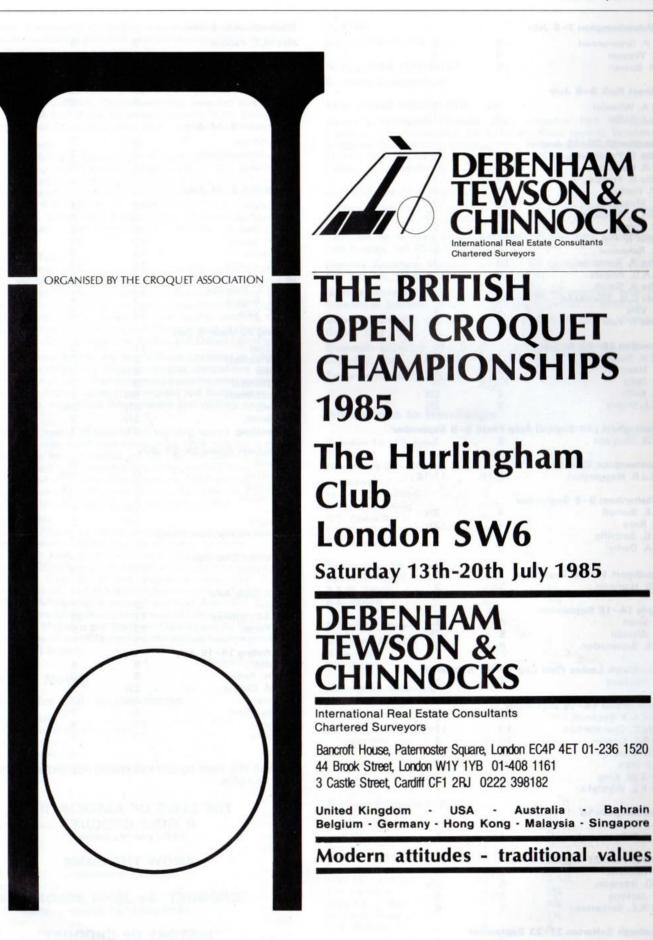
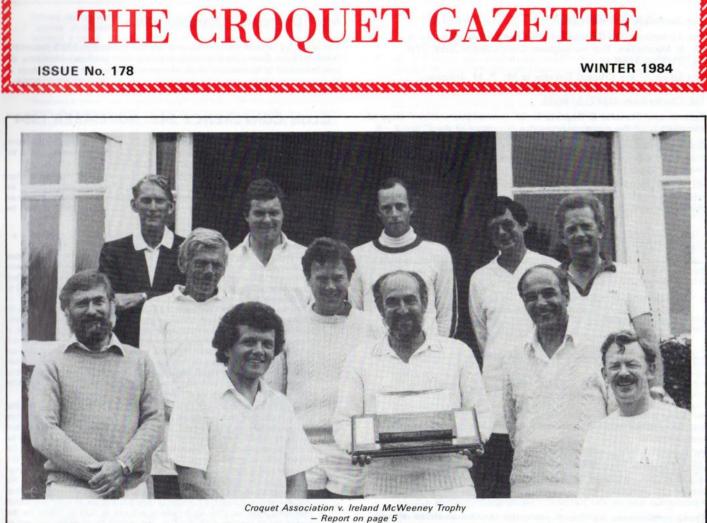
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Other Contributions other than tournament results and reports should be sent to the Editor. They will be much welcomed and acknowledged.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note Subscriptions must be paid by 31st January 1985 to obtain Discount. Why not take advantage and write a cheque now or fill in your Bankers Order. We regret that we will not be sending out the Fixture List until subscriptions are paid.

NATIONAL COACHING SCHEME

In 1985, we shall be launching a National Coaching Scheme for croquet, and the intention is to appoint some 30 Club Coaches by the end of March.

To prepare for this programme, we are drawing up a list of people who would like to become official Association coaches. Those interested will be invited to attend 1-day Regional coaching conferences (held locally) to discuss coaching material provided by the Croquet Association and by the National Coaching Foundation.

These conferences will be of particular interest to those already involved in coaching at Club level, and afterwards those attending will be provided with relevant material for use in their coaching work.

Over the next three years, the scheme will be extended to appoint coaches at Area, Regional and National levels.

Further details of the Scheme can be obtained from Chris Hudson, at The Oaklands, Englesea Brook, Near Crewe, Cheshire CW2 5QW. (Tel. 0270-820296).

If you are interested, please contact Chris as soon as possible.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

The CA has applied to the Sports Council for increased Grant Aid in 1985 and succeeding years to enable our development plans to be put into effect.

If we are successful in obtaining this increased Grant, the intention is to appoint a Development Officer to implement our Forward Plan. The appointment will be for a period of three years, subject to annual renewal during that time, and the salary will be at the appropriate level on the Sports Council scales.

Anyone who would like to be considered for this post should write in the first instance to the Chairman of Council. Lionel Wharrad, at Old Stable Cottage, St Johns Hill Road, Woking, Surrey GU211RF, marking the envelope "Confidential".

Applications should be sent as soon as possible, as we hope that the Development Officer will be able to start work in the new year to maintain the momentum of our development effort.

Inter University Championships

It is planned to hold an Inter-University team event in 1985 between teams of four, drawn from undergraduates, post graduate students, or one member of University staff. Anyone who would like to enter a University team should contact Chris Hudson (Tel. 0270-820296).

CLUB CONFERENCE 24th NOVEMBER 1984

This Bi-Annual event held at The Hurlingham Club was attended by 86 members representing 35 clubs. It was opened by our President, Mr. J.W. Solomon, who chaired the entire proceedings.

Mr. C. Hudson briefly explained the detailed 3 year 'Forward Plan' which had been submitted to the National Sports Council. He hoped it would be approved next month and if so we will get a substantial grant so that we can appoint a Development Officer without whom the Plan would be impossible.

Then followed five aspects of the Plan:

- Increase of individual and club membership of the C.A. 1. by Mr. D.C. Caporn, who paid tribute to Chris Hudson without whose
 - dedicated enthusiasm and hard work the Plan would never have been produced. Although others had helped him, he had put it all together The object of the Plan was to try to make the C.A. self financing and to do this we need to increase our individual membership from 907 in 1984 to 1163 by 1986 and over 1500 by 1989. The C.A. depends on its membership or existing and new clubs. As any club can take 25 members per lawn plus additional members who play mid-week only, few, if any, clubs are full. He drew attention to the Recruiting Handbook which is being reprinted, and said that if its procedure was followed clubs can recruit as many members as they want. The difficulty is in keeping them and to do that they need looking after, events organised for them, encouraged to join in club afternoons when no lawns can be booked by anyone etc., but above all croquet must be fun.

New clubs come about in all sorts of ways, the successful ones from the grass roots and rarely survive if they only have one lawn. The Plan envisages 10 new clubs a year. Clubs who hold C.A. Fixture Book tournaments usually had over 50% of their members as Associates and he therefore urged more of these, including "small lawn" tournaments for those with only two lawns. This game had been recognised by the Council and a pamphlet thereon would be published shortly. Tournaments provide finance for clubs and for the C.A. through the levy. He asked Associates to go back to their clubs and try to increase their club membership and also the number of their Associates. In addition to club members who pay 25p each (which will rise to 30p in 1985) for the club's fee to register with the C.A., we should try to widen our net to bring into membership Schools, Universities, Polytechnics, Hotels with croquet lawns and other categories, all paying registration fees. The C.A. is investigating improving its services to members, including possible financial inducements to membership additional to the excellent mallet which can be bought by Associates at a discount, e.g. bulk purchases of balls. But, he concluded, more support for the C.A. depends, not on the other person, but on you.

- Help recruitment by organising publicity and increasing Media 2. coverage was the theme presented by the "Forward Plan" author, Mr. C. Hudson who said we had had a lot of coverage this year but needed more. The C.A. was producing a pack for the press containing basic type of news items etc, which publicity officers in clubs can adapt, and audio tapes and videos for local radio and television. We must supply the media with the news in the form they want, names of local players, their ages and personal items of interest as only if we do this will we get reported. He then showed part of the video produced by the U.S. Croquet Association to illustrate what is possible. In the discussion that followed many points were made including if you get a good report in the paper, find out who did it and send your news to him (or her) rather than the Editor, get journalists etc. to try the game, which often results in a more serious approach instead of it being treated in a trivial fashion, and that no opportunity to get coverage should be missed.
- 3. Improving services to members was the subject by Mr. A.J. Oldham who said the main means of communication was "The Gazette" which absorbs 60% of the C.A.'s subscription income, the cost of printing and postage being very heavy. He asked if we like "The Gazette" as it now appears and do we want tournament results and reports? The C.A. is continually extending its range of pamphlets and publications, many of which were on sale at the table in the room. The C.A. was also trying to produce good equipment and he particularly mentioned that we wanted a good design of tool to use for making holes for hoops and a hoop gauge. In the ensuing discussion suggestions were made as to whether postage could not be saved by sending "The Gazette" in bulk to a local club member for distribution. Mr. Oldham replied that it was an idea that had already been considered but not pursued as we were never sure about prompt delivery to individuals. He said postage accounted for 20% of the cost of the magazine. In reply to another question, he said he welcomed advertising and that this should be sent to the C.A. office who could supply details of rates. Several people supported the idea of tournament results being printed in a separate publication available on payment to those who wanted them, or sent separately to every club.

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Others tayoured the present system. A further questioner asked if a "glossy" publication was necessary and whether it could be produced without a cover, a hard bound loose leaf file being sold separately in which to put the sheets, but Mr. Oldham said that the magazine was part of our" image" and we ought not to produce a cheap looking publication. Another person asked for more detail to be published of Council Meetings, whilst someone else disagreed! There was also a suggestion of "Club Profiles", which used to be a feature of the Gazette, which received a great deal of support from the floor. On the subject of equipment, there were suggestions that new manufacturers with new types of equipment and tools should be encouraged and that maybe a manufacturer could produce hoops, tools for setting them in the ground and gauges etc. Why not abandon the "carrot" and find another system for fixing the hoops? It was pointed out that it was essential to make the holes first and not try to hammer in the hoop which had a disastrous effect on the latter! A contribution to the Gazette was promised on how to make a tool for fixing hoops from a broken hoop and a plastic paint which lasted for more than one season. We all look forward to reading this article.

4. A National Coaching Scheme was the next part of the 'Forward Plan' presented by Mr. P. Stoker who said that we were indebted to the National Coaching Foundation for all their help and they had offered us their facilities and expertise. They tackled all aspects of coaching including mind over matter! The C.A. had already made a start by appointing "Tutor Coaches" who would run courses so that club members could qualify as Coaches to teach beginners and high bisquers. By the end of 1985 there should be Area Coaches for middle bisquers and by 1987 Regional Coaches to assist top players. Ultimately the C.A. wanted to appoint a National Coach. The Coaching Manual and "Know the Game" were both being updated. A video on coaching by the U.S.C.A. was then shown.

Mr. Stoker concluded his talk by saying that the C.A. hoped to be able to use this video with the permission of the U.S.C.A. by inserting a commentary to cover our terminology.

In replying to questions that followed, Mr. Stoker said that he hoped the C.A. would soon be able to pay expenses to coaches covering their travel and that part of the cost could be recovered from those who wanted to be coached. Some of the audience would like a professional coach appointed!

- 5. The Regional Organisation was the last item of the Plan and details of. this were put forward by Mr. J. McCullough. There were several of the 9 Regions in existence. These Regions coincided with Sports Council Regions and were more than trying to arrange Inter-Club events. There were there to establish new clubs and to help clubs get finance from their Region. It was vital for them to get involved with the local Sports Council and the Local Government publications and officials. He was not a member of the Council of the C.A. and therefore he questioned the wisdom of the Plan in trying to set up 9 Regional Councils some Regions of which had few clubs, and some none! Also whether it was right for Regions to be necessarily based on 'Centres of Excellence' as he thought these Centres would dominate the Region. He also asked to what extent the C.A. will decentralise. In reply, Mr. Hudson said some of the Regions would have to be joined together until there were enough clubs to support a separate Region but that it was very important to cover the whole area and that with regard to the 'Centres', he thought that these would be the natural base. Mr. Caporn replied to the last point by mentioning that Council could not possibly implement the plan without devolution and that this was one of the ideas behind establishing Regional Organisations. He also stressed again that the Plan could only succeed if there was enthusiasm and hard work at grass root level.
 - In reply to a request for copies of the Forward Plan to be distributed widely, Mr. Hudson said it consisted of over 100 pages, would be costly to reproduce, was a very detailed plan but that as soon as the Sports Council had agreed that we could implement the Plan with their financial support, a resume would be published in the Gazette.

Mr. Solomon thanked the organiser, the speakers and in particular, Messrs Hudson and MacMillan and all those who had attended what he thought was a most useful and informative day. D. C. C.

REPORT OF COUNCIL MEETING ON 27th OCTOBER 1984

- Mr. L S. Butler was nominated by the Chairman until the next A.G.M. to 1 replace Mr. C.H.L. Prichard who had resigned after the last A.G.M.. This was approved.
- Mr Townsend was warmly thanked for his donation of books to the Library and also for editing the C.A. Fixture Book for the last 12 years. Mr Girling had agreed to edit the book for 1985.
- Small Lawns Agreed as an authorised alternative game and referred to the Laws Committee to prepare draft of rules. Mr. Wharrad hoped tournaments and/or exhibitions by clubs would be arranged in 1985 and that every effort would be made by the P&D Committee to attract media coverage by a formal launch of the game. Mr. Caporn claimed that Woking had staged the World Premier Small Lawns Tournament last month
- 4. Tournaments The action by Mr. I. Bond in scratching a player in the 1984 Opens for persistent lateness was unanimously confirmed.

Various alterations to C.A. events were approved and will appear in the Calendar Fixtures Book 1985. A new C.A. Invitation event was also approved as an experiment for 1985 and the title of the Ladies second six was agreed as "The Longman Bowl". It was also agreed that for all C.A. events entries would not be accepted before 1 st March 1985 and if oversubscribed there would be a ballot.

- 5. Laws Committee had appointed 9 Championship referees.
- 6. MacRobertson Shield Committee's revised itinerary for International etc. matches in 1986 was approved as was that for the U.S.C.A. tour next
- 7. P&D report was approved unanimously including the "Forward Plan" which had been submitted to the National Sports council who were impressed and it was hoped they will approve it in January 1985 with financial support to enable Council to appoint a Development Officer. Mr Wharrad warmly thanked Mr C. Hudson for his tremendous work in producing this plan. It was stressed that if the Plan was to succeed Council members and all other Associates had to give a great deal of time to its implementation. In due course a summary of the Plan will be published in the Gazette.
- Sponsorship report was given by Mr. S. Mulliner who announced three 8. sponsors for 1985 and 1986, namely Debenham Tewson & Chinnocks, the Royal Bank of Scotland and Frank Coopers. These covered (inter alia) the Opens, the Fixture Book, President's Cup, Home Internationals and the Schools competition for a total of £10,000. Mr Mulliner was warmly thanked for his splendid efforts.
- 9. The Petition presented by a number of competitors in the Opens Championship regarding Jaques balls was discussed and Professor Neal reported on the tests which he had carried out resulting in most of the balls failing the test. The matter was being investigated with the full cooperation of Messrs. Jagues. Professor Neal was thanked for his efforts to date.
- The deaths of Mr D.J.V. Hamilton Miller and Mrs S.F. Blackler were 10. reported and Council expressed their deep regret.
- 11. 3 new clubs had been registered. The total number of Associates was reported as 982.
- Over 1500 letters had been received following the article in the Daily 12. Telegraph. All had been answered and referred where relevant to local clubs. We had received a great deal of good publicity in the media in 1984
- 13. The A.G.M. will be held at Hurlingham on 27th April 1985.
- A cup presented by Mrs R. Weir in memory of her father, the late D.J.V. 14 Hamilton Miller, was displayed and accepted by Council with pleasure. It is to be reserved as a perpetual trophy for a University Competition when this can be organised.
- Mr Wharrad reported the resignation of Dr R.W. Bray from Council with 15. deep regret. He had tried unsuccessfully to dissuade him. Dr Bray had rendered great services to the game and contributed a great deal to the deliberations and the work of the Council who expressed their appreciation of all his past services and their regrets at his resignation.
- Council was delighted to hear that the Littleton Club has obtained a grant 16. of £1,000 from its regional sports council.

THE EDITOR, SECRETARY AND ALL THE C.A. OFFICIALS WISH ALL OUR MEMBERS A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Carrickmines 6-11 August

Event 1: Championship of Ireland

First Round: T.O. Read bt N. McInerney.

Second Round: F. Rogerson bt T.N. Browne +17 +20; D.H. Moorcraft bt S. Williams +5 +20; R.J. Leonard bt M. McWeeney -15+15+7; Read bt H.D. Browne -1(OT) +11+26; C.A. Gamble bt P. Stoker +1 +11.

Third Round: Rogerson bt Moorcraft +15, +1; Read bt Leonard +17 +18; Gamble bt Gaunt +11 -11 +22; Healy bt Welch +10 +11.

Semi-final: Read bt Rogerson +18 +19; Healy bt Gamble +11 -12 +22

Final: Healy bt Read -26(TP) +16(TP) +25.

Event 2: Green Cup

First Round: T.N. Brown (8) bt R.J. Leonard (6) +8; Miss M.C. Lyons (15) bt J.O. Driscoll (13) +8; P. Thornton (8) bt Mrs D.H. Moorcraft (10) +19; Mrs G. Healy (10) bt Mrs M. McWeeney (13) +7; Mrs R.J. Leonard (6) bt H.L. Webb (8) +9.

Second Round: Browne bt J. McAuley +8; Thornton bt Miss Lyons +1(OT); Mrs Leonard bt Mrs Healy +3; Williams bt Brown +21.

Semi-final: Thornton bt Browne +1; Williams bt Mrs Leonard +24

Final: Williams bt Thornton +12.

Event 3: Steele Cup

First Round: P. Stoker (3) bt A. Brown (10) +4; S. Williams (8) P. Thornton (8) +16; D. Moorcraft (1/2) bt G. McWeeney (13) +24; D. Beatty (10) bt J. McAuley (11) +14.

Second Round: N. Browne (8) bt N. McInerney (4) +3; H. Webb (8) bt A. Healy (10) +14; Mrs Moorcraft (10) bt Mrs B. Leonard (6) +17: Stoker bt Williams +6; Beatty bt Moorcraft +20; R. Welch (41/2) bt C. Gamble (2) +23; R.J. Leonard (6) bt M. McWeeney (31/2) +7; C.V. Schmieder (11/2) bt T. Browne (8) +8.

Third Round: Browne bt Webb +6; Stoker bt Moorcraft +16; Beatty bt Welch +14; Schmieder bt Leonard .

Semi-final: Browne bt Stoker +18: Schmieder b Beatty +6.

Final: Schmieder bt Browne +11.

Event 4: Founders Cup

First Round: D.H. Moorcraft (1/2) bt Mrs R.J. Leonard (6) +7; M. McWeeney (31/2) bt H.L. Webb (8); Mrs Healy (10) bt Mrs Moorcraft (10); G.P.N. Healy (0) bt S. Williams (8); P. Stoker (3) bt N. McInerney (4) +21; R.A. Welch (41/2) bt R.J. Leonard (6) +9; F.J. Rogerson (21/2) bt P. Thornton (8) +8; T.N. Browne (8) bt C.A. Gamble (2) + 18;

C. Von Schmieder (11/2) bt N.D. Browne (8) +2.

Second Round: D. Gaunt (3) bt Mrs McWeeney (13) +13; McWeeney bt Moorcraft +21; J. McAuley (11) bt Mrs Healy +6; Stoker bt Healy +26; Welch bt Rogerson +14; Browne bt Schmieder +5; T.O. Read (-1/2) bt A. Brown (10) +17; Miss M.C. Lyons (15) bt D. Beatty (10) +7(OT).

Third Round: Gaunt bt McWeeney +16; Stoker bt McAuley +4; Welch bt Browne +19; Read bt Miss Lyons +14.

Semi-final: Gaunt bt Stoker +23; Read bt Welch +7.

Final: Gaunt bt Read +26.

Event 5: HCP Doubles

Semi-finals: P. Stoker & M. Lyons bt C. & C.V. Schmieder +12; R. Welch & S. Williams bt T. & N. Browne +8.

Final: P. Stoker & M. Lyons bt R. Welch & S. Williams +3.

Ladies Invitation Sixes

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"I must go back to a vest again

To a winter vest with sleeves . . . (after John Masefield) was the thought in everyone's mind for the sky was filled with dark clouds, and the cold wind (often laden with rain) whistled across the Southwick lawns. So the twelve stalwart ladies gritted their shivering teeth, donned nearly all the clothes they owned, and commenced battle.

The competitors in the Ladies Field Cup were flattered by the attentions of "the boys" (names not to be revealed, by who included a President's man and other young stars of the future) who not only supported the ladies but also imparted much knowledge after play; discussions included the intricacies of the take-off and the 3-ball cannon out of the 2nd corner for the 1st hoop. Another feature of the event was the continual ticking of the chess clocks (one for each player!) which Carmen introduced for her games and which unfortunately served to confuse everybody.

In the first series, continuous leaf-clearing caused the 3rd round match between Susan and Jan to be pegged down, after which Susan hit in twice when well behind to win by 3. An even closer game took place in the 5th round between Jane and Jan: Jane was for the peg and penult, and Jan was for 4-back and 2, when Jan having had a lucky hit in, made a break from 2 to the peg in the course of which she peeled partner through 4-back and pegged oppo out; Jane hit the lift but stuck in rover, Jan joined up, Jane ran rover but couldn't see the peg, and Jan went on to win by 1 after Jane missed the peg twice. Susan, who was undefeated, won the first series.

During the second series there were 3 notable games. Carmen achieved a controlled 11 hoop break against Margaret. In that game between Susan and Jane the club cat, renamed Outside Agency, on one of its many strolls across the grounds caught a mouse and slowly devoured it on the lawn; the sight of the mouse wriggling in the cat's mouth in agony didn't put off Susan who won comfortably. Susan's steady play in this series enabled her to win easily all her games but one. In her game against Jan she sportingly told Jan not to play with the wrong ball, and Jan thereupon won the game and the 2nd series. So the result at the end of the second series was a tie between Susan and Jan with 9 wins each, having each lost one game to the other. Pat Hague was third with 5 wins having lost twice to Susan and Jan and once to Carmen. The previous occasions in the ladies Field Cup when there were ties were:-

1939 Miss Lintern and Miss Oddie (13 games)

- 1951 Miss Lintern and Mrs Longman (9 games)
- 1953 Miss Lintern and Mrs Rotherham (8 games)
- 1955 Mrs Rotherham and Miss Lintern (13 games)
- 1964 Mrs Rotherham and Miss Warwick (13 games)
- 1970 Mrs Jarden (NZ) and Miss Sessions (12 games) 1974 Miss Sessions and Mrs Sundius-Smith divided
- (11 games)
- 1981 Miss Hampson and Mrs Sundius-Smith divided (7 games)

In all but the last 2 the first person listed won the play off.

The play-off was a dour affair: at the end Jan, who was behind, got the innings by roquetting yellow (the only ball she could see in the gathering gloom) but couldn't catch Susan, who was decided the winner on time by 8, and who became the worthy winner of the Cup.

The competitors in the Second Event have been reluctant to describe the exciting incidents in their games, but the writer did notice Hyacinth's superb rushes, and the very good croquet strokes of Pat Parker and Judy. Edith, who very kindly filled in at the last moment, has bad luck to be playing on such heavy lawns, which she finds difficult. This event was dominated by Win who won all her games except the last against club-mate Pat! The game went to a Riggall when Win was for the peg and peg and Pat was for penult and peg, but Pat's true hitting-in powers (which had eluded her all week) won

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the game. Next time Win will remember to peg out her own ball as well. Win's title was all the more deserved because she played adventurously throughout, always trying to do the right thing; she proved the selectors wrong by winning the event when chosen as a reserve.

From all the competitors, many thanks to Pat Shine, the referees and the Southwick members for the use of their lawns.

The Ladies Invitation Events were enjoyed by all participants, and accordingly any Council mutterings about their abolition should be hotly opposed; the fact that they are 6 rather than 8 player events is irrelevant, an improvement might be to give the Second Event a decent name. Moreover both events should be held together on a different week to the eights, as it is hoped that more ladies might be eligible for both series!!

THE MCWEENEY TROPHY MATCH

Carrickmines 12–13 August

The fourth match for the McWeeney Trophy was played at Carrickmines on the two days after the Carrickmines week.

Ireland had a stronger team this time, due to the emigration of Gerard Healy and the noticeable improvement in the standard of play of the resident Irish players since the previous year. We had anticipated this, and the team that travelled to Carrickmines from England was the strongest we have yet sent.

The event began with a dinner in the Club House which as usual was a very hospitable occasion. Perhaps it was at this point, or at least in the early hours of the first day, that the match was won for Ireland, but be that as it may, we started off with high hopes of doing well in the bottom three singles, played best of 3, only to find that Fred Rogerson, Charles Gamble and Miles McWeeney were all in their best form.

It could have gone our way if Ian Maugham had pegged out his front ball and won his second game, instead of sending it off the top boundary with a massive stop shot, or if Charles Gamble's hitting in had been a little less spectacular, but we finished the first day three down, despite the encouragement given to us by the British Ambassador who is a keen croquet buff and called in to watch play with his two bodyguards during the morning. However, both Phil Cordingley and Bernard Neal won their first games before play closed for the day, so our hopes were still alive. That evening the Irish were celebrating and not to be outdone, we joined them!

The final day saw Phil beat Gerard Healy with a good display of attacking croquet, and Bernard eventually triumphed over Terence Read in a cat and mouse finish. With Carl von Schmieder beating Dennis in the last singles match, we started the doubles 4-2 down, needing to win all three doubles to win the match.

In the first doubles, Carl quickly went round to 4-back after Phil had left the fourth ball near the tice. Then Chris stuck in Hoop 2 with a 4ball break set up. Gerard went round, and the game was soon over. In the second doubles, Bernard and Paul beat Terence and Miles after being some way behind, but the third doubles produced the most exciting finish. with Charles having been pegged out, Ian was all set to go out on a 3-ball break but came unstuck on the Rover peel. Fred hit in, and that was that, with the Irish team triumphant by 6 games to 3.

Next year, we hope to play this fixture in England, and continue what has become a most friendly occasion.

Results (Irish names first)

G.P.N. Healy lost to P. Cordingley (-25, -15) T.O. Read lost to B.G. Neal (-10, -3) C.M. von Schmieder beat D.H. Moorcraft (+8, +25) F.J. Rogerson beat F.I. Maugham (+25, +2) C.A. Gamble beat P. Stoker (-6, +23, +13) M. McWeeney beat C. Hudson (+16, +18)

Healy & von Schmieder bt Cordingley & Hudson (+22) Read & McWeeney lost to Neal & Stoker (-8) Gamble & Rogerson bt Moorcraft & Maugham (+4)

Result: Ireland 6, England 3

Mrs W.E. Bro 1st Mrs T.W. An 2nd Miss P.E. Parker 6 wins 3rd Mrs LA. Coombs 4th 5 wins Mrs I.P.M. Macdonald 5th 3 wins Mrs R.E. Tucker 6th 0 wins

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J.I.M.

CROQUET AT WOODLANDS MANOR

Open University lecturer John Bolton-competing in his first croquet tournament for 15 years won a special Invitation Doubles event sponsored by Bedford's Woodlands Manor Hotel on Sunday (September 2nd).

Coming from behind as his playing touch returned, he made a 5 hoop break to win with his junior partner Matthew Jee from Farlingaye High School, Suffolk. John, who won the President's Cup at the age of 17 has joined a club started in Milton Keynes recently. He and Matthew were presented with engraved silver rose bowls by the Hotel Proprietor Richard Lee.

Beaten finalists were former veterans champion and Bedford County player Harry Green and his partner Steve Gibbs from Bedford.

In the past the Hotel has sponsored a range of activities including a Young Musicians Contest and this Croquet event was arranged with the object of giving young players the experience of competing alongside top names. Unfortunately the lawn was of poor quality so that good croquet was impossible. However the hospitality was excellent and the lunchtime wine made up in part for our disappointment. Grateful thanks are extended to Martin French and Danny Palmer, Don Gaunt and Paul Williams who had travelled from Ipswich and Colchester to support us in this venture, and also to John Wheeler for managing and setting out the lawn. Valuable publicity has been gained including (we hope) a Bedford school taking up the game.

Results

Green (21/2) & Gibbs (13) bt French (3) & Palmer (41/2) +9; Bolton (21/2) & Jee (13) bt Gaunt (21/2) & Williams (41/2) +18.

Final: Bolton & Jee bt Green & Gibbs +3(T).

J.M.A.

Compton 20–25 August

The tournament attracted a large entry, notable amongst the entrants being two young players-Paul Williams, aged 16 and Derek Wood aged 11-both of whom provided plenty of entertainment for the onlookers throughout the week. The tournament started at the end of a long dry spell which left the lawns relatively fast which led to some protracted games at the beginning of the week. However, after the first couple of days, some overnight rain and the players' natural adjustment to the conditions led to a general shortening of the length of the games. On the whole, the grass was in remarkably good condition following the dry weather and all credit is due to the groundsman for achieving this feat.

Monday saw the slowest games of the wek although several of these led to very exciting finishes. Pat Asa-Thomas just beat "Tiny" Tyrwhitt-Drake by 1 after a game lasting over 4 hours and Dennis Shaw beat Ethne Hodgens by 3 after a 5 hour game. Terry Wood had virtually lost to Alan Girling where Terry had one ball left when Alan inexplicably stuck in rover for about a foot leaving a short double target that was duly hit.

Tuesday brought a continuation of the hot weather but by now the players were getting used to conditions. A very close game was played between Monica Grout and Eric Salman where Monica pegged out her opponent's ball and accidentally her own (at least it seemed accidental from the expression on her face!). However, no harm came as Monica was on rover with her opponent on penult, so she was the first to make her hoop and peg out.

An interesting incident occurred during the handicap game between Gordon Hopewell and Terry Wood where, after about half an hour, it was discovered that Gordon had one less bisque than he was entitled to. By this time, Gordon already had one ball on penult and was naturally unwilling to restart the game. It was eventually agreed that Gordon should be given his extra bisque on condition that he did not take it on his next turn.

Wednesday brought a change in the weather with heavy thundery showers predicted, but luckily these held off and only a light sprinkling of rain fell. The game most people were waiting for was the doubles between Giles Bennett partnering Paul Williams against Terry and Derek Wood. Giles and Paul, the eventual winners of the event, were victorious although not without a long struggle with Derek at times showing considerable skills with his take-off lengths and rushes to hoops.

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Thursday continued to be overcast and now Paul Williams continuing to make good progress in his class event and in the big handicap. By now it was clear that his 7 handicap was not going to remain intact at the end of the week.

Friday brought some improvement in the weather and again saw Paul Williams doing well but by now some of the stronger opposition found in the later rounds was beginning to tell. He had a long struggle in the handicap against Gordon Hopewell where the tension of the game was showing in both players. Gordon was beginning to catch up after Paul's bisques had gone but could not find enough of his good form to win. Paul had to play Ray Jones later in the day in the class event but the extra skill and experience of Ray finally led to Paul's first defeat of the week. It must be reported that this was Paul's fifth match of the day which shows just how well he was playing and the speed at which he destroyed his opposition. The plate event was started in which Derek Wood played his first singles game in a tournament. He was naturally delighted when he came out victorious in a close match with Walter Philip which Derek won by 5.

Saturday brought a return to the fine weather and found Giles Barrett with Paul Williams playing Alan Girling and Ray Jones in the final of the doubles. Giles and Paul were reasonably ahead when Alan had the inning with his partner on rover and had established an accurate 4-ball break. This looked like the end when Alan stuck in hoop 6 and let the opponents in again. Alan soon hit in again, and having made hoop 6 made an excellent rush to a ball in the second corner, made a perfect corner cannon sending balls accurately to 1- and 2-back Unfortunately, he again stuck in the hoop and from then on giles and Paul had little difficulty in winning.

Paul Williams again had to face Ray Jones in the final If the class event with very much the same outcome as their first encounter leaving Ray the clear winner of the event. Paul had much more success in the handicap where he met Susan Wiggins who had been playing very consistently throughout the week. Not surprisingly, Paul's 7 bisgues were far too much for Susan to cope with and Paul therefore added the handicap title to his list of successes. The final of the Plate found Monica Grout playing Derek Wood. Derek led for most of the game but was unable to use his bisques with sufficient effect and finally lost by 4 after a commendable struggle.

At the end of the week, Paul Williams' handicap reduction from 7 to 41/2 was well deserved and Derek Wood began his croquet by being reduced to 15. Much credit is due to Roger and Dab Wheeler, the joint managers, for providing a very full programme of play which allowed everyone to have an active and enjoyable week.

T.I. Wood

Event 1. Open Singles DRAW

First Round: T.I. Wood bt D.A. Harris +20; A.J. Girling bt Cmdr. G. Barrett +14; Dr W.R. Wiggins bt Mrs R. Wheeler +15.

Second Round: Mrs W.R. Wiggins bt Wheeler +18; Wood bt Girling +3; Dr Wiggins bt Hopewell +12; Mrs E. Asa-Thomas bt Tyrwhitt-Drake +1

Semi-Finals: Mrs Wiggins bt Wood +18; Dr Wiggins bt Asa-Thomas +9.

Final: Dr Wiggins bt Mrs Wiggins +12.

PROCESS

First Round: Mrs Wiggins bt Hopewell +16; Harris bt Asa-Thomas +3: Tyrwhitt-Drake bt Dr Wheeler +2.

Second Round: Mrs Wiggins bt Girling +11; Harris bt Wheeler +16; Tyrwhitt-Drake bt Dr Wiggins +3.

Semi-Final: Mrs Wiggins bt Harris +9; Wood bt Tyrwhitt-Drake +24.

Final: Mrs Wiggins bt Wood +13.

Event 2. Level Singles

DRAW

First Round: Lt.Col. D.F.T. Brown bt Judge A.D. Karmel +23: R.C. Jones bt Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake +12; D.M. Horne bt Mrs D.W. Sinclair +21; D.W. Shaw bt Miss E.X. Hodgens +3; P.G. Williams bt R.P. Chappell +6

Second Round: Brown bt Mrs E.J. Tucker +23; Jones bt Horne +4; Williams bt Shaw +7; D.M. Bull bt Mrs M.M. Grout +16.

Semi-Final: Jones bt Brown +19; Williams bt Bull +16.

PROCESS

First Round: Hodgens bt Tucker +15; Jones bt Bull +23; Williams bt Karmel +8: Chappel bt Brown +11; Grout bt Tyrwhitt-Drake +5. Second Round: Jones bt Hodgens +22; Williams bt Horne +20;

Chappell bt Sinclair +20; Shaw bt Grout +22. Semi-Final: Jones bt Williams +10; Chappell bt Shaw +5.

Final: Lives Married

Marriage: Williams bt Chappel +7; Jones bt Williams +14.

Event 3. Restricted Handicap Singles

DRAW

First Round: A.J. Kellaway (11) bt E.J. Salmon (12) +1; Mrs E.J. Salmon (16) bt W.E. Philp (9) +4; Miss P.J. Embleton (10) bt Miss E.J. Taylor (16) +17.

Semi-Final: Salmon bt Mrs Salmon +8; Miss J Wraith (11) bt Embleton +3.

Final: Salmon bt Wraith +1.

PROCESS

First Round: Kellaway bt Embleton +8; Wraith bt Philp +5; Salmon bt Taylor +1

Semi-Final: Kellaway bt Wraith +11; Salmon bt Mrs Salmon +8. Final: Kellaway bt Salmon +8.

PLAY-OFF: Kellaway bt Salmon +11.

Event 4. Handicap Singles (Unrestricted) First Round: D.A. Harris (11/2) bt R.C. Jones (31/2) bt +2; Dr R.F. Wheeler (4) bt E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (2) +13; D.M. Horne (51/2) bt Mrs E.J. Tucker(6) +17; Miss J. Wraith(11) bt Miss E.A. Taylor(16) +9; Mrs D.A. Wheeler (3) bt Mrs E.J. Salmon (16) +13; Mrs W.R. Wiggins (10) bt Miss E.X. Hodgens (51/2) +20; A.J. Girling (1) bt W.E. Philp) +13; T.I. Wood (0) bt Miss A.E. Millns (71/2) +18; Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (5) bt Judge A.D. Karmel (6) +4(T); D.M. Bull (4) bt Cmdr G. Borrett (2) +4; C.G. Hopewell (21/2) bt D.W. Shaw (41/2) +17; Dr. W. R. Wiggins (1/2) bt Mrs D. W. Sinclair (4) +22; P. G. Williams (7) bt A.J. Kellaway (11) +11; Mrs M.M. Grout (61/2) bt E.J. Salmon (12) +3.

Second Round: Harris bt Brown (5) +8; Horne bt Wheeler +6; Mrs Wheeler bt Miss Wraith +4; Mrs Wiggins bt Girling +3; Wood bt Mrs Tyrwhitt-Drake +23; Hopewell bt Bull +20; Williams bt Dr Wiggins +12: Grout bt Mrs E. Asa-Thomas (3) +7.

Third Round: Horne bt Harris +6; Mrs Wiggins bt Mrs Wheeler +9; Hopewell bt Wood +16; Williams bt Grout +9.

Semi-Final: Williams bt Hopewell +6; Mrs Wiggins bt Horne +26

Final: Williams bt Mrs Wiggins +26.

Event 5. Handicap Doubles

First Round: A.J. Girling & R.C. Jones (41/2) bt Mrs D.A. Wheeler & Lt.Col. D.F.T. Brown (8) +8; Dr W.R.D. Wiggins & Miss P.S. Embleton (101/2) bt C.G. Hopewell & Mrs D.W. Sinclair (61/2) +15; Mr and Mrs E.C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (7) bt Mrs E. Asa-Thomas & Mrs E.S. Tucker (9) +3(T); D.W. Shaw & D.A. Harris (6) bt W.E. Philp & Miss A.E. Millns (161/2) +9; Cmdr G. Borrett & P.G. Williams (9) bt D.M. Bull & Miss E.X. Hodgens (91/2) +9.

Second Round: Girling & Jones bt Mrs W.R.D. Wiggins & Miss J. Wraith (11) w.o.; Wiggins & Embleton bt Mr & Mrs Tyrwhitt Drake +16; Borrett & Williams bt Shaw & Harris +24; T.I. &. D.M. Wood (14) bt R.F. Wheeler & Mrs H.M. Grout (101/2) +9.

Third Round: Girling & Jones bt Wiggins & Embleton +8; Borrett & Williams bt T.I. & D.M. Wood +8.

Final: Borrett & Williams bt Girling & Jones +9.

Compton Plate

First Event: W.E. Philp (9) bt Miss E.A. Taylor +16.

Second Round: Mrs A.E. Millns (71/21/2) bt Mrs D.W. Sinclair (4) +3(T); Mrs M. M. Grout (61/2) bt Mrs E.J. Tucker (6) +10; D.M. Wood (16) bt Philp +16; Miss E.X. Hodgens (51/2) bt Mrs E.J. Salmon (16) +7(T).

Semi-Final: Grout bt Millns +7; Wood bt Hodgens +7(T). Final: Grout bt Wood +4.

Cheltenham 3–6 September

8 wins	A.F. Sutcliffe (+118)
6 wins	F.I. Maugham (+78) R. Race (+54) R.S. Eades (+25)
5 wins	T.D. Harrison (+60) Mrs J. Neville Rolfe (+22) J. Andrews (+20) W.J. SturdY (+5) J. McLaren (-8)
4 wins	R. Burnell (+4) Mrs R.F. Wheeler (+2) Lady Bazley (-5) Mrs B.G.F. Weitz (-8) A.H.M. Adams (-12) W.R. Bawden (-41) R.F.A. Crane (-46)
3 wins	Mrs G.D. Harris (-6) Mrs H.G. Handley (-12) Mrs C.A. Smith (-14) Dr R.F. Wheeler (-14) Mrs B.G. Neal (-48)
2 wins	P. Darby (-7) Mrs K. Wheeler (-30) Miss E.H. Arkell (-40) J. Exell (-40)

Handicap Doubles (American)

4	wins	P.L. Smith & Miss P.R. Bishop (15) M.J. Wilkins & Mrs M. Langley (14) R.W. Ransom & Mrs B.G. Neal (11)
3	wins	Mrs R.F. Wheeler & D. de Q. Lenfestey (11½) W.J. Sturdy & Mrs D. de Q. Lenfestey G.K. Taylor & Mrs L.V. Latham (8½) B.G.F. Weitz & Mrs E. Paish (13½) G.E.P. Jackson & Mrs J.C. Cima (12)
2	wins	P.J. Shepard & Group Captain R.S. Ryan (12) Mrs B.G.F. Weitz & Miss J. Wraith (12½) Mr & Mrs R.A. Gosden (12½) D. Cairns & Mrs A. Warren (8½) F.I. Maugham & Miss Cheverton (16½) L.V. Latham & F.J. Exell (6½)
1	win	Mr & Mrs R.F.A. Crane (13)
0	wins	T.W. Smith & Miss P.R. Bishop (19) Miss M.O. Wheeler & Mrs R.W. Ransom (17)
S	ingles (Americ	can)
G	ladstone Trop	bhy (Advanced)
4	wins	P.W. Hands
3	wins	F.I. Maugham, P.L. Smith
2	wins	B.G.F. Weitz, D. Cairns, G.E.P. Jackson, L.V. Latham, G.K. Yaylor
G	roup 1 (Advar	nced)
5	wins	C. Duckworth
3	wins	W.J. Sturdy, Mrs R.F. Wheeler, P.J. Shepard

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0 wins	Mrs K.M.O. Wheeler, R.F.A. Crane
Group 2	
5 wins	R.W. Ransom
4 wins	R.A. Gosden
3 wins	W.R. Bawdon, M.J. Wilkins
2 wins	Mrs B.G. Neal, F.J. Exell
1 win	Mrs A. Warren

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0 wins	Miss I.M. Roe
Group 3 (H	andicap)
4 wins	Mrs L.V. Latham (8)
3 wins	Mrs D. de Q. Lenfestey (7½), Group Capt Ryan (7½)

2 wins	Mrs M.T. Paddon (8), Mrs W.R. Bawdon (8), Mrs R.W. Ransom (7)
1 win	Mrs R.A. Gosden (7)
0 wins	Mrs M. Langley (9)
Group 4 (H	landicap)
5 wins	D. de Q. Lenfestey
4 wins	Mrs J.C. Cima (14)
3 wins	Miss D.E. Barber (12), Mrs E. Paish (15)
2 wins	Miss J. Wraith (11), Miss Cheverton ()
1 win	Mrs Turtle ()
0 wins	Mrs R.F.A. Crane (11)

Roehampton 10–15 September

Event 1. Raneleigh Gold Cup (Open Advanced) DRAW

First Round: J.E. Guest bt I.P.M. Macdonald +16; Miss J. Macleod bt S.S. Townsend +7; A.V. Camroux bt R.A. Godby +5(T); M.G. Pearson bt Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle w.o.

Semi-Final: Guest bt Miss Macleod +25; Camroux bt Pearson +3(T).

Final: Guest bt Camroux +12(TP).

PROCESS

First Round: A.V. Camroux bt I.P.M. Macdonald +3; M.G. Pearson bt S.S. Townsend +8; J.E. Guest bt R.A. Godby +1-7; Miss J. Macleod bt Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle w.o.

Semi-Final: Pearson bt Camroux +18; Guest bt Miss Macleod +13.

Final: Pearson bt Guest +1.

PLAY-OFF: Guest bt Pearson +24

Event 2. Brooke Cup

DRAW

First Round: Mrs. W.J. Browne bt K.F.W. Townsend +1(T); R.A. Welch bt S.G. Kent +4.

Second Round: S. Williams bt Mrs B. Mansfield +8(T); Mrs Browne bt Welch +7; P.J.R. Crawford bt Mrs I.P.M. Macdonald +11; Prof. K. Campbell bt Mrs P.V. Healy +5.

Semi-Final: Williams bt Mrs Browne +5; Crawford bt Campbell +6(T).

Final: Williams bt Crawford +26.

PROCESS

First Round: Mrs B. Mansfield bt Mrs P.V. Healy +3; S. Williams bt Prof. K. Campbell +11

Second Round: Mrs Mansfield bt R.A. Welch +4(T); P.J.R. Crawford bt K.F.W. Townsend +13; S.G. Kent bt Williams +1(T); Mrs I.P.M. Macdonald bt Mrs W.J. Browne +16.

Semi-Final: Crawford bt Mrs Mansfield +9; Mrs Macdonald bt Kent opp. retd.

Final: Crawford bt Mrs Macdonald +14.

PLAY-OFF: Crawford bt Williams +14.

Event 3. Thorpe Cup (Handicap) DRAW

Semi-Final: Mrs. W.G. Jones (9) bt Miss J. Wraith (11) +12; M.J.B. Haggerston (11) bt Mrs K.F.W. Townsend (12) +10. Final: Haggerston bt Mrs Jones +15.

PROCESS

Semi-Final: M.J. Haggerston (11) bt Mrs W.G. Jones (9)+12; Mrs K.F.W. Townsend (12) bt Miss J. Wraith (11) +12. Final: Mrs Townsend bt Haggerston +5(T).

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PLAY-OFF: Haggerston bt Mrs Townsend +10.

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Event 4. Trevelyan Cup (Handicap)	
First Round: Miss J. Macleod (3½) bt K.F.W. Townsend (S.S. Townsend (1½) bt Miss J. Wraith (11) +15; I.P.M. Ma (3) bt S.G. Kent (6) +13; J.E. Guest (1) bt S. Williams (5) +16 Mansfield (6½) bt Mrs H.B. Carlisle (2½) w.o.; M.J.B. Ha (11) bt P.J.R. Crawford +20.	acdonald 6; Mrs B.

Second Round: R.A. Godby (2) bt Mrs P.V. Healy (71/2) +7; Mrs I.P.M. Macdonald (51/2) bt Prof. K. Campbell (41/2) +17; Miss Macleod bt S.S. Towsend +25; Guest bt Macdonald +13; Mrs Mansfield bt Haggerston +6(T); R.A. Welch(4) bt Mrs W.J. Browne (5) +5(T); Mrs W.G. Jones (9) bt Mrs K.F.W. Townsend (12) +10; M.G. Pearson (3½) bt ?????? (?) +10.

Third Round: Mrs Macdonald bt Godby +2(T); Guest bt Miss Macleod +10; Welch bt Mrs Mansfield +6; Pearson bt Mrs Jones +12.

Semi-Final: Guest bt Mrs Macdonald +19; Welch bt Pearson +3.

Final: Guest bt Welch +19.

Event 5. Creyke Cups (Combined Handicaps)

First Round: A.V. Camroux & Miss J. Wraith (10) bt S. Williams & R.A. Welch (9) +8; I.P.M. Macdonald & Mrs I.P.M. Macdonald (81/2) bt J.E. Guest & Mrs K.F.W. Townsend +14.

Second Round: S.S. Townsend & K.F.W. Townsend (111/2) bt Mrs H.B.H. Carlisle & Mrs B. Mansfield +6; Camroux & Miss Wraith bt Macdonald & Mrs Macdonald +10; M.G. Pearson & P.J.R. Crawford (81/2) bt Prof. K. Campbell & M.J.B. Haggerston (141/2) +21; R.A. Godby & Miss J. Macleod (51/2) bt Mrs W.G. Jones & Mrs P.V. Healy

Semi-Final: Townsend & Townsend bt Camroux & Miss Wraith +11; Pearson & Crawford bt Godby & Miss Macleod w.o.

Final: Townsend & Townsend bt Pearson & Crawford +17.

Ramsgate Croquet Club

On Sunday, the 16th September, 1984, Tunbridge Wells Croquet Club (of which the writer of this note is a member) were the guests of Ramsgate Croquet Club at the latter's courts at Montefiore Games Park.

The result of a hard fought and most enjoyable match is of no importance because of the weather: Horas nisi serenas hand numero ("It isn't fair, so it doesn't count").

What did count was the very friendly atmosphere (apart from the weather). And what was of importance was that this was the first match ever played by the Ramsgate Club, which came into existence only the year before

They have so far acquired two courts, and hope to have more in future. They already have about thirty members, and are anxious to play more matches. They would be very glad to hear from any club who would like to play them. The Secretary is Mrs. Eileen Shaw, and her telephone number is 0843 591789.

Tunbridge v. Ramsgate 16 September

G. Drake (21/2) & P. Woods (12) lost to J. Ruddock (20) & A. Mitchell (14) by +6.

D. Horne (5) & R. Baldwill (7) lost to T. Ballard (5) & T. Miller (12) by +24.

G. Drake & D. Horne beat J. Ruddock & T. Ballard by +5.

P. Woods beat A. Mitchell by +9.

R. Balkwill beat J. Williams (12) by 8.

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Sussex County 14-16 September

Handicap Sing	ales	
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ock (A)	6 wins	W.E. Moore	+73	winner
	5 wins	L Wharrad	+16	
	4 wins	Mrs. Moorcraft	+8	
	3 wins	D.M. Bull	+3	
	2 wins	D.G. Higgs	-43	
	1 wins	Mrs E. Mapletoft	-10	
	0 wins	Mrs E. St. John	-67	

Block (B)	6 wins	Dr M. Elder	+68	winner
	3 wins	C.J. Chandler	+14	
	3 wins	Mrs M. Vale	+8	
	3 wins	J. Haigh	+8	
	3 wins	Miss J. Macleod	+7	
	3 wins	K. Wylie	-32	
	0 wins	F.J. Fowke	-73	
Block (C)	5 wins	D.L. Gaunt	+73	winner
	5 wins	B.G.F. Weitz	+41	
	2 wins	Mrs L Coombs	-27	
	2 wins	G.T. Grist	-33	
	1 win	Mrs M. Wharrad	-38	
	1 win	Mrs E. Staddon	-74	
Block (D)	5 wins	D.H. Moorcroft	+31	winner
	5 wins	T. Vale	+24	
	3 wins	J. Sturdy	+8	
	3 wins	M.E. Dyson	+7	
	2 wins	P. Emery	-11	
	1 win	G.A. Hutchinson	-36	

Final of Block A & B: Elder bt Moore +23

Final of Block C & D: Gaunt bt Moorcraft +21

Final: D.L. Gaunt bt Dr M. Elder +21.

Rvde 14-16 September

Handicap Singles (Swiss)

6 wins	J. Short (8) (+11)
5 wins	Dr P. Watson (8) (+55)
4 wins	D. Goulding (2½) (+60); Mrs S.B. Hudson (7½) (+57); M.G. Tompkinson (2½) (+26)
3 wins	H.B. Brownsdon (9) (+29); Mrs M.G. Tompkinson (6½) (+19); C.B. Sanford (5½) (-10); P. Gunn (3½) (-11); C.G. Pountney (4½) (-18); C. Abderhalden (5½) (-24)
2 wins	R.W. Newnham (5) (-3); M.J. Coward (-1/2) (-26); Mrs C. Abderhalden (1) (-35)
1 win	P.H. Mann (10) (-90)
0 wins	Mrs J. Haworth (14) (-11)

Nottingham 14–16 September

BLOCK A: R.D.C. Prichard (1) 6 wins (70); K.R.L Cowan (10) 5 wins (68); R. Cotterell, (2) 4 wins (11); C. Chamberlain (8) 3 wins) (-22); D. Arthur (5) 2 wins (4); Dr E.J. Hiller (13) 1 win (-22); R.H. Fletcher (9) 0 wins (-109).

BLOCK B: Dr L. Whittaker (13) 6 wins (89); B. Hallam (31/2) 4 wins (26); Dr G.K. Taylor (1/2) 4 wins (17); J.F.S. Thomas (8) 3 wins (18); P. Trafford (6) 2 wins (20; Dr R.F. Wheeler (4) 2 wins (-50); Mrs A.G. Bucknell (10) 0 wins (-102).

BLOCK C: Dr J. King (4) 6 wins (81); S. Hare (20 6 wins (66); Mrs K. Cotterell (4) 5 wins (36); J.C. Straw (4) 4 wins (2); Mrs R.F. Wheeler (3) 4 wins (-3); Dr M.T. Haslam (51/2) 2 wins (-32); D. Newbury (13) 1 win (-51); Mrs C. Chamberlain (10) 0 wins (-99).

Budleigh Salterton 21-23 September

BLOCKN A: Dr D.R. Laney (31/2) 5 wins (+64); J.R. Hawkins (71/2) 3 wins (+23); D.J. Croker (-1/2) 3 wins) (+0); E.G. Kitchener (13) 2 wins (-11); F.A. Rowlands (51/2) 1 win (-12); B.G. Bucknall (5) 1 win (-64)

BLOCK B: Dr T.J. Haste (0) 5 wins (+77); P.K.L Danks (6) 4 wins (+33); Mrs Asa-Thomas (3) 3 wins (-3); Mrs K. Mapstone (50 2 wins (-12); Mrs J. Broad-Thomas (13) 1 win (-49); Mrs J.W. Potter (10) 0 wins (-47).

BLOCK C: J. McBurney Wood (13) 5 wins (+81); H.J. Crozier (8) 4 wins (+55); D.L. Gaunt (2) 3 wins (-3); B. Redford (20 2 wins (-31); R.W. Newnham (5) 1 win (-26); Miss B.E.Dennant (61/2) 0 wins (-76)

BLOCK D: M. Granger Brown (21/2) 5 wins (+75); N. Morrison (41/2) 4 wins (+23); W/Cdr T.N. Silk (12) 2 wins (-29); Mrs M. Grout (61/2) 2 wins (-36); Mrs D. Smith (14) 1 win (-7); 1 win Dr W.R. Bucknall (51/2) 1 win (-26).

BLOCK E: Mrs D. J. Croker (6) 5 wins (+46); W.C. Broad-Thomas (6) 4 wins (+58); J.W. Potter (21/2) 3 wins (+30); A.W. Harding (13) 2 wins (-28); Mrs C. Bagnall (5) 1 win (-47); Mrs L Martin (16) 0 wins (-59).

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Wrest Park 21–23 September

Both the audio and visual senses were provided with ample stimuli. The Jaques and Walker balls provided a kaleidoscopic array of colours, which substituted for the rainbows that were deserved but not observed. Sunshine and showers (especially the latter) were much in evidence, as ever for September in Beds. Between the thunder and hailstones, the clunks of Jaques and the clinks of Walkers echoed at Wrest. The colour-blind could be readily forgiven for making mistakes, particularly when there is an orange ball on the lawn. John Haigh, however, played his white Walker onto a neighbouring lawn, picked up Harry Green's adjacent white Jaques, as Harry carried on his break using a newly acquired Walker.

The storms produced one casualty, George Collin's mallet, which

failed to support the caravan as it collapsed under the burden of sheltering players. George repaired it, however, and put it to good use against Colin Irwin. Colin took the 4th ball to the peg and Collin used two bisques to follow suit, peg out Colin's ball and leaving a safe cross-barrier, single target. Colin hit it (applause offstage) and mae a 3 ball break straight to 4 back. Play then deteriorated (groans offstage) and Colin hit the hoop several times, while Collin slowly progressed, eventually scoring a victory with his bandaged mallet. John Wheeler showed that he was still up to it and made a triple peel, despite Enid Bottomley's opposition, while John Meads demonstrated how to roquet a ball over another lying 6 feet away. Perhaps, this was part of his experiment with Richard Hilditch to test the endurance of Walker balls when subjected to inter-court hits. Tim Harrison has evidently not wasted his first 3 years at Cambridge, losing only one game in the Swiss block, to runner-up Phil Cordingly. One wonders what to expect after another 3 years intensive study.

Eric Audsley appeared to recover his form from July and win his block handsomely. Why such an ardent anti-smoker should have wanted to win his block prize of an ash tray is a mystery, unless it will be offered to future visiting smokers on the lawns. Wrest Park's Chairman (Tom Anderson) and Secretary (Adrian Williams) faired less well, winning only two games in total. Adrian proved that hoop status is no indicator of likely outcome, by allowing John Rose to recover from 2 balls at hoop 2 against Adrian's one ball for the peg. This occurred despite the helpful advice to both parties given by the crowd.

Two social evenings were enjoyed by many, and regretted by a few. Perhaps the festivities were too much for Eddy Bell. When asked by John Rose if he had any money (for coffee), Eddy's response was to mark John's ball.

Many thanks to the organisers, caterers and participants, who are welcome to return next year.

American Handicap Blocks

BLOCK A: Mrs M. Collin (2) 5 wins (+82); B.A. Keen (1) 5 wins (+63); J. Rose (-1) 4 wins (+9); J.A. Wheeler (1/2) 3 wins (+7); Miss J.E. Assheton (4) 2 wins (-44); Dr A.G. Williams (9) 1 win (-30); Mrs E. Bottomley (13) 0 wins (-87).

BLOCK B: D. Goacher (51/2) 5 wins (+85); D. Palmer (41/2) 4 wins (+17); C.J. Irwin (-1/2) 3 wins (+26); G.K. Collin (31/2) 3 wins (+12); J. Bevington (8) 2 wins (-34); A.J. Girling (1) 2 wins (-66); T.W. Anderson (2) 1 win (-30).

BLOCK C: E. Audsley (11/2) 6 wins (+69); Mrs G.D. Harris (6) 4 wins (+26); G.W.R. Goodwin (6) 3 wins (+21); D.H. Moorcraft (1/2) 3 wins (-25); Mrs C.E. Irwin (8) 2 wins (-21); H.C. Green (21/2) 2 wins (-28); J.S. Maude (21/2) 1 win (-42).

BLOCK D: Dr R.R. Sutherland (7) 5 wins (+50); A.J. Collin (11/2) 4 wins (+17); J. Coutts (20 4 wins +14); E. Bell (-1/2) 4 wins (+4); T. Browne (6) 2 wins (-35); Mrs I Moorcraft (10) 1 win (-17); Dr R.C. Jones (3) 1 win (-33).

Handicap Singles (Swiss)

BLOCK E: T.D. Harrison (3) 6 wins (+86); K. Jackson (61/2) 5 wins (+40); P. Cordingley (-1/2) 5 wins (+9); R.A. Welch (4) 4 wins (+5); J.R. Hilditch (-1/2) 4 wins (-39); A. Gregory (7) 3 wins (+47); R.J. Smith (31/2) 3 wins (+14); J.D. Meads (10 3 wins (-33); H. Bottomley (11/2) 3 wins (-40); N. Browne (6) 2 wins (+18); A. Sweeney (7) 2 wins (-2); J. Haigh (21/2) 2 wins (-48); D. Wood (8) 0 wins (-89).

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American	Blocks
BLOCK A	
5 wins	D.L. Gaunt (21/2) +72
5 wins	D.J. Croker (-1/2) (+26
4 wins	F.I. Maugham (2) +22
4 wins	W.J. Sturdy (4) +14
2 wins	Mrs Newman (4) (-12)
1 win	Mrs Anderson (41/2) -29
) wins	Mrs Crane (11) -93
BLOCK B	
4 wins	T. Anderson (3) +22
4 wins	G.E.P. Jackson (0) +17
3 wins	A.J. Collin (1½) +14
3 wins	Mrs Harris (6) +5
3 wins =	Mrs Yeoman (4) (1)
3 wins =	R. Vincent (8) +1
0 wins	R.F. Wheeler (4) -60
BLOCK C	17
5 wins	Dr D. Lovey (31/2) +40
5 wins	Mrs Collin (2) +69
4 wins	D.H. Moorcraft (1/2) +6
2 wins	Mrs Paddon (8) -14)
2 wins	A. Berry (1) -18
2 wins	F.H. Newman (3) -57
1 win	Mrs Warren (7) -26
BLOCK D	
5 wins	B.G. Weitz (1/2) +37
5 wins	R.E. Adlard (3) +33
3 wins	K.M.O. Wheeler (3) -32
2 wins	G.W.R. Goodwin (61/2) +5
2 wins	R.F.A. Crane (4) +6
2 wins	Mrs Hague (4) -8
1 win	Mrs Vincent (11) -41
BLOCK E	(,
5 wins	F.A. Rowlands (51/2) +82
4 wins	C.B. Sanford (5½) -6
4 wins	C.B. Sanford (5½) -6 M.T. Paddon (2½) +19
3 wins	G. Henshaw (5) -13
1 win	J.A. Wheeler (1/2) -18
1 win	Mrs Wheeler (3) -19
l win	Mrs Moorcraft (10) -45
BLOCK F	
	K Carter (7) +111
6 wins 4 wins	K.J. Carter (7) +111 D. Goulding (2½) +29
	R.S. Ryan (7½) +10
4 wins	DI Smith (1) 15
4 wins 2 wins	P.L. Smith (1) +5
	M.J. Wilkins (4) -37
1 win	Mrs Weitz (3½) -35
) wins	Mrs Neal (5) -93
	Mrs Croker (51/2)

INTER-CLUB COMPETITIONS 1984

The various inter-club competitions have all been successfully completed on schedule. Two, the inter club Championship and the Mary Rose trophy, were retained by the holders, Roehampton and Bowdon respectively, whilst the Longman Cup and the Secretary's Shield were won for the first time by Bretby and Harwell.

Inter-Club Championship

From a reduced entry of 12 (probably due to the introduction of the Mary Rose) the finalists played off at Colchester on 7th October when Roehampton beat Harrow Oak in a closely fought contest by 4 games to 3. To reach the final Roehampton beat Cheltenham, Aldermaston and Wrest Park; and Harrow Oak beat Colworth, Nottingham and Colchester.

The competition has had an interesting history. A magnificent silver salver was purchased from subscriptions by Associates in 1906. It was played for annually until 1914 when there was a four year break for the First World War. It was played for annually from 1919 to 1939 (except in 1923) but not again until 1971. The break from 1940 to 1946 is understandable due to the Second World War, but that from 1947 to 1971 is not so easy to fathom. In 1970, when chairman of the Tournament Committee your reporter came across the trophy hidden away in the C.A. office in time to get the competition re-started for

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1971. Alas, the magnificent trophy was stolen recently from the showcase at the Roehampton Club together with several of their club trophies. Sadly it has not been recovered.

With their win this year Roehampton have won the trophy eight times, equalling the number of wins by their close rivals Hurlingham. Bedford (unhappily now defunct) won it six times as have Woking (between 1924 and 1937). Cheltenham have recorded three wins, their first in 1976, and of existing clubs Compton (1928), Southwick (1936) and Wrest Park (1974) have each won it once.

Mary Rose Trophy

Introduced in 1983 as a "half-way house" between the Inter-Club and the Longman Cup this competition has caught on fast. Only in its second year it attracted 25 entries. Last year's winners Bowdon successfully defended by beating Roehampton in the final 7–0 at Cheltenham on 6th October. To reach the final they had beaten Wolverhampton, Stourbridge, Budleigh and Cheltenham 2, whilst Roehampton had beaten Southwick, Woking, Ipswich and Harwell.

Longman Club Team Cup

From a record entry of 44 the winners for the first time were Bretby (National Coal Board, Derby) when they defeated Wolverhampton (runners-up in 1983) at Nottingham on 7th October in another close contest by 3–2½. To reach the final Bretby beat Wrest Park, Thomas Cook Ltd (Peterborough), Colworth (last year's winners), then Hurlingham. Wolverhampton reached the final with victories over Walsall, Chester, Stourbridge, East Riding and Oxford University.

This cup was presented by the late William Longman in 1928 to encourage particularly long bisquers to play competitive croquet outside their own clubs. In the intervening years the most successful clubs have been Warwickshire (Leamington) and Hurlingham, each with seven wins, Edgbaston, Roehampton and Woking each have three wins.

Up to 1967 the names of each of the winning team's players was engraved on the cup, but to save space since 1968 only the winning club's name has been recorded on the cup. On looking through names on the cup it is interested to record that our Vice President Jim Townsend played off 10 for Hurlingham in 1950 and playing for Cambridge University in 1962 international Martin Murray played off 5 and David Miller and Peter Hallett both played off 8.

Secretary's Shield

Introduced in 1979 as a knock-out competition between the winners of the previous year's various leagues was won by Harwell (Home Counties B) who beat Edgbaston (West Midlands Federation) at Nottingham on 29th August. In the preliminary round Harwell beat Woking (Home Counties A) and Edgbaston beat East Riding (Northern Federation). In 1984 Home Counties only had one league and the Essex/Suffolk league entered the field. The 1985 competition will therefore be between the winners of Home Counties/Essex Suffolk) v. West Midlands and Northern Federations. At the time of writing the names of the clubs winning the various leagues played in 1984 are not yet known.

Richard Rothwell

(Secretary's Notes)

Entry Fees for C.A. tournaments

Open Championship		£8.00
Doubles Championship (per player)		£4.00
Mens Championship		£8.00
Womens Championship		£8.00
Mixed Doubles Championship (per player)		£4.00
Plate events		_
Přesidenť s Cup	f	10.00
Chairman's Salver.		£8.00
Spencer Ell Cup		£8.00
CA invitation weekend.		£5.00
Ladies Field Cup		£5.00
Ladies 2nd Event		£5.00
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Inter-Counties (per team)	£	24.00
All-England Handicap		£1.00
Inter-Club Championship.		£5.00
Mary Rose Trophy		£5.00
Longman Cup		£5.00
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Two-life events (including XY)		£3.75
Single-life events		£3.25
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Doubles (per player)..... £2.50

DEATHS HAMILTON MILLER, D.J.V.

NEW CLUBS AFFILIATED Guernsey Croquet Club

NEW CLUBS REGISTERED

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Tyneside Croquet Club - Smith Park, North Shields.

Alterations to Handicaps

Bowdon 15-17 June D.J. Kelly	31/2	3
Southwick 25–30 June		
(Veterans)		
Mrs C. Aberhalden	8 to	
A.C.F. Armstrong	13/11	12/11
R.E. Balkwill	8	7
F.J. Excell	7	6
R.F. Rothwell	4	5
Nottingham 29 June-1 Ju	ly	
Mrs K. Cotterell	41/2	4
R.T.W. Smith	4	5
R.A. Welch	5	41/2
Bristol 30 June-1 July		
Mrs R.W. Ransom	13	12
R. Jenkins	12/10	11/10
B.J. Storey	4	31/2
Hurlingham Club July		
Dr H.J. Elverson	51/2	61/2
A.I. Milne	3	21/2
Maj Gen D.G. Wilson-		
Haffenden	9	10
Southwick 20-28 May		
J.O. Walters	1 1/2	1
Budleigh Salterton 2-7 Jul	y	
P.J. Shepard	31/2	4
P. Gregg	9	8
H.J. Crozier	9	8
Miss A.E. Dawson	13	12
P. Gregg	8	7
Miss M. Hardman	13/11	12/10
T.D. Harrison	41/2	31/2
Miss P.E. Parker	5	41/2
Dr P.B.D. West	2	11/2
M.J. Wilkins	5	4
Worcester v. Cheltenham 2	0 June	
J. Wurmli	16 (D14	4) 14 (D12)

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Wolverhampton 7–8 Ju	ly	
T.P. Greenwood	9	8
R. Weaver	9	8
M. Bowen	15	13
Wrest Park 6–8 July		
D.A. Wheeler	21/2	3
A.J. Collin	2	11/2
Southwick 20-25 Augu		
Mrs S. Peatfield	12*	12/10
P.R. Hardcastle	4	(Confirmed)
Mrs S. Frence M. French	13	11
P. Mansfield	12	10/9
Mrs E. Mapletoft	7	51/2
D. Palmer	6	51/2
Miss K. Pitt	15/14	13/11
R. Ransome	8	6
Mrs R. Ransome	10	7
R.A.G. Rogers Mrs A. Smith	6	51/2
Rev C.H. Townsend	13/11 3½	11/9
T. Vale	41/2	4
Mrs T. Vale	9	8
Bowden 18–27 August M.N. Suter	71/	5½
J. Mann	7½ 5	5½ 4
P. Dyke	12/10	10
D. Kelly	3	21/2
B.J. Storey	3	21/2
Hurlingham (All England	AND AN ALCOHOL AND ALCOHOL AND ALCOHOL	-9 September
C.D. Morpeth	8	/
Roehampton Club Sept		
M.J.B. Haggerston	12/10	11/10
Cheltenham 3-6 Septer		
R.E. Burnell	4	31/2
R. Race A.G. Sutcliffe	4 3½	31/2
P.A. Darby	8	3 7
Southport 15–16 Septer	mbor	
T.D. Harrison	31/2	3
Ryde 14-16 September		
J. Short	8	7
P. Watson	8	71/2
H.B. Brownsdon	9	8
Southwick Ladies Field J. Macleod	Cup 17-21 Se 3½	ptember 3
Nottingham 14–16 Sept Mrs A.J. Bucknell	10	12
Mrs C. Chamberlain	10	12
M.R.L. Cowan	10	8
R.H. Fletcher	9	11
S.J. Hare	2	11/2
Dr J.W. King Dr F.L. Whittaker	4	3½ 11
Roehampton 18–19 Aug A.J. Mrozinski	21/2	2
A.J. Palmer	11/2	ī
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Wrest Park 21-23 Sept		
D. Goucher	51/2	5 2½
T.D. Harrison K. Jackson	3 6½	6
Dr R.E. Sutherland	7	6
Budleigh Salterton 21-2	3 Sentember	
W.C. Broad Thomas	6	5
Dr R.W. Bucknall	51/2	61/2
Mrs D.J. Croker	6	51/2

Cheltenham 6-8 July		
	0	0
Mrs M.T. Paddon	9	8
Mrs W.R. Bawden	9 11	9
R.S. Jenkins Mrs F.E. Ransom	12	10
	10	9
P.A. Darby	8	9 6½
M.J. Finn	0	072
Colchester 9-14 July		
D.G. Palmer	9	7
P.J.C. Hetherington	4	3
J. Williams	12	10
Southwick 9-14 July		
J.J. Death	12	11
D. Goatcher	61/2	6
Mrs G. Day	8	10
Dr E.P. Davey	12	10
J.J. Death	11	9
Mrs S. French	14	13
Dr D.G. Higgs	6	7
Mrs B.K. Pearman	13	13/11
R.A.G. Rogers	7	6
Mrs T. Vale	10	9
Woking 30 June-8 July		
G.J. Grist	11	9
A.J. Mrozinski	3	21/2
C. Lamb	4	31/2
I. McDiarmid	8	7
A. McCormack	51/2	5
C. Lamb	31/2	21/2
R.J. Smith	31/2	3
J. Wankling	71/2	7
Hurlingham Opens 14-21 J	uly	
S. Lewis	1/2	0
R. Hilditch	0	-1/2
J. Walters	1	1/2
D. Peterson	1	1/2
G. Roy	11/2	1
S. Wright	-1/2	0
K. Jones (USA) (New H'cap)	1	
Edgbaston Club July		
A. Sweeney	10	9
Bristol Club July		
M. Suter	8	71/2
J. de M. Jefferey	11	10
Lady Porter	13	15
East Riding 14-15 July		
W. Lamb	9	8
Mrs. H. Potter	8	10
Mrs M. Collins	21/2	2
B. Storey	31/2	3
F.I. Maugham	3	21/2
P. Iveson	10	9
W. Toyne	11	9

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