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- .. 22-27—Southwick (Brighton). *Tourn. Sec.*, Miss M. J. Daldy, 10 Lansdowne Road, Hove 3.
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June 2 *C.A.*, Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- June 5-10—Ryde. *Hon. Sec.*, Cmdr. J. Radford, R.D., R.N.R. (ret.), Leaholme, Appley Road, Ryde, I.O.W.
- —Nottingham. *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, A. O. Taylor, 14 Devonshire Road, Sherwood, Nottingham.
- .. 12-17—Men & Women's Championships (Roehampton). *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- .. 17-24—Championship County Dublin. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. O'Reilly, Ballynamote, Carrickmines, Co. Dublin.
- .. 19-24—Compton (Eastbourne). *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, H. C. S. Perry, Hockington House, Willingdon, Sussex.
- June 26 to —Parkstone. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. McMordie, 4 Overbury
July 1 Road, Parkstone, Dorset.
- July 10-15—Budleigh Salterton. *Hon. Sec.*, Maj. G. F. Stone, Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton.
- .. 17-22—The Ladies Field Cup (Southwick). *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- .. 24-29—Cheltenham. *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- July 31 to —Open Championships (Hurlingham). *Secretary, C.A.*,
Aug 5 The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- Aug. 7-16—Hurlingham. *Games Secretary*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- .. 12-19—Championship of Ireland. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. O'Reilly, Ballynamote, Carrickmines, Co. Dublin.
- .. 17-26—Challenge & Gilbey Cups, Ascot & Delves Broughton Cups (Roehampton). *Secretary, C.A.*, Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
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- .. 11-16—President's Cup (Hurlingham), Surrey Cup (Roehampton). *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- .. 21-23—All England Handicap. Area Finals (Roehampton). *Secretary C.A.*, Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- .. 25-30—Roehampton. *Games Secretary*, Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, S.W.15.
- Oct. 2-14—Devonshire Park (Eastbourne). *Secretary C.A.*, Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.

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- May 8—Budleigh Salterton. *Hon. Sec.*, Major G. F. Stone, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton.
- .. 20-22—Cheltenham (American). *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- Sept. 4—Southwick. *Tourn. Sec.*, Miss J. Daldy, 10 Lansdowne Road, Hove 3.
- .. 18—Cheltenham. *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.

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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Croquet Association will be held at the Hurlingham Club on May 29th, at 4.30 p.m.

AGENDA

- Minutes of last meeting.
- Report and Balance Sheet.
- Election of Hon. Treasurer. Mr. D. E. Buckland retires from office and offers himself for re-election.
- Election of members of Council. The following retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election:—
E. P. Duffield,
G. V. Evans,
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden,
Mrs. E. Reeve,
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts,
Lt. Cmdr. G. W. Style.
Col. C. C. Adams and Mrs. P. E. Heley do not offer themselves for re-election. Mrs. I. H. Turketine has resigned, so there are three vacancies to be filled.
- Motion by Lt. Cmdr. G. W. Style—*increase in subscriptions.* That paragraph (a) of Rule XXIV be and hereby is cancelled and that there be substituted therefor a new paragraph (a) as follows:—
(a) The rate of subscription for Associates over the age of 21 on the roll of membership at 1st January, 1962, shall be 3 guineas per annum excepting as under:
(i) For those Associates over the age of 21 who signify their intention not to participate, during any one year, in any Tournaments other than those at their own clubs the rate of subscription shall be 30s. for that year.
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The lump sum payment which an Associate may commute to Life Membership shall be £35 and this rate shall be in force at and from the time at which the motion to change the rates of subscription is passed by the Annual General Meeting of the Croquet Association on May 29th, 1961.
Associates or members joining on or after 1st August in any year shall be liable for subscriptions at half the appropriate rates for that year.
Associates liable to a subscription rate of 30s. per annum under (a)(i) above shall not become liable to the rate of 3 guineas by virtue of their selection to play for their Counties or Clubs other than their own.
Associates who have paid a subscription of 30s. under (a)(i) above and who subsequently become liable for the 3 guineas rate of subscription by virtue of having played in a Tournament at a Club other than their own shall themselves be responsible for payment to the C.A. of the outstanding balance of 33s. and in failure to do so, Rule XXIV shall apply.
- Report on Triangular Test Matches, 1963.
- Any other business.
- Vote of thanks to Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL 1960-61

Throughout the year discussions have continued with Australia and New Zealand on the re-drafting of the Laws. For the greater part of this period Mr. Ian Baillieu was in Australia and by personal contact he was able to clear up a number of points with the Dominions.

He and his wife returned to this country early in February and so he was able to take part in and guide the final deliberations before the script was sent to the printers. By the time this report is issued, proofs should be in the hands of the Dominions and we anticipate with confidence that we shall be using the New Laws in the forthcoming season.

Once again we wish to place on record our grateful thanks and appreciation to Mr. Ian Baillieu and the hard working and painstaking members of his Committee who have been almost entirely responsible for the production, with a special mention for Mr. John Solomon who so ably deputised as acting Chairman when Mr. Baillieu was in Australia. Mr. Baillieu's name is likely to be emblazoned among the Olympians in Croquet history.

Ways and means of improving the Association's finances have been under almost constant review and after detailed examination by the Finance & General Purposes Committee and lengthy debate in Council a revised Rule XXIV dealing with Subscriptions is being submitted for ratification at the Annual General Meeting. An article entitled *Economics* explaining the necessity for the proposed increases appears in this number and it is hoped that all associates will give it careful study.

Probably the most noteworthy event in last season's tournament play was that after the lapse of 24 years the Championship was again won by a woman. Our congratulations go to Mrs. E. Rotherham on this achievement.

Two innovations are being introduced into this year's Tournament programme. The Ladies Field Cup is to be played at Southwick and the date for the Open Championships is being put later to make it possible for members of the Legal and Teaching professions to participate.

Further progress has been made for the arrangements for the Triangular Tests in 1963 and a member of the New Zealand Croquet Council now visiting this country has been authorised to take decisions on their behalf at the detailed discussions with our sub-committee now in progress.

The Council takes this opportunity of thanking Honorary Club Secretaries, Managers and Referees at Tournaments and all others who have done so much for the well-being and promotion of croquet and is confident that with their continued co-operation and support we can look forward to further progress, always provided that we first succeed in putting our finances on a sounder footing.

1960-61 RETURN OF ATTENDANCES AT COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

	Tournament	Finance and General Purposes	Handicap Appeal	Publicity	Council	Total Attendances	Total Possible Attendances
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts ..	1	1	..	1	7	10	10
J. W. Solomon ..	1	..	..	..	6	7	7
Col. C. C. Adams ..	..	..	..	..	2	2	7
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury ..	1	..	..	..	7	8	9
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden ..	1	..	..	..	5	6	7
Col. J. G. Clarke ..	..	1	..	..	7	8	8
Maj. J. H. Dibley ..	1	1	..	1	7	10	10
E. P. Duffield ..	..	1	..	..	7	8	8
G. V. Evans ..	..	..	..	..	5	5	7
Mrs. P. E. Heley ..	..	..	..	..	5	5	6
G. N. B. Huskinson ..	..	..	..	..	3	3	8
Miss D. A. Lintern ..	1	1	..	1	7	10	10
Rev. Canon Creed Meredith ..	..	..	..	..	5	5	7
Brig. J. S. Omond ..	..	1	..	1	5	7	9
Dr. G. L. Ormerod ..	..	..	..	1	3	4	8
H. C. S. Perry ..	1	1	..	..	6	8	9
M. B. Reckitt ..	1	..	..	1	6	8	9
Mrs. E. Reeve ..	1	..	..	..	6	7	8
J. M. Rivington ..	..	1	..	..	6	7	8
Mrs. E. Rotherham ..	..	1	..	..	6	7	8
Lt.-Cmdr. G. W. Style ..	..	1	..	..	7	8	9
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins ..	..	..	..	..	4	4	7
Rev. G. F. H. Elvey ..	..	..	..	..	1	1	—
W. Longman ..	..	..	..	..	4	4	—
D. E. Buckland ..	..	1	..	..	1	2	—

NOTES by ROVER

The 1961 Season

The arrival of the first issue of *Croquet* for 1961 will be the means of starting many Associates reviewing their tournament plans for the coming season. As there have been no significant changes either in dates or venues for some years, intending competitors may not have given the list of Tournament Fixtures which appeared last December, and is again repeated in this number, the scrutiny which it should deserve. There are in fact a number of changes from last year, so much so that attention is drawn to them in an article in this number from Maurice Reckitt. The season at Hurlingham starts on May 11th with a particularly welcome new event—an Inter-varsity match between Oxford and Cambridge Undergraduates.

Two years ago this column, referring to the fact that it was over twenty years since the Championship was last won by a lady, suggested that he would be a bold man who would predict this happening in 1959. 1960 in fact saw the triumph of Mrs. Rotherham, a great stimulus to other leading lady players to go and do likewise. The holding of the 1961 Championships a fortnight later than hitherto is hoped to attract some contestants who would otherwise not be available. It will be interesting to see how David Curtis, Bryan Lloyd Pratt and Alex Karmel, to name but three, will fare if they are able to enter the lists.

As usual, Hunstanton opens the season with its American Tournament a fortnight after Easter. Let us wish them good weather in the expectation that this will set a better example than last year's grim catalogue of wind and rain. We notice that the renowned Gleneagles Hotel has two full-size lawns available for use.

Roger de Wesselow

R. C. V. de Wesselow who died last December was in the croquet world a relatively short time but he left his mark on the game and will be much missed. His services to the magazine were very great and when the new format was being planned seven years ago his long experience in the publishing world was of immense help.

It was as recently as 1950 that he started playing at Hurlingham and he soon became quite formidable in the middle bisque range. One event which he started a habit of winning regularly was the handsome Pinckney Silver Jubilee Cup and indeed he prevailed three times in this event. His main ambition in the middle nineteen-fifties before ill-health made him give up playing was to win the All England handicap. This, however, eluded him. He had an unusual stance, reminiscent in a different sphere of G. L. Jessop at the batting crease.

One game which he played in 1955 lives very vividly in the minds of those who watched it. It was in the Longman Club Cup competition and at seven o'clock in the evening the match stood at two games to Woking and two to Hurlingham, with one game between Captain Millar and Roger still unfinished. It was not until after eight o'clock that Captain Millar eventually gained the day for Woking after the game had swayed to and fro time and time again.

Breaking the Sound Barrier

Games may be classified in many ways, and one of them might depend upon the volume of sound associated with them. Football, of both sorts, rolls forward on enormous waves of noise; at Lords applause, however enthusiastic, is intermittent; at Wimbledon umpires direct us (without much success) not to applaud during the rallies. Indoor games, however, proceed in a hushed atmosphere, respect being shown to the concentration demanded by experts at chess and on the billiard table. Croquet stands somewhere between these categories. Since scarcely less concentration is demanded by it than is required by chess masters and wizards of the green cloth, our laws rightly lay down strict conditions for justifying an interruption of an adversary, while spectators are bidden to abstain from audible comments on the game. These directives are not always so strictly observed as they should be; players, and even spectators, are too often much more careless than they ought to be about speaking to competitors during a break and (even more culpably) during preparation for a stroke. Quite understandably, some 'incidents' were provoked last season by such a lack of consideration. But the question remains whether it is wholly a good thing that so much restraint should rule in the intervals between turns. There are some who think that a good deal more interest would be aroused at our tournaments if spectators were to applaud incidents in a match which now inspire only a silent enthusiasm. Why should we not let our experts, or even humbler players who may be our opponents, know that we are taking an admiring interest in them? Hurlingham is not Wembley, but a little more gusto there would not be out of place.

Form at a Glance

We have remarked more than once on this page with what pained surprise we discover that not every associate reads every word which appears on it. It is hardly less distressing to learn that even the Official Notices which are printed on page 1 sometimes escape the attention of the more superficial readers of this journal. Indeed it would seem that there is often a better chance that the more unofficial Rover will be read than will the compiler of the aforesaid Notices and it is for this reason that we are treating what is really an 'Official' matter here. This Note is primarily addressed to the handicapping authorities of our registered clubs to inform—or more accurately to remind—them of a duty which too many of them still neglect. It is a responsibility of such authorities, whether corporate or individual, to notify the office of all changes made in the handicaps of their members without unreasonable delay. The purpose of this requirement is to keep the Handicap Co-ordination Committee at Headquarters acquainted with the form of players as to whom recommendations may subsequently be made, or in their Club's opinion be required. In forwarding these particulars local handicappers will do well to indicate whether they would wish to see such alterations to C.A. handicaps made forthwith, or whether—as is very probable—they have made them only or mainly with a view to play in Club events. The Council has no wish to interfere with the discretion of Club handicappers in what may be deemed to be their 'domestic' concerns, but it is well that Headquarters should be kept acquainted with the current form of all who, sooner or later, may appear in official tournaments.

The Revised Laws

Associates will no doubt be aware that the redrafting of the laws has been occupying the minds of a select committee for the past two years.

The new laws will shortly be available to Associates. It is not the purpose of this article to give credit to those who have been concerned in the redraft, but to explain to Associates what are the differences in the new laws.

First, it should be stated that there were two guiding principles which were constantly in mind. One was that the new laws should be in the simplest language which legal matters allow, and that they should be in a logical, and easy to find, order. The other was that the opportunity should be taken to clear up those aspects of the law on which there have been differences of opinion between the Dominions and ourselves. From this it will be seen that there are changes in the laws for which we shall all have to be prepared in the coming season. But nobody should think that the game has been radically altered. In fact, most of the changes in Law will hardly affect players more than a few times in a season.

First, let us look at the form of the new laws. They are divided into 5 parts.

- Part I. The standard setting, equipment and accessories.
- Part II. The Laws of ordinary level singles play.
- Part III. Adaptation of Part II to Handicap and Doubles play (and present Law 44).
- Part IV. The Customs of the game.
- Part V. Modified Games and Modified Courts.

(These are not the exact titles of each part of the Laws).

Part I.—(Laws 1-3)

Containing all that is necessary to lay out a court and provide the necessary accessories. There are no alterations to law in this part.

Part II

This is divided into 4 sections.

A. (Laws 4-13)—An Outline of the Game

Starting with a brief description of how the game is played, it covers certain definitions which are vital for the beginner to know so that he may understand the following laws.

B. (Laws 14-20)—Hoop and Peg Points and Laws of Roquet and Croquet

This part covers all aspects of play so far as the making of a break is concerned and further amplifies some points mentioned in the previous part.

C. (Laws 21-25)—Miscellaneous Laws of Play

This part covers more exceptional cases such as "Balls moving between strokes", "Imperfections to the Court", etc.

Up till now, the Law has dealt only with what may be done. The following part deals with what may not be done.

D. (Laws 26-35)—Irregularities in Play and Interference

There are many kinds of irregularities, not only fouls, which are now to be called faults, but also what has previously been known as "inadvertence". Inadvertence can be divided into several categories, as a study of the sub-headings to Law 29 will show. Because this part covers what happens when things go wrong, it will perhaps be that part of the law most often referred to.

Part III.—(Laws 36-43)

This is again divided into 4 sections covering Advanced, Semi-Advanced, Handicap and Doubles Play.

Part IV.—(Laws 44-52)—The Customs of the Game

This is largely composed of what was formerly "etiquette" but is now part of the Law. It will be noticed that there are few, if any, penalties specified for infringement of these laws. Nevertheless, there is power—in fact, in the regulations—to deal with infringements of the laws.

Part V.—(Laws 53-59)—Modified Courts and Modified Games

All the laws covering smaller courts and shortened games.

Finally, the regulations have been revised, the majority of which need not concern the general body of Associates with the exception of Regulation 3 which is of vital importance to referees and should be of equal importance to players, who should know to what they are entitled under the Law.

Changes in the Laws

Although Associates are strongly advised to read through the new laws and to absorb them thoroughly, they will not find themselves at a disadvantage if they absorb this article and especially what follows.

Law 4 (c) and 19 (c).—If the striker's ball scores a hoop on a croquet stroke and subsequently goes off, his turn does not end.

Law 9.—In a best of three match there shall be only one toss.

Law 15(b).—A rover ball, which is in contact with the peg and is roqueted by the striker's rover ball is not pegged out if it is hit away from the peg.

Law 16(c).—"Mutual contact" means that the two outside balls in a group of 3 or 4 on the yard line or corner spot are in "mutual" contact with each other, as opposed to the centre ball which is in actual contact with the other two.

Law 18(b).—When taking croquet from a group of balls on the corner spot, the ball from which the croquet is taken is not moved back to the corner spot before arranging the balls, if it is not already on the spot.

Laws 26-29.—Law 26 and the following laws extend the doctrine of forestalling play. There are a number of important changes and only a thorough reading can give the full knowledge necessary.

Law 30(b).—This must be taken in conjunction with Law 32, since previously one law covered both. There is, however, an important difference between the old and the new laws which is covered here. Previously, the limit of claims was before the first stroke of the subsequent turn. This, in effect, meant that the adversary could claim that the striker had made a fault such as double-tapping, pushing, or a crush stroke, say, 5, or even 50 strokes earlier. The only fault which can continue in successive strokes, or which may become apparent at a later stage is that of playing the wrong ball. The law covering this is unchanged, and is the subject of Law 30(b) but all other faults are treated differently.

Law 32(b) (i).—The limit of claims for all faults other than playing the wrong ball is now before the playing of the next stroke but one.

Law 32(b) (ii).—For the special case when the striker fails to shake the croqueted ball and goes off the court in the same stroke, the adversary has the choice of having the stroke replayed or of leaving the balls as they lie.

Part IV

There is much that is new, but little that is a change in law in this part. It should be noted that no longer will the opinion of the striker prevail.

Part V

These amplify the present regulations 11 and 12.

Regulations

Regulation 3 is one which must be known by all referees and should be known by all players. It defines the powers and duties of referees under any set of circumstances as the heading of the sub-sections will show. Regulation 3B(k) in particular gives power to referees to impose any penalty they think fit in those cases where there is no automatic penalty. This regulation also makes it plain that the striker may call for a decision on a wired ball at any time.

Regulation 4 does not allow the striker in a time-limited game to ask for a decision on a wired ball, except before the first stroke of his turn.

Regulation 4 also provides that in time-limited games, when time is called, the striker shall complete his turn and the adversary shall have one further turn, which it is hoped, will eliminate the unseemly haste sometimes to be seen in these circumstances.

This does not claim to be a complete list of alterations in the law, but it deals with most of those which the player is likely to come across.

Read the new laws and learn them. A knowledge of the laws may not help you in your execution, but it will certainly add to your enjoyment of the game.

LEAMINGTON SPA TOURNAMENT

Owing to the limited number of courts now available, it is with great regret that the Leamington Spa Committee have had to cancel their open tournament in July.

ECONOMICS

Two years ago certain voices were raised in warning against the trend of the C.A.'s accounts. They foresaw danger ahead and wished to forestall it by raising the annual subscription. General agreement on this subject was not reached, but as a stop-gap measure—which was itself an indication that the warning had been heeded—certain modest steps were taken, last year, partially to improve the financial position. These steps were not expected to be wholly effective; nor have they been. In the meantime, in one form or another, the economy of the C.A. has been under almost constant consideration by the Council and its Finance & General Purposes Committee.

Elsewhere in this issue the Association's audited accounts and balance sheet for 1960 may be seen. References to these, hereafter, are in round figures only. It will be noted that, though income was up by £350 compared with 1959, a credit balance of £64 in that year was turned into a debit balance of £60 last year—an adverse swing of £124. Moreover the 1960 figure of income is inflated by a special non-recurring donation of £132 from the Felixstowe Club. If this is ignored, as it must be in a true examination of the C.A.'s budget, the real debit balance for 1960 becomes £192, and the adverse swing from 1959 to 1960 becomes £256. This is an alarming trend.

A conservative budget estimate for the current year indicates a debit balance of at least £200. The Association is now on a slope, the slipperiness of which is not lessened by the argument that this, that, or the other previous year was marked by some unusual expenditure. For everyone knows that in every form of budgeting every year always has some unusual or extra-ordinary expenditure. Budgets have to allow for that fact.

The balance sheet indicates that at 31st December, 1960, the Association's readily realisable assets were £2,804, plus cash at £978 less creditors at £183—£3,599 in all. The assets in the Apps Memorial, the New Zealand Test Team, and the Dominion Tour funds cannot be included in this figure because they are allocated to specific purposes and may not be used for ordinary expenditure. All costs continue to rise. Unless positive remedial action is taken now it is likely that, in the face of the accelerating adverse trend of its accounts, the C.A. will cease altogether to exist in ten years' time—some think much sooner. The demise of the C.A. would mean the end of croquet.

The Council of the C.A. is responsible to the Associates who elected it for acting in the best interests of the Association. It would be a timid and worthless Council indeed that did not face facts, however unpleasant, or that shirked an unpopular duty. It would be an irresponsible Council that did not give thought to safeguarding the future in the interests of the Associates. It would be an altogether shameful Council of whom it could later be said—"They were responsible for killing croquet."

During the last two years the Council has come to support the view that realistic action is necessary in the face of facts as they exist. Debate has been mainly concerned with method. The stage has now been reached when, on the strong recommendation of the Finance & General Purposes Committee and of the Treasurer himself, the Council has decided, by a very large majority, that, from 1st January, 1962, subscriptions must be raised in accordance with the schedule printed elsewhere in this issue. The Council as much regrets the need for, as it is convinced by the rightness of this decision, which the Associates will be asked to endorse at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

This is a matter which vitally affects every Associate. It would perhaps be useful to state the case against certain criticisms which have already been heard.

Of course the Council is not trying to build up vast unnecessary funds and to turn itself into an investment company making a large profit. What it is trying to do is to prevent existing funds dwindling rather rapidly away, and to create that modestly balanced budget with a small annual surplus available to put to reserve, which is the essence of the economy of every person or organisation if they are to survive. Reserves beyond the immediate cash requirement are, naturally, invested according to the most prudent advice available.

There is no intention to build up a huge investment reserve in order from time to time to provide a lucullan holiday for the members of touring Test Teams. The question of financial help for these teams is a complicated one. The selectors have to choose a team to represent their country. It is far from ideal that they should be put in the position of having to choose, not by the standard of the best players, but by the standard of the richest. It has to be remembered, too, that touring teams are given official

hospitality which has to be returned. There is another point which can give rise to misunderstanding: the challenge to a series of test matches is issued, and plans and negotiations are begun, years before the event is to take place. At that time the Council must commit itself to an acceptance or refusal. No special funds normally exist, nor can their collection be even contemplated until a year or two nearer the event. To accept a challenge, therefore, the Council must be able, at that time, to guarantee it. There must be a permanent modest capital reserve for this purpose. In the words of one of Croquet's patriarchs—"It would be a disgraceful thing if the C.A., which is, after all, a national organisation, ever found itself in the position of being unable to provide that guarantee".

It has been suggested that it would be better to have a large number of Associates happy at paying the existing rate of subscription, rather than perhaps fewer paying the proposed higher rate. The Council is very keen to keep the Associates happy; but how long would the former group remain happy if their game were to cease to exist altogether? And why should the numbers be reduced? Croquet would still be about the cheapest game to play. Can anyone who belongs to any club or other organisation seriously deny that their subscriptions or costs have been vastly increased since before the war? The C.A. has held out for a very long time. If it continues to bury its head in the sand it will do so at its own peril. Relating the pre-war subscription rate to the fall in the value of sterling since that time would indicate that the present subscription rate should already be more than three guineas. The Council has consistently held the view that those Associates who play most should pay most. The less well-off Associates by inference do not go away to tournaments, but do play in tournaments at their own clubs. Under the new rates of subscription they will pay the same annual sum as at present. Why should they leave the Association? The better-off Associates by inference go away to play in tournaments other than those at their own clubs, because they can afford to. Is it even remotely possible that these, for the sake of an extra thirty-three shillings a year, would abandon the Association, thereby most likely incurring payments of tribute far in excess of that sum?

It is legitimate to ask whether the Council has considered all the cuts it might make in expenses. There is, in fact, no room for cuts except possibly in the case of the magazine. This is being examined by the appropriate committee; but it should be noted that no saving here is likely to have a decisive influence on the Association's budget; and further, no increase in advertisement revenue can be expected without a vastly increased circulation.

By contrast, the Council, and, it is to be hoped, many of the Associates, are acutely conscious that the Secretary, who works very much longer hours than most would guess, is inadequately rewarded by any standards. She herself has not asked for, and it is known she would not accept, an increase in her salary at this stage. But there are other ways in which she could, and ought to be more adequately rewarded. These would have their effect upon the Association's expenditure.

The Secretary works in an office—in which, incidentally, croquet players from all over the world have to be received—which is bleakly furnished and would not compare favourably with a modern barrack room. It is true to say that even if her present reward were effectively doubled, she would still be working for the C.A. very much on a voluntary basis.

The Council has confidence that the Association will loyally support it in the decision it has felt itself compelled to make.

A steady increase in the number of Associates is the ultimate key to the Association's future. On the assumption that the Council's decision will be endorsed by the annual general meeting, the enrolment of new Associates will be as important as ever, for it will have a direct bearing upon the number of years ahead that the new subscription rates remain unaltered.

It is not the purpose of this article, nor has it any authority, to make forecasts about the policy of future Councils when the present adverse financial trend has been halted and the Association is once more paying its way. It would, however, be a fairly obvious guess to suggest that in these happy circumstances a future Council might well think it wise to consider the provision of increased practical aid to the clubs.

In the meantime—and to try to end on a cheerful note—this article would be losing an opportunity if it did not draw attention to the fact that the expectation of human life is steadily lengthening as year follows year. Labuntur anni Associates have got to be very far past middle age before Life Membership, even at the new rate, ceases to be a very good investment indeed.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1960

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
1959	1960	1959	1960
£	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.
To Medals	20	By Subscriptions—	693
Prizes at Meetings—	36	484 Ordinary Members at £1 10s. 0d.	726 0 0
Rochampton	10	5 Ordinary Members at £1 0s. 0d.	5 0 0
Hurlingham	10	5 Ordinary Members at £5s. 0d.	3 15 0
Eastbourne	41	16 Ordinary Members at 10s. 0d.	8 0 0
Expenses at Meetings—	87	1 Life Member at £22 1s. 0d.	22 1 0
Rochampton	62	Miscellaneous	2 5 6
Hurlingham	138	Donations	9 5 3
Eastbourne	27	Affiliation Fees, Overseas Clubs	132 8 3
Engraving and carriage of Trophies	256	Entry Fees—	157 13 6
Magazine—	433	Rochampton	28 9 6
Printing and Postage	15	Hurlingham	159 2 6
Less Sales	775 5 0	Eastbourne	345 5 6
Advertisements	95 10 6	Levy and Tribute	229 14 0
Printing—Laws and Hints	36 3 0	Sales, Year Book, Laws, Leaflets and croquet entry forms	94 11 3
Year Book	105 0 0	Dividends and Interest, less tax—	14 6 8
Secretary's Salary	141 3 0	British Gas 4% Consolidated 31%	9 14 6
Office Rent, Cleaning, Light and Heat	100 0 0	London County 3% 1966-68	13 15 8
Hire of Rooms	14 14 0	King Street 3% 1966-68	17 15 3
Repairs and Renewals of furniture	22 0 0	Omnium Investment Co. Deferred Stock	12 5 1
Advertising	58 18 3	Bay Hall Trust Ltd. Ordinary shares	67 17 2
Office Stationery and Duplicating	43	Dividends and Interest, Gross—	17 5 2
Telephone	27 17 5	War Stock 3%	13 16 4
Insurance Trophies and Office Contents	8 11 11	Bank Deposit Interest	31 1 8
Postage	20 14 0	Less Tax	7 7 8
Removal Expenses	26 5 0	Rent Received	23 13 10
Audit Fees	4 1 0	Excess of Expenditure over Income	59 16 7
Legal Expenses	11		
Travelling and Sundry expenses	130 1 5		
Prints—Council Cultural and Physical Recreation	5 5 0		
National Playing Fields Association	10 0 0		
Reigate Club	16 6 0		
Excess of Income over Expenditure	1,336		
	£1,746 1 4		

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1960

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
1959	1960	1959	1960
£	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.
ACCUMULATED FUND—	3,385	OFFICE FURNITURE—	169 19 9
As at 1st January, 1960	64	At cost per last Balance Sheet	31 6 9
Profit on sale of investments	3,710 19 11	Added in year	201 6 6
Less: Excess Expenditure 1960	59 16 7	TROPHIES—	520 19 6
	3,651 3 4	At valuation per last Balance Sheet	59 12 7
NEW ZEALAND TEST TEAM ENTERTAINMENT FUND—	101 13 2	SUNDREY DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS	490 8 0
Unexpended Balance	489 9 4	£585 0s. 0d. British Gas 4% Guaranteed Stock 1969-72	649 17 9
DOMINION TOUR FUND*	115 10 0	£750 0s. 0d. Funding Stock 3% 1966-68	430 10 0
APPS MEMORIAL FUND	19 18 6	£453 9s. 9d. London County Consolidated 31% 1966-68	500 0 0
SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED IN ADVANCE	182 18 10	£483 3s. 0d. War Stock 3%	288 0 0
SUNDREY CREDITORS, Expenses outstanding	10	£220 0s. 0d. Omnium Investment Co. Deferred stock	440 9 0
	2,791	10 Rochampton Country Club £1 shares	440 9 0
	4,853	Bay Hall Trust Ltd. 10% Ordinary Shares (8d.)	2,810 13 2
	£4,570 13 2	CASH AT BANK	508 19 0
		Current Account	465 10 0
		Deposit Account	3 12 5
		In hand	978 1 5
			£4,570 13 2

*This fund is allocated solely for the purpose indicated by its title.

We have received all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept. We have examined the Balance Sheet and annexed Income and Expenditure Account which are in agreement with the books. In our opinion and to the best of information and the explanations given to us, the Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the Association's affairs at 31st December, 1960, and the Income and Expenditure Account gives a true and fair view of the excess of expenditure for the year ended on that date.

3 RAYMOND BUILDINGS, GRAY'S INN, LONDON, W.C.1.

23rd January, 1961.

BEGBIE, ROBINSON & CO., Chartered Accountants

CORRESPONDENCE

Increased subscriptions

Dear Sir,
The article entitled *Economics* which appears in this number was written at the express wish of the Council to give Associates the opportunity of studying the problem before the revised Subscriptions set out in the Agenda are submitted for ratification at the A.G.M. on 29th May.

As Chairman of the Council I wish to associate myself with this article and to make my position quite clear.

I propose to treat this matter as a Vote of Confidence for if it is not accepted I am not prepared to stay on and endeavour to carry out a policy which I consider suicidal.

Yours faithfully,
A. E. STOKES-ROBERTS,
Chairman of Council

Shortened Games

Dear Sir,
There seems to be one point about shortened games that tournament managers seem to have missed. The object of shortened games is, presumably, to save time in order that further games may be played. What then is the object of a shortened game in a final?

Yours faithfully,
G. E. CAVE

Time limits

Dear Sir,
The centenary of Croquet as a serious game approaches. For more than fifty of those hundred years Mr. Maurice Reckitt has been an outstanding figure in the croquet world as expert player and tireless administrator, and has given generously and freely of his talented mastery of the written and spoken word. What a superb record of long and devoted service to the game! Such thoughts arise when reading, in your December issue, his brilliant review of the 1960 season.

And yet I dare to dispute just one opinion he there expresses: his absolute and thirty-year-old opposition to the "deplorable practice" of the "general time limit".

Your issue of October, 1955, published my plea for a two-and-a-half hour time limit and gave reasons, all of which still stand. After five further years' experience my conviction that it should be applied is strengthened—particularly by more knowledge of tournament managers' problems, and also the invariable reply from friends I've tried to tempt into the game: "It takes too long". The Council presumably is against me.

I suggest that, next season, clubs try holding members American tournaments with this time limit, two points for a win and one point for a win on time. It will be discovered with surprise how both long and short bisquers face up to and overcome the time problem, and how few games fail to finish. If six courts are available twelve competitors can take part in two blocks, and all is finished in two days. With four courts available eight competitors playing in two blocks take only one day, block winners playing off later at their convenience.

I am confident those playing would become as strong supporters of the idea as were those who tried it at Hurlingham.

Yours faithfully,
H. G. STOKER

Handicap doubles

Dear Sir,
I have a suggestion to make which perhaps might lead to the successful conclusion of the Six day tournaments, without the introduction of shortened games, or players being asked to scratch. Surely the answer to this problem is to start the Handicap doubles on Tuesday? It is nearly always this event which causes the 'hold-up' and by making an early start in the week, and pegging away at this event all Tuesday and Wednesday the finalists should be known by that evening, and what a wonderful clearance that would make.

The idea is not original, as the late Mr. F. E. Green often practiced this method. Most players dislike shortened games, and nobody should be asked to scratch unless he or she should happen to find themselves in three events on Friday. It would make for a much happier atmosphere all round if the games could be got through without any alterations other than advertised.

Yours truly,
V. BERYL LATHAM

AUSTRALIAN CARNIVAL REPORT

The 11th Australian Croquet Council Carnival held in Perth was opened at the Fremantle Bowling Pavilion on a glorious morning.

Mrs. Gordon, President of the W.A. Croquet Association, and the Mayor of Fremantle welcomed the visitors, and hoped they would have a happy and enjoyable stay in the City of Perth. Mrs. Gordon introduced Miss Morrison, President of the Australian Council who then took charge of the proceedings. The Medals and Bars were then presented to the winners from each State. Mesdames Colhoun, Tasmania: Harrison, Victoria: Donovan, South Australia: I. Taylor, New South Wales: G. Leahey of Western Australia and Mr. Hedley Gunton of Queensland.

The draw for the Teams then took place, followed by a gift as a souvenir, to each member of the Team and to the President and Secretary of the A.C.C. Programmes of social events, trips, etc., were distributed among the guests present.

Morning tea was served by members of the Fremantle Club, after which officials, Delegates, State teams and visitors left for the Civic reception given by the Lord Mayor of Perth. A special bus conveyed the visitors to the Council Chambers.

A Delegate's Luncheon, with the President of the W.A.C.A. as hostess was held at Boans, and followed by the Annual Meeting. Tribute was paid to Miss Morrison, retiring President and congratulations to Mrs. McClelland who was entering her term of office. Regret was expressed that Mrs. Sharples had to retire from the secretaryship, and Mrs. Thorpe was appointed.

Test Matches were held at Subiaco, Hollywood and Nedlands, with singles and doubles being played at Victoria Park and Bassen-dean. Queensland won the Teams contest and were heartily congratulated on their first win in this event.

A Church Parade and half day tour of Perth beauty spots was arranged for the first Sunday, and an all day trip to the Northam Club for lunch and York Club for afternoon tea, the following Sunday. A picture night, social evenings and afternoons were held for visitors and players.

The players' dinner arranged annually by the Australian Croquet Council was held at the Civic Centre, Cottesloe, and was attended by a record crowd. Miss A. B. Morrison was presented with a watch by the officials and delegates as a token of esteem and appreciation of her administration during her office as President.

Valuable service was given by the press, radio and television, this being sent to other States.

THE INTER-STATE CUP

Winners: Queensland: Mr. Hedley Gunton, Mrs. E. Rudder, Mrs. W. Limpus, Mrs. C. Cathcart, Miss V. Campbell, (non-playing Captain), Mrs. F. M. Hough (reserve).

Runners-up: South Australia: Mrs. W. P. Lewis, Mrs. D. Donovan (Captain), Mrs. J. Swan, Miss J. Gehan.

FINAL RESULTS

	Points	Games	Matches
Queensland	741	26	5
South Australia	674	21	4
Victoria	646	19	3
Western Australia	592	14	2
New South Wales	557	10	1
Tasmania	247	0	0

British Silver Medal: Mr. Hedley Gunton, Queensland.

British Bronze Medal: Mrs. M. Harrison, Victoria.

Championship Singles: (The Wall Cup): Mrs. M. Harrison, Victoria, Runner-up: Mr. H. Gunton, Queensland.

Championship Doubles: (The Gibson Trophies) The winners: Mesdames Lewis and Donovan, South Australia. Runners-up: Mrs. Cathcart and Mr. Wilson, Queensland.

The Brady Trophy: Won by Mrs. F. McDonald, Beverley, W.A.

At the end of the contest for the English Silver and Bronze Medals, the winners were presented to Lady Gairdner, Patroness of the W.A. Croquet Association, who presented the trophies.

Notes from the Clubs

Budleigh Salterton

The croquet players of the club have paid for the installation of an adequate water supply to all the courts at a cost of approximately £90. This will ensure that the courts are kept in good condition if we again enjoy real summer weather.

Two courts were in play until January 12th and were in very good condition. Col. Stobart visited us in November and Mr. and Mrs. Karmel came for a Christmas croquet holiday! Three or four games were played daily against the local stalwarts who like winter croquet.

The committee have decided to hold an extra tournament this year. It will take the form of an American Handicap singles to be played from July 4th-7th. This will enable visitors to have 2 weeks consecutive croquet in Devon and will replace the Exmouth tournament which no longer takes place.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Elvey and Mr. J. K. Brown as new members and look forward to an active season with a lot of local competitions.

Cheltenham

We are holding our annual 3-day American Tournament from May 20th-22nd inclusive, and are looking forward to welcoming some visitors to this enjoyable event. It is such a good opportunity to get into training for bigger things in the Croquet Calendar.

At the moment of writing the Courts look superb and our enthusiastic Groundsman hopes they will be perfect this season. Let us hope the weather won't let us down!

Compton (Eastbourne)

First of all, before we turn to purely croquet matters, we are happy to congratulate Godfrey Style on being created a C.B.E.

After the wet summer our lawns were invaded by moss. This has been dealt with apparently successfully and we expect them soon to be in first rate condition. A good deal of money is being spent on achieving this. It is only possible through the great generosity of a member, who has on previous occasions also come to our rescue. The Club is in a poor way financially and last year's accounts show we lost over £120—a very serious matter for a Club with less than 40 members, and about half of these court members. The truth is we have been living in a Pools' Paradise. The Saffrons Welfare Association, which gets its income from a Football Pool that it runs and that used to produce £5,000 a year, has made us each year handsome gifts. Their income has sadly declined and last year we received nothing, and the future is far from bright.

Parkstone

The East Dorset Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club (Parkstone) will open on April 17th. The five courts have had good work done on them during the winter. Classes, as usual, will be arranged for beginners and any other members who wish for assistance. We shall be pleased to welcome new members.

Before the Club opens, Canon and Mrs. Creed Meredith have very kindly arranged another of their popular social gatherings for Croquet members, at which there will be talks and general discussions on croquet. Last year the beginners found these talks, which were illustrated by table croquet, very helpful and were much appreciated.

The dates for the Open Tournaments will be the weeks of June 26th and September 4th, when we hope to see new and old friends.

Hurlingham

The mild winter has enabled Tom Grey to keep the cricket field lawn open all the time and well patronised it has been, with two-ball croquet the popular outlet for winter energy.

Brack is to manage our August tournament again and the recovery of our ninth day will no doubt ease his problems. To avoid players hanging around in the early part of the week to little purpose we are providing that high bisquers will have leave until Wednesday or Thursday, as will be described in the conditions in due course. The loss of Roger de Wesselow was very keenly felt by his many friends at Hurlingham.

Roehampton

Mr. J. B. Gilbert was re-elected Chairman of the Roehampton Croquet Committee, and Miss D. A. Lintern was re-elected Captain. In spite of the unfortunate happening during the week-end of 19th February, when 10 horses got loose from the stables and cantered over the croquet courts, doing a considerable amount of damage, the courts will open for play on Good Friday, 31st March. Much work has been done to repair the damage, and after enquiry the Secretary of the Club reported the courts would be in very good condition.

The Club competitions this season will be the same as last year, and it is hoped that competitors will arrange their games as early as possible. The Golf Croquet day will be on Saturday, April 29th.

Evening games will be arranged during the season if this proves popular and is well supported.

We would like to add a word of congratulation to Mr. Reep Lintern for being awarded a C.B. in the New Year's Honours List. Mr. Lintern was for some years a croquet member, and still visits the courts at week-ends to watch our games. His first class knowledge of the game, and his advice and criticism are always valued. We hope in a few years time to see him playing on the courts again.

Questions and Answers

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

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

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

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

MID-WINTER CROQUET

Fancy a croquet tournament on the first two days of the New Year! It sounds unbelievable but, once again, truth is stranger than fiction, and croquet has got off to an early start this year. Given a large enough space with a smooth underfelt covering over the floor boards, anybody can play in the cold and wet winter days.

The original idea started at Ladymead three years ago and was so successful and enjoyable that it has been repeated each year. This year it was intended to hold a one day meeting but it was so successful that all the players turned up again on the following day even from some distance. The guests must surely hope it will be an annual event and that they will be invited to come once more.

The games were played on the felt in the drawing-room of a charming house in Sussex, the rugs being rolled up and put away. The furniture was pushed back against the walls to make room for the spectators. The court measured 21 feet by 15 feet. Miniature hoops, pegs, mallets and balls (snooker balls) were provided. The boundary was a 6-inch surround of green braid supported by small metal uprights. A manager, referee and time-keeper were appointed and a proper programme drawn up. Handicap singles with a modified scale of bisques and a fifteen minute time allowance and the one man one ball game (eight minutes' allowance) were played on the first day and were followed by golf-croquet doubles and more one ball games on the second. It really was great fun. The one ball games lent themselves to a good deal of hilarity in which the real experts (of whom there were four or five at least) were as noisy as the others. The entry fees and prizes were devoted to the R.S.P.C.A.

Readers must not imagine that it is an easy matter on this miniature court to lay breaks and get round. The felt makes a very fast surface. Take-offs, stop shots and rolling two balls up the court are quite difficult. The seams on the felt are an amusing hazard. There were many lifts as balls were often completely and unintentionally wired. In many cases a lift went unobserved. The hoops were easy to run from all sorts of unlikely angles as their entrances were splayed and seven or eight hoops in a turn were often achieved. With a little practice, a careful player could go all round.

If you have the space, why not try this excellent form of croquet?

THE 1961 SEASON

There is rather more to which the attention of associates needs to be called on this occasion than has been the case for a number of years. In particular, there are certain changes in what was once known as the 'Official Calendar' but is now more informally headed Tournament Fixtures. Alterations in the dates and venues of C.A. events ought not to be (and indeed are not) made without very careful consideration, and since this is so, associates are entitled to know the reasons which have impelled the Council to decide upon them. In this instance the main motives which determined the Council's action were two. In the first place, it was recognised that the C.A. has in recent years been asking of the Hurlingham Club rather more than some at any rate of their playing members may have felt to be reasonable. As many as four weeks in the season were occupied by our tournaments, three of which were open only to those selected to play in them, and the fourth, being the Open Championships, was in effect if not in form, restricted to (more or less) first-class players. The other consideration concerned the Championships. It was felt to be highly desirable that events so important should be held at a date when a maximum number of our finest players would be free to compete in them. Mid-July is not such a period, since professional men, and especially lawyers and schoolmasters, are very unlikely to find it possible to enter them. Hence the changes introduced (if only experimentally) this season.

Instead of asking Hurlingham for two events in July we are asking now only for one (which this year will fall almost entirely in August!). The Sussex County Club has generously agreed to allow the Ladies Field Cup to be held on their courts at Southwick; shall we find ourselves referring to the distinguished players as the 'Outer Seven' on this occasion?

At this point it may be appropriate to record that those taking part in the C.A.s three invitation events will be notified that they must accept on the clear understanding that no leave of any kind will be granted during the hours in which the competition is played. This is, of course, no more than has been generally understood in the past, but it should assist those who kindly undertake to manage these events to have this condition in black and white.

Other modifications of our programme are less radical. The 'Caskets' will be played for a week later than has been the case for some years since it appears that some at any rate who compete in the 'Counties' and wish to play in these Championships would find it more convenient if a week intervened between these events. An extra day has been added—or more precisely restored—to the Hurlingham Tournament, and to avoid congestion at Roehampton in the following days, the final stages of the All England Handicap have been postponed to September and will be played during the 21st to 23rd, dates immediately previous to the very popular tournament at Roehampton Club. This will have the advantage of enabling Clubs, should they so wish, to extend the period over which the competitions for this event are held.

Observant croquet players will already have had their hearts gladdened by the news that summer-time is to be extended for several weeks this year. This will greatly help the Managers at Devonshire Park and doubtless obviate the number of shortened games which have too often been found necessary. Two other matters which concern this tournament may be remarked on here. The presentation of the Felix Cup to the C.A. enables the level events to be extended from four to five classes: this Cup will be awarded to the winner of a new 'B' class for those with handicaps from 1½ to 4 inclusive; the higher classes being for 4½ to 7½; 8 to 10½; and for 11 and over—this last surely offering a special attraction for beginners. The other matter concerns the annual Match, which is now to be transferred from the first to the final Saturday of the fortnight, thus surely removing whatever grievances (real or imagined!) may have been felt in regard to it in the past, while preserving a valuable opportunity to show croquet at its best to a public which has all too few chances to witness it.

So much for our fixture list. But there were several other matters concerning our tournaments in regard to which the Council came to a decision. First, it was thought that the time has come when what is permissible and what is not in respect of the vexed matter of 'seeding' should be officially laid down for the guidance of local tournament committees. Such committees may, of course, abstain from any seeding of the draw if they so desire, but if they do wish to embark upon it in relation to their Official Tournaments, they must do so only in the following cases: (i) Players from the same club drawn against each other; (ii) close relations drawn against each other; (iii) competitors already drawn against each other in one event at the tournament. Nothing beyond this will be allowable. It was further stipulated that there shall be no seeding whatever in the five Championship events—Open, Men's and Women's Singles, and Open and Mixed Doubles.

For the rest, associates are referred to the re-draft of 'Regulations for Official Tournaments' which have for some time been badly in need of revision, and this should appear, in conjunction with the revised Laws, before long. A careful reading of the Minutes of Council meetings which are included in this number will enable diligent readers to obtain as it were a preview of some of the modifications and alterations involved. Included in these are particulars of a certain flexibility in respect of the Bagnall Wild draw which was authorised by the Council as an assistance to Managers and local tournament committees in certain cases.

M.B.R.

BRIDGE

by E. P. C. Cotter, British International

This year's competition drew only a few entries and I would welcome a better response. Are readers too lazy to send in their answers?

The winner of the prize is R. V. N. Wiggins, with Major-General Davidson a close second.

This time the answers to the play were very good, but the bidding problems caused great havoc.

The answers to the first three questions are given below: the remaining three will be covered in the next issue.

In each case you are South, playing Two Clubs, Strong No Trump, and Blackwood.

Question 1. You deal and hold:

S—A, Q, 10, 9, 6, 3.

H—4.

D—K, 7, 6.

C—8, 7, 5.

You bid one Spade, West bids two Hearts, North three Spades and East four Hearts.

What do you now bid?

The suggested answer is NO BID.

This is clearly a matter of looking ahead. If you bid 4 Spades (which seems so obvious) and West bids 5 Hearts which is doubled by North, you won't know what to do. But if you pass, all is easy. North will double 4 Hearts if his bid was on high card values, which you will remove to 4 Spades. If he now doubles 5 Hearts you can pass happily. If his raise was distributional he will bid 4 Spades, and now you will have no hesitation about bidding 5 Spades over 5 Hearts.

Question 2. Partner bids one Heart to which you reply one Spade holding:

S—A, K, 10, 3, 2.

H—7, 5.

D—6, 4, 2.

C—A, J, 7.

Partner rebids two Hearts, what do you now bid?

The suggested answer is THREE CLUBS.

We arrive at this by a process of elimination. There is no other good bid. The bid of 3 Clubs allows partner to contract for 3 No Trumps if he has the required holding, re-bid his hearts again, or give you a Spade preference. There should be game somewhere—it is a question of finding the right spot.

Question 3. Partner bids one No Trump and East doubles. Your hand is:

S—Q, 6, 5, 2.

H—Q, 8, 4.

D—Q, 3, 2.

C—Q, 4, 2.

You pass, and West bids two Hearts. After two passes it is up to you.

What do you now bid?

The suggested answer is DOUBLE.

This is very obvious. West is almost sure to go down 500 points at least, and 3 No Trumps for your side is less sure and less profitable.

REPORT OF PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

It is hoped that Dr. Ormerod's book on croquet in the "Know the Game" series will be in the shops in April and sell at 2s. 6d. All members of Council are asked to do their best to get this book into their local shops.

"Twelve Hints", which was re-printed, did not sell well and everybody is asked to do their best to push it this year.

Although the advertisements in the "Telegraph" brought a considerable number of people to see play at Hurlingham, it only resulted in one paid up Associate so far. It was considered that the money could be better spent and it was decided to recommend to Council that provincial Clubs should be given advertisements in their local papers, should they desire this.

Westminster School was given equipment by the C.A. for a croquet lawn in the Dean's Yard. If this is in use in 1961, the Committee suggests that exhibition games be staged there if possible.

New associates. There were 62 new associates in 1960, but the total gain was only 18, owing to deaths and resignations.

Posters. The Committee recommend that Club Secretaries should be asked if they would like posters this year, and in any case the posters shall be smaller.

There is every likelihood of a croquet Club being opened at Llandudno this May.

The Committee authorise Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts to ask Council to grant a sum of £50 this year for publicity.

Accounts of the money spent from the £100 allowed by Council for 1960 appended.

PUBLICITY ACCOUNT

	£	s.	d.
Posters	17	16	0
Advertisements (4)	17	10	0
Equipment Westminster School	7	11	0
Twelve Hints reprint (500)	14	2	6
Leaflets	9	9	0
Extra June Croquet	2	5	0
Refund of half subscriptions	15	0	0
	£83	13	6

REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

This Committee has pleasure in recommending to Council:—

1. That the Audited accounts be approved for submission to the Annual General Meeting and that explanatory notes be added to the Balance Sheet.
2. That we should take up the rights issue of the Omnium Trust.
3. *Subscription rates.* It was unanimously agreed that these must go up and Mr. Solomon's motion passed by Council to this Committee was exhaustively considered and the following is recommended involving alterations to Rule XXIV with effect from January 1st, 1962:—
Associates on the roll of membership on that date shall pay 3 gns. a year, unless they signify their intention not to participate in any Tournament other than those at their own Club, when they shall pay a reduced rate of 30s.
Associates joining after this date shall pay 30s. in the first year, and subsequently 3 gns.
Overseas members shall pay £1.
Junior members shall pay £1 and shall enjoy all privileges.
Life members shall pay £35.
After August 1st, new members shall pay half rates for that year.
4. *Affiliation of Clubs (Rule XVIII).* That the suggestion put forward by the Nottingham Club should be adopted: i.e. "That a *per capita* charge of 5s. per member in respect of all non-associate members in possession of a Club handicap shall be paid annually by the Club to the Croquet Association."
5. *Laws reprint.* That the new Law book shall have a slightly better cover and that the lowest estimate made shall be accepted, that of Messrs. R. H. Johns from Monmouthshire.
6. *Cost of magazine.* This Committee has no observations to make concerning the magazine.
7. *Annual award of £5 from the Apps Memorial Fund.* That this be given this year to a new Club starting at Llandudno.
8. That, in response to an application, a grant of £10 be made to the Llandudno Club.

EMBERS

An advertisement elsewhere in this number should have a particular interest to all croquet players. It brings to our notice a book of verses from the pen of Maurice B. Reckitt. The more discerning of our readers will have already noted his talents in this field from the verses that have appeared from time to time in *Croquet* under the pseudonym M. Bear. A particular favourite of mine, *Mallets in Thunderland*, inspired by the awful weather at Devonshire Park three years ago, is included in the book which is available at 2s. 6d. (post free 3s.) from the author. The early part of the book contains poems, many of which appeared in *G.K.s Weekly* and the *New English Weekly*. The second part contains those more familiar to our readers.

OBITUARY

Mrs. C. R. TURNER

The death of Mrs. C. R. Turner on January 7th will not have passed unnoticed by older Associates who will remember affectionately her singular sweetness and vivacity.

A member of the Croquet Association by 1924, her activity on the lawns really dates from 1928.

In this year, possessed of a handicap of 9, and still unwary in her tactics, her good execution and enterprise nevertheless carried her to victory in the enormous Peel Memorial event of that year.

Ten seasons later came a bid for the 'Candlesticks', in partnership with Miss G. Skene, which was likewise successful. Her handicap was now 2½, and a consistently good record in 'B' opens, especially, had meanwhile won her numerous prizes.

Mrs. C. R. Turner, alas, never re-appeared in tournaments after the War. She was, as may be recalled, a sister-in-law of Mrs. Ernest Turner. N.O.H.

H. W. J. SNELL

There will not be many associates today who can recall this once prominent player whose death occurred in January of this year. For Snell retired from the game at a relatively early age, after having played a notable part in its major competitions between 1912 and 1923. He appeared in the 'Best Ten' on two occasions, winning the Beddow Cup in 1914 during a week overshadowed by the impending war which broke out a few days later. He was back in the competition in 1922 and 1923, having in the latter year won the Championship. But after this he seldom appeared again.

Snell, with his fine upstanding style, was one of the most attractive players of his type in the history of the game. He was always a particularly difficult man to beat, for he did not much relish defeat, particularly at the hands of the opposite sex, who were beginning to come very much to the fore in the years immediately following the first world war. M.B.R.

Mrs. G. M. ROBERTSON

The Parkstone Club regrets to announce the death, on January 29th, 1961, of Mrs. G. M. Robertson at the age of 92. She joined the Club from Felixstowe 8 years ago, and though never improving beyond a handicap of 14 bisques, she was always very keen and enjoyed her croquet. She was happiest when at the Club. In spite of her age, she was active to the end of her life and was playing in the 1960 September Tournament.

MISS H. M. PETTITT

The Parkstone Club regret to report the death of Miss H. M. Pettitt on March 7th, 1961. She joined the Club three years ago and took a great interest in croquet. She was a sporting member, always keen to learn and joined in all the Club events.

WANTED.—Two sets of croquet equipment, one for personal, another for School use. Please contact Canon Markham, The Vicarage, Grimsby. Telephone 4243. (adv.)

KNOW THE GAME—CROQUET

This addition to the literature of croquet has not been received in time for review but is currently being published. It will be available by the time this issue is in print, at 2s. 6d. a copy. It is published by Educational Productions Limited, and can be obtained from the Secretary, C.A. We owe a debt to the author, Dr. G. L. Ormerod and hope to do justice to the work in our next issue.

Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 4 Southampton Row on Thursday, November 17th, 1960.

Present

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (Chairman), Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, Col. J. G. Clarke, Major J. H. Dibley, E. P. Duffield, G. V. Evans, Miss D. A. Lintern, Rev. Canon R. Creed-Meredith, M. B. Reckitt, Mrs. E. Reeve, J. M. Rivington, Mrs. E. Rotherham, J. W. Solomon, Cmdr. G. W. Style, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins, Mrs. V. C. Gasson (Secretary).

Apologies for absence

Col. C. C. Adams, Mrs. P. E. Heley, G. N. B. Huskinson, W. Longman, Brig. J. S. Omond, Dr. G. L. Ormerod, H. C. S. Perry.

Arising out of Minutes

Mr. Reckitt said he would like to inform the Council that after most thorough discussion and ballot, Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard was awarded the Apps Bowl as the most improved player of the year.

The Chairman said he had had an interesting interview with one expert on fund raising and publicity and was having another with someone else shortly, after which he would prepare a report for Council.

Questions

Mrs. Reeve asked if Council did not think it a good idea to have small leaflets printed about the Association and have them enclosed in all copies of laws sold by Jaques. This was agreed.

Election of Candidates

No. 6332 was elected.

Report of the Tournament Committee

This was presented by Mr. Reckitt, Chairman of the Committee, who went through the items on the report slightly elaborating them. After prolonged discussion it was decided:

- (a) To ask the Roehampton Club to allow the Men's & Women's Championships to be played on their lawns on June 12th.
- (b) To ask the Hurlingham Club to allow the Open Championships to be played there on July 31st.
- (c) To transfer the Ladies Field Cup to Southwick Club, to be played there on July 17th. (Southwick being agreeable).
- (d) To change the date of the All England Area Finals to September 21st at Roehampton, immediately prior to their Tournament. Thus enabling Hurlingham Club to include the whole of the last Wednesday in their Tournament.
- (e) Council agreed to the addition of the suggested sentence for Invitation Events.

The suggestion that Roehampton Club should be asked to allow the Open Championships to be played there was dropped, because Miss Lintern said that Roehampton was very much adverse to the idea. It was therefore decided to leave the Caskets at Roehampton and try to alter the date of the Open Championships to July 31st at Hurlingham.

Devonshire Park

Item (iv) was agreed with the alteration that the Class Events should be in the following order and the new Cup given to the old "B" class.

Felix Cup. 1½-4. (Law 44 partially suspended.)

Devonshire Park Salver. 4½-7½.

Luard Cup. 8-10½.

Trevor Williams Cup. 11 bisques and over.

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(v) The Council did not agree to the Singles Championships being played under the "Two-Life" system. Mr. Solomon proposed and Dr. Wiggins seconded that "the Championships be left at the best of three, but no Match should take more than 7½ hours". The exact form of the play under these conditions were left to the Tournament Committee to work out.

Major Dibley asked if the Longman Cup Club Team event was to be held and was told that it was unchanged and therefore not a subject of consideration by the Tournament Committee.

The Match

Council agreed with the Committee's recommendations in all respects.

Canon Creed Meredith's motion

- (i) That in singles shortened games are unsatisfactory and when really necessary should be introduced as late as possible in the Event.
- (ii) That in Handicap Doubles a time limit of less than 3½ hours is unsatisfactory.
- (iii) That Managers should be advised not to accept more entries than can be covered by assuming 2.75 games per court per day for four days, 2.25 games per court on the 5th day and 1.5 games per court on the 6th day.

In presenting his motion Canon Creed Meredith said first he wished to say a tribute of appreciation to all Managers as he felt all croquet players owed them an immense debt of gratitude. This was loudly supported by Council. The Canon made many suggestions for the smoother running of Tournaments, but Mr. Brackenbury pointed out the many hazards that alter the best made plans. After further discussion the Council agreed that they should take note of the Canon's suggestions but felt that no hard and fast rules should be laid down, other than in Regulations for Official Tournaments which were under consideration by the Tournament Committee and the Laws Re-draft Committee.

Seeding

This was agreed to by the Council as set out in the report. Mr. Reckitt said he wanted it strongly emphasised that it is the individual choice of any Tournament Committee whether they seed, within the limits, or not.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 4, Southampton Row on 8th December, 1960.

Present

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (Chairman), Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, Col. J. G. Clarke, Major J. H. Dibley, E. P. Duffield, G. V. Evans, W. Longman, Mrs. P. E. Heley, G. N. B. Huskinson, Miss D. A. Lintern, Dr. G. L. Ormerod, H. C. S. Perry, M. B. Reckitt, Mrs. E. Reeve, J. M. Rivington, Cmdr. G. W. Style, J. W. Solomon, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins, Mrs. V. C. Gasson (Secretary).

Apologies for absence

Col. C. C. Adams, Rev. Canon Creed Meredith, Brig. J. S. Omond, Mrs. E. Rotherham.

Correspondence

The Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Thorpe, Secretary, Australian Croquet Council, stating that Australia had agreed to accept the Itinerary submitted by New Zealand for the MacRobertson Shield Matches.

She also read a letter from Mrs. Wills, Secretary New Zealand Croquet Council, regarding the printing of the new Laws and saying there was a section in New Zealand who thought they would like the Laws printed in New Zealand. Your Secretary replied quoting Council's decision to have one printing for everyone at first and possibly granting licenses to countries to print their own thereafter—the copyright being held by the U.K. Council.

Questions

Mr. Evans brought to the Council's notice mistakes in Whitaker's Almanack in the printing of names of winners in C.A. events, and also the dimensions of a croquet court. The Secretary is to write pointing out these errors.

Dr. Ormerod said that Chambers Dictionary described croquet as a game played with wooden balls, etc., and it was agreed that they should be given up to date data.

Election of Candidates

Candidate No. 6333 was elected.

Notices of Motion

There were none.

Report of the Tournament Committee

Mr. Reckitt continued this report which he was unable to finish at the last meeting.

Regulations

These were all read out and checked, amended and agreed with the following alterations:—

- 13 (b) add "Unless a time limit had been announced as applying to the whole Event before play in it began."
- (c) Read—"When a time limit of three hours or less is imposed under (a) or (b) above, a further half hour's play may be claimed by the side which is behind at the expiration of the time limit, or if both sides are equal, either side, provided that such side has then scored all but 4 points. In a time limited game the in-player shall not ask for a test by a referee in respect of any ball which he may consider to be wired from his own ball."
20. In the beginning read: "All recommendations for alterations of official handicaps and all new official handicaps . . . etc."
21. Delete "together with a summary of form."

Bagnall Wilde Draw

Mr. Perry's Amendment. Regulation 9. Page 26. (a) After making rule:—

Subtract the number of entries from the next higher power of 2 (i.e. 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256). The result gives the total number of byes. Then subtract the number of byes from the number of entries and the result is the number of competitors in the first round.

Half the byes go at the top of the competition card and half at the bottom, except that if there be an odd bye it goes to the bottom set, and if the number of byes be even, but not divisible by 4 (i.e. 2, 6, 10, 14, 18, 22, 26, etc.), two more byes may be placed with the bottom set than with the top.

Example 1. Entries 67.

Next higher power of 2 is 128; thus 61 byes. 67—61=6, the number of competitors in the first round. 30 byes go at the top and 31 at the bottom.

Example 2. Entries 22.

Next higher power of 2 is 32; thus 10 byes. 22—10=12, the number of competitors in the first round. 5 byes go at the top and 5 at the bottom.

Laws Redraft report

Mr. Solomon said there was a limit to the amount of information he had for Council on this occasion because his Committee is now awaiting replies on certain points from Mr. Baillieu.

Mr. Solomon informed Council that he had received a long letter from New Zealand (the first direct communication since Mr. Baillieu left England), to which a reply will be sent shortly.

The Committee had considered questions connected with the publication of the new Law Books and recommend the following:—

- (i) Stiffer, more durable and more attractive covers were needed than those used at present.
- (ii) It was proposed to include the Regulations in the new Law book. It remained to be seen whether New Zealand would require Law Books with or without Regulations.
- (iii) Instructions to Referees and Etiquette being now a part of the new Laws themselves would not be included under separate headings as heretofore.

Miss Lintern and Mrs. Reeve spoke against (ii) above. Mr. Reckitt spoke strongly in favour.

In reply to a question from Mr. Duffield, Mr. Solomon said it was the intention to ask New Zealand to share with ourselves the responsibility of reading the new proof of the new Laws and Regulations. They would have already agreed controversial points, and on reading the proof it will only remain for them to decide what, if anything, they want to omit from Regulations.

There was a generally expressed desire that nothing should now be allowed to delay the galley proof. Mr. Solomon could not guarantee, but hoped, that the galley proof would be available about mid-February. Mr. Solomon referred to the Laws of Golf Croquet, which had been seen and agreed by the Golf Croquet Committee. The game, he said, was not a game of 18 points, but 19; similarly the 12 point game was, in fact, best of 13.

Miss Lintern referred to the different game played by many Clubs and wondered whether something could be added to the Laws to include this. Mr. Solomon said he would see what could be done about this under "Variations of the Game".

Other queries were raised by Miss Lintern, Mr. Evans and Mr. Rivington and Mr. Solomon agreed to take them up with Mr. Baillieu. The Chairman thanked Mr. Solomon for his report, which the Council accepted.

It was decided that there would be no meeting of Council in January, but it was most urgently desired that at the February meeting the Laws should be up to galley proof stage.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 4 Southampton Row on Thursday, 9th February, 1961.

Present

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (Chairman), Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, I. C. Baillieu, D. E. Buckland (Treasurer), Col. J. G. Clarke, Major J. H. Dibley, E. P. Duffield, Mrs. P. E. Heley, G. N. B. Huskinson, Miss D. A. Lintern, W. Longman, Rev. Canon Creed Meredith, Brig. J. S. Omond, H. C. S. Perry, M. B. Reckitt, Mrs. E. Reeve, J. M. Rivington, Mrs. E. Rotherham, J. Solomon, Lt. Cmdr. G. W. Style, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins, and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (Secretary).

Apologies for absence

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, G. V. Evans, Dr. G. L. Ormerod, Col. C. C. Adams.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Mr. Baillieu back from Australia and thanking him for the amazing amount of work he had put into the Laws and saying that the Croquet Association owed him a great debt of gratitude.

Correspondence

A letter had been received from Miss Morrison, late President Australian Croquet Council, suggesting that it should be permissible in Test Matches for every side to have a non-playing Captain should they so wish. It was agreed to tell her that we had no objection provided that New Zealand were of the same opinion.

The Secretary read a letter from the Press Association saying that quite long articles on croquet had appeared in Provincial newspapers, and a short, but good one in the Evening Standard.

Mrs. Williams wrote saying that they had got two courts for their new croquet Club at Llandudno and asked for help and co-operation from the Council.

Messrs. R. H. Johns of Newport, Mon., whose estimate for reprint of Laws has been accepted, asked for all or a part of the MSS. to be sent to them as soon as possible.

Election of Candidates

Nos. 6334-6345 were elected.

Report of the Finance Committee

The Treasurer in presenting the Accounts for approval and signature pointed out that there was a deficit in spite of increased levies and a gift of £132 from the late Felixstowe Club, and, in his opinion, there was no alternative but to raise the subscriptions. He said that the Association had been allotted 87 shares in the Rights Issue for the Omnium Investment Co., and he strongly advised taking them up. This was unanimously agreed. The Accounts were approved and duly signed.

Mr. Duffield then dealt with Part 3 of the Finance Report—suggested new rates of subscription from January 1st, 1962.

There was considerable discussion on this proposal and practically all the points for and against were fully ventilated.

Two letters were read out, one from Rev. G. F. H. Elvey chiefly as to the timing of presenting proposals for raising subscriptions, and the other from Dr. Ormerod who was strongly opposed to the increases. When the question was put the proposals were carried by 15 votes to three.

It was then decided that the case should be fully set out in the April issue of *Croquet* to give Associates an opportunity of studying it before the Annual General Meeting.

As there was some opposition to para. 4 of the Report and obviously considerable difficulty in carrying it out, the suggestion was withdrawn.

Para. 5 was agreed.

Regarding para. 6, it was pointed out that although making no definite observations the Finance & General Purposes Committee had asked the Editorial Panel to review the cost of production and Mr. Reckitt reported that this was now in hand and it was hoped that some economies could be introduced.

Paras. 7 and 8 were passed.

Report on Laws re-draft Committee

Mr. Baillieu presented the Frontispiece which was agreed and signed by the Chairman.

Part I was also agreed and signed.

Part II. Mr. Baillieu asked Council's permission for himself and Mr. Solomon to go through this and make any necessary alterations in punctuation, etc., not altering the substance and then get the signature of the Chairman to this Document. This was agreed.

It was decided that the Index should be left to Mr. Baillieu. Regulations should be left to Mrs. Reeve and Mr. Baillieu. The following decisions were taken regarding the completion of remaining parts:—

The punctuation and polishing up of the galley proofs should be in the hands of Cmdr. Style and Mr. Rivington.

Revision of Mr. Ross' document on Modified Courts, Part V, should be left to Mr. Solomon.

Revision of Laws of Golf Croquet should be left to Miss Lintern, Mr. Rivington and Mr. Baillieu.

The Council authorised the expenditure of up to £50 on Publicity for 1961 season, but detailed report of the Publicity Committee was not examined.

ALL-ENGLAND HANDICAP

1960 Winner—E. Whitehead (5½)

Committee and Secretary.—The Tournament Committee and Secretary of the Croquet Association.

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

Competitors must be members of the C.A. or members of a Registered Croquet Club. A member of the C.A. not being a member of a Registered Club must arrange to play at a Registered Club. A Competitor may not play in more than one Registered Club's Competition.

Preliminary Stage.—Club competitions to be finished by the 25th August. Clubs entering 16 to 31 competitors will be entitled to have two representatives in the Final Stage.

Final Stages.—The Club representatives will be drawn on the Bagnall-Wild System and will meet in London during the period extending over September 21st to 23rd.

Qualification to hold a competition.—No Club with an entry of less than four competitors is eligible to be represented. In any match of the final stages a competitor shall play on the C.A. handicap that he would have been playing at in an Official Tournament.

Entry Fees.—Entry fee for each competitor 3s., to be paid to the Club Secretary. 1s. of the Entry Fee will be retained by the Competitor's Club, and 2s. will be sent to the Secretary, C.A., by the Club Secretary.

The results of Club Competitions must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., to reach her not later than 29th August.

Matches of single games throughout.

Prizes.—Winner and Runner-up: The Tingey Trophies; others in the last eight, Bronze medals. Winner's Club holds the New Zealand Plaque. Holder: Southwick.

THE CLUB TEAM CUP

(Handicap)

Presented by William Longman, Esq.

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager.—Miss D. A. Lintern.

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

Holder: Hurlingham.

Competitors must be members of the C.A. and of the Club for which they play. No individual may play for more than one Club during the Competition.

The teams shall normally consist of 4 players who will play 2 Doubles and 3 Singles. By mutual consent, however, the teams in any match may consist of 6 players. In this case the match will include as a minimum 3 Doubles which must be completed and 2 Singles.

Handicaps. This Competition is to be played under C.A. handicap. The gross handicap of any team of four players must be at least 16 bisques or 24 bisques for a team of 6 players. The gross handicap of any pair in a team must be at least 8 bisques. Every competitor must have a C.A. handicap of at least 1½ bisques.

To be played under the same general arrangements and conditions as held for the All-England Handicap in so far as they apply.

Competing Clubs will play on mutually agreed grounds.

Full results of matches must be sent by the winning teams to the Secretary, C.A.

There are no entry fees.

Entries must reach the Secretary, C.A., by the 1st May.

HUNSTANTON

AN AMERICAN TOURNAMENT

(Unofficial)

will be held in

The Club Grounds from April 14th-17th, 1961

Manager.—Miss D. D. Steel.

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Club.

Handicap Singles

Competitors will be arranged in blocks according to handicap and the number of entries received.

It is hoped to guarantee each player a minimum of five games.

Winners of blocks will play off final.

Entrance fee. 10s. 6d.

An extra event will be arranged if time and entries permit.

Entries (on official forms please) must reach the Secretary by the first post on Wednesday, April 12th.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

LAWN TENNIS & CROQUET CLUB

A CROQUET TOURNAMENT

(Unofficial)

will be held in

THE CLUB GROUNDS

ON MONDAY, 8th MAY, 1961

and following days

(The Laws and Regulations of the C.A. will apply).

Manager and Handicapper: Miss A. E. Mills.

Referee of the Tournament.—J. G. Warwick, Esq.

Tournament Committee.—Miss E. J. Warwick (Chairman), A. J. Cooper, Major G. F. Stone, Miss A. E. Mills, Dr. R. B. N. Smartt and Mrs. M. H. Vincent.

Tournament Secretary.—Major G. F. Stone, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton. (Tel. 548).

EVENTS

1.—AN AMERICAN TOURNAMENT (Handicap Singles).

Competitors will be arranged in blocks according to handicap and the number of Entries received. It is hoped to arrange four or more blocks and guarantee each Player a minimum of five games. Winners of blocks will play off semi-final and final. The Winner to hold the Godfrey Turner Challenge Cup, and the Winner of the longest Handicap block to hold the L. G. Walters Long Handicap Challenge Trophy.

Note.—C Block will commence at 3rd Hoop. D and E Blocks will commence at 5th Hoop. It is hoped to avoid Time Limited Games.

Entrance Fee 14s.

2.—HANDICAP DOUBLES (Knock-out). Combined Handicaps not to be less than 7 Bisques.

Note.—Early rounds start at Third Hoop.

Entrance Fee 6s.

AN EXTRA EVENT will be arranged if time and Entries permit.

ENTRIES (on official Entry Forms PLEASE)

Entries for Event 1 must reach the Secretary not later than 1st post **Wednesday, May 3rd.**

Entries for Event 2 must reach the Secretary by 10 a.m. **Tuesday, May 9th,** and the DRAW will take place at 2 p.m. that day.

At lunch time, COFFEE and SANDWICHES, but NOT LUNCHES, will be available at the Club House.

TEAS, a LICENSED BAR, and BRIDGE ROOMS will be available as usual. Normal conditions of play. 9 Courts will be available.

JULY TOURNAMENTS

The usual OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT will be held on **Monday, July 10th, 1961,** and days following. (See June *Croquet*.)

An UNOFFICIAL AMERICAN TOURNAMENT (Handicap Singles), will be held the previous week commencing on **Tuesday, 4th July to Friday, 7th July.**

Entrance Fee 8s. 6d.

Entries must reach the Secretary by **Friday, 30th June.**

BRIGHTON

ANNUAL SUMMER CROQUET TOURNAMENT

VICTORIA ROAD, SOUTHWICK

MONDAY, MAY 22nd, and five following days

Committee.—The Croquet Committee of the Club.

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

Tourn. Secretary.—Miss M. J. Daldy, 10 Lansdowne Road, Hove 3, Sussex.

EVENTS

1.—OPEN SINGLES. "THE ABBEY" CHALLENGE CUP. Presented by W. H. Abbey, Esq. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Draw and Process. Law 44.

2.—HANDICAP SINGLES. THE JELICORSE CUP. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d.

3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. "X.Y." Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d.

4.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Entrance Fee, 9s. 6d. each player Combined handicap not less than 2.

All games to start at No. 3 hoop in Event No. 4.

Competitors may enter for 3 out of 4 Events.

Event "Y" will be a shortened game.

Extra Event time permitting.

ENTRIES

Entries, on official forms please, with Entry Fees for Events 1, 2 and 3 must reach the Tournament Secretary by the first post on **Thursday, May 18th,** those for Event 4 may be made on the ground up to 2 p.m., **Tuesday, May 23rd.**

Non-Associates (except members of the S.C.C. and L.T. Club) pay a tribute of 15s. to the C.A. (7s. 6d. if they enter in only one Event); but on becoming an Associate any tribute paid in the current year is credited against the subscription.

The Committee reserves the right of refusing any Entry without assigning a reason.

THE DRAW

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

PLAY

Play will commence at 10 a.m.

Players coming from a distance requiring leave should notify it on their Entry Form. No leave will be granted later than 12 noon **Monday,** unless the exigencies of the Draw permit.

PRIZES

According to Entries.

Standard Setting and Jaques' "Eclipse" Balls will be used.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

Competitors will be made Hon. Members of the Club during the

Tournament.

Ten Courts will be available.

Light Luncheons and Teas will be obtainable.

Motor Bus Service from BRIGHTON every 10 minutes. Train

Service to Southwick Station.

Free parking for Cars on the Ground.

THE PEEL MEMORIALS

will be played for at the

ROEHAMPTON CLUB on **MONDAY, MAY 15th,** and five following days

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager and Handicapper.—Miss M. J. Daldy.

Referee.—Miss D. A. Lintern.

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

EVENTS

Open to Associates only

1.—PEEL MEMORIAL SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL. Handicap Singles for Men. Entrance Fee, 11s. **This Event will be played under the "Two Life" system.** Holder: Col. D. M. C. Prichard (5).

2.—PEEL MEMORIAL SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL. Handicap Singles for Women. Entrance Fee, 11s. **This Event will be played under the "Two Life" system.** Holder: Divided, Miss D. A. Lintern -1, Mrs. K. Ellis +2.

3.—HANDICAP DOUBLES (combined handicaps two or over). THE LADY MURRAY MEMORIAL SILVER CHALLENGE CUPS. Entries must be made in pairs. Entrance Fee, 11s. each person. Holders: Dr. T. E. Ryves and A. T. Camroux (11).

CONDITIONS

Hoops 3½ in. wide Jaques "Eclipse" balls will be used. At least five courts will be provided.

The winners hold the respective Challenge Trophies for one year or until the next competition, whichever is the shorter period. Other prizes according to number of entries.

The Committee reserve the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason and to decide any question that may arise.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

ENTRIES

Entries on official forms accompanied by the entrance fees for Events 1 and 2 must reach the Secretary, C.A., not later than the first post on **Wednesday, May 10th,** and for Event 3 by noon on **Tuesday, May 16th.** Entries will be limited.

PLAY

Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily unless otherwise notified. Competitors must report themselves to the Manager on arrival. Any competitor who is not present or is otherwise unable to play when called upon to do so, will be liable to be scratched.

DRAW

The Draw for Events 1 and 2 will take place at the Croquet Association Offices, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6, on **Wednesday, May 10th,** at 11 a.m.

THE INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

will be played for at the

HURLINGHAM CLUB on **TUESDAY, MAY 30th,** and during the week

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager.—Mrs. M. L. Thom.

Referee.—Mrs. E. Reeve.

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

Holder—Middlesex

CONDITIONS

1. The team for each County consists of three pairs, and the qualifications to represent a County are:—

(a) Birth in the County, or

(b) Present residence in the County of two years standing, or

(c) A previous residence in the County for an uninterrupted period of five years, other than as a pupil in a school or college.

(d) No one is qualified to represent a County who has represented a different County in the year immediately preceding the competition unless he has previously represented that County, or except in the case of a County which has not competed during the past five years, or unless the County he has represented in the previous year is not competing.

(e) An ordinary member of a registered Croquet Club, of not less than two years standing, not being invited to play for a County for which he is eligible, or being eligible for a County which does not enter a team may play for the County in which his Club is situated.

2. A player living in a house other than as an owner or occupier shall only be eligible on satisfying the Council that he or she is a bona fide resident in the County.

3. All qualifications must be accurately defined when the names of the teams are submitted.

4. Each County shall appoint a duly qualified Captain.

5. The Collector of a team shall send to the Secretary, C.A., before May 1st, a list of the names of not more than eight players, from which the playing team of three pairs for any match must be selected, and the name of the Captain. In a match the players may be combined to form pairs in any manner that the Captain thinks fit, but the pairs must be arranged in the order of the joint number of bisques, the lowest amount corresponding to the "A" pair, the highest to the "C" pair. The constitution of the team must be given to the Manager before any match. If in any match only two pairs from a team should be available for play, these pairs must be matched against the "A" and "B" pairs of the opposing team.

6. If the number of Counties entering is too large to permit each County to play all the others, they will be so drawn as to allow any County to play as many other Counties as time permits.

7. The winning County shall be that which wins the greatest percentage of any matches played. In the event of a tie between two or more Counties the County which has won the greatest number of games shall be the winner. Provided that in the event of all Counties not being drawn to play the same number of matches the Manager shall have power in the later stages of the competition, to withdraw matches unplayed which have no material influence in the result and substitute others if thereby an equal number of matches are ensured to the leading Counties. If there still be a tie the Challenge Cup shall be held jointly.

8. Flat-soled footwear must be worn. Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily.

9. Entries must reach the Secretary, C.A., by **May 1st, 1961.**

10. A limit of 3½ hours will be imposed on all games. Two rounds a day will be played. Play will not normally extend beyond 6.30 p.m.

11. Law 44 partially suspended.

No Entrance Fee.

Hoops 3½ in. wide and Jaques "Eclipse" balls will be used.

Nine courts will be provided.

RYDE

Forty-Third Annual

OPEN CROQUET TOURNAMENT

will be held on

MONDAY, JUNE 5th, 1961 AND FOLLOWING DAYS

at the Club Ground, Play Street Lane, Ryde, I.O.W.

Committee.—Croquet Committee of the Club.

Manager and Handicapper.—Major J. H. Dibley, M.C.

Referee.—Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith.

Hon. Secretary.—Miss K. A. Wade, 10, Partlands Avenue, Ryde, I.O.W. (Phone: Ryde 2512)

EVENTS

1.—ISLE OF WIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OPEN SINGLES. The Challenge Trophy. Present Holder: D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller. Draw and Process. Entrance Fee 12s. 6d.

2.—LEVEL SINGLES (Class B.). The Chapman Cup. Open to players of 5 bisques and over. Entrance Fee 10s. Final best of 3 games (time permitting). Present Holder: Mrs. E. M. Kay.

3.—HANDICAP SINGLES (Class D). The Hutton Cup. Open to players of 12 bisques or more. Shortened game, commencing at No. 5 hoop. Entrance Fee 9s. Present Holder: Mrs. E. M. Temple. No player may enter for more than one of the above events.

4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. ("X.Y.") "X" The Dibley Cup. Present Holder: G. Birch. "Y" The Benest Cup. Present Holder Miss L. Newman. Entrance Fee 11s.

5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. The Birch Cups. Restricted* to combined handicap of 2 and over. Shortened game commencing at No. 5 hoop. Entrance Fee 9s. each player. Present Holders: G. Birch and Mrs. J. G. Stevenson.

Should time permit there will be an EXTRA EVENT.

Prizes.—Two for each Event if sufficient entries.
Entries.—For Events 1 to 4, together with Fees and C.A. Tribute of 15s. where payable, must reach the Hon. Secretary by First Post on **Thursday, June 1st, 1961.**

Entries for Doubles, Event 5 close on the ground at noon, **Tuesday, June 6th.**

Draw.—The draw for Events 1 to 4 will take place at the Club Pavilion at 3 p.m. on **Thursday, June 1st.** For Doubles at 2 p.m. on **Tuesday, June 6th.**

Play.—Will commence at 10 a.m. each day. Players not present when called on to play will be liable to be scratched.

General.—Six lawns provided. Standard setting. Luncheon and Teas provided in Pavilion. A motor bus from the pier sets down close to the Ground.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

Hotels.—Spencer's Inn. Yelf's Hotel (both in Union Street). Osborne Hotel, The Esplanade.

Guest House (especially recommended) Mrs. Lovell, Lixmount Guest House, 9 Pellhurst Road, Ryde, I.O.W. (Phone: Ryde 3286).

NOTTINGHAM

CROQUET CLUB

Highfields University Boulevard

ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

Will be played during the week commencing Monday

JUNE 5th, 1961

(Under the Laws and Regulations of the Croquet Association)

Manager, Handicapper and Referee.—Miss D. D. Steel.

Chairman of Committee.—Mrs. A. S. Greaves, 5 Oundle Drive, Wollaton Park, Nottingham (Tel.: 77143).

Hon. Tournament Secretary.—A. O. Taylor, 14 Devonshire Road, Sherwood, Nottingham (Tel. 65436).

An Assistant Referee will be appointed on the ground under Reg. 15 (a).

The Tournament will include the following

EVENTS

- 1.—"ROBIN HOOD" GOLD CUP HANDICAP CHALLENGE TROPHY. Entrance Fee, 11s. Presented by the All England Croquet Association for Associates only.
- 2.—OPEN SINGLES (Draw and Process). Variation B of Law 44. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. CHALLENGE BOWL presented by the Nottingham Croquet Club. Single Games. The final of this event will be the best of three games, time permitting. Regulation 13 (a and b) will be applied if considered necessary or advisable.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 5 bisques and over. Single Games, Law 44 suspended. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d. CHALLENGE BOWL presented by the late L. L. Bright.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES (Unrestricted). Entrance Fee, 11s. Winner of "X"—CHALLENGE TROPHY presented by Mrs. J. W. Naake. Winner of "Y"—CHALLENGE TROPHY presented by the late Mrs. Reynolds-Hole.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Single Games. Entrance Fee, 9s. each player. Unrestricted except that no two players with joint handicap of less than 1 may play together. TWIN CHALLENGE TROPHIES presented by the late Mrs. Hitchin.

(All Entry Fees include C.A. Levy Charges).

First and Second Prizes will be given in each Event.

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 should reach the Hon. Tournament Secretary, not later than **Saturday, June 3rd**, accompanied by a cheque. Entry Forms for the Doubles Event may be deferred until **Tuesday, June 6th.**

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

Leave of absence may be arranged on application to the Manager. No leave will be permitted after 2 p.m. on the opening day.

Players must present themselves punctually and must not leave the ground without permission previously obtained from the Manager.

Lunches and Teas will be served each day in the Pavilion at moderate charge.

Eight Lawns will be available and choice of Lawn will be determined by draw. Standard setting of the lawns, 3½ in. hoops. A Bridge Pavilion will be provided.

The Winners hold the respective Challenge Trophies for one year or until the next competition.

To prevent damage to the lawns every competitor shall wear flat-soled boots or shoes.

Ample Car Park accommodation is available. Buses pass the gates leading to the Club every few minutes, the route numbers being 4, 4a and 5a, these may be boarded in the City Centre.

List of Hotels (Licensed and Unlicensed) will be supplied on application to the Hon. Tournament Secretary.

THE MEN'S and WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

will be played at the

ROEHAMPTON CLUB on MONDAY, JUNE 12th, and following days

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager and handicapper.—E. A. Roper

Referee.—Mrs. E. Reeve.

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

EVENTS

Open to Associates only

- 1.—THE MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP. Entrance Fee, 13s. Matches best of three games. Prizes: The winner holds for the year the Gold Challenge Casket presented by the late Viscount Doneraile, and a Challenge Trophy presented by the late Sir Francis Colchester-Wemyss, K.B.E., and the late Col. C. E. Wilson, and will receive a medal. Holder: J. W. Solomon.
- 2.—THE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP. Entrance Fee, 13s. Matches best of three games. Prizes: The winner holds for the year the Gold Challenge Casket presented by the late Viscount Doneraile, a Silver Challenge Bowl presented by "The Ladies' Field", the Gold Challenge Badge and Gold Locket, and will receive a medal. Holder: Miss E. J. Warwick.
- 3.—THE MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP. Entrance Fee, 13s. each person. Matches of single games. Prizes: A pair of Silver Challenge Cups presented by the All-England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club. Holders: Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Mrs. E. Reeve.
- 4.—THE "DU PRE" CUP. Open to competitors in Events 1 and 2 who have not qualified for the third round. Matches of single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d. Level play. Prize: A Challenge Cup presented by the late Lt.-Col. W. B. Du Pre. Holder: Mrs. S. M. Adler.

CONDITIONS

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

No leave can be granted until after the Draw.

The winners hold the respective Challenge Trophies for one year or until the next competition whichever is the shorter period. Other prizes according to number of entries.

The Committee reserve the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

ENTRIES

The Entries, accompanied by the Entrance Fees for Events 1 and 2 must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., Hurlingham Club, S.W.6, so as to reach her not later than the first post on **Wednesday, June 7th**, and for Event 3 by noon on **Tuesday, June 13th.** Entries for Events 3 and 4 can be received only on the ground. Competitors must give with their entries the address at which messages will reach them during the Tournament.

DRAW

The Draw for Events 1 and 2 will take place at the Hurlingham Club, at 11 a.m., on **Wednesday, June 7th**, and for Events 3 and 4 as will be announced on the ground.

PLAY

Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily unless otherwise notified. Any competitor who is not present, or is otherwise unable to play when called upon to do so, will be liable to be scratched. The semi-finals and finals will be so arranged that play in them will extend over the afternoons of Friday and Saturday.

COMPTON, EASTBOURNE

ANNUAL OPEN TOURNAMENT

Monday, June 19th to Saturday, June 24th

The five lawns of the Compton Club at the Saffrons will be used.

Entrance, Compton Place Road

Manager.—Major J. H. Dibley, M.C.

Handicapper.—R. V. N. Wiggins.

Referee.—H. C. S. Perry.

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Compton Croquet Club.

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES (Draw and Process). Challenge Cup. Holder: Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES. Law 44 suspended. For players of 3-7½ bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.
- 3.—LIMITED HANDICAP SINGLES. For players of 8 bisques or over. It will be played on the "Full Bisques" system of handicapping. Entrance Fee, 10s.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES (X. Y.). Challenge Cup. Holder: W. H. Austin. Entrance Fee, 13s. 6d.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Open to pairs with a combined handicap of not less than 4 bisques. Entrance Fee, 10s. per player.

AN EXTRA EVENT will be arranged if possible.

CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION

Players may enter for only one of the first three events.

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

Two prizes will be given in each event if the number of entries warrants it. Entrance Fees include C.A. levy.

Lunch and Tea will be available at the Club and there will be a Licensed Bar.

Entries to be sent to H. C. S. Perry, Hockington House, Willingham, Eastbourne. Tel.: Hampden Park 656. Those for Events 1 to 4 will not be accepted after first post on **Wednesday, June 14th.** Entries for Event 5 will be received up to noon on **Tuesday, June 20th.**

The Committee reserves the right to refuse an entry without assigning a reason.

The Draw for Events 1-4 will take place at the Club at 10.30 a.m. on **Wednesday, June 14th.**

Play will commence each day at 10 a.m. (or earlier if so arranged by the Manager.)

PARKSTONE

MONDAY, JUNE 26th—JULY 1st, 1961

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

Committee.—Croquet Committee of the Parkstone Club. Manager and Handicapper.—V. A. de la Nougerède.

Referee.—Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith.

Hon. Secretary.—Mrs. M. McMordie, 4, Overbury Road, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset.

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. (Draw and Process.) Entrance fee 12s. Dorset Salver.
 - 2.—LEVEL SINGLES. Law 44 suspended. For players of 2½-6 bisques inclusive. Entrance fee 10s. Deshon Cup.
 - 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. For players of 6½ bisques and over. Entrance fee 10s. Cope Cup.
 - 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. (X, Y) Unrestricted. Entrance fee 10s. 6d. Bishop Cup and Evans Rose Bowl.
 - 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicap not to be less than 2. Entrance fee 10s. each player.
- Extra Events will be arranged time permitting.

CONDITIONS

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 must reach the Hon. Secretary by midday, **Thursday, June 22nd.** Entries for Event 5 close at 4 p.m. on **Monday, June 26th.**

The Draw will take place at the Club on **Thursday, June 22nd** at 3 p.m.

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.

CARRICKMINES

CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING OF IRELAND SATURDAY, 17th JUNE, to SATURDAY, 24th JUNE, 1961

Committee.—The Croquet Committee of the Club.

Manager.—Lady FitzGerald.

Referee.—To be appointed.

Hon. Secretary.—Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly, Ballynamote, Carrickmines, Co. Dublin.

EVENTS

- 1.—CHAMPIONSHIP OF IRELAND. Silver Salver (Perpetual). Presented by the late P. D. Mathews, Esq. Rule 44. Entrance fee 12s.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES. Challenge Cup (Perpetual). Presented by the late J. W. Green, Esq., 5 bisques and over. Single games, no lifts. Entrance fee 8s.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Founders Cup (Perpetual). Entrance fee 8s.
- 4.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Stonebrook Cups (Perpetual). Presented by the late Col. Cooke. Single games. Entrance fee 8s. each player.

CONDITIONS

Entries for all events will close on **Tuesday, June 13th** at 6 p.m. and the Draw will then take place.

Play will commence at 10.30 a.m. on **Saturday, June 17th.**

Competitors residing over 25 miles distance from Dublin will not be required for play till 10 a.m. on **Monday, June 19th.**

Standard setting and Jaques "Eclipse" balls will be used.

Flat soled shoes must be worn.

The Committee reserve the right of refusing any Entry without assigning a reason.

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