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- „ 31 Parkstone. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. V. C. Gasson, Newlyn, Blair Avenue, Parkstone, Dorset.
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- „ 21 Roehampton. *Games Sec.*, Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, London, S.W.13.
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V. C. GASSON,
Secretary

NOTES by ROVER

In Grateful Memory

When the Croquet Association's chief founder, Walter Peel, died only a year after the realization of his ambition to establish a controlling body to govern the game which had so unexpectedly revived, the C.A. was prompt to establish a "memorial" to him. Two memorials, in fact, for the tournament with which we open our season provides the two cups which, with the exception of the handsome silver trophy presented to the winner of the Open Championship from 1897 to 1910 (and now to the runner-up) and that for the Women's Championship, are among the oldest prizes of which our Association is possessed. (We say "among" because this writer believes that, in fact, the gold badge and locket presented to the champion lady go back to "pre-historic" times—i.e. the 1870s). It is now proposed that the C.A. should institute another "memorial", this time to that so widely admired lady whose selfless activities represent perhaps the greatest factor in insuring the survival of the Association in the war and post-war years. In inviting associates everywhere to join in contributing to a memorial to Mrs. Apps the Council has not thought fit, at this stage, to commit itself to the form which such an enduring testimony should take. The C.A. has been enriched in its store of trophies from many a generous source, and the sense of economy which was a distinguishing characteristic of Mrs. Apps would have rebelled against the association of her name with anything superfluous. No doubt our Council will arrive in due course at a happy way by which she may be remembered.

Pegged Out Gamesmanship

We have remarked more than once in this column on the widespread ignorance of the Pegged Out Game exhibited even by players with handicaps so low that it is difficult to understand how they can have got down so far without apparently having any understanding of the elementary principles which apply to this fascinating aspect of croquet. Advice in print, or indeed from players with some tactical experience, should not be hard to come by, and only a few hints can be provided here. Many players when one of their balls has been pegged out appear to think there is no course open to them but to attempt long and highly speculative attempts to get in front of their hoop with the ball left in. They will even neglect perfectly safe opportunities of a shot at that one of their opponent's balls which has made all its hoops when it has been (often wisely) separated from its partner. In thus separating his balls the "pegger-out" should, of course, always seek a spot on the boundary which is wired from his adversary. When thus thwarted of a shot, the player of the solitary ball will often do better to cross the boundary on a "thin" wired line and wait for the chance of an open shot, than attempt a long "drift" up to his hoop. It would do players a world of good to practise this form of the game against each other in their clubs, but until they do they will continue to disappoint themselves in tournaments (and bewilder the spectators) when they peg—or are pegged-out.

As to the manner born

In congratulating John Solomon on winning the Open and Men's Championships, we cannot fail to remark on the fact that he had not played a single game this year before Caskets week started. Indeed, having spent most of May in North America he only disembarked at Southampton a matter of hours before he was due to meet Dr. Wiggins at Roehampton, a tough enough proposition at any time. To have won this round with something in hand and then to go through the week without losing a single game speaks to Solomon's natural—or almost supernatural—ability for croquet. There must be few games where a player can after months, or even years, without practice take up where he left off. This crossed our minds when watching Dudley Hamilton Miller in Counties week. A past Open Champion and winner of the President's Cup, he had been absent from the lawns for the best part of a decade but in his first week of croquet he went through his six games undefeated, ably abetted by Mrs. Turketine. There was considerable speculation on how he would have fared the following week had he entered for the Men's Championship, but he decided to resume singles games in the less ambitious but delightful atmosphere of Ryde where he won the Isle of Wight Championship. In case some high bisquers who read these words are tempted to think that their game may improve by giving up practising, we would remind them that only those who have reached the top know the way back.

Save the Children!

"Play croquet and enjoy it, but do not teach it to children." Thus wrote a correspondent in the *Daily Telegraph* lately. The sentiment is familiar enough, but the particular reason adduced in support of it in this instance was not that which we had expected to find. We are accustomed to be told that the game we love so much is unsuitable for the young, and even for the adolescent, who should be encouraged to run about and imbibe the "team spirit" by learning to play for their side and not for themselves. Such advice is doubtless commendable, though it hardly seems to be as generally followed today as it used to be now that boys and girls have their "championships" at lawn tennis and golf, and are often photographed being tutored by parents distinguished at those individualistic pastimes at an age when they seem scarcely big enough to get their fingers round a club or a racket. But the writer of the letter from which we are quoting had another reason for forbidding croquet to those of tender years, since he alleged that it "can develop a vindictive streak, particularly in children, which sometimes becomes divorced from the game itself." No doubt a mallet can be a dangerous weapon, but so can a hockey stick; and we are at a loss to understand why this ridiculous suggestion that there is something "vindictive" about croquet which is not to be found in other games is so often made. We have seen balls effectively "banished" at Bowls. And what about drop-shots on the tennis courts?

Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Croquet Association held at the Hurlingham Club on Monday, 25th May, 1959.

Present: W. Longman (Chairman), Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Adler, I. C. Baillieu, Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish, Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton, Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, Mrs. E. Bright, G. E. Cave, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, Col. and Mrs. J. G. Clarke, V. A. de la Nougerede, Major and Mrs. J. H. Dibley, E. P. Duffield, Rev. and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey, Miss E. E. H. Fisher, Mrs. V. C. Gasson, Mrs. P. E. Heley, Miss F. J. Hodgkinson, Miss D. A. Lintern, Canon R. Creed Meredith, Miss A. E. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Oliver, Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Ormerod, Miss H. D. Parker, Mrs. J. Pavia, H. C. S. Perry, Mrs. S. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Reckitt, Mrs. E. Reeve, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Roper, Mrs. E. Rotherham, Col. A. E. Saalfeld, Mrs. E. Haigh Smith, F. Stanley-Smith, Mrs. D. M. Staub, Miss D. D. Steel, Capt. H. G. Stoker, Major G. F. Stone, Lt.-Comdr. and Mrs. G. W. Style, Mrs. M. L. Thom, Major and Mrs. R. Tingey, S. S. Townsend, Mrs. I. H. Turketine, Miss E. J. Warwick, J. G. Warwick, Mrs. V. E. Wheeler, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins, Miss E. M. Wills.

The Chairman opened the meeting by referring to the death of Mrs. Apps and the deep loss sustained by the Association. He referred to her devotion to the game, her excellence as a player and her unsparing work in spite of failing health. The meeting stood for a minute as a token of respect for her memory.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. Longman.

The Minutes of the last meeting being as printed in the July, 1958, issue of *Croquet* were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

Letters were read from Mrs. Chittenden and Mr. Buckley regarding some form of memorial to Mrs. Apps. After discussion on the form which this might take, the meeting approved the general principle of a fund being established, details to be left to the Council.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the Report and Balance Sheet. Lt.-Comdr. Style moved a Resolution:—"That the Council of the C.A. be asked, as a matter of priority, to study the whole question of the finances of the Association in the light of present and future commitments, with particular regard to the need for raising subscriptions to a realistic and economic rate as early as may be practicable." Mr. Baillieu seconded.

There was considerable discussion with particular reference to the suggested increase in subscriptions, the Chairman referring to the large proportion of Associates who are not active participants in Tournaments. A number of suggestions were made, including increase of levies and tournament fees.

Lt.-Comdr. Style then modified his resolution by omitting the last 21 words and substituting, "and to consider what steps will be necessary to strengthen the economy of the Association." This was seconded by Mr. Baillieu and carried unanimously. The Report and Balance Sheet were then adopted.

Election of an Hon. Treasurer for the year

Mr. Duffield proposed and Mr. Brackenbury seconded that Mr. Buckland be re-elected. This was carried unanimously.

Election of Members of Council

The Chairman announced that the following had been elected:
I. C. Baillieu
Miss D. A. Lintern
Canon R. Creed Meredith
Brig. J. S. Omond
H. C. S. Perry
M. B. Reckitt
Mrs. I. H. Turketine
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins

Motion by Mr. Elvey

"That the last two lines of Rule III be amended as follows:—"shall be held annually on such a date and at such time and place as the Council may determine." Mr. Elvey dwelt on the history of the date of the A.G.M. and gave reasons for his motion. Mr. Baillieu seconded. After active discussion the motion was negatived.

Report on Triangular Tests in 1963

Mr. Reckitt described in full the events of the past few months, referring to the challenges from Australia and New Zealand, the question of the period over which the matches would be played, the number of players comprising the team and matters of cost. He said that at this stage there was no appeal to be made for funds from Associates.

The Chairman welcomed Col. Saalfeld from Australia and Miss Wills from New Zealand and invited them to speak. Both paid tribute to the memory of Mrs. Apps and expressed their pleasure at being at the meeting. Miss Wills said how delighted the N.Z.C.C. would be to receive an English team in 1963. Col. Saalfeld

commented in his remarks on the proposed revision of the Laws with particular reference to Australian reactions.

Capt. Stoker in wishing to thank Managers for their work, asked whether when reporting results to the Press suitable remarks could be added of an interesting nature. Two or three managers present indicated that efforts had been made from time to time in this direction but to no avail. Canon Creed Meredith suggested that when the leading papers failed to publish results they should be forcefully reminded of their shortcomings by Associates writing to complain.

CROQUET IN NEW ZEALAND

I have just read the article on Australian Croquet in the April *Croquet* and think that something on similar lines may be of interest to your readers, seeing that it appears almost certain that 1963 will see a triangular MacRobertson Contest in New Zealand. Croquet has been played in this country for almost as many years as in Britain. An Association was formed to organise play in the Auckland province in 1899, four years after the C. A. came into being, but clubs existed for years before that date; evidently our settlers brought the game out with them and played it under the Laws evolved by the All England Croquet Club. At that stage there were numbers of private lawns in use, but I once came across a printed chart of a Doubles competition in which thirty-six pairs took part, the area made use of being a large lawn in the Christchurch Botanical Gardens, then called the Archery ground. I do not know the exact date of this event but am convinced that it was in the eighties.

As in Australia, the private lawn has practically disappeared now so we depend entirely upon clubs for our croquet. There are approximately 250 of these scattered through the country so croquet is quite generally played. Keith Izard, mentioned in the Australian article, was expert number one of the pre-First War years and the game still bears the imprint of his artistry. He used to beat all of us regularly, but by watching and following his example a type of play was established which has been the textbook example of croquet as it should be played ever since. In the early years a large number of men played the game but as the overall membership increased women came to the fore in both numbers and quality of play. The top class now seen competing in our chief fixtures contains as many women as men, Ashley Heenan has managed to hold the Dominion Title for the past two years but even he finds the competition very fierce.

It is to be hoped that when your team and the Australians visit us it will be possible to include the Dominion Championships in the programme because I do not think that there is a tournament quite like it staged anywhere else. To begin with the programme includes the three Dominion titles, the Championship Doubles, an Intermediate Championship and the most important Handicap Singles of the year. This is done because so many of our top players are workers of one sort or another and can spare only one period per year from their work; these people live in centres scattered from North Cape to the Bluff and some of them always have to travel up to 1,000 miles to reach the appointed place, a fact that does not appear to worry them. In order to cope with this problem, and also to give as many players as possible a chance to see the best croquet the country can produce, it has always been the policy of the N.Z. Croquet Council to move the fixture from year to year, for instance, last season the Dominion Championships were in Nelson in the South Island, next season they are to be in Auckland in the North. We do not always get the best lawns available but we do get a full attendance of the "Tops" and help to infuse interest and enthusiasm into the centres chosen. A further factor of great importance is that the annual meeting of the Croquet Council is held during the Dominion Tournament and anyone may attend as a listener, so our players have the chance of seeing how our business is done. Last season we found the Nelson lawns rather difficult but I think that the results gave a sound indication of form; Ashley Heenan won both Open and Men's titles, Mrs. Jarden held the Women's for the second year in succession, but the competition was very strong and anything might have happened upon several occasions. The Doubles Championship was won by that strong pair from Christchurch, in the South Island, Mrs. Martin and Gurnsey.

Indications are that the present-day class of top players is just as strong as that from which the 1956 team was chosen. Three of the 1956 team have dropped out, Ivy Wainwright and Mr. and Mrs. Watkins, but the rest are still in the hunt as shown by the fact that they carried off four North Island titles in the season just over. It was a great disappointment to us to have Gordon Rowling sick when the Dominion was played in his home area, particularly as he had been playing very well just before the tournament.

I know that the full party who spent such a wonderful time in your country in 1956 will join me in wishing the players of Great Britain the best of weather and luck in this summer.

ARTHUR ROSS

PICKING UP A BREAK

by JOHN SOLOMON

(*Open Champion*, 1953, 1956, 1959)

THE making of a break is of course the essence of the game of croquet, and we all get a great deal of satisfaction out of going from the first hoop to 4-back or the peg, especially when the opponent has presented us with a four ball break. But we cannot always win games on our opponent's mistakes, and only too frequently must do so on our own merits. In these circumstances, the player who is not afraid to bring the balls off the boundaries is at a great advantage. Now I can hear you say, "Yes, but how are we 8 and 10 bisquers to make a break with all the balls on the boundary?" Believe me, it is not nearly so difficult to make a break, starting with one ball in each corner, as is generally imagined.

One vital condition is that you should be able to play the rush stroke with reasonable accuracy, and here, practice is a necessity. Ten minutes practice every day, *by yourself*, is of more value than any number of friendly games.

Let us now take a position which occurs very frequently. We will assume that you have just hit your own tice and have roqueted it off the court at about the middle of the West boundary. Your opponent's balls are 2 or 3 yards up the East boundary from the 4th corner. This is a very simple break to collect provided you are prepared to make one shot, namely, a thick take-off to the 4th corner, sending your partner's ball to the second hoop. Set your balls for an ordinary take-off to the 4th corner spot, and then hit into your partner ball rather more than usual, but with about the same strength. Your partner ball goes near the second hoop, and your own ball goes almost directly to your opponent's. This is a most useful shot and well worth practising. Now, roquet the ball nearer the corner, and if they are fairly close together, a little stop-shot will send it to the fourth hoop where it can wait till you reach that hoop, at the same time getting a rush on the other to the first hoop, and you have a perfect 4-ball break. If your opponent's balls were not very close together in the fourth corner, you may find it easier to take-off to get your rush, but do try to get the ball off the boundary by at least a yard. Then, when making the first hoop, you must try to get a rush back to the fourth corner. You can then send that ball in nearer the fourth hoop and get a rush on the other ball either to the second corner, the West boundary or the stick. From any of these positions it is a simple split shot to send that ball to the third hoop, and get on to your partner ball at the second. *I would emphasise that none of these shots are beyond the power of a 10 bisquer, who is willing to practise them.*

Now let us take a slightly more difficult example. Your opponent has missed the tice and has one ball on the West boundary a little beyond the first hoop, the other in the second corner, and your own balls are a yard apart on the East boundary, just outside the 4th corner. The best thing is to rush your ball down to the 3rd corner between the third hoop and the corner. If it does not come off, no harm is done, as you can easily retire and give yourself a rush. Assuming that you have done it, take-off to the second corner. If you are brave enough to try for the rush, all the better, but it is quite sufficient to be within a yard or two of it. Now you must

do a thick take-off sending this ball about 3 yards along the North boundary and try for the rush on the tice ball to the first corner. You must try to get your ball on the yard-line and from here a little cut rush sends that ball about three yards in from the first hoop, a little to the West of it. Make the hoop and get a rush to the third corner, from where you can send that ball to the third hoop, getting a rush on your partner ball to the second corner. From here you can send it in to the second hoop, getting a rush on your opponents ball to the second hoop. Alternatively you can rush your partner ball from the third corner direct to the second hoop, sending the ball to the right of the hoop on the approach, and run the hoop through to the boundary. This is where sending your opponent's ball along the North boundary when you took off to the tice is invaluable, as you can easily hit this ball and send it to the fourth hoop, and you have a perfect break again.

Building up breaks often involve variations of these methods. The only vital strokes needed are the rush—the most important in the game, and the *thick* take-off. Do practise them; you will find it well worth while.

Questions and Answers

Question: A, with the blue clip in his pocket runs the 4th hoop with blue; B, his adversary, then claims that A's turn has ended because A has not yet run the 3rd hoop. A does not agree and insists that he has run the 3rd hoop. What would you decide as a referee?

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

Question: May an adversary interrupt the striker during a turn when he notices a clip has been wrongly placed during the game?

Answer: Yes he may. Law 49 (iv) allows him to do this at any time and it is up to him to do it at once after noticing this.

Question: If the players disagree about the position of a clip as the above question, what is the answer?

Answer: The actual position at the time shall be taken as correct.

Winning Converts

An exhibition match was played on 25th May, 1959, at Birmingham's leading tennis club, the Priory, the players being J. B. Meacham and Dr. B. R. Sandiford, a former winner of the All-England handicap. Some seventy people attended and the proceedings were enlivened by a running commentary by Dr. H. R. Penney. The local Press did justice to the occasion by an excellent write-up in which were stressed the fact that the game is not difficult to learn and that age is no barrier. There is a croquet section at the Priory Club, and Birmingham also has the flourishing Edgbaston Croquet Club.

OBITUARY

Mr. H. F. CROWTHER-SMITH

Many croquet players live long, but this happy circumstance has the inevitable drawback that when they die few or none are left who remember their play in their best years. "Crowther," as he was universally known, who died on May 19th aged 86, was a very good player in the days when good players were more numerous than they are now. Entries for the Championship (there was only one then for men players) were normally more than fifty in the years immediately before World War I, and it was just before and after this that Crowther was at his best. He gained a place in the "Best Ten" in 1914 and in 1919 reached the final of the Championship, where he had a well contested match with Duff Mathews, then in his prime. But he did not maintain his form as long as many players have done, and by the Thirties his play had fallen off a good deal.

But it was as an artist and a writer that Crowther was best known to croquet players for half a century. His "Croquet Alphabet" must be still a treasured item on the shelves of more senior associates, and for many years before 1940 a page of his drawings appeared annually as a supplement to the C.A. Gazette, and will often be found framed in our croquet pavilions. His delineations of players were not so much caricatures as characterizations, and often brilliant ones. He would write well, too, about the game he always championed so ardently, and it is odd that his admirable book, *The Art of Croquet* (1932) does not seem to be more widely known. In 1937 he took over the editorship of the Gazette and continued in the post until its metamorphosis into *Croquet* in 1954, for which journal he remained as reporter of C.A. tournaments up to the end of last season. His little booklet on *The Art of Golf Croquet*, a game at which he was very good, is the only publication ever exclusively devoted to the subject.

Crowther was very much a personality, apt to be headstrong and querulous at times, but a delightful companion and a notable wit, never at a loss for rapid and amusing comments on the passing scene. Some of his *mots* merit preservation, but we have only space for one here. A well-known player of earlier days had been much criticised for lack of crispness in his croquet strokes. "Someone," it was suggested, "ought to go and see him privately and talk to him about it." "Wouldn't it be a bit awkward," said Crowther at once, "when it was announced that a gentleman had come about the taps; he'd think it was the plumber." M.B.R.

Mrs. ERNEST E. TURNER

Older members of the Association everywhere will have been saddened by the recent death, in London, of Mrs. Ernest Turner. A widow since 1952, Mrs. Turner's salient characteristic was courage, and her versatility and diversity of interests made her always a most stimulating companion.

Even though last year her health was causing concern, the desire to serve was still uppermost in her mind and it was unthinkable to her to disengage herself from official duties to which, at Hurlingham and elsewhere, she was committed.

Mrs. Turner was so well known as a conscientious and capable manager and as a referee that further comment is superfluous.

As a player Mrs. Turner hardly fulfilled her early promise, for in 1907, the year in which, as a near neophyte, she sensationally won her silver medal, it looked as if a new star had arrived.

Yet her resource and intrepidity were never in question, and her pluck and timely shooting in crisis were over and over again the means whereby games apparently lost were retrieved at the end. Older Associates will recall the final of the Candlesticks in 1922 when Mrs. Turner and Mrs. R. G. O'Callaghan prevailed in an exciting finish.

It is impossible to picture the pre-war panorama, the Ranelagh fortnight in June and the August Open tournament at Hurlingham, in particular, without the presence of the Ernest Turners adding lustre and light to the whole untroubled scene.

Only when Mrs. Turner removed from Gloucestershire to London with her husband a few years before the war of 1939, did her annual house-parties for the Cheltenham tournaments break up. As many guests, however, to Cromwell Mansions are aware, Mrs. Turner was still the same charming chatelaine in London, given to warm-hearted and delightful hospitality. N.O.H.

Mrs. R. C. J. BEATON

Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton, one of the most notable figures in the history of Croquet, died on July 29th. A full memoir will appear in our next number.

Major B. VERNON-HARCOURT

It is with deep regret that we record the death, on May 19th, of Major B. Vernon-Harcourt. He was in his 82nd year. An all-round good sportsman, brilliant at tennis and squash, he did not take up croquet until his later years. He played well and accurately and had it not been for a trying protracted illness which forced him to relinquish the game after a short time one felt that he would undoubtedly have joined the ranks of the scratch players. He was Secretary of the Ryde Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club for some time and even when he had to resign owing to ill-health he always took the keenest interest in the Club and supported it in every way. He had a quiet kindly manner which endeared him to a large circle of friends and he will be greatly missed by all with whom he came in contact.

BRIDGE

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

NO TRUMP BIDDING II

LAST month I dealt with the opening bid of 1NT and responses thereto. Now it may happen, if you are a lucky card holder, that you hold a hand of no trump pattern but with a point count of more than 18. What are you to do? Well, hands counting 19 or 20 points belong to a twilight zone—they are too good for 1NT and not good enough for 2NT. Such hands must be opened with one of a suit. Hands counting 21 or 22 may be opened with 2NT. For example:—

Spades, A, 10, 4; Hearts, K, Q, 9, 6; Diamonds, A, Q, J; Clubs, A, J, 8 (or A, Q, 8). Now if you remember last month's figures of 25/26, you will see that the partner may raise the opening 2NT to 3NT if he holds 4 or 5 points. Now we come to hands that have a count of 23 or 24. You will find that the best method of coping with such hands is to open with a conventional two clubs and over partner's two diamond response to rebid 2NT. This tells partner that you have a balanced 23 or 24. Partner may pass this 2NT rebid if his hand contains less than 3 points and has no distributional features.

Remember this is the *only* bidding sequence that may be passed under game after an opening 2C bid.

Balanced hands of 25 and 26 points should be opened with two clubs and over partner's two diamonds rebid to 3NT.

One of the things the beginner has to realize is that 4 to 5 points is enough to raise 2NT to 3NT and that 3 or 4 is enough to raise to 3NT after the sequence 2C—2D—2NT. So many players who can see only their own cards, make a moronic pass with such holdings and say, "I couldn't give you another. I had such a poor hand."

So far I have dealt with game bids. But sometimes both partners may have a few tickets and the slam zone is reached. Bidding no trump slams when both partners have balanced hands is easy, merely a matter of simple arithmetic. The magic figure for the combined point count is 33 for a small slam and 37 for the grand. It follows from this that if you hold 17 points and hear your partner bid 1NT, you bid 6NT. If you hold 21 points opposite a 1NT you bid 7NT and make room in your purse. As a corollary, if your points and a maximum in your partner's hand cannot produce a slam forget it. For example, with as many as 14 points opposite a 1NT just bid 3NT. $14+18=32$ and that is not enough unless things are lucky. [Copyright

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY

Associates will be pleased to learn that Mrs. V. C. Gasson has been appointed Secretary of the Croquet Association and took up her new duties in early August. Mrs. Gasson has as a result to sever her association with the Parkstone Club where she had latterly been Secretary and their loss is now Croquet's gain in a wider sense. She is already well known to a wide range of Associates, having competed regularly at tournaments for a number of years and in particular in the Ladies' Field Cup on four occasions. The location of the C.A. office at Hurlingham will we hope afford her adequate opportunity for keeping her hand in at the game.

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HANDICAPS CONFIRMED OR ALTERED BY THE HANDICAP CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

June 25th, 1959

BRIGHTON
 Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth 5½ to 5.
 Lady Ursula Abbey 4½ to 4.
 N. F. Blackwood 8 to 6.
 W. E. Moore 7 to 6.
 Major R. Tingey *1 to 1.
 Major R. Driscoll 14 (D 12) new handicap.
 G. Scott Page 10 new handicap.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

Major R. Tingey 1 to —½.
 Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld 2 to 1½.
 Miss B. Jones-Bateman 8 to *10.

RYDE

G. Birch 3½ to 3.
 Mrs. F. N. Latham 3½ to 3.
 Mrs. G. P. Fitter 13 to 12.
 Mrs. K. M. Lowein *16 new handicap.
 Mrs. K. M. Lowein *16 to 15.
 Mrs. S. A. Watson 16 new handicap.

CHELTENHAM CLUB RECOMMENDATIONS

Miss I. M. Roe 7 to 6.
 Dr. A. L. Yoxall 4 to 1.

ROEHAMPTON CLUB

Mrs. S. Phillips 5 to 6.

WOKING

Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld 1½ to 1.
 Mrs. A. M. Daniels 5 to 3½.
 Mrs. R. Whitham 9 to 8½.
 A. McClure Williams 4 to 3½.
 Miss B. Jones-Bateman *10 to 10.

SECOND PERSONAL REQUEST

L. Kirk Greene —3 to —1.

NOTTINGHAM

G. N. Bright 4 to 3.
 W. Wallace 12 to 9.
 Miss E. C. Brumpton 12 to 10.
 Sir Henry Prior 11 to 10.
 Mrs. A. S. Greaves 14 to 13.
 Miss E. C. Brumpton 14 to 13.
 Mrs. A. Collinson 11 to 10.
 A. J. Bucknell 11 to 10.
 F. B. Stephens 13 to 12.

PARKSTONE

Canon R. Creed Meredith 1 to ½.
 H. L. Ormerod 8 to 7½.
 Miss E. M. Temple 16 to 14.

BRIGHTON CLUB

N. F. Blackwood 6 to 5½.
 Miss M. M. L. Morgan 10½ to 9.
 W. P. H. Roe 8 to 6½.
 Mrs. E. Roper 8 to 7½.

HURLINGHAM CLUB

J. M. Rivington 7 to 6.
 F. Byrne 1.

July 29th, 1959

CARRICKMINES, IRELAND

Mrs. R. J. Leonard 5 to 3.
 D. Figs 9 to 6.

COMPTON

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller 0 to —1.
 Mrs. A. Topps 16 new handicap.
 W. H. Austin 14 new handicap.
 A. R. Toplis 11 new handicap.
 Miss M. White 11 new handicap.

LEAMINGTON SPA

F. E. Bealby *10 new handicap.
 J. B. Meachem 4 to 3.
 R. H. Newton 3½ to 3.
 F. E. Bealby *10 to 9½.
 Miss M. Lacey 13 new handicap.
 Miss S. C. Gough 13 to 13 (D 11).
 Miss M. Taylor 13 to 12.
 Dr. Penny 3 to 3½ personal request.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

Miss E. J. Warwick ½ to —½.
 Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart 3 to 2½.
 Miss I. M. Roe 6 to 5½.
 W. Wallace 9 to 8.
 G. A. Black 9 to 8.
 Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Pritchard 9 to 9 (D 8).
 Major E. C. Heathcote 12 (D 10) to 11 (D 10).
 Mrs. D. M. C. Pritchard 16 new handicap.

CHELTENHAM

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave 1 to ½.
 Miss I. M. Roe 5½ to 4.
 E. J. Bantock 6 to 5.
 T. G. Colls 8 to 6.
 Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Pritchard 9 (D 8) to 7½.
 Miss R. M. Allen 8 to 7.

HURLINGHAM CLUB

Major-General D. J. Wilson-Haffenden 14 to 10.
 Mrs. A. D. Karmel 14 to 12.

INTER-CLUB MATCH

HURLINGHAM versus REIGATE.

Played at Hurlingham on Tuesday, June 9th, 1959. Hurlingham players named first.

SINGLES.

Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (8) bt Major A. M. Hicks (8½) by 5.
 Mrs. I. C. Baillieu (11) lost to Dr. J. Creed (10) by 3 on time.
 Brig. C. C. Russell (14) bt Col. N. B. Fuller (10) by 6.
 Major-Gen. D. J. Wilson-Haffenden (14) bt T. G. Gandy (11) by 9.

DOUBLES.

Mrs. G. W. Solomon and Brig. C. C. Russell (18½) lost to Major A. M. Hicks and Dr. J. Creed (18½) by 14.
 Mrs. E. Haigh Smith and Major-Gen. D. J. Wilson-Haffenden (22) bt Col. N. B. Fuller and T. G. Gandy (21) by 9.

RESULT.—Hurlingham bt Reigate by 4 games to 2.

Notes from the Clubs

Hurlingham

This month's notes are all devoted to matches. We have had two friendly matches, against Roehampton and Reigate. The former consisted of the customary three doubles games which we won by 2 to nil, one being unfinished but rather in Roehampton's favour. Our match against Reigate, won by 4 games to 2, was a high bisquer event, the second in the series suggested last year by General Davidson who has unfortunately been laid low by illness and could not play. Mrs. Thom supervised the proceedings very decorously and we had the services of two newcomers, Brigadier Russell and General Wilson-Haffenden who were ably ballasted by Mrs. Solomon and Mrs. Haigh Smith. The latter had fully recovered from the previous day's efforts against Ryde, of which more anon. Mrs. Mary Baillieu completed the team.

Our Longman Club match against Ryde had a real grand stand finish. The doubles had finished with one game a piece and at six o'clock Alex Karmel having abundantly accounted for Major Dibley and Mrs. Latham taken full measure of S. S. Townsend, the situation remained even, with Enid Haigh Smith battling out against Mrs. Farnsworth, all four clips being on the rover hoop. After 15 minutes of in and out play Mrs. Haigh Smith, ready to go out, made an excellent rush to within three yards of the peg and then appeared to collapse with cramp. Conjecture was rife as to whether she could finish the game (which was then hers for the taking) with or without the aid of crutches, but she fortunately recovered quickly and pegged out. The Ryde team, who have to rise at an unconscionably early hour in order to arrive in London, are always welcome at Hurlingham and nobody would have begrudged them victory had the scales been tipped the other way.

Compton (Eastbourne)

The Horsburgh Cup, which can be held by Compton members only, was first played for in 1909—exactly 50 years ago—as has been mentioned before in these notes. Further research has shown that there was a Compton Club cup in 1903.

This was won by C. W. Horsburgh in 1903, 1904 and 1905, and became his property. What happened in 1906-8 is not clear, but Mr. Horsburgh presented the present cup which bears his name in 1909. The first name on it is the Rev. H. Von E. Scott. Names that appear more than once are Miss Eva Stanford, The Lady Julian Parr, A. Thurnall, Major C. C. Stone, D. Hamilton-Miller and the Rev. G. F. H. Elvey.

The cup which Mr. Horsburgh won outright in 1905 was represented as an Open Challenge Cup in 1932. Among the early winners was Miss D. D. Steel, L. Kirk-Greene was successful in 1955, 1956 and 1957, his run being ended by the present holder, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins.

A very enjoyable and very friendly match against Brighton ended in a draw on Larkin's Field on June 4th. Details (Southwick players first): Mrs. N. Oddie lost to L. Kirk-Greene by 4, Miss Hazel Parker lost to Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 4 on time, Miss Morgan beat C. J. Speer by 8, Miss Johnstone bt H. C. S. Perry by 1 on time; Mrs. Oddie and Miss Morgan bt L. Kirk-Greene and H. C. S. Perry by 10, Miss Parker and Miss Johnstone lost to Mrs. Chittenden and C. J. Speer by 3.

How lucky Compton is to have such members as Barbara Chittenden who not only won both her matches, but entertained the teams to lunch and tea. One of the features of the play was a remarkable shot by Charles Speer towards the end of the doubles game on which the result of the match depended. His ball was about midway between hoops 3 and 4 and his partner's ball was on the south boundary wired from it by the 4th hoop. Playing with his usual slow, deliberate swing he ran the hoop and made the roquet.

The other doubles was quickly over. Leslie Kirk-Greene continually left things perfectly arranged for his partner. But either his partner broke down or, as happened on three successive occasions, Miss Morgan (10½) hit in right across the lawn; moreover she used these opportunities to be the first to get round. One was told her tactics were weak. Shall we shortly see a handicap 10½ (D 3). All are looking forward to a return match at Southwick.

Cheltenham

The Whitsun week-end American tournament provided an interesting interlude. Whitsun was very early this year and for a week-end tournament entries had to be limited. It was gratifying that it attracted some visitors, professional men, who were able to take advantage of the holiday to get some tournament croquet. The Club Trophy tournament produced many exciting games. The doubles were won by the Rev. and Mrs. Handel Elvey, giving a prodigious number of bisques. The Club Championship was won for the third year in succession by G. E. P. Jackson, but Dr. Yoxall showed that he is now in that class.

The new players again carried off three of the trophies, Miss I. Roe (7) winning the "B" levels, and J. G. S. Colls (8) the Open Handicap and the "C" Class Handicap. America, who last year won the "D" Class Handicap, challenged again, but Miss Wilkinson defended successfully.

CHELTEHAM CLUB TROPHY TOURNAMENT

Played from Saturday, 23rd, to Saturday, 30th May, 1959.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

G. E. P. Jackson (holder) beat Dr. A. L. Yoxall by 11.

STELLA CUP.

LEVEL SINGLES.

(4 bisques and over).

Miss I. M. Roe bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard by 7.

MURRAY-MENZIES CUP.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(8 to 11½ bisques).

T. G. S. Colls (8) bt Miss H. McKean (10) by 17.

BELLAIRS BOWL.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(12 bisques and over).

Miss L. Wilkinson (12) bt Mrs. P. Hart (16) by 19.

OPEN HANDICAP.

T. G. S. Colls (8) bt E. G. Bantock (6) by 2.

PEEL MEMORIAL.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

The Rev. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. Elvey (0) bt G. E. P. Jackson and Mrs. Jackson (12) by 9.

A very successful "Bring and Buy" Sale and Fete was held on the 6th June, organised by Mrs. B. de C. Mathews and Mrs. Yoxall. In spite of the badly needed rain, which came just at the wrong time, and ruined the outdoor games, the very handsome sum of £170 was raised. This was very gratifying to the members, who worked so hard.

Roehampton

Roehampton members have lost an old friend with the death of Mr. Crowther-Smith. "Crowther" as he was known to his many friends was one of the oldest members of Roehampton and though he had given up playing in the last few years he was frequently at the club watching the play and helping beginners with his advice. He will be greatly missed by us all.

The Longman Cup (first round) was played at the club on June 11th, when our opponents were Brighton who had not entered for many years. The match was a closely contested one and Roehampton won by 3 matches to 2 as detailed elsewhere in this issue.

AN ENGLAND TEAM v. CARRICKMINES, IRELAND.

Played at Roehampton, July 19th, 1959. England team named first

SINGLES

J. A. Hollweg bt Lady FitzGerald by 17.
Miss D. A. Lintern bt G. M. FitzPatrick by 10.
Mrs. W. Longman v. Mrs. R. J. Leonard unfinished.
J. B. Gilbert bt T. V. Murphy by 10.
Dr. Yoxall bt J. Stokes by 23.
D. Jesson Dibley bt R. J. Leonard by 13.

DOUBLES

J. A. Hollweg and J. B. Gilbert bt Lady FitzGerald and T. V. Murphy by 18.
Dr. Yoxall and Miss D. A. Lintern bt G. M. FitzPatrick and R. J. Leonard by 14.
D. Jesson Dibley and Mrs. W. Longman bt J. Stokes and Mrs. R. J. Leonard by 8.

RESULT.—England Team won by 8 games to 0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Sir,

I have recently had a most enjoyable three days at the week-end tournament at Cheltenham. In these days of financial, business and domestic difficulties of getting away for a whole week, could not more clubs organise such tournaments? At present I think the Hunstanton club is the only other one to do so, and these two clubs deserve full praise and the thanks of the competitors for their initiative.

With shorter tournaments I am sure that many more players who are not now regular tournament entrants would soon become so, and what is vitally necessary for the continuation of the proper game, their sons and daughters might be more inclined to come along with them.

Yours faithfully,

G. L. ORMEROD

An expression of gratitude

Dear Sir,

May I be permitted through the medium of *Croquet* to express my gratitude to two "Gallant Ladies".

Our Chairman, Miss Lintern, and Mrs. Thom have given up much time and I fear croquet tournaments to assist the Croquet Association to keep running smoothly, also the moving of the office to its new building. To these ladies I say "thank you" for working so hard that others may take pleasure in the game.

Yours faithfully,

KATHERINE LONGMAN

Shortened Games

Dear Sir,

It seems strange that when there is such an obvious desire for a shortened form of croquet for *suitable* occasions, what is probably the best shortened game of all is entirely ignored. I refer to the FOUR HOOP GAME, i.e. the game without the two middle hoops.

To give this game a fair trial two things are essential.

(1) That the two middle hoops should be removed from the court. (The complete freedom produced by the openness of the court without the middle hoops is absolutely essential for giving this game a fair trial.)

(2) It must be noted that 4-back still remains 4-back as far as the lifts and contacts are concerned, but it becomes the rover hoop as well.

If anyone thinks this game is going to be dull, he will quickly find that progress from hoop 4 to hoop 1-back, with the open court, will give him food for thought, and the opportunity of trying out many interesting strokes.

In writing the above, I cannot fail to add, that I hope that no short game of any kind will ever supersede our present magnificent game for general purposes, a game which has been gradually perfected through many years.

Yours faithfully,

G. F. H. ELVEY

GOLF CROQUET MATCH

ROEHAMPTON v. DULWICH

Played at Roehampton, July 23rd, 1959. Roehampton players named first

Miss Jennings and Mrs. Adler
bt Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Pethebridge 8-5,
bt Mrs. Kozhevar and Mrs. Frenken 8-5,
bt Mrs. Bayley and Miss Young 8-5.

F. H. Curtis and Miss E. Fisher
bt Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Pethebridge 9-4,
bt Mrs. Kozhevar and Mrs. Frenken 8-5,
bt Mrs. Bayley and Miss Young 9-4.

Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Staub
bt Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Pethebridge 9-4,
lost to Mrs. Kozhevar and Mrs. Frenken 6-7,
bt Mrs. Bayley and Miss Young 10-3.

RESULT.—Roehampton bt Dulwich 8 matches to 1.

LONGMAN (CLUB TEAM) CUP

FIRST ROUND.

HURLINGHAM v. RYDE

Played at Hurlingham on 8th June, 1959. Hurlingham players named first.

SINGLES.

S. S. Townsend (1½) lost to Mrs. F. N. Latham (3) by 17.
A. D. Karmel (3½) bt Major J. H. Dibley (2½) by 21.
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (8) bt Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5½) by 3.

DOUBLES.

S. S. Townsend and Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (9½) bt Major and Mrs. J. H. Dibley (8½) by 8.
A. D. Karmel and Miss B. Duthie (11½) lost to Mrs. F. N. Latham and Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (8½) by 16.
RESULT.—Hurlingham bt Ryde by 3 games to 2.

FIRST ROUND

ROEHAMPTON v. SOUTHWICK

Played at Roehampton on 11th June, 1959. Roehampton players named first

SINGLES

Mrs. I. H. Turketine (1½) lost to Lady Ursula Abbey (4) by 11.
Miss E. Fisher (5) bt N. F. Blackwood (6) by 2.
Mrs. H. J. Collins (6) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 6.

DOUBLES

Mrs. I. H. Turketine and Mrs. M. Carrington (10) lost to N. F. Blackwood and Lady Ursula Abbey (10) by 15.
Mrs. H. J. Collins and Miss E. Fisher (11) bt Mrs. A. L. Megson and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (14) by 6.

RESULT.—Roehampton bt Southwick 3 matches to 2.

COMPTON (EASTBOURNE) v. COLCHESTER

Played at Hurlingham on Monday, 15th June. Compton players named first

SINGLES

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (3) lost to C. S. Ratcliffe (8) by 8.
C. J. Speer (7) lost to R. J. Hinnell (9) by 8.
Lt.-Comdr. G. W. Style (9) bt Mrs. R. J. Hinnell (13) by 6.

DOUBLES

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and C. J. Speer (10) lost to C. S. Ratcliffe and R. J. Hinnell (17) by 3.
Lt.-Comdr. G. W. Style and Mrs. G. W. Style (16) lost to B. T. Cresswell and Mrs. R. J. Hinnell (20) by 6 on time.
RESULT.—Colchester bt Compton by 4 games to 1.

SEMI-FINAL

ROEHAMPTON v. COLCHESTER

Played at Roehampton July 7th, 1959. Roehampton players named first

SINGLES

Mrs. I. H. Turketine (1½) v. B. T. Cresswell (7) unfinished.
Mrs. H. J. Collins (6) lost to C. S. Ratcliffe (8) by 14.
Brig. J. S. Omond (7½) lost to R. J. Hinnell (9) by 23.

DOUBLES

Brig. J. S. Omond and Mrs. I. H. Turketine (9) lost to C. S. Ratcliffe and R. J. Hinnell (17) by 18.
Mrs. H. J. Collins and Mrs. F. Pavia (12½) lost to B. T. Cresswell and Mrs. R. J. Hinnell (20) by 7.
RESULT.—Colchester bt Roehampton 4 games to nil, one unfinished.

FINAL

COLCHESTER v. HURLINGHAM

Played at Colchester on 30th July, 1959. Colchester players named first

SINGLES

B. T. Cresswell (7) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (2) by 18.
R. J. Hinnell (9) bt Mrs. M. L. Thom (6½) by 23.
C. S. Ratcliffe (8) v. S. S. Townsend (1½) unfinished.

DOUBLES

C. S. Ratcliffe and R. J. Hinnell (17) bt S. S. Townsend and Mrs. M. L. Thom (8) by 8.
B. T. Cresswell and Mrs. R. J. Hinnell (20) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts and J. M. Rivington (8) by 2.
RESULT.—Colchester bt Hurlingham by 4 games to nil, one unfinished.

ROYAL NAVY v. ARMY

Played at Hurlingham, Monday, 25th May

It was, we feel, a happy thought to arrange for a one day match to be held at Hurlingham on the day before the Counties Championship started and on the day fixed for the Annual General Meeting of the C.A. In the first place this must have enabled much more representative teams to be collected from county players than would have been possible on any other day. In the second place those associates who were prepared to attend an evening performance of the A.G.M. were offered some reward by being given the opportunity to see good croquet played in the afternoon. Still we would suggest that if this match is to become, as we hope, an annual fixture the A.G.M. should be held at 2.30 and the match resumed at 3.30. Thus associates from the provinces could at least hope to reach home before dark.

Let us be honest and say at once that the good croquet we expected to see was a little slow in appearing. We expected, too, to see the most beautiful lawns in the country but Hurlingham lawns were not at their best. The weather had been difficult. Of course the lawns were good but they were not the usual perfect, fast lawns we have grown accustomed to find at Hurlingham. Doubtless in a few weeks' time those who are fortunate enough to play at Hurlingham will find the lawns as perfect as ever.

The score speaks for itself. The Royal Navy won. In the singles we noticed Lt.-Col. Cave and Capt. Stoker each playing pleasant croquet and soon defeating their opponents. H. O. Hicks and Major Stone whom we expected to delight us with their play did not in fact succeed in finishing their game which was finally won on time by the former. Major Dibley, too, lost to Capt. Millar by only two points on time.

Though we had hoped to see a triple peel we were disappointed but we did see some very good long shots and we admired breaks which seemed to be created out of most difficult situations. In fact we saw how we ought to play and we saw that others like ourselves can quite easily make mistakes and indulge at times in the most extraordinary tactics! In other words we saw good croquet and croquet not so good and it was all very enjoyable.

There was nothing thrilling or exciting to say about the Doubles but the matches throughout were interesting to watch.

Results

(Royal Navy names first)

SINGLES

H. O. Hicks bt Major G. F. Stone by 3 on time.

Captain H. G. Stoker bt Lt.-Col. J. G. Clarke by 21.

Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish lost to Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 24.

Capt. K. B. Millar bt Major J. H. Dibley by 2 on time.

DOUBLES

H. O. Hicks and Capt. K. B. Millar lost to Major G. F. Stone and Major J. H. Dibley by 8.

Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Capt. H. G. Stoker bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Lt.-Col. J. G. Clarke by 10.

NEW ZEALAND 1959 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Open Championship: A. D. Heenan; Runner-up, C. Wadsworth.

Women's Championship: Mrs. Jarden; Runner-up, Mrs. Ogier.

Men's Championship: A. D. Heenan; Runner-up, F. Gurnsey.

Championship Doubles: Mrs. W. L. Martin and F. Gurnsey; Runners-up, A. D. Heenan and F. C. Bryan.

Handicap Singles: A. G. Ross; Runner-up, Mrs. J. Biddle.

Hurlingham Cup: Mrs. Moffitt; Runner-up, Mrs. McMurray.

Handicap Event: L. J. Mitchell; Runner-up, Mrs. Wansborough.

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BRIGHTON

May 18th-23rd

The first of Brighton's three tournaments for 1959 is over and in spite of a mixed bag in the way of weather, everybody seemed to be enjoying themselves.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Major Dibley for his very able and considerate management and to Mr. Corke, our tournament Secretary, for all his work before and during the week. It would be a great help to both these officials if players would remember to ask for any leave required on their entry forms.

Mr. and Mrs. Roper's kindness in inviting two of their friends, Mrs. Cobden Sanderson and Mrs. King to stay with them and in persuading them to do the catering for the week was much appreciated. We cannot be too grateful to these two ladies, who gave up all their time to providing us with morning coffees, lunches and teas. Our warmest thanks to them and to the hard working band of helpers who cooked and waited on us. Mrs. Truett, our "bar-lady", with her never-failing cheerful smile spent hours daily serving drinks and we are all grateful to her.

Our groundsman, Mr. Adams, is to be congratulated for his care of the lawns, several visitors commented on their excellent condition.

The number of competitors was about the same as usual and it was nice to welcome several players who have not been here before. It was a great pleasure to see Mrs. Longman playing up to her usual high standard. Mrs. Chittenden did well in the Opens to lose by narrow margins to such formidable opponents as L. Kirk-Greene and Major Tingey. Mr. Moore seemed always to be on the courts which is not surprising as he won the handicap and reached the final of the doubles.

Mr. Blackwood played consistently well all the week, playing nine games and winning all of them. It was bad luck that he was unable to play Mr. Moore in the handicap final. One other game drew much applause. In the semi-final of the doubles, Miss Forbes Cowan and W. Moore beat Major and Mrs. Tingey in one hour by the maximum number of points. Is this a record?

OPEN SINGLES.

("Two Life" System).

THE ABBEY CHALLENGE CUP.

THE DRAW.

(15 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Major J. R. Abbey bt D. Jesson Dibley by 8.
Dr. H. J. Penney w.o. Miss D. D. Steel opponent scratched.
Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin bt I. C. Baillieu by 15.
L. Kirk-Greene bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 16.
Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld bt W. Longman by 21.
Mrs. W. Longman w.o. G. E. W. Hitchcock opponent retired.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt E. A. Roper by 5.

SECOND ROUND.

Major J. R. Abbey w.o. Dr. H. J. Penney opponent scratched.
L. Kirk-Greene bt Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin by 20.
Mrs. W. Longman bt Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld by 15.
R. Tingey bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.

L. Kirk-Greene bt Major J. R. Abbey by 16.
Mrs. W. Longman bt R. Tingey by 7.

FINAL.

Mrs. W. Longman bt L. Kirk-Greene by 14 on time.

PROCESS.

(15 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

L. Kirk-Greene bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 6.
Mrs. W. Longman bt Dr. H. J. Penney by 8.
R. Tingey bt I. C. Baillieu by 5.
Major J. R. Abbey bt W. Longman by 2.
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt G. E. W. Hitchcock by 10.
Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin bt E. A. Roper by 7.
Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld bt D. Jesson Dibley by 7.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. W. Longman bt L. Kirk-Greene by 10.
R. Tingey bt Major J. R. Abbey by 14.
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart w.o. Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin opponent retired.
Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld w.o. Miss D. D. Steel opponent scratched.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. W. Longman bt R. Tingey by 26.
Lt. Col. A. E. Saalfeld bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 9.

FINAL.

Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld bt Mrs. W. Longman by 6.

PLAY-OFF.

Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld w.o. Mrs. W. Longman opponent retired.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(40 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

G. E. W. Hitchcock (2½) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (13) by 15.
I. C. Baillieu (3) w.o. Mrs. W. Longman (½) opponent scratched.
W. P. H. Roe (8) w.o. Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld (2) opponent scratched.
Mrs. C. M. Turner (9) w.o. G. Williams (1½) opponent scratched.
Major J. R. Abbey (1½) bt H. A. Green (6) by 13.
T. A. Chignell (4½) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (7) by 19.
Lady Ursula Abbey (4½) bt E. C. Mogridge (10½) by 7.
Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5½) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan (6) by 22.

SECOND ROUND.

W. E. Moore (7) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 24.
W. Longman (—1) bt Mrs. R. Tingey (4½) by 5.
G. Scott Page (10) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (13) by 21.
Miss D. L. Latham (9) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 21.
R. Tingey (1) w.o. Hon. Clive Pearson (10) opponent scratched.
Mrs. E. M. Temple (10) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (4½) by 13.
G. E. W. Hitchcock (2½) w.o. I. C. Baillieu (3) opponent scratched.
W. P. H. Roe (8) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (9) by 14.
T. A. Chignell (4½) bt Major J. R. Abbey (1½) by 25.
Lady Ursula Abbey (4½) bt Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5½) by 1.
Miss K. D. Hickson (10) bt Miss E. E. Bennett (11) by 15.
H. A. Green (6) bt Miss M. M. Morgan (10½) by 12.
N. F. Blackwood (8) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (3) by 26.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (3) bt A. L. Megson (4½) by 13.
Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (4½) bt Miss H. D. Parker (5½) by 13.
Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) bt Mrs. A. L. Megson (6) by 6.

THIRD ROUND.

W. E. Moore (7) bt W. Longman (—1) by 21.
G. Scott Page (10) bt Miss D. L. Latham (9) by 3.
R. Tingey (1) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (16) by 2.
W. P. H. Roe (8) bt G. E. W. Hitchcock (2½) by 7.
Lady Ursula Abbey (4½) bt T. A. Chignell (4½) by 13.
H. A. Green (6) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (10) by 13.
N. F. Blackwood (8) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (3) by 26.
Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (4½) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) by 7.

FOURTH ROUND.

W. E. Moore (7) bt G. Scott Page (10) by 14.
W. P. H. Roe (8) w.o. R. Tingey (1) opponent scratched.
H. A. Green (6) w.o. Lady Ursula Abbey (4½) opponent scratched.
N. F. Blackwood (8) bt Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (4½) by 14.

SEMI-FINAL.

W. E. Moore (7) bt W. P. H. Roe (8) by 15.
N. F. Blackwood (8) bt H. A. Green (6) by 3.

FINAL.

W. E. Moore (7) w.o. N. F. Blackwood (8) opponent scratched.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y").

EVENT "X".

(40 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) bt Miss E. Johnston (7) by 15.
G. Williams (1½) bt Miss M. J. Daldy (½) by 7.
Mrs. R. Tingey (4½) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan (6) by 18.
Mrs. E. M. Temple (16) bt Mrs. A. L. Megson (6) by 3.
Mrs. W. P. H. Roe (11) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (7) by 15.
Miss H. D. Parker (5½) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (13) by 7.
Miss E. E. Bennett (11) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (9) by 11.
W. E. Moore (6) bt Miss M. M. Morgan (10½) by 3.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) bt Major Driscoll (14) by 15.
G. Scott Page (10) w.o. Hon. Clive Pearson (12) opponent scratched.
H. A. Green (6) bt I. C. Baillieu (3) by 15.
Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5½) bt W. P. H. Roe (8) by 1.
Lady Ursula Abbey (4½) bt Mrs. I. C. Baillieu (11) by 10.
Dr. H. J. Penney (3) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (13) by 17.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) bt G. Williams (1½) by 22.
Mrs. R. Tingey (4½) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (16) by 7.
Miss H. D. Parker (5½) w.o. Mrs. W. P. H. Roe (11) opponent scratched.
W. E. Moore (7) bt Miss E. E. Bennett (11) by 16.
Miss K. D. Hickson (10) bt Mrs. W. Longman (½) by 1.
Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) bt G. E. W. Hitchcock (2½) by 4.
Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (4½) bt Major J. R. Abbey (1½) by 5½.
T. A. Chignell (4½) bt E. A. Roper (3) by 19.
Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld (2) bt W. Longman (—1) by 26.
N. F. Blackwood (8) bt Miss D. L. Latham (9) by 5.

THIRD ROUND.

Miss H. D. Wooster (8) bt G. Scott Page (10) by 3.
Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5½) bt H. A. Green (6) by 10.
Lady Ursula Abbey (4½) bt Dr. H. J. Penney (3) by 6.
Mrs. R. Tingey (4½) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 22.
W. E. Moore (7) bt Miss H. D. Parker (5½) by 7.
Miss K. D. Hickson (10) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) by 8.
Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (4½) bt T. A. Chignell (4½) by 6.
N. F. Blackwood (8) bt Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld (2) by 13.

FOURTH ROUND.

Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5½) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 14.
Lady Ursula Abbey (4½) bt Mrs. R. Tingey (4½) by 2.
Miss K. D. Hickson (10) bt W. E. Moore (7) by 8.
N. F. Blackwood (8) bt Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (4½) by 22.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5½) w.o. Lady Ursula Abbey (4½) opponent retired.
N. F. Blackwood (8) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (10) by 23.

FINAL.

N. F. Blackwood (8) bt Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5½) by 13.

EVENT "Y".

(20 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss M. J. Daldy (½) bt Miss E. Johnston (7) by 6.
Miss G. Forbes Cowan (6) bt Mrs. A. L. Megson (6) by 9.
Mrs. E. M. Kay (7) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (13) by 4.
Miss M. M. Morgan (10½) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (9) by 4.

SECOND ROUND.

G. Scott Page (10) bt Major Driscoll (14) by 9.
W. P. H. Roe (8) bt I. C. Baillieu (3) by 6.
Mrs. I. C. Baillieu (11) bt Mrs. N. A. Naylor (13) by 10.
Miss G. Forbes Cowan (6) bt Miss M. J. Daldy (½) by 9.
Miss M. M. Morgan (10½) bt Miss E. M. Kay (7) by 9.
G. E. W. Hitchcock (2½) w.o. Mrs. W. Longman (½) opponent scratched.
Major J. R. Abbey (1½) bt E. A. Roper (3) by 13.
Miss D. L. Latham (9) bt W. Longman (—1) by 16.

THIRD ROUND.

W. P. H. Roe (8) bt G. Scott Page (10) by 8.
Miss G. Forbes Cowan (6) w.o. Mrs. I. E. Baillieu (11) opponent scratched.
G. E. W. Hitchcock (2½) bt Miss M. M. Morgan (10½) by 7.
Major J. R. Abbey (1½) bt Miss D. L. Latham (9) by 11.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss G. Forbes Cowan (6) bt W. P. H. Roe (8) by 13.
G. E. W. Hitchcock (2½) bt Major J. H. Abbey (1½) by 14.

FINAL.

G. E. W. Hitchcock (2½) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan (6) by 7.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(12 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

W. Moore and Miss G. Forbes Cowan (13) bt Miss M. M. Taylor and Mrs. Temple (29) by 10.
Major Driscoll and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (22) bt Dr. H. J. Penney and Miss Hickson (12) by 11.
E. A. Roper and Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (7½) bt L. Kirk Greene and G. Scott Page (7) by 12.
Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld and Mrs. N. A. Naylor (15) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart and Mrs. E. A. Roper (11) by 2.

SECOND ROUND.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Tingey (5½) bt I. C. Baillieu and Mrs. I. C. Baillieu (12) by 10.
W. Moore and Miss G. Forbes Cowan (13) bt Major Driscoll and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (22) by 00.
E. A. Roper and Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (7½) bt Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld and Mrs. N. A. Naylor (15) by 9.
H. A. Green and Miss E. Johnston (13) bt Miss H. D. Parker and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (8½) by 3 on time.

SEMI-FINAL.

W. Moore and Miss Forbes Cowan (13) bt R. Tingey and Mrs. Tingey (5½) by 22.
E. A. Roper and Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (7½) bt H. A. Green and Miss Johnston (13) by 6.

FINAL.

E. A. Roper and Mrs. Wallwork (7½) bt W. Moore and Miss Forbes Cowan (13) by 4 on time.

EXTRA EVENT.

Won by Mrs. Dibley.

Nine

INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Hurlingham, May 26th-29th, 1959

Counties week was memorable this year on a number of counts. Of particular interest was the entry of Devon, a formidable team travelling from the south west to make their challenge. Any team having the Warwicks as their second pair is obviously in a strong position and it would have been no surprise for Devon to have wrestled the title from Middlesex. The holders were without John Solomon but fortunately had the services of Major Tingey to call upon.

A very pleasing feature was the successful return to croquet of Dudley Hamilton-Miller after too long an absence from the game. Surrey were, in fact, in sore need of such a player for without Col. Adams, Major Cobb, Victor Evans, J. B. Gilbert and Brig. Stokes-Roberts their chance appeared to have gone. That they contrived nevertheless to finish as runners-up was largely due to the unbeaten partnership of Hamilton-Miller and Mrs. Turketine. Those who have become croquet players in the last decade and had not seen Hamilton-Miller on the lawns must have gone away highly impressed with the ease with which he played himself back into the game. The unhurried efficiency of his strokes and the perfect rhythm of his swing are but two of the features of his play which many would wish to emulate.

The entry of Devon brought the total teams to seven, necessitating the use of three lawns at Roehampton in the early stages of the tournament. Although this involved a certain amount of pre- or post-lunch travel, it was accepted in good part by the players concerned and caused no delay to the afternoon matches.

Middlesex triumph again

The issue was largely decided by the end of the fourth round at which point Middlesex had defeated their most likely rivals, Devon and Surrey. On the form shown up to that time it seemed unlikely that the holders would falter against their two remaining opponents, Sussex and Hants and Dorset and so it proved, Middlesex remaining undefeated for the second year running. Stoker and Townsend proved to be good anchor men as third pair, winning all their six games. Their first two games are worthy of comment as they were both accomplished in 75 minutes by margins of 26 and 23 respectively.

Surrey, as already stated, finished runners-up in spite of their changed team. Their captain's reference to his being only able to field a reserve team must be taken *cum grano salis*. Reckitt and Wiggins, Hamilton-Miller and Mrs. Turketine are a good enough start for any team.

Devon failed to beat Middlesex and Surrey, thereby forfeiting their chance of taking the championship. The Warwicks played consistently well throughout the week, only failing in their game against Hamilton-Miller and Mrs. Turketine. The Devon top pair were, however, not as convincing as the names Rotherham-Stone had suggested.

Hants and Dorset suffered through a last minute withdrawal of Mrs. Ashton on account of illness, and this, coupled with the translation of Mrs. Rotherham to Devon, rather ruled out the 1956 champions. However, they did well to achieve three victories, including one against Surrey.

Eastern Counties, who made their best use of limited resources, started well with two victories but failed to add any more. Karmel was playing well in most of his games.

Oxon, Berks and Bucks whose team contained a number of players rather short of practice, also achieved two wins, both in the latter part of the week, compensating them for an unhappy start of only one game to their credit in their first three matches.

Sussex failed to achieve a single victory, but nevertheless equalled the number of games won by Eastern Counties and Oxon, Berks and Bucks. With a little luck, Sussex might have won two or three of their matches. The presence of Mrs. Longman and Kirk Greene would have helped them considerably.

Features of the games

There was a spate of pegged out games, at least six coming to the writer's knowledge. Sad to say, the tactics adopted after the pegging out were as often as not indifferent and games were lost which with care should have been won. As one onlooker put it, hardly a correct stroke was played in the last fifteen minutes of one pegged out game.

Two notable victories rather against the odds were those of Dibley and Creed Meredith against Reckitt and Wiggins, and of Longman and Roper against Stone and Mrs. Rotherham. Both of these were pegged out games. In the former, Dibley hit at the critical moment, then achieved three difficult shots and went out.

One matter which will no doubt be rectified for next year's event is the question of the application of the half hour extension, under Regulation 13 (c), after the expiry of the 3½ hour time limit. It is thought on all sides that the extra half hour provision ought not to apply in this event. However, had this been the case, this year's

onlookers would have missed an amusing (though probably not to the players) ending after Miss Mills had pegged out her partner but not herself against the Surrey pair, Capt. Millar and McClure Williams, who then won after a few more innings.

Analysis of Play

Middlesex won 6 matches; namely, against Devon 2-1, Eastern Counties 3-0, Hants and Dorset 3-0, Oxon, Berks and Bucks 3-0, Surrey 2-1, Sussex 2-1.

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

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

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

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

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

Sussex lost 6 matches; namely, to Devon 1-2, Eastern Counties 1-2, Hants and Dorset 0-3, Oxon, Berks and Bucks 1-2, Middlesex 1-2, Surrey 1-2.

MEN'S and WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

ROEHAMPTON

June 1st—6th

The entry in the Men's Singles was just up on last year—14 instead of 12, which must be considered an encouraging sign. The number of ladies in their event was 9, the same as in 1958; there were 7 pairs in the Doubles and 12 entries for the du Pre Cup. All last year's finalists were there and all were defeated except J. W. Solomon. We were glad to see Major R. Tingey and Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld from Australia and Miss Jones Bateman from South Africa among our British and Irish contestants.

Men's Singles

In the first round there were a couple of very close games. J. G. Warwick, after beating Dr. Steen comfortably in the first game, nearly succumbed in the second. Dr. Steen made an excellent recovery and was only defeated by 2 points. Lt.-Col. Saalfeld had a similar struggle with Captain Stoker, who won his second game by the same margin after having been comfortably ahead for some considerable time. In the second round J. G. Warwick and Lt.-Col. Cave had to play a third game, the former winning the match after losing the first—again by the narrow margin of 2. J. W. Solomon, who had arrived by sea from the U.S.A. late on Monday night, walked on to the lawn on Tuesday afternoon and played as if he had been playing for weeks, beating Dr. Wiggins +10, +11. He beat J. G. Warwick +25 in the first game in the semi-final, but things did not go quite so well in the second and Warwick scored 15 points before being defeated. In the final Solomon beat Cotter by 26 in 1 hour and 5 minutes. He was playing beautiful croquet and won the second game by 16, thus retaining the Championship for 1959.

Ladies' Singles

In the first round Mrs. Tingey put up a good fight against Miss Lintern and was only beaten by 10 and 4. Then Miss Lintern and Mrs. Reeve had a stern (and long!) struggle in their first game, Miss Lintern managing to win by 4, but in the second game she evidently remembered it was Derby week and raced round the court in just over an hour to beat her opponent by 26. The semi-final between Miss Lintern and Mrs. Elvey went to three games and lasted from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. We need have no fear for the future of England when the ladies show such spirit and determination as they do at croquet! The final was a contest between Mrs. Rotherham and Miss Lintern, two old hands and rivals in many a similar match. In the first game they both played cautiously and took no chances and the result was +7 for Mrs. Rotherham, who also won the second game by 20 in quick time, Miss Lintern being somewhat disconcerted by the strong wind which got up during the Saturday afternoon.

Doubles

The Warwicks started well with a good victory over de la Nougerede and Mrs. Gasson by 23 and in the next round they played nicely to win (+7) against M. B. Reckitt and Miss Lintern, last year's holders and a formidable pair. However, they succumbed by 16 to the superior play of Dr. Wiggins and Mrs. Rotherham in the delayed final which did not begin till late on Friday afternoon. We were glad to see the Rev. G. F. H. Elvey, fully recovered after his serious illness at Eastbourne last autumn, playing with his accustomed skill and shooting extremely well.

The "du Pre" Cup

This event started with the holder, Mrs. Longman, trouncing Dr. Steen by 25, but in the next round positions were reversed and she fell a victim to M. Spencer Ell who, was playing nice croquet and who won by 22. In the third round he, in his turn, went down to Col. Saalfeld (+5). This was the most interesting and hard-fought game in the event and was an example of what not to do in a pegged-out game. In the final, although Col. Saalfeld was shooting extremely well he was outplayed by de la Nougerede who won by 6 points. One other game calls for special mention, that between W. Longman and E. Carpmael. This was a ding dong battle and ended in a victory for Carpmael by the narrowest of margins—one point.

The scores in the various events are interesting and show the closeness of many of the games and the quality of the play. Out of a total of 55 games, 21 were won by less than 10 points, three being victories by 2 and two by 1. There were only two 26's, Miss Lintern beating Mrs. Reeve and Solomon, Cotter by this figure. On the whole the lawns were in beautiful condition but with some inevitable rolls, but have you ever found a player who has not some fault to find with some lawn on some ground no matter where it is?

As last year E. A. Roper managed the event with unruffled efficiency and contributed in no small measure to the success of the tournament.

THE MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

GOLD CASKET.

(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt E. V. Carpmael +19 +19.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt W. Longman +4 +12.
J. G. Warwick bt Dr. R. E. Steen +19 +2.
Capt. H. G. Stoker bt Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld +5 +2.
E. P. C. Cotter bt V. A. de la Nougerede +7 +13.
Major R. Tingey bt M. B. Reckitt +9 +7.

SECOND ROUND.

J. W. Solomon bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +10 +11.
J. G. Warwick bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave -2 +15 +13.
E. P. C. Cotter bt Capt. H. G. Stoker +12 +9.
Major R. Tingey bt M. Spencer Ell +8 +10.

SEMI-FINAL.

J. W. Solomon bt J. G. Warwick +25 +11.
E. P. C. Cotter bt Major R. Tingey +12 +17.

FINAL.

J. W. Solomon bt E. P. C. Cotter +26 +16.

THE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

GOLD CASKET.

(9 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss D. A. Lintern bt Mrs. R. Tingey +10 +4.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson +18 +25.
Miss D. A. Lintern bt Mrs. E. Reeve +4 +26.
Miss J. Warwick bt Mrs. W. Longman +13 +20.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Miss Jones Bateman +23 +23.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss D. A. Lintern bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +9 -7 +8.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Miss J. Warwick +14 +22.

FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Miss D. A. Lintern +7 +20.

MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

SILVER CHALLENGE CUPS.

(4 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Rev. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. Elvey bt Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld and Miss Jones Bateman by 9.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Mrs. E. Reeve by 9.
J. G. Warwick and Miss E. J. Warwick bt V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 23.

SEMI-FINAL.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Rev. G. F. H. and Mrs. Elvey by 7.
J. G. Warwick and Miss E. J. Warwick bt M. B. Reckitt and Miss D. A. Lintern by 7.

FINAL.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt J. G. Warwick and Miss E. J. Warwick by 16.

THE "DU PRE" CUP. (12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

M. Spencer Ell bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 12.
Mrs. W. Longman bt Dr. R. E. Steen by 25.
E. V. Carpmael bt Mrs. W. Longman by 1.
V. A. de la Nougerede bt M. B. Reckitt by 3.

SECOND ROUND.

Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 1.
M. Spencer Ell bt Mrs. W. Longman by 22.
V. A. de la Nougerede bt E. V. Carpmael by 16.
Mrs. E. Reeve bt Miss Jones Bateman by 23.

SEMI-FINAL.

V. A. de la Nougerede bt Mrs. E. Reeve by 7.
Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld bt M. Spencer Ell by 5.

FINAL.

V. A. de la Nougerede bt Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld by 6.

RYDE

June 1st—6th

With fine weather, bright sunshine most of the time, Major Dibley in command and Mrs. Dibley as his Lieutenant, what more could the competitors of the Ryde Croquet Tournament desire? There was a bigger entry than for many years and those who were unable to come will be well advised to make a date for next year.

It was good to welcome Mr. Hamilton-Miller to his first tournament for nine years. He won the Open event by five in a very close final against Mrs. Latham. A game full of thrills, characterised by exceptionally fine shooting on both sides.

The B Levels were won by Mr. Corke who played consistently good croquet. He beat Mrs. Kay in the final.

Mrs. Fitter, a promising player from the Parkstone Club, won the D event in a close struggle with Miss Taylor. She also reached the final of the Doubles with Mrs. Perowne which they lost by 2 points to Dr. and Mrs. Ormerod.

Mr. G. Birch, who is always a terror to play against with his excellent shooting, beat Canon Creed Meredith in the final of the X handicap. The Handicap singles, played in Mrs. Reckitt's variation to 2-back thence to peg was won by Mrs. Perowne in a close contest with Dr. Ormerod.

The week ended with the distribution of prizes by Mrs. Radford, wife of the Club's secretary. Mr. Evans expressed the thanks of all present to Major Dibley and to the ladies of the Ryde Club who organised such excellent lunches, provided such delicious teas and helped in the smooth running of a fine tournament.

A very welcome visitor on the Wednesday was Miss Elphinstone-Stone who came all the way alone from Southwick to see her many Ryde friends. A bottle of sherry was kindly given by Mrs. Brown to be raffled. This kind gesture on her part resulted in the addition of nearly £3 to the Club's funds.

ISLE OF WIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

OPEN SINGLES.

THE DRAW.

(7 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. F. N. Latham bt G. V. Evans by 24.
G. Birch bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod by 10.
Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller by 6.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. F. N. Latham bt Major J. H. Dibley by 3.
Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith bt G. Birch by 9.

FINAL.

Mrs. F. N. Latham bt Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith by 3.

PROCESS.

(7 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt G. Birch by 7.
Mrs. F. N. Latham bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod by 7.
Major J. H. Dibley bt Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt G. V. Evans by 14.
Major J. H. Dibley bt Mrs. F. N. Latham by 8.

FINAL.

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Major J. H. Dibley by 22.
PLAY-OFF.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Mrs. F. N. Latham by 5.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B").

THE CHAPMAN CUP.

(5 bisques and over).
(9 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. E. M. Kay bt Mrs. R. A. Hill by 17.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss G. Metcalfe bt Miss E. Walker by 2.

Mrs. E. M. Kay bt Mrs. R. H. Burrell by 19.

Mrs. J. H. Dibley bt Mrs. B. C. Perowne by 7.

F. E. Corke bt Mrs. J. G. Stevenson by 3.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. E. M. Kay bt Miss G. Metcalfe by 8.

F. E. Corke bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley by 2.

FINAL.

F. E. Corke bt Mrs. E. M. Kay by 9.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "D").

THE HUTTON CUP.

(12 bisques and over commencing at 5th hoop).
(13 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. R. W. Hutton (14) bt Miss J. C. Cramphorn (12) by 10.

Miss L. Isaac (14) bt Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (14) by 9.

Miss M. M. Taylor (13) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (13) by 1 on time.

Mrs. G. P. Fitter (13) bt Mrs. S. A. Watson (16) by 11 on time.

Mrs. A. R. Brown (14) bt Mrs. T. Jenkins (16) by 10 on time.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. A. B. Ward (12) bt Mrs. R. W. Hutton (12) by 3.

Miss M. M. Taylor (13) bt Miss L. Isaac (14) by 10.

Mrs. G. P. Fitter (13) bt Mrs. A. R. Brown (14) by 8.

Mrs. K. M. Lowein (16) bt Miss K. A. Wade (15) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss M. M. Taylor (13) bt Mrs. A. B. Ward (12) by 8.

Mrs. G. P. Fitter (13) bt Mrs. K. M. Lowein (16) by 10.

FINAL.

Mrs. G. P. Fitter (13) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (13) by 3.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

THE BENEST CUP.

(To 2-back thence to peg).
(25 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith (1) bt Miss J. Preston (10) by 8.

Mrs. R. H. Burrell (11) bt Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (14) by 9.

Mrs. E. M. Kay (7) bt Mrs. K. M. Lowein (16) by 14.

Mrs. T. Jenkins (16) bt Mrs. S. A. Watson (16) by 6.

Mrs. F. N. Latham (3½) bt Mrs. A. B. Ward (12) by 10.

Dr. G. L. Ormerod (3) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (13) by 8.

Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (6½) bt Mrs. A. R. Brown (14) by 4.

Miss E. Walker (5½) bt G. V. Evans (1½) by 7.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. B. C. Perowne (7) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 9 on time.

Miss L. Isaac (14) w.o. Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith (1) opponent scratched.

Mrs. R. W. Burrell (11) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (7) by 2 on time.

Mrs. F. N. Latham (3½) bt Mrs. T. Jenkins (16) by 15.

Dr. G. L. Ormerod (3) bt Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (6½) by 7.

Miss J. C. Cramphorn (14) w.o. Miss E. Walker (5½) opponent scratched.

Miss G. Metcalfe (7) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornwill (11) by 4.

Mrs. W. A. Naylor (13) bt Mrs. G. P. Fitter (13) by 1 on time.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. B. C. Perowne (7) bt Miss L. Isaac (14) by 7 on time.

Miss F. N. Latham (3½) bt Mrs. R. W. Burrell (11) by 15.

Dr. G. L. Ormerod (3) bt Miss J. C. Cramphorn (14) by 13.

Miss G. Metcalfe (7) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (13) by 15.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. B. C. Perowne (7) w.o. Mrs. F. N. Latham (3½) opponent scratched.

Dr. G. L. Ormerod (3) bt Miss G. Metcalfe (7) by 1.

FINAL.

Mrs. B. C. Perowne (7) bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod (3) by 3 on time.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y").

THE DIBLEY CUP.

EVENT "X".

(29 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. F. M. Thornwill (11) bt Miss K. A. Wade (15) by 3 on time.

Miss J. Preston (10) bt Mrs. G. P. Fitter (13) by 8.

Mrs. A. R. Brown (14) bt Mrs. B. C. Perowne (7) by 2 on time.

G. V. Evans (1½) bt Mrs. S. A. Watson (16) by 15.

Miss M. M. Taylor (13) bt Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (14) by 8.

Mrs. A. B. Ward (12) bt Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (6½) by 5 on time.

Mrs. K. M. Lowein (16) bt Miss J. C. Cramphorn (14) by 18.

Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) bt Miss L. Isaac (14) by 8 on time.

G. Birch (3½) bt Miss E. Walker (5½) by 13.

F. E. Corke (6) bt Mrs. T. Jenkins (16) by 12.

Miss G. Metcalfe (7) bt Mrs. R. W. Hutton (12) by 10.

Mrs. R. H. Burrell (11) bt Mrs. E. M. Kaye (7) by 19.

Mrs. F. N. Latham (3½) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 21.

SECOND ROUND.

Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith (1) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornwill (11) by 10.

Miss J. Preston (10) bt Mrs. A. R. Brown (14) by 6.

G. V. Evans (1½) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (13) by 8.

Mrs. A. B. Ward (12) bt Mrs. K. M. Lowein (16) by 8 on time.

G. Birch (3½) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) by 19.

F. E. Corke (6) bt Miss G. Metcalfe (7) by 20.

Mrs. R. H. Burrell (11) bt Mrs. F. N. Latham (3½) by 7.

Dr. G. L. Ormerod (3) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (13) by 15.

THIRD ROUND.

Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith (1) bt Miss P. Preston (10) by 5.

G. V. Evans (1½) bt Mrs. A. B. Ward (12) by 7.

G. Birch (3½) bt F. E. Corke (6) by 10.

Dr. G. L. Ormerod (3) bt Mrs. R. H. Burrell (11) by 9.

SEMI-FINAL.

Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith (1) bt G. V. Evans (1½) by 5.

G. Birch (3½) bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod (3) by 17.

FINAL.

G. Birch (3½) bt Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith (1) by 15.

EVENT "Y".

(First six hoops and peg).

(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. G. P. Fitter (13) v. Mrs. B. C. Perowne both players scratched.

Mrs. S. A. Watson (16) w.o. Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (14) opponent scratched.

Miss J. C. Cramphorn (14) w.o. Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (6½) opponent scratched.

Miss L. Isaac (14) w.o. Miss E. Walker (5½) opponent scratched.

Mrs. R. W. Hutton (12) w.o. Mrs. T. Jenkins (16) opponent scratched.

Mrs. E. M. Kay (7) w.o. Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) opponent scratched.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss K. A. Wade (15) w.o. opponent scratched.

Mrs. S. A. Watson (16) bt Miss J. C. Cramphorn (14) by 2.

Mrs. R. W. Hutton (12) bt Miss L. Isaac (14) by 2.

Mrs. W. A. Naylor (13) w.o. opponent scratched.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss K. A. Wade (15) bt Mrs. S. A. Watson (16) by 8.

Mrs. R. W. Hutton (12) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (13) by 9.

FINAL.

Miss K. A. Wade (15) bt Mrs. R. W. Hutton (12) by 11.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Commencing at 5th hoop).

(Combined handicap of 2 or over).

(13 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Canon R. Creed Meredith and Mrs. F. M. Thornwill (12) bt G. Birch and Mrs. R. H. Burrell (14½) by 4 on time.

Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (17) bt Major J. H. Dibley and Miss K. A. Wade (16½) by 8.

Mrs. B. C. Perowne and Mrs. G. P. Fitter (18) bt Mrs. R. W. Hutton and Mrs. Meares (28) by 8.

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and Mrs. K. M. Lowein (16) bt Mrs. F. N. Latham and Miss L. Isaac (17½) by 1 on time.

Mrs. E. M. Kaye and Miss M. M. Taylor (18) bt Miss E. Walker and Mrs. A. R. Brown (19½) by 8.

SECOND ROUND.

F. E. Corke and Mrs. W. A. Naylor (19) bt G. V. Evans and Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (8) by 1 on time.

Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (17) bt Canon R. Creed Meredith and Mrs. F. M. Thornwill (12) by 11.

Mrs. B. C. Perowne and Mrs. G. P. Fitter (18) bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and Mrs. K. M. Lowein (16) by 3 on time.

Mrs. E. M. Kaye and Miss M. M. Taylor (18) bt Miss G. Metcalfe and Miss J. C. Cramphorn (21) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.

Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (17) bt F. E. Corke and Mrs. W. A. Naylor (19) by 2.

Mrs. B. C. Perowne and Mrs. G. P. Fitter (18) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay and Miss M. M. Taylor (18) by 4 on time.

FINAL.

Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (17) bt Mrs. B. C. Perowne and Mrs. G. P. Fitter (18) by 3.

WOKING

June 8th—13th

After a dreary start in cold rainy weather on the Monday, there was a gradual improvement throughout the week and the tournament ended in two days of blazing sunshine.

Perhaps the highlights of the tournament were the finals of the Handicap Singles and Doubles. In the former, Mrs. Daniels, after remarkably accurate long range shooting and hoop running and with both clips on the peg, appeared likely to be an easy winner. Col. Saalfeld, however, retaliated with equally accurate long shots and kept the game alive for well over an hour. Mrs. Daniels eventually succeeded in pegging out both balls from ten yards.

In the Doubles, fortune favoured first one side then the other until it seemed odds on that Evans and Roper, with both their clips on the peg, must win. Fate decided otherwise however, for Roper had the misfortune to peg out his own ball when joining up with his partner preparatory to laying up for the peg. Mrs. Daniels and Millar managed to make the rover hoop and were winners by one point.

A. McClure Williams won the B levels for the second year in succession after steady and accurate play. Mrs. Daniels failed to reproduce her straight shooting of the previous day. This win may result in a reduction in handicap for McClure Williams; quite an achievement if not a record for an octogenarian!

Hamilton-Miller made a welcome return to the Woking tournament and, in winning the Open Singles, showed he has lost little of his skill.

Lunches were provided for the first time for many years. Much credit is due to Mrs. Lane and Mrs. Millar who ran the catering and served most efficiently; the results of their hard work were much appreciated by everyone.

Tributes must also be paid to the Stewardess, Mrs. Clark, and the groundsman who both worked hard, early and late.

It is impossible to speak too highly of Mrs. Reeve, who 'managed' with unruffled calm and efficiency and was ever ready to walk the length of the courts to answer numerous calls for referee.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "A").

(Best of three).

(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart +9 +23.

M. B. Reckitt bt G. Victor Evans +4 -6 +21.

Major G. F. Stone bt Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld +19 +3.

E. A. Roper bt E. V. Carpmael +5 +11.

SEMI-FINAL.

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt M. B. Reckitt +24 +19.

Major G. F. Stone bt E. A. Roper +11 +16.

FINAL.

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Major G. F. Stone +21 -15 w.o. opponent retired.

OPEN SINGLES (CLASS "B").

(2½ bisques and over).

(7 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

A. McClure Williams bt G. E. W. Hitchcock by 17.

Capt. K. B. Millar bt Mrs. C. Waydelin by 15.

Mrs. A. M. Daniels bt T. F. Dalton by 9.

SEMI-FINAL.

A. McClure Williams bt Capt. K. B. Millar by 6.

Mrs. A. M. Daniels bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt by 24.

FINAL.

A. McClure Williams bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels by 16.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "C").

(Over 7 bisques).

(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

R. Whitham bt Miss B. Jones-Bateman by 13.

Brig. J. S. Omond bt Mrs. E. A. Roper by 13.

Mrs. R. Whitham bt Mrs. J. S. Omond by 25.

Lord Charles Hope bt Mrs. F. M. Thornwill by 13.

SEMI-FINAL.

R. Whitham bt Brig. J. S. Omond by 6.

Mrs. R. Whitham bt Lord Charles Hope by 5.

FINAL.

R. Whitham bt Mrs. R. Whitham by 10.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(Unrestricted).

CHALLENGE BOWL.

(20 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

T. F. Dalton (3½) bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (5) by 3.

Brig. J. S. Omond (7½) bt R. Whitham (8) by 1.

Mrs. A. M. Daniels (5) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) by 2.

Mrs. F. M. Thornwill (11) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (10) by 10.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. R. Whitham (9) bt Miss B. Jones-Bateman (10) by 11.

Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld (1½) bt Lord Charles Hope (8½) by 4.

E. V. Carpmael (3½) bt Capt. K. B. Millar (3) by 15.

Brig. J. S. Omond (7½) bt T. F. Dalton (3½) by 3.

Mrs. A. M. Daniels (5) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornwill (11) by 17.

G. Victor Evans (1½) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (3) by 10.

E. A. Roper (3) bt M. B. Reckitt (-1½) by 4.

G. E. W. Hitchcock (2½) bt A. McClure Williams (4) by 11.

THIRD ROUND.

Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld (1½) bt Mrs. R. Whitham (9) by 6.

E. V. Carpmael (3½) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (7½) by 9.

Mrs. A. M. Daniels (5) bt G. Victor Evans (1½) by 6.

E. A. Roper (3) bt G. E. W. Hitchcock (2½) by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.

Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld (1½) bt E. V. Carpmael (3½) by 11.

Mrs. A. M. Daniels (5) bt E. A. Roper (3) by 13.

FINAL.

Mrs. A. M. Daniels (5) bt Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld (1½) by 6.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Combined handicap 2

of The Robin Hood Gold Cup because of that. With one ball on the peg and a perfect break laid, he stuck at the first hoop and the bisques then came into their own with Miss Brumpton a deserving winner, if perhaps a trifle fortunate.

The club President, G. N. B. Huskinson, no doubt rather harrassed between his duties at the club and his duties as President of the Notts. County Cricket Club during the Test Match over the week-end played rather below his usual form, and in the semi-final of the "Opens" Process, when needing but the peg for victory, allowed his opponent on 1-back and 4-back to out manoeuvre him and win the match.

Once again E. J. Cook and W. (Bill) Wallace proved themselves invincible in the Doubles.

It is always delightful to see masters of the game in action, and on the last day when the lawns were baked hard by the hot sun and the ball difficult to control, Mr. H. O. Hicks once again proved his superiority over the conditions and the opposition. Major Tingey too, gave a masterly display of ball control in winning his share of the extra handicap event, where it was quite obvious that the extremely fast lawns suited the A1 players better than the long bisquers.

The usual short ceremony of distributing the prizes was held after the tournament, with Lady Graham kindly and charmingly doing the honours.

The club would like to thank all those competitors, Mrs. Greaves and all helpers and in particular the Visitors for making the week such a great success, and to once again thank Miss D. D. Steel for the quiet but efficient way in which she managed yet again, another of our enjoyable Nottingham tournaments.

ROBIN HOOD GOLD CUP.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(Associates only).
(17 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Major R. Tingey (—) bt A. O. Taylor (9) by 16.

SECOND ROUND.

G. Birch (3½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3) by 8.
W. Wallace (12) bt Mrs. A. S. Greaves (14) by 20.
H. O. Hicks (—3) bt G. N. B. Huskinson (4) by 17.
Major R. Tingey (—) bt E. J. Cook (7) by 3.
Sir Henry Prior (11) bt Sir Miles Graham (11) by 10.
Mrs. R. Tingey (4½) bt Mrs. L. Abdy (10) by 3.
Miss E. C. Brumpton (12) bt R. H. Newton (3½) by 7.
Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) bt A. H. Fabb (12) by 5.

THIRD ROUND.

W. Wallace (12) bt G. Birch (3½) by 15.
Major R. Tingey (—) bt H. O. Hicks (—3) by 17.
Mrs. R. Tingey (4½) bt Sir Henry Prior (11) by 3.
Miss E. C. Brumpton (12) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.

Major R. Tingey (—) bt W. Wallace (12) by 4.
Miss E. C. Brumpton (12) bt Mrs. R. Tingey (4½) by 5.

FINAL.

Miss E. C. Brumpton (12) bt Major R. Tingey (—) by 15.

OPEN SINGLES.

THE DRAW.
(9 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

H. O. Hicks bt G. N. Bright by 17.

SECOND ROUND.

Dr. H. J. Penny bt W. Wallace by 4.
H. O. Hicks bt Major R. Tingey by 13.
R. H. Newton bt G. N. B. Huskinson by 11.
G. Birch bt H. O. Hodgson by 11.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. Birch bt R. H. Newton by 13.
H. O. Hicks bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 18.

FINAL.

H. O. Hicks bt G. Birch by 6.

PROCESS.
(9 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

H. O. Hodgson bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 20.

SECOND ROUND.

Major R. Tingey bt R. H. Newton by 12.
H. O. Hicks bt H. O. Hodgson by 13.
G. N. Bright bt G. Birch by 13.
G. N. B. Huskinson bt W. Wallace by 11.

SEMI-FINAL.

H. O. Hicks bt Major R. Tingey by 23.
G. N. Bright bt G. N. B. Huskinson by 2.

FINAL.

H. O. Hicks bt G. N. Bright by 23.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(5 bisques and over).
(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. A. Collinson (11) bt A. J. Bucknell (11) by 12.
W. Wallace (12) bt A. O. Taylor (9) by 10.
Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) bt E. J. Cook (7) by 5.
A. H. Fabb (12) bt Mrs. L. Abdy (11) by 10.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. A. S. Greaves (14) bt Mrs. E. M. Bright (13) by 3.
W. Wallace (12) bt Mrs. A. Collinson (11) by 3.
Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) bt A. H. Fabb (12) by 9.
Sir Henry Prior (11) bt Miss E. C. Brumpton (12) by 3.

SEMI-FINAL.

W. Wallace (12) bt Mrs. A. S. Greaves (14) by 2.
Sir Henry Prior (11) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) by 10.

FINAL.

Not reported.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(Unrestricted).
(22 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

F. B. Stephens (13) bt Mrs. E. M. Bright (13) by 18.
A. H. Fabb (12) bt Miss E. Garratt (13) by 12.
E. J. Cook (7) bt Mrs. L. Abdy (11) by 5.
Miss E. M. Brumpton (14) bt Mrs. A. Collinson (11) by 3.
G. N. Bright (4) bt Mrs. A. S. Greaves (14) by 4.
A. J. Bucknell (11) bt A. O. Taylor (9) by 18.

SECOND ROUND.

Sir Henry Prior (11) bt G. Birch (3½) by 17.
W. Wallace (12) bt R. H. Newton (3½) by 16.
F. B. Stephens (13) bt Mrs. R. Tingey (4½) by 7.
E. J. Cook (7) bt A. H. Fabb (12) by 6.
G. N. Bright (4) bt Miss E. M. Brumpton (14) by 4.
A. J. Bucknell (11) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3) by 3.
H. O. Hodgson (2) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) by 9.
Miss E. C. Brumpton (12) bt Major R. Tingey (—) by 11.

THIRD ROUND.

W. Wallace (12) bt Sir Henry Prior (11) by 10.
F. B. Stephens (13) bt E. J. Cook (7) by 20.
G. N. Bright (4) bt A. J. Bucknell (11) by 14.
Miss E. C. Brumpton (12) bt H. O. Hodgson (2) by 13.

SEMI-FINAL.

F. B. Stephens (13) w.o. W. Wallace (12) opponent retired.
G. N. Bright (4) bt Miss E. C. Brumpton (12) by 2.

FINAL.

G. N. Bright (4) bt F. B. Stephens (13) by 14.

EXTRA EVENT.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(Unrestricted).
(13 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

A. O. Taylor (9) w.o. Sir Miles Graham (11).
Mrs. A. S. Greaves (14) w.o. Dr. H. J. Penny (3).
Mrs. E. M. Bright (13) bt Miss E. Garratt (13) by 8.
Mrs. R. Tingey (4½) bt R. H. Newton (3½) by 12.
Mrs. A. Collinson (11) bt G. Birch (3½) by 20.

SECOND ROUND.

Major R. Tingey (—) bt A. O. Taylor (9) by 17.
Mrs. E. M. Bright (13) bt Mrs. A. S. Greaves (14) by 7.
Mrs. R. Tingey (4½) bt Mrs. A. Collinson (11) by 8.
Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) bt Mrs. L. Abdy (11) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.

Major R. Tingey (—) bt Mrs. E. M. Bright (13) by 20.
Mrs. R. Tingey (4½) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) by 15.

FINAL.

Major and Mrs. R. Tingey agreed joint winners.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Unrestricted).
(11 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss E. Garratt and E. M. Brumpton (24) bt R. H. Newton and Rev. F. J. Denbow (10½) by 5.
Major R. Tingey and G. N. B. Huskinson (3½) bt Sir Henry Prior and Mrs. L. Abdy (22) by 8.
G. Birch and G. N. Bright (7½) bt H. O. Hicks and Sir Miles Graham (8) by 19.

SECOND ROUND.

E. J. Cook and W. Wallace (19) bt A. H. Fabb and Mrs. Collinson (23) by 4.
Major R. Tingey and G. N. B. Huskinson (3½) bt Miss E. Garratt and Miss E. M. Brumpton (24) by 9.
Dr. H. J. Penny and A. J. Bucknell (14) bt G. Birch and G. N. Bright (7½) by 20.
F. B. Stephens and Miss E. C. Brumpton (24) bt Mrs. E. M. Bright and Mrs. A. S. Greaves (24) by 13.

SEMI-FINAL.

E. J. Cook and W. Wallace (19) bt Major R. Tingey and G. N. B. Huskinson (3½) by 6.
Dr. H. J. Penny and A. J. Bucknell (14) bt F. B. Stephens and Miss E. C. Brumpton (24) by 18.

FINAL.

E. J. Cook and W. Wallace (19) bt Dr. H. J. Penny and A. J. Bucknell (14) by 23.

PARKSTONE

June 15th—20th

This tournament was carried out with its usual "Happy Family" feeling and under the able management of "De La". It was blessed with perfect weather and all players seemed to finish the week with smiling faces, whatever their fortunes might have been.

The final of the Open Singles, between Mrs. Rotherham and Hamilton-Miller, gave the spectators a wonderful exhibition of the highest class of croquet, though even experts' heads nod occasionally. It was won by Mrs. Rotherham, but might have been the other way at any time.

Mrs. Rotherham was also in the final of the X handicap, losing to Rev. Canon Creed Meredith, and the Doubles which she and her partner, Mrs. Perowne, lost to Miss Joan Warwick and Dr. R. N. B. Smartt. She certainly gave the Manager his usual headache in trying to fit in all her matches.

Amongst many who added fresh laurels to their crown mention should be made of T. A. Chignell, who proved more than once that a game is never lost until it is won. He plucked at least one game out of the fire when most people would have gracefully surrendered.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson, as usual, supervised everything, including the press reports, and other tournaments could well take a leaf out of her book for the excellence of her work.

Word must be said for the excellent lunches and teas so well provided by Mrs. Ortwell and all her charming helpers, and the tasteful flower arrangements. It was said to be Mrs. Baker's last tournament of so many in her capacity of Catering Manager, and her efforts were fully appreciated by all the competitors. She has set a very high standard for her successor to live up to.

OPEN SINGLES.

THE DORSET SALVER AND HALSE CUP.

(9 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Dr. H. J. Penny bt J. K. Brown by 2 on time.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Rev. Canon Creed Meredith by 10.
Dr. H. J. Penny bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 1.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Miss A. E. Mills by 24.
Miss J. E. Warwick bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 11.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 15.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Miss E. J. Warwick by 10.

FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller by 8.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B").

THE DESHON CUP.
(7 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. E. M. Kay bt Mrs. G. D. Perowne by 5 on time.
Mrs. P. E. Heley bt Mrs. R. A. Hill by 21.
T. A. Chignell bt Major F. Hill Bernhard by 7.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. P. E. Heley bt Mrs. E. M. Kay by 4 on time.
T. A. Chignell bt Mrs. M. McMordie by 8 on time.

FINAL.

Mrs. P. E. Heley bt T. A. Chignell by 4.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

THE COPE CUP.
(7½ bisques and over).
(17 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. G. Fitter (12) bt Miss B. Jones Bateman (16) by 12.
Mrs. M. D. Cork (9½) bt Mrs. G. M. Robertson (14) by 21.
Miss K. D. Hickson (10) bt Miss W. Meredith (11) by 18.
Dr. R. N. B. Smartt (8) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (11) by 14 on time.
Mrs. A. V. Wilson (13) bt Mrs. G. Fitter (12) by 5 on time.
Mrs. E. M. Temple (16) bt A. F. Rash (11) by 4 on time.
Miss H. F. Woolley (8) bt Mrs. C. Gatehouse (8½) by 3.
Mrs. E. E. Clark (11) bt Miss H. M. Pettitt (16) by 19.
H. L. Ormerod (8) bt Mrs. I. M. Purves (12) by 17.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss K. D. Hickson (10) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (9½) by 24.
Mrs. A. V. Wilson (13) bt Dr. R. N. B. Smartt (8) by 11.
Miss H. F. Woolley (8) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (16) by 8.
H. L. Ormerod (8) bt Mrs. E. E. Clark (11) by 19.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss K. D. Hickson (10) bt Mrs. A. V. Wilson (13) by 9 on time.
H. L. Ormerod (8) bt Miss H. F. Woolley (8) by 16.

FINAL.

H. L. Ormerod (8) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (10) by 16.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y").

(Unrestricted).

THE BISHOP CUP AND EVANS ROSE BOWL.

(31 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (11) by 20.
Mrs. A. V. Wilson (13) bt Miss W. Meredith (11) by 4 on time.
Mrs. G. Fitter (12) bt Mrs. E. Temple (16) by 1.
Rev. Canon Creed Meredith (1) bt Miss J. Warwick (½) by 15.
H. L. Ormerod (8) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (3) by 19.
Mrs. M. D. Cork (9½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3) by 7.
Mrs. E. E. Clark (11) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) by 17.
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (3) bt Mrs. A. M. Robertson (14) by 20.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—2) bt Major F. Hill Bernhard (7) by 16.
Mrs. C. Gatehouse (8½) w.o. A. N. Other.
Dr. R. N. B. Smartt (8) bt Mrs. M. McMordie (5) by 13.
A. F. Rash (11) bt Miss B. Jones Bateman (10) by 18.
T. A. Chignell (4½) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (10) by 2.
Miss A. E. Mills (2½) bt Miss H. F. Woolley (8) by 10.
Mrs. E. M. Kay (7) bt Mrs. I. M. Purves (12) by 9.
Mrs. G. D. Perowne (7) bt J. K. Brown (1) by 4.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) bt Mrs. A. V. Wilson (13) by 13.
Rev. Canon Creed Meredith (1) bt Mrs. G. Fitter (12) by 3.
H. L. Ormerod (8) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (9½) by 18.
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (3) bt Mrs. E. E. Clark (11) by 12.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—2) bt Mrs. C. Gatehouse (8½) by 16.
A. F. Rash (11) bt Dr. R. N. B. Smartt (8) by 12.
T. A. Chignell (4½) bt Miss A. E. Mills (2½) by 14.
Mrs. G. D. Perowne (7) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (7) by 2 on time.

THIRD ROUND.

Rev. Canon Creed Meredith (1) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) by 14.
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (3) bt H. L. Ormerod (8) by 10.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—2) bt A. F. Rash (11) by 15.
T. A. Chignell (4½) bt Mrs. G. D. Perowne (7) by 2.

SEMI-FINAL.

Rev. Canon Creed Meredith (1) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (3) by 10.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—2) bt T. A. Chignell (4½) by 11.

FINAL.

Rev. Canon Creed Meredith (1) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (—2) by 24.

EVENT "Y".

(Starting at 3rd hoop).
(16 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss W. Meredith (11) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (11) by 3.
Miss E. J. Warwick (3) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (16) by 11.
Dr. H. J. Penny (3) w.o. opponent scratched.
Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) bt Mrs. G. M. Robertson (14) by 14.
Major F. Hill Bernhard (7) bt Mrs. C. Gatehouse (8½) by 9.
Mrs. M. McMordie (5) w.o. opponent scratched.
Miss H. F. Woolley (8) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (10) by 3.
Mrs. I. M. Purves (12) bt J. K. Brown (1) by 7.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss E. J. Warwick (½) w.o. opponent retired.
Dr. H. J. Penny (3) w.o. opponent retired.
Major F. Hill Bernhard (7) bt Mrs. M. McMordie (5) by 15.
Miss H. F. Woolley (8) w.o. opponent retired.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss E. J. Warwick (½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3) by 19.
Miss H. F. Woolley (8) bt Major F. Hill Bernhard (7) by 10.

FINAL.

Miss E. J. Warwick (½) bt Miss H. F. Woolley (8) by 15.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Combined handicap not less than 2).

(16 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Mrs. A. V. Wilson (12½) bt J. K. Brown and Mrs. R. A. Hill (7) by 20.
Mrs. P. E. Heley and H. L. Ormerod (12) bt Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (12) by 3.
Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. G. D. Perowne (5) bt Major F. Hill Bernhard and Mrs. I. M. Purves (19) by 7.
D. Hamilton Miller and Mrs. M. D. Cork (9½) bt Mrs. M. McMordie and Mrs. E. E. Clark (16) by 13.

Miss E. J. Warwick and Dr. R. N. B. Smartt (8½) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay and Miss B. Jones Bateman (17) by 8 on time.
Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. C. Gatehouse (11) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart and Mrs. E. M. Temple (17) by 6.
T. A. Chignell and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (7½) bt A. F. Rash and Miss W. Meredith (22) by 21.

Rev. Canon Creed Meredith and Miss H. F. Woolley (9) bt J. Hewitt and Mrs. G. Fitter (12) by 7.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. P. E. Heley and H. L. Ormerod (12) bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Mrs. A. V. Wilson (12½) by 15.
Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. G. D. Perowne (5) bt D. Hamilton Miller and Mrs. M. D. Cork (9½) by 4.
Miss E. J. Warwick and Dr. R. N. B. Smartt (8½) bt Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. C. Gatehouse (11) by 2.
T. A. Chignell and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (7½) bt Rev. Canon Creed Meredith and Miss H. F. Woolley (9) by 9.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. G. D. Perowne (5) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley and H. L. Ormerod (12) by 11.
Miss E. J. Warwick and Dr. R. N. B. Smartt (8½) bt T. A. Chignell and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (7½) by 3 on time.

FINAL.

Miss E. J. Warwick and Dr. R. N. B. Smartt (8½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. G. D. Perowne (5) by 9.

COMPTON EASTBOURNE

June 22nd—27th

(The account of the Tournament will appear in the next issue)

OPEN SINGLES.

THE DRAW.

(9 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

J. K. Brown bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 1 on time.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt L. Kirk-Greene by 8.
J. K. Brown bt R. V. N. Wiggins by 5.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins by 8.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Col. A. E. Saalfeld by 6.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt J. K. Brown by 19.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller by 1.

FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 8.

PROCESS.

(9 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt L. Kirk-Greene by 8.

SECOND ROUND.

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt R. V. N. Wiggins by 18.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. C. F. Chittenden by 20.
Col. A. E. Saalfeld bt J. K. Brown by 8.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 20.

SEMI-FINAL.

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 10.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Col. A. E. Saalfeld by 25.

FINAL.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller by 2.

PLAY OFF.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 26.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "Y").

(Shortened game to 2-back thence to peg.)

(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss E. E. Bennett (11) bt Mrs. C. W. Wordsworth (12) by 11.
G. V. Evans (1½) bt W. P. H. Roe (8) by 9.
W. H. Austin (14) bt Lt.-Comdr. G. W. Style (8) by 4.
J. R. Bickersteth (5½) w.o. A. R. Toplis opponent scratched.
Col. A. E. Saalfeld (1) w.o. Dr. H. R. McAleenan (9) opponent scratched.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss E. E. Bennett (11) bt Miss H. D. Parker (5½) by 7.
W. H. Austin (14) bt G. V. Evans (1½) by 12.
J. R. Bickersteth (5½) bt Mrs. I. M. Purves (12) by 4.
Col. A. E. Saalfeld (1) bt Mrs. D. Chorlton (5½) by 11.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss E. E. Bennett (11) bt W. H. Austin (14) by 9.
Col. A. E. Saalfeld (1) bt J. R. Bickersteth (5½) by 16.

FINAL.

Col. A. E. Saalfeld (1) bt Miss E. E. Bennett (11) by 8.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(28 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

L. Kirk-Greene (—3) bt Miss E. E. Bennett (11) by 5.
Mrs. D. Owen (8) bt Mrs. C. W. Wordsworth (12) by 20.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (3) bt G. V. Evans (1½) by 12.
H. A. Hall (9½) bt W. P. H. Roe (8) by 3 on time.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—2) bt Lt.-Comdr. G. W. Style (8) by 18.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) bt W. H. Austin (14) by 15.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) bt Miss D. L. Latham (9) by 1.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—3) bt Mrs. I. M. Purves (12) by 14.
Mrs. A. Topp (16) bt A. R. Toplis (11) by 5 on time.
R. V. N. Wiggins (1½) bt J. R. Bickersteth (5½) by 15.
J. K. Brown (1) bt Dr. H. R. McAleenan (9) by 7.
Rev. C. W. Wordsworth (8) bt Mrs. D. Chorlton (5½) by 13.

SECOND ROUND.

H. C. S. Perry (7½) bt Miss H. D. Parker (5½) by 2.
Mrs. D. Owen (8) bt L. Kirk-Greene (—3) by 14.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (3) bt H. A. Hall (9½) by 9.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—2) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) by 16.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—3) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 16.
R. V. N. Wiggins (1½) bt Mrs. A. Topp (16) by 15.
J. K. Brown (1) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (14) by 7.
Rev. C. W. Wordsworth (8) bt Mrs. D. Chorlton (5½) by 13.

THIRD ROUND.

H. C. S. Perry (7½) w.o. Mrs. D. Owen opponent retired.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (3) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (—2) by 14.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—3) bt R. V. N. Wiggins (1½) by 7.
J. K. Brown (1) bt Rev. C. W. Wordsworth (8) by 2.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (3) bt H. C. S. Perry (7½) by 5.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—3) bt J. K. Brown (1) by 12.

FINAL.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—3) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (3) by 11.

RESTRICTED HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Combined handicap to be not less than 4).

(10 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Col. A. E. Saalfeld and Miss H. D. Parker (6½) bt J. K. Brown and Mrs. E. M. Temple (15) by 6 on time.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Lt.-Comdr. G. W. Style (5) bt Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Roper (11) by 14.

SECOND ROUND.

R. V. N. Wiggins and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (4½) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. A. E. Loader (16) by 7.
Col. A. E. Saalfeld and Miss H. D. Parker (6½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss E. E. Bennett (9) by 5 on time.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Lt.-Comdr. G. W. Style (5) bt Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Wordsworth (20) by 16.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and C. J. Speer (5) bt G. V. Evans and H. A. Hall (11) by 14.

SEMI-FINAL.

Col. A. E. Saalfeld and Miss H. D. Parker (6½) bt R. V. N. Wiggins and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (4½) by 14.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and C. J. Speer (5) bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Lt.-Comdr. G. W. Style (5) by 7.

FINAL.

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and C. J. Speer bt Col. A. E. Saalfeld and Miss H. D. Parker by 7.

LIMITED HANDICAP SINGLES.

(For those not entered in Event 1).

(18 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Lt.-Comdr. G. W. Style (8) bt Miss E. E. Bennett (11) by 6.
Mrs. D. Chorlton (5½) bt Mrs. C. W. Wordsworth (12) by 3 on time.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss H. D. Parker (5½) bt J. R. Bickersteth (5½) by 13.
Miss D. Latham (9) bt Rev. C. W. Wordsworth (8) by 11.
G. V. Evans (1½) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (14) by 5.
W. P. H. Roe (8) bt Lt.-Comdr. G. W. Style (8) by 13.
H. A. Hall (9½) bt Mrs. D. Chorlton (5½) by 3.
Mrs. I. M. Purves (12) bt Mrs. D. Owen (8) by 15.
H. C. S. Perry (7½) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 16.
W. H. Austin (14) bt Miss M. White (11) by 20.

THIRD ROUND.

Miss H. D. Parker (5½) bt Miss D. L. Latham (9) by 5 on time.
W. P. H. Roe (8) bt G. V. Evans (1½) by 11 on time.
Mrs. I. M. Purves (12) bt H. A. Hall (9½) by 5.
H. C. S. Perry (7½) w.o. W. H. Austin (14) opponent scratched.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss H. D. Parker (5½) w.o. W. P. H. Roe opponent retired.
Mrs. I. M. Purves (12) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 16.

FINAL.

Miss H. D. Parker (5½) bt Mrs. I. M. Purves (12) by 6.

CARRICKMINES

June 20th—27th

In previous years this tournament took place in August when it clashed with the Gilbey Cup. This year the date was changed to June in the hope of attracting English players, but to our disappointment, none of them came. This was most regrettable as we have several members showing great promise, but who need the example of experienced players to develop their skill.

The lawns are faster than they have been for some years, and the hoops have been tightened to the correct gauge.

Lady FitzGerald, our manager, unfortunately fell a victim to 'flu half-way through the tournament, and Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly added the duties of management to her efficient work as Honorary Secretary.

The surprise of the tournament was the great success of Mrs. R. J. Leonard, who won the Championship. Though she took up Croquet only three years ago, she has the steady temperament and sustained accuracy of a seasoned player. Given the opportunity to meet more experienced players, she should go far. She also won the Founder's Cup (handicap singles).

Mr. D. Figgis is another member who has only recently taken up Croquet. He has shown his ability at other games, and has the straight eye and understanding of ball control which should make him a fine Croquet player.

A party of our members is visiting Budleigh Salterton and Roehampton shortly. We wish them every success, and hope that they will benefit by their experience.

Our next tournament is in August, and we very much hope that some English players will enter. There have been various suggestions in *Croquet* for maintaining interest in this great game. Nothing can help more than visits by top class players to distant clubs, where the members have few opportunities to play in tournaments.

CHAMPIONSHIP OF IRELAND.

OPEN SINGLES.

SILVER SALVER.

(10 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. R. J. Leonard bt Col. W. S. Beamish +8—5 +8.
R. J. Leonard bt J. Stokes +11 +21.

SECOND ROUND.

Lady FitzGerald bt T. V. Murphy +24 —1 +13.
Mrs. R. J. Leonard bt Mrs. J. Stokes —18 +13 +11.
A. Robinson bt R. J. Leonard +2 —8 +9.
G. M. FitzPatrick bt R. E. Steen +10 +15.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. R. J. Leonard w.o. Lady FitzGerald scratched.
G. M. FitzPatrick bt A. Robinson —9 +12 +14.

FINAL.

Mrs. R. J. Leonard bt G. M. FitzPatrick +2 +22.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

FOUNDER'S CUP.

(21 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. J. Stokes (5) bt T. A. Purefoy (8) by 6.
R. J. Leonard (4) bt A. Robinson (3) by 22.
Lady FitzGerald (1) bt J. H. Wilson (9) by 12.
C. M. Meredith (4½) bt Miss E. Haire (8) by 17.
D. Campbell (8) bt Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly (4) by 11.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. T. A. Purefoy (12) bt Miss G. Hopkins (12) by 15.
Mrs. R. J. Leonard (5) bt Miss I. Haire (11) by 11.
Col. W. S. Beamish (4) bt Mrs. L. O'Reilly (4) by 8.
R. J. Leonard (4) bt Mrs. J. Stokes (5) by 2.
C. M. Meredith (4½) w.o. Lady FitzGerald (1) scratched.
J. Stokes (4) bt D. Campbell (8) by 7.
Mrs. Boxwell (6) bt T. V. Murphy (4) by 6.
D. Figgis (9) bt R. E. Steen (4) by 14.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. R. J. Leonard (5) bt Mrs. T. A. Purefoy (12) by 16.
R. J. Leonard (4) w.o. Col. W. S. Beamish (4) scratched.
C. M. Meredith (4½) bt J. Stokes (4) by 1.
D. Figgis (9) bt Mrs. Boxwell (6) by 14.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. R. J. Leonard (5) bt R. J. Leonard (4) by 24.
D. Figgis (9) bt C. M. Meredith (4½) by 2.

FINAL.

Mrs. R. J. Leonard (5) bt D. Figgis (9) by 2.

LEVEL SINGLES.

GREEN CUP.

(5 bisques and over).

(No lifts).

(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

D. Campbell bt J. H. Wilson by 13.
D. Figgis bt T. Purefoy by 12.
Mrs. Boxwell bt Miss E. Haire by 12.
Mrs. L. O'Reilly bt Miss I. Haire by 7.

SEMI-FINAL.

D. Campbell bt D. Figgis by 6.
Mrs. L. O'Reilly bt Mrs. Boxwell by 4.

FINAL.

Divided: D. Campbell and Mrs. L. O'Reilly.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

STONEBROOK CUPS.

(7 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

T. V. Murphy and D. Figgis (13) bt Lady FitzGerald and Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly (5) by 17.
R. J. Leonard and Mrs. R. J. Leonard (9) bt T. A. Purefoy and Mrs. T. A. Purefoy (20) by 6.
Capt. Wilson and A. Robinson (12) bt J. Stokes and Mrs. J. Stokes (9) by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.

T. V. Murphy and D. Figgis (13) bt Col. W. S. Beamish and Mrs. Boxwell (10) by 8.
R. J. Leonard and Mrs. R. J. Leonard (9) bt Capt. Wilson and A. Robinson (12) by 11.

FINAL.

T. V. Murphy and D. Figgis (13) bt R. J. Leonard and Mrs. R. J. Leonard (9) by 6.

LEAMINGTON SPA

June 29th—July 4th

The Warwickshire Croquet Club staged a most successful tournament ably managed by Miss Mills. The pleasant setting of the Club in the leisured serenity of gracious Leamington Spa, the excellent club house facilities, the good catering of Miss Philpots and Mrs. Lewis and the thoughtful organisation of the Club's welcoming Secretary, Mr. Sidwell, all contributed to a most enjoyable tournament. The weather was excellent, the heat being relieved by a pleasant wind, sometimes just strong enough to serve as an excuse for missing a long shot.

The three principal lawns have been brought to near perfection by a three year programme of treatment by Fisons. Many expressed the opinion that they now rival the famous croquet lawns and will deserve, for accuracy and pace, to be played upon by the leading exponents of the game.

The entry was excellent (50 per cent higher than last year) and included many of the Midlands' best players. Much of the play was sparkling: magnificent hitting in by Sandiford and Ormerod; experienced tactics by Hodgson; repeated all round breaks by Saalfeld and Meachem.

The fine trophy for the Level Event (played as an American) was well won by Saalfeld without dropping a point, though after a razor match with Hodgson. Saalfeld was also a finalist in the big Handicap which he lost to J. B. Meachem. Features of this event were fighting croquet by Mrs. Kay and Henry Ormerod and capable use of bisques by Mrs. Taylor, of Ryde, who also reached the finals of the "B" Event. R. H. Newton played consistently winning the "B" Event and "Y" Event against F. E. Beatley, a welcome newcomer. Dr. B. R. Sandiford, favourite for the "B" Event, when in a winning position, paid the maximum penalty for playing with the wrong ball. The Doubles provided examples of games swinging to and fro, Henry Ormerod and Miss Gough deservedly winning after disposing of some powerful combinations.

AMERICAN "A" OPENS.
(5 Entries).

	A. E. Saalfeld	Miss A. E. Mills	H. O. Hodgson	H. J. Penny	J. B. Meachem
A. E. Saalfeld	—	26	26	26	26
Miss A. E. Mills	1	—	26	26	
H. O. Hodgson	20	7	—	26	16
H. J. Penny	10	21	6	—	2
J. B. Meachem	18	26	26	26	—

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "B").
(3½ to 16 bisques).
(20 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
Mrs. S. Phillips (6) bt Miss M. Lacey (13*) by 5 on time.
F. E. Beatley (10*) bt Miss C. Templeton (10½) by 1 on time.
R. H. Newton (3½) bt Mrs. D. W. Roe (8) by 9.
Miss B. Jones-Bateman (10) bt Mrs. M. Craven (7) by 5.

SECOND ROUND.
Miss M. M. Taylor (13) bt H. L. Ormerod (7½) by 13.
Mrs. E. M. Kay (7) bt Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (6½) by 2.
Dr. B. R. Sandiford (3½) bt Miss M. C. Macaulay (7) by 19.
F. E. Beatley (10*) w.o. Mrs. S. Phillips (6) opponent retired.
R. H. Newton (3½) bt Miss B. Jones-Bateman (10) by 8.
Miss S. C. Gough (13) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (8½) by 8.
Mrs. G. D. Perowne (7) bt L. D. Overell (13) by 3.
Miss K. D. Hickson (10) bt Mrs. K. A. Slade (11) by 10.

THIRD ROUND.
Miss M. M. Taylor (13) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (7) by 2.
Dr. B. R. Sandiford (3½) bt F. E. Beatley (10*) by 10.
R. H. Newton (3½) bt Miss S. C. Gough (13) by 5.
Miss K. D. Hickson (10) bt Mrs. G. D. Perowne (7) by 1.

SEMI-FINAL.
Miss M. M. Taylor (13) bt Dr. B. R. Sandiford (3½) by 3.
R. H. Newton (3½) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (10) by 1.

FINAL.
R. H. Newton (3½) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (13) by 18.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y.").
EVENT "X".
(24 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
Col. A. E. Saalfeld (1) bt Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (6½) by 15.
Mrs. M. H. Carrington (8½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3) by 20.
Miss M. M. Taylor (13) bt R. H. Newton (3½) by 20.
Miss S. C. Gough (13) bt Mrs. S. Phillips (6) by 20.
H. L. Ormerod (7½) bt Mrs. D. W. Roe (8) by 11.
Dr. B. R. Sandiford (3½) bt F. E. Beatley (10*) by 15.
J. B. Meachem (4) bt Mrs. K. A. Slade (11) by 19.
Mrs. E. M. Kay (7) bt Miss M. Lacey (13*) by 10.

SECOND ROUND.
L. D. Overell (13) bt Miss B. Jones-Bateman (10) by 4.
Miss K. D. Hickson (10) bt Miss M. C. Macaulay (7) by 15.
Col. A. E. Saalfeld (1) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (8½) by 4.
Miss M. M. Taylor (13) bt Miss S. C. Gough (13) by 9.
H. L. Ormerod (7½) bt Dr. B. R. Sandiford (3½) by 12.
J. B. Meachem (4) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (7) by 10.
H. O. Hodgson (2) bt Miss C. Templeton (10½) by 4.
E. Sidwell (7½) bt Mrs. G. D. Perowne (7) by 9.

THIRD ROUND.
L. D. Overell (13) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (10) by 11.
Col. A. E. Saalfeld (1) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (13) by 3.
J. B. Meachem (4) bt H. L. Ormerod (7½) by 6.
E. Sidwell (7½) bt H. O. Hodgson (2) by 16.

SEMI-FINAL.
Col. A. E. Saalfeld (1) bt L. D. Overell (13) by 18.
J. B. Meachem (4) bt E. Sidwell (7½) by 12.

FINAL.
J. B. Meachem (4) bt Col. A. E. Saalfeld (1) by 26.

EVENT "Y".
(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (6½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3) by 17.
R. H. Newton (3½) bt Mrs. S. Phillips (6) by 1.
F. E. Beatley (10*) bt Mrs. D. W. Roe (8) by 8.
Mrs. K. A. Slade (11) bt Miss M. Lacey (13) by 10.

SECOND ROUND.
Miss M. C. Macaulay (7) bt Miss B. Jones-Bateman (10) by 3.
R. H. Newton (3½) bt Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (6½) by 8.
F. E. Beatley (10*) bt Mrs. K. A. Slade (11) by 8.
Miss C. Templeton (10½) bt Mrs. G. D. Perowne (7) by 1.

SEMI-FINAL.
R. H. Newton (3½) bt Miss M. C. Macaulay (7) by 15.
F. E. Beatley (10*) bt Miss C. Templeton (10½) by 13.

FINAL.
R. H. Newton (3½) bt F. E. Beatley (10) by 2.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.
(12 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.
Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. M. Craven (9½) bt Mrs. G. D. Perowne and L. D. Overell (20) by 2.
E. Sidwell and Mrs. D. W. Roe (15½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (12) by 11.
H. L. Ormerod and Miss S. C. Gough (20½) bt R. H. Newton and Miss C. Templeton (14) by 14.

J. B. Meachem and Mrs. M. H. Carrington (12½) bt F. E. Beatley and Mrs. K. A. Slade (21) by 4.

SECOND ROUND.
Dr. B. R. Sandiford and Miss M. Lacey (16½) bt Mrs. J. G. Stevenson and Miss M. M. Taylor (19½) by 21.
E. Sidwell and Mrs. D. W. Roe (15½) bt Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. M. Craven (9½) by 6.
H. L. Ormerod and Miss S. C. Gough (20½) bt J. B. Meachem and Mrs. M. H. Carrington (12½) by 10.
Col. A. E. Saalfeld and Mrs. E. M. Kay (8) bt H. O. Hodgson and Miss B. Jones-Bateman (10) by 18.

SEMI-FINAL.
E. Sidwell and Mrs. D. W. Roe (15½) bt Dr. B. R. Sandiford and Miss M. Lacey (16½) by 16.
H. L. Ormerod and Miss S. C. Gough (20½) bt Col. A. E. Saalfeld and Mrs. E. M. Kay (8) by 7.

FINAL.
H. L. Ormerod and Miss S. C. Gough (20½) bt E. Sidwell and Mrs. D. W. Roe (15½) by 3.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

July 6th—11th

The enthusiasts who attended the July tournament at Budleigh Salterton were once again well rewarded. A good downpour during the Friday night was the only real rain of the week, the days were all glorious with unclouded sunshine. Behind the scenes and for months beforehand the Secretary, L. G. Walters, and the ground-staff worked to prepare the lawns. To them and to the experienced and tactful management of Major Dibley all players are deeply indebted. It is the number of enthusiasts rather than the outstanding brilliance of a few that support the game and make these enjoyable tournaments successful. In this case it is especially good to report 17 entries in the "B" Levels, 21 in the "C" handicap and no less than 51 in the Open Handicap Singles.

The long spell of exceptionally dry weather made all lawns except the bowling green extremely fast and unpredictable. The result was an absence of break making and games so prolonged that the Manager had generally to impose time limits.

In addition to the well-known personalities whom Budleigh welcomes annually it was especially pleasing to welcome five players from Ireland, Mrs. Leonard the Irish Champion and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Stokes and Mr. G. N. FitzPatrick. It is hoped they not only will return next year but also bring more of their compatriots with them.

There were many close and exciting matches in which owing to the fast lawns the result was decided by the clock whereas a few more minutes might have produced exactly the opposite result.

Outstanding games which happened to be noticed and are therefore mentioned included that between Col. Beamish and Major Stone. The latter suddenly finding form when the game appeared almost lost and by a break of unbeatable international class—especially the running of 4-back hoop, Major Stone snatched it from Col. Beamish. In the doubles the successful play of Col. Pritchard and Miss Roe as well as Miss Roe's play in the Handicap

Singles to win against Col. Stobart must be mentioned. Her hoop running was phenomenal. Mrs. Vincent and Mr. Leonard had a match of heroic proportions in which the good play of Mrs. Vincent was finally overcome by no less successful perseverance of Mr. Leonard.

It is always pleasing if those who give up their time and energy for others are themselves successful and so the careful and accurate play of de la Nougerede which left him the only player still in both lives of the Open Singles on the Friday, was generally appreciated, so also the successful career in the Handicap Event of Mrs. Thom was noticed with pleasure. Two young players from Cheltenham, Dr. and Mrs. Yoxall played well together and deserved the success they achieved—also Dr. Yoxall did extremely well for so new a player in the Open Singles, being only defeated by Major Stone and de la Nougerede. For thrills and spills the match between Maurice Reckitt and Miss Warwick is surely the highlight of the week. Each with a ball for the penultimate and a ball on the peg—time called—each fails in turn at the hoop—each in turn is in and finally Maurice Reckitt by a courageous shot on his opponent hits in and with a ball at each of the remaining hoops wins the match. Others who demonstrated their skill both of tactics and execution in their respective classes were Mr. Black, Mr. Wallace, Major Heathcote and Mr. Leon.

Colonel Stobart and Mr. Leonard in the final of the "B" Level had an even game without any outstanding breaks. Thanks to the rain overnight play was less hazardous than throughout the week—although by midday the courts were running faster again.

Mrs. Rotherham in the semi-final of the Draw played excellently to defeat Maurice Reckitt. After a perfect break to 4-back Mrs. Rotherham was unlucky to be hoop-bound at 3-back, after an equally good break with her other ball. In and out play followed from time to time with each player giving spectators a good deal to learn in tactics. Maurice Reckitt on more than one occasion had very bad luck to fail just as the game seemed to be turning in his favour. Mrs. Rotherham finally won the Open Draw and by 3 points with some brilliant play in her final play-off against J. G. Warwick.

No tournament, however well managed, could have been so enjoyable without the hard work of the ladies who provided magnificent luncheons and such delicious afternoon teas whilst during the morning refreshing coffee was carried round the lawns—the thanks of all players and spectators alike is gratefully given to these ladies.

OPEN SINGLES.
(Draw and Process).

THE COLMAN CUP.

THE DRAW.

(15 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt Major G. F. Stone by 12.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt J. G. Warwick by 11.
Miss E. J. Warwick bt G. Williams by 11.
M. B. Reckitt bt G. M. FitzPatrick by 15.
A. L. Yoxall bt Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld by 1 on time.
Mrs. E. Reeve w.o. W. W. S. Escott opponent scratched.
V. A. de la Nougerede bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 2 on time.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 6.
M. B. Reckitt bt Miss E. J. Warwick by 4.
A. L. Yoxall bt Mrs. E. Reeve by 10.
V. A. de la Nougerede bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 16.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt M. B. Reckitt by 16.
V. A. de la Nougerede bt A. L. Yoxall by 16.

FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 13.

PLAY-OFF.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt J. G. Warwick by 3.

PROCESS.

(15 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Col. D. W. Beamish bt G. M. FitzPatrick by 13.
Mrs. E. Rotherham w.o. W. W. S. Escott opponent scratched.
Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt G. Williams by 11.
Major G. F. Stone bt A. L. Yoxall by 8.
M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs. E. Reeve by 9.
V. A. de la Nougerede bt Miss E. J. Warwick by 14.
Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 19.

SECOND ROUND.

Col. D. W. Beamish bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 12.
Major G. F. Stone bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 10.
J. G. Warwick bt M. B. Reckitt by 7.
V. A. de la Nougerede bt Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld by 6.

SEMI-FINAL.

Major G. F. Stone bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 11.
J. G. Warwick bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 6.

FINAL.

J. G. Warwick w.o. Major G. F. Stone opponent retired.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B").

THE LONGMAN CUP.

(2½ to 6½ bisques).

(17 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. M. H. Vincent bt Mrs. John Stokes by 15.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss A. E. Mills bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs by 7.
Capt. M. Buller w.o. Miss V. E. Mills opponent scratched.
R. J. Leonard bt Miss M. S. Carlyon by 22.
Mrs. M. H. Vincent bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley by 18.
Miss I. M. Roe bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmores by 8.
A. J. Cooper bt John Stokes by 19.

Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt Mrs. M. L. Thom by 15.
Mrs. R. J. Leonard bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 4.

THIRD ROUND.

Capt. M. Buller bt Miss A. E. Mills by 12.
R. J. Leonard bt Mrs. M. H. Vincent by 4.
Miss I. M. Roe bt A. J. Cooper by 21.

Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt Mrs. R. J. Leonard by 19.

SEMI-FINAL.

R. J. Leonard bt Capt. M. Buller by 13.
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt Miss I. M. Roe by 14.

FINAL.

Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt R. J. Leonard by 5.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C").
(7 bisques and over).
(21 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

W. Wallace (9) bt G. B. Horridge (9) by 7.
R. J. Pickett (12) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (8½) by 8.
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (8) bt Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (16) by 7 on time.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (9) bt Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (11) by 7.
G. A. Black (9) bt Mrs. C. A. G. Money (12) by 12.

SECOND ROUND.

Major E. C. Heathcote (12) bt Miss E. P. Carmouche (7) by 17.
Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (8) bt A.V.M. F. H. M. Maynard (10) by 7.
W. Wallace (9) bt G. R. Mills (9) by 9.
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (8) bt R. J. Pickett (12) by 8.
G. A. Black (9) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (9) by 6.
Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (8) bt Miss J. Cooper (10) by 7.
Mrs. R. J. Pickett (12) bt Mrs. R. Jones Bateman (14) by 6.
Miss M. C. Macaulay (7) bt Mrs. S. C. Gough (13) by 3.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (8) bt Major E. C. Heathcote (12) by 5.
W. Wallace (9) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (8) by 7.
G. A. Black (9) bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (8) by 4.
Mrs. R. J. Pickett (12) bt Miss M. C. Macaulay (7) by 12.

SEMI-FINAL.

W. Wallace (9) bt Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (8) by 8.
G. A. Black (9) bt Mrs. R. J. Pickett (12) by 12.

FINAL.

W. Wallace (9) bt G. A. Black (9) by 4.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(51 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

V. A. de la Nougerede (½) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmores (4½) by 13.
Miss M. C. Macaulay (7) w.o. W. W. S. Escott (1) opponent scratched.
Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld (1) bt Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (7) by 13.
John Stokes (5) bt Mrs. E. Reeve (0) by 13.
Miss S. C. Gough (13) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (9) by 4.
Miss E. J. Warwick (½) bt Major E. P. Edyvean (9) by 14.

Major E. C. Heathcote (12) w.o. G. Williams (1½) opponent scr.
Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (8) bt Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (8) by 2 on time.
Mrs. R. J. Leonard (3) bt Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (16) by 19.
G. A. Black (9) bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs (3½) by 15.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (1) bt J. G. Warwick (½) by 4 on time.
Capt. M. Buller (5) w.o. M. B. Reckitt (—1½) opponent scratched.
G. B. Horridge (9) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (8½) by 13.
G. R. Mills (9) w.o. Mrs. C. A. G. Money (12) opponent retired.
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (8) bt Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (11) by 6.
R. J. Leonard (4) bt Miss E. P. Carmouche (7) by 8 on time.

Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (3) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon (3) by 18.
Miss I. M. Roe (6) bt Mrs. M. H. Vincent (5½) by 23.
W. Wallace (9) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (3) by 13 on time.

SECOND ROUND.

G. M. FitzPatrick (2) w.o. A. L. Yoxall (1) opponent scratched.
Mrs. M. L. Thom (6½) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 17.
Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (1½) w.o. Miss J. Cooper (10) opponent retired.

Miss M. C. Macaulay (7) w.o. V. A. de la Nougerede (½) opponent scratched.

Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld (1) bt John Stokes (5) by 15.
Miss E. J. Warwick (½) bt Miss S. C. Gough (13) by 4 on time.
Major E. C. Heathcote (12) bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (8) by 16,
G. A. Black (9) bt Mrs. R. J. Leonard (3) by 13.
Capt. M. Buller (5) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (1) by 10.
G. R. Mills (9) bt G. B. Horridge (9) by 7 on time.
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (8) w.o. R. J. Leonard (4) opponent retired.
Miss I. M. Roe (6) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (3) by 21.
W. Wallace (9) bt Mrs. L. G. Walters (6) by 7.
Col. A. E. Mills (2½) bt R. J. Pickett (12) by 12.
Col. D. W. Beamish (—½) bt Mrs. John Stokes (5) by 19.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—2) bt Mrs. R. J. Pickett (12) by 3 on time.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. M. L. Thom (6½) bt G. M. FitzPatrick (2) by 9 on time.
Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (1½) bt Miss M. C. Macaulay (7) by 20.
Miss E. J. Warwick (½) bt Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld (1) by 12.
Major E. C. Heathcote (12) bt G. A. Black (9) by 6 on time.
G. R. Mills (9) w.o. Capt. M. Buller (5) opponent scratched.
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (8) bt Miss I. M. Roe (6) by 6.
W. Wallace (9) bt Miss A. E. Mills (2½) by 6.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—2) bt Col. D. W. Beamish (—½) by 21.

FOURTH ROUND.

Mrs. M. L. Thom (6½) bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (1½) by 1 on time.
Miss E. J. Warwick (½) bt Major E. C. Heathcote (12) by 1.
G. R. Mills (9) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (8) by 11.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—2) bt W. Wallace (9) by 4 on time.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss E. J. Warwick (½) bt Mrs. M. L. Thom (6½) by 2.
G. R. Mills (9) w.o. Mrs. E. Rotherham (—2) opponent retired.

FINAL.

Miss E. J. Warwick (½) bt G. R. Mills (9) by 10.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(No two players of 1½ bisques or less to play together).

LE MESSURIER CHALLENGE CUPS.

(23 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (5½) bt Miss L. Elphinstone Stone and Major E. P. Edyvean (16) by 13.
Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (8½) bt Col. D. W. Beamish and Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (7½) by 15.
A. L. Yoxall and Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (9) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. M. L. Thom (4½) by 8.
Miss M. S. Carlyon and Miss S. C. Gough (14) bt Miss E. P. Carmouche and W. Wallace (16) by 4 on time.
R. J. Leonard and Mrs. R. J. Leonard (7) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart and Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (14) by 1 on time.
Major G. F. Stone and A. J. Cooper (0) bt V. A. de la Nougerede and G. R. Mills (9½) by 3 on time.
Miss I. M. Roe and Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (15) bt Mrs. L. G. Walters and G. A. Black (15) by 6 on time.

SECOND ROUND.

R. J. Pickett and Mrs. R. J. Pickett (24) bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs and G. B. Horridge (12½) by 7 on time.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Capt. M. Buller (6) bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Major E. C. Heathcote (11½) by 2 on time.
Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (8½) bt Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (5½) by 1 on time.
A. L. Yoxall and Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (9) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon and Miss S. C. Gough (14) by 4 on time.
Major G. F. Stone and A. J. Cooper (0) bt R. J. Leonard and Mrs. R. J. Leonard (7) by 13.
Miss I. M. Roe and Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (15) bt Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld and Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (9½) by 3.
M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (4) bt G. M. FitzPatrick and Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (6½) by 3 on time.
J. G. Warwick and A.V.M. F. H. M. Maynard (9½) bt John Stokes and Mrs. John Stokes (10) by 8.

THIRD ROUND.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Capt. M. Buller (6) bt R. J. Pickett and Mrs. R. J. Pickett (24) by 3 on time.
A. L. Yoxall and Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (9) bt Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (8½) by 6.
Miss I. M. Roe and Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (15) bt Major G. F. Stone and A. J. Cooper (0) by 14.
M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (4) bt J. G. Warwick and A.V.M. F. H. M. Maynard (9½) by 9.

SEMI-FINAL.

A. L. Yoxall and Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (9) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Capt. M. Buller (6) by 8.
Miss I. M. Roe and Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (15) bt M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (4) by 2 on time.

FINAL.

Miss I. M. Roe and Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (15) bt A. L. Yoxall and Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (9) by 11.

EXTRA EVENT.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss A. E. Mills (2½) bt Mrs. R. J. Leonard (3) by 4.
Mrs. F. R. Briggs (3½) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (4½) by 6.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) w.o. Mrs. V. C. Gasson (3) opponent retired.
Mrs. L. G. Walters (6) bt Mrs. John Stokes (5).

SECOND ROUND.

Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (8) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (8½) by 11.
Miss A. E. Mills (2½) bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs (3½) by 9.
Mrs. L. G. Walters (6) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 4.
R. J. Pickett (12) bt Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (16) by 9.

SEMI-FINAL.

Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (8) w.o. Miss A. E. Mills (2½) opponent retired.
R. J. Pickett (12) bt Mrs. L. G. Walters (6) by 1 on time.

FINAL.

R. J. Pickett (12) bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (8) by 11.

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

July 13th—18th

The 69th Open Championship was held for a second time at Hurlingham Club. It would have been the 92nd year of the event had it not been for the unhappy (if dissimilar) causes which led to the intermissions of 1883-1896, 1915-1918 and 1940-1945. The Doubles Championship is of course a far more recent institution, having been initiated only in 1924, when it occurred to two keen young associates that there was no valid reason why C.A. trophies should be competed for only by mixed pairs.

Everything in the garden was lovely on this occasion—the weather, the trees, and not last the courts which were mostly in superb condition, though the once matchless No. 3 does not seem to have wintered well. As the week wore on some of the lawns, notably Nos. 2 and 6, did become very fast, but this helped to bring out the skill and touch of our greatest players. Almost "everybody who is anybody" in contemporary croquet (with a few who soon will be "somebodies") had entered, the few missing names including those of Major Stone, Mr. Kirk-Greene and Miss Lintern whose labours for the Association in the transitional period have left her little time for either play or rest this season.

A feature of the Championship was the relatively large number of contests which went to three games during the week. Lady FitzGerald, always so welcome a visitor, after a very close struggle with Mr. Gerald Williams, did well to take the first game off Col. Beamish, as did Mrs. Longman from Dr. Wiggins, and Capt. Stoker from Mr. Saalfeld. Mr. Hamilton-Miller, returning to the fray after eight years, fought a good fight with Mr. Cotter and losing this, consoled himself by victory in a particularly strong Association Plate. But perhaps the most unexpected of these three-round contests was that necessitated as a consequence of Mr. FitzPatrick's success in the first game against Mr. Hicks. Meanwhile in this less formidable half of the draw Mr. Warwick was winning his way through a remarkable series of close games, eight in succession of which were decided by ten points or less.

But it was obvious when the draw was made that the greatest strength lay in the upper half. Here the youngest competitor William Ormerod, soon showed that despite the few opportunities he gets to play, his brilliant gifts for the game will always make him a serious contender for the highest honours in any company. Discretion is not the better part of his valour, but his extraordinarily consistent shooting at all distances generally gets him out of trouble. The matches he played against Dr. Wiggins (who had eliminated the title-holder) and Mr. Solomon were the high spots of the week, and William's feat in the latter match of going round off the third turn of the game which he won is one not often to be witnessed.

But a still more remarkable achievement already stood to the credit of John Solomon (against Spencer Ell)—a triple peel in which no use was made of the fourth ball until all peeling had been done. This fact may have been performed in a tournament on some former occasion but if so your reporter has never heard of it. After this it seemed unlikely that anyone could deny John his second championship of the season, and in the event neither Ormerod nor Hicks did so. But the play in the final (on a very fast court—No. 2) did not quite come up to the high standard expected of it. Each competitor seemed apprehensive of the brilliant potentialities of the other (as well he might be) and the first game was a long one, with a remarkable number of errors from each player, especially at hoops. Humphrey resorted to the old strategy of his in "giving contact" but he was eventually caught and pegged out by his opponent. Some fine shooting from both players gave distinction to the second game, but John always looked the more likely to win it, and so it proved to be the case.

The opening stages of the Doubles produced a remarkable upset not only of form, but on the run of the game as it had proceeded, until the very end. Col. Beamish, partnering Maurice Reckitt who had been pegged out, was left in with five points to make after an unexpected failure by Hicks at the last hoop. These points he made in a single sensational turn of brilliant hoop running and long roquet hitting which provided the most thrilling five minutes of the week. The successful pair went on to wage a long battle with the Tingey in which the lady hit in and went round in the first twenty minutes and had then to wait for the indifferent play of the other three to bring the game to a conclusion 3½ hours later. Meanwhile the holders of the title, Cotter and Solomon, were winning a series of none too conclusive victories in the opposite half, but were all over their opponents in the final, both stars giving a fine exhibition of touch on a very fast court.

The unbalanced character of the draw for the Championship contributed to produce an unusually strong entry for the Association Plate. A feature of the play in this event and indeed throughout the week, was the fine form shown by Spencer Ell whose skill is as much a matter for delight as it is for amazement to all of us. On this occasion it brought him a victory over no less an opponent than Patrick Cotter and nearly won him success in his final.

Every day the weather forecast threatened us with rain in the evening but this never fell and Mr. Brackenbury, as competent as ever in command, had no interruptions from this cause, and arranged matters so skilfully that all was brought to an end at just the right time on the Saturday.

The "galleries" were particularly attentive to the fine play provided for them, inspired to emulation at the moments of greatest brilliance, yet perhaps also a little cheered by those other moments which showed that even our leading magicians were not so far removed from common humanity as never to fall into error only too familiar to the rest of us.

THE CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIPS.

OPEN SINGLES.

(24 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

M. B. Reckitt bt G. N. B. Huskinson +7 +18.
W. P. Ormerod bt G. V. Evans +26 +9.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Mrs. W. Longman —23 +24 +20.
E. P. C. Cotter bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller —9 +8 +23.
Lady FitzGerald bt G. Williams —5 +2 +7.
J. G. Warwick bt Dr. H. J. Penny +8 +8.
Lt.-Col. Saalfeld bt Capt. H. G. Stoker —8 +14 +16.

SECOND ROUND.

M. Spencer Ell bt Major R. Tingey +9 —6 +16.
J. W. Solomon w.o. W. Longman opponent scratched.
W. P. Ormerod bt M. B. Reckitt +26 +20.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt E. P. C. Cotter +11 +4.
Col. D. W. Beamish bt Lady FitzGerald —12 +22 +25.
J. G. Warwick bt Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld +3 +9.
H. O. Hicks bt Mrs. E. Rotherham +25 +26.
G. M. FitzPatrick bt Mrs. I. H. Turketine +8 +10.

THIRD ROUND.

J. W. Solomon bt M. Spencer Ell +24 +2.
W. P. Ormerod bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins —12 +13 +12.
J. G. Warwick bt Col. D. W. Beamish —4 +10 +9.
H. O. Hicks bt G. M. FitzPatrick —3 +18 +26.

SEMI-FINAL.

J. W. Solomon bt W. P. Ormerod +9 —26 +17.
H. O. Hicks bt J. G. Warwick +16 +13.

FINAL.

J. W. Solomon bt H. O. Hicks +7 +12.

THE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

(9 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon bt Mrs. I. H. Turketine and Lady FitzGerald by 9.

SECOND ROUND.

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld and W. P. Ormerod by 21.
E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon bt J. Hollweg and J. G. Warwick by 4.
Major R. Tingey and Mrs. R. Tingey bt G. V. Evans and Dr. H. J. Penny by 8.

M. B. Reckitt and Col. D. W. Beamish bt H. O. Hicks and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins by 3.

SEMI-FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and Mrs. E. Rotherham by 15.

M. B. Reckitt and Col. D. W. Beamish bt Major R. Tingey and Mrs. R. Tingey by 6.

FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon bt M. B. Reckitt and Col. D. W. Beamish by 20.

THE ASSOCIATION PLATE.

OPEN SINGLES.

(16 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

M. B. Reckitt bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 24.
W. Longman bt G. N. B. Huskinson by 4.
Major R. Tingey bt G. M. FitzPatrick by 20.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Mrs. W. Longman by 25.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt G. V. Evans by 15.
E. P. C. Cotter bt Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld by 22.
Capt. H. G. Stoker bt Lady FitzGerald by 12.
M. Spencer Ell bt E. V. Carpmal by 23.

SECOND ROUND.

M. B. Reckitt bt W. Longman by 9.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Major R. Tingey by 8.
E. P. C. Cotter bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 7.
M. Spencer Ell bt Capt. H. G. Stoker by 18.

SEMI-FINAL.

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt M. B. Reckitt by 15.
M. Spencer Ell bt E. P. C. Cotter by 1.

FINAL.

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt M. Spencer Ell by 6.

CHELTENHAM

July 20th—25th

A welcome to Mrs. Chittenden, and congratulations on her debut as a manager. Her task was not made any easier, due to the long spell of dry weather causing the normally green lawns of the Cheltenham Croquet Club to be what is usually referred to as "tricky".

In consequence all round breaks were few and far between, and many games were unavoidably long. For all that Lt.-Col. D. H. C. Prichard (9), a newcomer to the game, took less than 50 minutes to finish one game in the handicap singles, and using only five of his nine bisques, did not allow his unfortunate opponent to even take croquet.

The lunches and teas were, as always, excellent, the drinks counter very appreciated, and the thanks of all are fully earned by those members who attended to these very essential parts of a pleasant and successful tournament.

A kindly welcome to all visitors, the good work of the groundsman, and the warm and dry weather all combined to make for a very enjoyable tournament.

Mrs. E. Rotherham won the Open Singles for the third time in succession, a very worthy winner.

Mrs. A. H. Daniel and Miss I. M. Roe won the Doubles, beating the Rev. Canon Creed Meredith and Mrs. M. Thornewill in a well contested final. The Canon ably supported by his partner fought his way through many interesting battles to reach the final.

The tournament was brought to a very pleasant conclusion by a presentation of prizes and a few well chosen words by Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels. A good time was had by all.

THE CHELTENHAM CHAMPIONSHIP CHALLENGE

CUP.

("Two Life" System).

THE DRAW.

(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Dr. A. L. Yoxall w.o. Miss D. D. Steel opponent scratched.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 18.
Mrs. N. Oddie bt R. Tingey by 3.
G. E. P. Jackson bt Canon Creed Meredith by 17.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 8.
V. A. de la Nougerede bt Major J. W. Cobb by 20.

SECOND ROUND.

Dr. A. L. Yoxall bt J. K. Brown by 10.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. N. Oddie by 26.
G. E. P. Jackson bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 9.
Col. D. W. Beamish bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 19.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Dr. A. L. Yoxall by 7.
G. E. P. Jackson bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 8.

FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt G. E. P. Jackson by 22.

PROCESS.

(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

V. A. de la Nougerede bt Mrs. N. Oddie by 12.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave w.o. Miss D. D. Steel opponent scratched.
Canon Creed Meredith bt J. K. Brown by 11.
G. E. P. Jackson bt Major J. W. Cobb by 16.
Col. D. W. Beamish bt R. Tingey by 22.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Dr. A. L. Yoxall by 2.

SECOND ROUND.

V. A. de la Nougerede bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 13.
Mrs. E. Rotherham w.o. Canon Creed Meredith opponent scratched.
G. E. P. Jackson bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 10.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 5.
SEMI-FINAL.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 11.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt G. E. P. Jackson by 7.
FINAL.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 5.
PLAY-OFF FOR SECOND.
G. E. P. Jackson bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 15.

THE MONEY CHALLENGE SALVER.
LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B").
(3 bisques and over).
(20 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
Comdr. D. W. Roe bt Mrs. R. A. Hill by 13.
Mrs. R. Tingey bt N. F. Blackwood by 6.
C. H. O'D. Alexander bt Mrs. E. M. Kay by 22.
Miss I. M. Roe w.o. Dr. H. J. Penny opponent retired.

SECOND ROUND.
Dr. B. R. Sandiford bt E. V. Carpmal by 15.
Mrs. M. McMordie bt Miss L. Hulton by 7.
T. G. S. Colls bt Miss H. D. Parker by 14.
Mrs. R. Tingey bt Comdr. D. W. Roe by 11.
Miss I. M. Roe bt C. H. O'D. Alexander by 11.
Dr. T. E. Ryves bt E. G. Bantock by 10.
A. McClure Williams bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels by 3.
Miss E. P. Carmouche bt Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone by 14.

THIRD ROUND.
Dr. B. R. Sandiford bt Mrs. M. McMordie by 5.
Mrs. R. Tingey bt T. G. S. Colls by 6.
Miss I. M. Roe bt Dr. T. E. Ryves by 11.
A. McClure Williams bt Miss E. P. Carmouche by 20.

SEMI-FINAL.
Dr. B. R. Sandiford w.o. Mrs. R. Tingey opponent retired.
Miss I. M. Roe bt A. McClure Williams by 13.

FINAL.
Miss I. M. Roe bt Dr. B. R. Sandiford by 19.

HANDICAP SINGLES.
(6½ bisques or more).
(17 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (10) by 6.
SECOND ROUND.
Miss B. Jones-Bateman (10) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 9.
Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (8) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (11) by 14.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (9) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (13) by 12.
Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) bt Rev. C. W. Wordsworth (8) by 8.
Miss R. M. Allen (8) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (7½) by 9.
Miss L. Wilkinson (12) bt Mrs. D. W. Roe (8) by 8.
G. R. Mills (9) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (13) by 16.
Miss K. D. Hickson (10) bt Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (16) by 16.
THIRD ROUND.
Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (8) bt Miss B. Jones-Bateman (10) by 8.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (9) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) by 18.
Miss R. M. Allen (8) bt Miss L. Wilkinson (12) by 9.
Miss K. D. Hickson (10) bt G. R. Mills (9) by 2.

SEMI-FINAL.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (9) bt Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (8) by 7.
Miss R. M. Allen (8) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (10) by 6.
FINAL.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (9) bt Miss R. M. Allen (8) by 18.

HANDICAP SINGLES.
(47 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
N. F. Blackwood (5½) bt E. V. Carpmal (3½) by 15.
Mrs. E. M. Kay (7) bt Miss E. P. Carmouche (7) by 11.
Major J. W. Cobb (1) bt Mrs. D. W. Roe (8) by 4.
T. G. S. Colls (6) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3½) by 8.
Miss M. M. Taylor (13) bt Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (7) by 10.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—2) bt Dr. B. R. Sandiford (3½) by 6.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) bt Comdr. D. W. Roe (5) by 22.
Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (11) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (10) by 4.
V. A. de la Nougerede (½) bt J. K. Brown (1) by 4.
E. G. Bantock (6) bt F. E. Corke (6) by 14.
Miss L. Hulton (6) bt Col. D. W. Beamish (—½) by 23.
R. Tingey (—½) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (10) by 11.
Dr. T. E. Ryves (6) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) by 22.
G. E. P. Jackson (0) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 21.
Mrs. A. M. Daniels (3½) bt G. R. Mills (9) by 6.

SECOND ROUND.

Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (3½) bt Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (16) by 12.
Canon Creed Meredith (½) bt A. McClure Williams (3½) by 9.
Rev. C. W. Wordsworth (8) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (13) by 8.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (1) bt Mrs. M. McMordie (5) by 14.
Mrs. E. M. Kay (7) bt N. F. Blackwood (5½) by 5.
Major J. W. Cobb (1) bt T. G. S. Colls (6) by 4.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—2) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (13) by 8.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (11) by 5.
E. G. Bantock (6) bt V. A. de la Nougerede (½) by 15.
R. Tingey (—½) bt Miss L. Hulton (6) by 11.
G. E. P. Jackson (0) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves (6) by 10.
Miss H. D. Parker (5½) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels (3½) by 8.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (9) bt Dr. A. L. Yoxall (1) by 26.
Miss I. M. Roe (6) bt Mrs. R. Tingey (4½) by 4.
Brig. J. S. Omond (7½) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) by 4.
Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (8) bt Mrs. N. Oddie (—½) by 21.

THIRD ROUND.

Canon Creed Meredith (½) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (3½) by 5.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (1) bt Rev. C. W. Wordsworth (8) by 8.
Mrs. E. M. Kay (7) bt Major J. W. Cobb (1) by 13.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) w.o. Mrs. E. Rotherham opponent scratched.
E. G. Bantock (6) bt R. Tingey (—½) by 5.
G. E. P. Jackson (0) bt Miss H. D. Parker (5½) by 9.
Miss I. M. Roe (6) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (9) by 8.
Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (8) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (7½) by 19.

FOURTH ROUND.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (1) bt Canon Creed Meredith (½) by 10.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (7) by 5.
E. G. Bantock (6) bt G. E. P. Jackson (0) by 22.
Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (8) w.o. Miss I. M. Roe opponent scratched.

SEMI-FINAL.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave w.o. Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) opponent scratched.
E. G. Bantock (6) bt Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (8) by 14.

FINAL.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (1) bt E. G. Bantock (6) by 3.

THE BARWELL SALVERS.
HANDICAP DOUBLES.
(22 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.
T. G. S. Colls and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (6) bt V. A. de la Nougerede and Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (8½) by 1.
Col. D. W. Beamish and Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (½) bt G. E. P. Jackson and Miss E. M. Leonard (12) by 9.
Canon Creed Meredith and Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (11½) bt Brig. J. S. Omond and Mrs. J. S. Omond (17½) by 17.
Col. F. E. Stobart and Mrs. N. Oddie (2) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Mrs. W. A. Naylor (16) by 8.
N. F. Blackwood and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (13½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (13½) by 2.
Mrs. A. M. Daniels and Miss I. M. Roe (9) bt E. V. Carpmal and Miss E. P. Carmouche (10½) by 20.

SECOND ROUND.

G. R. Mills and Mrs. F. M. Kay (16) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves and Miss L. Hulton (12) by 11.
J. K. Brown and E. G. Bantock (7) bt Rev. C. W. Wordsworth and Miss B. Jones-Bateman (18) by 10.
T. G. S. Colls and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (6) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow and Mrs. M. McMordie (12) by 16.
Canon Creed Meredith and Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (11½) bt Col. D. W. Beamish and Lt. Col. G. E. Cave (½) by 4.
N. F. Blackwood and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (13½) bt Col. F. E. Stobart and Mrs. N. Oddie (2) by 1.
Mrs. A. M. Daniels and Miss I. M. Roe (9) bt F. E. Corke and Miss H. D. Parker (11½) by 5.
Dr. B. R. Sandiford and Miss M. M. Taylor (14½) bt R. Tingey and Mrs. R. Tingey (4) by 14.
Dr. A. L. Yoxall and Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (9½) bt Major J. W. Cobb and A. McClure Williams (4½) by 13.

THIRD ROUND.

G. R. Mills and Mrs. E. M. Kay (16) bt J. K. Brown and E. G. Bantock (7) by 10.
Canon Creed Meredith and Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (11½) bt T. G. S. Colls and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (6) by 5.
Mrs. A. M. Daniels and Miss I. M. Roe (9) bt N. F. Blackwood and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (13½) by 5.
Dr. A. L. Yoxall and Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (9½) bt Dr. B. R. Sandiford and Miss M. M. Taylor (14½) by 6.

SEMI-FINAL.

Canon Creed Meredith and Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (11½) bt G. R. Mills and Mrs. E. M. Kay (16) by 11.
Mrs. A. M. Daniels and Miss I. M. Roe (9) bt Dr. A. L. Yoxall and Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (9½) by 20.

FINAL.

Mrs. A. M. Daniels and Miss I. M. Roe (9) bt Canon Creed Meredith and Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (11½) by 7.

HUNSTANTON

THE SIXTY-SECOND HUNSTANTON OPEN CROQUET TOURNAMENT
Will be held on the Club Grounds on Monday, August 31st, 1959, and five following days
(Under C.A. Laws and Regulations)

Committee.—Mrs. Edmund Reeve, C. B. Bird, Miss Gillespie, Dr. Lewis.
Manager, Referee and Handicapper.—Mrs. Edmund Reeve.
Hon. Secretary.—Mrs. J. A. Clarke, 49 Northgate, Hunstanton.

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES (Class "A"). Draw and Process. The Norfolk Challenge Cup. Entrance Fee, 10s.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES (Class "B"). Law 44 suspended. The Hunstanton Challenge Bowl. 4 to 8½ bisques. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES (Class "C"). 9 bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. "X.Y." Ingleby Challenge Cup. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. No player of 4 handicap or less may partner each other. Entrance Fee, 8s.

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

CONDITIONS

Entries for 1, 2, 3 and 4, must reach the Secretary not later than the last post on Thursday, August 27th, and for Event 5 on Tuesday, September 1st, with application for leave, which will not be granted after 12 noon on Monday, unless the exigencies of the Draw permit. Entrance Fees must be paid at the time of entry.

THE DRAW

The Draw for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4, will take place in the Club's Pavilion on Saturday, August 29th, at 5 p.m.
Play will begin at 10 a.m. on each day and continue to 7 p.m. Standard setting and Jaques' Eclipse balls will be used. Five courts will be available.
Hotels.—Golden Lion, Garden House, Ken Hill View, Caltofts, Austin Street. There are also the L'Estrange Arms and the Lodge Hotels at Old Hunstanton one mile away.

PARKSTONE (East Dorset)

CROQUET TOURNAMENT
Monday, August 31st, 1959
(Under the Laws and Regulations of the C.A.)
Committee.—The Croquet Committee of the Parkstone Club.
Manager and Handicapper.—V. A. de la Nougerede.
Referee.—The Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith.
Hon. Secretary.—Mrs. M. MacMordie, L.T. and Croquet Club, Saltern's Road, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset.

EVENTS.

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. "Two Lives." Bournemouth Bowl and Ashton Trophy. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES. Law 44 suspended. For players of 2½ to 7 bisques inclusive. Deshon Cup. Entrance Fee, 9s.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. For players of 7½ bisques and over. Halse Salver. Entrance Fee, 9s.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Unrestricted. Gold Cup. Entrance Fee, 9s.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Unrestricted. Entrance Fee, 9s. each player.

CONDITIONS

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 must reach the Hon. Secretary by midday, Thursday, August 27th. The Draw will take place at the Club on that date.
No players may enter for more than one Event of Nos. 1, 2 and 3.
Five or six courts will be provided and Jaques' "Eclipse" balls will be used. Standard 3¼in. hoops.
Play will commence at 10 a.m. or earlier if necessary, and players must be prepared to play up to 7 p.m.
Lunch and tea is provided by the Club at moderate prices.
Flat-soled shoes must be worn.

THE PRESIDENT'S CUP

Presented to the C.A. in 1934 by the late Trevor Williams, Esq. Holder—J. W. Solomon
For the 8 best available players of the preceding 12 months in the C.A. invited by the Council of the C.A.
No Entrance Fee

Will be played for at the HURLINGHAM CLUB on Monday, September 7th, and following days

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.
Manager and Referee.—E. A. Roper.
Assistant Referees will be appointed under Reg. 15 (a).
Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6.

CONDITIONS

Hoops 3 11/16in. wide and Jaques' "Eclipse" Balls will be used. The Council of the C.A. reserve the right to substitute hoops 3¼in. wide at their discretion.
Each Competitor meets each of the other Competitors twice in each Competition.
If a Competitor fails from any cause to play through the whole of the games in the series, his or her score in that series will be entirely eliminated from the Competition. No substitute will be permitted in either series in any circumstances after the Competition has once begun. Single games throughout provided that in the event of a tie in the score the possession of the Cup for the year will be decided by a match of three games.
In the event of a tie between three Competitors, each of these three will play a single game against each of the other two. If the issue is still undecided the three names will be drawn on the Bagnall-Wild system and single games will be played in each round.
In the event of tie between more than three Competitors, the names of the winners will be drawn on the Bagnall-Wild System and single games will be played in each round.
All competitors must furnish the Secretary with the address at which messages will reach them during the Tournament.
Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

PRIZES

The Winner holds the Trophy for one year or until the next Competition whichever is the shorter period and will receive a medal.

PLAY

Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily, unless otherwise notified. Competitors must report themselves to the Manager on arrival and no leave can be given in any circumstances.

THE SURREY CUP

Presented to the C.A. in 1955 by the Officers of the former Surrey County Union
Holder—G. E. Jackson

To be played for at the ROEHAMPTON CLUB on Monday, September 7th, and following days

Manager.—Mrs. I. H. Turkentine.
Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the C.A.
For eight players invited by the Council to compete.
Conditions as for the President's Cup except that 3¼in. hoops will be used.

ROEHAMPTON

A CROQUET TOURNAMENT
will be held on
Monday, 21st September, 1959, 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. Haigh Smith, Mrs. I. H. Turkentine.
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. 0d.
 - 2.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Single games. Open to Competitors with a handicap of 3½ or more. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Winner to hold the Brooke Challenge Cup for one year.
 - 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Open to Competitors with a handicap of 9 bisques or more. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- N.B.—No Competitor may enter for more than one of the above events.

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- 4.—"X" and "Y" HANDICAP SINGLES. In this event there will be a time limit of 3 hours in accordance with Reg. 13. 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 Tournament promoted by their own Club, when they pay such C.A. tribute, if any, as the local Committee may determine), but on becoming an Associate any tribute paid during the current year is refunded, or credited against subscription.

CONDITIONS

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4, must reach the Games Secretary, accompanied by the Entrance Fee, by the first post, **Thursday, September 17th, 1959.** Entries for Event 5 close at midday on **Tuesday, September 22nd, 1959.** The draw for Events 1 to 4 will take place at the Club at 2 p.m. on Thursday, September 17th, 1959.

Play will commence at 10 a.m. daily or earlier if necessary. 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-soled boots or shoes as cannot damage the ground.

There are facilities for playing Bridge at the Croquet Pavilion.

DEVONSHIRE PARK, EASTBOURNE

SOUTH OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Fifty-second Annual Open Tournament will start on **Monday, September 28th**, 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.—Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury.

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

Secretary.—The Secretary, Croquet Association, Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6 (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: Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins.
- 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: L. Kirk-Greene.
- 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. Rotherham.
- 4.—"B" LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 2½ to 5½ bisques inclusive (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 10s. Holder of the perpetual challenge Silver Challenge Salver presented by the Devonshire Park Company: Dr. H. J. Penny.
- 5.—"C" LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 6 to 9½ bisques inclusive (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 10s. Holder of the Challenge Trophy presented by the late E. S. Luard, Esq.: Lt.-Comdr. G. W. Style.
- 6.—"D" LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 10 bisques or over (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 10s. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Cup presented by the late Trevor Williams, Esq.: Miss K. D. Hickson.
- 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 2 bisques (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. 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 28th; in Event 5 and 9 on Tuesday, September 29th; in Event 7 and 10 on Wednesday, September 30th; in Event 6 on Thursday, October 1st; in Events 2 and 3 not before Friday, October 2nd; in Event 8 on Monday, October 5th.

5.—Events 1 and 7 will be completed by Monday, October 5th. 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 2nd.

INFORMATION

ENTRIES.—Entries accompanied by Entrance Fees for all Events except 7 and 8 must reach the Secretary, The Croquet Association, Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6, by Tuesday, September 22nd. (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, Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6, at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 23rd. The Draw for Event 7 will take place at Devonshire Park at noon on Tuesday, September 29th, and for Event 8 at Devonshire Park at noon on Saturday, October 3rd.

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 3½in. 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 28th.

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.—Granting of any leave must depend on the needs of the tournament.

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.

Barnes Sports Club—Hon. Secretary (Croquet Section), Mrs. M. E. Bernard, Lonsdale Road, Barnes, S.W.13.

Barnstaple—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. F. M. Hurley, Buena Vista, Barbican Lane, Barnstaple, Devon.

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

Bentley (Brentwood)—Hon. Secretary, F. Stanley-Smith, Hatch House, Pilgrims Hatch, Brentwood.

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

Blackheath (Blackheath Park)—Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Willis, 3 Priory Lodge, Priory Park, Lee Road, Blackheath, S.E.3.

Bowdon—Hon. Secretary, F. H. Bruges, 21 Burlington Road, Altrincham, Cheshire.

Bristol Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Miss K. M. S. Ault, 10 Westbury Park, Bristol 6.

Budleigh Salterton—Hon. Secretary, L. G. Walters, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton.

Carrickmines Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly, Ballynamote, Carrickmines, Dublin.

Cambridge Municipal Parks Croquet—Mrs. P. E. Heley, 40 Newton Road, Cambridge.

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

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

Cheltenham—Hon. Secretary, Cheltenham Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.

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

Compton (Eastbourne)—Hon. Secretary, C. J. Speer, 36c Upperton Gardens, Eastbourne, Sussex.

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

Dulwich Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. R. L. Lydall, 17 Woodbourne Avenue, Streatham.

East Dorset Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club (Parkstone)—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. J. A. MacMordie, East Dorset L.T. & Croquet Club, Saltern's Road, Parkstone, Dorset.

Edinburgh Croquet Club (Lauriston Castle)—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. R. V. Hall, Rock House, Calton Hill, Edinburgh 7.

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

Felixstowe—Hon. Secretary, c/o Mr. Selsby, Lawn Tennis Courts, Bath Road, Felixstowe.

Folkestone L.T. and Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. T. D. Key, The Prince's Hotel, Bouverie Road West, Folkestone.

Heathfield (Lyford Road, London, S.W.18)—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. M. Francis, White Cottage, 68 Lyford Road, London, S.W.18.

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

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

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

Lampeter—Hon. Secretary, D. Tansill, St. David's College, Lampeter, Cardiganshire.

Littlehampton Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Miss Hale, Elmer, St. Winifred's Road, Littlehampton.

National Institute for Research in Dairying—Hon. Secretary, Dr. M. E. Gregory, Shinfield, Nr. Reading.

Northern Lawn Tennis Club (Croquet Section) Didsbury, nr. Manchester—Hon. Secretary, Palatine Road, West Didsbury, Manchester 20.

Norwich—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Edmund Reeve, Flat 2, Sandringham Court, Ipswich Road, Norwich.

Nottingham Croquet Club—Tournament Secretary, G. N. Bright, 15 St. Jude's Avenue, Mapperley, Nottingham.

Oxford University Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club—Hon. Secretary (Croquet Section), Mrs. S. H. Harvey, 13 St. Margaret's Road, Oxford.

Parsons Green Sports and Social Club—Hon. Secretary, Croquet Section, Broomhouse Lane, London, S.W.6.

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

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

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

Ryde Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Comdr. J. Radford, R.D., R.N.R.(retd.), Leaholme, Appley Road, Ryde, I.O.W.

Shepton Mallet—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. G. F. Blandford, Field View, Shepton Mallet.

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

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

Southsea—Hon. Secretary, Miss E. M. Watson, 51 Salisbury Road, Southsea.

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

Sussex County (Brighton) Croquet Club—Hon. Croquet Secretary, Miss M. J. Daldy, 10 Lansdowne Road, Hove 3, Sussex.

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

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

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