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SECRETARY'S SHIELD

On August Bank Holiday Monday, Edgbaston and Harwell met at Nottingham for the playoff between North and South. After an hour, Edgbaston were in a strong position and indeed Brian Hallam had already won! However, Harwell rallied well to win both the doubles and the other singles, with Joe King narrowly defeating Andrew Gregory.

In the afternoon the battle between the scratch players, Terry Wood and Ken Jones, provided some good entertainment, with the Harwell player winning a close contest. Brian again won easily (he must be fond of Nottingham after his recent handicap reduction there!) and Andrew had a good win over Mike Moreton-Smith. Thus with about half an hour to go it was all to play for. With all but the last half bisque gone Harwell's Mike Duck should have been favourite, but Geoff Howard used the half to regain the innings and got ahead. Everything now depended on will-power as nerves had supplanted skill! When 2 ahead Mike pegged out Geoff but not himself, time was called and Geoff missed a long shot, leaving Harwell winners by 4-3, (although with a -41 hoop difference).

Scores (Harwell first):

T. Wood & M. Moreton-Smith beat K. Jones & G. Howard +6; **J. King** (4) beat A. Gregory (7) +4; **M. Duck** (5½) lost to **B. Hallam** (3½) -25; **T. Wood** (0) beat K. Jones (0) +4; **M. Moreton-Smith** (5½) lost to **A. Gregory** -10; **J. King** lost to **B. Hallam** -21; **M. Duck** beat G. Howard (9) +1 OT.

K.C.

Inter Club Championship — 1984

Semi-Final: Harrow Oak bt Colchester 4-3; Roehampton bt Wrest Park 6-1.

Mary Rose Trophy — 1984

Semi-final: Roehampton bt Harwell 6-1.

Longman Club Team Cup — 1984

Quarter-final: Wolverhampton bt East Riding 4-1; Oxford University bt Worcester 4-1; Bretby bt Colworth 3-2; Hurlingham bt Southwick 3-2.

Semi-final: Bretby bt Hurlingham 3-2.

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From L. to R. John Mann, Mark Suter, Mrs Barbara Townsend (representing Townsend Croquet, Donor of the trophies) David Peterson (winner), Paul Williams.



Martin French and the Farlingaye High School, Woodbridge, team are on the left, Chris Hudson (organiser) and Richard Rothwell (donor of trophy) in centre, Dan Kelly and the Manchester Grammar School team on the right.

The Secretary and the Editor

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DEADLINE FOR COPY FOR WINTER GAZETTE IS NOVEMBER 17th

CROQUET CONFERENCE

Saturday 24th November 1984 at the Hurlingham Club, London SW6

The theme of this year's conference is the Forward Plan which the Association is presenting to the Sports Council this autumn. The plan outlines development work on a number of individual programmes that the Association intends to carry out over the next three years, which work will be supported by substantial finance from the Sports Council if the plan is accepted by them.

Further details are available from your Club Secretary.

B.C. Macmillan
Administration Secretary

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1985**Discount for prompt payment**

1. For some time I have been concerned at the fact that although renewal subscriptions are due and payable on 1st January each year (Rule XXIII of the Association) a substantial number (over 200 in 1984) of Associates have not paid by the end of January and some do not pay until June or even later.

2. This is clearly unsatisfactory for the Association which suffers (a) from loss of interest on money which can be put on deposit until needed later in the year,

(b) from time having to be spent by the Administration Secretary in issuing reminders and especially if he has to deal extensively with membership correspondence at a time of year when he is also dealing with tournament and other summer activities.

3. There is also uncertainty as to the status of members whose subscriptions are in arrears. Rule XXIII (iv) states that an Associate whose subscription is in arrears shall not be entitled to any of the privileges of an Associate and this Rule assumes particular importance when an election to council is taking place — as happened this year. Moreover Associates naturally wish and expect to receive the Fixtures Book at the beginning of the year.

4. The Finance & General Purposes Committee considered the matter earlier this year and recommended to Council that, in order to encourage early payment of subscriptions, a discount should in future be offered to those who pay promptly. Council agreed to these recommendations.

Increase in Rates

5. As foreshadowed by the Chairman's Reports for 1982 and 1983 and evidenced by the Accounts for those years the increased administration costs of the Association necessitate an increase in the level of subscription if our work for the development of the game is not to be hampered by lack of funds. Council has therefore agreed to the revised scales of subscription set out below.

6. (a) **Standard Rate** of Subscription for 1985 £14.00 but discounted to £12.00 if paid before 1st February 1985.
(b) **Reduced Rate** of Subscription for 1985 £7.50 but discounted to £6.50 if paid before 1st February 1985.

The reduced rate of subscription of £7.50 applies to

- (i) Junior members i.e. those under 21 years of age on 31st December 1984
(ii) Golf croquet only and Non Tournament members
(c) **Overseas Rate** of Subscription for 1985-87 — £20.00. This rate applies to members who are not resident in the UK, Eire, Channel Islands or the Isle of Man and has been fixed to cover a three year period so as to reduce the cost of remitting sterling to the UK which is disproportionately high for annual payments.
(d) **New Members Rate** New members are of course entitled to the discounts quoted above in respect of their initial subscription. A new member joining after 1st August by paying the new rate of subscription is entitled to membership until the 31st December of next year.

7. Levy and Tribute are matters which are closely associated with subscriptions and they have also been increased. Club secretaries should note that Levy for 1985 has been increased to £1 per event (50p per player in doubles) and Tribute for 1985 has been increased to £7.00 per tournament (including tournaments of only one event) but the concession whereby a player is allowed to enter his first tournament without becoming liable to Tribute is being continued. It should also be noted that an Associate whose annual subscription is in arrears is liable to pay Tribute in any tournament in which he plays and although he may be allowed to count this payment towards his subscription the balance needed to complete his subscription will become £7.00.

Payment of Subscriptions

8. Payment may be made:

(A) By cheque or cash direct to Brian Macmillan at the CA office (NOT to me at my address).

(B) By Bankers' Order or Bank Giro Credit direct to the Association's Bankers — the Midland Bank plc, 172 Upper Richmond Road, London SW15 2SH for credit of the Association's Account No. 10262145.

Those remitting by non sterling cheques etc. should include an additional sum sufficient to cover the bank's charges for conversion and collection.

It is possible that the Association may open a National Giro Account so that Associates can pay subscriptions via the Post Office. Further consideration will be given to this if it is considered that a sufficient number of Associates would regard it as a cheap and convenient method of payment and would avail themselves of the facility.

9. Finally may I reiterate the importance of paying subscriptions promptly. The majority of Associates already do, so please don't be a part of the minority who make extra work in the CA Office.

A.J. Oldham
Honorary Treasurer
1st August, 1984

Rover Notes**"Civil Servant, Croquet Player, Krypton Factor"**

What links these three? They have a common factor in the person of Paul Smith, a member of the Cheltenham Croquet Club.

Paul has won his way through to the final heat of the television programme The Krypton Factor (to be shown on Central TV at 7.00 pm on October 29th). To the uninitiated, participants taking part in this contest are selected for physical agility, mental ability, observation and comprehensive general knowledge.

May I speak for all his croquet friends in wishing Paul success in the final and we may yet be able to call him "Krypton Factor Champion 1984".
E.D.

Ryde 18-23 June

The Club's 66th Annual Tournament opened in some of the hottest weather experienced for some years: later in the week some sea breezes cleared away the heat haze and not only made playing conditions more pleasant, but revealed the Island's scenic beauties. The visitors, more than half of the entries, much appreciated both the hospitality of the members led by the Club President Joe Orchard, and the general atmosphere of camaraderie. Five married couples entered. A feature which was obviously welcome was the offer of an inclusive charge for meals and coffee, and this was widely taken up.

Roy Newnham, the indefatigable Tournament Secretary, this year undertook the management as well. He achieved his ambition of providing two games a day for most of the players—this by judicious use of double-banking and an occasional peg down. It was no mean feat to get in an average of sixteen games a day on four lawns, and even so, giving doubles a lawn to themselves. Only a quarter of the singles went to time, but almost all the doubles did so. The early rounds of the latter were kept to three hours.

The Handicap events showed how helpful a few bisques can be, and some of the low bisquers were knocked out in the early stages.

The 'X' was won by Arthur Rowlands (5½), an old hand who was too strong for Harry Brownsdon (10), a finalist in this his second tournament. A leading local golfer, Harry has made rapid progress since taking up croquet.

The 'Y' went to another experienced player Frank Newman (3) who beat Deborah Latham (10). In this, her third season, Deborah showed a pleasing repertoire of strokes and her husband, Laurence (½), has obviously taught her a sound grasp of tactics.

The Class events were run as American in blocks of 6, 7 and 7 respectively. All were keenly contested and finals day arrived with no clear leader in any group.

The A Class was won by Laurence Latham who beat previous winners Mick Tompkinson and Gerald Birch. Vincent Camroux was runner-up. Laurence's consistently steady ball control contributed much to his win.

Valerie Tompkinson won the B from Arthur Rowlands; she has improved very much in the last year.

The C went to Harry Brownsdon on points, three players having five wips. The runner-up was Deborah Latham.

The Doubles finals were a little disappointing, the losers failing to reproduce the form they had shown previously. However, the Tompkinsons—last year's runners-up—were worthy winners from the Newmans, as were the Lathams who beat Roy Newnham and Harry Brownsdon.

The award of wooden shields, with a croquet motif, in the minor events was appreciated.

C.W.M.

Event 1(a). Isle of Wight Championship (Advanced Play) an American

4 wins	L.V. Latham (+43)
3 wins	A.V. Camroux (+8)
3 wins	M.G. Tompkinson (+7)
3 wins	F.H. Newman (-9)
1 win	G. Birch (-11)
1 win	Mrs F.H. Newman (-38)

Event 1(b). Level Singles (6 Class)

5 wins	Mrs M.G. Tompkinson (+45)
4 wins	F.A. Rowlands (+38)
3 wins	R.E. Vincent (+15)
3 wins	F.J. Exell (+12)
3 wins	C.G. Pountney (-10)
3 wins	Mrs S.B. Hudson (-4)
1 win	J.F.S. Thomas (-52)

Event 1(c). Handicap Singles (C Class)

5 wins	H.B. Brownsdon (10) (+62)
5 wins	Mrs L.V. Latham (10) (+26)
5 wins	Dr C.W. Marshall (11) (+25)
3 wins	Mrs R.E. Vincent (11) (-23)
2 wins	Mrs C.W. Marshall (10) (+5)
1 win	Mrs Robinson (14) (-35)
0 wins	P.H. Mann (10) (-60)

Event 2. Dibley Cup 'X' Handicap Singles

First Round: Mrs F.H. Newman (4) bt Mrs M. Robinson (14) +14; L.V. Latham (½) bt Mrs C.W. Marshall (10) +15.

Second Round: H.B. Brownsdon (10) bt Dr C.W. Marshall (11) +15; R.E. Vincent (8) bt Mrs L.V. Latham (10) +10; M.G. Tompkinson (2½) bt C.G. Pountney (4½) +25; L.V. Latham bt Mrs Newman +2; F.J. Exell (7) bt A.V. Camroux (1) +8(T); F.A. Rowlands (5½) bt Mrs R.E. Vincent (11) +4; J.F.S. Thomas (8) bt F.H. Newman(3) +1(T); Mrs M.G. Tomkinson (7) bt P.H. Mann (10) +19.

Third Round: Brownsdon bt R.E. Vincent +2(T); L.V. Latham bt M.G. Tomkinson +8; Rowlands bt Exell +2(T); Mrs M.G. Tomkinson bt Thomas +4(T).

Semi-Final: Brownsdon bt L.V. Latham +18; Rowlands bt Mrs Tompkinson +2(T).

Final: Rowlands bt Brownsdon +11.

Event 2. Benest Cup "Y" Handicap Singles

First Round: Mrs C.W. Marshall (10) bt Mrs M. Robinson (14) +14.

Second Round: Mrs L.V. Latham (10) bt Dr C.W. Marshall +20; C.G. Pountney (4½) bt Mrs Marshall (11) +9; A.V. Camroux (1) Mrs R.E. Vincent (11) +7(T); F.H. Newman (3) bt P.H. Mann (10) +16.

Semi-Final: Latham bt Pountney +4; Newman bt Camroux +6(T).

Final: Newman bt Latham +7.

Event 3. Handicap Doubles "X" Birch Cup

First Round: Mr & Mrs F.H. Newman (7½) bt R.W. Newham & H.B. Brownsdon (15) +15(T).

Second Round: Mr & Mrs R.E. Vincent (18) bt C.G. Pountney & J.F.S. Thomas (12½) +9(T); Newmans bt F.J. Exell & Dr C.W. Marshall (18) +3(T); Mr & Mrs M.G. Tompkinson (9½) bt P.H. Mann & Mrs M. Robinson (24) +8(T); A.V. Camroux & Mrs M. Marshall (10) bt Mr & Mrs L.V. Latham (10½) +1(T).

Semi-Final: Newmans bt Vincents +5(T); Tompkinsons bt Camroux & Marshall +10.

Final: Tompkinsons bt Newmans +5(T).

Edgbaston Open Weekend 22-24 June

Our third Open weekend proved the most successful yet. The entry was of a higher class (average handicap of the visitors was 1.3), the general standard of play was good, the competition was keen; and the tempo, under the direction of Maestro Ray Jones, brisk. This last may have been assisted by the youth of the competitors, the kindly pace of the lawns and the use of Walker balls, but a seventh round was easily added to the 2½ day event, run for the first time as a Swiss. Whatever the effects of other factors, there seemed general agreement that the Walkers made for longer breaks and generally easier play after a period of familiarisation. How short this period could be was demonstrated by Steven Wright who, using the new balls for the first time, completed a triple. The club is grateful to both Cheltenham and Wrest Park Croquet Clubs for the loan of Walker balls.

Four triples were recorded, the largest number in this event and we reached a further high point with John McCullough's sextuple in the fourth round, the first known in competition on these lawns. Regardless, it seemed, of another game double banked, a low-flying helicopter, incipient rain, figures emerging at crucial moments from the pavilion shaking table cloths, even a missed first attempt at a penult peel, he strode on, while the whole tournament stopped and held its breath, to finish with two straight peels. His remorseless progress eventually yielded a further triple and 7 wins out of 7, making him a convincing winner, well clear of the chasing pack of 1-

and 1½-handicap players.

Small disappointments were the cool and slightly damp weather (which did however keep the lawns in good shape) and the occasionally lacklustre performance of some of the home squad. Ken Jones however did make his mark (!), committing a fault under the new law 32(a)(xvii) by taking a divot with a jump shot!

Good catering at the Club and a tournament dinner on Saturday evening rounded out an enjoyable weekend for all concerned.

R.A. Welch

Veterans at Southwick 25–30 June

My dictionary defines a veteran as being "an old and experienced person long exercised in any activity especially military". Yet, measured by what my wife and I saw as playing visitors, the spirited games hosted by Southwick this year (instead of Compton) lead me to quarrel with the adjective "old" when used to describe the energetic participants who turned up in such large numbers to play in this now famous Tournament!

This was our first visit to the Southwick Club which is, I am told, the largest of its kind in the world, with eleven lawns. The setting is delightful. Thanks to the dedication of Mr and Mrs Colin and Jean Chandler there are 11 fine lawns and every desirable comfort and amenity. Not to mention reasonably priced luncheons and teas in a well appointed dining wing. The Tournament management was in the capable hands of Pat Shine, Edith Tucker and Richard Rothwell, no easy task remembering the numbers concerned.

The weather was warm and sunny, with a stimulating morning nip that made it wise to wear a light woollie in the early games. Playing conditions were excellent during the entire week, both for those who came to watch and for the 45 participants.

As a newcomer I was much impressed to learn that as many as 13 clubs in England (Southwick, Phyllis Court, Compton, Roehampton, Hurlingham, Worthing – now only in its second year as a Club and already flourishing with over 50 members!—Woking, Cheltenham, Ryde and Nottingham) were represented. And 2 overseas Clubs as well (New Zealand and South Africa).

It was good to see so many old-timers and not-so-old-timers again; sadly I know too few players, but names such as G.H. Betts, D. Hamilton-Miller, C.G. Pountney R.F. Rothwell, P.H. Mann, T.F. Owen, E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake, Cdr G. Borrett, L. Wharrad, R.F. Crane and others too numerous to mention always bring to my mind pleasant memories of some of the stalwarts of this Queen of games.

As I am not qualified to comment on the standard of play—both because I am not sufficiently proficient myself and because my wife and I had to return to London before the finals were finished, I feel it would be kinder, to those who have read thus far, to allow the results as set out above to tell their own story. Whereas there were no triple peels I did manage to be able to watch several games deserving of a better pen than mine to describe, in particular some nail-biting finishes in handicap events where low-bisquers had to contend with time limits of 3 hours for singles and 3½ for doubles which call for adroitness in tactics; I watched one semi-final with bated breath, a game between George (sometimes called Peter) Rothwell and a lady opponent. They were both on the peg. Of course I was rooting for the high-bisquer (my wife!) but although she played with great resolve George rightly got there first. In another event, the open singles, the final between Mrs. Eileen Managh from New Zealand ("Thames" Club) and S.S. Townsend was contested with determination; when complimented Eileen on her accuracy in a previous round she replied with a smile "you know, Cecil, what pleases me most is that I'm accepted!" Well done New Zealand. And Welcome!

The new Cup for event 3 presented by Ed Strickland deserves mention here too; Ed has done so much for the game both in support of the Compton Club and in support of Devonshire Park as a venue for croquet that he well merits the high esteem in which he is held by all lovers of the sport. Thank you Ed.

Throughout the Tournament one easily sensed the atmosphere of pleasant rivalry and enjoyment; the good-natured banter, the witty asides at the appropriate moment, the occasional quiet remarks such as "we all thought you would win" which brought the reply "if I hadn't played such rubbish for an hour and a half I might have", helped to make it all so human and to ease the tension necessarily associated with the many exciting and seriously contested games.

Surely much of the charm of the Veterans Matches lies a little deeper than successfully or unsuccessfully guiding four stubborn balls through twelve narrow hoops. In my very personal view, what also

counts is being out of doors in good weather, playing with like-minded enthusiasts, renewing old acquaintanceships and making new friends—that, I, I believe, is what croquet is all about.

Cecil Abderhalden

Event 1. Rothwell Cup (Open Singles)

DRAW

First Round: G.F. Rothwell bt E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake +7; G. Borrett bt D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller +14.

Second Round: Mrs E. Managh bt D.A. Harris +6; Rothwell bt Borrett +11; H.C. Green bt L. Wharrad +5 (OT); T.F. Owen bt S.S. Townsend +14.

Semi-final: Mrs Managh bt Rothwell +6; Green 5 bt Owen +6.

Final: Mrs E. Managh bt Green +4.

PROCESS

First Round: S.S. Townsend bt D.A. Harris +4; T.F. Owen bt Mrs E. Managh +19.

Second Round: Townsend bt G. Borrett +14; E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake bt D. Wharrad +14; Owen bt D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller +1(OT); G.F. Rothwell bt H.C. Green +3.

Semi-final: Townsend bt Tyrwhitt Drake +13; Owen bt Rothwell +6(OT).

Final: Townsend bt Owen +1(OT).

Event 2. Felixstowe Cup

DRAW

R.F.A. Crane bt Mrs F.H. Davidson +18; G.A. Hutcheson bt Mrs M. Grout +10; L.G. Barnes bt G.F. Paxon +5(OT).

Second Round: Abderhalden bt S.G. Kent +6; G.H. Betts bt Mrs R.E. Tucker +12; C.J. Chandler bt R.F. Rothwell +9; Crane bt Hutcheson +5 (OT); Barnes bt G.T. Coates +22; C.J. Pountney bt Mrs E. Staddon +11; Mrs W.J. Browne bt Mrs I.B. Tucker +20; Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake bt Miss P. Shine w.o.

Third Round: Betts bt Abderhalden +8; Crane bt Chandler +2(OT); Pountney bt Barnes +1(OT); Mrs Browne bt Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake +24.

Semi-final: Betts bt Crane +15; Pountney bt Mrs Browne +8.

Final: Pountney bt Betts +6.

PROCESS

First Round: C. Abderhalden bt Mrs I.B. Tucker +24; G.H. Betts bt Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake +9; S.G. Kent bt Miss P. Shine +18.

Second Round: Abderhalden bt Mrs M. Grout +14; C.J. Chandler bt G.T. Coates +10; L.G. Barnes bt Betts +18; R.F.A. Crane bt Mrs E. Staddon +14; Kent bt G.A. Hutcheson +21; R.F. Rothwell bt C.G. Pountney +2(OT); Mrs R.E. Tucker bt G.F. Paxon +1(OT); Mrs W.J. Browne bt Mrs F.H. Davidson +21.

Third Round: Abderhalden bt Chandler w.o.; Crane bt Barnes +11; R.F. Rothwell bt Kent +3; Mrs Browne bt Mrs Tucker +21.

Semi-final: Crane bt Abderhalden +14; R.F. Rothwell bt Mrs Browne +12.

Final: Crane bt R.F. Rothwell +14.

PLAY-OFF: Pountney bt Crane +4(OT).

Event 3 'X' Strickland Cup (Handicap Singles)

First Round: Mrs E.G. Ross (8) bt Mrs C. Abderhalden (8) +14; Mrs R. Balkwill (8) bt Mrs L.D. Barnes (9) +10(OT); P. Emery (7) bt Mrs R.F.A. Crane +10; J. Exell (7) bt D.C.A. Goolden (10) +8(OT); P.H. Mann (10) bt Mrs G.A. Hutcheson (12) +2(OT); R.M. Morshead (11) bt A.C.F. Armstrong +1(OT); J.F.S. Thomas (8) bt Mrs L. Wharrad (9) +10.

Second Round: Ross bt Balkwill +4; Exell bt Emery +12; Morshead bt Mann opp. ret'd.; Miss J. Wraith bt Thomas +8.

Semi-final: Exell bt Ross +5; Morshead bt Miss Wraith +9(OT).

Final: Morshead bt Exell +8.

Event 3. 'Y' Strickland Cup

Final: A.C.F. Armstrong (13) bt Mrs Abderhalden (8) w.o.

Event 4. 'X' Meredith Cup (Sheet 1)

First Round: L.G. Barnes (5½) bt C.J. Chandler (5) +8 (OT); T.F. Owen (½) bt R.F.A. Crane (4) +3(OT); Mrs R.F.A. Crane (12) bt Mrs F.N. Davidson +2; Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (5) bt P. Emery (7) +13; D.G.A. Goolden (10) bt G.F. Rothwell (3) +7; G.H. Betts (4½) bt G. Borrett (2) +17; D.A. Harris (1½) bt G.A. Hutcheson +17.

Second Round: Mrs W.J. Browne (6) bt Mrs C. Abderhalden (8) +14; A.C.F. Armstrong (13) bt P.H. Mann (10) +4(OT); Mrs L.B. Barnes (9) bt G.T. Coates (5) +14; D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller (1) bt Miss M. Grout (6½) +3; Barnes bt C. Abderhalden (5½) +14; Owen bt Mrs Crane +12; Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake bt Goolden +12(OT); Harris bt Betts +2 +2(OT).

Armstrong bt Browne +3(OT); **Hamilton-Miller** bt Mrs Barnes +2(OT); **Barnes** bt Owen +2(OT); **Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake** bt Harris +13.

Semi-final: Armstrong bt Hamilton-Miller +8; Barnes bt Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake +18.

Final: Barnes bt Armstrong +4(OT).

Event 4. 'X' Meredith Cup (Sheet 2)

First Round: S.G. Kent bt Mrs G.A. Hutcheson +7; H.C. Green bt J.F.S. Thomas +19; R.M. Morshead bt G.F. Paxon +2(OT); J. Exell bt Mrs L. Wharrad +20; N.W.T. Cox bt Mrs Wraith +3; S.S. Townsend bt Mrs E.A. Staddon +12.

Second Round: Green bt Kent +3; Morshead bt Exell +1; Cox bt Townsend +22; Mrs I.B. Tucker bt Miss P. Shine +14; R.G. Balkwill bt Mrs R.E. Tucker +7; L. Wharrad bt E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake +1(OT); C.J. Pountney bt Mrs E.G. Ross +2(OT); Mrs Managh bt R.F. Rothwell +6.

Third Round: Exell bt Green +22; Cox bt Mrs Tucker +20; Wharrad bt Balkwill +1(OT); Pountney bt Mrs Managh +9.

Semi-final: Exell bt Cox +20; Wharrad bt Pountney +14.

Final: Exell bt Wharrad +26.

Event 4. 'Y' (Unrestricted Handicap)

First Round: C. Abderhalden bt C.J. Chandler +18; Mrs F.N. Davidson bt R.F.A. Crane +1(OT); G.F. Rothwell bt P. Emery +21; G.A. Hutcheson bt G. Borrett +3(OT); Mrs Hutcheson bt J.F.S. Thomas; Mrs Wharrad bt G.F. Paxon +4(OT); Miss J. Wraith bt Mrs E. Staddon +1.

Second Round: Mrs C. Abderhalden +13; Mrs M. Grout G.T. Coates +18; Mrs Davidson bt Abderhalden +2; Rothwell bt Hutcheson +6; Mrs Hutcheson bt Mrs Wharrad +5; Miss Wraith bt Miss P. Shine w.o.; Tyrwhitt Drake bt Mrs R.E. Tucker +14; Mrs E.G. Ross bt R.F. Rothwell +16.

Third Round: Mrs Abderhalden bt Mrs Grout +6; G.F. Rothwell bt Mrs Davidson +6; Miss Wraith bt Mrs Hutcheson +12; Tyrwhitt Drake bt Mrs Ross +5.

Semi-final: Rothwell bt Mrs Abderhalden +2(OT); Tyrwhitt Drake bt Miss Wraith +5.

Final: Rothwell bt Tyrwhitt Drake +19.

Event 5. Longman Trophies

First Round: A.C.F. Armstrong & D.J.V. Hamilton-Miller (12) bt R.F. & G.F. Rothwell (7) +19; D.A. Harris & C.G. Pountney (6) bt R.M. Morshead & G.F. Paxon (14½) +1(OT).

Second Round: Mr & Mrs Abderhalden (12½) bt Mr & Mrs L. Wharrad (11) +10; T.F. Owen & Miss P. Shine (8) bt G. Borrett & S.G. Kent (7½) +10; R.G. Balkwill & D.C.A. Goolden (18) bt J.F.S. Thomas & G.H. Betts (12½) +8(OT); Armstrong & Miller bt Mrs M. Grout & Miss J. Wraith (15½) +11; J. Exell & Mrs E. Staddon (13) bt Harris & Pountney +12; Mr & Mrs L.B. Barnes (14½) bt P.H. Mann & Mrs R.E. Tucker (16½) +12; Mr & Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt Drake (7) bt H.C. Green & Mrs E.G. Ross (10½) +17; Mr & Mrs R.F.A. Crane (15) bt Mrs Managh & Mrs I.B. Tucker (8½) +16.

Third Round: 2 Mr & Mrs Abderhalden bt Owen & Shine +11; Armstrong & Hamilton-Miller bt Balkwill & Goolden +1(OT); Exell & Staddon bt Mr & Mrs Barnes +1(OT); Mr & Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake bt Mr & Mrs Crane +5.

Semi-final: Owen & Shine bt Armstrong & Hamilton-Miller +4(OT); Exell & Staddon bt Mr & Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake +1(OT).

Final: T.F. Owen & Miss P. Shine bt Exell & Staddon +3(OT).

Nottingham 29 June–1 July

Swiss: 8 Rounds

6 wins	E.J. Davis, J.E. Guest, M.N. Augy
5 wins	J.D. Meads, Dr I.G. Vincent, M.J. Stevens, N.G. Hyne
4 wins	J.O. Walters, A.J. Palmer
3 wins	K. Cotterell, D. Peterson
2 wins	A.J. Girling, C.G. Hopewell
0 wins	Mrs R.F. Wheeler

American Advanced Singles

5 wins	J.C. Straw bt Dr R.F. Wheeler, Dr T.W. Smithers, Dr R.C. Jones, G. Henshaw, Miss J.E. Assheton. Lost to Mrs K. Cotterell, R. Welch
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American Level Singles

5 wins	Mrs C. Chamberlain bt R. Chamberlain, R. Fletcher, M.A.C. Cowan, Mrs J. Howarth, J. Death. Lost to Mrs Bucknell.
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Hunstanton 29 June–1 July

This was your correspondent's first visit to Hunstanton. A late start had been arranged because of the long trip from Manchester, and on our arrival we were surprised to see only four of the six lawns in use. Odd, we thought—where were all the players? In fact, those were all the players. Ten entries including Chris and myself. This called for some ingenuity on the manager's part to fill up the three days, so we were divided into two blocks of five, the Wrens and Robins, the block winners to play off for the Butlin Cup with a Swiss on the third day to determine third place.

The Butlin Cup was won by C. J. Irwin, with John Wood runner-up and Mrs. R. Gosden won the Swiss for third place.

The lawns at Hunstanton were very good—fast, evenly paced overall and quite true. It was a real pleasure to play on them. Being accustomed to heavily oversubscribed weekends I was surprised there were so few entries, especially in view of the quality of the lawns and the hospitality of the Hunstanton Club. This is a busy weekend, with five other events taking place in other parts of the country, but I hope there will be more support for this event next year and we will see all six lawns in use throughout the weekend.

C.J.I.

Woking 30 June–8 July

Event 1. Open Singles (American)

BLOCK 1

3 wins J. Rose; 2 wins A.J. Mrozinski; 1 win D. Goulding; 0 wins J. Haigh

BLOCK 2

3 wins J.P. Dawson; 2 wins C. Southern; 1 win D.C. Caporn, J.S. Maude

PLAY-OFF

Southern bt Rose +3; Mrozinski bt Dawson +12

FINAL

Mrozinski bt Southern +11

Event 2. Level Singles (American)

4 wins R.J. Smith; 3 wins C. Lamb; 2 wins I.P.M. Macdonald, 1 win I.P. McDiarmid, Mrs. I.P. Macdonald.

Event 3. Open Doubles (American)

BLOCK 1

2 wins **J. Rose & J. Haigh**; 1 win D.C. Caporn & A.J. Mrozinski; 0 wins J.S. Maude & R.J. Smith.

BLOCK 2

2 wins **C. Southern & B. Whitehouse**; **C. Lamb & I.P.M. Macdonald**; 0 wins D. Goulding & Mrs I.P. Macdonald.

PLAY-OFF

C. Southern & B. Whitehouse bt J. Rose & J. Haigh +17.

Event 4. Open Singles (American)

BLOCK 1

2 wins **J. Haigh** (+21), **R. A. Godby** (+12); 1 win F.H. Newman (-8), I. Menzies (-25).

BLOCK 2

3 wins **A.F. Coleman** (+17), **A.J. Mrozinski** (+17); 1 win L. Wharrad (-6); 0 wins Mrs E. Managh (-28)

BLOCK 3

2 wins **C. Southern** (+24), **D. Goulding** (+13); 1 win W.B. Denison (-17), J.S. Maude (-20).

PLAY OFF

Coleman bt Haigh +2

FINAL

Mrozinski bt Southern +14

Mrozinski bt Coleman +5(OT)

Event 5. Level Singles (American)

4 wins **R.J. Smith** (+47), **Mrs F.H. Newman** (+28); 2 wins J. Wankling (-17), I.P.M. Macdonald (-20), Mrs W. Browne (-32); 1 win Mrs I.P.M. Macdonald (-2).

Event 7. One Day Doubles (3rd Hoop Start)

First Round: **D.C. Caporn & A.J. Mrozinski** (6) bt R.A. Godby & Mrs E.F. Grant (11) +5(OT); **J.S. Maude & R.T. Smith** (6) bt Mr & Mrs D.H. Moorcraft (9½) +9; **D. Goulding & A. McCormack** (8) bt Mr & Mrs R.A. Gosden (12½) +11; **Mr & Mrs L. Wharrad** (11) bt J. Haigh & R.W. Newnham (7½) +15.

Semi-Final: **Caporn & Mrozinski** bt Maude & Smith +9; **Goulding & McCormack** bt Wharrads +11.

Final: **Goulding & McCormack** bt Caporn & Mrozinski +11.

Event 8. Handicap Singles (American)

RED BLOCK

5 wins **A. McCormack** (5½) +60
D.H. Moorcraft (½) +37
4 wins **N.A. McIcan** (5)
3 wins **J.S. Maude** (2½)
2 wins **Mrs R.A. Gosden** (7½)
R.E. Vincent (8)
0 wins **Mrs L. Wharrad** (9)

YELLOW BLOCK

4 wins **D.E. Wood** (8) +34
J.F. Dawson (3) +33
R.J. Smith (3½) +13
3 wins **J.L. Wankling** (7)
2 wins **E.C. Matthews** (11)
1 win **J. Haigh** (2½)
R.W. Newnham (5)

BLACK BLOCK

6 wins **C. Lamb** (3½)
4 wins **W.B. Denison** (2) +30
D. Goulding (2½) +9
3 wins **F.H. Newman** (3)
2 wins **Mrs W.J. Browne** (6)
1 win **Mrs G. Vincent** (11)
0 wins **Mrs E.F. Grant** (10)

BLUE BLOCK

5 wins **A.J. Mrozinski** (2½)
4 wins **L. Wharrad** (2)
3 wins **Mrs F.H. Newman** (4)
R.A. Gosden (5)
2 wins **Mrs D.H. Moorcraft** (10)
G.J. Grist (11)
1 win **D.C. Caporn** (3)

Cheltenham 6-8 July

Handicap (Swiss)

Block A

5 wins **B.G.F. Weitz** (½)
4 wins **K.J. Carter** (7), **Mrs Ransom** (12), **Mrs. Paddon**, (9) **Mrs Bawden** (9)
3 wins **Mrs Yeoman** (4), **Mrs Harris** (6½), **A. Warren** (9); **L.B. Barnes** (5½)
2 wins **J. McLaren** (3), **P.A. Watson** (8), **M.T. Paddon** (2½), **Miss I.M. Roc** (7), **P. Leach** (7½)
1 win **Lady Bazley** (4)

Block B

5 wins **R.S. Jenkins** (11) +42, **C. Duckworth** (3) +24
4 wins **M.J. Finn** (8), **Dr G.K. Taylor** (½), **G.F. Blumer** (5½)
3 wins **Miss McLeod** (4), **J. Exell** (6), **Mrs Langley** (9), **R.W. Ransom** (8), **W.R. Bawden** (5), **Mrs Warren** (7½)
2 wins **Mrs Barnes** (9)
1 win **Miss Wraith** (11)

Colchester Week's Tournament 9-14 July

Despite difficulties occasioned by that last minute withdrawal of two South African entrants, the loss of five hours play on the first day due to water sitting on the courts as Colchester experienced its first rain for three weeks and the encroachment of the Open Championships on the final day of the tournament, the 21st annual Colchester tournament proved most interesting and enjoyable, with the courts playing as well and truly as ever. In the open event for the Colchester Bowl the draw section saw the first triple peel of the week successfully completed by John Walters in his +5 defeat of Michael Heap. In the final of the draw John achieved his first ever competitive straight triple to defeat Reggie Bamford +25. The process section saw Walters lose in the first round to an improving Charles Barlow, who had two good wins before falling victim to a triple peel by Heap, losing by 19. The final of the draw was a most interesting contest between Reggie Bamford and Michael Heap, with fortunes swinging back and forth and Michael achieving the final peg out to win by 3 after ten o'clock, when it was barely possible to see the peg from the boundary. Unfortunately it was not possible to determine the final winner of the event before the close of the tournament since both players involved were required at Hurlingham. The play off will be arranged at an early date.

Event 2, played level advanced for players of handicaps 3½ and over, draw and process, produced the same semi finalists in both halves, namely Eleanor Bressey and Sarah Hampson. Unfortunately Sarah was taken ill and had to retire from the competition, leaving Eleanor the winner of the Locke Bowl. Event 3 for the Cordy Salver—handicap singles for 7+ was played as an American, the winner, defeating all other entrants, was Danny Palmer, who was also runner up in the Y section of the main handicap competition.

The main handicap for the Franklin Cup produced some close games, the final being played between John Walters (who had defeated Vincent Camroux, Sarah Hampson and Reggie Bamford on the way) and Paul Hetherington (who had accounted for Carl Von Schmieder, Nic Hyne and David Peterson. A rather edgy game saw Walters achieve a +22 win to carry off the trophy. The Y event for the Lexden Goblet was won by David Peterson, who achieved four wins before leaving to play in and win the National Junior Championship.

Nine pairs entered the doubles event for the Clark and Cork Trophies, with joint handicaps ranging from -½ (Barlow and Bamford) to +16½ (Hallett and Williams). After some close struggles—and rather unusually only one match going to time—the final saw Jerry Guest and Paul Hetherington achieve a +4 victory over a surprisingly nervy Nic Hyne and John Walters.

It would not be right to end this report without mentioning the most enjoyable social gathering at the club on the Wednesday evening, when the Colchester ladies' catering committee provided an excellent buffet supper and twenty pairs competed in a knockout golf croquet tournament, the final of which took place by moonlight, when Pat Hetherington and Carl Von Schmieder defeated John Walter and Ruby Digby 7-1.

P.M.H.

Colchester 9-14 July

Event 1. Colchester Bowl

DRAW

First Round: **J.O. Walter** bt C. Von Schmieder +26; **M.E.W. Heap** bt J. Haigh +14; **A.V. Camroux** bt D. Peterson +12; **C. Barlow** bt N. Hyne +10.

Second Round: **Walters** bt R.S. Eades +14; **Heap** bt J.E. Guest +18; **R.M. Bamford** bt H.O. Hicks +25; **Camroux** bt Barlow +7.

Semi-Final: **Walters** bt Heap +5(TP); **Bamford** bt Camroux +10.

Final: **Walters** bt Bamford +25.

PROCESS

First Round: **C. Barlow** bt J.O. Walters +4; **J.E. Guest** bt N. Hyne +3; **A. Camroux** bt R.S. Eades +15; **C. Von Schmieder** bt H. Hicks w.o.

Second Round: **Barlow** bt Guest +3; **M. Heap** bt Camroux +25; **J. Haigh** bt Von Schmieder +6; **R.M. Bamford** bt D. Peterson +2.

Semi-Final: **Heap** bt Barlow +19(TP); **Bamford** bt Haigh +10

Final: **Heap** bt Bamford +3.

PLAY-OFF: **Heap** bt Walters +24(TP)

Event 2. Locke Bowl Handicap

DRAW

First Round: **G. Hallett** bt Mrs R. Stanley Smith +8; **Mrs E. Bressey** bt P.J.C. Hetherington +5.

Semi-Final: **Miss S. Hampson** bt Hallett +7; **Bressey** bt Mrs. J. Hetherington w.o.

Final: **Bressey** bt Hampson w.o.

PROCESS

First Round: **Miss S. Hampson** bt G. Hallett +8;

Mrs E. Bressey bt Mrs J.A. Hetherington +20.

Semi-Final: **Hampson** bt P.J.C. Hetherington +7; **E. Bressey** bt Mrs R. Stanley Smith +2.

Final: **Bressey** bt Hampson w.o.

Event 3. Handicap Singles (American)

4 wins **D. Palmer** (9)
2 wins **J. Williams** (12), **D. Richardson** (12)
1 win **W. Dean** (9)
0 wins **P. Mold** (14)

Event 4. Franklin Cup

First Round: **R.S. Eades** (2) bt J.S. Haigh (2½) +14; **D. Peterson** (1) bt R. Stanley Smith (6); **A. Y. Camroux** (1) bt G. Hallett (4½).

Second Round: **N. Hyne** (1½) bt Eades +6; **P.J.C. Hetherington** (4) bt C. Von Schmieder +17; **Peterson** bt J. Guest (1) +12; **Mrs E. Bressey** (5) bt C. Barlow (0) +24; **P. Bishop** (5) bt J. Williams +12; **R. Bamford** (-½) bt D. Palmer (9) +6; **Miss S. Hampson** (4) bt H. Hicks (1½) +24; **J.O. Walters** (1½) bt Camroux +11.

Third Round: **Hetherington** bt Hyne +8; **Peterson** bt Bressey +7; **Bamford** bt Bishop +23; **Walters** bt Hampson +14.

Semi-Final: **Hetherington** bt Peterson +7; **Walters** bt Bamford +25.

Final: **Walters** bt Hetherington +22.

Event 5. Clark & Cork Trophies

Semi-Final: **J. Guest & P.J.C. Hetherington** (5) bt G. Hallett & J. Williams (16½) +8; **J.O. Walters & N. Hyne** (3) bt Miss S. Hampson & C. Von Schmieder +25.

Final: **Guest & Hetherington** bt Walters & Hyne +4.

East Riding 14-15 July

American Handicap Singles

BLOCK A: **M. Wilkins** (4) 4 wins, +14; **W. Toyne** (11) 3 wins; **A. Bennett** (1½) 3 wins; **E.J. Davis** (1) 3 wins; **G. Collin** (3½) 1 win; **A. Smith** (8) 1 win.

BLOCK B: **Mrs M.P. Collin** (2½) 4 wins, +27; **C. Booth** (8) 3 wins; **B.A. Keen** (1) 3 wins; **P.W. Thompson** (5½) 2 wins; **E.E. Scott** (3½) 2 wins; **Mrs N. Tyldesley** (12) 1 win.

BLOCK C: **P.F. Iveson** (10) 4 wins, +52; **J.D. Meads** (1) 4 wins +39; **F.I. Maugham** (3) 4 wins, +26; **P.A. Thompson** (5½) 2 wins; **A.G. Gordon** (4) 1 win; **Mrs H. Potter** (8) 0 win.

BLOCK D: **B. Storey** (3½) 4 wins, +43; **A. Collin** (1½) 4 wins, +20; **W.E. Lamb** (9) 3 wins; **Mrs P.A. Hague** (4) 2 wins; **J. Potter** (2½) 2 wins; **J.R. Gillespie** (11) 1 win.

Cheltenham 23 July-29 July

Cheltenham's July tournament was reckoned last year to have been one of the hottest of the century, this year's was blessed with equally glorious weather. However, glorious weather is unfortunately not conducive to glorious croquet. The bare and hilly lawns, which one player compared with "Shredded Wheat", were at best unpredictable and often unplayable. But if, as I suspect may be the case, a tight all-round break under such conditions is the equivalent of a triple-peel on lush lawns, the standard of play was commendably high. Another particularly influential factor at this tournament was fatigue; not only physical, under the baking sun, but also mental, since with break after break crumbling through no fault of the player it was difficult to maintain concentration. By far the best policy, as I soon discovered, was to get knocked out of everything as quickly as possible and retire honourably to the bar.

Throughout the week the outstanding player was John Toye, who showed unparalleled mastery of the lawns. On Sunday morning, as yet undefeated, he was in the A class semi-final, and in the finals of the Doubles and the 'X'. However, the usual happened, and his previous exertions began to take their toll. The Doubles Final, John and Sos Roe against the Moorcrofts, predictably soon developed into a "War of Attrition". Dennis and Ingeberg proved fractionally more consistent and, as John's shooting deserted him, ran out the worthy victors +3 time. However, at the end of the day John's luck returned as he beat "Paddy" Paddon in the X final.

One of the few beneficial effects of the tricky conditions was that there were many more close, exciting finishes — an effect appreciated more by the spectators than the participators. A typical finish was that between Edgar Jackson and Lawrence Latham in the A class. Two balls had been pegged out and the others were both for Rover. Edgar took position leaving Lawrence a double from the North boundary of hoop and ball — he ran the hoop and finished. The Cheltenham system of pre-qualifying blocks and then play-offs for winners and runners-up produced an interesting situation when John Toye met David Croker to decide block 3. The loser would be given a bye into the semi-final, whereas the winner would go into the quarter-final. Is this position really conducive to competitive croquet?

The Opens final was between Dave Foulser and Lawrence Latham. They had already met in their block and Lawrence had the psychological advantage of the previous victory. Dave built up a lead, but then Lawrence took his first ball to the peg (as he had in their previous meeting) conceding contact. From this Dave pegged two balls out, leaving a two-ball game 2-Back versus Hoop 2, which he won to take the Championship for the third time.

Joe King (sic) of Harwell progressed from winning the X last year. In the final he met Alan Gordon of Hull whom he beat, upsetting 'Riggall's Law' in the process. Indeed, on difficult lawns results tended against this 'Law' as conditions hindered the establishment of 3-ball breaks by the Riggallee. The C-class final was a local affair as Mike Finn beat Marjorie Warren by the definitive scoreline of +1 OT. Audrey Croker must consider herself unlucky to have lost to Marjorie in their semi-final. Coming up to time Audrey pegged out one of Marjorie's balls, and then progressed to peg and peg, but could only peg one ball out. Marjorie's remaining ball was now also for peg which she missed from about seven yards. Audrey then trickled and missed from two yards, Marjorie did the same from three yards, and Audrey missed again from six yards before Marjorie put an end to this chaotic lottery.

In the D-class final that had a decidedly West Country flavour, Debbie Latham overcame a personal finals jinx to beat Margaret Langley of Bath. Debbie and Lawrence also completed a good week for themselves by convincingly beating Pat Asa-Thomas and George Blumer in the Y Doubles Final +18.

This report could not end without mention of that doyen of managers, Edgar Jackson. Performing his duties with enthusiasm and authority kept not only the winners busy, but also, by contriving extra events, thwarted the hopes many miscreants had held of a week of Bacchic indulgence and soporific relaxation. With Cheltenham's cheap and well-stocked bar working overtime, the only other area of concern for this Dionysiac scribe was the catering. Cheltenham's system of employing an external caterer has worked well, so that this tournament continues to be one of the most relaxed and enjoyable on the circuit, even though, juxtaposed with the Opens, it is unfortunately not the most fashionable.

D. Peterson

Event 1a. Cheltenham Challenge Cup Open Singles (American) with play off.

BLOCK A: J.S. Toye 4 wins (+77); D.J. Croker 3 wins (+13); D. Peterson 2 wins (0); Mrs P. Absa-Thomas 1 win (-38); Mrs R.F. Wheeler 0 wins (+46).

BLOCK B: D.H. Moorcraft 4 wins (+68); J. McLaren 2 wins (-20); J. Haigh 1 win (-28); Mrs K.M.O. Wheeler 0 wins (-46); B.G.F. Weite 2 wins (+21) retired after 2 games.

BLOCK C: D.R. Foulser 3 wins (+48); L.V. Latham 3 wins (+32); G.E.P. Jackson 3 wins (+17); M.T. Paddon 1 win (-38); Mrs J. Neville Rolfe 0 wins (-57).

First Round: J.S. Toye bt J. McLaren +10; *L.V. Latham* bt D.H. Moorcraft +6(OT).

Semi-final: L.V. Latham bt J.S. Toye +13; *D.R. Foulser* bt D.J. Croker +24.

Final: D.R. Foulser bt L.V. Latham +9.

Event 1(b) Money Salver

BLOCK A: J.W. King 4 wins (+51); Mrs W. Hague 3 wins (+12); Lady Bazley 2 wins (+1); Miss E.H. Arkell 1 win (-29); Dr. R.F. Wheeler 0 wins (-35).

BLOCK B: A.G. Gordon 3 wins (+9); W.J. Sturdy 3 wins (+25); Mrs B.G.F. Weitz 2 wins (-1); Mrs B.G. Neal 2 wins (-2); R.F.A. Crane 0 wins (-31).

PLAY-OFF: J.W. King bt W.J. Sturdy +1(OT); **A.G. Gordon** bt Mrs W. Hague +7; *Final: King* bt Gordon +5.

Event 1(c) ASA Thomas Trophy Handicap Singles (American)

BLOCK A: G/Capt R.S. Ryan (8) 3 wins (+27); F.J. Exell (6) 3 wins (-1); W.R. Bawden (5) 2 wins (-18); Mrs G.D. Harris (6½) 1 win (-3); Mrs M.T. Paddon (8) 1 win (-5).

BLOCK B: Mrs D.J. Croker (7½) 4 wins (+31); Mrs M. Warren (7½) 3 wins (+9); Mrs W. Browne (6) 2 wins (+2); G.F. Blumer (5½) 2 wins (-17); Miss P. Shine (7) 1 win (-25).

BLOCK C: M.J. Finn (6½) 3 wins (+27); Miss I.M. Roe (7½) 3 wins (+23); R.L.S. Berkeley (5½) 2 wins (-7); Mrs W.R. Bawden (8) 1 win (-20); Mrs Tucker (6½) 1 win (-23).

PLAY-OFF: Mrs Warren bt G/Capt Ryan +14; **Mrs. Croker** bt Miss Roe +5; **Mrs Warren** bt Mrs Croker +1; **M.J. Finn** bt F.J. Exell +3(OT); *Final: Mrs Finn* bt Mrs Warren +1(OT).

Event 1(d) Calthrop Cup Handicap Singles (American)

BLOCK A: Mrs M.J. Finn (15) 3 wins (+17); Mrs D.H. Moorcraft (10) 3 wins (+21); Miss D.E. Barber (12) 2 wins (-12); Mrs M.D. Murray (9) 1 win (-5); Mrs R.F.A. Crane (11) 1 win (-21).

BLOCK B: Mrs L.V. Latham (10) 4 wins (+47); Mrs M. Langley (9) 2 wins (+13); Miss A.M. Ryan (9) 2 wins (-5); Miss P.R. Bishop (16) 1 win (-25); Miss J. Wraith (11) 1 win (-30).

PLAY-OFF: Mrs Langley bt Mrs Finn; **Mrs Latham** bt Mrs Moorcraft +10; *Final: Mrs Latham* bt Mrs Langley +9.

Event 2 (X) Top Half: The Daniels Cup

First Round: B.G.F. Weitz (½) bt Mrs Langley (10) +12; Lady Bazley (4) bt R.F.A. Crave (4) +11; D.H. Moorcraft (½) bt G.F. Blumer (5½) +6; G.E.P. Jackson (0) bt Mrs Weitz (3½) +9; Mrs Finn (15) bt Mrs Hague (4) +13; G/Capt R.S. Ryan (8) bt Mrs R.F. Wheeler (2½) +16(T); L.V. Latham (½) bt Mrs Neal (5).

Second Round: Miss Arkell (5) bt J. Haigh (½) +2(T); J.W. King (4) bt Mrs Green (11) +16; M.T. Paddon (2½) bt Mrs Warren +2(T); Mrs

Latham (10) bt Mrs Paddon (8) +9; Weitz bt Mrs Asa-Thomas (3) +2; Moorcraft bt Lady Bazley +4(T); Jackson bt Mrs Finn +13; Latham bt Ryan +15.

Third Round: King bt Miss Arkell +9; *Paddon* bt Mrs Latham +8; *Moorcraft* bt Weitz +8; *Latham* bt Jackson +2.

Semi-final: Paddon bt King +5; *Latham* bt Moorcraft +18.

Final: Paddon bt Latham +5.

Event 2 (X) Bottom Half.

First Round: J. McLaren (3) bt Mrs Browne (6) +16(T); T. Exell (16) bt Miss Wraith (11) +12; J.F. Exell (6) bt R.F. Wheeler (4) +22; Mrs Harris (6½) bt Mrs Croker (7½) +14; W.R. Bawden (5) bt A.G. Gordon (4½) +8(T); Dr Peterson (1) bt Mrs Tucker (6½) +6.

Second Round: McLaren bt T. Exell +11; *Mrs Harris* bt J. Exell +6; *Bawden* bt Peterson +4(T); *Miss Roe (7) bt Miss Ryan (9) +5(T); Croker (-½) bt Mrs Neville Rolfe (2½) +12; R.L.S. Berkeley (6½) bt Miss Shine (7) +4(T); J.S. Toye (½) bt M.J. Finn (6½) +19; W.J. Sturdy* bt Mrs K.M.O. Wheeler +22.

Third Round: McLaren bt Mrs Harris +1(T); *Miss Roe* bt Bawden +1(T); *Croker* bt Berkeley +13; *Toye* bt Sturdy +15.

Final Round: Toye bt McLaren +12.

Play off: Toye bt Paddon +4.

Event 3: Handicap Doubles (X), Family Doubles

First Round: Dr & Mrs Croker (7) bt Mr & Mrs Warren (15½) +12; Dr & Mrs Wheeler (6½) bt J.F. & T. Exell (20) +12.

Second Round: Mr & Mrs Moorcraft (8½) bt Mr & Mrs Latham (8½) +4(T); Mr & Mrs Croker bt Dr & Mrs Wheeler +1(T); *Mr & Mrs Crane (13) bt Dr & Mrs Weitz (4) +3(T); Mrs & Mrs Finn (19½) bt Dr & Mrs King (18) +2(T).*

Third Round: Mr & Mrs Moorcraft bt Mr & Mrs Croker +1; *Mr & Mrs Crane* bt Mr & Mrs Finn +2(T).

Event 3: Ordinary Doubles

First Round: Mrs. N. Rolf & G/Capt. Ryan (10½) bt Miss Asa Thomas & G.P. Blumer (8½) +3(T); D. Peterson & J. McLaren (4) bt Lady Bazley & Miss Tucker (10½) +1(T); Mrs. K.M.O. Wheeler & Miss Ryan (12) bt Mrs Neal & Miss Shine (12) +12; J.S. Toye & Miss Roe (8) bt Mrs Hague & A.G. Gordon (8½).

Second Round: Paddon & Mrs Harris bt R.L.S. Berkeley & Mrs Langley +2(T); *Mrs N. Rolfe & Ryan* bt Peterson & McLaren +1(T); *Toye & Miss Roe* bt Mrs Wheeler & Miss Ryan +18; *J. Haigh & Mrs Paddon (9½) bt W.J. Sturdy & Miss Loreith (15) +13.*

Third Round: Paddon & Mrs Harris bt Mrs N. Rolfe & Ryan +1(T); *Toye & Miss Roe* bt Haigh & Mrs Paddon +8(T).

Here the Family Doubles were married with the Ordinary Doubles.

Event 3: Final Stages:

Semi-final: Mr & Mrs Moorcraft bt M.T. Paddon & Mrs Harris +15; *Toye & Miss Roe* bt Mr & Mrs Crane +2(T).

Final: Moorcrafts bt Toye & Miss Roe +4(T).

EDGBASTON HANDICAP WEEKEND 27th-29th July 1984

At the risk of tempting providence in future years, one might say that the weather for this tournament was really too good! To run a Swiss event at all you need some confidence in the speedy completion of at least some of the games: but weeks of dry weather and hoops set to Ray Jones' most exacting standards upset the most carefully laid managerial plans. However, 7 rounds of play were successfully completed and everyone went home happy by half past seven on Sunday.

The tournament was a triumph for Andrew Sweeney, a player of some two months standing, who had comfortably won the event with a round to go. This was good news for Ivor Meredith — a subscriber to the sound Swiss precept of losing in the first round — who was able to register a good win over Andrew in his last game and slip into second place alongside Tim Harrison. Had he not upheld the (erroneous) view that it is best to lose in the second round also, Ivor might have enjoyed a share of first place!

Andrew began with two narrow victories — the margins designed to suggest that the rest of us had a chance — and it looked at first as though Ron Welch was the man to beat. This impression was confirmed on Saturday morning when Andrew beat him, to remain

thereafter always at least one point clear of the field.

The lawns were undoubtedly difficult, especially on Saturday, with about 20% of games going to time. In fact, apart from the winner, only Roy Goodwin, a second time visitor from Bristol, was able to complete all his games in the allotted period, easing the Manager's task and ensuring a warm welcome for next year!

The catering was up to its usual high standard both during the day (thanks to Rosemary Flutter) and at the tournament dinner on Saturday Evening at Michelle's — an occasion enlivened by the unexpected presence of George Henshaw who was unable to play in the tournament this year and decided to concentrate on the food instead!

A.J.G.

Handicap Singles: A. Sweeney (9) 6 wins; I.C. Meredith (6) 5 wins; T. Harrison (3½) 5 wins; R.A. Welch (4½) 4 wins; A.J. Girling (1) 4 wins; A. Gregory (7) 4 wins; R.C. Jones (4) 4 wins; M.G. Tompkinson (2½) 4 wins; P. Jones (12) 3 wins; Miss J.E. Assheton (4) 3 wins; Mrs K.F.W. Townsend (12) 3 wins; Mrs M.G. Tompkinson (6½) 3 wins; G.W.R. Goodwin (6½) 2 wins; K.F.W. Townsend (10) 0 wins.

BAREFOOT IN THE PARK or THE HOOP ON THE HILL

A fairy tale from the mysterious east

Once upon a time, 27-29 July to be precise, a little club called Ipswich decided to run a weekend tournament. As far as anyone can remember, this had never been done before and everyone got very excited and made lots of suggestions. Despite this the tournament went ahead.

We asked the Fairy Godmanager Pat Hetherington to waive the rule book over the proceedings, which she did.

Although the two blocks, one advanced one handicap, were filled we were a little disappointed at the lack of response. However a goodly company of little folk were assembled, with a gang of local fairies, some smurfs from Colchester, a Mid-lands goblin and a merry band of trolls from the north.

A strict code of applause was soon adopted; one clap for a single ball finish, two for a normal peg-out and five for a TP. The five claps were heard on five occasions, two of them for first-time TP'ers Andrew Bennett and Don Gaunt.

The weather was superb and there were many pink toes. Thanks to sterling work by the park staff the lawns were in excellent condition, although the brand-new hoops were rather generous. Nothing could be done however about the contours. Anyone who thinks that East Anglia is flat should see our lawns! This unpredictability did however allow us to hear the full range of northern troll curses such as "godidjactharkurl" and "wottahill".

Lots of excited little-people chatter could be heard during the tournament, most of it abusive. After a while Cambridgease and Northease tended to mix and this scribe heard "scoop it up and hack it off!" An incident on day two really put the cat among the pigeons. The C & P in question were twenty feet up an overhanging tree and crashed together on lawn 2. The pigeon recovered first and flew away semi-nude, while the shamefaced and shaken cat slunk off into the bushes. Quote of the match — "Oh drat! it went where I hit it".

The handicap block was won by ex-Farlingay Bruce Raymond with uninspired but effective play. Hopefuls Danny Palmer, Paul Watson and Paul Williams all had their moments but could not stay consistent for long enough.

The advanced block was won by Mark Avery in his final deciding game against John Walters. John should have won but failed when at rover and penult. Marks' succeeding TP attempt failed at peg and rover but it was enough to give him the match. Higher bisquers Martin French and Don Gaunt turned in creditable performances.

Like all good fairy stories, this one ended happily. The local press took pictures, the local radio did an interview and both Anglia TV and BBC East took film. Ipswich Borough head of recreation and amenities Randall Bevin made a short speech while Nan Zinn and Cathy French gave out the prizes. Not bad for a first effort, we think!

DONG

Open Singles: M.N. Avery 6 wins (+61); J.O. Walters 5 wins (+57); D.L. Gaunt 5 wins (+40); T.J. Haste 4 wins (+14); A. Bennet 3 wins (0); M. French 3 wins (-2); J.D. Meads 2 wins (-61); P.J.C. Hetherington 0 wins (-109).

Handicap Singles: B. Raymond (12) 5 wins (+42); D. Palmer (7) 4 wins (+46); P.A. Watson (8) 4 wins (+36); P. Williams (8) 4 wins (+21); R.R. Sutherland (8) 3 wins (+3); J.D. Williams (10) 1 win (-62); C. Pearce (16) 0 wins (-85).

Budleigh Salterton 2-7 July

"Water, water, everywhere, nor any drop to drink" wrote a Devon poet. Though not true of this club, it was true that the present drought had caused a hose-pipe ban to be imposed; the lawns were, therefore, dry and very fast. All the week the sun shone down from a cloudless sky, but nevertheless playing conditions were pleasant as the heat was mitigated by sea breezes. And, talking of thirst, a despondent player was seen to come off and down a sextuple Martini! Thus fortified, he went on to win!

Among the visitors we welcomed Major Horridge from Bury, Lancs. A competitor here for the best part of thirty years he retained his interest and came down to watch. Dr and Mrs Wiggins and Mrs Wheeler were among the seniors, and there was a cheerful contingent of young men. These set us all an example by "having a go" at difficult shots; they were successful more often than not. One of them brightened the scene by appearing in white jacket, black bow tie and butterfly collar. However, he soon decided that this was not the most suitable wear in a heat wave.

The Colman Cup and Championship of the South-West was won by Reginald Bamford, a 16½ year old schoolboy from the Rondebosch Club, Cape Town. He started to play at the age of nine, and is now, with a handicap of -½, equal first with Tom Barlow in the South African rankings. Clearly a "natural", his accuracy under difficult conditions was quite exceptional. He managed to achieve one "straight triple" after various vicissitudes, but failed the peg out. His final against Dayal Gunasekara was a model demonstration of advanced play. Though Reginald was fresh while Dayal, playing his third game of the day was not at his best—and had some bad luck as well—one felt that Reginald always had the edge on him. We shall hear more of this young man.

The Longman Cup, restricted level singles was won by Mike Wilkins who was fortunate as well as skilful to win his semi-final against Harrison and his final against Pat Parker by plus 1 on time, he could not have had narrower margins than that.

The Oliver Bowl, the "big X", attracted 43 entries, who produced some good games, and John Walters, steadily improving in confidence and in his ability to cope with fast lawns, won by increasing margins until he met Dayal Gunasakera in the final. After various ups and downs from which some brilliant long hits in and two well taken bisques rescued him, John broke down on peg and rover. Dayal, on 5 and 2-back, hit in and took his backward ball to the peg, leaving a rush for his partner ball to continue from 2 back. John hit in the length of the lawn and pegged out both balls, leaving himself a three hoop lead in the ensuing one-ball game. With Dayal by now on penult, he landed some four feet in front of rover and ran it without a moments hesitation. Well beyond rover, did he lie up on the boundary? Not a bit of it—a firm shot for the peg brought the game to an end. Certainly a fitting reward for some bold and accurate play. Dayal had reached the semi-final with three wins of +20 or more—in one game he got round in just over an hour, a considerable feat on one of the fastest lawns.

In the "Y" Handicap singles the holder, Nick Hyne, retained his title beating Paul Stoker from Southport. This win, too, was well earned by enterprising play. The Handicap Doubles was won by Gunasakera and Short, the former pegging out in the last turn of the game. Their younger and less experienced opponents had done well to reach the final, where they put up a really good fight.

Altogether an enjoyable tournament at the end of which thanks were expressed to the Manager, Betty Prichard, the officials, and last but not least the catering ladies who never failed to provide very suitable hot weather fare.

C.W.M.

The Hurlingham Tournament 4-11 August

The tournament this year lasted eight days and not the usual 10 days, mixed doubles being omitted. The manager, Bernard Neal, assistant Liz and dog Domo did not have an easy task managing 50-odd players in 13 events with all games played to a finish.

One or two games raised some interesting points. In a Silver Jubilee game, Eric Solomon was for first hoop and peg, and Dayal Gunasekera was for first hoop and pegged out, but with a bisque.

When two 'A' Class players are in such a position, who has the advantage? And at what stage should the two-ball player peg his forward ball out if the bisque is still left? In this instance the single-ball player used the bisque to set up a break, went round and won.

In two of the handicap singles games, again between 'A' Class players, the player who had taken one ball round to the peg and cross-wired the opponent at first hoop soon found himself with only one ball: the resulting 35-yard shot was hit by the opponent, who proceeded to round to the peg and peg the first player's ball out. Extraordinarily in both cases the single-ball player won the game. Is it just Riggall's hypothesis standing up?

It was a successful tournament for Bobby and Susan Wiggins. Bobby won the Baillieu Plate, Susan the Hurlingham Cup, and as a pair they won the Mixed Doubles. Jan Macleod and Thomas Coles produced some good play in the Turner Cup. Susan Wiggins' win in the Hurlingham Cup was somewhat ironic: already eliminated from the Draw she got through the second round of the Process when her opponent, Lionel Wharrad retired when for peg. Lionel found himself still in several events with an impracticable number of games to play in the final two days. This forced him to scratch from one event. Susan Wiggins played extremely well towards the end of the week. Beaten in an early round in the Draw by Eric Solomon, she gained her revenge by beating him in the final of the Process. In this match she did three peels of a triple peel — the nearest a lady player has come to completing one for some considerable time. Then she went on to beat Gunasekera in the play-off.

A highlight of the week was the wine and cheese party given by Bevis Sanford. Keen rowers might appreciate that he has an excellent collection of oars, mainly from his days at Cambridge, where rowed in eights and fours for the University for a number of years.

As a final remark one could say that this might be the only tournament where the consumption of Pimm's is on a par with that of beer.

D.G.

Event 1 Draw: The Hurlingham Cup

First Round: C. Southern bt J. Haigh +6; D. Gunasekara bt Dr. W.R.O. Wiggins +16; G.C. Roy bt K. Jones +5; L. Wharrad bt R.A. Godby +18; C.H.L. Prichard bt B.G. Neal +23; J.E. Guest bt Dr B.G. Weitz +26; Mrs W.R.D. Wiggins bt K.M. Aiton +26; Dr E.W. Solomon bt S.S. Townsend +23.

Second Round: Gunasekara bt Southern +16(P); Guest bt Prichard +19; Solomon bt Wiggins +21.

Semi-final: Gunasekara +3; Solomon bt Guest +11(TP).

Final: Gunasekara bt Solomon +16 (CA Silver Medal).

Play-off: Mrs Wiggins bt Gunasekera +16.

Event 1 Process

First Round: Haigh bt Neal (op. ret. on last peg); Roy bt Doughty +1; Gunasekara bt Guest +3; Solomon bt Godby +1; C. Southern bt Prichard +2; Mrs Wiggins bt Jones +17; Mr Wiggins bt Weitz +4; Wharrad bt Townsend +2.

Second Round: Haigh bt Roy W+10; Solomon bt Gunasekara +22; Mrs Wiggins bt Southern +26; Wharrad bt Wiggins +17.

Semi-final: Solomon bt Haigh +26(TP); Mrs Wiggins bt Wharrad (opp. ret.).

Final: Mrs. Wiggins bt Solomon +15.

DRAW

Event 2: Turner Cup

First Round: I.P.M. Macdonald bt Mrs B.G. Neal +20; Lady Bazley bt Col E. Vullimry +7; Mrs B.G. Weitz bt Mrs F.M. Newman +20; W.T. Coles bt S.G. Kent (W10); M.G. Pearson bt Miss S.G. Hampson +9; C.T.J. Lindsay bt P. Campion +5; M.D.A. Strachan bt F. H. Newman +13; Miss J. Macleod bt B. Whitehouse +9.

Second Round: McDonald bt Lady Bazley +5; Coles bt Mrs Weitz +7; Lindsay bt Miss Hampson +2; McLeod bt Strachan (W10).

Semi-final: Coles bt McDonald +2; Miss McLeod bt Lindsay +8.

Final Round: Coles bt Miss McLeod +5.

Play-off: W.T. Coles bt Miss J. MacLeod +17.

PROCESS

Event 2

First Round: M.G. Pearson bt Mrs B.G. Neal+16; F.H. Newman bt Mrs B.G. Weitz +9; Lady Bazley bt P. Campion +11; Miss J.

MacLeod bt G. Doughty; I.P.M. McDonald bt Miss S.G. Hampson +2; Mrs F.H. Newman bt M.D.A. Strachan (W10); C.T.J. Lindsay bt Col E. Vulliamy +7; W.T. Coles bt B. Whitehouse +17.

Second Round: Pearson bt Newman +13; Miss MacLeod bt Lady Bazley +11; MacDonald bt Mrs Newman +14; Coles bt Lindsay +8.

Semi-final: Miss MacLeod bt Pearson +7; McDonald bt Coles +26.

Final: Miss MacLeod bt MacDonald +12.

DRAW

Event 3: Younger Cup

First Round: Mrs. W.J. Brown bt B.H. Bliss +8; Miss A.B. Duthie bt Mrs I.P.M. MacDonald +11; Lt Com R.M.P. Ponsonby bt Maj Gen D.J. Wilson-Haffenden +17; Mrs P. Shine bt P. Mansfield +22; Lt Col C.M. Fox bt A.D. Karmel +8; Mrs B. Mansfield bt S.G. Kent +10; Prof. K. Campbell bt Dr R. Clayton +2; Mrs P.V. Healy bt C.B. Sandford +14.

Second Round: Mrs Brown bt Miss Duthie +19; Ponsonby bt Mrs Shine +12; Mrs Mansfield bt Fox +3; Campbell bt Mrs Healy +17.

Semi-final: Ponsonby bt Mrs Brown +2; Campbell bt Mrs Mansfield.

Final: Campbell bt Ponsonby +4.

Play-off: Brown bt Campbell +7.

PROCESS

Event 3

First Round: Mrs W.J. Brown bt Lt Col C.M. Fox +15; Prof K. Campbell bt Lt Com R.M.D. Ponsonby +7; Miss A.B. Duthie bt S.G. Kent +18; Mrs P.V. Healey bt P. Mansfield; B.H. Bliss bt A.D. Karmel +8; Dr R. Clayton bt Maj Gen D.J. Wilson-Haffenden (opp. ret.); Mrs I.P.H. MacDonald bt Mrs B. Mansfield +21; Miss P. Shine bt C.B. Sanford (W0).

Second Round: Mrs Brown bt Campbell +13; Mrs Healey bt Miss Duthie +4; Clayton bt Bliss (opp. ret.); Mrs MacDonald bt Shine +15.

Semi-final: Mrs Brown bt Mrs Healey +11; Mrs MacDonald bt Clayton +18.

Final: Mrs Brown bt Mrs MacDonald +20.

DRAW

Event 4: Longworth Cup

First Round: Mrs W. Jones bt Mrs L.A. Cheyne +20; H.G. Bellm bt Mrs S. Davies +5.

Semi-final: Mrs Jones bt Mrs L. Wharrad +2; Bellm bt M.D. Henderson +9.

Final: Bellm bt Jones +18.

PROCESS

Event 4

First Round: Mrs Wharrad bt Mrs S. Davies +4; H.P. Henderson bt Mrs W. Jones +3.

Semi-final: Mrs L.A. Cheyne bt Mrs Wharrad +14; H.G. Bellm bt Henderson +10.

Final: Bellm bt Cheyne +10.

Event 5: Doubles (Advanced)

First Round: Dr & Mrs W. Wiggins bt Mr & Mrs I.P.M. MacDonald +25; J.E. Guest & Mrs L.E. Bressey bt Mr & Mrs F.H. Newman +9.

Second Round: R.A. Godby & Miss J. MacLeod bt K. Jones & Mrs B. Mansfield +2; Mr & Mrs Wiggins bt Prof & Mrs B.G. Neal +18(TP); Guest & Mrs Bressey bt J. Haigh & Miss A.B. Duthie +8; Mr & Mrs B.G. Weitz bt Miss S.G. Hampson & Prof K. Campbell +14.

Semi-final: Mr & Mrs Wiggins bt Godby & Miss MacLeod +15; Guest & Mrs Bressey bt Mr & Mrs Weitz +4.

Final: Mr & Mrs Wiggins bt Guest & Mrs Bressey +17.

Event 6. Ladies Field Candlesticks (Handicap Doubles)

First Round: Mrs B. Mansfield & Mrs L. Wharrad (15½) bt Mrs B.G. Neal & Mrs L. Cheyne (14) +3; Miss S. Hampson & Miss J. MacLeod

(8) bt Mrs W.R.D. Wiggins & Miss A.B. Duthie (9) +4; Mrs P.V. Healey & Mrs W. Jones (17) bt Mrs B. Weitz & Miss P. Shine (10½) +6; Mrs P. MacDonald & Mrs W.J. Browne (12) bt Mrs F.H. Newman & Lady Bazley +8.

Semi-final: Miss Hampson & Miss MacLeod bt Mrs Mansfield & Mrs Wharrad +15; Mrs MacDonald & Mrs Browne bt Mrs Jones & Mrs Healey +6.

Final: Mrs MacDonald & Mrs Browne bt Miss Hampson & Miss MacLeod +7.

Event 7. Wine Coolers (Handicap Doubles)

First Round: P. Mansfield & D. Gunasekara bt Dr Wiggins & C. Lindsay +11; C. Prichard & W.T. Coles bt S.S. Townsend & F.H. Newman +19; G. Roy & K. Jones bt M. Strachan & P. Campion +2; Prof B.G. Neal & D.L. Godfree bt B. Bliss & Maj Gen D.J. Wilson-Haffenden +2; L. Wharrad & B. Whitehouse bt G. Doughty & B. Weitz +11; J.E. Guest & I.P.M. MacDonald bt Dr E.W. Solomon & M. Pearson; C. Southern & Prof K. Campbell bt Lt Com R.M.D. Ponsonby & R.A. Godby +21; R. Clayton & J. Haigh bt Lt Col C.M. Fox & S.G. Kent +2.

Second Round: Mansfield & Gunasekara bt Prichard & Coles +18; Neal & Godfree bt Roy & Jones; Wharrad & Whitehouse bt Guest & MacDonald +23.

Semi-final: Mansfield & Gunasekara bt Neal & Godfree +8; Wharrad & Whitehouse +18.

Final: Wharrad & Whitehouse bt Gunasekara & Mansfield +5.

Event 8. Top Half: Silver Jubilee (Handicap Singles)

First Round: L. Wharrad bt S.S. Townsend +26; Lady Bazley bt F.H. Newman +12; D. Gunasekara bt C.B. Sanford; Dr. E.W. Solomon bt Mrs B.G. Neal +3; H.G. Bellm bt Mrs L. Wharrad +13; I.P.M. MacDonald bt Mrs W. Jones (W/O); K. Jones bt G.E.J. Doughty +16; Prof. K. Campbell bt Miss J. MacLeod +16.

Second Round: C. Southern bt B.G. Weitz +11; Mrs Cheyne bt Col E. Vulliamy +16; M.G. Pearson bt J. Haigh +13; Mrs B. Mansfield bt B.H. Bliss +12; Mrs Wharrad bt Lady Bazley +1; Gunasekara bt Solomon +10; MacDonald bt Bellm +7; Campbell bt Jones +7.

Third Round: Southern bt Cheyne +10; Pearson bt Mrs Mansfield +16; Mrs Wharrad bt Gunasekara +26; Campbell bt MacDonald +11.

Semi-final: Pearson bt Southern +24; Mrs Wharrad bt Campbell +3.

Final: Mrs Wharrad bt Pearson (W/O).

Play-off: Hampson bt Mrs Wharrad +25.

Event 8 Bottom Half

First Round: Mrs I.P.M. MacDonald (6) bt C.T.J. Lindsay (4½) +2; Lt Col C.M. Fox (9) bt P. Mansfield (13) (W/O); B. Whitehouse (4) bt A.D. Karmel (6) +12; W.T. Coles (5) bt Prof B.G. Neal (½) +14; Dr R. Clayton (8) bt P. Campion (5) +13; Miss S.G. Hampson (4) bt Mrs B.G. Weitz (3½) +11; Miss P. Healey (8) bt S. G. Kent (6) +7.

Second Round: Fox bt Mrs MacDonald +2; Coles bt Whitehouse +17; Miss Hampson bt Clayton +19; Miss Healey bt Mrs F.H. Newman (4) +16; Mrs S. Davies (8) bt Maj Gen D.J. Wilson-Haffenden (10) +11; J.E. Guest (1) bt R.A. Godby (1) +18; G.C. Roy (1) bt Mrs Wiggins (0) +6.

Third Round: Fox bt Coles +10; Miss Hampson bt Mrs Healey +2; Guest bt Mrs Davies +10; Roy +23.

Semi-final: Miss Hampson bt Fox +6; Roy bt Guest +22.

Final: Miss Hampson bt Roy (W/O).

Event 8 (Y). Ballieu Plate (Handicap Singles)

First Round: S.S. Townsend (1½) bt F.H. Newman (3) +11; Mrs E.A. Neal (5) bt C.B. Sanford (5½) (opp. ret. on last peg); Dr W.R.D. Wiggins (1) bt Mrs M. Wharrad (9) +18; C.T.J. Lindsay (4½) bt Miss J. MacLeod (4) +19; B.G. Neal (½) bt A.D. Karmel (6) +9; P. Campion (5) bt Mrs B.G. Weitz (3½) +18; G. Doughty bt S.G. Kent (6) (opp. ret.).

Second Round: B.G. Weitz (½) bt Col E. Vulliamy (3) +15; J. Haigh (2½) bt B.H. Bliss (7) +17; Mrs Neal bt Townsend +1; Wiggins bt Lindsay +12; Campion bt Neal (W/O); Doughty bt Mrs Newman (4) +2; R.A. Godby (1) bt Maj Gen D.I. Wilson-Haffenden (10) +11; Mrs S. Wiggins (0) bt Miss A.B. Duthie (8) +15.

Third Round: Haigh bt Weitz +14; Wiggins bt Mrs Neal +7; Doughty bt Campion +7; Mrs Wiggins bt Godby +25.

Semi-final: Wiggins bt Haigh +13; Doughty bt Mrs Wiggins +5.

Final: Wiggins bt Doughty +10.

Colchester W/E 3 10–12 August

Swiss Handicap Singles

J.O. Walters (½) 6 wins; N.G. Hyne (1½) 5 wins; D.G. Palmer (7) 5 wins; Dr. R.R. Sutherland (8) 5 wins; M. French (4½) 5 wins; T.D. Harrison (3½) 5 wins; J.A. Wheeler (½) 4 wins; G.K. Collin (3½) 4 wins; P. Williams (8) 4 wins; D. Peterson (½) 4 wins; J.R. Hilditch (—½) 4 wins; Mrs R.A. Gosden (7) 4 wins; T.W. Anderson (3) 4 wins; P.J.C. Hetherington (3) 3 wins; H.C. Green (2½) 3 wins; Mrs. T.W. Anderson (4½) 3 wins; J.C. Straw (4) 3 wins; M.N. Avery (—½) 3 wins; Mrs J.A. Hetherington (7) 2 wins; M. Kolbuszewski (1½) 2 wins; G.F. Hallett (4½) 2 wins; Mrs R. Stanley-Smith (6) 2 wins; R.A. Gosden (5) 1 win; C. McKenzie (10) 1 win.

Roehampton W/E 2 18–19 August

Rowlock Challenge Trophy (Advanced Best of Three. Second Round)

First Round: S.N. Mulliner bt A.J. Mrozinski +18; L. Wharrad bt M.G. Pearson +1(T); R.D.C. Prichard bt A.J. Palmer +1(T); M.N. Avery bt J.R. Hilditch +13; P. Cordingley bt J.E. Guest +14; M.J. Coward bt Miss J. Macleod +13; I.P.M. Macdonald bt J. Haigh +1(T); E.W. Solomon bt M. Ormerod +15.

Second Round: Mulliner bt Wharrad +26(TP) +25; Avery bt Prichard +16(TP) +6; Coward bt Cordingley —16 +3 +2; Solomon bt Macdonald +14 +13.

Semi-final: Mulliner bt Avery +5 +13; Solomon bt Coward —16 +6 +18(TP).

Final: (One game only) Solomon bt Mulliner +17.

Advanced Play, Modified Swiss

M.N. Avery 5 wins; J.R. Hilditch 4 wins; A.J. Mrozinski 4 wins; R.D.C. Prichard 4 wins; P. Cordingley 3 wins; A.J. Palmer* 3 wins; J.E. Guest* 2 wins; I.P.M. Macdonald* 2 wins; M.G. Pearson* 2 wins; J. Hargh* 1 win; Miss J. Macleod* 1 win; M. Ormerod* 1 win; L. Wharrad* 1 win.

* played 4 rounds only.

The Nottingham Week 13-18 August

It is a little known custom that the slowest first round loser is offered the job of writing up the tournament, presumably because he must have time on his hands. If he is also stupid enough to have lost by rushing his forward ball onto the peg from fourth corner, how could he refuse?

We assembled on Monday under a threat of thunderstorms. This persisted for most of the week, but as it happened waterproofs only made a brief appearance on Tuesday. With the lawns in excellent, if holding, condition after some watering and the recent flood, good enterprising play was expected, and we had plenty to entertain us. The entry was strong, half being in the A Class, and including several Eights players and six doctors, not one of whom was qualified to treat the annual wasp sting! We saw several failed sextuples, eight triples and a straight quadruple. We noted that in the handicap events the minus players were all knocked out by fellow A Class players who used their few bisques to great advantage (a lesson here for the longer bisquer not to be overawed) and the exception to prove the rule — the A class player who was 26'ed in spite of receiving 1½ bisques! On a less esoteric but no less rewarding level, there was some good play from Audrey Bucknall and several of the junior doubles partners. This year's counter-attraction was bowls, where Keith, Nick, John and David were in keen competition. Keith appeared to come out on top, but I don't think David Bryant need worry yet!

In the A Class, it was clear from the beginning that Dayal Gunasekera was in fine form, although the only successful triple in the Draw was performed by Mike Stevens. Later in the week, John McCullogh found his touch with two triples, whilst Dayal turned a failed sextuple into a straight quadruple, a feat few had seen before. On finals day it was left to John to force a playoff by beating Dayal in the Process. The latter hit first and went to 4-back. John retaliated by laying up in third

corner for a delayed sextuple, Dayal being crosswired at hoop 1. After some thought, Dayal took the shot successfully and completed his triple to win both Draw and Process.

Thus, the show piece final before a good crowd of spectators was the doubles. Here we had the contrasting tactics of Brian and Gillian Hallam from the B Class and the A/C pairing of Dayal Gunasekera and Joan Haworth. For once, Dayal's shooting forsook him, and guided by Brian, Gillian made some useful 3-ball breaks. After an hour the Hallams were in a strong position, and Joan had hardly appeared on the lawn. Brian wisely kept behind his junior partner, and it was not until she was on penultimate and he on 4-back that Dayal hit and decided to embark on a TPO. This he successfully completed to the delight of the crowd (if not Gillian). He then set out to help Joan. The first hit-in was unprofitable, and Joan got to hoop 6 before it was thirteenth time lucky for Gillian, who hit and went out.

We saw many close games in the B Class, in particular one between Margaret Cotterell and Brian Hallam which delayed the departure to the Tournament dinner on Friday evening, providing much entertainment for the assembling masses. In the final between Margaret and Ray Jones, little progress was made with a brand new set of primary colours, it being nigh impossible to rush them! With mutual agreement, old balls were substituted, and at lunch Margaret had a useful lead. However Ray hit in after the interval, and survived a lift shot for a good win.

The C Class produced some promising play with 4-ball breaks prominent, especially from the two finalists, Mike Cowan and Lawrence Whittaker. A keenly contested final with excellent hitting in was won by Mike, although he failed the peg-out when time had been called. We shall see more of these two players, both fairly new to the game.

John Meads proved again that he is a superb handicap player, specialising in impossible leaves for the longer bisquer, and he reached the finals of both the X and the Robin Hood. His only miscalculation was to peg out Brian Hallam in the X. The latter took a break from 4 to the peg (in not quite copy-book style) to leave John less than amused! However, John won the Robin Hood Gold Cup by beating Ray Jones in fluent style, before Ray had a chance to use all his bisques. In the Y, Andrew Bennet gave Ken Cotterell several chances between his two all-round breaks, but the latter was clearly totally out of touch. The Z was won in convincing style by John Davis, who (it is rumoured) peeled almost as many hoops as he ran conventionally!

At the prize-giving, Roger Wheeler paid a well deserved tribute to Hilary Watson-Walker and her helpers for the excellent cuisine, and to the other Club workers who had helped to make the tournament such a success. He commented that Ian Vincent managed us so ably that we didn't realise we were being managed! Indeed, well over 150 games were played; time limits were hardly used except in the doubles (and only twice there). Such is the friendly whilst still competitive atmosphere at this tournament that we could all understand Geoffrey Taylor's feelings when he generously donated a silver salver to be awarded to the runner-up in the Robin Hood in celebration of 21 years' association with the Club.

Finally, a fitting end to the week was the fly-past of RAF jets (managed by Ian? — who can tell, but we wouldn't put it past him!).

K. and M.C.C.

Event 1: Robin Hood

First Round: **Mrs J.N. Rolfe** bt L. Robinson.

Second Round: **M.G. Tompkinson** (2½) bt J.F.S. Thomas (8) +1; **Mrs C. Chamberlain** (10) bt I.C. Meredith (6) +17; **Dr G.K. Taylor** (½) bt Miss G.F. Hallam (8) +14; **Miss H. Watson-Walker** (11) bt Mrs K. Cotterell (4) +15; **E.J. Davis** (1) bt G. Henshaw (4) +16; **Mrs R.F. Wheeler** (3) bt D. Peterson (2) +3; **M.R.L. Cowan** (11) bt M.J. Stevens (½) +26; **J.D. Meads** (1) bt Mrs Rolfe (2½) +8; **Dr I.G. Vincent** (½) bt D. de Q. Lenfestey (9) +19(TP); **K. Cotterell** (2) bt Dr T.W. Smith (5) +4; **Mrs S.B. Hudson** (7½) bt Dr R.F. Wheeler (4) +16; **Dr R.C. Jones** (4) bt Mrs D. de Q. Lenfestey (7½) +12; **J.R. McCullough** (½) bt B. Hallam (4½) +17; **J.O. Walter** (1½) bt K.M.H. Aiton (½) +26(TP); **Mrs M.K. Tompkinson** (7½) bt Mrs A.J. Bucknell (10) +13; **A. Bennet** (1½) bt Mrs J. Haworth (14) +12.

Third Round: **Tompkinson** bt Mrs Chamberlain +20; **Taylor** bt Miss Watson-Walker +3; **Davis** bt Mrs Wheeler +12; **Meads** bt Cowan +5; **Cotterell** bt Vincent +16; **Jones** bt Mrs Hudson +7; **McCullough** bt Walters +26; **Bennet** bt Mrs Tompkinson +18.

Fourth Round: **Taylor** bt Tompkinson +24; **Meads** bt Davis +15; **Jones** bt Cotterell +17; **Bennet** bt McCullough +26.

Semi-final: **Meads** bt Taylor +19; **Jones** bt Bennet +25.

Final: **Meads** bt Jones +15.

DRAW

Event 2: Open Singles

First Round: **E.J. Davis** (1) bt D. Peterson (2) +26.

Second Round: **J.O. Walters** (1½) bt K. Cotterell (2) +25; **K.M.H. Aiton** (½) bt N.G. Hyne (½) +15; **M.J. Stevens** (½) bt Dr R.F. Wheeler (4) +6; **Davis** (1) bt M.G. Tompkinson (2½) +24; **A. Bennet** (1½) bt Mrs J.N. Rolfe (2½) +13; **D.L. Gunasekera** (½) bt Mrs R.F. Wheeler (3) +10; **Dr G.K. Taylor** (½) bt J.D. Meads (1) +1; **Dr I.G. Vincent** (½) bt J.R. McCullough (½) +3.

Third Round: **Aiton** bt Walters +2; **Stevens** bt Davis +12(TP); **Gunasekera** bt Bennet +19; **Vincent** bt Taylor +11.

Semi-final: **Aiton** bt Stevens +12; **Gunasekera** bt Vincent +3.

Final: **Gunasekera** bt Aiton +25.

PROCESS

Event 2

First Round: **J.R. McCullough** (½) bt J.O. Walters (1½) +26(TP).

Second Round: **McCullough** (½) bt E.J. Davis (1) +10(TP); **Dr R.F. Wheeler** (4) bt Mrs R.F. Wheeler (3) +8; **K.M.H. Aiton** (½) bt A. Bennet (1½) +2; **J.D. Meads** (1) bt M.G. Tompkinson (2½) +6; **K. Cotterell** (2) bt Mrs J.N. Rolfe (2½) +10; **Dr G.K. Taylor** (½) bt M.J. Stevens (½) +6; **D.L. Gunasekera** (½) bt N.G. Hyne (½) +17(SQP); **Dr I.G. Vincent** (½) bt D. Peterson (2) +24.

Semi-final: **McCullough** bt Aiton +20; **Gunasekera** bt Taylor +25.

Final: **Gunasekera** bt McCullough +20(TP).

DRAW

Event 3: B Level

First Round: **Mrs M. G. Tompkinson** (7½) bt Miss G.F. Hallam (11); **I.C. Meredith** (6) bt C. Chamberlain (8) +12; **Mrs Hudson** (7½) bt Mrs K. Cotterell (4) +3; **Dr R.C. Jones** (4) bt J.F.S. Thomas (8) +19; **Mrs D. de Q. Lenfestey** (7½) bt Dr T.W. Smith (5) +9.

Second Round: **Mrs Tompkinson** bt G. Henshaw +2; **Meredith** bt Mrs Hudson +22; **Jones** bt Mrs Lenfestey +15; **B. Hallam** bt L. Robinson +21.

Semi-final: **Meredith** bt Mrs. Tompkinson +11; **Jones** bt Hallam +4.

Final: **Jones** bt Meredith +20.

PROCESS

Event 3

First Round: **G. Henshaw** (4) bt J.F.S. Thomas (8) +3; **B. Hallam** (4½) bt I.C. Meredith (6) +18; **Miss G.F. Hallam** (8) bt Mrs D. de Q. Lenfestey (7½) +4; **Dr T.W. Smith** bt Mrs M.G. Tompkinson (7½) +5; **C. Chamberlain** (8) bt L. Robinson (8) +15.

Second Round: **Hallam** bt Henshaw +23; **Miss Hallam** bt Mrs S.B. Hudson +5; **Mrs K. Cotterell** bt Dr Smith +10; **Dr R.C. Jones** bt Robinson +18.

Semi-final: **Hallam** bt Miss Hallam +17; **Mrs Cotterell** bt Dr Jones +12.

Final: **Mrs Cotterell** bt Hallam +5.

DRAW

Event 4: "C" Handicap

First Round: **Dr F.L. Whittaker** (14) bt Miss H. Watson-Walker (11) +13(T); **M.R.L. Cowan** (11) bt D. de Q. Lenfestey (9) +16; **Mrs A.J. Bucknell** (10) bt Mrs J. Haworth (14) +2.

Second Round: **Cowan** bt Whittaker +11; **Mrs Bucknell** bt Mrs C. Chamberlain +14.

Semi-final: **Cowan** bt Mrs Bucknell +19.

PROCESS

Event 4

First Round: **Dr. F.L. Whittaker** (14) bt Mrs A.J. Bucknell (10) +20; **Mrs Chamberlain** (10) bt D. de Q. Lenfestey (9) +13; **Miss H.**

Watson-Walker (11) bt Mrs J. Haworth (14).

Second Round: **Whittaker** bt Mrs Chamberlain +19; **M.R.L. Cowan** bt **Miss Watson-Walker** +20.

Semi-final: **Whittaker** bt Cowan +11.

Play-off: **Cowan** bt Whittaker +5(OT).

Event 5 "X"

Semi-final: **B. Hallam** bt Meredith +16; **Meads** bt Vincent +25.

Final: **Hallam** bt Meads +7.

Event 5 "Y"

Semi-final: **Bennet** bt Mrs Hudson +9; **Cotterell** bt Wheeler +10.

Final: **Bennet** bt Cotterell +15.

Event 6

Semi-final: **Hallam & Miss Hallam** bt Stevens & Mrs Bicknell +21; **Gunasekera & Mrs Haworth** bt McCullough & Whittaker +1(T).

Final: **Hallam & Miss Hallam** bt Gunasekera & Mrs Haworth +9.

The Northern Championships Bowdon 18-27 August

This year's Northern Championships, the sixth after its reincarnation, presented Colin Irwin with an awesome managerial task. As seemingly interminable games struggled to contend with both impossibly bare lawns and Eddie Bell's infamous hoops, it seemed unlikely that the tournament would ever finish. But with manager and players alike working overtime, and with every inch of lawn and every minute of daylight being fully exploited the tournament was remarkably concluded.

Thursday, supposedly Finals Day for the week, in fact saw the completion of only two competitions. Colin Irwin, despite managerial pressures, played his way to the 'A' class final with the week's only Triple Peel where he met David Peterson. Colin came back with a Riggall when David had seemed set to finish until he missed a return roquet after 4-back, and although David hit the technically wired 'last shot' and in doing so rushed it towards his hoop, Colin won for the third successive year. Peter Dyke meanwhile overcame his fears to beat Colin Wilde in the 'D' class. This incidentally established a trend in which visitors from the South-West beat local players in many of the finals.

And so to the eagerly anticipated Week End. The field was perhaps marginally weaker than last year but this had the effect of opening up the competition giving at least half a dozen players a good chance. The first day saw Phil Cordingley make a beeline for the Swiss, obviously eager to defend the crown he won last year. David Croker lost one of his lives to Andrew Bennet, but in general the favourites won by large margins. John Walters managed three peels of a triple before sticking in 4-back for little reason, while Martin Murray demonstrated good form with an interrupted TPO on the near impossible 'shingle beach' — lawn 3. Meanwhile Eddie Bell's hoops were once again using their magic charm, luring unsuspecting players to disaster on the wire.

An interesting second round game was that between Keith Aiton and David Openshaw. Keith hit the short lift shot when David was for peg and rover, and took a break round from third with a single peel to win in an electric atmosphere disturbed only by gentle snoring from a spectator who shall remain nameless. Richard Hilditch was playing a rejuvenated and inspired Nick Hyne on lawn one. Richard could only peg out one ball when 'oppo' was for 3 and 3-back, but then as Richard missed countless shots Nick, ignoring all distractions, went round to win.

At the quarter-final stage only John McCullough had both lives left and looked in full control of the situation. David Openshaw was still alive, playing with precision and control his big split shots were a particular delight to behold, still menacing with his wristy exuberance was Richard Hilditch, stringing together some good 'NID' results. It was encouraging to see that their opponents were for Bowdon members. Colin Irwin was at full roar and scored his traditional Northerners victory over John McCullough. 'Steady' Eddie Bell soon succumbed to John though in the other half, no doubt emotionally drained after his titanic struggle with Aiton in the previous round. Wrapping his mallet round his neck in anguish Tim Haste narrowly missed shot after shot against a jaded Hilditch as he saw his chances evaporate. He had been in full control on 4-back and peg until Richard

pegged out one of his balls. Finally 'sextuple' Steve Lewis lost out to the experience of David Openshaw.

In the battle of the JRs, John McCullough ran out victor and it appeared that he would be met in the final by David Openshaw who, with both balls for peg, had just hit in against Colin Irwin. Perhaps distracted by losing an inebriate £3,000 wager the previous evening he failed to finish and later missed a crucial 3-yarder after a failed split peg-out. Colin, able to concentrate on his game since his wife Chris had assumed the weekend's managerial role, came through to win +2.

Meanwhile there was a spectacle in the Swiss on Denzell as Keith Aiton completed a New Zealand Sextuple (multitply interrupted) that incorporated a straight double peel against Martin Murray. In the Swiss final Keith met Phil Cordingley who inevitably retained his title thus prompting the question, is he given automatic entry into next year's Swiss to retain it? Openshaw won third place after taking his first ball to the peg, Hilditch responded with a counter-contractual Riggall, but to no avail.

The final was rather a disappointing affair. John McCullough emerged victorious from a fragmented and nervy encounter. Colin both played and managed with admirable efficiency, and Chris did a fine job managing the weekend. Thus ended a most enjoyable and competitive week which, I am sure, will remain one of the most popular tournaments in the calendar.

That evening saw the spectacle of the week as Martin Kolbuszewski ran the Quadruple banked Golf Croquet. Despite staggered starts all the games perverdy seemed to insist on converging on hoops 4 and 3-back. The final was eventually between Andrew Bennet and a certain 'Mrs Hague', playing off a handicap of -½ with a Solomon grip, and who, to the delight of the gallery, insisted on playing in a skirt.

Meanwhile the two young Nailsea players, Mark Suter and John Mann, having thrashed all-comers with their bisques throughout the week, now set about each other. Mark eventually ran out the winner in what was a successful week for him, as he also beat Liz Taylor in the 'C' class final and won the Handicap Doubles with Keith Aiton, predictably by a single point scored after time in the final. The losing finalists were local men, Brian Storey and Don Kelly, who had progressed to the final via the definitive scoreline of 18-2 in an earlier round.

The Open Doubles final was a much more disappointing affair. After some immaculate results during the week, 23-20 after five hours was the norm rather than the exception, many pundits were anticipating another nail-biter. However, it was not to be as David Croker and Ian Maugham beat Don Kelly and Martin Granger Brown on only 3½ hours to strike another blow for the South-West.

Don Kelly seemed to have developed a knack for losing the finals and he maintained his record in the Reed Cup against David Peterson. With a ball for the peg Don foolishly laid up behind rover, David's loop, thus leaving a 'Stoker Pawnbroker' (ball, hoop, ball). Inevitably the hoop was run, from north of 2nd and two balls were pegged out for Peterson to register an easy victory. The 'B' class was won by the Bowdon ex-patriot Ian Maugham who stamped his authority on the competition and beat Brian Storey in the final to secure yet another prize for the South-West.

There were many other individual performances worthy of mention. Martin Kolbuszewski's hats gave him the decisive edge in Keith Aiton's poker school. Martin Granger Brown managed to demolish a whole shed, much more impressive than the customary deck-chair. Liz Taylor's gravity-defying tricks must be mentioned and Pat Hague's while-u-wait laundry service must be recommended to all future visitors to Bowdon. But most importantly, who stole John Walters' trousers?

Event 1. North of England Championship

DRAW

First Round: **E. Bell** bt N.G. Hyne +14; **A. Bennet** bt M. Granger Brown +21; **K.M.H. Aiton** bt A.J. Collin +21; **D.K. Openshaw** bt C. Southern +22; **P.L. Alvey** bt M.P. Collin +2; **M. Murray** bt F.I. Maugham +25; **J.R. McCullough** bt M.J. Wilkins +22; **C.J. Irwin** bt Mrs P. Hague +22; **S.E. Lewis** bt P. Cordingley +6; **D.J. Croker** bt P. Stoker +4; **T.J. Haste** bt D. Kelly w/o; **W.O. Aldridge** bt M. H. Sandler +13; **J.R. Hilditch** bt D. Peterson +3; **J.O. Walters** bt M. Kolbuszewski +24; **J.D. Meads** bt B.J. Storey +11; **C. Hudson** bt Mrs D.J. Croker +17.

Second Round: **Bell** bt Bennet +9; **Aiton** bt Openshaw +3; **Murray** bt

Alvey +21; **McCullough** bt Irwin +17; **Croker** bt Lewis +6; **Haste** bt Aldridge +1(T); **Hilditch** bt Walters +6; **Meads** bt Hudson +23.
Third Round: **Bell** bt Aiton +6; **McCullough** bt Murray +4; **Haste** bt Croker +6; **Hilditch** bt Meads +8.

Semi-final: **McCullough** bt Bell +20; **Hilditch** bt Haste +4.

Final: **McCullough** bt Hilditch +8.

PROCESS

First Round: **Bell** bt Lewis +6(T); **Peterson** bt Collin +15; **Aiton** bt Kelly +4(T); **Storey** bt Wilkins +7; **Bennet** bt Croker +12; **Maugham** bt Kolbuszewski +15; **Openshaw** bt Aldridge +22; **Hudson** bt Mrs Gague +7; **Hyne** bt Cordingley +15; **Hilditch** bt Alvey +16; **Haste** bt Collin +10; **McCullough** bt Meads +19; **Stoker** bt Granger Brown +10; **Murray** bt Walters +8; **Southern** bt Sandler +5; **Irwin** bt Mrs Croker +13.

Second Round: **Lewis** bt Peterson +2; **Aiton** bt Storey +7; **Maugham** bt Bennet +12; **Openshaw** bt Hudson +12; **Hyne** bt Hilditch +1; **McCullough** bt Haste +7; **Murray** bt Stoker +4; **Irwin** bt Southern +14.

Third Round: **Lewis** bt Aiton +11; **Openshaw** bt Maugham +8; **McCullough** bt Hyne +19; **Irwin** bt Murray +14.

Semi-final: **Openshaw** bt Lewis +9; **Irwin** bt McCullough +9.

Final: **Irwin** bt McCullough +2.

PLAY-OFFS:

1st place: **McCullough** bt Irwin +3.

3rd place: **Openshaw** bt Hilditch +7.

Event 1A. Progressive Swiss (2 losses carried forward from main event).

PLAY-OFF: **P. Cordingley** bt K.M.H. Aiton +13.
 2 losses P. Cordingley, K.M.H. Aiton.
 3 losses M.P. Collin, N.G. Hyne, W.O. Aldridge, J.O. Walters, M. Murray, A. Bennet, J.D. Meads, P. Stoker, M.J. Wilkins.
 4 losses C. Hudson, A.J. Collin, C. Southern, M.H. Sandler, B.J. Storey, Mrs D.J. Croker.
 5 losses M. Suter.
 6 losses Mrs P. Hague.

Event 2. North of England Doubles Championship

First Round: **P.L. Alvey & S.E. Lewis** bt M.P. Collin & M.J. Wilkins +3(T); **C.J. Irwin & C. Southern** bt C. Hudson & B.J. Storey +14.

Second Round: **M. Granger Brown & D. Kelly** bt Mrs. P. Hague & E. Bell +1(T); **Alvey & Lewis** bt A.J. Collin & M. Kolbuszewski +2(ET); **T.J. Haste & A. Bennet** bt Irwin & Southern +15; **F.I. Maugham & D.J. Croker** bt W.O. Aldridge & M.H. Sandler +8.

Semi-final: **Granger Brown & Kelly** bt Alvey & Lewis +1(T); **Maugham & Croker** bt Haste & Bennet +2(T).

Final: **Maugham & Croker** bt Granger Brown & Kelly +15.

Event 3. Golf Croquet Championship

First Round: **A. Bennet** bt N.G. Hyne 5-4(T); **P. Dwerryhouse** bt Mrs C.E. Irwin 5-4(T); **K.M.H. Aiton** bt D.J. Croker 7-2; **J.O. Walters** bt P.L. Alvey 7-3; **M. Kolbuszewski** bt J.D. Meads 7-3; **Mrs D.J. Croker** bt K. McCombe 7-4; **C.J. Irwin** bt M.H. Sandler 7-3; **P. Dyke** bt Mrs P. Dwerryhouse 6-4(T).

Second Round: **Bennet** bt Hyne 6-2; **Aiton** bt Walters 7-3; **Kolbuszewski** bt Mrs Croker 5-0; **Irwin** bt Dyke 7-5.

Semi-final: **Bennet** bt Aiton 7-6; **Irwin** bt Kolbuszewski 7-4.

Final: **Bennet** bt Irwin 7-6.

Event 4. Open Singles

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First Round: **C. Southern** bt M. Kolbuszewski +11; **K.M.H. Aiton** bt D. Kelly +1.

Second Round: **W.O. Aldridge** bt P.L. Alvey +13; **J.D. Meads** bt N.G. Hyne +22; **T.J. Haste** bt A.J. Collin +20; **Southern** bt E. Bell w/o; **Aiton** bt D.J. Croker +3; **C.J. Irwin** bt A. Bennet +16; **M.P. Collin** bt M. Granger Brown +11; **J.O. Walters** bt D. Peterson +3.

Third Round: **Aldridge** bt Meads +1(T); **Haste** bt Southern +2; **Irwin** bt Aiton +9; **Walters** bt Collin +16.

Semi-final: **Haste** bt Aldridge +15; **Irwin** bt Walters +11.

Final: **Irwin** bt Haste +25(TP).

PROCESS

First Round: **Peterson** bt Aldridge w/o; **Alvey** bt Walters w/o.

Second Round: **Peterson** bt Kolbuszewski +2; **Irwin** bt Haste +12; **Meads** bt Aiton +14; **Granger Brown** bt Bell w/o; **Kelly** bt Alvey +16; **Collin** bt Bennet +11; **Croker** bt Hyne +12; **Southern** bt Collin.

Third Round: **Peterson** bt Irwin +8; **Meads** bt Granger Brown +3(T); **Kelly** bt Collin +5(T); **Croker** bt Southern +1(T).

Semi-final: **Peterson** bt Meads +1(T); **Croker** bt Kelly +2(T).

Final: **Peterson** bt Croker +11.

Event 5. 'B' Class Singles (2 bisques and over)

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First Round: **B.J. Storey** bt Mrs P. Hague +20; **F.I. Maugham** bt C. Hudson +7; **P. Stoker** bt M.J. Wilkins +19; **J. Mann** bt M.N. Sandler +6.

Semi-final: **Maugham** bt Storey +8; **Mann** bt Stoker +10.

MARRIAGE: Two life variation.

PROCESS

First Round: **Storey** bt Stoker +9; **Hudson** bt Sandler +14; **Mrs Hague** bt Wilkins +17; **Maugham** bt Mann +14.

Semi-final: **Storey** bt Hudson +8(T); **Maugham** bt Mrs Hague +8(T).

MARRIAGE: Two life variation.

MARRIAGE

Mann bt Storey +2(T).

Final: **Maugham** bt Storey +8.

Event 6. 'C' Class Singles (6 bisques and over)

First Round: **P. Dwerryhouse** bt F. Ross +11; **M. Suter** bt C.E. Irwin +13; **Mrs Croker** bt E. Taylor-Webb +15.

Semi-final: **Mrs P. Dwerryhouse** bt Derryhouse +13; **Suter** bt Mrs Croker +16.

Final: **Suter** bt Mrs Dwerryhouse +5(T).

PROCESS

First Round: **Taylor-Webb** bt Ross +17; **Mrs Dwerryhouse** bt Suter +2; **Mrs Croker** bt Dwerryhouse +15.

Semi-final: **Taylor-Webb** bt Irwin +19; **Mrs Dwerryhouse** bt Mrs Croker +1(T).

Final: **Taylor-Webb** bt Mrs Dwerryhouse +1(T).

PLAY-OFF: **Suter** bt Taylor-Webb +6(T).

Event 7. 'D' Class Singles (10 bisques and over)

First Round: **P. Dyke** bt Mrs D. Dennett +10; **K. McCombe** bt Mrs S. Barker +3.

Semi-final: **Dyke** bt S.E. Black w/o; **C. Wild** bt McCombe +1(T).

Final: **Dyke** bt Wild +3(T).

PROCESS

First Round: Miss Black bt McCombe +10; **Wild** bt Dyke +3(T).

Semi-final: **Mrs Dennett** bt Miss Black +10; **Wild** bt Mrs Barker +5.

Final: **Wild** bt Mrs Dennet +7.

PLAY-OFF: Dyke bt Wild +3(T).

Event 8 (X). The Bowdon Handicap. Unrestricted

First Round: **D.J. Croker** (-½) bt Mrs P. Dwerryhouse (6½) +19; **F.I. Maughan** (2½) bt Mrs P. Dwerryhouse (6½) +18; **M. Granger Brown** (2½) bt Mrs D.J. Croker (6) +11.

Second Round: **K.M.H. Aiton** (-½) bt J.D. Meads (1) +3; **N.G. Hyne** (1½) bt C.E. Irwin (8) +10; **D. Peterson** (½) bt C. Wild (14) +3; **C. Southern** (½) bt P. Stoker +6; **A. Bennet** (1½) bt T.J. Haste (0) +7;

M.N. Suter (7) bt P.L. Alvey (1) +13; **K. McCombe** (14) bt M. Kolbuszewski (1½) +3; **Croker** bt F. Ross (8); **Maugham** bt Granger Brown +11; **Mrs P. Hague** (4) bt P. Dwerryhouse (6½) +16; **J. Mann** (5) bt M.P. Collin (2) +17; **C.J. Irwin** (-½) bt Mrs D. Dennett +19; **A.J. Collin** (1½) bt M.H. Sandler (3½) +4; **B.J. Storey** (3) bt P. Dyke (10) +11; **J.O. Walters** (½) bt D. Kelly (3) +9; **M.J. Wilkins** (4) bt E. Taylor-Webb (9) +12.

Third Round: **Hyne** bt Aiton +8; **Peterson** bt Southern +17; **Suter** bt Bennet +10; **Croker** bt McCombe +9; **Mrs Hague** bt Maugham +8; **Mann** bt Irwin +26; **Storey** bt Collin +12; **Wilkins** bt Walters w/o.

Fourth Round: **Peterson** bt Hyne +10; **Suter** bt Croker +1(T); **Mann** bt Mrs Hague +19; **Storey** bt Wilkins +2(T).

Semi-final: **Suter** bt Peterson +23; **Mann** bt Storey +21.

Final: **Suter** bt Mann +4.

Event 9. Bowdon Doubles (Handicap)

Semi-final: **K.M.H. Aiton & M.N. Suter** (6½) bt N.G. Hyne & Mrs D.J. Croker (7½) +10; **B.J. Storey & D. Kelly** (6) bt C.J. & C.E. Irwin (7½) +3.

Final: **Aiton & Suter** bt Storey & Kelly +1(T).

Event 10. Reed Cup (Handicap)

First Round: **W.O. Aldridge** (1) bt C. Wild (14) +8; **K.M.H. Aiton** (-½) bt M. Granger Brown (2½) +12; **J.O. Walters** (½) bt J. Mann (5) +3; **D. Peterson** (½) bt M. Kolbuszewski (1½) +10; **P. Dyke** (10) bt C.E. Irwin (8) +4(T); **M.N. Suter** (7) bt K. McCombe (14) +3(T); **E. Bell** (-½) bt F. Ross (8) +15; **C. Hudson** (3) bt P. Dwerryhouse (6½) +9; **B.J. Storey** (3) bt M.P. Collin (2) +19; **C.J. Irwin** (-½) bt A. Bennet (1½) +8; **P. Stoker** (3) bt E. Taylor-Webb (9) +16; **D. Kelly** (3) bt Mrs P. Hague (4) +7; **M.J. Wilkins** (4) bt M.H. Sandler (3½) +4(T); **F.I. Maugham** (2½) bt T.J. Haste (0) +5; **Mrs P. Dwerryhouse** (6½) bt N.G. Hyne (1½) +1(T); **J.D. Meads** (1) bt A.J. Collin (1½) +1(T).

Second Round: **Aldridge** bt Aiton +21; **Peterson** bt Walters +11; **Suter** bt Dyke +12(T); **Bell** bt Hudson +15; **C.J. Irwin** bt Storey +2; **Kelly** bt Stoker +1(T); **Maugham** bt Wilkins +10; **Meads** bt Mrs Dwerryhouse +12.

Third Round: **Peterson** bt Aldridge +11; **Bell** bt Suter +2; **Kelly** bt Irwin w/o; **Meads** bt Maugham +19.

Semi-final: **Peterson** bt Bell +10; **Kelly** bt Meads +7.

Final: **Peterson** bt Kelly +11.

Edinburgh 20-25 August

Event 1. Cramond Cup. Open

DRAW

First Round: **A. Adam** bt D. Willetts +6; **P. Thompson** bt R. Williams +17; **Mrs M. Lauder** bt Mrs C.A. Rowe +19.

Semi-final: **Thompson** bt Adam +3(T); **I.H. Wright** bt Mrs Lauder +19.

Final: **Wright** bt Thompson +2.

PROCESS

First Round: **Mrs Lauder** bt A. Adam w/o; **Thompson** bt Wright +15; **Willetts** bt Mrs Rowe +18.

Semi-final: **Mrs Lauder** bt Thompson +7; **Williams** bt Willetts +2.

Final: **Williams** bt Mrs Lauder +26.

PLAY-OFF: **Williams** bt Wright +5.

Event 2 (X). Silver Jubilee Salver. Level Singles (Handicap — 6 and over)

First Round: **J. McCulloch** bt Mrs S. Willetts +14; **A.G.M. Hunter** bt Miss Corla +4(T); **A.M. Ramsay** bt Rev. A.D. Lamont +12.

Second Round: **G. Anderson** bt R. Hissett +9; **Hunter** bt McCulloch +25; **Ramsay** bt J.E. Rowe +17; **M.P.W. Smith** bt W. Masterton +5.

Semi-final: **Anderson** bt Hunter +8; **Ramsay** bt Smith +10.

Final: **Anderson** bt Ramsay +25.

Event 2 (Y). Handicap — 6 and over

Semi-final: **R. Hissett** bt Miss Corla +13; **J.E. Rowe** bt W. Masterton +16.

Final: **Hissett** bt Rowe +10.

Event 3 (X). Walter R. B. Laing Cup. Handicap — 10 and over

First Round: **R. Forth** (10) bt Mrs J. Morrison (15) +12.

Second Round: **F. Mann** (11) bt Mrs G. Clark (15) +15; **Forth** bt Miss C. Hay (15) +3(T); **M. Elder** (10) bt R.F. Ottley (15) +15; **A. Nisbet** (12) bt Mrs M. Fotheringham (12) +4(T).

Semi-final: **Mann** bt Forth +13; **Elder** bt Nisbet +12.

Final: **Mann** bt Elder +6.

Event 3 (Y). Handicap — 10 and over

Semi-final: **Miss C. Hay** bt Mrs G. Clark +6(T); **R.F. Ottley** bt Mrs M. Fotheringham w/o.

Final: **Ottley** bt Miss Hay +3.

Event 4. Norton-Wright Trophies. Combined Handicap Doubles

First Round: **F. Mann & I.H. Wright** (13) bt M. Smith & R. Hissett (14) +5(T); **A. Ramsay & G. Anderson** (15½) bt M. Elder & A. Hunter (16½) +17; **Miss Corla & R. Williams** (9½) bt R. Forth & W. Masterton (18) +8; **Mr & Mrs Fotheringham** (21) bt Mr & Mrs Willetts (12½) +4(T); **Miss Hay & P. Thompson** (19½) bt Mrs Clark & Mrs Morrison (28) +6.

Second Round: **Mann & Wright** bt Miss A.M. Murray & J.C. McCulloch (18) +7; **Miss Corla & Williams** bt Ramsay & Anderson +3; **Miss Hay & Thompson** bt Mr & Mrs Fotheringham +6; **A. Nisbet & R. Ottley** (20) bt Mrs & Mrs Rowe (11½) +19. *Semi-final:* **Miss Corla & Williams** bt Mann & Wright +2(T); **Miss Hay & Thompson** bt Nisbet & Ottley +14.

Final: **Miss Corla & Williams** bt Miss Hay & Thompson +8.

Event 5 (X). Edinburgh Cup. American (Handicap — Unrestricted)

Winner: **Elder** (10) bt Thompson (5½) +9; bt Hunter (6½) +5.
Runner-Up: **Hunter** bt Thompson +5.

Event 5 (Y). Milne Trophy. Handicap Singles (Unrestricted)

Semi-final: **Mann** (11) bt Anderson (7½) +16; **Smith** (6½) bt Williams (1½) +4. *Final:* **Smith** bt Mann +9.

Southwick 20-25 August

Tournaments at Southwick always are enjoyable affairs and this one was certainly no exception. Apart from the very friendly atmosphere, the club has such very good facilities and the catering is not only of a high standard but is most reasonable in price. An important factor which can deter potential entrants is the possibility of double-banking. Such a threat is virtually non-existent at Southwick and I think the club might well have difficulty in providing even one set of suitable balls. This is hardly surprising when there are 11 courts although anyone drawing No. 10 or No. 11 might well consider himself or herself a little unlucky. It was slightly disappointing that there were not more than 39 entries but it was encouraging that about 40% of these were visitors with the younger generation well represented. Having a tournament at Compton the same week would not appear to be a very felicitous arrangement and this must have made a difference. It should not be difficult to avoid a similar clash in future.

The week started with a continuance of the very hot and dry weather which meant that the courts were very fast and difficult. This is inevitable in such an exceptional season but the standard of play obviously suffered as a result and short games were very much the exception. The temperature was not noticeably lower on Wednesday but there was sufficient rain for wet weather clothes to appear, even if only briefly. The result was that the courts did become rather easier which was all to the good. Thursday and Friday were similar but the amount of rain was minimal and nobody was very inconvenienced. Several players may perhaps have got the impression that their hoop-running had greatly improved because a lot of very long and difficult hoops seemed to be run without the usual problem. The explanation was simple because most of the hoops were definitely generous and the legality of some was a bit doubtful.

There were only 5 entries for the Open singles and consequently it was made into an American tournament. Each match was the best of three which meant that each player had a minimum of 8 games. This proved to be popular and it had to be the added bonus that there was usually croquet well worth watching. Michael Phelps won very

convincingly without losing a game but what a pity that his appearances during the season are so few.

The level singles (2½ and over) ended in a real cliff-hanger with Charles Townshend the winner by one point. This was no mean achievement considering that this tournament is the only opportunity he has of playing during the year. It is always galling to lose by such a narrow margin but Martin French showed that he is a player of promise. His protégé, Danny Palmer is another player of obvious potential and he has certainly said farewell to the "C" class.

The Ransoms both had a particularly successful week. He beat Michael Phelps very handsomely in the final of the Mens Handicap by 26 and with 2 bisques to spare. He played impressively but obviously in future he will no longer have a handicap of 8. He and his wife proved to be a formidable pair in the doubles, beating Michael Phelps and Mrs Mapletoft after a close game in the final. Mrs Ransom at 10 showed that she too is over-handicapped. She beat Mrs Vale (another improving player) after a very close game in her class event and followed this with a comfortable victory over Mrs Weitz in the Ladies Handicap.

Nobody would dispute that it was a thoroughly enjoyable tournament but someone is bound to criticise something. There were a few comments that the courts could have been more fully used towards the end of the week. This probably was a valid criticism but it certainly did not bother me and various others. Nothing is more fun than to have friendlies when the pressure is off or having the opportunity of individual practice. I can quite understand that if you have been eliminated rather too early, you might well prefer more competitive play. Somebody might even say that he or she is being worked too hard and the only conclusion is that it is almost impossible to please everybody. Finally, no praise is too high for the band of voluntary workers who worked so hard in the catering department and especially for Betty Weitz whose very efficient management did so much to ensure the success of the tournament.

G.F.R.

Results:

Event 1. Open Singles (American)

8 wins **M.F. Phelps** (+122)
6 wins **L. Wharrad** (+34)
5 wins **B.G.F. Weitz** (+82)
2 wins **J. Haigh** (-82)
1 win **F. Reynold** (-94)

Event 2. Scott Cup. Level Singles (2½ bisques and over)

DRAW

First Round: **G.F. Rothwell** bt Mrs. E. Weitz +10; **T. Vale** bt Mrs L.A. Coombs +13.

Second Round: **G.A. Hutcheson** bt P.R. Hardcastle +10; **G.F. Rothwell** bt G.T. Coates +24; **Vale** by Rev. C.H. Townshend +12; **M. French** bt N.W.T. Cox +24.

Semi-final: **Rothwell** bt Hutcheson +16; **French** bt Vale +7.

Final: **French** bt Rothwell +15.

PROCESS

First Round: **Hutcheson** bt Cox +4; **Hardcastle** bt French +1.

Second Round: **Mrs Weitz** bt Hutcheson +5; **Vale** bt Coates +26; **Hardcastle** bt Mrs Coombs +12; **Townshend** bt Rothwell +6.

Semi-final: **Vale** bt Mrs Weitz +12; **Townshend** bt Hardcastle +11.

Final: **Townshend** bt Vale +16.

PLAY-OFF: **Townshend** bt French +1.

Event 3. Daldy Cup. Handicap (5½ bisques and over)

DRAW

First Round: **R.A.G. Rogers** (6) bt Mrs E. Staddon (6) +15.

Second Round: **D.G. Palmer** (6) bt Mrs E. Mapletoft (7) +13; **Rogers** bt J. Exell (6) +11; **R.W. Ransom** (8) bt Miss P. Shine (7) +17; **D.G. Higgs** (7) bt G.F. Paxon (5½) +19.

MARRIAGE: Two life variation.

PROCESS

First Round: **Palmer** (7) bt Paxon (5½) w/o.

Second Round: **Rogers** bt Palmer +12; **Exell** bt Miss Shine +19; **Ransom** bt Mrs Mapletoft +13; **Mrs Staddon** bt Higgs +14.

MARRIAGE: Two life variation.

MARRIAGE

First Round: **Higgs** bt Mrs Staddon w/o; **Palmer** bt Exell +23.

Semi-final: **Higgs** bt Rogers +5; **Palmer** bt Ransom +2.

Final: **Palmer** bt Higgs +15.

Event 4. Monteith Bowl. Handicap Singles (9 bisques and over)

DRAW

First Round: **Mrs F.E. Ransom** (10) bt Mrs G.A. Hutcheson (12) +10; **Miss A. Ryan** (9) bt Miss J. Loveys (13) +4; **P.J. Mansfield** (12) bt Miss D. Harding (14) +7; **Mrs M. Vale** (9) bt Mrs S. Peatfield (12) +4.

Second Round: **Mrs A. Smith** (13) bt Mrs L. Wharrad (9) +9; **Mrs Ransom** bt Miss Ryan +4; **Mansfield** bt Mrs Vale +4; **Mrs S. French** (13) bt R. Hillyer (10) +14.

MARRIAGE: Two life variation.

PROCESS

First Round: **Mrs Smith** bt Mrs Peatfield +9; **Hillyer** bt Mrs Hutcheson +7; **Mrs Wharrad** bt Mrs French +4; **Mrs Ransom** bt Mrs Vale +13.

Second Round: **Mrs Smith** bt Miss Loveys +9; **Mansfield** bt Hillyer +4; **Miss Ryan** bt Mrs Wharrad +3; **Mrs Ransom** bt Miss Harding +3.

MARRIAGE: Two life variation.

MARRIAGE

First Round: **Mansfield** bt Mrs French +14; **Mrs Vale** bt Miss Ryan +9.

Semi-final: **Mrs Ransom** bt Mansfield +6; **Mrs Vale** bt Mrs Smith +14.

Final: **Ransom** bt Vale +3.

Event 5 (X). Douglas Jones Cup. Men's Handicap Singles

First Round: **G.T. Coates** (5) bt D.G. Higgs (7) +7; **B.G.F. Weitz** (½) bt G.F. Rothwell (3) +9; **Rev. C.H. Townshend** (3½) bt R. Hillyer (10) +15; **R.A.G. Rogers** (6) bt P.R. Hardcastle (4) +4.

Second Round: **F. Reynold** (2) bt P.J. Mansfield (12) +4; **R.W. Ransom** (8) bt G.A. Hutcheson (3½) +24; **M. French** (4) bt J. Haigh (2½) +2; **Weitz** bt Coates +9; **Townshend** bt Rogers +1; **M. Phelps** (0) bt J. Exell (6) +13; **T. Vale** (4½) bt L. Wharrad (1) +16; **D.G. Palmer** (6) bt G.F. Paxon (5½) +22.

Third Round: **Ransom** by Reynold +11; **French** bt Weitz +14; **Phelps** bt Townshend +22; **Palmer** bt Vale +11.

Semi-final: **Ransom** bt French +18; **Phelps** bt Palmer +12.

Final: **Ransom** bt Phelps +26.

Event 6 (X). The Sussex Vase. Womens Handicap Singles

First Round: **Mrs F.E. Ransom** (10) bt Mrs E. Mapletoft (7) +2; **Mrs T. Vale** (9) bt M/S K. Pitt (15) +11; **Mrs S. French** (13) bt Mrs E. Staddon (6) w/o; **Mrs L. Wharrad** (9) bt Miss A. Ryan (9) +14; **Mrs G.A. Hutcheson** (12) +5.

Second Round: **Mrs Ransom** bt Mrs L.A. Coombs +11; **Mrs French** bt Mrs Vale +3; **Mrs Wharrad** bt Mrs Hutcheson +9; **Mrs E. Weitz** (3½) bt Miss D. Harding (14) +3.

Semi-final: **Mrs Ransom** bt Mrs French +13; **Mrs Weitz** bt Mrs Wharrad +3.

Final: **Mrs Ransom** bt Mrs Weitz +22.

Event 7. Howard Austin Cups. Handicap Doubles

Semi-final: **Mrs E. Mapletoft & M. Phelps** (7) bt Mr & Mrs T. Vale (13½) +5; **Mr & Mrs Ransom** (18) bt G.F. Paxon & Mrs E. Lewis (13½) +13.

Final: **Mr & Mrs Ransom** bt Mrs Mapletoft & Phelps +5.

Cheltenham 25-27 August

Handicap (American in Blocks)

BLOCK A: **B.G. Neal** (-½) 6 wins (+61); W.R. Bawden (5) 4 wins (+37); G/Capt R.S. Ryan (7½) 4 wins (+34); Mrs C. Smith (3) 4 wins (+31); Mrs J.H.J. Soutter (5½) 2 wins (-29); Mrs L.B. Barnes (9) 1 win (-43); Mrs R.F.A. Crane (11) 0 wins (-91).

BLOCK B: **M.D.A. Strachan** (3½) 6 wins (+68); J. Jeffrey (9) 4 wins (+50); C. Duckworth (3) 4 wins (+19); Lady Bazley (4) 3 wins (+21); G.E.P. Jackson (0) 3 wins (-26); Mrs W.R. Bawden (8) 1 win (-78);

Mrs M. Langley (9) 0 wins (-54).

BLOCK C: **R. Race** (4½) 6 wins (+94); Mrs H. Handley (4) 4 wins (+18); G.K. Taylor (½) 4 wins (-22); M.J. Finn (6) 3 wins (+10); P. Leach (7½) 2 wins (-17); Miss I.M. Roe (6½) 1 win (-12); Mrs K.M.O. Wheeler (3) 1 win (-71).

BLOCK D: **J. Mann** (4) 4 wins (+35); L.V. Latham (½) 4 wins (+10); P.L. Smith (1) 4 wins (-7); L.B. Barnes (5½) 3 wins (+12); Mrs M.J. Finn (13) 3 wins (+10); Mrs M. Warren (7) 2 wins (+9); Mrs E. Dyson (9) 1 win (-69).

BLOCK E: **P.M. Johnson** (0) 6 wins (+61); R.F.A. Crane (4) 4 wins (+12); E.G. Kitchener (13) 3 wins (+22); J.H.J. Soutter (2) 2 wins (-22); Mrs B.G. Neal (5) 2 wins (-14); Mrs L.V. Latham (8) 2 wins (-30); G. Grist (9) 2 wins (-43).

85th HUNSTANTON TOURNAMENT 27 August-1 September

The sun shone kindly on Hunstanton for most of this relaxed and friendly tournament. Surprisingly, these even-paced lawns produced only one triple peel: that of Keith Aiton over John Wood. However, this was a week where Riggalling was 'de rigueur' for all serious contenders.

David Peterson seemed especially prone to this condition, ending many of his games with only two or three balls on the lawn, he stuck in 2-back against Keith Aiton, who had a rather tentative go at the quin, quad, and so on, but then Keith managed a splendid combination peg-out from some yards south of rover for the double Riggall. Keith's later attempt on the peg back through rover went awry, but he soon after finished the game.

David also pegged two balls out against Janet Assheton, when he was for 1-back versus 6th. Janet soon equalised, and a canny cat and mouse session followed until Janet's nerve broke first, and recklessly shot at David on the boundary and missed. "All over" thought the watching Brains Trust, but Janet proved us all wrong, having a fine Walters peg-out on her first attempt from the side boundary.

Two particularly successful players were Tim Harrison and Prof. Kenneth Campbell; both were in several finals. Tim also had a combo peg-out, though rather less spectacular than Keith's, in his final of the Big Handicap over the Professor. The Prof's special talent is peeling, and earlier in the week he demonstrated his prowess by Irish Peeling 3rd, ending a few feet south of the hoop, then rush-peeling 4th in the next stroke!

As usual, the whole tournament was professionally managed by Sarah Hampson, who kept everyone busy with what she termed a "Progressive Swiss Y" but seemed to be more of a Degenerating Swiss.

Over recent years, John Walters has so often been the custodian of Hunstanton silver-ware, that it was no surprise that he retained the premier-event trophy, the Norfolk Challenge Cup, by winning both the Draw and the Process.

The only real disappointment of the week was to find that Hunstanton Rock is no longer available, and has been replaced by a rather more faceless "Holiday Rock" — another sign of the decay of western civilisation!

M.R.F.

Event 1. Norfolk Challenge Cup. Open (Advanced)

DRAW

First Round: **Mrs J. Neville-Rolfe** bt N. Hyne +13; **D. Peterson** bt M. French +11; **K.M.H. Aiton** bt P. Hetherington +17.

Second Round: **Peterson** bt Mrs Neville-Rolfe +2; **A.J. Mrozinski** bt A.V. Camroux +6; **J. Walters** bt J. Haigh +12; **Aiton** bt J. Wood +7(TPO).

Semi-final: **Peterson** bt Mrozinski +9; **Walters** bt Aiton +18.

Final: **Walters** bt Peterson +4.

PROCESS

First Round: **Hyne** bt Wood +11; **Aiton** bt Peterson +1; **Mrs Neville-Rolfe** bt Hetherington.

Second Round: **Camroux** bt Hyne +4; **Walters** bt Aiton +16; **Mrozinski** bt Mrs Neville-Rolfe +9; **French** bt Haigh +11.

Semi-final: **Walters** bt Camroux +9; **Mrozinski** bt French +4.

Final: **Walters** bt Mrozinski +21.

PLAY-OFF (for 2nd place): **Peterson** bt Mrozinski +23.

Event 2. Hunstanton Challenge Bowl. Advanced (3½ to 7 bisques)

First Round: **T. Harrison** bt Miss J. Assheton +19.

Second Round: **Harrison** bt C. Abderhalden w/o; **R. Welsh** bt K. Campbell +10; **G. Henshaw** bt Miss S.G. Hampson +3; **D. Palmer** bt R.O. Gosden +10.

Semi-final: **Harrison** bt Welsh +10; **Henshaw** bt Palmer +10.

Final: **Harrison** bt Henshaw +13.

PROCESS

First Round: **Harrison** bt Palmer.

Second Round: **Harrison** bt Welsh +23; **Abderhalden** bt Miss Hampson w/o; **Miss J. Assheton** bt Henshaw +12; **Campbell** bt Gosden +14.

Semi-final: **Harrison** bt Abderhalden +19; **Campbell** bt Miss Assheton +1.

Final: **Harrison** bt Campbell +20.

Event 3. Silver Rose Bowl. Swiss (Handicap — 6 bisques and over).

3 wins	Mrs R.A. Gosden (7) (+17)
2 wins	H.F. Barnett (7) (+14)
2 wins	Mrs C. Abderhalden (8) (+14)
1 win	J.F.S. Thomas (8) (-14)
0 wins	Miss P.G. Hampson (8) (-5)
0 wins	Mrs H. A. Zinn (10) (-26)

Event 4. Ingleby Challenge Cup. Handicap

First Round: **T. Harrison** (3½) bt N. Hyne (1½) w/o; **A. Mrozinski** (2) bt Mrs H. Abderhalden (7) +15; **J. Wood** (2) bt R. Welsh (4) +14; **R. Gosden** (5) bt G. Henshaw (5) +24; **A.V. Camroux** (1) bt H. Barnett (7) +10; **Miss P. Hampson** (8) bt D. Peterson (1) w/o; **D. Palmer** (4½) bt K. Aiton (-½) w/o; **K. Campbell** (4½) bt Miss J. Assheton (4) +24; **P. Hetherington** (3) bt Mrs B. Gosden (7) +6; **Mrs N. Zinn** (10) bt J. Walters (½) w/o.

Second Round: **Miss S. Hampson** (3½) bt J.F.S. Thomas (8) +17; **Harrison** bt J. Haigh (2½) +21; **Mrozinski** bt Wood +19; **Camroux** bt Gosden +15; **Palmer** bt Miss P. Hampson +4; **Campbell** bt Hetherington +25; **Mrs Neville-Rolfe** (2½) bt Mrs Zinn +11; **M. French** (3) bt C. Abderhalden (5) +22.

Third Round: **Harrison** bt Miss S. Hampson +18; **Camroux** bt Mrozinski +4; **Campbell** bt Palmer +9; **French** bt Mrs Neville-Rolfe +24.

Semi-final: **Harrison** bt Camroux +10; **Campbell** bt French +7.

Final: **Harrison** bt Campbell +21.

Event 5. Hope Cups. Handicap Doubles

Semi-final: **Miss J. Assheton & R. Welsh** (8) bt P. Hetherington & Miss S. Hampson +17; **K. Campbell & N. Hyne** (6) bt H. Barnett & Mrs J. Neville-Rolfe +10.

Final: **Campbell & Hyne** bt Miss Assheton & Welsh +5.

Parkstone 27 August-1 September

Event 1. Bournemouth Bowl. Open (Singles)

DRAW

First Round: **Dr C.A. Parker** bt D.H. Moorcraft +4(T); **Mrs W.R.D. Wiggins** bt F.L. Shergold +17; **J.E. Guest** bt R.H.C. Carder +13.

Second Round: **R.I. Bailey** bt Dr J.A. McMordie +2(T); **Mrs Wiggins** bt Parker +25; **Guest** bt Mrs E. Asa-Thomas +18; **Dr W.R.D. Wiggins** bt L.S. Butler +20.

Semi-final: **Bailey** bt Mrs Wiggins +20; **Guest** bt Wiggins +9.

Final: **Guest** bt Bailey +14.

PROCESS

First Round: **McMordie** bt Mrs Asa-Thomas +20; **Moorcraft** bt Wiggins +10; **Bailey** bt Butler +2(T).

Second Round: **Mrs Wiggins** bt McMordie +20; **Moorcraft** bt Guest +5; **Bailey** bt Shergold +6(T); **Parker** bt Carder +13.

Semi-final: Mrs Wiggins bt Moorcraft +22; **Parker** bt Bailey +7(T).
Final: Mrs Wiggins bt Parker +6(T).

No Result of Play-Off.

Event 2. 'B' Level Singles (4-8 bisques)

5 wins **Miss P.E. Parker** (4½) (+63)
5 wins **Air Cdre J.H. Gresswell** (4) (+57)
4 wins **Mrs W.A. Scarr** (5) (-10)
3 wins **W.A. Scarr** (6) (+30)
3 wins **S.G. Kent** (6) (-9)
1 win **Mrs S.S. Cruden** (8) (-61)
0 wins **H.R. Mortimer** (8) (-70)

Event 3. 'C' Handicap Singles (9 bisques and over)

4 wins **D.C.D. Wiggins** (12) (+30).
4 wins **Mrs B.R. Saunders** (9) (+11)
2 wins **Mrs H.E. Rumsey** (15) (+12)
2 wins **G.C.H. Wheldon** (11) (-6)
2 wins **Miss A.M. Ryan** (9) (-15)
1 win **J.O. Mays** (9) (-32)

Event 4 (X). Bishop Cup. Unrestricted (Handicap)

First Round: Miss P.E. Parker (4½) bt **W.A. Scarr** (6) +4; **Dr J.A. McMordie** (3) bt **H.R. Mortimer** (8) +3; **R.H.C. Carder** (3½) bt **D.H. Moorcraft** (½) +7; **Mrs W.R.D. Wiggins** (0) bt **L.S. Butler** (½) +19; **D.C.D. Wiggins** (12) bt **Air Cdre J.H. Gresswell** (4) +15; **R.F. Bailey** (3) bt **Dr W.R.D. Wiggins** (½) +3; **J.E. Guest** (1) bt **Miss A.M. Ryan** (9) +8; **F.L. Shergold** (1½) bt **Mrs E. Asa-Thomas** (3) +11.

Second Round: Mrs W.A. Scarr (5) bt **G.C.H. Wheldon** (11) +3(T); **Dr C.A. Parker** (1½) bt **J.O. Mays** (9) +22; **Miss Parker** bt **McMordie** +7; **Mrs Wiggins** bt **Carder** +7; **Bailey** bt **D.C.D. Wiggins** +5; **Guest** bt **Shergold** +13; **Mrs B.R. Saunders** (9) bt **S.G. Kent** (6) +20; **Mrs M.E. Rumsey** (15) bt **Mrs S.S. Cruden** +2(T).

Third Round: Dr Parker bt **Mrs Scarr** +18; **Miss Parker** bt **Mrs Wiggins** w/o; **Bailey** bt **Guest** +1; **Mrs Saunders** bt **Mrs Rumsey** +16.

Semi-final: Miss Parker bt **Dr Parker** +20; **Bailey** bt **Mrs Saunders** +13.

Final: Bailey bt **Miss Parker** +12.

Event 4 (Y). Halse Cup. Handicap

Semi-final: D.H. Moorcraft (½) bt **Air Cdre J.H. Gresswell** (4) +14; **Dr W.R.D. Wiggins** (½) bt **S.G. Kent** (6) +15.

Final: Wiggins bt **Moorcraft** +5.

Event 5. Autumn Doubles Cup. Handicap

Semi-final: Mrs W.R.D. Wiggins & D.C.D. Wiggins (12) bt **J.E. Guest & H.R. Mortimer** (9) +22; **Dr J.A. McMordie & Miss P.E. Parker** (7½) bt **R.F. Bailey & Mrs S.C. Cruden** (11) +18.

Final: Mrs Wiggins & D.C.D. Wiggins bt **McMordie & Miss Parker** +2(T).

PRESIDENT'S CUP

Hurlingham 4-8 September

A record was broken, a new star twinkled promisingly and two old comets returned. Nigel Aspinall recorded his tenth victory in this competition and in so doing overtook John Solomon. If his play is a little less dominating than in the past, it is still wonderfully pragmatic and he retains the most effective qualities of Napoleon's generals. He was closely pursued by a pack of three after he took the lead on Thursday morning and played exceedingly well to defeat Eric Solomon in their crucial clash in Round 13. Steve Mulliner finished second without a triple to his name or ever appearing to find top gear. The new star was Keith Aiton, who made a genuinely impressive debut after Andrew Hope was forced to withdraw at the last minute. He played with aggression and great style all week, finished joint third with 8 wins and must merit consideration for a Test place in 1986 if he can maintain his progress. Eric Solomon also scored 8

wins and gave his most effective performance in this event for 5 years. His single ball shots were his greatest strength and he recorded excellent wins against both Aspinall and Mulliner.

The old comets were Michael Heap and Keith Wylie who finished 5th and 6th with 7 and 6 wins respectively. Heap showed that the glimmerings of international form that he displayed at the Opens were genuine portents and it was good to hear that he hopes to continue playing and to be available for the Tests. Wylie was as entertaining as ever, combining some fine play with the disasters borne of rustiness. Your correspondent will treasure their second encounter which ended with Wylie taking three 30 yard shots accompanied by the usual running commentary, cries of anguish as each ball missed its target by nothing and the inevitable lesson on tactics after the game. David Openshaw and John McCullough had poor weeks on paper but neither were disgraced. Openshaw completed three elegant triples and McCullough taught Aiton one of the harder lessons of life at the top when he trounced him by the maximum margin.

Tuesday Aiton and Heap made excellent starts with triples against Solomon and McCullough after their opponents had made the first breaks. Mulliner reached peg and rover before Openshaw took croquet but at once hit in from 20 yards to take the game. Aspinall and Wylie had a fluctuating match which Wylie seemed likely to win until his finishing 3-ball break ended at 4-back. In the afternoon, Aiton TPO'd Wylie and won the pegged-out game convincingly. Mulliner again reached peg and rover before his opponent, Heap, took croquet. However, Disaster at 1-back with the second ball let Mulliner back in. The Openshaw/McCullough game was succinctly described as 'Rubbish' by JR and 'FTP' by the winner. In the last match of Round 2, Solomon reached 4-back in the 6th turn, Aspinall hit and replied in kind, Solomon hit and went to the peg, Aspinall missed his last two shots and Solomon duly recorded an excellent win. Round 3 began with a third win for Aiton in a game identical to the DKO/JRM game described above except for the identity of the winner. Wylie produced a triple after Openshaw's stuck in hoop 1. Solomon and Heap extended their game into the dusk where Eric's extra carrots at lunchtime came into their own, +2. In a potentially significant game, Aspinall v Mulliner, Aspinall reached peg and penult in the 9th turn, leaving a fractionally defective cross-peg which was hit. Mulliner went to 4-back at once and embarked on an absolutely standard TP. However, a badly-placed 1-back pioneer resulted in tragedy at 2-back and that was that.

Wednesday The morning began with quick wins for Mulliner and McCullough against Wylie and Solomon while Aiton continued his unbroken run at the expense of Heap. Openshaw seemed likely to inflict another defeat on Aspinall when he set up a standard TP but the slight hill at hoop 3 on lawn 4 proved fatal. Round 5 contained four spotty games in which the largest winning margin was +14. Aspinall and Wylie (with a triple) eventually defeated Heap and McCullough and Solomon took his chances well against Mulliner. The most interesting finish involved Aiton and Openshaw and the latter was possibly a little unlucky as Aiton scored yet another. Evening interest centred on Mulliner's attempt to halt Aiton. After each player had a ball round the luck shifted significantly to Mulliner when a take-off from corner 3 finished one foot due east of an enemy ball in corner 4. Assisted by this good omen, Mulliner finished in two turns. Aspinall and McCullough had close games in 1983 and had yet another now. However, Aspinall finally emerged to share the lead with Aiton. Solomon had a straightforward win over Openshaw and Heap triumphed in another prolonged twilight encounter with Wylie.

Thursday The game between the two leaders began excellently and then the nerves took over. Aspinall hit a last shot when Aiton was laid for peg and penult, but stuck in rover from short range. Aiton hit the fraction of the ball he could see but could not get the rush to the hoop and laid. Aspinall now just clipped another last shot and finished. Mulliner joined Aiton in second place after comfortably beating McCullough. Wylie and Heap continued their modest revivals at the expense of Solomon and Openshaw. The half-way positions were thus: Aspinall 6; Aiton, Mulliner 5; Solomon 4; Heap, Wylie, 3; McCullough, Openshaw 1. However, it was clear that all were more evenly-matched than the results suggested and anything could happen. Three of the afternoon games repeated the results of Round 1 and confirmed the good form of Aspinall and Aiton while Mulliner's hopes received a blow when a hampered miss after hoop a let Openshaw in to finish in two turns with an excellent triple. However, the evening session lived up to the half-way omens. Heap and McCullough did not allow Aspinall and Aiton to take croquet. Openshaw produced a second triple to gain his revenge against

Wylie and Mulliner made one mistake against Solomon who promptly went out in two turns, including a triple.

Friday There was no doubt about match of the morning. Mulliner had to beat Aspinall to stay in contention himself and keep Aspinall within range of the pack. In a suitably electric atmosphere, Aspinall reached 4-back quickly but laid after the lift was missed. Mulliner now hit and reached peg and 4-back in two turns. Aspinall hit, could not make immediate progress, eventually had to guard the boundary 6 yards from partner and missed. Mulliner now hit with his backward ball and finished. Aiton and Solomon kept in touch with wins against Openshaw and Heap while Wylie and McCullough reached no result by lunchtime with McCullough winning the resumption + N.I.D. Round 11 contained an excellent straight triple by Heap against Aiton, two well-contested wins for Aspinall and Solomon against McCullough and Openshaw and the entertaining game between Mulliner and Wylie mentioned earlier in this report. The weather had been nothing to get excited about so far, being comfortably the worst of the summer, but the evening was idyllically calm and warm and produced excellent croquet from everyone. Solomon and Wylie had excellent wins against McCullough and Heap in which the innings changed hands only by shooting. Aspinall had a cliff-hanger against Openshaw in which he finally hit a ball north of hoop 3 from corner 1 when for the peg alone against peg and 4-back. It was well-deserved after he had sportingly deemed himself to have rushed onto the peg at the end of a triple (the third example of the 'greivous' to have happened to him this season) on the basis that he could not be sure that it did not make contact. After Mulliner reached 4-back in the 5th, Aiton played memorably (including approaching hoop 1 from hoop 4) to reach peg and rover before a poor approach forced him to retreat. He never took croquet again as Mulliner played a defensive game with patience to win +2.

Saturday Unusually, no less than four players had an active interest

President's Cup 1984	ASPINALL	MULLINER	AITON	SOLOMON	HEAP	WYLIE	OPENSHAW	McCULLOUGH	Games Won			Final Order
									1st Series	2nd Series	Total	
G.N. Aspinall		+9 -15	+4 -14	-17 +17*	+11 -26	+5 +24	+9 +5	+8 +17	6	4	10	1st
S.N. Mulliner	-9 +15		+16 +2	-12 -11	+11 -14	+24 +14	+26 -13	+20 +5	5	4	9	2nd
K.M.H. Aiton	-4 +14	-16 -2		+12* +6	+12 -26	+12† -6	+5 +16	+22 -26	5	3	8	=3rd
Dr E.W. Solomon	+17 -17	+12 +11*	-12 -6		+2 +4	-3 -6	+23 +14	-26 +17	4	4	8	=3rd
M.E.W. Heap	-11 +26*	-11 +14	-12 +26‡	-2 -4		+12 -16	+14 -19	+9* +12	3	4	7	5th
K.F. Wylie	-5 -24	-24 -14	-12 +6	+3 +6	-12 +16		+25* -22	+14* -1	3	3	6	6th
D.K. Openshaw	-9 -5	-26 +13*	-5 -16	-23 -14	-14 +19*	-25 +22*		+16 +17	1	4	5	7th
J.R. McCullough	-8 -17	-20 -5	-22 +26	+26 -17	-9 -12	-14 +1	-16 -17		1	2	3	8th

* = Triple Peel † = Triple Peel Opponent ‡ = Straight triple peel

THE CHAIRMAN'S SALVER

Colchester 3-7 September

The 1984 edition promised to be the strongest for many years as evidenced by the selection of one of the last Test team, Martin Murray, in the event, due to the equally strong selection of the President's Cup. However, Martin had to withdraw because of pressure of work, thus causing the promotion from the Spencer-Ell Cup, of Ian Bond. Then 48 hours before the event began, Andrew Hope scratched from the President's due to an overnight disaster on his farm so Keith Aiton was promoted and Dyall Gunasekera uplifted from the "Ell" to replace him.

Based on form shown throughout the season, Richard Hilditch was favourite for the event in most peoples' opinion with Phil Cordingley

in first place before Round 13 and two, Solomon and Aiton, had games against the current leader, Aspinall. Against Solomon, Aspinall reached 4-back in the 5th turn. Solomon hit and replied in kind. Aspinall now rose to the occasion by hitting and finishing with a triple, his first of the week. It was a great exhibition of croquet by both players. Aiton's chances went when he lost a close finish to Wylie and Openshaw won in style against McCullough. The last game in play was crucial. If Heap beat Mulliner, Aspinall was home and dry. It would not be unfair to say that Heap rode his luck in the early stages, his first break featuring very lengthy approaches to hoops 3 and 4, both played with aplomb, and his second included an amazing stop shot approach to hoop 4 from the middle of the south boundary. Mulliner had chances when a straight triple attempt came to grief and again when he hit the final lift but a brave attempt to approach hoop 4 from the corner left too long a hoop and Heap soon finished. This gave the final round a rather anti-climatic air, but play was hardly uninteresting. Openshaw finished on a high note with his third triple at the expense of Heap, Mulliner applied Riggall's Law against McCullough and Aiton achieved a very satisfactory revenge against Aspinall. Wylie, fittingly, was the last to finish and did so with a victory against Solomon whose shooting, once he has been pegged out, did not permit him to hit any unwired shots! However his long-range approach to 4-back had insufficient Croker and he did not get another chance.

It would be wrong to end this report without reference to the lady from the Sunday Times and the meal kindly organised by John McCullough on Friday night. The former was evidently disappointed by the lack of flamingoes, but could not deny that the games were played with the interesting combination of serious intent and pleasant sportsmanship, while the latter was most enjoyable and will hopefully set a precedent.

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second and possibly local boy, Mark Avery as an outside bet.

Round 1 Weather sunny and courts fast. Cordingley first to finish allowing David Croker only 3 hoops. Bond beat Avery after each had good opportunities marred by being hampered after running hoops but Bond eventually made 2 good breaks to take control. Dave Foulser faced Hilditch who he had lost to in all 4 encounters between them in 1984. Hilditch went to 4-back early on but opponent hit long lift and went round. After missed lift Foulser went to peg with other ball and won soon after. The remaining scrappy game saw Eddie Bell win despite failing a straight quadruple because Gunasekera failed his straight triple.

Round 2 Avery clinically despatched Foulser by hitting long shot to get 1st ball round — D.F. hit long lift but blobbed 6th hoop and never took croquet again. Croker went to 4-back on 4th turn but failed his

triple after Gunasekera missed, by blobbing simple 4-back with 2 peels completed. D.G. single peeled opponent and pegged him out mistakenly leaving Croker's other ball in front of 4-back. D.C. ran it, hit from 40 yards and finished. Cordingley beat Bell despite going off by opponent's balls on take-offs 3 times. Bond despatched Hilditch in messy game.

Round 3 Cordingley hit the long "Mulliner" shot on 3rd turn (shooting at partner ball near 4th corner from 'B' baulk) and went to 4-back after Avery missed. M.A. hit short lift but blobbed 1st giving P.C. break but he failed 6th so M.A. started triple doing one peel with a cannon rush to 6 but finished peg and penult, winning on his next turn.

Summary 2 wins: Avery, Bond, Cordingley, Croker, Foulser. 1 win: Bell and Hilditch. 0 wins: Gunasekera.

Round 4 After 10 minutes of play Foulser had telephone call from his wife telling him his 16 month old daughter had been rushed to hospital because of breathing difficulties, for X-rays and a 4 or 5 day stay. Naturally, this left him temporarily unable to concentrate for a while resulting in him blobbing 3 hoops resulting in Gunasekera being peg and 4-back with D.F. and 1-back. D.G. stuck in 4-back so D.F. went to peg with backward ball and pegged out the opposition. D.G. hit a half wired ball from 30 yards and finished when D.F. was laid up for 3-back. Cordingley beat Bond and Bell triumphed over Hilditch in scrappy games whilst both Avery and Croker were affected by gusty winds and slower speed of courts due to overnight rain but Avery won comfortably.

Round 5 Hilditch did 2 peels of a triple in a maximum win against Croker. Avery had a quadruple set up against Bell but blobbed 4th but won anyway. Foulser went to 4-back after Cordingley hit his twice but missed oppo's ball on subsequent take-off. Foulser failed 2-back whilst attempting TP but won soon afterwards due to fine long hitting. Bond beat Gunasekera despite failing penult having done 2 peels of triple.

Round 6 Avery now in supremely confident form did fine straight triple against Gunasekera. Croker looked like doing triple against Foulser but blobbed 3-back with 2 peels done. The other two games were dour in nature but saw Hilditch beat Cordingley and Bond get the better of Bell.

Summary 5 wins: Avery. 4 wins: Bond and Foulser. 3 wins: Cordingley and Hilditch. 2 wins: Bell and Croker. 1 win: Gunasekera.

Round 7 In a critical game, Bond went to 2-back on 4th turn having been hampered after 1-back allowing Foulser to 4-back. D.F. failed to approach 5th after missed lift. I.B. hampered after 5 and laid up in middle of lawn but D.F. missed shot then but hit long shot on next turn after I.B. joined up on boundary on boundary, and went to peg with backward ball. I.B. hit lift and laid up but D.F.'s marvellous shooting got the innings back but he failed rover. I.B. hit but had to leave oppo ball still in rover whilst he laid up D.F. ran rover and hit partner ball and finished.

Round 8 A splendid 11th turn finish by Foulser with Hilditch not taking croquet. D.F. did all 3 peels of triple but failed to peg out which he did next turn. Bond beat Avery again wisely abandoning a persistent attempt at a TPO — he tried the penult peel unsuccessfully after 3, after 6, after 1-back, after 2-back, after 3-back and before penult but got good leave and so M.A. got nothing from contact. Bell beat Gunasekera and Cordingley thrashed Croker in dour games.

Round 9 Excitement now mounting with Avery and Foulser both on 6 wins with Bond on 5. Avery perhaps affected by pressure did not attempt any triple in defeating Cordingley. Foulser beat Bell by the narrowest of margins in a classic match watched with great interest by 4 spectators from the Prichard family — David, Betty, William and his wife.

Summary 7 wins: Avery and Foulser. 6 wins: Bond. 4 wins: Cordingley, Croker and Hilditch. 3 wins: Bell and Gunasekera.

Round 10 Despite blobbing 1st hoop with each ball against Bell, Avery only conceded six hoops and then did a good triple in 65 minutes — first time in history that Bell's game was first in round to finish. Foulser broke down on a TP against Cordingley by discovering a bit of hill at 1-back with one peel done, from which P.C. went round but missed return roquet after 1st giving initiative back to D.F. who never relinquished it. Bond made a valiant recovery against Croker who was peg and 4-back against 2 + 3 but did not quite make it. Hilditch gave the usual 4 balls around rover leave when trying TP against Gunasekera who won gratefully.

Round 11 Before this began there was very heavy rain including hailstones for ½ hour and courts too heavy to play on for further ¾ hour. The character of the matches in rounds 11 and 12 changed completely. Bond virtually gave up against Bell because he was unable to rush across the court but eventually recovered to win. Croker first round against Avery who hit and later started a TP but failed 6 with 1 peel done. Croker hit but blobbed 2-back. M.A. went to peg with backward ball and accomplished fine but very aggressive leave — balls in penult and rover with himself having reverse rush in 2nd corner. D.C. declined a lift and placed ball in penult just out of 1st corner. M.A. played well to make both hoops but missed peg out with both balls leaving one near peg and other near 4th corner. D.C. joined up, M.A. pegged out one ball but D.C. played well to win +1. Foulser meanwhile had got revenge for his first round defeat by Gunasekera due to some exceptional rushing and shooting. Cordingley beat Hilditch in quick game.

Round 12 Gunasekera laid up conventionally for sextuple against Avery who missed despite managing to jump over 1st hoop. D.G. played fantastically well to reach the peg having done 5 peels and a reasonable leave. Avery got going after contact and started triple after D.G. missed lift. He ended the turn peg and rover — D.G. missed lift and Avery made rover off partner. He pegged out 1 ball leaving other close to peg with oppo balls separated. D.G. hit peg ball by peg and peg M.A. by +1 (again). Foulser gleefully seized the chance to go 2 up with 2 to play by beating Croker after hitting some potentially suicide shots. Hilditch defeated Bell in a humorous pegged out game in which Bell had some bad luck when shooting at oppo balls, needing to make only rover himself. Cordingley ended Bond's challenge for the Chairman's by just getting the better of a close encounter.

Summary 10 wins: Foulser. 8 wins: Avery. 7 wins: Bond and Cordingley. 6 wins: Croker and Hilditch. 4 wins: Gunasekera. 3 wins: Bell.

Round 13 Everyone wondered whether Foulser would manage to avoid finding himself in a play-off given that he had lost previous play-offs in 1979 (to John Phillips) and 1981 (to Ian Vincent who in turn lost to John McCullough). Foulser had to play his nearest and only rival for the Salver — Avery. After Avery missed tice, D.F. laid up wired by 4th hoop with rush to 1st. M.A. went middle of north boundary from the tice position. D.F. made 1 and rushed 4 yards north of 2 — did a great take-off to get behind 2nd corner ball with rush to 2 — he declined it and instead rush it 5 feet west of 2 and stopped it to hoop 3 landing in position for 2 which he ran successfully that fine play getting him round to 4 back. M.A. missed lift and D.F. started triple but failed 3-back after 2 peels done. M.A. hit ball in hoop, split it to 2 and went to ball near west boundary. He tried pass-roll hoop approach but landed so close to the hoop that it was difficult getting back to partner ball near 3rd hoop. Academic as Foulser hit 18 yard shot with forward ball and made rover shortly after leaving oppo balls cross-wired at 4-back with himself laid up on south boundary with rush to 3-back. M.A. missed long shot and D.F. finished to win the event with a +26 win over his nearest rival. Cordingley continued his late run for a place near the top with a nice standard triple against Bell who only took croquet once early on. Hilditch crushed Bond and Croker won a scrappy game with Gunasekera.

Round 14 Most of the eight promised the local spectators sextuple attempts. Best was by Hilditch against Avery in which he got to 3-back having done 3 peels whereupon he thought it prudent to lay-up as giving contact when Avery was for rover with both balls seemed unwise. Previously M.A. had tried a sextuple on which he broke down at 2-back with 3 peels nicely done. Hilditch finished off the game with a straight triple in which he only used 3 balls other than a little roquet of the 4th ball in the 4th corner to start the turn — fantastic turn. Gunasekera did sextuple leave against Cordingley but in attempting pass-roll peel through 1-back, he missed roquet on ball at 1st hoop and lost as the opponent went round smoothly in 3 dour turns. Foulser also laid up for sextuple but Bond hit the long shot and started the SXTPO doing the 1-back peel failed 1st — D.F. went to peg with 1 peel and finished after lift missed. Bell beat Croker easily and again finished first but this time he won.

Conclusion Foulser was a very worthy winner with 12 wins, equalling the highest winning margin in this event of Michael Stride in 1970 and Eric Solomon in 1978, the last 10 in succession — he probably made less mistakes than the others, certainly made opponents sorry for their errors in a ruthless and determined manner. His rushing was powerful and accurate and his shooting tremendously consistent. Although he did not finish a triple he attempted them in

several games and often took 6 or 7 yards shots at oppo balls to get breaks started. Certainly his change to a heavy "Jackson" mallet seems to have seen a return to the form he showed from 1979 to 1981 when he looked to challenging the top few for a place amongst them. Although Avery's challenge faded towards the end, he also played very well and his shooting was menacing until the last few games. His enterprising style will see him to success in this event another time — a creditable debut in an "eight". Cordingley played well, on the whole but had 3 successive defeats midway through the event which cost him dearly. Bond was playing very stylishly during the first half but rather faded afterwards as he does tend to do. Hilditch was erratic and did miss many shortish shots because he was occasionally having trouble with pain in his wrist. Croker shot fairly well but perhaps made more errors than usual — especially on hoop running. Bell had 9 single figure results which reflects the fact that he could have finished much higher had his luck began better. Gunasekera was not playing confidently and was erratic as well but

played some very good turns at times.

The Colchester Club were excellent hosts and the lawns a pleasure to play-on. The catering was superb and Edward Duffield's management unobtrusive and efficient — the players had a real embarrassment in that they all wrongly assumed that one of them had invited Edward and his wife to the customary last night dinner.

Observations Could it be a record — Foulser went in first in all 14 games as he chose to open on the 7 times he won the toss, the opposition chose colours on 5 and put him in twice. He resisted shooting at any opposition tice and so always had his two balls in the 4th corner vicinity. Only one opponent followed him into that area resulting in D.F. also hitting and going to 4-back. Additionally D.F. played with black and blue in 13 games. Average age of the contestants in this year's events was fairly young: President's 34, Chairman's 29 and Spencer-Ell 30.

Chairman's Salver 1984	FOULSER	AVERY	CORDINGLEY	BOND	HILDITCH	CROKER	BELL	GUNASEKERA	Games Won			Final Order
									1st Series	2nd Series	Total	
D.R. Foulser		-21 +26	+17 +16	+11 +21	+15 +26	+4 +13	+14 +1	-7 +14	5	7	12	1st
M.N. Avery	+21 -26		+21 +16	-13 -16	+18 -4	+13 -4	+6 +20*	+21† -1	6	2	8	=2nd
P. Cordingley	-17 -16	-21 -16		+16 +7	-17 +8	+23 +25	+8 +26*	-11 +18	3	5	8	=2nd
I.D. Bond	-11 -21	+13 +16	-16 -7		+12 -25	-25 -4	+5 +10	+20 +18	4	3	7	=4th
J.R. Hilditch	-15 -26	-18 +4†	+17 -8	-12 +25		+26 +3	-6 +2	+16 -4	3	4	7	=4th
D.J. Croker	-4 -13	-13 +1	-23 -25	+25 +4	-26 -3		+5 -19	+11 +10	3	3	6	6th
E. Bell	-14 -1	-6 -20	-8 -26	-5 -10	+6 -2	-5 +19		+4 +7	2	2	4	=7th
D.L. Gunasekera	+7 -14	-21 +1	+11 -18	-20 -18	-16 +4	-11 -10	-4 -7		2	2	4	=7th

* = Triple Peel † = Straight Triple Peel

Spencer-Ell 1984	IRWIN	DAVIS	GUEST	VINCENT	HYNE	PETERSON	WALTERS	WOOD	Games Won			Final Order
									1st Series	2nd Series	Total	
C.J. Irwin		+17 -6	+6 +3	+7 -14	+16 +5	+3 +2	+25 +15	+15 +26	7	5	12	1st
E.J. Davis	-17 +6		+11 -21	+7 -16	+24 +3†	-17 +10	+11 +25*	+5 +17	4	5	9	2nd
J.E. Guest	-6 -3	-11 +21		+3 -8	-18 +25	+16 +15	+5 -15	+26 +8	4	4	8	=3rd
I.G. Vincent	-7 +14	-7 +16	-3 +8		+4 -23	+26 -14	+12 -26	+23 +4	4	4	8	=3rd
N.G. Hyne	-16 -5	+24 -3	+18 -5	-4 +23		-22 +15	+25 -5	+17 +3	4	3	7	5th
D. Peterson	-3 -2	+17† -10	-16 -15	-26 +14	+22 -15		+8† -17	+2 +11	4	2	6	6th
J.O. Walters	-25 -15	-11 -25	-5 +15	-12 +26	-25 +5	-8 +17*		-20 +12†	0	5	5	7th
T.I. Wood	-15 -26	-5 -17	-26 -8	-23 -4	-17 -3	-2 -11	+20 -12		1	0	1	8th

* = Triple Peel † = Triple Peel Opponent ‡ = Straight Triple Peel

In reply to "All This and Heaven Too"

Comment by Chairman of Laws Committee

This is an ideal situation for invoking Law 51, which states that "any situation which does not appear to be covered by these laws must be dealt with as best meets the justice of the case". If I were the referee I would leave Red's clip on the peg but would not restore any bisques used after Red ran hoop 2.

I am indebted to Steve Mulliner for pointing out that a similar situation was dealt with in Questions and Answers on the Laws in Gazette 169, p.19.

It has to be admitted that the Laws referred to by Dr Parker do not deal adequately with such situations, and there were similar deficiencies in the Third Edition. The Laws Committee will be looking into the problem during the winter months.

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OBITUARY

MRS. THERESA BLACKLER

"Tessa" Blackler of Budleigh Salterton Club died on 12th August after a short and sudden illness.

She was a keen church member and was particularly helpful with her regular coaching and encouragement to beginners. She will be very sadly missed by all her pupils and many friends. Our very deep sympathy to Sam.

Apps-Heley award, Apps Trophy and Steele Bowl

The Apps-Heley award is made annually to the "most deserving" Club: that is, the one that has done the most for croquet or made the most progress during the year.

As a member of the Club itself is often the only person able to explain what a club has achieved, please do not feel inhibited in writing to Brian Macmillan to nominate your own club for this award for 1984. Nominations should be received by 30th November, and this will allow time for more detailed evaluation should that be necessary.

We should also like to receive nominations for the most improved players (men and women) by the same date. These nominations will then be considered for the award of the Apps Trophy and the Steele Bowl respectively.

C. Hudson

The Greatest Player Ever

by S. S. Townsend

In the account of the celebration of the 80th birthday of Humphrey Hicks reference is made to the toast by John Solomon to "the greatest croquet player there has ever been," at which point the minds of many readers must have been jolted somewhat sharply. It is of course typical of Johns innate modesty that he should have used words which could arguably be applied to himself.

It is a recurrent habit for devotees of games to indulge in speculation about who is or was their greatest exponent; thus, would W. G. Grace rank as high as Bradman, how would McEnroe be placed against Borg or Laver, and so on ad nauseam. Although such comparisons are inevitably fruitless, I am tempted by John's remark to express a few thoughts on croquet primacy.

There are still a few whose memories go back to pre-war who would seriously dispute that no player could have been greater than Miss D. D. Steel. Probably the best riposte to this dwindling body would be to question whether she could have adapted her game to its post-war developments, the triple peel, the three-ball triple, the variation of leaves, or indeed the sextuple peel if one is disposed to argue that its achievement in championship play represents a consummation devoutly to be wished.

Which leads me back to Humphrey. Although his achievements bridge the pre and post-war periods, by far the majority were post-war. It is indisputable that in the late 1940s when he bestrode the croquet world like a colossus, top-class players were somewhat thin on the ground, and, as David Prichard so aptly puts it in his History of Croquet, Hicks was a pike among the minnows. If this appears to be denigrating the achievements of one who was Open Champion for four consecutive years from 1947 to 1950, I do not need to be reminded that in 1954 when both Solomon and Cotter had broken upon the croquet scene and were indeed already in their prime, Hicks achieve the unique peak of winning all his 14 games in the President's Cup. Of John Solomon himself what remains to be written, of one who in his time held 48 championship titles? Suffice to recall that at the age of 19, not yet having played in any championship he was invited to join the Test team visiting New Zealand and while there distinguished himself by winning the Open Championship and the Double (partnered by Hicks). And who knows what the future would hold, if for one still in his early fifties he should decide to take up his mallet again. One is reminded that only those who have been to the top know the way back.

And so to the present day when the standard at top level is surely higher than ever before. It would need a mind more finely honed than mine even to begin to deduce how Miss Steel, Hicks, Solomon or Cotter would fare week in week out against the likes of Aspinall, Mulliner or Wylie, to name but three. How many more peaks must Aspinall climb before being regarded as primus inter pares? What does the future hold for Mulliner, still a relative stripling? To what level would Wylie have risen if winning matches appeared to be a secondary consideration to that of revelling in a seemingly unending variety of subtle manoeuvres?

These are but random thoughts on a subject which could well have deserved a chapter in David Prichard's History of Croquet, but I suspect that having given it thought he realised its inconsequence, and, as he wrote in another connection, it is not a burning question. I am also aware that I have not mentioned a single overseas player.

LAWS OF ADVANCED PLAY

I was interested to read Steve Mulliner's letter in Gazette No. 175. I have experimented with a different modification, namely that the turn shall end if any ball is sent off the lawn for any reason (with no exceptions). The first game in which this was used ended with a routine T.P. so I am prepared to believe that this is not the best solution to the problem of one-sided games. Let me analyse the differences that this modification makes, or may make, to the conduct of a game.

Firstly, rushes must be accurate as to length as well as direction if a break is to be picked up. For example, suppose that the striker can approach a hoop with sufficient control to obtain a rush after making the hoop. Then he can take the rush towards a ball on a nearby boundary. He must choose between trying to rush close to the boundary and stop-shooting back into the lawn (similar to his line of play under the present laws) or taking the safer option of rushing to a position several yards into the lawn and then taking-off behind the ball on the boundary. Remember that the striker had sufficient control at the hoop to obtain the rush so there will be no danger of the striker's ball going off the lawn in the rush stroke. I believe that under very easy conditions (wide hoops, slow lawn) there is still a sufficient challenge to reward the accurate player, whereas the inaccurate player (who lacks control at the hoops, for example) will find it difficult to make progress.

Secondly, croquet shots must be accurate, and indeed more ambitions, especially when the striker is attempting to bring a boundary ball into play. Once established a break is not significantly more difficult to play, but establishing the break is more difficult. Suppose that in the early stages of the game red and yellow are joined up on the East boundary. Blue and black may feel safe in joining up on the West boundary, thus forcing red and yellow to attempt an accurate take-off in order to keep the innings.

However, red and yellow may be content simply to lay a rush and thus give blue and black a chance to make progress. It seems to me that both sides will have chances to take control at the start of the game. This is presumably desirable.

What concerns me most about this modification is that after the first break has been established and made, then the player with the lift has less chance of obtaining the innings. Suppose he is faced with the position of having one of his balls near 2nd, wired from the end of B baulk, and the other glued in 2-back, with the opponent having a rush to 2nd from the East boundary. The only shot he can hit harder than dead weight is the shot from A-baulk to 2nd. Is it reasonable to expect him to execute this shot accurately enough to stand even a remote chance of hitting? Of course if he misses this shot he leaves an easier position for his opponent, possibly, therefore, it should be permissible for a ball to go off the lawn after a lift shot. This would give the player with the lift as good a chance of obtaining the innings as he now has.

It may be that this is not enough and that the restriction should be lifted for the first stroke of the turn, as Steve suggests. I have a gut feeling that this is not a good idea, but what is really needed is some practical experience. Try it and see!

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THE PERFECT GAME

Here is a problem that someone put to me in a pub in Budleigh Salterton. Imagine if you will that two perfect croquet players are pitted against each other. One of them is called Nigel. By coincidence so is the other. Imagine also that they are to play on a flat lawn with regulation hoops set firmly in the ground. Anyway, Nigel wins the toss and here is the crux of the problem — should he go first or second? (By now you should have discerned what a ridiculous problem this is — surely everybody know it is best to choose red and yellow!)

Suppose Nigel goes in; then he can run 1st and 2nd but not 3rd. There is nowhere he can hide on the lawn to prevent the second ball from picking up a 2-ball break. However, there is similarly nowhere that the second ball can go at the end of his break to prevent the third ball going round — ditto for the fourth ball. So Nigel should go second. Wait just a minute though — the perfect game of croquet has no peels in it? This cannot be right. Surely it is fairly simple for Nigel to perform a dectuple peel on the third turn and thus he should go in.

However, Nigel can also do a dectuple on the opponent in the second turn pegging out both balls. This would leave only the trivial 2-ball break to be made in the fourth turn. So Nigel should go second. This is not quite the whole story, however. Suppose Nigel does not make any hoops in the first turn and plays instead to a position from which he cannot be rushed to in front of 1st — e.g. on the East boundary a few yards up from 4th corner (yawn). Does this thwart Nigel's attempt to peel out on the second turn? Of course not — he simply approaches 1st and after running the hoop he rushes the other ball in front of 1st and peels it through 1st and 2nd, approaching 2nd himself at the same time and continues as with the dectuple. As the books say, this is a shot which may need a little practice, but once mastered is one which will reap rich rewards.

So there it is — the perfect game of croquet is won by the player going second. It just goes to show how important the toss really is.

Let us suppose the coin is a perfect coin

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