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## NOTES by ROVER

### Tied Up

At a recent tournament a gentleman who was a newcomer to the game was observed to be—quite unwittingly—guilty of a serious solecism: he was wearing a "Best Eight" tie. Approached by a member of the Council, he explained that he had been given it by a lady. The lady, a player of much longer standing, confessed in the most apologetic manner that she had chosen it because she liked it better than "the other one"; she had no idea that any special significance attached to either. It will no doubt be a blow to those who have attained the right to this honourable distinction to learn that there can be anyone who does not recognise the meaning of the colours they so proudly bear upon their chests. This tie is not a particularly old-established institution, however; it does not go back more than 30 years, and it would be interesting to know whether any associate remembers (or can by diligent research in the old *Gazette* discover) exactly when it was initiated. The "ordinary" associate's tie came some years later, and the C.A. flag only a few seasons before the last War. How many of our readers know, by the way, in what (if any) circumstances the Best Eight tie may lawfully be worn by one who has not actually played in the competition? The answer will be found elsewhere in this number, but it is not—as some might guess—the receiving of an invitation to play, for the Council has never approved of such invitations being refused, and would take no step which might seem to encourage this. There have, we believe, been only four persons who were ever so entitled, of whom now only one remains in this situation.

### A Gust of Wind

On the subject of unusual happenings in croquet the writer has been reminded of a remark made a few years ago that Townsend would not have been the winner of the All-England handicap in 1954 had it not been for a gust of wind. The incident in question was not in the concluding stages at Roehampton but occurred in the final round at Hurlingham, which was to determine whether de Wesselow or Townsend should go forward to Roehampton. de Wesselow, who had played two very good breaks, had made his last hoop and was set to finish the game after making a simple return roquet of less than two yards, when at the moment of striking, a sudden gust of wind threw him off balance and had the effect of diverting his shot sufficiently to miss his partner ball. Townsend, who was at this point a dozen or so hoops behind, then hit in across the lawn and eventually caught up and won. He then went on to win the event at Roehampton. How often after a game are we tempted to indulge in a series of "ifs", which usually refer to what would have happened if only we had done this or that, but this particular "if," as referring to a gust of wind, must have been particularly galling to de Wesselow. In fact, he still speaks of the incident in terms of a wound only partly healed by time. This reminds us that de Wesselow has been unfortunately unable to play this year because of a prolonged illness in the Spring. Hurlingham members and others will be glad to know that he hopes to be wielding his mallet again next year.

### Stick it Out!

One has heard a distinction made regarding the addicts of our game between those who care for Croquet and those who care only for their own croquet. The antithesis is surely too absolute and the implications behind it perhaps a little unfair. There should be no harm in taking a keen interest in our individual activities—and even our personal record—on the courts; few of us would make much improvement in our game unless we did. Nevertheless, there is a point in the observation. The good associate is one who cares for more than his individual prowess; who cares for the game in itself, with all its endlessly fascinating complexities; who cares for his club; who even (though this may be more exceptional) cares for the Association, on which ultimately all depends. This is a time of year when through the onset of age, the accidents of health, or perhaps only a change of residence, some associates may be suspecting that they will remain competitors no longer. We would appeal most earnestly to any such that if they must drop out of the game, they will not, merely for this reason, abandon the Association, which simply cannot afford to lose any more supporters than those of which it is annually robbed by death. Croquet has done so much for all of us that we should surely be ready to do all we can, while we may, for the body of which we can say without exaggeration, that only so long as it is maintained in reasonable security can Croquet continue to flourish, or even in any worth-while sense to exist.

### Why Hoops?

The one distinctive feature of a hoop is presumably its roundness either in part or in whole, a quality which a croquet hoop certainly does not possess. Why then do we call them hoops? The answer, in fact, is that they started in that way a century ago when they had a dome-like appearance. An early work on the subject states that the span of the hoop should not exceed 10 inches (yes, 10 inches) as any greater width detracted from the skill of the player. At an even earlier stage hoops were described as 18 inches wide. There could be little chance of sticking in the hoop in those days since the diameter of the balls was, as now, 3⅝ inches. By the end of the seventies, however, the hoops used in the Championships and other premier events were down to 3⅜ inches; made of steel and set in wooden sockets they were so formidable that the virtual extinction of croquet in the early eighties was often attributed to this fact. When the game was revived a dozen years later the 4 inch hoop was the normal tournament standard and remained so at many places right down to World War I. But for years an argument raged between those who were satisfied with this and others who urged that these hoops were too simple for important events, and hoped that the day would come when 3⅜ inch hoops would be used for the championships, which, in fact, they were in 1908, having also been used for the "Best Ten" in the previous year.

# Eights Week on the Courts

## A Dialogue in the Bar

A: All the best! Which reminds me, you went along to Hurlingham most days I believe. Was the President's Cup good value this year?

B: Very good I thought. We had nearly "all the best" this time—all but two perhaps.

A: I thought it more amusing to go to Roehampton and have a look at the new arrivals.

B: I see your point. But I like to watch the very best; there's so much to be learnt that way. One thing I'm sure of—the narrow hoops are necessary as a test for the top people.

A: Do they make all that difference then?

B: They certainly do when they are set as tight as they were this year. Nearly every game was a struggle and I don't think there were a dozen won by more than 20 points.

A: Surely the hoops weren't so much more difficult as you suggest.

B: Not in the actual running perhaps if you really get in front of them, but to keep full control of the break was obviously taxing the skill even of the greatest experts. You had to be dead accurate; nothing less would do.

A: Nobody got his nose right in front till the very end.

B: That's true; though there was a certain margin of skill between the top four and the others; I heard someone speak of a governing class and a proletariat! But it didn't amount to much; all the Big Four lost games to the rest and they generally had to fight hard to beat them.

A: Solomon's 11 games out of 14 was a good show then.

B: I think he was just the best on the week's showing. You see his quality most clearly when he gets into difficulties. That perfect rhythmic swing goes into action and he nearly always shoots and splits his way out of trouble. When John is playing well, which is much more often than not, it makes you wonder whether anyone can ever have played better.

A: They used to say that about Corbally and "the Duffer" I remember, and they both had that slow-grooved swing.

B: Of course Hicks has it too in his own so individual style, with the whole body "geared into" the stroke. Perfect in its way, but too dangerous to copy I think.

A: Well, we had a very good imitation at Roehampton this year in Lloyd-Pratt. But what about Cotter on this occasion?

B: I thought he was just a very little below his usual brilliant best, but then we expect so much of him.

A: What would you say were these stars' best strokes?

B: John's shooting, Humphrey's long rushes, and Patrick's beautifully "flat" hoop stroke and long roquet.

A: I see you include William Ormerod in the "governing class."

B: Certainly: he fully deserved his place as fourth. He has all the enterprise, but something of the impetuosity proper to youth. But he's still something to learn about tactics, and his fine shooting tempts him to gamble a bit too much I think.

A: Reckitt and Wiggins tied in games I noticed.

B: Yes, that fairly represented their games I think. Bobby's stop shot stroke wasn't well suited to the hoops I feel. But what splendid rushes he makes.

A: Was Maurice as erratic as ever?

B: A little less so I thought. Far too often he moves on his rushes and roquets and I know he'd agree that he has about the worst roll stroke ever seen in first-class croquet! But he's more accurate than most in his break play, his tactics in defence are pretty good, and he's been shooting better this year.

A: Hasn't Mrs. Longman improved a lot this season?

B: She certainly has—she played some beautiful games and was perhaps a bit unlucky not to win a few more. She showed plenty of enterprise too.

A: It wasn't one of Miss Lintern's good weeks apparently.

B: Well, it was a tough Eight this year and somebody has got to be last. But I think all Daisy's troubles spring from her unreliable hoop stroke. She's a beautiful long shot and has particularly good split shots, and both these things were well in evidence in most of her games. We can't all do everything well all the time.

A: Those at the top nearly did though this year, I hear. But isn't it a pity that this dreadful summer had made it impossible to produce faster courts.

B: Yes, I think these are necessary if the highest skill is to have the chance to show itself. At any rate they did have first-class turf, and I feel the move to Hurlingham was justified.

A: Still I thought Roehampton treated the Surrey Cup players pretty well; the courts were playing much better than they did earlier this season. What an interesting competition this is, if only because its not easy to spot the winner in advance.

B: In fact I did this year—and what a good winner too. The Hurlingham octet will have to look to their laurels; we may see some changes next year. And now, what's yours?

OCTAVIAN

### ANSWER TO THE QUESTION IN ROVER NOTE "TIED UP" (page 1)

Any player who has played for his country in matches for the International Trophy may wear the tie, even though he has not yet played in the President's Cup. Such players have included the following: Sir Francis Colchester-Wemyss, John Solomon, William Ormerod and Leslie Kirk-Greene. The first never played in the Best Eight and the last named has not as yet done so.

# Notes from the Clubs

## Bristol

The Bristol Croquet Club has not been much in the news this season but it is very much alive and in spite of the weather has had a successful year. The lawns after last winter's medical treatment, followed by the surgery of the new lawn mower, are better than they have been for many years. It is unfortunate that so few of our members are able to go to tournaments but those who have managed to do so have been fairly successful and we have one member who played in the President's Cup. The Club competitions are drawing to a close and we are arranging a function towards the end of September when the finals of all four events will be played, followed by a party. This month also the I.T.V. are coming to the club and will take shots of various strokes and a general view of the scene so that by the time this article appears we hope that we shall have seen ourselves as others see us for the benefit of Croquet and its publicity.

## Hurlingham

We had a very enjoyable friendly match against Parsons Green early in September and hope it will be the first of a series against this and other clubs conveniently situated around London. The match is described elsewhere in this issue and it will be seen that one of its primary aims was to bring the high bisquer into the game.

The results of our main club tournaments are as follows:

Club Championship: E. P. C. Cotter.

Restricted Level Singles: M. Spencer Ell.

Lomas Cups—Group A: S. S. Townsend.

Group B: A. D. Karmel.

Group C: Miss B. Duthie.

Handicap Doubles: S. S. Townsend and L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts.

## Parkstone

Like all other clubs Parkstone has suffered from the dismal summer—but we were lucky for our September tournament—and only had rain once. That was on Wednesday (Doubles) morning and then it was a torrential downpour putting three courts out of play till tea time—although soon after midday we had blue sky and sun. It was so nice to have such a good entry, many of our old friends back again and several newcomers like Comdr. and Mrs. Style, Dr. and Mrs. Yoxall, Mr. Spencer Ell and Mrs. Carrington, and it was good to find Mrs. Elvey back to winning form. We do congratulate her on winning the Opens. Heartly congratulations, too, to C. R. M. Meredith, a young man from Ireland playing off a handicap of 6, who found his journey well worth while as he won the Gold Cup, the B Levels and was in the final of the Doubles. Of Club members Canon Creed Meredith was in the play-off of the Opens and, with his cousin, retired from the finals in favour of Mrs. Ashton and Mr. Spencer Ell.

Although the Club American is not quite finished yet, it would appear certain that Canon Creed Meredith will be the winner. Some of the fixtures the committee hoped to arrange could not be managed owing to the Hon. Secretary being laid up by an accident to her knee for nine weeks. We had hoped to have an afternoon jointly with some of the tennis section—which they seem to enjoy—We have been very glad to welcome two tennis players as croquet members also this year and we always hope for more!

## Roehampton

The Turketine Tray competition which had been postponed owing to the bus strike was played during the week following 13th September. The final between Miss Lintern and J. B. Gilbert was watched with much interest. J. B. Gilbert was the winner after playing brilliant croquet.

The final golf croquet competition is to be played on Saturday, 18th October. It is hoped that all members will try to enter for this.

# Questions and Answers

**Question:** A, playing with Blue, Irish peels Black through a hoop and goes through it also with Blue. After going through the hoop and in the course of the same stroke, Blue hits Black. Has Blue roqueted Black?

**Answer:** No, under Law 34 (b), unless Blue and Black finish up in contact at the end of the stroke.

**Question:** A player, in aiming over his ball touches it with the barrel of his mallet and shakes but does not move it. Has he made a foul?

**Answer:** No, the ball must be moved to count as a stroke, Law 10 (b), and it is not a foul as it is his own ball and therefore Law 26 (c) does not apply.

**Question:** In taking aim a player touches a ball other than his own ball with his mallet and shakes it, is this a foul?

**Answer:** Yes, see Law 26 (c) which does not allow the player to even touch another ball with his mallet when taking aim or making a stroke.

**Question:** In the course of his forward swing a player hits his ankle and misses the ball. Is this a stroke?

**Answer:** Yes, see Law 10 (b) "A stroke is any movement of the mallet made with intent to strike the ball" etc.

## Inter-Club Friendly Handicap Matches

At a recent successful meeting of croquet players at the Hurlingham Club, a member suggested that the cause of Croquet might be advanced by organising inter-Club friendly matches, on handicap, in which the bulk of the players should be "high-bisquers", who never take part in club matches. Thus they would gain invaluable experience and interest and an enjoyable day's croquet. The Hurlingham Croquet Committee readily accepted this conception and at once put it across to various other croquet clubs—in or near London.

The first result was a recent match between teams of four players from Parsons Green and Hurlingham Clubs, four of whose handicaps were 10-12 bisques and four between 8 and 6½ bisques.

The final result was in doubt till the last moment, when Hurlingham led by one game, but Parsons Green held a commanding position in the last game, with their Blue on the peg and Black on 4-back and Hurlingham both on 3-back. Fortune then favoured Hurlingham who managed to peg-out Blue and win an exciting finish by +4.

All those taking part were unanimous that it had been a very happy and worthwhile event, especially perhaps the majority who had never before played in an Inter-Club friendly match.

An interesting "facet" was the success of the often vilified 5th hoop short game. Since only four hours were available for play, this was divided into a 1½ hours period for singles, then half an hour for tea; and finally 1½ hours, or so, for doubles. This worked splendidly since five of the matches (all the singles) ended within the 1½ hours, the sixth doubles game being extended for about ½ hour to produce the above exciting finish. F.H.N.D.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### Shortening the Average Game

Dear Sir,

Among various suggestions made in your columns, how best to shorten games, I feel that the one made some months ago, by a low handicap player, has not attracted the attention it deserves.

His suggestion was, I believe, to double the distance between the boundary and baulk lines. This might be thought to be too revolutionary. I would suggest a compromise. Namely that the baulk lines be 4½ft. instead of 3ft. from the boundary and that a white line similar to the boundary line should mark the baulk lines. This would obviate any difficulties which might arise in measuring the distance and at the same time, avoid any question of mistakes being made.

It has been suggested to me that the presence of a white line on the playing surface would upset the aim. I do not think this would be so. In lawn tennis singles are played on a court marked for doubles and players are in no way incommoded. I believe that were this suggestion adopted, it would be found that the average length of time taken to complete matches would be considerably lessened without altering the whole balance of the game as happens when the number of hoops is restricted.

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## THE PRESIDENT'S CUP

September 8th to 12th

This, the 47th annual competition, was played at Hurlingham for the first time since 1946 under almost ideal conditions. Apart from the first day, when there was occasional drizzle, the weather was lovely, and everybody—players and spectators—reaped the benefit of the belated sunshine. The lawns were in excellent order, apart from a few depressions in some of the hoops. It is a pity these could not have been attended to before the start of the event, as they did undoubtedly disconcert some of the players.

Solomon started off on the Monday with a +26 victory over Cotter—including a triple peel—in the very short time of 35 minutes. He then kept the lead throughout both series to win the competition with 11 games. His only other triple was against Dr. Wiggins in the 1st series. Eight of his games were won by double figures and at times he played croquet to perfection.

After losing in the 1st round to Miss Lintern by 3, Hicks won four victories in succession till he succumbed to Dr. Wiggins (who was by then playing well) by 4 points. He won six victories in the 2nd series, only being beaten by Ormerod. After his initial defeat by Solomon, Cotter fairly flew up the scale and was lying 2nd at the 4th round, a position he kept till the final round when he was beaten by Hicks by 4, having found his true first-class form in the 13th round to beat Ormerod by 25. At the end of the competition Ormerod had won 8 games (including the defeat of Hicks by 16 and Wiggins by 25)—a very creditable performance on his first appearance in this event. He won these eight games by double figures and is to be congratulated on some extremely accurate play. Dr. Wiggins did not start moving till the 5th round and then went steadily up to the 5th position in the final. Reckitt had some narrow wins and even narrower defeats. He too was playing very good croquet in the latter half of the competition. Mrs. Longman, another first-timer, played exceedingly well. Her shooting was notable and her four victories (including the redoubtable Cotter by 4) were well deserved. She has improved tremendously this year and only succumbed to Hicks in the 1st series by 2 points. In the 1st round Miss Lintern beat Hicks by 3, but did not win another game until the 11th round. She was finding some difficulty in running the tighter hoops.

At the end of the 1st series the position was as follows:—Solomon and Cotter 6 games each; Hicks 4; Mrs. Longman, Reckitt and Ormerod 3 each; Dr. Wiggins 2; and Miss Lintern 1. At the end of the 11th round Solomon had won 9 games, Cotter 8, Hicks 7, Ormerod 6, Wiggins 5, Reckitt 4, Mrs. Longman 3 and Miss Lintern 2—a sequence that must be extremely rare.

There was only one victory by 26 in the whole series, when Solomon beat Cotter in the first game of the 1st round. The competition was successfully brought to an end by tea time on Friday. Several players said it was the best one held for some years and that the hoops were really tight!

For those interested, a brief analysis of one or two games is appended.

*Miss Lintern v. Hicks* (1st round). The finish was interesting. Hicks pegged out one of Miss Lintern's balls (he was for peg and 3-back). Miss Lintern went to the middle of the side boundary and took no shot twice. Hicks got to Rover where he failed to run the hoop. Miss Lintern hit the lift shot and won the game by 3.

*Miss Lintern v. Mrs. Longman* (4th round). Miss Lintern pegged out opponent's ball and one of her own balls. She was then for the penultimate and Mrs. Longman for 2-back. By means of very careful approach shots on the part of Mrs. Longman and owing to Miss Lintern failing at the penultimate, the former won by 2 points.

In the 6th round Solomon did an amazingly good peg-out from about 13 yards.

*Solomon v. Ormerod* (10th round). The need for extreme care in approaching the boundary was demonstrated in this game. Ormerod (Red and Yellow) was playing very well and the position at one time was Yellow on peg, Red on 4-back; Solomon (Blue and Black) had Blue for 1 and Black for 2-back. Ormerod ran off the boundary in the 1st corner and Solomon eventually went round with Blue, peeled Black through 4-back and penultimate, pegged out Yellow and laid a rush in the 2nd corner. Ormerod hit the lift shot but ran off the boundary again and Solomon won by 4 points.

Again in Solomon's game with Reckitt in the 11th round, after a long sequence of near misses by Solomon, Reckitt ran off the boundary and let Solomon in, who eventually won by 8 points. *Moral:* Be very careful of boundaries!

## ANALYSIS OF PLAY

J. W. Solomon won 11 games: namely, against M. B. Reckitt +9 +8, Miss D. A. Lintern +22 +17, Mrs. W. Longman +23 +24, W. P. Ormerod +16 +4, E. P. C. Cotter +26 +13, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +15; and lost 3 games to H. O. Hicks -8 -5, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins -9.

H. O. Hicks won 10 games: namely, against J. W. Solomon +8 +5, M. B. Reckitt +18 +5, Miss D. A. Lintern +17, Mrs. W. Longman +2 +21, W. P. Ormerod +12, E. P. C. Cotter +14, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +15; and lost 4 games to Miss D. A. Lintern -3, W. P. Ormerod -16, E. P. C. Cotter -16, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins -4.

E. P. C. Cotter won 9 games: namely, against M. B. Reckitt +22, Miss D. A. Lintern +15 +13, Mrs. W. Longman +9, W. P. Ormerod +3 +25, H. O. Hicks +16, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +1 +4; and lost 5 games to J. W. Solomon -26 -13, M. B. Reckitt -9, Mrs. W. Longman -4, H. O. Hicks -14.

W. P. Ormerod won 8 games: namely, against M. B. Reckitt +16, Miss D. A. Lintern +11 +25, Mrs. W. Longman +15 +14, H. O. Hicks +16, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +13 +24; and lost 6 games to J. W. Solomon -16 -4, M. B. Reckitt -8, H. O. Hicks -12, E. P. C. Cotter -3 -25.

M. B. Reckitt won 6 games: namely, against Miss D. A. Lintern +21 +17, Mrs. W. Longman +16, W. P. Ormerod +8, E. P. C. Cotter +9, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +6; and lost 8 games to J. W. Solomon -9 -8, Mrs. W. Longman -4, W. P. Ormerod -16, H. O. Hicks -16 -5, E. P. C. Cotter -22, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins -16.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins won 6 games: namely, against J. W. Solomon +9, M. B. Reckitt +16, Miss D. A. Lintern +14 +17, Mrs. W. Longman +22, H. O. Hicks +4; and lost 8 games to J. W. Solomon -15, M. B. Reckitt -6, Mrs. W. Longman -13, W. P. Ormerod -13 -24, H. O. Hicks -15, E. P. C. Cotter -1 -4.

Mrs. W. Longman won 4 games: namely, against M. B. Reckitt +4, Miss D. A. Lintern +2, E. P. C. Cotter +4, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +13; and lost 10 games to J. W. Solomon -23 -24, M. B. Reckitt -16, Miss D. A. Lintern -13, W. P. Ormerod -15 -14, H. O. Hicks -2 -21, E. P. C. Cotter -9, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins -22.

Miss D. A. Lintern won 2 games: namely, against Mrs. W. Longman +13, H. O. Hicks +3; and lost 12 games to J. W. Solomon -22 -17, M. B. Reckitt -21 -17, Mrs. W. Longman -22, W. P. Ormerod -11 -25, H. O. Hicks -17, E. P. C. Cotter -15 -13, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins -14 -17.

## THE SURREY CUP

Having in past years devoted myself to the report of the President's Cup, it came as rather a pleasant surprise to be asked to describe the Surrey Cup. This because there were so many well-known players among those invited to play for the Surrey Cup, and perhaps because among them was the Cheltenham Club player, G. E. P. Jackson. Last year he finished fourth in this event.

In bright sunshine play began—a most delightful contrast to nearly every other tournament that we attended. The four winners in the first round were Miss Warwick, Jackson, de la Nougerede and Lloyd Pratt.

In the second round, Jackson, Lloyd Pratt, Spencer Ell, and Mrs. Ashton, each won a game.

It looked as if Jackson was going to be very difficult to beat. He has a nice free style, and we noticed, even when he had a really long shot to get in with, he hit it with great confidence. Moreover, up to the ninth round he had not lost a game. Spencer Ell was also in good form and looked like finishing the fourteenth, or final round, high up. There was a good example of the old saying that a game of croquet is never won till both balls have hit the peg. In a game against Warwick, Lloyd Pratt failed to put both balls out. Warwick for the penultimate, shot in and won the game.

Now, having perhaps left my readers to believe that Jackson was unbeatable, in the ninth round Miss Warwick—who had been playing well throughout—beat Jackson. But the next round his score went up from 9 to 10, then to 11. In the 13th round, however, he lost another game, to Warwick.

So the final scores were: Jackson 12, Lloyd Pratt, Spencer Ell and Miss Warwick 8 each, J. G. Warwick 7, Mrs. Ashton 5, de la Nougerede 5, and Major J. W. Cobb 3.

Mrs. I. H. Turketine again managed this meeting, with her usual courtesy and efficiency.

At the conclusion of the meeting on Friday evening, Mrs. Turketine presented the Cup to Mr. Jackson amid loud applause. He was certainly a worthy winner—and should go much further in the future.



BLOCK "D".  
(9 or more Bishes).  
(7 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher (11) w.o. Mrs. A. D. Karmel (14) opponent scratched.  
Mrs. C. L. Robertson (11) bt Mrs. J. H. S. Murray (9) by 16.  
Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (10) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (9½) by 2.  
One bye.

SEMI-FINAL.  
Mrs. C. L. Robertson (11) w.o. Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher (11) opponent scratched.

FINAL.  
Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (10) bt Mrs. H. M. Carrington (9) by 8.  
Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (10) bt Mrs. C. L. Robertson (11) by 3.

GOLF CROQUET  
THE ASCOT CUP.  
HANDICAP SINGLES  
(25 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Col. C. C. Adams (0) bt Mrs. H. J. Collins (1) 1 up.  
G. V. Evans (0) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1) 4 and 2.  
A. D. Karmel (1) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) 6 and 4.  
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (1) bt Mrs. I. H. Turketine (0) 3 and 1.  
Miss M. S. Carlyon (1) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (0) 1 up.  
Mrs. D. M. Stant (2) bt Mrs. A. D. Karmel (3) 9 and 7.  
Mrs. M. H. Carrington (2) bt Mrs. J. H. S. Murray (2) 3 and 2.  
F. H. Curtis (3) bt Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher (2) 6 and 4.  
Miss G. W. Bartlett (3) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (2) 3 and 1.  
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.  
Mrs. S. Phillips (1) bt Mrs. B. de C. Matthews (1) 1 up.  
Col. C. C. Adams (0) w.o. Mrs. A. Dick (0) opponent scratched.  
A. D. Karmel (1) bt G. V. Evans (0) 5 and 3.  
Miss M. S. Carlyon (1) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (1) 2 up.  
Mrs. H. M. Carrington (2) bt Mrs. D. M. Stant (2) 2 up.  
F. H. Curtis (3) bt Miss G. W. Bartlett (3) 3 and 1.  
Mrs. M. Francis (3) bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (2) 2 up.  
Mrs. F. H. Curtis (3) bt Mrs. E. Bristow (2) 1 up.

THIRD ROUND.  
Col. C. C. Adams (0) bt Mrs. S. Phillips (1) 6 and 4.  
A. D. Karmel (1) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon (1) 1 up.  
F. H. Curtis (3) bt Mrs. H. M. Carrington (2) 4 and 3.  
Mrs. F. H. Curtis (3) bt Mrs. M. Francis (3) 2 up.

SEMI-FINAL.  
Col. C. C. Adams (0) bt A. D. Karmel (1) 1 up.  
F. H. Curtis (3) bt Mrs. F. H. Curtis (3) 5 and 3.

FINAL.  
F. H. Curtis (3) bt Col. C. C. Adams (0) 1 up.

GOLF CROQUET DOUBLES.  
THE DELVES BROUGHTON CUPS.  
(14 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.  
Mrs. B. de C. Matthews and Mrs. H. J. Collins (2) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith and Mrs. J. H. S. Murray (4) by 2 up.  
F. H. Curtis and Mrs. F. H. Curtis (6) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill and Mrs. M. D. Cork (3) 2 and 1.  
Mrs. S. Phillips and Mrs. H. M. Carrington (3) bt Dr. H. J. Penny and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) 1 up.  
Mrs. I. H. Turketine and Mrs. D. M. Stant (2) bt S. Adler and Mrs. S. Adler (5) 1 up.  
Col. C. C. Adams and Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (2) bt Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher and Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher (3) 4 and 3.  
Miss M. S. Carlyon and Miss A. E. Mills (2) bt A. D. Karmel and Mrs. A. D. Karmel (4) 2 up.  
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.  
Mrs. B. de C. Matthews and Mrs. H. J. Collins (2) bt Mrs. M. Francis and Miss G. W. Bartlett (6) by 2 up.  
F. H. Curtis and Mrs. F. H. Curtis (6) bt Mrs. S. Phillips and Mrs. H. M. Carrington (3) 1 up.  
Col. C. C. Adams and Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (2) bt Mrs. I. H. Turketine and Mrs. D. M. Stant (2) 3 and 1.  
Miss M. S. Carlyon and Miss A. E. Mills (2) bt G. V. Evans and Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (1) 4 and 2.

SEMI-FINAL.  
Mrs. B. de C. Matthews and Mrs. H. J. Collins (2) bt F. H. Curtis and Mrs. F. H. Curtis (6) 1 up.  
Miss M. S. Carlyon and Miss A. E. Mills (2) bt Col. C. C. Adams and Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (2) 1 up.

FINAL.  
Mrs. B. de C. Matthews and Mrs. H. J. Collins (2) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon and Miss A. E. Mills (2) 1 up.

# BRIDGE

by E. P. C. Cotter, British International

## GOOD DEFENSIVE PLAY

The following hand was played by South in Four Spades:

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

The first three tricks were Ace King and another Club. The Queen was trumped by East and overtrumped by South with S10. South now played Ace, Queen and eight of Spades, West ducking. South now got into dummy with the Queen of Hearts and the position now was:—

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

On the lead of the SK East threw a small Diamond, so South discarded a heart and now led a Diamond, establishing his King and seven after East had made his Ace. South received praise for his play and East bewailed the fact that he was the victim of a squeeze that "just happened." Was there any defence? Yes, but it is certainly a difficult one to spot. East should have discarded his Ace and Queen of Diamonds on the Spade leads, so that South although he could still set up two Diamond tricks would have to surrender the lead to West instead of East. This would have doomed the contract for West had established Clubs.

Far-fetched you say. But, if you think it out, the discard of the two top Diamonds is wholly logical and affords the only possibility of avoiding the squeeze.

Here is another defensive play worked out before the dummy went down, by counting the opponents hands as revealed by the bidding.

This was the hand:—

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

The bidding between South and North was 1H—2H—2S—3S—4S. This was most revealing to West. South and North clearly had four spades each. That left East with three. South obviously had five Hearts and North probably three or possibly four. That meant that East could not have more than two. So West could see four defensive tricks, One Spade, one Heart, one Club (unless there was a void) and a Heart ruff by his partner. So he led Ace and another Heart. South did his best by refusing the Spade finesse but West, in with the King, led a third Heart for East to trump. East, incidentally, had employed the trump echo to show three trumps by playing first the seven and then the two. Good teamwork.

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## CARRICKMINES

August, 1958

A few of our regular entrants were absent owing to illness so that the number of entries was rather below average. The lawns were particularly heavy after the heavy rains and never dried out properly throughout the week.

### CHAMPIONSHIP OF CO. DUBLIN. (9 Entries).

DRAW.  
FIRST ROUND.  
T. V. Murphy bt Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly by 2.  
SECOND ROUND.  
G. M. FitzPatrick bt Col. W. S. Beamish by 22.  
C. R. M. Meredith bt T. V. Murphy by 19.  
R. E. Steen bt Lady FitzGerald by 14.  
J. Stokes bt R. J. Leonard by 5.  
SEMI-FINAL.  
G. M. FitzPatrick bt C. R. M. Meredith by 9.  
R. E. Steen bt J. Stokes by 11.  
FINAL.  
G. M. FitzPatrick bt R. E. Steen by 26.

### PROCESS. (9 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
R. J. Leonard bt Col. W. S. Beamish by 11.  
SECOND ROUND.  
Lady FitzGerald bt C. R. M. Meredith by 14.  
T. V. Murphy bt R. J. Leonard by 7.  
J. Stokes bt Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly by 14.  
G. M. FitzPatrick bt R. E. Steen by 13.  
SEMI-FINAL.  
T. V. Murphy bt Lady FitzGerald by 2.  
J. Stokes bt G. M. FitzPatrick by 2.  
FINAL.  
J. Stokes bt T. V. Murphy by 8.  
PLAY-OFF.  
G. M. FitzPatrick bt J. Stokes by 14.

### HANDICAP SINGLES. BOXWELL CUP. (15 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Mrs. R. J. Leonard (8) bt R. E. Steen (4) by 14.  
C. R. M. Meredith (6) bt Col. W. S. Beamish (3½) by 12.  
Mrs. L. O'Reilly (7½) bt Miss Hopkins (14) by 18.  
R. J. Leonard (4) bt Miss I. Haire (11) by 10.  
Mrs. A. Boxwell (6) bt Mrs. T. Purefoy (14) by 6.  
Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly (3½) bt Capt. D. Cambell (8) by 3.  
Lady FitzGerald (2) bt T. V. Murphy (5) by 6.  
SECOND ROUND.  
C. R. M. Meredith (6) bt Mrs. R. J. Leonard (8) by 25.  
R. J. Leonard (4) bt Mrs. L. O'Reilly (7½) by 14.  
Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly (3½) bt Mrs. A. Boxwell (6) by 15.  
Lady FitzGerald (2) bt Miss E. Haire (8) by 20.  
SEMI-FINAL.  
C. R. M. Meredith (6) bt R. J. Leonard (4) by 2.  
Lady FitzGerald (2) bt Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly (3½) by 2.  
FINAL.  
C. R. M. Meredith (6) bt Lady FitzGerald (2) by 6.

### LEVEL SINGLES. DUFF MATTHEWS CUP. (4½ Bishes and over). (8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
C. R. M. Meredith bt Mrs. R. J. Leonard by 12.  
Mrs. L. O'Reilly bt Miss I. Haire by 13.  
Mrs. J. Stokes bt Miss E. Haire by 19.  
Capt. D. Cambell bt Mrs. A. Boxwell by 6.  
SEMI-FINAL.  
C. R. M. Meredith bt Mrs. L. O'Reilly by 13.  
Mrs. J. Stokes bt Capt. D. Cambell by 6.  
FINAL.  
Mrs. J. Stokes bt C. R. M. Meredith by 10.

## HANDICAP DOUBLES.

CORONATION CUP.  
(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
B. T. O'Reilly and Lady FitzGerald (10) bt R. E. Steen and J. L. Crabbe (11) by 21.  
J. Stokes and Mrs. J. Stokes (12) bt T. V. Murphy and Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly (8½) by 10.  
Col. W. S. Beamish and G. M. FitzPatrick (5½) bt Miss I. Haire and Mrs. T. Purefoy (24) by 12.  
R. J. Leonard and Mrs. R. J. Leonard (12) bt D. Figgis and Miss N. Stokes (24) by 14.  
SEMI-FINAL.  
J. Stokes and Mrs. J. Stokes (12) bt B. T. O'Reilly and Lady FitzGerald (10) by 13.  
Col. W. S. Beamish and G. M. FitzPatrick (5½) bt R. J. Leonard and Mrs. R. J. Leonard (12) by 13.  
FINAL.  
J. Stokes and Mrs. J. Stokes (12) bt Col. W. S. Beamish and G. M. FitzPatrick (5½) by 10.

## BRIGHTON

August 25th to 30th

Despite the daunting weather of the previous weeks, months—years, seemingly—the optimists turned up in fair force, determined, no doubt, to drive "the blues" out of court, come what may. Though one has not known the grass so wet underfoot in front of the club house, the lawns were—as always—a credit to the club, and remained so throughout the week, despite an onslaught from Thor, god of thunder, on his name day. His deluge flooded court 5 and made the Red ball on court 4 look like a port-hand buoy in Shoreham harbour. However, the other gods were more kindly disposed, especially those presiding over "doubles" day and the final day. These were indeed basking days: no wonder, to put it politely, one quartet elected to make the most of an afternoon's potter in the sunshine by taking 5½ hours to complete their game. No names, no pack-drill!

Owing partly to the hold-up on Thursday, when competitors, irrespective of sex, retired to their huts looking like deepsea divers come up for air, and partly to the persistent success of a few players in more than one event, Saturday's contenders, appropriately, had to "work for their living". Mr. Kirk-Greene, for instance, was required to play three games of sustained concentration and skill before emerging triumphant as winner of the Process and of the Draw.

The last shot of the tournament was played at 7.15 p.m., bringing victory in the Doubles to Miss Bennett and Canon Creed-Meredith. The Canon's thoughtful tactics, his unruffled play, and Miss Bennett's steadiness wore down or outwitted more than one formidable combination.

So the tournament came to a well-timed end, a just reward for Miss Steel's cheerful determination to see us all happily through the week. As manager and referee she was always in the offing. Indeed, she has the art of all good managers: she seems, invariably, to be in two places at once.

The ladies of the club and their staff provided us with meals that were notable for their variety and quality. Scarcely a queue, scarcely a quibble: all was dispensed with efficiency and good cheer.

One last word of apology and regret: I am afraid we competitors who used the grass car park have churned all the goodness out of it. Do not be surprised next year, fellow competitors, if you are asked to transport yourselves to Southwick on mules and pack-horses. No need to complain: you might get a game of polo-croquet before the week is out.

## THE GOLD CUP.

DRAW.  
(20 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
E. P. C. Cotter bt G. E. W. Hitchcock by 20.  
W. Longman bt Major J. R. Abbey w.o. opponent scratched.  
L. Kirk Greene bt Canon Creed Meredith by 15.  
Miss M. J. Daldy bt Mrs. W. Longman by 5.



SEMI-FINAL.  
E. A. Roper (3½) bt Mrs. W. Longman (½) by 24.  
H. A. Green (7) w.o. R. H. Newton (3½) opponent retired.  
FINAL.  
H. A. Green (7) bt E. A. Roper (3½) by 6.

EVENT 2.

(8 to 10½ bisques).  
(11 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Miss D. L. Latham (10) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) by 12.  
Miss G. Sparks (9½) bt D. Woodhams (9) by 5.  
W. P. H. Roe (8) bt Miss M. M. Morgan (10½) by 4.  
SECOND ROUND.  
Miss G. Allen (9½) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (9) by 6.  
Miss G. Sparks (9½) bt Miss D. L. Latham (9½) by 2.  
W. P. H. Roe (8) w.o. Miss L. Tallmach (7) opponent scratched.  
Mrs. R. E. Pertwee (9) bt Mrs. J. A. Paxon (8) by 18.  
SEMI-FINAL.  
Miss G. Allen (9½) bt Miss G. Sparks (9½) by 1 on time.  
Mrs. R. E. Pertwee (9) bt Mrs. J. A. Paxon (8) by 3.  
FINAL.  
Mrs. R. E. Pertwee (9) bt Miss G. Allen (9½) by 11.

EVENT 3.

(11 bisques and over).  
(10 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Hon. Clive Pearson (12) bt Miss Towers (14) by 17.  
L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (11) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (13) by 14.  
SECOND ROUND.  
D. W. Curtis (12) bt Mrs. Bruford (13) by 12.  
Mrs. J. S. Omond (12) bt Hon. Clive Pearson (12) by 12.  
L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (11) bt Mrs. F. Curtis (14) by 15.  
Miss M. Taylor (13) bt Mrs. E. Whitehead (13) by 8.  
SEMI-FINAL.  
D. W. Curtis (12) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (12) by 17.  
Miss M. Taylor (13) bt L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (11) by 13.  
FINAL.  
D. W. Curtis (12) bt Miss M. Taylor (13) by 9.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(15 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.  
E. E. Whitehead and Mrs. E. Whitehead (18½) bt Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. W. Alford Naylor (10) by 6.  
Miss G. F. Cowan and Mrs. I. R. Pertwee (15) bt E. A. Roper and Mrs. E. A. Roper (11½) by 9.  
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts and L. E. Stokes-Roberts (13) bt R. H. Newton and Miss G. Allen (13) by 8.  
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Miss H. D. Parkes (8) bt Mrs. N. Oddie and Miss E. Bennett (10½) by 2.  
G. Williams and Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (6½) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond and D. W. Curtis (24) by 10.  
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart and Miss M. Taylor (14) bt Mrs. A. L. Megson and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (14) by 3.  
H. A. Green and Miss E. Johnston (14) bt G. F. Paxon and Mrs. S. A. Paxon (15) by 17.  
SECOND ROUND.  
E. Whitehead and Mrs. E. E. Whitehead (18½) w.o. Miss G. F. Cowan and Mrs. I. R. Pertwee (15) opponents retired.  
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts and L. E. Stokes-Roberts (13) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Miss H. D. Parker (8) by 2.  
G. Williams and Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (6½) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart and Miss M. Taylor (14) by 5.  
H. A. Green and Miss E. Johnston (14) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley and Miss J. Birch (12½) by 9.  
SEMI-FINAL.  
E. Whitehead and Mrs. E. E. Whitehead (18½) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts and L. E. Stokes-Roberts (13) by 8.  
H. A. Green and Miss E. Johnston (14) bt G. Williams and Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (6½) by 11.  
FINAL.  
E. Whitehead and Mrs. E. E. Whitehead (18½) bt H. A. Green and Miss E. Johnston (14) by 9.

PARKSTONE

September 1st to 6th

A warm welcome to visiting players, making them feel at home and wanted; excellent weather except for one wet morning, which, however, developed into a gorgeous sunny afternoon; splendid lunches and teas served by charming members of the Tennis Section of the Club; a courteous Manager anxious to do his best for every-one—and there you had the basic requirements for the successful and happy tournament at Parkstone.

What of the players? To start with a glance at the score sheets gives the refutation to the idea that croquet is not for young people. The winner and the runner-up in the Gold Cup handicap—Mr. Meredith and Dr. Yoxall were both young men, the former still in his twenties. Mr. Meredith also won the B singles. And Mrs. Yoxall another young and promising player won the C handicap. Incidentally both Mrs. Yoxall and Mr. Meredith are from the Emerald Isle.

It is pleasing to note that Mr. Meredith appears to be in the true Corbally, O'Callaghan, Mathews tradition, and reminds us of the small army of brilliant young Irishmen who did so much to liven up croquet in the beginning of the century. If he is able, as we hope, to play in more tournaments next year, we are sure he will go far.

Dr. Yoxall has already a list of wins to his credit, and is likely to add to them. He is one of three extremely promising Cheltenham men players, the other two being Mr. E. Jackson, and Mr. Alexander of chess fame.

The Opens was won by Mrs. Elvey. It was pleasing to see her playing in something like her old form. Her best game was against Mr. Spencer Ell, whom she defeated in two breaks and a "get out" by 26.

By the bye in her game with Mrs. Rotherham in the Process, which she lost, there occurred an illustrative incident. Mrs. Elvey about to run a hoop, her stance and her aim being complete; when actually about to strike, noticed the absence of her clip, and suddenly realised to the amusement of the spectators that she was about to make the wrong hoop! She thus saved herself from disaster at the last second! It is strange that even today players do exist, who unsportingly warn their opponents of such possible errors, thereby spoiling the game for them, by placing them under an uncomfortable sense of obligation, and depriving them of their last-second chance to save themselves.

We congratulate Mrs. Elvey on her win, and also Canon Creed Meredith, who had been playing steady excellent croquet. Now that he is enjoying the pleasures of retirement, he is rapidly regaining the form, which made him such a dangerous opponent in the past.

Two happenings were unfortunate. In the semi-final when Canon Creed Meredith, playing against Col. Beamish, had one ball a rover, the other for the last hoop, and the innings—at the suggestion of the Manager, Col. Beamish retired in order that he might remain in the handicap. Should he, by any chance, and such things happen in our game, have turned the tables on his opponent, he would have had to scratch in the handicap, which he did not want to do. The other unfortunate happening was that Canon Creed Meredith and his cousin, Mr. Meredith, had to retire from the doubles so that each might proceed with his respective single event. So the spectators were deprived of watching that always popular show, the final of the Handicap Doubles.

Neither of these happenings was anybody's fault, least of all the Manager's. They were entirely due to the deluge on Wednesday morning, which put all the courts out of action for a time, and four of them out of action for a matter of hours. No ingenuity on the part of the Manager could overcome the consequences of this setback.

To return to the players, it was extremely pleasing to note that both Dr. Yoxall, and Miss Ault, who by the bye, has greatly improved, took their bisques in excellent style, using them to lay breaks and make them, and indeed as a means of getting to the winning peg as quickly as possible. This forward method is, of course, the way receivers of odds should use their bisques.

We would mention one new amenity, greatly appreciated by the players, namely the shelter given by Mr. and Mrs. Ashton, who generously used the Presentation Fund, given to them by members of the Club, as a token of gratitude for their many years of work for the Club, to provide this useful and valuable shelter.

Much praise and gratitude is due to the groundsman, who morning by morning began work at 6 o'clock to have the lawns in as good condition for the players, as possible. Owing to the heavy dews, his task was by no means easy; or as rewarding as it might have been, had the season been dryer. We would also mention Mrs. Baker for her work in the catering department.

On Saturday evening, the charming Hon. Secretary, Mrs. V. C. Gasson, in gracious style presented the cups and prizes. All her many friends are delighted that she has made such a good recovery from her accident in June, and that there is a prospect of her being able to play again in the near future.

Altogether Parkstone, September 1st to 6th, was a most enjoyable tournament, and we feel sure that those who came to it, will consider favourably the possibility of putting it on their list for 1959.

PROCESS.

OPEN SINGLES (CLASS "A").  
(11 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Rev. Canon Creed Meredith bt Mrs. I. H. Turketine by 18.  
Mrs. L. H. Ashton bt M. Spencer Ell by 9.  
J. Hewitt bt W. W. Sweet Escott by 13.  
SECOND ROUND.  
Rev. Canon Creed Meredith bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 6.  
Mrs. L. H. Ashton bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 12.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. G. H. F. Elvey by 6.  
Col. D. W. Beamish w.o. opponent scratched.  
SEMI-FINAL.  
Rev. Canon Creed Meredith bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 16.  
Col. D. W. Beamish bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 12.  
FINAL.  
Rev. Canon Creed Meredith bt Lt.-Col. D. W. Beamish, opponent retired.  
PLAY-OFF.  
Mrs. G. H. F. Elvey bt Rev. Canon Creed Meredith by 11.

DRAW.

(11 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Canon Creed Meredith by 11.  
Col. D. W. Beamish bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 15.  
Mrs. G. H. F. Elvey bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 15.  
SECOND ROUND.  
M. Spencer Ell bt W. W. Sweet Escott by 17.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 16.  
Mrs. G. H. F. Elvey bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 15.  
Mrs. I. H. Turketine w.o. opponent retired.  
SEMI-FINAL.  
M. Spencer Ell bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 10.  
Mrs. G. H. F. Elvey bt Mrs. I. H. Turketine by 10.  
FINAL.  
Mrs. G. H. F. Elvey bt M. Spencer Ell by 26.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

THE HALSE SALVER.

(7½ Bisques and over).  
(11 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (8) bt Mrs. G. Fitter (13) by 20.  
A. F. Rash (11) bt Mrs. G. M. Robertson (14) by 19.  
Major F. Hill Bernhard (7½) bt Lt.-Comdr. G. W. Style (9) by 3.  
SECOND ROUND.  
Miss D. Hickson (14) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (7½) by 13.  
Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (8) bt A. F. Rash (11) by 10.  
Mrs. A. V. Wilson (13) bt Major F. Hill Bernhard (7½) by 3.  
Miss H. F. Woolley (8) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (9) by 14.  
SEMI-FINAL.  
Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (8) bt Miss D. Hickson (14) by 5.  
Mrs. A. V. Wilson (13) bt Miss H. F. Woolley (8) by 2.  
FINAL.  
Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (8) bt Mrs. A. V. Wilson (13) by 2.

OPEN SINGLES (CLASS "B").

BOURNEMOUTH BOWL

(3½ to 7 Bisques).

(7 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
C. R. M. Meredith bt Mrs. R. A. Hall by 22.  
Dr. A. L. Yoxall bt Mrs. J. A. McMordie by 21.  
Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin bt Mrs. G. W. Style by 8.  
SEMI-FINAL.  
C. R. M. Meredith bt Dr. A. L. Yoxall by 7.  
Miss K. Ault bt Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin by 2.  
FINAL.  
C. R. M. Meredith bt Miss K. Ault by 5.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(31 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.  
C. R. M. Meredith (6) bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (2) by 16.  
Miss G. L. Weston (11) w.o. Lady V. Abbey opponent scratched.  
Mrs. G. W. Style (7) bt J. Hewitt (1) by 9.  
Mrs. I. H. Turketine (1½) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (4½) by 13.

Miss H. F. Woolley (8) bt Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (5) by 9.  
M. Spencer Ell (1) bt Miss D. Hickson (14) by 2.  
Col. D. W. Beamish (—½) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (7½) by 22.  
Mrs. A. Fitter (13) w.o. Major Abbey opponent scratched.  
Mrs. G. H. F. Elvey (0) bt A. F. Rash (11) by 7.  
Dr. A. L. Yoxall (5) bt Rev. Canon Creed Meredith (1½) by 16.  
Mrs. L. H. Ashton (0) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3½) by 10.  
W. W. Sweet Escott (1) bt Mrs. J. A. McMordie (5) by 13.  
Mrs. M. H. Carrington (9) bt Major F. Hill Bernhard (7½) by 2.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—1½) bt Mrs. G. M. Robertson (14) by 21.  
Miss K. Ault (5) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) by 23.

SECOND ROUND.

C. R. M. Meredith (6) bt Miss G. L. Weston (11) by 16.  
Mrs. G. W. Style (7) bt Mrs. I. H. Turketine (1½) by 22.  
Miss H. F. Woolley (8) bt M. Spencer Ell (1) by 9.  
Col. D. W. Beamish (—½) bt Mrs. G. Fitter (13) by 7.  
Dr. A. L. Yoxall (5) bt Mrs. G. H. F. Elvey (0) by 26.  
W. W. Sweet Escott (1) w.o. Mrs. L. H. Ashton (0) opponent retired.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—1½) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (9) by 12.  
Miss K. Ault (5) bt Lt.-Comdr. G. W. Style (9) by 5.

THIRD ROUND.

C. R. M. Meredith (6) bt Mrs. G. W. Style (7) by 11.  
Col. D. W. Beamish (—½) bt Miss H. F. Woolley (8) by 2.  
Dr. A. L. Yoxall (5) bt W. W. Sweet Escott (1) by 23.  
Miss K. Ault (5) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (—1½) by 26.

SEMI-FINAL.

C. R. M. Meredith (6) bt Col. D. W. Beamish (—½) by 16.  
Dr. A. L. Yoxall (5) bt Miss K. Ault (5) by 9.

FINAL.

C. R. M. Meredith (6) bt Dr. A. L. Yoxall (5) by 20.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(12 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham and Dr. A. L. Yoxall (3½) bt Mrs. I. H. Turketine and Mrs. M. H. Carrington (10½) by 7.  
Comdr. G. W. Style and Mrs. G. W. Style (16) bt W. W. Sweet Escott and Mrs. A. V. Wilson (11) by 5.  
Canon Creed Meredith and C. R. M. Meredith (7½) bt Mrs. G. H. Elvey and Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (8) by 8.  
Miss K. Ault and Mrs. E. M. Kay (12½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss D. Hickson (17½) by 7.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. I. H. Ashton and M. Spencer Ell (1) bt Col. D. W. Beamish and Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (1½) by 2.  
Comdr. G. W. Style and Mrs. G. W. Style (16) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Dr. A. L. Yoxall (3½) by 10.  
Canon Creed Meredith (7½) and C. R. M. Meredith bt Miss K. Ault and Mrs. E. M. Kay (12½) by 12.  
Mrs. J. A. McMordie and Mrs. R. A. Hill (11) bt V. de la Nougerede and Miss H. M. Pettitt (15) by 4.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. I. H. Ashton and M. Spencer Ell (1) bt Comdr. G. W. Style and Mrs. G. W. Style (16) by 9.  
Canon Creed Meredith and C. R. M. Meredith (7½) bt Mrs. J. A. McMordie and Mrs. R. A. Hill (11) by 19.

FINAL.

Mrs. L. H. Ashton and M. Spencer Ell (1) w.o. opponents scratched.

HUNSTANTON

September 1st to 6th

There can be few tournaments in the C.A. calendar which partake of such an informal intimacy as Hunstanton. The singularly fine weather added much to the enjoyment of the competitors. There were 24 entries which were just enough to keep the five lawns fully occupied for the whole week and sufficiently large to put Mr. C. B. Bird to the test when planning the ensuing day's play, especially with the Warwicks being potential blocking menaces. Needless to say, things always went smoothly and Mr. Bird marshalled his flock in perfect order throughout the week. For a club with limited resources one must pay tribute to the quality of the lawns which at once gave visiting competitors confidence.

The Norfolk Challenge Cup had attracted among the entries three Surrey Cup selections which added to the quality of the play. As usual, the score sheets in both halves of the event were dotted with the name Warwick from the first round to the finals. This year the distaff side of the family in the person of Joan came through to wrest the trophy from her brother who had been carrying the cup to and from his home for most of the last decade. At 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, Guy seemed poised to win again as he had already beaten Townsend in the final of the Process and was within 5 points of victory in the final of the Draw against his





Dr. A. L. Yoxall (5) bt Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (4½) by 12.  
W. P. H. Roe (9) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (3) by 6.  
E. Sidwell (7½) bt E. A. Roper (3) by 11.  
Miss M. A. Posford (6½) bt Miss E. P. Carmouche (7) by 14.

FOURTH ROUND.

Miss I. M. Roe (7) bt Miss L. Hulton (6) by 2.  
E. G. Bantock (6) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) by 15.  
Dr. A. L. Yoxall (5) bt W. P. H. Roe (9) by 18.  
E. Sidwell (7½) bt Miss M. A. Posford (6½) by 1.

SEMI-FINAL.

E. G. Bantock (6) bt Miss I. M. Roe (7) by 2.  
Dr. A. L. Yoxall (5) bt E. Sidwell (7½) by 12.

FINAL.

Dr. A. L. Yoxall (5) bt E. G. Bantock (6) by 17.

EVENT "Y".

(17 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss M. J. Daldy (½) bt Miss O. Connolly (14) by 21.

SECOND ROUND.

Capt. K. B. Millar (3½) bt Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (12) by 3.  
J. K. Brown (1) bt Miss D. D. Steel (—3) by 11.  
Mrs. A. M. Daniels (5) bt Miss S. Napier (12) by 9.  
Miss A. E. Mills (3) bt Miss M. J. Daldy (½) by 25.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—1½) bt Mrs. D. W. Roe (3½) by 3.  
F. Langley (2) w.o. opponent retired.  
Comdr. D. W. Roe (5) bt Miss L. Wilkinson (12) by 14.  
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (11) by 2.

THIRD ROUND.

Capt. K. B. Millar (3½) bt J. K. Brown (1) by 11.  
Mrs. A. M. Daniels (5) bt Miss A. E. Mills (3) by 19.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—1½) bt F. Langley (2) by 22.  
Comdr. D. W. Roe (5) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) by 11.

SEMI-FINAL.

Capt. K. B. Millar (3½) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels (5) by 4.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—1½) bt Comdr. D. W. Roe (5) by 15.

FINAL.

Capt. K. B. Millar (3½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (—1½) by 10.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Unrestricted).

(13 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (11½) bt E. A. Roper and Mrs. E. A. Roper (11) by 9.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss I. M. Roe (5½) bt Capt. L. C. Adey and Miss E. P. Carmouche (16) by 8.  
Major G. F. Stone and Mrs. A. M. Daniels (2) bt Mrs. B. de C. Mathews and Miss H. D. Parker (10) by 14.  
Capt. K. B. Millar and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (6½) bt Comdr. D. W. Roe and E. G. Bantock (11) by 8.  
T. G. S. Colls and Mrs. D. W. Roe (18½) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (8) by 20.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (11½) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and Miss D. D. Steel (8) by 13.  
Major G. F. Stone and Mrs. A. M. Daniels (2) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss I. M. Roe (5½) by 2.  
T. G. S. Colls and Mrs. D. W. Roe (18½) bt Capt. K. B. Millar and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (6½) by 21.  
F. Langley and Miss L. Wilkinson (14) bt J. K. Brown and Dr. A. L. Yoxall (6) by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.

Major G. F. Stone and Mrs. A. M. Daniels (2) bt Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (11½) by 9.  
T. G. S. Colls and Mrs. D. W. Roe (18½) bt F. Langley and Miss L. Wilkinson (14) by 11.

FINAL.

Major G. F. Stone and Mrs. A. M. Daniels (2) bt T. G. S. Colls and Mrs. D. W. Roe (18½) by 8.

EXTRA EVENT.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(11 Entries).

SEMI-FINAL.

W. P. H. Roe (8) bt Mrs. W. P. H. Roe (11) by 14.  
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (11) bt Comdr. D. W. Roe (5) by 22.

FINAL.

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (11) bt W. P. H. Roe (8) by 7.

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