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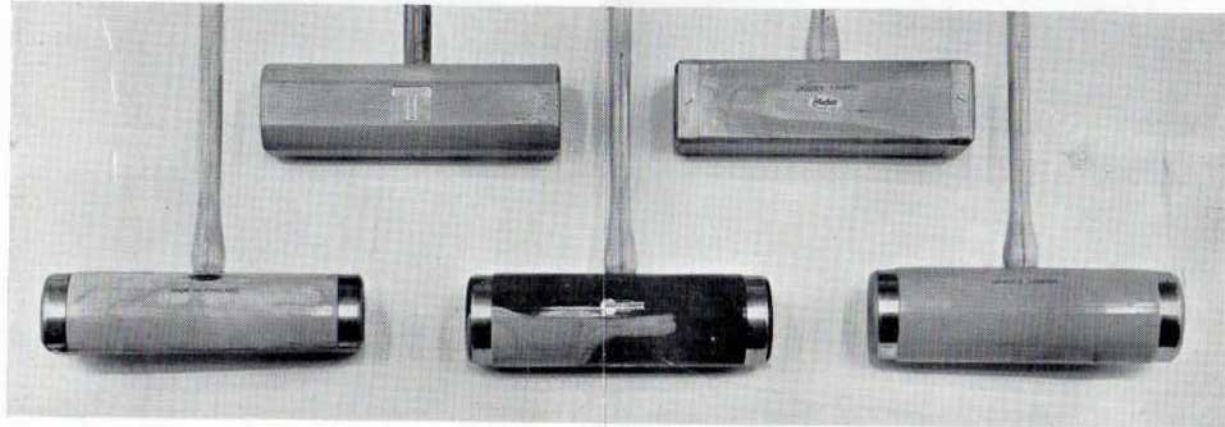
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NOTES by ROVER

BY the time these words are read our New Zealand visitors will be no longer "new" to many of us. They will have attended our Annual Meeting, competed in two of our Tournaments, and been entertained to Dinner by the Council. It will seem a long time ago since the flashlight photographs at Southampton and Waterloo and the bus drive through London on a sunny morning to their various destinations, when our guests cried out with admiration at the trees in squares and parks so welcome to them after weeks at sea with nothing but the ocean to look at. They have arrived in time to see our country at its best. Whether they will see our best players at their best the Test Matches will soon reveal. The very interesting article by Ashley Heenan in this number suggests that we shall be up against a most tough proposition, which might possibly have been even tougher still had Mr. Heenan himself been able to join the team, for we hear he is now playing extremely well, and it would have been a pleasure to have seen him here again. However, we all wish the visiting team "all they wish themselves"—except one thing, the victory they have come to win! But if they should win it we promise not to grudge them even that.

Sussex by the Sea

It is singularly appropriate that the First Test Match should be played on the courts at Southwick, since it was here, nineteen years ago, that the last match for the International Trophy took place. Indeed the photograph on the cover of this number was actually taken during a game which formed part of that encounter, which Britain won, though more narrowly than she had done the earlier matches in this series. It was at Southwick moreover that the Captain of this year's New Zealand team made both his first and his last appearance in this country during his previous visit to us. Southwick—or more precisely the Sussex County Croquet Club—is one of the oldest (as it is perhaps the largest) club in Britain. It was started in 1900, though tournament Croquet had been played in Brighton for some years before this on the famous Steyne. It is probably the only croquet ground in the world from which the spectator may view two ancient parish churches. We wonder how many visitors have made the close inspection of these, which their beauties merit. Indeed Southwick with its charming Green and the historic house which sheltered the future Charles II is something of an anachronism in the great "conurbation" which stretches from Black Rock to the Adur. British Croquet is fortunate to have so charming a setting in which to welcome its challengers from overseas.

Cambridge Lead the Way

While there is no doubt much to be said on general grounds for the resolution passed at our A.G.M. to admit undergraduates at a reduced subscription there are particular reasons of a

cheering kind for having done so at this moment. For Croquet is now in the public eye at one of our ancient universities owing to the joint energies of Mrs. Heley in the town and the brothers Ormerod at one of the Cambridge colleges. Exhibition matches have been held and we hear of a real interest in the game amongst the junior members of the university.

Surely what is being achieved on the banks of the Cam can be emulated on the banks of the Isis or more precisely of the Cherwell, for the courts which have long existed in the Oxford Parks are but a few hundred yards from this delectable stream. And why should not the "Redbrick" universities follow suit? At Nottingham in particular every opportunity surely exists for this, for when associates go to look on at the Test Match there this month they will find the courts beautifully situated beneath the long line of the university buildings. Shall we one day read of "blues" being given to university representatives in a Varsity Match? This is unlikely perhaps, but "blue and black"—or at "Redbrick" a "red and yellow"—might be substituted.

Ladies ??

Where are our lady minus-players of the future coming from? Rover is certainly not the only one who must at some time have asked this question; it was forced on one's mind when watching the contestants in the Ladies' Field Cup last year, when virtually all the players were of pre-war croquet vintage. In the case of the men on the other hand, we need mention only Patrick Cotter and John Solomon of those who have taken up the game in post-war years and have rapidly become minus players, and the Surrey Cup included others whose improvement has been very recent. There are, of course, many more of the male sex either in, or hovering around, the minus class who are comparatively new to the game. Yet as lately as 1948 the President's Cup showed an actual majority of lady players among the contestants. Since Croquet is a game at which it has been abundantly proved that women neither need be nor have been at any disadvantage when competing with men, this lack of improving players from among their ranks is a little difficult to account for. It has been suggested that now that domestic duties weigh so much more hardly on women than was often the case in the past, fewer of them are free to take up the game than formerly. This handicap does not seem to affect our antipodean sisters however. Nor is the disparity between men and women players, so far as numbers are concerned, by any means uniform in this country—witness the vastly different sex distributions at certain clubs. At Hurlingham, for example, the ladies are well in the minority, whereas at Ryde the membership is predominantly female. One way of rectifying the balance would be for all the wives to join in the one case and all the husbands in the other. Sisters and brothers would do equally well for this purpose of course.

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THE NEW ZEALAND TEAM

Some notes on personalities

by Ashley Heenan

WITH the landing of the New Zealand Croquet team the long awaited tour will by now be under way. Great interest in New Zealand follows the movement of our first team ever to visit England. The Captain, A. G. F. Ross, needs no introduction to English enthusiasts, but the remainder of the team are known only by name. C. Watkins will be remembered by the 1950 English team, but not as the player he is today. Concentrated application to the fundamentals of the game has turned him into a player of considerable ability. Particularly steady shooting and hoop running have aided him to develop into a dangerous player, especially when it comes to picking up breaks. Mrs. Watkins is our best known woman player. A beautiful stroke player, her play is a delight to watch. In doubles she is outstanding. One of the few ladies who have consistently beaten the men, she has won the New Zealand Open Singles four times. With her husband, she makes up one of our best doubles pairs ever. Mr. Rowling is comparatively new on the scene. Although he has been playing in Dominion fixtures for 8 or 9 years, he has been handicapped by living far away from the company of good players. Assiduous practice on his own has led his play to develop remarkably. He was in devastating form in this year's Dominion fixture. Mrs. Kirk has once again, through sheer determination, grit and a wonderful match temperament, been selected. She "revels" in the big occasion which appears to bring out the best in her play. She is never beaten till the peg-out. Miss Wainwright, one of our younger players, is a very good shot and in break play a delight to watch. Never known to complain, she is one of our most popular figures at a tournament. Mrs. Smart's play will perhaps be a surprise to English players. Rising to the top in two seasons, she is distinguished for deadly long shooting and remarkable hoop making. Her attacking game has little to fear when she is in form.

Hoping for the Best

Those back home in New Zealand have particular interest in the doubles side of the Tests. Frankly, they are hoping for the best in singles but are under no illusions. In doubles they are quietly confident. It is here we hope our team may do the impossible, namely, defeat England on her home ground. But the main wish of all is that out of this Test series and visit, a closer liaison between the two countries will develop. To play in English croquet tournaments is akin to making a pilgrimage, and with so many of our players in England this year, we all have great hopes that all will

find much of mutual interest in each other's play and that a constructive basis for co-operation in the future will be established.

If the New Zealand Selectors expected the results from our three main Croquet tournaments to solve their problems, they were in for some surprises. I doubt whether New Zealand Croquet has previously seen such a consistently high standard of play from so many players before, or so many leading players defeated in the three tournaments. Although the first four places in the team were considered "certainties," there was intense competition for the remaining places. Two players literally played themselves into the team. They were Mr. G. Rowling and Mrs. O'Connell (now Mrs. Smart). Mr. Rowling was considered a certainty, but no one would have prophesied his capturing two titles. Mrs. Smart's play was the centre of interest as opinions were divided over her chances. Her convincing defeat of A. G. F. Ross in the South Island Open assured her of selection. Ross did not win a title, but his play (which included six triple peels) confirmed him as the best choice for Captain.

Only One Title Winner

Curiously enough, the team contains only one title winner from the Dominion fixture, the others winning selection on a review of their general form. Unluckiest player was Mrs. Mitchell who failed to be selected but, after the team was chosen, played excellent croquet to win the New Zealand Women's Title. On her later form, she would have been selected. A surprise choice was Mrs. W. H. Kirk, who prior to the tournament was hardly in the running. Her excellent display of determination, and her remarkable match temperament earned her a place (history repeats itself, for in 1950 Mrs. Kirk did exactly the same thing to win a place). Miss Wainwright won the South Island Women's, and Ross the South Island Men's. C. Watkins had a narrow escape from A. Heenan to win the North Island Opens, the latter defeating him in the Men's. Play in the Doubles must have influenced the selectors in some choices and in view of the fact that New Zealand has placed some reliance on their doubles play for the tests, this may prove to be a wise consideration. "Emergencies" selected were Miss Claughton, now Mrs. Rowling, Mesdames Mitchell, Jarden, Wadsworth and Martin. In announcing their team, the selection panel stated their regret that F. C. Bryan and A. Heenan had not been available for the tour.

WELCOME



Photo—Topical Press

A group of the New Zealand croquet team. Left to right:—Miss I. Wainwright, Mr. W. H. Kirk, Mrs. W. H. Kirk, Mr. A. G. F. Ross (Team Captain), Mrs. C. Watkins, Mr. C. Watkins, Mrs. T. McKenzie-Smart, and Mr. Gordon Rowling, present holder of New Zealand Open Croquet Championship.

THE TEST MATCHES

The Rival Teams

THE New Zealand team will be chosen from the following:

A. G. F. Ross, *Captain* Miss I. Wainwright
Mrs. W. H. Kirk Mrs. C. Watkins
Mrs. McKenzie-Smart C. Watkins
G. Rowling W. H. Kirk, *Manager*

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

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

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

E. P. C. Cotter will Captain the English team in the first two test matches.

CROQUET IN RETROSPECT

2. LINKS WITH THE PAST

by G. F. H. Elvey

IT is probably thought by a good many post-war players that between Croquet of the present day, and the early beginnings of Croquet in this country, there is a complete gulf fixed. It is usually accepted that Croquet suffered absolute eclipse about the year 1882, and that between the old Croquet prior to that date, and Croquet as we know it to-day, there are no connecting links at all. This is not actually true. Between the last Championship won by Mr. Spong in 1882 and the revival in 1897, there was indeed a break, but not so complete a break as is sometimes supposed. The game continued to be played in many country houses, and at least three clubs still functioning at the time of the great revival had never given up Croquet: Budleigh Salterton, still one of our most important Clubs, Cheltenham, and a Club at Romford now long since extinct.

When Lt.-Col. Needham was Hon. Secretary of the C.A. he was living at Ascot and was very much interested in the founding of the Ascot Heath Croquet Club. In his recruiting efforts for the Club, he persuaded my mother to join. My mother, wanting some practice, asked me to play with her at our old home, The Towers, Windlesham. Previously I had no interest in games, but from the start Croquet gripped me, and through the years it has not let go. But the sole purpose of this autobiographical diversion is to explain how it is that I came into Croquet when I was very young, and so had the pleasure not only of seeing the play of the giants of those days, but also the interest of meeting players who had been pioneer exponents of the game in the days of long ago. Here are some of these that I remember well.

The first recorded Tournament was held at Evesham, August 15th and 16th, 1867, Mr. Arthur Lillie, who subsequently became both a player and a writer on Croquet, from whose book indeed my information at the moment is coming, went over from Cheltenham with the Rev. Arthur Law to watch the latter play. Mr. Law found his way into the Final, but the winner was the famous Croquet pioneer, Walter Jones Whitmore, which, says Mr. Lillie somewhat sardonically, "allowed him to pose as the champion." In 1868 a tournament "open to all comers" was played at Moreton-in-the-Marsh and won by that Walter Peel whom our "Memorials" commemorate. In 1869 an important Tournament was held in the Montpellier Gardens, at Cheltenham. This tournament was won by Mr. Law, who in so doing became the local champion. Among the players at this first Cheltenham Tournament were, in addition to Mr. Law and Mr. Lillie, Major Lane, Mr. Macfie, and Mr. Eveleigh. In my young days I knew these players quite well, especially Mr. Law.

Mr. Law came once or twice to the old pre-first-war Oxford Tournament. He was a man of

medium height with a pretty thick shock of hair, and played the old across-the-body stroke. He held his mallet very firmly with the forefinger of his right hand down the shaft. I well remember him on one occasion trying to peel his partner ball through the penultimate on his way to 2-back. I do not think he was successful, but the fact that he tried it, demonstrates that he had been an enterprising player.

Major—in my day General—Lane was a small man, and played the front-side stroke with a very springy malacca cane shafted mallet. He was a charming and kindly man.

Mr. Macfie I met at the old Clifton Tournament held on the Clifton College Ground. To me he seemed a dear old gentleman, and Mrs. Macfie was also charming. I believe he had a great deal to do with the old Scottish Championships and Gold Medal Tournaments that used to be held on the wonderful lawns of the Edinburgh Hydro.

Mr. Arthur Lillie was a thin tallish man, and played what we now call the side style, and I remember he had some sort of knob and thickened part at the end of his mallet shaft. I only met him, I think, once, and that was at a Brighton Tournament. We owe to him a great deal of our information about the very early days.

I have already mentioned Mr. Eveleigh in my earlier article. Eveleigh was a well-known Lawn Tennis Referee, and always played croquet under the name of "Bonham Carter." He was still a first-class player in my early days. I remember a curious piece of tactics he used to employ. I have already mentioned that we began the game one foot from the first hoop. Eveleigh had a dodge of deliberately sticking in the hoop in the hope that his opponent would roquet him through and fail to get through the hoop himself. Perhaps this cunning scheme illustrates forcibly the tremendous difference between then and now.

I have mentioned these players of the distant past, who were still enthusiastic exponents of Croquet in my very young days, just to emphasise the fact that from the earliest beginnings of scientific croquet until the present day there has never been a complete break. From the days when Walter Jones Whitmore, in his Tudor Manor House, Chastleton, not far from Evenlode, in which Charles II is said to have taken refuge after his defeat at Worcester, saw the possibilities of Croquet and transformed the Victorian piece of nonsense into a worth-while game, the succession of players has continued.

When we think of the ancient beginnings of scientific croquet, and smile at the large hoops, and quaint settings, we must remember that the game of those earliest days was played with small light mallets usually held with one hand only. It

was some little while before Mr. J. Hale, with his Six Hoop Setting and heavy mallets held with both hands, appeared on the scene.

When Front Play, as it used to be called, because the player stands facing the line of aim, was first introduced, with one hand at the top of the shaft and the other lower down, an objection was raised on the ground that it involved "pushing." I am inclined to think that this view was justified, and that in many Single as well as Double Strokes there is an element of "push". Happily, though the archaic rule against pushing still remains, it is liberally interpreted, otherwise the modern game would hardly be playable.

SOUTH AFRICAN CROQUET ASSOCIATION

THE South African Croquet Championships were held at Durban from the 23rd to 28th April, in really fine weather. The entries were disappointing, only 18, but there was some good croquet and some very hard fought games. Mr. Ward-Petley had to scratch due to illness, and Mrs. D. Clark scratched from the singles which eliminated two of our best players.

The Singles Championship was won by Miss M. I. Simkins (M.C.C.) who received the Association Silver Medal and the Belcher Cup. Mr. C. S. Richardson was runner up and received the Association Medal.

The scores were:—

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. E. Purvis 15, Mrs. S. C. Low 26; Mr. C. S. Richardson 26, Mrs. F. Bull 2; Mr. G. D. Neaves 26, Mrs. H. N. Neaves 9; Capt. R. Belcher 26, Mr. W. Ward-Petley scratched; Miss G. Cotton 11, Miss E. Risley 26; Mrs. W. Young-Thompson 26, Mrs. G. Ellis 17; Comdr. A. Clark 26, Mrs. D. Clark scratched; Mr. E. Savory 6, Mrs. D. Woodhead 26.

SECOND ROUND.

Mr. C. S. Richardson 26, Mrs. S. C. Low 15; Mr. G. D. Neaves 26, Capt. R. Belcher 18; Miss M. I. Simkins 26, Mrs. W. Young-Thompson 16; Mrs. D. Woodhead 26, Comdr. A. Clark 21.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mr. C. S. Richardson 26, Mr. G. D. Neaves 21; Miss M. I. Simkins 26, Mrs. D. Woodhead 17.

FINAL.

(Best of three games).

Miss M. I. Simkins 26, Mr. C. S. Richardson 24; Miss M. I. Simkins 26, Mr. C. S. Richardson 25.

The Doubles Championship was won by Comdr. and Mrs. A. Clark who were the holders of the Lady Steele Silver Salver last year as well.

The scores were:—

FIRST ROUND.

Mr. C. S. Richardson and Miss G. Cotton 26, Mrs. E. Purvis and Mrs. F. Bull 13; Mrs. W. Young-Thompson and Mrs. D. Woodhead 26, Capt. R. Belcher and Mrs. J. Dey 19; Comdr. and Mrs. A. Clark 26, Mr. S. B. Hough and Mrs. H. N. Neaves 3; Mrs. S. C. Low and Miss E. Risley 26, Miss M. I. Simkins and Mr. G. D. Neaves 18.

SEMI-FINALS.

Mrs. W. Young-Thompson and Mrs. D. Woodhead 26, Miss G. Cotton and Mr. Richardson 21; Comdr. and Mrs. A. Clark 26, Mrs. S. C. Low and Miss E. Risley 15.

FINAL.

Comdr. and Mrs. Clark 26, Mrs. W. Young-Thompson and Mrs. D. Woodhead 9.

Play in the Doubles was not of very high standard, a break of 8 being the highest put up.

By the bye, it used to be thought that Centre Play was quite modern in the sense of not having been used before the Great Revival; but I have an old book published in the 1860s, that gives an illustration of a player using centre-play. So this style, though it may not have been much used, and was possibly frowned upon, must have been known in the early days.

In the foregoing notes I have mentioned that stalwart pioneer of Croquet, the Rev. A. Law. It is interesting to record the happy circumstance that his daughter, Miss Law, has often been seen in recent years, interestedly watching Croquet at the Parkstone Tournament.

INTER-COUNTY MATCHES

Played at the Hurlingham Club, May 28th-31st, 1956

BEDFORD.—Miss D. D. Steel (Captain), Rev. B. B. W. Denison, Mrs. P. E. Heley, Canon A. J. W. Pym, Miss E. Steel, A. F. Wood.

EASTERN COUNTIES.—Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton (Captain), I. C. Baillieu, E. V. Carpmael, E. P. Duffield, C. W. R. Hodges, Mrs. E. Reeve, J. G. Warwick, Miss E. J. Warwick.

HANTS AND DORSET.—Mrs. L. H. Ashton, V. A. de la Nougerede, Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish, Major J. H. Dibley, Mrs. J. H. Dibley, H. O. Hodgson, Mrs. E. Rotherham.

MIDDLESEX.—Mrs. L. E. G. Nickisson (Collector), Miss D. A. Lintern (Captain), Mrs. L. C. Apps, E. P. C. Cotter, T. A. Hollweg, Miss A. E. Mills, Capt. H. G. Stoker, S. S. Townsend, R. Tingey.

OXON, BERKS AND BUCKS.—Col. J. G. Clarke (Captain), Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, M. Spencer Ell, G. E. W. Hitchcock, Rev. G. L. Jarratt, R. F. Rothwell, R. V. N. Wiggins.

SUSSEX.—W. Longman (Captain), Major J. R. Abbey, Lady Ursula Abbey, Mrs. A. M. Badcock, F. E. Corke, Mrs. W. Longman, E. A. Roper, D. E. Buckland.

SURREY.—M. B. Reckitt (Captain), Col. C. C. Adams, Major J. W. Cobb, G. V. Evans, Dr. N. Oliver, Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts, Mrs. I. H. Turketine, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins.

Result

HAMPSHIRE AND DORSET won the championship.

The final scores were: Hampshire and Dorset 6 points, Oxon, Berks and Bucks 4, Bedford 3, Middlesex 3, Eastern Counties 2, Surrey (holders) 2 and Sussex 1.

HANDICAPS CONFIRMED OR ALTERED BY THE HANDICAP CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

May 24th, 1956

SIDMOUTH

V. C. Cave 3 to 5.

Mrs. E. M. Kay 8 to 10 (D 8).

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

G. A. H. Alexander 8 to 8 (D 7).

G. A. Black 9 (D 8) to 8.

Miss J. Cooper 12 (D 11) to 11.

T. A. Chignell 6 to 5½.

F. Livesey 11 to 10.

Mrs. G. L. Walters 5 to 4½.

T. Weston-Martyr 11 (D 10) to 9 (D 8).

NON-ASSOCIATES

Mrs. M. Hirst 14 (D 12) new handicap.

Air Vice-Marshal F. H. N. Maynard 14 (D 12).

Air Vice-Marshal F. H. N. Maynard 14 (D12) to 12 (D 10).

PEEL MEMORIALS

T. F. Dalton 2½ to 2.

Mrs. P. E. Heley 4 to 3½.

Mrs. R. Tingey 4 to 3½.

S. S. Townsend 2½ to 1½.

R. C. V. de Wesselow 2½ to 1½.

Miss I. Wainwright —2 to —2½.

Notes from the Clubs

Bedford

The croquet season opened at this club on April 16th. The courts played well and were in good condition in spite of the cold dry weather. On April 28th the Ormerod brothers took a team of undergraduates to visit the club. Doubles and singles matches were played under handicap which proved by no means easy to arrange as several of the Cambridge players had never before played on full sized courts. W. Ormerod played good croquet and defeated G. Warwick in two games. The club are very glad that one of their members, Mrs. Heley, has been able to do so much in conjunction with the Ormerods to foster croquet at Cambridge.

Miss Steel greatly hopes that some of our New Zealand visitors will be able to compete in the Bedford tournament in July.

Hunstanton

Croquet here started in the middle of March and in spite of late frost and snow two of the lawns were in remarkably good condition. Two more courts were available at Easter.

A number of visitors from Hurlingham and Nottingham took advantage of the very early tournament which is held each year at Hunstanton during the first week-end after Easter. Some sixteen competitors in all played in this week-end American tournament. The play was in two sections and the winners were Major Tingey and G. Warwick, the former winning the play-off. We think this tournament deserves every support and may we therefore now remind associates that next year Easter falls on April 21st, so the tournament will begin on April 26th—a date to be remembered.

A New Club

We are very glad to record that on the invitation of Mrs. Lawrence of Pilgrims' Hall a new club has this year been formed for players and beginners resident in the parish of Bentley, near Brentwood in Essex. As there is only one full-sized court at the Hall, with a smaller one at the Secretary's house near by, it has been necessary to limit the number of playing members. Membership reached this limit even before the Inaugural Meeting, but visitors will be welcomed at any time. It is hoped that more will be heard of the club as members gain in experience of the game and begin to take part in tournaments.

Nottingham

Our Nottingham correspondent writes as follows:

"Naturally, our main preoccupation at present is making preparations for the 2nd Test Match between England and New Zealand, which is to be played on our lawns on June 23rd, 25th and 26th.

"We understand that all the New Zealand team, and some of the English, are to take part in our Tournament, and we are looking forward to a really enjoyable and instructive event.

"We feel highly honoured that Nottingham has been chosen as the venue for one of these Test Matches, and we are most anxious that our guests should take away happy memories of their visit.

"The Lord Mayor of Nottingham is very kindly entertaining the members of both teams and the officials, to lunch at the Council House, on the last day, which will provide a fitting finale to what will have been a unique event in the history of the Nottingham Croquet Club."

Hurlingham

The Hurlingham Club played their customary friendly match against Roehampton early in May. This consisted of three doubles, and as each opposing pair was roughly balanced on handicap they played level with lifts. Captain Stoker and Mrs. Thom had a fair margin in hand in beating Mrs. Solomon and Mrs. Tingey. This game moved very briskly and finished before tea. Messrs. Buckland and Cheavin were given little opportunity to do else but admire the all round play of their Roehampton opponents, Mr. Hollweg and Brigadier Stokes-Roberts. Their hooping in particular was the subject of comment, since of the 24 points so scored, in only two did the ball touch the hoop in its transit. The issue of the match accordingly turned on the game in which Messrs. Baillieu and Miles met Dr. Oliver and Miss Rose. This provided the closest finish: on reaching the peg Dr. Oliver pegged out Miles, both the other balls being for the rover hoop. Baillieu, however, gained the innings, made his last hoop and went out, thus giving victory to Hurlingham by 2 games to 1.

This compensated for the heavy defeat at Roehampton the previous Saturday in a golf croquet match, when Hurlingham were beaten by 7 games to 2. As, however, 4 of the home wins were at the 19th the issue was in fact closer than appears. Hurlingham's morale may have been affected by the absence of Teddy Miles who within our knowledge has not at the time of writing lost a golf croquet game during the past three years. Hurlingham were indebted to Major Tingey for one of their two victories. He stood in for a last-minute absentee, practised hooping assiduously just before the match and devastated Miss Lintern by 6 and 5.

Sussex County Club (Brighton)

The 1956 Season at the Sussex County Croquet Club opened on April 14th. It is nice to be able to welcome five new members. The high-light of the season will be the first Test Match against our New Zealand friends on June 13th, 14th and 15th. Our President, Major Abbey, is giving a cocktail party on June 14th, after play, thus enabling members of the Club to meet the two contesting teams. We are delighted to welcome all the New Zealand players to our open tournament on May 21st.

Thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Franc the canteen has been redecorated and a new bar counter

installed. Mr. Bland and Mr. Hitchcock have been busy with paint pot and brush during the winter and have greatly improved the appearance of the shelters and the club buildings.

We should like to take this opportunity to let visitors, to our club during the Test Match, know that cars cannot be parked in Victoria Road outside the main entrance, as the road is closed for repairs. There is a car park provided inside the Kingston Lane entrance to the Club.

Edgbaston

The Edgbaston Croquet Club reopened its doors on April 21st; the ceremony was purely figurative, however, for two reasons. It is impossible to keep the gate closed against the locals and, secondly, burglars had already broken open the kitchen door in the off season! Fortunately our President, Mr. Newton, had the Club teaspoons in his safe keeping.

We were glad to welcome two new playing members, Miss F. Ginder, a promising novice, and Mr. Meachem, Senior, father of Junior (Mr. J. B.) who joined us a couple of years ago and is already a senior at the game. We were glad too, to hear from Miss Kathleen Grimley that her sister Elsie is progressing well after a serious accident in Winter.

Thanks to Mrs. Orcutt's invaluable efforts we have several new Bridge members. With these and an increase of the club subscription to five and a half guineas to offset increased rates and expenses we hope to continue to peg-out.

Blackheath

The Blackheath Croquet Club opened its season in perfect weather on Wednesday, May 2nd, and an enjoyable afternoon was spent. But the outlook for the Club is not a happy one. Since last year it has lost four members, owing to removal from the neighbourhood, which means not only fewer players, but reduced funds.

Before the War the Club was a flourishing one situated in open country at the end of Blackheath Park with five lawns and a large membership. During the War, of course, play was suspended and members were scattered. Three lawns were destroyed by bombs, another was taken over by adjoining allotments, leaving only one for play and that not in good condition, but funds would not permit of any special treatment. Nevertheless in 1946 the Club re-opened with those members available and croquet, such as it could be under these conditions, has been played again with the same enthusiasm.

During the past few years industrial buildings and houses have crept nearer and it may well be that in a year or two the lawn and allotments will all be required for further building.

In the meantime the fight goes on and any who care to make the venture and will join the Club as such, would be cordially welcomed.

Cambridge

Croquet in Cambridge made a fresh start early in May. The Corporation has provided a public court on Christ's Piece and the equipment

had come from the Association, Mrs. Ashton and Dr. Ormerod, while much hard work had been put in by W. P. Ormerod and H. L. Ormerod of Pembroke and by Peter Knowlson of Clare.

The new court was formally opened on May 5th, by Alderman G. F. Nobbs who ran the first hoop most skilfully. All was then set for an exhibition match in which Miss D. D. Steel was partnered by J. G. Warwick against Miss J. Warwick and W. P. Ormerod. This was followed by a second match between Mrs. Heley and Christopher Phelps (Peterhouse) playing against Mrs. Reeve and Peter Knowlson. Much interest in the games was shown by the general public which included a number of undergraduates. Many of the latter had never seen a full-size court and proper equipment, though many colleges have small lawns on which croquet of a kind is played. Propaganda leaflets were distributed and explanations given about the play. Let us hope that some future champions will learn their croquet at Cambridge as a result of this day's play.

On May 6th, a match was played on the College courts. A team of visitors played an undergraduate side. Three games were won by the undergraduates and one by the visitors. The thanks of the croquet players are due to the Provost and Fellows of King's College and to the Master and Fellows of Trinity.

Roehampton

The new season opened on Saturday, 21st April, with a golf croquet tournament for which there were 21 entrants, who all enjoyed the games on a warm springlike day. The winner of the singles was Mrs. D. Attfield, who defeated Major R. Tingey by 1 hoop. Mrs. M. Howard Austin and Mr. J. A. Holweg were the winners of the doubles.

On Saturday, 28th April, a golf croquet match was played between Hurlingham and Roehampton Club at Roehampton.

The results of the match were:

Singles—Roehampton 4; Hurlingham 2.
Doubles—Roehampton 3; Hurlingham 0.
Roehampton won 7-2.

The Trevelyan Bowl and Memorial Tankard were played for during the week beginning Saturday, 5th May. There was an entry of 20 members—the same number as last year; the finals were played on Sunday afternoon, 13th May, between Miss D. Lintern and Mr. J. A. Holweg. Miss Lintern pegged out Mr. Holweg's forward ball when her second ball was at hoop 2 and Mr. Holweg's at 4-back with 1 bisque left. Miss Lintern then kept control with perfect wiring from her opponent. Only when she failed at the penultimate did Mr. Holweg have a chance with his bisque to make 4-back and go to the peg. This, however, failed and Miss Lintern then finished and won the Trevelyan Bowl, Mr. J. A. Holweg receiving the second prize, the Memorial Tankard.

The croquet members of the Club were delighted to welcome the members of the New Zealand team at Roehampton on Friday afternoon, 11th May, when the first games of their visit were played on English lawns.

To See The Test Matches

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June 23, 25, 26	2nd TEST MATCH at Nottingham
July 19, 20, 21	3rd TEST MATCH at Hurlingham
August 20, 21, 22	4th TEST MATCH at Roehampton
September 18, 19, 20	5th TEST MATCH at Budleigh Salterton
October 6	SOUTH OF ENGLAND v. NEW ZEALAND at Devonshire Park, Eastbourne

Write to the Secretary

CROQUET ASSOCIATION, 4 SOUTHAMPTON ROW, W.C.1.

BRIDGE

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

HERE is a hand from the England v. Scotland match of two years ago.

S—10, 3.			
H—9, 8, 5.			
D—A, Q, 7, 6, 3.			
C—10, 4, 2.			
S—9, 5.	N	S—Q, 3, 7, 6, 4, 2.	
H—10, 4, 2.	W E	H—Q, 6.	
D—J, 9, 8, 4.	S	D—K, 10, 2.	
C—A, 9, 7, 5.		C—J, 3.	
	S—A, K, 8.		
	H—A, K, J, 7, 3.		
	D—5.		
	C—K, Q, 8, 6.		

The bidding was with dealer South at Love All.

S	W	N	E
1H	No	2H	2S
4H	No	No	No

The first point to note in the bidding is that my partner, who was Pearlstone, bid 2H and not any bad bid such as 2D or 1NT. 2H is not the bid one is anxious to make but it is the *only good bid* on the cards. East's bid of 2S is typical of the obstructive methods in duplicate play but has nothing really to recommend it.

The lead of the S9 covered by the ten and the knave and won by the ace was a help, as my eight could be set up by finesse. This hand requires careful play. On the bid of 2S I placed the ace of Clubs with East and was prepared for four trumps with West. To the second trick I played the ace of Hearts and all followed. Then I entered dummy with the ace of Diamonds and led a small Club and put on the king. This was taken by West's ace, which was a bit of a shock. However, the spade was returned and the queen fell to my king. The ace of Hearts now drops the queen and the contract is assured—but overtricks count. The queen of Clubs is played before drawing the last trump. This drops East's knave and a Club is led to the ten in dummy, a Diamond is ruffed, the last Club ruffed, another diamond ruffed, and NOW the last trump is drawn. This play yielded twelve tricks and as the declarer in the other room only made ten tricks it netted England one I.M.P.

Notice the careful timing and the early play of the Club. To play two rounds of trumps early would be very poor play.

Here is another hand from the same match, where England undeservedly gained 5 I.M.P.

S—K, Q, 8, 6, 5.			
H—J, 10.			
D—K, 10, 9, 2.			
C—A, Q.			
S—10, 7, 3.	N	S—J, 9, 2.	
H—9, 4, 3.	W E	H—Q, 8, 7, 5.	
D—5, 4, 3.	S	D—Q, J, 7.	
C—8, 7, 6, 2.		C—K, 4, 3.	
	S—A, 4.		
	H—A, K, 6, 2.		
	D—A, 8, 6.		
	C—J, 10, 9, 5.		

This at love all was dealt by South. In Room 1 the bidding between North and South was 1H—1S—2C—3D—3NT. In Room 2 the English pair

bid 1H—1S—2NT—6NT. The bid of 2NT by South is a gross overbid. With Spades breaking the contract was made, but it is not a good slam to be in. [Copyright]

CORRESPONDENCE

Law 29 (b)

Dear Sir,

I understand that the presence amongst us of our visitors from overseas is to be taken as a welcome opportunity by the Council for a discussion of any matters relating to the Laws which either party may wish to discuss.

Since this is the case, it seems appropriate that rank and file members of the Association should be permitted, and even encouraged, to bring forward any points of this sort which in their view may require to be clarified or amended.

Law 29 (b) in my opinion badly needs both these improvements. In the first place it is far from clear what precisely "the same privileges" herein mentioned actually are, though we are told what in this instance they are not. Does this mean, for example, a player may (or must) tell his partner, whether he has hit a ball or not? If this is the meaning, why not say so?

One very curious (however or not correct) deduction has in fact been drawn from section (b)—namely that a partner sitting at the side of the court may—and on this assumption presumably should—volunteer an opinion on the facts about a stroke made by his partner who may be thirty yards away from him when the stroke is made, and if he gives such an opinion the striker may, though one assumes he need not, act upon it. Whether or not this is a correct inference from this extremely vaguely worded law is, I think, very arguable. But if it is it may well lead to a very remarkable and unsatisfactory situation.

To take a concrete example. A is sitting near the fourth corner. His partner B having run hoop 2, has a longish roquet at a ball on the north boundary. His ball passes very near to the boundary ball and he appears to hesitate, suggesting a doubt whether in fact the roquet has been made or not. A shouts out: "It's all right, partner, you hit it." In this he claims if (not unnaturally) challenged by his opponents that he is exercising one of the "privileges" implied—though hardly specified—in Law 29 (b). Three distinct questions arise here (i) Is this interpretation of the law correct? (ii) If it is, ought not the matter to be far more clearly stated? (iii) If this is in fact the intention of the law, is this one that should continue to go without question? In my view the striker should be required to state himself quite definitely whether he believes himself to have achieved what he set out to do, and his partner should be forbidden the "privilege" of making up his mind for him.

Let me say that as I do not now play Doubles myself my interest in this matter is quite impersonal.

Yours faithfully,

AIMEE RECKITT

Council Attendance

Dear Sir,

In the April number of *Croquet* you published the Annual Return of Attendances at Council and Committee meetings.

In case this is studied by the readers of *Croquet* I should like to point out that apart from one Tournament Committee meeting attendance, I am credited with a row of very attractive, but rather misleading dots, intended apparently to record that I did not attend any other meetings. I should be very glad therefore if you would print this letter stating that I attended all six Council meetings. To do this I probably travel farther than any other member of Council.

Yours faithfully,

HOPE ROTHERHAM

OBITUARY

MISS M. K. HASLAM

Many croquet players will have read with great regret of the death on May 16th of Miss M. K. Haslam.

For many years a popular member of the Bournemouth Croquet Club, and later of Parkstone, she was well known in London and at tournaments in the South of England.

In 1925, with R. Leatham Jones, she won the Mixed Doubles Championships and in 1929 the Peel Memorials and played several times for the Ladies' Field Cup, and in the Hampshire County team.

Always a forward and sporting player she thoroughly enjoyed her matches whether she won or lost and so did her opponents.

Of late years she had struggled with supreme courage against increasing ill-health, and those of us who saw her playing last summer knew that it was only her indomitable will which kept her going.

Her death will leave a great blank in the lives of all her croquet friends.

Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Roehampton Club on Tuesday, May 15th, 1956.

In the absence of the President the Chair was taken by W. Longman, Vice-President.

Before proceeding to the business of the meeting Mr. Longman welcomed the members of the New Zealand Team and this was heartily endorsed by all present.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Sir Compton Mackenzie and Mrs. W. Longman.

The Chairman said that as the Minutes of the last meeting were identical with the Report published in the magazine of June, 1955, he proposed that they be taken as read. This was unanimously agreed.

Mr. Longman then called upon the Hon. Treasurer to speak on the accounts. The Hon. Treasurer said that the finances of the Association were slowly improving due to the raising of the subscription. Fears that this would have an adverse effect on the membership had happily proved groundless. Col. C. C. Adams then moved the adoption of the Report and Balance Sheet. This was seconded by T. S. Oliver and carried unanimously.

Mr. T. S. Oliver asked when the Rules of the Association, as recently revised, would be available to members and was informed that they were included in the recently published Handbook for 1956-57. Mr. Oliver asked if there was any information as to any changes at the Roehampton Club and was told that no information was presently available.

Six members of the Council, retiring by rotation were declared re-elected together with three new members, Mrs. Heley, Messrs. R. C. V. de Wesselow and E. A. Roper.

Amendments to Rules. Rule VII (b) to add to the last line the words "or in an announcement in an appropriate issue of the *London Times*". Mr. Brackenbury explained that if the May issue of *Croquet* was not published there would be a saving of approximately £70. This would be possible if amendments or additions to the agenda of the A.G.M. were published in the *Times* instead of in *Croquet*. On the proposal of Mr. Brackenbury, seconded by Col. Clarke, the amendment was carried by the requisite majority.

Rule XXVI (a) to add "an associate being an undergraduate of any British University shall pay 10s. per annum". This was proposed by Col. Adams, seconded by Mrs. Heley, and carried unanimously.

CLUB TEAM CUP

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First round to be completed by June 30th.

Second round to be completed by July 28th.

Final to be played by August 31st.

Council Meeting Minutes

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

The minutes of the last meeting, as circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman. Arising out of the minutes, Brig. Stokes-Roberts reported that he had arranged for the Council dinner to the New Zealand Team to be held at the Trocadero Restaurant on May 30th, and for the Association dinner to be held at the Connaught Rooms on October 18th.

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

Questions. Mrs. Rotherham asked if gate fees should be charged for the Test Matches, and if so how much? Brig. Stokes-Roberts replied that gate fees should be charged, the amount to be at the discretion of the local Committee. It was recommended that the proceeds of the gate be shared equally by the C.A. and the Clubs concerned.

Publicity Committee recommendations. Brig. Stokes-Roberts asked leave to give a verbal report of the recommendations of the Committee which had met that morning, and which were as follows. That he should act as Treasurer for the New Zealand Entertainment Fund, and that when unable to attend any match should be responsible for appointing a local representative to act. £10 0s. 0d. for each match had already been agreed for local expenses, and it was thought that any additional expense should come out of the gate fees. The gate fee fixed by the local Club should be shared equally between the C.A. and the Club. During a Test Match no other games should be permitted. Where necessary the C.A. should provide balls and the local clubs be asked to have hoops and other equipment in good order. The Committee recommended that in no circumstances should any of the expenses of the Home Team be paid by the C.A. other than refreshments during the course of a match.

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

The regular meeting of the Council was then adjourned. A special meeting of the Council under Rule XIV was then held.

Mr. Reckitt proposed that the alterations to Laws and Regulations for official tournaments as published in the December issue of *Croquet* be approved. This was seconded by Col. Clarke and agreed.

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

Motion by Mr. Reckitt on behalf of the Tournament Committee: "That the following condition be added to those governing the Inter-County Matches, 'Should the number of Counties entering teams be five or any less number, each team will play the others twice'. This condition to be No. 7 and the others to be re-numbered accordingly." Mr. Reckitt explained that he had consulted his Committee by letter, and all had approved of the change. The motion was seconded by Miss Lintern and agreed.

Mr. Evans said he would be pleased to pay for the emblems to be given to the New Zealand Team, and his generous offer was received with acclamation.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 4 Southampton Row, on Thursday, March 1st, 1956.

The Minutes of the last meeting as circulated were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

Correspondence. A letter was read from W. P. Ormerod regarding the proposed croquet court to be provided by the Cambridge Corporation. Dr. Ormerod

offered to lend court equipment for three years, and Mrs. Ashton said she would give four mallets. It was agreed that if any minor items of equipment were required the C.A. would provide them up to a limit of £2.

Mr. Brackenbury explained the application of the Hurlingham Club to impose a time-limit of 3 hours on all games in their tournament and it was agreed to sanction this experiment.

Accounts and Balance Sheet. Report of Finance Committee. The Hon. Treasurer made some explanatory remarks, and referred particularly to the recommendation regarding investment of part of the available balance at the Bank. It was agreed that he should be empowered to obtain expert advice and to act accordingly in this matter. Mr. Duffield proposed the adoption of the Accounts. This was seconded by Major Dibley and agreed.

Date and venue for the Annual General Meeting. The Chairman suggested that this year it be held at the Roehampton Club on May 15th. On the proposal of Mr. Evans, seconded by Miss Lintern this was agreed.

Report of the Council for 1955. The Chairman proposed, that with some minor alterations as to wording this be adopted. This was seconded by Miss Lintern and agreed.

Appointment of two scrutineers in case of a ballot for election of Council. Capt. H. G. Stoker and Mrs. M. L. Thom were suggested, and it was agreed that they be asked to act should necessity arise.

PEEL MEMORIALS

The opening Official Event of the season was given a very special interest this year by the fact that nine of the competitors—five women and four men—were our very welcome visitors from New Zealand.

Taking the men's Event first, a Hurlingham player, S. S. Townsend, 2½ handicap, was in devastating form in the Draw, though his quality did not reveal itself in the first round when Dr. G. L. Ormerod (in receipt of half a bisque) only lost by 9 points.

In the next three rounds—opposed in turn by G. D. Rowling, the present N. Zealand Open Champion, giving Townsend 4½ bisques, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins, —4, and the N.Z. Test Team captain, A. Ross, from whom he received 6½ extra turns, won each game by 26 and was in the final. Here Townsend met T. F. Dalton, who had beaten E. V. Carpmael, Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts, Capt. H. G. Stoker, and R. C. V. de Wesselow—and he gained victory from this half of the Event.

In the Process, Townsend was spared a return game with Ross because Major J. R. Abbey defeated the N. Zealand captain. Townsend was not very convincingly the victor in this penultimate round, but he became a finalist to play de Wesselow. This player had beaten W. Kirk, N. Zealand, C. Watkins, N. Zealand—both —2½ players—and Dr. G. L. Ormerod, who gave de Wesselow a close game in the semi-final.

The winner of the Draw, Townsend, and de Wesselow therefore met in the final of the Process. This was a long game, and, as we shall see, one of other examples of competitors meeting with the same number of bisques in this Handicap Event. The winner of the Process was de Wesselow, who scratched to Townsend. The latter winning the event.

There were five N. Zealand players in the Women's Event, and in the Draw three of them were in the semi-final, Miss E. F. Rose the other. Miss Rose was prevented from becoming a finalist by Mrs. C. A. Watkins —2, Miss I. Wainwright was the other. This lady, —2, was the winner after a close game—as the score, by 8, suggests. Miss Wainwright also came through to the final of the Process; often, as the score suggests, it seemed that she would not even reach the final, and when there, against Mrs. R. Tingey, it looked as if she must be beaten.

This was a case of a rover with both balls, tempted to try a long peg-out, and thereby losing the game by those two points.

A wonderful up-hill game was then played by Miss Wainwright, after the failure of her opponent to peg-out, for she had many points to make with both balls. As she thereby had won both Draw and Process she was of course winner of the Women's Event. A most attractive player to watch, for she has a beautiful style—her mallet swings with perfect rhythm, and she appears to be enjoying the game thoroughly, even when—as in this final of the Process—defeat looked to be inevitable.

The Doubles Event brought together several strong couples; of these the four pairs to reach the semi-final were Mrs. McKenzie-Smart and Mrs. G. Solomon v. E. V. Carpmael and Mrs. P. E. Heley; in the lower half G. D. Rowling and Mrs. M. L. Thom v. A. G. F. Ross and W. A. Fitzgerald.

Carpmael and Mrs. Heley had a very close game to reach the final; but they played with considerable credit to win by five points. Rowling and Mrs. Thom, somewhat easily were able to join Carpmael and partner in the final. This was another example of the handicaps being the same each side, 3½ bisques. The N. Zealand Open Champion was ably assisted in winning this Event by his partner, who all through had so often come in with that invaluable long shot.

The management of the Peels Tournament was again in the able hands of V. A. de la Nourgerède; he has the precious gift of combining courtesy with firmness, and competitors, therefore, appreciate his services.

MEN'S HANDICAP SINGLES.

A SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL.

("Two Life" System).

THE DRAW.

(25 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

G. V. Evans (—½) w.o. M. Spencer Ell (—½) opponent scratched.
G. Rowling (—2) bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7½) by 2.
S. S. Townsend (2½) bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod (3) by 9.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—4) bt Major J. H. Dibley (½) by 15.
W. J. Hawkings (8) bt Major C. T. Carfrae (5) by 7.
Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (2) bt W. H. Kirk (—1½) by 15.
T. F. Dalton (2½) bt E. V. Carpmael (—½) by 18.
G. W. Solomon (3½) bt G. Williams (—½) by 5.
Capt. H. G. Stoker (0) bt Col. C. C. Adams (—2½) by 14.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

M. B. Reckitt (—3) bt C. Watkins (—2½) by 22.
A. Ross (—4) bt G. V. Evans (—½) by 10.
S. S. Townsend (2½) bt G. Rowling (—2) by 26.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—4) bt W. J. Hawkings (8) by 8.
T. F. Dalton (2½) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (2) by 5.
Capt. H. G. Stoker (0) bt G. W. Solomon (3½) by 3.
R. C. V. de Wesselow (2½) bt Major J. R. Abbey (0) by 18.
R. Tingey (—2½) bt Major J. W. Cobb (—1) by 9.

THIRD ROUND.

A. Ross (—4) bt M. B. Reckitt (—3) by 15.
S. S. Townsend (2½) bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—4) by 26.
T. F. Dalton (2½) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker (0) by 13.
R. C. V. de Wesselow (2½) bt R. Tingey (—2½) by 7.

SEMI-FINAL.

S. S. Townsend (2½) bt A. Ross (—4) by 26.
T. F. Dalton (2½) bt R. C. V. de Wesselow (2½) by 24.

FINAL.

S. S. Townsend (2½) bt T. F. Dalton (2½) by 21.

PROCESS.

(25 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

R. Tingey (—2½) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (2) by 5.
Major J. R. Abbey (0) bt G. Rowling (—2) by 4.
A. Ross (—4) bt G. Williams (—½) by 4.
G. V. Evans (—½) bt Col. C. C. Adams (—2½) by 4.
E. V. Carpmael (—½) bt M. B. Reckitt (—3) by 14.
T. F. Dalton (2½) bt Major J. W. Cobb (—1) by 8.
Capt. H. G. Stoker (0) w.o. M. Spencer Ell (—½) opponent retired.
R. C. V. de Wesselow (2½) bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7½) by 12.
C. Watkins (—2½) bt G. W. Solomon (3½) by 12.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Major J. R. Abbey (0) bt R. Tingey (—2½) by 1.
A. Ross (—4) bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—4) by 7.
G. V. Evans (—½) bt W. J. Hawkings (8) by 7.
S. S. Townsend (2½) bt E. V. Carpmael (—½) by 11.
Dr. G. L. Ormerod (3) bt T. F. Dalton (2½) by 6.
Capt. H. G. Stoker (0) w.o. Major C. T. Carfrae (5) opponent retired.
R. C. V. de Wesselow (2½) bt W. H. Kirk (—1½) by 13.
C. Watkins (—2½) bt Major J. H. Dibley (½) by 16.

THIRD ROUND.
Major J. R. Abbey (0) bt A. Ross (-4) by 12.
S. S. Townsend (2½) bt G. V. Evans (-½) by 22.
Dr. G. L. Ormerod (3) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker (0) by 4.
R. C. V. de Wesselow (2½) bt C. Watkins (-2½) by 22.

SEMI-FINAL.
S. S. Townsend (2½) bt Major J. R. Abbey (0) by 11.
R. C. V. de Wesselow (2½) bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod (3) by 7.

FINAL.
R. C. V. de Wesselow (2½) bt S. S. Townsend (2½) by 8.

PLAY-OFF.
S. S. Townsend (2½) w.o. R. C. V. de Wesselow (2½) opponent scratched.

LADIES' HANDICAP SINGLES.
A SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL.

("Two Life" System).

THE DRAW.

(24 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. McKenzie-Smart (-2) bt Mrs. L. C. Apps (-1½) by 18.
Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) w.o. opponent withdrawn.
Lady Ursula Abbey (4) Mrs. W. Kirk (-2) by 22.
Mrs. R. Tingey (4) bt Mrs. M. L. Thom (5½) by 8.
Miss I. Wainwright (-2) bt Miss D. A. Liptern (-3) by 16.
Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton (-½) bt Mrs. E. Bristow (7) by 12.
Mrs. A. Gain (2) bt Mrs. D. Attfield (6) by 2.
Miss G. J. Warwick (3) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) by 2.
Mrs. C. Watkins (-2) bt Miss D. Jennings (3½) by 3.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.
Mrs. F. Pavia (4) bt Mrs. S. Mathews (4) by 3.
Mrs. G. Rowling (-2) bt Mrs. McKenzie-Smart (-2) by 9.
Lady Ursula Abbey (4) bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) by 10.
Miss I. Wainwright (-2) bt Mrs. R. Tingey (4) by 15.
Mrs. A. V. Gain (2) bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton (-½) by 16.
Mrs. C. Watkins (-2) bt Miss G. J. Warwick (3) by 11.
Miss M. Posford (5) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) by 5.
Miss E. F. Rose (2) bt Mrs. H. J. Collins (3½) by 24.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. G. Rowling (-2) w.o. Mrs. F. Pavia (4) opponent scratched.
Miss I. Wainwright (-2) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (4) by 3.
Mrs. C. Watkins (-2) bt Mrs. A. V. Gain (2) by 18.
Miss E. F. Rose (2) bt Miss M. Posford (5) by 3.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss I. Wainwright (-2) bt Mrs. G. Rowling (-2) by 21.
Mrs. C. Watkins (-2) bt Miss E. F. Rose (2) by 16.

FINAL.

Miss I. Wainwright (-2) bt Mrs. C. Watkins (-2) by 8.

PLAY-OFF FOR SECOND PLACE.

Mrs. C. Watkins (-2) w.o. Mrs. R. Tingey (4) opponent scratched.

PROCESS.

(24 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton (-½) w.o. Miss E. F. Rose (2) opponent scratched.
Miss M. Posford (5) w.o. opponent withdrawn.
Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) bt Mrs. G. Rowling (-2) by 12.
Miss D. Jennings (3½) bt Mrs. L. C. Apps (-1½) by 16.
Mrs. S. Mathews (4) bt Mrs. A. V. Gain (2) by 23.
Mrs. H. J. Collins (3½) w.o. Mrs. D. Attfield (6) opponent scratched.
Mrs. Watkins (-2) bt Mrs. MacKenzie-Smart (-2) by 18.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) w.o. Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) opponent scratched.
Miss E. J. Warwick (3) bt Mrs. F. Pavia (4) by 24.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss M. Posford (5) bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton (-½) by 12.
Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) bt Mrs. M. L. Thom (5½) by 19.
Miss I. Wainwright (-2) bt Miss D. Jennings (3½) by 6.
Mrs. S. Mathews (4) bt Mrs. W. Kirk (-2) by 10.
Lady Ursula Abbey (4) bt Mrs. H. J. Collins (3½) by 17.
Mrs. C. Watkins (-2) bt Miss D. A. Liptern (-3) by 3.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) w.o. Mrs. E. Bristow (7) opponent scratched.

Mrs. R. Tingey (4) bt Miss E. J. Warwick (3) by 6.

THIRD ROUND.
Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) bt Miss M. Posford (5) by 6 on time.
Miss I. Wainwright (-2) bt Mrs. S. Mathews (4) by 8.
Lady Ursula Abbey (4) bt Mrs. C. Watkins (-2) by 7.
Mrs. R. Tingey (4) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) by 6.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss I. Wainwright (-2) w.o. Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) opponent retired.
Mrs. R. Tingey (4) w.o. Lady Ursula Abbey (4) opponent retired.

FINAL.

Miss I. Wainwright (-2) bt Mrs. R. Tingey (4) by 2.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

LADY MURRAY MEMORIAL SILVER CHALLENGE CUPS.

(Combined Handicap scratch or over).

(18 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss D. A. Liptern and Miss D. Jennings (½) bt Major C. T. Carfrae and Mrs. L. C. Apps (3½) by 9.
G. Rowling and Mrs. M. L. Thom (3½) bt C. Watkins and Dr. G. L. Ormerod (1½) by 8.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

J. W. Hawkings and Miss I. Wainwright (6) bt W. H. Kirk and Miss G. J. Warwick (1½) by 11.
Mrs. McKenzie-Smart and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) bt Mrs. W. H. Kirk and Mrs. S. Mathews (2) ny 6.
G. V. Evans and Major J. H. Dibley (0) w.o. Mrs. C. Watkins and Mrs. E. Bristow (5) opponents scratched.
E. V. Carpmal and Mrs. P. E. Heley (3½) bt Miss D. A. Liptern and Miss D. Jennings (½) by 6.
G. Rowling and Mrs. M. L. Thom (3½) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker and R. C. V. de Wesselow (2½) by 15.
R. Tingey and Mrs. R. Tingey (1½) bt M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. H. J. Collins (½) by 15.
S. S. Townsend and Miss M. Posford (7½) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts and Mrs. A. V. Gain (4) by 1 on time.
A. Ross and W. A. Fitzgerald (8) bt G. Williams and G. W. Solomon (3) by 4.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. McKenzie-Smart and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) bt J. W. Hawkings and Miss I. Wainwright (6) by 13.
E. V. Carpmal and Mrs. P. E. Heley (3½) bt G. V. Evans and Major J. H. Dibley (0) by 6.
G. Rowling and Mrs. M. L. Thom (3½) bt R. Tingey and Mrs. R. Tingey (1½) by 20.
A. Ross and W. A. Fitzgerald (8) bt S. S. Townsend and Miss M. Posford (7½) by 1.

SEMI-FINAL.

E. V. Carpmal and Mrs. P. E. Heley (3½) bt Mrs. McKenzie-Smart and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) by 5.
G. Rowling and Mrs. M. L. Thom (3½) bt A. Ross and W. A. Fitzgerald (8) by 15.

FINAL.

G. Rowling and Mrs. M. L. Thom (3½) bt E. V. Carpmal and Mrs. P. E. Heley (3½) by 17.

EXTRA EVENT.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Adjusted Handicaps.

Dr. G. L. Ormerod (2) bt Miss M. Posford (3½) by 11.
W. Kirk (-1) bt Major J. H. Dibley (½) by 8.
Mrs. S. Mathews (2½) bt Miss D. Jennings (2½) by 9.
Miss G. J. Warwick (2) bt C. Watkins (-1½) by 2.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (5) bt Mrs. W. Kirk (-1½) by 26.
Dr. G. L. Ormerod (2) bt W. Kirk (-1) by 16.
Miss G. J. Warwick (2) bt Mrs. S. Mathews (2½) by 10.
M. B. Reckitt (-2) bt Mrs. McKenzie-Smart (-1½) by 7.

SEMI-FINAL.

Dr. G. L. Ormerod (2) bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (5) by 6.
Miss G. J. Warwick (2) bt M. B. Reckitt (-2) by 9.

FINAL.

Dr. G. L. Ormerod (3) bt Miss G. J. Warwick (2) by 8.

SIDMOUTH

Once again it has been the distinction of the Sidmouth Club to ring up the curtains on tournament croquet. The hope that a contingent of our friendly enemies from New Zealand might reach our shores in time to join us was disappointed; indeed, the number of entries was a trifle "down" on those of last year. This was a pity as the weather was far kinder than in some previous years, and if we had some rain on Wednesday and Friday afternoons our kind, and considerate manager, Miss Mills, sent us home and did not insist on our getting wet in the cause of pleasure. More croquet players should know of Sidmouth with its lovely scenery, its excellent shops and hotels and its proximity to Budleigh Salterton whose unofficial, but by no means unimportant, tournament immediately follows that of Sidmouth. As it was, besides most of our usual Budleigh supporters and of course the ever faithful Mr. Brown we were glad to welcome several new-comers including Mr. McClure Williams from Woking. Perhaps a feature of this tournament and of Miss Mills' excellent management was the fact that not a single game was either time-limited or shortened, nor were any games in consequence unduly prolonged.

In a doubles semi-final Major Stone triple-peeled and pegged out Mr. Hicks' partner. It was not long, however, before Mr. Hicks hit in and with an excellent 3-ball break won the game. Circumstances prevented the writer from seeing and commenting upon the various finals. It remains to be said that Coe, the groundsman, did his very best for the courts, in circumstances by no means easy, that Mrs. Hocking and Mrs. Taylor again provided us with excellent lunches and teas (and where is it possible today to get lunch, and as often as not a hot one, for 3s. 6d.?). Finally the thanks of us all are due to Dr. and Mrs. Michelmore for their wonderful cocktail party on Friday evening.

OPEN SINGLES.

("Two Lives" System).

THE DRAW.

(6 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

H. O. Hicks bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 18.
Major G. F. Stone bt Miss M. S. Carlyon by 11.

SEMI-FINAL.

H. O. Hicks bt J. K. Brown by 16.
Major G. F. Stone bt W. W. Sweet-Escott by 20.

FINAL.

H. O. Hicks bt Major G. F. Stone by 26.

PROCESS.

FIRST ROUND.

Miss M. S. Carlyon bt J. K. Brown by 7.
H. O. Hicks bt W. W. Sweet-Escott by 21.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Miss M. S. Carlyon by 14.
Major G. F. Stone bt H. O. Hicks by 22.

FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham w.o. Major G. F. Stone opponent retired.

PLAY-OFF.

H. O. Hicks bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 20.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B").

(1-4½ Bisesques).

(4 Entries).

	Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave	A. McClure Williams	Mrs. R. G. Michelmore	V. C. Cave
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave	...	26	26	26
A. McClure Williams	...	16	26	26
Mrs. R. G. Michelmore	...	19	23	26
V. C. Cave	...	9	13	4

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C").

(5 Bisesques and over).

(6 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

W. J. Dixon (9) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (10) by 5.
Capt. G. R. Bald, R.N. (6) bt Miss S. C. Gough (10) by 3.

SEMI-FINAL.

W. J. Dixon (9) bt Mrs. C. A. G. Money (10) by 13.
G. A. H. Alexander (8) bt Capt. G. R. Bald, R.N. (6) by 10.

FINAL.

G. A. H. Alexander (8) bt W. J. Dixon (9) by 9.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(16 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) bt W. W. Sweet-Escott (-1) by 10.
J. K. Brown (-1) bt Miss A. Mills (1½) by 3.
G. A. H. Alexander (8) bt W. J. Dixon (9) by 3.
Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (3) bt Mrs. C. A. G. Money (10) by 13.

H. O. Hicks (-5½) bt A. McClure Williams (2) by 13.
Capt. G. R. Bald, R.N. (6) bt V. C. Cave (3) by 8.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (1) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (10) by 10.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) w.o. Major G. F. Stone scratched.
J. K. Brown (-1) bt G. A. H. Alexander (8) by 16.
H. O. Hicks (-5½) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (3) by 6.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (1) bt Capt. G. R. Bald, R.N. (6) by 20.

SEMI-FINAL.

J. K. Brown (-1) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) by 4.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (1) bt H. O. Hicks (-5½) by 5.

FINAL.

J. K. Brown (-1) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (1) by 7.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Unrestricted).

(8 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss A. Mills and G. A. H. Alexander (9½) bt J. K. Brown and Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (2) by 4.
W. W. Sweet-Escott and A. McClure Williams (1) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss V. E. Mills (-1) by 8.
H. O. Hicks and Mrs. E. M. Kay (2½) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon and W. J. Dixon (10) by 23.
Major G. F. Stone and Miss J. Cooper (7) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and V. C. Cave (4) by 13.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss A. Mills and G. A. H. Alexander (9½) bt W. W. Sweet-Escott and A. McClure Williams (1) by 12.
H. O. Hicks and Mrs. E. M. Kay (2½) bt Major G. F. Stone and Miss J. Cooper (7) by 7.

FINAL.

H. O. Hicks and Mrs. E. M. Kay (2½) bt Miss A. Mills and G. A. H. Alexander (9½) by 8.

GOLF CROQUET.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(11 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

H. O. Hicks bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave 2 up.
Mrs. R. G. Michelmore bt Mrs. E. M. Kay 2 up.
Mrs. E. Rotherham w.o. G. A. H. Alexander scratched.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss M. S. Carlyon bt Capt. G. R. Bald, R.N. 2 up.
Mrs. R. G. Michelmore w.o. H. O. Hicks scratched.
Miss A. Mills bt Mrs. E. Rotherham 2 up.
A. McClure Williams bt W. W. Sweet-Escott 3 and 1.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. R. G. Michelmore bt Miss M. S. Carlyon 4 and 2.
A. McClure Williams bt Miss A. Mills 2 up.

FINAL.

A. McClure Williams bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmore 1 up.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

Unofficial

Cool winds but hot sun favoured the Budleigh Spring Unofficial Tournament, which must be regarded as having been an unqualified success. Run on American Tournament lines, everyone, even the highest bisquer, enjoyed a maximum number of games in perfect surroundings; on lawns which groundsman West and his assistant had made near perfect in spite of lack of rain.

A time limit of 3½ hours was imposed on all games but, the fact that only 11 games out of 88 were unfinished, proved its success.

Onlookers enjoyed the spectacular play one always expects by Stone, and saw one or two high bisquers who surely will find their handicaps much reduced ere long.

Thanks to sympathetic and efficient management by Miss Agnes Mills all went smoothly from start to finish; a thoroughly enjoyable week.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(26 Entries).

GROUP "A"

NAME	Handicap	Major G. F. Stone	Mrs. E. Rotherham	W. W. Sweet Escott	Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave	Cmdr. D. W. Roe	Miss V. E. Mills	Mrs. V. C. Gasson
Major G. F. Stone	—4	—	26	26	26	26	26	26
Mrs. E. Rotherham	—3	6	—	X	22	26	24	26
W. W. Sweet Escott	—1	22	X	—	26	26	X	26
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave	1	19	26	10	—	26	24	20
Cmdr. D. W. Roe	2	18	20	11	16	—	6	26
Miss V. E. Mills	2	7	26	X	26	26	—	26
Mrs. V. C. Gasson	1½	4	8	22	26	17	16	—

GROUP "B"

NAME	Handicap	Mrs. R. G. Michelmore	Capt. K. B. Millar	Brig. J. S. Omond	Mrs. L. G. Walters	Mrs. H. J. Philpot	Capt. G. R. Bald	T. A. Chignell
Mrs. R. G. Michelmore	3	—	X	X	11	26	26	18
Capt. K. B. Millar	4½	X	—	15	7	21	26	7
Brig. J. S. Omond	5½	X	26	—	13	18	14	24
Mrs. L. G. Walters	5	26	26	26	—	14	22	20
Mrs. H. J. Philpot	5	X	9	20	13	—	14	10
Capt. G. R. Bald	6	3	16	26	16	22	—	10
T. A. Chignell	6	26	26	26	11	26	26	—

GROUP "C"

NAME	Handicap	G. A. H. Alexander	G. A. Black	Mrs. E. M. Kay	Miss S. C. Gough	Mrs. D. M. Roe	J. Weston Martyr
G. A. H. Alexander	8	—	11	26	20	15	20
G. A. Black	9	26	—	17	26	26	X
Mrs. E. M. Kay	10	11	12	—	21	26	X
Miss S. C. Gough	10	13	10	10	—	26	X
Mrs. D. M. Roe	6½	17	16	18	17	—	7
J. Weston Martyr	11	21	X	X	X	26	—

GROUP "D"

NAME	Handicap	F. Livesey	Mrs. J. S. Omond	Mrs. R. Jones-Bateman	Miss E. M. Leonard	Mrs. Hirst	Miss J. Cooper
F. Livesey	11	—	26	26	26	26	26
Mrs. J. S. Omond	11	19	—	26	23	26	18
Mrs. R. Jones-Bateman	14	16	16	—	16	22	15
Miss E. M. Leonard	13	14	26	26	—	26	17
Mrs. Hirst	14	9	17	26	20	—	10
Miss J. Cooper	12	20	26	26	26	26	—

X indicates unplayed game.

SEMI-FINAL.

Major G. F. Stone (—4) bt Mrs. L. G. Walters (5) by 9.
G. A. Black (9) bt F. Livesey (11) by 10.

FINAL.

Major G. F. Stone (—4) bt G. A. Black (9) by 20.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Combined handicap not less than 6).

(14 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

W. W. Sweet Escott and Mrs. E. M. Kay (7) w.o. G. A. Black and Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (13½) opponents scratched.

Mrs. H. J. Philpot and Mrs. R. Jones-Bateman (17) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (10) by 1 on time.

Mrs. R. G. Michelmore and G. A. H. Alexander (11) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss J. Cooper (8) by 4.
Miss V. E. Mills and Brig. J. S. Omond (7½) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Mrs. D. M. Roe (8) by 6.

Major G. F. Stone and J. Weston Martyr (6) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon and T. A. Chignell (7) by 19.
Capt. K. B. Millar and Mrs. L. G. Walters (9½) bt Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. J. S. Omond (12½) by 8 on time.

SECOND ROUND.

W. W. Sweet Escott and Mrs. E. M. Kay (7) bt Comdr. D. W. Roe and Miss E. M. Leonard (14) by 14.

Mrs. R. G. Michelmore and G. A. H. Alexander (11) bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot and Mrs. R. Jones-Bateman (17) by 9.
Major G. F. Stone and J. Weston Martyr (6) bt Miss V. E. Mills and Brig. J. S. Omond (7½) by 7.

H. O. Hicks and Air Vice-Marshal F. H. M. Maynard (6½) bt Capt. K. B. Millar and Mrs. L. G. Walters (9½) by 6.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. R. G. Michelmore and G. A. H. Alexander (11) bt W. W. Sweet Escott and Mrs. E. M. Kay (7) by 9 on time.

Major G. F. Stone and J. Weston Martyr (6) bt H. O. Hicks and Air Vice-Marshal F. H. M. Maynard (6½) by 8.

FINAL.

Major G. F. Stone and J. Weston Martyr (6) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmore and G. A. H. Alexander (11) by 9.

BUXTON

THE NORTH OF ENGLAND TOURNAMENT

The Pavilion Gardens, Buxton

Monday, June 11th-16th, 1956

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

Committee.—Croquet Committee of the Buxton Club.

EVENTS.

1.—OPEN SINGLES. North of England Challenge Cup. "Two Lives." Final—Best of three games. Law 44 partially suspended. No lift after 4-back. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.

2.—LEVEL SINGLES. "Class B." Open to players of 3 bisques and over. Law 44 suspended. Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d.

3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. "Class C." Open to players of 8 bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d.

4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Unrestricted. "X.Y." Entrance Fee, 9s.

5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Unrestricted. Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d. each player.

CONDITIONS.

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

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

Morning Coffee and Afternoon Tea obtainable.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

ACCOMMODATION.

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

PLAY.

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

ENTRIES.

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

THE DRAW.

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

NOTTINGHAM

CROQUET CLUB

Highfields, University Boulevard

ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

Will be played from MONDAY, JUNE 18th, to FRIDAY, JUNE 22nd

(Under the Laws and Regulations of the Croquet Association)

To be followed by the **Second Test Match v. New Zealand**

Manager, Handicapper and Referee.—Miss D. D. Steel.
Chairman of Committee.—Mrs. J. Elliott, M.B.E.

Hon. Tournament Secretary.—G. N. Bright, 15 St. Jude's Avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham (Tel. 61965).

Hon. Club Secretary.—A. O. Taylor, 14 Devonshire Road, Sherwood, Nottingham (Tel.: 65436), to whom all correspondence should be addressed.

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

EVENTS.

1.—"ROBIN HOOD" GOLD CUP HANDICAP CHALLENGE TROPHY. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Presented by the All England Croquet Association for Associates only.

2.—OPEN SINGLES (Draw and Process). Law 44 partially suspended. No lift after 4-back. Single games. The final of this event will be best of three games, time permitting. Regulation 13 (a and b) will be applied if considered advisable. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d. Challenge Bowl.

3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 5 bisques and over. Single games. Entrance Fee, 9s. Challenge Bowl.

4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. ("X.Y."). Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Winner of "X" Challenge Trophy. Winner of "Y" Challenge Trophy.

(All Entry Fees include C.A. Levy Charges.)

First and Second Prizes will be given in each event.

CONDITIONS.

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

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

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

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

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

Seven Lawns will be available and choice of Lawn will be determined by draw. Standard setting of the lawns, 3¼ in. hoops.

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

Flat-soled boots or shoes must be worn.

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

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

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

PARKSTONE (East Dorset)

CROQUET TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, JUNE 18th to 23rd, 1956

(Under the Laws and Regulations of the C.A.)

Committee.—Croquet Committee of the Parkstone Club.

Manager and Handicapper.—L. H. Ashton.

Referee.—Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin.

Hon. Secretary.—Mrs. L. H. Ashton, L.T. and Croquet Club, Saltern's Road, Parkstone, Dorset.

Two prizes at least will be given in each event. There will be ten Club lawns. Play will begin each day at 10 a.m. Competitors must wear flat-soled footwear. Light Luncheons and Teas may be obtained on the ground.

Buses run to and from town half-hourly.

Entries must reach Secretary by **Midday, July 19th**. Draw for Singles Events in Pavilion at 2 p.m. same day. Cheques for entrance money should be made payable to the Cheltenham Croquet Club.

Hotels: Ellenborough, Irving, Langton, Lansdown, Eltham Lawn, Lilleybrook, Montpellier, Moorend Park, Plough, Queen's, Regent, Royal, etc.

THE SILVER JUBILEE CUP

Challenge Cup presented to the C.A. in 1935 by H. T. Pinckney Simpson, Esq.

Holder.—R. C. V. de Wesselow.

Will be played for at the **ROEHAMPTON CLUB**

On **MONDAY, JULY 30th, and four following days**

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager, Referee and Handicapper.—L. H. Ashton.

OPEN TO ASSOCIATES ONLY

1.—**HANDICAP SINGLES.** An Event open to Associates who are classed at scratch or more. Entrance Fee, 6s. Matches of singles games throughout. The Event will be drawn in two or more approximately equal blocks, the winners of which will play off as for the Gilbey Cup.

2.—**HANDICAP DOUBLES.** Combined handicaps of 1 bisque or over. Entries should be made in pairs. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. each person. Matches of single games throughout. Holders, E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs. S. Adler (4½).

3.—**GOLF CROQUET SINGLES. THE "ASCOT" CHALLENGE CUP.** Open to all. Entrance Fee, 4s. 6d. The competition will be played under the Official Rules of Golf Croquet. Played in two blocks according to handicaps; the winners of the blocks playing-off to decide the winner of the Cup. Holder, Mrs. H. J. Philpot.

4.—**GOLF CROQUET DOUBLES. THE "DELVES BROUGHTON" CHALLENGE CUPS.** Presented by the late Sir Delves Broughton. Open to pairs with a combined Croquet handicap of not less than scratch. Entrance Fee, 4s. 6d. The competition will be played under the Official Rules of Golf Croquet. Entries should be made in pairs. Holders, E. P. C. Cotter and Miss J. Warwick (1).

Hoops 3½ ins. wide and Jaques' "Eclipse" balls will be used. Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

ENTRIES.

The Entries, accompanied by the Entrance Fee, must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., so as to reach her not later than the first post on Wednesday, July 25th.

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

DRAW.

The Draw will take place at 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1., on Wednesday, July 25th, at 11 a.m.

PLAY.

Play will begin at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, and at 10 a.m. on other days unless otherwise notified.

HURLINGHAM

THE ANNUAL CROQUET TOURNAMENT

including the

"LADIES' FIELD" CANDLESTICKS

(Under the direction of the C.A.) will be held from

MONDAY, AUGUST 6th, to WEDNESDAY,

AUGUST 15th, 1956

Committee.—The Croquet Committee of the Club.

Manager, Referee and Handicapper.—Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury.

Secretary.—Lieut.-Col. R. F. J. Hayward, V.C., M.C.

EVENTS.

1.—**THE HURLINGHAM CUP.** Holder, J. W. Solomon. Level Singles. Best of three games throughout. Entrance Fee, 11s.

2.—**THE TURNER CUP.** Holder, Capt. H. G. Stoker. Level Singles. For players handicapped at scratch or over not entered for Event 1. Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Ernest Turner. Single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.

3.—**THE HURLINGHAM DOUBLES.** Holders, E. P. C. Cotter and Miss D. A. Lintern. Level Play. Mixed Pairs. Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Henry Franc. Singles games throughout. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. each player.

4.—**THE YOUNGER CUP.** Holder, G. W. Hitchcock. Level Singles. For players handicapped at 2½ bisques and over not entered for Events 1 or 2. Challenge Cup presented by Lt.-Col. J. A. C. Younger. Singles games throughout. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. **Law 44 suspended.**

5.—**THE LONGWORTH CUP.** Holder, Mrs. M. L. Thom. Level Singles. For players handicapped at 6 bisques and over not entered for Events 1, 2 or 4. Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. R. C. Longworth. Singles games throughout. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. **Law 44 suspended.**

6.—**HANDICAP SINGLES.** Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.

7.—**THE "LADIES' FIELD" CANDLESTICKS.** (Ladies' Handicap Doubles). Holders, Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. M. L. Thom. Open to Lady Members of the C.A. only. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. each player.

8.—**MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES.** Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Tournament Plant by Messrs. John Jaques and Son Ltd., 3½ in. Hoops and Standard Setting.

PRIZES.

The winners of Trophies will be entitled to hold them for one year. Other prizes in accordance with the entries.

ENTRIES AND DRAW.

All Entries with Fees for Events 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6, with the addresses of the competitors (and telephone number) must reach the Secretary, Croquet Tournament, The Hurlingham Club, Fulham, S.W.6, by first post on **Wednesday, 1st August**. Entries for Events 3, 7 and 8, will close at noon on **Tuesday, 7th August**. The Draw for Events, 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6, will take place at the Club on Wednesday, 1st August, at 2.30 p.m.; for other Events as announced on the ground.

ALL GAMES WILL HAVE A TIME LIMIT OF 3 HOURS.

GENERAL.

The Committee reserves the right of altering the conditions and refusing entries without assigning a reason.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

Play will commence at 10 a.m. daily (except Mondays, 10.30) and continue till 7.30 p.m. if necessary.

Competitors will be made Honorary Members of the Club for the duration of the Tournament.

At least six Lawns will be provided.

Luncheons, Teas and Dinners can be obtained at the Club. There will also be a Snack Bar.

CROQUET PUTTING COMPETITION

There will be a Putting Competition with Croquet Mallets and Balls on the Club Putting Course from 7th to 14th August (excluding the week-end). Entrance Fee, 1s. per round. Prizes will be given according to number of entries.

CROQUET DINNER.

There will be a Dinner for Croquet players and their friends at the Hurlingham Club on Thursday, 9th August. Tickets, price 12s. 6d., can be obtained from the Secretary, The Hurlingham Club.

DIRECTORY OF CLUBS

Barnstaple—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. G. M. Ackland, 45 Orchard Road, Barnstaple, Devon.

Bedford—Hon. Secretary, Miss D. D. Steel, King's Close, Biddenham, Bedford.

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Cheltenham—Hon. Secretary, Major R. D. Marshall, Cheltenham Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.

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Dulwich Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. R. L. Lydall, 17 Woodbourne Avenue, Streatham.

East Dorset Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club (Parkstone)—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. L. H. Ashton, East Dorset L.T. & Croquet Club, Salters Road, Parkstone, Dorset.

Edinburgh Croquet Club (Lauriston Castle)—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. R. V. Hall, Rock House, Calton Hill, Edinburgh 7.

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Felixstowe—Hon. Secretary, Lt.-Col. H. F. Story, Orwell Hotel, Felixstowe.

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Folkestone L.T. and Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. W. A. Traill, 10A Wiltie Gardens, Folkestone.

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Hurlingham—The Secretary, Fulham, S.W.6.

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Littlehampton Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Bunn, 1 Goda Road, Littlehampton.

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Northern Lawn Tennis Club (Croquet Section) Didsbury, nr. Manchester—Hon. Secretary, W. Brownsword, 360 Wilmslow Road, Fallowfield, Manchester.

Norwich—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Edmund Reeve, Sutton Lodge, Ipswich Road, Norwich.

Nottingham Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, A. O. Taylor, 14 Devonshire Road, Sherwood, Nottingham.

Oxford University Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club—Hon. Secretary, H. S. Clemons, 7 Marston Ferry Road, Oxford.

Parsons Green Sports and Social Club—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. E. Parr, 4 Egerton Gardens Mews, London, S.W.3.

Reigate Priory Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, L. W. Buckley, St. Monica, Alma Road, Reigate.

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Rydal Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Hugh R. Hulbert, Rydal Mount, Ambleside.

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Shepton Mallet—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. G. F. Blandford, Field View, Shepton Mallet.

Sidmouth Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, c/o. Cricket Pavilion, Sidmouth.

Southsea—Hon. Secretary, Miss E. M. Watson, 51 Salisbury Road, Southsea.

St. Ives L.T. Club and Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, H. L. Branson, Ocean Breezes, St. Ives, Cornwall.

Sussex County (Brighton) Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, F. E. Corke, 60 Southwick Street, Southwick, Sussex.

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Warwickshire Croquet Club (Leamington)—Hon. Secretary, The Warwickshire Croquet Club, Guy's Cliffe Avenue, Leamington Spa.

Woking Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Major J. W. Cobb, Farm Hotel, Woking.