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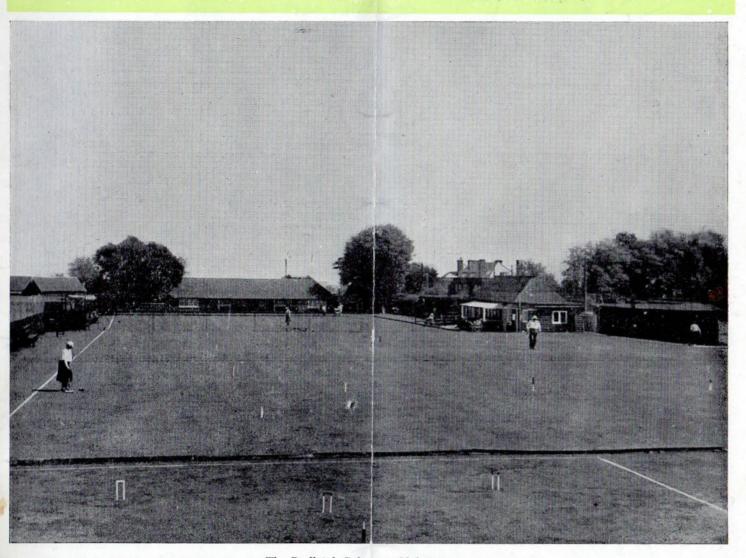
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#### NEW VARIATION

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.

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#### A.G.M.

We regret it has not been possible to publish an account of the Annual General Meeting in this issue. It will appear in the August issue.

LORN C. APPS, Secretary.

## NOTES by ROVER

#### A Right to a Bite?

There can be few games to which handicapping is better adapted than it is to Croquet, and none perhaps where the provision made for it is so elaborate, extending as it does from club handicappers to tournament handicappers, and so to the Co-ordination Committee, with a final resort, if desired, to the statutory Handicap Appeal Committee. That this has not had a "case" brought before it for several years is evidence perhaps that no great dissatisfaction with the lower stages of the system exists. Yet there are undoubtedly divergences of opinion amongst us as to the basis on which handicaps ought to be calculated and altered. There are many who regard their handicaps—and even other peoples—as in the nature of a personal right, not to be infringed upon until some indisputable success at a tournament renders such a step plainly unavoidable. A more objective view is claimed by those who reject the idea that an improving player should be held to resemble a potentially dangerous dog who has a justifiable claim to a "first bite" before he is "penalised". Generosity to the biter, it is argued, is likely to involve injustice to the bitten, and according to this school the essential function of a handicap is to represent the facts as accurately as it is possible to estimate them. Wherever the compiler of this column may "rove" he finds these contrasting views having each their supporters, as they have done to his knowledge for half a century, during which time no "authority" has ever succeeded in plainly deciding for one or the other, and presumably never will.

#### "Give Croquet more pace"

It might naturally be presumed that so old a bird as Rover would be gravely shocked by the revolutionary proposals for "jazzing up" Croquet proposed by our young man of the month in this issue. Perhaps he would be if he had not seen most of the experiments urged on us by Mr. Meachem advanced-and even tried outat one time or another already. He recalls the "optional panther shot" being given a trial in a war-time "Best Eight": it certainly created "constant crises and excitements", but it found little favour as an idea for serious play, for it practically destroyed the art of break-laying, which is, even as things are, a too much neglected aspect of the game. However, such a game as Mr. Meachem proposes would be good fun in a club competition, and an enterprising club might well give it a trial. Where our challenger is right, many will think (though not so revolutionary as he may imagine) is in suggesting that the standard court is too large for those beginning Croquet, and the Council has repeatedly urged that neophytes should start on smaller courts; the difficulty has always been to persuade them and other high bisquers that they are not being in some way "humiliated" or done down by being required to do so. On the main issue Mr. Meachem raises, however, i.e. whether Croquet needs to be speeded up and made more dynamic, there are two opinions, even among his generation. A later article in this series praises the game for its tranquility, and yet another pleads for No Change.

#### The Honours List

It is a somewhat unusual set of circumstances which prevents as many as five holders from defending their trophies at a tournament, but such was the case at Hurlingham in the first week of June. Mrs. Kirk (Lady Champion), Mrs. Mackenzie-Smart and Mr. Rowling (Doubles Champions), were in New Zealand, Mr. Tingey (Du Pre Cup) was in Australia, and Mr. Humphrey Hicks (one supposes) in Devon. Congratulations nevertheless to Dr. Wiggins on his first singles championship, to Mrs. Longman on winning the Du Pre Cup for the first time-and to her husband, too, who after a monumental struggle in the semi-final was fresh enough the next day to put up a good fight in the final. Miss Lintern and Mrs. Rotherham, who in the absence of a challenger from New Zealand have divided the women's event between them for a decade, went as near as possible to doing so in the third game of a very well contested final, the loser consoling herself by carrying off the Doubles title with Mr. Cotter. When are some more players going to emerge to dispute this joint supremacy, which is beginning to resemble, in dual form the twenty year dominance of Miss Steel in women's croquet between the wars? It is somewhat curious that a game which is almost a female preserve in many parts of the antipodes seems to be becoming almost a male one in some places here. This is particularly noticeable at Hurlingham.

#### Members and Titles

It is certainly heartening, however, to see so many enthusiastic men players, most of them still active in professional life, as this club now displays. Indeed some sympathy might perhaps be felt for those on having to surrender their courts for a fortnight to the Association, proud as Hurlingham may well be on possessiing a set of lawns so splendidly appropriate to what is surely something of a distinction. "You want the best lawns, we have them," might be this club's boast, and in view of this it is somewhat disappointing that entries for these events were not larger this year. This, of course, has its compensations for members who were generally able to get a game in the long evenings; and who regained almost complete possesion on the Saturday-too complete indeed, some associates complained, who had hoped to see more of the final stages of the championships on that day. There is a somewhat complex problem involved here, namely how to adjust the interests of club members to the reasonable claims of an Association anxious to assure due provision for what are, after all, classic and historic fixtures. Championship titles will never be the concern of the majority of players, yet without the incentive which competition for them provides, standards would fall and Croquet would cease to deserve the respect which, even though it may too seldom receive it, we know that now it has every right to claim.

## How to wake up Croquet

by J. B. MEACHEM

"It's such a spiteful game," they say. "It's on an intellectual level with hopscotch," or, "I have seen it played but it takes hours." These are popular opinions. Comments of the ignorant and prejudiced? False impressions created by the name, are they? Don't believe it. Tennis had just the same start on the Victorian tea lawn and table tennis started as ping pong in the parlour.

Is not there really much in popular comment on

How can the game compare with other popular games? It is far too long and many a high bisquer takes over four hours a game. Its pace is too slow; its excitement subtle and to be savoured rarely by the beginner: mistakes are too expensive: how many games are won 26 to next to nothing? How can beginners develop enthusiasm for a game which they are unlikely to finish and in which each miss is a punishment. Even with bisques croquet is not fun to learn, however worth while later.

Will publicity alone change many minds? To improve the game's reputation and make new recruits change its name if you must but first change the game. Why did snooker take precedence over billiards? Give croquet more pace; create more opportunity for a dingdong battle with constant crises and excitements; make it shorter. One can always play a rubber of games.

How is this possible without spoiling all and wasting a heritage? Elementary my dear Watson!

One has only to overcome the game's two major defects—its slowness and the out-player's lack of opportunity. The cause is the fantastic size of the court. Pull in all the hoops nearer to each other and reduce the boundaries in length and breadth so that from the yard line there is a tempting split shot for the hoop. Aunt Emma (who is never confident of separating to the maximum distance) will get duodenal ulcers as on the reduced court one has a good chance of roqueting. Next, give the option of beginning every turn by playing as the balls lie or by lifting either ball and playing it from the "B" balk. This will kill Aunt Emma stone cold dead and progress not safety play will be a necessity; it will pay the old girl to take chances. Finally for all Association games make the hoops 3 11/16ths.

There are the cures. See how they work.

The out-player has an excellent chance on the smaller court to roquet as the balls lie or from the "B" balk. Because of the optional panther shot from the "B" balk, tactics are dictated by fear, of immediate interest to the beginner and not merely subtly appreciated by lower bisquers.

The nerve wracking experience of negotiating those hoops within shooting distance of the "B" balk (numbers 2, 3, 5, 6, 1-bk, 4-bk, Penultimate and Rover) creates incentive. Just watch Aunt Emma panicing through hoops three at a time (whoa there Emma!) in order to get out of the danger zone! The difficulty of the hoops and the temptation of approaching from the yard line make break-downs more probable and both parties are virtually guaranteed plenty of play and excitement. Cock an eye at the out player absolutely galvanised when his opponent goes for an awkward hoop because he daren't leave the pilot ball to be shot at from the "B" balk. If the blasé say that all-round breaks with narrow hoops are the regular thing with the experts, don't believe

them. An expert will have a very jittery tummy when trying a fancy peel with narrow hoops and the certainty of an accurate panther roquet from the top balk should he fail. If they say that with a smaller court boundary play will be lost, remember that there will be plenty of fetching balls from the second corner and it is much better for the game that players try sporting approaches to a hoop from a boundary position and fail in the Court than run off or lay-up on a remote boundary and prolong the game interminably. No pessimist will convince me that the long rush will be lost to the game; its former prominence will attach to the rush-roquet: a much more difficult shot. Wiring will be quite as important for protection and may be used to force an opponent to play with a particular ball. Someone good is saying that game is too easy. Well, it's not. These narrow hoops demand perfect approaches and stroke play and the shorter distance between hoop and boundary is a death trap as regards running-off. It's the same game only atom powered with a wider attraction.

Start people playing it at home and they will see what riches lie in playing properly. Clubs draw members from those who play easy Croquet with wide hoops at home and to make breaks which give them the interest and confidence to approach a club.

Lure them to the Association game with a variety not difficult or long and specially suited for play at home. Have "Home Croquet" and "Association Croquet" and let the booklets in croquet boxes differentiate very clearly between the two. Suggest that players start with the Home Game and then recommend to them in deservedly glowing terms the pukka game. For heaven's sake omit all reference to Golf Croquet, which is the popular idea of croquet and a cissie, spiteful, tenth rate game properly relegated to the ten minute practice session.

Home Croquet should have four inch wire hoops and a much smaller setting. The other rules would be the same.

Persuade the manufacturers to supply the cheap sets with three piece hoops, the cross-bar having three holes punched, so that one does not have to fight a springy devil when tightening hoops and so that the Association game is indicated to the player of Home Croquet. Please sacrifice the unnecessary smashers, bodgers, pegs and flags for responsive composition balls and give the sufferer from the box wood ball an inkling of what can be done with skill.

What's that? You have ten new members already? Good. Chop one lawn in half for them and set up the four inch hoops on the one half and the narrow ones on the other. Show them the all-round break and the three-ball break, give them gentle tuition and let them play each other. No doubles—all singles. They will have lots of fun and you will soon have to look to your laurels.

Why, the possibilities are huge. More courts in the same club, more members, more money, more local authorities interested, more respect. You need not be too shy to recommend the game to schools and tennis clubs

Go on—it may be a wrench but we are thinking of the game in a big hearted way; after all it deserves just that and think how fine it will be if many more can taste the pleasures we enjoy.

## CROQUET IN AUSTRALIA



This photograph has reached us from Robert Tingey in Australia with the following information: The house is the home of Major-General Sir Reginald and Lady Stanham of Camden Park.

It was built by John Macarthur, who introduced the first merino sheep into Australia at the turn of the 18th century and was responsible for founding the Australian wool industry. The house is situated in a large family estate some fifty miles from Sydney, and was built entirely by convict labour and completed about 1832. It has been handed down from generation to generation in the same family, Lady Stanham being the direct descendent of John Macarthur.

Until a year or two ago croquet was unheard of at Camden Park. Sir Reginald, who is English, a golfer in the single figures, discovered during his many journeys abroad what a good game croquet was. He was a most interested spectator at Hurlingham, Roehampton and Southwick in 1956. The photograph shows the croquet lawn on the official opening day, when my wife had the honour of pouring a glass of champagne on the peg and declared the lawn open. However, judging by the standard of play shown by

Sir Reginald and Lady Stanham and by Quentin Stanham (their son) and Neil Macarthur-Onslow, a cousin, I have a suspicion that they had obtained considerable practice while testing the lawn to see whether it was in a fit state to open. Their keenness is amazing; they have absorbed all the literature I could give them and are crying out for more.

I hear there are other lawns on private estates in the process of creation, and a spirit of friendly rivalry is growing up between them. Matches are already being planned. It is refreshing and interesting to watch this development which is exactly the opposite to what happened in England, where croquet had its birth on private lawns and increasingly developed into club play as large houses became more and more difficult to maintain. In Australia it is at the clubs where croquet started, and it is now spreading to the country houses where land and labour are available.

I am sure England will watch this development with interest and will give these keen people a grand reception when they come over to try their skill against us.

# Notes from the Clubs

#### Roehampton

The outstanding event of interest for Roehampton croquet members in June was the Women's Championship played at Hurlingham during the week commencing 3rd June. This was won by the Captain, Miss D. A. Lintern, the other finalist being Mrs. Rotherham from Budleigh Salterton Club. As each of the finalists had won the event three times in previous years there was keen interest in the result. We congratulate Miss Lintern on her fourth win, making her the holder of the Gold Challenge Casket and

A golf croquet match was played at Roehampton on Tuesday, 11th June, against a visiting team from Dulwich. There were six players in each team. Our Dulwich opponents soon showed their knowledge of the game, and won the match by 5 games to 4. Tea was served for the teams in the Roehampton Club restaurant and everyone enjoyed a very pleasant and sunny afternoon.

The Club competitions are in progress. The shortened game is being used in about half the events so that members will have a good opportunity of forming an opinion for or against this game. The results of these competitions will be given in a later issue.

#### Cheltenham

On the 29th May, the Club held a Fete, organised by Mrs. Mathews, which included a "Bring-and-Buy Sale," a Bridge Tournament and a "Pagal" Croquet Gymkhana, with the object of raising money for its many needs. The enthusiasm and generosity and hard work of our members, aided by good weather, produced results far beyond the hopes of our excellent Treasurer. Everyone had "a go" at the croquet event, organised by Mrs. Elvey, and which was such fun and so unlike croquet that a novice could hold his own against a scratch player.

The Club Trophies Tournament was held from 10th to 15th June, in perfect weather conditions under the able management of Miss Paulley. There were many exciting finishes.

The Club now has a number of new members, who have been designated "workers", because they can only play after office hours. They are, in the main, important officers of a "hush-hush" branch of a Government Department located at Cheltenham. One G. E. P. Jackson in only his second full season won the Club Challenge Cup. Another recruit is C. H. O'D. Alexander, the International Chess Master, who is determined to "master" this game too. Another young man D. G. B. Harries, in his second season, won the Level 3-bisques and over event.

The Committee is doing everything in its power to permit the "workers" to get as much play as possible. They can reserve courts on Saturday, and the Trophies Tournament was deliberately started on Whit-Monday, as they can generally get a "spot of leaf" during that week. What these players require are not tournaments, but matches, which can be played at week-ends or in the long summer evenings after office hours. If croquet is to survive—the supply of retired Indian Army officers is drying up here—every encouragement must be given to the "workers". When they have got their "Old Age Pensions", they will have the leisure to compete for Gold Medals and Caskets.

The "workers" have suggested a match Gentlemen  $\nu$ . Workers, but it is felt that Vermin  $\nu$ . Workers would be more democratic and up to date!

#### Hurlingham

The two main features of recent weeks have been the County Championship and the Gold Caskets events. Both tournaments were favoured with good weather and the lawns were unusually fast for the time of year. Whether or not this was a contributory cause, much of the croquet was not of the standard to be expected in this company. We are accustomed to see bisque holdings described as 12 (D 10), but after seeing some of the doubles in Counties week we should not have been surprised to hear of rankings such

Some of the early eliminating matches in the All England handicap have been closely contested. The holder, D. E. Buckland, defeated General Davidson by 1 point when the latter had appeared to have the game nicely sewn up. Our other finalist of last year, Roger de Wesselow, having got up on the post against S. S. Townsend to win by 1 point, went on to short-head R. J. Pickett in the next round

## BRIDGE

by E. P. C. Cotter, British International

In a tournament for Pairs the following hand was played by twelve different Souths in Three No Trumps. Eleven declarers went one down, the twelfth made ten tricks. Was the twelfth declarer favoured by a lucky opening lead? No, nothing like that. He simply played it better.

Here is the hand:-

West made the same opening lead as all the other Wests-the natural lead of the Queen of Spades. South let this win. West now led the King of Hearts and South ducked again. West then continued with the Knave of Spades which South won with the

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possible end-play on West to make two Heart tricks. But the minor suits must be developed without letting East in if possible, for a Heart lead from that side might be fatal. Note South's careful play. To trick four South led the two of Clubs and won with the King in dummy. The fall of the nine from West was revealing. It was most unlikely that he had Q, J, 9 originally. Most probably he had started life with Q, 9 or J, 9. South then led the Queen of Diamonds from dummy, covered by East's King and won with the Ace. Now South led the three of Clubs hoping that West now had the Queen alone. As this proved to be the case West won the trick. the Queen alone. As this proved to be the case West won the trick. From dummy the ten was carefully played to unblock. West continued with the ten of spades won by dummy's Ace and South discarded the seven (!) of Diamonds. The position now was:-

At this stage the contract of nine tricks is "on ice". After the marked finesse of the eight of Clubs and the play of the Ace, South had only to cash the Knave of Diamonds and the play of the Acc, South the Spade to collect two Heart tricks. But the declarer saw there was a chance of making an overtrick if West had the Diamond holding as well. As this was so, the Acc of Clubs squeezed West in three suits. West chose to unguard the Diamond ten, and now South played the nine of Diamonds and as the six of Diamonds holds the trick. [See why the seven of Diamonds was discarded ?]. West is again subjected to an automatic squeeze.

Thus South made ten beautiful tricks. Study this hand carefully-it is well worth it. [Copyright

#### CHELTENHAM CLUB TROPHIES TOURNAMENT

June 10th-15th

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#### OBITUARY

#### LT.-COL. S. MATHEWS

On the passing of Lt.-Col. S. Mathews last Autumn Cheltenham Croquet Club sustained a severe loss, Last season Col. Mathews acted as Tournament Secretary to the satisfaction of all, and on the resignation of Major R. D. Marshall, the Committee asked him to become Secretary. He took up his new duties with much enthusiasm, spent a great deal of time and energy looking after the lawns, and he had the confidence and affection of the members of the Club. Losing him was a severe blow to the Cheltenham Croquet Club. We offer deepest sympathy to Mrs. Mathews and her sons.

#### G. W. SOLOMON

With the passing of G. W. Solomon the croquet world has suffered a great loss. He was a good, intelligent player. He won the All-England Handicap convincingly a few years ago and only last year won a level singles at Parkstone. But George Solomon brought more than croquet to the courts. Besides enthusiasm and sportsmanship he brought a kindness and a gentleness which endeared him to the hearts of all right-thinking people. His presence at the various tournaments and his ready wit will be sorely

#### MRS. A. H. de COURCY HAMILTON

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. de Courcy Hamilton which took place at Cheltenham on 29th May at the great age of 95. To the present generation of croquet players she will be best remembered at the Cheltenham Club following with intense concentration her daughter (Mrs. S. Mathews') play. Before coming to Cheltenham she was for many years a member of the Southsea Club, and it is not long ago she wrote in Croquet an account of the game in South Africa, where she won a Championship.

#### MR. W. E. BELCHER

We regret to announce the death of Mr. W. E. Belcher, of the Chelmsford and Mid-Essex Club. He was a popular and hard working Treasurer and will be very much missed, having been a member since the start of the Club.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

#### Another Variation

Dear Sir,

I was interested to read Mr. Behrens' letter in your June issue. I too have found his method of playing what amounts to a doubles, both with and against the same player, to be the most satisfactory way of giving 14 plus bisquers something constructive to do. A modification of this is for a low bisquer to take one ball of each of two learners who are opposing each other; for teaching purposes I think this has some advantage over a proper four.

In both these methods, as Mr. Behrens says, the low bisquer often has several consecutive turns but the reason for this can be explained to his pupils and it has the advantage of enabling him to keep his eye in and so making fewer mistakes himself! The instructor also has the opportunity of playing two different types of game himself at the same time, keeping up with one of his partner's and getting the other round first with optimistic hopes of finishing the game in one or two turns with a peel or two.

#### Yours truly,

G. L. ORMEROD

As a keen Chess player I was interested to read Mr. A. V. Camroux's article drawing attention to the undoubted affinity which exists between Croquet and Chess, both of which certainly involve a battle of wits.

How pleasant it would be, if, as Rover suggests, the Chess Circle of the C.A. could be revived. Which would be one means of keeping Croquet friends in touch with each other during winter months. Suggestions: Inter-Zonal Chess Tournaments or Postal Chess.

Yours faithfully,

DORIS LOCKS LATHAM

## Your Turn to Play

### by Tactician

For the June problems Tactician has received but one answer, that from "Dogged" who has demonstrated the fact that his pseudonym has been well chosen, since his dogged determination to face up to the problems set, led him to realize that there was a tiny error in the diagram, i.e. Blue should have been between the uprights of the Penultimate, and not through this hoop. Dogged did not allow himself to be deceived by this error, and his solutions have received full marks.

Tactician much hopes that the problems set have been of interest to a wider circle of players than those who have actually

troubled to forward solutions.

Since writing the above Tactician has received two more entries for whom the following marks have been awarded:-Lucky Dip, Question 1, 4; Question 2, 3. Hoopee, Question 1, 5;

June Competition

Full marks for question 1, 5. For question 2, 4. Dogged: Question 1-5. Question 2, 4.

Solution to problem 1

Black should play on to West (or East) Boundary, taking care to give his opponent an open shot. This appears to offer the most likely possibility of regaining control.

(A) Red trickles up to Black, getting if possible about a yard

S.S.W. of him and takes a bisque.

(B) Lift Yellow to Baulk A. Roquet Red gently. Send Red to Hoop 4 and go to Black—rush Black towards Hoop 2. Send Black to Hoop 3 and go to Blue. Roquet Blue and send Blue to centre of ground. Join Black and take a bisque.

(C) Try to roquet Black with an exceedingly gentle stroke. In

case of failure, take a bisque.

(D) Leave Black at Hoop 5, and Blue at Hoop 3.

(E) Leave Red at Hoop 3, Black W. of Hoop 5 and Blue E.

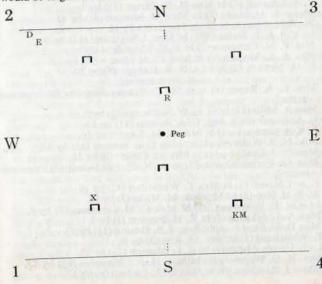
(F) Cross-wire Black and Blue at Hoop 6.
(You will notice that solutions D, E, F, given in brief, unlike solutions A.B, C, need no bisque.)

## July Competition

Problem 1

Blue is for Hoop 5, with a rush on Black to his Hoop. Blue and Black are at M and K. Red is at R a yard in front of Hoop 6. Yellow is in the second corner at D. Blue intends to go to 4-back, and finish his turn by "cross-wiring" his opponents at the Peg leaving his own balls in the fourth corner. How should Blue play his turn?

"Smith" playing Blue and Black is a scratch player. Blue is for 1-back, Black for the Rover. "Jones" playing Red and Yellow is a novice (handicap ramp of 12!). Having both balls for the Peg, Red has attempted a peg-out, having two bisques in hand. Yellow has missed the Peg and come to rest at X near 2-back. In a fit of mental abberation, "Jones" has pegged out Red. Blue and Black are at D and E in the second corner with a rush on 1-back. In view of "Jones's" two bisques, "Smith's" only chance of winning would be to go out with a single peel at the Rover, how can he do it



Seven

#### BRIGHTON (Southwick)

MAY 20th, 1957

The Southwick Official Tournament was a great success as ever. The untiring energy of F. C. Corke, the Hon. Secretary, before and during the tournament. The excellent management of Major J. H. Dibley and Mrs. Miller's catering all contributed to this success. Mention should also be made of Mrs. E. Truett's service at the bar. The courts were playing very well owing to the hard work and skill of Adams, the groundsmar

L. Kirk Greene played good croquet to win the Opens—six here who did well were N. F. Blackwood, Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart, Lady Ursula Abbey and C. E. Mogridge. Congratulations to Miss H. D. Parker and N. F. Blackwood on winning the Doubles.

Except for some rain on Friday and a gale on Saturday the weather was good. We were pleased to see Miss D. D. Steel playing very fine croquet.

OPEN SINGLES.

("Two Life" System).

THE ABBEY CHALLENGE CUP.

THE DRAW. (9 Entries).

FIRST ROUND. D. Jesson Dibley bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 18.

Miss D. D. Steel bt Miss M. J. Daldy by 17. D. Jesson Dibley bt Mrs. N. E. Wallwork by 6. L. Kirk Greene bt W. Longman by 17. Major J. R. Abbey bt R. H. Newton by 22. SEMI-FINAL.

Miss D. D. Steel bt D. Jesson Dibley by 16. L. Kirk Greene bt Major J. R. Abbey by 16. FINAL.

L. Kirk Greene bt Miss D. D. Steel by 22.

PROCESS (9 Entries)

Major J. R. Abbey bt Miss D. D. Steel by 7.

L. Kirk Greene bt Mrs. N. E. Wallwork by 18. Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt Major J. R. Abbey by 2. D. Jesson Dibley bt R. H. Newton by 4. W. Longman bt Miss M. J. Daldy by 16. SEMI-FINAL.

L. Kirk Greene bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 20. W. Longman bt D. Jesson Dibley by 18. FINAL

L. Kirk Greene bt W. Longman by 21

#### HANDICAP SINGLES. (44 Entries).

FIRST ROUND. Mrs. H. Freizer (9) bt Mrs. N. A. Naylor (12) by 12 on time. Miss M. J. Daldy (-12) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4) by 15. N. F. Blackwood (7) bt Miss P. M. Hartridge (8) by 19. Miss G. Forbes Cowan (5) bt Hon. Clive Pearson (10) by 12. Mrs. E. Whitehead (12) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) by 5. T. A. Chignell (5) bt Miss H. D. Parker (31) by 3. Major A. M. Hicks (7) bt Miss M. Morgan (81) by 6. W. P. H. Roe (8) bt D. A. Harris (6) by 12. Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (3½) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (11) by 9. Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (7) bt C. E. Mogridge (10) by 7. Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) bt Mrs. C. A. Money (10) by 16. R. H. Newton (2) bt Mrs. H. F. Roberts (6) by 10.

SECOND ROUND. Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) w.o. H. T. Pinkney Simpson (2) opponent retired.

Miss A. Mills (1½) bt G. E. W. Hitchcock (2) by 7. L. Kirk Greene (—3) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (11) by 14. L. Kirk Greene (—3) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (9) by 17. Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (4) bt Miss E. E. Bennett (11) by 18. Miss M. J. Daldy (-11/2) bt Mrs. H. Freizer (9) by 21.

Miss G. Forbes Cowan (5) w.o. N. F. Blackwood (7) opponent retired.

retired.

T. A. Chignell (5) bt Mrs. E. Whitehead (12) by 10.

W. P. H. Roe (8) bt Major A. M. Hicks (7) by 10.

Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (3½) bt Mrs. C. M. Cervantes (7) by 9.

Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) bt R. H. Newton (2) by 7.

Miss D. D. Steel (—4) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (5½) by 13.

E. Whitehead (5) bt Mrs. M. Roy (3) by 9.

Lady Ursula Abbey (4) bt A. L. Megson (2½) by 15.

Mrs. H. D. Wooster (6½) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1½) by 17.

Major J. R. Abbey (0) bt Miss D. L. Latham (8) by 13.

THIRD ROUND. Miss A. Mills (11) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) by 11. L. Kirk Greene (-3) bt E. A. Roper (2) by 8 Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (4) bt Miss M. J. Daldy (—1½) by 10. Miss G. Forbes Cowan (5) w.o. T. A. Chignell (5) opponent retired.

Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (3½) bt W. P. H. Roe (8) by 5. Miss D. D. Steel (—4) bt Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) by 12. Lady Ursula Abbey (4) bt E. Whitehead (5) by 19. Major J. R. Abbey (0) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (61) by 7. FOURTH ROUND.

Miss A. Mills (1½) w.o. L. Kirk Greene (—4) opponent scratched. Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (4) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan (5) by 8. Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (3½) bt Miss D. D. Steel (—4) by 12. Lady Ursula Abbey (4) bt Major J. R. Abbey (0) by 25.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (4) bt Miss A. Mills (1½) by 5. Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (31) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (4) by 17.

Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (4) bt Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (4) by 7.

#### HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y.").

EVENT "X".

(45 Entries).

Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (7) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) by 16. W. Longman (—3) bt Miss E. E. Bennett (11) by 2. Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (11) by 16. Lady Ursula Abbey (4) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan (5) by 10. Mrs. H. F. Roberts (6) bt Miss H. D. Parker (31) by H. T. Pinkney Simpson (2) bt Hon. Clive Pearson (10) by 20. Major J. R. Abbey (0) bt Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) by 9.

N. F. Blackwood (7) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) by 19.

Mrs. E. M. Kay (9) bt Mrs. E. Truett (12) by 16.

Mrs. M. Roy (3) bt C. E. Mogridge (10) by 7.

E. Whitehead (5) bt Mrs. C. A. Money (10) by 12.

Mrs. H. Freizer (9) bt Miss P. M. Hartridge (8) by 5 on time. Major A. M. Hicks (7) bt Mrs. W. Alford (12) by 9.

SECOND ROUND.

W. P. H. Roe (8) bt Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (3½) by 7.

Miss A. Mills (1½) bt Miss E. Whitehead (12) by 9.

Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (3½) bt A. L. Megson (2½) by 22. R. H. Newton (2) bt Miss D. D. Steel (-4) by 5. Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (7) bt E. A. Roper (2) by 4. Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4) bt W. Longman (—3) by 19.
Lady Ursula Abbey (4) bt Mrs. H. F. Roberts (6) by 16.
Major J. R. Abbey (0) bt H. T. Pinkney Simpson (2) by 12.
N. F. Blackwood (7) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (9) by 14.
E. Whitehead (5) bt Mrs. M. Roy (3) by 24. Major A. M. Hicks (7) bt Mrs. H. Freizer (9) by 17. Brig. J. S. Omond (5½) w.o. Lt.-Col. K. V. Hicks (7) opponent

G. E. W. Hitchcock (2) bt Miss M. Morgan (8½) by 7.
G. E. W. Hitchcock (2) bt Miss D. Latham (8) by 17.
Mrs. H. D. Wooster (6½) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (11) by 5.
Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (4) bt D. A. Harris (6) by 3.

W. P. H. Roe (8) bt Miss A. Mills (1½) by 16.
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (3½) bt R. H. Newton (2) by 5.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4) bt Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (7) by 1.
Lady Ursula Abbey (4) w.o. Major J. R. Abbey (0) opponent scratched.

Scratched.

N. F. Blackwood (5) bt E. Whitehead (7) by 10.

Major A. M. Hicks (7) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (5½) by 15.

T. A. Chignell (5) bt G. E. W. Hitchcock (2) by 10.

Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (4) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (6½) by 10.

FOURTH ROUND.

W. P. H. Roe (8) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (3½) by 2.
Lady Ursula Abbey (4) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4) by 5.

N. F. Blackwood (7) bt Major A. M. Hicks (7) by 17. T. A. Chignell (5) bt Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (4) by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.

W. P. H. Roe w.o. Lady Ursula Abbey (4) opponent retired.

N. F. Blackwood (7) bt T. A. Chignell (5) by 21. FINAL.

W. P. H. Roe (8) and N. F. Blackwood (7) divided.

EVENT "Y". (23 Entries).

FIRST ROUND. E. A. Roper (2) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) by 11. Miss E. E. Bennett (11) w.o. Mrs. C. A. Bishop (11) opponent

Miss H. D. Parker (3½) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan (5) by 5. Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) w.o. Hon. Clive Pearson (10) opponent Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) bt Mrs. E. A. Truett (12) by 9. C. E. Mogridge (10) bt Mrs. C. A. G. Money (10) by 11. Miss P. M. Hartridge (8) w.o. Mrs. W. Alford Naylor (12) opponent

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. E. Whitehead (12) bt Miss Elphinstone Stone (3½) by 4.

Miss D. D. Steel (—4) bt A. L. Megson (2) by 8. Miss E. E. Bennett (11) bt E. A. Roper (2) by 2. Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) bt Miss H. D. Parker (31) by 11 C. E. Mogridge (10) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) by 3.

Brig. J. S. Omond (5½) bt Miss P. M. Hartridge (8) by 7.

Miss M. Morgan (8½) bt Miss D. L. Latham (8) by 1.

D. A. Harris (6) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (11) by 11. THIRD ROUND.

Miss D. D. Steel (-4) bt Mrs. E. Whitehead (12) by 8. Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) bt Mrs. E. E. Bennett (11) by 11. C. E. Mogridge (10) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (5½) by 13.

Miss M. Morgan (8½) w.o. D. A. Harris (6) opponent scratched.

Miss D. D. Steel (—4) bt Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) by 6. C. E. Mogridge (10) w.o. Miss M. Morgan (8½) opponent scratched.

Miss D. D. Steel (-4) bt C. E. Mogridge (10) by 2. HANDICAP DOUBLES.

#### (15 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Hon. Clive Pearson and Mrs. N. Oddie (7½) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop and Mrs. A. Badcock (13) by 4.

L. Kirk Greene and D. Jesson Dibley (-11) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster and Miss M. Morgan (15) by 18. W. Longman and Mrs. E. A. Roper (3) bt Major J. H. Dibley and

Mrs. J. S. Omond (11) by 2. N. F. Blackwood and Miss H. D. Parker (101) bt Mrs. M. Kay and Mrs. M. Freizer (16) by 6.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Mrs. C. M. Turner (10) bt Miss L. Elphinstone Stone and Mrs. J. H. Dibley (7½) by 1. E. Whitehead and Mrs. E. Whitehead (17) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart

and T. A. Chignell (8½) by 21. E. A. Roper and Miss A. Mills (3½) bt Mrs. H. Roberts and Miss G. Forbes Cowan (11) by 4.

SECOND ROUND.

L. Kirk Greene and D. W. Jesson Dibley (-11) bt Hon. Clive Pearson and Mrs. N. Oddie (7½) by 11. N. F. Blackwood and Miss H. D. Parker (10½) bt W. Longman and

Mrs. E. A. Roper (3) by 13. Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Mrs. C. M. Turner (10) bt E. Whitehead

and Mrs. E. Whitehead (17) by 8. E. A. Roper and Miss A. Mills (3½) bt Major A. M. Hicks and Mrs.

W. Alford Naylor (19) by 14.

N. F. Blackwood and Miss H. D. Parker (101) bt L. Kirk Greene

and D. W. Jesson Dibley  $(-1\frac{1}{2})$  by 12. E. A. Roper and Miss A. Mills  $(3\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Mrs. C. M. Turner (10) by 10.

N. F. Blackwood and Miss H. D. Parker (101) bt E. A. Roper and Miss A. Mills (34) by 16.

### INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

#### MAY 28th

This year, as there were only six Counties competing, all the games were played on croquet courts; there was no need to make use of the cricket field as was necessary last year.

It was rather sad to see, almost from the start, that Hants and Dorset, the very worthy holders of the Cup for 1956, were not playing as if they would retain their hold. Also, Surrey, after the first day's play, Tuesday, joined Hants and Dorset, having neither of them won a game.

As, for so many years, this Inter-County Championship has been almost a matter of whether Middlesex or Surrey would be the year's holder of the honour, Hants and Dorset had done extremely well to win it last year with 6 matches, while those other two counties were only credited with 3 and 2 matches each.

However, we shall see that, of the six competing counties, Middlesex and Surrey were going to-one or the other-make another determined effort to win again this coveted title. Therefore, as the four days were nearing their end, the keenness among the spectators increased considerably; both of these two counties had by now played well enough to be possible winners of the competition.

Yet Friday morning suggested considerable uncertainty as to who was going to be the 1957 Champion County. Incidentally, Mrs. Apps and Miss Lintern had in two previous rounds by their combined talent contributed two consecutive wins to Middlesex.

After their very unusual start Surrey had come along well up to Middlesex; yet the eighth and final round was the decisive one-Surrey v. Sussex. After a long game, in beautiful sunny weather, Surrey beat Sussex. This meant that, as regards matches, they had won the same number, namely four as Middlesex. But a count of games gave the Inter-County Championship for 1957 to Surrey by

Much sympathy was felt for Mrs. E. Haigh Smith who was to have managed the Event but, most unfortunately, when abroad on holiday she slipped and badly injured her left shoulder.

Mrs. M. L. Thom most kindly and efficiently undertook the duties to everybody's satisfaction, and with their expressed gratitude.

Scores in Matches and Games

Surrey won 4 matches; namely, against Middlesex 3-0, Oxon Berks and Bucks 2-1, Hants and Dorset 2-1, Sussex 2-1; and lost, one to Eastern Counties 1-2.

Middlesex won 4 matches; namely against Sussex 2-1, Hants and Dorset 2-1, Oxon Berks and Bucks 2-1 Eastern Counties 3-0; and lost one to Surrey 0-3.

Eastern Counties won 2 matches; namely against Surrey 2-1, Hants and Dorset 3-0; and lost to Oxon Berks and Bucks 1-2, Sussex 1-2, Middlesex 0-3.

Oxon Berks and Bucks won 2 matches; namely, against Hants and Dorset 2-1, Eastern Counties 2-1; and lost to Sussex 1-2, Surrey 1-2, Middlesex 1-2.

Sussex won 2 matches; namely against Oxon Berks and Bucks 2-1, Eastern Counties 2-1; and lost to Middlesex 1-2, Hants and Dorset 1-2, Surrey 1-2.

Hants and Dorset won 1 match; namely, against Sussex 2-1; and lost to Oxon Berks and Bucks 1-2, Middlesex 1-2, Eastern Counties 0-3, Surrey 1-2.

#### MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS AND GOLD CASKETS

JUNE 3rd to 8th

This important Event-for it will be noted from the above heading it denotes two separate Championships, one for Men and one for Women-was not favoured with a large entry, 12 men and 10 women.

Last year, due in some considerable measure to the New Zealand Test Match team competing—particularly in the Men's Championship, there were 25 men and 14 women.

Nevertheless, there was now (certainly on paper) a goodly array of talent—several minus players—but not the holder H. O. Hicks, who had in previous years won the Event three years in succession.

Having shown the quality of the Men, there is quite a lot to be found among the Women. Miss Lintern, who has won the Event three times previously; Mrs. Rotherham, too, has gained the title three times; and Mrs. Elvey twice in succession. Mrs. Long-

man, a previous winner, was also competing.
With such quality among both the Men and the Women we find it hard to remember such a quite unbelievable display of firstclass croquet.

Dr. Penny was given a walk-over in the first round, and M. B. Reckitt was similarly presented with his first match by Spencer Ell.

J. G. Warwick had to play three games against Brigadier A. E.

Stokes Roberts. The scores denote how near to winning the first two games the Brigadier had been.

Longman, against de la Nougerede, though winning both games only just got the second, +2, and became a semi-finalist. Reckitt played well against Penny, both games had scores of that very decisive double figured kind, and he joined Longman in the upper half of this semi-final round.

Turning to the lower half of this last but two round we find that Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins had, by defeating Col. G. E. Cave, to meet Warwick, and he joined the quartet in the lower half of the

semi-final with the scores, +17, +24.

Nothing of very great note had happened in regard to the play which had brought the above three players into the last round but one. In the case of E. P. C. Cotter, there never looked a more definite certainty that he would have to play a third game.

Stoker was a rover with one ball-and indeed soon after a rover with the other. Unfortunately he was only just through the hoop, and the ball he had made it with was at least three yards away. He missed it. This let Cotter in and he won the match as shown on the score sheet. +2.

We must now return to the semi-final round, Longman v. Reckitt. This was indeed a match, well exemplifying the old saying that a game of croquet is not won till both balls have hit the peg. The scores, as shown on the accompanying score sheet, were all single figures-gradually diminishing in size till Longman won the match with +1.

The other semi-final was much better value for spectators; two games, the first also with the score +1. Both players had played

well and made good breaks. Then Cotter seemed to consider it was time he hit the peg and finish. He was a rover with both ballsbut only went out with one leaving the other comfortably near the peg. Wiggins hit his solitary rover ball, from a long distance; and though Cotter was given a few shots at the peg—yards away from it—Wiggins managed to hit the peg first—by good play previously—with both balls. The second game went to Wiggins more decisively, as the score suggests

The final of the Men's Event, therefore, brought Longman and Wiggins together.

The first game was won by Wiggins, but it contained nothing of special significance. The second game, Longman was playing well—as the score suggests—but Wiggins, when in, made full use of his innings and deprived his opponent, not only of the oppor-tunity to play a third game but of winning the Men's Championship for 1957, and a Medal.

Turning now to the Women's Championship, we would like, first of all, to say that last year the final round was played between Mrs. W. H. Kirk and Miss I. Wainwright, two of the New Zealand Test team, and Mrs. Kirk was the winner of the title.

Today, we have to remark again, there were several incredibly long games—considering that of the ten players so many were minus players. One match, we are assured, required 12 hours of play before any definite result could be recorded

Several matches ran into three games; one of which suggested that if only the loser could have hit the peg she would have been the winner. Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton took the first game from Miss Lintern, +1, playing into the semi-final; but the other two went more decisively to her opponent. Mrs. L. C. Apps beat Mrs. E. Reeve in two straight games; but Miss Lintern did likewise to Mrs. Apps when they met in the semi-final.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson had beaten Mrs. G. J. Turketine after a full three-game match—the last game's score suggests another of those very close contests. Mrs. Rotherham beat Mrs. Elvey without playing a third game, and then Mrs. Gasson-one of the two games was only the second of its kind, namely, +26, in the Event, the other came from the mallet of Miss Lintern. On second thoughts, we believe we are right in saying that these two twenty-sixes were the only two scored in the week's play.

So, not by any means for the first time, Mrs. Rotherham and

Miss Lintern were the finalists. A very long affair—three games—started on Friday and concluded on Saturday morning. Miss Lintern lost the first—as the score sheet shows—and won the next two. It will be seen, however, what a close game the third was. This is Miss Lintern's fourth win of the Women's Championship

#### THE "DU PRE" CUP

Played under the new 18-point variation-all the clips decorating the court symmetrically on the 5th hoop-this Event was won by Mrs. Longman. It was indeed a triumph for the ladies; though there were only four of the fair sex among the twelve entries only two of the eight men were allowed to enter the semi-final. Here Mrs. Elvey beat Col. Cave and Mrs. Longman prevented de la Nougerede from becoming a finalist.

The final between these two ladies was a very close struggle and rather protracted. Mrs. Longman became the first winner of this 18-point variation of the "Du Pre" Cup by two points.

#### THE MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

This important Championship had been won last year by the New Zealanders, G. Rowling and Mrs. T. McKenzie-Smart. There were eight couples entered for it now, and of course the first round produced the semi-final. This consisted of Reckitt and Miss Lintern who had some considerable resistance to contend with from Warwick and Mrs. Reeve-but they successively overcame it +9. De la Nougerede and Mrs. Gasson defeated Cave and Mrs. Heley to become the opponents of Reckitt and Miss Lintern. Cotter and Mrs. Rotherham, and the Longmans-the latter after a very close game with the Elveys-were the other semi-finalists.

Reckitt and Miss Lintern became the finalists for the top half somewhat easily. Cotter and Mrs. Rotherham had to play a very long game—the innings changing hands repeatedly—before they joined Reckitt and Miss Lintern as opponents in the final.

This final was another game where the innings repeatedly changed hands; also it was devoid of any attempt to peel the partner through hoops and finish. After a long game Cotter and Mrs. Rotherham became Mixed Doubles Champions with the score of  $\pm 13$ .

The management was again in the very efficient hands of the Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, and the Men's and Women's Championships were brought to conclusion early on Saturday afternoon.

#### THE MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

GOLD CASKET. (12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Dr. H. J. Penny w.o. Rev. G. F. H. Elvey opponent retired. M. B. Reckitt bt M. Spencer Ell +23, opponent retired.

J. G. Warwick bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts -4 +2 +17. Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave +16 +24.

SECOND ROUND. W. Longman bt V. A. de la Nougerede +9 +2. M. B. Reckitt bt Dr. H. J. Penny +24 +22. Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt J. G. Warwick +17 +24. E. P. C. Cotter bt Capt. H. G. Stoker +24 +2. SEMI-FINAL.

W. Longman bt M. B. Reckitt -9 + 7 + 1. Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt E. P. C. Cotter +1 + 15.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt W. Longman +16 +3.

#### THE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

GOLD CASKET. (10 Entries). FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. W. Longman +15-4+1. Miss D. A. Lintern bt Mrs. P. E. Heley +13 + 26. The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND. Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt Mrs. Turketine -21 +12 +3. Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +17 +11. Miss D. A. Lintern bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton -1 +23 +19. Mrs. L. C. Apps bt Mrs. E. Reeve +14 +6.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson +16 +26. Miss D. A. Lintern bt Mrs. L. C. Apps +13 +10. FINAL.

Miss D. A. Lintern bt Mrs. E. Rotherham -5 +13 +3.

#### MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

SILVER CHALLENGE CUPS. (8 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND M. B. Reckitt and Miss D. A. Lintern bt J. G. Warwick and Mrs.

E. Reeve by 9. V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Mrs. P. E. Heley by 16.

E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Dr. H. J. Penny and Mrs. L. C. Apps by 18.W. Longman and Mrs. W. Longman bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 4.

SEMI-FINAL. M. B. Reckitt and Miss D. A. Lintern bt V. A. de la Nougerede

and Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 15. E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt W. Longman and Mrs. W. Longman by 6.

FINAL. E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt M. B. Reckitt and Miss D. A. Lintern by 13.

> THE "DU PRE" CUP. (12 Entries). FIRST ROUND

M. Spencer Ell bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 10. Mrs. E. Reeve bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey by 2. Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts by 5. J. G. Warwick bt Capt. H. G. Stoker by 13. The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND. Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt M. Spencer Ell by 7. Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt Mrs. E. Reeve by 10. Mrs. W. Longman bt J. G. Warwick by 3. V. A. de la Nougerede bt Mrs. P. E. Heley by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 9. Mrs. W. Longman bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 10.

Mrs. W. Longman bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 2.

#### RYDE

#### JUNE 3rd-8th, 1957

The Ryde Tournament is always such a friendly and happy gathering. The weather for the week was perfect except for a few drops of rain on Tuesday. But, alas, the courts this year are not up to standard owing to the prolonged drought and the restrictions on the use of water in the district. However, after the first day one heard few grumbles as the players settled down, comforting themselves with the thought that it was the same for everyone.

Major Dibley was a tireless Manager, nothing was too much trouble and in between his paper work, careered round the grounds with an enormous and mighty mallet, dealing with any loose hoops,

The hard courts made spectacular play impossible. The games were very "in and out" and many time limits had to be imposed.

One missed one or two of the old regulars who were unable to attend this year, but the Club was very pleased to welcome several new players and the entries were slightly better than last year.

Mr. G. Birch has very generously presented two attractive silver Challenge Cups for the winners of the Doubles event as a token of his great regard for the Club and the many happy weeks he has spent in Ryde.

A word of thanks to the catering Committee who provided the usual excellent lunches and teas and to Miss Isaac, the Tournament Secretary, who had worked very hard towards the success of the Tournament.

At the conclusion players and spectators proceeded to the Club House, which was beautifully decorated with summer flowers, where Mrs. R. W. Hutton, who has been an associate for over fifty years, presented the prizes. A raffle for a huge box of groceries, kindly given by Mrs. Cowper Blaker, also took place. The lucky winner was Mr. Victor Evans. He very generously gave it to the Club to be auctioned. Through his kindness the Club benefited to the extent of Four Guineas.

#### ISLE OF WIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

OPEN SINGLES.

THE DRAW. (4 Entries).

SEMI-FINAL. G. V. Evans bt Major J. H. Dibley by 19. Mrs. F. N. Latham bt G. Birch by 3.

FINAL Mrs. F. N. Latham bt G. V. Evans by 6.

PROCESS. (4 Entries). SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. F. N. Latham w.o. Major J. H. Dibley opponent scratched. G. V. Evans bt G. Birch by 14.

Mrs. F. N. Latham bt G. V. Evans by 5.

#### LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B").

THE CHAPMAN CUP.

(3 bisques and over). (10 Entries). FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. R. H. Burrell bt Miss H. Trought by 5. F. E. Corke bt Mrs. R. A. Hill by 10. SECOND ROUND.
G. A. H. Alexander bt Mrs. J. G. Stevenson by 4.
Mrs. C. F. Rand bt Mrs. R. H. Burrell by 10 on time. F. E. Corke bt Miss C, Templeton by 2

Miss E. Walker bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley by 7. Mrs. C. F. Rand bt G. A. H. Alexander by 15. Miss E. Walker bt F. E. Corke by 2 on time.

FINAL Mrs. C. F. Rand bt Miss E. Walker by 12 on time.

#### HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "D").

#### THE HUTTON CUP.

(10 bisques and over commencing at 5th hoop).

FIRST ROUND Miss K. A. Wade (14) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (12) by 6.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss M. M. Taylor (13) bt Mrs. R. W. Hutton (10) by 4. Miss L. Isaac (12) bt Miss K. A. Wade (14) by 8 Miss E. E. Bennett (11) bt Mrs. G. Ratsey (10) by 1.

Mrs. A. A. Brown (12) w.o. Mrs. F. M. Thornwill (9) opponent

Miss M. M. Taylor (13) bt Miss L. Isaac (12) by 11.
Miss E. E. Bennett (11) bt Mrs A. A. Brown (12) by 4.

Miss E. E. Bennett (11) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (13) by 10.

#### HANDICAP SINGLES. THE BENEST CUP.

(Commencing at 5th hoop). (19 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5½) bt Miss C. Templeton (9) by 7. Miss H. Traught (8) bt Mrs. A. B. Ward (10) by 9. Mrs. G. Ratsey (10) bt G. V. Evans (—½) by 3.

#### SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. A. A. Brown (12) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) by 10.
Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (9) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (13) by 7.
Miss L. Isaac (12) w.o. G. A. H. Alexander (8) opponent retired.
Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5½) bt Miss H. Traught (8) by 3. Mrs. G. Ratsey (10) bt Mrs. R. H. Burrell (4) by 8 on time. Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4) w.o. Miss E. Walker opponent scratched. Mrs. R. W. Hutton (10) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornwill (9) by 1 on time. G. Birch (3) bt Miss J. Preston (8) by 5.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (9) bt Mrs. A. A. Brown (12) by 3 on time.

Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5½) bt Miss L. Isaac (12) by 8.

Mrs. G. Ratsey (10) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4) by 7. G. Birch (3) bt Mrs. R. W. Hutton (10) by 9

Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (9) bt Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5½) by 6. G. Birch (3) bt Mrs. G. Ratsey (10) by 10.

Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (9) bt G. Birch (3) by 8.

#### HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y.").

THE DIBLEY CUP.

EVENT "X". (24 Entries).

FIRST ROUND. F. E. Corke (41) bt Mrs. R. W. Hutton (10) by 17. G. Birch (3) bt Mrs. C. F. Rand (3½) by 2. Mrs. F. N. Latham (1½) bt Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5½) by 1. Miss M. M. Taylor (13) bt Miss H. Trought (9) by 11 Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (9) bt Miss L. Isaac (12) by 15. Miss E. Walker (34) w.o. Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) opponent retired. Mrs. A. A. Brown (12) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornwill (9) by 6 on time. Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4) bt Miss E. E. Bennett (11) by 8. Miss J. Preston (8) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (12) by 12.

SECOND ROUND. Mrs. G. Ratsey (10) bt G. A. H. Alexander (8) by 7 on time. Mrs. G. Ratsey (10) bt G. A. H. Alexander (6) by 7 on time.
F. E. Corke (4½) bt Mrs. A. B. Ward (10) by 22.

Mrs. F. N. Latham (1½) bt G. Birch (3) by 6.

Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (9) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (11) by 10.

Miss E. Walker (3½) bt Mrs. A. A. Brown (11) by 12 on time.

Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4) bt Miss J. Preston (8) by 5. Mrs. R. H. Burrell (9) bt G. Victor Evans (-1) by 10. Miss C. Templeton (9) bt Miss K. A. Wade (14) by 3 on time.

F. E. Corke (4½) bt Mrs. G. Ratsey (10) by 9.
Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (9) bt Mrs. F. N. Latham (1½) by 10.
Miss E. Walker (3½) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4) by 14. Miss C. Templeton (9) bt Mrs. R. H. Burrell (9) by 9 on time.

SEMI-FINAL. F. E. Corke (4½) bt Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (9) by 9. Miss C. Templeton (9) w.o. Miss E. Walker opponent scratched.

F. E. Corke (4½) bt Miss C. Templeton (9) by 10.

EVENT "Y". (Commencing at 5th hoop). (13 Entries).

FIRST ROUND. Mrs. R. W. Hutton (10) bt Mrs. A. B. Ward (10) by 10. Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (51) w.o. Mrs. C. F. Rand opponent

scratched. Miss H. Trought (8) bt Miss L. Isaac (12) by 6. Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornwill (9) by 3 Miss E. E. Bennett (11) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (12) by 11.

SECOND ROUND. Mrs. R. W. Hutton (10) bt G. A. H. Alexander (8) by 3. Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5½) bt Miss H. Trought (9) by 2. Miss E. E. Bennett (11) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) by 12.

Miss K. A. Wade (14) w.o. G. V. Evans (-12) opponent scratched. SEMI-FINAL. Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5½) bt Mrs. R. W. Hutton (10) by 6. Miss E. E. Bennett (11) bt Miss K. A. Wade (14) by 5.

Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5½) bt Miss E. E. Bennett (11) by 8.

#### HANDICAP DOUBLES. (12 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. R. W. Hutton and Mrs. G. Ratsey (20) bt Miss C. Templeton and Miss K. A. Wade (23) by 13. Mrs. F. M. Thornwill and Miss E. Walker (121) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay

and Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (16) by 13. Mrs. C. F. Rand and Mrs. A. A. Brown (15½) bt Mrs. F. N. Latham and Miss L. Isaac (13½) by 4 on time.
G. A. H. Alexander and Mrs. R. H. Burrell (17) bt Miss H. Trought

and Miss M. M. Taylor (21) by 2 on time.

SECOND ROUND.

G. V. Evans and Mrs. J. H. Dibley (3½) bt Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth and Miss E. E. Bennett (16½) by 4.

Mrs. F. M. Thornwill and Miss E. Walker (12½) bt Mrs. R. W.

Hutton and Mrs. G. Ratsey (20) by 7. Mrs. C. F. Rand and Mrs. A. A. Brown (151) bt G. A. H. Alexander

and Mrs. R. H. Burrell (17) by 9 on time F. E. Corke and Mrs. W. A. Naylor (161) bt G. Birch and Mrs. J. Cowper Blake (9) by 3.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. F. M. Thornwill and Miss E. Walker (121) bt G. V. Evans and Mrs. J. H. Dibley (31) by 6. Mrs. C. F. Rand and Mrs. A. A. Brown (151) bt F. E. Corke and Mrs. W. A. Naylor (161) by 12.

Mrs. C. F. Rand and Mrs. A. A. Brown (15½) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornwill and Miss E. Walker (12½) by 10.

#### WOKING

#### June 10th-15th, 1957

It is two years since there was a tournament here. Now this meeting is all over and will soon be forgotten by most of the players as they travel round the country in search of new fields to conquer. However, one ventures to think that the final in the Handicap Singles between Mrs. Rotherham and Dalton will be long remembered. They had both played a lot of hard matches throughout the week but in the end Dalton staged the better play and beat his opponent by 24 points after an exhibition of almost faultless accuracy. In the Doubles he and McLure Williams having beaten the two "Hopes"-lost to Mrs. Whitham and the all-conquering Stone. The latter was splendidly assisted by his partner who never faltered. She and Dalton accompanied by Hope will, perhaps, have their handicaps reduced.

Whatever may be written or said about this tournament, there can be no complaints about the weather even if Monday, 10th, was damp and chilly. For the rest of the week the sun tempered by an easterly breeze blazed in a blue sky with a temperature of 85° on the Saturday. The lawns have improved beyond all belief and reflect the greatest credit on Gardner, the new groundsman, who has only been here for a matter of weeks. Nor must Cobb's hard work with pen and paper, sickle and wheel-barrow, be overlooked. Mrs. Clark, the stewardess, pulled her weight as usual in the bar

and the tea arrangements.

Woking was glad to welcome a goodly contingent of visitors

and hopes that they will all come back another year.

The final paragraph of this account is deliberately reserved for a word of thanks to Mrs. Ernest Turner. Once again she showed her usual skill, courtesy and kindness in her managerial duties. A Woking tournament would not be the same without her.

#### OPEN SINGLES. THE CLUB CHALLENGE CUP.

(7 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

M. B. Reckitt bt I. C. Baillieu +1 +15. Mrs. E. Rotherham w.o. Mrs. L. C. Apps opponent scratched. Major G. F. Stone bt G. Victor Evans +7 +25. SEMI-FINAL.

M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs. E. Rotherham +15 +12. Major G. F. Stone bt Major J. W. Cobb +20 +26.

M. B. Reckitt bt Major G. F. Stone —5 opponent retired.

#### LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B").

 $(\frac{1}{2}$  to 6 bisques).

CHALLENGE CUP.

(11 Entries).

FIRST ROUND. G. E. W. Hitchcock bt Capt. K. B. Millar by 6. Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt E. A. Roper by 11. T. F. Dalton bt Mrs. M. Roy by 23.

A. McClure Williams w.o. Mrs. M. B. Reckitt opponent retired.
Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt G. E. W. Hitchcock by 18.
T. F. Dalton bt Miss L. Elphinstone Stone by 15. Mrs. E. A. Roper bt Mrs. C. Waydelin by 4. SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt A. McClure Williams by 14. T. F. Dalton bt Mrs. E. A. Roper by 24. FINAL

Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt T. F. Dalton by 3.

Twelve

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "C").  $(6\frac{1}{2} \text{ bisques and over}).$ (6 Entries).

FIRST ROUND. Lord Charles Hope bt Capt. H. J. Pullein Thompson by 24. Miss M. M. L. Morgan bt Mrs. V. A. Gunnell by 3. SEMI-FINAL:

Lord Charles Hope bt Mrs. J. S. Omond by 16. Mrs. R. Whitham bt Miss M. M. L. Morgan by 4. FINAL.

Lord Charles Hope w.o. Mrs. R. Whitham opponent retired.

HANDICAP SINGLES. (Unrestricted).

CHALLENGE BOWL. (26 Entries).

FIRST ROUND. Mrs. R. Whitham (9) bt Miss M. M. L. Morgan (81) by 3. Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (9) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (11) by 7. A. McClure-Williams (2) bt Mrs. I. C. Baillieu (9) by 12. G. E. W. Hitchcock (2) bt Capt. H. J. Pullein Thempson (12) by 18. Major G. F. Stone (—4) bt G. Victor Evans (—1) by 19. I. C. Baillieu (1) bt Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (3\frac{1}{2}) by 17. Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth  $(5\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs. M. Roy (3) by 16. M. B. Reckitt  $(-3\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) by 10. Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) bt R. Whitham (6) by 6. Lord Charles Hope (10) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1½) by 17.

T. F. Dalton (2) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (5½) by 12.

Mrs. R. Whitham (9) bt Mrs. V. A. Gunnell (9) by 15.

A. McClure Williams (2) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (9) by 18. Major G. F. Stone (-4) bt G. E. W. Hitchcock (2) by 11. Mrs. E. R. Farnsworth (5½) bt I. C. Baillieu (1) by 16. Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt M. B. Reckitt (—3½) by 16. Lord Charles Hope (10) bt Capt. K. B. Millar (4) by 13. E. A. Roper (2) bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) by 18.

T. F. Dalton (2) bt Mrs. R. Whitham (9) by 19. Major G. F. Stone (—4) bt A. McClure Williams (2) by 5. Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt Mrs. E. R. Farnsworth (5½) by 1. Lord Charles Hope (10) bt E. A. Roper (2) by 12.

SEMI-FINAL.

T. F. Dalton (2) bt Major G. F. Stone (—4) by 12. Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) bt Lord Charles Hope (10) by 12. FINAL.

T. F. Dalton (2) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) by 24.

HANDICAP DOUBLES. (Combined Handicap 3 or over).

CHALLENGE CUPS. (12 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND. Mrs. E. Rotherham and Lord Charles Hope (5) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornewill and Brig. J. S. Omond (141) by 8

M. B. Reckitt and Miss M. M. Morgan (4) bt I. C. Baillieu and Mrs.

I. C. Baillieu (10) by 12.

Major G. F. Stone and Mrs. R. Whitham (5) w.o. Mrs. J. S. Omond and Capt. H. J. Pullein-Thompson (23) opponents retired.

E. A. Roper and Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) bt Mrs. E. R. Farnsworth

and Major J. W. Cobb (41) by 5. SECOND ROUND. A. McClure-Williams and T. F. Dalton (4) bt G. Victor Evans and

R. Whitham  $(5\frac{1}{2})$  by 5. Mrs. E. Rotherham and Lord Charles Hope (5) bt M. B. Reckitt and Miss M. M. Morgan (4) by 5. Major G. F. Stone and Mrs. R. Whitham (5) bt E. A. Roper and

Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) by 10.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Capt. K. B. Millar (5½) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop and Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (141) by 17.

A. McClure-Williams and T. F. Dalton (4) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Lord Charles Hope (5) by 2. Major G. F. Stone and Mrs. R. Whitham (5) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson

Major G. F. Stone and Mrs. R. Whitham (5) bt A. McClure-Williams and T. F. Dalton (4) by 7.

and Capt. K. B. Millar (51) by 17.

#### PARKSTONE

June 17th-23rd, 1957

Hot sunny weather marred only by heavy thunderstorms on the Wednesday morning and on the Saturday afternoon, marked what is always one of the most pleasant tournaments of the Season. Under Mr. Ashton's skilful management and with Mrs. Ashton's charm and efficiency everything went smoothly. The first day was

perhaps notable for the length of the games. In the first round of the Open, V. de la Nougerede's game with Miss Warwick lasted for five hours, the former eventually winning by one point. In the second round of the same event de la Nougerede, after being ten points behind succeeded in beating W. Sweet Escott who had missed his peg out. The final was won by V. de la Nougerede. Instead of Draw and Process in the A class the losers of the 1st round competed

for the Halse Cup which was won by Miss Warwick.

Among newcomers to the game was Miss Hickson (14) who, in the "X" Handicap, won easy victories over Mrs. Ashton and Commander Beamish to lose in the semi-finals to T. A. Chignell. She is a promising player who should do well in the future. The final was won by T. A. Chignell whose opponent, Miss Warwick, never took croquet. He also won the "C" Class and played consistently good croquet all week.

Miss Elphinstone-Stone proved that great age is no obstacle by reaching after three lengthy rounds the finals of the Doubles which she and de la Nougerede lost to W. Sweet Escott and Mrs. Wilson in a close game. In the final of the "B", Miss V. Mills beat her sister in a close game.

In the semi-final of the "Y", Miss Weston, after being behind, pegged out one of Mrs. Kay's balls and won by two points. She lost to Dr. G. L. Ormerod in the final.

There were, in the games which have not been mentioned in this report, feats of skill or points of interest which made the tournament most successful to winners and losers alike.

#### OPEN SINGLES. THE DORSET SALVER AND HALSE CUP.

(7 Entries).

W. W. Sweet Escott bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 3. V. A. de la Nougerede bt Miss E. J. Warwick by 1. J. G. Warwick bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 16.

SEMI-FINAL V. A. de la Nougerede bt W. W. Sweet Escott by 1. J. G. Warwick bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 3.

V. A. de la Nougerede bt J. G. Warwick by 9.

OPEN SINGLES. (Shortened game starting at 5th hoop). (4 Entries).

SEMI-FINAL. Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 3. Miss J. Warwick bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 7.

Miss J. Warwick bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 7.

LEVEL SINGLES. THE EVANS TROPHY.  $(1\frac{1}{2} \text{ to 4 bisques}).$ 

(7 Entries).

Miss K. Ault bt Mrs. J. A. McMordie by 7. Miss A. E. Mills w.o. opponent withdrawn.
Dr. G. L. Ormerod bt Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin by 10. Miss V. E. Mills bt Miss L. Elphinstone Stone by SEMI-FINAL.

Miss A. E. Mills bt Miss K. Ault by 11 Miss V. E. Mills bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod by 7. Miss V. E. Mills bt Miss A. E. Mills by 9.

#### HANDICAP SINGLES.

THE COPE CUP.

(4½ bisques and over). (11 Entries).

Miss M. M. Taylor (13) bt Miss G. L. Weston (9) by 4. Major F. Hill-Bernhard (6) bt Miss I. M. Purves (12) by 22. Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) bt Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (12) by 11. SECOND ROUND.

T. A. Chignell (5) bt Mrs. G. M. Robertson (12) by 8.
Miss M. M. Taylor (13) bt Major F. Hill-Bernhard (6) by 3.
A. F. Rash (9) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) by 14.
Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (9) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (9) by 4.

T. A. Chignell (5) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (13) by 4. A. F. Rash (9) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (9) by 19.

T. A. Chignell (5) bt A. F. Rash (9) by 10.

#### HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y."). (Unrestricted).

#### THE BISHOP CUP AND EVANS ROSE BOWL.

(EVENT "X"). (Shortened game starting at 5th hoop). (27 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1) bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod (2) by 12. Miss V. E. Mills (1½) bt Mrs. Hill (6) by 11.
V. A. de la Nougerede (—½) bt J. G. Warwick (—1½) by 18.
Major F. Hill-Bernhard (6) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (13) by 7.
Miss J. Warwick (½) bt Mrs. G. M. Robertson (12) by 11. Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (2½) bt Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (12) by 10. Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (½) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1½) by 10. Mrs. J. A. McMordie (3) bt Miss K. Ault (3) by 7.

Mrs. L. H. Ashton (—2) bt W. W. Sweet Escott (—1) by 17.

Miss Hickson (14) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (9) by 5.

Mrs. V. Wilson (12) bt Mrs. I. M. Purves (\*12) by 10. SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (9) bt Miss Elphinstone-Stone (31) by 11. Miss V. E. Mills (11/2) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1) by 10. V. de la Nougerede (-1) bt Major F. Hill-Bernhard (6) opponent

Miss J. Warwick (\(\frac{1}{2}\)) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (2\(\frac{1}{2}\)) by 9. Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (\(\frac{1}{2}\)) bt Mrs. J. A. McMordie (3) by 5. Miss Hickson (14) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton (-2) by 6. Mrs. V. Wilson (12) bt Mrs. I. M. Purves (\*12) by 6. T. A. Chignell (5) bt Miss G. L. Weston (9) by 8.

THIRD ROUND.

Miss V. E. Mills (1½) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (9) by 6.

Miss J. Warwick (½) w.o. V. de la Nougerede (—½) opponent re-

Miss Hickson (14) bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (1) by 18. T. A. Chignell (5) bt Mrs. V. Wilson (12) by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss J. Warwick (½) bt Miss V. E. Mills (1½) by 4.

T. A. Chignell (5) bt Miss D. Hickson (14) by 7.

T. A. Chignell (5) bt Miss J. Warwick (1) by 18.

EVENT "Y". (14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND. Dr. G. L. Ormerod (2) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) by 13. J. G. Warwick (—1½) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (13) by 5. Mrs. G. M. Robertson (12) bt Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (12) by 13. Miss A. E. Mills (11) bt Miss K. Ault (3) by 6. Mrs. E. M. Kay (9) bt W. Sweet Escott (-1) by 8.

Mrs. I. M. Purves (\*12) w.o. A. F. Rash opponent scratched. SECOND ROUND.

Dr. G. L. Ormerod (2) bt Miss Elphinstone-Stone (3) by 13.

J. G. Warwick (—1½) bt Mrs. G. M. Robertson (12) by 13.

Mrs. E. M. Kay (9) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1½) by 8.

Miss G. L. Weston (9) bt Mrs. I. M. Purves (\*12) by 5.

SEMI-FINAL. Dr. G. L. Ormerod (2) bt J. G. Warwick  $(-1\frac{1}{2})$  by 11. Miss G. L. Weston (9) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (9) by 2

FINAL.
Dr. G. L. Ormerod (2) bt Miss G. L. Weston (9) by 9.

HANDICAP DOUBLES. (Unrestricted). (12 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND. J. G. Warwick and Miss A. E. Mills (0) bt Miss K. Ault and Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (12) by 2

W. W. Sweet Escott and Mrs. V. Wilson (11) bt Mrs. J. A. McMordie and T. A. Chignell (8) by 8. Mrs. L. H. Ashton and Mrs. I. M. Purves (10) bt Comdr. G. V. G.

Beamish and Mrs. G. Fitter (12½) by 5. V. de la Nougerede and Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (3) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Miss V. E. Mills (2½) by 2.

SECOND ROUND Major F. Hill-Bernhard and Mrs. E. M. Kay (13) bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod and Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (14) by 10 W. W. Sweet Escott and Mrs. V. Wilson (11) bt J. Warwick and Miss

A. E. Mills (0) by 9.

V. de la Nougerede and Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (3) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton and Mrs. I. M. Purves (10) by 4.

A. F. Rash and Miss M. M. Taylor (21) bt Miss J. E. Warwick and

Mrs. K. E. Bridge (121) by 2.

SEMI-FINAL. W. W. Sweet Escott and Mrs. V. Wilson (11) bt Major F. Hill-

Bernhard and Mrs. E. M. Kay (13) by 13. V. A. de la Nougerede and Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (3) bt A. F. Rash and Miss M. M. Taylor (21) by 5.

Thirteen

W. W. Sweet Escott and Mrs. V. Wilson (11) bt V. A. de la Nougerede and Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (3) by 7.

#### NOTTINGHAM

JUNE 17th-22nd, 1957

The Club's annual official tournament started in glorious summer weather which continued without a break until Saturday morning, the last day, when competitors in the semi-finals arrived in pouring rain to fight out the last stages on water sodden lawns in utter contrast to the very swift and dry conditions of the first fine days. Perhaps it was these very fiery lawns that accounted for very long and tiring matches, especially among the longer bisqued players.

In spite of the lengthy games, and the usual position of too few people being in too many events towards the end, Miss D. D. Steel, as usual with her masterly efficiency and uncanny flair for predicting the outcome of a match, succeeded in getting all events completed by early evening on the last day.

It was unfortunate that several of our regular visitors were unable to take part this year owing to illness or accident, among them being F. H. Fisher and R. H. Newton, two regulars for many years; the former suffering from rheumatism and the latter from a broken wrist. We wish them speedy recovery.

A newcomer to the tournament, D. G. B. Harries, of Cheltenham, provided spectators with the delight of some very brisk if unorthodox play. As a newcomer to tournament conditions he had too much of a fetish for pegging out, or attempting to peg out his opponent's ball, and his partner from the doubles; for in pegging out his opponent's ball he pegged out his own in the same stroke; and again in the opens he attempted to peg out his opponent after peeling through the rover, and failing to do so was promptly pegged out himself with his other ball several hoops behind.

Among the high-lights of the tournament was the close finish in the "Robin Hood" Gold Cup in which the holder, G. N. B. Huskinson, lost to Harries by one point; the play-off in the final of the Opens between G. N. Bright and G. Birch, where having defeated each other narrowly in opposite sides of the draw fought out a neck and neck battle. With his opponent laid at the rover to peel and possibly finish Birch with a long shot hit the hoop and bounced his ball on to a lucky roquet, and went out. Further excitement was caused in the doubles semi-final between N. L. Bright and Taylor and G. N. Bright and Birch, the game being level on time. The latter just succeeding to make the all-important next point. The double final was completed in very fast time, G. N. B. Huskinson going all round with 2 bisques, his partner Sir Miles Graham steadily progressing with three of the four remaining bisques. With their opponents failing in their usually accurate shooting, one bisque remained for pegging out and this was speedily accomplished.

The tournament ended on a rather sad note, G. N. B. Huskinson slipping on a patch of oil while getting to his car, fell and was taken home having sustained a suspected fracture of an arm already damaged by former fractures. We wish him full and speedy recovery.

The Club Committee, so ably led by Mrs. J. R. Elliott, once again lived up to its reputation for efficiency of organisation and the ladies provided once again for the inner man, and woman, those magnificent lunches and teas for which they are so famous.

We regret once again the absence of any visitor from the governing body, but to those competitors from other clubs who honoured us with their presence, we say thank you for coming, we liked having you, we need you, come again please.

#### ROBIN HOOD GOLD CUP. HANDICAP SINGLES.

(Associates only). (12 Entries).

N. L. Bright (5½) w.o. Miss D. D. Steel (—4). Mrs. L. Abdy (9) bt A. H. Fabb (13) by 14. G. Birch (3) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow (5) by 9. E. J. Cook (7) bt Mrs. A. M. Riddey (9) by 12.

G. N. B. Huskinson (7) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (—1½) by 16. N. L. Bright (5½) bt Mrs. L. Abdy (9) by 11. G. Birch (3) bt E. J. Cook (7) by 8.

D. G. B. Harries (3) bt Mrs. A. S. Greaves (12) by 4.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. N. B. Huskinson (7) bt N. L. Bright (5½) by 10.

D. G. B. Harries (3) bt G. Birch (3) by 9.

D. G. B. Harries (3) bt G. N. B. Huskinson (7) by 1.

OPEN SINGLES. THE DRAW.

(8 Entries).

G. N. B. Huskinson bt N. L. Bright by 6. Miss D. D. Steel bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 25. G. N. Bright bt G. Birch by 5. H. O. Hodgson bt D. G. B. Harries by 15.

Miss D. D. Steel w.o. G. N. B. Huskinson. G. N. Bright w.o. H. O. Hodgson.

G. N. Bright w.o. Miss D. D. Steel.

PROCESS.

(8 Entries).

G. N. Bright bt N. L. Bright by 13. D. G. B. Harries bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 8. G. Birch bt Miss D. D. Steel by 8.

G. Birch bt Miss D. D. Steel by 8.
H. O. Hodgson bt G. N. B. Huskinson by 6.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. N. Bright bt D. G. B. Harries by 4. G. Birch w.o. H. O. Hodgson.

G. Birch bt G. N. Bright by 4.

PLAY-OFF.
G. Birch bt G. N. Bright by 4.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(5 bisques and over).

(17 Entries).

A. O. Taylor (5) bt Miss L. H. Smith  $(6\frac{1}{2})$  by 6. SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. N. Fabb (11) bt Mrs. A. M. Riddey (9) by 21. Rev. F. J. Denbow (5) bt Miss W. Stevenson (9) by 9. E. J. Cook (7) bt A. H. Fabb (13) by 13. A. J. Bucknell (10) bt A. O. Taylor (5) by 19. W. F. Lord (7) bt N. L. Bright  $(5\frac{1}{2})$  by 7. Sir Miles Graham (10) bt Mrs. A. S. Greaves (12) by 18. Mrs. E. M. Bright (12) bt Sir Henry Prior (14) by 3. Mrs. A. Collinson (11) bt Mrs. M. C. Peake (9) by 11.

THIRD ROUND.

Rev. F. J. Denbow (5) bt Mrs. N. Fabb (11) by 6.
E. J. Cook (7) bt A. J. Bucknell (10) by 8.
W. F. Lord (7) bt Sir Miles Graham (10) by 3.
Mrs. A. Collinson (11) bt Mrs. E. M. Bright (12) by 9.

E. J. Cook (7) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow (5) by 16. Mrs. A. Collinson (11) bt W. F. Lord (7) by 11.

E. J. Cook (7) bt Mrs. A. Collinson (11) by 10.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y.").

EVENT "X".

(21 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

G. N. Bright (2) bt Mrs. A. Collinson (11) by 4.
G. N. B. Huskinson (7) bt G. Birch (3) by 11.
A. O. Taylor (5) bt Mrs. E. M. Bright (12) by 4.
H. O. Hodgson (0) bt Miss L. H. Smith (6½) by 4.
A. J. Bucknell (10) bt E. J. Cook (7) by 2.

Mrs. M. C. Peake (9) bt Miss W. Stevenson (9) by 13.

A. H. Fabb (13) bt Mrs. A. M. Riddey (9) by 2.

G. N. Bright (2) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow (5) by 7.

G. N. B. Huskinson (7) bt A. O. Taylor (5) by 19.

H. O. Hodgson (0) bt A. J. Bucknell (10) by 3.

D. G. B. Harries (3) bt W. F. Lord (7) by 11.

Mrs. L. Abdy (9) bt Mrs. A. S. Greaves (12) by 10.

Sir Miles Graham (10) bt Sir Henry Prior (14) by 3.

Mrs. M. C. Peake (9) bt A. H. Fabb (13) by 11. G. N. B. Huskinson (7) bt G. N. Bright (2) by 25. H. O. Hodgson (0) bt D. G. B. Harries (3) by 5. Mrs. L. Abdy (9) w.o. Sir Miles Graham (10).

G. N. B. Huskinson (7) bt Mrs. M. C. Peake (9) by 20. Mrs. L. Abdy (9) bt H. O. Hodgson (0) by 1.

G. N. B. Huskinson (7) bt Mrs. L. Abdy (9) by 12.

EVENT "Y". (11 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Rev. F. J. Denbow (5) bt Mrs. A. Collinson (11) by 00. G. Birch (3) bt Mrs. E. M. Bright (12) by 00. E. J. Cook (7) bt Miss L. H. Smith (6½) by 00.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss W. Stevenson (9) bt Mrs. A. M. Riddey (9) by 5.

Rev. F. J. Denbow (1) w.o. G. Birch (3).

E. J. Cook (7) bt W. F. Lord (7) by 15. Mrs. A. S. Greaves (12) bt Sir Henry Prior (14) by 9.

Rev. F. J. Denbow (5) bt Miss W. Stevenson (9) by 5. Mrs. A. S. Greaves (12) bt E. J. Cook (7) by 8.

Rev. F. J. Denbow (5) w.o. Mrs. A. S. Greaves (12) opponent ret.

#### HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Unrestricted).

(9 Pairs).

H. O. Hodgson and A. J. Bucknell (10) bt Mrs. N. Fabb and A. H. Fabb (24) by 3.

SECOND ROUND.

G. N. Bright and G. Birch (5) bt W. F. Lord and Mrs. A. Collinson (18) by 6.

A. O. Taylor and N. L. Bright (10½) bt H. O. Hodgson and A. J. Bucknell (10) by 15.

Rev. F. J. Denbow and Mrs. L. Abdy (14) bt D. G. B. Harries and Mrs. A. M. Riddey (12) by 11.

G. N. B. Huskinson and Sir Miles Graham (17) bt E. J. Cook and Mrs. A. S. Greaves (19) by 8.

G. N. Bright and G. Birch (5) bt A. O. Taylor and N. L. Bright (10½) by 1 on time,

G. N. B. Huskinson and Sir Miles Graham (17) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow and Mrs. L. Abdy (14) by 20.

G. N. B. Huskinson and Sir Miles Graham (17) bt G. N. Bright and G. Birch (5) by 24.

#### 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 34in. 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

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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 3\(\frac{3}{4}\)in. 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 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

 THE HURLINGHAM CUP. Holder, E. P. C. Cotter. Level Singles. Best of three games throughout. Entrance Fee, 11s.

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.

 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.

.—THE YOUNGER CUP. Holder, G. E. W. Hitchcock. Level Singles. For players handicapped at  $2\frac{1}{2}$  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.

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.

 MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Fifth hoop variation.
 Tournament Plant by Messrs. John Jaques and Son Ltd., 3¾in.

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.

Fifteen

Fourteen

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.

CROOUET 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.

#### THE CHALLENGE CUPS, GILBEY CUP AND GOLF CROQUET CUPS

Will be played for at The Roehampton and Hurlingham Clubs on Thursday, August 15th, to Saturday, August 24th

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet

Manager and Handicapper.-Miss D. A. Lintern.

Referee.-F. H. Fisher.

Assistant Manager and Referee (at Hurlingham).-Miss A. E.

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

**EVENTS** 

#### OPEN TO ASSOCIATES ONLY

#### THE CHALLENGE CUPS

1.—FIRST DIVISION. THE ROEHAMPTON CHALLENGE CUP (Open). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. This event will be played on the "Two Life" system. Holder: W. P. Ormerod.

- 2.—SECOND DIVISION. THE COUNCIL CHALLENGE CUP. Open to Associates handicapped at 0 to 2 bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Matches of single games except that matches best of three games will be played in the semi-final (if time permits) and final. Level play. Law 44 partially suspended. Holder: Miss E. J. Warwick.
- 3.—THIRD DIVISION. THE LUARD CHALLENGE CUP. Open to Associates handicapped at 2½ to 4½ bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Matches of single games throughout. Holder: Mrs. H. J. Collins.
- 4.—FOURTH DIVISION. THE RECKITT CHALLENGE CUP. Open to Associates handicapped at 5 to 7½ bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Matches of single games throughout. Level play. Holder: Mrs. E. Haigh Smith.
- 5.—FIFTH DIVISION. THE STEVENSON CHALLENGE CUP. Open to Associates handicapped at 8 bisques or over. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Matches of single games throughout. Level play. Holder: Major F. Hill-Bernhard.

N.B.—Law 44 suspended in Events 3, 4 and 5. No competitor may enter for more than one of the above events. Events 1 to 5 will be played under the 18-point variation, starting at 5th hoop.

- 6.-THE "GILBEY" CUP HANDICAP SINGLES. This event will be drawn in four blocks. "A", "B", "C" and "D" according to handicaps. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Matches of single games throughout. To qualify for the "Gilbey" Cup the winner of "A" v. "B" will play the winner of "C" v. "D". Holders: The Event, Mrs. E. Haigh Smith; Block "A", W. P. Ormerod; Block "B", Miss E. J. Warwick; Block "D", Major F. Hill-Bernhard.
- 7.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicaps of 1 bisque or over. Entries should be made in pairs. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. each person. Matches of single games throughout.

8.—GOLF CROQUET SINGLES. THE "ASCOT" CHAL-LENGE CUP. Open to all. Entrance Fee, 4s. 6d. The competition will be played under the Official Rules of Golf Croquet. Played in two blocks according to handicaps; the winners of the blocks playing off to decide the winner of the Cup. Holder: R. Tingey.

9.—GOLF CROQUET DOUBLES. THE "DELVES BROUGH-TON" CHALLENGE CUPS. Presented by the late Sir Delves Broughton. Open to pairs with a combined Croquet handicap of not less than scratch. Entrance Fee, 4s. 6d. The competition will be played under the Official Rules of Golf Croquet. Entries should be made in pairs. Holders: R. Tingey and Maj.-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson.

CONDITIONS

Hoops 33in. wide. Jaques' Championship Balls will be used. Five courts will be provided at Roehampton. Competitors must be prepared to play at Hurlingham if required to do so. Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

ENTRIES

The entries accompanied by the Entrance Fees, for Events 1 to 6, 8 and 9, must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., so as to reach her not later than the first post on Monday, August 12th, and for Event 7 (in pairs) by 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 17th.

Competitors must give with their entries, the address at which messages will reach them during the Tournament. Standard Entry Forms should be used.

DRAW

The Draw for the Challenge Cups and Gilbey Cup will take place at 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, on Monday, 12th August, at 11 a.m. The Draw for Event 7 (Handicap Doubles) will take place at the Roehampton Club at noon on Saturday, August 17th.

PLAY

Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily, unless otherwise notified, and continue until 7 p.m. or later if necessary.

#### HUNSTANTON

THE SIXTIETH HUNSTANTON OPEN CROQUET TOURNAMENT

Will be held on the Club Grounds on Monday, September 2nd, 1957 and five following days

(Under C.A. Laws and Regulations)

Committee.-Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton, Mrs. Edmund Reeve, C. B. Bird, Miss Gillespie, J. G. Warwick, Dr. Lewis.

Manager.-C. B. Bird.

Referee and Handicapper.—Mrs. Edmund Reeve. Hon. Secretary.—Mrs. B. C. Perowne, 65 Victoria Avenue,

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES (Class "A"). Draw and Process. The
- Norfolk Challenge Cup. Entrance Fee, 11s.

  2.—LEVEL SINGLES (Class "B"). Law 44 suspended. THE HUNSTANTON CHALLENGE BOWL. 2 to 6½ bisques.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES (Class "C"). 7 bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 4.—HANDICAPSINGLES. "X.Y.Z." INGLEBY CHALLENGE
- CUP. Entrance Fee, 11s.
  5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. No players of 2 handicap or less

may partner each other. Entrance Fee, 8s.

At the discretion of the Committee, any of these events may be played on the American system if number of entries warrants it. No player may enter for more than one of Events 1, 2 and 3. CONDITIONS

Entries for 1, 2, 3 and 4, must reach the Secretary not later than the last post on Thursday, August 29th, and for Event 5 on Tuesday, September 3rd, with application for leave, which will not be granted after 12 noon on Monday, unless the exigencies of the

Entrance Fees must be paid at the time of entry.

#### THE DRAW

The Draw for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4, will take place in the Club's Pavilion on Saturday, August 31st, at 5 p.m.

Play will begin at 10 a.m. on each day and continue to 7 p.m.

Standard setting and Jaques' Championship balls will be used. Five courts will be available.

Hotels.-Golden Lion, Garden House, Ken Hill View, Caltofts, Austin St. There are also the L'Estrange Arms and the Lodge Hotels at Old Hunstanton one mile away.

#### **BRIGHTON, 1957**

#### THE FORTY-FOURTH AUTUMN TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, AUGUST 26th, and FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS To be held on the Lawns of the Sussex County Croquet Club,

Victoria Road, Southwick, Sussex

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

Manager, Handicapper and Referee.-Miss D. D. Steel. Hon. Secretary.-F. E. Corke, 60 Southwick Street, Southwick.

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES ("Two Lives" system). THE SUSSEX GOLD CUP presented by the late E. R. Harrison. Entrance Fee. 11s.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS B). Law 44 suspended. THE FRANC CUP presented by Mrs. H. Franc. Open to players handicapped 2 to 5 bisques. Entrance Fee, 8s
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS 3). THE MONTEITH BOWL presented by the late G. C. Branthisaite. Open to players handicapped 5½ bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- HANDICAP SINGLES. THE MAURICE RECKITT BOWL presented by Mr. M. B. Reckitt. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicap not less than 2. Entrance Fee, 8s. each partner.

All games in Event 5 to start at No. 3 hoop.

#### **ENTRIES**

Players may not enter for more than one of Events 1, 2 or 3. Entries for 1, 2, 3 and 4, must reach the Hon. Secretary by first post on Thursday, August 22nd, but may close earlier if necessary.

#### THE DRAW

The Draw for 1, 2, 3 and 4, will take place at Southwick on Thursday, August 22nd, at 2.30 p.m., and Event 5 on Tuesday, August 27th.

Play will commence at 10 a.m. and continue till 6.30 p.m. or later if necessary. No leave will be granted later than 12 noon, Monday. GENERAL

Standard setting, 33 inch hoops and Jaques' "Eclipse" Balls will be used. Ten Courts will be available. Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

Competitors will be made hon, members of the Club during the Tournament.

#### TRANSPORT

Green buses along Brighton Front leave the Palace Pier every seven minutes. The 9.30 bus arrives Southwick, Grange Road, 9.40 a.m. From Worthing bus service every quarter of an hour and train service to Southwick four times an hour.

#### BRIGHTON (UNOFFICIAL)

An Unofficial Tournament will be held on

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd, and FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS (Under C.A. Laws and Regulations).

Manager and Handicapper.-Major J. R. Dibley.

Hon. Sec.-F. E. Corke, 60 Southwick Street, Southwick Sussex. **EVENTS** 

- 1.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 51 and under. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 2.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 6 to 8½. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 3.-HANDICAP SINGLES. 9 and over. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. ("X.Y."). 0 and over. Entrance Fee,
- 5.-HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined Handicap to be not less than 5. Entrance Fee, 8s.

All games in Event 4 will start at No. 3 hoop.

Entries for 1, 2 and 3, must reach the Hon. Secretary not later than first post, Thursday, August 29th.

The Draw for Events 1, 2 and 3, will take place at Southwick on

Thursday, August 29th, and for Event 4 at 2.30, Tuesday, Septem-

Luncheons and Teas will be obtainable in the Club canteen. Extra event if time permits

#### CHELTENHAM

N.O. TOURNAMENT, 1957

To be held on the Club Lawns, Old Bath Road, on Monday, September 9th and five following days

#### **EVENTS**

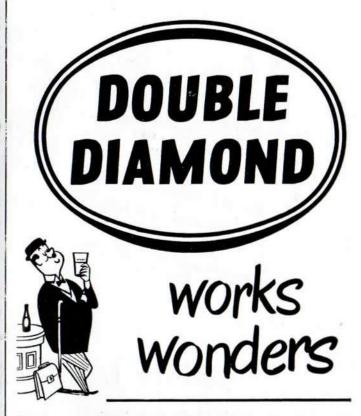
- 1.—OPEN SINGLES (Two Lives). (Law 44 partially suspended.) Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES (Law 44 suspended). 3 bisques or more. Entrance Fee. 6s.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 5½ bisques to 9 bisques. Entrance
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 10 bisques or over. Entrance Fee. 6s. No competitor may enter for more than one of the above.
- 5.—HANDICAP SINGLES (X.Y. system). Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- 6.-HANDICAP DOUBLES. Unrestricted. Entrance Fee, 6s.

Entries to Comdr. D. W. Roe, Cheltenham Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham, by midday, September 5th, Draw 2 p.m. same day. Cheques to be made payable to the Cheltenham Croquet

Manager, Referee and Handicapper.-Miss M. M. Paulley.

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

Light luncheons and teas available.



After your "Doubles" (and "Singles" too!) drink a DOUBLE DIAMOND!