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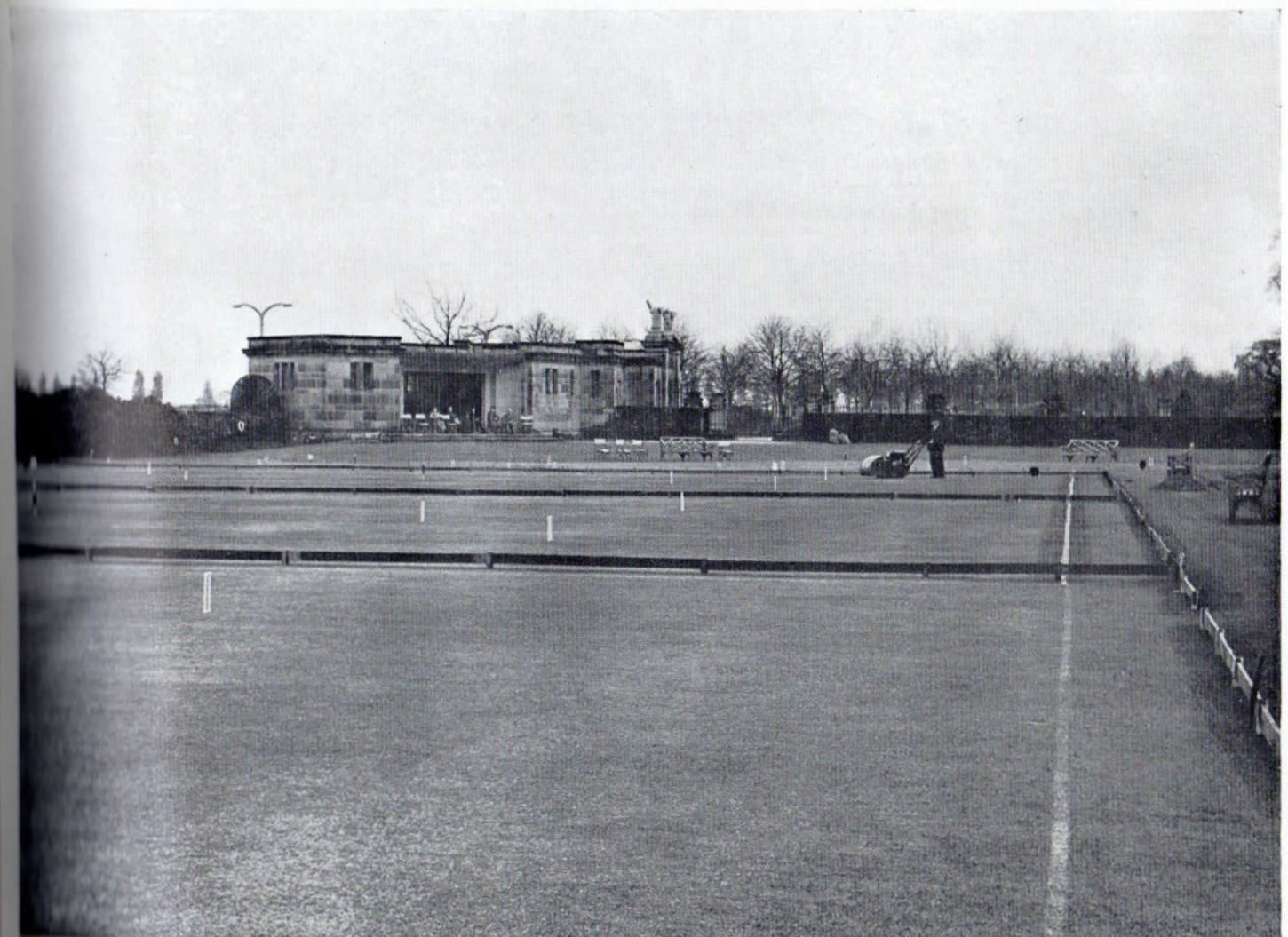
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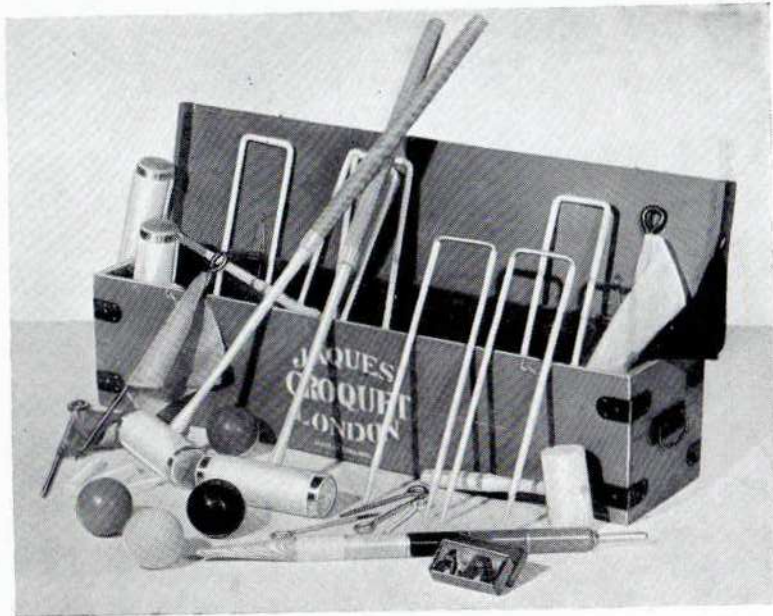
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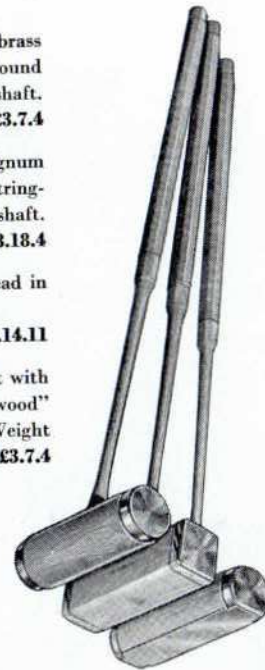
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- to 13 **Challenge Cups and Gilbey Cup. Golf Croquet, Ascot and Delves Broughton Cups (Roehampton).** *Secretary C.A.,* 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.
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LORN C. APPS,
Secretary.

Let the People See !

WE remarked in the Editorial of our first issue in April that Croquet suffers from the fact that much of it in London, and in the provinces as well, is played behind closed doors. Our friends in New Zealand and Australia can teach us a good deal here, for they are much wiser than we are in playing their Croquet where the general public can see them. Where in Australia there is a bowling green there, as often as not, is a croquet lawn as well. We suspect that it is almost as a direct result of this open play that one city alone in Australia can boast of having as many as forty clubs within its confines.

We think croquet players in general, and the Croquet Association in particular, should make every effort to bring the game before the public eye. This is the day of the visual aid. In the school, in the cinema and on the television set at home, many are the lessons that are thus learnt. The film strip has become the normal means of re-inforcing the school lesson. The child sees the picture and the mind retains it. But perhaps the lesson (not always a good one) that is most quickly and easily learnt is that in the cinema—maybe from a gangster film. The reason for this ease of learning is not only the fact that the picture is in front of the pupil, who may be many years past the school-leaving age, but that it is in front of an interested pupil who is not in fact aware that he or she is learning anything at all. There is a moral here for us, for this is the way to attract recruits. We must put a picture of Croquet before the public; not a film strip nor yet a cinema show, but a live game for anyone to watch who cares to do so.

Thus alone perhaps can we meet Croquet's most crying need. Let the people see it! The most obvious way of doing this is by Croquet finding a place in the Public Recreation Grounds and Pleasure Gardens of our towns. Often in close proximity to the seaside promenade there are tennis courts and putting greens. Let us see a croquet lawn as well where for a few pence per head the passers-by may stop and enjoy a game of Golf-Croquet. That should certainly start the ball rolling, and before long one would hope to see the balls rolling on an adjoining lawn where players were engaged in the real game. Now our readers will perhaps suggest that no town's corporation would think it worth while to provide the lawn and equipment until there was a greater demand than there appears to be at the present time. And of course we naturally suspect that until the provision is made there will be no articulate demand. This may look like a vicious circle. But we are being unduly pessimistic, for already there are local authorities who do make

provision for the game. There are four or five clubs in the country whose lawns are situated in public parks or gardens. Their players are in a very fortunate position, for they have nothing like so heavy a financial burden to carry as the members of a club which has to maintain its own private lawns. Usually these clubs pay a rent to a corporation who provide all the labour for the upkeep of the lawns and in some cases provide the equipment as well. Of course there is usually one apparent disadvantage, though this may well prove to be a blessing in disguise. We refer to the condition that the general public must have one lawn available for them, at any rate on certain days of the week, to use for a fee of a shilling or two for the afternoon. And these shillings go to the corporation and not to the club. Surely this is a blessing, for here is the "open door" instead of the usually closed door behind which Croquet is played. Here are all the conditions we seek for bringing in the general public. They pass by or stop and watch for a few minutes. They come again and learn a little more. Their interest is aroused and there are at hand croquet players to answer questions and, we hope ready to invite such people to try their hand at the game.

We have a suggestion to make to club members. It is more than a suggestion—it is a challenge. If we are to see an increase of lawns in public places then we need croquet players with enthusiasm and the missionary spirit who will approach local authorities and ask for the provision of at least one croquet lawn in a prominent position in the local recreation ground or pleasure garden. It will be no easy undertaking and we shall have to be ready to ask again and again and to see that our requests go to the right quarter.

Naturally a local authority will be the more disposed to respond to such an approach if it can feel assured that there is a body of support behind it. It will therefore be wise for any handful of enthusiasts to do as much canvassing among their friends as possible before making their application. Having secured this support they will do well to apply to the Publicity Committee of the Croquet Association to arrange that some first class players will come down to give an exhibition game at an opening ceremony which (it will be tactfully suggested) will gain much *eclat* from the attendance of the Mayor in full regalia. His Worship may be invited to start the proceedings by running the first hoop. If, as is quite likely, he fails to do so at his initial attempt, both he and the spectators may gain an added respect for the game!

Here then is our challenge: who will be the first to accept it?

CONGRATULATIONS to Colonel Adams and Mrs. Collins on their victories in the Peel Memorials. It was Col. Adams' second success in this event. This is always a fine achievement, though one less difficult to perform now perhaps than it was in the days when entries might run into three figures. Mrs. Beaton is still the only player with three victories to her credit, the first (as Miss Gower) in 1903, the last (so far) as lately as 1948—a gap even longer than that between the figures of the temperature on the early days of the contest this year and on the final day of the week. The (much too) fresh wind on Saturday had at least the merit of displaying at its best the handsome new Association flag generously presented to the club by one of its members. A crowning glory is added to any tournament when the ground on which it is played is flying (or should we say "wearing"?) this flag.

The Council recently found another—though more metaphorical—way of "keeping the flag flying." This was by participation in the National Playing Fields Association's week at Harrods Stores shortly before the Croquet season opened. A (very) small court was laid out, equipment of every sort was available, and owing to the energy and enterprise of Miss Daisy Lintern and Mr. John Solomon, the attendance of experienced players was arranged for throughout the week to answer inquiries and engender interest. Features of the week were the keenness shown by many young folk attending the exhibition, and the genuine and friendly curiosity of many of the famous stars representing other games, about what our players had to show. Like most forms of "publicity" this experiment involved a good deal of selfless effort from those who represented the Association on this occasion, and our members may well be grateful to them.

The tournament season provides an opportunity for players to improve their game, one which is too much neglected or even ignored altogether. A great deal can be learnt about Croquet by watching how players better than oneself produce their effects—and sometimes fail to produce them. One says "players better than oneself" advisedly, for it is not necessarily by watching the most brilliant exponents that every spectator will learn most. Indeed a good case could be made out for the proposition that it is by careful attention to the methods and tactics of those in a class just better than one's own that a player will be most likely to profit. The reason for this is that if a player is appreciably more skilful and more experienced than oneself, it is probable that he will be producing his effects not only by strokes which are beyond one's present capacity to attempt successfully, but by tactical means the subtlety of which is as yet beyond one's power to take in. So let the scratch player watch the "Best Eight" man, the "B" class player watch an average "A" class exponent, and so on up the scale.

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By the word "watching," of course, we mean devoting concentrated attention to what is happening on the court beside which one is sitting. Chatting to one's friends or allowing one's mind to wander are very pleasant ways of passing the time between games, but so long as you are doing no more than this you are not strictly a "spectator" at all. If you really mean to watch a game with the purpose of learning something from it, either go off by yourself, or find some sympathetic spirit with whom there is a good chance of exchanging intelligent comment on the play. It is useful to make up your mind in advance what are the particular points you especially wish to look out for, whether some details of stroke production or of break-making and finishing (very important this), or perhaps the tactics of the out-player, and give whole-hearted attention to these. If the writer of these lines were asked what he would recommend above all for such a purpose, it would be to watch for the reasons which lead a player to break down. These can often be traced some way back in the turn, and the spectator may well find it of great value to analyse them carefully, and even to look out for such possibilities before they eventuate. At Croquet, as at other things, it may well be the onlooker who sees most of the game, but he won't see it unless he is really looking at it. So as spectator no less than as player, take for what may fitly be called your "watch-word" the old advice and "keep your eye on the ball."

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3—ABOUT MALLETS

by

The Rev. G. F. H. Elvey

HOW delightful to be on the lawn again with such interested, and promising pupils. But, as a matter of fact, just for a little while we shall not need the lawn, and I see some comfortable chairs over there, and we may as well sit in them while we have a chat.

No matter how clever a workman may be, he cannot get far without good tools, and so we come to the question of mallets. So far you have been handling a mixed lot of lent mallets; and this is a very good way of starting off, because you can get an idea of the kind of thing that each of you likes. If you do not like a mallet, and do not feel comfortable with it, it is not going to be much good to you, no matter how useful some other player might find it. But now having experimented with various mallets, and having formed a rough idea as to what suits you, the time has come when you want to get them for yourselves, and cease to be dependent on "Club mallets."

The subject is specially important in these days, because mallets are expensive. On the face of it a mallet is a very simple thing—just a head strong enough to strike the ball with and some sort of handle to actuate it. I once made a mallet out of bough of a tree, and did not even take the bark off. I remember I made an all-round break with it quite easily. But this does not mean that any old thing will do; quite frankly, it won't. A mallet to a croquet player is just as important as his bag of clubs to a golfer, or his cue to a billiard player.

A great deal depends on the fancy of the individual player, but there are a few characteristics that every good mallet ought to have. The head must be sufficiently heavy to do its job, and sufficiently light for the player to control. The shaft must be straight, or at the least reasonably so, and it should be set into the head with the grain of the wood square with the head. This is very important, because if the shaft warps slightly, it won't matter so very much if it is in the line of aim, but if it warps sideways, it will be very disconcerting.

As to the wood—mallets heads are made of *lignum vitae*, satinwood or boxwood. *Lignum vitae* is heavy and terrifically hard, also very resilient. It is impossible to split, but is liable to chip at the edges. For this reason it is better brass-bound, and then it will last for years. If you can get a really good piece of boxwood, it is not necessary to have it brass-bound, that is if you hit reasonably accurately. But good boxwood is hard to come by in these post-war days, and so another wood—Satinwood—has been pressed into service. It is not so satisfactory as box, as it is softer and liable to split. For this reason, it

should be brass bound. The question of which wood is largely a question of weight. If you can use a reasonably heavy mallet—a mallet not less than 3 lbs. in weight, I should advise *Lignum*; if you want a lighter mallet than this, I think I should advise Box, if you can get it, or Satinwood.

In these days rectangular heads are popular. A main advantage is that they stand firmly on the ground while you are aiming. But the question round or rectangular is really a matter of taste, both are efficient for purposes of play.

Now we come to the more important part of the mallet—the Shaft. Shafts are made of Hickory, Ash or Cane, and Golf Club steel has also been pressed into service. A really good Hickory or Ash shaft cannot easily be beaten. A few of the Cane shafts are splendid, but most of them are far too whippy. On the whole I advise my beginners to look for a good Hickory or Ash shaft. Be careful that it is straight, and on the one hand not too whippy and on the other not like a poker. Try to get a shaft with the grain of the wood going straight down into the head, and then it will be unlikely to break!

What about length and weight? My two pupils who have decided to play between the feet—CENTRE-PLAY—will want short-handled mallets; my other two will want rather longer mallets, so that they can stand more upright. Roughly speaking, length gives steadiness and shortness power. I would say both to my Centre-play pupils and my Side-play pupils—have your shaft as long as you can, to reduce fatigue, and as short as you must to give you power and freedom.

Mallet shafts have various grips, some of cork, some of rubber, some of artificial leather, some of string, and some have the plain wood. Personally I should avoid the string, because once it gets dirty you can do nothing about it. Cork, rubber, and plain wood can be washed with a sponge and cold water, and artificial leather cleaned with furniture cream.

As to buying a mallet, if, going into a sports shop, you can hunt about and find a good mallet, probably that is the best method. But you must pick out your own. Don't listen to the shop assistant, as it is most unlikely that he knows anything whatever about mallets. If you do not have luck this way, then the only thing to do is to order a mallet either direct from a good firm like Messrs. Jaques, or through your local sports shop. If you do this, be careful to specify the weight, you want, and the wood that you want, and be careful to mention that the grain of the wood of the shaft must be at right angles with the head. In specifying the length of the shaft, be careful to

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mention whether the measurement you give includes the part in the head, or not.

Just another word or two about weight. Mallets vary in weight from about 2 lbs. 14 oz. to 3 lbs. 8 oz. Years ago many of the leading players used heavy mallets 3 lbs. 8 oz., or even 3 lbs. 9 oz., and magnificently they played with them too. Of recent years, however, the cult of the light, or even very light mallet has come in.

Frankly, I do not advise either the very heavy mallet, or the very light one. I suggest to my Centre-play pupils that they should buy mallets not weighing less than 3 lbs. or more than 3 lbs. 5 oz. Using short mallets, they can do with more weight than their Side-play friends. To my Side-play pupils I say, don't have a mallet heavier than 3 lbs., an ounce less than this would be all right, but don't go much lighter than that, or you may get something that won't do its job. And remember that if the mallet won't do its job, YOU have got to do it, and that means HITTING and losing your rhythm. And RHYTHM is the all important word on the executive side of Croquet.

Now we have got some of the necessary preliminaries over, let us see what we can do on the lawn. Nothing difficult to be attempted at first. I am putting Blue and Red not more than 1 yard apart, and I want each of my pupils to try to

THE PRESIDENT: Sir Compton Mackenzie, O.B.E.

ASSOCIATES may have noticed that early last year Sir Compton was announced to be engaging with his friend and fellow author, Mr. Moray MacLaren, in a dialogue on the Home Service under the title "The Queen of Games." If they did notice this they surely turned on their radios at the appropriate hour, since here is a broadcaster not on any occasion to be missed. Pleasure then was to be expected whatever the theme might prove to be, but how great the delight when the subject of the dialogue was revealed. For Croquet—most appropriately of course—it proved to be, and seldom, if ever, has the game been discussed in so engaging and attractive a manner. Here was "publicity" at its very best.

How happy then is our Association to be able now to welcome so perspicacious a Croquet "fan" as its new President. It is more than forty years since those of us who were old enough, read that never-to-be-forgotten novel "Carnival", but it is not very long ago since still more of us perhaps enjoyed "Whisky Galore," both as a book and as a film. Between the appearance of these works Sir Compton's output has been—and continues to be—as impressive in its versatility as it has been absorbing in its content. It may be said of him, as it was of Hilaire Belloc,

he seems to think nobody minds his books being all of different kinds.

So far from "minding" it, we simply love it, and Associates will now look forward to a book which will have Roehampton or Hurlingham for its setting. We would remind our President that the great croquet novel has still to be written.

As, among many other things, an Honorary LL.D. of Glasgow University and one of its

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roquet Red with Blue. By the bye, let us be clear what a roquet is. When you make one ball hit another it is called roquet, that is in all cases when the Laws allow you in the next stroke to place your ball against the other one and TAKE CROQUET.

Now don't try to hit hard. Just try to let your mallet swing naturally and hit Red well in the middle. You did not quite do it that time. I'll tell you where you were wrong. You did not walk up to your ball in the line of aim. You took your stance, and then you fiddled your mallet about, trying to get the line. Now remember this. Walk up to your ball in the line of aim. Put the mallet behind your ball IN THE LINE OF AIM, and then hit. If ever you are not satisfied that your aim is correct, you must go back again and take another line. Aim is a matter of foot position as well as mallet position; so if you are not happy about your aim, you have not just to move your mallet, you must move yourself into the right position.

I think I see that some one is wanting the court for a game, and so this is where we must stop for today. But until the next lesson, go on the court whenever you can, and begin by trying to make accurate roquets at a yard, and then keep putting the object ball farther and farther away.



former Lord Rectors, Sir Compton's distinctions are so numerous that even his Presidency of our Association (as also, we note, of the Siamese Cat Club) can add little to his fame. But his generous patronage—and, we trust, his presence at some of our tournaments—will, we doubt not, do much to enhance the prestige of "The Queen of Games."

Why You Break Down

by

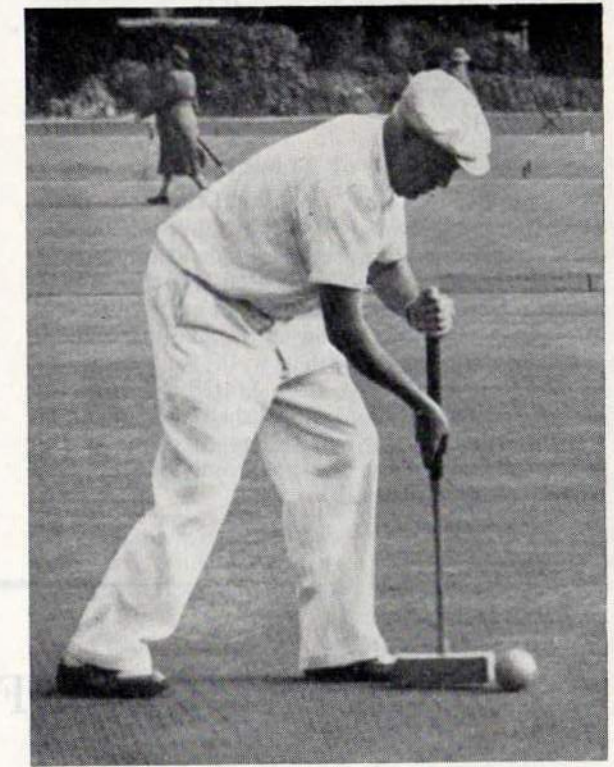
E. P. C. Cotter

(Men's Open Champion, 1952)

NEAR the beginning of a game, before a point has been scored, your opponent, playing Red, fails at the first hoop with your Blue the other side, Black near the second hoop and Yellow just south of the peg. It is your turn to play. What a lovely prospect—a laid four-ball break. A few minutes later you come off the court with your clip on the fourth hoop. You sink into a chair next to me and say: "Not very good, was it?" "Terrible," I agree pleasantly!

Well, why did you break down? Let's analyse what happened. You committed several faults, no one exactly fatal in itself, but the cumulative effect resulted in failure at the fourth. When you went on the court you roqueted Red with Blue and did a little roll approach, putting Red just past the hoop to the right. You ran the hoop, turned round and roqueted Red again. But your objective after the hoop was either Black at the second or Yellow by the peg. Why turn round? You wanted a *forward* rush, didn't you? Your first mistake was Loss of Control. As a matter of fact your hoop approach was wrong. You should have played a stop shot, sending Red two yards and slightly right. Then, after making the hoop, you would have been able to rush Red to Yellow. Let's go back—what did you do next? You croqueted Red to the third but it went to the right and three yards past. That was Bad Pioneering. Then you roqueted Yellow and took off fine to Black. So you were satisfied with that badly placed pioneer at the third? Couldn't you have corrected your mistake by a split shot, putting Yellow near the third and going to Black? You didn't think of it? That's another mistake—Lack of Thought. Let's go on. You played a perfect roquet on Black, putting it two feet from the hoop just to the right. This is the position that gives complete control. With a little stop shot you put Black a yard forward ran the hoop gently and roqueted Black again. But why on earth didn't you put Black to the side of the hoop and go through far enough to get a rush on Yellow at the peg? You thought what you did was all right? So you a five bisquer were content with a position that I, a minus player, would have hated? The charge now is Making Things Difficult.

Then you tried to croquet Black to the fourth but it hit the peg and finished right of the Rover. Bad luck, you think? Only one word for that—Carelessness. Your Blue finished short of Yellow so you made the roquet and took off to Red. Short again. Now you had a nasty hoop approach but you got through and made the awkward return roquet. Then you made a roll shot, sending Red past the fifth. You roqueted Yellow and got a rush on Black for the fourth but you cut it and



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finished five yards from the hoop. You didn't get good position but it was quite makeable. However you jabbed at it and stuck on the wire. So you made your last error, a Bad Hoop Stroke.

Now I am going to say something about these mistakes in general.

Carelessness

This attacks all of us and results from lack of concentration or a blind faith in fortune. Remedy:—Think out exactly how you are going to play your stroke, then you will no longer find the peg and the hoops are unavoidable hazards.

Bad Pioneering

This is a very frequent cause of breakdowns among higher bisquers and accounts for numerous victims in the minus class. It may occur anywhere but seems most prevalent at the fourth, two-back and three-back. It results from errors of strength and direction (bad pointing). Remedy:—Concentrate on the strength required and see that you point the croqueted ball properly. For example, after making the second when you are splitting to fourth and third, don't forget that there will be a pull of at least a yard. Therefore the croqueted ball should point a yard to the right of the fourth.

Making Things Difficult

I have often been greeted by a long bisquer with the remark: "You make it look so easy." It is easy. It would be more accurate for me to say: "You make it difficult." Remedy:—Don't play a more difficult shot when you could play an easy one. For example, nine people out of ten

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after making one-back send the pioneer from there to three-back. I don't. I get a rush on the pivot ball (which is between the hoops, not near the peg) to the right of two-back and send it to three-back from there. Whose pioneer is more likely to be well placed?

Lack of Thought

This tears up easy breaks and fails to pick up difficult ones. Remedy:—Study the position and determine the best procedure. For example, you are for the fourth and rush Red into the fourth corner. Yellow is two yards up the east boundary. You get a rush on Yellow and make your hoop, possibly you make the fifth as well. But you didn't think. You should have stop-shotted Red from the corner below the hoop and rushed yellow to the right of the hoop. Now Yellow goes over to the fifth while you make the hoop and pick up Red with an easy three-ball break.

Bad Hoop Stroke

Obviously this is a fatal fault. Either you fail to get through or suffer the ignominy of being hoop bound. Remedy:—Swing, don't hit. I repeat, SWING. If you swing accurately you will be amazed at the hoops you can run.

Loss of Control

This makes easy breaks difficult and difficult ones impossible. By control I mean getting a position for a hoop so good that you can run it by six inches or three yards at will. At the same time the pilot ball must be where it is needed. Remedy: Watch the top players and practice. I cannot expect you to achieve perfect control—very few players do. But you should acquire reasonable control. Then you will find your bisques disappearing.

A QUESTION OF LAW . . . by Lex

WE have been asked to give a glossary of terms used in Croquet. A beginner, who has recently given up playing tennis, complains that he finds it difficult to understand the articles published in *Croquet* owing to his ignorance of the terms that are employed. He has no club near him and is trying to teach himself the game on his own small lawn. We feel we should do all we can to help this enthusiast and others like him. Our first article in the Beginners Please series will have told him about the number of hoops and the order in which they are played. The full legal definition of all croquet terms are of course printed in the book of Laws which all players should possess (price 1/6 to Associates, 2/- to others from the Secretary of the Croquet Association). We are here attempting to give in simple language an explanation of some of the terms used in the game.

1. The striker is the player of a turn.
2. The outplayer is the opponent during the striker's turn.
3. A turn is a stroke or a series of strokes.
4. A roquet is when the striker makes his ball hit another ball.
5. Taking croquet is when the striker having placed his ball in contact with a roqueted ball strikes his own ball in such a way that both balls move.
6. A peel is causing another ball to run its correct hoop.
7. The yard line is an imaginary line round the court one yard inside the boundary. The corners of this imaginary rectangle are called corner spots.

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8. Baulk A is part of this imaginary line stretching from the 1st corner (that nearest the first hoop) for a distance of 14 yards.
9. Baulk B is the corresponding line stretching for a similar distance from the 3rd corner (i.e. the corner nearest the 3rd hoop).
10. When a ball has scored all its hoops it is called a Rover. When a rover hits the peg it is said to be pegged out.

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Can you answer the following?

1. How many times may a player change his mallet during (a) a turn (b) a game?
2. In what circumstances can a turn begin before the player steps on to the court?
3. What is the height of the peg? Does this include the detachable top?
4. A player intentionally checking his mallet to avoid striking the ball touches, but does not move it. Is this a stroke?
5. Taking croquet from one of two enemy balls about 2½ inches apart the striker decides to place his ball in contact with both and play and explosion shot to spread them as far as possible. The opponent objected. Why?

Answers on page 12.

Do You Know . . . ? by Arthur Ross

New Zealand Champion 1953.

Dominion Referee 1933—1953.

CROQUET, like all games, is governed by laws, some that deal with what *may* be done with the balls, some that cover what *can* be done with them. The existence of the first section, is generally recognized, but few appear to realize the necessity for a knowledge of the second.

Croquet balls are manufactured by people who spare no effort to produce articles that are completely uniform in their characteristics and years of experience and study have rendered them so expert at the business that the players are able to take that uniformity for granted. It follows then that, given a certain set of weather and lawn conditions, if force is applied to a ball in a certain manner and to a certain extent the resultant movement will always be the same and can be anticipated. The fact that this is so is, of course, the general basis upon which we all work when playing the game or refereeing the play of others, but how many of us take into account the further fact that all ball movements are governed by exact laws?

Take one of them and apply it to a practical problem:—

Law (1). When a ball is hit hard enough to make it move, the *direction* of that movement may be plotted by drawing a straight line from the spot on its outer cover touched by the hitting agent to its centre, and producing that line as may be necessary.

Application. A referee is asked to watch while the striker attempts to roquet a ball lying against a hoop upright but not in the hoop. By making use of the above law he can give a decision based upon reason which no player can doubt, if he doesn't he will almost certainly land himself into trouble because he will probably be unable to give a confident answer.

A ball in contact with a hoop can only touch it at one point, if that ball is moved by hoop vibration alone when the stroke is made it *must* move along a line drawn from the point of contact (hoop and ball) through its centre and on—if it is hit even a slight, glancing blow by the striker's ball it *must* move in quite another direction. The referee who knows his business will stand in that line and if the ball movement is towards him he will know without doubt that no roquet has been made, if it is in some other direction he will be equally sure that the striker has succeeded in his endeavour.

Law (2). If a ball is hit with true aim at a particular spot, the *centre* of the ball will pass over the spot aimed at.

Couple this law with Law (1) and you have the vital clue to accuracy in cut-rushing.

To make an accurate cut-rush you should:

- (a) decide upon the exact line you wish the roqueted ball to follow,
- (b) produce that line back through the centre

of the ball to a spot on the lawn exactly half a ball's width behind it,

- (c) aim at that spot when making the stroke instead of "at the side of the ball" as many people say they do:

Why? Because, if the outer cover of your ball is to hit the other ball at the right place, its centre must be exactly on the spot described in (b) above and *where you aim is where the centre of your ball will go*—if you hit straight!

And now let us return to our referee watching an attempt to roquet a ball touching a hoop; this time a ball within its jaws, in such a position that movement resulting from hoop vibration alone will cause it to cross from one upright to the other.

The referee will be able to forecast with absolute certainty:

- (a) the position that ball will occupy when it contacts the other upright, and
- (b) the angle at which it will approach.

Will it be possible for him to forecast the exact angle of which it will depart, the rebound?

I say that he will, provided he applies the simple laws governing such movement, which are:

- (1) The angle of departure is similar to the angle of approach.
- (2) Irrespective of the angle of approach, at the moment of contact a line drawn from the centre of the ball will be at right angles to the surface involved.

Consider these one by one, and in order to do so imagine a ball being hit against a flat surface or wall possessed of similar characteristics to those of a hoop upright. If it is hit straight at a wall it will naturally rebound straight back towards its starting point, while if it approaches the wall at an angle it will depart or rebound from that wall at a similar angle.

The fact that in the case of a hoop upright, the surface is rounded, will not result in a change of behaviour, because a ball can only touch any object at a single point, irrespective of that object's shape, but it will create a difficulty in assessing the angles of approach and departure unless Law (2) is taken into account.

The Referee can work out exactly where the ball, if moved by hoop vibration alone, will be when it contacts the second upright and Law (2) states that at that moment the line from its centre to the point of contact will be at right angles to a flat surface (in this case an imaginary one) of which that point of contact would be a part. Taking all these laws and calculations together he can forecast with certainty the direction in which the ball will depart from the second upright. If he judges that this first rebound will cause the ball to cross back to the first upright again he must repeat the above

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process until he finds out the direction in which the balls will ultimately leave the hoop. Sometimes he will find that a direct hit from the striker's ball will send the roqueted ball in a similar direction, but a few experiments will show him that in such a case it will travel considerably further, so that need not worry him. As in the case of the ball lying against an upright but not within the jaws of the hoop, the Referee now has a clear picture in his mind of what will happen if hoop

vibration is the sole hitting agent and is consequently in a position to rule upon the stroke with confidence.

These calculations probably look complicated and lengthy when put on paper, but anyone who experiments with them intelligently will find that they can be made use of without causing undue delay. The player who makes use of the "laws" or "facts" involved will increase the accuracy of his strokes to a surprising extent.

FOR BISQUERS HIGH OR LOW . . . By S.S.T.

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CLUES—ACROSS.

- Drape chap in different rigout. Get better and he'll get you down (11).
- An embarrassing position but not a bad place to go to if in doubt (6).
- If Spencer's in front, don't give him an inch (3).
- Senior scout is ready to go out (5).
- Minority when the champion was already minus! (6).
- A 15 yard allurement won't tempt 2 down (4).
- Nursemaid in Malaya households (4).
- "As if Divinity had catch'd the ——" (Hudibras) (4).
- It is to be observed unless you want a 4 down (4).
- Clip into shape (4).
- On a bad lawn the shot may —— away (4).
- Stopper. Double it and you should get a 4 down (3).
- It is often worth saving, but there's no point to it (10, hyphen).
- If there is more than one you get two chances anyway (4).
- This back, in certain circumstances may involve a 21 down (4).
- Forward end of 8 down for example (4).
- Keep sounding (4).
- This croquet's the real game: let's all join in (11).

CLUES—DOWN

- 1 and 7. Twin pillars of this puzzle are also those of capital croquet (10, 10).
- The 12 bisquer is without sin (6).
- Peg's resort (6).
- See 18 across and 22 across (7).
- They weren't croquet ——s that Hamlet wanted well bestowed (6).
- Variations A and B may provide a poser; his certainly do (5).
- See 1 down.
- Terra ——? Not quite, but quite a terror to 2 down possibly (6).
- It's warmed up (9) (Ignore accents).
- Make contact, but there's no start to the game (6).
- Change the beard-like fish's tail from left to right and get the chap who could give it a 19 across (6).
- Who's for what? We'll show you! (5).
- See 29 across (4).
- See 26 down (4).
- What a pity. In a last try I missed the peg! (4).
- Turf a help to water-softening (4).
- Be off when you've finished your 22 down (4).
- With a tail consequently can spoil the lawn (4).

Notes from the Clubs

WE hear from the REIGATE PRIORY Club that two years ago the Club faced an uncertain future owing to a severe decline in membership, but the remaining members were determined that the Club should continue. Their efforts were so successful that by the end of 1953 membership had been more than doubled. For the sake of clubs who need an increase of membership we give here an account of some of the methods adopted with such success by the Reigate Club.

A speech made at the Annual General Meeting extolling croquet and giving particulars of the local club was published in full by the local press. A club poster was exhibited in two well known restaurants. A Club notice, together with an exhibit of mallets and balls, was shown in the shop window of a well-known sports outfitter in the High Street. Incidentally one of the directors of this business accepted honorary membership of the Reigate Priory Club. The *Croquet Gazette* with a notice of the Club appeared on the book-stalls at the station.

This year the Club will offer to the principals of local schools to teach croquet to any pupils who wish to learn. They will invite librarians to display *Croquet* in their public reading rooms. They intend to stage exhibition games of Croquet which shall be well advertised to attract the press and a gallery of spectators.

We can do no less than urge other clubs to follow the example of Reigate. Their success has been the result of hard and unselfish work. We are delighted to see in action the missionary spirit to which we refer in our editorial.

The PARKSTONE Club opened on April 27th, with every one of its six courts occupied. New members, of whom there are several, had a warm welcome and started at once to learn the rudiments of the game under the expert instruction of Mr. and Mrs. Ashton.

The two annual tournaments which are held in June and September at Parkstone are always very popular and draw a large and distinguished entry. It is indeed a pity that more lawns are not available for these tournaments for entries have had to be refused in the past. Although the leading players were among the entrants last year the Club caters for all types of players who are made most welcome.

This Club tries to encourage its very large section of tennis players to take an interest in Croquet. This they did with success last year by arranging a Golf Croquet tournament in which a croquet player partnered a tennis player.

At the HURLINGHAM Club an interesting match was held early in May when the home club played a doubles match against a team from Roehampton. Hurlingham won by two games to one. As the sides were evenly matched on handicap they played level without lifts. The Roehampton side consisted of five ladies and one

man and the Hurlingham Club had very properly selected a side of five men and one lady! Miss D. A. Lintern, the Roehampton Club Captain, was a very welcome guest and spectator. Miss E. F. Rose and Mrs. H. J. Collins were defeated by S. S. Townsend and the Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, the ladies had most of the play for the first half hour but made little headway. The men then improved and played steady croquet to win by 20 points. Mrs. F. Pavia and Miss D. Jennings lost to R. C. de Wesselow and K. E. Shelley. Mrs. Pavia's accurate shooting stood her in good stead. Miss Jennings is never easy to defeat so the men did well to win by twelve points. It took them nearly 45 minutes to score the last three points.

Mrs. E. Bristow and Dr. N. Oliver were the one Roehampton pair to win their match. Mrs. Bristow is a steady player and Dr. Oliver was as crafty and clever as usual. They were opposed by Mrs. R. C. Beaton and Major-General F. H. M. Davidson. The latter who has recently taken up the game did well to reach one-back. Mrs. Beaton played a nice break and it looked at one time as if she might put out her opponents' forward ball. This would have left Dr. Oliver alone but, we have no doubt, quite unperturbed by such a manoeuvre. The Roehampton pair won by the comfortable margin of ten points.

The SOUTHWICK Club has ten new playing members who are given regular instruction every week. We hear, too, that there are additions to the ranks of non-playing members who will be chiefly engaged in playing Bridge. We hope they will appreciate our Bridge column which is to become a regular feature of *Croquet*. We are delighted to hear that that stalwart veteran Miss Elphinstone Stone is playing "frequently and with zest."

The EDINBURGH Club is providing an extra lawn this year. Though it is a small one it will be of great value as a practice lawn. We congratulate the Club on this sign of growth. Members have expressed their great satisfaction at having the honour of including among their number the new President of the Croquet Association in the person of Sir Compton Mackenzie. The Club lawns were open on April 24th, when a most encouraging number of players were present.

The EDGBASTON Club opened on April 24th, with newly painted pavilion, seats and croquet equipment to counterbalance an overcast sky. We are sorry to hear that their President, Mr. R. Newton, suffered an accident in the winter which at present prevents his taking an active part in croquet. We wish him a speedy recovery. This year, for the first time, an inter-club match has been arranged with Nottingham when Edgbaston will visit the latter Club to play on their delightful lawns.

THE NOTTINGHAM CLUB

ON the frontispiece of this issue appears the photograph of the lawns of the Nottingham Croquet Club. This picture can give only a partial impression of the stretch of lawns which the Club is fortunate enough to possess. As it is not possible in one photograph to show the lawns with the fine university buildings in the background we will try and describe their position. Situated about a mile and half from the city centre the lawns lie in a long line within picturesque grounds at the foot of a hill upon which stand the impressive university buildings, the gift of Lord Trent to the City. These form quite a magnificent background to the courts and we think must inspire those who are fortunate enough to play their croquet in such surroundings.

The members of this Club have needed both inspiration and enthusiasm for it has passed through many crises and not the least was the last world war when it seemed that the end of Croquet in Nottingham was in sight. It was then that the zeal and determination of the few made it possible to continue. Here must be mentioned the name of one of the original founders of the Club and its President today, Mrs. J. R. Elliott, M.B.E., to whom it is almost entirely due that Croquet has survived in Nottingham.

That the Club has gone from strength to strength in recent years is due to the active work of officials and the committee which includes several young members whose outspoken views are full of constructive suggestions. It would be wrong to write of the Nottingham Club without mentioning the name of Bright. Members of this family have taken a keen and active part in fostering the interests of the game and the Club owes much to all of them. Today the Club has a record number of members with over a dozen new players this season. The annual tournament, which always draws a considerable entry is to be held in the middle of this month.

GOLF CROQUET

WE were interested to read the criticisms in the May issue of *Croquet*. We feel they demand some reply. Two questions were asked:—

(1) Why was Law 5 introduced? and (2) Why is the jump-stroke barred?

The "tactical scheme" at the fourth hoop recorded by the writer of that article was interesting up to a point, but were the opponents supposed to watch this "skilful device" (which was perfectly obvious) without doing anything about it? Surely Yellow could knock Black away and prevent him rushing Blue in his next turn and thus allow Red to get to the fifth hoop first! It was to prevent this purposely sticking in a hoop and rendering the opponents more or less helpless (unless one of them happened to be on the wrong side of the hoop or could be rushed there in order to hit the ball in the hoop back) that Law 5 was introduced. Not being allowed to jump or to go on

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to the next hoop paralysed the opponents and made the game dull.

The Law against jumping was introduced to prevent the lawns being damaged just as in Golf a player is not allowed to jump a stymie on the green and for the self-same reason. There is no doubt that considerable damage would be done to the lawns if jumping were allowed and even in Croquet one generally sees an expert player stamping down the lawn after making a jump.

We reprint from the December issue of the *Croquet Gazette* laws, authorized by the Council, relating to an alternative game of Golf-Croquet.

(1) The alternative game consists of 18 points. The first 12 points are played in the same order as in croquet and the last 6 hoops are played again from 1-back to the Rover hoop.

(2) If there is an equality after contesting the last hoop a 19th point is played by contesting the 3rd hoop as in the standard game.

(3) Handicaps—If a handicap is given, the side receiving odds shall receive one extra half-bisque, provided that in no case shall a handicap of more than 2½ bisques be given in any game.

The alternative game may be played in any Tournament provided that it is notified in the authorized programme.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editors, *Croquet*.
Sirs,

May I make a suggestion which might help to enrol the new players. Private croquet courts are practically non-existent and even private tennis courts on which most of us must have first hit a croquet ball about are nearly as rare. There only remain the croquet clubs.

We are, I am sure, over optimistic if we hope that many will be filled with the desire to play by watching even the best players—to say nothing of watching the worst—or if we hope that any possible or doubtful initiate will join a club at say, five guineas and buy the necessary equipment in order to test his vocation.

My suggestion is that the clubs should not merely allow but actually press their members to bring likely friends and acquaintances to the club for a season with no question of either subscription or green fee. Would the clubs really lose by it? Would anyone join an expensive club for any other game, cricket, tennis or even bridge without knowing the first thing about the game concerned and without having served any kind of apprenticeship? It is our misfortune that whereas in those other games the opportunities for serving some kind of apprenticeship are legion, in our game there is simply no opportunity at all.

I am aware of real difficulties in the case of the London clubs which are so much more than croquet clubs, but elsewhere those difficulties should not exist. It is hardly our fault, but there can be no doubt that we do keep ourselves too much to ourselves with obvious and unfortunate results.

Yours faithfully,

H. B. W. DENISON

ANSWERS

- (a) Only in the case of genuine damage.
(b) At any time between turns.
- When the question of a wired ball is being considered.
- 18in. No.
- No. Law 10(b).
- A foul under Law 26(g).

BRIDGE

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

NO TRUMP BIDDING

ONE of the first things to learn at Bridge is to value one's hand. For this purpose I shall use the familiar point count:

Ace=4 King=3 Queen=2 Knave=1

We must now decide what kind of no trump to adopt—strong or weak. I readily admit that the weak no trump is effective on certain hands, namely where the opening bidder's partner has about ten points and can smugly pass and double the opponents if fourth hand "protects." But it is at duplicate rather than at rubber bridge that the effectiveness is really felt. Let us then adopt the strong no trump, that is to say, let us decide to open 1NT with a point count of between 16 and 18. There is a further proviso. The mere possession of 16 to 18 points is not sufficient in itself. The hand must be of the correct pattern, divided either 4-3-3-3, 4-4-3-2, or more rarely 5-3-3-2. It is also desirable that the doubleton should not be weaker than QX.

Now there are 40 points in the pack. When you bid 3NT you contract to make 9 tricks, that is 9/13 of the pack. The fraction 5/8 is slightly less than 9/13 but it is a reasonable approximation. It follows from this that if we require to take five-eighths of the tricks we shall require five-eighths of the points, which is 25. Thus 25, or 26 if you wish to be conservative, is the number of points that you and your partner must hold between you to bid game in no trumps.

It follows, then, that if your partner opens 1NT you can raise him to 3NT with 9 to 10 points. His minimum is 16, and this added to 9 or 10 is 25 or 26. Similarly with 7 or 8 points you raise him to 2NT. Your partner passes if he has 16 points, bids 3NT if he has 18, and decides whether to pass or bid one more with 17. He will be influenced by other factors, whether he has good intermediates, that is, nines and tens.

The responding hand may allow an extra point for a workable five-card suit. I stress the word workable. Five diamonds to the queen, ten, nine is a suit that may provide tricks. Five to the eight on the other hand is unlikely to prove lucrative. The opening bidder, too, may be influenced by the number of aces that he holds. Do not open 1NT with a bare 16 points and no ace—you will be disappointed in the result on many occasions. The necessity of forcing out so many stoppers in the opponents' hand will probably result in defeat.

To sum up:

Open 1NT on a balanced hand with 16 to 18 points.

Raise partner's 1NT to 3NT with 9 to 10.

Raise partner's 1NT to 2NT with 7 to 8.

Opener when raised to 2NT:—

Passes with 16,

Bids 3NT with 18,

Passes or bids 3NT with 17 according to his intermediates.

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The result of last month's Bridge Competition will be announced in our July issue.

Annual General Meeting of the Croquet Association

Report of the Annual General Meeting of the Croquet Association, held at the Roehampton Club, on Tuesday, May 11th, 1954.

Present—Col. C. C. Adams, Mrs. D. Attfield, Mrs. Howard Austin, Mrs. L. C. Apps, Major J. R. Abbey, Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton, Rev. and Mrs. B. V. F. Brackenbury, Mrs. E. Bristow, Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher, C. B. Bird, Mrs. H. J. Collins, E. P. C. Cotter, Major J. W. Cobb, Miss M. A. Carlyon, H. F. Crowther-Smith, Col. J. G. Clarke, E. Carlile, Mrs. M. Carrington, E. P. Duffield, L. F. C. Darby, Major J. H. Dibley, Rev. and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey, G. V. Evans, M. Spencer-Ell, F. H. Fisher, Mrs. E. Haigh-Smith, Miss M. L. Hellyer, Miss F. Hodgkinson, H. O. Hicks, Miss D. Jennings, Rev. and Mrs. G. L. Jarratt, Mrs. H. Kuhl, Mr. and Mrs. W. Longman, Miss D. A. Lintern, Capt. K. B. Millar, Mrs. L. E. G. Nickisson, Dr. N. Oliver, Mrs. G. Ozanne, Mrs. S. Phillips, Mrs. F. Pavia, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Reckitt, Mrs. E. Reeve, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ross, Miss E. F. Rose, Miss D. D. Steel, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Solomon, J. W. Solomon, Mrs. M. Staub, Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts, H. T. Pinckney Simpson, Capt. H. G. Stoker, Mrs. G. J. Turketine, Miss C. Templeton, S. S. Townsend, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins, T. Wood-Hill.

Mr. W. Longman, Vice-President, took the Chair. Before proceeding to the business of the meeting the Chairman read a loyal address of welcome after the royal tour, which it was proposed to send to the Queen. This was enthusiastically received.

The Chairman then said that as the Minutes of the last meeting had appeared in a condensed form as a report of the meeting in the *C.A.G.* of June, 1953, he suggested they should be taken as read. This was agreed.

Mr. G. W. Solomon then rose to a point of order to ask why the motion which he had submitted did not appear on the agenda. The Chairman said that as the subject of the motion had been put on the agenda of the special meeting of the Council held in April, and Mr. Solomon had accepted the resolution then proposed by Mr. B. H. Wiggins, the Secretary had assumed that the matter had been disposed of. He thought the assumption reasonable, but in the circumstances ruled that Mr. Solomon's motion should be taken as Item 11 of the agenda. Item 11 to become 12.

Mr. Darby then moved the adoption of the accounts. This was seconded by G. V. Evans and agreed.

Mr. W. Longman moved the adoption of the Report, and spoke in some detail of the late President, Sir Francis Colchester-Wemyss, and his many and varied interests. He invited the meeting to stand in silent tribute to his memory. The Chairman further spoke of the forthcoming visit of the team from New Zealand which was expected in 1956. He hoped a great effort would be made to entertain them in the same open-handed way in which they had entertained our team in 1950. Mr. E. P. Duffield seconded the adoption of the Report which was unanimously agreed. The Chairman then proposed the election of Sir Compton Mackenzie to the office of President. This was seconded by Mr. Reckitt, who spoke of Sir Compton's interest in the game as exemplified by his excellent broadcast discussion in the "Queen of Games" series. Capt. H. G. Stoker suggested that the broadcast should be printed in the *Croquet* magazine. Sir Compton Mackenzie was unanimously elected.

There being two candidates for the office of Hon. Treasurer, Mr. D. E. Buckland and Mr. L. F. C. Darby, voting slips were distributed to all present. Miss M. W. Borron and Mr. T. Wood-Hill were appointed as scrutineers. On the result of the ballot being reported Mr. D. E. Buckland was declared elected.

Dr. N. Oliver on behalf of the scrutineers for election of Council declared the result which was that the following were elected: Mrs. L. H. Ashton, Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, Col. J. G. Clarke, Major J. H. Dibley, C. W. R. Hodges, Mrs. L. E. G. Nickisson, Mrs. E. Rotherham, B. H. Wiggins.

Motion by Mr. E. Carlile "That no member of the Selection Committee for the President's Cup shall be eligible to play in that competition." The Chairman ruled that in its present form the motion was out of

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order, but if Mr. Carlile cared to put it in the form of an alteration to the Rules of the C.A. he would accept it. In that case it would need a two-thirds majority to be carried. After some argument Mr. Carlile consented to this and the motion was put to the meeting and lost.

Motion by Mr. E. Carlile "That in future no fundamental change such as that recently made in the management, format, etc., of the official organ of the Croquet Association shall be carried through without reference to the Annual General Meeting." The Chairman ruled that this motion was contrary to the present rules of the C.A. and therefore out of order. The motion was by leave withdrawn.

Mr. H. F. Crowther-Smith withdrew the motion standing in his name.

Motion by J. W. Solomon "That the President's Cup Selection Committee for 1954 and onwards shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. That it shall be 5 in number, including a Chairman, not necessarily Council members. The Chairman accepted this motion as a definite motion to change the rules. The motion was seconded by Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton. Capt. Stoker asked that the Council should in any case take note of the voting on this matter. Mr. Reckitt assured him that all matters brought forward were the subject of careful consideration by the Council. The motion was then put to the meeting but did not get the requisite two-thirds majority and was therefore lost.

Mr. G. W. Solomon's motion was then discussed. Mr. Solomon was insistent that his motion had been passed by the Council at their meeting on October 15th, 1953, and not implemented. Mr. Duffield, late Chairman of Council, said that what he had put to the meeting on that date was not the motion but leave to withdraw it. After considerable discussion Dr. Wiggins proposed that the matter be dropped. This was seconded by Mrs. E. Reeve and carried. Mr. Solomon expressed dissatisfaction and his intention of pursuing the matter further.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman which was carried with acclamation.

INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

PLAYED AT THE HURLINGHAM CLUB
Monday, May 24th, and following days
COUNTY TEAMS

BEDFORD.—Miss D. D. Steel (Collector and Captain), Rev. H. Denison, Mrs. K. Eakin, Canon A. J. W. Pym, Miss E. E. Steel, Allen Wood.

EASTERN COUNTIES.—Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton (Collector and Captain), R. G. H. Belcher, C. B. Bird, E. P. Duffield, Mrs. E. P. Duffield, C. W. R. Hodges, Mrs. E. Reeve, J. G. Warwick.

GLOUCESTER.—Brig. B. C. Fellows (Captain), Col. P. W. Adshead, Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege, F. H. Fisher, Mrs. W. A. Odling, Major N. E. O. Thackwell, B. H. Wiggins, Mrs. B. H. Wiggins.

HANTS AND DORSET.—Major J. H. Dibley (Collector), Mrs. E. Rotherham (Captain), Mrs. L. H. Ashton, Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish, Mrs. J. H. Dibley, V. A. de la Nougerede, Mrs. V. C. Gasson, Miss D. Jennings.

MIDDLESEX.—Mrs. L. E. G. Nickisson (Collector), Miss D. A. Lintern (Captain), Mrs. L. C. Apps, D. E. Buckland, E. P. C. Cotter, G. C. Reid-Walker, Capt. H. G. Stoker, H. T. Pinckney Simpson, A. McClure Williams.

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

SURREY.—M. B. Reckitt (Collector and Captain), Col. C. C. Adams, Major J. W. Cobb, G. V. Evans, Dr. N. Oliver, J. W. Solomon, Mrs. G. J. Turketine, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins.

SUSSEX.—Major J. R. Abbey (Collector), W. Longman (Captain), Mrs. A. M. Badcock, Miss M. J. Daldy, Mrs. W. Longman, L. Kirk-Greene, N. Oddie, Mrs. N. Oddie, S. F. Sopwith.

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PEEL MEMORIALS

This, the premier Handicap Event in the long list of Official Fixtures, started in lovely weather; the latter part of the week was most unkind, and in dreary contrast to the conditions of the first. The quantity of the entries was slightly less than that of last year; but there was quality there, seven minus players among the men and two of the women.

It may not be generally known why this, the first Official Event of the season, was so called—it is so often just spoken of as "the Peels." W. H. Peel not only won the Open Championship twice in succession, but he, with some other enthusiasts, founded the Croquet Association in 1895—first known as the United All-England Croquet Association. Peel was also the founder of the first Official Organ of the Association; it was developed from a "Croquet Sheet" to the more elaborate Gazette which started publication in 1904. In 1897 this great benefactor of the game died suddenly. It is to his memory that a year or two later the Peel Memorials were founded, and the two Silver Challenge Bowls—subscribed for by members of the C.A.—have ever since been coveted trophies played for in keen competition.

The entries were, as last year, distributed among the "Draw" and the "Process." Among the Men, it was good to see the New Zealand Champion, A. G. F. Ross. The four minus players to appear in the quarter-final round were E. P. C. Cotter—4, M. B. Reckitt—3—who put out Col. C. C. Adams—2—F. H. Fisher—1½ and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins—3½. Cotter and Fisher had narrow wins, against Capt. H. G. Stoker and Capt. K. B. Millar respectively. Cotter reached the final of the "Draw" by single figures, Reckitt and G. V. Evans thus failing to stop his progress to the final. In the lower half, last year's winner of the Men's event, Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts, made a promising start, defeating Major J. W. Cobb—½, by the substantial score of +24; he reached the semi-final less decisively, Major J. H. Dibley succumbing to the Brigadier's attack by only 4 points. Stokes-Roberts' next opponent, Fisher, was in the semi-final with a w.o. from Wiggins—but he found his way to the final strongly defended and it was Stokes-Roberts who entered the final, +20. This game, Cotter v. Stokes-Roberts, found the Brigadier not at his best, while Cotter was playing superbly; his finish was exceptional, a double peel, made with an interval between the two, the rover hoop depending for the peel on the partner ball being rushed accurately to that hoop from some distance; this, and the peg-out, followed.

Only two of the minus players reached the quarter-finals of the "Process," Adams and Reckitt. Adams, having beaten Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, entered the final by a very narrow win over Stoker. Stokes-Roberts comfortably defeated Reckitt, and then it was found necessary for him to give Evans a w.o. We wonder, if he had been given his choice of retiring, whether he would have done better to retire to Cotter—though this perhaps, is being wise, after the event. Adams took some time to enter the final, Evans finally losing to him, +10.

In the Play-off, there was some good croquet seen. After some preliminary unproductive play Cotter, from a long shot, made a fine break to the penultimate and a leave, presumably occult, on account of the two bisques against him. It was not until Adams took one of these extra turns, and also went to the penultimate, that the game became really intriguing. Cotter shot in and laid vaguely. Adams shot and missed, but was in again because Cotter went off the boundary. The decisive point was when later Cotter stuck in the second hoop; for here Adams took his other bisque, and playing very accurate croquet, went out with a double peel, +15. This is the second time that Adams has won the Event.

The sixteen Women ranged in Handicap from—4, Miss D. A. Lintern, to two beginners, Mrs. D. M. Staub and Mrs. E. Haigh Smith with 14 extra turns each.

In the "Draw," Mrs. F. Pavia defeated the holder, Miss Lintern, in the semi-final, +6—and it was she who had put out the other minus player, Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton in the second round. In the final round of this half of the Event, Mrs. Collins, after a closely contested game, proved the winner—perhaps it was just that half bisque which provided the victory.

Though Mrs. Collins had the better of Mrs. Beaton in the "Process" whom she defeated +21, the other minus player and holder, Miss Lintern, successfully opposed this

player in the next round. Incidentally, Miss Lintern now avenged her defeat by Mrs. Pavia in the "Draw." Mrs. G. W. Solomon, after three close games, became the other finalist; but though she only lost +4, she could not produce her best game against the holder.

The final of the Women's event, Miss Lintern v. Mrs. Collins, was not one of quality. Mrs. Collins took a bisque and a half to get to 1-back; she then missed a short roquet, took a bisque and missed again. This let Miss Lintern in from the first hoop; but she missed a short roquet after making this hoop when a 3-ball break was ready at hand. Mrs. Collins took another bisque and went to 4-back, where she stuck. The clips were now on hoops 1 and 2 for Miss Lintern, and 1-back and 4-back for her opponent. Mrs. Collins joined her partner on 4-back—but stuck in it. Miss Lintern later shot in with two balls in the middle of the ground—but made no progress. The latter part of the game was remarkable for many mistakes and no advantage taken from them, and for balls sticking in hoops. Eventually Mrs. Collins, after missing chances to finish, managed to get one ball out. As Miss Lintern missed the long shot at the other Rover Mrs. Collins hit the peg and won a long drawn out game, +13.

The Handicap Doubles were in many instances prolonged—mostly on account of the weather. Time limits had to be put on several games and, as the score sheet shows, results were very close with games thus treated.

Miss Lintern had come through with a promising ten-bisquer to the final by no easy progress, and Fisher and Stokes-Roberts arrived there after a very long first round game, won narrowly on time against untempered bisques. The final between these two couples—literally Men v. Women—provided good entertainment. After slow progress at the start, both Fisher and Miss Lintern put their clips on the penultimate. Miss Templeton later was able to put her clip on 2-back. Stokes-Roberts not only joined the other two players on the penultimate but, somewhat boldly, went to the peg. This looked to be the end for the Men when—but not at once—Miss Lintern pegged out Stokes-Roberts. It was Fisher's long shots that gave him and his partner the game; twice he shot in right across the lawn and as a result of the first shot he made the penultimate hoop, with the second the rover and peg.

The extra, Handicap Singles, was won by T. Wood-Hill who beat Dibley in the Final after a close game.

Mrs. G. J. Turketine was again in charge of the week's play, and her usual calm and efficient management was much appreciated by competitors. Wood-Hill also is an invaluable help, and not only as referee, for he is always ready to give assistance of every sort to anyone.

MEN'S HANDICAP SINGLES.

A SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL.
("Two Life" System).

THE DRAW.
(19 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) bt G. W. Solomon (3½) by 11.
G. V. Evans (½) bt R. G. H. Belcher (2½) by 3.
Capt. K. B. Millar (8) bt T. Wood-Hill (1½) by 5.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

E. P. C. Cotter (—4) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker (1½) by 7.
M. B. Reckitt (—3) bt Col. C. C. Adams (—2) by 19.
M. Spencer Ell (0) bt T. F. Dalton (2) by 12.
G. V. Evans (½) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) by 5.
F. H. Fisher (—1½) bt Capt. K. B. Millar (8) by 6.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—3½) bt A. Ross (—4) by 16.
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (6) bt Major J. W. Cobb (—½) by 24.
Major J. H. Dibley (1½) bt Rev. G. L. Jarratt (9) by 16.

THIRD ROUND.

E. P. C. Cotter (—4) bt M. B. Reckitt (—3) by 8.
G. V. Evans (½) bt M. Spencer Ell (0) by 9.
F. H. Fisher (—1½) w.o. Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—3½) opponent scratched.
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (6) bt Major J. H. Dibley (1½) by 4.

SEMI-FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter (—4) bt G. V. Evans (½) by 5.
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (6) bt F. H. Fisher (—1½) by 20.

FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter (—4) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (6) by 17.

PROCESS.
(19 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Col. C. C. Adams (—2) bt Major J. H. Dibley (1½) by 20.
Capt. H. G. Stoker (1½) bt Major J. W. Cobb (—½) by 11.
E. P. C. Cotter (—4) bt Rev. G. L. Jarratt (9) by 12.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) bt A. Ross (—4) by 26.
Col. C. C. Adams (—2) bt Capt. K. B. Millar (8) by 6.
M. Spencer Ell (0) bt F. H. Fisher (—1½) by 17.
Capt. H. G. Stoker (1½) bt R. G. H. Belcher (2½) by 7.
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (6) bt G. W. Solomon (3½) by 10.
M. B. Reckitt (—3) bt T. Wood-Hill (1½) by 13.
T. F. Dalton (2) bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—3½) by 12.
G. V. Evans (½) w.o. E. P. C. Cotter (—4) opponent scratched.

THIRD ROUND.

Col. C. C. Adams (—2) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) by 11.
Capt. H. G. Stoker (1½) bt M. Spencer Ell (0) by 12.
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (6) bt M. B. Reckitt (—3) by 20.
G. V. Evans (½) bt T. F. Dalton (2) by 9.

SEMI-FINAL.

Col. C. C. Adams (—2) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker (1½) by 3.
G. V. Evans (½) w.o. Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (6) opponent scratched.

FINAL.

Col. C. C. Adams (—2) bt G. V. Evans (½) by 10.

PLAY-OFF.

Col. C. C. Adams (—2) bt E. P. C. Cotter (—4) by 15.

LADIES' HANDICAP SINGLES.
A SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL.
("Two Life" System).

THE DRAW.
(16 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss D. A. Lintern (—3) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) by 18.
Mrs. D. Attfield (6) bt Mrs. A. Ross (4) by 13.
Mrs. F. Pavia (4) bt Miss D. Jennings (3½) by 9.
Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton (—½) bt Miss C. Templeton (10) by 11.
Miss E. F. Rose (1) bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) by 15.
Mrs. E. Bristow (7) bt Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher (9) by 11.
Mrs. H. J. Collins (4½) bt Mrs. M. Carrington (12) by 9.
Mrs. D. M. Staub (14) bt Mrs. Haigh Smith (14) by 1.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss D. A. Lintern (—3) bt Mrs. D. Attfield (6) by 6.
Mrs. F. Pavia (4) bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton (—½) by 11.
Miss E. F. Rose (1) bt Mrs. E. Bristow (7) by 17.
Mrs. H. J. Collins (4½) bt Mrs. D. M. Staub (14) by 11.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. F. Pavia (4) bt Miss D. A. Lintern (—3) by 6.
Mrs. H. J. Collins (4½) bt Miss E. F. Rose (1) opponent retired.

FINAL.

Mrs. H. J. Collins (4½) bt Mrs. F. Pavia (4) by 4.

PROCESS.

(16 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. H. J. Collins (4½) bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton (—½) by 21.
Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher (9) bt Mrs. D. Attfield (6) by 3.
Mrs. F. Pavia (4) bt Mrs. D. M. Staub (14) by 11.
Miss D. A. Lintern (—3) bt Miss E. F. Rose (1) by 9.
Miss C. Templeton (10) w.o. Mrs. E. Bristow (7) opponent scratched.

Mrs. Haigh Smith (14) bt Mrs. A. Ross (4) by 6.
Mrs. M. Carrington (12) bt Miss D. Jennings (3½) by 2.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) by 7.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. H. J. Collins (4½) bt Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher (9) by 18.
Miss D. A. Lintern (—3) bt Mrs. F. Pavia (4) by 17.
Miss C. Templeton (10) bt Mrs. Haigh Smith (14) by 4.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) bt Mrs. M. Carrington (12) by 4.

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SEMI-FINAL.
Miss D. A. Lintern (-3) bt Mrs. H. J. Collins (4½) by 11.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) bt Miss C. Templeton (10) by 11.

FINAL.
Miss D. A. Lintern (-3) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) by 4.

PLAY-OFF.
Mrs. H. J. Collins (4½) bt Miss D. A. Lintern (-3) by 13.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.
TWO SILVER CHALLENGE CUPS.
(Combined Handicap scratch or over).
(12 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.
Miss D. A. Lintern and Miss C. Templeton (7) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury and Capt. H. G. Stoker (2½) by 19.
M. B. Reckitt and Capt. K. B. Millar (5) bt A. Ross and Mrs. A. Ross (0) by 3.
F. H. Fisher and Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (4½) bt Mrs. D. M. Staub and Mrs. Haigh Smith (24) by 7 on time.
G. W. Solomon and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (6½) bt G. V. Evans and Major J. H. Dibley (2) by 4 on time.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.
T. Wood-Hill and Mrs. M. Carrington (11½) bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson and Mrs. E. Bristow (17) by 1 on time.
Miss D. A. Lintern and Miss C. Templeton (7) bt M. B. Reckitt and Capt. K. B. Millar (5) by 3 on time.
F. H. Fisher and Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (4½) bt G. W. Solomon and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (6½) by 12.
Major J. W. Cobb and T. F. Dalton (1½) bt R. G. H. Belcher and Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher (11½) by 12.

SEMI-FINAL.
Miss D. A. Lintern and Miss C. Templeton (7) bt T. Wood-Hill and Mrs. M. Carrington (11½) by 7.
F. H. Fisher and Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (4½) bt Major J. W. Cobb and T. F. Dalton (1½) by 18.

FINAL.
F. H. Fisher and Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (4½) bt Miss D. A. Lintern and Miss C. Templeton (7) by 6.

EXTRA EVENT.
HANDICAP SINGLES.
(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
T. Wood-Hill (1½) w.o. Mrs. E. Bristow (7) opponent scratched.
Mrs. D. M. Staub (14) bt Mrs. A. Ross (4) by 3.
Mrs. M. Carrington (12) bt Mrs. Haigh Smith (14) by 15.
Major J. H. Dibley (1½) bt Mrs. D. Atfield (6) by 6.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.
Mrs. S. Phillips (2) bt Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher (9) by 2.
T. Wood-Hill (1½) bt Mrs. D. M. Staub (14) by 10.
Major J. H. Dibley (1½) bt Mrs. M. Carrington (12) by 8.
A. Ross (-4) bt R. G. H. Belcher (2½) by 14.

SEMI-FINAL.
T. Wood-Hill (1½) bt Mrs. S. Phillips (2) by 6.
Major J. H. Dibley (1½) bt A. Ross (-4) by 22.

FINAL.
T. Wood-Hill (1½) bt Major J. H. Dibley (1½) by 4.

"WHAT DO THEY KNOW OF CROQUET WHO ONLY ENGLAND KNOW?"

Most of us are well aware that the croquet players of the antipodes much outnumber our own, and that the game has a following in South Africa too. We should dearly like to visit such flourishing centres but they live too far away for most of us. But there is another "overseas" croquet ground well within our reach—at Carrickmines, near Dublin, where tournaments will be held in the weeks beginning June 14th and August 16th. The secretary writes that "it did an enormous amount of good to see so many of your players last year"; it would, we feel sure, do our players no less good if they could cross the Irish Sea to meet the players of a famous croquet nation.

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SIDMOUTH

We have often been to Sidmouth before but it has been mostly in the winter; and though the Croquet Club, as usual, fixed their Tournament to take place in May, the weather, this year, sadly belied the lovely balmy days of "the merry month" that poets so often sang about. Nevertheless, those taking part were of the customary type of croquet player—quite unperturbed by the cold and the rain—among them one shortly about to celebrate her 90th birthday.

So often the management of a tournament is not referred to until the end. When we say that Miss A. E. Mills was in charge of the play, and that H. O. Hicks ably assisted her as referee, they gave such general satisfaction that it would be out of place merely to refer to their big share in the success of the week in conclusion. Others who contributed to the happiness of competitors were Mrs. Hockin, whose lunches and teas were exceptionally good; and D. L. H. Mercer, Hon. Secretary of the Club, who, with J. A. Macdonald, on the Committee, made every one forget the weather when they called at their room on the corner of the Pavilion for a chat and refreshment.

In spite of the regrettable fact that Coe, the head groundsman, was laid up, the courts were in excellent playing condition and gave every satisfaction.

But what about the play? Perhaps that is a fair question, for undoubtedly it was the Sidmouth Croquet Tournament we set out to describe, so let us get down to it. There were five advertised events: Open Singles (Class "A"), "Draw" and "Process." In the Draw, Hicks beat Stone, after a good game, to reach the final +10. After defeating Mrs. Rotherham, +26, in the "Process," he was given a w.o. by Miss M. S. Carlyon which put him in the final; Major G. F. Stone arrived in this last round by playing better than W. W. Sweet-Escott. Hicks, opposed to Mrs. Rotherham in the final of the "Draw", won a very quick game +21. In the "Process," however, Hicks suffered his first defeat losing to Stone, +6; in the "Play-Off" the result was reversed, Hicks winning +17.

Mrs. R. G. Michelmore won the "B" Open, defeating H. R. Hulbert +6. It was an interesting game to watch, and perhaps the slight difference in handicap—Hulbert 3½, and his opponent 3—was proved to be correct by the result of the game.

Handicap Singles (5 and over) was won by Lt.-Col. S. Mathews; he pegged out Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse's rover and won a very close game +2. The winner should soon suffer a reduction in handicap. In the Handicap Singles Hicks beat Hulbert in the final, +15. Hicks had played attractive croquet, particularly in this event; and, of course, he was giving bisques in each round. In the Handicap Doubles, Stone and G. A. Black, a strong pair, proved invincible; because Stone knew exactly what his partner could do and saw that he did it.

OPEN SINGLES (CLASS "A").
("Two Lives" System).

THE DRAW.
(7 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
Major G. F. Stone bt Miss M. S. Carlyon by 24.
H. O. Hicks bt J. K. Brown by 15.
W. W. Sweet-Escott w.o. S. Horsley scratched.

SEMI-FINAL.
H. O. Hicks bt Major G. F. Stone by 10.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt W. W. Sweet-Escott by 5.

FINAL.
H. O. Hicks bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 21.

PROCESS.

FIRST ROUND.
H. O. Hicks bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 26.
Miss M. S. Carlyon w.o. S. Horsley scratched.
W. W. Sweet-Escott bt J. K. Brown by 10.

SEMI-FINAL.
H. O. Hicks w.o. Miss M. S. Carlyon scratched.
Major G. F. Stone bt W. W. Sweet-Escott by 7.

FINAL.
Major G. F. Stone bt H. O. Hicks by 6.

PLAY-OFF.
H. O. Hicks bt Major G. F. Stone by 17.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B").
(1 to 4½ Bisques).
(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
Miss V. E. Mills bt Mrs. W. A. Traill by 11.
H. R. Hulbert bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot by 20.
V. C. Cave bt H. F. Crowther-Smith by 10.
Mrs. R. G. Michelmore bt Comdr. D. W. Roe by 21.

SEMI-FINAL.
H. R. Hulbert bt Miss V. E. Mills by 9.
Mrs. R. G. Michelmore bt V. C. Cave by 22.

FINAL.
Mrs. R. G. Michelmore bt H. R. Hulbert by 6.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C").
(5 Bisques and over).
(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
W. J. Dixon (9) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (5) by 4.
Lt.-Col. S. Mathews (5½) bt Mrs. C. A. G. Money (8½) by 7.
Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (7½) bt Mrs. S. Mathews (5) by 12.
Mrs. H. R. Hulbert (6) bt Mrs. D. M. Rose (6½) by 13.

SEMI-FINAL.
Lt.-Col. S. Mathews (5½) bt J. W. Dixon (9) by 1.
Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (7½) bt Mrs. H. R. Hulbert (6) by 9.

FINAL.
Lt.-Col. S. Mathews (5½) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (7½) by 2.

HANDICAP SINGLES.
(22 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (5) bt Comdr. D. W. Roe (2) by 1.
W. W. Sweet-Escott (-½) bt Mrs. D. M. Roe (6½) by 13.
Mrs. H. R. Hulbert (6) bt H. F. Crowther-Smith (2) by 6.
Lt.-Col. S. Mathews (5½) w.o. S. Horsley (-½) scratched.
Miss M. S. Carlyon (Scr.) bt Miss V. E. Mills (3½) by 15.
J. K. Brown (Scr.) bt Mrs. W. A. Traill (3½) by 9.

SECOND ROUND.
Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (3) bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot (3) by 12.
H. O. Hicks (-5½) bt Major G. F. Stone (-3½) by 19.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (5) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) by 24.
W. W. Sweet-Escott (-½) bt Mrs. D. M. Roe (6½) by 14.
Miss M. S. Carlyon (Scr.) bt Lt.-Col. S. Mathews (5½) by 17.
J. K. Brown (Scr.) bt Mrs. S. Mathews (5) by 24.
Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (7½) bt V. C. Cave (1) by 25.
H. R. Hulbert (3½) bt Mrs. C. A. G. Money (8½) by 8.

THIRD ROUND.
H. O. Hicks (-5½) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (3) by 10.
W. W. Sweet-Escott (-½) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (5) by 8.
J. K. Brown (Scr.) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon (Scr.) by 4.
H. R. Hulbert (3½) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (7½) by 12.

SEMI-FINAL.
H. O. Hicks (-5½) bt W. W. Sweet-Escott (-½) by 15.
H. R. Hulbert (3½) bt J. K. Brown (Scr.) by 17.

FINAL.
H. O. Hicks (-5½) bt H. R. Hulbert (3½) by 15.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.
(12 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.
Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse and Mrs. L. G. Walters (14) bt Comdr. D. W. Roe and Mrs. D. M. Roe (8½) by 5.
H. O. Hicks and Mrs. G. Fraser-Smith (3½) bt Lt.-Col. S. Mathews and Mrs. S. Mathews (10½) by 13.
Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss V. E. Mills (½) w.o. H. F. Crowther-Smith and S. Horsley (1½) scratched.
Miss M. S. Carlyon and Mrs. W. A. Traill (3½) bt V. C. Cave and Mrs. C. A. G. Money (9½) retired.

SECOND ROUND.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Miss A. E. Mills (8) bt W. J. Dixon and J. K. Brown (9) by 11.
H. O. Hicks and Mrs. G. Fraser-Smith (3½) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse and Mrs. L. G. Walters (14) by 14.

Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss V. E. Mills (½) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon and Mrs. W. A. Traill (3½) by 6.
Major G. F. Stone and G. A. Black (5½) bt H. R. Hulbert and Mrs. H. R. Hulbert (9½) by 2.

SEMI-FINAL.
H. O. Hicks and Mrs. G. Fraser-Smith (3½) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Miss A. E. Mills (8) by 16.
Major G. F. Stone and G. A. Black (5½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss V. E. Mills (½) by 13.

FINAL.
Major G. F. Stone and G. A. Black (5½) bt H. O. Hicks and Mrs. G. Fraser-Smith (3½) by 19.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

(Unofficial)

Budleigh Salterton has restarted its Spring tournament, dormant since 1947, and well known and good performers came to take part. The star performer, however, was the clerk of the weather, who produced three days of brilliant sunshine and two of reasonable comfort, though he failed at the last hoop, like any ordinary chap.

The Open Event did battle for the "Rayden Stone" cup. This cup, originally presented to the B.S. Club by Surgeon-General J. T. C. Ross, C.I.E., in 1896, is one of, if not THE oldest croquet cup in existence, and bears many famous names. Won in 1908, 1913 and 1914 by A. Rayden Stone, it became his property; but, represented to the Club in his name, it was played for regularly until 1947. It is now the ambition of Rayden Stone's son and General Ross's grandson to re-win the cup—the main obstacle, of course being H. O. Hicks.

Winner of the July tournament six times running, he last won this cup in 1930, since when it seems to have slipped his memory. H. O. Hicks is not the only obstacle however: such players as Mrs. Rotherham, W. W. Sweet Escott, J. K. Brown, Col. D. W. Beamish, Miss M. S. Carlyon and Commander Roe, from Guernsey, formed an obstacle course to which the grandson could not aspire and which routed the son.

Both Sweet Escott and Brown were in tremendous shooting form, although Mrs. Rotherham is obviously reserving her best for later in the season.

For those not engaged in the A's there was a big handicap class up to 10 bisques, and a small high handicap class for 11 and over. This latter event attracted only a small entry this year, but it is hoped there will be less shyness next year. It was won in very promising style by Mrs. Vincent, who having already won the Club novices trophy, kindly presented by Mrs. Rotherham last year, is obviously now on her way up the ladder.

In the larger handicap class, there were many good matches, in which Mrs. Gatehouse, late of Sidmouth, and Miss Metcalfe of Chelmsford distinguished themselves; the former narrowly beating Mrs. S. Mathews from Wales, whilst the latter demolished Col. Mathews. In the final, Mrs. Gatehouse, after a poor start, got home at plus 4.

The X event was chiefly notable for some beautiful stroke play by Col. Beamish, which only succumbed to some even more polished and determined play by J. K. Brown, who on his way, had a victory over Mrs. Rotherham.

There had been so many close matches in the doubles that the final was bound to be a needle affair, and so it was. When Mrs. Gatehouse and Sweet Escott got to rover and penultimate respectively, the danger signal was hoisted, and sure enough, Major Stone went round and pegged Mrs. Gatehouse out. Major Stone's famous cat and mouse game ensued, but when Sweet Escott Made Rover Hoop From The North Boundary—and only capitals can describe that feat at that moment—it looked as if Major Stone would be left "holding the baby." The "baby", however, if one may so describe his already mentioned-in-despatches young lady partner, gallantly made the last hoop and finished the game before Sweet Escott had recovered from his own modest surprise at his own excellent play.

The Manager, of course, was Miss A. E. Mills; and that fact alone ensured a happy and enjoyable tournament, which all acclaimed.

Seventeen

OPEN SINGLES.

THE RAYDEN STONE CHALLENGE CUP.

THE DRAW.

(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

H. O. Hicks bt Comdr. D. W. Roe by 26.
Col. D. W. Beamish bt Major G. F. Stone by 5.
J. K. Brown bt Miss M. S. Carlyon by 24.
W. W. Sweet Escott bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 13.

SEMI-FINAL.

H. O. Hicks bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 26.
J. K. Brown bt W. W. Sweet Escott by 4.

FINAL.

H. O. Hicks w.o. J. K. Brown opponent retired.

PROCESS.

(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

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

H. O. Hicks bt J. K. Brown by 23.
Col. D. W. Beamish bt Miss M. S. Carlyon by 9.
W. W. Sweet Escott bt Comdr. D. W. Roe by 21.

SEMI-FINAL.

H. O. Hicks bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 10.
W. W. Sweet Escott bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 2.

FINAL.

H. O. Hicks bt W. W. Sweet Escott by 22.

RESTRICTED HANDICAP SINGLES.

THE GODFREY TURNER CHALLENGE CUP.

(2½ to 10 Bishes).

(13 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (5) bt G. Black (10) by 7.
Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (7) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (3) by 25.
Mrs. S. Mathews (5) bt Mrs. D. W. Roe (6½) by 15.
Mrs. L. G. Walters (6½) bt Miss H. Trought (9) by 7.
Miss V. E. Mills (3½) bt Mrs. C. A. G. Money (8½) by 15.

SECOND ROUND.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (5) bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot (5*) by 20.
Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (7) bt Mrs. S. Mathews (5) by 2.
Mrs. L. G. Walters (6½) bt Miss V. E. Mills (3½) by 19.
Miss G. Metcalfe (5½) bt Col. S. Mathews (5½) by 9.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (7) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (5) by 19.
Miss G. Metcalfe (5½) bt Mrs. L. G. Walters (6½) by 10.

FINAL.

Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (7) bt Miss G. Metcalfe (5½) by 3.

HIGH HANDICAP SINGLES.

THE L. G. WALTERS CHALLENGE TROPHY.

(11 Bishes and over).

(6 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss J. Cooper (14) bt Miss J. C. Cramphorn (12) by 7.
Mrs. M. H. Vincent (13) bt W. H. Pearce (14) by 13.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss S. C. Gough (14) bt Miss J. Cooper (14) by 7.
Mrs. M. H. Vincent (13) w.o. Mrs. R. Jones-Bateman (14) opponent retired.

FINAL.

Mrs. M. H. Vincent (13) bt Miss S. C. Gough (14) by 7.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y.").

EVENT "X."

(22 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. L. G. Walters (6½) bt Miss S. C. Gough (14) by 6 on time.
Col. D. W. Beamish (-1) bt Mrs. D. W. Roe (6½) by 19 on time.

Eighteen

Mrs. R. Jones Bateman (14) bt Miss J. C. Cramphorn (12) by 7.

Miss G. Metcalfe (5½) bt Mrs. C. A. G. Money (8½) by 10.
W. W. Sweet Escott (-½) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (7) by 12.

J. K. Brown (-½) bt Miss V. E. Mills (3½) by 9.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss M. S. Carlyon (0) bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot (5*) by 11.
Mrs. S. Mathews (5) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (3) by 19.
Mrs. L. G. Walters (6½) bt Major G. F. Stone (-3½) by 13.
Col. D. W. Beamish (-1) bt Mrs. R. Jones Bateman (14) by 11.

Miss G. Metcalfe (5½) bt W. W. Sweet Escott (-½) by 18.
J. K. Brown (-½) bt Col. S. Mathews (5½) by 10.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (5) bt Comdr. D. W. Roe (2) by 3.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) bt Miss H. Trought (9) by 7.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. S. Mathews (5) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon (0) by 1.
Col. D. W. Beamish (-1) bt Mrs. L. G. Walters (6½) by 14.

J. K. Brown (-½) bt Miss G. Metcalfe (5½) by 14.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (5) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.

Col. D. W. Beamish (-1) bt Mrs. S. Mathews (5) by 9.
J. K. Brown (-½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) by 10.

FINAL.

J. K. Brown (-½) bt Col. D. W. Beamish (-1) by 8.

EVENT "Y."

(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss S. C. Gough (14) w.o. Major G. F. Stone (-3½) opponent retired.

Miss J. C. Cramphorn (12) bt Mrs. D. M. Roe (6½) by 7.
Mrs. C. A. G. Money (8½) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (7) by 1 on time.
Miss V. E. Mills (3½) bt Col. S. Mathews (5½) by 4.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (3) bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot (5*) by 10.
Miss S. C. Gough (14) bt Miss J. C. Cramphorn (12) by 10.
Miss V. E. Mills (3½) bt Mrs. C. A. G. Money (8½) by 4.
Miss H. Trought (9) bt Comdr. D. W. Roe (2) by 12.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (3) bt Miss S. C. Gough (14) by 16.
Miss V. E. Mills (3½) w.o. Miss H. Trought (9) opponent scratched.

FINAL.

Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (3) bt Miss V. E. Mills (3½) by 6.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Combined Handicap not less than 6 Bishes).

(12 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Major G. F. Stone and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (8½) bt Miss G. Metcalfe and Mrs. J. C. Cramphorn (17½) by 15.
Mrs. R. G. Michelmore and W. J. Dixson (12) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon and Mrs. R. Jones Bateman (12) by 6.
J. K. Brown and Miss H. Trought (8½) bt Miss V. E. Mills and G. A. Black (11½) by 9 on time.

Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss J. Cooper (9) bt Lt.-Col. S. Mathews and Mrs. S. Mathews (10½) by 8.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss A. E. Mills and Miss S. C. Gough (15) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Mrs. L. G. Walters (11½) by 6.
Major G. F. Stone and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (8½) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmore and W. J. Dixson (12) by 5.

J. K. Brown and Miss H. Trought (8½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss J. Cooper (9) by 9.
W. W. Sweet Escott and Miss C. E. Gatehouse (6½) bt Comdr. D. W. Roe and Mrs. D. W. Roe (8½) by 20.

SEMI-FINAL.

Major G. F. Stone and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (8½) bt Miss A. E. Mills and Miss S. C. Gough (15) by 3.
W. W. Sweet Escott and Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (6½) bt J. K. Brown and Miss H. Trought (8½) by 15.

FINAL.

Major G. F. Stone and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (8½) bt W. W. Sweet Escott and Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (6½) by 1.

GOLF CROQUET

ROEHAMPTON versus HURLINGHAM

On Saturday, April 24th, a very enjoyable Golf Croquet match was held at Roehampton, when the home club met a team from Hurlingham who gained a well-deserved victory by eight events to one. This victory was due, it would seem, in no small measure to the superior tactics employed by the visitors. The match was played under the new eighteen hoop variation which met with universal approval.

H. F. Crowther Smith is to be congratulated on being the only member of the home side to win a game. He gained the first five hoops against S. S. Townsend: a very good start to any match. Miss Lintern had a close match with I. W. Cheavin, who was three up at one-back, at the rover hoop they were all square but the deciding hoop gave the match to I. W. Cheavin. Mrs. Solomon had a close match with K. E. Shelley, losing only by two points. Mrs. Wiggins, D. Buckland and Major-General Davidson had comparatively easy victories over Colonel C. C. Adams, M. Spencer-Ell and Mrs. Atfield.

Hurlingham won all three doubles matches.

Roehampton players named first

SINGLES.

Col. C. C. Adams lost to Mrs. B. Wiggins 3 and 1.
Miss D. A. Lintern lost to I. W. Cheavin by 1.
M. Spencer-Ell lost to D. Buckland 4 and 3.
H. F. Crowther Smith beat S. S. Townsend by 2.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon lost to K. E. Shelley by 2.
Mrs. D. Atfield lost to Major-General F. H. M. Davidson 5 and 3.

DOUBLES.

Col. C. C. Adams and M. Spencer-Ell lost to I. W. Cheavin and D. Buckland 4 and 2.
Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. G. W. Solomon lost to Mrs. B. Wiggins and S. S. Townsend 3 and 1.
H. F. Crowther Smith and Mrs. D. Atfield lost to K. E. Shelley and Major-General F. H. M. Davidson 6 and 4.

RESULT.—Roehampton 1, Hurlingham 8.

PARKSTONE

A Men v. Women Club Match was held at Parkstone on May 12th.

SINGLES.

Mrs. Ashton bt V. de la Nougerede by 1.
Mrs. Gasson bt H. Wilson Smith by 6.
Mrs. McModie lost to Commander Beamish by 9.
Mrs. Hill lost to Major Carfrae by 11.
Mrs. Tudor lost to Commander Wilson by 2.
Miss Weston lost to P. Eliot Smith by 12.

DOUBLES.

Mrs. Gasson and Mrs. Hill lost to V. de la Nougerede and Commander Beamish.
Mrs. Ashton and Mrs. Wilson lost to Col. Baldwin and Commander Wilson by 3.
Miss Haslam and Mrs. Tudor bt Major Carfrae and P. Eliot Smith by 7.

RESULT.—Men beat Women by 6 games to 3.

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Second Round to be completed by July 19th.
Final to be played by August 29th.

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ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

Will be played during the week commencing Monday

JUNE 14th, 1954

(Under the Laws and Regulations of the Croquet Association.)

Manager, Handicapper and Referee.—Miss D. D. Steel.

Chairman of Committee.—Mrs. J. R. Elliott, M.B.E., 23 Oundle Drive, Wollaton Park, Nottingham (Tel. 79177).

Hon. Tournament Secretary.—Neville Bright, 5 Premier Road, Sherwood Rise, Nottingham (Tel.: 64806).

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

The Tournament will include the following

EVENTS

- 1.—"ROBIN HOOD" GOLD CUP HANDICAP CHALLENGE TROPHY. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Presented by the All England Croquet Association for Associates only.
- 2.—OPEN SINGLES (Draw and Process). Variation B of Law 44. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d. CHALLENGE BOWL presented by the Nottingham Croquet Club. Single Games. The final of this event will be the best of three games, time permitting. Regulation 13 (a and b) will be applied if considered necessary or advisable.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 5 bishes and over. Single Games, Law 44 suspended. Entrance Fee, 9s. CHALLENGE BOWL presented by the late L. L. Bright.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y."). Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Winner of "X"—CHALLENGE TROPHY presented by Mrs. J. W. Naake. Winner of "Y"—CHALLENGE TROPHY presented by the late Mrs. Reynolds-Hole.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Single Games. Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d. each player. Unrestricted except that no two players with joint handicap of less than 1 may play together. TWIN CHALLENGE TROPHIES presented by the late Mrs. Hitchin.

(All Entry Fees include C.A. Levy Charges, i.e. as to Events 1, 2, 3, 5—2s., as to Event 4—3s.)
First and Second Prizes will be given in each Event.

CONDITIONS.

Entries for Events, 1, 2, 3 and 4 should reach the Hon. Tournament Secretary, not later than Friday, June 11th, accompanied by a cheque. Entry Forms for the Doubles Event may be deferred until Tuesday, June 15th. Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily or earlier.

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

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

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

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

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

To prevent damage to the lawns every competitor shall wear flat-soled boots or shoes.

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

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

Nineteen

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DATES OF IMPORTANT EVENTS

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| May 31—June 4 | ROEHAMPTON | Men's and Women's Championships |
| July 5—10 | HURLINGHAM | Open Championships |
| July 26—31 | HURLINGHAM | Ladies' Field Cup |
| Aug. 12—21 | ROEHAMPTON | Challenge and Gilbey Cups |
| Sept. 6—11 | ROEHAMPTON | President's Cup |

For dates of other events see the calendar on page 2

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THE
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and the
DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

will be played for at

HURLINGHAM

(By kind permission of the Committee of the Hurlingham Club)

On MONDAY, JULY 5th, 1954

AND FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager and Handicapper.—B. H. Wiggins.

Referee.—Col. C. C. Adams.

Assistant Referees on the Official List will be appointed on the ground under Reg. 15 (a).

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

EVENTS.

1.—**THE CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP.** Open to any competitor (subject to Regulation 22). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Matches best of three games. Prizes: The Coronation Gold Challenge Cup presented by the Croquet Association and a medal, and a Silver Challenge Cup, presented by Messrs. F. H. Ayres Ltd., for the "runner-up," and the number of other prizes will be according to the number of entries received. Holder—J. W. Solomon.

2.—**THE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.** Open to any competitor (subject to Regulation 22). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. each person. Matches of single games. Prizes: A Pair of Silver Challenge Cups, presented by M. B. and the late G. L. Reckitt, and the number of other prizes will be according to the number of entries received. Holders—H. O. Hicks and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins.

3.—**THE ASSOCIATION PLATE.** Open to competitors who have entered for Event 1 have not qualified for the third round. Matches of single games throughout. **This event will be played under Variation "B."** Entrance Fee, 6s. each entry as

they qualify. Level play. Prizes: A Challenge Trophy, presented by W. Longman, and the number of other prizes will be according to the number of entries received. Holder—M. B. Reckitt.

CONDITIONS.

Hoops 3¼in. wide. Jaques' "Eclipse" Balls will be used. Six courts will be provided at Hurlingham and courts at Roehampton may be used on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

No leave can be granted till after the draw.

The winners hold the respective Challenge Trophies for one year or until the next competition, whichever is the shorter period.

The Committee reserve the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason and to decide any question that may arise.

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

ENTRIES.

The Entries, accompanied by the Entrance Fees for Event 1, must be sent to the Secretary, C. A., 4, Southampton Row, London, W. C. 1., so as to reach her not later than the first post on **Wednesday, 30th June**, and for Event 2 by noon on **Tuesday, July 6th**.

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

DRAW.

The Draw for Event No. 1 will take place at 4, Southampton Row, W. C. 1., at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 30th, for Event 2 at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 6th, and for Event 3 as will be announced on the ground.

PLAY.

Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily.

Competitors must report themselves to the Manager on arrival, and ascertain, if not previously notified, at what hour they must be ready to play.

Any Competitor who wishes to leave the ground before the conclusion of play must obtain the permission of the Manager.

Any Competitor who is not present or is otherwise unable to play when called upon to do so will be liable to be scratched.

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

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

A CROQUET TOURNAMENT

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ON MONDAY, 12th JULY, 1954
and following days
(Under the Laws and Regulations of the Croquet Association)

Tournament Committee.—Mrs. E. Rotherham (Chairman), Major G. F. Stone, Miss A. Mills, Col. D. W. Beamish, L. G. Walters, Esq., and G. Black, Esq.

Manager and Handicapper.—Mrs. Edmund Reeve.

Referee of the Tournament.—A. G. F. Ross, Esq.
(Assistant referees and umpires may be appointed under Regulation 14.)

Secretary.—Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton (Tel. 548).

EVENTS.

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. Draw and Process. The Winner to hold the Colman Challenge Cup for one year or until the next competition, whichever is the shorter period. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. *Except in the case of a bye, Competitors in this event will not be granted leave after 2 p.m. on Monday, 12th July.*
 - 2.—LEVEL SINGLES (Class B). Single games, Law 44 suspended. The Winner to hold the Longman Cup for one year or until the next competition, whichever is the shorter period. Open to players of 1 to 5 bisques. Entrance Fee, 9s.
 - 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES (Class C). Single games. Open to players of 5½ bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 9s.
- N.B.—No competitor may enter for more than one of the above events.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Single games. The Winner to hold the Oliver Bowl for one year or until the next competition, whichever is the shorter period. Open to all. Entrance Fee, 9s.
 - 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Single games. The Winners to hold the Le Messurier Cups for one year or until the next competition, whichever is the shorter period. Unrestricted except that no two minus players may play together. Entrance Fee, 7s. each player.

NOTES

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

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

ENTRIES.

Entries, on Association Forms PLEASE, must reach the Secretary by the following dates: For Events 1, 2, 3 and 4, by the first post on Thursday, 8th July; and for Event 5 by 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 13th July, but the Committee reserve the right to close the lists earlier should they find it necessary to do so.

THE DRAW.

The Draw for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 will take place in the Club Pavilion on Thursday, 8th July, at 11 a.m., and for Event 5 on Tuesday afternoon, 13th July.

Luncheons and Teas will be provided on the ground at moderate prices. Bridge Rooms are available. Standard Setting, 3¼ in. Hoops.

Play will commence each day at 10 a.m. or earlier if necessary.

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

Eight lawns will be provided. Further courts by courtesy of Exmouth Croquet Club will be used if entries necessitate.

CHELTENHAM

The Thirty-Eighth Annual

OPEN TOURNAMENT

will be held on the CLUB LAWNS, Old Bath Road, on
MONDAY, JULY 19th, and FIVE FOLLOWING
DAYS

(Under the Laws and Regulations of the Croquet Association.)

Committee of the Cheltenham Croquet Club.—Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows (Chairman).

Manager, Referee and Handicapper.—Miss D. D. Steel.

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

Tournament Secretary.—T. J. Gould, Cheltenham Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.

EVENTS.

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. CHELTENHAM CHAMPIONSHIP CUP. To be held for one year or till the next Competition, whichever is the shorter period. "Two Life System". Holder, H. O. Hicks. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES. MONEY SALVER. To be held for one year or till the next Competition, whichever is the shorter period. For players with two or more bisques. Holder, Mrs. W. A. Odling. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. For players with five or more bisques. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
No player may enter for more than one of above events.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. For everyone. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. BARWELL SALVERS. Unrestricted. To be held for one year or till the next Competition, whichever is the shorter period. Holders, Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows and T. Wood-Hill. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. each player.

Two prizes at least will be given in each event.

There will be eight club lawns or possibly more.

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

Standard setting, 3¼ in. hoops and Jaques' Championship balls will be used.

Competitors shall wear such flat-soled shoes as cannot damage the courts.

The number of entries will be strictly limited.

Light Luncheons and Teas may be obtained on the ground.

Buses run to and from town half-hourly.

Leave till 2 p.m. allowed if requested.

Entries must reach Secretary by Midday July 15th.

Draw for Singles events in Pavilion at 2 p.m. same day.

Hotels.—Beeches, Ellenboro, Irving, Langton, Lansdown, Eltham Lawn, Lilleybrook, Montpelier, Moorend Park, Moray House, Plough, Queen's, Regent, Royal, etc.

EXMOUTH, DEVON

An Open

CROQUET TOURNAMENT

(Under the Laws and Regulations of the Croquet Association)

will be held on the Grounds of

The Exmouth Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club
Cranford, 42 Salterton Road, Exmouth

from

MONDAY, JULY 19th, to SATURDAY, JULY 24th

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

Referee.—A. Ross, Esq.

Tournament Committee.—Major G. F. Stone, Col. D. W. Beamish, Lt.-Col. C. S. Lazenby, Miss A. E. Mills.

EVENTS.

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES (Draw and Process Var B). Challenge Bowl. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d.
 - 2.—LEVEL SINGLES (Class B). 2½ Bisques and over (Law 44 suspended). Entrance Fee, 7s.
 - 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES (Class C). 6½ Bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 7s.
 - 4.—X, Y HANDICAP SINGLES. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d.
 - 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES, combined Handicaps to be not less than Scratch. Entrance Fee, 7s. each player.
- N.B.—Fees include C.A. Levy charge of 2s. 3¼ inch Hoops will be used in all events. No player may enter for more than one of the first three events.

Hotels: Cranford, Devoncourt, Maer Bay. Moriglen (opposite Club).

CONDITIONS.

Play will commence each day at 10 a.m. (or earlier if necessary). Competitors are requested to report themselves to the Manager on arrival. Players wanted at 10 a.m. on Monday will be notified. All others should be present on the ground by 11 a.m. Six Lawns (standard setting) will be provided. Entries for Events 1, 2, 3, 4 close 1st Post Friday, July 16th, and the Draw will take place during the afternoon on Friday, July 16th, at the Budleigh Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club. Entries for the Handicap Doubles close at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, July 20th. All entries to be sent to Miss A. E. Mills, Greyfriars, Budleigh Salterton. Players must be prepared to play at Budleigh Salterton if necessary.

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

1st Prizes in all Events. 2nd Prizes if entries are sufficient.

Sandwich Lunches and Teas will be provided at the Club.

Free Parking for cars in Club Grounds.

NOTICE

You are particularly requested to enter for tournaments on the C.A. form and not by letter.

THE SILVER JUBILEE CUP

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

Holder—G. Williams (½)

will be played for at

THE HURLINGHAM CLUB

(by kind permission of the Committee of the Hurlingham Club)

MONDAY, JULY 26th, 1954

AND FOUR FOLLOWING DAYS.

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager.—Mrs. B. H. Wiggins.

Referee and Handicapper.—B. H. Wiggins.

Assistant Referees on the Official List will be appointed on the ground under Reg. 15 (a).

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

OPEN TO ASSOCIATES ONLY.

THE SILVER JUBILEE CUP, HANDICAP SINGLES.

An Event open only to Associates who are classed at scratch or more. Entrance Fee, 6s. Matches of single games throughout. Prizes, the Challenge Cup and other prizes according to the number of entries. The Event will be drawn in two or more approximately equal Blocks, the winners of which will play off as for the Gilbey Cup.

CONDITIONS.

Hoops 3¼ inches wide, and Jaques' "Eclipse" Balls will be used.

The winner will hold the Challenge Cup for one year or until the next Competition, whichever is the shorter period.

The Committee reserve the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason, and to decide any question that may arise.

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

ENTRIES.

The Entries, accompanied by the Entrance Fees, must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1., so as to reach her not later than the first post on Wednesday, July 21st.

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

DRAW.

The Draw will take place at 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1., on Wednesday, July 21st, at 2.30 p.m.

PLAY.

Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily unless otherwise notified.

Competitors must report themselves to the Manager on arrival, and ascertain, if not previously notified, at what hour they must be ready to play.

Any Competitor who wishes to leave the ground before the conclusion of play must obtain the permission of the Manager.

Any Competitor who is not present, or is otherwise unable to play when called upon to do so, will be liable to be scratched.

HURLINGHAM

THE ANNUAL CROQUET TOURNAMENT

including the
"LADIES' FIELD" CANDLESTICKS
(Under the direction of the C.A.), will be held from
**MONDAY, AUGUST 2nd, to WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 11th, 1954**

In the Grounds of the Hurlingham Club
(Under the Laws and Regulations of the C.A.)

Committee.—Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton, Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, D. E. Buckland, I. W. Cheavin, W. Longman, Mrs. W. Longman and B. H. Wiggins, O.B.E. Manager, Referee and Handicapper.—Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury.
Secretary.—Lieut.-Col. R. F. J. Hayward, V.C., M.C. Assistant Referees may be appointed under Reg. 15 (a).

EVENTS.

- 1.—THE HURLINGHAM CUP. Holder, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins. Level Singles. Best of three games throughout. Entrance Fee, 11s.
- 2.—THE TURNER CUP. Holder, M. Spencer-Ell. Level Singles. For players handicapped at scratch or over not entered for Event 1. Challenge Cup presented in 1926 (originally for Ladies only) by Mrs. Ernest Turner. Single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- 3.—THE HURLINGHAM DOUBLES. Holders, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. E. Rotherham. Level Play. Mixed Pairs. Challenge Cup presented in 1932 by Mrs. Henry Franc. Singles games throughout. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. each player.
- 4.—THE YOUNGER CUP.—Holder, G. E. W. Hitchcock. Level Singles. For players handicapped at 2½ bisques or more not entered for Events 1 or 2. Challenge Cup presented in 1935 by Lt.-Col. J. A. C. Younger. Singles games throughout. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
Law 44 suspended.
- 5.—THE LONGWORTH CUP. Holder, K. E. Shelley. Level Singles. For players handicapped at 6 bisques or more not entered for Events 1, 2 or 4. Challenge Cup presented in 1927 by Mrs. R. C. Longworth. Singles games throughout. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
Law 44 suspended.
- 6.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- 7.—THE "LADIES' FIELD" CANDLESTICKS. (Ladies' Handicap Doubles). Holders, Mrs. B. H. Wiggins and Miss M. S. Carlyon. Open to Lady Members of the C.A. only. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. each player.
- 8.—MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. each player.

The Tournament is open to Members of the Croquet Association and Members and their relations and Associate Members of the Hurlingham Club, with the Exception of Event No. 7, which is open to Lady Members of the C.A. only.

Tournament Plant by Messrs. John Jaques and Son Ltd., 3½ in. Hoops and Standard Setting.

PRIZES.

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

ENTRIES AND DRAW.

All Entries for Events 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6, with the addresses of the competitors (and telephone number if possible) must reach the Secretary, Croquet Tournament, The Hurlingham Club, Fulham, S.W.6, by first post on **Wednesday, 28th July**, and must be accompanied by fees; cheques made payable to The Hurlingham Club.

Entries for Events, 3, 7 and 8 will close at noon on **Tuesday, 3rd August**.

The Draw for Events, 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6, will take place at the Club on **Wednesday, 28th July**, at 2.30 p.m.; for other Events as announced on the ground.

No leave later than 2 o'clock on **Monday, 2nd August**, can be given until after the Draw.

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LEAMINGTON SPA

AN OPEN CROQUET TOURNAMENT

will be held on the CLUB GROUND on

**MONDAY, JULY 26th, 1954
AND FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS**

Manager, Handicapper and Referee.—Miss D. D. Steel.
Hon. Secretary.—The Croquet Tournament Secretary,
Guys Cliffe Avenue, Leamington Spa.

EVENTS.

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. Two Life System. The Midland Challenge Cup. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d.
- 2.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 2½ Bisques and over. Challenge Cup. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Open to all. Challenge Cup. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 4.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Unrestricted. Challenge Silver Salvers. Entrance Fee, 7s. each player.

Players may only enter for one of the above.

At least two prizes will be given for each Event.

All Challenge Trophies to be held by the winner for one year, or until the next official tournament.

CONDITIONS.

Entries, with entrance fees must reach the Hon. Secretary by the first post Thursday, July 22nd. Entries for Event 4 may be made on the ground up to 2.30 p.m., Tuesday, July 27th.

Draw for Events 1, 2 and 3 will take place in the Club House at 2.30 p.m., Thursday, July 22nd.

Equipment by Jaques.

Five Courts will be provided.

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

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

Bridge, a licensed bar, teas.

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

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GENERAL.

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

The Committee reserves the right of altering the conditions and refusing entries without assigning a reason. Every competitor must wear such flat-soled boots or shoes as cannot damage the Courts.

Play will commence at 10 a.m. daily and continue till 7.30 p.m. if considered necessary by the Manager.

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

At least six Lawns will be provided.
Luncheons, Teas and Dinners can be obtained at the Club.

CROQUET DINNER

There will be a Dinner for Croquet Players and their friends at the Hurlingham Club on **Thursday, 5th August**. Tickets price 10s. 6d., can be obtained from the Secretary, The Hurlingham Club.

CROQUET PUTTING COMPETITION.

There will be a Putting Competition with Croquet Mallets and Balls on the Club Putting Course from **3rd to 10th August** (excluding the week-end). Entrance Fee, 1s. per round. Prizes will be given according to number of entries.

DIRECTORY OF CLUBS

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

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

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

Blackheath (Blackheath Park)—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. E. M. Gordon, 7 Pond Road, Blackheath, S.E.3.

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

Budleigh Salterton—Secretary, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton.

Buxton Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. M. Dean, 7 Bath Road, Buxton.

Carrickmines Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club—Hon. Secretary, Capt. J. H. Wilson, Littlegate, Carrickmines, Dublin.

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

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

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

Clifton and County Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Miss L. Newman, 60 Hampton Park, Bristol 6.

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

Compton (Eastbourne)—Hon. Secretary, Lt.-Col. R. A. Irwin, The Lawn, Willingdon, Sussex.

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

Dulwich Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. N. L. Baker, 23 Rollscourt Avenue, London, S.E.24.

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

Edinburgh Croquet Club (Lauriston Castle)—Hon. Secretary, J. R. Spence, 11 Stanley Road, Edinburgh 6.

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

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

Folkestone L.T. and Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Lady Climo, 158 Sandgate Road, Folkestone.

Guernsey Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, J. Griffiths, Les Fontaines, King's Road, Guernsey, C.I.

Heathfield (Lyford Road, London, S.W.18)—Hon. Secretary, W. Goodrich, 25 Crockerton Road, S.W.17.

Hunstanton—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. B. C. Perowne, 65 Victoria Avenue, Hunstanton.

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

Ipswich (Arboretum)—Hon. Secretary, Miss Allen, 101 Constable Road, Ipswich.

Littlehampton Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, H. T. Heming-Johnson, A.C.A., Rosemary, Fitzalan Road, Littlehampton.

Northern Lawn Tennis Club (Croquet Section) Didsbury, nr. Manchester—Hon. Secretary, W. Brownsword, 488 Wilmslow Road, Fallowfield, Manchester.

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

Nottingham Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, A. O. Taylor, Woodville House, Sherwood, Nottingham.

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

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

Roehampton—The Secretary, Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, S.W.15.

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

Ryde Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Harold A. Compton, Play Street Lane, Ryde, I.O.W.

Shepton Mallet—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Cooper, 44 Victoria Grove, Shepton Mallet.

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

Southsea—Hon. Secretary, Miss E. M. Watson, 24 Bembridge Crescent, Southsea.

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

Sussex County (Brighton) Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club—Hon. Secretary, F. E. Corke, 28 Mansfield Road, Hove 3.

Upton—Hon. Secretary, E. Brighthouse, 27 Heath Road, Upton, Wirral.

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

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