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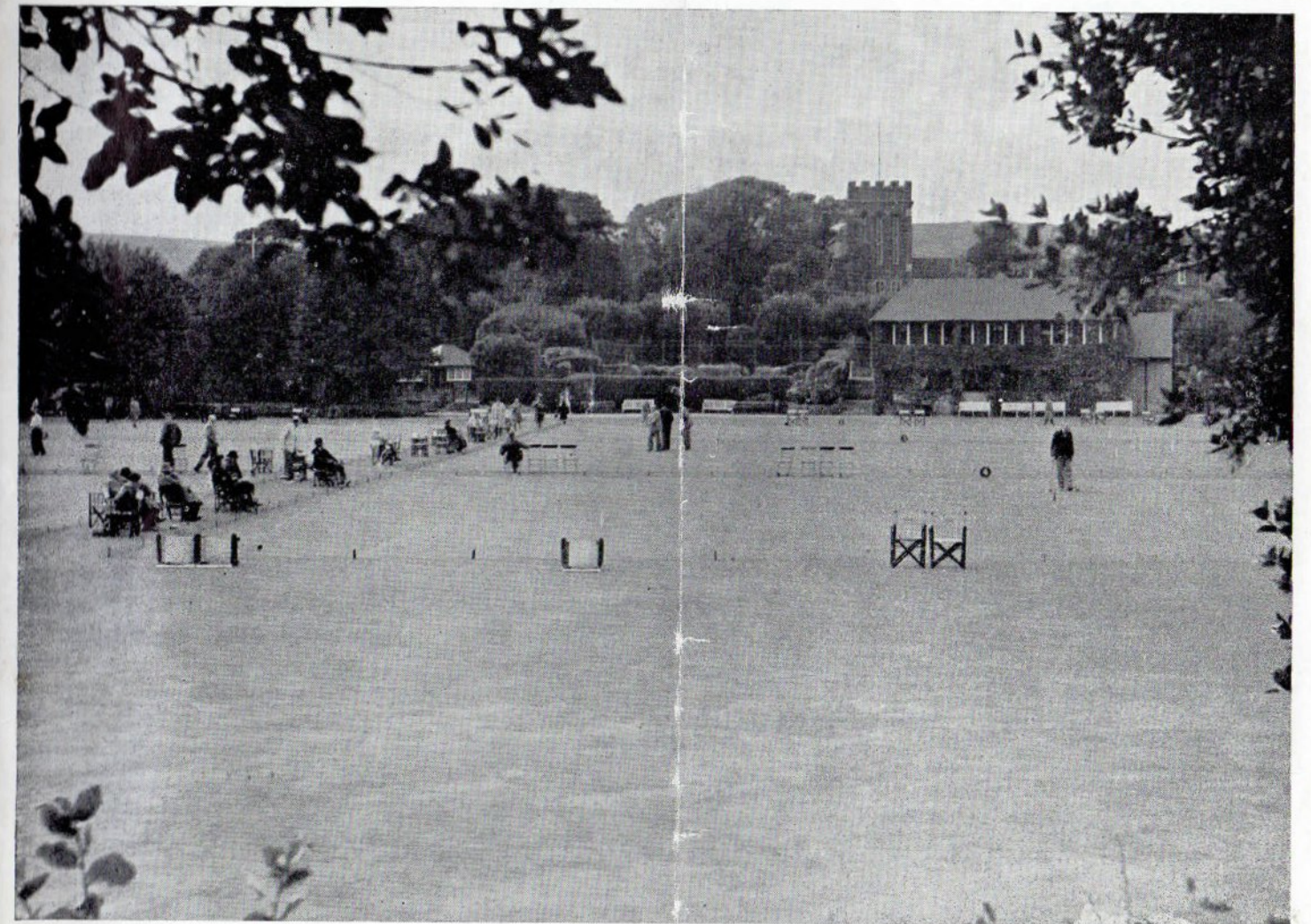
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"	21	Championship of Ireland. Hon. Sec., Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly, Ballynamote, Carrickmines, Co. Dublin.
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"	13-23	Challenge and Gilbey Cups, Ascot and Delves Broughton Cups (Roehampton). Secretary C.A., 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.
"	25	Southwick. Hon. Sec., F. E. Corke, 60 Southwick Street, Southwick, Sussex.
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"	1	Parkstone. Hon. Sec., Mrs. V. C. Gasson, Newlyn, Blair Avenue, Parkstone, Dorset.
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### HANDICAPS

Attention is drawn to the article on page 3 which deals with the Report of the Handicap Reform Committee which has been accepted by the Council. Will any associates who wish to avail themselves of the provision whereby they can retain their present handicap or some lower figure than the full change proposed, please inform the Secretary, C.A., not later than December 31st. This is important on account of the biennial publication of the Hand Book in 1958.

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# THE 1957 SEASON

By Maurice B. Reckitt

AFTER the thrills of a season which included five Test Matches, three Official Dinners and the presence of our so welcome visitors at many of our tournaments, a reversion to the normal might have produced a certain sense of anti-climax in 1957. That it did not appear to do so was due perhaps largely to two factors: the improved weather and the emergence of a group of promising new players. It was not one of the best of summers, though after the dismal succession of deluges in 1956 it almost seemed so at times. June was unusually hot; there was lovely weather at Hurlingham for the "Ladies' Field" Cup and the opening of the August tournament; there were some pleasant days at Southwick at the end of the month, and Devonshire Park, as is so often the case, wound up the season with a blaze of sunshine and the thermometer in the sixties.

More important than this, however, were the strong indications that Croquet is beginning to recruit a most heartening number of new and enthusiastic players of all ages; though not yet equally of both sexes. Cheltenham boasts of its "Workers", and there are plenty of these too at Hurlingham; professional men who have come on remarkably well, though their opportunities for tournament play are restricted. It was, moreover, a particularly hopeful sign that it proved possible to assemble a team of Juniors to show spectators at Devonshire Park that ours is not a game only for the ageing. In Mr. Meachem, Mr. Jesson Dibley, Mr. Lloyd-Pratt, Mr. C. H. R. Penny (with his so significant "Solomon grip") and the Ormerod brothers, we have men who are likely to sustain the credit of the game for the rest of the century, and there is plenty to suggest that in addition to these there are as good players in the "C" as ever came out of it.

It is well to console ourselves with these facts, for as this journal has recently—and quite rightly—been emphasising, our clubs and our Association have formidable obstacles to face. Chief among these perhaps is the age-level of our membership. We are so proud of our veterans that we are tempted to feel that old croquet players (however they may "fade away") never die. But, alas, eventually they do, and we shall have to work immensely hard if we are to replace them in sufficient numbers sufficiently soon. Let us at least remember that if the death of individuals is inevitable, the death of clubs most emphatically is not. This winter might well be spent by every club committee meeting to lay plans to attract new members, to encourage them when they are found, and to improve the prestige of Croquet in every centre in which it is now—or might well be—played.

Two experiments were sanctioned for the season now concluded. Of one hardly anything was heard; scarcely ever was a referee called up to watch a take-off, and those who felt that this innovation (recommended to

us from New Zealand) was at variance with a hitherto unbroken tradition of our Laws had little to disturb their conservative emotions. It was otherwise with the "Fifth Hoop Game." It had been strongly argued that this ingenious but very controversial experiment deserved a thorough trial; it has had one, and the present writer believes that the verdict is "Guilty." It would be inappropriate to say more here, and whatever the critics of this particular proposal may have felt—or come to feel—about it, they ought to recognise both that many features of the standard game as we now have it came into being against opposition as a consequence of being tried out first, and that an obstinate hostility to all innovation merely for its being such would augur an inauspicious spirit in those who are chosen to be responsible for the fortunes of any worth-while game.

Play in the major events appeared to confirm the impression that there are now half a dozen players at the top "in a class by themselves", as the phrase goes. The President's Cup ought in fact to provide such a "class," though lately, from causes discussed in our last number, it does not at present, unfortunately, quite do so. Let the names of Solomon, Hicks, Cotter, Stone, Wiggins and Kirk-Greene be set down here, the reader being left to make a "ranking list" out of them for himself. John Solomon, unable for much regretted reasons to play in either of the Championships, won at Hurlingham and by a good margin in the President's Cup, but met with defeat at the hands of Hicks in the Budleigh match. Hicks, narrowly victorious over Stone in the Championship, looked then like winning this title, but succumbed to Wiggins in a rain-soaked final, the doctor thus winning another Championship to add to the Men's event in which he had defeated Cotter and the "veteran" Longman, who thus began what proved for him a good season. The name of Cotter is so associated in the minds of all of us with success that it comes as a surprise to realise that he was not in fact victorious in any major event this year, though he seemed to be playing almost as well as ever; he could be deemed unlucky in having two games "stolen" from him to spoil his score in the President's Cup. Stone was playing so well in the Open Championship that at one stage he looked the most likely of all to win it; some rash play destroyed this opportunity, as it has sometimes done on other occasions; at his best, and especially on his home ground, he can look irresistible. Kirk-Greene, winner at Brighton and Eastbourne, is now adding enterprise to his unsurpassed accuracy. His shooting too is unsurpassed by anyone, and in the Open Doubles at Eastbourne it was noticed that he hit eight consecutive long shots before at last missing one.

Of the ladies there is not much to say, Miss Lintern and Mrs. Rotherham continuing to outdistance the rest by such a margin that any event in which both compete

### IMPORTANT

The attention of all Associates is drawn to the Questionnaire on page two. Please read this carefully and let the Council have your views. Associates are also asked to read the article on Handicap Revisions on page three as this concerns everybody.

soon becomes a duel between them. Miss Lintern won the contest in the Women's Championship by the narrowest of margins, Mrs. Rotherham was the victor in the "Ladies' Field" Cup. This event, it has to be said frankly, is now fallen so far from its once high estate that there are some who feel that it might well be discontinued. Much of the play in recent years has been so poor in quality that the contest tends to become a purposeless weariness to the flesh. A newcomer to the lists this year, Miss Joan Warwick, more than justified her selection; her improvement has been very rapid and seems likely to continue. Mrs. Longman was unable to play in this event owing to reasons of health, but earlier on she had won the Du Pre Cup and she showed some good form too at the end of the season. A tribute is due to Miss Steel, who showed at Eastbourne, as she generally does there, that she can still be very much a force to be reckoned with.

The Surrey Cup, played this year on the hospitable soil of Parkstone, has become one of the most interesting competitions for which the Association is responsible. It is sometimes referred to as the "Second Eight", but this is quite inaccurate and gives a false impression of the purpose for which the event was initiated. It is to be regarded rather as a stage on the way to the summit represented by the "Best Eight" and certainly must never be transformed into a consolation event for those no longer able to hold their own in the premier competition. The two leaders on this occasion, however, must be near promotion to still higher things. Both Colonel Cave and Mr. Warwick are greatly improved players with obvious potentialities; so, we understand, is Mr. Jackson, and so also would be Mr. Faulkner if he had more opportunity to play in good company. Finally, a word of congratulation to the brothers Beamish; the Colonel made a very good showing indeed both in the Open Championship and in the President's Cup, and the Commander won a once very famous title by his victory in the Irish Championship.

It would be a pleasure to mention a number of those who have, in their various classes, shown a marked improvement during the season, but space allows of only a few names. Prominent among those now in the "A" class are Mr. Hollweg of Roehampton, who has reached a minus handicap without having as yet played in an open tournament, Mr. Evans who won the Challenge Cup and has most notably advanced this year, especially in his tactics, and Mr. Townsend, perhaps the best of the formidable Hurlingham phalanx. In the "B"

class Col. Stobart and Mr. Whitehead, besides others already mentioned, go from strength to strength, while Lady Ursula Abbey, Mr. Chignell and Mr. Ratcliffe have done well. Commander and Mrs. Style are as promising as they are enthusiastic. Cheltenham has, besides Mr. Jackson, a notable band of new players in Miss Allen, Miss Roe and Dr. and Mrs. Yoxall; Budleigh has in Mrs. Vincent and Miss Cooper two ladies who will surely go much further when they have time to play more; while in the "D" class Mrs. Carrington and Mrs. Adler at Roehampton and Mrs. Fitter of Parkstone have notable successes to their credit.

In the team events Surrey won the County Championship by the narrowest of margins in a contest decided only in the final game, and Hurlingham caused no surprise by winning the Longman Cup and with it the custody for a year of the handsome trophy presented to the Association by our New Zealand guests last year. Had the Club Championship for Open play not fallen into desuetude since the War, Budleigh Salterton would certainly have won it, as they amply proved by their decisive victory over a London team, a contest which it is understood will be repeated next year on the invitation of this historic and hospitable club.

Now that our mallets are put away, Croquet will probably be put out of the minds of most of us, save for those who plan and ponder on our behalf on our Council during the winter months. And yet one wonders whether it need—or ought to—be completely so. Watching players of every class in many parts of the country, the present writer is constantly struck by the lack of understanding of the fundamentals of the game which so many of them display. Situations are always arising with which even seemingly experienced players appear quite unable to cope. How to pick up a break; how to prepare a promising situation when no break can be immediately made, how to finish off a game rapidly and effectively, above all perhaps how to play a pegged-out game—all these things can be studied without going on to a court at all. Make a large-scale map of the setting in accurate proportions and obtain four coloured counters, then proceed to work out these things for yourselves, either alone or—more interestingly perhaps—with other enthusiasts. The problems set by "Tactician" in these pages, both this year and in 1955, might well be gone over again for a start. There are five months before our tournaments begin again: use them wisely and perhaps you will win the Peel Memorials in 1958.

send it on or before January 1st, 1958, to the Secretary, The Croquet Association, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.

#### Questions

- (1) Do you think the 5th hoop variation is more likely than the full game to attract new players?
- (2) Are you in favour of the 5th hoop game as a variation of the full game?
- (3) Do you think the 5th hoop game is suitable for "C" and "D" classes only?
- (4) As handicap doubles are usually far too long, do you think the 5th hoop variation a solution to this problem?

## A Questionnaire

### Fifth Hoop Variation

THE Council has been considering the use of this variation and have at present come to no decision as to whether or not it should become an approved variation. Though the ultimate decision must rest with the Council, it is felt that it would be helpful if all associates would express their views. This can be quite simply achieved if every associate would take a postcard and write on it their answers to the following four questions. Do not copy out the questions. All you are asked to do is to quote the number of the question and add either "yes" or "no". Please sign the postcard and

# HANDICAP REVISIONS

AT the meeting of the Council on 17th October, 1957, a number of important resolutions were approved which affect every Associate. It was accordingly decided that the reasons for these should be explained in *Croquet* in the expectation that all Associates will understand and appreciate the action of the Council.

It will be recalled that at the Annual General Meeting this year a discussion took place regarding the desirability of a general raising of handicaps, as a result of which a sub-committee of the Council was appointed to consider handicap revision generally. Their recommendations were placed before the Council at their meeting on 17th October and were approved with minor modifications.

The main changes are that the bisque level generally should be raised by 2 bisques before next season; that any Associate, however, who prefers to remain at his or her present handicap (or a lower one than the full change of 2 bisques) should be free to do so on application in writing to the Secretary of the Association; and that a basic *minimum* handicap of Minus 3 be established.

In presenting the report of the sub-committee, its Chairman mentioned that on at least two previous occasions there had been a general revision of handicaps. He said that with at present some 65 players having handicaps of scratch or under, the traditional prestige attaching to such handicaps was largely disappearing, and indeed within a few years the situation could well arise when there could be more players below scratch than over it. This of itself was enough to justify serious attention.

After considering a number of suggestions, including the possibility of a wholesale re-assessment of individual handicaps, the sub-committee had recommended that there should be a general raising of handicaps by 2 bisques. While this might be regarded as discouraging to those who took pride in having worked hard to achieve reductions in their handicaps, the net effect would, of course, be to leave everyone for practical purposes where they were.

In the subsequent discussion, fears were expressed that the discouragement to some Associates would be felt so strongly that they would resign from the Association; another point referred to was of two Associates now in say the "B" Class, one of whom would find himself

in the "C" Class after the revision. It was pointed out, however, that this should not arise since the classes should be regarded as themselves moving parallel with the handicap changes. Thus, assume an event that was held in 1957 to have been confined to bisquers between 2 and 6, in which Mr. A, Miss B and Mrs. C competed, their handicaps being 3, 4½ and 5 respectively. Next year the event would be open to bisquers between 4 and 8 and Mr. A, Miss B and Mrs. C with revised handicaps of 5, 6½ and 7 would find themselves in the same company as hitherto. Everything, in fact, would move up by 2 bisques and the change is really one of words. So far as possible resignations were concerned, it was pointed out that on the previous occasions when there had been a general raising of handicaps, there was no evidence of any adverse effect on membership and it was hoped that Associates would accept the present changes in the same spirit.

Some concern was expressed at the recommendation to allow Associates if they chose to remain at their present handicaps, but it was pointed out that while this gave any Associate who resented possible loss of prestige the opportunity to retain his existing handicap, it did not seem likely that many would take up the option since any Associate who did so was inflicting no injury on anyone but himself.

So far as the minimum handicap was concerned, it was felt that a level of performance could be reached beyond which no distinction in terms of bisques should be attempted. There was an analogy in the case of golf and it was considered that Minus 3 should be an appropriate minimum handicap.

Among other matters dealt with by the sub-committee was the future practice of handicap reductions, and the view was expressed that while rapidly improving players should always be drastically reduced, in other cases reductions should not necessarily be made on evidence of only a single success. Club handicappers should be careful to remember to notify the Secretary of the Association of all changes in the handicaps of their members and the reasons for them. Likewise, competitors should be required to inform Tournament Handicappers of such reductions and careful consideration should be made of them before play in any handicap event.

## OBITUARY

### MAJOR-GENERAL SIR REGINALD STANHAM

On the sudden passing of Sir Reginald Stanham at his home at Camden Park, Sydney, Australia, we lose a very keen new recruit to croquet. The thoroughness and humour with which he played the game was an object lesson to many an experienced player. He is deeply mourned by all his friends in Australia.

### W. DUNN

There may not be many Associates of today who knew the above delightful member of the Croquet Association; his name was almost a synonym for Blackheath when that wonderful old Club was flourishing—for he was its Secretary for some years.

Dunn was always a pleasure to meet, on or off the court, for he loved the game—winning or losing. He joined the Association in 1924, and from 1929-41 was a valuable member of the Council.

### A. R. MUNRO

By the death of Mr. A. R. Munro at the age of ninety-one the Bristol Croquet Club has lost a staunch friend. It was only when he gave up being ground secretary after a severe accident four years ago that it was realised how much work he personally used to do on the club grounds. He was then made an Honorary Life member of the Club, since when he has been most generous in his financial support of it. He was never more than a "C" class player but he enjoyed the game and used to spend holidays watching tournaments on the South Coast. Members were glad that he was able to come to the Club occasionally this summer.

## Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at the Hurlingham Club on Monday, May 27th, 1957.

Present: Chairman, Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, Col. C. C. Adams, Mrs. L. H. Ashton, I. C. Baillieu, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, Col. J. G. Clarke, Major J. H. Dibley, E. P. Duffield, G. V. Evans, Mrs. P. E. Heley, Dr. G. L. Ormerod, Brig. J. S. Omond, M. B. Reckitt, Mrs. E. Reeve, Mrs. E. Rotherham, E. A. Roper, J. W. Solomon, Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts, Lt.-Comdr. G. W. Style, Mrs. I. H. Turketine, S. S. Townsend, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins, D. E. Buckland, Rev. G. F. H. Elvey, W. Longman, Mrs. L. C. Apps (Secretary).

**Correspondence.** A letter was read from Sir Compton Mackenzie in which he suggested that efforts should be made to get croquet on T.V. and Mr. Peter Dimmock approached. Brig. Stokes-Roberts undertook to deal with the matter. The Chairman read a letter from the Secretary of the All England L.T. & C. Club inviting him to open the newly laid croquet court by playing with another member of the Council. Mrs. Rotherham consented to participate.

**Questions.** Mrs. Rotherham asked if it was in order to play the new 18-point game in level play when Law 44 was in force, and was told that this had been expressly provided for, when the experimental game was put before the Council.

Mr. Roper asked if the present handicapping for the 18-point experimental game could be adjusted, as it did not appear to be satisfactory, and was told that no present alteration was proposed as the game had not yet been extensively tried.

**Selection Committee for the invitation events.** Col. Adams proposed that three members of the Council together with the winner of the Open Championship and the President's Cup should serve. This was seconded by Mr. Duffield. Miss Lintern proposed as an amendment that in the case of the "Ladies' Field" Cup the winners of the Women's Championship and the "Ladies' Field" Cup, 1956, should serve instead of the men competitors. This was seconded by Mrs. Reeve, put to the vote and carried. The three members of Council elected were Mr. Brackenbury, Mr. Duffield and Mr. Elvey.

Motion by the Rev. G. F. H. Elvey: "That in view of the Council's decision to play the Men's and Women's Championship events at Devonshire Park under the new 18-point variation, they shall be played as Draw and Process." After some discussion this was put to the vote and carried. Mr. Reckitt was the seconder.

Motion by Miss D. A. Lintern: "That the Handicap Co-ordination Committee shall in future consist of four members, namely the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council together with two authorised handicappers." Mr. Buckland thought the suggestion was impracticable owing to the difficulty of getting persons not resident in or near London to the frequent meetings of the Committee. After considerable discussion the Chairman proposed that the matter be further considered at a later date. Miss Lintern's motion was then put to the vote and lost.

As a matter of urgency Major Dibley was given leave to propose: "That on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Devonshire Park Tournament which occurs this year the Council should entertain all associates at the tournament to tea in the Devonshire Park Pavilion." This was seconded by Mr. Evans. Brig. Stokes-Roberts and Mr. Reckitt opposed the motion, which after discussion was put to the vote and lost. Mr. Solomon then asked leave to make a further proposal on the same subject: "That a Committee of three namely the two Devonshire Park Managers and the Chairman of the Publicity Committee be appointed to consider a suitable way of commemorating the occasion at a cost not exceeding £20." This was seconded by Mrs. Ashton and agreed.

Arising out of questions asked at the Annual General Meeting, Col. Adams proposed that a small committee be formed to consider handicap revision generally. This was discussed and agreed. Mr. Reckitt, Mr. Solomon and Mr. Townsend were appointed to act.

Mr. Roper, in answer to his question on handicaps was told that clubs were free to give handicaps but that these should be reported to the Secretary, C.A., with information as to whether it was thought desirable that the C.A. handicap, if any, should be altered. The Secretary would bring all such information to the attention of the Handicap Co-ordination Committee.

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Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 4 Southampton Row on Thursday, October 17th, 1957.

Present: Chairman, Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, Mrs. L. H. Ashton, I. C. Baillieu, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, Col. J. G. Clarke, Major J. H. Dibley, E. P. Duffield, G. V. Evans, Mrs. P. E. Heley, Miss D. A. Lintern, Dr. G. L. Ormerod, Brig. J. S. Omond, M. B. Reckitt, Mrs. E. Reeve, E. A. Roper, Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts, Lt.-Col. G. W. Style, Mrs. I. H. Turketine, S. S. Townsend, Rev. G. F. H. Elvey, Mrs. L. C. Apps (Secretary).

**Correspondence.** A letter was read from Mr. Kirk-Greene suggesting a match v. Ireland to be played at Carrickmines in 1958. This was approved in principle, and agreed that the team should be invited by the Selection Committee for invitation events. In this case, Mr. Kirk-Greene was to be asked to be the co-opted player representative on the Committee.

A letter was read from the Manager of Devonshire Park Eastbourne asking for the Council's views upon the tournament beginning a week later than hitherto. It was felt that this change would be most unfortunate and the Secretary was instructed to write accordingly.

A letter was read from Miss Paulley asking if a trophy could be allocated for the Cheltenham Non-official Tournament. This was approved and the choice of a suitable trophy from those available was left to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

**Questions.** Mr. Evans asked if the sum of £94 had been received from the Buxton Club, being the proceeds of sale of trophies, and if a letter of thanks on behalf of the C.A. had been sent, and was told that the matter had been suitably dealt with.

Miss Lintern asked when it was proposed to have a discussion on the 18-point experimental game, and was told that this would be included in the agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. Roper asked if Mr. Dimmock had been approached as to croquet on T.V. and was told that there had been no suitable occasion this year. The matter was being kept in mind.

**Notices of Motion.** Major J. H. Dibley: "That the partial suspension of Law 44 be abolished."

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts: "That the C.A. should become an annual subscriber to the C.C.P.R."

Mr. G. V. Evans: "That those associates who are invited to play in the Surrey Cup Competition be entitled to wear a tie approved by the Council."

**Report of the Handicap Reform Committee.** Mr. Reckitt presented the Report and explained the reasons which had led the Committee to the conclusions set out therein. Clarifying amendments to items 1, 2 and 4 were proposed by Mr. Baillieu and accepted, and the 9 clauses of the Report were then separately discussed and voted upon. All the recommendations were accepted. Miss Lintern on behalf of the Council thanked the Committee for their work in producing the Report.

Motion by Rev. G. F. H. Elvey: "That this Council requests the Chairman to explore the situation with the Authorities of the Hurlingham Club, with a view to Hurlingham becoming the Croquet Association Headquarters Club, and report in due course." This was seconded by Mr. Roper. Mr. Reckitt agreed with Mr. Elvey that in fact the office in Southampton Row was the Headquarters of the C.A. and proposed as an amendment to Mr. Elvey's motion that the term "Headquarters Club" be dropped. The Chairman ruled that this proposal had nothing to do with Mr. Elvey's motion and could not therefore become an amendment. After several members had spoken the motion was put to the vote and lost.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 4 Southampton Row on Thursday, November 7th, 1957.

Present: Chairman, Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, Mrs. L. H. Ashton, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, Col. J. G. Clarke, R. C. V. de Wesselow, Major J. H. Dibley, E. P. Duffield, G. V. Evans, Mrs. P. E. Heley, Miss D. A. Lintern, Dr. G. L. Ormerod, Mrs. I. H. Turketine, Brig. J. S. Omond, E. A. Roper, Lt.-Comdr. G. W. Style, Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins, D. E. Buckland, W. Longman, Mrs. L. C. Apps (Secretary).

**Correspondence.** A letter was read from Mr. Kirk-Greene, agreeing to act on the Selection Committee for the match against Ireland in 1958, also a letter from the Secretary of the Carrickmines Club agreeing to hold the match there on June 29th.

**Questions.** Mrs. Ashton asked if any action was proposed with regard to the letter from Mr. R. F. Rothwell in the August number of *Croquet*, and was told that the matter was on the agenda for the next meeting of the Laws Committee.

The Chairman asked if the Council would agree in principle to a revision of the Devonshire Park programme, so as to make it more convenient for the players, particularly the longer-bisqued competitors. This was agreed.

Motion by Major J. H. Dibley: "That the partial suspension of Law 44 be abolished." This was seconded by Mr. G. V. Evans. Major Dibley said that the partial suspension of a law was an anomaly. He agreed with the total suspension of Law 44 for the "C" and "D" classes but thought that the "B" class should play the full lifts so that they would have experience of them before becoming eligible to play in "Open" events. After discussion the motion was put to the vote and lost.

Motion by Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts: "That the C.A. should become an annual subscriber to the C.C.P.R." This was seconded by Col. J. G. Clarke. Brig. Stokes-Roberts referred to activities of the C.C.P.R. from which the C.A. had already benefited, and the possibility of further useful co-operation. The motion was agreed in principle and referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee to recommend an amount to be annually subscribed.

Motion by Mr. G. V. Evans: "That those associates who are invited to play in the Surrey Cup Competition be entitled to wear a tie approved by the Council." This was seconded by Brig. Stokes-Roberts. Mr. Duffield asked if all those invited to play would be entitled to wear the colours and was told that this was so. Several members expressed the view that the institution of a second tie, or colours, would detract from the prestige of the President's Cup and International colours. After discussion the motion was put to the vote and lost.

Motion by Miss D. A. Lintern: "That the Council shall consider the whole question of the experimental 18-point game as a recognised variation." This was seconded by Mrs. Heley. The Chairman said he had a letter on the subject from Mr. Reckitt and asked if it was the wish of the Council that it should be read. It was felt that it would be improper for the views of an absent member to be introduced into the debate. On the suggestion of Mr. Buckland the letter was read as an omitted item of correspondence. The motion was then debated. Several members thought the experiment should be continued. Mr. Longman expressed the view that if this was done it was important that it should apply to "A" class events. There was considerable discussion and differing views from various clubs were reported. Finally the Chairman suggested that one way of dealing with the matter would be to publish a questionnaire in the December magazine to enable associates to express their views. This would assist the Council in coming to a decision on the matter. It was agreed to do this. It was left to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to draw up the questionnaire.

## EASTBOURNE

### SENIORS v. JUNIORS

October 5th

The decision of the Council to stage a match of Seniors v. Juniors (in place of one contemplated between East and West) has evoked some nostalgic memories of a past, when, believe it or not, to achieve any success in first-class croquet, it seemed almost essential to be young. When the world, as some of us then knew it, came to an abrupt end in 1914, it was natural that 1913 should be looked back upon as closing the golden age of croquet as a popular game. In 1913, of the ten who played in the Champion Cup, now retrospectively known as the Beddow Cup, the eldest was 36, the remaining nine being all in their twenties. Concurrently with this event, and therefore helping to occupy ten Roehampton courts, there took place the competition for the Ladies' Field Cup, competed for by the ten best available lady players. Of these, in 1913, only two were married women; the rest were all of them young. For several years immediately preceding the First War we welcomed an annual invasion by a number of brilliant and attractive young Irish players. No wonder the tournaments at which the Irishmen were the chief stars drew large numbers of personable young women both as players and spectators, and that our eyes were not always on the ball.

In 1913 the four semi-finalists for the Men's Gold Cup at Eastbourne, who had won three strenuous rounds en route, were C. Corbally, C. L. O'Callaghan, P. Duff Mathews and an unexpected intruder—the present writer. Our average age must have been well under thirty. It was a grim ordeal to play both in semi-finals and in finals before a gallery seated and standing two-deep round all four sides of the court. The Management had sent out sandwichmen to parade the streets on the mornings of Friday and Saturday advertising the semi-finals and final of the chief event, and such was the fame of the Irishmen that crowds of the curious deserted Grand Parade and Terminus Road for Devonshire Park. Those days are gone—perhaps for ever.

But I must return to my brief. The Saturday on which the match took place was the best day of perhaps the best week of croquet weather during the whole season. It is no disparagement of those steady and improving players, Townsend and Miss Warwick, to suggest that in playing the Rothwell Brothers they had been given the Seniors' most difficult task. The fact that they won by 24 can be explained by the fact that the Rothwells were both short of practice. They showed marked improvement as the day went on, and R.F. was far from disgraced in losing to Cobb in the singles by 14, or G.F. in losing to Townsend by 16. Lack of practice seemed to be at the root of the Juniors' troubles, except in the case of John Solomon and perhaps of Meachem. Indeed, Hicks is the only player I know who seems to thrive on abstinence from croquet. Solomon and Buchanan did well to hold out as long as they did against Cotter and Cobb, and it was unfortunate that the remaining double between Mrs. Elvey and Mrs. Chittenden against Meachem and Jesson Dibley had to be abandoned in an indecisive state at luncheon. A possible victory for the Juniors in that game would have given them the tonic they needed. As it was, Jesson Dibley lost to Miss Warwick by only 7, and Meachem in his game with Mrs. Chittenden looked a certain winner until he failed unexpectedly at the last hoop when going out. He deserved on the day to have joined his captain in adding a second victory to the Juniors' score. He is a good shot and his imperturbable demeanour suggests an ideal temperament for the game; but some might think that speeding up of his play a little would do it no harm.

I have left the match between the captins, Cotter and Solomon, till the last. We all know what each is capable of, and it would be foolish to predict the result of any game between them. Often, alas, on such occasions one or the other gains a runaway victory. This time both showed us croquet at its best. Solomon by hitting the last shot won by 3, but hardly a mistake was made by either player, and despite its closeness this was the first of the singles to be finished. It would have been an ideal game of croquet for television.

The bald result of the match was that the Seniors won by seven matches to one with one unfinished. All are agreed that the event was a success, because it demonstrated that croquet is not a game for Seniors only, and that there is some extremely promising material among the Juniors. One may deplore the fact that among the Juniors there was not a single girl, for it is difficult to envisage the possibility of croquet recovering its past popularity as long as young men are unlikely to meet young women on the courts. Croquet, however, is steadily on the upgrade, and the thanks of us all are due to the Council for having given the game the best sort of propaganda that could have been devised. W.W.S.-E.

## RESULTS

### SINGLES.

J. W. Solomon bt E. P. C. Cotter by 3.

J. W. Cobb bt R. F. Rothwell by 14.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt B. Buchanan by 10.

S. S. Townsend bt G. F. Rothwell by 16.

Miss E. J. Warwick bt D. Jesson-Dibley by 7.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt J. B. Meachem by 3.

### DOUBLES

E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Cobb bt J. W. Solomon and B. Buchanan by 7.

S. S. Townsend and Miss E. J. Warwick bt R. F. and G. F. Rothwell by 24.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden v. D. Jesson Dibley and Meachem unfinished.

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## Notes from the Clubs

### Budleigh Salterton

The Annual match, Ladies v. Gentlemen, took place on September 25th. The Gentlemen surrendered the initiative by releasing H. O. Hicks and Major Stone from their team, and G. J. Warwick was also unable to play owing to a resprained knee. Nevertheless, playing level, despite a leeway to make up in the matter of bisques, the Gentlemen gained a clear victory.

#### RESULTS

##### SINGLES

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 15.  
Miss J. Warwick lost to Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 10.  
Miss A. E. Mills lost to W. B. Hart by 13.  
Mrs. Gatehouse bt Capt. M. Buller by 7.  
Mrs. L. G. Walters lost to A. J. Cooper by 17.  
Mrs. J. Vincent and G. Black unfinished.

##### DOUBLES

Mrs. Rotherham and Mrs. Gatehouse lost to Col. Beamish and G. Black by 5.  
Miss J. Warwick and Mrs. J. Vincent bt Col. G. E. Cave and Capt. M. Buller by 16.  
Miss A. E. Mills and Miss Copper lost to J. Weston Martyr and A. J. Cooper by 14.

Since the match, the Club has suffered a severe loss in the sudden death of W. B. Hart. A newcomer to the game, Hart was keen and rapidly improving, and had already lowered his handicap to 3½. His death is much regretted by all members of the Club.

### Hurlingham

Among matters discussed at a recent committee meeting was the holding of a dinner during the August tournament next year. The last dinner in August, 1956, when the New Zealanders were here was a great success and it has been tentatively agreed to examine plans for a similar function next August.

We have purchased a set of championship hoops which will be available for the use of members if they wish to tighten up on their hooping.

Winston Cheavin who had been Chairman of our Croquet sub-committee for some years has now resigned. He has done yeoman service and his presence on the committee will be missed. We are pleased to say that "Brack" has now become Chairman, thus adding one more job to the many he devotes to the furtherance of croquet.

### Roehampton

The annual golf croquet day, which marked the end of the 1957 season, was held on Saturday, 19th October. This event is always popular. Thanks are due to Miss Lintern for her arrangements and also to those who so kindly gave the prizes which were won as follows:—

Singles: 1st, J. A. Hollweg; 2nd, A. E. Whitcombe.

Doubles: 1st, J. A. Hollweg and W. H. Fitzgerald; 2nd, J. B. Gilbert and Miss D. Jennings.

The croquet section of the Roehampton Club held their Annual General Meeting on Saturday, 9th November. It was attended by 29 croquet players. The Chairman, Mrs. Turketine, asked the members to stand in silence for 2 minutes as a tribute to the memory of R. H. Park, G. W. Solomon and Mrs. Nickisson, three valued members who had died during the season. She announced the following elections for 1958: Mrs. Collins was elected Chairman, Miss Lintern had accepted to be re-elected Captain, and Mrs. Haigh Smith elected a member of the committee who would undertake to be Press representative for Roehampton for the *Croquet* magazine. Colonel Adams was re-elected the croquet representative on the Roehampton Club Committee.

Miss Lintern gave an encouraging report of the successes of members in tournaments during the year. She said two members were outstanding. Mr. J. A. Hollweg, whose success had been phenomenal and who was the winner of five cups, and Mrs. Adler who had played consistently well all through the summer, winning the Gilbey Cup and the "C" Class in her Club for the second year, besides being runner-up in the Peels.

A questionnaire was distributed for members to fill in as to whether they approved of the 5th hoop game or not.

Miss Carlyon presented the prizes to the winners of the various Club competitions:—

Championship of the Club (Heathcote Cup): J. A. Hollweg.

Ladies' Championship (Whitaker Cup): Miss D. Lintern.

Open Singles "B" (Philpot Cup): J. A. Hollweg.

Handicap Singles "C" (Mrs. Reginald Brook Cup): Mrs. Adler.

Handicap Singles (open to all) (Middlesex Hussars Cup): J. A. Hollweg.

American Handicap Singles (Forth Cup): M. Spencer Ell.

All England Handicap (Mrs. John Bell Cup): J. A. Hollweg.

### Oxford

The committee of the Oxford University Croquet Club have regretfully decided not to hold a tournament in 1958. Following upon the death of Captain Pulein Thompson, the Secretaryship was accepted by Miss Bryan whose long connection with the Oxford Club would have made her a most valuable secretary. Unfortunately, for Oxford, Miss Bryan is now shortly leaving to join her sister in Eastbourne. Mrs. Hervey becomes the new secretary and under her enthusiastic guidance the committee hopes with an increase of membership to be able to stage a tournament in 1959.

### Hunstanton

We are delighted to hear that the Hunstanton Croquet Club is to continue. Knowing how attractive a visit to Hunstanton can be we were dismayed to hear earlier this year that there was a possibility of the Club closing. Our readers may remember that this Club holds a week-end tournament in April which is becoming a popular event. We hope all who can will support this club either by going to one of its tournaments or by becoming a country member. The lawns are good and very well cared for.

### Nottingham

The Club is steadily growing. We now have members from Grantham and Burton-on-Trent and a considerable number from the county as well as the city. We should very much welcome more contact with H.Q., particularly at the time of the Annual Tournament. Could more scratch players be persuaded to enter? "The four croquet lawns at University Park are probably unique in Public Parks," so reads an extract from the Annual Report of the Nottingham Parks Committee.

### Parkstone

On November 20th, Parkstone Croquet members met to make a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Ashton in recognition of their long years of service both to the Club and the Association. It was decided to combine this with the Annual General Meeting normally held in the Spring, as some of the members come from a distance. Will Associates please note the new Hon. Secretary is Mrs. V. C. Gasson, Newlyn, Blair Avenue, Parkstone, Dorset.

### Bristol

Operation "Up Hoop and Down Sand" has been the chief work here during the last few weeks. One ton of Holm sand from the Bristol Channel has been spread over each of our three lawns by our more energetic members. With some fertiliser and weed-killer applied in the spring we hope our lawns next season will show continuing improvement after their severe illness during the last few years. Our competitions were all completed this year in good time—even the Golf Croquet, the latter with the aid of a little discreet scratching of those who had not played in the first round by October, and we were lucky that the finalists were not laid low by 'flu. With regard to the topical question of the fifth hoop start—whether or not it is to remain as an authorised modification—it seems on the whole that members are against its use in competitions.

### Leamington

The Warwickshire Croquet Club in Leamington Spa has undertaken an ambitious grounds improvement plan directed by Messrs. Fisons. The grounds committee feel confident that by the time the next tournament is played (June 30th, 1958), players will be very pleased with the results of these efforts.

HANDICAPS CONFIRMED OR ALTERED BY THE  
HANDICAP CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

November 7th, 1957

ROEHAMPTON

Mrs. M. Carrington 8½ to 8.  
A. V. Camroux 12 (D 10) to 10.  
Lord Charles Hope 8 to 6½.  
A. D. Karmel 4½ to 4.  
Mrs. J. G. Stevenson 8 to 7.  
F. Stanley-Smith 9 to 8.  
Mrs. F. Stanley-Smith 12 (D 10) to 10.  
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts 1½ to 1.  
P. Thompson 4½ New Handicap.  
P. Thompson 4½ to 6½.

DEVONSHIRE PARK

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave ½ to —1.  
V. A. de la Nougerede —½ to —1.  
Mrs. G. Fitter 14 (D 10) to 11 (D 10).  
J. Hewitt —½ to —1.  
Mrs. E. M. Kay 8 to 7.  
Mrs. B. de C. Mathews 4 to 3½.  
Mrs. G. D. Perowne 6 to 5½.  
H. C. S. Perry 7 to 6.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham —3 to —3½.  
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart 2 to 1½.  
Mrs. G. W. Style 8 to 6½.  
Mrs. H. D. Wooster 6½ to 6.

Club Recommendations

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

Capt. M. Buller 7 to 5.  
A. J. Cooper 9 (D 8) to 4.  
Miss J. Cooper 9 to 8.  
W. J. Dixon 9 to 10.  
Major E. P. Edyvean 11 (D 10) to 9.  
Mrs. E. P. Edyvean 14 (D 12) to 13 (D 11).  
F. Livesey 10 to 8 (D 7).  
Mrs. H. J. Philpot 5 to 6.  
L. G. Walters 8 (D 7) to 4.  
J. Weston Martyr 6 to 4.

NON-ASSOCIATES

G. Mills 10 (D 8) to 9 (D 8).  
Mrs. Newnham Davies 14 (D 12) to 12 (D 10).

ROEHAMPTON

Mrs. S. M. Adler 7½ to 6½.  
Mrs. M. Carrington 8 to 7.  
Mrs. H. J. Collins 3½ to 4.  
M. Spencer Ell —½ to —1.  
Miss E. E. H. Fisher 5 to 4.  
J. A. Hollweg —½ to —2½.  
J. A. Oldham 9 to 7.  
Mrs. S. Phillips 2½ to 3.  
Mrs. J. Pavia 4 to 4½.

NON-ASSOCIATES

Mrs. Hawes 14 (D 12) New Handicap.  
Miss E. F. Rose 2 to 2½.  
A. E. Whitcombe 7 New Handicap.

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Miss K. A. Wade 14 (D 12) to 13 (D 12).

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone 3½ to 5.

Australian Croquet Carnival

The Carnival was held at Adelaide this year and opened with a reception by the South Australian Croquet Council. The Lord Mayor of Adelaide gave a civic reception to the visitors on the opening afternoon. The following are the main results:—

Inter-State Cup: Victoria. Runners-up, South Australia.

The British Medal: Mr. Hedley Gunton (Queensland).

The Bronze Medal: Mr. T. Howart (Victoria).

Singles Championship: Mrs. Cyril Tucker (South Australia).

Runner-up, Mrs. T. Dall (Victoria).

Doubles Championship: Mrs. Day and Mrs. Chapman (South Australia). Runners-up, Mrs. Pallot and Mrs. Leaby (West Australia).

CORRESPONDENCE

Croquet Propaganda

Dear Sir,

Having played in Croquet Tournaments in the heyday of Croquet, i.e. the 5 years before the first war, it is very sad now to compare those days with the present time, when some of our few remaining clubs are dying or dead, and the number of associates is still decreasing.

I agree with every word B.V.F.B. wrote in his article in the October gazette, and strongly urge every associate in every way he can to bring the glory of the real game to all and sundry.

To the general public, croquet, as they picture it, is the worst game that was ever invented, and I thoroughly agree with them in so far as the game they picture is the old Victorian curate's garden party game, and it is that idea that we have got to kill, and the best way to do that is by demonstration.

It is a well understood fact that when any members of the public see the real game, and have had it explained to them, they then realise what a first-class game it really is, and so different from the game they thought it was.

When I was approached by high bisquers to arrange the Budleigh v. London match, which, I hope, will be an annual event, I realised at once the strong potential this would have for propaganda purposes.

I approached the local press, who are well disposed towards croquet, and they kindly inserted a notice of the match, which would be seen by readers all over Devon. To my knowledge, groups of three or four came from Teignmouth, Exeter, Clyst St. George, Aylesbeare and the Barnstaple Club, as well as people from Budleigh Salterton. I asked our own croquet people to explain the game to these groups, all of whom were very interested in the game; each group had a private lawn, on which they played the Victorian curate's garden party game. Of course they realised what a far better game we were playing to what they had been playing.

As a result of the match, Colonel Cave and I went over to Teignmouth to give a demonstration to a number of people, who were very much impressed. There they have a man who is very keen to revive the Teignmouth Club, which died in the first war. Next April I shall get the press to insert a notice about the dates of our two Tournaments and the London match, and about demonstrations and instruction, which we in the Budleigh Club would be prepared to give.

I am certain that there are many people throughout the length and breadth of England, who play a type of croquet on private lawns, and who would love to have a chance of seeing the real game, which I suggest that those who live within reasonable distance of a Croquet Club might get by other clubs staging matches such as the Budleigh v. London match, and getting a friendly local press to insert what is required. Possible matches could be:—

Parkstone v. Cheltenham  
Birmingham v. Nottingham  
Southwick v. Woking  
Colchester v. Chelmsford

These demonstrations could well add members to the clubs concerned, and eventually associates.

To assist the visiting team, the home team should provide hospitality for at least Bed and Breakfast.

Please do what you can, everybody, and in any way you can. The game must not be allowed to die.

Yours faithfully,

G. F. STONE

Hands Across the Sea

Dear Sir,

As I write this, your season in England will be closing. Here in New Zealand our clubs are just opening and we are looking forward to an enjoyable season and to the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Reckitt. May I express to you, how much my husband and I have enjoyed your journal, re-living the scenes we visited, and picturing the players there. We have been interested in every reduction in handicap as well as wins and losses. When Croquet arrives each month, we feel that link across the sea, a happy fellowship with your players.

Yours sincerely,

ADA KIRK

EASTBOURNE

DEVONSHIRE PARK

September 30th-October 12th

The sun shone out with unbroken but very appropriate brightness on the golden jubilee of this famous tournament; warmer and warmer it grew and nearly every day in the second week brought temperatures in the sixties. "Rover" may have been thought to have rather "chanced his arm" by declaring in a previous number that it hardly ever rained at this tournament, but he was certainly vindicated on this occasion for not a drop fell upon the tented field. Yet the tents were not without their uses on the chilly mornings of the first week and darkening evenings of the second, so perhaps they have come to stay.

The mayoral reception in the Indian Pavilion, generously given to celebrate the jubilee, was well attended and we were promised another one when the diamond jubilee was reached, as we must hope it will be without any sinister interruptions from events over which our Council can exercise no control. A speaker at the gathering, remarking that the Park provided croquet with its best shop window, pointed out that there was a first-rate "shop" not far behind on the Saffrons, and invited His Worship to call the attention of visitors and prospective residents to the existence of the Compton Club as constituting, at any rate potentially, one of the chief attractions of this delightful town.

Glancing at the entry for the South of England Championship it was not difficult to spot the favourite in Mr. Kirk-Greene, who duly annexed the title, though not before a very narrow escape in the semi-final from Mrs. Rotherham, who would certainly have won the third game but for some almost unaccountable failures at the penultimate hoop. The other semi-final was also a close match. Col. Cave winning both the first and third games by hitting a "last shot", in the latter case after Mr. Reckitt had come from behind in a stubborn effort to pull off the match. Reckitt had his revenge, however, in the Men's event in the following week. Mr. Kirk-Greene proved unassailable in the final, in which Col. Cave was not at his best, but the loser amply proved throughout the fortnight that his victory in the Surrey Cup was no accident, and that when his game is a little more closely knit he will be equal to tackling anyone.

The Open Doubles went to Mrs. Rotherham, who always plays well at Eastbourne, partnering Mr. Gerald Williams, whose play greatly improved as the tournament went on. A very close—and rather protracted—game in the semi-final between two married pairs resulted in a victory for the Longman's over the Elveys, but the final was not so well contested.

Without disrespect to other competitors in the "B" Opens it can be said that Col. Stobart was easily the best player in the event and is not likely to remain in this class for long. He has come on very quickly since he began the game last summer. Another player who is doing so is Dr. Yoxall, who did well in other events also, while his wife showed great promise for a player who only began this season. Indeed the tournament was notable throughout for the number of rapidly improving players competing in it. One of these, Mr. Perry, the new Secretary at Compton, won the "C" Opens, and will go further; so will Commander and Mrs. Style; the latter is one of the coolest players we have seen for a long time and showed admirable nerve in winning a close final in the Restricted Handicap.

There were rumoured to be several dark horses in the "D" Opens, but here again it was a beginner who carried off the cup in Mrs. Fitter, who would have been getting half a dozen bisques from some of the competitors in the event. It is good to see a newcomer to the game so keen about it.

Minus players were to the fore in the big Handicap, in which Mrs. Rotherham repeated her victory of two years ago; this is a notable feat at so large a tournament as this, as was Mr. Longman's appearance in the final, continuing his good record for so many years at Devonshire Park.

The Handicap Doubles was won by Dr. Yoxall and Mrs. Elvey. How often has this sentence appeared in tournament reports this season? The answer is *four times*, and this record is the more remarkable in that this is also the number of occasions on which this pair has played together. To go unbeaten through a season like this must be a very unusual record indeed and reflects the greatest credit on Dr. Yoxall's increasing skill and his partner's always admirable tactics.

The Men's and Women's Opens were played in the second week as "fifth hoop games"; if these games were not always concluded as rapidly as might have been expected, this appeared to be largely for a rather interesting reason, namely that the "lift" began to operate before the player had time to obtain sufficient

control over the balls to continue his break with reasonable safety, so that the game being thus broken up, tended to be protracted. Mr. Reckitt emerged as the winner of the Gold Cup, but only after some extremely close games in both Draw and Process. Though not a victor (except in name), Mr. Evans was a most deserving second and proved how much he has come on in recent months. Mrs. Reeve reached the final of the Women's event after a truly remarkable victory over Miss Steel, involving the hitting of three "last shots". Mrs. Longman also beat Miss Steel to reach the final, but the final itself was spoiled by encroaching darkness, and after Mrs. Longman had just failed to peg out amid the encircling gloom, letting in her opponent, the players were persuaded to call it a day—or perhaps more precisely a night.

Two features of the tournament impressed your reporter: one pleasant, the other less so. The first was the remarkably high standard of shooting in every class; never has one noticed so many "last shots" hit. The other was the unhappy prevalence of "double tapping"; there seems to be something in the nature of the turf at the Park which conduces to this tendency, for one has noticed it here before, but it certainly does not excuse it. What is so particularly regrettable is that this form of unfair play—for that is what it is—manifests itself as much (if not more so) in the "A" class as in any other. This observer noticed as many as half a dozen players in this category transgressing in this way. If expert and experienced players continue to offend in this manner how can it be expected that those in the higher classes will exercise a sufficient discipline over themselves in this respect? When shall we see an "A" class player give up a shot of this sort which he must know to have offended against not only the spirit but actually the letter of our laws? It would at least provide a salutary example to others.

We have come to expect such a high standard at the Park that it was disappointing to find that some at least of the courts were not in as good a condition as usual; this applied particularly to those in the "first tier", generally presumed to be the best, which they certainly were not this year, being very rough, with the turf coarse in texture. In general the courts seemed to have too much grass left on them. But it was good to see how much No. 1 (the terrace court) has improved of late, and the despised 9 and 10 were better than usual.

The management of a tournament of this size is a considerable undertaking, and one rendered more complex than ever this year by the introduction of "Draw and Process" into the Men's and Women's events to compensate for the deprivations involved in the "Fifth Hoop Game". In effect Mr. Brackenbury and his co-adjutors had to deal with twelve events, and with the advent of the second week "blocking" by successful competitors became a very hampering factor. The Manager had many difficult decisions to make and faced his problems with the skill and patience we have come—perhaps too easily—to expect of him. Major and Mrs. Dibley gave him quite indispensable aid; let our last word be of thanks to all three of them for contributing so much time, thought and energy to making our enjoyment of this unique tournament possible once again.

OPEN SINGLES.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND.  
(24 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

J. K. Brown bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson —8 +12 +6.  
V. A. de la Nougerede bt W. W. Sweet Escott +20 +14.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt G. V. Evans —5 +14 +14.  
Mrs. W. Longman bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury +23 opponent retired.  
Miss D. D. Steel bt W. Longman +7 +5.  
Dr. H. J. Penny w.o. B. Buchanan opponent scratched.  
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt R. V. N. Wiggins +9 +19.  
G. Williams bt Mrs. L. C. Apps +15 +11.  
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Major J. W. Cobb bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton +5 +21.  
L. Kirk-Green bt Mrs. E. Reeve +24 +18.  
V. A. de la Nougerede bt J. K. Brown +17 +6.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. W. Longman +9 +11.  
Miss D. D. Steel bt Dr. H. J. Penny +25 +24.  
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt G. Williams +23 +13.  
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi —11 +4 +7.  
M. B. Reckitt bt Miss E. J. Warwick —2 +10 +14.

THIRD ROUND.

L. Kirk Greene bt Major J. W. Cobb +19 +26.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt V. A. de la Nougerede +22 +15.  
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt Miss D. D. Steel +7 +2.  
M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +19 —11 +24.

SEMI-FINAL.  
L. Kirk Greene bt Mrs. E. Rotherham +10-23 +3.  
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt M. B. Reckitt +4-18 +3.

FINAL.  
L. Kirk Greene bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave +21 +13.

### MEN'S OPEN SINGLES. MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND.

THE DRAW.  
(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
V. A. de la Nougerede bt G. Williams by 6.  
G. V. Evans bt J. K. Brown by 8.  
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey by 7.  
M. B. Reckitt bt E. A. Roper by 13.  
W. Longman bt J. Hewitt by 6.  
W. W. Sweet Escott bt Major J. H. Dibley by 5.  
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.  
V. A. de la Nougerede bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 11.  
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt G. V. Evans by 15.  
M. B. Reckitt w.o. W. Longman opponent scratched.  
W. W. Sweet Escott bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 11.

SEMI-FINAL.  
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 7.  
M. B. Reckitt bt W. W. Sweet Escott by 11.

FINAL.  
M. B. Reckitt bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 5.

PROCESS.  
(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Major J. H. Dibley w.o. Rev. G. F. H. Elvey opponent scratched.  
J. Hewitt bt G. Williams by 2.  
M. B. Reckitt bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 15.  
W. W. Sweet Escott bt E. A. Roper by 7.  
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart w.o. Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave opponent scratched.  
W. Longman bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 9.  
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.  
J. Hewitt bt Major J. H. Dibley by 7.  
M. B. Reckitt bt J. K. Brown by 14.  
G. V. Evans bt W. W. Sweet Escott by 6.  
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart w.o. W. Longman opponent retired.

SEMI-FINAL.  
M. B. Reckitt w.o. J. Hewitt opponent scratched.  
G. V. Evans bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 4.

FINAL.  
M. B. Reckitt bt G. V. Evans by 2.

PLAY-OFF FOR SECOND PLACE  
G. V. Evans bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 11.

### WOMEN'S OPEN SINGLES. WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND.

THE DRAW.  
(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Mrs. L. H. Ashton bt Mrs. W. Longman by 3.  
Miss D. D. Steel bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 11.  
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi by 8.  
Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 12.  
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.  
Mrs. E. Reeve bt Miss E. J. Warwick by 8.  
Miss D. D. Steel bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 9.  
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 10.  
Mrs. L. C. Apps bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.  
Mrs. E. Reeve bt Miss D. D. Steel by 7.  
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt Mrs. L. C. Apps by 8.

FINAL.  
Mrs. E. Reeve bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 15.

PROCESS.  
(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Mrs. L. H. Ashton bt Mrs. L. C. Apps by 8.  
Mrs. E. Reeve bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 4.

Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt by 15.  
Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt Miss E. J. Warwick by 10.  
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.  
Mrs. L. H. Ashton bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 10.  
Miss D. D. Steel bt Mrs. E. Reeve by 17.  
Mrs. W. Longman bt Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi by 9.  
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 6.

SEMI-FINAL.  
Miss D. D. Steel bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 5.  
Mrs. W. Longman bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 4.

FINAL.  
Mrs. W. Longman bt Miss D. D. Steel by 11.

PLAY-OFF.  
Mrs. E. Reeve and Mrs. W. Longman divided.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B").  
CHALLENGE SILVER SALVER.  
(1½ to 4½ Bisques).  
(15 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt Mrs. H. J. Collins by 10.  
Mrs. D. Chorlton bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley by 6.  
Miss M. Posford bt Miss A. E. Mills by 11.  
Mrs. R. A. Irwin bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan by 7.  
Mrs. M. Curnick bt Mrs. B. de C. Mathews by 7.  
Dr. A. L. Yoxall bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 2.  
Mrs. F. N. Latham bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs by 13.  
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.  
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt Mrs. D. Chorlton by 11.  
Miss M. Posford bt Mrs. R. A. Irwin by 20.  
Mrs. M. Curnick bt Dr. A. L. Yoxall by 2.  
Mrs. F. N. Latham w.o. Mrs. M. B. Reckitt opponent retired.

SEMI-FINAL.  
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt Miss M. Posford by 13.  
Mrs. F. N. Latham bt Mrs. M. Curnick by 13.

FINAL.  
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt Mrs. F. N. Latham by 15.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "C").  
CHALLENGE TROPHY.  
(5 to 8½ Bisques).  
(18 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Mrs. H. F. Roberts bt C. S. Ratcliffe by 2.  
Mrs. D. M. Cork w.o. Lt.-Comdr. G. W. Style opponent scratched.  
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.  
Miss R. M. Allen bt Mrs. F. M. Cervantes by 15.  
Mrs. G. D. Perowne bt Mrs. G. W. Style by 21.  
Mrs. E. M. Kay bt Dr. H. R. McAleenan by 8.  
Mrs. H. F. Roberts bt W. B. Renwick by 24.  
Mrs. D. M. Owen bt Mrs. D. M. Cork by 3.  
Mrs. H. D. Wooster bt Miss D. L. Latham by 5.  
Mrs. C. M. Turner bt G. A. H. Alexander by 4.  
H. C. S. Perry bt Mrs. E. Allsopp by 10.

THIRD ROUND.  
Mrs. G. D. Perowne bt Miss R. M. Allen by 13.  
Mrs. E. M. Kay bt Mrs. H. F. Roberts by 8.  
Mrs. D. M. Owen bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster by 7.  
H. C. S. Perry bt Mrs. C. M. Turner by 21.

SEMI-FINAL.  
Mrs. E. M. Kay bt Mrs. G. D. Perowne by 11.  
H. C. S. Perry bt Mrs. D. M. Owen by 2.

FINAL.  
H. C. S. Perry bt Mrs. E. M. Kay by 3.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "D").  
CHALLENGE CUP.  
(9 Bisques or over).  
(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Mrs. G. Fitter bt Mrs. E. C. Truett by 10.  
W. J. Dixon bt Hon. Clive Pearson by 7.  
Miss M. White bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor by 2.  
Mrs. J. R. Oxley bt Mrs. A. L. Yoxall by 4.

SEMI-FINAL.  
Mrs. G. Fitter bt W. J. Dixon by 2 on time.  
Miss M. White bt Mrs. J. R. Oxley by 8.

FINAL.  
Mrs. G. Fitter bt Miss M. White by 11.

OPEN DOUBLES.  
(11 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.  
G. Williams and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi by 2.  
Major J. W. Cobb and G. V. Evans bt W. W. Sweet Escott and Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 5.  
W. Longman and Mrs. W. Longman bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart and Mrs. N. Oddie by 17.  
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.  
M. B. Reckitt and L. Kirk Greene bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Miss E. J. Warwick by 5.  
G. Williams and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Major J. W. Cobb and G. V. Evans by 15.  
W. Longman and Mrs. W. Longman bt Dr. H. J. Penny and Mrs. E. Reeve by 7.  
Rev. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 11.

SEMI-FINAL.  
G. Williams and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt M. B. Reckitt and L. Kirk Greene by 16.  
W. Longman and Mrs. W. Longman bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 5.

FINAL.  
G. Williams and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt W. Longman and Mrs. W. Longman by 15.

RESTRICTED HANDICAP DOUBLES.  
(Combined Handicap 1 or more bisques).  
(3 hours time limit).  
(Starting at 5th hoop).  
(29 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.  
G. Williams and Mrs. C. M. Turner (7½) bt H. C. S. Perry and Mrs. R. A. Irwin (9) by 1.  
Hon. Clive Pearson and Miss D. D. Steel (6) bt E. A. Roper and Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 13.  
Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (5) bt W. J. Dixon and Mrs. L. C. Apps (7½) by 13.  
G. V. Evans and G. E. W. Hitchcock (1) bt Mrs. M. Curnick and Mrs. F. R. Briggs (3½) by 7.  
Mrs. N. Oddie and Miss G. Forbes Cowan (1½) bt Mrs. F. N. Latham and Mrs. E. Truett (12½) by 8.  
C. S. Ratcliffe and Mrs. E. Allsopp (13) bt J. K. Brown and Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (11) by 4.

W. Longman and Mrs. E. A. Roper (3) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart and Mrs. F. E. Stobart (14) by 11.  
Mrs. E. Reeve and Mrs. H. F. Roberts (4) bt Dr. H. R. McAleenan and Mrs. D. M. Owen (13) by 9.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. G. W. Style (5) bt Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss M. R. Allen (6) by 11.  
H. O. Hicks and Air Vice-Marshal H. F. Maynard (1½) bt M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. D. L. Latham (4½) by 5.  
Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. G. D. Perowne (7½) bt Lt.-Comdr. G. W. Style and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (8½) by 6.  
Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi and Mrs. J. R. Oxley (9) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton and Mrs. G. Fitter (8) by 11.  
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Miss E. J. Warwick (1) bt Mrs. W. Longman and Mrs. D. M. Cork (6) by 5.  
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.  
Dr. A. L. Yoxall and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (2½) bt G. Williams and Mrs. C. M. Turner (7½) by 7.  
Hon. Clive Pearson and Miss D. D. Steel (6) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (5) by 9.  
Mrs. N. Oddie and Miss G. Forbes Cowan (1½) w.o. G. V. Evans and G. E. W. Hitchcock (1) opponents scratched.  
W. Longman and Mrs. E. A. Roper (3) bt C. S. Ratcliffe and Mrs. E. Allsopp (13) by 10.  
Mrs. E. Reeve and Mrs. H. F. Roberts (4) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. G. W. Style (5) by 8.  
Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. G. D. Perowne (7½) bt H. O. Hicks and Air Vice-Marshal H. F. Maynard (1½) by 8.  
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Miss E. J. Warwick (1) bt Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi and Mrs. J. R. Oxley (9) by 14.  
Miss M. A. Posford and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (11) bt V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. E. M. Kay (6½) by 3 on time.

THIRD ROUND.  
Dr. A. L. Yoxall and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (2½) bt Hon. Clive Pearson and Miss D. D. Steel (6) by 6.  
W. Longman and Mrs. E. A. Roper (3) bt Mrs. N. Oddie and Miss G. Forbes Cowan (1½) by 10.  
Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. G. D. Perowne (7½) bt Mrs. E. Reeve and Mrs. H. F. Roberts (4) by 10.  
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Miss E. J. Warwick (1) bt Miss M. A. Posford and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (11) by 13.

SEMI-FINAL.  
Dr. A. L. Yoxall and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (2½) bt W. Longman and Mrs. E. A. Roper (3) by 9.  
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Miss E. J. Warwick (1) bt Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. G. D. Perowne (7½) by 13.

FINAL.  
Dr. A. L. Yoxall and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (2½) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Miss E. J. Warwick (1) by 12.

HANDICAP SINGLES.  
THE "SUSSEX" PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP.  
(58 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
H. C. S. Perry (7) w.o. Mrs. H. J. Collins (3½) opponent scratched.  
J. Hewitt (-½) bt W. B. Renwick (6) by 9.  
Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2) bt Mrs. E. Reeve (-2) by 14.  
M. B. Reckitt (-3½) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan (4) by 8.  
Lt.-Comdr. G. W. Style (7) bt Major J. H. Dibley (½) by 17.  
Mrs. H. D. Wooster (6½) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-2) by 11.  
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1½) bt Miss R. M. Allen (6) by 6.  
Mrs. G. Fitter (14) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) by 7.  
Mrs. E. M. Kay (8) bt Mrs. G. W. Style (8) by 7.  
Mrs. D. M. Owen (6) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (-1½) by 21.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) bt Miss M. Posford (4½) by 7.  
Mrs. R. A. Irwin (2) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1½) by 8.  
Mrs. M. D. Cork (7½) bt Mrs. F. N. Latham (1½) by 2.  
Mrs. J. R. Oxley (9) bt Miss E. J. Warwick (½) by 10.  
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (½) bt Mrs. E. Allsopp (8) by 14.  
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4) bt J. K. Brown (-1) by 23.  
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (½) bt Miss D. L. Latham (8) by 4.  
Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (4) bt Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi (0) by 2.  
V. A. de la Nougerede (-½) bt Hon. Clive Pearson (10) by 14.  
Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (7) bt Mrs. W. Longman (-1½) by 8.  
G. V. Evans (-½) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) by 9.  
Mrs. L. H. Ashton (-2) bt W. W. Sweet Escott (-1) by 14.  
W. Longman (-3) bt Mrs. G. D. Perowne (6) by 7.  
Mrs. M. Curnick (1½) bt E. A. Roper (2) by 8.  
G. Williams (-1) bt C. S. Ratcliffe (6) by 13.  
Miss D. D. Steel (-4) bt Dr. A. L. Yoxall (4½) by 6.  
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.  
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (2) bt Mrs. D. Chorlton (3½) by 4.  
H. C. S. Perry (7) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1) by 22.  
J. Hewitt (-½) bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2) by 7.  
Lt.-Comdr. G. W. Style (7) bt M. B. Reckitt (-3½) by 4.  
Mrs. H. D. Wooster (6½) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1½) by 16.  
Mrs. G. Fitter (14) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (8) by 8.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) bt Mrs. D. M. Owen (6) by 9.  
Mrs. R. A. Irwin (2) bt Mrs. D. M. Cork (7½) by 5.  
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (½) bt Mrs. J. R. Oxley (9) by 7.  
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (½) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4) by 11.  
V. A. de la Nougerede (-½) bt Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (4) by 11.  
G. V. Evans (-½) bt Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (7) by 2.  
W. Longman (-3) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton (-2) by 22.  
G. Williams (-1) bt Mrs. M. Curnick (1½) by 21.  
Miss D. D. Steel (-4) bt Mrs. L. C. Apps (-1½) by 13.  
Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (12) bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (3) by 13.

THIRD ROUND.  
H. C. S. Perry (7) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (2) by 13.  
J. Hewitt (-½) bt Lt.-Comdr. G. W. Style (7) by 1.  
Mrs. H. D. Wooster (6½) bt Mrs. G. Fitter (14) by 3.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) bt Mrs. R. A. Irwin (2) by 14.  
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (½) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (½) by 13.  
V. A. de la Nougerede (-½) bt G. V. Evans (-½) by 11.  
W. Longman (-3) bt G. Williams (-1) by 21.  
Miss D. D. Steel (-4) bt Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (12) by 1.

FOURTH ROUND.  
J. Hewitt (-½) w.o. H. C. S. Perry (7) opponent scratched.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (6½) by 17.  
V. A. de la Nougerede (-½) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (½) by 7.  
W. Longman (-3) bt Miss D. D. Steel (-4) by 19.

SEMI-FINAL.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt J. Hewitt (—1) by 7.  
W. Longman (—3) bt V. A. de la Nougerede (—1) by 6.

FINAL.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt W. Longman (—3) by 19.

#### LIMITED HANDICAP SINGLES.

##### THE "SUSSEX" UNION CHALLENGE CUP.

(1½ Bishes or over).  
(Starting at 5th hoop).  
(41 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (4) w.o. Hon. Clive Pearson (10) opponent scratched.  
Mrs. H. D. Wooster (6½) bt Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (12) by 4.  
Mrs. F. N. Latham (1½) bt H. C. S. Perry (7) by 4.  
Miss D. L. Latham (8) bt Mrs. E. Truett by 6.  
Mrs. R. A. Irwin (2) bt Mrs. F. E. Stobart (14) by 9.  
Miss G. Forbes Cowan (4) bt G. A. H. Alexander (7) by 12.  
Mrs. H. F. Roberts (6) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (8) by 9.  
Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2) bt Mrs. H. J. Collins (3½) by 9.  
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.  
Miss R. M. Allen (6) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) by 14.  
Mrs. G. D. Perowne (6) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) by 4.  
C. S. Ratcliffe (6) bt W. B. Renwick (6) by 13.  
Mrs. W. A. Naylor (11) bt Mrs. D. M. Owen (6) by 3.  
D. Chorlton (3½) bt Mrs. G. Fitter (14) by 7.  
Mrs. M. D. Cork (7½) bt Mrs. M. Curnick (1½) by 14.  
Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (4) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (6½) by 4.  
Miss D. L. Latham (8) bt Mrs. F. N. Latham (1½) by 10.  
Miss G. Forbes Cowan (4) bt Mrs. R. A. Irwin (2) by 15.  
Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2) bt Mrs. H. F. Roberts (6) by 11.  
Miss A. E. Mills (1½) bt Lt.-Comdr. G. W. Style (7) by 3.  
Dr. A. L. Yoxall (4½) bt Mrs. E. Allsopp (8) by 1.  
Mrs. G. W. Style (8) w.o. Mrs. F. R. Carling (5) opponent scratched.  
Miss M. Posford (4½) bt Mrs. J. R. Oxley (9) by 8.  
E. A. Roper (2) bt W. J. Dixon (9) by 2.  
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4) bt Air Vice-Marshal F. H. Maynard (10) by 5.

THIRD ROUND.  
Miss R. M. Allen (6) bt Mrs. G. D. Perowne (6) by 8.  
C. S. Ratcliffe (6) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (11) by 15.  
Mrs. D. M. Cork (7½) bt Mrs. D. Chorlton (3½) by 9.  
Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (4) bt Miss D. L. Latham (8) by 6.  
Miss G. Forbes Cowan (4) bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2) by 3.  
Dr. A. L. Yoxall (4½) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1½) by 16.  
Mrs. G. W. Style (8) bt Miss M. Posford (4½) by 5.  
E. A. Roper (2) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4) by 7.

FOURTH ROUND.  
C. S. Ratcliffe (6) bt Miss R. M. Allen (6) by 8.  
Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (4) bt Mrs. D. M. Cork (7½) by 4.  
Dr. A. L. Yoxall (4½) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan (4) by 14.  
Mrs. G. W. Style (8) bt E. A. Roper (2) by 10.

SEMI-FINAL.  
Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (4) bt C. S. Ratcliffe (6) by 3.  
Mrs. G. W. Style (8) bt Dr. A. L. Yoxall (4½) by 10.

FINAL.  
Mrs. G. W. Style (8) bt Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (4) by 3.

#### EXTRA EVENT.

##### HANDICAP SINGLES.

(Shortened game, 6 hoops and peg).  
(26 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Mrs. D. M. Owen (6) w.o. Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) opponent scratched.  
Mrs. D. M. Cork (7½) w.o. Miss E. J. Warwick (½) opponent scratched.  
Mrs. G. Fitter (14) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) by 10.  
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan (4) by 8.  
Hon. Clive Pearson (10) w.o. Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1½) opponent retired.  
Miss D. L. Latham (8) bt Miss R. M. Allen (6½) by 3.  
Air Vice-Marshal F. H. Maynard (10) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1) by 3.  
E. A. Roper (2) w.o. G. Williams (—1) opponent scratched.  
Mrs. H. F. Roberts (6) bt J. K. Brown (—1) by 4.  
Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi (0) bt Mrs. E. Truett (12) by 2.

Miss A. E. Mills (1½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (—1½) by 4.  
Mrs. E. Allsopp (8) bt Mrs. F. E. Stobart (14) by 12.  
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.  
Mrs. E. M. Kay (8) bt Mrs. M. Curnick (1½) opponent retired.  
Mrs. D. M. Owen (6) bt Mrs. D. M. Cork (7½) by 12.  
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4) bt Mrs. G. Fitter (14) by 2.  
Miss D. L. Latham (8) bt Hon. Clive Pearson (10) by 2.  
E. A. Roper (2) bt Air Vice-Marshal F. H. Maynard (10) by 4.  
Mrs. H. F. Roberts (6) bt Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi (0) by 7.  
Mrs. E. Allsopp (8) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1½) by 9.  
Dr. H. R. McAleenan (7) bt Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (12) by 6.

THIRD ROUND.  
Mrs. D. M. Owen (6) w.o. Mrs. E. M. Kay (8) opponent scratched.  
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4) bt Miss D. L. Latham (8) by 3.  
Mrs. H. F. Roberts (6) bt E. A. Roper (2) by 5.  
Mrs. E. Allsopp (8) bt Dr. H. R. McAleenan (7) by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.  
Mrs. D. M. Owen (6) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4) by 11.  
Mrs. E. Allsopp (8) bt Mrs. H. F. Roberts (6) by 11.

FINAL.  
Mrs. D. M. Owen (6) bt Mrs. E. Allsopp (8) by 4 on time.

### ROEHAMPTON

The annual Croquet Tournament of the Roehampton Club took place as usual in the last week of September on the Club lawns, which were in their customary sparkling condition. The Putting Green was taken in to provide a sixth court in addition to the now regular five. The weather was not all that could be desired. A patchy Monday was followed by a whole day's rain which put pools on some of the courts, so play thereon had to be suspended for a time, putting the programme behind. A sudden deluge after lunch on Wednesday unauthorisedly but not surprisingly cleared five courts like a flash, but spectators in the pavilion enjoyed the spectacle of the Sub-mariner gallantly piloting the play of his fair doubles partner while a cascade fell from her hat into her shoes, obscuring her ball. The weather repented after that, enabling most of the semi-finals to be finished on Friday, leaving the last of the finals to be concluded on a cold dry Saturday as darkness fell.

The Club Croquet Captain was again on the bridge (to keep her feet out of the wet) which insured the success of another happy meeting. The thirty-seven competitors included two very welcome newcomers, Miss I. M. Roe from the Cheltenham Club, Mr. P. Thompson from his own lawn at Marlow.

The Club, like the Association, would be very glad to see many more initiates to tournament play in future, particularly from the younger generation. They need have no fears of not being made to feel at home, and what an education playing in them is. Fortunately the prevailing influenza epidemic prevented the attendance of only one entrant, Mr. Maurice Reckitt, who had the sympathy of the meeting.

The absence of a reporter prevents us reporting details of the games, but some interesting finishes were observed. In a match with Mr. Gilbey, Captain Stoker's forward ball was pegged out and he spent at least 20 minutes trying to peg out his second while his opponent crept up on him. Finally Gilbey pegged out one ball and left his second within 3 inches of the peg blotting it out from Stoker's ball. The result is obvious; in fact Stoker missed the ball. In another game M. Spencer Ell had yellow pegged out and red within 4 inches of the peg carrying its clip. He had put Miss Lintern's black behind 2-back and her blue behind 4-back wired from one another. A close up test found that blue was obstructed by the peg from an open shot at red, but that black could graze the side of red nearest the peg before reaching the peg. Nevertheless Miss Lintern chose to play blue whence it lay, but missed stick and red. In the final of the Open Singles M. Spencer Ell pegged Mrs. Longman out when she was for 3-back; she got all the hoops but failed to reach the stick. It gave all present great pleasure to see Spencer Ell consequently hook the Ranelagh Gold Cup away across the courts.

In the final of the Open "B" Singles the Army met the Church; the Army pegged the Church out and finally won on the peg, but the tactics of the Army had to be seen to be believed. This conclusion left the contestants free for the final of the Handicap Doubles. Early nightfall and grey skies necessitated the arbitrary imposition of an hour's time limit at 5.45 p.m. During the last hour the two Generals were manoeuvring for position, entrusting little play to their juniors. The near approach of time saw the Brigadier make his last 4 hoops for his side, which won the match on time. Fortunately the position of the other clips precluded any argument with the Manager as to the extra half-hour.

It was noteworthy that once again no referee was called on to adjudicate as to whether a croqueted ball was shaken or not. As ever there were occasions when strikers failed to have shots watched when played dangerously near a hoop. Several players betrayed ignorance of the correct way of placing yard-line and corner balls in contact, both when finishing a turn and in taking croquet.

#### OPEN SINGLES.

("Two Life" System).

##### THE RANELAGH GOLD CUP.

THE DRAW.  
(10 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Mrs. W. Longman bt Mrs. L. C. Apps by 19.  
M. Spencer-Ell bt Mrs. I. H. Turketine by 14.

SECOND ROUND.  
Capt. H. G. Stoker w.o. M. B. Reckitt opponent scratched.  
Mrs. W. Longman bt Gerald Williams by 7.  
M. Spencer Ell bt G. V. Evans by 14.  
Miss D. A. Lintern bt Miss M. S. Carlyon by 26.

SEMI-FINAL.  
Mrs. W. Longman bt Capt. H. G. Stoker by 20.  
Miss D. A. Lintern bt M. Spencer Ell by 8.

FINAL.  
Mrs. W. Longman bt Miss D. A. Lintern by 13.

PROCESS.  
(10 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Miss M. S. Carlyon w.o. M. B. Reckitt opponent scratched.  
Miss D. A. Lintern bt Capt. H. G. Stoker by 22.

SECOND ROUND.  
G. Williams bt Mrs. I. H. Turketine by 2.  
Miss M. S. Carlyon w.o. Mrs. L. C. Apps opponent scratched.  
G. V. Evans bt Mrs. W. Longman by 4.  
M. Spencer Ell bt Miss D. A. Lintern by 6.

SEMI-FINAL.  
G. Williams bt Miss M. S. Carlyon by 16.  
M. Spencer Ell bt G. V. Evans by 16.

FINAL.  
M. Spencer Ell bt Gerald Williams by 17.  
M. Spencer Ell bt Mrs. W. Longman by 1.

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

(½ or more Bishes).  
(Single games).  
(10 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Mrs. F. Pavia bt Miss J. Birch by 4.  
Capt. K. B. Millar bt Mrs. H. J. Collins by 20.

SECOND ROUND.  
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury bt Dr. N. H. Oliver by 6.  
Mrs. F. Pavia bt N. O. Hicks by 10.  
Mrs. M. B. Reckitt bt Capt. K. B. Millar by 12.  
Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts bt Major J. H. Dibley by 2.

SEMI-FINAL.  
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury bt Mrs. F. Pavia by 23.  
Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt by 12.

FINAL.  
Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury by 2.

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

(4½ Bishes or more).  
(15 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
F. Stanley Smith (9) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (6) by 5.  
Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (8) bt Maj.-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (6½) by 6.  
A. V. Camroux (12) bt V. G. Gilbey (6½) by 14.

Mrs. M. H. Carrington (8½) bt P. Thompson (5½) by 9.  
Miss I. M. Roe (6) bt W. A. Fitzgerald (14) by 6.  
Lord Charles Hope (8) bt Mrs. F. Stanley Smith (12) by 4.  
Miss G. W. Bartlett (11) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (8) by 6.

SECOND ROUND.  
F. Stanley Smith (9) bt Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (8) by 10.  
A. V. Camroux (12) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (8½) by 8.  
Lord Charles Hope (8) bt Miss I. M. Roe (6) by 13.  
A. D. Karmel (4½) bt Miss G. W. Bartlett (11) by 12.

SEMI-FINAL.  
F. Stanley Smith (9) bt A. V. Camroux (12) by 7.  
A. D. Karmel (4½) bt Lord Charles Hope (8) by 6.

FINAL.  
A. D. Karmel (4½) bt F. Stanley Smith (9) by 4.

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

EVENT "X".  
(33 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Mrs. I. H. Turketine (—½) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (6) by 15.

SECOND ROUND.  
Capt. K. B. Millar (4) bt Major J. H. Dibley (½) by 10.  
A. V. Camroux (12) bt M. Spencer Ell (—½) by 15.  
Mrs. E. Bristow (7) bt V. G. Gilbey (½) by 3.  
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (½) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker (0) by 9.  
Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (1½) bt E. Carlile (2) by 20.  
Mrs. M. H. Carrington (8½) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon (1) by 16.  
Mrs. F. Stanley Smith (12) bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (6½) by 22.

Mrs. I. H. Turketine (—½) w.o. Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (3) opponent scratched.  
P. Thompson (4½) bt Miss G. W. Bartlett (11) by 13.  
N. O. Hicks (4) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (8) by 11.  
Gerald Williams (—½) bt A. D. Karmel (4½) by 14.  
G. V. Evans (—½) bt Mrs. F. Pavia (4) by 8.  
Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (8) w.o. Mrs. W. Longman (—1½) opponent retired.  
Miss J. Birch (4½) bt Mrs. H. J. Collins (3½) by 12.  
F. Stanley Smith (9) bt Lord Charles Hope (8) by 4.  
Miss I. M. Roe (6) w.o. M. B. Reckitt (—3½) opponent scratched.

THIRD ROUND.  
Capt. K. B. Millar (4) bt A. V. Camroux (12) by 8.  
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (½) bt Mrs. E. Bristow (7) by 10.  
Mrs. M. H. Carrington (8½) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (1½) by 25.  
Mrs. I. H. Turketine (—½) bt Mrs. F. Stanley Smith (12) by 7.  
N. O. Hicks (4) w.o. P. Thompson (4½) opponent scratched.  
Gerald Williams (—½) bt G. V. Evans (—½) by 1.  
Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (8) bt Miss J. Birch (4½) by 16.  
F. Stanley Smith (9) bt Miss I. M. Roe (6) by 17.

FOURTH ROUND.  
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (½) bt Capt. K. B. Millar (4) by 5.  
Mrs. M. H. Carrington (8½) bt Mrs. I. H. Turketine (—½) by 11.  
N. O. Hicks (4) bt Gerald Williams (—½) by 7.  
Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (8) bt F. Stanley Smith (9) by 9.

SEMI-FINAL.  
Mrs. M. H. Carrington (8½) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (½) by 5.  
Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (8) bt N. O. Hicks (4) by 12.

FINAL.  
Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (8) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (8½) by 13.

EVENT "Y".  
(17 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (6) w.o. Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (3) opponent scratched.

SECOND ROUND.  
Major J. H. Dibley (½) bt M. Spencer Ell (—½) by 8.  
V. G. Gilbey (6½) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker (0) by 1.  
E. Carlile (2) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon (1) by 3.  
Maj.-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (6½) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (6) by 14.  
Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (8) bt Miss G. W. Bartlett (11) by 6.  
A. D. Karmel (4½) bt Mrs. F. Pavia (4) by 12.  
Mrs. H. J. Collins (3½) w.o. Mrs. W. Longman (—1½) opponent scratched.  
Lord Charles Hope (8) bt Miss I. M. Roe (6) by 10.





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MEACHEM, J. B. [3] Brighton (August) HS, 1, OSB, Franc Cup, 3; Parkstone (Sept.), OS, Deshon Cup, 1.  
 MEGSON, Mrs. A. L. [4] Brighton (May), HSY, 3; Brighton (August), OSB, The Franc Cup, 3.  
 MEREDITH, C. R. M. [6] Carrickmines, Championship of Ireland, Green Cup, 2.  
 MEREDITH, Canon R. Creed [0] Parkstone (Sept.), HS, Gold Cup, 3.  
 MILLAR, Capt. K. B. [4] Hurlingham, OS, Younger Cup, 2.  
 MILLS, Miss A. E. [1½] Brighton (May), HS, 3, HD, 2; Gilbey Cup, Block "B", 2; Parkstone (Sept.), OS, Deshon Cup, 2; Eastbourne, RHD, 3.  
 MILLS, G. R. [12] Budleigh Salterton (July), HD, 1.  
 MILLS, Miss V. E. [1½] Parkstone (June), OS, Evans Trophy, 1, HSX, 3.  
 MOGRIDGE, C. E. [10] Brighton (May), HSY, 2.  
 MORGAN, Miss M. [8½] Brighton (May), HSY, 3, scratched; Brighton (August), HD, 3.  
 MURPHY, T. V. [5] Carrickmines, HS, Boxwell Cup, 3, OS, Duff Mathews Cup, 1.  
  
 NOUGEREDE, V. A. de la [—] Parkstone (June), OS, 1, HD, 2; Cheltenham, HD, 2; Surrey Cup, 5th equal; Carrickmines, Championship of Ireland, HD, 3; Parkstone (Sept.), OS, 2; Eastbourne, MOS, Draw, 3, HS, Sussex Challenge Cup, 3.  
  
 ODDIE, Mrs. N. [—2½] Brighton (August), HD, 3.  
 O'REILLY, B. T. [6] Carrickmines, Championship of Ireland, HD, 3.  
 O'REILLY, Mrs. B. T. [2] Carrickmines, HS, Boxwell Cup, 2.  
 ORMEROD, Dr. G. L. [2] Parkstone (June), HSY, 1.  
 ORMEROD, H. L. [9] Brighton (August), HS, Monteith Bowl, 1, HD, 1; Hunstanton, HSC, 2, HSX, Ingleby Challenge Cup, 3, HD, 1.  
 ORMEROD, W. P. [—] Open Championships, Association Plate, 1.  
 OMOND, Brigadier J. S. [5½] Oxford, HSY, 3.  
 OMOND, Mrs. J. S. [11] Oxford, HSY, 2.  
 OVERELL, L. D. [11] Leamington, HS, 2.  
 OWEN, Mrs. D. M. [6] Eastbourne, OSC, 3.  
  
 PARKER, Miss H. D. [3½] Brighton (May), HD, 1.  
 PAVIA, Mrs. F. [4] Challenge Cups, Div. III, 2.  
 PEAKE, Mrs. M. C. [9] Nottingham, HSX, 3.  
 PENNY, C. H. R. [10] Hurlingham, HS, 1, HSEx, 2; Hunstanton, HSZ, 1, HD, 2.  
 PEROWNE, Mrs. B. C. [6] Hunstanton, HSX, Ingleby Challenge Cup, 3.  
 PEROWNE, Mrs. G. D. [6] Eastbourne, OSC, 3, RHD, 3.  
 PERRY, H. C. S. [7] Eastbourne, OSC, 1.  
 POSFORD, Miss M. [5] Cheltenham, HSY, 2; Eastbourne, OSB, 3.  
 PRATT, B. Lloyd [5] Hurlingham, OS, Younger Cup, 1; Challenge Cups, Div. III, 1, HSEx, 3.  
  
 RAND, Mrs. C. F. [3½] Ryde, OSB, 1, HD, 1.  
 RASH, A. F. [9] Parkstone (June), HS, 2; Oxford, HSY, 3.  
 RATSEY, Mrs. G. [10] Ryde, HS, 3.  
 RECKITT, M. B. [—3½] Hurlingham, MDC, 2; Woking, OS, 1; Open Championships, Doubles, 2; President's Cup, 3 equal; Brighton (August), OS, Process, 2; Eastbourne, OS, 3, MOS, 1.  
 REEVE, Mrs. E. [—2] Oxford, HD, 3; Hunstanton, OS, Norfolk Challenge Cup, 2, HSX, Ingleby Challenge Cup, 1, HD, 2; Eastbourne, WOS, 1 divided.  
 ROBERTS, Mrs. H. F. [6] Brighton (August), HS, Monteith Bowl, 3.  
 ROBERTSON, Mrs. C. L. [10] Challenge Cups, HSEx, 3.  
 ROBINSON, A. [1] Carrickmines, Championship of Co. Dublin, 2.  
 ROBINSON, J. D. [1] Carrickmines, HS, Boxwell Cup, 3.  
 ROE, Mrs. D. M. [6½] Oxford, HD, 3; Hunstanton, HSZ, 2.  
 ROE, Comdr. D. W. [3] Cheltenham, OS, Money Salver, 3; Hunstanton, OSB, Hunstanton Challenge Bowl, 2, HSY, 1.  
 ROE, Miss I. M. [6] Oxford, HSB, 1 divided, HSX, 2; All England Handicap, 3; Cheltenham, HSX, 1.  
 ROE, W. P. H. [8] Brighton (May), HSX, 1 divided; Brighton (August), HS, Monteith Bowl, 2.  
 ROPER, E. A. [2] Brighton (May), HD, 2; Compton, HSX, 3.  
 ROPER, Mrs. E. A. [6] Compton, HSY, 3; Eastbourne, RHD, 3.  
  
 ROTHERHAM, Mrs. E. [—3] Hurlingham Gold Casket, 2, MD Championship, 1; Woking, HS, 2; Compton, OS, 2, HSX, 1; Budleigh Salterton, OS, Process, 2; Cheltenham, OS, 1, HD, 3; "Ladies' Field" Cup, 1; Hurlingham, OS, 3; President's Cup, 8th; Eastbourne, OS, 3, HS, 1, OD, 1.  
 ROTHWELL, R. F. [—2] Open Championships, Doubles, 2; Oxford, OS, 1, HD, 2.  
 RYVES, Dr. T. E. [5] Cheltenham, HSX, 3.  
  
 SANDIFORD, Dr. B. R. [1½] Cheltenham, HSY, 1.  
 SIDWELL, E. [9] Leamington, HS, 1, HSX, 1.  
 SOLOMON, J. W. [—4] Hurlingham Cup, OS, 1; President's Cup, 1.  
 SOLOMON, Mrs. G. W. [2½] Peels, Extra HS, 2.  
 SPEER, C. J. [5] Compton, HSX, 2.  
 STANLEY-SMITH, F. [9] Roehampton, HSC, 2.  
 STANLEY-SMITH, Mrs. F. [12] Challenge Cups, HD, 1.  
 STEEL, Miss D. D. [—4] Brighton (May), OS, Draw, 2, HSY, 1; Nottingham, OS, Draw, 2; Oxford, OS, Process, 2; Cheltenham, HD, 3; Eastbourne, WOS, Draw, 3, Process, 2.  
 STEEN, R. E. [2] Carrickmines, Championship of Ireland, HS, 3.  
 STEVENSON, Mrs. J. G. [9] Ryde, HS, 1, HSX, 3; Leamington, HSX, 3; Roehampton, HSX, 1.  
 STOBART, Lt.-Col. F. E. [4] Brighton (May), HS, 1; Budleigh Salterton (July), HSY, 3; Eastbourne, OSB, 1.  
 STOKER, Capt. H. G. [0] Hurlingham, OS, Turner Cup, 2.  
 STOKES, J. [8] Carrickmines, HS, Boxwell Cup, 1, HD, 1; Carrickmines, Championship of Ireland, HD, 1.  
 STOKES, Mrs. J. [9] Carrickmines, HD, 2; Carrickmines, Championship of Ireland, HD, 1.  
 STOKES-ROBERTS, Brig. A. E. [1½] Challenge Cups, HD, 2; Roehampton, OSB, 1, HD, 1.  
 STONE, Major G. F. [—4] Woking, HS, 3, HD, 1; Open Championships, OS, 3; Budleigh Salterton, OS, Draw, 2, HSX, 1, HD, 1; Brighton (August), OS, Draw, 3, HD, 3.  
  
 TAYLOR, Miss M. M. [13] Ryde, HSD, 2.  
 TEMPLETON, Miss C. [9] Ryde, HSX, 2.  
 THOM, Mrs. M. L. [5½] Peels, HD, 1; Silver Jubilee Cup, 2; Challenge Cups, HD, 3.  
 THORNWILL, Mrs. F. M. [9] Ryde, HD, 2.  
 TOVEY, H. J. [1½] Hunstanton, OS, Draw, 2, HSY, 2.  
 TOWNSEND, S. S. [0] Peels, 1, HD, 1; Budleigh Salterton (July), HD, 3; Hurlingham, OS, Turner Cup, 1, HS, 2, MHD, 2.  
 TURKETIME, Mrs. I. H. [—] "Ladies' Field" Cup, 5 games.  
 TURNER, Mrs. C. M. [8] Brighton (May), HD, 3.  
  
 VLASTO, M. [9] Hurlingham, OS, Longworth Cup, 1.  
  
 WALKER, Miss E. [3½] Ryde, OSB, 2, HSX, 3, HD, 2.  
 WALLWORK, Mrs. N. E. [4] Brighton (May), HS, 2; Hurlingham, Ladies HD, 2, HSEx, 3.  
 WARWICK, J. G. [—1½] Hurlingham, MD, 2; Surrey Cup, 2; Hunstanton, OS, Norfolk Challenge Cup, 1.  
 WARWICK, Miss E. J. [½] Parkstone (June), OS, shortened game, 1, HSX, 2; Budleigh Salterton (July), HSX, 3; "Ladies' Field" Cup, 8 games; Hurlingham, MD, 2, Ladies HD, 1, HSEx, 1; Eastbourne, RHD, 2.  
 WESTON, Miss G. L. [9] Parkstone (June), HSY, 2.  
 WHITE, Miss M. [9] Eastbourne, OSD, 2.  
 WHITEHEAD, E. [5] Brighton (August), HS, 2; Parkstone (Sept.), HS, Gold Cup, 1.  
 WHITEHEAD, Mrs. E. [12] Brighton (August), HS, Monteith Bowl, 3.  
 WHITHAM, Mrs. R. [9] Woking, HD, 1.  
 WILLIAMS, A. McClure [2] Woking, HD, 2; Cheltenham, OS, Money Salver, 2.  
 WIGGINS, R. V. N. [—] Compton, HD, 2.  
 WIGGINS, Dr. W. R. D. [—3½] Hurlingham Gold Casket, 1; Open Championships, OS, 1, OD, 1; President's Cup, 3 equal.  
 WILLIAMS, G. [—] Roehampton, OS, Ranelagh Gold Cup, Process, 2; Eastbourne, OD, 1.  
 WILSON, Mrs. A. V. [11] Parkstone (June), HD, 1; Parkstone (Sept.), HD, 2.  
  
 YOXALL, Dr. A. L. [8] Compton, HD, 1; Oxford, HSB, 1 divided, HSX, 1, HD, 1; Cheltenham, HSB, 1, HD, 1; Eastbourne, RHD, 1.

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