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- " 9-11 **All England Handicap. Area Finals (Roehampton).** *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
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NOTES by ROVER

Caskets Week

The Men's and Women's Championships, sometimes referred to as the Gold Caskets, were competed for as usual in early June. John Solomon was of course fancied to retain the Men's title, and after being fairly closely matched by Cotter in his first round had no undue difficulty in his subsequent games. A new name appeared on the roll of the Women's winners, that of Joan Warwick, who has been near the peak for the past two years. A past hockey international, her game has been tightened up considerably since she moved from Peterborough to Budleigh Salterton three years ago.

Perhaps the most surprising (but none the less pleasing) occurrence of the week was the victory of Mrs. Adler in the Du Pre Cup. To have beaten Agnes Mills, Vera Gasson and Guy Warwick is no mean feat for one who still disclaims any knowledge of how lift shots should be prepared for. Her victory is evidence of the way in which her game has come on in recent months.

A final note on the week's play concerns the unconscionable length of some of the doubles games. Two games at least stretched over a period of more than five hours: perhaps some of our older readers would like to recall whether doubles suffered in this way in pre-war days.

The New Hand Book

Readers will have seen among the Croquet Association Notices in the last two issues that the new hand book for 1960/61 is now available at a price of 4s. 6d. and is obtainable from the Secretary. As usual, the hand book contains items of interest to every Associate and the expenditure is well worthwhile.

Reading through the Rules of the Croquet Association which appear early in the hand book one wonders how many associates, or indeed members of Council, would acquit themselves were they to sit for an examination on this subject. One rule which seems unlikely to need invoking in this day and generation is that which states that professional croquet players shall not be eligible to play in any amateur competition.

The list of winners of the C.A. events dating back to the earliest years in which the various events were held are a valuable feature of the book. Of particular interest are the participants in the C.A. invitation events—the President's Cup (originally the Beddow and then the Champion Cup), the Ladies' Field Cup and the Surrey Cup. Who would have guessed that William Longman first competed in the Best Ten in 1914 and Maurice Reckitt in 1923? Patrick Cotter will be seen to have won the President's Cup on his first appearance in 1949, losing only one of the fourteen games—not bad for one who had only started croquet two years earlier. Spencer Ell is recorded as having been runner-up on three of the five occasions when the Surrey Cup has been competed for so he will certainly not be winning out of turn if he succeeds at his next attempt.

Half an hour

J. M. Barrie once wrote a playlet to show how much that was critical in the lives of three people could develop within that brief space of time. Enlarge the circle from three to four and a time-limited handicap double often presents a similarly crucial—if less morally disturbing—situation. But it has recently transpired that a certain confusion exists as to the circumstances in which this extension of opportunity may be claimed. Regulation 13, as it appears in the most recent edition of our book of Laws (for 1957) declares that the claim can be made "by the player who is behind at the expiration of the time-limit, provided that such player has then scored all but 4 points." But this wording has since been amended by the Council in two respects, and the wording appearing on page five of the April number of *Croquet* for this year is (if a slight correction of phraseology be made) that which now applies. This runs "a further half hour's play may be claimed by the side (or if both sides be equal, either side) which is behind at the expiration of the time limit, provided", etc. These emendations were necessary, partly to make it clear that the provision applies where in fact the need for it most commonly arises, in doubles; and to avoid the paradoxical situation that a side might claim the half hour if it was behind, but not if it were level with its adversaries. Managers, referees and competitors should note this, but the persons in the first named category are no longer under an obligation to inform the players of this right. To make such a claim is now (very properly) up to them.

Lady Minus Players of the Future

At the end of Ladies' Field Cup week in July last year a spectator remarked that Joan Warwick was the first winner to have come from players who have taken up croquet since the war. Previous winners since 1946 were Miss Lintern, Mrs. Elvey, Mrs. Rotherham, Mrs. Reeve and Mrs. Longman, all of whom had acquired croquet prowess in pre-war days. Indeed, we are prompted to ask where are the lady minus-players of the future. The lack of improving players is hard to account for unless it be that domestic duties occupy so much of women's time nowadays compared with the past, with the result that those who do take up the game have not the necessary time or concentration to advance to the top levels. The part played in Australian and New Zealand croquet by first-class women players would seem to dispose of that particular argument as will be borne out by those who recall seeing Miss Wainwright and Mrs. Watkins, to name but two of the New Zealand Test team who played here four years ago.

We would take this opportunity of saying how welcome is the return of Miss Lintern to competitive croquet this year. Rarely can a Chairman of Council have had such an arduous period of office as Miss Lintern, and only those close to the heart of C.A. matters can appreciate the debt of gratitude which we owe to her.

INDIAN SUMMER

Extracts from a talk by Mrs. Farnsworth on the B.B.C. Home Service

One day two ladies, keen croquet enthusiasts, invited me to their club for a game. Like many other people I had played croquet in my youth. Those of you who know the technicalities may remember that in those days one had a double hoop in the centre of the court and a little bell that rang when the ball went through, and two sticks to hit instead of one. Today the stick is placed in the middle of the lawn, instead of the hoop with the bell.

I accepted the invitation and went with my new friends to the club, where there were four lawns well mown and laid out for croquet. Someone lent me a mallet, and I hit my first ball—and lo and behold—it went through the hoop! That was the beginning and now, after five years of interesting and improving play, with still a lot to learn, I am badly bitten by the croquet bug.

I do wonder why more people, men and women, young and old, don't play this fascinating game. Croquet has so much to commend it. It needs the skill and straight eye of the billiards player, and the tactical mind of the chess player. And you don't have to be born with these assets fully fledged, they can be cultivated.

For play, one wears what one likes. Some players prefer large hats and full skirts. Some wear eye shades, some ladies wear trousers and many men favour a cap—it doesn't matter. Shoes with flat heels are the only "must".

What wonderful exercise it is, in the open air. A friend of mine, a very keen player, often wears a pedometer during a game and he tells me that he walks on the average about three and a half miles every time he plays. How many of us who are getting on in years would dream of starting out on a three mile walk? Then I suppose one stoops to place and pick up the ball many times during a game. How good this must be for the abdominal muscles!—better than making many beds, though I've always been told that making beds is very good for one's figure.

Another point: When you've joined a club and bought a mallet—it's *the* thing to have your own mallet—there's little more compulsory expense. Lawns, hoops, balls, sticks and clips are all provided and a mallet lasts for years. This makes croquet less expensive than other ball games.

One criticism I've heard is that it takes a long time to play a game. That may be so, but the better you play the shorter the time. Watch the champions who make an all-round break with one ball, and then stick at the first hoop with the second ball, recover and finish the game in under two hours. And anyway, perhaps when you've retired the time factor isn't important. You can practise on your own for a very long time without being bored, and when you've practised certain shots to get them perfect, and the moment comes to put them into action and they come off—the practice has been well worth while! The joy of getting your own two balls through all the hoops and hitting the stick with both of them, just before your opponent, is most gratifying and exciting.

During the summer, tournaments are held at some club or another almost every week, and there's no more delightful way of spending a holiday than that of meeting other croquet players and playing on first-class lawns. It does happen that, even if you have a big handicap, you may be drawn against a very good player and if you should be on your game, you may even beat a champion; then, of course, your handicap is brought down.

Croquet is a game for amateurs. There are no professional players. The amusing thing is that when I tell people I play croquet, they often say: "Oh do you? A nasty, spiteful game!" I know then that they are completely ignorant about modern croquet and when I can get them to play, they are the first to acknowledge how wrong they were to say such a thing. It's a game for all ages and one that you can go on with until you can play out-door games no more. And goodness knows when that may be. I know of a keen octogenarian who will begin a game at ten in the morning, finish it, have lunch and face another opponent in the afternoon, then tell me she is ready for a game of bridge after tea. Croquet certainly keeps one agile and alert and young, and it's a real recreation—I only wish I had begun to play when I was much younger.

BRIDGE

by E. P. C. Cotter, British International

In a tournament for Pairs the following hand was played by twelve different Souths in Three No Trumps. Eleven declarers went one down, the twelfth made ten tricks. Was the twelfth declarer favoured by a lucky opening lead? No, nothing like that. He simply played it better.

Here is the hand:—

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

West made the same opening lead as all the other Wests—the natural lead of the Queen of Spades. South let this win. West now led the King of Hearts and South ducked again. West then continued with the Knave of Spades which South won with the King.

What was South's plan? He had six tricks on top. Three tricks must be developed in the minor suits. There was also the possible end-play on West to make two Heart tricks. But the minor suits must be developed without letting East in if possible, for a Heart lead from that side might be fatal. Note South's careful play.

To trick four South led the two of Clubs and won with the King in dummy. The fall of the nine from West was revealing. It was most unlikely that he had Q, J, 9 originally. Most probably he had started life with Q, 9 or J, 9. South then led the Queen of Diamonds from dummy, covered by East's King and won with the Ace. Now South led the three of Clubs hoping that West now had the Queen alone. As this proved to be the case West won the trick. From dummy the ten was carefully played to unblock. West continued with the ten of spades won by dummy's Ace and South discarded the seven (!) of Diamonds. The position now was:—

S—8.		
H—9, 6.		
D—J, 6.		
C—6.		
S—9.	S—	
H—Q, 10.	H—8, 7, 4.	
D—10, 8, 4.	D—5.	
C—	C—J, 7.	
	S—	
	H—A, J.	
	D—9, 2.	
	C—A, 8.	

At this stage the contract of nine tricks is "on ice". After the marked finesse of the eight of Clubs and the play of the Ace, South had only to cash the Knave of Diamonds and throw West in with the Spade to collect two Heart tricks. But the declarer saw there was a chance of making an overtrick if West had the Diamond holding as well. As this was so, the Ace of Clubs squeezed West in three suits. West chose to unguard the Diamond ten, and now South played the nine of Diamonds and next the six of Diamonds holds the trick. (See why the seven of Diamonds was discarded?). West is again subjected to an automatic squeeze.

Thus South made ten beautiful tricks. Study this hand carefully—it is well worth it.

GETTING BETTER

by Dr. W. R. D. WIGGINS

(Open Champion, 1957)

I wonder how many "B" Class players realise that the future of Croquet very largely depends on them? It is from their ranks that the great players of the future are to be drawn and it is vital that they should come forward in increasing numbers during the next few years. Croquet cannot flourish without a modicum of good players.

Well, you "B" Class players, what about it? What does it take to become passably good at this difficult but intriguing game?

I would put first temperament and the will to win. Presuming these qualities to be present, the next and all-important quality is stroke play. Most of you can play a straight-forward four-ball break when it is presented to you but the difficulty lies in picking it up. Herein lies also its great attraction and you are getting better when you can do it now and again. This will rapidly become possible when you have mastered the following four points:—

1. You have studied from a book and thoroughly grasped the art of break-laying.
2. You can rush a ball with force and accuracy.
3. You can "take-off" fine to any agreed distance.
4. You are content to lay a break and not try to make an odd hoop, if circumstances suggests that progress will best be made this way.

You will note that I have not mentioned hoop running. This does not enter into the problem at all. Not all "A" Class players are good hoop runners, but they are mostly good stroke players which more than makes up the difference. You will see what I mean when I go through the items severally.

1. This takes a lot of learning and can best be done by watching only the very best players. Follow the game carefully and note how the situations arise and what steps the opponent takes to counter them. Never rely on your opponent playing with the ball you have so carefully laid at your next hoop, he may well choose the other one and cut into your game severely.

2. To rush a ball accurately is probably the most difficult of all strokes, bar the pass roll. When mastered it yields rich dividends and gives great satisfaction. The stroke can best be learnt by constant practice. When you are by yourself, place the balls to give yourself dead straight "baby" rushes. Practice till you can rush the ball to the exact spot selected. Gradually lengthen the rush and continue using the cut rush. Always choose some spot to which to rush the ball; direction and length are equally important. It is just as important to be able to rush a ball accurately for 5 yards as it is to be able to

do so for 25 yards. As regards watching the stroke, I believe that there is only one player who can execute a long rush accurately, such is its difficulty. Take the chance therefore when it comes to watch Mr. H. O. Hicks plays this stroke. Note the enormous dividends it produces and how a seemingly very difficult position is immediately transformed as a result of it. To illustrate the value of the rush, imagine the balls are lying in what to you is a most unfavourable position; Blue and Black are 2 yards apart on the side boundary, Blue being in the first corner. Red is in the second corner, Yellow is somewhere on the boundary between hoops 3 and 4. By a cut rush the first hoop is made, the forward ball being so controlled that a forward rush is done after the hoop has been made. By rushing the forward ball into the second corner, the opportunity for a corner cannon is presented and a break should result quite easily. Note the shots that gave you the break. Two rushes.

3. There seems to be a lot of nervousness amongst "B" Class players about taking-off. So many of you in your anxiety to make the object ball shake, take-off far too thick and consequently lose both direction and length. Carefully watch a good player take-off from the first corner to the third hoop. The object ball moves only about one half to one inch and has little bearing on the line of direction of the striker's ball. There should be no fear of the object ball going off the court if the balls are correctly placed. This stroke takes a lot of practice, but when learnt, anxieties about taking-off from one end of the lawn to the other will cease. You will learn more about the pace of a lawn if your ball goes off the court from a take-off than you will if it is hopelessly short and this results in your missing the roquet.

4. When you hit in and conditions are not very favourable, do not try to make a hoop at all costs. Carefully survey the situation and lay a break for next time. Trying to do a hoop on the cheap, as it were, is generally costly in innings and leads to breaks for the opposition. If it is safe to make a hoop and you are reasonably sure of doing so then it has its advantages in that you have the use of all the balls and should have a forward rush from your hoop which will help in laying the break.

And now that question of hoop running. If, as I have urged, you have learnt to rush a ball accurately, that pilot ball will be lying plumb in front of your hoop and you should have a perfectly straight shot of about six inches. You can tell when a player is at the peak of his form by the length of the hoops he has to run. Also by having control, the nightmare of the missed return roquet does not arise.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Croquet Association was held at the Hurlingham Club on Monday, May 23rd, at 4.30 p.m.

Present

Sir Compton Mackenzie (Chairman), Col. C. C. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Adler, Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish, G. Blackett, N. F. Blackwood, Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, Mr. and Mrs. Caillard, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, Col. J. G. Clarke, J. Cooper, F. H. Curtis, Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson, Major and Mrs. J. H. Dibley, E. P. Duffield, M. Spencer Ell, Rev. and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey, G. V. Evans, Mrs. V. C. Gasson, Mrs. E. Haigh Smith, Mrs. P. E. Heley, Miss F. H. Hodgkinson, A. D. Karmel, Miss D. A. Lintern, Canon R. Creed Meredith, Miss A. E. Mills, V. A. de la Nougerede, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Oliver, Brig. and Mrs. J. S. Omond, Dr. G. L. Ormerod, Miss H. D. Parker, W. B. C. Paynter, H. C. S. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Reckitt, Mrs. E. Reeve, J. M. Rivington, Mrs. E. Rotherham, J. W. Solomon, Mrs. G. W. Solomon, Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts, Cmdr. G. W. Style, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley-Smith, Miss D. D. Steel, Mrs. M. L. Thom, Mr. and Mrs. R. Tingey, S. S. Townsend, Mrs. M. H. Vincent, J. G. Warwick, Miss E. J. Warwick.

In presenting the Balance Sheet and Financial Report, Mr. Duffield pointed out the improvement in the investment position and tendered a vote of thanks to the Hurlingham Club for the new offices and their kindnesses to us.

Chairman's Report

Miss Lintern referred to the losses of so many Associates in England, and that of "Clem" Watkins in New Zealand.

Arising out of last year's minutes she said the levy had been increased instead of general subscriptions. She said a great debt of gratitude was due to Mr. Baillieu for all the extremely hard work he had done and was doing on the redraft of the Laws; also to Mr. Rivington and their committee. She referred to the election of a new Secretary and wished her happiness in her position. The Chairman expressed the Council's thanks to all Managers, Referees, Club Secretaries and to those members of Council who travel long distances from the provinces to attend meetings.

Election of Council

Mrs. L. H. Ashton and S. S. Townsend retired and G. N. B. Huskinson and J. M. Rivington were elected.

Mr. Solomon's Motion

Mr. Solomon asked and obtained Council's permission to change the wording of his Motion: "That the words in Rule 14 'Such Resolutions shall be published in *Croquet*' shall not apply to the redraft of the Laws, if such a redraft shall be adopted by the Council. He pointed out that the expense of printing the whole of the new Laws would be prohibitive. His Motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Reckitt spoke on the Dominion Test Tour

A Triangular Test between England, New Zealand and Australia would certainly be held. Whilst not wishing any Associate to feel that they *must* contribute to the expenses for this, any contribution would be most welcome. If we could send our *best* team, we have a good chance of winning.

Sir Compton Mackenzie, on behalf of the New Zealand Croquet Association presented a gold medal to Canon Creed Meredith, given by them to all Life Members.

Apps Memorial Cup

presented by Capt. Reid-Walker. Miss Lintern said this was to be given to the most improving player each year.

Mr. Elvey spoke of the heavy burden the death of Mrs. Apps placed on a few people: Miss Lintern on whom fell the largest share of the work of carrying on the C.A. Office, and to Mrs. Thom and all who helped to tide over this most difficult time. He hoped that in particular Miss Lintern would have more time for competition play this year.

Sir Compton Mackenzie said that he considered "the move to Hurlingham a great good omen for the future, compensating for being turned out of Wimbledon by that cuckoo in the nest, lawn tennis". He saw so much mediocre tennis and golf, and considered these people would be much better employed trying to play good croquet! He thought croquet must, somehow, get on television to achieve really worth while propaganda. Sir Compton wished this year's Publicity Drive all success and hoped that croquet would "become once again the Queen of Games".

Mrs. Elvey said Mrs. Farnsworth's talk on the radio was excellent propaganda, and, if croquet were to be televised, she might be asked to be the commentator.

Mr. Blackett, a member of the All England Club, Wimbledon, said croquet was becoming more popular, although they still only had one court which was not full size.

Brigadier Stokes-Roberts called for a hearty vote of thanks to Sir Compton Mackenzie for so kindly taking the Chair; this was seconded by Mrs. Reeve and endorsed by all.

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Questions and Answers

Question: In time limit games, see Reg. 13 (c), there has been some uncertainty as to whether the half hour may be claimed if both sides have scored all but 4 points, and both are equal on time. What is the answer?

Answer: After careful investigations into past amendments (see the minutes of the Council Meeting on November 6th, 1958) and also referring to *Croquet*, April, 1960, page 5 (Reg. 13 (c)) it is confirmed that *the half hour may be claimed by either side if equal on time and if all but four points have been scored.* (This is also referred to in Notes by Rover).

Question: Is a referee, who passed his or her examination (showing excellent knowledge at the time) still a good referee a year later?

Answer: Not necessarily, unless that referee is continually refreshing that knowledge and trying to test that knowledge on every possible occasion.

Question: In a handicap doubles shortened game may a player peel his partner through four hoops?

Answer: No, in 1958 the law was amended to cater for this and only three hoops are allowed for peeling the partner in a shortened game. M.M.R.

CORRESPONDENCE

Get on with the game

To the Editor, *Croquet*

Dear Sir,

I have been greatly struck in recent tournaments at the dilatoriness of so many players. They seem to take ages to get on to the lawn after their opponents' turns have ended.

About 1951 the Laws were amended expressly to speed up the game. Yet many players still say that they are not allowed to go on to the lawn until all the balls have been adjusted and their opponents have come off the lawn.

Law 10 (d) says "A stroke ends as soon as all balls in play set in motion have either come to rest, or been pegged out, or been sent off the court."

Law 11 (c) says "A turn ends when all the strokes to which the striker was entitled have ended and any adjustments consequent on a foul have been made, subject in handicap play to Law 46 (c and e)."

Therefore, in practice, as soon as the balls have come to rest or have gone over the boundary the turn ceases and the opponent is at liberty to go on to the court unless the other player is entitled to bisques or has to adjust balls in consequence of a foul.

The time wasted between each turn is appalling.

Yours truly,

W. B. C. PAYNTER

Limited Resources

Dear Sir,

The lady next door says I ought to write to you. She has been very kind in trying to teach us *real* croquet; but it is beginning to worry me.

You see, our back garden is not very large, and now it is all marked out it is smaller still. And then there is that big iron plate which has something to do with the drains and interferes with A Baulk. In the opposite corner there is the small apple tree, and we can't get in a sixth hoop because of the big apple tree.

Then there are Joanna and Wendy—they are the children next door—who like to play. Yesterday Wendy was screaming because Joanna said she had a crush on a hoop and hit her, and then she fell over a hoop and cut her leg. And then there is Mitti—he is the cat that lives next door the other side. Bill—that is my husband—says Mitti is an agency outside the match, and anyway he makes a fuss about some seedlings he has planted and about a flower pot that got broken.

Croquet was fun when we had no rules and just played; but I don't think my nerves will stand much more *real* croquet. What do you advise?

Yours faithfully,

(Mrs.) WILL PEEL

Gloucester players forward!

To the Editor, *Croquet*

Sir,

In order that next year Gloucestershire may be represented in the Inter-County Championship would any player qualified to play for this county please send me his or her name. The necessary qualifications for playing for a county will be found on page eighteen of the April number of *Croquet*.

Yours faithfully,

Rev. G. F. H. ELVEY, M.A.

Croquet Gymkhana

In spite of almost continuous rain the night before and ominous clouds in the offing all day, Brigadier and Mrs. Stokes-Roberts were At Home for a most successful Croquet Gymkhana at the Hurlingham Club on the afternoon of 10th June. About eighty people took part although there were a number of absentees from the original acceptances. There were ten events, entries at 3d. per time, and most people had several attempts at each. As a result the Overseas Tour fund will benefit by about £38 4s. 3d.

The most outstanding achievement was by Capt. Stoker who made no less than nine hoops in the two-ball break event and next came Major Dibley who was six strokes under par at clock golf with a croquet ball. They both received special prizes. It was nice to see two ladies, Mrs. Wills and Mrs. Speer, from the Parsons Green Club winning prizes and Miss Hardy Boyle a beginner at Hurlingham winning the event in which one played into squares with a croquet ball, tennis ball, golf ball and squash ball.

A special word of commendation is also due to Mr. C. J. Robertson, of Chelmsford, who, starting from the first corner with a golf ball, made the first four hoops and then hit the peg in only ten shots.

Tea was generously provided by Brigadier Stokes-Roberts, and the thanks of all who attended go to him, both for this gesture and for all the work which went into the organisation of the gymkhana. Let this effort encourage other clubs to arrange similar functions: they have only to write to the Brigadier who will give them full details and a plan of campaign.

On the subject of money raising it is fitting to mention the generosity of some associates, who when forwarding their subscriptions have added amounts ranging up to £3 or £4 by way of donations to the C.A. They have already been thanked individually by the Secretary but we take this opportunity of recording our appreciation of this gesture. It may be that other associates will be likewise stimulated.

OBITUARY

Major J. W. Cobb

This widely known and popular player died during the week of the County Championship in which he had appeared so often and so successfully for the Surrey team. Though he had been gravely ill for a long time he had informed his county only six weeks before the event that he hoped to appear again. He was 72.

Jack Cobb took up the game in the early Thirties, being encouraged to do so by Mr. and Mrs. Apps, under whose leadership Woking could lay claim to being the best provincial croquet club in the country, occupying the sort of position which Budleigh Salterton may be deemed to hold now for the number and quality of its leading players. Cobb improved rapidly, and represented the club in many of those inter-club matches which were a feature of the season in the pre-war years. He was a particularly good long shot and it was this perhaps which chiefly gained him the many victories he won, and a place in the Surrey Cup on three occasions.

It was in his capacity of secretary—and often in effect as unofficial manager too—at the Woking tournament that above all perhaps he earned the thanks and gained the affection of all those who played there. It is a sad coincidence that he should die in the same year in which that old-established fixture should—after nearly fifty years—have had to be abandoned. M.B.R.

HANDICAPS CONFIRMED OR ALTERED BY THE HANDICAP CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

June 22nd, 1960

GOLD CASKETS

- Miss E. J. Warwick —1 to —1.
- Capt. H. G. Stoker 1½ to 1.
- Mrs. S. M. Adler 4 to 3½.

RYDE

- Before play*
- Mrs. E. Meares 16*.
- Mrs. C. C. Watson 16*.

- After play*
- Mrs. E. Meares 16* to 14.
- Mrs. C. C. Watson 16* to 16.
- G. Birch 3 to 2½.
- Mrs. E. M. Kay 7 to 6.
- Miss J. L. Preston 10 to 8½.

CHELTENHAM CLUB

- Mrs. A. M. Daniels 3 to 2.

HURLINGHAM CLUB

- Mrs. R. Tingey 3½ to 3.
- A. W. Skempton 12.
- Mrs. A. W. Skempton 14.

COMPTON

- W. H. Austin 14 to 10.
- Miss E. Bennett 11 to 9½.
- R. J. Pickett 10 to 9.
- Mrs. R. J. Pickett 10 to 9.
- Mrs. H. F. Chittenden 2½ to 2.
- Mrs. E. M. Temple 12 to 10.
- R. Whitham 8 to 7½.
- Mrs. R. Whitham 8½ to 8.

NOTTINGHAM

- D. R. Watson 12 to 10.
- E. A. Sulley 14* to 12.
- H. L. Ormerod 7½ to 6½.
- G. Birch 2½ to 1½.
- E. J. Cook 7 to 6.
- Sir Henry Prior 10 to 7½.
- Sir Miles Graham 11 to 7.

NOTTINGHAM CLUB

- Mrs. M. L. Abdy 11 (D 10) to 8.
- G. N. Bright 3 to 1½.
- Mrs. E. Bright 13 to 14.
- Miss E. C. Brumpton 9 to 8.
- Mrs. F. Elliott 14.
- Miss K. Elliott 16.
- A. H. Fabb 12 to 9.
- Mrs. A. S. Greaves 13 to 12.
- Miss L. H. Smith 8½ to 7.
- Paul Thompson 6½ to 5.
- W. Wallace 8 to 7.

Corrections to June List

BUDLEIGH

(non-official)

- Mrs. Jones Bateman 14 (D 13) to 14 (D 12).

BRIGHTON

- Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury 4 to 3½.

HUNSTANTON

- D. W. Curtis 4 to 3½.

INTER-CLUB MATCH

HURLINGHAM v. ROEHAMPTON

Played at Hurlingham on Saturday, May 21st, 1960. Hurlingham players named first.

- S. S. Townsend and Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt J. B. Gilbert and Mrs. S. M. Adler by 8.
 - A. D. Karmel and Mrs. E. Haigh Smith bt A. V. Camroux and Miss E. E. Fisher by 5.
 - J. M. Rivington and Mrs. M. L. Thom lost to A. J. Oldham and Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 9.
- RESULT.—Hurlingham bt Roehampton by 2 games to 1.

Five

CHELTENHAM CLUB TROPHIES

Played from Saturday, May 21st, to Saturday, May 28th, under the able management of Miss Adaye.

We have many new members this year but they did not feel ready for competition games. Event V was played under the Swiss draw system in lieu of knock-out handicap and twenty people entered for this event alone, with a promise of at least four games. Evidently a popular innovation.

CLUB CHAMPION CHALLENGE CUP.

G. E. P. Jackson (holder) bt T. G. S. Colls by 26.

STELLA CUP.

LEVEL SINGLES.
(4 bisques and over).

Mrs. B. de C. Mathews bt E. J. Bantock by 19.

MURRAY-MENZIES CUP.

HANDICAP SINGLES.
(8 to 11½ bisques).

G. A. H. Alexander bt Miss L. Wilkinson by 19.

BELLAIRS BOWL.

HANDICAP SINGLES.
(12 bisques and over).

H. A. Sheppard bt Captain Guest by 1.

CHALLENGE BOWL.

HANDICAP SINGLES.
(Swiss draw system).

Mrs. A. M. Daniels bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard by 4.

PEEL MEMORIAL CUP.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.
(Unrestricted).

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and Mrs. Prichard bt T. G. S. Colls and Miss H. McKean by 23.

LONGMAN (CLUB TEAM) CUP

FIRST ROUND.

HURLINGHAM v. RYDE

Played at Brighton on 8th June, 1960. Hurlingham players named first.

SINGLES.

A. D. Karmel (2) bt Major J. H. Dibley (2½) by 25.
J. M. Rivington (5) bt Mrs. F. N. Latham (3) by 4.
Mrs. M. L. Thom (6½) lost to Miss J. L. Preston (8½) by 10.

DOUBLES.

A. D. Karmel and Mrs. M. L. Thom lost to Major J. H. Dibley and Miss J. L. Preston by 11.
J. M. Rivington and Mrs. A. D. Karmel bt Mrs. F. N. Latham and Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth by 1.

RESULT.—Hurlingham bt Ryde by 3 games to 2.

ROEHAMPTON v. COLCHESTER

Played at Roehampton on June 9th, 1960. Roehampton players named first.

SINGLES.

Mrs. G. W. Solomon (4½) v. R. J. Hinnell (6½) game unfinished.
A. V. Camroux (5) bt Miss M. D. Cork (9½) by 2.
A. J. Oldham (6½) bt Mrs. R. J. Hinnell (11) by 14.

DOUBLES.

A. J. Oldham and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (11) bt R. J. Hinnell and F. E. M. Paxon (17½) by 17.
A. V. Camroux and F. H. Curtis (17) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork and Mrs. R. J. Hinnell (20½) by 11.

RESULT.—Roehampton bt Colchester by 4 games to nil, one game unfinished.

Six

Notes from the Clubs

Hurlingham

As last year we drew Ryde in the first round of the Longman Club Cup and, again as last year, we won on the post. The neutral ground of Southwick was the venue and we must first pay tribute to Miss Daldy and her colleagues for making both teams so welcome. The quality of the lunches and teas which were specially provided was second to none and did much to compensate for the appalling weather. It literally rained all day and Jack Rivington whose game finished late was soaked to the skin (his Labrador who had accompanied the team as a Hurlingham supporter had plenty of time in which to meditate on the relevance of the saying—"not fit for a dog to be out in").

The doubles were shared, Alex Karmel and Mrs. Thom going down to the Ryde top pair, while Jack Rivington and Mrs. Karmel survived by the minimum margin of one point to level the match. Last year's experience having been borne out up to this point, Karmel then continued the 1959 sequence by handsomely accounting for Major Dibley. Mrs. Thom then going under to Mrs. Farnsworth, all rested on the last game between Jack Rivington and Mrs. Latham. At one time we had almost abandoned hope since the formidable Ryde lady had but four points to make, while our man had only scored a handful of hoops. However, undaunted by the rain which by this time had affected all parts of his person, the margin was gradually narrowed by Rivington, and as last year, after a grandstand finish, we managed to edge into the next round where we meet Compton.

Intending competitors in our August tournament may like to be reminded that we are holding a Croquet Dinner at the Club on Thursday, August 4th.

Roehampton

Roehampton members—as indeed all associates—were pleased to hear of the recent marriage of Miss Daisy Jennings (now Mrs. Gowring, who has gone to live in Lincolnshire), and we take this opportunity of sending her our very best wishes.

Mrs. Gowring has been a member of Roehampton for a number of years, and during 1952 and 1953 she carried out the duties of croquet captain with efficiency and courtesy. The Club is also most grateful to Mrs. Gowring for having been responsible for the last fifteen years in binding the monthly editions of *Croquet* each year, thus keeping our records in neatly bound and permanent order.

Mrs. H. J. Collins has returned from her trip to New Zealand, but owing to the serious illness of her husband which he contracted on board ship, we have not yet had the personal contact and hearing of her experiences, but hope to see her at an early date. We understand Professor Collins is now making steady progress.

As reported elsewhere, we congratulate Mrs. S. M. Adler in winning the Du Pre Cup during The Caskets week, quite an achievement!

Cheltenham

Our Whitsun tournament received fifteen entries this year and was played in three sections. The top section was won by that experienced player, Mrs. A. M. Daniels, the second by Paul Thompson and the third by W. H. Thorp, a promising recruit to the game.

Sussex County

Entries in our May tournament were slightly below last year's numbers and the weather left much to be desired, but it was nice to welcome old and new competitors.

We were pleased to have Ryde and Hurlingham playing their Longman Team match on our courts on June 8th. They said they enjoyed themselves which was very gallant of them as some of them played from 10.30 a.m. to 7 p.m. in a fierce S.W. gale and pouring rain!

It made us very sad to learn of Mrs. C. M. Turner's sudden death. She was with us the last afternoon of our tournament and, although she had not been well for some weeks, her death that night was a great shock.

Another old member died recently, Lady Fairfield, better known to many players before the war when she was Mrs. C. Neale. She had not played croquet for some years but played bridge here frequently until a year ago. Both these members will be much missed by their many friends.

Bristol

Our playing season opened at Easter. During the winter the lady members of our committee organised coffee and bridge parties which brought in over £20 to our funds. With this welcome addition we were able to buy a good supply of much needed fertilizer and weed-killer for the lawns. After the recent rain this is now showing its good effect.

We lost a few members at the end of last year but our numbers have kept up by newcomers. We are doing what we can to help both the C.A. and ourselves by bringing in more associates.

For our competitions where a shortened game is played we have reverted to the "one and three-back" variation; the fifth hoop start was never very popular.

About the time that this issue is distributed we shall be giving our congratulations and very best wishes to our oldest member Dr. F. deC. Veale on the occasion of his ninetieth birthday.

Nottingham

A great deal of criticism is often hurled at Clubs holding tournaments, that some of their members are over-bisqued, with, it must be confessed, some justification. Some, in fact, the majority of club members rarely if ever, enter for any other tournament and their handicap is officially assessed in the light of their play at that one tournament.

In Nottingham a club handicapping system has been evolved over many years which, it is felt, accurately sets its handicaps on players' average performances. This is perhaps as accurate as one can get, as the Club has a large competitive programme of American tournaments, both open and handicap in its season.

Of these players, several can be taken as "markers" as they visit other tournaments during the year.

As it is not possible to alter anyone's handicap officially without some adjustment to club handicap being considered, discrepancies have arisen where official alterations have not been felt to be justified in alterations to club handicap.

In order to bring club and official handicaps into line for the future, Brigadier Stokes-Roberts was invited to the club to discuss the matter and complete agreement was reached.

The C.A. are being asked to re-handicap the whole of the Nottingham members to the Nottingham Club handicaps, which in the majority of cases are lower than the equivalent official handicaps, and also that in future any official alteration will be accepted by the Club and any club alteration will be officially accepted by the C.A.

It is felt that in the future our players can go forward to other tournaments with a free conscience and visitors to Nottingham can come with a knowledge of not having to face "the heavy laden".

BRIGHTON

May 16th—21st, 1960

We come again to Brighton, and the tournament this year ranks high in the many successful occasions. The courts were perfect; all the ten courts showed the untiring devotion of Mr. Adams, the groundsman. Precise and skilled croquet can be played on these lovely courts.

W. B. C. Paynter, a newcomer to the tournament played extremely well to win the Open event. Miss H. D. Parker, at lunch time on Saturday was still in three events. During the week she played twelve games of which she lost only one and it was bad luck that, for lack of time, she had to scratch in the final of "X". Miss J. Warwick and Col. F. E. Stobart also played exciting games and as the lowest handicapped pair did well to win the doubles.

We were happy to have Miss Elphinstone-Stone, now in her 95th year, with us as a spectator.

Mrs. Chitterton, efficient and unruffled with double duties, made meals a delight. (Who thought of using night-lights to keep hot dishes really hot?); and those delicious cakes broke all one's resolutions to take only a "cuppa". Praise must be added to the cheerful bevy of helpers in buffet, bar and bridge room and to Mrs. Naylor for her beautiful arrangement of flowers.

Miss Daldy, the Croquet Secretary, extended a friendly welcome and was never too busy to help and lend and produce anything from lockers to electric fires when Thursday's weather lapsed from grace.

One can watch games in all directions from the spacious new hut erected with part of the legacy left to the Club by the late Mrs. H. Franc, and of course, with Miss D. D. Steel as Manager, everything was timed to run smoothly and happily to the very last game. No small achievement.

OPEN SINGLES.
("Two Life" System).

THE ABBEY CHALLENGE CUP.

THE DRAW.
(9 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Major J. H. Dibley bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 5.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss J. Warwick w.o. opponent scratched.
Major J. H. Dibley w.o. Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury opponent retired.

W. B. C. Paynter bt E. A. Roper by 12.
L. Kirk Green bt Col. E. F. Stobart by 11.

SEMI-FINAL.

W. B. C. Paynter bt L. Kirk Green by 9.
Miss J. Warwick bt Major J. H. Dibley by 19.

FINAL.

W. B. C. Paynter bt Miss J. Warwick by 18.

PROCESS.
(9 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss J. Warwick bt Col. E. F. Stobart by 10.

SECOND ROUND.

W. B. C. Paynter bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury by 21.
Miss J. Warwick bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 22.
L. Kirk Green bt Major J. H. Dibley by 22.
E. A. Roper bt D. Jesson Dibley by 7.

SEMI-FINAL.

W. B. C. Paynter bt Miss J. Warwick by 18.
L. Kirk Green bt E. A. Roper by 12.

FINAL.

W. B. C. Paynter bt L. Kirk Green by 3.

PLAY-OFF.

Miss J. Warwick bt L. Kirk Green by 17.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y.").

EVENT "X".
(34 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

N. F. Blackwood (3½) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (9) by 13.
G. E. W. Hitchcock (2½) bt Mrs. N. Wallwork (4½) by 16.

SECOND ROUND.

E. A. Roper (3) bt Miss M. Taylor (12) by 3.
Miss G. Forbes Cowan (5) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (12) by 3.
Miss E. Johnston (6) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3½) by 2.
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (4) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) by 7.
Major J. H. Dibley (2½) bt Miss M. Towers (14) by 8.
W. B. C. Paynter (1) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 8.
Miss H. D. Parker (5) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (7½) by 6.
N. F. Blackwood (3½) bt Mrs. W. P. H. Roe (9) by 8.
G. E. W. Hitchcock (2½) bt Miss E. Bennett (11) by 9.
W. E. Moore (4½) bt W. P. H. Roe (6½) by 7.
Mrs. E. M. Kay (7) bt Mrs. C. M. Gibson (14) by 12.
H. A. Green (4) w.o. opponent scratched.
T. A. Chignell (4½) bt Miss M. Morgan (8) by 12.
Mrs. W. A. Naylor (13) bt Mrs. A. Topp (16) by 17.
E. C. Mogridge (9½) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 8.
Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5) bt Mrs. N. Oddie (—½) by 15.

THIRD ROUND.

E. A. Roper (3) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan (5) by 11.
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (4) bt Miss E. Johnston (6) by 8.
W. B. C. Paynter (1) bt Major J. H. Dibley (2½) by 5.
Miss H. D. Parker (5) bt N. F. Blackwood (3½) by 7.
G. E. W. Hitchcock (2½) bt W. E. Moore (4½) by 6.
H. A. Green (4) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (7) by 3.
T. A. Chignell (4½) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (13) by 19.
Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5) bt E. C. Mogridge (9½) by 2.

THIRD ROUND.

Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (4) bt E. A. Roper (3) by 21.
Miss H. D. Parker (5) bt W. B. C. Paynter (1) by 26.
H. A. Green (4) bt G. E. W. Hitchcock (2½) by 18.
T. A. Chignell (4½) bt Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5) by 4.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss H. D. Parker (5) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (4) by 15.
T. A. Chignell (4½) bt H. A. Green (4) by 9.

FINAL.

Miss H. D. Parker (5) bt T. A. Chignell (4½) by 8.

Seven

EVENT "Y".
(17 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. N. Wallwork (4½) bt Mrs. W. P. H. Roe (9) by 21.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss M. Taylor (12) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (12) by 8.
Dr. J. H. Penny (3½) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) by 3.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) bt Miss M. Towers (14) by 4.
Mrs. N. Wallwork (4½) w.o. opponent scratched.
Miss E. Bennett (11) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (9) by 15.
W. P. H. Roe (6½) bt Mrs. C. M. Gibson (14) by 6.
Miss M. Morgan (8) bt Mrs. A. Topp (16) by 10.
Mrs. N. Oddie (—) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 4.

THIRD ROUND.

Miss M. Taylor (12) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3½) by 25.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) w.o. Mrs. Wallwork opponent retired.
Miss E. Bennett (11) bt W. P. H. Roe (6½) by 8.
Miss M. Morgan (8) bt Mrs. N. Oddie (—) by 7.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss M. Taylor (12) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 10.
Miss M. Morgan (8) bt Miss E. Bennett (11) by 13.

FINAL.

Miss M. Taylor (12) bt Miss M. Morgan (8) by 18.

HANDICAP SINGLES.
(31 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. E. M. Kay (7) bt Miss M. Towers (14) by 12.
Miss M. Morgan (8) w.o. opponent scratched.
Mrs. N. Wallwork (4½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3½) by 18.
H. A. Green (4) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (12) by 12.
Miss J. Warwick (2½) bt W. P. H. Roe (6½) by 8.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2½) bt Miss M. Taylor (12) by 12.
W. B. C. Paynter (1) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (9) by 19.
Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (13) by 18.
Brig. J. S. Omond (7½) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 10.
E. C. Mogridge (9½) bt Mrs. A. Topp (16) by 3.
T. A. Chignell (4½) bt N. F. Blackwood (3½) by 4.
Miss H. D. Parker (5) w.o. opponent scratched.
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (4) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 15.
Col. F. E. Stobart (2½) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan (5) by 3.
Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) bt Mrs. C. M. Gibson (14) by 5.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss M. Morgan (8) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (7) by 10.
H. A. Green (4) bt Mrs. N. Wallwork (4½) by 18.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2½) bt Miss J. Warwick (—½) by 6.
Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5) bt W. B. C. Paynter (1) by 19.
Brig. J. S. Omond (7½) w.o. E. C. Mogridge (9½) opponent retired.
Miss H. D. Parker (5) bt T. A. Chignell (4½) by 4.
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (4) bt Col. F. E. Stobart (2½) by 9.
G. E. W. Hitchcock (2½) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) by 15.

THIRD ROUND.

H. A. Green (4) bt Miss M. Morgan (8) by 11.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2½) bt Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5) by 3.
Miss H. D. Parker (5) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (7½) by 10.
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (4) w.o. opponent scratched.

SEMI-FINAL.

H. A. Green (4) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2½) by 25.
Miss H. D. Parker (5) w.o. Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (4) opponent retired.

FINAL.

H. A. Green (4) w.o. Miss H. D. Parker (5) opponent retired.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.
(Combined handicap not less than two).
(13 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss J. Warwick and Col. E. F. Stobart (2) bt L. Kirk Green and T. A. Chignell (3) by 16.
W. E. Moore and Miss G. Forbes Cowan (9½) bt E. A. Roper and Miss Towers (17) by 8.
Dr. H. J. Penny and W. P. H. Roe (10) bt Major J. H. Dibley and Mrs. J. H. Dibley (8½) by 2.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Miss H. D. Parker (7½) bt Mrs. N. Oddie and Mrs. E. A. Roper (7) by 10.
Mrs. N. Wallwork and F. E. Corke (10½) bt N. F. Blackwood and Mrs. J. S. Omond (12½) by 7.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss J. Warwick and Col. E. F. Stobart (2) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster and Miss M. Taylor (19) by 11.
W. E. Moore and Miss G. Forbes Cowan (9½) bt Dr. J. H. Penny and W. P. H. Roe (10) by 16.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Miss H. D. Parker (7½) bt Mrs. N. Wallwork and F. E. Corke (10½) by 4.
Mrs. E. M. Kay and Mrs. W. A. Naylor (20) bt H. A. Green and Miss E. Johnston (10) by 4.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss J. Warwick and Col. E. F. Stobart (2) bt W. E. Moore and Miss G. Forbes Cowan (9½) by 9.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Miss H. D. Parker (7½) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay and Mrs. W. A. Naylor (20) by 16.

FINAL.

Miss J. Warwick and Col. E. F. Stobart (2) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Miss H. D. Parker (7½) by 6.

EXTRA EVENT.
HANDICAP SINGLES.
(18 Entries).

FINAL.

N. F. Blackwood (3½) bt Miss E. Bennett (11) by 3.

INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Hurlingham, May 24th—27th, 1960

Seven counties again competed this year for the championship; more correctly seven teams, since we had three combinations, Eastern Counties, Hants and Dorset, and Oxon, Berks and Bucks. A glance at the teams suggested that Middlesex, the holders, and Devon were likely to head the final list, with Surrey and Hants and Dorset as chief contenders. In the event, it was the match on Wednesday afternoon between the holders and Devon that provided the key to the final order.

Middlesex Triumph

Some details of the three games comprising the Middlesex v. Devon match accordingly provided a fitting opening to this account. Cotter and Solomon did not expend undue time in overcoming Cooper and Mrs. Rotherham although the Devon pair were not without their chances. Stoker and Townsend were never comfortable against Cave and Miss Mills, while of the Devon pair Miss Mills played (as indeed she did all the week) with unruffled competence, and the match was soon levelled at one game apiece. In the remaining game Miss Lintern and Tingey for the holders at one time seemed to be coasting to victory against the Warwicks but first Joan and then Guy pulled back and Guy was set to finish at the peg when he failed at the penultimate. Tingey, also for the penultimate, then hit the lift shot but in coming to his hoop just peeled the opponent's ball, making it impossible for himself unless he retraced his journey. This he achieved, not without some risk, and then finished the game. On such a close finish did the eventual result hinge for both Devon and Middlesex went on to win their remaining matches.

Middlesex had the benefit of Cotter and Solomon as first pair in five of the six games and won all of them as expected, their only tight game being against Kirk-Greene and Stobart the Sussex first pair. Miss Lintern and Tingey won all their six games while the third pair, Stoker and Townsend, only lost one, as already described.

Miss Fisher and Mrs. Tingey stood in on the occasion when Cotter and Solomon were unavailable and won, so that Middlesex were in the happy position of winning seventeen of the eighteen games played. The absence of Hollweg, who has been one of the bulwarks of Middlesex for some years, was accordingly of no great consequence.

For Devon the principal change from the 1959 team was the introduction of John Cooper for Stone, and from the reports that had preceded him Devon was not likely to suffer. Mrs. Vincent who travelled as first reserve played in one game, the Warwicks, Cave, Mrs. Rotherham and Miss Mills comprising the rest of the team. Miss Mills won all six games in which she played while Cave won all his five. One unusual feature of the Devon matches was that each game in which Guy Warwick participated had a single figure result. Indeed his last four games must have been quite nerve-wracking with margins of —3, +2, —1 and +2.

Surrey had a rather mixed array of players, what with the limited availability of Col. Adams and Dr. Wiggins and the absence through influenza of Mrs. Turketine. Gilbert, Brigadier Stokes-Roberts and Captain Millar alternated in the team, with Maurice Reckitt, Hamilton-Miller and Victor Evans as the regulars.

After an indifferent opening to the week Maurice Reckitt proceeded to win in all his remaining five matches. That against the Warwicks was particularly interesting since with the Devon pair virtually set to finish and with Maurice having basked in his chair for most of the afternoon he suddenly got going and finished at the peg to a round of applause, pegging out Guy Warwick for good measure. Although Joan then hit in she was unable to prevent Col. Adams from finishing the game.

In the game against Sussex in which he was partnered by Hamilton-Miller, Dr. Wiggins was called away to an operation when he was only for two-back. Although his partner managed to peel him through two more hoops while he himself went to the peg this was not enough to stop Kirk-Greene and Stobart from winning.

Hants and Dorset finished with three wins, the same as Surrey, and likewise Sussex. They and Sussex were the only teams to retain the same pairs throughout the week, Canon Creed Meredith and Dibley, Beamish and Mrs. Gasson, de la Nougerede and Chignell, all well balanced combinations. Their first pair are capable on their day of beating virtually any couple and the Canon played his usual purposeful game throughout the week.

Beamish and Mrs. Gasson were perhaps a little unlucky to lose against Devon. Mrs. Gasson having been pegged out Beamish was unable to regain the innings. Chignell who was new to Counties week, albeit probably the oldest player in the tournament, had a good week and won his first four games with "Della" as guide and mentor.

An Improved Sussex

Sussex who achieved no victories at all last year improved vastly and won three of their six matches. Kirk-Greene undoubtedly added power to their team and combined well with Stobart while the Abbays had a leavening effect so that the absence of the Longmans was not serious. Roper and Mrs. Wallwork both played well throughout the week.

Oxon, Bucks and Berks who only notched one win suffer through some of their players being at present removed from competitive croquet and an edge is consequently missing in their play. Rothwell and Col. Clarke, both former President's Cup players, were sometimes out-gunned by fellow Class A players who were more match-tight. Mrs. Chittenden and Miss Parker, who played together throughout, were the team's most consistent pair. Blackwood, Boucher and "Brack" made up the rest of the team, the last named winning in the one game in which he took part.

Finally Eastern Counties, who although gaining no victories, were desperately unlucky not to score. In three of their matches the deciding game went against them by margins of 1 (on time), 2, and 1 (on time), all of which could, indeed should, have been theirs with a little more nous. With Baillieu in Australia and Lloyd Pratt available for only one game the team looked weak on paper but acquitted itself well. The Stanley Smiths nobly travelled up at short notice to sustain the team on two occasions while Mary Karmel who played in four games acquitted herself much better than she ever dreamed of doing. Duffield and Ratcliff were not an easy pair to defeat while the other regulars Mrs. Reeve, Mrs. Heley and Karmel had a number of tight games.

For the record, the total games won by each county were: Middlesex 17, Devon 12, Surrey 9, Hants and Dorset 8, Sussex 8, Oxon, Berks and Bucks 5, Eastern Counties 4.

Mrs. Thom managed the event briskly and cheerfully and was mindful of the creature comforts of the players.

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 3-0, Sussex 3-0.

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

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

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

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

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

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

MEN'S and WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

ROEHAMPTON

May 30th—June 4th

This tournament, played in a week of perfect weather, was notable for the early defeat of several well-known players. Former holders, Mrs. Rotherham, Dr. Wiggins, Miss Lintern and Cotter all succumbed to their various opponents, the latter having had the bad luck to draw Solomon in the first round of the Men's Championships.

Entries were two less for the men but three more for the women than last year, though the Longmans were unable to play owing to their absence in America. There were nine pairs in the Doubles and twelve entries for the du Pre Cup. Only two games were won by 26 and four finished with the winner leading by 2 points. Some players found the lawns difficult, notably lawn one; in fact one player described one lawn as being "a thick carpet of grass" and yet another roundly cursed the rolls round the hoops on another lawn! But if every lawn were perfectly flat would the player suffering from "Hoopitis" or one of the other croquet diseases be any better off or less discontented? We doubt it!

There was some very good play and also some pretty bad play. Short roquets were missed and there were a good many failures at hoops. On the other hand Solomon nearly brought off both a quintuple and a sextuple peel, while Joan Warwick played consistently well, and deserved to become the Women's Champion for 1960. Among others both Mrs. Tingey and Mrs. Adler are worthy of mention.

There were two or three "marathons," notably the game between Tingey and Stoker, which was won by the latter by 2 points after "game all". This was a creditable win for Stoker as he had a very tough opponent. Reckitt and de la Nougerede fought a grim battle, spread over two days, Reckitt winning by 3 points after losing the first game by the same margin. There was a long struggle between Miss Lintern and Mrs. Adler, the first game taking nearly four hours and the second one hour and ten minutes! Mrs. Adler put up a very good fight in the first game to be beaten by 9, but was rather overwhelmed in the second as Miss Lintern found her true form and fairly sprinted round the court! Another lengthy game was the doubles between Solomon and Mrs. G. W. Solomon, and de la Nougerede and Mrs. Gasson which surprisingly lasted for some hours.

Several "pegged-out" games provided interest, notably the doubles between Reckitt and Miss Lintern and de la Nougerede and Mrs. Gasson. Miss Lintern pegged out de la Nougerede's ball and her own ball and Reckitt and Mrs. Gasson were left to play "cat and mouse", Reckitt eventually getting the game by 4 points. The last game between Tingey and Stoker also gave an example of how to play this type of game. Tingey was for Rover and penultimate, Stoker had both balls on No. 6 hoop. Stoker got one ball round and pegged Tingey out and by clever play eventually won by 2.

In the first game between Solomon and Cave, Solomon attempted a quintuple peel, succeeded as far as the penultimate and then hit the wrong ball by mistake—it was lying very close to the one he wanted to hit. In the doubles between the Tingeyes and the Warwicks, Warwick lost the game by missing the peg-out and hitting the balls much too hard so that the forward ball went off the court on the side boundary. What a lot one can learn from watching croquet! In the men's final, Solomon attempted a sextuple peel and achieved four hoops before breaking down at the penultimate. Stoker apparently forgot there was a contact but hit the lift shot instead, all to no purpose for Solomon deservedly won the game and thus retained the championship.

In his first game with Karmel, Cave, in making a hard croquet stroke, broke his mallet, the head of which flew off and landed on the court some yards away to the evident delight of an *Evening Standard* reporter who was standing by watching the play. The result was a short paragraph in that evening's edition entitled "Murder at Roehampton"! The Press were taking more interest in the Championships this year as another reporter and a couple of photographers turned up during the week.

We congratulate John Solomon on retaining the Men's Championship, Joan Warwick on becoming the Women's Champion and Col. Cave and Mrs. Reeve on winning the Mixed Doubles Championship. We doubt whether a final of an Open Doubles event can ever have lasted longer than did this year's. A word of praise to Mrs. Adler for gaining the du Pre Cup, after beating Warwick by +4 in the final.

Finally the thanks of all competitors go to the Manager, E. A. Roper, who was kept rather later in the evenings than he expected, but showed no sign of impatience, and was his usual efficient self throughout the week.

THE MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

GOLD CASKET.

(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

J. W. Solomon bt E. P. C. Cotter +9 +10.
M. B. Reckitt bt V. de la Nougerede -3 +6 +3.
Major R. Tingey bt J. G. Warwick +10 +2.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins w.o. M. Spencer Ell scratched.

SECOND ROUND.

Col. G. E. Cave bt A. D. Karmel +26 +19.
J. W. Solomon bt M. B. Reckitt +26 +18.
Major R. Tingey bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins -11 +21 +8.
Capt. H. G. Stoker bt Dr. R. E. Steen +12 +21.

SEMI-FINAL.

J. W. Solomon bt Col. G. E. Cave +25 +10.
Capt. H. G. Stoker bt Major R. Tingey -5 +12 +2.

FINAL.

J. W. Solomon bt Capt. H. G. Stoker +18 +21.

THE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

GOLD CASKET.

(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. R. Tingey bt Miss E. E. Fisher +7 +12.
Miss D. A. Lintern bt Mrs. S. M. Adler +9 +20.
Miss A. E. Mills bt Mrs. M. L. Thom +19 +2.
Miss E. J. Warwick bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson +21 +18.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Mrs. E. Reeve +8 +14.
Miss D. A. Lintern bt Mrs. R. Tingey +14 +18.
Miss E. J. Warwick bt Mrs. A. E. Mills +20 +18.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon +23 +17.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss D. A. Lintern bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +16 +13.
Miss E. J. Warwick bt Mrs. E. Rotherham +16 +16.

FINAL.

Miss E. J. Warwick bt Miss D. A. Lintern +16 +10.

MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

SILVER CHALLENGE CUPS.

(9 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt J. W. Solomon and Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 5.

SECOND ROUND.

Major Tingey and Mrs. Tingey bt J. G. Warwick and Miss E. J. Warwick by 2.
M. B. Reckitt and Miss D. A. Lintern bt V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 4.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 10.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Mrs. E. Reeve bt Dr. E. Steen and Miss A. E. Mills by 20.

SEMI-FINAL.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Mrs. E. Reeve bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. E. Rotherham by 8.

FINAL.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Mrs. E. Reeve bt M. B. Reckitt and Miss D. A. Lintern by 3.

THE "DU PRE" CUP.

(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt Dr. Steen by 16.
Mrs. E. Reeve bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 9.
M. Spencer Ell bt M. B. Reckitt by 9.
J. G. Warwick bt Mrs. R. Tingey by 6.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. S. M. Adler bt Miss A. E. Mills by 3.
Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt Mrs. E. Reeve by 11.
J. G. Warwick bt M. Spencer Ell by 25.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon w.o. Major R. Tingey opponent scratched.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. S. M. Adler bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 4.
J. G. Warwick bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 11.

FINAL.

Mrs. S. M. Adler bt J. G. Warwick by 4.

RYDE

May 30th—June 4th

Generally voted one of Ryde's most successful tournaments, it concluded on Saturday afternoon, June 4th, with a presentation to Miss Walker who had been Hon. Treasurer of the Club for the past thirteen years. Major Dibley from the chair, Commander Radford, Club's Hon. Secretary, Mr. Victor Evans and Mr. G. Birch, made congratulatory speeches.

Mrs. Dibley gracefully presented the croquet prizes. The weather was perfect and the ladies of the Ryde Club excelled themselves in friendly hospitality. Major Dibley managed with benevolent autocracy and Miss Wade, as Hon. Tournament Secretary, proved a worthy successor to Miss Isaac.

Hamilton-Miller won the Open event with Birch and Creed Meredith as runners-up, though Dibley gave him the closest game, incidentally giving contact unintentionally by scoring 4-back in his first break, aiming at a ball near it.

Birch won the "X" Handicap Singles and with Mrs. Stevenson the Doubles. He is a fine shot and plays a splendid forward game. He should not see three handicap again. Evans reached the final of the "X" Handicap after close games won by 2, 8, 3 and 5, a tribute to his steady play all the week.

Mrs. Kay overcame Mrs. Stevenson in the "B" Levels. Miss Newman won the "Y" event from Mrs. Meares, a very promising 16 handicap.

The "D" Handicap was won by Mrs. Temple from Mrs. Brown. Both played steadily and are improving players. One observed also good play from Mrs. Hutton and Miss Preston. The many close games indicate there is little wrong with the handicapping system.

Two general points are worthy of note. First some quite good players found it hard to understand the Official Referee's decision in two cases where a lift was claimed. In each case Blue, from which the striker would be technically wired, obscured the shot to Yellow, but Yellow was "open" though it could not itself be hit. Had Blue been removed Yellow was clearly open. Law 21. Only hoops and the peg can create a wired situation. Second, players are inclined to announce at the end of a turn "my ball is or is not able to run the hoop or is or is not able to hit my partner ball." This is unsatisfactory. How awkward if the opponent accepts your verdict, joins up, and on coming to play you find you can make the hoop or hit the ball though you had previously thought otherwise. When one fluffs a hoop one should leave the court with no indication of what one thinks one can or cannot do.

A good tournament. Courts a little tricky due to the hot weather but the Dibley's and the Ryde members take such a personal pride in making everyone welcome that people forgot "the roll round number one hoop".

ISLE OF WIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

OPEN SINGLES.

THE DRAW.

(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Canon R. Creed Meredith bt Mrs. F. N. Latham by 8.
Dr. H. J. Penny bt G. Birch by 18.
Major J. H. Dibley w.o. G. V. Evans opponent retired.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt W. B. C. Paynter by 25.

SEMI-FINAL.

Canon R. Creed Meredith bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 10.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Major J. H. Dibley by 8.

FINAL.

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Canon R. Creed Meredith by 19.

PROCESS.

(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Dr. H. J. Penny bt Major J. H. Dibley by 3.
G. Birch bt Mrs. F. N. Latham by 2.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Canon R. Creed Meredith by 12.
W. B. C. Paynter bt G. V. Evans by 16.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. Birch bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 9.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt W. B. C. Paynter by 10.

FINAL.

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt G. Birch by 13.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B").

THE CHAPMAN CUP.

(5 bisques and over).

(13 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss J. L. Preston bt Miss M. M. Taylor by 9.
Mrs. J. G. Stevenson bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor by 15.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley bt Miss K. D. Hickson by 7.
Miss L. Newman bt Miss E. E. Bennett by 4.
Mrs. E. Kay bt Mrs. E. A. Roper by 6.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. R. A. Hill w.o. Miss J. L. Preston opponent retired.
Mrs. J. G. Stevenson bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley by 10.
Mrs. E. Kay bt Miss L. Newman by 18.
Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth bt Mrs. C. F. Rand by 6.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. J. G. Stevenson w.o. Mrs. R. A. Hill opponent retired.
Mrs. E. M. Kay bt Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth by 3.

FINAL.

Mrs. E. M. Kay bt Mrs. J. G. Stevenson by 8.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "D").

THE HUTTON CUP.

(12 bisques and over).

(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. R. A. Brown (14) bt Mrs. K. M. Lowein (15) by 6.
Mrs. A. Meares (16) bt Mrs. C. C. Watson (16) by 12.
Miss K. A. Wade (15) bt Mrs. W. Naylor (12) by 14.
Mrs. E. M. Temple (12) bt Mrs. R. W. Hutton (12) by 9.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. R. A. Brown (14) bt Mrs. A. Meares (16) by 8.
Mrs. E. M. Temple (12) bt Miss K. A. Wade (15) by 3.

FINAL.

Mrs. E. M. Temple (12) bt Mrs. R. A. Brown (14) by 8.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y").

THE DIBLEY CUP.

EVENT "X".

(26 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. E. M. Temple (12) bt Miss L. Newman (7) by 15.
G. V. Evans (14) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (12) by 5.
Canon R. Creed Meredith (0) bt Mrs. C. C. Watson (16) by 19.
Miss M. M. Taylor (11) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 3.
Dr. H. J. Penny (3 1/2) bt Mrs. A. R. Brown (14) by 5.
Miss K. D. Hickson (8 1/2) bt Miss A. B. Ward (12) by 6.
Miss E. E. Bennett (11) bt Mrs. A. E. Roper (7 1/2) by 13.
Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) bt Mrs. A. Meares (16) by 4.
Mrs. K. M. Lowein (15) bt Mrs. R. W. Hutton (12) by 9.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss J. L. Preston (10) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (12) by 5.
Mrs. F. N. Latham (3) bt Mrs. E. Kay (7) by 10.
G. V. Evans (14) bt Canon R. Creed Meredith (0) by 3.
Miss M. M. Taylor (11) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3 1/2) by 18.
Miss K. D. Hickson (8 1/2) bt Miss E. E. Bennett (11) by 13.
Mrs. K. M. Lowein (15) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) by 12.
G. Birch (3) bt Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5) by 3.
W. B. C. Paynter (0) bt Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (6 1/2) by 5.

THIRD ROUND.

Miss J. L. Preston (10) bt Mrs. F. N. Latham (3) by 13.
G. V. Evans (14) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (11) by 8.
Miss K. D. Hickson (8 1/2) bt Mrs. M. K. Lowein (15) by 12.
G. Birch (3) bt W. B. C. Paynter (0) by 10.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. V. Evans (14) bt Miss J. L. Preston (10) by 2.
G. Birch (3) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (8 1/2) by 17.

FINAL.

G. Birch (3) bt G. V. Evans (14) by 15.

EVENT "Y".

(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. W. A. Naylor (12) bt Mrs. C. C. Watson (16) by 22.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) bt Mrs. R. A. Brown (14) by 9.
Mrs. A. B. Ward (12) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (7 1/2) by 14.
Mrs. A. Meares (16) bt Mrs. R. W. Hutton (12) by 6.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss L. Newman (7) bt Mrs. E. Kay (7) by 8.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (12) by 11.
Mrs. A. Meares (16) bt Mrs. A. B. Ward (12) by 8.
Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (6 1/2) bt Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth (5) by 3.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. A. Meares (16) w.o. Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (6 1/2) opponent scratched.
Miss L. Newman (7) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 2.

FINAL.

Miss L. Newman (7) bt Mrs. A. Meares (16) by 5 on time.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Restricted to Handicap 2 and over).

(11 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Canon R. Creed Meredith and Mrs. E. Kay (7) bt Mrs. C. F. Rand and Mrs. A. R. Brown (19 1/2) by 4.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and Mrs. E. M. Temple (10 1/2) bt Mrs. C. R. Farnsworth and Miss J. L. Preston (15) by 9.
Miss M. M. Taylor and Miss K. A. Wade (25) bt W. B. C. Paynter and Miss E. E. Bennett (11) by 1.

SECOND ROUND.

G. Birch and Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (9 1/2) bt Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (12) by 8.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and Miss E. M. Temple (10 1/2) bt Canon R. Creed Meredith and Mrs. E. Kay (7) by 12.
Mrs. F. N. Latham and Mrs. R. W. Hutton (15) bt Miss M. M. Taylor and Miss K. A. Wade (25) by 5.
F. E. Corke and Mrs. W. A. Naylor (18) bt G. V. Evans and Mrs. A. E. Roper (9) by 2.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. Birch and Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (9 1/2) bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and Mrs. E. M. Temple (10 1/2) by 7.
Mrs. F. N. Latham and Mrs. R. W. Hutton (15) bt F. E. Corke and Mrs. W. A. Naylor (18) by 3.

FINAL.

G. Birch and Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (9 1/2) bt Mrs. F. N. Latham and Mrs. R. W. Hutton (15) by 3.

COMPTON

June 13th—18th

If it is a holiday you need, and a really enjoyable one surrounded by friendly people and in a delightful setting, then a visit to Compton Croquet Club tournament is what you want.

The writer made his visit again this year and too much praise cannot be given to Mrs. Irwin, the Club president, and her band of lady helpers for the magnificent way in which they all welcomed us, fed and watered us for the tournament. Such delightful service is not rendered anywhere else at a croquet club as far as the writer knows. The fare was varied and most appetising and supplied at a very modest price indeed. Charles Speer and Mrs. Kirk Greene looked after the stronger stimulants in a spacious tent fitted out with comfortable chairs.

In charge of the tournament was "Brack" in splendid form bringing the tournament entry of 35 players to a close after tea on the Saturday. This was possible, as he stated at the prize giving, by the speed of many of the games and of the players.

The writer was gratified to see that the event in which both players took all their bisques proceeded at a much greater pace than had been seen formerly.

Although not universally popular with the higher bisquers, it was evident that the bisques were much better used and subconsciously players will improve their play as a result. The "discovery" of the week was Mr. Austin, whose judicious use of his bisques should enable him to be a good player before long. He has many good strokes and will improve rapidly with experience. Miss Bennett and Mr. Blackwood also played well. Kirk Greene looked as dependable as ever and made very few errors indeed. Unluckily for him the few he made were very expensive. Dr. Wiggins followed him by winning the open for the third successive year.

The courts improve every year and a lot of work has been done on them. Only a little clover here and there remains to make them just that little bit tricky and exciting.

Many thanks Compton for a very enjoyable week.

OPEN SINGLES.

THE DRAW.

(13 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt G. V. Evans by 15.
Miss H. D. Parker bt R. V. N. Wiggins by 3.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt W. B. C. Paynter by 20.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt E. A. Roper by 14.
Col. F. E. Stobart bt J. K. Brown by 4.

SECOND ROUND.

L. Kirk Greene bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 15.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Miss H. D. Parker by 19.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Col. F. E. Stobart by 22.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt N. Blackwood by 7.

SEMI-FINAL.

L. Kirk Greene bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 16.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 23.

FINAL.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt L. Kirk Greene by 11.

PROCESS.
(13 Entries).

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt W. B. C. Paynter by 23.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt J. K. Brown by 3.
L. Kirk Greene bt E. A. Roper by 24.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt N. Blackwood by 5.
Col. F. E. Stobart bt G. V. Evans by 18.

SECOND ROUND.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 3.
L. Kirk Greene bt Miss H. D. Parker by 23.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt R. V. N. Wiggins by 20.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Col. F. E. Stobart by 24.

SEMI-FINAL.

L. Kirk Greene bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins by 26.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 26.

FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt L. Kirk Greene by 17.

PLAY-OFF.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 15.

RESTRICTED HANDICAP SINGLES.

(For those not entered in Event 1).
(Full bisque system).

(16 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

W. H. Austin (14) bt Mrs. R. Whitham (8½) by 11.
Miss E. Bennett (11) bt E. Plaistowe (12) by 13.
R. J. Pickett (10) bt Mrs. A. Topp (16) by 12.
Mrs. E. M. Temple (12) bt Mrs. I. A. Paxon (8) by 19.
J. R. Bickersteth (6½) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) by 12.
Mrs. I. M. Purves (12) bt H. A. Hall (9½) by 6.
Mrs. R. J. Pickett (10) bt Dr. H. R. McAleenan (9) by 14.
R. Whitham (8) bt Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (5½) by 3.

SECOND ROUND.

W. H. Austin (14) bt Miss E. Bennett (11) by 14.
R. J. Pickett (10) bt Mrs. Temple (12) by 15.
Mrs. I. M. Purves (12) bt J. R. Bickersteth (6½) by 11.
Mrs. R. J. Pickett (10) w.o. R. Whitham (8) opponent scratched.

SEMI-FINAL.

W. H. Austin (14) bt R. J. Pickett (10) by 2.
Mrs. R. J. Pickett (10) bt Mrs. I. M. Purves (12) by 17.

FINAL.

W. H. Austin (14) bt Mrs. R. J. Pickett (10) by 14.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y.")

EVENT "X".

(28 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

R. J. Pickett (10) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) by 6.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) bt Mrs. I. A. Paxon (8) by 14.
Miss E. Bennett (11) bt J. R. Bickersteth (6½) by 7.
Col. F. E. Stobart (2½) bt Mrs. A. Topp (16) by 4.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) bt Mrs. I. M. Purves (12) by 8.
R. Whitham (8) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2½) by 7.
W. H. Austin (14) bt J. K. Brown (1) by 18.
Miss H. D. Parker (3½) bt Dr. H. R. McAleenan (9) by 10.
W. B. C. Paynter (0) bt H. A. Hall (9½) by 17.
R. V. N. Wiggins (2½) bt Mrs. R. J. Pickett (10) by 15.
Mrs. E. M. Temple (12) bt E. A. Roper (3) by 17.
Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (5½) bt G. V. Evans (1½) by 25.

SECOND ROUND.

N. F. Blackwood (3½) bt E. Plaistowe (12) by 13.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) bt R. J. Pickett (10) by 10.
Miss E. Bennett (11) bt Col. F. E. Stobart (2½) by 24.
R. Whitham (8) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) by 12.
W. H. Austin (14) bt Miss H. D. Parker (3½) by 24.
W. B. C. Paynter (0) bt R. V. N. Wiggins (2½) by 15.
Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (5½) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (12) by 9.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (-3) bt Mrs. R. Whitham (8½) by 3.

THIRD ROUND.

N. F. Blackwood (3½) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) by 3.
Miss E. Bennett (11) bt R. Whitham (8) by 5.
W. H. Austin (14) bt W. B. C. Paynter (0) by 15.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (-3) bt Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (5½) by 7.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss E. Bennett (11) bt N. F. Blackwood (3½) by 23.
W. H. Austin (14) bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (-3) by 26.

FINAL.

W. H. Austin (14) bt Miss E. Bennett (11) by 11.

EVENT "Y".
(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

J. R. Bickersteth (6½) bt Mrs. I. A. Paxon (8) by 13.
Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) bt Mrs. A. Topp (16) by 4.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2½) bt Mrs. I. M. Purves (12) by 6.
Dr. H. R. McAleenan (9) bt J. K. Brown (1) by 8.
Mrs. R. J. Pickett (10) bt H. A. Hall (9½) by 6.
E. A. Roper (3) bt G. V. Evans (1½) by 5.

SECOND ROUND.

J. R. Bickersteth (6½) w.o. E. Plaistowe (12) scratched.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2½) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) by 22.
Mrs. R. J. Pickett (10) bt Dr. H. R. McAleenan (9) by 17.
Mrs. R. Whitham (8½) bt E. A. Roper (3) by 18.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2½) bt J. R. Bickersteth (6½) by 4.
Mrs. R. J. Pickett (10) bt Mrs. R. Whitham (8½) by 5.

FINAL.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2½) bt Mrs. R. J. Pickett (10) by 14.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Combined handicaps must be 4 or more).
(12 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Dr. H. R. McAleenan and Mrs. McAleenan (23) bt Rev. C. W. Wordsworth and Mrs. Wordsworth (20) by 13.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and R. V. N. Wiggins (5) bt R. J. Pickett and Mrs. Pickett (20) by 3 on time.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (5½) bt E. A. Roper and Mrs. Roper (10½) by 9.
R. Whitham and Mrs. Whitham (16½) bt G. V. Evans and Miss H. D. Parker (5) by 12.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. E. M. Temple and W. B. C. Paynter (12) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and W. H. Austin (11) by 10.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and R. V. N. Wiggins (5) bt Dr. H. R. McAleenan and Mrs. McAleenan (23) by 13.
R. Whitham and Mrs. Whitham (16½) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (5½) by 1.
L. Kirk Greene and H. C. S. Perry (5½) bt J. K. Brown and Mrs. I. A. Paxon (9) by 1 on time.

SEMI-FINAL.

W. B. C. Paynter and Mrs. E. M. Temple (12) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and R. V. N. Wiggins (5) by 6.
L. Kirk Greene and H. C. S. Perry (5½) bt R. Whitham and Mrs. Whitham (16½) by 5.

FINAL.

W. B. C. Paynter and Mrs. E. M. Temple (12) bt L. Kirk Green and H. C. S. Perry (5½) by 5.

NOTTINGHAM

June 13th to 18th

In keeping with traditional practice the Nottingham Club supplied excellent weather for its annual tournament. Unfortunately the lawns were very much below standard due to after effects of last year's long dry spell and lack of rain this spring, but the three bowling greens borrowed annually by arrangement with the Nottingham Parks committee were playing well.

The entry list was somewhat larger than usual and more visitors honoured the tournament this year than for some years past.

The Nottingham Club have a reputation for their hospitality and are always delighted to welcome visiting croquet players whether from this country or "down under".

With regard to the play in general, a sense of attack prevailed throughout and good forward play was the general rule. Major Robert Tingey is to be congratulated on being the first to take the Opens cup out of the country, and Sir Miles Graham for keeping the Robin Hood Gold Cup in the Club; a rare occasion.

Perhaps the most outstanding performance was given by E. A. Sulley, a young Cambridge undergraduate, who, playing in his first tournament, indeed his first games of croquet proper, enabled him to be joint winner of "Y" handicap and joint runner-up in the doubles. It appears that he had never played on a full sized lawn with regulation equipment at all before the Monday morning. He and his fellow undergraduate, D. R. Watson, the winner of "X" handicap, are destined for many croquet honours in the years to come. May we have more like them.

Henry Ormerod was most unfortunate in having battled his way through to two finals, lost them both and could not, therefore, emulate his father in taking the "Robin Hood Cup" again to Bristol.

The tournament ran smoothly and efficiently to its conclusion at the end of Saturday afternoon due to the usual efficient management of Miss D. D. Steel, who by now is almost an institution here at Nottingham, and a thoroughly delightful week was enjoyed by all, with Mrs. A. S. Greaves and her committee and helpers supplying excellent fare for lunches, teas, etc., to keep the important people, the players, in fighting trim day by day.

ROBIN HOOD GOLD CUP.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(Associates only).

(21 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss L. H. Smith (8½) bt D. R. Watson (12) by 7.
G. Birch (2½) bt Miss K. Ault (4½) by 16.
Sir Henry Prior (10) w.o. Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) opponent retired.
Mrs. R. Tingey (3½) bt Mrs. L. Abdy (11) by 7.
E. J. Cook (7) bt G. N. B. Huskinson (3) by 26.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. K. Ellis (1½) bt Miss E. C. Brumpton (9) by 2.
Sir Miles Graham (11) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker (1½) by 17.
Miss L. H. Smith (8½) bt Major R. Tingey (-½) by 3.
Sir Henry Prior (10) bt G. Birch (2½) by 9.
Mrs. R. Tingey (3½) bt E. J. Cook (7) by 8.
H. L. Ormerod (7½) bt G. N. Bright (3) by 15.
R. H. Newton (3) bt A. H. Fabb (12) by 11.
Dr. H. J. Penny (3½) bt Mrs. H. Greaves (13) by 12.

THIRD ROUND.

Sir Miles Graham (11) bt Mrs. K. Ellis (1½) by 24.
Sir Henry Prior (10) bt Miss L. H. Smith (8½) by 9.
H. L. Ormerod (7½) bt Mrs. R. Tingey (3½) by 3.
R. H. Newton (3) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3½) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.

Sir Miles Graham (11) bt Sir Henry Prior (10) by 12.
H. L. Ormerod (7½) bt R. H. Newton (3) by 22.

FINAL.

Sir Miles Graham (11) bt H. L. Ormerod (7½) by 17.

OPEN SINGLES.

THE DRAW.

(13 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. R. Tingey bt Mrs. K. Ellis by 14.
Capt. H. G. Stoker bt A. H. Fabb by 11.
G. N. Bright bt R. H. Newton by 5.
Major R. Tingey bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 3.
G. Birch bt W. Wallace by 17.

SECOND ROUND.

H. O. Hodgson bt Mrs. R. Tingey by 1.
G. N. Bright bt Capt. H. G. Stoker by 8.
G. Birch bt Major R. Tingey by 1.
Miss K. Ault bt G. N. B. Huskinson by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. N. Bright w.o. H. O. Hodgson opponent retired.
G. Birch bt Miss K. Ault by 12.

FINAL.

G. Birch bt G. N. Bright by 12.

PROCESS.

(13 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss K. Ault bt R. H. Newton by 9.
G. Birch bt Mrs. R. Tingey by 13.
Major R. Tingey bt H. O. Hodgson by 12.
G. N. B. Huskinson bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 8.
Mrs. K. Ellis bt W. Wallace by 9.

SECOND ROUND.

G. Birch bt Miss K. Ault by 9.
Major R. Tingey bt Capt. H. G. Stoker by 8.
G. N. B. Huskinson bt A. H. Fabb by 13.
Mrs. K. Ellis w.o. G. N. Bright.

SEMI-FINAL.

Major R. Tingey bt G. Birch by 4.
G. N. B. Huskinson bt Mrs. K. Ellis by 16.

FINAL.

Major R. Tingey bt G. N. B. Huskinson by 22.

PLAY-OFF.

Major R. Tingey bt G. Birch

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(5 bisques and over).

(17 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. A. Collinson (11) bt Sir Henry Prior (10) by 6.

SECOND ROUND.

H. L. Ormerod (7½) bt A. O. Taylor (9) by 4.
Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) bt Miss L. H. Smith (8½) by 13.
W. Wallace (8) bt Mrs. E. M. Bright (13) by 15.
Miss E. M. Brumpton (13) bt Mrs. A. Collinson (11) by 4.
Mrs. L. Abdy (11) bt D. R. Watson (12) by 20.
E. J. Cook (7) bt Mrs. H. Greaves (13) by 7.
Miss E. C. Brumpton (9) bt A. H. Fabb (12) by 8.
A. J. Bucknell (11) bt E. A. Sulley (14*) by 10.

THIRD ROUND.

Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) bt H. L. Ormerod (7½) by 6.
Miss E. M. Brumpton (13) bt W. Wallace (8) by 3.
E. J. Cook (7) bt Mrs. L. Abdy (11) by 4.
A. J. Bucknell (11) bt Miss E. C. Brumpton (9) by 16.

SEMI-FINAL.

Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) bt Miss E. M. Brumpton (13) by 4.
E. J. Cook (7) bt A. J. Bucknell (11) by 3.

FINAL.

E. J. Cook (7) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) by 23.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y.")

EVENT "X".

(28 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) bt H. O. Hodgson (2) by 3.
H. L. Ormerod (7½) bt W. Wallace (8) by 9.
Capt. H. G. Stoker (1½) bt A. J. Bucknell (11) by 3.
G. Birch (2½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3½) by 4.
Miss L. H. Smith (8½) bt Miss E. C. Brumpton (9) by 14.
Mrs. N. Fabb (11) bt Miss K. Ault (4½) by 5.
Mrs. K. Ellis (1½) bt Sir Henry Prior (10) by 8.
E. J. Cook (7) bt Major R. Tingey (-½) by 24.
R. H. Newton (3) bt A. O. Taylor (9) by 3.
D. R. Watson (12) bt Mrs. E. M. Bright (13) by 2.
Mrs. R. Tingey (3½) bt A. H. Fabb (12) by 10.
Mrs. H. Greaves (13) bt E. A. Sulley (14*) by 8.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. L. Abdy (11) bt Mrs. A. Collinson (11) by 8.
H. L. Ormerod (7½) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) by 9.
Capt. H. G. Stoker (1½) w.o. G. Birch (2½) opponent retired.
Miss L. H. Smith (8½) bt Mrs. N. Fabb (11) by 12.
E. J. Cook (7) bt Mrs. K. Ellis (1½) by 21.
D. R. Watson (12) bt R. H. Newton (3) by 17.
Mrs. R. Tingey (3½) bt Mrs. H. Greaves (13) by 9.
G. N. Bright (3) bt Miss E. M. Brumpton (13) by 6.

THIRD ROUND.

H. L. Ormerod (7½) bt Mrs. L. Abdy (11) by 4.
Capt. H. G. Stoker (1½) bt Miss L. H. Smith (8½) by 22.
D. R. Watson (12) w.o. E. J. Cook (7) opponent retired.
Mrs. R. Tingey (3½) w.o. G. N. Bright (3) opponent retired.

SEMI-FINAL.

H. L. Ormerod (7½) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker (1½) by 9.
D. R. Watson (12) w.o. Mrs. R. Tingey (3½) opponent retired.

FINAL.

D. R. Watson (12) bt H. L. Ormerod (7½) by 11.

EVENT "Y".

(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

W. Wallace (8) bt H. O. Hodgson (2) by 13.
A. J. Bucknell (11) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3½) by 12.
Miss K. Ault (4½) bt Miss E. C. Brumpton (9) by 7.
Sir Henry Prior (10) bt Major R. Tingey (-½) by 17.
Mrs. E. M. Bright (13) bt A. O. Taylor (9) by 10.
E. A. Sulley (14*) bt A. H. Fabb (12) by 4.

SECOND ROUND.

W. Wallace (8) bt Mrs. A. Collinson (11) by 7.
Miss K. Ault (4½) bt A. J. Bucknell (11) by 8.
Mrs. E. M. Bright (13) bt Sir Henry Prior (10) by 7.
E. A. Sulley (14*) bt Miss E. M. Brumpton (13) by 4.

SEMI-FINAL.

W. Wallace (8) bt Miss K. Ault (4½) by 6.
E. A. Sulley (14*) bt Mrs. E. M. Bright (13) by 7.

FINAL.

Divided—W. Wallace and E. A. Sulley joint winners.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(13 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. K. Ellis and A. H. Fabb (13½) bt Major R. Tingey and Mrs. R. Tingey (3)
Mrs. N. Fabb and Miss E. M. Brumpton (24) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker and Mrs. E. M. Bright (14½)
Dr. H. J. Penny and A. J. Bucknell (14½) bt Miss L. H. Smith and Mrs. A. Collinson (19½)
Miss K. Ault and H. L. Ormerod (12) bt R. H. Newton and D. R. Watson (15)
E. J. Cook and W. Wallace (15) bt G. N. B. Huskinson and G. Birch (5½) by

SECOND ROUND.

G. N. Bright and E. A. Sulley (17) bt Mrs. K. Ellis and A. H. Fabb (13½) by 3.
Dr. H. J. Penny and A. J. Bucknell (14½) bt Mrs. N. Fabb and Miss E. M. Brumpton (24) by 4.
E. J. Cook and W. Wallace (15) bt Miss K. Ault and H. L. Ormerod (12) by 9.
H. O. Hodgson and Miss E. C. Brumpton (11) bt A. O. Taylor and Mrs. H. Greaves (22) by 13.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. N. Bright and E. A. Sulley (17) bt Dr. H. J. Penny and A. J. Bucknell (14½) by 3.
E. J. Cook and W. Wallace (15) bt H. O. Hodgson and Miss E. C. Brumpton (11) by 12.

FINAL.

E. J. Cook and W. Wallace (15) bt G. N. Bright and E. A. Sulley (17) by 7.

THE "LADIES' FIELD" CUP

Holder: Miss E. J. Warwick

For the seven best available women players in the C.A. invited to compete by the Council of the C.A.

No Entrance Fee

Will be played for at the **Hurlingham Club** (by kind permission of the Committee of the Club) on **Monday, July 25th**, and following days

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the C.A.

Manager.—Mrs. E. Haigh-Smith.

Referee.—Mrs. E. Reeve.

Secretary.—The Secretary of the C.A., The Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6.

CONDITIONS

Hoops 3¼ in. wide. Jaques' "Eclipse" balls will be used. Each competitor meets each of the other competitors twice in each competition.

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

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

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

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

PLAY

Play will commence at 10.30 a.m. on Monday and at 10.0 a.m. on other days, unless otherwise notified.

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CHELTENHAM

THE FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL OPEN TOURNAMENT

will be held on the

Club Lawns, Old Bath Road

On Monday, July 18th, and five following days

(Under the Laws and Regulations of the Croquet Association)

Committee of the Cheltenham Croquet Club.—G. E. P. Jackson (Chairman).

Manager.—Mrs. H. F. Chittenden.

Referee and Handicapper.—Miss Pauley.

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

EVENTS

1.—OPEN SINGLES. CHELTENHAM CHAMPIONSHIP CUP.

To be held for one year or till the next competition, whichever be the shorter period. "Two Life System." Holder, Mrs. E. Rotherham. Entrance Fee, 13s.

2.—LEVEL SINGLES. MONEY SALVER. To be held for one year or till the next competition, whichever be the shorter period. For players with three or more bisques. Law 44 suspended. Holder, Miss I. M. Roe. Entrance Fee, 10s.

3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. For players with six and a half or more bisques. Entrance Fee, 10s.

No players may enter for more than one of the above events.

4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Open to all. Entrance Fee, 10s.

5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. BARWELL SALVERS. Unrestricted. To be held for one year or till the next competition, whichever be the shorter period. Holders, Mrs. A. M. Daniels and Miss I. M. Roe. Entrance Fee, 10s. each player.

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

Buses run to and from town hourly.

Entries must reach Secretary by **Midday, Wednesday, July 13th**.

Draw for Singles Events in Pavilion at 2 p.m. same day.

Entries for Doubles close on Tuesday, July 19th.

Cheques for entrance money should be made payable to the Cheltenham Croquet Club.

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

CHELTENHAM

N.O. Tournament, 1960

To be held on the Club lawns, Old Bath Road

on **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th** and **FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS**

Manager.—Mrs. Reeve.

Referee and Handicapper.—Miss Pauley.

EVENTS

1.—OPEN SINGLES. 2 lives. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.

2.—LEVEL SINGLES. 3½ bisques or more. Entrance Fee, 6s. (Law 44 partially suspended).

3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 6½-10½ bisques. Entrance Fee, 6s.

4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. THE CALTHROP CUP. Entrance Fee, 6s. 11 bisques or more.

5.—HANDICAP SINGLES. "X.Y." Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.

6.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Entrance Fee, 6s.

Entries to Tournament Secretary, Cheltenham Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham, by midday, **September 8th**. Draw 2 p.m. same day. Cheques to be made payable to the Cheltenham Croquet Club. Play will begin daily at 10 a.m. or earlier if necessary. Light luncheons and teas available.

HURLINGHAM

THE ANNUAL CROQUET TOURNAMENT

including the

"LADIES' FIELD" CANDLESTICKS

(Under the direction of the C.A.)

will be held from

Monday, August 1st to Tuesday, August 9th, 1960

Committee.—The Croquet Committee of the Club.

Manager, Handicapper and Referee.—Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury.

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

EVENTS

1.—THE HURLINGHAM CUP. Holder, J. W. Solomon. Level Singles. Best of three games throughout. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.

2.—THE TURNER CUP. Holder, G. Williams. Level Singles. For players handicapped at 1 bisque or over not entered for Event 1. Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Ernest Turner. Single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 10s.

3.—THE HURLINGHAM DOUBLES. Holders, E. P. C. Cotter and Miss D. A. Lintern. Level Play. Mixed Pairs. Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Henry Franc. Single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 10s. each player.

4.—THE YOUNGER CUP. Holder, D. W. Curtis. Level Singles. For players handicapped at 4½ bisques and over not entered for Events 1 or 2. Challenge Cup presented by Lt.-Col. J. A. C. Younger. Single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 10s. Law 44 suspended.

5.—THE LONGWORTH CUP. Holder, Gen. D. J. Wilson-Haffenden. Level Singles. For players handicapped at 8 bisques and over not entered for Events 1, 2 or 4. Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. R. C. Longworth. Single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 10s. All games to start at the third hoop. Law 44 suspended.

6.—THE PINCKNEY SIMPSON CUP (HANDICAP SINGLES). Holder, Mrs. E. Haigh-Smith. This Event will be run on the "X.Y." principle. Entrance Fee, 10s. "Y" games to start at the third hoop.

7.—THE "LADIES' FIELD" CANDLESTICKS (Ladies' Handicap Doubles). Holders, Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. G. H. F. Elvey. Open to Lady Members of the C.A. only. Entrance Fee, 10s. each player.

8.—MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES. Entrance Fee, 10s. Holders, J. G. Warwick and J. M. Rivington.

Tournament Plant by Messrs. John Jaques and Son Ltd., 3¼ in. Hoops and Standard Setting.

PRIZES

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

ENTRIES AND DRAW

All Entries with Fees for Events 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6, with the addresses of the competitors (and telephone number) must reach the Secretary, Croquet Tournament, The Hurlingham Club, Fulham, S.W.6, by first post on **Wednesday, 27th July**. Entries for Events 3, 7 and 8, will close at noon on **Tuesday, 2nd August**. The Draw for Events 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 will take place at the Club on **Wednesday, 27th July**, at 2.30 p.m.; for other Events as announced on the ground.

GENERAL

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

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

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

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

At least six Lawns will be provided.

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

CROQUET DINNER

There will be a Dinner for Croquet Players and their friends at the Hurlingham Club on **Thursday, 4th August**. Tickets, price 17s. 6d., can be obtained from the Secretary of the Hurlingham Club. Dress: Dinner Jacket.

THE CHALLENGE CUPS

GILBEY CUP AND GOLF CHALLENGE CUPS

will be played for at

THE ROEHAMPTON CLUB

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10th, to SATURDAY, AUGUST 20th,
inclusive

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

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

Referee.—Major R. Tingey.

Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.

Open to Associates only

The Challenge Cups

1.—FIRST DIVISION. THE ROEHAMPTON CHALLENGE CUP (Open). Entrance Fee, 13s. This Event will be played on the "Two-Life" system. Holder, D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller.

2.—SECOND DIVISION. THE COUNCIL CHALLENGE CUP. Open to Associates handicapped at 2½ to 5½ bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 11s. Level play. Matches of single games throughout. Law 44 partially suspended.

3.—THIRD DIVISION. THE RECKITT CHALLENGE CUP. Open to Associates handicapped at 6-8½ bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 11s. Matches of single games throughout. Level play. Law 44 suspended.

4.—FOURTH DIVISION. THE STEVENSON CHALLENGE CUP. Open to Associates handicapped at 9 bisques or over. Entrance Fee, 11s. Matches of single games throughout. Level play. Law 44 suspended.

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

6.—THE "GILBEY" CUP HANDICAP SINGLES. This Event will be drawn in four blocks. "A," "B," "C" and "D" according to handicaps. Entrance Fee, 11s. Matches of single games throughout. To qualify for the "Gilbey Cup" the winner of "A" v. "B" will play the winner of "C" v. "D". Holders: The Event, B. Lloyd Pratt (—); Block "B", Miss E. H. Fisher (5); Block "C", Mrs. M. H. Carrington (8½); Block "D", Mrs. R. J. Pickett (12).

7.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicaps of 4 bisques or over. Entries should be made in pairs. Entrance Fee, 11s. each person. Matches of single games throughout. Holders: Mrs. R. Tingey and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson.

8.—GOLF CROQUET SINGLES. THE "ASCOT" CHALLENGE CUP. Open to all. Entrance Fee, 6s. The competition will be played under the Official Rules of Golf Croquet. Played in two blocks according to handicaps: the winners of the blocks playing off to decide the winner of the Cup. Holder, D. W. Curtis (1).

9.—GOLF CROQUET DOUBLES. THE "DELVES BROUGHTON" CHALLENGE CUPS. Presented by the late Sir Delves Broughton. Open to pairs with a combined croquet handicap of not less than 4 bisques. Entrance Fee, 6s. each person. The competition will be played under the Official Rules of Golf Croquet. Entries should be made in pairs. Holders, Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson.

CONDITIONS

Hoops 3¼ in. wide. Jaques' "Eclipse" balls will be used. Five courts will be provided. Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

ENTRIES

The entries accompanied by the Entrance Fees made on official entry forms, for Events 1 to 6, 8, 9, must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., so as to reach her not later than the first post on **Friday, August 5th**, and for Event 7 (in pairs) by 11 a.m. on **Friday, August 12th**. Competitors must give with their Entries, the address at which messages will reach them during the tournament.

DRAW

The Draw for the Challenge Cups and Gilbey Cup will take place at the Croquet Offices, Hurlingham Club, S.W.6, on **Friday, August 5th**, at 11 a.m. The Draw for Event 7 (Handicap Doubles) will take place at the Roehampton Club at noon on **Friday, August 12th**.

Fifteen

BRIGHTON

THE FORTY-SEVENTH
AUTUMN TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, AUGUST 22nd, and FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS
To be held on the Lawns of the Sussex County Croquet Club,
Victoria Road, Southwick, Sussex

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

Manager, Referee and Handicapper.—Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury.
Hon. Secretary.—Miss M. J. Daldy, 10 Lansdowne Road, Hove,
Sussex.

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES ("Two Lives" system). THE SUSSEX GOLD CUP presented by the late E. R. Harrison. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS B). Law 44 suspended. THE FRANC CUP presented by Mrs. H. Franc. Open to players handicapped 3-5½ bisques. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS 3). THE MONTEITH BOWL presented by the late G. C. Branthwaite. Open to players handicapped 6 and over. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. THE MAURICE RECKITT BOWL presented by Mr. M. B. Reckitt. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Unrestricted. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. each partner.
All games in Event 5 to start at No. 3 hoop.

ENTRIES

Players may not enter for more than one of Events 1, 2 or 3. Entries on official forms, please, for 1, 2, 3 and 4, must reach the Hon. Secretary by first post on **Thursday, August 18th**, but may close earlier if necessary.

THE DRAW

The Draw for 1, 2, 3 and 4, will take place at Southwick on Thursday, August 18th, at 2.30 p.m., and Event 5 on Tuesday, August 23rd.

Post cards will be sent to all those required to play before noon on Monday.

PLAY

Play will commence at 10 a.m. and continue till 6.30 p.m. or later if necessary. Players coming from a distance, requiring leave, should notify it on their Entry Form. No leave will be granted later than 12 noon, Monday.

GENERAL

Standard setting, 3½ inch hoops and Jaques' "Eclipse" Balls will be used. Ten courts will be available.
Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

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

TRANSPORT

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

BRIGHTON

(Unofficial)

An unofficial tournament will be held on

MONDAY, AUGUST 29th, and FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS
(Under C.A. Laws and Regulations)

Manager and Handicapper.—Major J. H. Dibley.
Hon. Secretary.—Miss M. J. Daldy, 10 Lansdowne Road, Hove 3,
Sussex.

EVENTS

- 1.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 3½ bisques and under. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 2.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 4-7 bisques. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 7½-10 bisques. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 10½ bisques and over. Shortened games, first hoop to two-back and peg. Entrance Fee, 6s.
- 5.—HANDICAP SINGLES. X.Y. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 6.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicap not less than 5. All games start at number 3 hoop. Entrance Fee, 8s.

Entries, on official forms, please, for Events 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 must reach the Hon. Secretary not later than first post **Thursday, August 25th**.

Event 6 will be drawn at 2.30 p.m. Tuesday, August 30th. Luncheons and teas will be obtainable in the Club canteen.

HUNSTANTON

THE SIXTY-SECOND HUNSTANTON OPEN CROQUET
TOURNAMENT

Will be held on the Club Grounds on Monday, August 29th, 1960
and five following days
(Under C.A. Laws and Regulations)

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

Manager.—Miss Joan Warwick.

Referee and Handicapper.—Mr. J. G. Warwick.

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

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES (Class "A"). Draw and Process. The Norfolk Challenge Cup. Entrance Fee, 11s.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES (Class "B"). Law 44 suspended. THE HUNSTANTON CHALLENGE BOWL. 4 to 8½ bisques. Entrance Fee, 9s.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES (Class "C"). 9 bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. "X.Y." INGLEBY CHALLENGE CUP. Entrance Fee, 10s. 0d.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. No players of 4 handicap or less may partner each other. Entrance Fee, 9s.

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

CONDITIONS

Entries for 1, 2, 3 and 4, must reach the Secretary not later than the last post on **Friday, August 26th**, and for Event 5 on Tuesday, August 30th, 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.

PARKSTONE

Croquet Tournament

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th-17th, 1960

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

Committee.—The Croquet Committee of Parkstone Club.
Manager and Handicapper.—V. A. de la Nougerede.
Referee.—The Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith.
Hon. Secretary.—Mrs. M. McMordie, L.T. and Croquet Club,
Salterns Road, Parkstone, Poole.

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. "Two Lives" Bournemouth Bowl and Ashton Trophy. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES. Law 44 suspended. For players of 2½-6½ bisques inclusive. Deshon Cup. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. For players of 7 bisques and over. Halse Salver. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Unrestricted. Gold Cup. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Unrestricted. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d. each player.

CONDITIONS

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 must reach the Hon. Secretary by midday, **Thursday, September 8th**. 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 3½ in. 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.

DIRECTORY OF CLUBS

A.E.R.E. Croquet Club—Secretary, Mr. D. Pepper, Chem.Eng.Div., Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell, Didcot, Berks.

All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club—Church Road, Wimbledon, S.W.19.

Argideen Vale L.T. and Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Barrett, Mount Prospect, Bandon, Co. Cork.

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

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

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

Cassiobury (Watford)—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Owen, 109 Cassiobury Park Avenue, Watford, Herts.

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. McMordie, 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.

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

Glasgow Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Mrs. R. MacA. Brown, 15 Clinkarthill Road, Rutherglen, Glasgow.

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.

Peterhouse Croquet Club—Hon. Secretary, Brian Astle, Peterhouse, Cambridge.

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.