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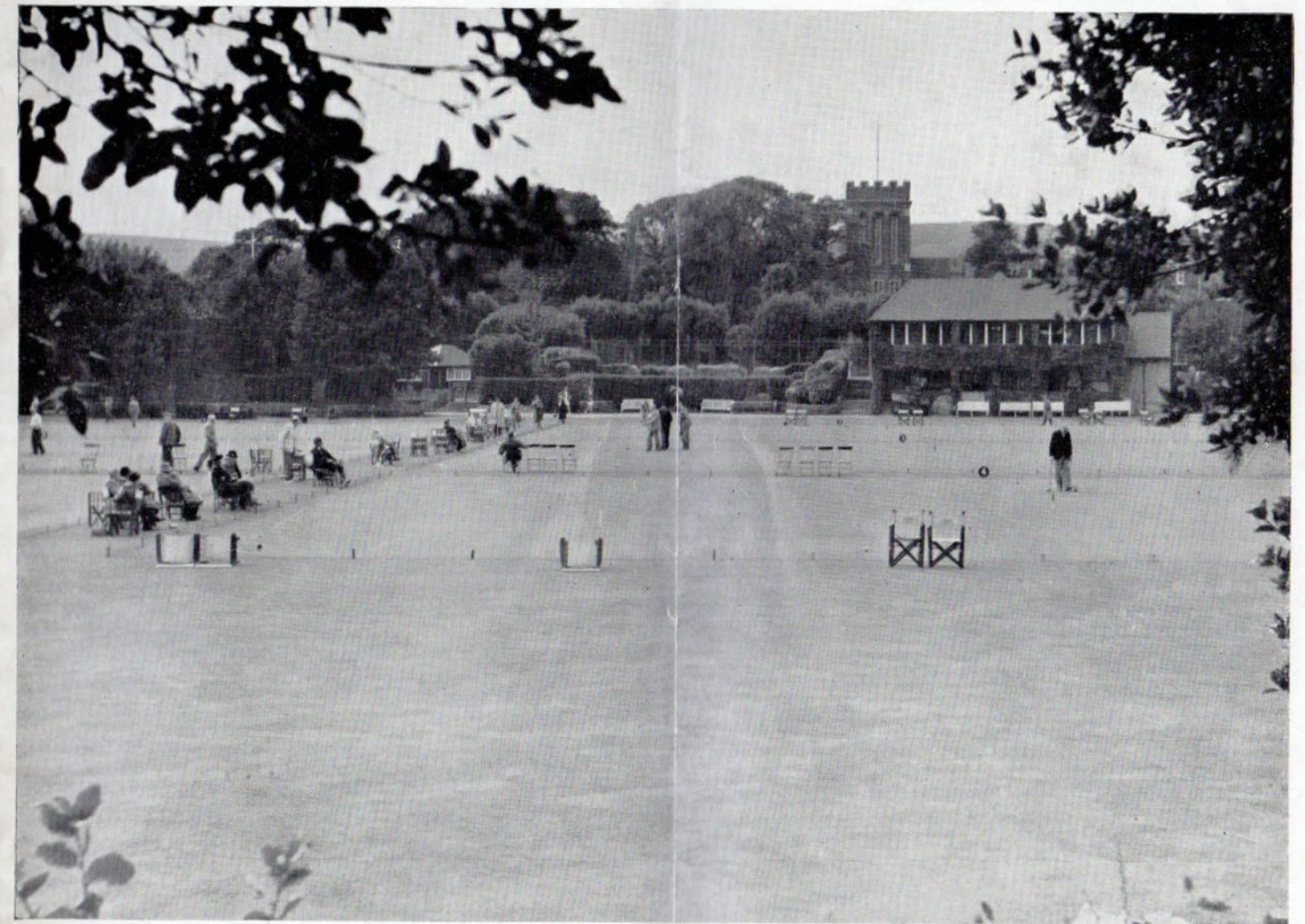
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- " 22 Roehampton. *Games Sec.*, Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, London, S.W.13.
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H. O. Hicks

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W. P. Ormerod

M. B. Reckitt

J. W. Solomon

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins

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L. Kirk-Greene

Major G. F. Stone

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G. E. P. Jackson

B. Lloyd Pratt

Miss E. J. Warwick

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NOTES by ROVER

The Ladies' Eight

An event which had begun to be regarded as a monopoly between Miss Lintern and Mrs. Rotherham has for the first time since 1948 been taken out of their proprietorship. We refer to Mrs. Longman's win in the Ladies' Field Cup, an eminently suitable way of her commemorating a Silver Jubilee, for it is in fact 25 years since she first played in the event. On looking through the results of recent years we were surprised to find that she had not competed for the Cup since 1951, in which year she was beaten in the play-off by Miss Lintern. As it is only a few weeks since she won the Championship of Ireland, Mrs. Longman can be regarded 1958 as a good year.

While on the subject of the Ladies' Field Cup we can hardly fail to comment on the inordinate length of some of the games, with the result that after a sequence of days on which three games were played some of the contestants were naturally showing signs of tiredness. This prompts the thought whether the event should be confined to six players which would then demand only two games per day. This in fact was adopted in 1953. We have heard it said that the introduction of the Surrey Cup a few years ago has largely removed the need for the Ladies' event but on that point the ladies may well hold strong views.

Out of the Ordinary

In my July notes I invited readers to recall unusual incidents, unexpected results of shots, etc., and by way of starting the ball rolling I described the end of a doubles game in which Dr. Wiggins was concerned. This has prompted Captain Morgan, twice a winner of the "Best Ten", to recall games which had unusual features, one of which led he says to an alteration of the Laws. He was playing in a handicap doubles with an 18 handicap player, Captain Morgan himself being a minus player, and adopted the unusual tactics of handing his opponents a ready made 4-ball break in the hope that the better opponent would go to 4-back after which Captain Morgan would, with or without the aid of bisques, proceed to peg him out. The opponents, however, were alive to the situation and the good player stopped at 2-back. A cat and mouse game then ensued until Captain Morgan felt able to deliver his coup which was to do a quintuple peel of his opponents' ball with the aid of three bisques. He then pegged out the opponent and duly won the game, receiving some nasty looks for his pains. The upshot was a Law saying that in handicap doubles a player must not peel his opponent through more than four hoops. This must have been subsequently altered, for the Law now reads that a player may not peel his partner through more than four hoops. Incidentally, this appears to apply equally to the fifth hoop variation where four hoops seems to be a too generous allowance.

Taking Cover

There are two subjects of which the average player displays a massive and even obstinate ignorance: one is the pegged out game and the other is the possibilities of wiring. Something has been said of the former already in these Notes and elsewhere, but a suggestion about the latter may be thrown out here. Look out for opportunities of wiring your two balls from both opponents when these are far apart and no other constructive step presents itself which is reasonably safe. To take an example: Red is on the boundary near the first corner; Yellow is a few yards north west of the second hoop; Blue has begun his turn with a difficult attempt to cut-rush Black to the fifth hoop for which he is. The rush is not successful and Black arrives at a point about seven yards north east of the hoop. If a long roll up is attempted it is more likely to fail than to succeed, and two balls will be left out in the court with a free shot (perhaps a double) for either Red or Yellow. But quite near to where Black is lying is a spot wired from both. If Blue rolls the ball to this and lays a rush to the hoop there is nothing that his opponent can do about it for a missed shot with either ball at its partner would give a good chance of picking up a break to Blue. This is the sort of situation which is constantly arising, yet how seldom does one see a player take advantage of it. Of course wiring is not to be resorted to as a substitute for enterprising play, but it is often the best means of preparation for it.

Theme and Variations

A review in this number is not the only evidence that games played with mallets and balls are more popular in the U.S.A. than has been generally realised here. "A new way to play Croquet", so reads a brochure received from America which describes a game that is said to be bursting into popularity. In fact, the game is similar to our Golf Croquet. There are, however, nine hoops, which in America are termed wickets, and two pegs (stakes), one of which has to be hit at the outset of the game. Lawns are described as either level or sloping and devotees prefer the latter since they find pleasure in using the roll of the ball in their strategy. We saw an advertisement in a Sunday paper recently under the heading "New Golf Croquet—A Game of skill and absorbing interest." Among the equipment offered in the advertisement were wooden hoops and presumably expense considerations enter into this. Quite apart from the risk of warping, however, we would not like to see Major Stone let loose among a set of wooden hoops. Some years ago the strength of one of his hooping shots was such as to crack the hoop.

In the June issue we reproduced an extract from a booklet on Croquet published in 1864. Whenever the word appears, which it does a dozen or more times on every page, it has a circumflex accent over the "e", which must have been very trying for the printers. Ought we in fact to pronounce Croquet to rhyme with bouquet and place the emphasis on the second syllable rather than the first?

Questions and Answers

Question: May the striker touch a ball in hand whilst it is moving?

Answer: Yes. Law 18 (c) allows this but the striker's partner or his adversary may not touch it while it is moving during a stroke. Law 43 (a) explains the penalty for this.

Question: Should a ball deemed to be at rest move or make a point not due to the action of the striker is it allowed to stay in its new position?

Answer: No. Law 43 (f) states, the ball shall be replaced immediately and the point shall not be scored.

Question: May the striker ask a spectator a question of fact?

Answer: Not without first obtaining the consent of the adversary. If he does so in the absence of a referee the opinion of the adversary shall prevail on that question. See Law 29 (c).

Question: Blue, Black and Red are yard-line balls. Blue roquets Red, takes croquet from Black, continues in play and roquets Yellow and takes croquet with Yellow off Blue. It is pointed out that Blue is playing the wrong ball. How should the balls be adjusted?

Answer: Blue's first error was *inadvertence* as he took croquet from a wrong ball with the correct one so he must go right back and take croquet from the Red ball which he first roqueted. All strokes made after an *inadvertence* are null and void so the wrong ball rule Law 36 (ii) does not apply. Law 43 (c).

"CROKAY"

Croquet: Rules and Strategy for Home Play

By Paul Brown: Van Nostrand Co. Inc.
32s. 0d.

This attractive book from America has the right idea: Mr. Brown is an enthusiast, and he wants to bring a game which calls for "the acme of team work and strategy" into every garden where space can possibly be found for it. For English readers, however, its chief interest is to reveal that Croquet in the U.S.A. seems to have got, as it were, "frozen" at a very early stage indeed, so that what Mr. Brown is writing about, and attractively depicting, bears scarcely any resemblance at all to the game that has been developing out of this phase over here ever since the eighteenth century and even before. A diagram showing the "standard set-up" in the U.S.A. (for a court about 33 yards by 17) reproduces a setting often shown in croquet books published here in the early seventies.

Not that the author allows himself to be restricted by this; his "group" of players prefers to "change the course every weekend." In any case he recommends adapting the lay-out to suit whatever ground may be available, and this may be round two sides of a house (as a diagram illustrates) or "around trees on a terrain which rolls in a most interesting fashion". (Trees may be used for "wiring"!)

The game is played in sequence so that there is always a dead ball, a luxury the in-player has not enjoyed here for 40 years. This sequence will seem almost a violation of nature to us, since Blue plays with Red and Black with White. "Tight croquet" is allowed; the foot or even the hand may (but need not) be placed on the player's ball in a croquet stroke. The implements used by the author's "group" are peculiar—metal-headed mallets, which are necessary because the balls are "oil well drilling check valves" (whatever these may be). Steel rods are used for the "wickets" which are "bent to give us different sized openings for variety". The "central element" (wicket 4) is usually a cage or "pig pen"—a multiple obstacle of some sort.

All this having been described, we come to the Rules which are, to put it mildly, flexible; the reader is advised to "adapt these to your own course", since "the big thing is to have fun". It seems likely that he will, since, for example, the number of alternative courses of action open to a player who has made a roquet are almost bewildering in variety; taking croquet is only one of four. Moreover "a turn is not ended because a ball goes out of bounds." It is not easy to see why, short of sticking in a wicket or rolling on to a tree, a player should ever break down unless the "terrain" is altogether too formidable. This justifies Mr. Brown in claiming for croquet that it is "a pastime which a new-comer to the sport may indulge in with a fair chance of being on the winning side his first time out"—a circumstance rare in our tournaments.

The out-player's lot is not so fortunate since there is no open shot rule and part of the strategy consists in "freezing" the opponent to a wicket (or a tree!) as was the case here until 1905. The author recommends that an opponent should not be allowed to peg out a rover (it spoils the "fun") but admits that other "groups" allow this.

The final section deals with "strategy". Since this applies to a game so radically different from ours it is not very easy to follow, but there doesn't seem to be a great deal of subtlety about it. The angles at which the wickets are—whether normally or abnormally—placed in relation to one another, however, does offer a good deal of scope for skill and variety in the making of split shot approaches.

Mr. Brown's numerous drawings, in which the players perform in the most varied styles, whether with one or both hands on the mallet, add to the "fun" which Croquet so clearly embodies for him. We wonder whether he would be equally happy with our unvaried settings and on grounds where trees stand only beside and not on the courts. M.B.R.

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August 25th, 1958

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G. E. P. Jackson 2 to 0.
Mrs. B. de C. Mathews 5 to 4½.
Dr. T. E. Ryves 7 to 6.
Miss I. M. Roe 8 to 7.
Lt.-Col. F. Stobart 3½ to 3.
Miss L. Wilkinson 14 to *12 Before play.
Miss L. Wilkinson *12 to 12.
Dr. A. L. Yoxall 6 to 5.
Mrs. A. L. Yoxall 10 to 8.

NON-ASSOCIATES

Capt. L. C. Adye 10 to *9 Before play.
Capt. L. C. Adye *9 to 9.
Capt. R. E. Guest 14 New Handicap.
Miss L. Hulton 6 New Handicap.
Miss H. McKean 9 New Handicap.
Major A. F. P. Knapp 12.
Mrs. G. E. P. Jackson 16 (D 14) to 14 (D 12).

SILVER JUBILEE CUP.

Miss B. Duthie 9 to 8.
A. D. Karmel 6 to 5½.

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H. R. Abbott ½ (N.Z.) to 2½.
Mrs. H. R. Abbott 5 (N.Z.) to 7.
A. V. Camroux 12 to 9.
Mrs. A. Dick —1 (N.Z.) to 1.
A. D. Karmel 5½ to 5.
Capt. K. B. Millar 5 to 4½.
J. M. Rivington 10 to 8.

ALL-ENGLAND HANDICAP

G. E. W. Hitchcock 3½ to 2½.
Miss A. E. Mills 3½ to 3.

CHALLENGE AND GILBEY CUPS

Mrs. S. M. Adler 8½ to 8 During play.
Mrs. S. M. Adler 8 to 7.
Mrs. R. C. J. Belcher 12 to 11 During play.
Dr. H. J. Penny ½ to 2 Before play.
Dr. H. J. Penny 2 to 3½.
Mrs. C. L. Robertson 12 to 11 During play.
Mrs. C. L. Robertson 11 to 10.
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts 3 to 2.
Major-Gen. F. H. Davidson 8½ to 8.
Miss E. E. H. Fisher 6 to 5½.

CLUB RECOMMENDATION—CHEL TENHAM

Miss E. M. Leonard 10 to 12.

CLUB RECOMMENDATIONS—COMPTON

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden 3½ to 3.
C. J. Speer 7 to 5.

CLUB RECOMMENDATION—WOKING

Capt. K. B. Millar 4½ to 3½.

CLUB RECOMMENDATIONS—HURLINGHAM

A. D. Karmel 5 to 4½.
J. M. Rivington 8 to 7.
C. H. R. Penny 7 to 5.

ASCOT CUP (GOLF CROQUET)

F. H. Curtis 3 to 2.

The Hurlingham Club Croquet Dinner

Nearly sixty people attended the Hurlingham Croquet Dinner on August 7th, and it is safe to say that rarely, if ever, in the history of Croquet functions can there have been such a highly sustained quality in the speeches. As on the occasion of the last dinner in 1956, the menu had been contrived with the use of croquet terms, and by now the author must feel he has virtually exhausted the limited range of suitable expressions.

Mr. W. Longman presided and after the loyal toast had been drunk he made a few well chosen words regarding the guests. He referred to the absence of Brack and wished him on behalf of those present a speedy return to health. A dinner programme signed by all present was sent to Brack who has written to say how much he appreciated the gesture.

The two main toasts of the evening were the Triple Peel and the Long Bisquers. The first was entrusted to the experienced care of Maurice Reckitt who drew delightfully on his 37 years' experience of croquet. He referred to Patrick Cotter who was to reply to the toast as one largely responsible for the revival of the Triple Peel. Cotter's reply contained a number of gems.

After referring to the Hurlingham Tournament which he had always regarded as the high-light of the Croquet season, he said that this year he had been rather disturbed by a conversation he had had with Gray and the other groundsmen who told him that the club was horticulturally in a bad way. There had been a further outbreak of *Quintarcusitis Varia*—the local name for this blight was, he understood, Fifth Hoop Variation—but he was glad to say that this had been confined to the more exotic hot-house *Hibiscus*, either singly or combined with that long-suffering hardy perennial the *Miserable Minus*. A more serious disease had appeared among the Class A exhibits, but horticulturists were somewhat puzzled as to what was the correct terminology. The first symptom they designated "Draw" and the second had been categorised by a term normally confined to cheese, namely "Process". The correct terms were clearly "Draw" and "Drawback."

A particularly virulent form of Fungus, the *Handicappus Rampans* had been infesting the courts and making progress very difficult. Weed-killer had proved inadequate to cope with this menace and the experts advised drastic use of clippers and pruning hook. Some of the more obvious specimens were the *Denarius Paedagogus*, *Karmellus Forensis* and *Tomas Admiralis*. However, the balance had been redressed by some charming exhibits in the *Candelabra*, dialectically known as the *Standlekicks*. This was, as everyone knew, the double blossomed variety of the *Oidium Muliebre* or *Ladies' Ate*.

The toast to the Long Bisquers was proposed by Alex Karmel and replied to by Jack Rivington. Here were two men bred in the law who acted as perfect foils to each other. They could both have spoken for double the time and we would still have been enjoying the spark of their wit. Miss Lintern closed the speeches with a few appropriate words of thanks to the Club.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON v. LONDON

August 15th to 17th

This match was a great success. We were blessed with fine weather; the games were extremely interesting to watch and engage in; while the players and numerous spectators obviously all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We lost the match, but what does that matter? "The game's the thing," and we certainly did see a deal of beautifully played croquet. We had a wonderful time and, in the opinion of many, the Budleigh Salterton-London match has become the most enjoyable event in the croquet year.

Most of the games were so thrilling and instructive to watch that it was tantalizing to have to tear oneself away from a lawn, to see some spectacular climax reported to be taking place on another.

Games which the writer will always remember were:—

Cotter v. Stone—won by Cotter —20 +11 +6. Croquet at its best. Straight shooting; beautiful stroke-play; fine breaks, cleverly picked up from difficult positions; sound strategy and tactics. At the end of the last game Cotter pegged out one of his balls by accident, leaving the other one foot from the peg, with Stone's balls in the 1st and 2nd corners. Stone shot at Cotter, hit in, and despatched him to the 3rd corner and joined his own ball in the 1st, with a rush for his hoop. Cotter shot at the peg. He did not hit it—he shattered it with an H-bomb. No mistake about that shot! A dramatic way to win the game and match.

Solomon v. Mrs. Rotherham—won by Solomon +4 +7. The first game was anybody's money until the last shot. In the second, both players had a clip on the peg, with Solomon's other ball for the rover and Mrs. Rotherham's for the 5th. Solomon pegged out Mrs. Rotherham—and then deliberately pegged out his own ball. This seemed a surprising tactic, but it turned out to be a very sound one. Solomon had only one hoop to make, while Mrs. Rotherham had eight. With only one ball each, the chances were all in Solomon's favour. It was amusing to watch them most cautiously approaching the rover—5th hoop inch by inch from opposite sides, taking care to keep the balls wired, until Mrs. Rotherham got within an inch of a possible hoop-running position, when Solomon skiddled.

Cooper v. Baillieu—won by Cooper —3 +14 +5. John Cooper began to play croquet only last year. His stroke play and tactics have improved surprisingly fast and his strategy is becoming wiser with experience. It was interesting to wonder how this most promising beginner would fare against such an experienced and able veteran of the game as Baillieu. In the first game Cooper was not, at the start, up to his form, and he pulled himself together too late. However, in the next two games, he picked up and played some beautiful breaks. In the last game he also made a very bad break which nearly cost him the match. He ran 4-back—and then carefully laid-up in baulk with a rush on the penultimate—before he remembered the lift!

On the last day, when the Doubles were staged—most of the players seemed rather off colour. (That cocktail party the night before?) Mrs. Rotherham and Ormerod beat Mr. and Mrs. Longman +6, after a long, dour, game. (Mr. Longman substituted for Dr. Wiggins who had to return to London.) Baillieu and Rothwell beat Cave and Cooper +5, after another long game, thanks to the experienced Baillieu's crafty tactics. Rothwell, at first, appeared to find each hoop an insuperable obstacle, so that he had scarcely started when the other three clips were on the rover hoop. Baillieu then organised a series of super Aunt Emma moves, leaving his opponents with nothing but shots at themselves in opposite corners, with himself and partner wired from them and with a rush on Rothwell's next hoop. There is nothing the writer abhors more than the boring horrors of "Aunt Emma" play, and he would far rather lose a good, interesting game than win by Aunt Emma tactics. However, he was forced to admire Baillieu's skilled craftiness which, coupled with the fact that Cave's and Cooper's shooting was well below their usual form, was responsible for pulling this particular game out of the fire. Also, when Rothwell *did* get going he played well, making two fine two-ball breaks.

Our visitors thoroughly deserved their win. It was a great pleasure to meet such skilful, sporting players and such pleasant, friendly people. We hope they will all come back again next year.

OBITUARY

MRS. H. FRANC

By the passing of Mrs. Henry Franc on the 21st July, the Southwick Club has lost a great friend, Trustee and benefactor.

Unhappily a year ago a breakdown in health, prevented her from playing Croquet, which was a bitter disappointment. Sadness is mingled with gratitude as we recall her many generous gifts. Her interest in the game and the Club never left her.

An acquaintance of many years' standing writes:—

Readers who were tournament players in the years between the wars will regret to learn of the death of one who was a very frequent and successful competitor at croquet fixtures all over the country in the twenties. Mrs. Franc learnt her croquet in Lancashire, but came to London after World War I and improved very rapidly, being chosen to play in the Ladies' Field Cup in 1922 and 1923. She was to have joined the first English team to go overseas in 1927, but her health did not permit her to do so and from this time limited her opportunities as a competitor, though she remained a formidable and rather dashing player right down to the outbreak of the second World War.

In later years Mrs. Franc made her home in Hove and became a most generous benefactor of the Sussex County Club at Southwick, never losing her interest in the game with which she had been in touch for 40 years.

MRS. M. ROY

Mrs. Roy who had been a member of the Woking Club for 35 years passed away suddenly on July 18th. She played well to a handicap of 3 and had many successes in provincial tournaments, particularly in handicap doubles.

DEVONSHIRE PARK, EASTBOURNE

A MATCH

CHAMPION COUNTY (*Middlesex*)

versus

THE REST

Saturday, October 4th

at 10.30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The teams will be as follows:

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Capt. H. G. Stoker
S. S. Townsend

Reserve:

Miss A. E. Mills

THE REST

H. O. Hicks
L. Kirk-Greene
Mrs. W. Longman
M. B. Reckitt
Mrs. E. Rotherham
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins

Reserves:

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave
V. A. de la Nougerede
B. Lloyd Pratt

Notes from the Clubs

Cheltenham

An account of the Open Tournament appears elsewhere in this issue. It was pleasant to be able to welcome an almost record number of visitors, and it is hoped they enjoyed themselves sufficiently to want to come again.

In such a bad summer, it was fortunate that only the Friday afternoon was interfered with by rain. Wednesday was a perfect croquet day and there were a very large number of spectators, including a party from Cardiff. B.B.C. cameramen were on the ground on the Thursday, and readers may have seen Lloyd-Pratt, who was in his element, making a break, Miss Elphinstone-Stone, and other shots on the T.V. on the Friday, and heard Mr. Elvey's sound broadcast. The camera man was apt to slip away from the Hon. Secretary, and rush on the court and snap some distinguished player in the middle of a triple peel, and croquet players are not yet accustomed to this.

With the object of attracting new players, a very well organised Golf Croquet tournament was held on the evening of 30th July. Forty odd players took part, half of whom were visitors, who had never handled a croquet mallet before. They obviously enjoyed it, and the very excellent supper, which followed. To start on something simple like golf croquet, is undoubtedly, the best way of getting potential players interested. There were of course, some divots!

One of our members, Mrs. A. W. Ryland, attained the age of 100 on 18th August.

Compton (Eastbourne)

The high-light of the month for us was our victory in the final of the Longman Cup. We won, on time, as darkness fell, by 3 games to 2 (the same score as in our other matches). Colchester, who had had to make an early start and had had a far from comfortable train journey, would have been supermen if they had outlasted the home side in what proved to be a test of endurance.

We have been very fortunate in that Hurlingham and Colchester came to Eastbourne, and Woking met us more than half way. On the other hand we have never been able to field the same team twice, nor ever our best side.

What gave us greater pleasure even than the winning of the cup was that Mr. Buckland, after his and his side's defeat, when no doubt he was feeling some natural disappointment, said that he had so enjoyed himself that he would come and play in our tournament next June, and he persuaded Mr. Rivington to do so too. This most sporting tribute was greatly appreciated.

Hurlingham

The past month has been the most active of the year, what with the Annual Tournament, the Club Dinner and the completion of most of the club competitions. The Annual Tournament and Dinner are reported elsewhere in this issue and pending one or two matches being played off in the club competitions we shall defer till next month giving the roll of winners. The Annual Tournament will provide the Croquet sub-committee with plenty of food for thought in view of opinions expressed by some competitors. The Draw and Process as a substitute for the Best of Three in the Opens came under fire, while some long bisquers expressed strong views regarding their being restricted to the fifth hoop game in their Class event. The entries were gratifyingly higher than we had expected which made "Della's" task quite a tricky one. A feature of this year's results was that Brian Lloyd Pratt won the Turner Cup, having last year won the Younger Cup and the previous year the Longworth Cup. Each of these are level events and so in the course of moving up from one class to another he has successively annexed the trophies concerned.

Budleigh Salterton

Up-to-date, in spite of persistently inclement weather we have had a very satisfactory and enjoyable season. The July tournament was well patronised, and the weather relented for the occasion. Our two "tennis courts", which fall off somewhat at the end boundaries, came in for plenty of criticism, mostly of a kindly nature, although references to the "Alpine course" might be taken either way! We hope to get at least one of these properly levelled this Autumn, given reasonable conditions, although preference will naturally be given to our five regular croquet courts. The high-light of the season was the recent match against the combined London clubs, which this year proved to be the stronger. But a very enjoyable time was had by all, and the Club was thrown open to the public, which resulted in a gratifying number of spectators. This season we have experimented with a ladder competition which has proved most popular, particularly among the "lower rungs".

Our star players have been playing in a number of tournaments up and down the country; Mrs. Rotherham having shown wonderful form at Cheltenham, winning the Open Event, and Col. Beamish reaching the semi-final of the Open Championships. The effort of our Vice-President, J. G. Warwick, in winning the Open Doubles at Hurlingham with his sister, was overshadowed by his brilliant success in getting four paintings accepted and exhibited in the Exmouth Art Exhibition, a source of great pride and gratification to all.

Lastly, it is with much pleasure we chronicle the fact that W. P. Ormerod has recently joined the Club as a country member, which further strengthens our team of eminent players.

CORRESPONDENCE

Shortened Games

Dear Sir,

While believing that if an eighteen point game is needed, the traditional one with clips on the first and 3-back hoops is the best, I recognise that this is not applicable to doubles. I would suggest that for doubles it would be well for each player to begin at the first hoop and after making 2-back put his clip on the peg—this has the great advantage of preserving the round of the outside hoops at the opening of the game, which in my view is necessary to maintain an essential element in croquet. May I beg the Council to consider this alternative as a substitute for the present "5th hoop game" which has been given thorough trial and in the opinion of the great majority of discriminating players been found unsatisfactory.

Yours faithfully,

AIMEE RECKITT

In the News

Dear Sir,

I thought it might interest you and readers of *Croquet* to know that I was sitting on the deck of s.s. "Rhodesia Castle," tied alongside the quay at Casablanca (Morocco), in the evening of Tuesday, July 22nd, reading *The Daily Telegraph*, and believe it or not it was dated the same day.

The paper cost a shilling, but it was a bob well spent, as my wife and I were delighted to read how our croquet friends were progressing in the tournament at Cheltenham which had commenced the previous day, Monday, July 21st.

This tends to show how quickly croquet news can spread even as far afield as North Africa.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN DIBLEY

Prolonged Handicap Games

Dear Sir,

Some handicap games are unduly prolonged because the receiver of odds instead of taking his bisques to get on with the game uses them mainly defensively.

In such cases, when a tournament manager finds it necessary to impose a time limit, he may be unduly penalizing the lower bisquer because the higher bisquer is often left with a disproportionate number of unused bisques. The latter then "gets on with it" but by the time he has exhausted his bisques, he has left his opponent (who may be having no luck with his long shooting) insufficient time to make up the leeway, and so an unduly prolonged game is won by a narrow margin "on time".

It is suggested that when a manager has to impose a time limit, he should also be empowered to review the bisque situation and adjust it on a proportional basis.

Assuming that a time limit of one hour is imposed after 2½ hours play and allowing for the extra half-hour that may later be claimed, the length of a game may be taken as 4 hours—this is equivalent to eight half-hours. The adjustment of bisques might then be made on the basis of ⅓ of the bisques conceded for every half-hour the game has been in progress.

A concrete case will clarify the above. A, a 3-bisquer, is playing B, a 11-bisquer, and therefore conceding 8 bisques. In the 2½ hours of play which precede the imposition of the time limit it would not be unreasonable to have expected B to have used ⅔ of his quota—in this case 5 bisques.

If he has only used three the manager should adjust the situation by removing two more, and then remove himself as quickly as possible from the vicinity of B. This may make B and his co-travellers take their bisques more expeditiously in the future, and so speed up the game.

It is not suggested that this procedure should apply to cases where the initial difference in bisques is 3 or less.

Yours faithfully,

V. A. DE LA NOUGEREDE

BRIDGE

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

PLAY AS YOU LEARN

In every session at the bridge table mistakes are made by your opponents, by your partner or by yourself. The important thing is do you learn from these mistakes? Do you appreciate the bad bid, or play sufficiently to avoid making it yourself in the future? If you do you are already a good player or on the way to becoming one. If you do not, then your bridge is unlikely to improve. Let us take some hands from recent play and see what can be learned. This example I call:

King John

With NS game East dealt as follows:—

| | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| S—A, Q, J, 7, 5, 2. H—Q, 3. D—2. C—A, K, 10, 4. | | N H—A, J, 8, 7, 6. D—A, K, J, 10, 5. C—7, 2. |
| S—K, 10, 8, 6, 4. H—10, 4, 2. D—6, 3. C—9, 6, 5. | N W E S | S—3. H—A, J, 8, 7, 6. D—A, K, J, 10, 5. C—7, 2. |
| | S—9. H—K, 9, 5. D—Q, 9, 8, 7, 4. C—Q, J, 8, 3. | |

The bidding was—

| | | | |
|--------|--------|----|--------|
| E | S | W | N |
| 1H | — | 1S | Double |
| 2D | Double | 2H | 2S |
| — | 2NT | — | 3NT |
| Double | — | — | — |

The first thing to note is West's One Spade. To bid on this worthless collection courts disaster. It serves only to place the Spade King and length for the opponents. North's double is dubious—what happens if South bids Diamonds enthusiastically? My 2NT (I was South) could have been more robust, but I knew, as you must realise, that West was a poor player.

Now let us look at the play. West added to her bidding error by making the wrong opening lead of the H10. It is generally advisable to lead small from three to an honour, even the ten, in partner's suit against no-trumps. The Ten of Hearts was covered by the Queen and Ace. This gives me two Heart tricks instead of one. East then contributed an even grosser blunder by leading the King of Diamonds. What on earth was the purpose! It loses a vital tempo and with it the game. At trick 3 East leads another Heart to my nine but the damage is done. East has paved the way for the fatal strip. The Nine of Spades is covered by the Ten and Dummy's Knave is successfully finessed. I returned to my hand with the CQ and now came the key play—the D9 is led to strip West of Diamonds. East won and returned a Heart. The position is now:—

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| S—A, Q, 7. H— D— C—A, K, 10. | | N H—J, 8. D—A, J, 5. C—7. |
| S—K, 8, 6, 4. H— D— C—9, 6. | N W E S | S— H— D—Q, 8, 7. C—J, 8, 3. |

Three rounds of Clubs are played finishing in Dummy, and West, with only Spades left is thrown in with the Seven of Spades and concedes the last two tricks to Dummy's Queen and Ace.

Have you learned the lessons? Yes, you say, but why King John? Well, all prep. schoolboys, if asked to write on King John say, "King John was a very bad King." So was East's King of Diamonds!

LADIES' FIELD CUP

The 1958 competition for this old established cup—the first was in 1911—was again played for by eight players instead of the original ten. We need not again stress the fact that the two wars were responsible for this unfortunate reduction.

Miss Lintern was the winner from the eight players who played in 1946—then Mrs. Elvey and Mrs. Reeve won—and after that Miss Lintern again proved to be the victor from the eight players. This she continued to be in 1953, after having tied with Mrs. Rotherham, and winning the necessary play-off. She again won in 1954. Mrs. Rotherham then joined the list of winners for the next three years.

But 1958 seemed to suggest that Miss Lintern and Mrs. Rotherham had had their share of the "Ladies' Field" trophy, and we will now recount the way this result happened.

Mrs. Longman almost from the start seemed to suggest that she would like to take the place of one or other of the two victors in past years; and as the competition proceeded to the last stages it looked as if that might happen—and it did. Mrs. Longman finished with the score of 11 wins; Mrs. Rotherham 10; Miss Lintern 9; Miss Warwick 7; Mrs. Ashton 7; Mrs. Reeve 5; Mrs. Chittenden 4; and Mrs. Elvey 3.

Mrs. Ernest Turner was again in charge of the competition and presided with her usual courtesy, giving satisfaction to all concerned.

ANALYSIS OF PLAY

Mrs. W. Longman won 11 games; namely, against Mrs. E. Reeve +12 +13, Mrs. E. Rotherham +15 +6, Miss D. A. Lintern +16, Mrs. L. H. Ashton +19, Miss E. J. Warwick +3, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +9 +4, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +19 +18; and lost 3 games to Miss D. A. Lintern —3, Miss E. J. Warwick —14, Mrs. L. H. Ashton —13.

Mrs. E. Rotherham won 10 games; namely, against Mrs. E. Reeve +21, Miss D. A. Lintern +23, Mrs. L. H. Ashton +11 +2, Miss E. J. Warwick +1 +14, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +26 +4, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +18 +14; and lost 4 games to Mrs. E. Reeve —19, Miss D. A. Lintern —19, Mrs. W. Longman —15 —4.

Miss D. A. Lintern won 9 games; namely, against Mrs. E. Reeve +9 +12, Mrs. E. Rotherham +19, Mrs. L. H. Ashton +23 +7, Mrs. W. Longman +3, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +11 +8, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +11; and lost 5 games to Mrs. E. Rotherham —23, Miss E. J. Warwick —7 —15, Mrs. W. Longman —16, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden —3.

Mrs. L. H. Ashton won 7 games; namely, against Mrs. E. Reeve +6, Miss E. J. Warwick +7 +6, Mrs. W. Longman +13, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +15 +18, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +15; and lost 7 games to Mrs. E. Reeve —8, Mrs. E. Rotherham —11 —2, Miss D. A. Lintern —23 —7, Mrs. W. Longman —19, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden —17.

Miss E. J. Warwick won 7 games; namely, against Mrs. E. Reeve +10, Miss D. A. Lintern +7 +15, Mrs. W. Longman +14, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +15, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +13 +3; and lost 7 games to Mrs. E. Reeve —8, Mrs. E. Rotherham —1 —14, Mrs. L. H. Ashton —7 —6, Mrs. W. Longman —3, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey —23.

Mrs. E. Reeve won 5 games; namely, against Mrs. E. Rotherham +19, Mrs. L. H. Ashton +8, Miss E. J. Warwick +8, Mrs. E. F. Chittenden +8; and lost 9 games to Mrs. E. Rotherham —21, Miss D. A. Lintern —9 —12, Mrs. L. H. Ashton —6, Miss E. J. Warwick —10, Mrs. W. Longman —12 —13, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey —1, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden —7.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden won 4 games; namely, against Mrs. E. Reeve +7, Miss D. A. Lintern +3, Mrs. L. H. Ashton +17, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +3; and lost 10 games to Mrs. E. Reeve —8, Mrs. E. Rotherham —18 —14, Miss D. A. Lintern —11, Mrs. L. H. Ashton —15, Miss E. J. Warwick —19 —3, Mrs. W. Longman —19 —18, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey —15.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey won 3 games; namely, against Mrs. E. Reeve +1, Miss E. J. Warwick +23, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +15; and lost 11 games to Mrs. E. Reeve —11, Mrs. E. Rotherham —26 —4, Miss D. A. Lintern —11 —8, Mrs. L. H. Ashton —15 —18, Miss E. J. Warwick —15, Mrs. W. Longman —9 —4, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden —3.

SILVER JUBILEE CUP

This lovely trophy, presented by Mr. H. T. Pinckney Simpson some years ago, had a few more players competing for it than last year, 15 instead of 10.

A noticeable feature of the scores was the smallness of most of them.

Baillieu and Victor Evans were the finalists in Division 1, which Evans won by the only really big score, +22.

In Division 2, Karmel and Miss Duthie were the finalists, and Miss Duthie was the winner, +5.

In the play-off—a very hotly contested final—Miss Duthie defeated Evans by the score, +7. Miss Duthie is one of our more promising ladies and has already suffered two reductions in handicap during the present season.

DIVISION 1.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(0 or more Bisques).

(7 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

I. C. Baillieu (3) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker (2) by 23.

G. Williams (1½) w.o. Brig A. E. Stokes-Roberts (3).

G. V. Evans (1½) bt M. Spencer Ell (1) by 1.

The rest had byes.

SEMI-FINAL.

I. C. Baillieu (3) bt G. Williams (1½) by 10.

G. V. Evans (1½) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (4½) by 10.

FINAL.

G. V. Evans (1½) bt I. C. Baillieu (3) by 21.

DIVISION 2.

(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. M. L. Thom (6½) bt Miss E. H. Fisher (6) by 8.

A. D. Karmel (6) bt Mrs. H. J. Collins (6) by 10.

Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher (12) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (10) by 11.

Miss B. Duthie (9) bt Mrs. J. Pavia (6½) by 23.

SEMI-FINAL.

A. D. Karmel (6) bt Mrs. M. L. Thom (6½) by 6.

Miss B. Duthie (9) bt Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher (12) by 4.

FINAL.

Miss B. Duthie (9) bt A. D. Karmel (6) by 5.

PLAY-OFF.

Miss B. Duthie (9) bt G. V. Evans (1½) by 7.

CHELTENHAM

July 21st to 26th

Visitors to the croquet tournament at Cheltenham are always sure of a kindly welcome from the members who grace the courts of the Club on the Old Bath Road, and the grateful thanks of all are well earned by the ladies who give of their time and service in attending to their creature comforts by serving up such excellent lunches and teas.

The lawns are beautiful to look at and a pleasure to play on.

The popularity of the tournament, which was guided along its course by Mr. Langley ably assisted by Mrs. Langley, was evidenced by the large entry.

There were some thrilling games with close finishes, and some not so thrilling for the lower bisquers, where greatly improving higher bisquers gave them no opportunity of scoring a point.

Miss Roe, Mrs. Yoxall, Mrs. Hickson caught the eye among the latter, and presumably will also have caught the eyes of the handicapper.

A feature of the tournament was the number of young competitors taking part in it. A very enjoyable week, was brought to a close by the distribution of prizes and a few well chosen words of thanks by Col. Daniels.

Mrs. Rotherham playing brilliantly won the Opens beating G. E. P. Jackson in a final where both parties played excellent croquet making two all round breaks each.

Mrs. Rotherham made an "interrupted triple peel" in the finals of the Process, peeling the Yellow through the last three hoops but failing in finishing the game in that turn, but in the very next game she did a perfect triple peel.

Dr. Yoxall played and finished two full games in another event between 9.45 and 12.30.

THE CHELTENHAM CHAMPIONSHIP CHALLENGE CUP.

("Two Life" System).

THE DRAW.

(19 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

V. A. de la Nougerede bt G. Williams by 22.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden w.o. Opponent scratched.
Miss D. D. Steel bt G. V. Evans by 11.

SECOND ROUND.

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 10.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 14.
G. E. P. Jackson bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 7.
V. A. de la Nougerede bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 21.
Major J. W. Cobb bt Miss D. D. Steel by 5.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt H. O. Hodgson by 11.
Dr. G. L. Ormerod bt J. K. Brown by 6.
Col. D. W. Beamish bt D. G. B. Harries by 22.

THIRD ROUND.

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 11.
G. E. P. Jackson bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 9.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Major J. W. Cobb by 20.
Col. D. W. Beamish w.o. Opponent retired.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. E. P. Jackson bt B. Lloyd-Pratt by 8.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 13.

FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt G. E. P. Jackson by 3.

PROCESS.

(19 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Dr. H. J. Penny w.o. Opponent scratched.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod.
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 3.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 22.
Miss D. D. Steel bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 15.
Major J. W. Cobb w.o. Opponent scratched.
B. Lloyd-Pratt w.o. Opponent scratched.
G. Williams bt J. K. Brown by 8.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt G. V. Evans by 24.
G. E. P. Jackson bt H. O. Hodgson by 23.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 12.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Miss D. D. Steel by 22.
Major J. W. Cobb bt B. Lloyd-Pratt by 9.
G. Williams bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 15.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden w.o. Opponent scratched.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Major J. W. Cobb by 5.
G. Williams bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 5.

FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt G. Williams by 23.

THE MONEY CHALLENGE SALVER.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS B).

(4 Bisques or more).

(17 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin bt Dr. A. L. Yoxall by 11.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. A. M. Daniels bt Miss M. A. Posford by 8.
C. H. O'D. Alexander bt T. A. Chignell by 13.
Mrs. B. de C. Mathews w.o. Opponent scratched.
Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin bt Mrs. R. A. Hill by 11.
Dr. T. E. Ryves bt Capt. K. B. Millar by 15.
E. G. Bantock bt A. McClure Williams by 10.
Miss L. Hulston bt Miss K. Ault by 13.
Miss E. P. Carmouche bt Miss M. C. Macaulay by 11.

THIRD ROUND.

C. H. O'D. Alexander bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels by 15.
Mrs. B. de C. Mathews bt Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin by 7.
Dr. T. E. Ryves bt E. G. Bantock by 19.
Miss E. P. Carmouche bt Miss L. Hulston by 10.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. B. de C. Mathews bt C. H. O'D. Alexander by 22.
Dr. T. E. Ryves bt Miss E. P. Carmouche by 11.

FINAL.

Dr. T. E. Ryves bt Mrs. B. de C. Mathews by 3.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(7 Bisques or more). (19 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

G. A. H. Alexander (9) bt Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (14) by 14.
Mrs. E. M. Kay (7½) bt Major A. F. P. Knapp (12) by 7.
Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (10) bt Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (7) by 12.

SECOND ROUND.

W. J. Dixon (12) bt Miss L. Wilkinson (12) by 11.
Miss I. M. Roe (8) bt Mrs. F. E. Stobart (16) by 24.
Mrs. D. M. Roe (8½) bt Col. M. F. F. Buszard (14) by 17.
Mrs. E. M. Kay (7½) bt G. A. H. Alexander (9) by 12.
Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (10) bt A. H. Fabb (12) by 15.
Miss M. M. Taylor (13) bt Mrs. V. S. D. Wilson (13) by 16.
Miss R. M. Allen (8) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (14) by 6.
G. R. Mills (10) bt Miss E. M. Leonard (10) by 11.

THIRD ROUND.

Miss I. M. Roe (8) bt W. J. Dixon (12) by 3.
Mrs. E. M. Kay (7½) w.o. Opponent scratched.
Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (10) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (13) by 7.
G. R. Mills (10) bt Miss R. M. Allen (8) by 6.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss I. M. Roe (8) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (7½) by 9.
G. R. Mills (10) w.o. Opponent retired.

FINAL.

Miss I. M. Roe (8) bt G. R. Mills (10) by 4.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y.").

EVENT "X".

(54 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss K. Ault (5) bt Miss M. A. Posford (6½) by 17.
G. R. Mills (10) bt Miss L. Hulton (6) by 7.
G. Williams (1½) bt A. McClure Williams (4) by 16.
Miss M. M. Taylor (13) bt Mrs. D. M. Roe (8½) by 16.
Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (5) bt J. K. Brown (1) by 7.
Dr. H. J. Penny (½) w.o. Opponent scratched.
V. A. de la Nougere (1) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) by 6.
Col. F. E. Stobart (3½) bt Miss M. C. Macaulay (5½) by 8.
Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) bt Col. G. E. Cave (1) by 11.
G. E. P. Jackson (2) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (7½) by 17.
Miss L. Wilkinson (12) w.o. Opponent retired on peg.
D. G. B. Harries (5) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (3½) by 5.
Miss I. M. Roe (8) bt Major J. W. Cobb (1) by 26.
Dr. G. L. Ormerod (3) bt Miss E. M. Leonard (10) by 3.
T. A. Chignell (5) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (14) by 4.
C. H. O'D. Alexander (6) bt G. V. Evans (1½) by 26.
Mrs. A. M. Daniels (6) bt G. A. H. Alexander (9) by 10.
E. G. Bantock (6) bt Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (4½) by 10.
Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (10) bt Col. D. W. Beamish (—) by 26.
Mrs. V. S. D. Wilson (13) bt Miss E. P. Carmouche (7) by 5.
B. Lloyd-Pratt (3) bt Dr. A. L. Yoxall (6) by 23.
Capt. K. B. Millar (5) bt Miss H. McKean (9) by 12.

SECOND ROUND.

Dr. T. E. Ryves (7) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (—1½) by 3.
Miss R. M. Allen (8) bt Capt. L. C. Adye (9) by 4.
Miss K. Ault (5) bt A. H. Fabb (12) by 7.
G. Williams (1½) bt G. R. Mills (10) by 15.
Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (5) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (13) by 13.
V. A. de la Nougere (1) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (½) by 10.
Col. F. E. Stobart (3½) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) by 5.
G. E. P. Jackson (2) bt Miss L. Wilkinson (12) by 11.
Miss I. M. Roe (8) bt D. G. B. Harries (5) by 6.
Dr. G. L. Ormerod (3) bt T. A. Chignell (5) by 6.
C. H. O'D. Alexander (6) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels (6) by 9.
Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (10) bt E. G. Bantock (6) by 21.
B. Lloyd-Pratt (3) bt Mrs. V. S. D. Wilson (13) by 9.
Capt. K. B. Millar (5) bt Mrs. F. E. Stobart (16) by 21.
H. O. Hodgson (2) bt Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (14) by 12.
Lt.-Col. M. F. F. Buszard (14) bt Miss D. D. Steel (—3) by 2.

THIRD ROUND.

Miss R. M. Allen (8) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves (7) by 6.
Miss K. Ault (5) bt G. Williams (1½) by 14.
Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (5) bt V. A. de la Nougere (1) by 11.
Col. F. E. Stobart (3½) w.o. Opponent retired on peg.
Miss I. M. Roe (8) bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod (3) by 15.
Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (10) bt C. H. O'D. Alexander (6) by 14.
B. Lloyd-Pratt (3) bt Capt. K. B. Millar (5) by 3.
Lt.-Col. M. F. F. Buszard (14) bt H. O. Hodgson (2) by 13.

FOURTH ROUND.

Miss R. M. Allen (8) bt Miss K. Ault (5) by 6.
Col. F. E. Stobart (3½) bt Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (5) by 10.
Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (10) bt Miss I. M. Roe (8) by 6.
B. Lloyd-Pratt (3) w.o. Opponent scratched.

SEMI-FINAL.

Col. F. E. Stobart (3½) bt Miss R. M. Allen (8) by 19.
Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (10) bt B. Lloyd-Pratt (3) by 5.

FINAL.

Col. F. E. Stobart (3½) bt Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (10) divided.

EVENT "Y".

(27 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss M. A. Posford (6½) bt A. H. Fabb (12) by 4.
Miss L. Hulton (6) bt A. McClure Williams (4) by 6.
J. K. Brown (1) w.o. Opponent scratched.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (½) by 6.
Col. G. E. Cave (1) bt Miss M. C. Macaulay (5½) by 8.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (3½) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (7½) by 14.
Major J. W. Cobb (1) bt Miss E. M. Leonard (10) by 6.
Miss K. D. Hickson (14) bt G. V. Evans (1½) by 14.
Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (4½) bt G. A. H. Alexander (9) by 3.
Col. D. W. Beamish (—½) bt Miss E. P. Carmouche (7) by 6.
Dr. A. L. Yoxall (6) bt Miss H. McKean (9) by 9.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham (—1½) bt Capt. L. C. Adye (9) by 16.
Miss L. Hulton (6) bt Miss M. A. Posford (6½) by 12.
J. K. Brown (1) w.o. Opponent retired.
Col. G. E. Cave (1) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (3½) by 7.
Miss K. D. Hickson (14) w.o. Opponent scratched.
Col. D. W. Beamish (—½) w.o. Opponent scratched.
Dr. A. L. Yoxall (6) bt Mrs. F. E. Stobart (16) by 19.
Miss D. D. Steel (—3) bt Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (14) by 5.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham (—1½) bt Miss L. Hulton (6) by 8.
Col. G. E. Cave (1) bt J. K. Brown (1) by 18.
Miss K. D. Hickson (14) bt Col. D. W. Beamish (—½) by 14.
Dr. A. L. Yoxall (6) bt Miss D. D. Steel (—3) by 26.

SEMI-FINAL.

Col. G. E. Cave (1) w.o. Opponent scratched.
Dr. A. L. Yoxall (6) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (14) by 18.

FINAL.

Dr. A. L. Yoxall (6) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (1) by 26.

THE BARWELL SALVERS.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Unrestricted).

(22 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

G. V. Evans and Capt. K. B. Millar (6½) bt C. H. O'D. Alexander and Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (11) by 4 on time.
J. K. Brown and Dr. A. L. Yoxall (7) bt Col. D. W. Beamish and Lt.-Col. Cave (½) by 7.
Lt.-Col. Stobart and Capt. R. E. Guest (17½) bt J. A. Chignell and Miss L. Wilkinson (17) by 2.
G. E. P. Jackson and Mrs. Jackson (16) bt Capt. L. C. Adye and Miss Posford (15½) by 3 on time.
Major J. W. Cobb and A. McClure Williams (5) bt B. Lloyd-Pratt and Mrs. Rotherham (1½) by 12.
Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (14½) bt W. J. Dixon and Miss M. M. Taylor (23) by 4 on time.

SECOND ROUND.

Lt.-Col. M. F. F. Buszard and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (17½) bt G. Williams and Miss R. M. Allen (9½) yb 9.
G. R. Mills and Miss Ault (13) bt Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. A. M. Daniels (3) by 10.
E. G. Bantock and Miss I. M. Roe (14) bt G. V. Evans and Capt. K. B. Millar (6½) by 21.
J. K. Brown and Dr. A. L. Yoxall (7) bt Lt.-Col. Stobart and Capt. R. E. Guest (17½) by 4.
G. E. P. Jackson and Mrs. Jackson (16) bt Major J. W. Cobb and A. McClure Williams (5) by 13.
V. A. de la Nougere and Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (8) bt Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (14½) by 11.
H. O. Hodgson and A. H. Fabb (14) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill and Miss M. C. Macaulay (14) by 2 on time.
Dr. G. L. Ormerod and Mrs. Ormerod (17) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (10) by 5 on time.

THIRD ROUND.

Lt.-Col. M. F. F. Buszard and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (17½) bt G. R. Mills and Miss K. Ault (13) by 16.
J. K. Brown and Dr. A. L. Yoxall (7) bt E. G. Bantock and Miss I. M. Roe (14) by 15.
G. E. P. Jackson and Mrs. Jackson (16) bt V. A. de la Nougere and Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (8) by 14.
Dr. G. L. Ormerod and Mrs. Ormerod (17) bt H. O. Hodgson and A. H. Fabb (14) by 2 on time.

SEMI-FINAL.

J. K. Brown and Dr. A. L. Yoxall (7) bt Lt.-Col. M. F. F. Buszard and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (17½) by 12.
G. E. P. Jackson and Mrs. Jackson (16) bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod and Mrs. Ormerod (17) by 13.

FINAL.

G. E. P. Jackson and Mrs. Jackson (16) bt J. K. Brown and Dr. A. L. Yoxall (7) by 12.

HURLINGHAM

August 4th-12th

With an entry of over sixty, and six courts in perfect condition, everything was set fair for the annual tournament at the Hurlingham Club, and we managed to make it an enjoyable week in spite of the depressing weather. Throughout the meeting we had nothing but cold, dreary, sunless days and many of the games had to be played in the rain.

We were pleased to welcome three New Zealanders, Mr. and Mrs. Abbott and Mrs. Dick, also those old friends Captain and Mrs. Belcher. The Elveys and Canon Creed Meredith who had not played at our tournament for some years were also welcome visitors.

The principal event, the Hurlingham Cup, was won by Cotter who won both the Draw and Process—a remarkable achievement.

The Open Mixed Doubles was won by Warwick and Miss Warwick. In one of the early rounds in this event we witnessed one unexpected result when Cotter and Miss Lintern in partnership were beaten by Lloyd-Pratt and Mrs. Thom, the latter playing well above her form, completely unawed by her illustrious opponents.

The Men's Doubles Handicap was won by Canon Creed Meredith and Victor Evans who were successful in defeating Reckitt and Stokes-Roberts in the Final.

The Longworth Cup was won by Major Gen. Davidson, the Younger Cup by Capt. Millar and the Turner Cup by Lloyd Pratt. This last player must have created something like a record in winning the Longworth Cup two years ago, the Younger Cup the year following, and then the Turner Cup this year—a case of steady progress.

In the Handicap Singles (with no less than fifty-six competitors) it is interesting to note that the two finalists were the highest bisqued players in the tournament. Camroux with twelve bisques was the successful winner after defeating Rivington who was receiving ten bisques. We congratulate both these players. C. H. R. Penny who was fancied to repeat his victory of last year succumbed in a close game to Karmel, after having two 26 victories against minus players.

The "Ladies' Field" Candlesticks were won by Mrs. Haigh Smith and Miss Warwick. The runners-up, Mrs. Elvey and Mrs. Rotherham, had an interesting semi-final when defeating Miss Lintern and Mrs. Thom. Mrs. Thom had made a perfect all-round break but stuck in the rover hoop. A little later Mrs. Rotherham pegged out Mrs. Thom with Miss Lintern on the fifth hoop and a bisque in hand. The game proceeded with cat and mouse tactics, the game finishing when Miss Lintern's clip was on 3-back.

V. de la Nougere was manager and successfully carried out his important and arduous duties. To him and to Col. Hayward the games manager for his untiring assistance throughout the week, we express our appreciation and gratitude.

OPEN SINGLES.

THE HURLINGHAM CUP.

("Two Life" System).

DRAW.

(18 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

W. P. Ormerod bt J. G. Warwick by 16.
M. Spencer Ell bt D. E. Buckland by 17.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt H. R. Abbott by 14.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt G. V. Evans by 9.
E. P. C. Cotter bt W. Longman by 18.
W. P. Ormerod bt M. B. Reckitt by 7.
M. Spencer Ell bt Mrs. A. Dick by 11.
E. P. Duffield bt Mrs. W. Longman by 5.
Miss D. A. Lintern bt H. J. Penny by 18.
G. Williams bt Col. C. C. Adams by 12.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey w.o. Mrs. E. Rotherham opponent scratched.
E. P. C. Cotter bt W. P. Ormerod by 17.
E. P. Duffield w.o. M. Spencer Ell opponent scratched.
Miss D. A. Lintern w.o. G. Williams opponent scratched.

SEMI-FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 18.
Miss D. A. Lintern bt E. P. Duffield by 9.

FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter bt Miss D. A. Lintern by 21.

PROCESS.

(18 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Col. C. C. Adams by 16.
G. Williams bt H. R. Abbott by 19.

SECOND ROUND.

M. B. Reckitt bt H. J. Penny by 19.
D. E. Buckland bt G. V. Evans by 9.
W. Longman w.o. Mrs. W. Longman opponent scratched.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt J. G. Warwick by 19.
W. P. Ormerod bt Miss D. A. Lintern by 11.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Mrs. A. Dick by 6.
E. P. C. Cotter bt E. P. Duffield by 25.
M. Spencer Ell w.o. G. Williams opponent scratched.

THIRD ROUND.

M. B. Reckitt bt D. E. Buckland by 20.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt W. Longman by 17.
W. P. Ormerod bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 13.
E. P. C. Cotter bt M. Spencer Ell by 22.

SEMI-FINAL.

M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 3.
E. P. C. Cotter bt W. P. Ormerod by 7.

FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter bt M. B. Reckitt by 17.

LEVEL SINGLES.

THE TURNER CUP.

(2 Bisques and over).

(11 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Major J. H. Dibley bt N. H. Oliver by 20.
E. A. Roper bt Canon Creed Meredith by 5.
I. C. Baillieu bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts by 4.
Mrs. I. L. Solomon w.o. Capt. H. G. Stoker opponent scratched.

SECOND ROUND.

B. Lloyd Pratt bt Miss M. S. Carlyon by 22.
E. A. Roper bt Major J. H. Dibley by 3.
I. C. Baillieu bt Mrs. I. L. Solomon by 21.
Miss E. J. Warwick w.o. Mrs. H. F. Chittenden opponent scratched.

SEMI-FINAL.

B. Lloyd Pratt bt E. A. Roper by 12.
Miss E. J. Warwick bt I. C. Baillieu by 8.

FINAL.

B. Lloyd Pratt bt Miss E. J. Warwick by 10.

LEVEL SINGLES.

THE YOUNGER CUP.

(4½ Bisques and over).

(10 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

A. D. Karmel bt Mrs. H. R. Abbott by 17.
Miss E. Fisher bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt by 11.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. M. L. Thom bt C. H. R. Penny by 4.
A. D. Karmel bt R. G. H. Belcher by 14.
Miss E. Fisher bt Mrs. J. Pavia by 4.
Capt. K. B. Millar bt Mrs. N. Wallwork by 11.

SEMI-FINAL.

A. D. Karmel bt Mrs. M. L. Thom by 18.
Capt. K. B. Millar bt Miss E. Fisher by 5.

FINAL.

Capt. K. B. Millar bt A. D. Karmel by 19.

LEVEL SINGLES.

THE LONGWORTH CUP.

(8 Bisques and over).

(5th Hoop Variation).

(16 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

R. I. Pickett bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson by 9.
Miss B. Duthie w.o. J. M. Rivington opponent scratched.
A. V. Camroux bt Mrs. M. D. Cork by 4.
Mrs. E. A. Roper bt L. E. W. Stokes Roberts by 5.
Mrs. H. Carrington w.o. Mrs. I. C. Baillieu opponent scratched.
Major A. M. Hicks bt Mrs. E. M. Belcher by 8.
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse by 16.
Gen. F. H. N. Davidson w.o. Mrs. R. I. Pickett opponent scratched.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss B. Duthie w.o. R. I. Pickett opponent scratched.
A. V. Camroux bt Mrs. E. A. Roper by 12.
Major A. M. Hicks bt Mrs. H. Carrington by 8.
Gen. F. H. N. Davidson bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith by 14.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss B. Duthie bt A. M. Camroux by 11.
Gen. F. H. N. Davidson bt Major A. M. Hicks by 11.

FINAL.

Gen. F. H. N. Davidson bt Miss B. Duthie by 6.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(56 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

E. P. Duffield (1) bt W. Longman (—1) by 14.
Mrs. R. I. Pickett (12) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (8½) by 7 on time.
A. D. Karmel (5½) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) by 25.
C. H. R. Penny (7) bt W. P. Ormerod (—1½) by 26.
E. P. C. Cotter (—3) bt R. I. Pickett (12) by 1.
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (8) bt Mrs. I. Pavia (6½) by 10.
J. G. Warwick (½) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (9½) by 1.
J. M. Rivington (10) bt R. L. Price (14) by 5.
Mrs. M. L. Thom (6½) bt I. C. Baillieu (3) by 13.
Major J. H. Dibley (2½) bt Major A. M. Hicks (8½) by 2.
Miss E. J. Warwick (2) bt Mrs. A. D. Karmel (14) by 15.
M. Spencer Ell (1) bt G. V. Evans (1½) by 16.
Mrs. N. Wallwork (5½) bt H. J. Penny (½) by 23.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—1½) bt L. E. W. Stokes Roberts (11) by 10.
Mrs. E. M. Belcher (12) bt Miss E. Fisher (6) by 13.
B. Lloyd Pratt (2) bt Mrs. A. Dick (—1) by 17.
Miss B. Duthie (8) bt H. R. Abbott (½) by 25.
S. S. Townsend (1½) bt M. B. Reckitt (—1½) by 10.
E. A. Roper (3½) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (10) by 5.
Canon Creed Meredith (2) bt Mrs. H. R. Abbott (5) by 17.
G. Williams (1½) bt Mrs. I. L. Solomon (4½) by 25.
Mrs. H. Carrington (9) bt N. H. Oliver (2½) by 25.
Col. C. C. Adams (—½) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (3½) by 12.
A. M. Camroux (12) bt Mrs. W. Longman (½) by 26.

SECOND ROUND.

Capt. K. B. Millar (5) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (3) by 17.
E. P. Duffield (1) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) by 11.
A. D. Karmel (5½) bt Mrs. R. J. Pickett (12) by 10.
C. H. R. Penny (7) bt E. P. C. Cotter (—3) by 26.
J. G. Warwick (½) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (8) by 7.
J. M. Rivington (10) bt Mrs. M. L. Thom (6½) by 9.
Miss E. J. Warwick (2) bt Major J. H. Dibley (2½) by 21.
Mrs. N. Wallwork (5½) bt M. Spencer Ell (1) by 3.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—1½) bt Mrs. E. M. Belcher (12) by 9.
B. Lloyd Pratt (2) bt Miss B. Duthie (8) by 5.
S. S. Townsend (1½) bt R. G. H. Belcher (4½) by 24.
Canon Creed Meredith (2) bt E. A. Roper (3½) by 16.
Mrs. H. Carrington (9) bt G. Williams (1½) by 5.
A. V. Camroux (12) bt Col. C. C. Adams (—½) by 24.
Miss M. S. Carlyon (3) w.o. Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (5) opponent scratched.
Mrs. I. C. Baillieu (11) bt Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (8½) by 7.

THIRD ROUND.

E. P. Duffield (1) bt Capt. K. B. Millar (5) by 18.
A. D. Karmel (5½) bt C. H. R. Penny (7) by 3.
J. M. Rivington (10) bt J. G. Warwick (½) by 22.
Miss E. J. Warwick (2) bt Mrs. N. Wallwork (5½) by 5.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—1½) bt B. Lloyd Pratt (2) by 3.
S. S. Townsend (1½) bt Canon Creed Meredith (2) by 10.
A. V. Camroux (12) bt Mrs. H. Carrington (9) by 6.
Miss M. S. Carlyon (3) w.o. Mrs. I. C. Baillieu (11) opponent scratched.

FOURTH ROUND.

A. D. Karmel (5½) bt E. P. Duffield (1) by 6.
J. M. Rivington (10) bt Miss E. J. Warwick (2) by 14.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—1½) bt S. S. Townsend (1½) by 10.
A. V. Camroux (12) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon (3) by 20.

SEMI-FINAL.

J. M. Rivington (10) bt A. D. Karmel (5½) by 5.
A. V. Camroux (12) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (—1½) by 26.

FINAL.

A. V. Camroux (12) bt J. M. Rivington (10) by 7.

MIXED DOUBLES.

THE HURLINGHAM DOUBLES.

(11 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

E. P. Duffield and Mrs. N. Wallwork bt Col. C. C. Adams and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 14.
Rev. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. A. Dick by 12.
W. Longman and Mrs. W. Longman bt I. C. Baillieu and Mrs. I. L. Solomon by 15.

SECOND ROUND.

B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. M. L. Thom bt E. P. C. Cotter and Miss D. A. Lintern by 4.
E. P. Duffield and Mrs. N. Wallwork bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 2.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt W. Longman and Mrs. W. Longman by 3.
J. G. Warwick and Miss E. J. Warwick bt H. R. Abbott and Mrs. H. R. Abbott by 19.

SEMI-FINAL.

E. P. Duffield and Mrs. N. Wallwork bt B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. M. L. Thom by 16.
J. G. Warwick and Miss E. J. Warwick bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. E. Rotherham by 2.

FINAL.

J. G. Warwick and Miss E. J. Warwick bt E. P. Duffield and Mrs. N. Wallwork by 18.

LADIES' HANDICAP DOUBLES.

THE "LADIES' FIELD" CANDLESTICKS.

(10 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (10) bt Mrs. I. L. Solomon and Mrs. A. Dick (3½) by 25.
Miss E. Fisher and Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (14½) bt Miss B. Duthie and Mrs. N. Wallwork (13½) by 2.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. H. Carrington and Miss M. S. Carlyon (12) bt Mrs. W. Longman and Mrs. E. A. Roper (8½) by 7.
Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (10) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Mrs. M. Cork (13) by 14.
Mrs. H. R. Abbott and Mrs. E. M. Belcher (17) bt Miss E. Fisher and Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (14½) by 15.
Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—1½) bt Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. M. L. Thom (5½) by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (10) bt Mrs. H. Carrington and Miss M. S. Carlyon (12) by 8.
Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—1½) bt Mrs. H. R. Abbott and Mrs. E. M. Belcher (17) by 8.

FINAL.

Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. Haigh Smith (10) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—1½) by 11.

MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(5th Hoop Variation).

(12 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

W. P. Ormerod and G. Williams (0) bt B. Lloyd Pratt and R. J. Pickett (14) by 8.
J. H. Dibley and Col. C. C. Adams (2) bt W. Longman and E. A. Roper (2½) by 13.
M. B. Reckitt and Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (1½) bt I. C. Baillieu and A. D. Karmel (8½) by 13.
J. G. Warwick and J. M. Rivington (10½) bt H. J. Penny and C. H. R. Penny (7½) by 11.

SECOND ROUND.

Canon Creed Meredith and G. V. Evans (3½) bt H. R. Abbott and E. P. Duffield (1½) by 16.
W. P. Ormerod and G. Williams (0) bt J. H. Dibley and Col. C. C. Adams (2) by 10.
M. B. Reckitt and Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (1½) bt J. G. Warwick and J. M. Rivington (10½) by 2.
R. L. Price and A. V. Camroux (24) bt E. P. C. Cotter and M. J. Flint (9) by 6.

SEMI-FINAL.

Canon Creed Meredith and G. V. Evans (3½) bt W. P. Ormerod and G. Williams (0) by 11.
M. B. Reckitt and Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (1½) bt R. L. Price and A. V. Camroux (24) w.o., opponent scratched.

FINAL.

Canon Creed Meredith and G. V. Evans (3½) bt M. B. Reckitt and Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (1½) by 7.

ALL-ENGLAND HANDICAP

We may have said this before, but we cannot refrain from repeating it, that this—the premier Handicap Event in the game of croquet—is never quite given the prominence it deserves. Surely this, the final of the Handicap Class, should come next in importance to the Open Championship itself.

But I must not go on expressing my views, but relate the final stages of the All-England Handicap event as I saw them.

There was one more competitor this year—15 against 14—and with the usual differences in their handicaps. The holder, J. A. Hollweg, was among the contestants and was playing on his home ground.

Longman, Hollweg and Miss Lintern were the only minus players. The two men both entered the second round and joined Miss Lintern who had a bye. Longman defeated Major Dibley +6, but Hollweg only entered the second round by the minimum score of +1, after a stern contest with Major Cobb. In the second round Hollweg fell to Hitchcock +16—to whom we shall refer later.

Meachem defeated Longman—but was not allowed to enter the final. Miss A. E. Mills came through to the semi-final from which she later entered the final by defeating Miss Lintern, +11.

The Final

This, wonderful to relate, was played in brilliant sunshine, before quite a keen crowd of spectators. It was a long time before much progress was made by either of the finalists—and, we presume, rather unusual to record, both players were of the same handicap, 3½.

The clips slowly changed from one hoop to the other, and frequently the referee was called to watch shots. However, at last, Hitchcock seemed to think that he must make a break, and after some time the spectators saw clips leave the crown of the hoop and adorn the uprights.

But, in due course, it was Hitchcock who made hoops in sequence; and though Miss Mills had played well, it was not sufficiently sustained to be of real value.

Hitchcock made progress by more sustained breaks, and eventually became the winner of the All England Handicap of 1958, by +14. The trophy thus goes to Southwick for the first time for many years.

AREA FINALS.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(15 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

W. Longman (Hurlingham) (—1) bt Major J. H. Dibley (Ryde) (2½) by 6.
J. B. Meachem (Edgbaston) (4) bt Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith (Parkstone) (2) by 5.
J. H. Hollweg (Roehampton) (—½) bt Major J. W. Cobb (Woking) (1) by 1.
G. E. W. Hitchcock (Southwick) (3½) bt Mrs. C. L. Robertson (Bentley) (12) by 5.
Miss A. E. Mills (Budleigh Salterton) (3½) bt Miss B. Duthie (Hurlingham) (8) by 6.
G. Birch (Nottingham) (3½) bt Mrs. D. W. Roe (Cheltenham) (8½) by 6.
W. W. Sweet Escott (Sidmouth) (1) bt E. P. Duffield (Colchester) (1) by 6.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

J. B. Meachem (Edgbaston) (4) bt W. Longman (Hurlingham) (—1) by 20.
G. E. W. Hitchcock (Southwick) (3½) bt J. H. Hollweg (Roehampton) (—½) by 16.
Miss A. E. Mills (Budleigh Salterton) (3½) bt G. Birch (Nottingham) (3½) by 13.
Miss D. A. Lintern (Roehampton) (—1) bt W. W. Sweet Escott (Sidmouth) (1) by 10.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. E. W. Hitchcock (Sidmouth) (3½) bt J. B. Meachem (Edgbaston) (4) by 12.
Miss A. E. Mills (Budleigh Salterton) (3½) bt Miss D. A. Lintern (Roehampton) (—1) by 11.

FINAL.

G. E. W. Hitchcock (Southwick) (3½) bt Miss A. E. Mills (Budleigh Salterton) (3½) by 14.

The results and account of the Challenge and Gilbey Cups will appear in the October number.

LONGMAN (CLUB TEAM) CUP

FINAL ROUND

Compton versus Colchester. Played at Eastbourne on 31st July, 1958. Compton players named first

SINGLES

C. J. Speer (7) bt B. T. Cresswell (7) by 6.
Mrs. G. W. Style (7) bt C. S. Ratcliffe (8) by 3 on time.
Lt.-Comdr. G. W. Style (9) lost to R. J. Hinnell (9) by 8.

DOUBLES

R. V. N. Wiggins and Mrs. G. W. Style (8½) lost to E. P. Duffield and C. S. Ratcliffe (9) by 8.
C. J. Speer and Lt.-Comdr. G. W. Style (16) bt B. T. Cresswell and R. J. Hinnell (16) by 17.

RESULT.—Compton bt Colchester by 3 games to 2.

ROEHAMPTON

A CROQUET TOURNAMENT

will be held on

MONDAY, 22nd SEPTEMBER, 1958

and five following days

(Under the Laws and Regulations of the Croquet Association)

Committee.—Mrs. H. J. Collins (Chairman), Miss D. A. Lintern (Captain), Col. C. C. Adams, Mr. J. B. Gilbert, Mrs. E. Haigh Smith, Mrs. I. H. Turketine.

Manager and Referee.—Miss D. A. Lintern, assisted by the Committee.

Handicapper.—The Croquet Handicapping Committee of the Roehampton Club.

Secretary.—Mr. W. H. Abel (Games Secretary), Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, S.W.15.

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. Draw and Process. The winner to hold the Ranelagh Gold Cup for one year. Entrance Fee, 10s.
 - 2.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Single games. Open to Competitors with a handicap of 2½ or more. Winner to hold the Brooke Challenge Cup for one year. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
 - 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Open to Competitors with a handicap of 7½ bisques or more. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
 - N.B.—No competitor may enter for more than one of the above events.
 - 4.—"X" and "Y" HANDICAP SINGLES. In this event shortened games may be played in accordance with Reg. 12 at the discretion of the Manager. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. The winners of "X" and "Y" hold the Creyke Cups for a year.
 - 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicap not less than scratch. Entrance Fee, 5s. 0d. each. Games start at the 5th Hoop.
 - N.B.—The above Entrance Fees include the Croquet Association's levy.
- Non-Associates pay a tribute of 15s. 0d. to the C.A. when playing in an official tournament, or 7s. 6d. if they compete in one event only (except in Tournaments promoted by their own Club, when they pay such C.A. tribute, if any, as the local Committee may determine), but on becoming an Associate any tribute paid during the current year is refunded, or credited against subscription.

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 must reach the Games Secretary, accompanied by the Entrance Fee, by the first post, **Thursday, September 18th, 1958**, Entries for Event 5 close at midday on **Tuesday, September 23rd, 1958**. The Draw for Events 1 to 4 will take place at the Club at 2 p.m. on Thursday, September 18th, 1958.

Play will commence at 10 a.m. daily. Six courts will be provided and Eclipse Balls used. Standard 3½in. hoops.

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

All Competitors must wear such flat-heeled boots or shoes as cannot damage the ground.

There are facilities for playing Bridge at the Croquet Pavilion.

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.

DEVONSHIRE PARK, EASTBOURNE

SOUTH OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Fifty-first Annual Open Tournament will start on Monday, September 29th, and continue during the following two weeks (Held under the Laws and Regulations of the C.A.)

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

Managers.—Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury and Major J. H. Dibley.

Referee.—Mrs. E. Reeve.

Handicapper.—M. B. Reckitt.

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

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

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all competitors (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 13s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Trophy presented by the late Mrs. A. C. Ionides: L. Kirk Greene.
- 2.—MEN'S OPEN SINGLES. THE MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all men competitors (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 10s. Holder of the perpetual Gold Challenge Cup presented by the late Capt. C. L. O'Callaghan: M. B. Reckitt.
- 3.—WOMEN'S OPEN SINGLES. THE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all women competitors (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 10s. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Trophy presented by the late Mrs. H. Franc: Mrs. E. Reeve and Mrs. W. Longman (divided).
- 4.—"B" LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 3½ to 6½ bisques inclusive (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 10s. Holder of the perpetual challenge Silver Challenge Salver presented by the Devonshire Park Company: Lt.-Col. F. Stobart.
- 5.—"C" LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 7 to 10½ bisques inclusive (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 10s. Holder of the Challenge Trophy presented by the late E. S. Luard, Esq.: H. C. S. Perry.
- 6.—"D" LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 11 bisques or over (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 10s. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Cup presented by the late Trevor Williams, Esq.: Mrs. G. Fitter.

- 7.—UNRESTRICTED LEVEL DOUBLES (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 10s. each competitor.
- 8.—RESTRICTED HANDICAP DOUBLES. Open to pairs with a combined handicap of not less than 1 bisque (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 10s. each competitor.
- 9.—HANDICAP SINGLES. To be drawn in one block. The Sussex Perpetual Challenge Cup (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 10s.
- 10.—LIMITED HANDICAP SINGLES. THE SUSSEX UNION CHALLENGE CUP. Limited to competitors handicapped at 3½ bisques or more. Competitors in this event may not enter for Events 1, 2, 3 or 7. Shortened games if necessary. Entrance Fee, 10s.

CONDITIONS

- 1.—In Event 1, matches best of three games will be played throughout. In all other events matches of single games will be played.
- 2.—Competitors may not enter for more than two of Events 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.
- 3.—Law 44 will be suspended in Events 4, 5 and 6.
- 4.—Play in Events 1 and 4 will begin on Monday, September 29th; in Event 5 and 9 on Tuesday, September 30th; in Event 7 on Wednesday, October 1st; in Event 6 on Thursday, October 2nd; in Events 2 and 3 not before Friday, October 3rd; in Event 8 on Monday, October 6th.
- 5.—Events 1 and 7 will be completed by Monday, October 6th. Players in Events 2, 3 or 6 may enter for Event 9 on the understanding that they will not be called upon to play in that event before Friday, October 3rd.

INFORMATION

ENTRIES.—Entries accompanied by Entrance Fees for all Events except 7 and 8 must reach the Secretary, The Croquet Association, 4 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, by Tuesday, September 23rd. (Do not send Entries to Devonshire Park). Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to the Croquet Association.

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

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

DRAW.—The Draw for all Events except Events 7 and 8 will take place at the C.A. office 4 Southampton Row, London, at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 24th. The Draw for Event 7 will take place at Devonshire Park at noon on Tuesday, September 30th, and for Event 8 at Devonshire Park at noon on Saturday, October 4th.

A number of shelter tents will be provided.

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

PLAY.—Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily, or earlier if necessary, and will continue until daylight fails. Competitors in Events 1 and 4 will be notified, and must be prepared to play if they are required at 10 a.m. or some later time on Monday, September 29th.

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

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

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

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

HEELS.—Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

PRIZES.—In addition to the Challenge Trophies mentioned, two prizes will be given in each Event with 8 entries, and the number of other prizes will be in accordance with the number of entries. The Challenge Trophies may be held by the winner for one year or until the next Tournament whichever is the shorter period.

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

PRACTICE AND FRIENDLY GAMES

Throughout the Tournament courts will be available for practice and friendly games at the Compton Club. These may be booked at Devonshire Park and green fees should be paid to the Tournament Manager when the booking is made.

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- Barnstaple—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. D. Churchfield, Strathern, Burchwood Avenue, Sticklepath, Barnstaple, Devon.
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