7) +2, **Mr & Mrs S.S. Townsend** (12½) bt K.M.H. Aiton & Mrs A. Zinn (8) +11, **H.B.H. Carlisle & J. Carlisle** (10) bt J. Haigh & Miss E. Wood (12½) +16, **Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle & Mrs G. Jones** (10) bt G. Henshaw & J. Walters (7) +9, **Mrs A.N. Rolfe & H.F. Barnett** (10) bt Mr & Mrs A.J. Bucknell (17) +15, **M.A. Holford & Prof K. Campbell** (13) bt Mr & Mrs I.P.M. MacDonald (12½) +1 (OT), **N.G. Hyne & Mrs R.A. Gosden** (10½) bt Dr & Mrs R.F. Wheeler (7) +5.

Second Round: **P. Hetherington & Mrs J.A. Hetherington** (13) bt Wood & Miss P. Hampson +4 (OT), **Carlisles** bt Townsends +6 (OT), **Mrs Rolfe & Barnett** bt Mrs Carlisle & Jones +11, **Holford & Campbell** bt Hyne & Mrs Gosden +16.

Semi-final: **Carlisles** bt Hetheringtons +16, **Mrs Rolfe & Barnett** bt Holford & Campbell +11.

Final: **Carlisles** bt Mrs Rolfe & Barnett +11.

Parkstone 30 August-4 September

This was a highly varied and enjoyable tournament. The week started cool and damp, but became hot and sunny on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The lawns accordingly varied from slow to pretty fast, and the croquet varied with them.

The 'A' class got off to a bright start when Terry Wood beat William Ormerod, doing his first tournament triple in the process (or rather, the Draw, if you see what I mean). This was in fact the only triple done during the week, but perhaps we can say in our defence that conditions became more difficult as the week went on. After William's dismissal from the Draw, it seemed for a long time probable that Mrs Wiggins would win the event. Playing with great care, accuracy, and concentration, she reached the final of both Draw and Process. In the Draw final she beat Terry Wood in a game which both players were keen to forget. In the Process final she met William Ormerod. The fast and tricky lawn produced several errors from both players, but there was an intriguing finish to the game. With 5 minutes to go, William (for penult. and peg) declined a lift and pegged out yellow from where it lay in the middle of the lawn. Mrs Wiggins then started making good progress with her backward ball (the other being for rover) and when time was called she found herself needing to make 4 hoops and peg out, to win. She came very close to success, but finally failed a long rover hoop to lose by 1 O.T. In the play-off William had the upper hand throughout, and won comfortably by 18.

There was another exciting game in the 'B' class final. In the closing minutes, Bob Bailey (peg and peg) missed a peg-out, leaving Alec Rushbrooke (rover and penult.) a final chance to win. However, time ran out too soon for him and Bob won by 3 O.T. In the 'C' class a close game was expected between Beryl Saunders and Netta Robertson, who had both played well throughout the week. In the event, though, Beryl played much the more consistent croquet, and never looked like losing.

The big handicap produced several interesting games. We saw Mrs. Tomkinson (handicap 10) take a bisque and a half to set up a break against Les Butler, and then make 10 hoops without a bisque. Iris Derryhouse beat Frank Shergold by 2. Three times Frank (on peg and peg) laid himself a simple rush to the peg; three times she shot at him; and three times she hit. The likely overall winner seemed to be Bob Bailey, playing consistently better than his 5½ handicap. However, he made two bad tactical mistakes in his semi-final against Jeff Dawson, the first in not taking either of his two bisques until Jeff was for peg and penult., the second in pegging Jeff out when his own backward ball was for hoop 1. However, this produced a superb 'spectator's game', in which Jeff finally just got home. In the final Jeff met Terry Wood. Terry stuck in a couple of hoops, and you can't afford to do that if you are giving 3 bisques to someone like Jeff. The 'Y' was won by Pat Parker, and it also gave her brother David the chance to clock up the week's most spectacular failure. Playing against Mrs Davidson, he had made only 6 hoops when time was called, and found himself needing to make 10 hoops, and do one peel, to draw level. He picked up a break, got to 4-back and made it, did the peel at hoop 5, only to find his own ball hitting the peg with pioneers well placed at penult. and rover. He missed the 'saving' 7-yard roquet, and that was that.

The doubles always looked like being won by Frank Shergold and Netta

Robertson, and sure enough it was. Frank played throughout with great determination, showing both tactical skill and a demoralising accuracy in shooting. Netta supported him ably with some very dependable hoop-running, and with a bisque and a half up the sleeve (sleeves?) they were too strong for Carol Knox and Bob Bailey.

A few other random impressions – the elegance of the Knox knickerbockers (knickerbockers?); the formidable concentration of Derek Wood, mastering the 4-ball break at an age when most of us thought a mallet was a thing you banged tent-pegs in with; the speed and panache of John Toye's breakplaying: above all, of course, the kindness and hospitality of all those running the tournament – Les Butler, managing; his able assistants Pat Newton and Margaret McMordie; and those who fed us so well at lunch-time and tea-time, even bringing tea to us if we happened to be playing at 4 o'clock. Many thanks to all of you.

Tom Griffith

Parkstone 30 August–4 September

Event 1. Opens. Singles Advanced

DRAW

First Round: **J.D. Dawson** bt Air Cdre J.H. Gresswell +15, **Mrs C.A. Knox** bt Mrs N.A.C. MacMillan +7, **Dr C.A. Parker** bt M.G. Tompkinson +18, **T.I. Wood** bt Dr W.P. Ormerod +24 (TP), **L.S. Butler** bt Dr W.R.D. Wiggins +14, **Mrs W.R.D. Wiggins** bt F.L. Shergold +17, **T. Griffith** bt Dr D.A. Parker +17.

Second Round: **Mrs Knox** bt Dawson +4, **Wood** bt Dr C.A. Parker +1, **Mrs Wiggins** bt Butler +16, **Griffith** bt J.S. Toye +9.

Semi-final: **Wood** bt Mrs Knox +19, **Mrs Wiggins** bt Griffith +16.

Final: **Mrs Wiggins** bt Wood +2 (OT).

PROCESS

First Round: **Dr W.R.D. Wiggins** bt J.P. Dawson +2, **T. Griffith** bt M.G. Tompkinson +23, **Mrs W.R.D. Wiggins** bt Mrs C.A. Knox +12, **T.I. Wood** bt J.S. Toye +3, **L.S. Butler** bt Air Cdre J.H. Gresswell +11, **Dr C.A. Parker** bt Dr D.A. Parker +1 (OT), **F.L. Shergold** bt Mrs N.A.C. MacMillan w/o.

Second Round: **Griffith** bt Wiggins +17, **Mrs Wiggins** bt Wood +16, **Dr C.A. Parker** bt Butler +10, **Dr W.P. Ormerod** bt Shergold +24.

Semi-final: **Mrs Wiggins** bt Griffith +18, **Dr Ormerod** bt Dr C.A. Parker +3 (OT).

Final: **Dr Ormerod** bt Mrs Wiggins +1 (OT).

Play-off: **Dr W.P. Ormerod** bt Mrs W.R.D. Wiggins +18.

Event 2 'X'. Level Singles. 4–8 bisques

First Round: **Mrs P.A. Derryhouse** bt R.H.C. Carder +3 (OT).

Second Round: **R.F. Bailey** bt S.G. Kent +11, **Mrs Derryhouse** bt Mrs A.E. Millns +3 (OT), **A.A. Rushbrooke** bt Mrs F.H.N. Davidson +11, **Miss P.E. Parker** bt P.A. Derryhouse +8.

Semi-final: **Bailey** bt Mrs Derryhouse +18 (OT), **Rushbrooke** bt Miss Parker +6.

Final: **Bailey** bt Rushbrooke +3 (OT).

Event 2 'Y'. Level Singles. 4–8 bisques

First Round: **R.H.C. Carder** bt Mrs A.E. Millns +17.

Semi-final: **S.G. Kent** bt Carder +1 (OT), **P.A. Derryhouse** bt Mrs F.H.N. Davidson +3 (OT).

Final: **Derryhouse** bt Kent +6 (OT).

Event 3 'X'. Handicap Singles. 9 and over

First Round: **Miss A.R. Robertson** (9) bt Mrs E.V.W. Deakin (13) +25, **Mrs S.B. Hudson** (10) bt Mrs D. Mitchell (10) +6 (OT), **Mrs M.G. Tompkinson** (10) bt Miss A.N. Ryan (10) +10.

Semi-final: **Miss Robertson** bt Mrs Hudson +2, **Mrs B.R. Saunders** (11) bt Mrs Tompkinson +12.

Final: **Mrs Saunders** bt Miss Robertson +22.

Event 3 'Y'. Handicap Singles. 9 and over

Semi-final: **Mrs D. Mitchell** (10) bt Mrs E.V.W. Deakin (13) w/o.

Final: **Mrs Mitchell** bt Miss A.M. Ryan (10) +1 (OT).

Event 4 'X'. Handicap Singles. Unrestricted

First Round: **S.G. Kent** (5) bt Miss A.M. Ryan (10) +12, **F.L. Shergold**

(3) bt Mrs A.E. Millns (7½) +15, **M.G. Tompkinson** (1½) bt Mrs E.V.W. Deakin (13) +18, **T.I. Wood** (½) bt Miss P.E. Parker (5½) +25, **Mrs M.G. Tompkinson** (10) bt L.S. Butler (½) +13, **T. Griffith** (0) bt Air Cdre J. Gresswell (3) +14, **Mrs W.R.D. Wiggins** (½) bt Miss A.R. Robertson (9) +10, **R.H.C. Carder** (4) bt Mrs F.H.N. Davidson (6½) +8, **J.P. Dawson** (3½) bt Dr D.A. Parker (2½) +2, **Dr C.A. Parker** (2) bt Dr W.R.D. Wiggins (1) +6, **J.S. Toye** (1) bt Mrs D. Mitchell (10) +7, **A.A. Rushbrooke** (5½) bt Mrs S.B. Hudson (10) +4, **R.F. Bailey** (5½) bt P.A. Derryhouse (7½) +21.

Second Round: **Mrs P.A. Derryhouse** (7½) bt Kent +9, **Shergold** bt Tompkinson +3, **Wood** bt Mrs Tompkinson +15, **Mrs Wiggins** bt Griffith +16, **Dawson** bt Carder +8, **Toye** bt Parker +6, **Bailey** bt Rushbrooke +11, **Mrs C.A. Knox** (2) bt Mrs B.R. Saunders (11) +11.

Third Round: **Mrs Derryhouse** bt Shergold +2, **Wood** bt Mrs Wiggins +17, **Dawson** bt Toye +8, **Bailey** bt Mrs Knox +13.

Semi-final: **Wood** bt Mrs Derryhouse +7, **Dawson** bt Bailey +6.

Final: **Dawson** bt Wood +14.

Event 5. Handicap Doubles. Combined handicap not less than 4

First Round: **Carder & Rushbrooke** bt Mrs W.R.D. Wiggins & Mrs D. Mitchell +13, **Shergold & Miss Robertson** bt Mr & Mrs M.G. Tompkinson +15, **Mrs Knox & Bailey** bt Mrs MacMillan & Mrs Davidson +7, **Toye & Miss Ryan** bt Air Cdre Gresswell & Mrs E.V.W. Deakin +12.

Semi-final: **Shergold & Miss Robertson** bt Carder & Rushbrooke +4, **Bailey & Mrs Knox** bt Toye & Miss Ryan +7.

Final: **Shergold & Miss Robertson** bt Bailey & Mrs Knox +4 (OT).

Cheltenham 'B' Level Advanced Play Tournament

This tournament, initiated by the Cheltenham club, has become a most popular event, particularly with 'improvers' anxious to see how they fare against better players on level terms.

1982 was no exception, and with 8 games each over the 4 days of the tournament, there was opportunity enough for players in the improving category to settle down after early mishaps, and give a good account of themselves.

Predictably three men of the younger sort notched up 6 wins each to share first prize: K. Cotterell, J. Ross, and S. Hoole. Of the ladies, Miss E. Arkell and Lady Bazley distinguished themselves with 5 wins each, but it was the manner of Miss Arkell's wins that calls for particular praise.

No longer young, Miss Arkell nevertheless might well be dubbed the Hurricane Higgins of the croquet scene. From the out position she comes on to the lawn with the speed of a boxer responding to the bell. Her mind is already made up about what she wants to do, and she does it with extraordinary despatch. Her game seems to be controlled by the subconscious mind, and if occasionally the body fails to respond correctly, she has a remarkable capacity for scrambling out of trouble, notably getting in front of a hoop from a breakdown position, and then making the hoop with a characteristically quick poke.

Tournaments, and the game of croquet in general, would be all the happier if there were more players of her ilk!

Cheltenham 6–9 September

'B' Level Advanced Play (24 Entries)

Played as a Swiss Tournament

6 wins: K. Cotterell, S.J.W. Hoole, J.E. Ross.

5 wins: Miss E.H. Arkell, Lady Bazley, G.F. Blumer, D. Cairns, G.W. Sisum, P.L. Smith, Dr C.B. Snowden, W.J. Sturdy.

4 wins: R.F.A. Crane, P.J. Shepard, Mrs K. Yeoman.

3 wins: Mrs K. Cotterell, Mrs N. Coetzee, G.F. Hallett, J. McLaren, Mrs B.G. Neal, Mrs W.J. Sturdy, Mrs K.M.O. Wheeler.

2 wins: Mrs H. Handley, W.R. Bawden.

1 win: F.J. Exell.

Cheltenham September Weekend Tournament

Yet another successful tournament, blessed by good weather. It was a pleasure to see visitors reaping their due rewards.

Two Walsall players did well, S. Hare to win his block with 6 wins, and P. Trafford with 4 wins to take second place in his. G. Roy of Phyllis Court also won his block with 6 wins.

To Cheltenham folk Middlesbrough seems far enough north to be almost arctic, but the long journey south proved very rewarding for Dr C.B. Snowden, who had 5 wins for first place in his block, with Mrs K. Yeoman (Bath) runner-up with 4. Home player and tournament manager D. Moorcraft won his block with 5 wins.

All games were timed, and no less than 65 of them ended with hoops still to play. Uncertain conditions around the hoops played a part in this, but many more games could have been taken to a peg-out had some players been more alert. It passes comprehension that in a timed game (and in an untimed game?) the out-player can be seen firmly rooted in his seat until his opponent has quitted the lawn. Similarly, on the croquet stroke, the agonised watching of the pioneer ball for the full run of its course, in total must surely add up to several valuable minutes.

No one wishes to see croquet played at the speed of movement seen in a pre 1920 film, nor does one deplore the leisurely tempo natural to many players. It is the unthinking, or sometimes the deliberate timewasting that is indefensible.

A little more attention to the courtesies of time-saving might well obviate the need for that inconclusive abomination – the timed game.

Cheltenham 10–12 September

5 Blocks. Handicap Play. 35 entries

BLOCK A: **S. Hare** (4) 6 wins +71, Dr G.K. Taylor (½) 5 wins +41, Gp Capt R.S. Ryan (14) 3 wins +13, Mrs A. Warren (8) 3 wins +1, Mrs K.M.O. Wheeler (3) 2 wins –31, G.F. Blumer (6½) 1 win –20, C.B. Sanford (4½) 1 win –75.

BLOCK B: **S.J.W. Hoole** (2½) 5 wins +67, Mrs W.J. Sturdy (7) 4 wins +13, Mrs H. Handley (4) 4 wins +9, Mrs A. Blenkin 3 wins +15, P.J. Shepard (5) 3 wins –16, Mrs S.F. Blacker (11) 1 win –30, R.F.A. Crane (4½) 1 win –58.

BLOCK C: **G. Roy** (2½) 6 wins +57, C. Duckworth (4) 5 wins +28, F.J. Exell (7) 4 wins +11, R. Morshead (13) 2 wins +7, A. Blenkin (10) 2 wins –14, W.J. Sturdy (4) 2 wins –25, Miss M.J. Lodge (6½) 0 wins –64.

BLOCK D: **Dr C.B. Snowden** (3) 5 wins +45, Mrs K. Yeoman (4) 4 wins +30, Dr B.G.F. Weitz (½) 4 wins +16, D. Arthur (7) 4 wins +3, A. Warren (9) 3 wins +4, Mrs E. Wiseman (13) 1 win –20, G. Sisum (3) –66.

BLOCK E: **D.H. Moorcraft** (1) 5 wins +65, P. Trafford (7) 4 wins +16, Mrs G. Harris (11) 3 wins +7, Lady Bazley (4) 3 wins –3, S.F. Blacker (9) 3 wins –8, N.J.C. Gooch (4) 2 wins –38, Mrs R.F.A. Crane (13) 1 win –39.

Nottingham 17–19 September

14 Entries

BLOCK A: **M.J. Stevens** (½) 6 wins – bt Mrs Wheeler +20, Smith +5, Mrs Chamberlain +11, Dr Miller +10, Bucknell +16, Daintree +3, A.J. Bucknell (7) 4 wins – bt Smith +15, Mrs Chamberlain +11, Dr Miller +10, Daintree +8.

Mrs R.F. Wheeler (2½) 4 wins – bt Mrs Chamberlain +4, Dr Miller +4, Daintree +8.

D. Daintree (11) 3 wins – bt Smith +15, Mrs Chamberlain +14, Someone else?

Dr T.W. Smith (4) 2 wins – bt Mrs Wheeler +8, Mrs Chamberlain +14, Dr E.J. Miller (14) 1 win – bt Smith +20.

Mrs C. Chamberlain (10) 1 win – bt Dr Miller +1.

BLOCK B: **E.J. Davis** (2½) 5 wins – bt Robinson +24, Cowan +16, Straw +14, Wheeler +15, Mrs Bucknell +16. J. Straw (5) 4 wins – bt Robinson +17, Cowan +13, Hopewell +17, Mrs Bucknell +15.

L. Robinson (8) 3 wins – bt Cowan +17, Hopewell +17, Mrs Bucknell +8.

C.G. Hopewell (2) 3 wins – bt Cowan +17, Wheeler +7, Davis +5, Dr R.F. Wheeler (4½) 3 wins – bt Robinson +5, Straw +5, Mrs Bucknell +5.

M. Cowan (16) 2 wins – bt Wheeler +9, Mrs Bucknell +1.

Mrs A.J. Bucknell 1 win – bt Hopewell +5.

PLAY-OFF:

Davis bt Stevens +2.

Straw bt Bucknell +7.

Mrs Wheeler bt Robinson +21.

Daintree bt Hopewell +23.

Smith bt Wheeler +6.

Cowan bt Miller +3.

Mrs Chamberlain bt Mrs Bucknell +7.

(M. Cowan: Non Associate: 1st tournament)

Budleigh Salterton 17–19 September

Handicap Singles in Blocks. 36 Entries

BLOCK A: **D.L. Gaunt** (4½) 5 wins, B. Redford (3) 4 wins, D.J. Croker (–½) 3 wins, Mrs S.F. Blackler (10) 2 wins, Miss B.E. Dennant (8) 1 win, Mrs M.J. Goode (7) 0 wins.

BLOCK B: **S.F. Blacker** (8) 5 wins, R. Tribe (7) 4 wins, N.G. Hyne (3) 3 wins, B.G. Perry (1) 2 wins, N. Morrison (4½) 1 win, M.M. Hawthorn (10) 0 wins.

BLOCK C: **Dr F.D.B. West** (3½) 5 wins, J.S. Toye (1) 4 wins, P.K.L. Danks (11) 3 wins, Mrs D.J. Croker (7½) 2 wins, C.B. Sanford (4½) 1 win, Dr C.W. Marshall (9) 0 wins.

BLOCK D: **Dr D. Laney** (13) 5 wins, D.H. Moorcraft (1) 3 wins, Mrs E.E. Bressley (4) 3 wins, B.G. Bucknell (5) 2 wins, Mrs P.K. Devitt (7½) 2 wins, Mrs C.W. Marshall (9) 0 wins.

BLOCK E: **R.S. Stevens** (2) 5 wins, Mrs D.H. Moorcraft (12) 4 wins, Dr W.R. Bucknell (4½) 3 wins, G.W.R. Goodwin (9) 2 wins, Mrs M. Grout (7) 1 win, Mrs K. Mapstone (5) 0 wins.

BLOCK F: **M. Granger-Brown** (2½) 4 wins (+52), Dr C.L. Greenbury (5½) 4 wins (+27), E.L. Gardiner (8) 2 wins, Mrs M.M. Hawthorn (14) 2 wins, P.K. Devitt (4½) 2 wins, Mrs C. Smith (16) 1 win.

Ryde Week-end Tournament 17–19 September

There had been four late withdrawals from the tournament and it was decided to divide the players into three blocks instead of four. The bonus was an extra game during the week-end for most people.

Ian Card surprised nobody by winning all his games in his block, nor did Gerald Birch who did the same. But Gerald has been doing this sort of thing at Ryde for thirty years, and we were delighted when Joe Orchard, the Club President, announced that it had been decided to make Gerald an Honorary Member of the Club.

Dennis Goulding played consistently well as usual. He beat Mick Tompkinson in 50 minutes, but he was not quite able to beat Charles Harmon, a newcomer who also distinguished himself by winning all his games. Philip Mann was back on very good form and was a formidable opponent, winning one game 26–0 in an hour and a quarter.

This was another delightful week-end in the convivial atmosphere of the Ryde Club, with lots of warm sunshine, and first-class fare at the clubhouse table. The croquet was great fun and we also appreciated the improved condition of the lawns resulting from the special attention which Ian Card has been giving them this season.

Results

BLOCK A: **T.I. Card** (5½) 6 wins, P. Gunn (4) 5 wins, P.H. Mann (10) 4 wins, H.G. Drake (2½) 3 wins, Mrs M.G. Tompkinson (8) 2 wins, Mrs J. Haworth (14) 1 win, J.H. Bowman (1½) 0 wins.

BLOCK B: **C.S. Harmon** (6) 6 wins, D. Goulding (2½) 5 wins, Mrs F.H. Newman (4½) 4 wins, Miss S. McCord (11) 2 wins, J.F.S. Thomas (9) 2 wins, M.G. Tompkinson (1½) 2 wins, Mrs P.H. Mann (8) 0 wins.

BLOCK C: **G. Birch** (2½) 5 wins, Mrs S. Hudson (9) 4 wins, F.H. Newman (3) 3 wins, F.A. Rowlands (6) 2 wins, Mrs J. Bonser (7) 2 wins, Mrs D. Erith (15) 0 wins.

Southwick 20–25 September

Event 1. Peel Memorial Bowl. Handicap Singles Men

DRAW

First Round: **E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake** (1) bt G.F. Paxon (5½) +15.

Second Round: **T.F. Owen** (½) bt N.J.C. Gooch (4) +20, **G. Whillock** (6) bt P.A. Derryhouse (7½) +1, **T. Read** (–½) bt T. Vale (6) +14, **D. Caporn** (3) bt Tyrwhitt-Drake +10, **G.C. Roy** (2) bt W.E. Moore (1) +26, **N.W.T. Cox** (4) bt H.O. Hicks (1½) +3, **R.F. Wheeler** (4½) bt D.H. Moorcraft (1) +11, **L. Wharrad** (2½) bt G.P.N. Healy (1½) +5.

Third Round: **Whillock** bt Owen +15, **Caporn** bt Read +6, **Roy** bt Cox +15, **Wharrad** bt Wheeler +9.

Semi-final: **Whillock** bt Caporn +25, **Roy** bt Wharrad +3.

Final: **Whillock** bt Roy +26.

PROCESS

First Round: **N.J.C. Gooch** (4) bt L. Wharrad (2½) +9.

Second Round: Gooch bt G.F. Paxon (5½) +14, **N.W.T. Cox** (4) bt T. Read (-½) +11, **P.A. Dwerryhouse** (7½) bt W.E. Moore (1) +8, **D. Caporn** (3) bt R.F. Wheeler (4½) +4, **G.C. Roy** (2) bt T.F. Owen (½) +25, **T. Vale** (6) bt D.H. Moorcraft (1) +7, **G. Whillock** (6) bt H.O. Hicks (1½) +6, **G.P.M. Healy** (1½) bt E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (1) +25.

Third Round: Cox bt Gooch +3, **Dwerryhouse** bt Caporn +3, **Roy** bt Vale +18, **Healy** bt Whillock +5.

Semi-final: Cox bt Dwerryhouse +18, **Healy** bt Roy +6.

Final: Healy bt Cox +12.

Play-off: Whillock bt Healy +2, so Healy runner-up.

Event 2. Peel Memorial Bowl. Handicap Singles Women
DRAW

First Round: Mrs L. Wharrad (9) bt Mrs E. Mapletoft (12/10) +11, **Mrs B. Mallinson** (6½) bt Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (5) +8, **Mrs D. Wheeler** (2½) bt Mrs R.E. Tucker (5½) +17, **Mrs N.W.T. Cox** (4½) bt Mrs E.M. Dwerryhouse (7) +5, **Miss C. Cox** (5½) bt Mrs I. Moorcraft (12/10) +8, **Mrs M. Vale** (16/14) bt Mrs E. Lewis (8) +12, **Mrs E. Staddon** (6) bt Mrs H.M. Read (7) +6.

Second Round: Wharrad bt Miss P. Shine (7) +6, **Wheeler** bt Mallinson +5, **Mrs Cox** bt Miss Cox +10, **Vale** bt Staddon +5.

Semi-final: Wheeler bt Wharrad +16, **Cox** bt Vale +9.

Final: Cox bt Wheeler +4 (T).

PROCESS

First Round: Mrs E.M. Dwerryhouse (7) bt Miss P. Shine (7) w/o opp scr, **Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake** (5) bt Mrs E. Lewis (8) +10, **Mrs I. Moorcraft** (12/10) bt Mrs L. Wharrad (9) +3, **Mrs D. Wheeler** (2½) bt Mrs E. Staddon (6) +12, **Miss C. Cox** (5½) bt Mrs E. Mapletoft (12/10) +7, **Mrs R.E. Tucker** (5½) bt Mrs H.M. Read (7) w/o opp scr, **Mrs B. Mallinson** (6½) bt Mrs M. Vale (16/14) +9 (T).

Second Round: Dwerryhouse bt Tyrwhitt-Drake +14, **Moorcraft** bt Wheeler +19, **Miss Cox** bt Tucker +6, **Mrs N.W.T. Cox** (4½) bt Mallinson +9.

Semi-final: Dwerryhouse bt Moorcraft +4, **Mrs Cox** bt Miss Cox +11.

Final: Mrs Cox bt Dwerryhouse +16.

Play-off for runner-up: Dwerryhouse bt Wheeler +13.

Event 3. Lady Murray Memorial Cups. Doubles Handicap

First Round: Mr & Mrs Moorcraft (11) bt Mrs Read & T. Read (6½) +17, **T.F. Owen & T. Vale** (6½) bt Dr & Mrs Wheeler (7) +12, **Mr & Mrs Wharrad** (11½) bt G.F. Paxon & Mrs E. Lewis (13½) +6, **Mrs R.E. Tucker & G.P.N. Healy** (7) bt Mr & Mrs Tyrwhitt-Drake (6) +15, **Mr & Mrs Dwerryhouse** (4½) bt Mrs E. Cox & Mrs M. Vale (18½) w/o opp ret'd, **Mrs E. Mapletoft & G. Whillock** (16) bt N.J.C. Gooch & G.C. Roy (6) +3 (T).

Second Round: Owen & Vale bt Moorcrafts +8, **Tucker & Healy** bt Wharrads +9, **Mapletoft & Whillock** bt Dwerryhouses +2 (T), **C. Chandler & W.E. Moore** (7) bt Miss Shine & D. Caporn (10) +11.

Semi-final: Owen & Vale bt Tucker & Healy +3 (T), **Chandler & Moore** bt Mapletoft & Whillock +4.

Final: Owen & Vale bt Chandler & Moore +10.

Event 4. Trevor Williams Cup. Open Handicap Singles

First Round: E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (1) bt T.F. Owen (½) +16, **D.H. Moorcraft** (1) bt L. Wharrad (2½) +16, **T. Vale** (6) bt Mrs H.M. Read (7) w/o opp ret'd, **C.J. Chandler** (6) bt D. Caporn (3) +9, **Mrs R.E. Tucker** (5½) bt Mrs L. Wharrad (9) +4, **N.W.T. Cox** (4) bt P.A. Dwerryhouse (7½) +16, **W.E. Moore** (1) bt Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (5) +3, **G.P.N. Healy** (1½) bt N.J.C. Gooch (4) +6, **Miss C. Cox** (5½) bt Mrs P.A. Dwerryhouse (7) +5, **G.C. Roy** (2) bt H.O. Hicks (1½) +14, **G. Whillock** (6) bt T. Read (-½) +23.

Second Round: Mrs D. Wheeler (2½) bt Miss P. Shine (7) w/o opp ret'd, **Moorcraft** bt Tyrwhitt-Drake +11, **Chandler** bt Vale +2, **Cox** bt Tucker +16, **Healy** bt Moore +19, **Roy** bt Cox +19, **R.F. Wheeler** (4½) bt Whillock +4, **Mrs I. Moorcraft** (12/10) bt Mrs E. Staddon (6) +10.

Third Round: Moorcraft bt Wheeler +15, **Chandler** bt Cox +9 (T), **Roy** bt Healy +4, **Wheeler** bt Mrs Moorcraft +3.

Semi-final: Moorcraft bt Chandler w/o opp scr, **Roy** bt Wheeler +13.

Final: Moorcraft bt Roy +7.

Event 5. Peel Memorials. Swiss

The weather was so bad that Event 5 was not well supported.

W.E. Moore won - gaining 3 games out of 3.

Cheltenham 22-26 September

The outstanding performer was undoubtedly the weather, which gives this observer something to write about other than that everlasting croquet!

On Friday and on Sunday the heavens opened to pour torrential rain on competitors, with a gusty wind to blow them off course as well. The variety of wet weather gear was a sight to see, with varying shades of red, yellow and green contrasting with white, and even black, to give the lawns a dripping kaleidoscopic touch. The black outfit was topped by a sou'wester that contrived to funnel the water that came over the gunwales down a three-quarter length black coxswain's waterproof, and from there into the gaping jaws of a pair of yachting boots. One felt that this was carrying masochism a little too far, particularly as the end result was a flooded lawn and a conceded game.

Waterproof? Perish the word. Perhaps we shall yet see the day when lady croquet players of the younger, prettier sort will brave the elements (and the eyes of appreciative male spectators) in wet suits!

Weather apart, this was an enjoyable tournament, with many players going home well satisfied with as many as 11 games in the 5 days. No matter that only player-manager Edgar Jackson fully understood what was going on. Always his desire to give competitors a full complement of games, he this year introduced a semi-swiss alongside the class events, and it was in the yo-yoing of this event that some of us got lost, the more so on looking over the manager's shoulder to get a glimpse of his machinations, only to turn away thinking that life must have been easier in a war-time decoding outfit.

Now a word to high bisque players who next year may be thinking of entering for the first time that 'away' competition world. This particular tournament can be recommended not only as value for money in the number of games played, but as a means of gaining experience pleasurable rather than painfully. A large proportion of entrants love the game of croquet well enough to play it adventurously, if not always wisely. Against such opponents there is always the promise of a sporting game.

Competing in his first-ever tournament, J. King (Harwell) admirably proved this point, as did Miss M. Hardman, playing in her first tournament away from her home club at Sidmouth. The former, playing off handicap 13, won his class event, and Miss Hardman also played below her handicap of 15. Both were duly rewarded by the handicappers and now play off 12 and 14 respectively. Handicappers' attention was also drawn to Mrs L. Latham, who had several wins in her singles, and with her husband won the doubles, to finish the tournament with a handicap cut from 15 to 13.

In the Class 'A' event G.E.P. Jackson, despite the cares of management, stoutly defended his title as current holder of the Gladstone Trophy, and provided a spirited final against P. Johnson, who emerged the victor by the narrow margin of 3 points, giving the handicappers a further opportunity to wield the axe, chopping Johnson's handicap from ½ to 0.

Finally, congratulations to young Walters, who plays at Ipswich and Colchester. Yet another first-time visitor to Cheltenham, he won the 'B' Class event.

Class events in blocks Singles. Handicap doubles (36 and 38 entries)

Event 1. Handicap Doubles

Winner of Block A: Mr & Mrs R.F.A. Crane (15½).

Runner-up of Block A: Mrs K.M.O. Wheeler & A. Warren (11).

Winner of Block B: G.W. Sisum & Mrs E. Wiseman (14).

Runner-up of Block B: P. Shepard & Mrs A. Blenkin (14½).

Winner of Block C: Dr B.G. Weitz & J. King (14½).

Runner-up of Block C: Mr & Mrs L. Latham (13½).

Winner of Block D: G.F. Blumer & Mrs K. Yeoman (9½).

Runner-up of Block D: Mr & Mrs W.J. Sturdy (10).

Play-off: Mr & Mrs Crane w/o opp scr, Dr. Weitz & King bt Mr & Mrs Sturdy +7, Sisum & Mrs Wiseman bt Mrs Wheeler & Warren +18, Mr & Mrs Latham bt Blumer & Mrs Yeoman +9.

Semi-finals: Mr & Mrs Crane bt Weitz & King +1 (OT), Mr & Mrs Latham bt Sisum & Mrs Wiseman +16.

Final: Mr & Mrs Latham bt Mr & Mrs Crane +4.

Event 2. Class A Advanced Play

Winner of Block A: L. Latham, **Runner-up:** Lady Bazley.

Winner of Block B: Dr B.G. Weitz, **Runner-up:** G.W. Sisum.

Winner of Block C: Mrs J. Neville-Rolfe, **Runner-up:** G.E.P. Jackson. **3rd in Block C:** P.M. Johnson, **Best loser:** Mrs K.M.O. Wheeler.

Play-off: Latham bt Sisum +16, Johnson bt Mrs Wheeler +21, Weitz bt Mrs Neville-Rolfe +8, Jackson bt Lady Bazley +8.

Semi-finals: Johnson bt Latham +5, Jackson bt Weitz +12.

Final: Johnson bt Jackson +3.

Class B Handicap Play 22-point game

Winner of Block A: G/Capt R. Ryan (12), **Runner-up:** E. Asa-Thomas.

Winner of Block B: R.F.A. Crane (4½), **Runner-up:** Mrs V. Worsley (11).

Winner of Block C: J. Walters (3½), **Runner-up:** Mrs A. Warren (8).

Winner of Block D: W.R. Bawden (7), **Runner-up:** G.F. Blumer.

Play-off: Ryan w/o opp ret'd, Walters bt Blumer +19, Crane w/o opp scr, Bawden bt Mrs A. Warren +6.

Semi-finals: Walters bt Ryan +8, Crane bt Bawden +6.

Final: Walters bt Crane +8.

Class C Handicap Play 18-point game

Mrs E. Wiseman (13) bt Miss M. Hardman (15) +10, Mrs W.R. Bawden (13) bt Miss D. Barber (14) +1, J. King (15) bt Mrs M. Langley (12) +2, Mrs L. Latham w/o opp scr.

Semi-finals: Mrs Bawden bt Mrs Wiseman +5, King bt Mrs Latham +5.

Final: King bt Mrs Bawden +13.

Southport and Birkdale Open Weekend 25-26 September

The description by one competitor before the event ('Southport Second Winter Tournament') was proved inaccurate, as we had sunshine all through Saturday and for part of Sunday, with the lawns playing surprisingly fast. Players did experience difficulty from strong gusts of wind which sent the mallet in all directions when about to take a shot, and Martin Kolbuszewski, who persisted in wearing one of his American hat collection, did well to remain in contact with the ground for most of the time. These conditions contributed to the excessive length of some games and to the frequent sight of mallets raised around hoops. The six referees were kept busy, with Richard Bowen alone judging no fewer than seventy-one strokes. In spite of the hold-ups, Tim Haste, managing his first tournament, controlled the proceedings with unobtrusive efficiency.

Of the forty games, twenty-one were won by margins of six or less, and thirteen were won by the higher-handicapped player. Undoubtedly the best performer in this respect was Geoffrey Binks, still on a handicap of eight following last season's ill health and now back in splendid form, with three wins over players of handicaps 2½, 1½ and 1.

Andrew Collin played well to reach the final of the knockout, in which he was to meet Tim Haste, who had won his way impressively through the more formidable half of the draw. As for the Swiss, there was a six-way tie for second place and the winner depended on a protracted game played during simultaneous heavy rain and bright sunshine (a Southport speciality). In this, Bill Aldridge was a few points behind when Danny Kelly pegged out one ball. Danny's next shot may or may not have hit the peg: neither of the players was sure, nor, when asked, was any of the unruly spectators. A referee was asked to be in charge of the peg until eventually Bill won. It is easy to criticise in retrospect from the sidelines, but this unfortunate incident underlines the importance of having a long pegout watched.

'Please, Mr Stoker, may I have another hoop?' The speaker, not content with having demolished a hoop at Bowdon earlier in the season, claims that his attempt to run hoop one on lawn five was not hit particularly hard. Two teams of research scientists (one for the prosecution, one for the defence) are examining the wreckage to determine whether John Meads should be asked to bring his own hoops next time.

The final of the Stoker Trophy, played best of three, began with some undistinguished play until Andrew Collin won the first game in style with a straight double peel. However, he was no match for Tim Haste in the second and third games. He had the consolation of winning the peeling prize, for which the runner-up was Eddie Bell, who had achieved three peels of a triple but ran on to the partner ball after making rover.

This new tournament was much enjoyed by all competitors. Congratulations are due to Tim Haste for the high quality of both his croquet and his management, and thanks to Paul Stoker and the rest of the committee for all their work.

Advanced Play (16 Entries)

Open Event (Knock-out for Stoker Trophy)

Winner: Dr T.J. Haste bt (1) Binks +25, (2) Death +17, (SF) Bell +21, (F) Collin -4 +23 +17.

Runner-up: A. Collin bt (1) Maugham +8, (2) Mrs Collin +18, (SF) Hilditch +14.

Progressive Swiss Event (wins carried forward from main event)

Winner - 4 wins: W.O. Aldridge bt (1) Sutcliffe +1; (Sw) Mrs Collin +6, Death +22, Kelly +1.

3 wins: E. Bell bt (1) Kelly +11, (2) Aldridge +6; (Sw) Hilditch +8.

A. Bennet bt (Sw) Maugham +21, Drake +3, Maugham +14.

G. Binks bt (Sw) Drake +2, Meads +3, Kolbuszewski +6.

P. Death bt (1) Meads +17; (Sw) Kolbuszewski +5, Bell +5.

J.R. Hilditch bt (1) Drake +5, (2) Kolbuszewski +17; (Sw) Sutcliffe +2.

D. Kelly bt (Sw) Maugham +24, Meads +5, Sutcliffe +5.

2 wins: Dr M. Kolbuszewski bt (1) Bennet +2, (Sw) Mrs Collin +6.

J.D. Meads bt (Sw) Bennet +6, Mrs Collin +2.

A. Sutcliffe bt (Sw) Stoker +17, Binks +19.

1 win: Mrs M. Collin bt (1) Stoker +1 (T).

F.I. Maugham bt (Sw) Stoker +5.

H.G. Drake bt (Sw) Stoker +1 (from 4 games).

0 wins: P. Stoker (from 4 games).

SECRETARY'S NOTES

GREAT BRITAIN TEST TEAM

The following have been invited to represent Great Britain in the MacRobertson Shield contest to be played in Australia in October/November: (in alphabetical order) A B Hope, S N Mulliner, Dr M Murray, D K Openshaw (Captain), Captain W de B Prichard and K F Wylie. Reserve: Dr E W Solomon.

Message from the President

I am extremely grateful to all those who have responded so generously to my letter in support of Andrew Hope's appeal. I have endeavoured to acknowledge all contributions but am very grateful to those who specifically requested me not to do so.

John Solomon

TEST TOUR FUND

THIRD list of individual donations (to 15th September):-

G N Aspinall, J S H Battison, E Bell, I D Bond, Mrs E E Bressey, A V Camroux, Mrs G Day, A J Girling, A B Hope, M Kolbuszewski, Mr & Mrs D Lenfestey, Mrs E M Lightfoot, Mr & Mrs P Newton, Mrs G R Power, J M Prior, Mrs E G Ross, F F Ross, R J Smith, M J Stevens, Col E L L Vulliamy, J A Wheeler, A E Whitcombe, Miss J Wraith.

The Prize Winners of the RAFFLE drawn at the Hurlingham Club on 11th September are:-

1st Prize (£100)	Ticket No. 05726:	Mrs H H Lewis, 12 Northwick Terrace, London, NW8.
2nd Prize (£30)	Ticket No. 22873:	Robin Noble (aged 11), 13 Sandy Lane, Richmond, Surrey, TW10 7BW.
3rd Prize (£20)	Ticket No. 18481:	Hugh Northcote, Millbrook, Hillwood Close, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. (Secretary: Bentley Club).

The receipts of sale of tickets exceeded £1,500, and the Fund now stands at over £5,700. The Fund is still open. Details of sums raised by Clubs will be published in due course.

On behalf of the members of the Test Team, Dr Murray, after the draw had been made, thanked all Clubs and individuals for their most generous response to the appeal.

LONGMAN CUP

3rd Round

Walsall	beat	Norton Hall	5-0
Chester		Southport	3-2
Harwell		Bath	4-1
Worcester		Parkstone	5-0
Woking		Aldermaston	3-2
Reigate Priory		Parsons Green	4-1
Cambridge University		Nottingham	4-1
Colworth		Hunstanton	4-1

4th Round

Chester		Walsall	w.o.
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Worcester	Harwell	4 - 1
Woking	Reigate Priory	4 - 1
Colworth	Cambridge Univ:	3 - 2

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Worcester	Chester	3 - 2
Colworth	Woking	4 - 1

<i>Final</i>		
Worcester	Colworth	4 - 1

INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

<i>2nd Round</i>		
Cheltenham 1	Colworth	7 - 0
Reckitt Club	Bowdon 2	6 - 1
Harrow Oak	Southport	5 - 2

<i>3rd Round</i>		
Cheltenham 1	Hurlingham	6 - 1
Reckitt Club	Cambridge Univ:	5 - 2
Roehampton	Colchester	7 - 0
Harrow Oak	Bowdon 1	4 - 3

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Cheltenham 1	Reckitt Club	7 - 0
Roehampton	Harrow Oak	5 - 2

<i>Final</i>		
Cheltenham 1	Roehampton	4 - 2

SECRETARY'S SHIELD

<i>Semi-Final</i>		
Bowdon (Northern Federation)	Edgbaston (West Midlands Federation)	3 - 2
Aldermaston (Thames Valley)	British Airways (Thames Valley)	3 - 2

<i>Final</i>		
Aldermaston	Bowdon	4 - 1

NEW OFFICIALS

Referees:	M N Avery
	C A Gamble
	J R Hilditch
	Mrs R J Leonard
	F J Rogerson
	C M von Schmieder

C. A. SILVER MEDALS

D R Foulser (Southwick W/E 25/27 June)
J Rose (Open Championship 12/17 July)

NEW REGISTERED CLUB

STOWE SCHOOL Near Buckingham. Secretary: P Orger, The Laboratories, Stowe School, Buckingham, MK18 5EH. Tel: Buckingham (028-02) 3164.

ALTERATIONS IN THE CLUBS

COMPTON New Secretary: Dr R Wood, Royal Greenwich Observatory, Herstmonceux Castle, Hailsham, East Sussex, BN27 1RP. Tel: Herstmonceux (0323) 833171 Extension 3391. Home: 87 Cooden Drive, Bexhill on Sea, East Sussex, TN39 3AN. Tel: (0424) 3164.

ROEHAMPTON New Croquet Secretary: R W Varley. Games Secretary, The Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, London, SW15. Tel: 01-876 5505

HANDICAP ALTERATIONS**Carrickmines — 7-12 June**

A D Craig	5	to	6
N McInemey	10		9
R J Leonard	4½		5½
Mrs H M Read	6		7 (D6)
G. Reynolds Snr	16		15 Non-Associate
G Reynolds Jnr	14		12 Non-Associate
F J Rogerson	5		5½

Men's & Women's Championships (Cheltenham) 14-19 June

Mrs N Coetzee	3 (SA)	4½
Mrs W Hague	5	4½
Mrs C Knox	1½ (SA)	2½
L V Latham	1	½
Dr M Murray	-1½	-2
Dr W R D Wiggins	0 (NZ)	2
Mrs W R D Wiggins	-2½ (NZ)	½
K F Wylie	-1½	-2
Mrs K G Yeoman	6½	4

Ryde 14-19 June

T I Card	6	5½
Dr C A Parker	3	2½
F A Rowlands	7	6
J F S Thomas	10	9
Mrs L Wharrad	11 (D9)	9

Edgbaston W/E 18-20 June

L H Hawkins	3	2½
K E Jones	1½	1

Edgbaston W/E 18-20 June

A F Sutcliffe	5½	to	4½
A E R Watkins	9		8

Roehampton (Club) 25 June

J E Guest	7	5
I P M MacDonald	5	4½
Mrs S N Mulliner	11	9
Mrs S S Townsend	12	11

Southwick 25-27 June

D R Foulser	-1	-1½	Not approved by H.C.Ctte.
R M Hobbs	1½	1	
Mrs C A Knox	2½	2	
T F Owen	0	½	
Dr B D Yallop	½	1	

Nottingham W/E 25-27 June

E J Davis	3½	3
J P Dawson	4	3½
C J Irwin	3	2½
K E Jones	1	½
A Palmer	5	4

Budleigh Salterton 28 June-3 July

K M H Aiton	2	½
Dr R D Bowen	2	3½
P A Derryhouse	8	7½
D Gunasekera	2	1
N G Hynes	5	3½
F L Shergold	3½	3
J A Short	12	9 (D8) Non-Associate
Col G T Wheeler	4½	8

Budleigh Salterton (Club) 30 June

W Broad-Thomas	10	8
C Edwards	5	6
Mrs G Mapstone	5½	5
Mrs B G Perry	16 (D14)	13 (D11)
B Redford	3½	3
D C Riches	15 (D13)	13 (D11)
D C Wallace	5½	5

Hurlingham (Club) 1 July

Dr R J Clayton	12	10
Lt.comdr. R M D Ponsonby	9	7

Wrest Park 2-4 July

T W Anderson	3½	3
J R Hilditch	1½	1
C J Irwin	2½	2
D Peterson	5	4½
Mrs J N Rolfe	2	2½

Woking 3-11 July

D Goulding	from	3	to	2½
Mrs M Nalder		8		9
R J Smith		5		4½

Colchester 4-10 July

J D Walters	4½	4
Cdr G E Baker	9	8 Non-Associate

Southwick 5-10 July

J H. Bowman	2½	1½
Mrs C J Chandler	11	10 (D9)
P J Death	1	½
Mrs F French	16 (D14)	15 (D13) Non-Associate
Miss D V Harding	16	15 (D14)
Mrs E A Mapletoft	13 (D11)	12 (D10)
Mrs E G Ross	12	to 12 (D10)
P J Shepard	5½	5
Mrs A L Smith	16 (D14)	15 (D13)
Mrs R E Tucker	4½	5½
Mrs E C Tyrwhitt Drake	4	5

Ingatstone (Club) 10 July

J R Douglas	12	10
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Cambridge University (Club) 12 July

J A Short	9 (D8)	9 Non-Associate
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Open Championships (Hurlingham) 12-17 July

P L Alvey	1½	1
M Avery	0	-½
P Cordingley	½	0
M J Coward	½	0
Dr W P Ormerod	-1	0
J Rose	0	-½

Hurlingham (Club) 17 July

Dr R J Clayton	12	10
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Ellesmere (Club) 17 July

Mrs A F Sutcliffe	11	10
Mrs H S Wright	14	12

Cheltenham 18-25 July

Miss E H Arkell	4	5
W R Bawden	10	9
E J Davis	3	2½
P L Smith	5	4

Northern Federation 19 July

D Peterson	4½	4
Mrs A E Sutcliffe	12	11
Mrs N Tyldesley	8	10 (D8)

Hurlingham (Club) 21 July

Maj-Gen D J Wilson-Haffenden	7	9
Mrs G W Solomon	5	6

Hurlingham 29 July-7 Aug

J W H Carlisle	from	11 (D10)	to	6
Miss B Duthie		6		8
J D Greenwood		2½		1½
Mrs E Glover		14 (D13)		14 (D12)
T Griffith		1		0
Miss S G Hampson		3½		4½
D Peterson		4		3

Mrs D Torrington-Petrie	14	12 (D10)
B Rigg	9	8
Mrs A Solomon	10	9
J Wolfe	7	6

Southwick (Club) 1 Aug

Miss S Rankin	16 (D14)	15 (D14)
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Ellesmere (Club) 4 Aug

Mrs J Walker	16 (D14)	15
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Colchester 6-8 Aug

R F Hall		12
Mrs G P N Healy		12
P J C Hetherington	5½	5
R A Girling	2½	2

Harwell (Club) 8 Aug

J King	15	13 (D12)
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Carrickmines 9-14 Aug

Miss J E Assheton	5½	4½
Rev N D Browne	12	11 (D10)
C A Gamble	3	2
M McInerney	9	8 Non-Associate
G Reynolds Jnr	12	10 Non-Associate
G F Rothwell	4	3
P Thornton	11	10

Compton 9-14 Aug

Miss M Braddy	12	10
P Campion	6	5
Mrs M Grout	7½	7
J E Guest	5	4½
Mrs A E Millns	8	7½
Dr C A Parker	2½	2
Miss P E Parker	6	5½
Dr W R D Wiggins	2	1 Not approved by H.C.C.
Mrs H G Wills	6	5

Nottingham 9-14 Aug

BEFORE PLAY		
Dr R D Bowen	3½	2*
Miss G Hallam	14	12

AFTER PLAY

G Birch	1	2½
Dr R D Bowen	2*	2
A Bennet	4	3
B Hallam	11	9 Non-Associate
C G Hopewell	2½	2
M Kolbusewski	2½	1½
L Robinson	7	8

Roehampton (Club) 11 Aug

M A Holford	from	6	to	4
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Budleigh Salterton (Club) 12 Aug

S F Blackler	9	8
Mrs S F Blackler	11	10
A J Cooper	1	3
P Danks	13 (D12)	11
B G Perry	-½	1
Mrs B G Perry	16 (D14)	15 (D12)
D C Riches	13 (D11)	12 (D10)
J S Toye	2	1
D C Wallace	5	4½

Cheltenham (Trophies) 13-21 Aug

Miss D E Barber	15	14 (D12)
Mrs A Blenkin	12	12 (D10)
Rev W E Gladstone	1½	3
P L Smith	4	3
A Warren	10	9 (D8)

Parkstone (Club) 16 Aug

R F Bailey	7	5½
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