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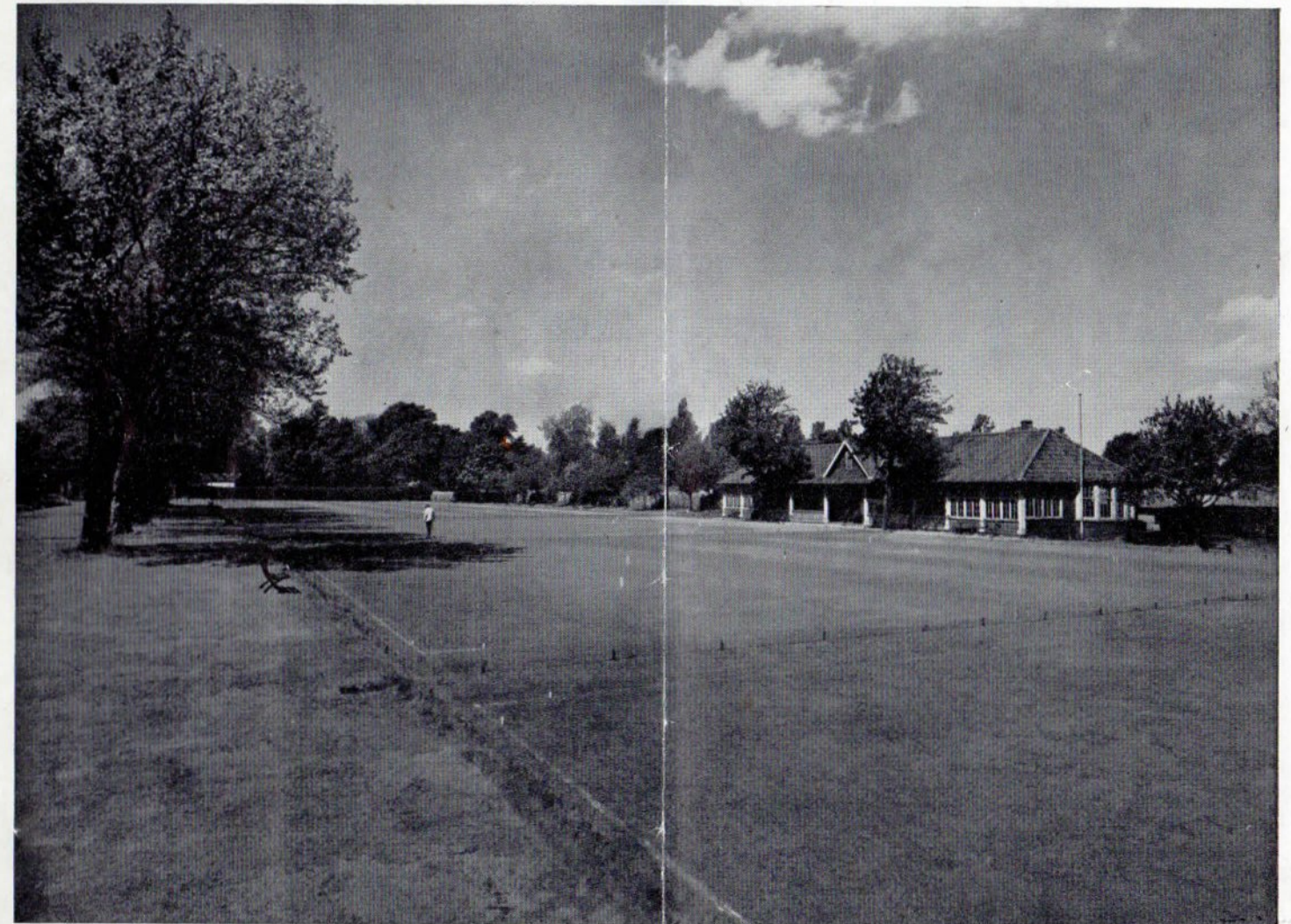
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 Sept. 2 Hunstanton. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. B. C. Perowne, 65 Victoria Avenue, Hunstanton.
 „ 2 Parkstone. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. L. H. Ashton, The Orchard, Parkstone, Dorset.
 „ 9 President's Cup (Roehampton), Surrey Cup (Parkstone). *Secretary C.A.*, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.
 „ 23 Roehampton. *Games Sec.*, Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, London, S.W.15.
 „ 30 Devonshire Park (Eastbourne). *Secretary C.A.*, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.

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 Mrs. L. H. Ashton
 Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey
 Mrs. V. C. Gasson
 Miss D. A. Lintern
 Mrs. E. Rotherham
 Mrs. I. H. Turketine
 Miss E. J. Warwick

Mrs. W. Longman and Mrs. E. Reeve accepted invitations to compete but were obliged to withdraw for reasons of health.

Miss D. D. Steel was unable to accept an invitation to compete.

The following were invited to act as Reserves:

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden

Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi who was unable to accept.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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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LORN C. APPS,

Secretary.

NOTES by ROVER

Tactics and Tactfulness

"They learn in suffering," said Shelley of his fellow poets, "what they teach in song." Experienced croquet players have learnt much of what they will—or should wish to convey to those novices to the game from the unhappy consequences of their own tactical errors in the past. But how best to convey it? There is a problem here of the nature of which the enthusiast for teaching may not always be aware. Anxious to strike while the iron is hot, he is wont to tackle the competitor who has just lost a game owing to a mistake in tactics the moment this unfortunate comes off the court. "You should have done this," he declares, or (more often perhaps) "you shouldn't have done that" and is sometimes disappointed to find that his counsel is received with a good deal less gratitude—or even attention—than he feels to be due to it. The truth is, of course, that it is usually easier to give advice than to receive it and that a moment perhaps of acute dismay is not the best one at which to have instruction doled out to one. A player can easily be irritated by disappointment into stoutly defending a course of action which, in a cooler moment, he would be ready to see, and admit, was mistaken. Those who have advice to give would be wise, as a rule, to wait till those in need of it can recall the situation which has invited it in an objective spirit. We may all "learn in suffering" no doubt, in croquet as in more important matters, but the moment of experiencing it is not that at which we are most likely to do so.

'The fault, dear Brutus . . .'

Why do so many games last so long and is this really necessary? This is a question which has been receiving a lot of attention lately, but it has perhaps been too generally assumed that when this protraction takes place that there is something radically wrong with the game. May it not be more often the case that there is something wrong with too many of those who play it? Many causes can be suggested. Some of us proceed too slowly about the court; some of us think too slowly; some of us hardly seem to think at all, and there is nothing more likely to lead to long games than this; for one of its most common consequences is that when a turn comes to an end no constructive position has been prepared. How often do we see a player with the innings attempt a highly improbable roll up, fail to get position and return to his partner with nothing laid for next time. How to cope with this situation demands not a note but an article, but there is one point which may now be recommended in this connection. If you are together with your partner ball on a boundary, take great care how you take off from it. If you are preparing to lay a break for the ball with which you are playing, take off so as to leave your partner ball about a foot into the court, but if you are laying for your partner ball leave this on the yard line. This will give you just the chance you need of beginning your next turn with a rush into the court, which will often mean all the difference between starting a break and failing to do so.

Rally round

Rover, who proposes to extend his roving so far as the dominion of New Zealand while croquet slumbers through an English winter, has been struck by a remarkable contrast between the organisation of the game there and in this country. There is scarcely a township there so small as not to possess a croquet club, and the larger centres have a dozen. No doubt many of these clubs are small, but they have all found officials to keep them going and the amount of service to the game which this involves must be in sum tremendous. Has not the mother country a lesson to learn here? Are there enough of us doing enough for the few clubs we have—not only enough of the "chores", but, what is perhaps even more important, through propaganda among their friends to ensure that there are always newcomers joining our clubs and receiving a welcome there? No club can flourish if it is content to rely upon a vague hope that applicants will turn up of their own accord and beg to be admitted. Yet this is in fact the attitude which too many of us take up in respect of the club to which we belong. And far too much work is left to the few self-sacrificing individuals who have shown they are willing to do it. We hear alarming reports that some of our already too few clubs are in danger of extinction.

Cannot a spirited effort be made, so that even Now at the last, when all have given him over From death to life thou may'st him yet recover.

Double Champion

A rather disappointingly small entry for the Open Championship was perhaps the more noticeable after the accession of strength from New Zealand in this event last year—yet all but two of Britain's international team were competing, John Solomon's absence being regretted only less than the much lamented reason for it. A notable feature was the appearance in the semi-final of three members of the famous Budleigh Salterton club; this the most old established of our clubs, would now be a match for any other croquet centre in the country, as a contest arranged for later in the season is likely to prove. It was no Devonian, however, but a Londoner in the person of Dr. Wiggins who carried off the title, thus not only winning two championships in one season, but doing so in each case for the first time. Many congratulations to him, the more in that he shared the Doubles Championship with his opponent in the final of the singles. Col. Beamish did notably well in his first appearance at this tournament, while the enterprising croquet of Major Stone, might, as many felt, have won him the title if it had not, in the semi-final betrayed him into a certain rashness. It was good to see youth to the fore in the Association Plate, with Britain's young international gaining a victory over a most welcome and promising newcomer from New Zealand.

Three

CLIMATE OF OPINION

by BRYAN LLOYD PRATT

THERE is in England a large number of middle-aged people, who before the war played "vicarage lawn" croquet. Thousands of homes possessed equipment varying between that of a reasonable standard and weird Victorian relics complete with cages and bells. Courts too ranged from the adequate to the "sporting"—hateful misnomer; and, even if that sort of game was properly not regarded as a serious recreation, yet many young people joined in, if only to "amuse poor Aunt Emma" when nothing better offered itself. The trouble with these people's attitude to the game is that, having played what they, knowing no better, thought was croquet, and having obviously found it wanting as a worth-while sport, continue in their low opinion of the game, not, as some Associates seem to think, from malice and uncharity, but from utter ignorance. It is imperative that the association game should make its claims known to as many of these people as possible. They will be receptive to croquet's decorative and leisured atmosphere, possessing, as they do to a small extent, some idea of its potentialities, and they will also, if their attention can be obtained, provide private and municipal facilities for a real return to croquet as a popular and thriving sport.

When a short film for Television was suggested, the objection was made that viewers would not be able to see the colours of the balls. Surely the tactical side of the game could be illustrated with diagrams, and the various strokes and styles of play filmed in the ordinary way. The writer is convinced that, if funds could be found to make a good professional job of a short feature film, reviewing briefly the evolution of croquet from its beginnings to the modern game, it would find a ready market in the News cinemas or on a Television sports programme. The Victorian, Edwardian and nineteenth-century periods are photogenic enough for the film, with the aid of a good script, to have enough sheer entertainment value to achieve a reasonable showing. Associates need not fear that the film would be made and then not obtain a wide enough release to make it worth-while. Many well-made features on far more remote subjects than croquet have been shown, and well received by the public. The vital quality necessary to success is our own confidence in the venture. A neglected but attractive game, which could revolutionise municipal and private recreation, is not difficult to present arrestingly if its devotees have plenty of confidence that croquet would be played far more widely if the proper game was better known.

INTER-CLUB MATCH

Folkestone *versus* Hurlingham. Played at Folkestone on Saturday, July 20th, 1957. Hurlingham players named first.

This match, widely publicised through the good offices of Capt. J. B. Morgan, who personally printed and distributed posters and invitation cards, aroused much local interest. Despite very poor weather conditions in the early part of the afternoon and the dearth of public transport due to the bus strike, there were upwards of a hundred spectators. The attractively situated courts appeared to be in very good condition, and the play was of exhibition standard.

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That the position is critical is beyond doubt. The Roehampton debacle, the demise of Buxton and Bedford, and the parlous condition of the writer's own club Hunstanton—we have now only two resident members—indicate that vigorous action is imperative. All local clubs can, I think, improve the position by holding at least one annual Garden Party, perhaps on the final day of the main tournament which all the local people who might become interested in the game are invited to attend. But, however much the existing clubs reinforce their position, the major task confronting us is, I am sure, the establishment of croquet in places where it is not now played.

We have to acknowledge that croquet is a slow and initially unrewarding game to learn, but all Associates who have attempted or acquired mastery of golf will readily admit that the beginning stages of that vexatious game are infinitely more irritating than those of croquet. We ought to remember, too, that there are hundreds of keen golf players who have never competed in a full-scale tournament in their lives and do not want to. They are far happier playing an occasional round with their friends. So also will the majority of our potential croquet players be happier playing a friendly thirteen point game at their own club on a fine summer evening than they would be struggling through a fierce C.A. event in the pouring rain. In my view many Associates think too much in terms of encouraging future tournament players and not enough in terms of getting local clubs established on a modest basis—"shop windows" to quote a correspondent in the April issue) for the association game, where shortened Doubles and Golf Croquet would probably be more popular than the full twenty-six point tournament game.

This brings me to my last point, which is that we really must stop messing about with the standard C.A. and major club fixtures. No newcomer to croquet is going to find the game more attractive because the Peel Memorials and other leading events are contested on a reduced level. The big tournaments should be the inviolate preserve of the full-length game, where honours are fought for under the most rigorous and exacting conditions that competitive play can offer. It is not our tournaments that need reforming, it is the general public. Surely the most important job confronting the Association is to create a favourable climate of opinion for croquet.

SINGLES

E. P. C. Cotter lost to L. Kirk-Greene by 26.
J. W. Solomon bt C. W. R. Hodges by 17.
E. P. C. Cotter bt C. W. R. Hodges by 26.
J. W. Solomon *versus* L. Kirk-Greene game unfinished.

DOUBLES

E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon bt C. W. R. Hodges and L. Kirk-Greene by 17.

RESULT.—Hurlingham bt Folkestone by 3 games to 1 and 1 unfinished.

Notes from the Clubs

Woking

Representing this Club, Captain Millar, Mr. and Mrs. Whitham and Lord Charles Hope played against Dr. Oliver, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Pavia and Miss Fisher at Roehampton on June 25th. The match ended in a draw, each side winning one of the Doubles and two of the Singles. The weather was fine despite a forecast of rain. The Woking team was lavishly entertained and had a thoroughly enjoyable if rather long struggle.

On July 2nd we entertained four members of the Reigate Club—Mr. and Mrs. Buckley, Dr. Creed and Major Hicks. Our team was identical with the team which played against Roehampton except that Omond replaced Hope. Woking won after a pleasant day's play on courts that were almost unbelievably fast.

Our next engagement is here on Saturday, September 7th, when we look forward to a visit of an "A" team from Roehampton.

Meanwhile courts are being lent to that Club and Ryde on Monday, July 29th, for a Longman Cup match.

Roehampton

On Tuesday, 25th June, a match was held at Roehampton against a team from Woking. There were four "B" Class players on each side. Dr. Oliver, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Pavia and Miss Fisher represented Roehampton against Capt. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Whitham and Lord Charles Hope for Woking. The result was a draw after long games in which neither side produced their best play. The visiting team were entertained to lunch and tea in the Roehampton restaurant and everyone had spent an enjoyable day.

During the very hot spell that followed our courts were almost deserted owing to the great heat, 90° in parts of London, and the counter attraction of the Wimbledon tennis tournament.

The Hurlingham and Roehampton Tournament held during the last week of June was a great success. There were 21 entrants of which nine were Roehampton members. The semi-finalists were Mrs. Reckitt, A. J. Oldham, D. E. Buckland and J. A. Hollweg. The final games were between two members of Roehampton, A. J. Oldham and J. A. Hollweg—J. A. Hollweg being the winner.

Colchester

This little club, possessed of three croquet courts and two for tennis, has got away to an enthusiastic start of the new season. Aided by a generous use of the new water sprinkler the courts have come through a particularly dry spring looking nicely verdant.

The membership is little changed but the loss of Miss M. Tiffin, a staunch supporter of many years standing, will be keenly felt. A healthy feature, which can be reported hopefully, is that the game of croquet appears to be played increasingly on private lawns in the district. The local press has devoted more space than usual to croquet affairs, giving results in detail.

Home and away matches have already been played with both the Ipswich and Chelmsford clubs. All of these produced keen and most enjoyable contests. The club representative in the All-England Handicap final stages will be E. P. Duffield.

Cheltenham

Our Open Tournament began on 22nd July. Among our many distinguished visitors we were glad to welcome Colonel Beamish, who came to defend his Championship title. We missed some of our regular visitors, who could not come this year.

In the match Workers *v.* The Rest, the Singles were halved, and the Workers won the Doubles by two games to one. The Workers provided a sumptuous repast, and in the twilight an amusing game, a form of Golf Croquet, with 16 balls was played under the Rules of the Workers' Union.

Edinburgh

Members of the Edinburgh Croquet Club are indeed sorry to record the death on 10th June, 1957, of their Vice-President, Mr. G. H. Liston-Foulis. Mr. Liston-Foulis joined the Club shortly after its foundation; he was a most popular member and an able and keen player, and by his death the Club has lost a true and reliable friend.

Membership this season stands at 57, with the addition from time to time of a number of temporary members whom we welcome from other parts of Scotland, from England and from overseas.

An American Tournament has been arranged by Mr. W. B. Renwick, Convener of the Handicap Committee, and is at present being played.

Bristol Club's Diamond Jubilee

Sixty-one years ago at the time of the revival of Croquet, Bristol was chosen as one of the provincial cities in which to hold a Croquet Tournament. This was held on the Gloucestershire County Cricket Ground and was managed by Mr. Walter Peel. Resulting from this a meeting was held of those interested in the game in Bristol and the following year, 1897, the Clifton and County Croquet Club was founded with Mrs. Tivy, the wife of a Clifton doctor and a cousin of Mr. W. Peel, as chairman. Mrs. Tivy had played in croquet tournaments for many years and there are records of her playing in the open championship at Wimbledon in 1868.

The Club's first ground was in the Henleaze district of Bristol and the writer's chief interest in it in its early days was watching the horse with its feet enclosed in large "flat-soled footwear" pulling the lawn roller. In 1938 the Club arranged an open tournament which was held on the Clifton College Close, and stimulated interest in the game in Bristol. Owing to building developments the club ground had to be changed often and its fifth and present site was found in 1939 in Stoke Bishop. There an acre of land was rented on a fourteen-year lease and three lawns were laid out at a cost of £260. During the war the Club kept going with a dwindling membership and insufficient attention to the newly-laid lawns. In the immediate post-war period it was helped by equipment from the Bath and Weston-super-Mare Clubs which unfortunately had to close down. In 1953 when membership was increasing, the lease of the land expired and its sale for building was threatened. With the backing of the Croquet Association the Bristol City Council were approached and they decided to buy the land and rent it to the Club, thus enabling the game to continue in Bristol.

On July 6th the Diamond Jubilee of the Club, which is now called the Bristol Croquet Club, was celebrated by a visit of the Rev. and Mrs. B. V. F. Brackenbury. During the afternoon members watched a doubles, the Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury and Captain W. Vaughan Jenkins against H. A. D. Stanton and W. P. Ormerod. After tea all three lawns were in use. At the close of play a cocktail party mingled with one of Mr. Brackenbury's always invigorating talks brought a very happy occasion to an end.

Parkstone

Brilliant weather favoured the June Tournament at the Parkstone Club and although the entries were not as large as usual, it was a very successful week. The value of the Press reports as made clear by the fact that the Club gained a new young member in addition to a well-known tennis and hockey player.

Club Competitions are now in full swing and Mrs. Gasson is our All-England representative, Commander Beamish having retired to her on the peg, being himself unable to play in London, as he is competing in the Irish Championships at Carrickmines during that week. Members of the Club wish her every success, particularly in view of the fact that they would like Parkstone to be the first Club to hold the New Zealand plaque so kindly given to the C.A. by the members of the New Zealand Test Team.

Hurlingham

A well-balanced team of Brigadier Stokes-Roberts, T. E. Miles, Mrs. Thom and Mrs. Davidson just managed to beat Edgbaston in the Longman Club Cup. The doubles were divided and the result accordingly depended on the Singles which Hurlingham won by 2 matches to 1. The results are printed elsewhere in this issue.

Our joint experiment with Roehampton to hold an unofficial week-end tournament proved a success. There were 24 entries which entailed 8 preliminary matches being played off during the week prior. The semi-finals and finals were contested at Hurlingham. J. A. Hollweg ran out the ultimate winner, with A. J. Oldham a promising newcomer providing the opposition in the final.

Brigadier Stokes-Roberts has been giving up his Monday evenings recently to coaching recruits to the game from the neighbouring Parsons Green Club. For this purpose he strongly advocates the use of a small sized lawn, half that of the standard setting.

Ipswich

Our correspondent writes as follows:

We have had two enjoyable matches against the Colchester Club. The one on our lawns resulted in a win by one match to Ipswich. The return match at Colchester was a draw. The Club competitions are being keenly contested. The shortened game is being played in one event. This season we have been able to welcome several new members. Saturday afternoon socials, when Golf Croquet is usually played have been an outstanding success.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Handicaps

Dear Sir,

re: All Round Increase in Handicaps

I submit that, as I believe was suggested at the Annual General Meeting, the time has come to increase all Handicaps by say 3 bisques.

Players on or below the scratch mark in any game should be able to put up a consistently good performance, rather than a very occasional one—I, at a Handicap of $-\frac{1}{2}$ seldom, if ever, play to what that Handicap should really represent, and although I should perhaps feel discouraged if I was singled out to be put up to, say, $2\frac{1}{2}$, I should definitely feel encouraged to try and get back to the scratch mark if we were all treated the same.

I cannot help feeling that the raising of Handicaps all round might well be to the good of the game—it was done some years ago, without, I think, any detriment to Croquet as a whole.

Finally, if all Handicaps are raised, may I plead for events at present for scratch and over to remain the same—some so-called minus players rather miss those events!

Yours faithfully,

M. SPENCER ELL

The Crush Stroke

Dear Sir,

In my opinion one of the hardest decisions for a referee to make under present conditions is upon the fairness, or not, of a stroke when the ball is near to both wires of a hoop which the striker is attempting to run.

Agreed one should be able to see if the ball clears the nearer wire but to give a decision as to whether or not the mallet was still in contact with the ball, when the ball is in contact with the further wire is almost impossibly difficult. The stroke is over so quickly and the margin of difference between a fair stroke and a foul one so small that the referee, however experienced, can only make a guess at the fairness of the stroke. At present I am certain that many players "get away with" many crushes.

Why cannot we learn from New Zealand and adopt their simple method of grounding the mallet? If the mallet has to be grounded after the stroke *by law* the referee's task becomes a simple one of fact. The ball can be temporarily lifted and replaced in its original position and a simple practical test made where the three factors concerned—mallet, ball and wire—are all at rest.

I understand that in New Zealand all referees *automatically* give a foul against the possible crush stroke if the mallet is not grounded. We should soon learn here by adopting the New Zealand system what difficult hoops we could or could not run, and one of the referee's most difficult tasks would be eliminated forthwith.

I trust that the C.A. Laws Committee will give their serious consideration to this proposal.

Yours truly,

R. F. ROTHWELL

Young Recruits

Dear Sir,

Often during the past month that I have spent visiting the delightful croquet clubs of this country, a familiar lament has been sung to me, namely: few, if any, young players are being introduced to the pleasures of croquet. And it is said that the number of players is diminishing each year.

Obviously something quite radical and positive must be done to arrest this trend. May I throw out a suggestion which, I contend, if acted upon could bring about a startling change in the game?

In the colleges and universities there must be thousands of youngsters of both sexes who for various reasons are unable to participate in such strenuous sports as tennis, cricket, rowing, etc. An approach should be made to the headmistress with a view to having a strip of lawn provided for those in the above category to play croquet on. The council could follow up this move by offering to donate the necessary equipment and providing coaches on one or two afternoons a week.

I am quite sure that there is not one headmaster who would cold-shoulder the idea. Supposing they did; the scheme has not cost anyone a penny. They would welcome the opportunity of providing their physically handicapped students with a beneficial and intelligent recreation. It is not hard to visualise inter-school matches being played in the near future.

For the first two or three weeks those students playing croquet would be subjected to a measure of good-natured "ragging", but it would soon pass over and the game would become recognised as one of the school's accepted sports.

Not only would this scheme provide a pleasant way of spending a few hours each week; the fact that it would be played before the eyes of thousands of others naturally broadens immensely the present limited, and diminishing croquet horizon.

Although my time in this country is limited I would gladly offer my services in helping implementing the scheme should it be worthy of consideration.

Yours faithfully,

BRUCE BUCHANAN

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Present: Col. C. C. Adams, Mrs. Howard Austin, Mr. and Mrs. S. Adler, Mrs. L. H. Ashton, Miss G. W. Bartlett, Com. G. V. G. Beamish, D. E. Buckland, Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton, I. C. Baillieu, Mrs. H. J. Collins, Col. J. G. Clarke, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, Miss A. M. Carlyon, V. A. de la Nougerede, Major and Mrs. J. H. Dibley, E. P. Duffield, Rev. H. B. W. Denison, Rev. and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey, G. V. Evans, Miss F. Hodgkinson, Mrs. P. E. Heley, H. O. Hodgson, Miss D. A. Lintern, Mr. and Mrs. W. Longman, Miss A. E. Mills, Mrs. L. E. G. Nickisson, Dr. G. L. Ormerod, Brig. and Mrs. J. S. Omond, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Oliver, Mrs. S. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Reckitt, Mrs. E. Rotherham, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Roper, Mrs. E. Reeve, Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts, Mrs. Haigh Smith, J. W. Solomon, Capt. H. G. Stoker, Miss D. D. Steel, Com. and Mrs. G. W. Style, Mrs. M. L. Thom, Mrs. I. H. Turketine, S. S. Townsend, Mrs. E. E. Turner, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins, J. G. Warwick, Miss J. Warwick, R. V. N. Wiggins.

In the unavoidable absence of the President, Sir Compton MacKenzie, the chair was taken by Mr. W. Longman, Vice-President.

Mr. Longman said that as the Minutes of the last meeting were identical with the report of the last Annual General Meeting, he would ask that they be taken as read. This was unanimously agreed. In commenting on the events of the past year the Chairman referred to the visit of the New Zealand Team, and the great interest it had evoked. He hoped it would not be long before we welcomed another team from Overseas. He also referred to the experiment of a now shortened game which the Council was trying out in some of the Headquarters tournaments, and expressed the hope that the clubs would follow this lead so that extensive information on this form of croquet would be available at the end of the season. Proposing the adoption of the Report and Accounts Mr. Longman asked Mr. Buckland to second the motion, and to answer any questions on the accounts. There being no questions, the motion was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

Election of Hon. Treasurer. Mr. Evans proposed that Mr. Buckland be re-elected. This was seconded by Mr. Roper and passed.

Election of members of Council. As the number of candidates did not exceed the number of vacancies, Mr. Longman declared all elected. Mrs. L. E. G. Nickisson was not seeking re-election, and Mr. Longman said he was sure the Associates present would wish him to pay tribute to her long and faithful service both on the Council and as a Hostess for the Croquet section of the Roehampton Club. This was received with acclamation by all present.

Motion by the Council:—"That it is the present intention apart from unforeseen circumstances, that the balance of the New Zealand Test Team Entertainment Fund be made available for any future Tour." This was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Duffield and passed.

Mr. Reckitt drew attention to the fact that Variation "B" had now been deleted from the Regulations, and to the notice in this regard which would appear in the June number of "Croquet." He also reminded associates that the 1957 edition of the Laws was now available, that it was most desirable that entries for tournaments should be made on the forms obtainable from the C.A. Office, price 2s. for 25, and that though the Handbook was not now published annually, the 1956-7 edition was still available. The next issue would be in 1958.

Capt. Stoker asked if the Council had taken any action with regard to the letter from Mr. Kirk-Greene suggesting the raising of all handicaps. Several other members also spoke in favour of some adjustment being made. Mr. Brackenbury explained that the Council had the matter in mind but was of opinion that the time for wholesale alteration had not yet come. After some discussion Col. Adams undertook to raise the matter on the Council and to ask for a Committee to be appointed to consider and advise on the matter.

There being no further business, Col. Adams proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Longman for presiding, which all present cordially supported.

Your Turn to Play by Tactician

Solutions to Last Month's Problems

1st Problem

Blue rushes Black to the 5th, makes it and sends Black to 1-back. The 6th hoop is made off Red and then Blue takes off to Yellow, leaving Red somewhere between 1st and 2nd hoops. He stop-shots Yellow to 2-back and makes 1-back off Black.

The golden rule of cross-wiring is always to make your last hoop off an opponent's ball. Therefore, after making 1-back, instead of putting Black to 3-back, he sends it to the peg, getting a rush on Red to the West boundary and having rushed it there stop-shots Red to 3-back. 2-back is made off Yellow which is then put to the peg. He now makes 3-back off Red, running the hoop so as to have a rush on Red to the Peg. Red is rushed to as nearly wired a position as possible from Yellow, Blue takes off to Yellow and on this stroke he should be able to get Red and Yellow very nearly wired. Few people seem to realise the value of the thick take-off for occasions like this, nor how easy they are. With a gentle rush Yellow is wired exactly, Blue takes off to get a rush on Black to the fourth corner. One little point which makes a cross-wire more accurate is to have Black at right angles to the line of Red and Yellow. This means that in taking off for your rush on Black, Yellow can move quite a long way without disturbing the cross-wire.

2nd Problem

The problem here is a simple one, except that it requires a little forethought. Yellow is well enough placed at 2-back, so Blue makes 1-back off Black, and then sends Black to 3-back, making 2-back off Yellow, sending it to 4-back, and going over to 3-back. So far a straight 3-ball break. Having made 3-back off Black he cannot send it to Penultimate, since this will make the Rover Peel very difficult. After making 3-back, he must rush Black to a good position in front of Rover and take off to Yellow at 4-back. If Yellow is badly placed at 4-back it may be better to rush Black near the 3rd corner and stop-shot it back to Rover, but the other way allows of more accurate placing at the Rover. He now makes 4-back off Yellow, making sure of a rush to Penultimate. After making Penultimate, Yellow is rushed up just short of Black, and put one yard to left or right of the Rover, but just on the non-playing side. Blue makes Rover, peeling Black through, Blue roquets Yellow, gains a rush on Black to the peg, and, providing he can rush past the Rover, pegs out.

Like the first problem, this position depends entirely on re-arranging the balls, this time after 3-back, and not making the mistake of continuing with a straight forward 3-ball break.

(1) Full marks 5; (2) Full marks 4.

Lucky Dip 5 and 4; Dogged 3 and 3. Blue's June solutions, pardonably late, owing to residence in Ireland receive 4 and 2.

It is extremely important, having made the cross-peg to have a rush on one's partner ball to the place where the balls are to be laid up. It is dangerous to have to depend on a roll stroke, as unless the player's mallet is very heavy, this is liable to lead to the forward ball going off the boundary and the non-arrival of the mallet-ball to where it is meant to go.

Dogged's solution of the second problem is too dangerous, because if the croqueted ball in attempting to peel the rover previous to making hoop 1-back should stick between the wires, a very likely thing to happen, he is finished.

We compliment Dogged on having thought out the problems so carefully and having sent in such excellent solutions. But in saying this no discouragement is intended to the others, whose solutions though less satisfactory also show thought and interest.

Here are this Month's Problems

(1) Narrative (Overheard)

"It should be easy this afternoon, especially if I win the toss," said Bloggs. "I'm a minus 2 and in this case I get 2 bisques, my opponent being minus 4. If I win the toss and put him in, I get fourth ball and I might make an all-rounder and give a cross-wire at the first hoop, and that should settle it!"

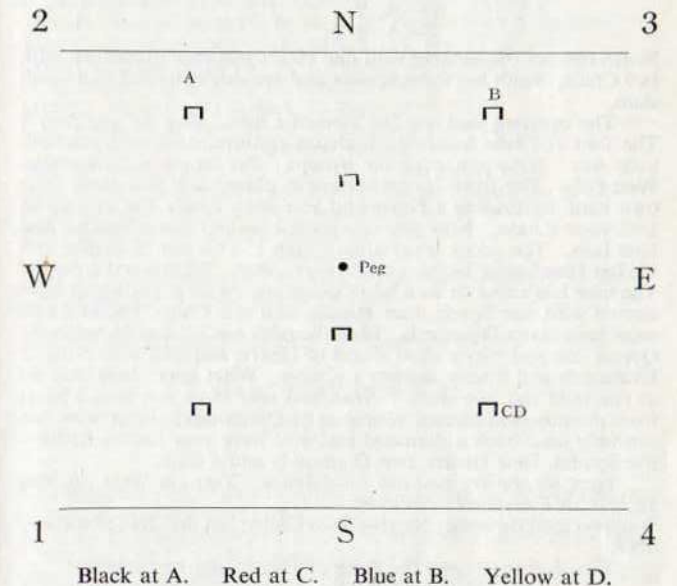
Writer slightly worried because courts were dead easy, went in to lunch thoughtfully, and considered the problem of how to give two bisques to Bloggs.

Players arrived on the court. Up went the coin, and Bloggs lost. Writer: "I'll play second ball." Bloggs goes over to the East boundary near the fourth corner as usual. Writer lays long tice. Bloggs: "It's a long tice. I'll leave you to it." Writer roquets tice,

rushing it to near hoop 2. Takes off to Bloggs Blue and Black near fourth corner, and makes an all-rounder, leaving the balls as per diagram. Black between the second hoop and boundary. Blue near the third hoop carefully wired from hoop 1, and Red and Yellow east of the fourth hoop, wired from hoop 1.

Bloggs having his two bisques, what should he do?

(2) Blue is the player's ball, and is about two feet from the Rover hoop. At the end of a triple, he has endeavoured to peel Black, but Black has stuck between the uprights of the Rover hoop. Red is about five feet from the South boundary nearly opposite the Rover hoop. Yellow is about one yard from the Rover hoop in the direction of the West boundary. Three years ago at Parkstone, this was Mr. Ross's position in an actual game. Continuing his turn he finished the game by pegging out Blue and Black in the normal way, how did he manage it?



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BRIDGE

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

Here is a slam hand to exercise your skill. As South you are in a contract of Six Spades.

S—A, K, Q.
H—10, 9, 8, 6, 3.
D—K, J.
C—7, 5, 3.
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S—J, 9, 8, 7, 3.
H—A, K, Q.
D—A, 9.
C—A, 9, 6.

North opened the bidding with one Heart and East overcalled with two Clubs, South bid three Spades and eventually landed in a small slam.

The opening lead was the Two of Clubs. How do you play? The Two of Clubs is clearly a singleton so you must win trick one with your Ace. Now you draw the trumps. But on the second round West fails. The third trump honour is played and you enter your own hand by leading a Heart and you draw East's Ten of Spades with your Knave. Now you lay down a second Heart honour and East fails. The going is certainly tough! You can of course ruff the last Heart good but you are an entry short. What is to be done? The time has come to do a bit of counting. West is known to have started with one Spade, four Hearts, and one Club. Therefore he must have seven Diamonds. Then the odds are 7/2 that he holds the Queen. So you play a third round of Hearts and lead your Nine of Diamonds and finesse dummy's Knave. What good does that do as you hold the Ace alone? Wait and see. Now you lead a heart from dummy and discard your Ace of Diamonds! West wins but can only lead back a diamond and you have your twelve tricks—five Spades, four Hearts, two Diamonds and a Club.

Now let me try you out on defence. You are West on lead against 3NT reached as follows:

South—One Diamond; North—Two Clubs; South—2NT; North—3NT.

You decide to open the King of Hearts and you see:—

S—7, 4, 3.
H—8, 2.
D—J, 6, 3.
C—A, K, J, 10, 5.

S—K, J, 5.
H—K, Q, 6.
D—A, Q, 2.
C—9, 7, 6, 3.

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Your partner drops the nine and you hold the trick. You follow with the Queen and your partner completes the peter, and you again hold the trick.

Now what about having a look at South's hand—not literally, but let us work it out. He must hold Spade Ace, Heart Ace, Club Queen and four or five Diamonds to the King. Therefore if you play a third heart and establish your partner's suit how does he get in. The declarer will with two tempos set up two Diamonds tricks. The only way to defeat him is to rob him of one of his tempos, by making another one for yourself. You must set up a Spade trick before the Diamonds are established. You must rely on your partner for the Ten of Spades. So you lead the King or Knave of Spades. The small one won't do—you'll be end-played! By logical reasoning you hold the declarer to eight tricks. Any lead but a Spade honour to trick three gives the declarer his contract on a plate. [Copyright

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July 23rd, 1957

COMPTON

Mrs. N. E. Wallwork 4 to 3½.
Dr. A. L. Yoxall 8 to 8 (D 7).

PARKSTONE

T. A. Chignell 5 to 4.
Mrs. S. D. Wilson 12 to 11 (D 10).

NON-ASSOCIATES

Miss K. E. Bridge 14 (D 12).
Miss D. Hickson 14 (D 12).

NOTTINGHAM

G. Birch 3 to 2½.
E. J. Cook 7 to 6½.

A. Fabb 10 New Handicap.
Sir Miles Graham 11 to 10.
Mrs. A. S. Greaves 13 to 12.
G. N. B. Huskinson 7 to 5½.

NON-ASSOCIATES

A. J. Bucknell 10 New Handicap.
Mrs. A. H. Fabb 10 New Handicap.
Sir Henry Prior 14 (D 12).

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

G. A. Black 8 to 7.
Capt. M. Buller 8 (D 7) to 7.
Miss J. Cooper 11 (D 9) to 10 (D 9) Before Play.
Miss J. Cooper 10 (D 9) to 9.
Major E. P. Edyvean 13 (D 12) to 11 (D 10) Before Play.
J. Weston Martyr 7 (D 6) to 6.
Major G. F. Stone —4 to —4½.

NON-ASSOCIATES

A. J. Cooper 9 (D 8) New Handicap.
W. B. Hart 5* New Handicap.
W. B. Hart 5* to 3½.
G. B. Horridge 7* to 7.
Air Vice-Marshal Maynard 10 (D 8) to 10 (D 7).
G. R. Mills 11 (D 9) to 10 (D 8).

OXFORD

Sir Cecil Brackenbury 10 New Handicap.
G. H. Betts 10* New Handicap.
G. H. Betts 10* to 9.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden 2 to 1½.
Mrs. J. S. Omond 11 to 10.
Capt. H. J. Pullein-Thompson 12 to 10.
Mrs. W. E. Rothwell 8* to 8.
Miss I. M. Roe 9 to 7½.
Dr. A. L. Yoxall 8 to 7.

NON-ASSOCIATES

Dr. C. A. Boucher 7* New Handicap.
Dr. C. A. Boucher 7* to 8.
Miss Bryan 10 New Handicap.
J. H. Jessel 10* New Handicap.
F. R. Johnson 9 New Handicap.

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Major N. E. O. Thackwell 1½ to 3.

HURLINGHAM CLUB RECOMMENDATIONS

D. E. Buckland 1½ to 1.
I. W. Cheavin 2½ to 2.
A. Karmel 7 to 6.
T. E. Miles 3½ to 2.
J. M. Rivington 12 to 10.
L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts 10 to 9.
S. S. Townsend ½ to 0.

GOLF CROQUET MATCH

Roehampton versus Dulwich. Played at Roehampton on Tuesday, June 11th, 1957. Roehampton players named first

AMERICAN DOUBLES

Mrs. S. Phillips and Miss E. Fisher bt Mrs. Swindlehurst and Miss Richardson by 8 to 5; lost to Mr. Curtis and Mrs. Frenkin by 6 to 7; lost to Mrs. Peltebridge and Mrs. Armstrong by 4 to 9.
Mrs. H. J. Collins and Mrs. M. Carrington lost to Mrs. Swindlehurst and Miss E. Fisher by 5 to 8; lost to Mr. Curtis and Mrs. Frenkin by 5 to 8; bt Mrs. Peltebridge and Mrs. Armstrong by 7 to 6.

Miss A. M. Carlyon and Mrs. H. Austin bt Mrs. Swindlehurst and Miss Richardson by 7 to 6; bt Mr. Curtis and Mrs. Frenkin by 8 to 5; lost to Mrs. Peltebridge and Mrs. Armstrong by 5 to 8.

RESULT.—Dulwich bt Roehampton by 5 events to 4.

INTER-CLUB MATCH

Roehampton versus Woking. Played at Roehampton on Tuesday, June 25th, 1957. Roehampton players named first

SINGLES

Dr. N. Oliver lost to Capt. K. B. Millar by 7.
Mrs. S. Phillips bt R. Whitham by 20.
Mrs. F. Pavia lost to Mrs. R. Whitham by 3.
Miss E. Fisher bt Lord Charles Hope by 2.

DOUBLES

Dr. N. Oliver and Mrs. S. Phillips lost to Capt. K. B. Millar and Mrs. Whitham by 2.
Mrs. F. Pavia and Miss E. Fisher bt R. Whitham and Lord Charles Hope by 3.

RESULT.—A draw. 3 games all.

COMPTON (Eastbourne)

JUNE 24th—JUNE 29th

Saffrons, Eastbourne, has long been famous for its Cricket Weeks, and this year it surely will have received added glory from the success of the annual Croquet Tournament held on the Compton Club lawns last June. The Club has an almost perfect setting, and, apart from their interest in the Tournament, many players—not forgetting the Manager himself—were lured away from time to time by the click of the ball and the applause of the spectators at the County Cricket match which was being played on the adjoining ground.

The programme was found to be impracticable owing to the number of entries (37 in the X.Y.) and the Handicap event had to be cancelled. This was a pity. Thanks to the efficient management of Major Dibley, the other events were got through in good time, and an "extra event", was also squeezed in. These games started at the fifth hoop.

Apart from Monday, which was rainy and unpleasant, the weather was perfect—almost too perfect if such a thing were possible. The sun beat down on the lawns and by the end of the week it was a real test of skill to control one's ball on the glassy surface. Much good work had been put into the lawns by the groundsman and they were in very good condition. L. Kirk Greene (holder) again won the open event, but Mrs. H. Chittenden and R. V. N. Wiggins (holders) were beaten in the doubles by Mrs. Elvey and Dr. Yoxall—the latter a player of promise. Mrs. Rotherham won the X and Mrs. Wallwork the Y. We were glad to welcome Mr. Buchanan from New Zealand. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan who, a few years ago, were well known not only for their croquet, but also for their large caravan in which they toured the country. He also is a coming young player. No praise is high enough for the way the catering was done. Warmest thanks are due to Colonel and Mrs. Irwin and their enthusiastic band of "lady helps" for the excellent lunches and teas provided. In the very hot weather the provisions of a "bar" would have been most welcome, but perhaps the difficulties were insuperable. Altogether it was a most enjoyable week and many congratulations are due to the Manager and to the organisers of the Tournament.

OPEN SINGLES.

THE DRAW.

(10 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

J. K. Brown bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 2.
Mrs. C. F. Chittenden bt L. Kirk-Greene by 5.

SECOND ROUND.

E. A. Roper bt R. V. N. Wiggins by 3.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt J. K. Brown by 9.
Mrs. C. F. Chittenden bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury by 16.
B. D. Buchanan w.o. Rev. H. B. W. Denison opponent scratched.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt E. A. Roper by 14.
B. D. Buchanan bt Mrs. C. F. Chittenden by 2.

FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt B. D. Buchanan by 17.

PROCESS.

(11 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Rev. H. B. W. Denison bt E. A. Roper by 12.
B. D. Buchanan bt R. V. N. Wiggins by 7.

SECOND ROUND.

L. Kirk-Greene bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 3.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey w.o. Rev. H. B. W. Denison opponent retired.
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury bt J. K. Brown by 10.
B. D. Buchanan bt Mrs. C. F. Chittenden by 10.

SEMI-FINAL.

L. Kirk-Greene bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 24.
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury bt B. D. Buchanan by 13.

FINAL.

L. Kirk-Greene bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury by 12.

PLAY-OFF.

L. Kirk-Greene beat Mrs. E. Rotherham by 25.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X Y").

EVENT "X".

(37 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. C. M. Irwin (2) w.o. J. K. Brown (—1) opponent retired.
R. V. N. Wiggins (—½) bt A. R. Toplis (9) by 16.
Miss G. Forbes Cowan (5) bt H. A. Hall (7½) by 10.
Dr. A. L. Yoxall (8) bt Mrs. C. F. Chittenden (2) by 12.
Miss H. D. Parker (3½) bt E. Plaistowe (10) by 15.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. D. Chorlton (3½) bt Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (4) by 7.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt Dr. H. R. McAleenan (7) by 4.

B. D. Buchanan (1) w.o. Miss D. White opponent scratched.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—2½) bt Miss J. C. Cramphorn (12) by 16.
Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (7) bt Mrs. E. Truett (11) by 7 on time.
H. C. S. Perry (7) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (12) by 1 on time.
Mrs. C. M. Irwin (2) bt Miss M. Allen (8) by 9.
Miss G. Forbes Cowan (5) bt R. V. N. Wiggins (—½) by 22.
Dr. A. L. Yoxall (8) bt Miss H. D. Parker (3½) by 13.
Cmdr. G. Style (7) bt Miss D. L. Latham (8) by 4.
J. R. Bickersteth (4½) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4) by 9.
E. A. Roper (2) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (6½) by 16.
Miss G. Metcalfe (5) bt Mrs. T. Jenkins (14) by 14.
Mrs. G. Style (9) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) by 15.
Rev. H. B. W. Denison (—1) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) by 17.
C. J. Speer (5) w.o. Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (½) opponent retired.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt Mrs. D. Chorlton (3½) by 12.
B. D. Buchanan (1) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—2½) by 26.
Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (7) bt H. C. S. Perry (7) by 3 on time.
Miss G. Forbes Cowan (5) bt Mrs. C. M. Irwin (2) by 15.
Cmdr. G. Style (7) bt Dr. A. L. Yoxall (8) by 14.
E. A. Roper (2) bt J. R. Bickersteth (4½) by 10.
Miss G. Metcalfe (5) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) by 18.
C. J. Speer (5) bt Rev. H. B. W. Denison (—1) by 24.

FOURTH ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt B. D. Buchanan (1) by 6.
Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (7) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan (5) by 13.
E. A. Roper (2) bt Cmdr. G. Style (7) by 9.
C. J. Speer (5) bt Miss G. Metcalfe (5) by 6.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (7) by 22.
C. J. Speer (5) bt E. A. Roper (2) by 8.

FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt C. J. Speer (5) by 9.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Combined Handicap to be not less than scratch).
(15 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

E. Plaistowe and Miss M. Allen (18) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner and Mrs. J. H. Dibley (12) by 8.
Mrs. C. F. Chittenden and R. V. N. Wiggins (1½) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor and E. D. Buchanan (13) by 18.
Mrs. N. E. Wallwork and Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (4½) bt Miss D. L. Latham and Dr. H. R. McAleenan (15) by 14.
Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. G. Style (6) bt Cmdr. G. Style and C. J. Speer (12) by 4.

Mrs. C. M. Irwin and H. C. S. Perry (9) bt Miss G. Metcalfe and Miss J. C. Cramphorn (17) by 11.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Dr. A. L. Yoxall (6) bt E. A. Roper and Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) by 7.
Mrs. H. D. Wooster and Miss G. Forbes Cowan (11½) bt Mrs. D. Chorlton and Mrs. E. Truett (14½) by 11.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. C. F. Chittenden and R. V. N. Wiggins (1½) bt E. Plaistowe and Miss M. Allen (18) by 22.
Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. G. Style (6) bt Mrs. N. E. Wallwork and Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (4½) by 11.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Dr. A. L. Yoxall (6) bt Mrs. C. M. Irwin and H. C. S. Perry (9) by 8.
Mrs. H. D. Wooster and Miss G. Forbes Cowan (11½) bt Major J. H. Dibley and Miss White (9½) by 14.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. C. F. Chittenden and R. V. N. Wiggins (½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. G. Style (6) by 2 on time.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Dr. A. L. Yoxall (6) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster and Miss G. Forbes Cowan (11½) by 8.

FINAL.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Dr. A. L. Yoxall (6) bt Mrs. C. F. Chittenden and R. V. N. Wiggins (½) by 14.

EVENT "Y".

(19 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

J. K. Brown (—1) bt Miss M. Allen (8) by 1 on time.
A. R. Toplis (9) bt H. A. Hall (7½) by 7.
Mrs. C. F. Chittenden (2) w.o. E. Plaistow (2) opponent scratched.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (4) bt Dr. H. R. McAleenan (7) by 16.
Miss J. C. Cramphorn (12) bt Miss M. White (9) by 7 on time.
Mrs. E. Truett (12) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (12) by 2 on time.
J. K. Brown (—1) bt A. R. Toplis (9) by 00.
Miss D. Latham (8) bt Mrs. C. F. Chittenden (2) by 6.
Mrs. H. D. Wooster (6½) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4) by 14.
Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) bt Mrs. T. Jenkins (14) by 14.
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (½) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) by 19.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (4) bt Miss J. C. Cramphorn (7) by 19.
J. K. Brown (—1) bt Mrs. E. Truett (12) by 2 on time.
Miss D. L. Latham (8) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (6½) by 5.
Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (½) by 13.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (4) bt J. K. Brown (—1) by 16.
Miss D. L. Latham (8) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) by 11.

FINAL.

Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (4) bt Miss D. L. Latham (8) by 13.

EXTRA EVENT.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss G. Forbes Cowan (5) bt Dr. H. C. McAleenan (7) by 4.
Comdr. G. Style (7) bt Miss J. C. Cramphorn (12) by 6.
Miss H. D. Parker (3½) bt Miss C. Metcalfe (5) by 1.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4) w.o. H. C. S. Perry opponent scratched.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. G. Style (7) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) by 8.
Miss G. Forbes Cowan (5) bt Comdr. G. Style (7) by 6.
Miss H. D. Parker (3½) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4) by 1.
Mrs. C. M. Irwin (2) bt Mrs. T. Jenkins (14) by 9.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss G. Forbes Cowan (5) bt Mrs. G. Style (7) by 3.
Mrs. C. M. Irwin (2) bt Miss H. D. Parker (3½) by 7.

FINAL.

Miss G. Forbes Cowan (5) and Mrs. C. M. Irwin (2) divided.

THE CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIPS

JULY 8th—13th

This, the premier event in the world of Croquet, was almost unrecognisable as such for several reasons. Having known, and played on, the Croquet lawns of Roehampton club for many years—when there were permanently ten of them—to find that the Croquet Championships were to be played on half that number of courts, and three of the matches at Hurlingham, had anything but a beneficial effect on the writer.

This was, however, inevitable when it was realised that it was on account of the lawn tennis members losing several of their courts, due to certain necessary drastic changes whereby the Club is to benefit.

Whether this accounted for the small entry we cannot say, but twenty-one was the number. We must try and forget all this pessimism and look for some bright side of the week's play, for there certainly was quite a lot of it.

Taking the players in order down the draw, Mrs. E. Reeve and Capt. H. G. Stoker had two very close games, both of which went to Mrs. Reeve eventually.

H. O. Hicks, who stands alone as having won this Open Championship four times in succession—seven times altogether—was opposed to Miss D. A. Lintern in this round, having drawn a bye. This was a long game, and Hicks was the winner.

M. B. Reckitt, in the first round, not only defeated his opponent, G. V. Evans, but went out to win the match by a cleverly played triple peel. This may seem a little unusual to call attention to such a very common occurrence—especially in the Championship. But so far this season this is the first triple peel that we have come across. Reckitt, in the next round, continued to play so well that he prevented Dr. H. J. Penny from becoming one of the last eight players.

Major G. F. Stone had drawn B. D. Buchanan in the first round. He is a New Zealander whose parents, also croquet players, were over here a short time ago. Buchanan has come down to the handicap of one bisque very quickly. Stone, however, was the winner in two straight games.

The match, E. P. C. Cotter v. W. Ormerod, was full of interest to the spectators. Ormerod won the second game, but Cotter won the match.

Major J. W. Cobb did not allow R. F. Rothwell to win one of the three games, though the first one was a very in and out contest.

Mrs. Rotherham won the second game against Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins, but the other two went to her opponent; he had been putting up strong opposition, as the two scores suggest.

Mrs. W. Longman and G. M. FitzPatrick were two of the players to compete at Hurlingham; as the scores suggest, it was a close match of two games both scores in single figures.

Another visitor from Ireland besides FitzPatrick was Dr. R. E. Steen, and he was drawn against W. Longman, at Hurlingham; after two close games, +7 +12, Longman joined the last eight. Col. D. W. Beamish's match was the third at Hurlingham, a most strenuous affair, against Brigadier A. E. Stokes-Roberts;

Beamish won it, but the second game just failed to go to Stokes-Roberts at the last.

In the last eight were Mrs. Reeve v. Hicks, Reckitt v. Stone, Wiggins v. FitzPatrick, and Longman v. Beamish. All these matches required two games only to produce the four semi-finalists, except that between Reckitt and Stone; here after Stone had won the first game, Reckitt retired to him.

Stone was now against Hicks in the top half of the semi-finals. This was a match of only two games, but very close ones; +10, +2, were the scores by which Hicks entered the final.

In the lower half of the semi-final Wiggins was the winner; this was a rather prolonged match, and the score of the second game shows that Beamish was putting up strong opposition.

THE FINAL

H. O. Hicks v. Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins

This most important match started with a fine break from Wiggins to 4-back. After this the game did not go so smoothly both players appeared to be affected by the importance of the contest. The innings changed hands several times; but it was Hicks who at last settled down to making a break, and Wiggins was not able to prevent his opponent from making both balls hit the peg to win the first game +17.

In the second game, Wiggins was in, having hit his tice which Hicks had missed. Playing quick accurate croquet, Wiggins retaliated against his opponent with the same score by which he lost the first game, +17.

The third game was very seriously interfered with by heavy rain, which flooded the court. Several helpers proceeded to the next court with long swishes and made the surface playable.

Play then continued, during which most of it came from the mallet of Wiggins. He had been round to 4-back with one ball, and then later made that hoop and the penultimate. Though the conditions now were decidedly wet, Wiggins concentrated on getting his backward ball into play; very soon this ball was being accurately conducted through its hoops until the rover was reached. Here he made no mistake about peeling it through the hoop, rushing it to the peg, and by making both balls hit the peg, becoming croquet champion for 1957.

THE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

There were exactly eight couples entered for this, the premier Doubles Event. Hicks and Wiggins were previous winners of the event on two occasions—1952 and 1953.

Their first match against Cotter and Ormerod was a very keenly contested affair; eventually it went to them, Hicks and Wiggins, by the small score of +9.

Stone and Beamish became the opponents, in the top half of the semi-final, against Hicks and Wiggins; this too was a very close game, but Hicks and Wiggins entered the final with the score of +8.

Owing to Mrs. Longman having to scratch, Cobb and Mrs. Reeve walked into the semi-final; here they met Reckitt and Rothwell, who had only beaten Mrs. Rotherham and Miss Lintern by one point. In the semi-final a somewhat long game went to Reckitt and Rothwell.

The final was not a game of quality; Rothwell was not playing his best and a breakdown at a critical moment gave the game and the Doubles Championship to Hicks and Wiggins for the third time.

THE ASSOCIATION PLATE

There were ten players in this old-established event. Mrs. Rotherham and Ormerod were opposed, respectively, to G. V. Evans and Stokes-Roberts in the first round—and both won. Buchanan was one of those eight players in the next round and played Stoker and beat him +15. Mrs. Rotherham had a narrow win against FitzPatrick, +3. Ormerod and Rothwell were the other semi-finalists.

Buchanan became one finalist, beating Mrs. Rotherham, +4 after a keenly fought game; Ormerod was the other, and the two played a final of quality, from which Ormerod won by the score +11.

It was good to see Mr. Bernard Wiggins again in the Manager's chair; in spite of the dreadful rainstorms the 1957 Championships came to a complete finish soon after 7 p.m. Mrs. E. Reeve was a most efficient Referee and in constant demand.

THE CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP.

OPEN SINGLES.

(21 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

M. B. Reckitt bt G. V. Evans +24 +18.
Major G. F. Stone bt B. D. Buchanan +25 +12.
E. P. C. Cotter bt W. P. Ormerod +24 —4 +26.
Major J. W. Cobb bt R. F. Rothwell +6 +19.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Mrs. E. Rotherham +23 —6 +25.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. E. Reeve bt Capt. H. G. Stoker +2 +8.
H. O. Hicks bt Miss D. A. Lintern +19 +16.
M. B. Reckitt bt Dr. H. J. Penny +26 +16.
Major G. F. Stone bt E. P. C. Cotter +16 +4.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Major J. W. Cobb +4 +19.
G. M. FitzPatrick bt Mrs. W. Longman +1 +7.
W. Longman bt Dr. R. E. Steen +7 +12.
Col. D. W. Beamish bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts +16 +4.

THIRD ROUND.

H. O. Hicks bt Mrs. E. Reeve +17 +9.
Major G. F. Stone bt M. B. Reckitt +21 opponent retired.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt G. M. FitzPatrick +25 +26.
Col. D. W. Beamish bt W. Longman +25 +11.

SEMI-FINAL.

H. O. Hicks bt Major G. F. Stone +10 +2.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Col. D. W. Beamish +18 +10.

FINAL.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt H. O. Hicks —17 +17 +25.

THE ASSOCIATION PLATE.

OPEN SINGLES.

(10 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt G. V. Evans by 18.
W. P. Ormerod bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts by 10.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

B. D. Buchanan bt Capt. H. G. Stoker by 15.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt G. M. FitzPatrick by 3.
W. P. Ormerod bt Dr. R. E. Steen by 24.
R. F. Rothwell bt M. B. Reckitt by 7.

SEMI-FINAL.

B. D. Buchanan bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 4.
W. P. Ormerod bt R. F. Rothwell by 17.

FINAL.

W. P. Ormerod bt B. D. Buchanan by 11.

THE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

(8 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

H. O. Hicks and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt E. P. C. Cotter and W. P. Ormerod by 9.

Major G. F. Stone and Col. D. W. Beamish bt G. M. FitzPatrick and B. D. Buchanan by 19.

Major J. W. Cobb and Mrs. E. Reeve w.o. W. Longman and Mrs. W. Longman opponents scratched.

M. B. Reckitt and R. F. Rothwell bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss D. A. Lintern by 1.

SEMI-FINAL.

H. O. Hicks and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Major G. F. Stone and Col. D. W. Beamish by 8.
M. B. Reckitt and R. F. Rothwell bt Major J. W. Cobb and Mrs. E. Reeve by 19.

FINAL.

H. O. Hicks and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt M. B. Reckitt and R. F. Rothwell by 12.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

JULY 15th-20th

This ever-popular tournament attracted its customary high-class entry, ten minus players entering for the Open Singles. It was unfortunate that the holder, Mrs. W. Longman, who had travelled from London, had to scratch because of indisposition.

The weather throughout most of the week was highly unseasonable and on Wednesday, which was as usual largely devoted to doubles, the rain hardly ceased all day. The writer who played two doubles and one singles game on Wednesday has good reason to remember the downpour.

Among players who caught the eye was W. B. Hart who, in his first year of competitive croquet, shows a natural flair for the game, allied with an abundant measure of confidence. In most of the games which he won in the Handicap Singles he had one or more bisques in hand at the finish and no doubt he will have heard by now from the handicappers regarding a reduction in his entitlement.

In the Handicap Doubles it was noticed that as usual Hicks and Stone had enrolled high bisquers who could be piloted to the peg without undue delay. It was, therefore, no surprise to find them opposed in the final which attracted a good gallery. In this game George Mills played well above his handicap which contributed largely to the win by Stone and himself.

Stone's series of successes in the early part of the week proved an embarrassment both to himself and the manager and he decided

to scratch from both halves of the Open Singles, retiring to Cave in the final of the Draw and scratching to Townsend in the first round of the Process. This did not as expected detract from the lustre, the centrepiece of the tournament, as Cave put up an exceptionally good fight in the final, and might easily have won it.

What with the rain and two or three successful problem players who were jamming the works, Major Dibley had his worries as Manager but as usual carried everything off successfully, including the organising of an extra event.

The catering arrangements always set a high standard at this tournament and this year was no exception. One cannot fail to admire the enthusiasm and efficiency of Mr. Walters, the Club Secretary, who contributes greatly to the success of the tournament.

A final word on the quality of the lawns. They were in excellent condition and even players who felt they were being relegated to play on the outside tennis lawns had nothing of which to complain. Apart from Monday which remained dry the going was slow and comparatively easy. This was to the liking of the medium and high bisquers, but experienced campaigners such as Maurice Reckitt would have preferred conditions demanding precision and finesse.

OPEN SINGLES.

(Draw and Process).

THE COLMAN CUP.

THE DRAW.

(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss J. Warwick bt J. K. Brown by 13.
M. B. Reckitt w.o. Mrs. W. Longman opponent scratched.
S. S. Townsend bt W. Longman by 15.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt J. G. Warwick by 6.
H. O. Hicks bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 18.
Major G. F. Stone bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 20.

SECOND ROUND.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt Miss J. Warwick by 10.
S. S. Townsend bt M. B. Reckitt by 13.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt H. O. Hicks by 12.
Major G. F. Stone bt W. W. Sweet Escott by 26.

SEMI-FINAL.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt S. S. Townsend by 8.
Major G. F. Stone bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 17.

FINAL.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave w.o. Major G. F. Stone opponent retired.

PROCESS.

(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

S. S. Townsend w.o. Major G. F. Stone opponent scratched.
Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt Miss J. Warwick by 2.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 26.
J. G. Warwick bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 1.
W. Longman bt W. W. Sweet Escott by 7.
H. O. Hicks bt J. K. Brown by 19.

SECOND ROUND.

S. S. Townsend bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 12.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt M. B. Reckitt by 13.
J. G. Warwick w.o. Mrs. W. Longman opponent scratched.
H. O. Hicks bt W. Longman by 9.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt S. S. Townsend by 20.
H. O. Hicks bt J. G. Warwick by 17.

FINAL.

H. O. Hicks bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 24.
H. O. Hicks bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 5.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B").

(1 to 5 Bisques).

THE LONGMAN CUP.

(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Lady Ursula Abbey bt Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin by 4.
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt Mrs. L. G. Walters by 20.
Miss L. Elphinstone Stone w.o. V. C. Cave opponent scratched.
Miss A. E. Mills bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot by 11.
Mrs. R. G. Michelmores bt W. B. Hart by 8.
Miss M. S. Carlyon bt Mrs. N. E. Wallwork by 3.

SECOND ROUND.

Lady Ursula Abbey bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley by 15.
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt Miss L. Elphinstone Stone by 16.
Miss A. E. Mills bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmores by 11.
Mrs. F. R. Briggs w.o. Miss M. S. Carlyon opponent scratched.

SEMI-FINAL.

Lady Ursula Abbey bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 10.
Mrs. F. R. Briggs bt Miss A. E. Mills by 6.

FINAL.
Mrs. F. R. Briggs bt Lady Ursula Abbey by 13.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C").
(5½ Bisques and over).
(11 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
Miss S. C. Gough (10) bt Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) by 12.
Major E. P. Edyvean (11) bt G. R. Mills (12) by 3.
Mrs. K. Eakin (6) bt Miss D. L. Latham (8) by 7.

SECOND ROUND.
G. B. Horridge (7*) bt Miss J. Cooper (10) by 16.
Major E. P. Edyvean (11) bt Miss S. C. Gough (10) by 3.
Mrs. K. Eakin (6) bt Mrs. M. H. Vincent (6) by 1.
G. A. Black (8) bt W. J. Dixson (9) by 12.

SEMI-FINAL.
Major E. P. Edyvean (11) bt G. B. Horridge (7*) by 5.
G. A. Black (8) bt Mrs. K. Eakin (6) by 10.

FINAL.
G. A. Black (8) bt Major E. P. Edyvean (11) by 7.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y.").

EVENT "X."
(37 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
W. B. Hart (5*) bt Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) by 9.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2) by 18.
W. W. Sweet Escott (—1) w.o. Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (5½) opponent retired.

Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4) bt Miss S. C. Gough (10) by 8.
Major G. F. Stone (—4) bt Miss J. Cooper (10) by 15.

SECOND ROUND.
W. Longman (—3) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (3½) by 10.
Mrs. L. G. Walters (4) w.o. Mrs. W. Longman (—1½) opponent scratched.

Miss J. Warwick (½) bt Capt. M. Buller (8) by 5.
Mrs. H. J. Philpot (5) w.o. V. C. Cave (5) opponent scratched.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (½) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (3) by 14.
Miss A. E. Mills (1½) bt Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (3½) by 14.

W. B. Hart (5*) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) by 11.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt W. W. Sweet Escott (—1) by 11.

Major G. F. Stone (—4) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4) by 9.
Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (3½) bt Lt. Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (2½) by 4.

J. G. Warwick (—1½) bt Mrs. M. H. Vincent (6) by 6.
S. S. Townsend (½) bt Mrs. K. Eakin (6) by 16.

Miss M. S. Carlyon (1) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (2½) by 8.
G. B. Horridge (7*) bt J. K. Brown (—1) by 5.

M. B. Reckitt (—3½) bt G. A. Black (8) by 11.
Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (½) bt Miss D. L. Latham (8) by 16.

THIRD ROUND.
Mrs. L. G. Walters (4) bt W. Longman (—3) by 20.
Miss J. Warwick (½) bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot (5) by 17.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (½) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1½) by 17.
W. B. Hart (5*) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) by 12.

Major G. F. Stone (—4) bt Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (3½) by 21.
S. S. Townsend (½) bt J. G. Warwick (—1½) by 5.

Miss M. S. Carlyon (1) bt G. B. Horridge (7*) by 6.
Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (½) bt M. B. Reckitt (—3) by 12.

FOURTH ROUND.
Miss J. Warwick (½) bt Mrs. L. G. Walters (4) by 13.
W. B. Hart (5*) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (½) by 25.

Major G. F. Stone (—4) bt S. S. Townsend (½) by 3.
Miss M. S. Carlyon (1) bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (½) by 16.

SEMI-FINAL.
W. B. Hart (5*) bt Miss J. Warwick (½) by 9.
Major G. F. Stone (—4) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon (1) by 9.

FINAL.
Major G. F. Stone (—4) bt W. B. Hart (5*) by 10.

EVENT "Y."
(19 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
Col. D. W. Beamish (—2½) bt Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) by 8.
Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (5½) by 10.

Miss J. Cooper (10) bt Miss S. C. Gough (10) by 2.
Lady Ursula Abbey (3½) w.o. Mrs. W. Longman (—1½) opponent scratched.

Capt. M. Buller (8) bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot (5) by 10.
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (3) w.o. Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (3½) opponent scratched.

Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2) bt Col. D. W. Beamish (—2½) by 7.
Miss J. Cooper (10) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (2½) by 18.

Mrs. M. H. Vincent (6) bt Mrs. K. Eakin (6) by 1.
Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (2½) bt J. K. Brown (—1) by 4.
G. A. Black (8) bt Miss D. L. Latham (8) by 2.

THIRD ROUND.
Capt. M. Buller (8) w.o. Lady Ursula Abbey (3½) opponent scratched.

Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (3) bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2) by 2.
Mrs. M. H. Vincent (6) bt Miss J. Cooper (10) by 10.
G. A. Black (8) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (2½) by 9.

SEMI-FINAL.
Capt. M. Buller (8) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (3) by 14.
Mrs. M. H. Vincent (6) bt G. A. Black (8) by 5.

FINAL.
Capt. M. Buller (8) bt Mrs. M. H. Vincent (6) by 6.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.
(No two minus players to play together).

LE MESSURIER CHALLENGE CUPS.
(18 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.
W. W. Sweet Escott and Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (4½) bt Miss J. Warwick and Miss A. E. Mills (2) by 5.

Major G. F. Stone and G. R. Mills (6) bt Miss J. Cooper and G. A. Black (17) by 2.

SECOND ROUND.
M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (2½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and J. Weston Martyr (2) by 15.

H. O. Hicks and Air Vice-Marshal F. H. M. Maynard (2½) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmore and Miss W. L. Stevenson (11½) by 12.

Lady Ursula Abbey and Capt. M. Buller (10½) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon and Miss S. C. Gough (11) by 2.

Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Mrs. L. G. Walters (4½) bt W. W. Sweet Escott and Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (4½) by 6.

Major G. F. Stone and G. R. Mills (6) bt W. J. Dixson and Mrs. K. Eakin (15) by 7.

Mrs. F. R. Briggs and G. B. Horridge (9) bt J. G. Warwick and Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (—1) by 16.

S. S. Townsend and W. B. Hart (5½) bt Miss L. Elphinstone Stone and Major E. P. Edyvean (13½) by 11.

Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart and Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (6½) bt W. Longman and Mrs. J. H. Dibley (1) by 9.

H. O. Hicks and Air Vice-Marshal F. H. M. Maynard (2½) bt M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (2½) by 14.

Lady Ursula Abbey and Capt. M. Buller (10½) bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Mrs. L. G. Walters (4½) by 3.

Major G. F. Stone and G. R. Mills (6) bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs and G. B. Horridge (9) by 15.

S. S. Townsend and W. B. Hart (5½) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart and Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (6½) by 17.

SEMI-FINAL.
H. O. Hicks and Air Vice-Marshal F. H. M. Maynard (2½) bt Lady Ursula Abbey and Capt. M. Buller (10½) by 1.

Major G. F. Stone and G. R. Mills (6) bt S. S. Townsend and W. B. Hart (5½) by 8.

FINAL.
Major G. F. Stone and G. R. Mills (6) bt H. O. Hicks and Air Vice-Marshal F. H. M. Maynard (2½) by 13.

EXTRA EVENT.

HANDICAP SINGLES.
(Starting at 5th hoop).
(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
Miss S. C. Gough (10) bt Miss D. L. Latham (8) by 3.
Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (2½) bt Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (3½) by 5.

Miss J. Cooper (10) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon (1) by 7.
J. G. Warwick (—1½) bt Mrs. M. H. Vincent (6) by 6.

Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (5½) by 4.
Major J. R. Abbey (0) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (2½) by 18.

SECOND ROUND.
M. B. Reckitt (—3½) bt Miss S. C. Gough (10) by 8.
Miss J. Cooper (10) w.o. Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin opponent scratched.

J. G. Warwick (—1½) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4) by 10.
Major J. R. Abbey (0) bt J. K. Brown (—1) by 7.

SEMI-FINAL.
Miss J. Cooper (10) bt M. B. Reckitt (—3½) by 14.
Major J. R. Abbey (0) bt J. G. Warwick (—1½) by 8.

FINAL.
Major J. R. Abbey (0) bt Miss J. Cooper (10) by 3.

A CORRECTION

We regret that the score in the final of the Du Pre Cup was incorrectly reported. Mrs. Longman won the final by 12 points.

OXFORD

JULY 15th-20th

Rain, often torrential rain, and still we played! It was indeed unfortunate that after the lovely weather of June this should have been the fate of this tournament—the first to be played at Oxford since the war. Some forty competitors came to support the club's effort to revive the tournament. And it was a noble effort made by the few local members. Mention must be made of three of them, first the enthusiastic Secretary, Capt. H. J. Pulletin-Thompson, without whom the tournament would never have been held. He was ably assisted by Mr. Clayton and by Miss Bryan. The lawns were set on the outfield of the university cricket ground and not unexpectedly were hardly up to the standard of club lawns but much work had been spent upon them by Mr. Morris, the groundsman, and his staff during the few weeks that had elapsed since term ended. Mr. Morris had achieved a great deal and would have done still more had he not been hindered by the weather.

One could hardly expect to see brilliant croquet under the weather conditions yet there were a number of interesting games and we saw several promising newcomers. Congratulations to Dr. Yoxall and Miss I. M. Roe upon their successes in both the "X" Handicap and Class "C". We expect to see them both making rapid progress and soon joining the "A" and "B" classes. Dr. Boucher and G. H. Betts are two newcomers to the game who should soon be found among the winners of events.

The open event with some twelve entries proved of great interest to the spectators, several of whom appeared to be potential members of the local club. Mrs. Chittenden played well to win the final of the process and lost the play-off against R. F. Rothwell by only four points in a game in which had the play been on handicap Mrs. Chittenden would have been receiving four bisques. Congratulations to R. F. Rothwell upon winning the Cup. This, the last game of the tournament ended at 8.30 on Saturday evening. To finish the tournament under the prevailing conditions the manager had both to ignore the rain and be somewhat drastic in the application of time limits. We understand that one player described this action—not too seriously—as criminal and another called it courageous! Whatever it was, the manager's task was an unenviable one. As the writer of this report he would like to thank the competitors who so willingly co-operated with him.

OPEN SINGLES.
(Draw and Process).

THE DRAW.
(13 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
Miss D. D. Steel bt E. A. Roper by 17.
R. F. Rothwell bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 18.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 15.
B. D. Buchanan bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 25.
M. Spencer Ell bt E. Whitehead by 8.

SECOND ROUND.
Miss D. D. Steel bt Mrs. L. C. Apps by 22.
R. F. Rothwell bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 5.
M. Spencer Ell bt B. D. Buchanan by 5.
Mrs. E. Reeve w.o. Rev. G. F. H. Elvey opponent retired.

SEMI-FINAL.
R. F. Rothwell bt Miss D. D. Steel by 22.
M. Spencer Ell bt Mrs. E. Reeve by 17.

FINAL.
R. F. Rothwell bt M. Spencer Ell by 13.

PROCESS.
(13 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
Mrs. E. Reeve bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 5.
Mrs. L. H. Ashton w.o. Mrs. L. C. Apps scratched.
B. D. Buchanan w.o. Rev. G. F. H. Elvey scratched.
Miss D. D. Steel bt M. Spencer Ell by 2 on time.
E. A. Roper bt E. Whitehead by 1 on time.

SECOND ROUND.
Mrs. E. Reeve bt E. A. Roper by 25.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 6.
B. D. Buchanan w.o. R. F. Rothwell opponent retired.
Miss D. D. Steel w.o. Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey scratched.

SEMI-FINAL.
Miss D. D. Steel bt B. D. Buchanan by 18.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt Mrs. E. Reeve by 8.

FINAL.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt Miss D. D. Steel by 8.

PLAY-OFF.
R. F. Rothwell bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 4.

LEVEL SINGLES.
(2½ Bisques or over).
(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
Mrs. P. E. Heley bt Mrs. E. A. Roper by 8.
E. Whitehead bt Dr. C. A. Boucher by 10.
Mrs. H. J. Collins bt B. Lloyd Pratt by 10.
J. R. Bickersteth bt Miss D. Neville-Towle by 10.

SECOND ROUND.
Miss K. Ault bt Brig. J. S. Omond by 17.
Mrs. P. E. Heley bt E. Whitehead by 18.
J. R. Bickersteth w.o. Mrs. H. J. Collins retired.
Mrs. Roy bt Miss K. Birch by 10.

SEMI-FINAL.
Mrs. P. E. Heley bt Miss K. Ault by 1 on time.
J. R. Bickersteth bt Mrs. Roy by 7.

FINAL.
J. R. Bickersteth bt Mrs. P. E. Heley by 6.

HANDICAP SINGLES.
(6½ Bisques or over).
(19 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
Miss McKean (7½) bt A. F. Rash (9) by 11.
Miss I. M. Roe (9) bt Sir Cecil Brackenbury (10) by 9.
Mrs. Omond (11) bt Rev. G. L. Jarratt (9) by 19.
Dr. C. A. Boucher (7) bt T. H. Jessel (10) by 6.

SECOND ROUND.
Mrs. D. M. Roe (6½) w.o. Miss D. Neville-Towle (6) scratched.
Miss H. R. Allen (8) bt W. P. H. Roe (7) by 12.
Mrs. E. Whitehead (12) bt Miss M. Bryan (10) by 21.
Miss I. M. Roe (9) bt Miss McKean (7½) by 16.

Mrs. Omond (11) bt Dr. C. A. Boucher (7) by 1.
F. R. Johnson (9) w.o. Mrs. W. E. Rothwell (8) scratched.
Miss G. Allen (8) bt Capt. H. J. Pulletin-Thompson (10) by 12.
Dr. Yoxall (8) w.o. G. H. Betts (10) retired.

THIRD ROUND.
Miss H. R. Allen (8) bt Mrs. D. M. Roe (6½) by 9.
Miss I. M. Roe (9) bt Mrs. Whitehead (12) by 10.
F. R. Johnson (9) bt Mrs. Omond (11) by 12.
Dr. Yoxall (8) bt Miss G. Allen (8) by 14.

SEMI-FINAL.
Miss I. M. Roe (9) bt Miss H. R. Allen (8) by 15.
Dr. Yoxall (8) bt F. R. Johnson (9) by 18.

FINAL.
Dr. Yoxall and Miss I. M. Roe divided.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y.").
EVENT "X."
(38 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
Miss K. Ault (3) bt Miss J. Birch (4½) by 16.
Miss H. McKean (7½) bt Miss D. D. Steel (—4) by 25.
E. Whitehead (5) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton (—2) by 26.
B. Lloyd Pratt (5) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—2) by 18.
Mrs. E. Whitehead (12) bt Miss D. Neville-Towle (6) by 18.
E. A. Roper (2) bt Capt. H. J. Pulletin-Thompson (10) by 11.
W. P. H. Roe (7) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (—1½) by 8.

SECOND ROUND.
Dr. Yoxall (8) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) by 23.
Miss H. R. Allen (8) bt Miss M. Bryan (10) by 17.
M. Spencer Ell (—1) bt A. F. Rash (9) by 13.
J. R. Bickersteth (4½) bt Mrs. M. Roy (3) by 3.
Dr. C. A. Boucher (7) bt B. D. Buchanan (1) by 12.

Miss G. Allen (8) bt Mrs. H. J. Collins (3½) by 22.
Miss K. Ault (2) bt Miss H. McKean (7½) by 16.
E. Whitehead (5) w.o. B. Lloyd Pratt (5) scratched.
E. A. Roper (2) bt Mrs. Whitehead (12) by 7.
W. P. H. Roe (7) bt Mrs. Omond (11) by 2.

Mrs. D. M. Roe (6½) bt Mrs. W. E. Rothwell (8) by 7.
Miss I. M. Roe (9) bt Mrs. A. M. Badcock (1½) by 14.
Rev. G. L. Jarratt (9) bt Mrs. E. Reeve (—2) by 20.
Mrs. P. E. Heley (3) bt R. F. Rothwell (—2) by 12.
Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) bt Sir Cecil Brackenbury (10) by 7.
T. H. Jessel (10) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (5½) by 12.

THIRD ROUND.
Dr. A. L. Yoxall (8) bt Miss H. R. Allen (8) by 5.
J. R. Bickersteth (4½) bt M. Spencer Ell (—1) retired on peg.
Dr. C. A. Boucher (7) bt Miss G. Allen (8) by 8.
E. Whitehead (5) bt Miss K. Ault (3) by 18.

E. A. Roper (2) bt W. P. H. Roe (7) by 7.
Miss I. M. Roe (9) bt Mrs. D. M. Roe (6½) by 5.
Mrs. P. E. Heley (3) bt Rev. G. L. Jarratt (9) by 14.
Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) bt T. H. Jessel (10) by 11.

FOURTH ROUND.

Dr. A. L. Yoxall (8) w.o. J. R. Bickersteth (4½) retired.
 Dr. C. A. Boucher (7) bt E. Whitehead (5) by 1 on time.
 Miss I. M. Roe (9) bt E. A. Roper (6) by 6.
 Mrs. P. E. Heley (3) w.o. Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) opponent retired.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss I. M. Roe (9) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley (3) by 18.
 Dr. A. L. Yoxall (8) bt Dr. C. A. Boucher (7) by 8.

FINAL.

Dr. A. L. Yoxall (8) bt Miss I. M. Roe (9) by 8.

EVENT "Y".

(20 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss D. D. Steel (—4) w.o. Miss Birch (4½) scratched.
 Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—2) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton (—2) by 6 on time.
 Capt. H. J. Pullein-Thompson (10) w.o. Miss Neville-Towle (6) scratched.

Mrs. Omond (11) bt Dr. Penny (—1½) by 15.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) bt Miss M. Bryan (10) by 8.
 A. F. Rash (9) w.o. Mrs. Roy (3) scratched.
 B. D. Buchanan (1) bt Mrs. H. J. Collins (3½) by 12.
 Miss D. D. Steel (—4) w.o. Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—2) scratched.
 Mrs. Omond (11) bt Capt. H. J. Pullein-Thompson (10) by 1 on time.

Mrs. Badcock (1½) bt Mrs. Rothwell (8*) by 16.

R. F. Rothwell (—2) bt Mrs. E. Reeve (—2) by 8.

Brig. J. S. Omond (5½) bt Sir Cecil Brackenbury (10*) retired.

THIRD ROUND.

A. F. Rash (9) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) by 7.

B. D. Buchanan (1) bt Miss D. D. Steel (—4) by 18.

Mrs. Omond (11) bt Mrs. Badcock (1½) by 16.

Brig. J. S. Omond (5½) w.o. R. F. Rothwell (—2) opponent retired.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. Omond (11) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (5½) by 3.

B. D. Buchanan (1) bt A. F. Rash (9) by 16.

FINAL.

B. D. Buchanan (1) bt Mrs. Omond (11) by 13.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Combined Handicap not less than 3).

(17 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. E. Reeve and Sir Cecil Brackenbury (8) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton and A. F. Rash (7) by 1.

SECOND ROUND.

R. F. Rothwell and G. H. Betts (8) bt Mrs. H. J. Collins and Miss M. Bryan (13½) by 1.

B. D. Buchanan and B. Lloyd Pratt (6) bt Rev. G. J. Jarratt and Miss D. Neville-Towle (15) by 10.

Miss K. Ault and Mrs. P. E. Heley (6) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Miss A. M. Badcock (3½) by 3.

Mrs. E. Reeve and Sir Cecil Brackenbury (8) bt Dr. Penny and W. P. H. Roe (5½) by 4.

Mrs. Roe and Capt. H. J. Pullein-Thompson (16½) bt Mrs. Roy and J. R. Bickersteth (7½) by 1.

E. Whitehead and Mrs. E. Whitehead (15) bt E. A. Roper and Miss G. Allen (10) by 7.

Brig. J. S. Omond and Miss I. M. Roe (14½) bt Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. W. E. Rothwell (4) by 6.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Dr. A. L. Yoxall (5) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper and Mrs. J. S. Omond (17) by 6.

THIRD ROUND.

R. F. Rothwell and G. H. Betts (8) bt B. D. Buchanan and B. Lloyd Pratt (6) by 8.

Mrs. E. Reeve and Sir Cecil Brackenbury (8) bt Miss K. Ault and Mrs. P. E. Heley (6) by 6.

Mrs. Roe and Capt. H. J. Pullein-Thompson (16½) bt E. Whitehead and Mrs. Whitehead (15) by 4.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Dr. A. L. Yoxall (5) w.o. Brig. J. S. Omond and Miss I. M. Roe (14½) retired.

SEMI-FINAL.

R. F. Rothwell and G. H. Betts (8) bt Mrs. E. Reeve and Sir Cecil Brackenbury (8) by 14.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Dr. A. L. Yoxall (5) bt Mrs. Roe and Capt. H. J. Pullein-Thompson (16½) by 2 on time.

FINAL.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Dr. A. L. Yoxall (5) bt R. F. Rothwell and G. H. Betts (8) by 12.

CARRICKMINES

1957

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(Two Life System).

THE DRAW.

(11 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

A. V. McCormick bt J. K. Maconchy by 9.
 G. M. FitzPatrick bt J. D. Robinson by 16.
 Col. W. S. Beamish bt Lady FitzGerald by 14.

SECOND ROUND.

R. E. Steen bt Capt. D. Cambell by 12.
 G. M. FitzPatrick bt A. V. McCormick by 24.
 Col. W. S. Beamish w.o. R. Armstrong opponent scratched.
 A. Robinson bt T. V. Murphy by 13.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. M. FitzPatrick bt R. E. Steen by 12.

A. Robinson bt Col. W. S. Beamish by 13.

FINAL.

A. Robinson w.o. G. M. FitzPatrick opponent scratched

PROCESS.

(11 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

A. Robinson bt A. V. McCormick by 8.
 Capt. D. Cambell bt R. Armstrong by 7.
 T. V. Murphy bt R. E. Steen by 25.

SECOND ROUND.

A. Robinson bt Lady FitzGerald by 10.

G. M. FitzPatrick bt Capt. D. Cambell by 24.

Col. W. S. Beamish bt J. K. Maconchy by 9.

J. D. Robinson w.o. T. V. Murphy opponent scratched.

SEMI-FINAL.

A. Robinson bt G. M. FitzPatrick by 2.

Col. W. S. Beamish bt J. D. Robinson by 17.

FINAL.

Col. W. S. Beamish bt A. Robinson by 14.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

BOXWELL CUP.

(19 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Capt. J. H. Wilson (6) bt R. Armstrong (5) by 15.

Col. A. Boxwell (3½) w.o. R. E. Steen (2) opponent scratched.

Capt. D. Cambell (7*) bt Miss E. Haire (6) by 8.

SECOND ROUND.

Col. W. S. Beamish (1½) bt Lady FitzGerald (0) by 8.

Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly (2) bt A. V. McCormick (2) by 13.

J. D. Robinson (1) bt A. Robinson (1) by 18.

Capt. J. H. Wilson (6) bt Col. A. Boxwell (8½) by 10.

D. Hopkins (4) bt Capt. D. Cambell (7*) by 7.

J. Stokes (8) bt J. K. Maconchy (4½) by 15.

T. V. Murphy (5) bt C. R. M. Meredith (8) by 9.

Mrs. J. Stokes (9) bt B. T. O'Reilly (6) by 19.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly bt Col. W. S. Beamish by 13.

J. D. Robinson bt Capt. J. H. Wilson by 5.

J. Stokes w.o. D. Hopkins opponent scratched.

T. V. Murphy bt Mrs. J. Stokes by 4.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly bt J. D. Robinson by 12.

J. Stokes bt T. V. Murphy by 12.

FINAL.

J. Stokes bt Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly by 4.

LEVEL SINGLES.

"DUFF MATTHEWS" CUP.

(10 Entries).

(3½ bisques and over).

FIRST ROUND.

J. K. Maconchy bt Miss E. Haire by 19.

R. Armstrong bt Capt. D. Cambell by 2.

SECOND ROUND.

Col. A. Boxwell bt Mrs. J. Stokes by 4.

C. R. M. Meredith bt J. K. Maconchy by 11.

R. Armstrong bt B. T. O'Reilly by 2.

T. V. Murphy bt Capt. J. H. Wilson by 17.

SEMI-FINAL.

Col. A. Boxwell bt C. R. M. Meredith by 7.

T. V. Murphy bt R. Armstrong by 12.

FINAL.

T. V. Murphy bt Col. A. Boxwell by 17.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

R. Armstrong and Capt. D. Cambell (11) bt A. V. McCormick and Col. A. Boxwell (5½) on time.

Mrs. J. Stokes and Col. W. S. Beamish (10½) bt B. T. and Mrs. O'Reilly (8) by 10.

J. K. Maconchy and J. Stokes (12½) bt A. and J. D. Robinson (2) by 15.

Lady FitzGerald and T. V. Murphy (5) bt D. Hopkins and G. M. FitzPatrick (4) by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. J. Stokes and Col. W. S. Beamish (10½) bt R. Armstrong and Capt. D. Cambell (11) by 18.

J. K. Maconchy and J. Stokes (12½) bt Lady FitzGerald and T. V. Murphy (5) by 10.

FINAL.

J. K. Maconchy and J. Stokes (12½) bt Mrs. J. Stokes and Col. W. S. Beamish (10½) by 13.

LONGMAN (CLUB TEAM) CUP

SECOND ROUND.

Hurlingham versus Edgbaston. Played at Hurlingham on 14th July, 1957. Hurlingham players named first.

SINGLES.

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (1½) lost to J. B. Meachem (3½) by 16.
 T. E. Miles (3½) bt Miss H. Trought (8) by 6.

Mrs. M. L. Thom (4½) bt Miss C. Templeton (9) by 11.

DOUBLES.

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (9½) lost to J. B. Meachem and Mrs. C. Templeton (12½) by 6.

T. E. Miles and Mrs. M. L. Thom (8) bt H. Brown and Miss H. Trought (14½) by 11.

RESULT.—Hurlingham bt Edgbaston by 3 games to 2.

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 Association.

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

Referee.—F. H. Fisher.

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

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

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" CHALLENGE CUP. Open to all. Entrance Fee, 4s. 6d. The competition will be played under the Official Rules of Golf Croquet. Played in two blocks according to handicaps; the winners of the blocks playing off to decide the winner of the Cup. Holder: R. Tingey.

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

CONDITIONS

Hoops 3¼in. 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.

PRESIDENT'S CUP

Presented to the C.A. in 1934 by the late Trevor Williams, Esq. Holder—E. P. C. Cotter

For the 8 best available players of the preceding 12 months in the C.A. invited by the Council of the C.A.

No Entrance Fee

Will be played for at the ROEHAMPTON CLUB, the Headquarters of the Croquet Association on Monday, September 9th, and following days

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager, Referee.—E. A. Roper.

Assistant Referees will be appointed under Reg. 15 (a).

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

CONDITIONS

Hoops 3 11/16in. wide and Jaques "Eclipse" Balls will be used. The Council of the C.A. reserve the right to substitute hoop 3¼in. wide at their discretion.

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, his or 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. Single 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 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 tie between more than three Competitors, the names of the winners will be drawn on the Bagnall-Wild system and single games will be played in each round.

All competitors must furnish the Secretary with the address at which messages will reach them during the Tournament. Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

PRIZES

The winner holds the Trophy for one year or until the next Competition, whichever is the shorter period and will receive a medal.

PLAY

Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily, unless otherwise notified. Competitors must report themselves to the Manager on arrival and no leave can be given in any circumstances.

SURREY CUP

Presented to the C.A. in 1955 by the Officers of the former Surrey County Union

To be played for at the EAST DORSET L.T. & C. CLUB (Parkstone), by courtesy of the Club Committee, on Monday, September 9th, and following days

Manager.—V. A. de la Nougèrede.
Referee.—Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin.
Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the C.A.
For eight players invited by the Council to compete Conditions as for the President's Cup, except that 3½ in. hoops will be used.

DEVONSHIRE PARK, EASTBOURNE

SOUTH OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Fiftieth Annual Open Tournament will start on Monday, September 30th, and continue during the following two weeks.

(Held under the Laws and Regulations of the C.A.)

Committee.—The Entertainment Committee of the County Borough of Eastbourne, the Tournament Committee of the Council of the C.A. and the local representatives of the C.A.—H. C. S. Perry and Capt. H. C. Davey.

Manager.—Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury; Assistant Manager, Major J. H. Dibley.

Referee.—Mrs. E. Reeve.

Handicapper.—M. B. Reckitt.

Assistant Referees will be appointed under Reg. 15 (a).

Secretary.—The Secretary, Croquet Association, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1 (to whom all entries should be sent).

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all competitors (see conditions below). Entrance fee, 13s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Trophy presented by the late Mrs. A. C. Ionides—A. G. F. Ross.
- 2.—MEN'S OPEN SINGLES. THE MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all men competitors (see Conditions below). Entrance Fee, 10s. Holder of the perpetual Gold Challenge Cup presented by the late Capt. C. L. O'Callaghan—A. G. F. Ross.
- 3.—WOMEN'S OPEN SINGLES. THE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all women competitors (see Conditions below). Entrance Fee, 10s. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Trophy presented by Mrs. H. Franc—Miss D. D. Steel.
- 4.—"B" LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 1½ to 4½ bisques inclusive (see Conditions below). Entrance Fee, 10s. Holder of the perpetual challenge Silver Challenge Salver presented by the Devonshire Park Company—Mr. F. H. Chittenden.
- 5.—"C" LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 5 to 8½ bisques inclusive (see Conditions below). Entrance Fee, 10s. Holder of the Challenge Trophy presented by the late E. S. Luard, Esq.—Lt.-Col. F. Stobart.
- 6.—"D" LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 9 bisques or over (see Conditions below). Entrance Fee, 10s. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Cup presented by the late Trevor Williams, Esq.—Mrs. M. H. Vincent.

7.—UNRESTRICTED LEVEL DOUBLES (see Conditions below). Entrance Fee, 10s. each competitor. Law 44 partially suspended.

8.—RESTRICTED HANDICAP DOUBLES.—Open to pairs with a combined handicap of not less than 1 bisque (see Conditions below). Entrance Fee, 10s. each competitor.

9.—HANDICAP SINGLES—to be drawn in one block. THE SUSSEX PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP (see Conditions below). Entrance Fee, 10s.

10.—LIMITED HANDICAP SINGLES. THE SUSSEX UNION CHALLENGE CUP. Limited to competitors handicapped at 1½ bisques or more. Competitors in this event may not enter for Events 1, 2 or 3, or 7. Entrance Fee, 10s.

CONDITIONS

1.—In Event 1, matches best of three games will be played throughout. In all other events matches of single games will be played.

2.—Events 2, 3, 8 and 10 will be played under the 18 point variation, starting at 5th hoop.

3.—Law 44 will be suspended in Events 4, 5 and 6.

4.—Competitors may not enter for more than TWO of Events 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

5.—Play in Events 1 and 4 will begin on Monday, September 30th; in Events 5 and 9 on Tuesday, October 1st; in Event 7 on Wednesday, October 2nd; in Event 6 on Thursday, October 3rd; in Events 2 and 3 not before Friday, October 4th; in Event 8 on Monday, October 7th.

6.—Events 1 and 7 will be completed by Monday, October 7th. Players in Events 2, 3, or 6, may enter for Event 9 on the understanding that they will not be called upon to play in that event before Friday, October 4th.

INFORMATION

ENTRIES.—Entries accompanied by Entrance Fees for all Events except 7 and 8 must reach the Secretary, The Croquet Association, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, by Tuesday, September 24th. (Do not send Entries to Devonshire Park). Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to the Croquet Association.

Non-associates must also pay tribute of 15/- to the C.A., as this is an official tournament, or 7s. 6d. if they enter in only one event; but on their becoming Associates any tribute paid by them during the current year will be refunded or credited against their subscription.

ADDRESSES.—Competitors are particularly requested to send with their entries the addresses and telephone numbers which will find them during the Tournament.

DRAW.—The Draw for all events except Events 7 and 8 will take place at the C.A. Office, 4 Southampton Row, London, at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 25th. The Draw for Event 7 will take place at Devonshire Park at noon on Tuesday, October 1st, and for Event 8 at Devonshire Park at noon on Saturday, October 5th.

COURTS AND EQUIPMENT.—Ten Courts will be provided at Devonshire Park and Competitors must also be prepared to play on the courts at the Compton Club if required to do so. Jaques "Eclipse" balls and hoops 3½ in. wide will be used.

PLAY.—Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily, or earlier if necessary, and will continue until daylight fails. Competitors in Events 1 and 4 will be notified, and must be prepared to play if they are required at 10 a.m., or some later time on Monday, September 30th.

All competitors must report themselves to the Manager on arrival at the ground each day.

It is particularly asked that, in the interests of the tournament, competitors who are timed for the first games each morning will be punctual and that they will be on the court and will begin to play at the time stated.

Before leaving the ground for the day, competitors should not fail to consult the order of play announced on the board for the following day. A competitor who is not present or is otherwise unable to play when called upon to do so will be liable to be scratched under regulation 24 (a) (i).

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—No leave should be applied for, nor could it be granted save in exceptional circumstances.

HEELS.—Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

PRIZES.—In addition to the Challenge Trophies mentioned, two prizes will be given in each event with 8 Entries, and the number of other prizes will be in accordance with the number of Entries.

The Challenge Trophies may be held by the winner for one year or until the next Tournament whichever is the shorter period.

ADMISSION.—Associates will be admitted free on production of their Membership cards. Otherwise admission is 1s.

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.

EVENTS

- 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.
- 4.—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

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, 3½ 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, 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. 5½ 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, 8s.
 - 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined Handicap to be not less than 5. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- All games in Event 5 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, September, 3rd.

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

PARKSTONE (East Dorset)

CROQUET TOURNAMENT

Monday, September 2nd, 1957, and five following days (Under the Laws and Regulations of the C.A.)

Committee.—Croquet Committee of the Parkstone Club. Manager and Handicapper.—L. H. Ashton. Assistant Manager.—Mrs. L. H. Ashton. Referee.—V. A. de la Nougèrede. Hon. Secretary.—Mrs. L. H. Ashton, L. T. & Croquet Club, Saltern's Road, Parkstone, Dorset.

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. Single games. Entrance Fee, 8s. Bournemouth Bowl. Loser of the first match qualifies for the Ashton Trophy. Single games. Fee, 5s.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES. Law 44 partially suspended. For players of 1½ to 4 bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee 8s. Deshon Cup.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. For players of 4½ bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 8s. Halse Salver. Competitors may enter for only one of the above three events.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Unrestricted. Entrance Fee, 9s. Gold Cup.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Unrestricted. Entrance Fee, 8s. each player.

CONDITIONS

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 must reach the Hon. Secretary by mid-day Thursday, August 29th. Entries for Event 5 close at mid-day on Tuesday, September 3rd.

The Draw will take place at the Club on Thursday, August 29th at 3 p.m.

Five or six courts will be provided and Jaques "Eclipse" balls will be used. Standard 3½ in. hoops.

Play will commence at 10 a.m. (or earlier if necessary).

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

Lunch and tea at the Club at moderate prices.

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



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