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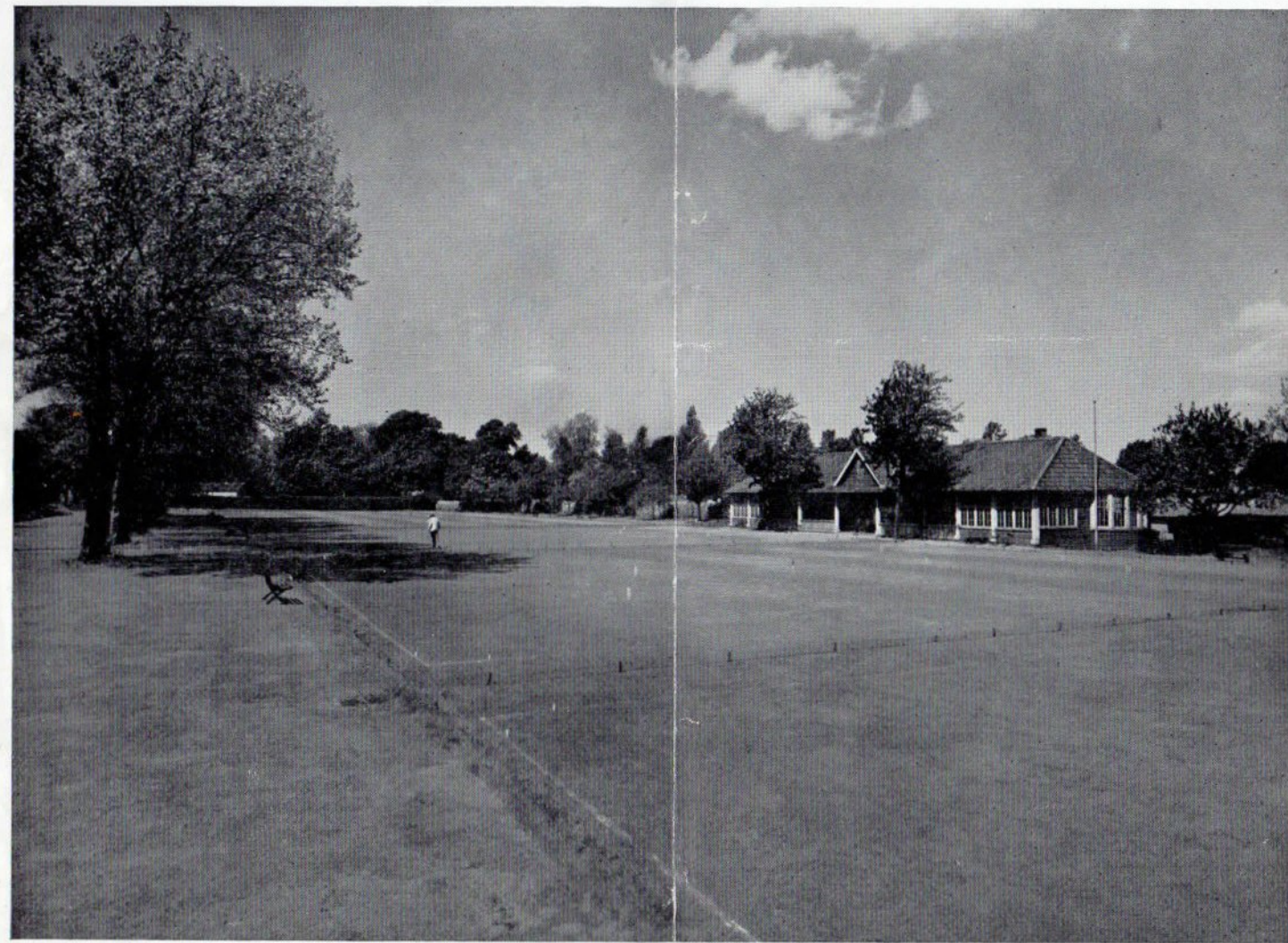
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TOURNAMENT FIXTURES

1958

- July 7 Budleigh Salterton. *Hon. Sec.*, L. G. Walters, 1 Braywick, Budleigh Salterton.
- „ 14 Open Championships (Hurlingham). *Secretary C.A.*, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.
- „ 21 Cheltenham. *Tournament Secretary*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- „ 28 Ladies' Field Cup, Silver Jubilee Cup (Hurlingham). *Secretary C.A.*, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.
- Aug. 4-12 Hurlingham. *Games Sec.*, Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6.
- „ 12-14 All England Handicap. Area Finals (Roehampton). *Secretary C.A.*, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.
- „ 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.
- Sept. 1 Hunstanton. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. J. A. Clarke, 49 Northgate, Hunstanton.
- „ 1 Parkstone. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. V. C. Gasson, Newlyn, Blair Avenue, Parkstone, Dorset.
- „ 8 President's Cup (Hurlingham), Surrey Cup (Roehampton). *Secretary C.A.*, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.
- „ 22 Roehampton. *Games Sec.*, Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, London, S.W.13.
- „ 29 Devonshire Park (Eastbourne). *Secretary C.A.*, 4 Southampton Row, London W.C.1.

NON-OFFICIAL FIXTURES

- Aug. 9-16 Carrickmines. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly, Ballynamote, Carrickmines, Co. Dublin, Eire.
- Sept. 1 Southwick. *Hon. Sec.*, F. E. Corke, 60 Southwick Street, Southwick, Sussex.
- „ 15 Cheltenham. *Tournament Secretary*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.

LADIES' FIELD CUP, 1958

The following have accepted invitations to compete:—

Mrs. L. H. Ashton
 Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey
 Mrs. V. C. Gasson
 Miss D. A. Lintern
 Mrs. W. Longman
 Mrs. E. Reeve
 Mrs. E. Rotherham
 Miss E. J. Warwick

Miss D. D. Steel was unable to accept.

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LORN C. APPS,
Secretary.

CROQUET HANDBOOK by A. G. F. Ross

The review of this book in June *Croquet* omitted to mention that it can be obtained in this country from Mrs. L. H. Ashton, 19 Blake Hill Crescent, Parkstone, Dorset. The price is 18s. 6d.

NOTES by ROVER

The Gold Caskets

No fresh names appeared among the winners of the events which took place during Caskets week at Roehampton. The Men's and Women's Championships, the Mixed Doubles Championship and the Du Pre Cup were all annexed by previous holders. At one time there seemed to be a prospect that among the Women a new name might appear in the persons of Mrs. Reeve or Miss Warwick but this was not to be and Miss Lintern is to be congratulated on her fifth win in this Event in ten years. Since she also won the Mixed Doubles in partnership with Maurice Reckitt she can be said to have started her first year as Chairman of Council in happy style. It was Reckitt's fifth win in the Mixed Doubles all with Miss Lintern as partner except in 1937 when he was in the company of Mrs. Apps.

The final of the Men's Championship was a Solomon-Cotter showpiece. It is many years since the final went to a third game and certainly a long time since the margins of victory were all so narrow. With these two masters of the Triple Peel it is never a surprise to find the result as +26 —26 +26 when they meet, which although indicating perfect execution does not give the gallery the sustained thrills which are provided by victories in single figures.

Out of the ordinary

Most games have their wealth of anecdote about the happening of the unusual and croquet surely can be no exception. Perhaps readers would like to dig into the recesses of their memories and let us know of unusual experiences on the croquet lawn. The apparently impossible shot that came off, the unexpected result of a mishit, these and other incidents should make interesting reading. The strangest result of a shot that I recall seeing of recent years was that of the present champion Dr. Wiggins in a doubles at Hurlingham when partnered by Mrs. Rotherham against Cotter and Miss Lintern. Mrs. Rotherham had been pegged out some time previously and the opponents were set to finish the game when Dr. Wiggins who was for the penultimate found himself on the North boundary virtually wired by the penultimate hoop diagonally from both the other balls which were on the South boundary more than 35 yards away. In what was likely to be the doctor's last despairing shot of the game, the ball to the surprise of everyone, not least Dr. Wiggins, sailed through the penultimate hoop and carried on with added momentum to reach the South boundary within two yards of the opponents' balls. The rest was easy. I believe it is true to say that Dr. Wiggins who had kept his head down throughout his stroke had no inkling that the ball had made the hoop until spectators assured him that this was the case. Not only was it extraordinary to make the hoop at all but for the ball to carry the length of the court and finish close to the other two balls was, to say the least of it, unusual.

Honour where honour is due

There is no higher honour that our Association can bestow than the decision by its Council to elect a player as an Honorary Associate. That this distinction should have been conferred with enthusiastic unanimity upon Mr. Arthur Ross will be, we hope, a matter for as much pleasure among our friends in New Zealand as it certainly is here. As the proposer of the motion on this subject remarked, it has been something of an anomaly that while two Australian players, much admired here by those who remember their visit 21 years ago, appear in the brief list of five already so honoured, no name from the sister dominion under the Southern Cross has done so. The services of Arthur Ross to Croquet in New Zealand have been perhaps without a parallel in any country where the game is played, but from our point of view here the greatest of them has been his wise and generous determination to help keep its development in line with that which it follows elsewhere. While on this subject of Honorary Associates it may be good to note the names of the three English players on whom this distinction has been conferred. Miss Elphinstone-Stone whose unbroken career since the "revival" in 1896 so happily continues. Mr. Robert Tingey whose services as our "authorised instructor" before the war were of such great value; and Mrs. Apps, without whose selfless work for our Association in these difficult years it might not have been able to continue at all.

'Determined, dared—and done'?

Two letters in this number raise yet again the perennial question of the time limit. Since it seems impossible that anything fresh remains to be said upon this subject, Rover will not attempt any comment upon it beyond remarking that while there are certainly many players (as well, very naturally, as all managers) who detest protracted encounters, there are many others—and, *pace* Mr. Blackett, we suspect the majority who would rather have anything than an enforced curtailment of their games. An assertion by one of our correspondents which is, however, worthy of more consideration than it often receives is that a time limit "could encourage the timid player to take a few more risks." Whether in fact it would have any such effect seems to be doubtful; the injection of enterprise into our Aunt Emmas is a problem of psychology too complex to be so easily achieved. More interesting perhaps is the question of how far what is often described as "forward play" does lead in unskilful hands, to an acceleration of the game. A good deal of experience inclines Rover at any rate to doubt this. It is not so much refusal to take risks as ignorance of how to prepare for the next turn which wastes so much time. Rolling up to hoops from a distance and attempting speculative shots at them are the sort of "risks" which mostly protract a game, and what may look like a longer way round will often prove to be a shorter way home.

THE ART OF BEING MANAGED

WYNDHAM Lewis (Percy, not D. B.) once wrote a book called *The Art of being Ruled*. While every croquet player realises from pleasant (or bitter) experience that there is an art of management, he is seldom aware of the other side of the picture, as represented by the title of this article. This title, however, is admittedly ambiguous, for the "art" in question may have two different—and largely contradictory—objectives. It may be aimed at making oneself as helpful as possible to the Manager, or it may be practised with the hope of making the Manager as helpful as possible to oneself. Since (whether consciously or subconsciously) it is the latter in which the majority of competitors are chiefly interested, let us begin by considering that.

There are, broadly, three ways by which a Manager may be influenced: by bribery, by flattery, and by the exercise of charm. Since few of us are possessed by any talent in the last-named direction, and generally know well enough how to employ it if we are, we may neglect this aspect of the matter and concentrate on methods which are open to most of us if we are prepared to take a little trouble.

Suppose that for some reason which seems good in our own eyes we want leave off for the whole of Thursday. This, as we well know—or ought to know—is something which no Manager ought ever to promise to anybody, unless he knows them to be such appallingly bad players that they are certain to be out of the tournament by then anyway. To achieve our end will therefore require a fairly elaborate process of softening up. Opportunities for this vary, but to invite your victim to a rattling good dinner in the week previous to the tournament is perhaps as good a line as any. An alternative may sometimes be to offer to drive him down to the place in question—assuming, of course, that you have a car and he hasn't. In either case when he is sufficiently nursed into a mood of gratitude and indulgence, you say, "You know I'd never have entered for this tournament at all if it hadn't been that I'd promised old so-and-so to play with him/her in the Doubles, and now I find I simply must be away on Thursday. I doubt if I'll be left in anything by then, but I'm sure that if I'm unexpectedly lucky you'll be able to fix it for me." Then the second weapon is brought to bear. "I wouldn't ask any other manager this for he couldn't work it, but you're such a master of the art that I know you could fit it in without anyone even noticing." This ought to do the trick, but if the bribery part of the process can't be applied—or threatens to be too expensive—you will have to lay on the flattery appreciably thicker. The danger in this is that he may begin to suspect the sincerity of your eloquence.

More subtle is the art of managing the Manager once the tournament has begun. This involves a careful scrutiny of the score cards before the approach is made so that convincing—and sometimes actually legitimate—reasons for being, or not being, put on can be proposed. The best way of working this tactic is to convey the impression (which may sometimes even be genuine) that you are trying to help him out of his difficulties. Suppose on Wednesday afternoon you are out of the Doubles and your opponent in the Handicap is also. The Manager doesn't yet know you want the next day off, but by showing a readiness to advance the tournament by

offering to play at once (especially if you can spot a court about to come in), you may earn so much of his gratitude as to get away with a subsequent request for the next day off, however unjustified this may be. This method is, of course, more of a gamble than the bribery-flattery approach prepared in advance, but with some types of manager it is more likely to succeed.

There remains the—perhaps unusual—case that you really do want to help the Manager as far as is reasonably possible. Most of the ways in which you can do this are obvious enough, yet how often are they neglected. Keep an eye on the score sheets so that you can gain a fair idea of when you are likely to be wanted without continually bothering him to pin himself down to an exact time. Have your shoes on and your mallet close to hand, and keep within easy distance of your opponent whom you have persuaded to do the same. You may even inquire of the Manager whether he has any particular court in mind, if you can do so without distracting his attention from more important matters, and if he has fixed on this, induce your opponent to go to it with you so as to be ready to start when the game being concluded there is over. Take care to look for any notices which the Manager may display so that you spare him needless questions about matters on which you can well inform yourself. If you win your game take care to say by how many points you have done so. Above all, remember that the Manager has taken on his job without any sort of reward and often at no little expense to himself; if no one were ready to do so there wouldn't be any tournaments at all.

All this represents the true "art of being managed." It may not be so immediately profitable—or so amusing—as "managing the manager." But it will do croquet—and probably you yourself—more good in the long run.

M. BEAR

HANDICAPS CONFIRMED OR ALTERED BY THE HANDICAP CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

June 24th, 1958

BRIGHTON

E. A. Roper 4 to 3½.
Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth 6 to 5½.

WOKING

Capt. K. B. Millar 6 to 5.
Mrs. R. Whitham 10 to 9.

RYDE

Miss M. M. Taylor 14 (D 12) to 13 (D 11).

NON-ASSOCIATE

NEW HANDICAP
Mrs. K. M. Lowin 16 (D 14).

CLUB RECOMMENDATION

Mrs. A. L. Yoxall 14 (D 12) to 10.

NEW ZEALAND HANDICAP

Mrs. A. Dick —1 to *1.

PARKSTONE

Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish 2½ to 2.
Mrs. G. Fitter 13 (D 12) to 13 (D 11).
Major F. Hill-Bernhard 8 to 7½.
Mrs. E. M. Kay 9 to 8.
B. Lloyd Pratt 5 to 4.
Miss J. Warwick 2½ to 2.

Questions and Answers

It would be beneficial to notify that in spite of various opinions circulating recently, Law 6 stands as in the season of 1956 and therefore the bevelled edge of the mallet may not be used in making a stroke.

Question: If an opponent notices that any clip is wrongly placed during the turn of the striker may he interrupt him to correct this?

Answer: Yes, because Law 31 (d) states it shall at once be placed in its correct position if noticed by either side. See also Law 49 (iv).

Question: If the circumstances arise as in the above question and the players disagree as to the correct position of the clip, what happens?

Answer: Law 31 (d) clearly states that the actual position of the clip at the time shall be taken as correct.

Question: A, with the blue clip in his pocket, runs the 4th hoop with blue; B, his adversary then claims that A's turn has ended because A has not yet run the 3rd hoop. A does not agree and insists that he has run the 3rd hoop. How is this matter settled?

Answer: A may continue his turn. In the absence of any clip placed on a hoop the question becomes one of fact upon which the striker's opinion prevails under Law 29 (c).

Note: The three questions on the position of the clip are all rather similar but the answers are different and should be carefully studied from a commonsense point of view and this will make them easier to remember.

Question: If a player shoots at an adversary's ball on a wire and shakes it but does not actually hit it, has the opponent a lift?

Answer: No. Under Law 30 (c) which was altered last year, the ball must be moved to obtain a lift.

In last month's Questions and Answers there was a misprint in the last question but one, where 26 (m) was printed as 26 (b). In view of the importance of the revised ruling the question and answer are repeated.

Question: Have you studied Law 27 very carefully noting the different penalty under Law 26 (m)?

Answer: Under this penalty the adversary now has the choice of having all balls replaced or whether they are to remain as they came to rest (Law 27).

LOOKING BACK—2

Here are some more extracts from *Croquet Association Gazettes* or *Croquet*, this time from post-war issues. As before, virtually all the personalities concerned are still active participants. How many can you deduce? (Answers on page 6.)

- (i) "Miss J. —, a newcomer to the game, though well known in hockey circles, promises to become a player." (1950)
- (ii) "... a long struggle, in which Mr. — had to give his mother 2½ bisques." (1950)
- (iii) "For all his furious hitting, Major — has a beautiful touch when this is clearly called for." (1952)
- (iv) "It was good to see some new promising players, especially —, a schoolboy from Marlborough College." (1953)
- (v) "... that swashbuckling, three-dimensional player, —, whose zest for the game should be an inspiration to beginners and whose methods both upset and confound the experts." (1953)
- (vi) "But the astonishing record of — in winning all his games in the President's Cup must rank as the most remarkable achievement of the season." (1954)
- (vii) "... and again finished third in the President's Cup, with more games to his credit than he (or anyone else) would have considered possible." (1955)
- (viii) "A most attractive player to watch, for she has a beautiful style—her mallet swings with perfect rhythm." (1956)

Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Croquet Association held at the Hurlingham Club on Tuesday, 27th May, 1958

Present: I. C. Baillieu, Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish, Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, D. E. Buckland, Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton, H. F. Crowther-Smith, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, Col and Mrs. J. G. Clarke, Mrs. H. J. Collins, Major and Mrs. J. H. Dibley, E. P. Duffield, Miss M. J. Daldy, V. A. de la Nougerede, Major-General and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson, G. V. Evans, Miss E. E. Fisher, Mrs. V. C. Gasson, Miss F. Hodgkinson, Mrs. P. E. Heley, D. Jesson Dibley, Mr. and Mrs. W. Longman, Miss A. E. Mills, Dr. G. L. Ormerod, Mrs. J. Pavia, C. S. Ratcliffe, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Reckitt, Mrs. E. Reeve, Mrs. E. Rotherham, Lt.-Comdr. and Mrs. G. W. Style, Mrs. M. D. Staub, Miss D. D. Steel, J. W. Solomon, Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts, Capt. H. G. Stoker, Mrs. M. L. Thom, S. S. Townsend, Mrs. E. E. Turner, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins.

A telegram from Sir Compton McKenzie was read in which he regretted his inability to preside owing to a prior engagement. Apology for absence was also received from the Rev. G. F. H. Elvey. In the absence of Mr. Longman, who was unable to get to the meeting in time the Chair was taken by Mr. Brackenbury.

The minutes of the last meeting being identical with the report of the Annual General Meeting for 1957, already printed in *Croquet*, the Chairman suggested that they be taken as read, and this was agreed.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the Report and Balance Sheet and called on Mr. Buckland to answer any questions on the Accounts. Capt. Stoker said the cost of production of the journal which was approximately £400 seemed excessive in relation to the income of the C.A. It was an admirable magazine well worth the price of 1s. and he therefore thought that Associates should buy it. Mrs. Longman suggested a reduction in size as an economy. After some other members had spoken Mr. Brackenbury explained that it was essential for each member, or at any rate each household to get the magazine, this being the only means of communication with the Associates. There had been a reduction in size which had meant a saving of about £100. In view of the points brought out in discussion Capt. Stoker professed himself satisfied. Mrs. Collins suggested that there should be no issue in October, thus reducing the number to six. It was agreed that the A.G.M. ask the Council to give consideration to this proposal. There being no further questions Major-General Davidson seconded the adoption of the Report and Accounts, which were agreed.

Election of an Hon. Treasurer for the year. Mr. Baillieu proposed that Mr. Buckland be re-elected. This was seconded by Mrs. Beaton and carried unanimously.

As the number of candidates for election to the Council did not exceed the vacancies the Chairman declared all elected.

Motion by Mr. Baillieu. "That Rule 14 of the Rules of the Croquet Association be amended so that it shall read as follows: 'A' The Council shall have power to make alterations in and additions to the Laws of Association Croquet and the Regulations for Official Tournaments in the following manner. The Council shall first pass a resolution proposing the adoption of one or more alterations or additions. Such Resolution shall be published in *Croquet*. A Special Meeting of the Council for which a quorum shall be 12 shall be convened not less than 14 days after such publication to consider the proposal and such proposal shall become law if it is confirmed by a two-thirds majority present and voting. The new law shall come into operation as from the Monday following such confirmation or on any subsequent date decided upon by the Council at such Special Meeting.

'B' The Council shall have power to authorise the adoption of variations in the Laws of Association Croquet or in the Regulations for Official Tournaments but only in so far as such variations are expressly provided for in such Laws or Regulations."

Seconder Dr. Wiggins. Mr. Baillieu explained the purpose of the change which was to expedite the passing of approved alterations or additions to the Laws and Regulations. Mr. Baillieu agreed to the two clauses being taken separately. After some discussion clause 'A' was passed, Clause 'B' was not passed.

The business of the meeting being concluded, Mr. Baillieu speaking on behalf of all present expressed their gratification that Mr. Brackenbury and the Secretary had recovered from their recent illnesses.

Mr. Longman reported the recent death of Mr. Duff Mathews, a very notable player of pre-war days, and invited all present to stand in silence as a tribute to his memory.

Mr. Reckitt expressed the hope that the question of sending a team to New Zealand would be urgently considered. He suggested 1962 as a target date. Mr. Brackenbury drew attention to the financial obligations entailed. The cost to each player would be at least £700. Some money had been collected by clubs for a Dominions Tour Fund, but if the C.A. were to give any financial assistance to members of the team a very substantial sum would be required.

Notes from the Clubs

Hurlingham

The annual general meeting of croquet members held on 31st May produced a number of constructive suggestions which the Croquet sub-committee promised to consider. In the absence of Ian Baillieu, Mrs. W. Longman took the chair and piloted the meeting along with commendable speed. A suggestion by General Davidson for matches against other clubs, to be confined to high bisquers, was favourably received. Mrs. Thom and Mrs. Davidson put forward ideas regarding helping beginners and Mr. Reckitt expressed appreciation of the groundsman's work in relaying Lawn 4. One idea which appealed to the wives present was that of General Davidson who said that the lacquering of trophies could be carried out at quite a small cost and would save a lot of domestic polishing.

The week-end "Baillieu" tournament in which Roehampton and Hurlingham members participate produced a good entry. The event was won by J. A. Hollweg and the runner-up was Miss E. E. Fisher.

Reigate

The Club is very grateful to those who came to assist in the recent demonstration of croquet. It was a pity that the bus strike kept a few spectators away. The following are extracts from the *Surrey Mirror* of 6th June, 1958:—

"In the beautiful setting of the Reigate Priory cricket ground on Saturday, an enthusiastic audience saw a most interesting demonstration of the game of croquet by Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mr. E. P. C. Cotter, arranged by the Reigate Priory Croquet Club. Both these gentlemen revealed themselves as they undoubtedly are, the complete masters of the croquet game.

"Both the visiting players praised the excellent condition of the court, the credit for this is due to that cunning master of the lawns, the renowned Nickson, groundsman of the Reigate Priory cricket ground. In addition to the two players there were present Mrs. L. C. Apps, the Secretary of the Croquet Association, and Brigadier A. E. Stokes-Roberts, the Vice-Chairman, a first class player himself, who gave a commentary on the games. The Hon. Secretary of the Reigate Club, Mr. L. W. Buckley, informed our reporter that it is no small honour to Reigate to have been selected for this demonstration. In view of its popularity and as a means of encouraging locally this fascinating game, he hopes it will be repeated either later this season or next year."

Southport

What is in a name? Much when your Croquet Club is in Southport and for half a century has been listed as "Birkdale". Every good golfer has heard of Birkdale but few Croquet players associate their game with that place, so now we are listed under "Southport."

Loyally the members have maintained and supported the club upon the very solid foundation laid by those four ladies who began it in 1903. Their names have been preserved for us upon the over-mantle in the club house, which they built, and they are Mrs. H. B. Barlow, Mrs. Heywood, Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Price. They were also successful in getting Dr. W. C. Carter to become President and he ably led the Club, recruited new members and added dignity to the game. The club survived the first war period and afterwards grew very strong numerically, so strong in fact, that to get a game early attendance was necessary.

Few of the old members returned after the war but new enthusiasm was aroused under their new President, Miss D. Schofield, who has held that office ever since. The new interest in the game was so strong that the four members, who then comprised the club, all went to play in the Northern Tournament at Buxton, and to their lasting credit continued to do so until the Tournament ceased last year. They were Miss D. Schofield, Miss E. H. Ruthven, Mrs. F. Griffiths and Mrs. G. Lea. No major successes ever came to them as competitors but their ardent desire to learn the finer points of the game and a clearer interpretation of the rules were fully satisfied. Their reward came when two onlookers at the tournament came and joined the club. Then a war-time member returned and another six new members joined. So the club has survived and today is happy to have keen members and a creditable bank balance, which position is entirely due to the unremitting labours, determination and good companionship of the few who served it during the war periods.

The club lawns are in Victoria Park where Southport's "Biggest Flower Show on Earth" is held. The great drawback which the club has to suffer is the very indifferent lawns provided by the Corporation. Efforts have been made to move the Authorities to do something to improve them but their attitude is that croquet is not a show-piece.

For the first time in its long history, the club is to welcome a Council member as a visitor. The ex-Mayor (Councillor M. Bamber) has promised to visit us during this season and we hope for much from this gesture on her part.

Remember, then, when in Southport that there is a Croquet Club in Victoria Park.

Cheltenham

An "Improve Your Croquet" Competition was held on Whit-Monday, the object being to encourage players to think on a higher plane. Competitors were allowed to arrange the balls for a 4-ball break and Class "A" players were then required to do the Triple Peel; Class "B" the Double Peel; Class "C" the Single Peel; and Class "D" the simple all-round break and peg-out. It was played on handicap, players being allowed any number of bisques, the winner being the one who completed the turn using the least. It aroused much interest. There were 54 entries, and great demand for Mr. Ross's book and Mrs. Elvey's advice. This year the Club Trophy Tournament opened on a Saturday and continued till the following Saturday. This was a break with tradition, but was designed to help those of our members who disappear all day behind barbed-wire entanglements where they say they work. They emerge remarkably fresh when they arrive on the courts! An account of the tournament appears elsewhere. The Bellairs Bowl, a handicap singles for 12 bisquers was won by an American gentleman, trained at the Club, who is shortly returning to the States. The extreme orthodox opinion in the club is that the Cup is not for export, but a more liberal minded school of thought suggests it should be allowed to go. Our allies will not perhaps know the difference between it and a Gold Casket, and invite a team to go to America to recover it. The America Cup originated in some such small incident, and the old country would for some years find it easier to defend than say the Wightman Cup.

Compton (Eastbourne)

For the first time for some years, we entered for the Longman Cup and we overcame Woking in a most exciting and enjoyable contest. The match was played at Southwick; there is no need to add that the lawns and the general organisation were perfect. We now look forward to entertaining Hurlingham in the semi-final.

This has to be written in mid June to be in time for publication on July 1st. There is still a week before our Tournament commences but by the time you read this the Tournament will be over. You will then have to wait a month before you can see the results in the August number of *Croquet*. So far entries have not been as numerous as we had expected, but their quality is excellent and they include the reigning Open Champion.

Edinburgh

Membership of the Edinburgh Croquet Club has increased slightly since last year, and play during the first two months of the Season has been enthusiastic.

We are happy to report that two players in Glasgow are in touch with us in their endeavours to form a Club in the west of Scotland, we hope soon to learn the outcome of their application for use of suitable grounds.

Roehampton

All Roehampton members are very proud that Miss Lintern, their captain, has been elected as Chairman of the Council. This is the first time a woman has filled the position and all good wishes are extended to her. Results of matches against Colchester, Dulwich and Woking appear elsewhere in this issue. We congratulate Colchester on their win in the Longman Club Cup although we regret that the margin in their favour was so decisive.

CORRESPONDENCE

Whither Croquet?

Dear Sir,

I am sure the question of how long the game as it is can survive must be in the minds of many of us—may I make a few comments admittedly largely from the point of view of one who loves the game but has little time to spare and lives at some distance from any Croquet Club.

Time Element

It seems to me this is an all important factor, not only on the court but in the planned lives which most of us have of necessity to live in these days. Some of the now few entrants for tournaments appear to have time to spare but I cannot see their successors being in the same state and if that is so, then unless something is done to quicken up the game, entries for tournaments will tend to fall.

Of the game itself, I have always held the view that some form of time limit should be imposed either by law or by managers, this to apply not only to early games in the tournament but even to semi-finals and finals, although possibly some longer period might be allowed for the finals.

I think many of us have experienced being called for say 2 p.m. to play one game and when arriving on time, find that another game on which yours is dependent and which has started at say 10 a.m. is still in full swing and is allowed to drag on until tea time, with the frequent result that when one does get on to the court, one tries to hurry things up, which is always fatal, and finishes up by scratching because one has no time to spare to finish the game. I suggest that if this sort of thing is allowed to go on, it may well prove harmful to attracting players to tournaments or even to the game.

Many players are, I feel, guilty of protracting the game by "dithering" on the court and in doubles by holding prolonged conferences thereon.

I would suggest:—

(a) That players are appealed to, if necessary, under the heading of "Etiquette" to avoid dawdling on the court and to make up their minds what they are going to do before they get on to it, which I feel can frequently be done.

(b) That no conference in doubles should be allowed on the court.

Shortened Games

I realise that different views are held on this subject, but personally, I see no attraction in the shortened game commencing at the 5th hoop—for one thing, it deprives the player of a full journey around the court and surely this is a thing that should be encouraged, largely with the newcomer or long bisquer.

I still feel that a shortened game with one clip on the first and the other on say three or four-back is far better than the 5th hoop one for singles, giving as it does the journey all round the court with one ball and experience of the finish, which is so often lacking and some times not even attempted in friendly games, because one often has no time to get there in the full game.

I realise that this form of shortened game would be unsuitable for doubles but is there any reason why there should be not one form of game for singles and another for doubles.

Recruitment

Probably broadly speaking, there are three classes from which we can draw recruits if we can persuade them to take up the game:—

(a) The young.

(b) The not so young but still working.

(c) The retired.

I do not feel one can expect many of the "young" to take up the game seriously, but to any such person whom I was trying to interest, I would give the advice which my father gave to me when I was quite young and after I had a bit of a knock in the first war—he said in effect:—

"I know you will not have the patience or time to take up this game seriously at your age but try and learn it and achieve some reasonable standard of play if you can and then if, as you no doubt will, you give it up while you are making your way in life, you will find, when you are older and if you have any time to spare, that you have at your call a most intriguing and fascinating game which can interest you for the rest of your days and if you have learnt something about it whilst you are young, it can very quickly come back to you, however long and for whatever reason it may be that you gave it up"—how right he was.

The second class is probably of necessity confined to those who live within reasonable distance of a Croquet Club but surely there must be many who, if they knew of the charm of the game, would be attracted to it if they could be persuaded to take it up and devote a little time to it in the evenings after they had finished their work.

As regards retired people, there used, so far as I recollect, to be many more players of croquet in the old days than there are now and it is that sort of person to whom I feel we should look largely for recruitment.

Financial Considerations

These probably react on the game in two principal ways:—

(1) The cost of living helps to prevent people from entering for so many tournaments as they would like to and thus unless new recruits can be obtained, the list of entries for tournaments, already deplorably small, will tend to decrease.

(2) The croquet section of any club with other activities is probably a dead loss financially owing, for example, to the large space occupied by very few people frequently for an interminable time—if this is a fair assumption, then we dare not hope for extended facilities for croquet from clubs catering for other activities, and for the maintenance of clubs devoted to croquet or the creation of new clubs, we must depend largely on voluntary help from members already so generously given in so many cases.

In considering what can be done to encourage the game to survive or to increase its popularity, it appears to me that this question of finance should not be lost sight of.

Publicity

I may be wrong, but in attempting to publicise croquet as a game, I do not recollect two things, which have always appealed to me, as being sufficiently emphasised:—

(1) The fact that it is the only game where there is always a chance of winning however far you are behind.

(2) That there is no game at which one can amuse oneself for so long on one's own.

Further, is there not a tendency to "keep ourselves to ourselves" too much. For example, I have seldom seen Croquet Association trophies displayed and in fact those who have been fortunate enough to win them have sometimes had a feeling they have done something terrible in asking for the trophy.

From the publicity angle, I do not see what harm could be done by, for example, displaying the trophies at Roehampton in the club house of that Club.

It might even encourage some non-croquet player to come over and see what sort of game they were given for!

Incidentally, as regards the taking of any cup, I would always ask for it myself as a mark of thanks to the donor, be he or she alive or dead, and if any non-croquet players were to ask me where I got it, it would give me the opportunity of trying to interest them in the game.

The Croquet Association

I cannot close this already over-long letter without urging all players who do not already belong to join the Association which does so much for the furtherance of this game.

In fact I would go a little further and ask those who are croquet "widows" or "widowers" to see if they cannot persuade their other halves to join—after all £1 10s. per annum is a pretty cheap way of getting "the old man" out of the way for at least half the year!

Finally, if you should publish this letter, I hope it will not be taken in any way as criticising that long suffering body, the Council, who do so much for the game and to whom we should all be truly grateful.

Truly yours,

M. SPENCER ELL

Timed Games

Dear Sir,

Another Southwick May tournament is over. The ten courts looked their very best. I wasn't there to see him, but Adams the groundsman told me he started mowing each morning at 5 a.m. No go slow technique here. The catering, under the energetic management of Mrs. Chittenden, was first-class—an excellent hot or cold lunch for 3s. 6d. Why do some still bring sandwiches instead of supporting the Club?

The Captains and the Kings depart, taking with them, I hope, pleasant memories, but leaving behind a slightly apprehensive long bisquer. This year I entered for two events, for personal reasons omitting the doubles.

On Tuesday I was beaten in the second round of the "X.Y." On Wednesday I managed to win two rounds in the Handicap. Thursday I was not wanted till 2 p.m. but the time taken over many games made no opponent available that day. Friday I turned up at 10 a.m. full of hope which I fear gradually developed into frustration. However, at tea time, the Manager, who could not have been more helpful or sympathetic, told me there would be a court at 5 p.m.

Wiping the cobwebs off the old mallet I set forth. By 6.30 I suggested to my opponent, who was by no means a slow player, that we might be allowed to peg down, but he told me the game had to be finished. Having previously decided that I would not sacrifice the comfort of my home with a pleasant evening meal (and a drink) and if necessary would retire at 7 o'clock, I squandered my four bisques with delightful abandon! I asked permission of my opponent to retire. At close of play he was in the better position, having four hoops to make against my six. Time taken, two hours.

I know my experience is shared by others at every tournament, but must we for ever be complacent? I have not the experience or courage to make suggestions about level events, though those taking part are certainly not above suspicion—but I would like to see all handicap events limited to three hours, and the devil take the hindmost.

Yours faithfully,

N. F. BLACKWOOD

Dear Sir,

Having been a spectator at several Croquet tournaments this season, I feel quite convinced that much more enjoyment would be gained by the medium and long bisquers if a time limit was fixed anyway for all handicap games.

At one seaside tournament hardly any game finished under 3½ hours, most lasted 4 hours and I was told that one went on for 5½ hours.

If a 3 hours' limit was put on all games, I am sure it would encourage the timid player to take a few more risks and as most competitors are not quite as young as they used to be, they would end the day less physically and mentally exhausted than one is bound to be after a four or five hour battle.

If games are allowed to drag on, however competent the Manager may be, things are bound to get congested during the last few days with the inevitable hanging about for hours waiting for a vacant court.

I heard several keen players say "No more tournaments for me."

Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY H. BLACKETT

Cheltenham Club Trophy Tournament

Played from Saturday, 7th, to Saturday, 14th June, under the able management of Miss M. M. Paulley. The new and younger members nearly cleared the board, Mrs. Mathews alone, as firm as a stone wall, resisting the onslaught of Dr. Yoxall. As there were so few entries for the championship, it was played on the American system.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

G. E. P. Jackson (holder) bt F. Langley by 16.

STELLA CUP.

LEVEL SINGLES.
(4 bisques and over).
(Two Lives).

Mrs. B. de C. Mathews bt Dr. Yoxall +3 —3 +10.

MURRAY-MENZIES CUP.

HANDICAP SINGLES.
(8 bisques and over).

C. H. O'D. Alexander (10) bt Mrs. Thackwell (12) by 10.

BELLAIRS BOWL.

HANDICAP SINGLES.
(12 bisques and over).

R. R. Smith (12) bt Mrs. Yoxall (14) by 17.

OPEN HANDICAP.

Mrs. Yoxall (14) bt Dr. Yoxall (6½) by 3.

PEEL MEMORIAL.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

Mrs. Mathews and C. H. O'D. Alexander (15½) bt Mr. and Mrs. G. E. P. Jackson (18) by 16.

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OBITUARY

P. DUFF MATHEWS

This great player died in May at the age of 72. With his passing comes the end of the splendid triumvirate which dominated croquet in the first quarter of this century and to whom the development of the game owes more perhaps than to any other players in its history. This was not due only to their outstanding skill and enterprise. All three Irishmen had much of the charm and magnetism which often characterises members of their race, Cyril Corbally being perhaps the most accurate, Leslie O'Callaghan the most brilliant and Duff Mathews the most graceful; indeed the "Duffer's" style has often been described as the most attractive and convincing ever seen on a croquet court.

Mathews was the youngest of the three, winning his silver medal as a youth of 22 in 1908. Two years later he made the first of his 13 appearances in the "Best Ten", but this was not the type of competition which showed him at his best and he won it only on one occasion—in 1912. He won the Open Championship in 1914 from a large and strong field at a time when croquet can be said to have been at its height. He won it again in the first two years after the war when he had come to settle in England and on a fourth occasion in 1927, and the Doubles Championship with Trevor Williams in 1925. His victories in the South of England Championships at Eastbourne and in other leading provincial tournaments are too numerous to record. In the early thirties he returned to Ireland to take up farming and was only rarely seen again in English tournaments. His last visit here was in July, 1954, when he appeared with an Eire team at Hurlingham.

No croquet player has ever been more deservedly popular. He was the most generous of opponents and the most sporting of losers. Tactics were not perhaps his strong point; he relied rather upon his brilliant shooting to get him out of a difficulty or to manufacture a break out of "nowhere"; his split shots and in particular his "jump rolls" were master-pieces of accuracy. Had he been more avid of success he might have won even more trophies than he did, but for the "Duffer" croquet was more of an art than a contest. He loved the game for its own sake rather than for any *reclame* which it might bring him, and perhaps it was partly for this reason that he was himself so widely loved. M.B.R.

LONGMAN (CLUB TEAM) CUP

FIRST ROUND

Colchester *versus* Roehampton. Played at Colchester on 12th June, 1958. Colchester players named first.

SINGLES

E. P. Duffield (1) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (9) by 11.
C. S. Ratcliffe (8) bt Miss Eileen Fisher (6) by 11.

DOUBLES

E. P. Duffield and C. S. Ratcliffe (9) bt Mrs. H. J. Collins and A. J. Oldham (15) by 10.
B. F. Cresswell and R. J. Hinnell (16) bt Miss Eileen Fisher and Mrs. M. H. Carrington (15) by 10.

RESULT.—Colchester bt Roehampton by 4 games to nil. (One game not played.)

ANSWERS TO "LOOKING BACK"

- (i) Miss J. Warwick.
- (ii) J. Solomon.
- (iii) Major G. F. Stone.
- (iv) W. P. Ormerod.
- (v) E. V. Carpmael.
- (vi) H. O. Hicks.
- (vii) M. B. Reckitt.
- (viii) Miss I. Wainwright.

BRIDGE

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

It has been said that if a player always knew how to play the trump suit no one would be able to beat him. But there are times when the hand can be played in such a manner as to eliminate all guesswork.

Consider the following hand in which South was declarer at a contract of Four Spades.

<p>S—5. H—Q, 10, 5, 2. D—A, Q, 10, 4. C—J, 8, 5, 3.</p>	<p>N W E S</p>	<p>S—Q, 6, 4. H—J, 9, 7. D—J, 9. C—K, Q, 10, 6, 4.</p>
<p>S—A, J, 10, 9, 2. H—8, 4. D—K, 6, 2. C—A, 9, 2.</p>		

The opening lead was the Two of Hearts. This is the way South *did* play it. He won the first trick with the King of Hearts, trick two with the Ace of Clubs and then ruffed a Club in dummy. Then he played King of Spades and next a small Spade to the Ace and ruffed his remaining Club. Then he led a Diamond, hoping to find the Ace with East. Unfortunately West had the Ace so South lost three Diamonds and the Queen of trumps and was one down. So another hand was charged to Hard Luck.

But there was no hard luck about it. This is how South *should* have played it.

Trick one, as before, the King of Hearts wins in dummy and trick two Ace of Clubs. Now South should lead a second Heart and win with dummy's Ace.

Trick four. Three of Hearts ruffed with Two of Spades.

Trick five. Two of Clubs ruffed with Three of Spades.

Trick six. Six of Hearts ruffed with Nine of Spades.

Trick seven. Nine of Clubs ruffed with Seven of Spades.

Now let's see what the position looks like:—

<p>S—K, 8. H— D—8, 7, 5, 3. C—</p>	<p>N W E S</p>	<p>S—A, J, 10. H— D—K, 6, 2. C—</p>
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Now at trick eight South leads a Diamond from dummy and plays the King from his own hand. The defence thus cash three Diamond tricks but *whoever* leads to trick eleven and *wherever* the Queen of Spades is, South must take the remaining three tricks.

This play picks up the trump Queen without the bother of looking for her—first-class technique.

What do you bid?

Just to test you—here is a simple question.

Your partner bids Two Clubs (conventional) and you reply Two Diamonds. Your partner then bids Three No-Trumps. What do you say holding:—

Spades—J, 10, 9, 7, 6, 3.

Hearts—8, 7, 4.

Diamonds—J, 10, 9, 3.

Clubs—

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INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

HURLINGHAM, MAY 27th-30th, 1958

This very old established competition—dating back to 1897—has today nothing like the same number of county teams to make it as exciting both for players and spectators as in the past.

Berkshire seems to have started off by winning in four consecutive years—a feat never since repeated.

True, Middlesex won both in 1913 and 1914, and then came the war; when the competition was renewed in 1920 and 1921 they won on both occasions. In the nineteen thirties Surrey had three victories in sequence; latterly, with the exception of Hants and Dorset's creditable win in 1956, it seems to be looked upon as belonging either to Middlesex or Surrey.

This year's Inter-County Championship was composed of the usual half dozen counties, and as comparisons are said to be odious—by some poets—let us refrain from making them.

Middlesex started off well and finished well, keeping all through the competition a very high standard of the game and winning all 5 matches; in the latter part of the contest a triple peel was perfectly accomplished. Having Cotter and Solomon as their first pair gave Middlesex a moral advantage of a virtual game in hand in most of their matches. Surrey kept close to Middlesex but could not get either above them or on an equality. In fact the final result of the competition was very much in sequence—Middlesex winning 5 matches, Surrey 4 matches, Sussex 3 matches, Eastern Counties 2 matches, Hants and Dorset 1 match. Oxon, Berks and Bucks lost all their 5 matches. If the actual games won and lost are analysed Middlesex will be seen to have lost only 2 of the 15 games played. Strangely enough, although Surrey won 4 matches and Sussex 3, their games won and lost were 8 to 7 and 10 to 5 respectively.

The weather on Thursday afternoon was dreadful, heavy rain drenching the courts most of the time.

Mrs. M. L. Thom was in charge of the Event and proved, as always, a very able manager. Mrs. E. Reeve was also a very useful Referee.

Analysis of Play

Middlesex won 5 matches; namely, against Eastern Counties 2-1, Surrey 3-0, Oxon, Berks and Bucks 3-0, Hants and Dorset 3-0, Sussex 2-1.

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

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

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

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

Oxon, Berks and Bucks lost 5 matches; namely, against Hants and Dorset 1-2, Sussex 1-2, Eastern Counties 1-2, Middlesex 0-3, Surrey 1-2.

BRIGHTON

MAY 19th-24th

It is Croquet Tournament at Southwick again, and we gather our gear and roll up in high hopes and good resolutions. Candle-lit chestnut trees and smoothly cut lawns—the groundsman is an artist and the flower beds show his promise of beauty yet to come.

The Secretary, Mr. Corke, is a wizard of organisation, while Mr. de la Nougerede arranges and manages with consummate courtesy and tact. (Even a rueful loser, pegged out at the post, is sympathetically offered an "extra"!)

The Club is well kept—the bar well stocked and Mrs. Chittenden, stream-lined and efficient on the court, and glamorous, and even more efficient in catering, with her excellent staff, and lady helpers, provided tempting and varied meals. In fact, to quote our Prime Minister, "We never had it so good!"

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PARKSTONE

June 16th-21st

Entries were good for this pleasant June tournament held on six courts which the groundsman had got in good condition. Tennis players showed activity too and were also very kind off court in helping Mrs. Baker and the excellent catering committee, who provided delightful lunches, teas and morning coffee.

The weather started in great form and sun hats, sun-glasses and summer clothes cheered up the proceedings even though some players dawdled peacefully through their games. Then the English climate did its stuff and fashions changed from straw boaters to goloshes or very wet shoes! However, players were very lucky to have excellent shelters provided—a delightful new one placed for courts 5 and 6, had been the generous gift of Mr. and Mrs. Ashton on their retirement as Manager and Hon. Secretary of the Club for over 20 years. All were pleased to see her playing at the tournament. "Dela" was the ideal Manager with charm and velvet glove methods which only hardened when time necessitated. Full game were permitted and everyone had plenty of play; Mrs. Gasson should certainly feel happy at the success of her first tournament as Hon. Secretary.

Commander Beamish and Mrs. Chittenden became the Manager's headaches by Friday—but on Saturday, Miss J. Warwick, playing steadily good croquet won the Process by defeating Mrs. Rotherham by 2, having pegged one of her balls out, and went on to win convincingly from Comdr. Beamish in record time. It must be said the latter had played unceasingly all the week and was doubtless tired. Anyway many hearty congratulations to Miss Warwick. Also to Mr. B. Lloyd Pratt, who won the "X" big handicap, playing very well and defeating Mrs. Kay, who played well all the week.

OPEN SINGLES.

THE DORSET SALVER AND HALSE CUP.

DRAW.

(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 11.
J. K. Brown bt J. Hewitt by 7.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Major J. R. Abbey by 25.
Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt B. Lloyd Pratt by 14.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss J. Warwick bt Miss D. D. Steel by 18.
Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt J. K. Brown by 7.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 19.
G. Williams bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 1.

SEMI-FINAL.

Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt Miss J. Warwick by 6.
G. Williams bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 2.

FINAL.

Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt G. Williams by 2.

PROCESS.

(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. L. H. Ashton w.o. Major J. R. Abbey opponent scratched.
Miss J. Warwick bt B. Lloyd Pratt by 3.
Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt Miss D. D. Steel by 8.
G. Williams bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 15.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt G. Williams by 12.
Mrs. V. C. Gasson w.o. opponent scratched.
Mrs. L. H. Ashton w.o. opponent scratched.
Miss J. Warwick bt J. K. Brown by 21.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 23.
Miss J. Warwick bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 11.

FINAL.

Miss J. Warwick bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 2.

PLAY-OFF.

Miss J. Warwick bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 20.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS B). THE DESHON CUP.

(3½ to 7 Bismes).

(7 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin by 19.
T. A. Chignell bt Lady Ursula Abbey by 6.
Mrs. J. McMordie bt Miss Elphinstone Stone by 4.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt T. A. Chignell by 11.
Mrs. J. A. McMordie bt Mrs. R. A. Hill by 3.

FINAL.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt Mrs. J. A. McMordie by 7.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

THE COPE CUP.

(7½ bismes and over).

(10 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

G. A. H. Alexander (9) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (11) by 2.
Mrs. V. Wilson (13) bt Miss G. L. Weston (11) by 10.

SECOND ROUND.

A. F. Rash (11) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (9½) by 4.
Major F. Hill Bernhard (8) bt Mrs. V. Wilson (13) by 11.
G. A. H. Alexander (9) bt Mrs. G. M. Robertson (14) by 12.
Mrs. E. M. Kay (9) bt Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (9) by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.

Major F. Hill Bernhard (8) w.o. opponent retired.
Mrs. E. M. Kay (7) bt G. A. H. Alexander (9) by 3 on time.

FINAL.

Major F. Hill Bernhard (8) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (7) by 10.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y.").

(Unrestricted).

THE BISHOP CUP AND EVANS ROSE BOWL.

(31 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. E. M. Kay (9) bt Miss D. D. Steel (—3) by 17.
G. A. H. Alexander (9) bt Mrs. G. Fitter (13) by 16.
Lady Ursula Abbey (4½) bt Miss D. Hickson (14) by 9.
T. A. Chignell (5) bt Mrs. J. A. McMordie (5) by 4.
A. F. Rash (11) bt Miss Elphinstone Stone (7) by 9.
J. K. Brown (1) bt Mrs. G. M. Robertson (14) by 16.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (3½) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) by 17.
Mrs. V. C. Gasson (3) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (9½) by 5.
Miss J. Warwick (2½) bt Major F. Hill Bernhard (8) by 6.
B. Lloyd Pratt (5) bt Mrs. E. M. Thornewill (11) by 19.
Major J. R. Abbey (2) w.o. J. Hewitt (1) opponent scratched.
G. Williams (1½) bt Miss G. L. Weston (11) by 9.
Mrs. L. H. Ashton (0) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (—1½) by 22.
Dr. J. H. Penny (½) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (4½) by 10.
Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (9) bt Mrs. V. Wilson (13) by 7 on time.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. E. M. Kay (9) bt G. A. H. Alexander (9) by 9.
T. A. Chignell (5) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (4½) by 00.
A. F. Rash (11) bt J. K. Brown (1) by 11.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (3½) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (3) by 16.
B. Lloyd Pratt (5) bt Miss J. Warwick (2½) by 26.
G. Williams (1½) bt Major J. R. Abbey (2) by 1.
Mrs. L. H. Ashton (0) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (½) by 6.
Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (2½) bt Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (9) by 7.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. E. M. Kay (7) bt T. A. Chignell (5) by 20.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (3½) bt A. F. Rash (11) by 9.
B. Lloyd Pratt (5) bt G. Williams (1½) by 8.
Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (2½) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton (0) by 19.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. E. M. Kay (9) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (3½) by 6.
B. Lloyd Pratt (5) bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (2½) by 13.

FINAL.

B. Lloyd Pratt (5) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (9) by 6.

EVENT "Y".

(15 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss D. D. Steel (—3) w.o. Mrs. G. Fitter opponent scratched.
Mrs. J. A. McMordie (5) w.o. Miss D. Hicks opponent scratched.
Mrs. G. M. Robertson (14) bt Miss Elphinstone Stone (7) by 2 on time.
Mrs. M. D. Cork (9½) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) by 13.
Major F. Hill Bernhard (8) bt Mrs. G. M. Thornewill (11) by 8.
Miss G. L. Weston (11) bt J. Hewitt (1) by 6.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) w.o. Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin opponent scratched.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss D. D. Steel (—3) bt Mrs. J. A. McMordie (5) by 19.
Mrs. M. D. Cork (9½) bt Mrs. G. M. Robertson (14) by 17.
Major F. Hill Bernhard (8) bt Miss G. L. Weston (11) by 15.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—1½) bt Mrs. V. Wilson (13) by 3.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss D. D. Steel (—3) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (9½) by 17.
Major F. Hill Bernhard (8) w.o. opponent scratched.

FINAL.

Major F. Hill Bernhard (8) bt Miss D. D. Steel (—3) by 17.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Unrestricted).

(9 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. L. H. Ashton and B. Lloyd Pratt (5) bt T. A. Chignell and G. A. H. Alexander (14) by 4.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Mrs. G. Fitter (15½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss J. Warwick (1) by 6.
Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Mrs. M. D. Cork (12) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton and B. Lloyd Pratt (5) by 16.
Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Major F. Hill Bernhard (11) bt Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (8) by 13.
G. Williams and Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (10½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny and Mrs. E. M. Kay (9½) by 12.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Major F. Hill Bernhard (11) bt G. Williams and Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (10½) by 10.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Mrs. G. Fitter (15½) bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Mrs. M. D. Cork (12) by 13.

FINAL.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Mrs. G. Fitter (15½) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Major F. Hill Bernhard (11) by 6.

The report and results of the Nottingham tournament were not received in time for inclusion in this month's issue. They will appear in the August number.

THE CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP THE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Will be played for at

THE HURLINGHAM CLUB on MONDAY, JULY 14th

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager.—Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts.

Referee and Handicapper.—Mrs. E. Reeve.

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

EVENTS

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

CONDITIONS

Hoops 3¼in. wide. Jaques' "Eclipse" balls will be used. No leave can be granted till after the Draw. The winners hold the respective trophies for one year, or until the next competition whichever is the shorter period. Other prizes according to number of entries. The Committee reserve the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason. Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

ENTRIES

The Entries, accompanied by the Entrance Fees for Event 1 must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., so as to reach her not later than the first post on Wednesday, July 9th, and for Event 2 by noon on Tuesday, July 15th. Competitors must give with their entries the address at which messages will reach them during the tournament.

DRAW

The Draw for Event 1 will take place at 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 9th, and for Event 2 at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 15th, and for Event 3 as will be announced on the ground.

PLAY

Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily. Competitors must report themselves to the Manager on arrival. Any competitor who is not present, or is otherwise unable to play when called upon to do so will be liable to be scratched. The semi-finals and finals of the Championships will be so arranged that play in them will extend over the afternoons of Friday and Saturday, July 18th and 19th.

CHELTENHAM

THE FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL OPEN TOURNAMENT

will be held on the

Club Lawns, Old Bath Road

On Monday, July 21st, and five following days

(Under the Laws and Regulations of the Croquet Association)

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

Manager, Referee and Handicapper.—F. Langley.

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

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. CHELTENHAM CHAMPIONSHIP CUP. To be held for one year or till the next competition, whichever is the shorter period. "Two Life System." Holder, Mrs. E. Rotherham. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES. MONEY SALVER. To be held for one year or till the next competition, whichever is the shorter period. For players with four or more bismes. Law 44 suspended. Holder, Mrs. A. M. Daniels. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. For players with seven or more bismes. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. No players may enter for more than one of the above events.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES "X.Y." Open to all. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. BARWELL SALVERS. Unrestricted. To be held for one year or till the next competition, whichever is the shorter period. Holders, Dr. A. L. Yoxall and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. each player.

Two prizes at least will be given in each event. There will be ten Club lawns. Play will begin each day at 10 a.m. Competitors must wear flat-soled footwear. Light Luncheons and Teas may be obtained on the ground.

Buses run to and from town hourly. Entries must reach Secretary by **Monday, Wednesday, July 16th**. Draw for Singles Events in Pavilion at 2 p.m. same day. Entries for Doubles close at 5 p.m. Monday, July 21st. Cheques for entrance money should be made payable to the Cheltenham Croquet Club.

Hotels: Ellenborough, Irving, Langton, Lansdown, Eltham Lawn, Lilliebrook, Montpellier, Moorend Park, Plough, Queen's, Regent, Star, Rodney, George.

THE "LADIES' FIELD" CUP

Holder—Mrs. E. Rotherham

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

No Entrance Fee

Will be played for at THE HURLINGHAM CLUB (by kind permission of the Committee of the Club) on MONDAY, JULY 28th, and following days

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

Hoops 3½ in. wide. Jaques' "Eclipse" balls will be used. Each Competitor meets each of the other Competitors twice in each Competition.

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

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

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

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

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

PLAY

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

THE SILVER JUBILEE CUP

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

Holder: R. C. V. de Wesselow

Will be played for at the Hurlingham Club (by kind permission of the Committee of the Club) on Monday, July 28th, and four following days

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.
Manager and Referee.—Mrs. E. Haigh Smith.
Handicapper.—Miss D. A. Lintern.

OPEN TO ASSOCIATES ONLY

THE SILVER JUBILEE CUP, HANDICAP SINGLES

An event open to Associates who are classed at scratch or more. Entrance Fee, 6s. Matches of single games throughout. The event will be drawn in two or more approximately equal blocks, the winners of which will play off as for the Gilbey Cup.

Hoops 3½ in. wide and Jaques' "Eclipse" balls will be used. Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

ENTRIES

The entries, accompanied by the Entrance Fee, must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., so as to reach her not later than the first post on Wednesday, July 23rd.

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

DRAW

The Draw will take place at 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, on Wednesday, July 23rd, at 11 a.m.

PLAY

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

HURLINGHAM

THE ANNUAL CROQUET TOURNAMENT

including the

"LADIES' FIELD" CANDLESTICKS

(Under the direction of the C.A.)

will be held from

MONDAY, AUGUST 4th, to TUESDAY, AUGUST 12th, 1958

Committee.—The Croquet Committee of the Club.

Manager, Referee and Handicapper.—V. A. de la Nougerede.

Secretary.—Lieut.-Col. R. F. J. Hayward, V.C., M.C.

EVENTS

- 1.—THE HURLINGHAM CUP. Holder, J. W. Solomon. Level Singles. Draw and Process. Entrance Fee, 11s.
- 2.—THE TURNER CUP. Holder, S. S. Townsend. Level Singles. For players handicapped at 2 bisques or over not entered for Event 1. Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Ernest Turner. Single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- 3.—THE HURLINGHAM DOUBLES. Holders, E. P. C. Cotter and Miss D. A. Lintern. Level Play. Mixed Pairs. Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Henry Franc. Singles games throughout. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. each player.
- 4.—THE YOUNGER CUP. Holder, B. Lloyd Pratt. Level Singles. For players handicapped at 4½ bisques and over not entered for Events 1 or 2. Challenge Cup presented by Lt.-Col. J. A. C. Younger. Singles games throughout. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Law 44 suspended.
- 5.—THE LONGWORTH CUP. Holder, M. Vlasto. Level Singles. For players handicapped at 8 bisques and over not entered for Events 1, 2 or 4. Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. R. C. Longworth. Singles games throughout. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Fifth hoop variation. Law 44 suspended.
- 6.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. (To be completed by 9th August).
- 7.—THE "LADIES' FIELD" CANDLESTICKS. (Ladies' Handicap Doubles). Holder, Mrs. P. Heley and Miss E. J. Warwick. Open to Lady Members of the C.A. only. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. each player.
- 8.—MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Fifth hoop variation.

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

PRIZES

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

ENTRIES AND DRAW

All Entries with Fees for Events 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6, with the addresses of the competitors (and telephone number) must reach the Secretary, Croquet Tournament, The Hurlingham Club, Fulham, S.W.6, by first post on Wednesday, 30th July. Entries for Events 3, 7 and 8, will close at noon on Tuesday, 5th August. The Draw for Events 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6, will take place at the Club on Wednesday, 30th July, at 2.30 p.m.; for other Events as announced on the ground.

GENERAL

The Committee reserves the right of altering the conditions on refusing entries without assigning a reason.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

Play will commence at 10 a.m. daily (except Mondays, 10.30) and continue till 7.30 p.m. if necessary.

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

At least six Lawns will be provided.

Luncheons, Teas and Dinners can be obtained at the Club. There will also be a Snack Bar.

CROQUET PUTTING COMPETITION

There will be a Putting Competition with Croquet Mallets and Balls on the Club Putting Course from 5th to 12th August (excluding the week-end). Entrance Fee, 1s. per round. Prizes will be given according to number of entries.

CROQUET DINNER

There will be a Dinner for Croquet Players and their friends at The Hurlingham Club on Thursday, 7th August. Tickets—price 16s. 0d. can be obtained from the Secretary, The Hurlingham Club. (An extra 1s. 0d. has been added to cover gratuities.) Dress, Dinner Jacket.

The Challenge Cups, Gilbey Cup and Golf Croquet Cups

Will be played for at

The Roehampton Club, Wednesday, August 13th, to Saturday, August 23rd

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

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

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

EVENTS

OPEN TO ASSOCIATES ONLY

THE CHALLENGE CUPS

- 1.—FIRST DIVISION. THE ROEHAMPTON CHALLENGE CUP (Open). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. This Event will be played on the "Two Life" system. Holder: G. V. Evans.
- 2.—SECOND DIVISION. THE COUNCIL CHALLENGE CUP. Open to Associates handicapped at 2 to 4 bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Level play. Matches of single games. Law 44 partially suspended. Holder: G. E. W. Hitchcock.
- 3.—THIRD DIVISION. THE LUARD CHALLENGE CUP. Open to Associates handicapped at 4½ to 6½ bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Matches of single games throughout. Level play. Law 44 suspended. Holder: B. Lloyd Pratt.
- 4.—FOURTH DIVISION. THE RECKITT CHALLENGE CUP. Open to Associates handicapped at 7 to 9½ bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Matches of single games throughout. Level play. Law 44 suspended. Holder: Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson.
- 5.—FIFTH DIVISION. THE STEVENSON CHALLENGE CUP. Open to Associates handicapped at 10 bisques or over. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Matches of single games throughout. Level play. Law 44 suspended. Holder, Mrs. M. H. Carrington.

N.B.—No competitor may enter for more than one of the above events.

- 6.—THE "GILBEY" CUP HANDICAP SINGLES. This event will be drawn in four blocks. "A," "B," "C" and "D" according to handicaps. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. Matches of single games throughout. To qualify for the "Gilbey" Cup the winner of "A" v. "B" will play the winner of "C" v. "D". Holders: The Event, Mrs. S. M. Adler (8½); Block "A", E. P. Duffield (—1); Block "B", Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1½); Block "C", A. D. Karmel (5).
- 7.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicaps of 4 bisques or over. Entries should be made in pairs. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. each person. Matches of single games throughout. Holders: Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. F. Stanley-Smith.
- 8.—GOLF CROQUET SINGLES. THE "ASCOT" CHALLENGE CUP. Open to all. Entrance Fee, 4s. 6d. The competition will be played under the Official Rules of Golf Croquet. Played in two blocks according to handicaps; the winners of the blocks playing off to decide the winner of the Cup. Holder: C. L. Robertson.
- 9.—GOLF CROQUET DOUBLES. THE "DELVES BROUGHTON" CHALLENGE CUPS. Presented by the late Sir Delves Broughton. Open to pairs with a combined Croquet handicap of not less than 4 bisques. Entrance Fee, 4s. 6d. The competition will be played under the Official Rules of Golf Croquet. Entries should be made in pairs. Holders: B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. H. J. Collins.

CONDITIONS

Hoops 3½ in. wide. Jaques' "Eclipse" balls will be used. Five courts will be provided.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

ENTRIES

The entries accompanied by the Entrance Fees, for Events 1 to 6, 8 and 9, must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., so as to reach her not later than the first post on Friday, August 8th, and for Event 7 (in pairs) by 11 a.m. on Friday, August 15th.

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

DRAW

The Draw for the Challenge Cups and Gilbey Cup will take place at 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, on Friday, 8th August, at 11 a.m. The Draw for Event 7 (Handicap Doubles) will take place at the Roehampton Club at noon on Friday, August 15th.

PLAY

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

Please note the earlier closing date for Entries.

BRIGHTON, 1958

THE FORTY-FIFTH AUTUMN TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, AUGUST 25th, and FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS

To be held on the Lawns of the Sussex County Croquet Club, Victoria Road, Southwick, Sussex

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

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

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES ("Two Lives" system). THE SUSSEX GOLD CUP presented by the late E. R. Harrison. Entrance Fee, 11s.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS B). Law 44 suspended. THE FRANC CUP presented by Mrs. H. Franc. Open to players handicapped 4 to 7 bisques. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS 3). THE MONTEITH BOWL presented by the late G. C. Branthaisite. Open to players handicapped 7½ and over. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. THE MAURICE RECKITT BOWL presented by Mr. M. B. Reckitt. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Unrestricted. Entrance Fee, 8s. each partner.
All games in Event 5 to start at No. 3 hoop.

ENTRIES

Players may not enter for more than one of Events 1, 2 or 3. Entries for 1, 2, 3 and 4, must reach the Hon. Secretary by first post on Thursday, August 21st, but may close earlier if necessary.

THE DRAW

The Draw for 1, 2, 3 and 4, will take place at Southwick on Thursday, August 21st, at 2.30 p.m., and Event 5 on Tuesday, August 26th.

PLAY

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

GENERAL

Standard setting, 3½ inch hoops and Jaques' "Eclipse" Balls will be used. Ten courts will be available.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

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

TRANSPORT

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

BRIGHTON

(UNOFFICIAL)

An Unofficial Tournament will be held on

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st, and FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS

(Under C.A. Laws and Regulations).

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

Hon. Sec.—F. E. Corke, 60 Southwick Street, Southwick, Sussex.

EVENTS

- 1.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 7½ and under. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 2.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 8 to 10½. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 11 and over. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. ("X.Y."). 0 and over. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined Handicap to be not less than 7. Entrance Fee, 8s.
All games in Event 5 will start at No. 3 hoop.

Entries for 1, 2 and 3, must reach the Hon. Secretary not later than first post, Thursday, August 28th.

The Draw for Events 1, 2 and 3, will take place at Southwick on Thursday, August 28th, and for Event 4 at 2.30, Tuesday, September, 2nd.

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

PARKSTONE (East Dorset)

CROQUET TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st, 1958

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

Committee.—Croquet Committee of the Parkstone Club.

Manager and Handicapper.—V. de la Nougerede.

Referee.—Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin.

Hon. Secretary.—Mrs. V. C. Gasson, East Dorset L.T. and Croquet Club, Saltern's Road, Parkstone.

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. "Two Lives". Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d. Bournemouth Bowl and Ashton Trophy.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES. Law 44 suspended. For players of 3½ to 7 bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Deshon Cup.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. For players of 7½ bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Halse Salver.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Unrestricted. Entrance Fee, 9s. Gold Cup.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Unrestricted. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. each player.

CONDITIONS

Entries for Events, 1, 2, 3 and 4, must reach the Hon. Secretary by midday **Thursday, August 28th**. The Draw will take place at the Club on that date.

No player may enter for more than one Event of Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Five or six courts will be provided and Jaques' "Eclipse" balls will be used. Standard 3¼ in. hoops.

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

Lunch and tea will be provided at the Club at moderate prices.

HUNSTANTON

THE SIXTY-FIRST HUNSTANTON OPEN CROQUET TOURNAMENT

Will be held on the Club Grounds on **Monday, September 1st, 1958** and five following days

(Under C.A. Laws and Regulations)

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

Manager.—C. B. Bird.

Referee and Handicapper.—Mrs. Edmund Reeve.

Hon. Secretary.—Mrs. J. A. Clarke, 49 Northgate, Hunstanton.

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES (Class "A"). Draw and Process. The Norfolk Challenge Cup. Entrance Fee, 10s.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES (Class "B"). Law 44 suspended. THE HUNSTANTON CHALLENGE BOWL. 4 to 8½ bisques. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES (Class "C"). 9 bisques and over. Shortened game, commencing at No. 5 hoop. Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. "X.Y." INGELBY CHALLENGE CUP. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. No players of 4 handicap or less may partner each other. Entrance Fee, 8s.

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

CONDITIONS

Entries for 1, 2, 3 and 4, must reach the Secretary not later than the last post on **Thursday, August 28th**, and for Event 5 on Tuesday, September 2nd, with application for leave, which will not be granted after 12 noon on Monday, unless the exigencies of the Draw permit.

Entrance Fees must be paid at the time of entry.

THE DRAW

The Draw for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4, will take place in the Club's Pavilion on Saturday, August 30th, at 5 p.m.

Play will begin at 10 a.m. on each day and continue to 7 p.m. Standard setting and Jaques' Championship balls will be used. Five courts will be available.

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

CHELTENHAM

N.O. TOURNAMENT, 1958

To be held on the Club Lawns, Old Bath Road, on **Monday, September 15th** and five following days

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES (Two Lives). Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES (Law 44 suspended). 4 bisques or more. Entrance Fee, 6s.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 7 bisques or over. Entrance Fee, 6s.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. The Calthrop Cup. 11 bisques or over. Entrance Fee, 6s. No competitor may enter for more than one of the above.
- 5.—HANDICAP SINGLES (X.Y. system). Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- 6.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Unrestricted. Entrance Fee, 6s. each player.

Entries to Comdr. D. W. Roe, Cheltenham Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham, by midday, September 11th, Draw 2 p.m. same day. Cheques to be made payable to the Cheltenham Croquet Club.

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

Light luncheons and teas available.

INTER-CLUB MATCH

Roehampton versus Woking. Played at Roehampton on Tuesday, June 17th, 1958. Roehampton players named first

SINGLES

Miss D. A. Lintern bt Major J. W. Cobb by 8.
Col. C. C. Adams lost to G. V. Evans by 25.
M. Spencer Ell bt A. McClure Williams by 14.
Mrs. I. H. Turketine bt Capt. K. B. Millar by 16.

DOUBLES

Col. C. C. Adams and Miss D. A. Lintern lost to Major J. W. Cobb and G. V. Evans by 11.
M. Spencer-Ell and Mrs. I. H. Turketine bt A. McClure Williams and Capt. K. B. Millar by 10.
RESULT.—Roehampton bt Woking by 4 games to 2.

GOLF CROQUET MATCH

Roehampton versus Dulwich. Played at Roehampton on June 10th 1958. Roehampton players named first

Mrs. H. J. Collins and Miss E. Fisher lost to Mrs. Pethebridge and Mrs. Frenken by 7-6; lost to Mrs. Bayley and Miss Richardson by 8-5; lost to Mrs. Kozhevar and Mrs. Yates by 7-6.

Mrs. S. Phillips and Mrs. M. Carrington bt Mrs. Pethebridge and Mrs. Frenken by 7-6; lost to Mrs. Bayley and Miss Richardson by 6-7; bt Mrs. Kozhevar and Mrs. Yates by 9-4.

S. M. Adler and Mrs. S. M. Adler bt Mrs. Pethebridge and Mrs. Frenken by 7-6; bt Mrs. Bayley and Miss Richardson by 8-5; bt Mrs. Kozhevar and Mrs. Yates by 7-6.

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

DIRECTORY OF CLUBS

- Barnstaple**—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. D. Churchfield, Strathern, Burchwood Avenue, Sticklepath, Barnstaple, Devon.
- Bedford**—Hon. Secretary, Miss D. D. Steel, King's Close, Biddenham, Bedford.
- Bentley (Brentwood)**—Hon. Secretary, F. Stanley-Smith, Hatch House, Pilgrims Hatch, Brentwood.
- Birmingham (Edgbaston)**—Hon. Secretary, Dr. B. R. Sandiford, 150 Great Charles Street, Birmingham.
- Blackheath (Blackheath Park)**—Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Willis, 3 Priory Lodge, Priory Park, Lee Road, Blackheath, S.E.3.
- Bowdon**—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Haigh, Flat 1, College House, Bowdon, Cheshire.
- Bristol Croquet Club**—Hon. Secretary, Miss K. M. S. Ault, 10 Westbury Park, Bristol 6.
- Budleigh Salterton**—Hon. Secretary, L. G. Walters, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton.
- Carrickmines Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club**—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly, Ballynamote, Carrickmines, Dublin.
- Cambridge Municipal Parks Croquet**—Mrs. P. E. Heley, 40 Newton Road, Cambridge.
- Cassiobury (Watford)**—Hon. Secretary, Miss B. Hurst, 97 Mildred Avenue, Watford.
- Chelmsford and Mid-Essex Croquet Club**—Hon. Secretary, Miss G. Metcalfe, Yoredale, Finchley Avenue, Chelmsford.
- Cheltenham**—Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- Colchester**—Hon. Secretary, E. P. Duffield, Acland Lodge, Acland Avenue, Colchester.
- Compton (Eastbourne)**—Hon. Secretary, C. J. Speer, 36c Upperton Gardens, Eastbourne, Sussex.
- Crouch Hill Recreation Club** (85a Crouch Hill, N.4)—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. E. G. Simmonds, 7 Crouch Hall Road, Crouch End, N.8.
- Dulwich Croquet Club**—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. R. L. Lydall, 17 Woodbourne Avenue, Streatham.
- East Dorset Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club (Parkstone)**—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. V. C. Gasson, East Dorset L.T. & Croquet Club, Saltern's Road, Parkstone, Dorset.
- Edinburgh Croquet Club (Lauriston Castle)**—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. R. V. Hall, Rock House, Calton Hill, Edinburgh 7.
- Exmouth Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club**—Hon. Secretary, Lt.-Col. C. S. Lazenby, The Club House, Cranford, Exmouth.
- Felixstowe**—Hon. Secretary, Lt.-Col. H. F. Story, Orwell Hotel, Felixstowe.
- Folkestone L.T. and Croquet Club**—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. T. D. Key, The Prince's Hotel, Bouverie Road West, Folkestone.
- Heathfield** (Lyford Road, London, S.W.18)—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. M. Francis, White Cottage, 68 Lyford Road, London, S.W.18.
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- Littlehampton Croquet Club**—Hon. Secretary, Miss Hale, Elmer, St. Winifred's Road, Littlehampton.
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- Northern Lawn Tennis Club (Croquet Section) Didsbury, nr. Manchester**—Hon. Secretary, J. McGregor, 87 Fog Lane, Didsbury, Manchester 20.
- Norwich**—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Edmund Reeve, Flat 2, Sandringham Court, Ipswich Road, Norwich.
- Nottingham Croquet Club**—Tournament Secretary, G. N. Bright, 15 St. Jude's Avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham.
- Oxford University Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club**—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Hervey.
- Parsons Green Sports and Social Club**—Hon. Secretary, Croquet Section, Broomhouse Lane, London, S.W.6.
- Reigate Priory Croquet Club**—Hon. Secretary, L. W. Buckley, St. Monica, Alma Road, Reigate.
- Roehampton**—The Secretary, Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, S.W.15.
- Rydal Croquet Club**—Hon. Secretary, Hugh R. Hulbert, Rydal Mount, Ambleside.
- Ryde Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club**—Hon. Secretary, P. M. Grinstead, Hill Brow, Corbett Road, Ryde, I.O.W.
- Shepton Mallet**—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. G. F. Blandford, Field View, Shepton Mallet.
- Sidmouth Croquet Club**—Hon. Secretary, c.o. Cricket Pavilion, Sidmouth.
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