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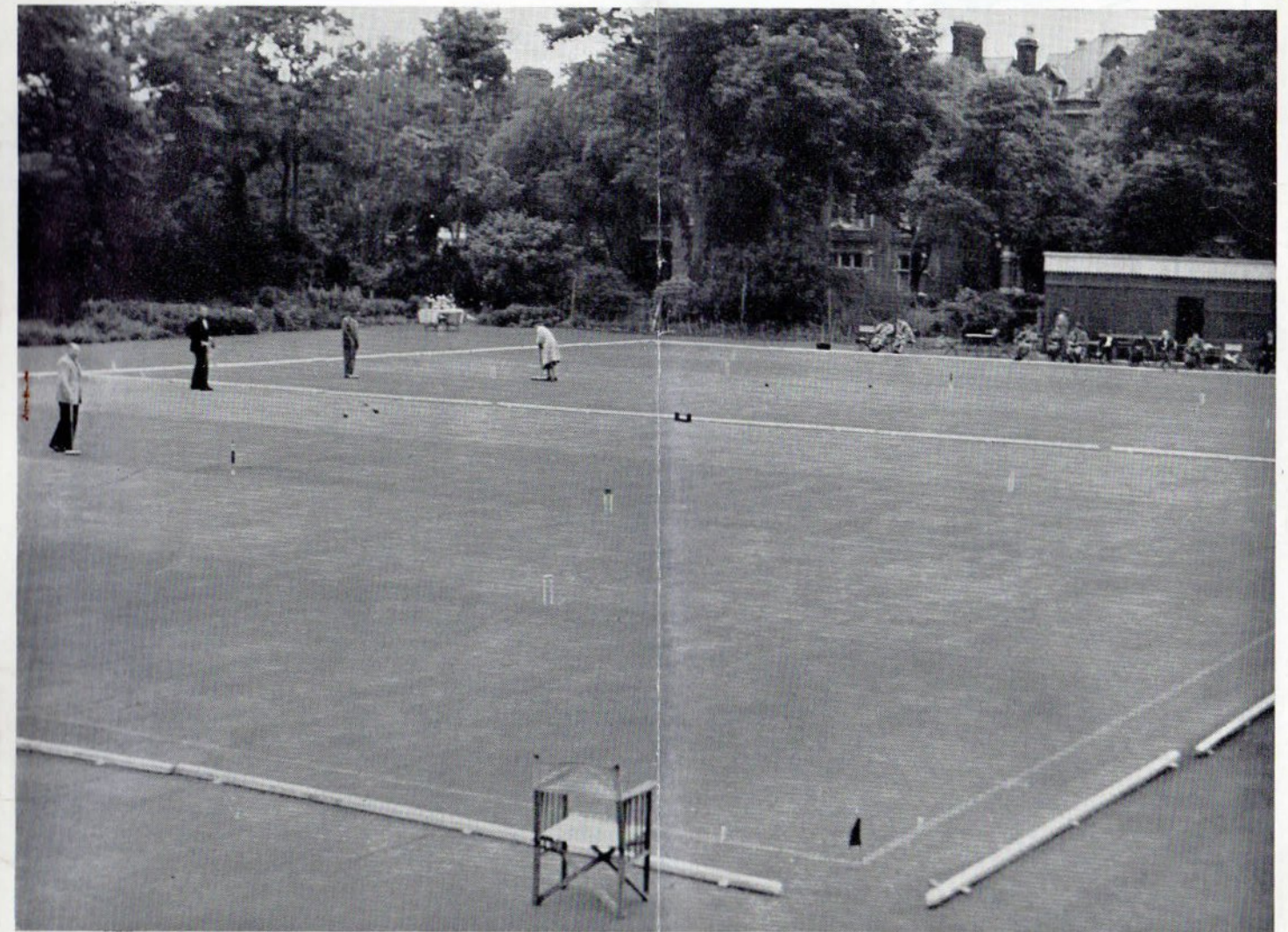
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by H. G. STOKER

A Historic Come-back

The article by Captain Stoker in this issue records an event of the greatest interest and significance. Croquet is returning to Wimbledon, its first headquarters, though of course geographically a slightly different one. At this joyous moment our first duty—and pleasure—is to offer our thanks to the committee of the All England Club for their generous and enterprising scheme at Church Road. Our Association has not forgotten the warm hospitality shown to us there when we staged exhibition games in September, 1954, on this renowned sward. Judging by the number of veterans one sees each year round the Centre Court at Wimbledon, old lawn tennis players never die, but they do inevitably fade away as age takes its toll; the optimum age for lady players seems now, if we are to rely on the papers, to be about 17! The new court at Wimbledon will—or should—soon show that fading away is no longer inevitable, for the lawn tennis star of the nineteen thirties may become the croquet champion of the nineteen sixties. It will do croquet no end of good if those who have excelled at tennis tournaments will bring their skill and their games-sense to it; and we welcome this historic occasion not only for the generous spirit to which it witnesses, but for the splendid recruiting agency which it will surely be.

Are Tournaments too long?

The series of articles which our younger generation are to contribute to this journal during the season will be found to contain much that is interesting to all of us. Mr. Camroux's, which appears in this number, is certainly no exception. His remark that there is an undoubted affinity between croquet and chess will remind our pre-war players that there was for many years a flourishing Chess Circle attached to the C.A. and it may be timely to suggest that this might well be revived. His view that "a full game is too long" is one which might very naturally be held by one who has not yet had time to emerge from the high handicap class, but it is of course an opinion which is shared by many lower bisquers. Whatever views may be held on this subject, however, the question of whether playing in a tournament will be possible without giving up a whole week is, as the Americans say, "Something else." There are of course many club events which can be played off at the convenience of the players, but apart from this it has often been suggested in these pages that clubs might run week-end events, or arrange special contests for members—and perhaps visitors, too, who can only get time to play in the evenings. There is everything to be said for experiments of this sort and we wish that more was attempted in this way. But a "tournament" in the more specific sense of what is technically known as a Calendar Fixture must perhaps be a full week's affair if it is to retain the interest and prestige which properly belong to it.

Two

Shorter—and Sweeter?

One is a little puzzled to know what has led Mr. Camroux to write of a "high proportion of withdrawals," for a fifty years experience of tournaments does not lead Rover to believe that in fact any such phenomenon is at all a common one. Where such "withdrawals" do occur they are far less often due to any strain experienced by competitors than to the requirements (real or supposed) of the management. Blocking by a few successful players cannot always be avoided, and few contestants can expect—or perhaps desire—to go through to the end of three or more events in a single week. We have heard it unkindly said that any considerable number of scratchings suggests a failure on the part of the management, and while this would be unjust as a generalisation, it is noticeable how often a good and experienced manager contrives to avoid them. Finally, Mr. Camroux welcomes the introduction of the fifth hoop variation, and not many days before this number appears this ingenious, if somewhat revolutionary, experiment will have had its first full try-out at Roehampton. Croquet players have never been afraid of seeking for ways in which to improve the game they love; some of these ideas have proved to be of lasting value, many have not. In the present instance, however, it may be relevant to point out that this latest suggestion is by no means the only way of shortening a game; we already have an admirable 18-point contest in our Regulations, and one likely to be improved by the alteration in respect of the "3-back ball" lately introduced.

Peel Memorials

The reduction in the number of courts at Roehampton was matched by a sadly attenuated entry for that veteran among C.A. fixtures. The Peel Memorials, the pioneer of our Association deserves to be more numerously honoured. Congratulations nevertheless to the worthy winners, who were good enough to gain a victory from a much larger field. Mrs. Heley, with her beautifully rhythmic swing, might well have won this event last year had not a blocking problem enforced her retirement. Mr. Townsend is one of the strongest players not yet in the minus ranks, which he will surely be joining soon since he unites to skill of hand the use of the head. He also annexed one of the attractive Murray Cups, but was the first to acknowledge how much he owed in doing so to his Hurlingham colleague, Mrs. Thom, who will surely go farther and fare still better. The same is true of the runners-up in the Peels, Mrs. Adler and General Davidson. There will be plenty of opportunity as the season continues for assessing the merits of the Fifth Hoop variation; but it already seems clear that it bears hardly upon the giver of bisques. No resort whatever appears to have been made to the Council's other experiment, indeed most players appeared to be quite ignorant of their new right to call in a referee to watch a croquet stroke. Even Rover is led to suspect that not every Associate reads every word he writes.

THE All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club has, once again, a croquet court. Ready for play from June 1st, it complies with the Croquet Association regulations for the "modified setting", being 30 by 24 yards in size. It is intended to revive the competition for the members Club Championship which has been in abeyance for fifty-three years.

This bald statement holds peculiar interest for anyone with even a slight knowledge of the past history of the club. Ninety years ago, a few croquet enthusiasts gathered together, deciding to form a club and hitting on the grand title "The All England Croquet Club". A title with almost a challenging ring about it, because there was seemingly very little money and certainly no ground. The Minutes of those early committee meetings, written in beautiful copper plate hand, contain fascinating reading for us with our after-knowledge of the world-famous position the club attained after such a tenuous beginning. The minutes also suggest intriguing speculation as to what lies between the lines.

First there are the efforts to obtain a ground. A nice plot is available for renting in Knightsbridge, close to the Princes Club; but the owner proves unsympathetic, the brute wants money, and they haven't enough. Then negotiations are started for fields in Holland Park, but Lady Holland's agent is also tiresomely business-like. At last comes success, four acres at Worple Road, Wimbledon, rental £50 the first year rising to £100 later; the laying out, building of pavilion and gardener's cottage to cost a total of £425 and to be completed in March, 1870. There is a whip up and the money can just be raised.

Getting their ground must have been a fine achievement because, already, a glorious row has arisen between the Hon. Secretary, the famous croquet pioneer, Walter Jones Whitmore, and the Committee. They dispense with his services, he refuses to be dismissed, and he calls a General Meeting of club members. The Committee are outraged—he can't do that! They take Counsel's Opinion; among other questions they ask: "Is the Hon. Secretary the servant of the committee or is he not?" But learned counsel is guarded. He hesitates to rule whether the Hon. Secretary may or may not call a general meeting on his own, and feels that "servant" is perhaps not really a very tactful description. On the whole he thinks it would be wise for the committee members to attend the meeting themselves (which advice can hardly have delighted them). The end is defeat for the Secretary, who departs and immediately starts forming a rival organisation—"The National Croquet Club".

Looking back over the ninety years it is all grand fun, especially with our knowledge of the battles still so often arising in the croquet world, protagonists stoutly fighting for what they consider best for the game—as indeed can be seen by letters in almost every issue of *Croquet*.

Despite these commotions the club manages to promote an open tournament held at the Crystal Palace, in 1869. The winner of the "All Comers Singles", Mr. G. C. Joad finds that his victory brings problems. He asks for two official rulings from the committee: is he now the Champion? Yes, say the Committee. Then is he bound

to play all that may challenge him? No, say the committee. In these two questions do we perhaps sense further machinations by the disgruntled Secretary, that Mr. W. J. Whitmore who is accorded the title of Champion for 1867 (though "on very slender grounds" Mr. Maurice Reckitt says in his authoritative and valuable book "Croquet Today"). Was Whitmore one of the challengers and urging others to challenge as further pin-prick attacks on the authority of the All England Committee?

Comparative peace seems to come with the first championship meeting on the club's own ground, peace carefully protected by the two commissioners and one policeman specially engaged to control the spectators and the players. What a pity we don't still have the dignified presence of a policeman to lend colour to our tournaments and deal with breaches of croquet law and etiquette.

Peace is shortlived, alas, because within five years and after constant badgering, the poor committee are forced reluctantly to allow one court to be provided for the upstart game Lawn Tennis. And in 1877 they promote the first All England Lawn Tennis Championships—perhaps rather dubiously, as suggested by two conditions in the published announcement: that "if there are more than ten entries the prizes will be increased," and that "in no cases will the prizes be less in value than the entrance money".

But nothing can check the new game. The title becomes "... Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club"; then, only five years later the words "Croquet and" are deleted, and we wait thirteen years for the older game to be reinstated in the lowlier position: "The All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club." Understandably the lowly position irks, the Croquet Association is formed, a new ground is achieved, and in 1900 the club ceases to be the headquarters of croquet. The game gradually dies out at Worple Road, and when the club moves to its new ground at Church Road twenty years later no croquet court is provided, although the title remains unchanged.

The tale is sad, but is a new chapter opening? The enlightened committee of 1957 have shown no reluctance in providing the new court. The club membership today includes names figuring in croquet tournaments, amongst them J. B. Gilbert, Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart, Lord Charles Hope, Capt. H. J. Pulein-Thompson, and the present writer, and there may be many more members who play privately. Some former lawn tennis champions of both sexes have signified their intention of taking up the game, and their champion qualities should quickly reappear.

As a game to watch croquet can provide thrills and tension most certainly equal to, and possibly more, than any other if spectators know the tactics and problems involved. When another ninety years have passed will now unborn babes crowd the stands of the All England Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club to watch the Hicks, or Cotter, or Solomon, or Mrs. Rotherham, or Miss Lintern of the day fight out the final of the Championship in front of the successor to His Majesty King Charles III?

Who can tell? Pendulums have been known to swing.

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WHY I BEGAN

by A. V. CAMROUX

SINCE I became interested in croquet some two years ago, and particularly since I played in my first tournament last autumn, many friends have asked me what it is that attracts me to the game and why I have to a large extent forsaken other recreations. Although I have only such a short acquaintance with the game I feel that it may be of interest to answer this question and at the same time offer some general observations from the standpoint of the beginner. I think that part of the explanation is that an undoubted affinity exists between croquet and chess, a game which I play a great deal. Both games involve a battle of wits, the ability to play ahead and yet allow for different methods of procedure according to the technique of the player. They are also both games in which experience counts for much but which nevertheless can be taken up for the first time by young or old.

These considerations apart, it is very refreshing to find a game where, by virtue of the admirable system of handicapping, even the veriest novice, such as myself, may have the opportunity of playing in various tournaments throughout the season in widely separated parts of the country and also of partnering players of far greater ability and experience. This is only possible because of the very generous spirit which exists amongst croquet players. I have found it most noticeable that people will go out of their way to help and advise a beginner and to share their knowledge and experience with him. I admit that I was very doubtful whether to enter for my first tournament with so little experience, but because of these considerations and experiencing them at first hand, I need have had no qualms and I would like to advise any other beginner wondering whether to enter for his first tournament not to hesitate.

It may appear from the foregoing that I have no criticisms to offer of the game and its organisation, but this is not so. I think there can be no doubt that a full game is too long. This means that the need, in a tournament, to play a number of long games (3 hours a game is by no means unusual) imposes a strain on the players and is directly responsible for the high proportion of withdrawals, either because of the strain or because it becomes impossible to fit the remaining games into the allotted time without seriously holding up other contestants.

Secondly, if it is accepted that playing in tournaments is the best method of improving one's standard of

play, then it will be necessary for tournaments to be made shorter to attract more entrants. The game needs to have more and more young players if its popularity is to increase and young people will be more attracted if they appreciate that one game will not take an inordinate length of time and that playing in a tournament will be possible without giving up a whole week. At present a tournament comprising singles and doubles events nearly always lasts a week with play going on throughout the day. If shorter tournaments of one event only could be held in the summer evenings more frequently than at present I feel that many more new players would be enticed to enter and would derive much enjoyment.

It may be argued that if the game is shortened it will hardly provide a proper test of skill between expert players when a game is already frequently decided by the first player to obtain the innings and make an all-round break, laying up for his next break and then going out if his opponent misses his shot. I would, therefore, suggest that for the most important events in the croquet calendar, such as the President's Cup, the Surrey Cup, etc., play should continue as at present, but that for other events shortened games should be played throughout. In this connection I am glad that the Croquet Council have decided to introduce in the coming season a variation whereby the game will start at the fifth hoop. I hope very much that this variation will prove popular.

I would like to make one last point, namely that many people who have no real knowledge of the game tend to look down their noses and say that croquet is a silly game and reminds them of Victorian tea parties with "genteel" people playing in a sedate manner on a small lawn. I feel that one reason this view persists is that there is far too little publicity of the game as it is properly played today. It is shrouded in mystery, and access to tournaments for members of the public are not made easy. I only remember seeing one short article in the national press on the game apart from bare announcements of tournament scores. Though I understand that the Council has made many attempts to explore the possibility of securing far greater coverage of croquet events in the national press than at present if there are any in a position to give aid in this direction it will be of much value in making so uniquely interesting a game better known.

result in affording an opportunity to devotees of other (and not necessarily better) games to familiarise themselves with the laws which govern croquet, and so be enabled to watch it with a more intelligent appreciation than they are usually able to show at present. This is a book for cricketers and tennis players, confined to their pavilions on showery afternoons, to study so that they gain a more respectful understanding of a game at which it is very seldom the case that "rain stops play".

Notes from the Clubs

Hurlingham

Our customary matches against Roehampton were played in early May, the first being a golf croquet match of six singles and three doubles at Hurlingham, the second comprising three level doubles with all lifts at Roehampton on the following Saturday.

The golf croquet was lost by the narrow margin of 5 games to 4, one feature being the protracted nature of many of the games which can be attributed to accurate shooting and the advanced tactics that were brought into play. Hurlingham won the second match by 2 games to 1. Wins by Mrs. Thom and Townsend, and Miles and Stokes-Roberts had clinched the issue by 5.30 p.m. but the remaining game in which Hollweg and George Solomon finally beat Mrs. Davidson and Baillieu by 3 lasted till 7.45 p.m. due to skilled defensive tactics on both sides.

The entry for the All England handicap is again very satisfactory: the 26 entries include last year's winner, D. E. Buckland, who lost a bisque in the process.

Budleigh Salterton

Budleigh Salterton has started off the season promptly, with a full programme of competitions, which show an increased entry, reflecting the general keenness of all concerned.

We are pleased to see several very enthusiastic newcomers to the game, who, if they still lack somewhat in skill, certainly never lack for keen and willing tutors.

We are very glad to welcome Miss J. Warwick and J. G. Warwick to the Club, where we hope they will spend many happy years. As no C.A. year book is being published this year it is perhaps appropriate to record here that the new address of Miss Warwick and her brother is Sherwood, Westfield Road, Budleigh Salterton.

Interest in collecting funds for the Dominion Tour Fund is active, we are planning to run a Gymkhana and Fun Fair in aid thereof next June, and are asking for 1s. voluntary contributions on all tournament entries.

Our 1956 season ended officially on Boxing Day, with a very fair turn-out, the weather having effectively killed the programme made for Christmas Day. Unfortunately, our tame photographer forgot to bring his camera, so that no pictorial record of the proceedings was procured.

At the moment we are suffering from "complete drought", which is already of six weeks duration, and to some extent mars the prospects for our May tournament.

Cheltenham

To our great regret, Major Marshall and Mr. Gould felt unable to continue their invaluable work as Secretary and Treasurer at the end of last season, and we were fortunate in securing Colonel Mathews and Mr. Thompson as their successors. Colonel Mathews' sudden death in February was a shattering blow to his many friends and a great loss to the Club. Colonel Daniels has been persuaded to become Secretary and is fairly bristling with energy.

Like most clubs, finance has presented problems, which were put to us in an enlightening budget statement by Mr. Thompson at the General Meeting. It seems that awareness of these problems has evoked an encouraging response, which should go far to solving our difficulties. One novel feature is a move by individuals to "adopt" a particular lawn, and it is rumoured that a large bag of fertiliser with a gaping hole was delivered at the house of a generous donor instead of at the club. One can hope that her hall carpet will benefit by the treatment!

Much work has been done on the lawns during the winter, and a determined effort has been made to deal with those little depressions near certain hoops, which are a trap for the unwary, especially in time of drought.

The Club opened on April 13th, and it is the general opinion that the lawns are much improved.

Compton (Eastbourne)

The Compton Club got off to a good start following a tea party given by Mrs. Irwin, our President, and full advantage was taken of the fine weather which prevailed until towards the end of the month. The courts are in excellent condition and a good season is confidently expected.

The enclosing of a portion of the pavilion verandah has proved a great success and an added attraction to our Bridge members. Our annual tournament will be held during the week 24th June to 29th June, and it is hoped that there will be a large entry.

Nottingham

The Committee have not been neglectful of the fact that during the winter months its members have, so to speak, kept on their toes whilst awaiting the advent of the next season's play, and with this object in view, a Club Dinner was arranged at one of our leading hotels, to which all members and their friends were invited. This was very well attended, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

This was followed some time later (April) by the A.G.M. for members only, which was also very well attended, and proved beyond doubt that Croquet in Nottingham and district was on the upgrade, and that the Club was on the march to achieve greater things.

The annual official tournament commences on June 17th, for one week, and it is to be regretted that the preliminary notice could not be published earlier, owing to the non-publication of a May issue of *Croquet*. We think this is a pity, as May is the most important month of the season.

In the *Croquet* issue of April, reference was made to the Affiliation of the C.A. to that of the C.C.P.R., and it is hoped that good results followed. The Nottingham Club has for some time co-operated with the C.C.P.R. through its local Secretary, and has made arrangements for an exhibition of Croquet at a grand gala to be held on June 11th, on a ground specially prepared for that purpose. It might be a help to the provincial clubs, if more detailed information could be given, and a small grant offered to defray expenses. The Nottingham Secretary of the C.C.P.R. is most co-operative and helpful, and it is suggested that the C.A. be recommended to encourage and develop this co-operation with its obvious benefits to the game.

Parkstone

The Parkstone Croquet Club was a little unfortunate in its opening day, Easter Monday, as it rained then having been dry and sunny for weeks before. However, as members discovered later for themselves the courts are in very good condition, thanks to hard work in the winter by our very efficient groundsman. There is already a welcome addition to our membership.

We are glad to have been able to help a small Club at Minehead by selling them some second-hand equipment and thereby giving our Dominion Touring Fund a good start.

Bristol

The Clifton and County Croquet Club opened its sixtieth season at Easter under its new name the Bristol Croquet Club. Miss Newman, who has put in fifteen years of hard work as Hon. Secretary, has resigned and has been succeeded by Miss Ault. The Club has lost four members since last year but has one or two potential new ones on the list. Much money and labour have been expended since last season on the lawns and they are much improved, but at the time of writing need rain badly. All three of the Club competitions will be played under the fifth hoop variation and in our games up till now this has proved popular. The Club is much looking forward to a visit in July from the Rev. and Mrs. B. V. F. Brackenbury to mark the occasion of its Diamond Jubilee.

The members of the Club had the great pleasure of presenting the President of the Club, Dr. Ormerod and Mrs. Ormerod with flowers and congratulations on the occasion of their silver wedding on April 16th. They felt it was a happy coincidence it should have occurred when the Club was celebrating its sixtieth anniversary.

Sussex County (Southwick)

The season for 1957 at the Sussex County Croquet Club opened on April 13th. We are glad to welcome Mr. W. Longman as our new Chairman and Mr. E. A. Roper as our Hon. Treasurer. They succeed Mr. N. Oddie and Mr. S. F. Sopwith to whom we owe a debt of gratitude for all the hard work they did on behalf of the Club. Early in the winter the Southwick Urban District Council tunnelled underneath a corner of the Club buildings and dug an enormous trench along the entire South boundary to put in main drainage between Kingston Lane and Victoria Road. Owing to the care they took in taking up the turf on the path and replacing it one would hardly believe that such an upheaval had taken place. Mr. Hitchcock is replanting the long flower bed on the South border and it should look very colourful by next season.

We are most grateful to Mrs. Franc for having the ladies' dressing rooms most beautifully redecorated. In spite of the drought, our groundsman has managed to keep the lawns nice and green and they are playing well.

Book Review

Official Rules of Sports and Games

(Nicholas Kaye, 18s.)

We have received a copy of this very useful volume, which prints in full the laws governing seventeen other sports besides croquet. These are illustrated, often very amusingly, by line drawings, five of these being devoted to Croquet. We particularly like that of the adversary illegally interrupting the striker, and the alarmed expression on the face of the player who has allowed a ball while in play to touch him.

This volume could, and certainly should, have a very beneficial

Rochampton

The croquet lawns were opened for play on Saturday, 13th April, since when the five courts have been fully occupied, in beautiful weather, by members practising the shortened game.

On Saturday, 4th May, a team from Rochampton was invited to Hurlingham to compete in a golf croquet match. The Rochampton team, won by one game.

The following Saturday, 11th May, a match consisting of three doubles was played at Rochampton against Hurlingham. This time Hurlingham were the victors by one game, so equalising the two events.

The results were:

Mrs. Turketine and M. Spencer-Ell lost to Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts and T. E. Miles.

Mrs. Solomon and J. B. Gilbert lost to S. S. Townsend and Mrs. Thom.

J. A. Hollweg and G. W. Solomon beat I. Baillieu and Mrs. Davidson.

The competition for the Trevelyan Bowl and Tankard has been played during the week commencing 4th May. There was an entry of 15 players and the shortened form of game was played. The two finalists—J. A. Hollweg (who lost to Miss Lintern in the finals last year) and E. Carlile, met on Sunday, 12th May, in cold and stormy weather which several times stopped play. We congratulate J. A. Hollweg on his win making him the holder of the Trevelyan Bowl, and also E. Carlile on his good form all the week which brought him to the final and the second prize, the Trevelyan Tankard.

Your Turn to Play

by *Tactician*

Tactician has received four answers to the problems set out in the April issue of *Croquet*, and hopes that many more will avail themselves of the opportunity of testing their tactical knowledge by sending in answers to the problems in the present number.

Those who send in answers should take note of the fact that these problems are for players of handicaps 2 or over, and therefore the solutions suggested should involve only such strokes as medium bisquers can play with reasonable certainty. Strokes such as some of the super cracks might bring into play should not be included in these solutions.

April Competition

Marks

Full marks for Q 1, 5; full marks for Q 2, 4.

	Question 1	Question 2	Total
Blue	4	2	6
Dogged .. .	5	3	8
Hoopee .. .	4	4	8
Lucky Dip ..	4	2	6

Solutions

1. Yellow must shoot and take the half bisque as Black has a reasonable chance of going to the peg in his next turn. Yellow should hit Black and stop it to as near 4-back as possible, consistent with himself getting a good rush to 3-back on Blue. Blue should be sent slightly beyond the hoop so that the approach shot will send it about two feet to the non-playing side. Yellow then takes up close wired position.

2. Yellow again must shoot. In this case he should hit Blue first splitting it to between the Peg and Penultimate. He then hits Black splitting it well beyond the Rover hoop and getting as close as possible to the penultimate where he takes up close position wired from Blue.

Note that in case 1 if Black takes the shot he cannot get a rush to 4-back so Yellow is almost bound to have another chance. In case 2 Blue must play, so again there will be another chance. In both cases the principle of the "lay" is the same, i.e. the enemy balls in front of the player's game.

Problems for this month

1. In a Handicap Doubles game, all the bisques having been taken, Red and Yellow are for the Peg, Blue is for the Penultimate. Black in trying to peel his weaker partner Blue through the Penultimate, failed, Blue sticking between the wires. He retrieved the position for himself, however, by jumping Blue. Then he tried to rush Yellow to the Rover Hoop, but Yellow ran into the Peg. Black then tried

Oxford

We hear that the new and enthusiastic secretary of the Oxford Club has been most successful in arousing interest in the game. In the first three weeks of May eleven new members have joined the Club. We understand a Balliol and Trinity match is to be played on the Club lawns which have unhappily suffered much from neglect during the last two seasons, but which are already improving and are better than those which most colleges provide.

Hunstanton

The Club held its unofficial week-end tournament at the end of April. The courts were in perfect condition for this small American tournament. The weather was fine with glorious sun but unhappily tempered by a cold wind.

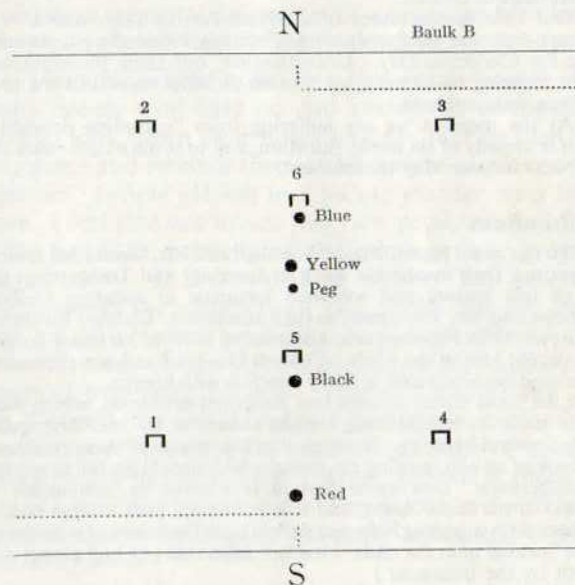
In the absence, owing to family illness, of the Hon. Secretary Mrs. Perowne, J. G. Warwick and the local committee kept the players busy, well fed and happy! J. G. Warwick won the tournament and Miss Warwick was runner-up.

The Club hope that many will come to support its main tournament which is held in the first week of September.

We are asked to record that Miss G. A. Barwell has rejoined the Association at the age of 95 and takes a keen interest in its activities. Her address is 3 Sutherland House, Abbey Road, Malvern.

again to retrieve the position by taking-off to position for the Rover, with intent to run it hard to Red on the South Boundary. Unfortunately, though he ran the hoop, he merely went a couple of feet beyond it. What should Black do now?

2. Red is for hoop 5, Yellow and Black are for hoop 3, and Blue for the Penultimate. Red and Yellow to play, having still seven bisques in hand. There are at least six solutions to this problem. State briefly in order of priority, which you consider to be the best.



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Shorter Games

Dear Sir,

May I take this opportunity through the courtesy of the *Croquet* gazette, of saying how much my husband and I, as high bisquers appreciate the trial of the new shortened game, i.e. commencing at hoop 5. Whereas previously we finished, or as so often the case unfinished the game, more or less exhausted. We now have the pleasure of ending with the knowledge of one or the other pegging out.

I sincerely hope that, this new venture will become a permanent feature.

I feel sure I voice the opinion of many others similarly placed. Our grateful thanks to those who introduced this idea to popularise this grand game.

Yours faithfully,

MILLIE ADLER

Inter-County Champions

Dear Sir,

May I respectfully draw your attention to an error which appears in the April publication of *Croquet*.

On page 14, column 2, under "The Inter-County Championship Cup" it is stated that the holders are Surrey whereas this should be Hants and Dorset.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN H. DIBLEY

Another Variation?

Dear Sir,

When I started playing croquet I used to play with a first-class player. It did not seem any use having bisques as when he played he went round and I missed a shot and he went round again. So I suggested that he play Black and Yellow and I Blue and Red. This made an even game. The only draw-back being that the same player sometimes had several turns one after the other.

I should like to know if this is an original idea or if someone else has used it before.

Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR BEHRENS

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BRIDGE

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

South dealt the following hands at Love All:—

S—K, 8, 7, 5.
H—A, 9, 2.
D—Q, 7, 5.
C—A, 10, 3.

S—Q, J, 10, 3.
H—J, 7, 5.
D—8, 4.
C—8, 7, 5, 2.

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S—A, 4.
H—K, 10, 3.
D—A, K, 6, 3.
C—K, Q, J, 4.

S—9, 6, 2.
H—Q, 8, 6, 4.
D—J, 10, 9, 2.
C—9, 6.

Any reasonable bidding should arrive at a slam contract with the North-South hands. The bidding might be 2NT-6NT. Short and sweet, though personally I consider South just too weak for 2NT. Another sequence might be 1C-1S-3NT-6NT. Note that the 3NT rebid after a one-over response indicates 20 points or a good 19.

Anyway you are in 6NT and West leads Queen of Spades. How do you play?

First of all count up your tricks. Two in Spades, two in Hearts, three in Diamonds, four in Clubs—eleven in all. In other words one short. How can we get another? A fourth Diamond. Certainly—but the suit may not break. Anything else? The Queen and Knave of Hearts bare in one hand. Most unlikely but we'll bear it in mind. Any other suggestion? What about a squeeze?

Let us consider squeeze possibilities. If West holds four Spades and four Diamonds or East holds four Spades and four Diamonds we have an automatic single squeeze. But suppose one has four Spades and the other has four Diamonds? Then we have a double squeeze. That is we will force both East and West to give up their guards in the third suit—Hearts.

Which do we play for? We'll leave the decision till the last possible moment to see what we learn from our opponent's discards. The first thing to be done is to "Rectify the count." [I cannot go into this here—but we must be able to win all the tricks but one.] We must lose a trick early. So we play low to trick one in both hands. West continues Spades and South wins with the Ace. Four rounds of Clubs are played, dummy shedding a low Diamond, and East discarding a Spade and a Heart. At this stage it is most unlikely that West started with four Diamonds so we play for the double squeeze. The Queen, King and Ace of Diamonds are played, North letting go a small Heart. West also discards a Heart.

The position now is:

S—K, 8.
H—A, 2.
D—
C—

S—J, 10.
H—J, 7.
D—
C—

N
W E
S
S—
H—K, 10, 3.
D—6.
C—

S—
H—Q, 8, 6.
D—J.
C—

West has already been forced to give up his Heart guard. Now South plays a Heart to the Ace and then the King of Spades. This forces East either to give up the Diamond master or to unguard Hearts also. South suits his discard accordingly. Thus 6NT is made.

Play through the hand without losing the trick early and see how East and West escape the squeeze. [Copyright

OBITUARY

MRS. CECIL HARRISON

We regret to record the death of a player who with her husband and her sister (Mrs. H. Lambert) was a popular and successful player for many years before the war. Mrs. Harrison who won her Silver Medal as long ago as 1904 had an excellent style and would probably have done even better at the game than she did if she had not lived in the north far from any croquet club. Even so, she had many victories to her credit both in B class events and in handicaps including the big handicap at Southwick, a tournament in which she played for many years. Her gay and light-hearted personality won her many friends, who will now be feeling warm sympathy for her sister and constant companion in her bereavement.

MAJOR R. D. MARSHALL

The Cheltenham Club has sustained another grievous loss by the death of Major Marshall on 29th April. For eleven years, until he was forced by ill-health to resign as Hon. Secretary, he was a pillar of the club. When he was not working in the office, he was tending the flower beds. He seldom troubled to wait for his committee's financial approval for any work he considered necessary, but got on with it and paid for it himself.

Although rated as a "C" Class player, he could play a remarkably good game. The writer well remembers one of his last games. It was against Miss Steel, who had not even taken croquet. He was on the peg with one ball, and for the rover with the other, which was between the 6th and 3rd hoops. Everyone yelled out "Have-a-go," and roaring with laughter, as usual, he banged it through.

Many visitors to our tournaments will miss his cheery greeting. He was joking and laughing to the very end. The old Colchester-Wemyss, Lyall, Fellows, Marshall combination, which managed the club for so many years, has passed away.

MISS M. TIFFIN

We much regret to announce the death of Miss Martha Tiffin, for nearly thirty years a member of the Colchester Club and for most of that period a member of its committee. She will be sadly missed in the Club for her enthusiasm as also for her generosity.

PEEL MEMORIALS

This, the opening Official Tournament of the season, was the fiftieth number of this popular meeting—the first was held in 1898. There were of course gaps due to the two wars, 1915-1918 and 1940-1945.

Also, this 1957 "Peels" was the eighth of the "Draw" and "Process" kind. Today we have to record that this year's opening Tournament was played under a new system—that is to say all the clips at the start of the game were placed on the fifth hoop. This necessitated some alteration in the handicaps of the players, and a list to this effect was posted on the Pavilion Notice Board.

The entries were not so good as last year; but this of course was in some measure due to the New Zealand Test Team entries of 1956. In the case of Miss I. Wainwright who won the Ladies' Event last year, we cannot refrain from again remarking on the wonderful display of how to do it—even if your opponent is a rover with both balls and you have many points to make.

The less said about the weather no doubt the better. The holder, S. S. Townsend, made a good start in the Draw, and those who take an interest in statistics began to wonder if there would be added to the records another example of a player winning the event two years running. This was done by R. C. J. Beaton in 1903 and 1904. Mrs. Pavia also accomplished two victories in succession, 1950 and 1951.

Townsend reached the semi-final comfortably, beating Hitchcock, to whom he gave a bisque, and Reckitt, +18, in 43 minutes. Against Major J. H. Dibley it is probably true to say that his half bisque at the penultimate enabled him to reach the final round, +5.

Spencer Ell was the other finalist—defeating Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7), +6, and then Capt. H. G. Stoker (0) by 5. In the final, Townsend beat Spencer Ell +13.

In the Process, Spencer Ell again met Stoker, but with the reverse result when they met in the Draw, and Stoker was now a semi-finalist. Here he was joined by G. E. W. Hitchcock, who had beaten Dibley with the result that Hitchcock just became a finalist by +3.

In the lower half of the Process Davidson beat Townsend +12. The Final between these two players was very much an in and out affair, and no doubt Townsend, was somewhat troubled by his over anxiety to add a two years' running victory to his record. As the final score, +6, shows, Davidson was not very much off the winning peg himself, and both are to be congratulated on a close well fought game.

The entries for the Women's Draw was the very convenient number of sixteen. Mrs. Adler playing well against Mrs. H. J. Collins—as she had to do—won +10, and then went on playing so well that, at the expense of Mrs. P. E. Heley, in the semi-final, and Miss M. S. Carlyon—the latter only by two points—in the final Mrs. Adler won this half of the Event.

In the Process, Mrs. Heley began to show that although she only reached the semi-final of the Draw she was determined to put up a better fight in the Process. So she avenged her defeat by Mrs. Adler in the semi-final of the Draw by defeating her in that of the Process. In the other half of this Event Mrs. L. C. Apps was playing well; she defeated Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Pavia, and Miss Lintern, to reach the final. Here, Mrs. Heley was on the top of her form and qualified to meet Mrs. Adler in the final.

This was a typical in and out game—particularly towards the end. Both players appeared over anxious, and this accounted for the innings changing hands repeatedly. A long shot, from one or the other, at this late stage, looked to be the finish more than once. However, Mrs. Heley appeared to think when she was in that the best thing to do was to make both balls hit the peg. Having done this, she became a very worthy winner of the Ladies' Peels.

The Handicap Doubles was represented by several strong couples—the holders were the New Zealand player G. Rowling and Mrs. M. L. Thom; and we shall see later on how Mrs. Thom helped to give, as far as she could, an example of history repeating itself. There were some formidable pairs Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. S. M. Adler, and the two Miss Carlyons, to mention two of them—and as Stoker and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson, and Townsend and Mrs. Thom made up the other two pairs in the semi-finals, we will pause here to describe the play in these games. The Carlyons were opposed to Townsend and Mrs. Thom, and if ever a couple looked like being beaten this one did for the Miss Carlyons had pegged Townsend out. His partner, Mrs. Thom, has a well-known reputation for bringing off long shots when most urgently required and we believe she was responsible for turning what looked like certain defeat into a +3 victory.

Miss Lintern and Mrs. Adler had a hard earned victory over Stoker and Mrs. Davidson in the other semi-final; but they just seemed to win the game at the last moment when they had the chance by +8.

The final of the Doubles was a very long affair—and there were no bisques in it. The innings repeatedly changed hands and the spectators were left in very considerable doubt, from two o'clock till well after five o'clock, as to who would first hit the peg with both balls.

At long last, all four clips were on the rover hoop; but even here, at this stage, it was not at all easy to say which pair would win. Eventually Townsend and his partner's clips left the rover hoop, and Red and Yellow were soon heard hitting the peg most audibly.

The management was again in the very capable hands of V. A. de la Nougerede. He now seems to be, very fortunately for the players, the regular manager of the Peels, for he is perfectly qualified in every way as a manager—combining knowledge of the laws with a firm but always courteous manner.

MEN'S HANDICAP SINGLES.

A SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL.

("Two Life" System).

THE DRAW.

(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

M. B. Reckitt (—3½) bt Lt.-Col. F. Stobart (3½) by 17.
S. S. Townsend (1) bt G. E. W. Hitchcock (2) by 13.
Capt. H. G. Stoker (0) bt A. V. Camroux (12) by 7.
F. Stanley-Smith (9) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (1½) by 10.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Major J. H. Dibley (½) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (½) by 5.
S. S. Townsend (1) bt M. B. Reckitt (—3½) by 18.
Capt. H. G. Stoker (0) bt F. Stanley-Smith (9) by 4.
M. Spencer Ell (—½) bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7) 6.

SEMI-FINAL.

S. S. Townsend (1) bt Major J. H. Dibley (½) by 5.
M. Spencer Ell (—½) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker (0) by 5.

FINAL.

S. S. Townsend (1) bt M. Spencer Ell (—½) by 13.

PROCESS.

(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

M. Spencer Ell (—½) bt Lt.-Col. F. Stobart (3½) by 7.
Major J. H. Dibley (½) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (1½) by 3.
Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7) bt A. V. Camroux (12) by 12.
F. Stanley-Smith (9) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (½) by 12.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Capt. H. G. Stoker (0) bt M. Spencer Ell (—½) by 7.
G. E. W. Hitchcock (2) bt Major J. H. Dibley (½) by 7.
Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7) bt M. B. Reckitt (—3½) by 12.
S. S. Townsend (1) bt F. Stanley-Smith (9) by 7.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. E. W. Hitchcock (2) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker (0) by 3.
Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7) bt S. S. Townsend (1) by 12.

FINAL.

Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7) bt G. E. W. Hitchcock (2) by 7.

PLAY-OFF.

S. S. Townsend (1) bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7) by 6.

LADIES' HANDICAP SINGLES.

A SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL.

("Two Life" System).

(16 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (8) bt Mrs. C. Friezer (9) by 15.
Mrs. S. M. Adler (9) bt Mrs. H. J. Collins (3½) by 10.
Mrs. P. E. Heley (3½) bt Miss D. Jennings (3½) by 2.
Mrs. J. Pavia (4) bt Mrs. I. H. Turketine (—½) by 11.
Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) bt Miss D. A. Lintern (—3) by 3.
Miss M. S. Carlyon (1) bt Mrs. F. Stanley-Smith (12) by 6.
Miss A. M. Carlyon (6½) bt Mrs. W. Longman (—1½) by 11.
Mrs. M. L. Thom (4½) bt Mrs. L. C. Apps (—1½) by 15.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. S. M. Adler (9) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (8) by 5.
Mrs. P. E. Heley (3½) bt Mrs. J. Pavia (4) by 9.
Miss M. S. Carlyon (1) bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) by 8.
Miss A. M. Carlyon (6½) bt Mrs. M. L. Thom (4½) by 9.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. S. M. Adler (9) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley (3½) by 8.
Miss M. S. Carlyon (1) bt Miss A. M. Carlyon (6½) by 3.

FINAL.

Mrs. S. M. Adler (9) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon (1) by 2.

PROCESS.

(16 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. I. H. Turketine (—½) bt Mrs. W. Longman (—1½) by 8.
Mrs. S. M. Adler (9) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon (1) by 1.
Mrs. P. E. Heley (3½) bt Mrs. M. L. Thom (4½) by 7.
Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (8) by 2.
Mrs. J. Pavia (4) bt Mrs. F. Stanley-Smith (12) by 7.
Mrs. L. C. Apps (—1½) bt Mrs. H. J. Collins (3½) by 9.
Miss A. M. Carlyon (6½) bt Miss D. Jennings (3½) by 6.
Miss D. A. Lintern (—3) bt Mrs. C. Friezer (9) by 12.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. S. M. Adler (9) bt Mrs. I. H. Turketine (—½) by 7.
Mrs. P. E. Heley (3½) bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) by 10.
Mrs. L. C. Apps (—1½) bt Mrs. J. Pavia (4) by 4.
Miss D. A. Lintern (—3) bt Miss A. M. Carlyon (6½) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. P. E. Heley (3½) bt Mrs. S. M. Adler (9) by 11.
Mrs. L. C. Apps (—1½) bt Miss D. A. Lintern (—3) by 7.

FINAL.

Mrs. P. E. Heley (3½) bt Mrs. L. C. Apps (—1½) by 15.

PLAY-OFF.

Mrs. P. E. Heley (3½) bt Mrs. S. M. Adler (9) by 2.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

LADY MURRAY SILVER CHALLENGE CUP.

(Combined Handicap scratch or over).

(10 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

S. S. Townsend and Mrs. M. L. Thom (5½) bt Major J. H. Dibley and Mrs. C. Friezer (9½) by 9.
Mrs. P. E. Heley and Mrs. J. Pavia (7½) bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (9½) by 3.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss M. S. Carlyon and Miss A. M. Carlyon (7½) bt F. Stanley-Smith and Mrs. F. Stanley-Smith (21) by 4.

S. S. Townsend and Mrs. M. L. Thom (5½) bt M. B. Reckitt and A. V. Camroux (6½) by 12.

Capt. H. G. Stoker and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (8) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley and Mrs. J. Pavia (7½) by 10.

Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. S. M. Adler (6) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts and Lt.-Col. F. Stobart (5) by 1.

SEMI-FINAL.

S. S. Townsend and Mrs. M. L. Thom (5½) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon and Miss A. M. Carlyon (7½) by 3.

Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. S. M. Adler (6) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (8) by 8.

FINAL.

S. S. Townsend and Mrs. M. L. Thom (5½) bt Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. S. M. Adler (6) by 4.

EXTRA EVENT.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(10 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. P. E. Heley (3½) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (1½) by 16.
Mrs. W. Longman (—1½) w.o. opponent withdrawn.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

M. B. Reckitt (—3½) bt Mrs. H. J. Collins (3½) by 4.
Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley (3½) by 5.
Mrs. S. Phillips (2½) bt Mrs. W. Longman (—1½) by 9.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2½) bt A. V. Camroux (12) by 6.

SEMI-FINAL.

Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7) bt M. B. Reckitt (—3½) by 2.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2½) bt Mrs. S. Phillips (2½) by 2.

FINAL.

Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2½) by 16.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

Unofficial

Budleigh makes a very good "first tournament of the year" as, being an American, everyone gets plenty of play.

The Blocks were won (A) by Col. Beamish, (B) by Mrs. V. C. Gasson, (C) by Mrs. Joan Vincent, (D) by Mr. George Mills. They were all very closely contested. Col. Beamish made spectacular recoveries in two games, in each of which he was far behind when his opponent missed the peg-out. He has a fighting spirit and a great power of recovery. Mrs. V. C. Gasson won by one point from Mr. T. A. Chignell—losing only 2 points in all 6 games. Mrs. J. Vincent won her block comparatively easily, not losing one game—as did Mr. G. Mills. He is to be specially congratulated as he is a complete newcomer to the game and this is his first tournament. Col. Beamish beat Mrs. V. C. Gasson in a well fought game and narrowly won the final game from Mrs. Vincent. She is a rapidly improving player.

In the Doubles, Major Stone, the past-master of taking long-bisquers round, won the semi-finals easily from Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Mr. Chignell. The latter had bad luck in missing their long shots by the narrowest of margins. This fate befell Major Stone when he and his partner lost the final to Miss J. Warwick and Mrs. Vincent. It does appear to be very unfair that in a game beginning at the 5th hoop the senior partner may peel four times plus the peg-out—which means the long bisquer has only 4 hoops to make.

The groundsman, West, must be congratulated on the excellent condition of the courts which are a pleasure to play on. Our thanks are also due to Mr. Walkers, the friendly and efficient Secretary, and to his helpers, for the coffee they kindly brought round every morning.

Miss A. E. Mills, as Manager, kept all players busy and contented and we give her our grateful thanks for her unselfishness in foregoing play for management.

One of the best things about coming to Budleigh is the very warm welcome extended to visitors by all the residents, and the happy atmosphere prevailing in the Club makes for general well-being.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Combined handicap not less than 6).

(13 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss V. E. Mills and J. Weston Martyr (7½) bt F. Livesey and Miss J. Cooper (19) by 2.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Capt. M. Buller (8½) bt J. G. Warwick and Miss S. C. Gough (8½) by 9.
Miss J. Warwick and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (7½) bt Capt. K. B. Miller and Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (9½) by 7.
Major G. F. Stone and Mrs. R. Jones-Bateman (8) bt W. W. Sweet-Escott and Mrs. P. E. Edyvean (11) by 13.
Miss A. E. Mills and G. R. Mills (13½) bt Mrs. L. G. Walters and G. A. Black (12) by 11.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss V. E. Mills and J. Weston Martyr (7½) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmore and G. A. H. Alexander (9½) by 8.
Miss J. Warwick and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (7½) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Capt. M. Buller (8½) by 6.
Major G. F. Stone and Mrs. R. Jones-Bateman (8) bt Miss A. E. Mills and G. R. Mills (13½) by 17.
Mrs. V. C. Gasson and T. A. Chignell (6½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and A. J. Cooper (9) by 11.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss J. Warwick and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (7½) bt Miss V. E. Mills and J. Weston Martyr (7½) by 7.
Major G. F. Stone and Mrs. R. Jones Bateman (8) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson and T. A. Chignell (6½) by 16.

FINAL.

Miss J. Warwick and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (7½) bt Major G. F. Stone and Mrs. R. Jones Bateman (8) by 13.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(26 Entries).

GROUP "A"

NAME	Handicap	Major G. F. Stone	Mrs. E. Rotherham	Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave	W. W. Sweet-Escott	J. G. Warwick	Miss J. Warwick	Col. D. W. Beamish
Major G. F. Stone	4	—	26	26	26	6	0	11
Mrs. E. Rotherham	3	23	—	6	20	20	16	26
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave	4	17	26	—	26	26	15	22
W. W. Sweet-Escott	1	9	26	24	—	26	19	18
J. G. Warwick	1½	26	26	13	6	—	26	25
Miss J. Warwick	½	26	26	26	26	1	—	8
Col. D. W. Beamish	2	26	23	26	26	26	26	—

Block Winner: Col. D. W. Beamish

GROUP "B"

NAME	Handicap	Mrs. V. C. Gasson	Miss V. E. Mills	Mrs. R. G. Michelmore	Mrs. L. G. Walters	Mrs. H. J. Philpot	Capt. K. B. Millar	T. A. Chignell
Mrs. V. C. Gasson	1½	—	26	26	26	26	24	26
Miss V. E. Mills	1½	8	—	26	26	26	15	19
Mrs. R. G. Michelmore	2½	24	19	—	14	26	12	10
Mrs. L. G. Walters	4	9	18	26	—	26	17	26
Mrs. H. J. Philpot	5	13	17	11	13	—	20	13
Capt. K. B. Millar	4	26	26	26	26	26	—	17
T. A. Chignell	5	25	26	26	24	26	26	—

Block Winner: Mrs. V. C. Gasson

GROUP "C"
(Shortened Game, 5th Hoop)

NAME	Handicap	G. A. Black	G. A. H. Alexander	Mrs. M. H. Vincent	Capt. M. Buller	Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse	F. Livesey
G. A. Black	8	—	20	12	26	26	22
G. A. H. Alexander	8	26	—	18	16	26	21
Mrs. M. H. Vincent	7	26	26	—	26	26	26
Capt. M. Buller	9	16	26	23	—	26	26
Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse	5½	16	19	14	17	—	15
F. Livesey	10	26	26	22	18	26	—

Block Winner: Mrs. M. H. Vincent

GROUP "D"
(Shortened Game, 5th Hoop)

NAME	Handicap	Miss J. Cooper	Miss S. C. Gough	Major E. P. Edyvean	Mrs. E. P. Edyvean	Mrs. R. Jones-Bateman	G. R. Mills
Miss J. Cooper	11	—	14	19	26	—	21
Miss S. C. Gough	10	26	—	21	26	—	23
Major E. P. Edyvean	14*	26	26	—	26	—	21
Mrs. E. P. Edyvean	14*	14	15	11	—	—	15
Mrs. R. Jones-Bateman	14	—	—	—	—	—	—
G. R. Mills	14*	26	26	26	26	—	—

Block Winner: G. R. Mills

SEMI-FINAL.

Col. D. W. Beamish (—2) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1½) by 7.
Mrs. M. H. Vincent (7) bt G. R. Mills (14) by 6.

FINAL.

Col. D. W. Beamish (—2) bt Mrs. M. H. Vincent (7) by 2.

NOTTINGHAM
CROQUET CLUB

Highfields, University Boulevard
ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

Will be played during the week commencing Monday, June 17th, 1957 (Under the Laws and Regulations of the Croquet Association)
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). Single games. The final of this event will be the 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.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES (Unrestricted). Single games. Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d. each person. Twin Challenge Trophies. All Entrance Fees include C.A. Levy Charges. First and Second Prizes will be given in each Event.

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4, should reach the Hon. Club Secretary, not later than Friday, June 14th, accompanied by a cheque. Entry forms for the Doubles Event may be deferred until Tuesday, June 18th.

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, 3½ 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 will be supplied on application to the Hon. Club Secretary, 14 Devonshire Road, Sherwood, Nottingham.

COMPTON, EASTBOURNE

AN OPEN CROQUET TOURNAMENT

(Unders the Laws and Regulations of the Croquet Association) will be held on the grounds of

The Compton Croquet Club, Compton Place Road, Eastbourne from Monday, June 24th, to Saturday, June 29th, 1957

Manager and Handicapper.—Major J. H. Dibley, M.C.
Referee.—Mr. R. V. N. Wiggins.
Committee.—The Committee of the Compton Croquet Club, Major J. H. Dibley, M.C., Mr. R. V. N. Wiggins.
Hon. Secretary.—C. J. Speer, 40 Arlington Road, Eastbourne. Tel. 2169.

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES (Draw and Process). Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Challenge Cup. Holder: Mr. Kirk-Greene.
- 2.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d. Challenge Cup. Holder: Miss H. D. Parker.
- 3.—"X.Y." Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- 4.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicaps to be not less than scratch. Entrance Fee, each player 7s. 6d. If time permits, an additional Event will be arranged.

Fees include C.A. Levy charge of 2s. First Prizes in all Events. Second Prizes if entries are sufficient. All entries to be sent to the Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. J. Speer, 40 Arlington Road, Eastbourne), who should also be informed of the proposed Eastbourne addresses and telephone numbers of competitors. Entries for Events 1, 2 and 3, will close after first post on Thursday, 20th June, 1957, and for Event 4 at midday on Tuesday, 25th June, 1957.

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

The Draw will take place at the Compton Croquet Club at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, 20th June, 1957.

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

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

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

THE CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP
THE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Will be played for at ROEHAMPTON and HURLINGHAM Clubs on Monday, July 8th

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.
Manager and Handicapper.—B. H. Wiggins.
Assistant Manager and Referee (at Hurlingham).—Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury.
Referee.—Mrs. E. Reeve.
Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.

EVENTS

- 1.—THE CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP. Open to any Competitor (subject to Regulation 22). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Matches best of three games. Prize: The Coronation Gold Challenge Cup and a Medal. Runner-up a Silver Challenge Cup. Holder: J. W. Solomon.
- 2.—THE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP. Open to any competitor (subject to Regulation 22). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. each person. Matches of single games. Prizes: A Pair of Silver Challenge Cups presented by M. B. Reckitt and the late G. L. Reckitt. Holders: Major G. F. Stone and L. Kirk-Greene.
- 3.—THE ASSOCIATION PLATE. Open to competitors who have entered for Event 1 and have not qualified for the third round or at the discretion of the Manager. Matches of single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 6s. each entry as they qualify. Level play. Prize: A Challenge Cup presented by W. Longman. Holder: L. Kirk-Greene.

CONDITIONS

Hoops 3½ in. wide. Jaques' "Eclipse" balls will be used. No leave can be granted till after the Draw. The winners hold the respective 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 Event 1 must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., so as to reach her not later than the first post on Wednesday, July 3rd, and for Event 2 by noon on Tuesday, July 9th. Competitors must give with their entries the address at which messages will reach them during the Tournament.

DRAW

The Draw for Event 1 will take place at 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3rd, and for Event 2 at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9th, and for Event 3 as will be announced on the ground.

PLAY

Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily. 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. The semi-finals and finals of the Championships will be so arranged that play in them will extend over the afternoons of Friday and Saturday. Competitors must be prepared to play at Hurlingham in the early stages of the tournament.

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. Pulein-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.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

A CROQUET TOURNAMENT

will be held in the Club Grounds
on **MONDAY, 15th JULY, 1957, and following days**

(Under the Rules and Regulations of the Croquet Association)

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.
Manager and Handicapper.—Major J. H. Dibley, M.C.
Referee of the Tournament.—J. G. Warwick, Esq.
(Assistant referees and umpires may be appointed under Reg. 14.)
Tournament Secretary.—L. G. Walters, Esq., Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton (Tel. 548).

EVENTS

- 1.—**OPEN SINGLES.** Draw and Process. The Winner to hold the Colman Challenge Cup until the next Competition or for one year, whichever is the shorter period. (Note: Except in the case of a bye, Competitors in this Event will not be granted leave after 2 p.m. on Monday, 15th July.) Full game to be played. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d. (including 1s. voluntary contribution to Dominion Tour Fund).
 - 2.—**LEVEL SINGLES (Class B).** Single games, Law 44 suspended. The winner to hold the Longman Cup for one year or until the next competition, whichever is the shorter period. Open to players of 1 to 5 bisques. Full game to be played. Entrance Fee, 10s. (including 1s. voluntary contribution to Dominion Tour Fund).
 - 3.—**HANDICAP SINGLES (Class C).** Single Games. Open to players of 5½ bisques and over. All games start at 5th hoop. Entrance Fee, 10s. (including 1s. voluntary contribution to Dominion Tour Fund).
- N.B.—No Competitor may enter for more than one of the above Events.
- 4.—**HANDICAP SINGLES.** Single games. The Winner to hold the Oliver Bowl for one year or until the next competition, whichever is the shorter period. Open to all. Full game to be played. Entrance Fee, 10s. (including 1s. voluntary contribution to Dominion Tour Fund).
 - 5.—**HANDICAP DOUBLES.** Single games. The winners to hold the Le Messurier Cups for one year or until the next competition, whichever is the shorter period. Unrestricted, except that no two minus players may play together. All games start at the 5th hoop. Entrance Fee, 8s. for each player (including 1s. voluntary contribution to Dominion Tour Fund).
- N.B.—There will be no TIME LIMITS, unless by the Manager's special discretion.

NOTES

The above Entrance Fees include the C.A. Levy. Non-Associates pay a tribute of 15s. to the C.A. when playing in an Official Tournament, or 7s. 6d. 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.

PRIZES
First and Second Prizes will be given in each Event, and two equal Third Prizes where Entries are sufficient.

ENTRIES

On Official Entry Forms ONLY please.
Entries, as above, must reach the Secretary by the following dates: For Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 by first post on **Thursday, 11th July**; and for Event 5 by 3 p.m. on **Tuesday, 16th July**, but the Committee reserve the right to close the lists earlier should they find it necessary to do so.

THE DRAW

The Draw for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 will take place in the Club Pavilion on Thursday, 11th July, at 11 a.m., and for Event 5 on Tuesday, 16th July, in the Club Pavilion.

Luncheons and Teas will be provided on the Ground at moderate prices.

Bridge rooms are available.
Standard setting, 3¼in. hoops.
Play will commence each day at 10 a.m. or earlier if necessary. Every competitor shall wear flat-soled boots or shoes, so as not to damage the courts.

At least eight lawns will be provided.

CHELTENHAM

THE FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL OPEN TOURNAMENT

will be held on the

Club Lawns, Old Bath Road

On **Monday, July 22nd, and five following days**

(Under the Laws and Regulations of the Croquet Association)

Committee of the Cheltenham Croquet Club.—Miss M. M. Paulley (Chairman).

Manager, Referee and Handicapper.—F. Langley.

Tournament Secretary.—Cdr. D. W. Roe, Cheltenham Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.

EVENTS

- 1.—**OPEN SINGLES. CHELTENHAM CHAMPIONSHIP CUP.** To be held for one year or till the next competition, whichever be the shorter period. "Two Life System." Holder, Col. D. W. Beamish. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.
 - 2.—**LEVEL SINGLES. MONEY SALVER.** To be held for one year or till the next competition, whichever be the shorter period. For players with two or more bisques. Law 44 suspended. Holder, G. E. P. Jackson. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
 - 3.—**HANDICAP SINGLES.** For players with five or more bisques. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- No players may enter for more than one of the above events.
- 4.—**HANDICAP SINGLES "X.Y."** Open to all. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.
 - 5.—**HANDICAP DOUBLES. BARWELL SALVERS.** Unrestricted. To be held for one year or till the next competition, whichever be the shorter period. Holders, H. O. Hicks and D. M. Anderson. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. each player.

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, Wednesday July 17th.**

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, Montpelier, Moorend Park, Plough, Queen's, Regent, Star, Rodney.

THE "LADIES' FIELD" CUP

Holder: Mrs. E. Rotherham

For the 8 best available Women players in the C.A. invited to compete by the Council of the C.A.

No Entrance Fee

Will be played for at **THE HURLINGHAM CLUB** (by kind permission of the Committee of the Club) on **Monday, July 29th, and following days**

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the C.A.
Manager, Referee and Handicapper.—Mrs. E. E. Turner.
Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London W.C.1.

Hoops 3¼in. wide. Jaques' "Eclipse" balls will be used. Each Competitor meets each of the other Competitors twice in each Competition.

If a Competitor fails from any cause to play through the whole of the games in the series, her score in that series will be entirely eliminated from the Competition. No substitute will be permitted in either series in any circumstances after the competition has once begun. Singles games throughout provided that in the event of a tie in the score the possession of the Cup for the year will be decided by a match of best of three games.

In the event of a tie between three Competitors, each of these three will play a single game against each of the other two. If the issue is still undecided, the three names will be drawn on the Bagnall-Wild system, and single games will be played in each round.

In the event of a tie between more than three Competitors, the names of the winners will be drawn on the Bagnall-Wild System, and single games will be played in each round.

All Competitors must furnish the Secretary with the address at which messages will reach them during the Tournament.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

PLAY

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

THE SILVER JUBILEE CUP

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

Holder—Mrs. R. Tingey

Will be played for at **THE HURLINGHAM CLUB** (by kind permission of the Committee of the Club) on **Monday, July 29th, and four following days.**

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager.—Mrs. E. Haigh Smith.

Referee and Handicapper.—Mrs. E. Turner.

OPEN TO ASSOCIATES ONLY

THE SILVER JUBILEE CUP, HANDICAP SINGLES

An Event open to Associates who are classed at scratch or more. Entrance Fee 6s. Matches of single 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.

Hoops 3¼in. wide and Jaques' "Championship" 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 24th.**

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 24th, 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 5th, to Wednesday, August 14th, 1957

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, E. P. C. Cotter. Level Singles. Best of three games throughout. Entrance Fee, 11s.
- 2.—**THE TURNER CUP.** Holder, I. C. Baillieu. 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, G. Rowling and Mrs. G. Rowling. 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. E. 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, B. Lloyd Pratt. 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. Fifth hoop variation. Law 44 suspended.

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

7.—**THE "LADIES' FIELD" CANDLESTICKS.** (Ladies Handicap Doubles). Holder, Mrs. P. Heley and Mrs. S. Watkins. Open to Lady Members of the C.A. only. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. each player.

8.—**MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES.** Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Fifth hoop variation.

Tournament Plant by Messrs. John Jaques and Son Ltd., 3¼in. 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, 31st July.** Entries for Events 3, 7 and 8, will close at noon on **Tuesday, 6th August.** The Draw for Events 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6, will take place at the Club on Wednesday, 31st July, at 2.30 p.m.; for other Events as announced on the ground.

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.



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