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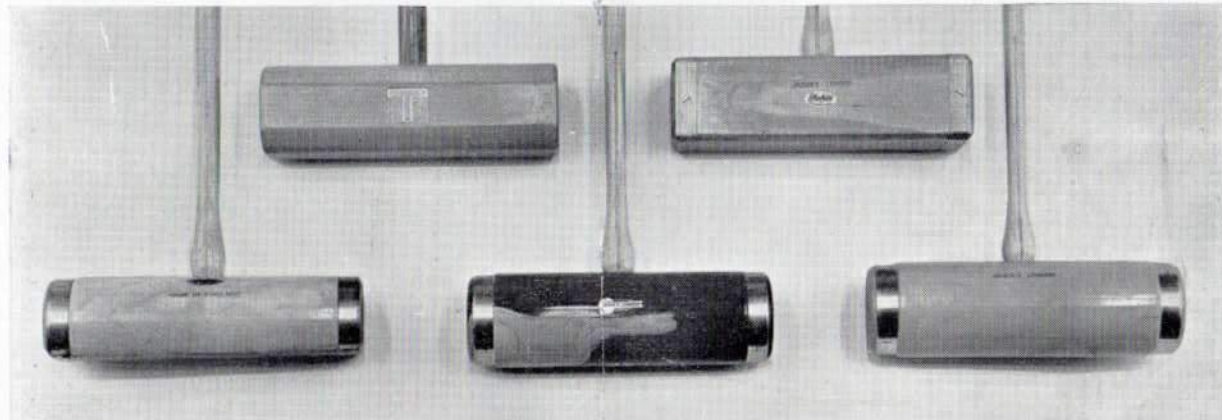
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1956

May	14	Peel Memorials (Roehampton). Secretary C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.
"	21	Southwick. Hon. Sec., F. E. Corke, 60 Southwick Street, Southwick.
"	28	Inter-County Championships. Secretary C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.
June	4	Men's and Women's Championships (Hurlingham). Secretary C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.
"	4	Ryde. Hon. Sec., P. T. Allen, 53 Swanmore Road, Ryde, I.O.W.
"	11	Buxton. Hon. Sec., Mrs. D. Chorlton, 6 The Square, Buxton.
"	11	Woking. Hon. Sec., Major J. W. Cobb, Farm Hotel, Woking.
"	13-15	First Test Match v. New Zealand at Southwick.
"	18	Nottingham. Hon. Sec., A. O. Taylor, 14 Devonshire Road, Nottingham.
"	18	Parkstone. Hon. Sec., Mrs. L. H. Ashton, The Orchard, Parkstone, Dorset.
"	23	Second Test Match v. New Zealand at Nottingham.
"	25-26	Compton (Eastbourne). Hon. Sec., C. J. Speer, 2 Dungevan, Dittons Road, Eastbourne.
July	2	Bedford. Hon. Sec., Miss D. D. Steel, Kings Close, Biddenham, Bedford.
"	9	Open Championships (Roehampton). Secretary C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.
"	9	Exmouth. Hon. Sec., Miss A. E. Mills, Greyfriars, Budleigh Salterton.
"	16	Budleigh Salterton. Hon. Sec., L. G. Walters, 1 Braywick, Budleigh Salterton.
"	19-21	Third Test Match v. New Zealand at Hurlingham.
"	23	Cheltenham. Hon. Sec., Lt.-Col. S. Mathews, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
"	30	Ladies' Field Cup, Silver Jubilee Cup, Ascot and Delves Broughton Cups (Roehampton). Secretary C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.
Aug.	6	Hurlingham. Games Sec., Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6.
"	11	Championship of Ireland. Hon. Sec., Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly, Ballynamote, Carrickmines, Co. Dublin.
"	15-17	All England Handicap. Area Finals (Roehampton). Secretary C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.
"	16-18	Challenge and Gilbey Cups (Roehampton). Secretary C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.
"	23-25	Fourth Test Match v. New Zealand at Roehampton.
"	27	Southwick. Hon. Sec., F. E. Corke, 60 Southwick Street, Southwick, Sussex.
Sept.	3	Hunstanton. Hon. Sec., Mrs. B. C. Perowne, 65 Victoria Avenue, Hunstanton.
"	3	Parkstone. Hon. Sec., Mrs. L. H. Ashton, The Orchard, Parkstone, Dorset.
"	10	President's and Surrey Cups (Roehampton). Secretary C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.
"	18-20	Fifth Test Match v. New Zealand at Budleigh Salterton.
"	24	Roehampton. Games Sec., Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, London, S.W.15.
Oct.	1	Devonshire Park (Eastbourne). Secretary C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.
"	6	A Match. South of England v. New Zealand at Devonshire Park, Eastbourne.

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May	14	Budleigh Salterton. Hon. Sec., L. G. Walters, 1 Braywick, Budleigh Salterton.
June	9-16	Carrickmines. Hon. Sec., Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly, Ballynamote, Carrickmines, Co. Dublin, Eire.
Sept.	3	Southwick. Hon. Sec., F. E. Corke, 60 Southwick Street, Southwick, Sussex.
"	17	Cheltenham. Hon. Sec., Lt.-Col. S. Mathews, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.

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NOTES by ROVER

WHEN 89 years ago the little handful of enthusiasts for the new game assembled at Moreton-in-the-Marsh to institute a Croquet Championship, they can hardly have foreseen the days when teams of first four and ultimately eight players would cross the oceans of the world to compete for an International Trophy. How they would have envied us the experience of greeting our New Zealand friends, now the proud holders of this coveted shield, on their first visit to these shores. This greeting will, we understand, begin at Southampton on May 9th; six days later the Association will be welcoming our challengers at its Annual Meeting at Roehampton on May 15th. Surely we may hope for a record attendance on this occasion, when we imagine that many will take the opportunity to combine an entry for the Peel Memorials with a chance to meet our visitors. It is naturally an especial pleasure to very many of us who know that the New Zealand team is to be captained by Arthur Ross. This great player, winner of our Open Championship on the only occasion on which he has competed for it, will already have made a shrewd appraisal of the forces his team may expect to meet. Everything points to a season which for interest and importance should be unparalleled in the history of Croquet in this country.

Managers Scarce

Sociologists tell us that we are living in a "managerial" society. By this they mean that the role of those who plan and direct, whether in the public service or in private enterprise, has become increasingly important. Our social order needs, and on the whole it gets, better managers and more managers. Rover would be the last to suggest that we in the croquet world need better managers than we now have, but that we need more managers is only too clear. The Council is finding it ever more difficult to appoint persons able and willing to take charge of those tournaments for which it is directly responsible. It is unlikely that local tournament committees experience any less difficulty. There is, of course, nothing surprising in this. What is, on a moment's reflection, surprising is that our Association should include so many public-spirited and competent persons willing to undertake so exacting and in some ways so thankless a task. How many tournament competitors—unless they have been managers themselves—stop to realise that their interest and pleasure depends in the last resort upon a single individual being willing, from 9.30 a.m. to 7 p.m. or later, on six consecutive days, to concentrate his whole energies on making all this possible?

More kicks than ha'pence

Most of us, it is to be hoped, do not leave a tournament without some word of thanks to the Manager, and those who report these contests for us seldom fail to include a gracious acknowledgment of his—or her—services. But few of us are restrained by this from expressing our criticisms of these officials with a good deal of freedom the

moment things do not appear to us (with our very limited knowledge of all the factors involved) to be going as we think they ought to go. Every Manager knows that he will get more metaphorical kicks than ha'pence (he gets none of the latter nowadays in the literal sense). In view of all that has been said, and the possibly critical situation in this respect which may be close ahead, it is perhaps time for some of our more experienced players, who have had so much pleasure, and perhaps *réclame*, out of the game, to ask whether they could not help to spread the burden somewhat by qualifying in the art of management themselves. We say "qualifying" because we believe that skill in this office is best attained by serving some sort of apprenticeship under one of its more successful exponents. However this may be, the plain fact is that the Association badly needs new names on its list of Managers, now seriously reduced by natural causes; and if it should not soon get them tournament play might come almost to a standstill. It is not the players only, but our managers not less, who are needed to keep our croquet balls rolling.

The Senior Service

There must be something in the constitution of a retired Naval officer which renders him an apt pupil for croquet. This is not to decry the merits of the military section of our membership who will no doubt rise in their wrath in our correspondence columns if their reputation is thought to be impugned. Nevertheless in recent years the Senior Service has contributed among others, Commander Beamish, Captain Millar and Captain Stoker, and within a very short time their bisque figures have come tumbling down. And indeed there may be others. Is it that these "bottle-scarred veterans", as a misprint once put it, possess such upper-deck nerves of steel that they face every contingency unmoved? This must certainly have crossed the minds of onlookers on more than one occasion last year, as for instance, when they saw Captain Millar, when 10 points or more in arrear, come from behind and win with apparent nonchalance. Captain Stoker won three cups during his first year of competitive croquet. He was only recently recalling the final of the first event he had entered, the Silver Jubilee Cup of 1950. He found himself at the peg with both balls and two bisques still in hand against John Solomon, at which point he left the lawn forgetting that he could utilise his bisques and go out. No harm was done, however, as he finished the game in his next turn. While Captain Stoker illuminates his games from time to time with choice and audible comments on his own shortcomings, we have yet to see or hear Commander Beamish exhibit any evidence of displeasure or otherwise. He remains apparently unruffled through good fortune or bad, and the only time we have seen him moved was when jazz music was transmitted throughout breakfast at his hotel during the week of a seaside tournament, than which no trial experienced on the croquet court could possibly be greater.

Three

THE TEST MATCHES

The Rival Teams

THE New Zealand team will be chosen from the following:

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Mrs. W. H. Kirk	Mrs. C. Watkins
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In the first match which is to be played on the lawns of the Sussex County Croquet Club at Southwick, Brighton, the following will represent England.

E. P. C. Cotter	J. W. Solomon
L. Kirk-Greene	G. F. Stone
M. B. Reckitt	W. R. D. Wiggins

In the second match to be played at Nottingham, England will be represented by the same team with the exception that L. Kirk-Greene's place will be taken by **Mrs. Rotherham**.

We understand that the Captain of the English team will be appointed at the next meeting of the selection committee which is to be held on 15th May.

Notes from the Clubs

THE high spot of the HURLINGHAM season will be the Test Match against New Zealand in July. A warm welcome in particular awaits Arthur Ross and Mrs. Ross whose visit during 1954 is recalled by many members with pleasant memories. It was on our lawns that Arthur Ross won the 1954 Open Championship so there is no doubt of his keen anticipation to be with us again. We hear that it is his intention to play in our August tournament which will afford ample opportunities to renew old acquaintances.

Players who suffered reductions in handicap towards the end of last season will be wondering whether they can play down to their new ratings. A subject of interest at Hurlingham during the opening weeks of the season may well be an assessment of the degree of precision which brackets five members together with 2½ bisques apiece. Messrs. Baillieu, Buckland, Cheavin, de Wesselow and Townsend are the five who find themselves on the 2½ mark. Ian Baillieu made the most spectacular progress last year, coming down from 5 after reaching the final of the Turner Cup, an event which was a class above his station and which he only entered in anticipation of an early exit. Indeed, in the final he came very close to beating Captain Stoker who is hovering near the minus class.

Roger de Wesselow will no doubt make the Silver Jubilee Cup his main target for the season

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Notes from the Clubs (continued)

and if he goes on winning it in the pattern of past years he will before long find himself around the scratch mark.

We hope to see Brigadier Stokes-Roberts and Mr. Spencer Ell in our club competitions this year, thereby adding a useful leavening. We could, however, do with more lady players: in contrast to most clubs we have a preponderance of males and there is little sign of the disparity in numbers being rectified.

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Our BUDLEIGH SALTERTON correspondent writes as follows:

"Here in Budleigh Salterton we again failed to extend our 1955 Season right up to Christmas, as we had fondly hoped. On the 8th of December, however, our very stalwart Nonagenarian Member, Mrs. H. J. Philpot, was to be noticed playing a keenly contested game with our evergreen Septuagenarian, J. Weston Martyr. All our younger members had given up several weeks previously.

"In spite of the arctic weather now prevailing, as we write, we are all keenly employed in planning and preparing for the final Test Match against the New Zealanders, which is to be fought out on our Budleigh lawns, on September 18th, 19th and 20th. Needless to say, we are acutely conscious of the great honour done to our Club by this selection, and are determined to make the occasion a memorable one, and a successful one, from all angles.

"Besides this special Event, we have our Unofficial Tournament starting on May 16th, following hard on the Sidmouth Tournament, and the Open Tournament in July as usual, starting on the 16th.

"With a full programme of Club competitions to be worked off as well, there should be no lack of opportunity to reduce handicaps here this Season."

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Our RYDE Club correspondent has sent us some notes on that Club. We are very glad to reproduce a photograph of the Ryde lawns on the cover of this issue. The Club lawns are very prettily situated among trees some mile from the town and overlook the Solent. The Club has been in existence since 1907 and has a number of enthusiastic playing members. The Bridge Club meets throughout the winter and provides a very welcome source of income. The Club Croquet Tournament begins on Monday, June 4th, when Ryde hopes to welcome a number of visitors.

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The annual general meeting of the ROEHAMPTON Club took place on 18th February. The Chairman, Mrs. Turketine, congratulated the Club on raising the sum of £90 for the New Zealand Hospitality Fund. She went on to announce that the Directors of the Club had offered to make the New Zealand Test Team players honorary

members of the Club during their stay in England. They were also giving a Reception-Lunch to these players on 2nd June when it was intended to play a match against the visitors. The Chairman expressed the hope that many Club members would attend this lunch and so add their welcomes to the visitors.

The usual number of Club competitions would be played during the season and there was every prospect that the Club lawns would be as excellent as ever.

The holding of the Annual General Meeting of the Croquet Association this year at Roehampton during the Peels competition will, we hope, bring a record number of players.

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We hear from the COMPTON Club that the usual summer tournament is to be held in June, and that much work has been undertaken during the winter months to improve the lawns still more. Those who played at Devonshire Park last year will remember how well the Compton lawns played even at the end of the season. Some players did find the autumn leaves on the lawns interfered with play, and to these and others we would say, go and visit Compton in June and enjoy the tournament there as did the writer of these notes, who was no less impressed by the goodness of the lawns than by the excellence of the Club lunches!

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Our PARKSTONE correspondent writes:

"The Club is much looking forward to another croquet season, and may we have another lovely Summer in which to play it! The visit of the New Zealand team should make the season particularly

NO ISSUE OF CROQUET IN MAY

We would remind associates that the Council approved at the end of last year that as a measure of economy *Croquet* should not be published in May. In our issue of last December it was explained that the publishing of the agenda of the Annual General Meeting required under certain conditions that *Croquet* should be published in May. To overcome this difficulty a special general meeting was called for January 5th to pass an amendment to the rules of Association. Unfortunately there was not a quorum at that special meeting and therefore no change could be made in the rules. We therefore now give notice that there will be no normal issue of *Croquet* in May but should the requirements of the agenda of the A.G.M. demand it a single sheet issue of *Croquet* will be published.

interesting, and we are happy to say that we have already had entries from some of them for our September tournament.

"If a fair proportion of inquiries that we had about membership last year materialise, we should have quite a number of new members. The A.A. put up direction signs in the town for our tournaments, and these brought us some interested people.

"At the end of last season the Club was given a new machine—the Sisis scarifier and deep piercer with its different shaped tines. This is for aerating the ground and raking up old grass, and we anticipate that the lawns will be considerably improved by the use of this machine. We feel we are extremely fortunate in having obtained the services of a first-class groundsman, one who works hard and takes a great interest in his work.

"An anonymous friend kindly gave us a large outdoor electric clock, which has been put up by the office and can be seen from all the Courts, which is very nice."

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The annual dinner of the EDINBURGH Croquet Club was held in the Carlton Hotel, Edinburgh, on Friday, 25th November, 1955. Mr. Moray McLaren, Founder-President, was in the chair, and 50 other members and friends were present.

The Club's Annual General Meeting took place on 20th February, 1956, when the President outlined plans for the forthcoming season. An invitation has been sent to members of the New Zealand Test Team to pay the Club a visit during their stay in Great Britain, which it is hoped they will combine with a short holiday in Edinburgh the Mother City of their own Dunedin.

TACTICIAN'S COMPETITION

Tactician regrets to report that the "New Competition" he announced in the December number signally failed to attract competitors. Clearly our readers have found it either easier or more fascinating, or both, to solve croquet problems than to set them. One lady, who sent two admirable puzzles, was the only entry. This is disappointing to the Editorial Panel, and will perhaps be so to our readers, who had been promised something "intriguing and instructive". But perhaps now their gratitude and their admiration will go out to the enterprising setters of the problems which caused so much interest last year, who after a breathing space this season, may possibly be prevailed upon to provide similar entertainment on another occasion.

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CROQUET IN RETROSPECT

I. HALF A CENTURY AGO

by G. F. H. Elvey

CROQUET history during the present century divides itself naturally into three periods: the pre 1914-1918 war period, the period between the wars and the present post-war period. These periods might aptly be described as Expansion, Survival, and Revival. During the pre-1914 days the C.A. was rapidly increasing in numbers, new associates were being elected in batches of 80 and 90 at a time, and new Tournaments were being organised in many places. In 1919 croquet revived, but numbers were sadly depleted, and many tournaments were gone for good. The age of a large leisured class was over and this restless and excitable time was not a congenial one for croquet, nevertheless the game was kept going and held its place in the sun—and even in the rain! But the second world war was a shattering blow and many tournaments and even worse many Clubs failed to survive. But the game was far too good to perish, and so after a period of picking up the pieces, another era of expansion seems now to have arrived, not indeed a phase of expansion on the pre-1914 scale, but nevertheless a period of progress, with new players as brilliant as any in the past.

As one looks back one finds these three periods reflected in the names of the players. What a large number of those who figured so prominently in the two earlier periods, and especially in the pre-1914 period, are completely forgotten today. How many players today have ever heard of Evelegh, Bruce and Woolston of the early days, or even of Cyril Corbally and C. L. O'Callaghan who did play a little croquet in the between-the-wars period. It will be the purpose of these short articles then to try and introduce modern players to the croquet of the past, and some of the people who played it.

The writer first saw good croquet at the old Sheen House Club during the "Best Ten" competition in 1901, when it was inaugurated by the presentation by Mr. Beddow of his cup. It was for the "Best Ten" of the year and was held in those days at the very end of the season, I think about the first week in October. A rhyme published in a little paper called *Lawn Tennis and Croquet* began with the words:—

"And now the season's done; for the Beddow Cup is won. . . ."

I am going to suppose that I have a modern player with me, and that we are watching a game that might well have been played in that competition. We will suppose it is a game between Bruce, the winner on this occasion, and Evelegh, who had first won the Championship in 1877 and won it again as recently as 1899. I will call my modern friend X, and I will try to answer the many questions that I am sure X will ask me. "What on earth is Bruce doing, placing his Blue

a foot from the first hoop." "That is where we start. There are no Baulks or Baulk Lines!" "But how funny to go through the first hoop and then into the first corner!" "That is quite usual, like P to K4 in Chess." "Now Evelegh has made hoop 1 with Red and gone a few yards towards the centre of the ground!" "That is our usual tice. It is fairly short, but nevertheless a nasty distance and easily missed." With Black, Bruce declined the tice, and instead gave his Blue a rush out of the first corner. Evelegh with Yellow hit his tice, croqueted Red towards the side of the court, going to Blue and Black in the first corner. He croqueted Black to near the first hoop, then drove Blue away as far as possible, going himself back to Red, and then giving himself a rush towards hoop 1.

"How funny," says X. "No, its not funny really. You see the balls are played in rotation: Blue, Red, Black, Yellow, and so Bruce cannot play with Black. He must play with Blue." As a matter of fact, playing with Blue, he took a risky shot, hit Red and made an all-round break. But he did not stop at four-back, he went to the hoop before the Rover." (The name 'Penultimate' had not then come into use.)

"But," says X, "what on earth has he done that for? He has put Red behind four-back with no shot, and Red will have a lift." "No, he won't! There are no lifts for any reason. If you find yourself behind a hoop, or touching a wire, or in a hoop, it is just too bad, but there is nothing to be done about it. You must play your ball away as best you can."

"It seems to me," says X, "that after the beginning of the game; one player may not have another free shot at all, and that unless his opponent breaks down, he has no further chance." "Yes, it often happens that way, but only among the few top cracks, and that is why, of course, matches between them are always best-of-three."

"Another thing I notice," says X, "the game seems much more noisy than the croquet I am used to." "What do you mean, I have not heard anyone shouting applause, though one or two extra good shots have been clapped!" "I did not mean that," says X, "what I am referring to is that mallets and balls make much more noise!" "Ah, that is because they are wooden balls. They do make much more noise. I will tell you some other things about them. They are not so easy for rushing as are the composition balls such as you use; and as there is no 'give' in them, they are much more difficult for hoop-running. Another thing is that the wooden balls before 1904 were an ounce lighter than now. These lighter balls were more difficult for stop-shots, and on a fast lawn it was very easy to over-roll a hoop with them. On the whole they were more difficult for break-making than the heavier balls."

I have tried to take X back through the years, and show him something of the old game as it was played in the early days of the century. In fairness to the players, I would emphasise that the start of the game that I put before him was a possible and fairly typical one of those days, not part of an actual game that I saw. Bruce, being an adventurous exponent of the game, would probably have hit that tice instead of declining it.

Now if X was observant, and made the most of his magic excursion into the past, he will have noticed about croquet in 1901 two things in particular. (1) That in spite of its obvious weak points, the old game had great fascination and was played with much enthusiasm, and (2) that there were very many young players of both sexes in those days.

THE 1956 SEASON

CONTESTS for the International Trophy occur so rarely, and are of such especial interest and significance, that they must naturally dominate a season of which they are a feature. To fit five of these unique occasions, involving altogether fifteen days' play, into our Calendar presented no small problem to the Council, anxious as its members were to interfere with the tournament play of the mass of competitors as little as possible. Moreover, it will naturally be the desire of associates—and, we hope, of such of their friends as they can persuade to accompany them—to see a good deal of the play at such Test Matches as they are able to attend. No little ingenuity has gone to the provision of opportunities for the realisation of both these objectives, which are bound in some measure to conflict. To take but one example. It seemed to the Council essential that events so popular with provincial associates as the Gilbey and Challenge Cups should not be suspended, even in a Test Match season. Equally it seemed certain that many at any rate of such players would welcome the opportunity of looking on at least one of the international encounters, yet might not be lucky enough to live in the neighbourhood of a club where one was being played. The dual problem has been solved—we hope to general satisfaction—by lightening this programme by the omission of all but the two major events, and inserting a Test Match into the middle of the period generally devoted to this tournament, the match (and of course nothing else) being played on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Thus visitors will have six full days of play, with the chance to watch the international players exhibiting their skill in between.

Four Week Fiesta

This arrangement involves a consequential change from our usual programme. The Council, knowing how popular the Golf Croquet events are with many players, was loth to drop them altogether. There being no time to play these in the "Challenge and Gilbey" period, and insufficient courts at Hurlingham to allow of their being fitted into the "Ladies' Field" week, this event has been transferred to Roehampton, leaving four courts there available for the Silver Jubilee Cup and the Golf Croquet Cups. Between this week and the "Challenge and Gilbey" the famous Hurlingham tournament will occupy its usual ten days. There will thus be the customary continuous four weeks of tournament play at the Metropolitan Clubs between July 30th and August 25th, with a Test Match thrown in for good measure. We hope that

many provincial players will avail themselves of this unparalleled opportunity.

Counties and Caskets

It is much to be hoped—and is indeed to be expected—that with no General Election to divert the energies of would-be competitors, there will be a large entry for the County Championship this season. But in order to ensure that any team enterprising enough to come up from the country for this competition will get plenty of play, a new condition has been added to the programme providing that if (unhappily) not more than five entries are in fact received, each county will meet the others twice. A similar arrangement was in fact made at the last moment to meet the situation which arose last season, and met with much favour by all concerned. The emergency could not then have been foreseen, so that this provision was technically irregular; to forestall any possible objection on these grounds official authority has now been extended to cover the matter. While this should give reassurance to the Collectors of provincial teams, it is still the case, of course, that this is an event of which it is pre-eminently true that "the more the merrier." The Council Dinner to the New Zealand team will be held on the Wednesday of this week, and in the following one we shall have the great pleasure of seeing our visitors joining in at Hurlingham to compete for the "Caskets."

Other Changes

There are few other changes to record. That highly successful innovation, the Surrey Cup, will now be explicitly confined (as it was in practice last season) to players who have never competed in the President's Cup. As usual there will be a first-class match on the first Saturday at Devonshire Park. But it was felt that to subtract three whole days out of this tournament, as would be necessary for a Test Match, would trespass too much upon the opportunities for play so much valued by competitors at the most popular fixture of the year. The Eastbourne "gallery" should nevertheless be afforded the chance to see what may well be the dozen best players in the world, and a record crowd may be expected, with excellent "publicity" results.

Finally, Regulation 9 has been so re-drafted as to secure that competitors entering in an "X and Y Event" in the expectation of getting at least two games will in fact actually get them, which has not always been the case in the past.

MAURICE B. RECKITT, *Chairman,*
C.A. Tournament Committee

BRIDGE

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

SITTING North at the score of game all a few days ago I somewhat dolefully surveyed

S—8, 5, 3.
H—10, 7, 6, 3.
D—8, 7, 5, 4.
C—7, 6.

The dealer on my right said no bid. I passed and, to my surprise, so did my left hand opponent. My partner must have the goodies. He started modestly with a bid of six spades! West led the King of hearts and my partner's hand was:

S—A, K, Q, 10, 9, 6, 4, 2.
H—
D—A, Q, J, 2.
C—A.

He ruffed the opening lead and played two of trumps. Unfortunately the Jack and 7 rounds of spades were both held by East, so there was no second entry into dummy. After a little thought South entered dummy with 8 of spades, led a diamond and finessed the Knave which held. Thereafter he lost two diamond tricks and the contract.

How should the hand have been played? After drawing the trumps South should have

reasoned thus. If the diamonds are divided 3 and 2 I must make my contract. If they are divided 4 and 1 and four to the King are held by West I cannot make my contract. If there are four with East can I do anything about it? Yes, if the singleton held by West is either the King, the ten or the nine. Thus the Ace of diamonds must be led. If this drops the King on the left, the Queen and Jack, give South his twelve tricks. If the ten or the nine drops (West actually held the singleton nine) the Queen of diamonds is now played losing to East's King. South wins any heart or club return and NOW enters dummy with that precious 8 of spades and finesses the eight of diamonds, lands himself a slam and me a new croquet mallet!

The difference between playing by ear and playing by faith in the blind goddess is worth about two thousand points. The opponents won the rubber on the next deal.

As regards the bidding there is a great deal to be said for bidding six spades right away. It is, of course, possible to miss a grand slam by this method, but by opening with two spades or even two clubs you allow your opponents a chance to get together and so you miss even the little slam. In actual fact seven hearts is a wonderful save for the opponents who lose only one club and one diamond trick—two down doubled, a mere five hundred points.

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OBITUARY

L. P. D. SWIFT

On Christmas Day last, the game of Croquet lost an ardent and keen supporter, by the death at Eastbourne after a short illness of Mr. L. P. D. Swift.

Lionel Swift took a great interest in golf, tennis and latterly devoted much time to croquet. He took a very active interest in the affairs of the Compton Club and became its President in 1955.

He was a sound player though handicapped latterly by eye trouble.

So passes a charming courtly gentleman of the old school who will be sadly missed.

MRS. R. H. POTT

MISS DRABBLE

An associate sends us the following note:

"The older members of Roehampton Club will read, with regret, of the deaths of Mrs. R. H. Pott and Miss Dorothy Drabble. Mrs. Pott, who died on September 22nd last, was a constant player, until, not long before the last war, when increasing blindness prevented her taking an active part in the game though she retained her interest in any croquet news of games or players.

"Miss Drabble died on November 20th, after prolonged suffering from rheumatism, which during the past years made her a complete invalid. She and her late sister, Margaret, were constantly at Roehampton, till they left London, in the early thirties for West Worthing; where they joined that Club, so retaining their connection with the game."

SIR CRAWFORD DOUGLAS-JONES

We are very sorry to record the death on March 2nd, of Sir Crawford Douglas-Jones. He had been seriously ill since September last and died of a heart attack in a nursing home in Bradford. Sir Crawford was at Harrow with Sir Winston Churchill—in the same class and of the same age. He was a charming and courteous man belonging to a generation that, alas, is rapidly passing away. He was an enthusiastic croquet player, having taken up the game after his retirement from the Colonial Service in the 1930s and he was an Official Referee. Though a moderate performer with a 5½ handicap, his knowledge of the game was very sound and he was untiring in his efforts to help beginners and to get people interested in the "Queen of games". He was a regular player at Woking, where he and his family lived for some years, and since 1953 he had been a member of the Sussex County Club and was a familiar sight on the lawns at Southwick. The present writer is especially indebted to him because it is owing to Sir Crawford's keenness and example that he and his wife have taken up Croquet seriously. To Lady Douglas Jones and the family we offer our deepest sympathy in their great loss.

E. A. ROPER

CORRESPONDENCE

PASS-ROLLS

Dear Sir,

The criticism of the Pass-Roll is justified. Most players who play the "push stroke" roll, commit the foul of pushing the ball when not in contact with the pilot ball. It is obvious that two balls given the same force must go approximately equal distances. To have the striker's ball pass the pilot ball, more force or spin must be imparted to it. The pushes can only apply after separation. Using this method I have pass-rolled from the yard line behind hoop 2 to hoop one, leaving the pilot ball at hoop 2. It is definitely a foul.

The other way of playing the pass-roll is to stand over the balls (e.g., Tollemache, Reckitt, Elvey), come down on them, going through firmly (balls at a very slight angle); as the balls move apart, the mallet is still doing the arc of the swing (no push) and as it rises rather sharply it is driving with extra spin the striker's ball past the pilot ball. There is definitely no push when this stroke is done correctly. This was demonstrated to me by the top player in Australia. I do it myself, but this pass-roll cannot equal that done by the *foul push*.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. BROOKS

Annerley, Brisbane, Australia.

Dear Sir,

In your issue of October, 1955, you produced through Lex some lovely diagrams and indirectly a statement that things are not always as you find them. And the contriver of these diagrams produced also some formulae that may have meaning to those clever enough to understand them. But they mean nothing to the person who performs a pass-roll and hopes it may pass muster.

There is no doubt at all that in terms of Rule 26, any pass-roll he may accomplish, must be a foul and such fouls have been perpetrated with impunity for at least half a century. We over here have striven to cope with this rule, and so (to my knowledge has Mr. Ross of New Zealand). We both agreed that we must not lose this excellent stroke from Croquet.

I am quite sure that a slow-motion film would show that this stroke would be a foul according to the present rule.

I suggest to authority that they should eliminate the rule and make it a matter of etiquette that the subject and object ball shall not remain too obviously long in contact.

Thus one who scuffed up to a hoop would rule himself out, or should: and the pass-roll should be free for him who can contrive it.

Finally may I enlighten Lex as to the secret of C. J. Millar's pass-roll from the second corner?

It is the shortness of the back swing—about two inches, with a full follow through, ensuring that contact is maintained between mallet and ball, till clearance enables the farther impulse towards the first hoop. By rule 26, of course this was a foul.

Yours truly,

EDWARD CARLILE

GOLF CROQUET

Dear Sir,

I have read with interest Rover's report of Mr. Mortimer's reference to Golf Croquet in which both balls of a side are required to make a hoop. Indeed this is the only way in which we ever played it and it makes a far better game than the variety which is generally played and to which I was only introduced 3 years ago when I took up Association Croquet. Naturally a game takes longer with the "both balls" method, but it also avoids the rather monotonous winning of hoops, which can so often be seen, alternately, when good players play each other. Furthermore the "both balls" system makes it much more difficult for one good partner of a side to dominate the game.

It would be very nice to see some "both balls" competitors started and I shall make that suggestion at our next General Meeting at Roehampton.

Yours sincerely,

J. A. HOLLWEG

TIMED GAMES

Dear Sir,

I am heartily in agreement with the letters of Captain Stoker and Colonel Baldwin on the subject of timed games for tournaments. After 2½ hours I become bored and tired particularly when perhaps I have two other matches to play on the same day. Like many other high bisquers I should welcome the change if it were made. My sympathy is with the managers and players alike, and I think nobody should be asked to play after 7 p.m. at the latest. I only write this as we have been asked to give our views of the suggestion which I am sure will make the game much more popular.

Yours faithfully,

G. A. H. ALEXANDER

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1955

EXPENDITURE	1954. £	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	1955. £	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Medals	17	15	3	611	15	3
Prizes at Meetings—	43	46	13	13	46	13
Roehampton	10	11	10	16	11	10
Hurlingham	10	11	10	16	11	10
Eastbourne	42	40	10	135	37	0
Expenses at Meetings—	95	98	13	108	132	9
Roehampton	26	28	7	271	28	15
Hurlingham	20	21	5	216	17	10
Eastbourne	110	125	9	43	86	2
Roehampton Club Competitors' Fees	52	54	7	17	15	6
Engraving and Carriage of Trophies...	44	49	1	92	2	17
Printing and Publications—	252	318	19	4	28	15
Publication C.A. Magazine	504	584	2	156	100	3
Reporter's Salary	60	60	0	121	43	5
Printing Laws	64	63	5	39	3	0
Printing Year Book	38	—	—	180	7	0
Secretary's Salary	686	707	7	75	11	5
Rent Office, Cleaning, Light and Heat	100	100	0	11	9	7
Office Stationery	302	289	15	9	3	4
Telephone	689	34	12	9	9	7
Insurance, Trophies and Office Contents	13	14	10	3	4	5
Postage	6	9	14	32	18	7
Audit Fee	27	23	15	150	15	0
Travelling and Sundry Expenses	11	14	14	—	—	—
Corporation Duty	40	45	11	—	—	—
Grant to Bedford Club	3	2	18	—	—	—
Excess of Income over Expenditure	1,921	1,690	15	—	—	—
	75	211	19	—	—	—
	£1,700	£1,902	14	£1,700	£1,902	14

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1955

LIABILITIES	1954. £	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	1955. £	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
ACCUMULATED FUND—	2,855	3,166	15	75	572	571
AS 31st January, 1955	20	100	0	75	3	3
Add Excess Income 1955	17	289	15	52	430	10
Legacy Horsley	—	311	19	—	500	0
SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED IN ADVANCE	—	—	—	—	—	—
SUNDRY CREDITORS—Expenses Outstanding	—	—	—	—	—	—
NEW ZEALAND TEST TEAM ENTERTAINMENTS FUND	—	—	—	—	—	—
D. E. BUCKLAND, Hon. Treasurer.	—	—	—	—	—	—
E. P. DUFFIELD, Chairman, Finance and G.P. Committee	—	—	—	—	—	—
C. C. ADAMS, Chairman of the Council	—	—	—	—	—	—
Excess of Income over Expenditure	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1,921	1,690	15	—	—	—
	75	211	19	—	—	—
	£1,700	£1,902	14	£1,700	£1,902	14

We have received all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept. We have examined the Balance Sheet and annexed Income and Expenditure Account which are in agreement with the books. In our opinion and to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, the Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the Association's affairs at 31st December, 1955, and the Income and Expenditure Account gives a true and fair view of the excess of Income for the year ended on that date.

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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Croquet Association will be held at the Roehampton Club on Tuesday, May 15th, at 2 p.m.

Agenda

1. Minutes of the last meeting.
2. Report and Balance Sheet.
3. Election of Hon. Treasurer. Mr. D. E. Buckland retires from office and offers himself for re-election.
4. Election of members of Council.

The following retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election: I. C. Baillieu, Miss D. A. Lintern, Brig. J. S. Omond, M. B. Reckitt, Mrs. I. H. Turketine, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins. Mr. C. B. Bird and Mr. F. H. Fisher do not offer themselves for re-election. There are therefore two vacancies in this group. In addition to these vacancies three others have occurred during the year. There are therefore five in all to be filled.

The following have been proposed for election: Mrs. P. E. Heley, Proposed by Mrs. E. Reeve, Seconded by Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury.

R. C. V. de Wesselow, Proposed by D. E. Buckland, Seconded by W. I. Cheavin.

E. A. Roper, Proposed by Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, Seconded by Miss D. A. Lintern.

5. To discuss and if approved to add the following words to Rule VII (b) "or in an appropriate issue of the *London Times*".

6. To add to Rule XXIV (a) "an associate being an undergraduate at any British University shall pay 10s. per annum".

7. Any other business.

Notes:—

Rule VI. Election of Council.

- (a) Candidates for election shall consist of
 - (i) Members of the Council retiring under Rule 11 (a) and offering themselves for re-election;
 - (ii) Associates duly proposed and seconded by two other Associates of whose candidature notice in writing shall have been received by the Secretary at least twenty-eight days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

Rule VII

- (b) Any Associate desirous of proposing a candidate for the office of President or Vice-President or of moving a resolution at the Annual General Meeting except on a question arising out of the Report and Balance Sheet, must give notice thereof to the Secretary at least twenty-eight days before the date of meeting in order that the same may be published in *Croquet*.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL 1955-56

With the valuable and efficient co-operation of the Central Council for Physical Recreation, two croquet demonstration sessions were held at Watford and Woking respectively. These were well-attended and instruction for beginners after the exhibition games was very popular. Many inquiries as to facilities for learning and playing the game were subsequently received.

The Croquet Club at Barnstaple has been affiliated to the C.A. and there have been other inquiries about affiliation. It is obviously advantageous both to the C.A. and to the clubs that all those with facilities for playing Association Croquet should be registered, and the Council hopes that where opportunity occurs Associates will not fail to draw attention to this.

Though there has been a number of new Associates during the year there is a slight decrease in total membership. Financially this has been more than off-set by the increased subscription. Nevertheless the need for new Associates remains urgent.

Preliminary arrangements for the visit of the New Zealand Test Team were put in hand in the Autumn and are progressing satisfactorily and with eager co-operation from the Clubs at which Test Matches are to take place.

The Council desires to express grateful appreciation of the services of all those who, whether by acting as Managers, Referees, Hon. Secretaries of Clubs, or in other ways, promoted the welfare of the game during the past season. It also wishes to thank Mrs. M. L. Thom who has given most useful part-time voluntary service in the office, and the Secretary for her continued keen attention to the interests of the C.A.

Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 4 Southampton Row, on Thursday, November 17th, 1955.

Correspondence. A letter was read from Col. Macaulay, forwarded by Capt. Stoker, expressing the willingness of the All England L.T. & C. Club to give a donation of £15 15s. 0d. to the New Zealand Test Team Entertainment Fund, and also to endeavour to provide facilities for the N.Z. Team to see some of the matches at the Lawn Tennis Championships. The Secretary was instructed to communicate with Col. Macaulay, and thank him.

Questions. Mr. Reckitt asked if, in view of the great interest in the game shown by undergraduates at Cambridge, the reduced subscription for those under 21 years of age could be extended to cover all undergraduates at British universities. It was agreed to recommend this at the next General Meeting.

Miss Lintern asked if the responsibility for engraving the Creyke Cups now on loan to the Roehampton Club was a matter for the C.A. and was informed that this was so.

Notice of motion by Major J. H. Dibley: "That in future at all official tournaments, where the number of competitors does not exceed 35 in number, the C.A. levy shall be for each advertised event 1s., except in the case of 'X.Y.' or 'X.Y.Z.' system, the levy shall be 2s. where the entrance fee exceeds 7s., and that Rule 5 (a) Regulations for official tournaments be amended accordingly."

Motion by the Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury: "That all open events in tournaments held in the 1956 season shall be played on the 'X.Y.' system and that if the Council rejects this, all open games shall have a 3½ hours' time limit." Mr. Brackenbury asked leave to withdraw the first part of his motion, and leave being granted moved the second part which was seconded by Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts. Major Dibley moved an amendment that the word "open" be deleted, and the words "except in Handicap Singles" added. This was seconded by Miss Lintern. After discussion the amendment was put to the vote and lost. The motion was then put to the vote and lost.

Motion by the Rev. G. F. H. Elvey: "That during the 1956 season there shall be, on some appropriate occasion a display of C.A. trophies." In the absence of Mr. Elvey this was moved by Mr. Solomon and seconded by Mr. Fisher and agreed. It was decided that the appropriate trophies should be displayed at the Men's and Women's Championships and Open Championships meetings, and that all the C.A. trophies competed for throughout the season be displayed on the occasion of the Farewell Dinner to the N.Z. Test Team in October.

Motion by Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins: "That the conditions of entry for the Du Pre Cup and the Association Plate be amended by the addition of the words 'at the discretion of the Manager'." Dr. Wiggins said his motion had not been correctly worded, and asked leave to add the word "or" at the beginning. This was granted, and the proposal was seconded by Mr. Evans and agreed.

Motion by Mr. G. V. Evans: "That in view of the urgent need for money for the New Zealand Appeal Fund the Members of Council should subscribe £2 each as a gesture of good-will to encourage others." After some discussion Mr. Evans asked leave to withdraw the motion and this was granted.

Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, was presented by Mr. Duffield, who proposed its adoption. This was seconded by Col. Clarke and approved.

Report of the Tournament Committee. This was presented by Mr. Reckitt, Chairman of the Committee. Mr. Solomon asked that the Report of the New Zealand Committee be taken first, and also deprecated the fact that the Tournament Committee had decided on its recommendations as to the dates and venues of the Test Matches before the New Zealand Committee had met, for that purpose. Mr. Reckitt explained that as regarded dates and venues, it was impossible to separate the reports and he proposed to take them together. Having explained the report in detail he moved its adoption. This was seconded by Mrs. Chittenden. Mr. Solomon moved an amendment: "That the fifth Test Match be played at Eastbourne." This was seconded by Dr. Wiggins. The amendment was put to the vote and lost. The Report was then adopted.

Report of the Publicity Committee. This was presented by Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts, Chairman of the Committee, who said that his Committee had been faced

with the difficulty of not knowing how much money would be available for publicising the N.Z. Test Matches. He had arranged to get information from Nottingham and Brighton Clubs with regard to local publicity prospects, and had asked members of the Roehampton and Hurlingham Clubs to inquire as to facilities for the public to see matches at these centres. He was also exploring the possibilities of B.B.C. and T.V. publicity. He had obtained estimates for the dinner to be given by the Council to the N.Z. Team on arrival and recommended that it be held at the Trocadero Restaurant. He further recommended that the dinner, open to all Associates, to be held in October be at the Connaught Rooms. The suggested dates were May 29th or 30th and October 18th. These dates and venues were approved.

Report of the Editorial Panel. This was presented by Mr. Brackenbury, who said that the actual cost of producing the magazine had been about £575. Allowing for advertisements, and subscriptions to the magazine the cost of the C.A. was approximately £405. The exact figure was not available as the December number was not included. The former *Croquet Gazette* had cost about £300 a year, and the budget for *Croquet* in 1955 was £475. Unfortunately, printing costs would shortly rise by at least 10% and therefore as an economy it was proposed not to print the magazine in May. This would necessitate holding a Special General Meeting to amend Rule VII (b) by the addition to the last line of the words "or by an announcement in an appropriate issue of the London Times".

It was agreed that a Special General Meeting be called for January 5th, 1956, at 4 Southampton Row, at 2.15 p.m. It was also agreed that the proposal for reduced subscriptions for undergraduates, be put on the Agenda for this meeting.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 4 Southampton Row on Thursday, January 5th, 1956.

Arising out of the Minutes, Brig. Stokes-Roberts reported that he had arranged for the Council dinner to the New Zealand Test Team to be held at the Trocadero Restaurant on May 30th, and for the Association dinner to be held at the Connaught Rooms on October 18th.

Correspondence. A letter was read from the President stating that he would be glad to give autographed copies of his books to members of the New Zealand visiting team.

Letters were read from E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon resigning from the Council. The Secretary was instructed to express the regret of the Council, and to thank both members for their past services. A letter was read from Major Abbey offering hospitality on behalf of himself and Mr. Pearson, to the N.Z. team on the occasion of the Test Match at Brighton. The Secretary was instructed to thank Major Abbey.

The Secretary explained the circumstances of the loss of the small Tingey Trophy, and asked if it would be the wish of the Council to provide another trophy (£3 3s. had been paid by the Insurance Co.). It was decided that Major Tingey should be consulted in this matter.

Publicity Committee recommendations. Brig. Stokes-Roberts asked leave to give a verbal report of the recommendations of the Committee which had met that morning, and which was as follows. That he should act as Treasurer for the N.Z. Entertainment Fund, and that when unable to attend any match should be responsible for appointing a local representative to act. £10 for each match had already been agreed for local expenses, and it was thought that any additional expense should come out of the gate fees. The gate fee fixed by the local club should be shared equally between the C.A. and the Club. During Test Matches no other games should be permitted. Where necessary the C.A. should provide balls and the local clubs be asked to have hoops and other equipment in good order.

Mr. L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts had presented fixture cards for 1956, and it was proposed to send copies to all editors of papers likely to be interested.

The Report was approved, and on the proposal of Miss Lintern it was unanimously resolved that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts.

The Regular Meeting of the Council was then adjourned.

A Special Meeting of the Council under Rule XIV was then held. Mr. Reckitt proposed that the alterations to Laws and Regulations for Official Tournaments as published in the December issue of *Croquet* be approved. This was seconded by Col. Clarke and agreed.

The Regular Meeting of the Council was then resumed. Major J. H. Dibley moved: "That in future at all official tournaments where the number of competitors does not exceed 35 in number, the C.A. levy shall be for each advertised event 1s. except in the case of 'X.Y.' or 'X.Y.Z.' system the levy shall be 2s. where the entrance fee exceeds 7s. and that Regulation 5 (a) Regulations for Official Tournaments be amended accordingly." Major Dibley asked leave to amend the figure "35" to "30" and this was granted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Evans, and after discussion put to the vote and lost.

Motion by Mr. Reckitt on behalf of the Tournament Committee: "That the following condition be added to those governing the Inter-County Matches. 'Should the number of Counties entering teams be five or any less number, each team will play the others twice.'" The motion was seconded by Miss Lintern and agreed.

Mr. G. V. Evans said that he would be pleased to pay for the emblems to be given to the N.Z. Test Team, and his generous offer was received with acclamation.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Accounts and Balance Sheet were reviewed and are recommended to Council for adoption. The excess of Income over Expenditure broadly represents the increased subscription receipts and, so far as it is possible to say, very few Associates have resigned because of the increased rate. It is well, however, in reviewing the improved position, to realise that the Association is not yet in a position to afford a Secretary who had to be paid a normal salary.

It was agreed that a sum of £250 should be transferred to the Post Office Savings Bank from the Bank Current Account and that a further £500 should be invested in the near future in some suitable Stock at a time recommended by qualified advisers.

ANNUAL RETURN OF ATTENDANCES AT COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Laws	Tournament Purposes	Finance and General Purposes	Handicap Appeal	Publicity	Golf Croquet	Special Committees	Total Attendances Council	Total Attendances	Total Possible Attendances
Adams, Col. C. C.	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	16
Ashton, Mrs. L. H.	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	5	10
Brackenbury, Rev. B. V. F.	1	...	...	3	...	2	6	6	12	18
Buckland, D. E.	1	3	...	...	...	...	4	3	7	16
Hon. Treasurer	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Baillieu, I. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	2	7
Clarke, Col. J. G.	1	...	2	...	...	...	3	6	9	9
*Cotter, E. P. C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	9
Chittenden, Mrs. H. F.	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	5	6	8
Dibley, Major J. H.	1	3	...	4	...	...	8	6	14	14
Duffield, E. P.	1	3	...	...	...	...	4	6	10	10
Evans, G. V.	...	3	...	4	...	...	7	6	13	13
†Fisher, F. H.	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	4	5	7
Lintern, Miss D. A.	2	3	...	4	...	...	9	6	15	15
Nickisson, Mrs. L. E. G.	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	4	5	7
Omond, Brig. J. S.	...	2	...	2	...	...	4	5	9	13
Ormerod, Dr. G. L.	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	4	6	13
Reckitt, M. B.	1	2	...	3	...	2	8	6	14	15
Reeve, Mrs. E.	1	2	...	...	...	3	2	5	9	9
Rotherham, Mrs. E.	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Solomon, J. W.	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	4	6	7
Stokes-Roberts, Brig. A. E.	...	3	...	4	...	2	9	4	13	15
Turkentine, Mrs. I. H.	...	2	...	3	...	5	5	10	12	12
Wiggins, Dr. W. R. D.	1	...	1	...	...	2	5	7	10	10
Longman, W.	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	6	6	6
Vice-President	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Elvey, Rev. G. F. H.	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	4	6	6
Vice-President	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

*Resigned January 5th.
†Resigned March 1st.

THE CLUB TEAM CUP

(Handicap)

Presented by William Longman, Esq.

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager and Referee.—Mrs. L. C. Apps.
Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.

Holders—Woking Croquet and L.T. Club

Competitors must be members of the C.A. and of the Club for which they play. No individual may play for more than one Club during the Competition.

The teams shall normally consist of four players who will play two Doubles and three Singles. By mutual consent, however, the teams in any match may consist of six players. In this case the match will include as a minimum three Doubles which must be completed and two Singles.

HANDICAPS.

This Competition is to be played under C.A. Handicap. The gross handicap of any team of four players must be at least 12 bisques or 18 bisques for a team of six players. The gross handicap of any pair in a team must be at least 6 bisques. Every competitor must have a C.A. handicap of at least half a bisque.

To be played under the same general arrangements and conditions as hold for the All-England Handicap in so far as they apply.

Competing Clubs will play on mutually agreed grounds. Full results of matches must be sent by the winning teams to the Secretary, C.A.

There are no entry fees.
Entries must reach the Secretary, C.A., by the 11th May.

ALL-ENGLAND HANDICAP 1956

Winner 1955—W. P. Ormerod (1½)

Committee and Secretary as for the Club Team Cup.
Manager, Referee and Handicapper.—Miss D. A. Lintern.

Competitors must be members of the C.A. or members of a Registered Croquet Club. A member of the C.A. not being a member of a Registered Club must arrange to play at a Registered Club. A Competitor may not play in more than one Registered Club's Competition.

PRELIMINARY STAGE.

Club competitions to be finished by 16th July. Clubs entering 16 or 31 competitors will be entitled to have two representatives in the Final Stages.

FINAL STAGES

The Club representatives will be drawn on the Bagnall-Wild System and will meet in London during the period extending over August 15th to 17th.

Qualification to hold a competition: No Club with an entry of less than 4 competitors is eligible to be represented. In any match of the Final Stages a competitor shall play on the C.A. Handicap that he would have been playing at in an Official Tournament.

ENTRY FEES.

Entry Fee for each competitor 3s., to be paid to the Club Secretary. 1s. of the Entry Fee will be retained by the Competitor's Club, and 2s. will be sent to the Secretary, C.A., by the Club Secretary.

The results of Club Competitions must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., to reach her not later than July 16th. Matches of single games throughout.

PRIZES.

Winner and Runner-up, The Tingey Trophies. Others in last eight, Bronze Medals.

SIDMOUTH

A CROQUET TOURNAMENT
will be held on the CLUB GROUNDS
On MONDAY, MAY 7th-May 12th, 1956
(Under C.A. Laws and Regulations)

Manager.—Miss A. E. Mills.
Referee and Handicapper.—H. O. Hicks.
Hon. Secretary.—Croquet Club, Cricket Pavilion, Sidmouth.

EVENTS.

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES (CLASS "A"). ("Two Lives" system). Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d.
 - 2.—LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B"). Open to players of 1—4½ Bisques. Entrance Fee, 8s. (Rule 44 suspended).
 - 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C"). Open to players of 5 Bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 8s.
 - 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Open to all. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- No Competitor may enter for more than two events of Events 1, 2, 3, 4.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES (Unrestricted). Entrance Fee, 8s. each player.
 - 6.—GOLF CROQUET. Handicap Singles. Entrance Fee, 2s. 6d.

CONDITIONS.

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 must reach the Hon. Secretary, Croquet Club, The Cricket Pavilion, Sidmouth, by first post on **Thursday, May 3rd.**

Entries for Doubles and Golf Croquet by midday **Tuesday, May 8th.**

As only five courts are available, entries will be strictly limited. The Committee reserve the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason.

Competitors must not leave the ground without finding out what time they will be required the NEXT day.

Competitors shall wear such flat-soled footwear as cannot damage the courts.

Lunches and Teas will be provided on the ground. Entry forms and any further particulars can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary if required.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

A CROQUET TOURNAMENT
(Unofficial)

will be held on

THE CLUB GROUNDS

on **MONDAY, 14th MAY, 1956, and following days**

(The Laws and Regulations of the C.A. will apply)

Manager and Handicapper.—Miss A. Mills.

Referee of the Tournament.—To be appointed.

Tournament Secretary.—L. G. Walter, Esq., Secretary, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton. Tel.: 548.

EVENTS

- 1.—AN AMERICAN TOURNAMENT (Handicap). Competitors will be arranged in blocks according to handicap and the numbers of entries received. It is hoped to arrange four blocks and guarantee each player a minimum of five games. Winners of blocks will play off semi-final and final. The winner to hold the Godfrey Turner Challenge Cup and the winner of the longest handicap block to hold the L. G. Walters Long Handicap Challenge Trophy. (Note: The long handicap block ONLY will play shortened game under Rule 12(d) except in the semi-final and final). Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.

- 2.—HANDICAP DOUBLES (Knock Out). Handicap limit 6 bisques. Entrance Fee, 5s. each player.

An extra event will be arranged if time and entries permit. Entries for Event 1 must reach the Secretary not later than 1st post **Wednesday, 9th May**, and for Event 2 by 10 a.m. **Tuesday, 15th May**, and the draw will take place at 2 p.m. that day.

At lunch time, COFFEE, but NOT LUNCHES, will be available at the club house.

Teas, a licensed bar, and bridge rooms will be available as usual. Normal conditions of play. Six Courts (minimum) will be available.

The usual OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT will be held on **MONDAY, 16th JULY, 1956, and days following.** (See June *Croquet*).

THE PEEL MEMORIALS

Will be played for at the ROEHAMPTON CLUB
On MONDAY, MAY 14th to 19th

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.
Manager.—N. A. de la Nougerede.
Referee and Handicapper.—Miss D. A. Lintern.
Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.

EVENTS.

Open to Associates Only

- 1.—"PEEL" MEMORIAL SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL. Handicap Singles for men. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. This Event will be played under the "Two Life" System. Holder: Captain H. G. Stoker, R.N. (1½).
- 2.—"PEEL" MEMORIAL SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL. Handicap Singles for women. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. This Event will be played under the "Two Life" System. Holder: Miss D. A. Lintern (-3).
- 3.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. (Combined handicaps scratch or over). The Lady Murray Memorial Silver Challenge Cups. Entries must be made in pairs. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. for each person. Holders: Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (7).

CONDITIONS.

Hoops 3¼ in. wide. Jaques' Eclipse Balls will be used. At least seven courts will be provided.

The winners hold the respective Challenge Trophies for one year or until the next competition, whichever is the shorter period. Other prizes according to number of entries.

The Committee reserve the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason and to decide any question that may arise.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

ENTRIES.

The Entries accompanied by the Entrance Fee for Events 1 and 2 must reach the Secretary, C.A., not later than the first post on Wednesday, May 9th, and for Event 3 by noon on Tuesday, May 15th.

PLAY.

Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily unless otherwise notified. Competitors must report themselves to the Manager on arrival. Any competitor who is not present, or is otherwise unable to play when called upon to do so, will be liable to be scratched.

DRAW.

The Draw for Events Nos. 1 and 2, will take place at 4 Southampton Row, on Wednesday, May 9th, at 11 a.m.

BRIGHTON

ANNUAL SUMMER CROQUET TOURNAMENT

VICTORIA ROAD, SOUTHWICK

MONDAY, MAY 21st, and five following days

Committee.—The Croquet Committee of the Club.
Manager and Handicapper.—Major J. H. Dibley.
Referee.—N. Oddie.
Hon. Secretary.—F. E. Corke, 60 Southwick Street, Southwick, Sussex.

EVENTS.

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. "THE ABBEY" CHALLENGE CUP. Presented by W. H. Abbey, Esq. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
Draw and Process. Law 44 partially suspended i.e., no lift after 4-back.
- 2.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. "X.Y." Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 4.—HANDICAP DOUBLES (Unrestricted). Entrance Fee, 8s. each player.

All games to start at No. 3 hoop in Event No. 4.

Competitors may enter for 3 out of 4 Events.

ENTRIES.

Entries with Fees for Events 1, 2 and 3 must reach the Hon. Secretary by the first post on Thursday, May 17th. Those for Event 4 may be made on the ground up to 2 p.m., Tuesday, May 22nd.

Non-Associates (except members of the S.C.C. and L.T. Club) pay a tribute of 10s. to the C.A. (5s. if they enter in only one Event); but on becoming an Associate any tribute paid in the current year is credited against the subscription.

The Committee reserves the right of refusing any Entry without assigning a reason.

THE DRAW.

The Draw for Events 1, 2 and 3 will take place at Southwick on Thursday, May 17th, at 2.30 p.m. Event 4 on Tuesday, May 22nd, at 2.30 p.m.

PLAY.

Play will commence at 10 a.m.
Players coming from a distance requiring leave should notify it on their Entry Form. No leave will be granted later than 12 noon Monday, unless the exigencies of the Draw permit.

PRIZES.

According to Entries.

Standard Setting and Jaques' "Eclipse" Balls will be used.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.
Competitors will be made Hon. Members of the Club during the Tournament.

Ten Courts will be available.
Light Luncheons and Teas will be obtainable.
Motor Bus Service from BRIGHTON every 10 minutes.
Train Service to Southwick Station.

Free Parking for Cars on the Ground.

THE INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

Will be played for at the HURLINGHAM CLUB
MONDAY, MAY 28th, 1956, and during the week

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.
Manager, Referee and Handicapper.—H. F. Crowther-Smith.

Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.

Holder—Surrey

CONDITIONS

1. The team for each County consists of three pairs, and the qualifications to represent a County are:—

- (a) Birth in the County, or
- (b) Present residence in the County of two years standing, or
- (c) A previous residence in the County for an uninterrupted period of five years, other than as a pupil in a school or college.

(d) No one is qualified to represent a County who has represented a different County in the year immediately preceding the competition unless he has previously represented that County, or except in the case of a County which has not competed during the past five years, or unless the County he has represented in the previous year is not competing.

(e) An ordinary member of a registered croquet club, of not less than two years standing, not being invited to play for a County for which he is eligible, or being eligible for a County which does not enter a team may play for the County in which his club is situated.

2. A player living in a house other than as an owner or occupier shall only be eligible on satisfying the Council that he or she is a bona fide a resident in the County.

3. All qualifications must be accurately defined when the names of the teams are submitted.

4. Each County shall appoint a duly qualified Captain.

5. The collector of a team shall send to the Secretary, C.A., before May 2nd, a list of the names of not more than eight players, from which the playing team of three pairs for any match must be selected, and the name of the Captain. In a match the players may be combined to form

pairs in any manner that the Captain thinks fit, but the pairs must be arranged in the order of the joint number of bisques, the lowest amount corresponding to the A pair, the highest to the C pair. The constitution of the team must be given to the Manager before any match. If in any match only two pairs from a team should be available for play, these pairs must be matched against the A and B pairs of the opposing team.

6. If the number of Counties entering is too large to permit each County to play all the others, they will be so drawn as to allow any County to play as many other Counties as time permits.

7. Should the number of Counties entering teams be five or any less number, each team will play the others twice.

8. The winning County shall be that which wins the greatest percentage of matches played. In the event of a tie between two or more Counties the County which has won the greatest number of games shall be the winner. Provided that in the event of all Counties not being drawn to play the same number of matches the Manager shall have power, in the later stages of the competition, to withdraw matches unplayed which have no material influence in the result and substitute others if there be an equal number of matches are ensured to the leading Counties. If there still be a tie, the Challenge Cup shall be held jointly.

9. Flat-soled footwear must be worn. Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily.

10. Entries must reach the Secretary, C.A., by May 1st, 1956.

11. A limit of 3½ hours will be imposed on all games. Two rounds a day will be played. Play will not normally extend beyond 6.30 p.m.

12. Law 44 partially suspended. No lift after 4-back. No Entrance Fee.

Hoops 3¼ in. wide and Jaques' Eclipse balls will be used. Nine courts will be provided.

THE MEN'S & WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS MEETING

Will be played at the HURLINGHAM CLUB
On MONDAY, JUNE 4th to 9th, 1956

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.
Manager and Handicapper.—Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury.
Referee.—Rev. G. F. H. Elvey.
Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.

EVENTS.

Open to Associates Only

- 1.—THE MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Matches best of three games. Prizes: The Winner holds for the year the Gold Challenge Casket presented by the late Viscount Doneraile, and a Challenge Trophy presented by the late Sir Francis Colchester-Wemyss, K.B.E., and the late Col. C. E. Wilson, and will receive a medal. Holder, H. O. Hicks.
- 2.—THE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Matches best of three games. Prizes: The winner holds for the year the Gold Challenge Casket presented by the late Viscount Doneraile, a Silver Challenge Bowl presented by the "Ladies' Field", the Gold Challenge Badge and Gold Locket, and will receive a medal. Holder, Mrs. E. Rotherham.
- 3.—THE MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. each person. Matches of single games. Prizes: A Pair of Silver Challenge Cups presented by the All-England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club. Holders, H. O. Hicks and Mrs. E. Rotherham.
- 4.—THE "DU PRE" CUP. Open to competitors in Events 1 and 2 who have not qualified for the third round or at the discretion of the Manager. Matches of single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 6s. Level play. Prize: A Challenge Cup presented by the late Lt.-Col. W. B. Du Pre. Holder, Miss D. D. Steel.

5.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Entrance Fee, 6s. Open to competitors in Events 1 and 2 at the discretion of the Manager. Matches of single games.

CONDITIONS.

Hoops 3¼ in. wide. "Eclipse" Championship balls will be used. Six Courts will be provided.

No leave can be granted till after the Draw.
The winners hold the respective Challenge Trophies for one year or until the next competition whichever is the shorter period. Other prizes according to number of entries.

The Committee reserve the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

ENTRIES.

The Entries, accompanied by the Entrance Fees for Events 1 and 2 must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, so as to reach her not later than the first post on Wednesday, May 30th, and for Event 3 by noon on Tuesday, June 5th. Entries for Events 4 and 5 can be received only on the ground.

Competitors must give with their Entries the address at which messages will reach them during the Tournament.

DRAW.

The Draw for Events 1 and 2 will take place at 4 Southampton Row at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 30th, and for Events 3, 4, and 5, as will be announced on the ground.

PLAY.

Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily unless otherwise notified. Any competitor who is not present, or is otherwise unable to play when called upon to do so, will be liable to be scratched.

The semi-finals and finals will be so arranged that play in them will extend over the afternoons of Friday and Saturday.

RYDE

38th ANNUAL OPEN CROQUET TOURNAMENT
at the CLUB GROUND, Play Street Lane, Ryde,
I.O.W.

MONDAY, JUNE 4th-9th, 1956

Committee.—The Croquet Committee of the Club.
Manager and Handicapper.—Major J. H. Dibley, M.C.
Referee.—To be appointed.
Hon. Secretary.—Miss L. Isaac, Flat 18, Osborne Court, Cowes, I.O.W. (Tel.: Cowes 870).

EVENTS.

- 1.—ISLE OF WIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP. Open Singles. The Challenge Trophy (Present Holder, Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish). Draw and Process. Law 44 partially suspended. No lift after four-back. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES (Class B). The Chapman Cup. Open to players of 3 bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 8s. Final best of three games (circumstances permitting). (Present Holder, S. S. Townsend.)
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES (Class C). The Benet Cup. Open to players of 6½ to 9 bisques. Entrance Fee, 8s. (Present Holder, Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth.)
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES (Class D). The Hutton Cup. Open to players of 10 bisques or more. Entrance Fee, 8s. (Present Holder, Mrs. A. R. Brown.)
No player may enter for more than one of the above Events.
- 5.—HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y."). The Dibley Cup. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. (Present Holder, Miss E. M. Watson.)
- 6.—RESTRICTED HANDICAP DOUBLES. Open to pairs with combined handicaps of not less than 1 bisque. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. each player. A time limit of 3½ hours will apply to this event.
Should time permit there will be an extra event.

PRIZES.

Two for each Event if sufficient entries.

ENTRIES.

For Events 1 to 5, together with fees and C.A. Tribute of 15s. where payable, must reach the Hon. Secretary by first post on Thursday, May 31st. Entries for Doubles (Event 6) close on the ground at 5 p.m. on Monday, June 4th.

DRAW.

The Draw for Events 1 to 5 will take place at the Club Pavilion at 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 31st. For Doubles at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 4th.

PLAY.

Will commence at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, June 4th, and at 10 a.m. or earlier on following days. Players not present when called on to play will be liable to be scratched.

GENERAL.

Six lawns provided. Standard setting. Luncheon and tea provided in the Pavilion. A Motor Bus from pier sets down close to the ground. Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

HOTELS.

Spencer's Inn and Yelf's Hotel, both in Union Street. Guest House (specially recommended): Mrs. Taylor, 78 Pellhurst Road, Ryde, I.O.W. Phone Ryde 3481 (300 yards from Club).

BUXTON

THE NORTH OF ENGLAND TOURNAMENT
The Pavilion Gardens, Buxton
Monday, June 11th-16th, 1956

Manager, Referee and Handicapper.—Miss D. D. Steel. Hon. Treasurer.—J. Hunter, Old Hall Hotel, Buxton. Hon. Secretary.—Mrs. D. E. Chorlton, 6 The Square, Buxton.

Committee.—Croquet Committee of the Buxton Club.

EVENTS.

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. North of England Challenge Cup. "Two Lives." Final—Best of three games. Law 44 partially suspended. No lift after 4-back. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES. "Class B." Open to players of 3 bisques and over. Law 44 suspended. Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. "Class C." Open to players of 8 bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Unrestricted. "X.Y." Entrance Fee, 9s.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Unrestricted. Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d. each player.

CONDITIONS.

First and Second Prizes will be awarded for each Event in addition to Silver Trophies.

The Management claim the right to cancel any Event advertised should there not be sufficient entries. Six Lawns will be provided and Jaques' Balls and equipment will be used.

Morning Coffee and Afternoon Tea obtainable. Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

ACCOMMODATION.

A list of Hotels and Boarding Houses will be sent on application to the Hon. Secretary.

PLAY.

Play will commence at 10 a.m., unless otherwise stated.

ENTRIES.

Entries, made on the official form, and accompanied by the Entrance Fees, should reach the Hon. Secretary by Saturday, June 9th (excepting for Event 5, Entries for which close on Tuesday, June 12th).

THE DRAW.

The Draw for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4, will take place on Saturday, June 9th, at 8 p.m. The Draw for Event 5, on Tuesday, June 12th, at 5 p.m.

CARRICKMINES

CROQUET AND LAWN TENNIS CLUB 1956

Croquet Tournament
(Non-Official)

Saturday, 9th June, to Saturday, 16th June

Committee.—The Croquet Tournament Committee of the Club.

Manager.—Lady FitzGerald.

Referee.—To be appointed.

Hon. Secretary.—Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly, Ballynamote, Carrickmines, Co. Dublin.

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. Championship of Co. Dublin. Perpetual Challenge Cup presented by the Great Southern Railways. "Two Life" System Rule 44 partially suspended. No lift after 4-back. Entrance Fee, 10s.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES. Perpetual Challenge Cup presented by P. Duff Mathews, Esq. Open to players of 3½ bisques and over. Single games. No lifts. Entrance Fee, 5s.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Perpetual Challenge Cup presented by Col. Boxwell. Single games. Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d.
- 4.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Perpetual Challenge Cup presented by Col. Cook. Entrance Fee, 5s. each player.

Entries for all events will close on Tuesday, June 5th, at 6 p.m. and the Draw will then take place.

Play will commence at 10.30 a.m. on Saturday, June 9th.

Competitors residing over 25 miles distance from Dublin will not be required for play till 10 a.m. on Monday, June 11th.

Standard setting and Jaques' "Eclipse" balls will be used.

Flat-soled shoes must be worn.

The committee reserve the right of refusing any entry without assigning a reason.

WOKING

LAWN TENNIS AND CROQUET CLUB
The 36th ANNUAL CROQUET TOURNAMENT
will be held on
The Club Ground, Pine Road, Hook Heath, Woking
On MONDAY, JUNE 11th, 1956
and following days
(Under the Laws and Regulations of the C.A.)

Committee.—Mrs. B. C. Apps, Major J. W. Cobb, Brig. T. S. Omond, A. McClure Williams, T. F. Dalton and Mrs. M. F. MacArthur.

Manager, Referee and Handicapper.—Mrs. E. E. Turner. Assistant Referees will be appointed under Reg. 15 (a). Hon. Secretary.—Major J. W. Cobb, Farm Hotel, Woking.

EVENTS.

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. Best of three games. The winner will be entitled to hold for one year or until the next Tournament, whichever is the shorter period, the Club Challenge Cup. Entrance Fee, 10s.
 - 2.—LEVEL SINGLES. Class B. Open to competitors handicapped at ½ to 6 bisques inclusive. Winner entitled to hold for one year or until the next Tournament whichever is the shorter period the Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. H. T. Farris. Entrance Fee, 8s. Law 44 partially suspended.
 - 3.—LEVEL SINGLES. Class C. Open to competitors handicapped at 7 bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 8s. Law 44 suspended.
- N.B.—No competitor may enter for more than one of the above Events.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Entrance Fee, 8s. Unrestricted. The winner will be entitled to hold for one year or until the next Tournament, whichever is the shorter period, the Challenge Bowl presented by the late Mrs. J. M. Miles.

5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined Handicaps 3 or over. Entrance Fee, 8s. each competitor. The winners will be entitled to hold for one year or until the next Tournament, whichever is the shorter period, the Challenge Cups presented by Mrs. E. E. Turner.

Players will be expected to play until 7 p.m. or after if required.

CONDITIONS.

Non-Associates pay a tribute of 10s. to the C.A. when playing in an Official Tournament, or 5s. if they compete in one event only (except in a Tournament promoted by their own Club), when they pay such C.A. Tribute, if any, as the local Committee may determine, but on becoming an Associate any tribute paid during the current year is refunded or credited against the subscription.

First and Second Prizes will be given for each Event, and semi-final prizes if sufficient entries.

3½in. Hoops and Jaques' Eclipse Balls will be used.

Six Courts will be provided on the ground.

Every Competitor shall wear such flat-soled boots or shoes as cannot damage the Court.

TEA can be obtained on the Ground.

The Club Ground is 1½ miles from Woking Station.

Taxis can be obtained. Bus Service.

Accommodation—Hotels: Albion, Wheatsheaf, Farm, Cotteridge and Heathside.

ENTRIES.

Entries for all Events except No. 5 must reach the Hon. Secretary by first post on Friday, June 8th. Entries for No. 5 close on Tuesday, June 12th at the Club, at 2 p.m.

THE DRAW.

The Draw for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 will take place in the Pavilion on the Club Ground at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 8th. The Draw for No. 5 at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12th.

PLAY.

Play will begin at 10.30 a.m. unless otherwise notified.

Players required on Monday will be notified. Competitors in Events 1 and 2 must be prepared to play on Monday. Any competitor who leaves the Ground without permission of the Manager, or who is otherwise unable to play when called upon to do so will be liable to be scratched.

NOTTINGHAM CROQUET CLUB

Highfields, University Boulevard
ANNUAL TOURNAMENT
Will be played from MONDAY, JUNE 18th, to
FRIDAY, JUNE 22nd
(Under the Laws and Regulations of the Croquet Association)
To be followed by the **Second Test Match v. New Zealand**

Manager, Handicapper and Referee.—Miss D. D. Steel. Chairman of Committee.—Mrs. J. Elliott, M.B.E. Hon. Tournament Secretary.—G. N. Bright, 15 St. Jude's Avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham (Tel. 61965). Hon. Club Secretary.—A. O. Taylor, 14 Devonshire Road, Sherwood, Nottingham (Tel.: 65436), to whom all correspondence should be addressed.

An Assistant Referee will be appointed on the ground under Reg. 15 (a).

EVENTS.

- 1.—"ROBIN HOOD" GOLD CUP HANDICAP CHALLENGE TROPHY. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Presented by the All England Croquet Association for Associates only.
- 2.—OPEN SINGLES (Draw and Process). Law 44 partially suspended. No lift after 4-back. Single games. The final of this event will be best of three games, time permitting. Regulation 13 (a and b) will be applied if considered advisable. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d. Challenge Bowl.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 5 bisques and over. Single games. Entrance Fee, 9s. Challenge Bowl.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. ("X.Y."). Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Winner of "X" Challenge Trophy. Winner of "Y" Challenge Trophy.
(All Entry Fees include C.A. Levy Charges.)
First and Second Prizes will be given in each event.

CONDITIONS.

Entries for all Events should reach the Hon. Club Secretary not later than Friday, June 15th, accompanied by a cheque.

Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily or earlier.

Leave of absence may be arranged on application to the Manager. No leave will be permitted after 2 p.m. on the opening day.

Players must present themselves punctually and must not leave the ground without permission previously obtained from the Manager.

Lunches and Teas will be served each day in the pavilion at a moderate charge.

Seven Lawns will be available and choice of Lawn will be determined by draw. Standard setting of the lawns, 3½in. hoops.

The winners hold the respective Challenge Trophies for one year or until the next competition.

Flat-soled boots or shoes must be worn.

Ample Car Park accommodation is available. Buses pass the gates leading to the club every few minutes, the route numbers being 4, 4a and 5a, these may be boarded in the City Centre.

List of Hotels (Licensed and Unlicensed) will be supplied on application to the Hon. Club Secretary.

It should be noted that the Tournament has been curtailed, due to the Test Match, and that the HANDICAP DOUBLES have been omitted.

COMPTON, EASTBOURNE

AN OPEN CROQUET TOURNAMENT

(under the Laws and Regulations of the Croquet Association)

will be held on the grounds of

THE COMPTON CROQUET CLUB, COMPTON PLACE ROAD, EASTBOURNE

from

MONDAY, JUNE 25th, to SATURDAY, JUNE 30th 1956

Manager and Handicapper.—Major J. H. Dibley, M.C. Referee.—Mr. R. V. N. Wiggins. Committee.—The Committee of the Compton Croquet Club, Major J. H. Dibley, M.C., Mr. R. V. N. Wiggins.

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES (Draw and Process). Law 44 partially suspended. No lift after 4-back. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Challenge Cup. Holder: Mr. Kirk-Green.
- 2.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d. Challenge Cup. Holder: Mr. C. J. Speer.
- 3.—"X.Y." Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- 4.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicaps to be not less than Scratch. Entrance Fee, each player 7s. 6d.

If time permits, an additional Event will be arranged.

Fees include C.A. Levy charge of 2s.

First Prizes in all Events. Second Prizes if entries are sufficient.

All entries to be sent to the Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. J. Speer, 2, Dunvegan, Dittons Road, Eastbourne), who should also be informed of the proposed Eastbourne addresses and telephone numbers of competitors. Entries for Events 1, 2 and 3, will close after first post on Thursday, 21st June, 1956, and for Event 4 at midday on Tuesday, 26th June, 1956. The Committee reserve the right to refuse an entry without assigning a reason.

The Draw will take place at the Compton Croquet Club at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, 21st June, 1956.

Play will commence each day at 10 a.m. (or earlier if so arranged by the Manager).

Players wanted at 10 or 11 a.m. on Monday will be notified. All others will report to the Manager on arrival each day.

Five Lawns will be available. Every competitor will wear such flat-soled shoes as cannot damage the lawns. 3½in. Hoops and Jaques' "Eclipse" Balls will be used.