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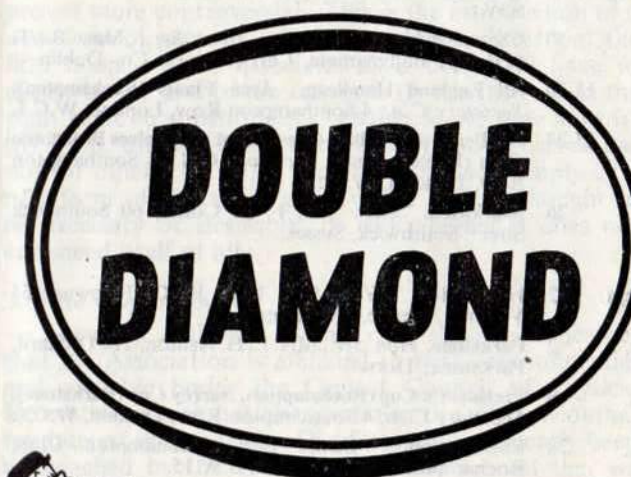
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### ALTERATION TO REGULATION

In accordance with Rule XIV of the Croquet Association the following alteration of Regulation 12 (d) adopted by the Council at their meeting on March 7th, is now published in *Croquet* and is subject to confirmation by a subsequent meeting to be held on May 27th.

Regulation 12. Delete (d) and substitute "(d) In singles only, all clips shall be placed on the first hoop but when one ball has made that hoop the other clip of the side goes on 3-back."

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### NEW VARIATION

The attention of Associates is called to the fact that a new form of shortened game is to be given an extensive trial during the forthcoming season, in which each ball will start at the fifth hoop. In order to give this experiment a thorough try-out for all classes of players the Council has decided that it will be played in the following C.A. events:

May—Peel Memorials, Singles and Doubles.

June—Du Pre Cup.

August—Challenge Cups, and Doubles (not Gilbey Cups).

October—Devonshire Park, Men's and Women's Open Singles, Restricted Handicap Singles and Handicap Doubles.

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## NOTES by ROVER

### Small Mercies

When the writer of these Notes first appeared at Roehampton forty-four years ago, the fact that all ten of the regular courts were occupied did not prevent his being put on to play his tournament game. A rover indeed, he was despatched to a distant sward on the far side of the polo ground where several extra courts were laid out for the occasion. How great the contrast with the situation to which the Association (to say nothing of the club members) has now to adapt itself. With no more than five courts at our disposal, some of our tournaments there will only be feasible at all by calling in aid lawns at Hurlingham. Those owning cars—and with enough petrol to drive them—will greatly assist the managers at each club, and of course the competitors, by inviting these latter to share any journeys between the clubs which they may make. Croquet players in these days have learnt how to be resourceful in the overcoming of difficulties, and it will take more than this situation to get them down. They should reflect, moreover, that had it not been for the arrangement whereby the Rosslyn Park R.U.F.C. is taking over a large share of Roehampton's territory, the survival of our "headquarters" might have been in doubt. If, after more than half a century, the fact that only five courts can now be spared to us seems a small mercy, at least we had better be thankful for it.

### Programme for 1957

Apart from the occasional duplication of venue to which reference has been made, our Calendar of fixtures, no longer affected by the displacements which the Test Matches necessitated, will be found, with a few exceptions, to have reverted to the normal. One of these exceptions, however, is of particular interest; the hospitality of the Parkstone club enables the most recently instituted of C.A. events—the Surrey Cup—to be played out of London. East Dorset can claim to be as easily accessible to a large number of croquet players as the metropolis, and for the Council to arrange a C.A. fixture there represents a tendency to decentralise which is no doubt desirable in principle, if none too easy to apply in practice. While one set of associates is apt to complain that the Council allots too many of its tournaments to the London clubs, experience suggests that members of provincial clubs are not always too pleased to find their courts "invaded" by competitors in such events. The emotions which prompt both these attitudes are quite understandable; but what matters most of all, of course, is that as many tournaments in our list as possible should be maintained and well patronised. It is sad to see such a historic fixture as that at Buxton disappear from the Calendar, along with those at the charmingly situated grounds at Sidmouth and Exmouth. It is consoling though to find Woking once again restored to its former place, and Oxford returning to the list for the first time since the war.

### Trial—and Error?

The 1957 season will be notable for the trial of two experiments. One, however, welcome or otherwise it may prove to be, will not perhaps give rise to over-much controversy. Close students of this journal—and how one wishes there were more of them—will have observed that a notable departure from tradition, as represented by Law 34 (a), is to be introduced this summer. The obligation which, from the earliest days of the game, has been laid upon the maker of a croquet-stroke of being "able to declare that he saw the croqueted ball or a ball in contact with it, other than his own ball, move or shake," while of course it will still in normal cases remain, will be affected by a new, though at present only experimental, stipulation. A referee may now be called in to adjudicate upon such a stroke. This privilege (if it is to be so regarded) will work both ways. The player desiring to make a thin take-off, by calling in a referee, may feel it easier to concentrate on the stroke if he is no longer liable to declare a decision in regard to it himself. Similarly, his opponent may feel more satisfied in such a case if he can call in a referee to give an objective opinion. What does seem certain is that this experiment is unlikely to prove acceptable unless this option is exercised somewhat sparingly, and only, as a rule, in the case of corner balls. A player who is constantly calling in a referee for croquet strokes of all kinds will be popular neither with such officials nor with his adversaries.

The other experiment has—in prospect at any rate—proved more controversial. This is the introduction of a new form of game in which both balls will start at the fifth hoop. What associates as a body will have to decide by the end of the season is (i) whether this is the right game to substitute for croquet as we now have it; (ii) if not, whether it would be good for some classes but not for others; or (iii) if it commends itself simply as a new form of shortened game where such is thought to be necessary or desirable; or (iv) whether it does not commend itself at all.

### A Fine Opportunity

Readers will—or at any rate should—remember that the Association is affiliated to that very influential and valuable body, the Central Council of Physical Recreation, which has always shown the most encouraging interest in the game. Our Council has recently been approached by the C.C.P.R. with the request that we should run a course of instruction under its auspices between Easter and Whitsun, an opportunity which has been grasped—as we hope many new mallets will be—with both hands. The Parsons Green Croquet Club has most kindly agreed to lend their lawns on Wednesday evenings for this purpose, and Brigadier Stokes-Roberts has accepted the task of organising a band of instructors. We hope that the C.C.P.R. will find us many recruits, but anything which associates themselves can do in this way will of course be all to the good. The very encouraging article by William Ormerod in this number suggests that there are plenty among the younger generation whose interest in the game can be aroused, and there is no reason why what the C.C.P.R. is starting in London should not be reproduced in the provinces.

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# LOOKING FORWARD

by WILLIAM ORMEROD

WHAT is the future of croquet? Clearly the answer to this question lies primarily with those who have yet to take up the game. Young croquet enthusiasts are always in a minority, and to see what "up and coming" players we have and may hope to have in this category we must answer three questions.

First, where does croquet stand at the schools and at the universities?

Only a very few schools have croquet lawns. These include Lancing, Eton and Bristol Grammar School (for prefects only), and some four others as well. In no case has any school, as far as I can discover, a lawn of high standard or of full size. School croquet is nevertheless a very popular pastime but usually takes the form of golf croquet, mixed with croquet strokes as required! Association croquet, as a game in its own right, is virtually unknown at most schools.

The position is very different at Oxford and Cambridge, where there are some good lawns. Most of the Cambridge colleges have their own, including Girton, the largest of the ladies' colleges. At Christ's and Peterhouse the Fellows have their own private croquet lawns—indeed the influence of the high table seems largely responsible for Association Croquet being much better known at Cambridge than at schools. Oxford has about five lawns and at both universities several sets of modern equipment have recently been acquired. The quality of the lawns does not usually reach a high standard but several are full size.

Our second question is what are the approximate numbers that play croquet?

Where there is a croquet lawn at a school house, usually about three-quarters of the house make use of it. Yet, of these probably no one plays the Association game nor, perhaps knows what it is.

At Cambridge, those colleges that have croquet lawns form a club confined to college members. Clare and Peterhouse have the largest number of playing members—nearly fifty at each.

At Oxford there is certainly a number of undergraduates who, at least, play golf croquet. Members of Nottingham University have access to croquet lawns of the local club, but only a very few seem to play there.

Thirdly, and perhaps the most important question of all is this: Where does a young player stand with regard to croquet when he has just taken a job, is still training for one or is engaged in national service?

Most jobs at first only provide very limited holidays—often only a fortnight a year; but many people, especially national servicemen are free to take long week-ends. It is obvious that croquet can never claim to take precedence over other games in a young person's life but the Croquet Association, bearing in mind the shortness of holidays available, can take one step that would encourage all young players. This is the introduction of more week-end American tournaments. In addition each provincial tournament should complete one event in three consecutive days. This could add an excellent variety to a limited holiday, and would be specially welcome during the summer holiday period.

We cannot leave this question of the future of croquet without a reference to the time limit. Indeed the time taken to complete an average game of croquet is probably the one important drawback to the game which we encounter at school and university. It may, therefore, be of interest if to the already confused bundle of alternatives to a full game of croquet, be added the scheme which proved very popular in last year's Magdalene tournament. After one hour's play, all the clips are advanced by six hoops, or if one-back has been made the clip goes to the peg. It is surely a workable scheme suitable where space and time are limited.

Although the time factor is a drawback to croquet it is important to realise that what the game chiefly suffers from is the ignorant and out-dated comments which people continue to make upon it. We must face, and not attempt to disguise the present position of croquet; for given the publicity it so badly requires the game's own merits should carry it through. Let each of us do all we can to make these merits known.

A.G.M. on Monday, 27th May, at 4.30 p.m. As almost all players in the counties competition will be arriving in London on the Monday, it was felt that the holding of the A.G.M. on that day might meet with greater approval than if it were held upon a day when two rounds of the counties competition had to be completed as well. This arrangement will also allow more time for the Council meeting which follows the A.G.M. This meeting has in the past been frequently hurried or curtailed.

## Mrs. Nickisson

Those who read the agenda of the A.G.M. will see that one amongst the members of the Council who are due to retire this year is not seeking re-election. This is Mrs. Nickisson who has served the Council so faithfully since 1924. There can be very little about croquet and croquet players that Mrs. Nickisson does not know. It is the possession of this store of knowledge that has made her so valued a member of the Council. The writer, a comparatively new associate, will always remember Mrs. Nickisson not so much as the croquet exponent that she is but as a gracious hostess who makes all feel so welcome at croquet's headquarters. We like to think we shall see her at Roehampton for many seasons to come.

## Roehampton Club

We hear that Mrs. Turketine has been re-elected Chairman of the Club Croquet committee for 1957 and Miss Lintern has been re-elected Captain.

It is intended that the lawns shall be open for play on 13th April. The Club competitions will be the same as last year with the addition of an evening and week-end tournament which is being jointly arranged by the Roehampton and Hurlingham Clubs. (Further particulars of this will be found in a later paragraph.)

In order to support the suggestion of the Croquet Council the experiment of the "5th hoop" variation will be played in all the club competitions, so that all members will have the opportunity of practising this new variation of the game and by so doing form an opinion as to whether this is likely to add to the popularity of the game or not.

## Oxford v. Cambridge—A Seniors' Match

Elsewhere in this issue there appears a letter from the newly elected Croquet Secretary of the Oxford

University Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club. In this Captain Pullein-Thompson expresses the hope of the University Club that an Oxford v. Cambridge match should be held. Such a match would be for past members of the University only. It has been suggested that each team should consist of four members. Would past members of the Universities who would like to play send their names to the Secretary of the C.A. at 4 Southampton Row, W.C.1. The date of the match would probably be towards the end of July.

## Hurlingham

The virtual absence of frost has allowed one lawn to remain in play throughout the whole winter, and half a dozen or so stalwarts have been keeping themselves in trim by playing sundry variations of the two-ball or three-ball game, or by trying out the new version of the shortened game with all balls starting at the fifth hoop.

Negotiations are in progress regarding the holding of an unofficial one-event tournament at the end of June in collaboration with Roehampton, games being played at one or other of the clubs. The underlying idea is to cater for week-end players, the last four rounds being confined to Saturday and Sunday. In fact, should there be 16 or fewer entries this would comprise all the play. With precisely 32 entries all players would have one round to complete prior to Saturday, the contestants being left to arrange the date to suit their convenience. Full details will be posted at the clubs in due course if the scheme comes to fruition.

## Parkstone Club

The Club held its Annual General Meeting on February 11th. The attendance was very good and augurs well for the coming season, which opens on Easter Monday, April 22nd.

Apart from the usual two Open Tournaments held in June and September, the "Surrey Cup" Event will be held at Parkstone this year.

Three Club Competitions will be played during the season—an American, a knock-out singles and a "Ladder" event, both level and handicap, and the Committee have decided that all three should be played under the new variation starting at the 5th hoop. There will also be a Golf Croquet Competition probably in August.

## More Notes

### Petrol Rationing

We are asked to state that the Compton Club has no intention of cancelling its tournament even if petrol rationing is still in force. We think other Clubs would be wise to follow this example.

### Tents at Devonshire Park

It is remarkable how frequently the Devonshire Park tournament at Eastbourne enjoys fine and sunny weather in spite of the fact that this last tournament of the season falls in early October. Since, however, there have been days when players have had to face both

cold winds and rain the Council has arranged to hire small tents which will be placed near enough to the various lawns to be a real and useful shelter for the out-players. To meet the cost of this the entrance fee for each event will be increased by 1s. 6d. We think that all players will feel that this will be money well spent.

### Annual General Meeting

This is to be held at the beginning of the Inter-Counties week at Hurlingham. As the counties competition will not start this year till Tuesday, 28th May, it has been decided, by way of an experiment, to hold the

## BRIDGE

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

### ANSWERS TO THE CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

In all cases you are South, the score is love-all, and you are playing "Utility"—that is Two Clubs, Strong No-Trump and Blackwood.

**Problem 1:** North bids one No Trump and East passes. You hold S—K, J, 10, 8, 6, 4, 3; H—8, 5; D—J; C—10, 3, 2. What do you bid?

**Answer:** Four Spades. To bid only two Spades is supine, and to bid three Spades is meaningless. If partner bids 3NT you cannot leave it.

**Problem 2:** North bids one No-Trump, East bids two Clubs. You hold S—A, K, Q, 6, 4; H—J, 5; D—8, 6, 5; C—7, 5, 2. What do you bid?

**Answer:** Three No-Trump. To bid three Spades is asking partner to solve a problem to which you know the solution. There is no reason to suppose that the hand will play better in four Spades. You have a balanced hand—why contract for ten tricks instead of nine?

**Problem 3:** West bids one Diamond, North doubles, East passes. You hold S—K, J, 6, 3; H—Q, J, 9, 8; D—Q, 8; C—K, 10, 4. What do you bid?

**Answer:** Two Diamonds. This is by far the best bid and asks partner to choose the suit. While some credit is given to two Spades or two Hearts, neither is really satisfactory. The two Diamond bid ensures the best major suit will be found and does not cut out 3NT.

**Problem 4:** You hold S—A, K, J, 6; H—Q, 10, 2; D—Q, J, 10, 4; C—Q, 8. You bid one Spade. West bids two Hearts and North three Spades. What do you bid?

**Answer:** Pass. I admit you've got fifteen points but to bid again is not a good bet. Three No-Trumps is clearly most unlikely to succeed and four Spades would in most cases fail. I know you can concoct hands where North has the right cards and would still bid only three Spades, but on balance the pass is best.

**Problem 5:** You are playing the following hand in four Spades:

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

West leads the Queen of Clubs. You win with the Ace in dummy. What do you discard from your hand? What do you play to trick two and why?

**Answer:** Discard ten of Hearts on the Ace of Clubs. To trick two lead the five of Diamonds in the hope that East has the King.

This is definitely superior to playing Ace of Diamonds and then the five, because if West wins the Diamond lead and returns a trump from four to the Queen, thus preventing South from ruffing a Diamond South still has the Ace of Diamonds as an entry to try the Heart finesse. This is the *only* correct line of play.

I would point out that this was not a double-dummy problem and some of the solutions sent in were quite unnatural and founded upon a good look at West's hand!

No one scored the maximum for this question.

**Problem 6:** You are playing in four Hearts:

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

West opens the Queen of Clubs and follows with the Knave which you trump. What should be your next lead? What will be your plan to win ten tricks?

**Answer:** To trick two lead the two of Diamonds. West wins and leads another Club which South ruffs. Now the King and Ace of Hearts are played. The point is that South cannot afford the luxury of a trump finesse. If the Queen of Hearts falls on the second lead, draw the remaining trump and claim ten tricks. If not play out winning Diamonds discarding Spades from the table, and plan to ruff your losing spade in dummy.

The prize of one pound is awarded to L. Kirk-Greene who scored 32 out of a possible 40 points. R. V. N. Wiggins was second with 29. Other competitors scored from 26 to 6. [Copyright

## Your Turn to Play

by Tactician

Tactician is very happy to accede to the request of many readers to set a further series of problems on croquet tactics.

As in 1955 Tactician proposes to make this a competition in which points will be awarded for the solutions that are submitted. Every competitor should choose a pseudonym. This should be written on a sealed envelope containing the name of the competitor. This envelope will not be opened till the end of the season so that Tactician will not know the identity of the competitors. The latter must also be sure that their competition replies are also clearly marked with their pseudonyms. These replies should be sent by the 16th of each month to Tactician, c/o. The Secretary, C.A. A list of the competitors (i.e. by pseudonym) will be published every month showing the number of points each has received. At the end of the season a prize of two guineas will be awarded to the winner. Competitors must be of handicap 2 or over.

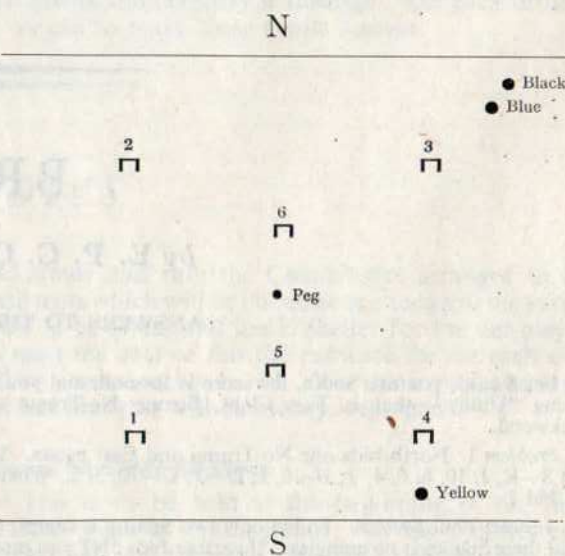
Work out the problem on the croquet lawn or on a table at home with little bits of paper to represent hoops and balls. This is quite easy. Tactician has used a table measuring only 18 inches by 12 inches and set out a court in a very few minutes. Try it. It is good fun and competitors will see that working out the solutions of these problems will help them in the actual playing of games.

Here are the first two problems:

(1) Blue is a Rover. Black is for 4-back. Red has been pegged out by Blue. Yellow is for 3-back and has a half bisque in hand. Black is on the north boundary about 2 yards from the third corner with a 2 feet rush on Blue to 4-back. Yellow is on the south boundary nearly opposite 3-back and wired from the opponent's balls. Yellow is to play but has no lift having placed himself there.

(2) A repetition of the above with the exception that Yellow is for the Penultimate.

State what Yellow is to do and give your reasons.



## CORRESPONDENCE

### Croquet in Tenerife

Dear Sir,

Hotel brochures and travel agents all advertise Croquet as one of the pastimes available in Tenerife. At the most favoured winter resort of the moment, Puerto de la Cruz, the British Club has Lawn Tennis courts, Bowling green, and Croquet lawns; but by far the most popular game is "Croquet". On an ordinary afternoon fifty to sixty players await their turn for one of the three croquet courts so, alas, Golf Croquet foursomes is the only possible game by which the members could be accommodated.

The situation of the Club is quite beautiful, high up looking across the Puerto to a blue Atlantic, surrounded by banana groves, palms and semi-tropical vegetation, and adorned with blazing coloured shrubs in all their glory.

When one considers the terracing, levelling, and turfing have been hard won from the side of a hill of lava rock, and that water is scarcer than wine, it is amazing how good and true the grass lawns are, reflecting the heavenly sun after an invigorating dip in the Atlantic. Better surely to meditate on this endless stream of British visitors, their visits limited by currency restrictions to three or four weeks, many being introduced for the first time to the charm of wielding a croquet mallet even in the lesser game.

Could we tempt them to follow it up to greater tests on other lawns in the cool of an English summer?

Yours faithfully,

H. G. STOKER

### Municipal Croquet

Dear Sir,

When visiting Hove last season, I noticed that the Corporation of Hove had restored and equipped the croquet lawn on the promenade adjacent to the bowling green west of the King Alfred Baths.

I have not seen it being used. If it is never played on, may I appeal to any croquet players living conveniently near to play there occasionally. Perhaps the Sussex County Club could help in this respect? It provides such an excellent "shop window" to bring croquet before the general public, and to those who have the well-being of the future of the game at heart, I think it is an opportunity too good to ignore.

Yours faithfully,

L. W. BUCKLEY

"St. Monica," Alma Road, Reigate, Surrey.

### Croquet Headquarters

Dear Sir

Having been associated with Croquet from my young days, I cannot but look upon the Roehampton disaster with some emotion. Lawn Tennis has unhappily been a persistent enemy of Croquet, and what has happened at Roehampton is unpleasantly reminiscent of what has happened many times in Croquet history.

When Croquet had been revived, the first Headquarters Club was the Sheen House Club at Mortlake. There was a fine old mansion for a Club House, and nine wonderful courts. About 1902 this Club came to an end. At that time Roehampton was a purely Polo Club, and as it was in low water financially, Col. Millar was looking for support. He found it in our Association.

An agreement was reached under which he built the Croquet Pavilion, and provided ten courts, indeed there were then or soon after fifteen Croquet courts—five beyond the central Polo ground. These extra five were not much used, and I cannot remember when they finally disappeared: but until 1939 we still had the main ten courts.

During the war, our best court, No. 10, was taken away and turned into a Rose Garden, and we also lost the two corresponding upper courts, one of which has been returned to us.

The old agreement lapsed with the war, since when we have been on a yearly basis.

In post-war circumstances, the title "Headquarters Club" has become more and more ephemeral, because for years now, both the Roehampton and Hurlingham Clubs, by virtue of the fact that Headquarters Tournaments have been played at both of them, have been equally Headquarters Clubs; indeed Devonshire Park,

Eastbourne, is in fact also a Headquarters Club for the first fortnight in October.

We are fortunate in one particular, namely, that though we have to vary the venue of Headquarters Tournaments, our actual Headquarters at 4 Southampton Row remains secure.

From a purely psychological point of view, it may possibly be an advantage to have a Headquarters Club; but from a purely practical point of view, so long as we can find suitable accommodation for our Headquarters Tournaments, it seems to be of no consequence whatever.

But I would express the hope, that in the near future one or other, or both the London Clubs will be able to provide us with a minimum of eight courts, so that when a Headquarters Tournament is being played there, the competitors do not have to go elsewhere to play matches.

Yours truly,

G. F. HANDEL ELVEY

### A New Grass

Dear Sir,

The preparation and upkeep of croquet lawns is such a troublesome and expensive matter nowadays that anything which may lighten it is worthy of consideration. A paragraph in the *Manchester Guardian* about a new grass called *Agrostis Stolonifera* or Z103 is therefore of interest. I enclose a copy of the paragraph which states that it has proved itself successful in the U.S.A. and Denmark. It is a prostrate type growing along the ground and not upwards and produces a springy turf which needs mowing only once a month and remains a rich green in the hottest summer.

An inquiry sent to the Sports Turf Research Institute at Bingley, Yorkshire, elicits that the grass is not yet commercially available in this country and there do not appear to have been any recorded experiments with it here. Whether it would give the sort of surface which a croquet lawn requires is therefore a matter of doubt, but what a boon it would be if it was satisfactory!

Yours faithfully,

W. T. BELL

8 St. James' Terrace, Buxton.

Copy of extract from *Manchester Guardian*

LAWNS WITHOUT MOWING

We do not have to wait for the prophetic mention of "atomic" lawns which need no mowing to materialise (writes "F.M.T.") for a very slow growing grass has already proved itself successful in the United States and Denmark, where many lawns consist of it. *Agrostis Stolonifera*, a creeping bent also known as Z103 was for the first time imported into this country last year, and experiments show it to be quite remarkable. It is planted in one inch square plug-like tufts one yard distant from each other in any existing lawn or rough piece of ground and will, within one season, spread and choke all other grasses and weeds. It is a prostrate type growing along the ground and not upwards, producing a springy turf which needs mowing, at the most, only once every month, and yet remains a rich green in the hottest summer.

### Croquet Features

Dear Sir,

(1) *Croquet Features*

The column by Rex was much appreciated by myself and others. The other column, "Your turn to play", was also a very good item. One of our most enthusiastic (and rare) men players does not think the journal much good without these features. You will understand that home news does not interest Queenslanders as it does English players.

(2) *Shortened games*

I am not an expert on this, as here we all play the full game. No other game is shortened. I am not biased so mention the following: Passing through a Victorian town saw a Croquet player. She was on her way to play an inter-Club Pennant B grade match with others. We went with the party *thirty miles*. The courts were halved. No lifts, etc. (44). The games were fast. Everyone appeared to be highly happy. We enjoyed it and considered our thirty miles detour well worth while. Your junior players would I am sure enjoy it if they tried it. The pleasure the players had out of the game impressed me.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. BROOKS

106 Waverley Street, Annerley, Brisbane, S.3.



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1956

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
1955.	£ s. d.	1955.	£ s. d.
To Medals	47	By Subscriptions	756 10 6
" Prizes at Meetings	11	" Donations	1 10 0
" Roehampton	41	" Affiliation Fees Overseas Clubs	11 11 6
" Hurlingham	—	" Entry Fees—	
" Eastbourne	99	Roehampton	140 1 0
" Expenses at Meetings—		Hurlingham	37 15 6
Roehampton	38	Eastbourne	94 10 0
Hurlingham	52	" Levy and Tribute	26 15 7
Eastbourne	125	" Sales, Magazine	21 9 6
Roehampton	57	" Year Book	8 1 2
Club Associates' Fees	49	" Leaflets	7 3 0
Engraving and Carriage of Trophies	318	" Croquet Entry Forms	3 3 6
" Printing and Publications—		" Advertisements in Magazine, Trade Clubs	139 12 5
Publication C.A. Magazine	584	" Dividends and Interest, less Tax—	
Reporter's Salary	60	Roehampton Club Co. Ltd. Defd. Stock	6 18 0
Printing, Year Book	63	London County Consolidated 31%	11 10 0
Leaflets	—	War Stock 31%	9 2 9
Croquet Entry Forms	—	P.O.S.B. Interest	6 18 7
Secretary's Salary	707	Bank Deposit Interest	7 3 0
Office Rent, Rates, Cleaning, Light and Heat	100	" Rent Received	50 18 8
" Office Rooms	280	" Excess Expenditure over Income	150 0 0
" Office Stationery	10		45 15 3
" Telephone	35		
" Insurance, Trophies and Office Contents	10		
" Postage	15		
" Audit Fee	14		
" Travelling and Sundry Expenses	24		
" Corporation Duty	45		
" Grant to Bedford Club	3		
" Excess of Income over Expenditure	212		
	£1,902		£1,800 5 4

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1956

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
1955.	£ s. d.	1955.	£ s. d.
ACCUMULATED FUND—		OFFICE FURNITURE—	
As at 1st January, 1956	3,167	At Cost per last Balance Sheet	74 18 0
Less Excess Expenditure 1956	—	Added during year	32 12 6
NEW ZEALAND TEST TEAM ENTERTAINMENT FUND—		TROPHIES—	
Unexpended Balance	391	At valuation per last Balance Sheet	568 16 6
Subscriptions Received in Advance	14	Add Return of 1955 claim	3 3 0
Sundry Creditors—Expenses Outstanding	91	SUNDRY DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS	
		Year Books	430 10 0
		Investments at Cost—	
		453 8s. 9d. London County Consolidated 31% 1958-68	500 0 0
		493 8s. 0d. War Stock 31%	300 0 0
		£300 Omnium Investment Co. Ltd. Deferred Stock	439 15 9
		Market Value 31.12.56, £1,187 10s. 10d.	1,370 5 9
		£50 Roehampton Country Club Debentures	500 0 0
		£10 Roehampton Country Club Ordinary Shares	10 0 0
		CASH—	
		At Bank, Current Account	337 2 7
		Post Office Savings Bank	493 18 3
		In Hand	3 3 3
			831 4 1
	£3,663		£3,479 12 2

B. V. F. BRACKENBURY, Chairman of the Council.  
D. E. BUCKLAND, Hon. Treasurer.  
E. P. DUFFIELD, Chairman, Finance and G.P. Committee.

We have received all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept, to us the Balance Sheet and annexed Income and Expenditure Account which are in agreement with the books. In our opinion and to the best of our information and the explanations given to us the Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the Association's affairs at 31st December, 1956, and the Income and Expenditure Account gives a true and fair view of the excess of expenditure for the year ended on that date.

3 RAYMOND BUILDINGS, GRAY'S INN, LONDON, W.C.1.

14th January, 1957

BEGBIE, ROBINSON & CO., Chartered Accountants

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Croquet Association will be held at the Hurlingham Club on Monday, May 27th, at 4.30 p.m.

AGENDA

- Minutes of the last meeting.
- Report and Balance Sheet.
- Election of Hon. Treasurer. Mr. D. E. Buckland retires from office and offers himself for re-election.
- Election of members of Council. The following retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election:—  
Mrs. L. H. Ashton  
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury  
Col. J. G. Clarke  
Major J. H. Dibley  
Dr. G. L. Ormerod  
Mrs. E. Rotherham  
Mrs. L. E. G. Nickisson retires and does not offer herself for re-election.  
There are three vacancies in this group. Mr. S. S. Townsend, proposed by Brig. J. S. Omond, seconded by M. Spencer Ell, Mr. J. W. Solomon, proposed by Mr. M. B. Reckitt and seconded by Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, offer themselves for election.  
There is in addition one more vacancy.
- Motion by the Council: "That it is the present intention, apart from unforeseen circumstances, that the balance of the New Zealand Test Team Entertainment Fund be made available for any future Tour."
- Any other business.

Notes:—

Rule VI. Election of Council

1.—Members elected by the votes of all Members of the Association.

- Candidates for election shall consist of:
  - Members of the Council retiring under Rule II (a) and offering themselves for re-election.
  - Associates, duly proposed and seconded by two other Associates, of whose candidature notice in writing shall have been received by the Secretary at least 28 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.
- (i) If the number of candidates does not exceed the number of full-term vacancies such candidates shall be deemed to be elected to fill the full-term vacancies.  
(ii) If the number of candidates shall exceed the number of full-term vacancies there shall be an election, conducted as prescribed in (iii). On the poll being declared the candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall be deemed to be elected to fill the full-term vacancies. Those next in order of number of votes shall be deemed to be elected to part-term vacancies, if any.  
(iii) The election to fill vacancies on the Council shall be conducted as follows:

At least 10 days before the Annual General Meeting voting papers shall be issued to all Associates giving the list of the candidates and the names of the proposer and seconder of each.

In voting an Associate may not give more than one vote for any candidate and may not record more votes than there are vacancies.  
The voting papers must be returned to the Secretary so as to arrive not later than the Saturday of the week preceding that in which the Annual General Meeting is held.

Two scrutineers, not being members of the Council, shall be appointed by the Council. They shall report the result of the poll at the Annual General Meeting.

Rule VII

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

Associates will be admitted to the Club for the purpose of attending the Annual General Meeting on production of the current membership card.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 7th, 1957

We examined the Balance Sheet and Accounts prepared by Messrs. Begbie, Robinson & Co., and recommend that they be accepted. In connection with the Income and Expenditure Account we came to the conclusion that the Tournament Committee should be asked to give consideration to relating entry fees, for C.A. events, to current costs of promoting tournaments, having particular regard to the Eastbourne (Devonshire Park) Tournament.

We gave further consideration to the application from the Compton Club for financial aid, and recommend that a grant of £15 be made.

Consequent on the interview between our Chairman and the representatives of the Eastbourne Corporation the following offer to amend the terms for the Devonshire Park Tournament was received:—"It has now been agreed that subject to review at the conclusion of this year's Tournament, the Corporation are prepared to charge a fixed amount of £100 for the hire of ten Croquet Lawns complete, subject to your Association being responsible for the charge of engraving trophies." We recommend that this offer be accepted.

NOTES ON ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The visit of the New Zealand players provided a welcome opportunity for arranging a meeting with their representatives to discuss points of law and other relevant matters. The result of this Conference was very satisfactory and later, the Laws Committee and finally the Council, made the following Alterations and Amendments. These should be noted very carefully especially by all referees as they are interesting and helpful.

In the December journal there is notice of these alterations but the following article is an endeavour to clarify and explain them.

*In Law 25* add at the end "see Law 46 (c)": this was recommended as an aid to players to inform them that a bisque must be taken with the ball with which the turn had begun.

*Law 26 (c)* should now read: "the striker makes a foul if he touch a ball at rest, other than his ball, by touching it with the mallet or with any part of his body or clothes when taking aim or making a stroke."

*Law 27.* Penalties for foul are the same except in the case of a foul under Law 26 (m). The adversary, here, has the option of choosing whether all balls are replaced or whether all balls shall be in play in the position in which they have come to rest. Players must therefore be more particular in taking croquet to move the croqueted ball. This is really the old penalty revived for this one foul. A new reference is also added to Law 27, i.e. Law 46 (g) which refers to a bisque taken with a wrong ball, etc.

*Law 30 (c) Wired Balls.* The insertion of the word "moved" instead of "hit by another ball" allows the player to have a lift if his opponent has moved his ball by merely hitting the wire on which the ball may be resting. Instructions to Referees, paragraph 8 in the 1956 Laws, is therefore deleted entirely.

*Law 43 (b).* Read to "26 (f)" and then note the addition "and the striker's ball shall be replaced where in his opinion or in the opinion of a referee appointed to watch the stroke, it came or would have come to rest." This gives the referee the authority to watch the stroke and to decide the final position of the ball so displaced.

In the past, the Assistant Referees have found difficulty in defining their duties as such and Law 48 (d) now reads: "To call attention at once to any infringement of the Laws; provided that it does not give useful information to the player" with a special reference to Instructions to Referees (1). These instructions are extremely clear and helpful.

The following alterations have not been printed in the 1957 Laws book as the Council has only authorised them as temporary experiments for 1957 and Referees should be specially careful to make separate notes of these as they differ from the particular law as printed.

*Law 6.* Deleting the word "not" allows the bevel edge of the mallet to be used in making a stroke, especially in the hammer stroke.

Law 34 (a). In the past, the player and only he, has been responsible for declaring that a croqueted ball has been moved or shaken but now a referee can be called by either side, to watch the "take-off" and decide the result. The law now reads: "After making the croquet stroke and in the absence of a referee appointed to watch the stroke, he must be able to declare that the croqueted ball was moved or shaken, etc."

In order to improve the standard of referees the Council decided that the office of examining referees should be abolished, that the Chairman of the Laws Committee should have power to appoint a referee to act with her in examining any candidate or where she was not able to act, to appoint a substitute. Refresher Courses and part tests for existing referees should be held at various times (preferably at Tournaments) and referees should be invited to attend if they wish to remain on the official list. Should those invited fail to attend without a valid reason, after persistent non-attendance, they would be asked if they would prefer to have their names removed from the official list.

Would players also note the following:—

- (1) A cross-reference index to the Laws has been compiled and will fill a long-felt want.
- (2) Reg. 15 (a). Players may always appeal to the Tournament Referee on a question of law if they are dissatisfied with the decision of the Assistant Referee. Questions of fact must be decided by the referee called.
- (3) Managers and players shall all note:—  
Reg. 13 (a) and (b) "3½" to "3" and "2½" to "2" respectively and Reg. 13 (c) is especially interesting as printed in 1957 Laws page 31. Please be sure to procure a copy.  
M.M.R.

## Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 4 Southampton Row on Thursday, November 15th, 1956.

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

**Questions.** Mr. Duffield asked if information was available as to the New Zealand Test Team Fund. Brig. Stokes-Roberts at the request of the Chairman gave some figures. The account had not finally been made up but he thought there was a substantial balance. It was suggested that this should form the nucleus of a fund for any future international test matches. Col. Adams said that as the money had been subscribed for a specific purpose it could not be diverted without the consent of the subscribers. It was agreed that a notice on the subject should be published in *Croquet*.

The Chairman said he took this opportunity of expressing to Brig. Stokes-Roberts the thanks of the Council for his very efficient efforts in connection with the New Zealand Test Team Tour. Undoubtedly its smooth-running and great success had been due to the large amount of work he has undertaken and to his initiative and his attention to the smallest details.

The Chairman then reported that Mr. C. Rowling had generously donated 400 cigarettes to be sold for the benefit of the C.A. He asked if the Council would approve of them being raffled through the clubs. It was agreed that this should be done and that Mr. Brackenbury should get in touch with Col. Clarke on the matter. Mr. Roper asked if the balance of the N.Z. Fund could be invested. Mr. Buckland said that it had not been kept in a separate account and that all the available money was invested.

Mrs. Ashton asked if anything could be done to reduce the discrepancies between club and Association handicaps which were sometimes very great. Mr. Reckitt pointed out the difficulties, and said the best way to deal with the matter was for Club Secretaries to report their club reductions, giving the reasons for them, to the Secretary, C.A.

The Secretary asked whether it was the policy of the Council that all business should be transacted through the Office. There had been a good many instances lately in which this had not been done, resulting in the Secretary not having full information and records. The Chairman said it was necessary for full information on C.A. affairs to be known to the Secretary and asked all members to take note of this.

Report of the Special Committee on Duration of Games. The Chairman gave a ruling on the procedure to be followed as to voting on the recommendations. Recommendation 1 being governed by Regulation 2 of Regulations for official tournaments and Recommendation 2 by Rule XIV paragraph 1.

Mr. Duffield presented the Report and proposed the adoption of Recommendation 1. This was seconded by Mr. Baillieu. After considerable discussion the Chairman further explained the proposals and suggested some amendments as follows:—

- A. That during the 1957 Croquet Season the Croquet Association permit as a variation a game of croquet consisting of 18 points. The course of this game shall begin at the fifth hoop of the Standard Course and shall continue to the peg; and that in handicap games the scale of bisques shall be the same as in Regulation 12 (d) which is also a game of 18 points. Law 44 shall apply.
- B. That during the 1957 Croquet Season the Council of the C.A. should direct that certain events at tournaments promoted by the Association shall be played under the new variation.
- C. That prior to the beginning of the 1957 Croquet Season all affiliated clubs should be requested to invite their members to play club games using this variation and that some clubs should be invited to use the new variation in tournaments.

As amended Recommendation 1 was put to the vote and carried. Recommendation 2, the adoption was proposed by Dr. Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Evans. After discussion paragraphs A. and B. were put to the vote and carried. Paragraph C. was amended as follows:—"(c) When a time-limit is imposed under (a) or (b) above, the Manager shall at the time he imposes such limit, declare that a further half-hour's play may be claimed by the player who is behind at the expiration of the time-limit, provided that such player has then scored all but 4 points. As amended this paragraph was also put to the vote and carried.

Report of the Tournament Committee. Mr. Reckitt presented the Report and gave details of the action taken with regard to the reduction of the number of courts at Roehampton Club. The Report was accepted.

Report of the Editorial Panel. Mr. Brackenbury in presenting the Report said that the authorised amount to be spent on the magazine in 1956 was £475. The cost of the December number had to be estimated, but he thought the total for the year would be £480. About £15 had been spent on blocks for photographs. It was proposed to co-opt Mr. Roper as a member of the Editorial Panel. The Report was accepted.

Motion by Brig. Stokes-Roberts: "That in open tournaments at the commencement of a game, after balls have been chosen, each player should be allowed 2 or 3 minutes for practice shots to test the pace of the court." This was seconded by Mr. Baillieu, and after discussion put to the vote and lost.

Motion by Brig. Stokes-Roberts: "That a list should be published showing which members of the Croquet Council represented clubs other than their own." The Secretary reported that the response by the clubs to a circular letter inviting them to nominate a member of the Council to represent them had been very small. It was agreed that apparently clubs were not interested in the scheme and Brig. Stokes-Roberts withdrew his motion.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 4 Southampton Row on Thursday, January 3rd, 1957.

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

Correspondence. A letter was read from the Hon. Treasurer of the Buxton Club asking if the C.A. would take over the trophies as otherwise it was proposed to sell them and send the proceeds to the C.A. Mr. Duffield and Mr. Reckitt deprecated the sale if there was any chance of the Buxton Tournament being revived at some future time, and the Chairman undertook to write to Mr. Hunter on the subject.

The Chairman read a letter he had received from Mr. Baillieu about the suggested raffle for the cigarettes donated to the C.A. by Mr. Rowling. Mr. Baillieu set out the legal position and said that in his opinion the raffle should not take place. This was supported by Col. Clarke, and it was agreed that the cigarettes should be sold at the ordinary retail price.

**Questions.** Mr. Buckland asked the wishes of the Council as to the issue of bonus shares by the Omnium Trust. Thirty shares would be allocated to the C.A. at par. They stood at a substantial premium and he advised that they be taken up. This proposal was seconded by Mr. Duffield, and it was agreed that the shares be bought.

A special meeting of the Council under Rule XIV was held, and the alterations of the Laws and Regulations agreed.

Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. Mr. Duffield spoke in detail on the various recommendations, which were then separately discussed.

It was agreed that the Compton Club be asked to furnish the final account for the repairs of the Club House, and also the audited accounts for the Club for the year.

It was agreed that the Hon. Treasurer and the Chairman of the Finance Committee should approach the Eastbourne Corporation with a view to making some more satisfactory financial agreement for the use of Devonshire Park for the annual tournament.

The Hon. Treasurer moved: "That the Council recommend to the Annual General Meeting 'That it is the present intention, apart from unforeseen circumstances, that the balance of the New Zealand Test Team Entertainment Fund be made available for any future tour.'" This was seconded by Mr. Duffield. Mr. Evans proposed that the money be used immediately for the benefit of necessitous clubs. This was seconded by Mrs. Chittenden. Mr. Reckitt deprecated using the money, unless with the consent of the subscribers, for any but the purpose of which it was raised. The amendment was then put to the vote and lost. The substantive motion was then agreed.

Report of the Tournament Committee. Mr. Reckitt presented this and said that the recommendations of the Committee were as follows:—

That the Surrey Cup competition be played at Parkstone if the local Committee agreed.

That the experimental 18 point variation be played in the Peel Memorials events, the Du Pre Cup, Challenge Cups and Challenge Cups Doubles, and at Eastbourne in the Men's Open Singles, Women's Open Singles, Restricted Handicap Singles and Handicap Doubles.

It was further recommended that on the first Saturday of the Eastbourne Tournament a match East v. West be played. The qualification to play would be residence or membership of a club situate on one or other side of a line drawn on the map due south from Berwick-on-Tweed to the English Channel. Mr. Evans proposed that there be no match, as this would enable the tournament to be played without the use of the Compton courts. This proposal failed owing to there being no seconder. The Report as given by Mr. Reckitt was accepted.

Croquet Headquarters. The Chairman set out the position regarding the Roehampton Club. The old agreement had lapsed, and could not, with its former conditions, be renewed as the Club no longer had eight croquet courts. Mr. Reckitt proposed: "That in view of the fact that there is not a club in London with sufficient courts or facilities to be called Headquarters the title be put in abeyance." This was seconded by Mr. Longman. Miss Lintern was against the proposal and advocated that the Roehampton Club be asked to continue to be the Headquarters for the ensuing year. She thought that a headquarters with facilities for play was essential to the prestige of the C.A. and for the reception of overseas visitors. This was seconded by Mr. Roper and carried. The Chairman undertook to write to the Directors of the Roehampton Club on the subject.

Motion by Dr. Wiggins: "That the office of umpire be re-introduced and that if agreed, the Council to instruct the Laws Committee to deal with this." This was seconded by Major Dibley and after discussion put to the vote and lost.

## ALL-ENGLAND HANDICAP

Winner—D. E. Buckland (2½)

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

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

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

**Final Stages.**—The Club representatives will be drawn on the Bagnall-Wild system and will meet in London during the period extending over August 14th to 16th.

**Qualification to Hold a Competition.**—No Club with an entry of less than four competitors is eligible to be represented. In any match of the Final Stages a competitor shall play on the C.A. handicap that he would have been playing at in an Official Tournament.

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

The results of Club Competitions must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., to reach her not later than July 22nd.

Matches of single games throughout.

**Prizes.**—Winner and Runner-up: The Tingey Trophies; others in last eight, Bronze Medals. Winner's Club, The New Zealand Plaque.

## THE CLUB TEAM CUP

(Handicap)

Presented by William Longman, Esq.

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

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

Holder—Roehampton Club

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

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

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

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

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

There are no entry fees.

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

## THE PEEL MEMORIALS

will be played for at the

ROEHAMPTON CLUB on MONDAY, MAY 13th, and five following days

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager.—V. A. de la Nougerede.

Referee and Handicapper.—Miss D. A. Lintern.

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

EVENTS

Open to Associates only

1.—PEEL MEMORIAL SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL. Handicap Singles for Men. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. This Event will be played under the "two life" system. Holder: S. S. Townsend (2½).

2.—PEEL MEMORIAL SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL. Handicap Singles for Women. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. This Event will be played under the "two life" system. Holder: Miss I. Wainright (—1½).

3.—HANDICAP DOUBLES (combined handicaps scratch or over). The Lady Murray Memorial Silver Challenge Cups. Entries must be made in pairs. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. each person. Holders: G. Rowling and Mrs. M. L. Thom (3½).

CONDITIONS

Hoops 3½in. wide. Jaques' Championship balls will be used. Five courts will be provided.

All Events will be played under the 18-point variation. Starting at 5th hoop.

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

The Committee reserve the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason and to decide any question that may arise. Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

ENTRIES

The Entries accompanied by the Entrance Fee for Events 1 and 2 must reach the Secretary, C.A., not later than the first post on Wednesday, May 8th, and for Event 3 by noon on Tuesday, May 14th.

PLAY

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

DRAW

The Draw for Events Nos. 1 and 2, will take place at 4 Southampton Row on Wednesday, May 8th, at 11 a.m.



## BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

### A CROQUET TOURNAMENT

(Unofficial)

will be held on

**THE CLUB GROUNDS** on **MONDAY, 13th MAY, 1957, and following days**

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

Manager and Handicapper.—Miss A. Mills.  
Referee of the Tournament.—To be appointed.  
Tournament Committee.—Major G. F. Stone (Chairman), Col. D. W. Beamish, Miss J. Cooper, Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse, J. Weston Martyr and L. G. Walters.  
Secretary.—L. G. Walters, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton (Tel. 548).

#### EVENTS

1.—AN AMERICAN TOURNAMENT (Handicap). Competitors will be arranged in blocks according to handicap and the numbers of entries received. It is hoped to arrange four blocks and guarantee each player a minimum of five games. Winners of blocks will play off semi-final and final. The winner to hold the Godfrey Turner Challenge Cup and the winner of the longest handicap block to hold the L. G. Walters Long Handicap Challenge Trophy.  
(Note.—The "C" and "D" Handicap Blocks, and the "C" versus "D" semi-finals will play the shortened game beginning at the 5th hoop. Full game to be played for the Final. Entrance Fee, 13s. 6d. (including 1s. voluntary contribution to the Dominion Tour Fund).)

2.—HANDICAP DOUBLES (Knock-out). Combined handicap not to be less than 6 bisques. (Note.—All games to start at the 5th hoop.) Entrance Fee, 6s. each player (including 1s. voluntary contribution to the Dominion Tour Fund).

An Extra Event will be arranged if time and Entries permit. (All games will start at the 5th hoop.)

#### ENTRIES

On Official C.A. Entry Forms please.  
Entries for Event 1 must reach the Secretary not later than first post **Wednesday, 8th May**. Entries for Event 2 must reach the Secretary by 10 a.m. **Tuesday, 14th May**, and the Draw will take place at 2 p.m. that day.

At lunch time coffee, but not Lunches, will be available at the club house.

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

The usual Official Tournament will be held on Monday, July 15th, 1957, and days following. (See June *Croquet*.)

## BRIGHTON

### ANNUAL SUMMER CROQUET TOURNAMENT VICTORIA ROAD, SOUTHWICK

**MONDAY, MAY 20th, and five following days**

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

#### EVENTS

1.—OPEN SINGLES. "THE ABBEY" CHALLENGE CUP. Presented by W. H. Abbey, Esq. Entrance Fee, 10s. Draw and Process. Law 44 partially suspended, i.e. no lift after 4-back.

2.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Entrance Fee, 8s.

3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. "X.Y." Entrance Fee, 8s.

4.—HANDICAP DOUBLES (Unrestricted). Entrance Fee, 8s. each player.

All games to start at No. 3 hoop in Event No. 4. Competitors may enter for 3 out of 4 Events. Event "Y" will start at No. 5 hoop. Extra Event time permitting.

#### ENTRIES

Entries with Fees for Events 1, 2 and 3 must reach the Hon. Secretary by the first post on **Thursday, May 16th**. Those for Event 4 may be made on the ground up to 2 p.m., **Tuesday, May 21st**.

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

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

#### THE DRAW

The Draw for Events 1, 2 and 3 will take place at Southwick on Thursday, May 16th, at 2.30 p.m. Event 4 on Tuesday, May 21st, at 2.30 p.m.

#### PLAY

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

#### PRIZES

According to Entries.  
Standard Setting and Jaques' "Eclipse" Balls will be used. Flat-soled footwear must be worn. Competitors will be made Hon. Members of the Club during the Tournament.

Ten Courts will be available.  
Light Luncheons and Teas will be obtainable.  
Motor Bus Service from BRIGHTON every 10 minutes. Train Service to Southwick Station.  
Free Parking for Cars on the Ground.  
The Secretary will be pleased to recommend accommodation if desired.

## THE INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

will be played for at the  
**HURLINGHAM CLUB** on **TUESDAY, MAY 28th, and during the week**

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager.—Mrs. E. Haigh Smith.  
Referee and Handicapper.—Mrs. E. Reeve.  
Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.

Holder—Surrey

#### CONDITIONS

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

- (a) Birth in the County, or
- (b) Present residence in the County of two years standing, or
- (c) A previous residence in the County for an uninterrupted period of five years, other than as a pupil in a school or college.
- (d) No one is qualified to represent a County who has represented a different County in the year immediately preceding the competition unless he has previously represented that County, or except in the case of a County which has not competed during the past five years, or unless the County he has represented in the previous year is not competing.
- (e) An ordinary member of a registered Croquet Club, of not less than two years' standing, not being invited to play for a County for which he is eligible, or being eligible for a County which does not enter a team may play for the County in which his Club is situated.

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

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

4. Each County shall appoint a duly qualified Captain.

5. The collector of a team shall send to the Secretary, C.A., before May 1st, a list of the names of not more than eight players, from which the playing team of three pairs for any match must be selected, and the name of the Captain. In a match the players may be combined to form pairs in any manner that the Captain thinks fit, but the pairs must be arranged in the order of the joint number of bisques, the lowest amount corresponding to the A pair, the highest to the C pair. The constitution of the team must be given to the Manager before any match. If in any match only two pairs from a team should be available for play, these pairs must be matched against the "A" and "B" pairs of the opposing team.

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

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

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

9. Entries must reach the Secretary, C.A., by **May 1st, 1957**.

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

11. Law 44 partially suspended.

No Entrance Fee.  
Hoops 3¼ in. wide and Jaques' "Eclipse" balls will be used. Nine courts will be provided.

## THE MEN'S and WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS MEETING

Will be played at the

**HURLINGHAM CLUB** on **MONDAY, JUNE 3rd to JUNE 8th**

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager and Handicapper.—Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury.  
Referee.—W. Longman.  
Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.

#### EVENTS

Open to Associates Only

1.—THE MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Matches best of three games. Prizes: The winner holds for the year the Gold Challenge Casket presented by the late Viscount Doneraile, and a Challenge Trophy presented by the late Sir Francis Colchester-Wemyss, K.B.E., and the late Col. C. E. Wilson, and will receive a medal. Holder: H. O. Hicks.

2.—THE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Matches best of three games. Prizes: The winner holds for the year the Gold Challenge Casket presented by the late Viscount Doneraile, a Silver Challenge Bowl presented by the "Ladies' Field", the Gold Challenge Badge and Gold Locket, and will receive a medal. Holder: Mrs. W. H. Kirk.

3.—THE MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. each person. Matches of single games. Prizes: A Pair of Silver Challenge Cups presented by the All-England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club. Holders: G. Rowling and Mrs. T. McKenzie-Smart.

4.—THE "DU PRE" CUP. Open to competitors in Events 1 and 2 who have not qualified for the third round, or at the discretion of the Manager. Matches of single games throughout. **This Event will be played under the 18-point variation. Starting at 5th hoop.** Entrance Fee, 6s. Level play. Prize: A Challenge Cup presented by the late Lt.-Col. W. B. Du Pre. Holder: R. Tingey.

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

#### CONDITIONS

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

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

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

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

#### ENTRIES

The Entries, accompanied by the Entrance Fees for Events 1 and 2 must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, so as to reach her not later than the first post on **Wednesday, May 29th**, and for Event 3 by noon on **Tuesday, June 4th**. Entries for Events 4 and 5 can be received only on the ground.

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

#### DRAW

The Draw for Events 1 and 2 will take place at 4 Southampton Row at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 29th, and for Events 3, 4 and 5, as will be announced on the ground.

#### PLAY

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

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

## RYDE

### THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL OPEN CROQUET TOURNAMENT

will be held on

**MONDAY, JUNE 3rd, and following days**

at the **CLUB GROUND, PLAY STREET LANE, RYDE, I.O.W.**

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

#### EVENTS

1.—ISLE OF WIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP. Open Singles. The Challenge Trophy. Present Holder: G. V. G. Beamish. Draw and Process. Law 44 partially suspended. No lift after 4-back. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d.

2.—LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS B). The Chapman Cup. Open to players of 3 bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 8s. Final best of 3 games (time permitting). Present Holder: G. Birch.

3.—HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS D). The Hutton Cup. Open to players of 10 bisques or more. Shortened game, commencing at No. 5 hoop. Entrance Fee, 7s. Present Holder: Mrs. R. H. Burrell.

No player may enter for more than one of the above Events.

4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Open to all players. The Benest Cup. Shortened game, commencing at No. 5 hoop. Entrance Fee, 7s.

5.—HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y."). The Dibley Cup. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Present Holder: G. Birch.

6.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Unrestricted. Open to all. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. each player. A time limit of 3½ hours will apply to this event.

Should time permit there will be an extra Event.

#### PRIZES

Two for each Event if sufficient entries.

#### ENTRIES

For Events 1 to 5, together with Fees and C.A. Tribute of 15s. where payable, must reach the Hon. Secretary by first post on **Thursday, May 30th, 1957**. Entries for Doubles (Event 6) close on the ground on **Monday, June 3rd**, at 5 p.m.

#### DRAW

The Draw for Events 1 to 5 will take place at the Club Pavilion at 3 p.m. on May 30th. For Doubles at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 3rd. Play will commence at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, June 3rd, and at 10 a.m. on following days. Players not present when called upon to play will be liable to be scratched.

#### GENERAL

Six lawns provided. Standard setting. Luncheon and Teas provided in the Pavilion. A motor bus from Pier sets down close to the ground. Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

Hotels: Spencer's Inn, Yelf's Hotel (both in Union Street), Osborne Hotel, The Esplanade; Guest House (specially recommended), Mrs. Taylor, 78 Pellhurst Road, Ryde, I.O.W. (Phone Ryde 3020) (300 yards from Club).

## WOKING

Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club

### THE 36th ANNUAL CROQUET TOURNAMENT

will be held on

**THE CLUB GROUND, PINE ROAD, HOOK HEATH, WOKING**

On **MONDAY, JUNE 10th, 1957, and following days**

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

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

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

#### EVENTS

1.—OPEN SINGLES. Best of three games. The winner will be entitled to hold for one year or until the next Tournament, whichever is the shorter period, the Club Challenge Cup. Entrance Fee, 10s.

2.—LEVEL SINGLES. Class B. Open to competitors handicapped at ½ to 6 bisques inclusive. Winner entitled to hold for one year or until the next Tournament whichever is the shorter period the Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. H. T. Farris. Entrance Fee, 8s. "Law 44 partially suspended."

3.—LEVEL SINGLES. Class C. Open to competitors handicapped at 6½ bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 8s. "Law 44 suspended."

N.B.—No competitor may enter for more than one of the above Events.

4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Entrance Fee, 8s. Unrestricted. The winner will be entitled to hold for one year or until the next Tournament whichever is the shorter period, the Challenge Bowl presented by the late Mrs. J. M. Miles.

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

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

#### CONDITIONS

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

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

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

Six Courts will be provided on the ground.

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

TEA can be obtained on the Ground.

The Club Ground is 1½ miles from Woking Station.

Taxis can be obtained. Bus Service.

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

#### ENTRIES

Entries for all Events except No. 5 must reach the Hon. Secretary by first post on **Friday, June 7th**. Entries for No. 5 close on **Tuesday, June 11th**, at the Club, at 2 p.m.

#### THE DRAW

The Draw for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 will take place in the Pavilion on the Club Ground at 11 a.m. on **Friday, June 7th**.

The Draw for No. 5 at 2 p.m. on **Tuesday, June 11th**.

#### PLAY

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

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

## PARKSTONE (East Dorset)

### CROQUET TOURNAMENT

**MONDAY, JUNE 17th to 22nd, 1957**

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

Committee.—Croquet Committee of the Parkstone Club.

Manager and Handicapper.—L. H. Ashton.

Assistant Manager.—Mrs. 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.

#### EVENTS

1.—OPEN SINGLES. Single full games. Entrance Fee, 8s. Dorset Salver. Loser of the first match qualifies for the Halse Cup. Single games to be played under the new variation starting at 5th Hoop. Entrance Fee, 5s.

2.—LEVEL SINGLES. Law 44 suspended. For players of 1½ to 4 bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 8s. Prize: Evans Trophy.

3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. For players of 4½ bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 8s. Prize: Cope Cup.

4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. ("X.Y.") Unrestricted. To be played under the new variation starting at the 5th Hoop. Entrance Fee, 8s. Prizes: Bishop Cup and Evans Rose Bowl.

5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Unrestricted. Entrance Fee, 8s. each player. To be played under new variation starting at the 5th Hoop.

Extra Events will be arranged time permitting.

#### CONDITIONS

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 must reach the Hon. Secretary before midday **Thursday, June 13th**. Entries for Event 5 close at midday on **Tuesday, June 18th**.

The Draw will take place at the Club on **Thursday, June 13th**, at 3 p.m.

Five or six Courts will be provided and Jaques' "Eclipse" Balls will be used. Standard 3½ in. hoops. Play will commence at 10 a.m. (or earlier if necessary). Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

Lunch and tea at the Club at moderate prices.

The Hon. Secretary will be pleased to help in finding accommodation if notified in time. Kindly send full particulars as to type required.

## OXFORD

### A CROQUET TOURNAMENT

will be held, by kind permission of the Curators of the University Parks and the Committee of the O.U.C.C. on

**THE UNIVERSITY CRICKET GROUND ON MONDAY, JULY 15th, and five following days**

(Under the Laws and Regulations of the Croquet Association)

Committee.—The Committee of the Croquet Section of the Oxford University C. and L.T.C.

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

Hon. Secretary.—Capt. H. J. Pullein-Thompson, 78 Bell Street, Henley-on-Thames.

#### EVENTS

1.—OPEN SINGLES. Draw and Process. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Challenge Cup presented by the Ladies of Oxford.

2.—LEVEL SINGLES. For players handicapped at 2½ or over. Law 44 suspended. Entrance Fee, 8s.

3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. For players handicapped at 6½ or over. Entrance Fee, 8s.

Prize: Encouragement Cup. Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Swinson.

4.—"X.Y." HANDICAP SINGLES. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d.

5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicap to be not less than 3. Entrance Fee, 8s. each person.

Entries for 1, 2, 3 and 4 should reach the Hon. Secretary not later than first post on **Thursday, July 11th**. The Draw will take place on July 11th at 2.30 p.m. in the Oxford University Cricket Pavilion.

At least FIVE lawns will be available for play.

Equipment by Jaques.

Play will begin daily at 10 a.m.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

Lunches and Teas obtainable at the Club.

Applications for particulars of hotel accommodation should be made to the Hon. Secretary.

## LEAMINGTON SPA

### AN OPEN TOURNAMENT

will be held on the **CLUB GROUND on MONDAY, JULY 29th, 1957, and five following days**

Manager and Handicapper.—Miss A. E. Mills.

Hon. Secretary.—E. Sidwell, Croquet Tournament Secretary, Guys Cliffe Avenue, Leamington Spa.

#### EVENTS

1.—OPEN SINGLES. Two Life System. The Midland Challenge Cup. Entrance Fee, 10s.

2.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 3½ bisques and over. Challenge Cup. Entrance Fee, 8s.

Players may only enter for one of the above.

3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. (X.Y.). Open to all. Challenge Cup. Entrance Fee, 10s.

4.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Unrestricted. Challenge Silver Salvagers. Entrance Fee, 8s. each player.

Two prizes will be given for each Event. All Challenge Trophies to be held by the winner for one year.

#### CONDITIONS

Entries, with Entrance Fees, must reach the Hon. Secretary by the first post **Thursday, July 25th**. Entries for Event 4 may be made on the ground up to 2.30 p.m. **Tuesday, July 30th**.

Draw for Events 1, 2 and 3 will take place in the Club House at 2.30 p.m. **Thursday, July 25th**.

Equipment by Jaques.

Five Courts will be provided.

Play will begin at 10 a.m. unless otherwise ordered.

Every competitor shall wear such flat-soled boots or shoes as cannot damage the courts.

Bridge, a licensed bar, teas.

Hotels—Manor House, Regent, Clarendon; Private Hotels—Alkerton, Arden-Desmond, The Oaks, The Spa.

## 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.

**Bentley (Brentwood)**—Hon. Secretary, F. Stanley-Smith, Hatch House, Pilgrims Hatch, Brentwood.

**Birkdale (Southport)**—Hon. Secretary, Rev. F. I. Denbow, East View, Liverpool Road, Rufford, Ormskirk.

**Birmingham (Edgbaston)**—Hon. Secretary, Dr. B. R. Sandiford, 150 Great Charles Street, Birmingham.

**Blackheath (Blackheath Park)**—Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Willis, 3 Priory Lodge, Priory Park, Lee Road, Blackheath, S.E.3.

**Bowdon**—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. M. Curnick, Corwar, Hazelwood Road, Hale, Cheshire.

**Bristol Croquet Club**—Hon. Secretary, Miss K. M. S. Ault, 10 Westbury Park, Bristol 6.

**Budleigh Salterton**—Hon. Secretary, L. G. Walters, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton.

**Carrickmines Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club**—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly, Ballynamote, Carrickmines, Dublin.

**Cambridge Municipal Parks Croquet**—W. P. Ormerod, Pembroke College, Cambridge.

**Cassibury (Watford)**—Hon. Secretary, Miss B. Hurst, 97 Mildred Avenue, Watford.

**Chelmsford and Mid-Essex Croquet Club**—Hon. Secretary, Miss G. Metcalfe, Yoredale, Finchley Avenue, Chelmsford.

**Cheltenham**—Hon. Secretary, Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels, Cheltenham Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.

**Colchester**—Hon. Secretary, E. P. Duffield, Acland Lodge, Acland Avenue, Colchester.

**Compton (Eastbourne)**—Hon. Secretary, C. J. Speer, 2 Dunvegan, Dittons Road, Eastbourne.

**Crouch Hill Recreation Club (85a Crouch Hill, N.4)**—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. E. G. Simmonds, 7 Crouch Hall Road, Crouch End, N.8.

**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, Saltern's Road, Parkstone, Dorset.

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

**Exmouth Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club**—Hon. Secretary, Lt.-Col. C. S. Lazenby, The Club House, Cranford, Exmouth.

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

**Ferranti Staff Recreation Club (Crewe Toll, Edinburgh)**—Hon. Secretary, A. W. Dawson.

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

**Heathfield (Lyford Road, London, S.W.18)**—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. M. Francis, White Cottage, 68 Lyford Road, London, S.W.18.

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