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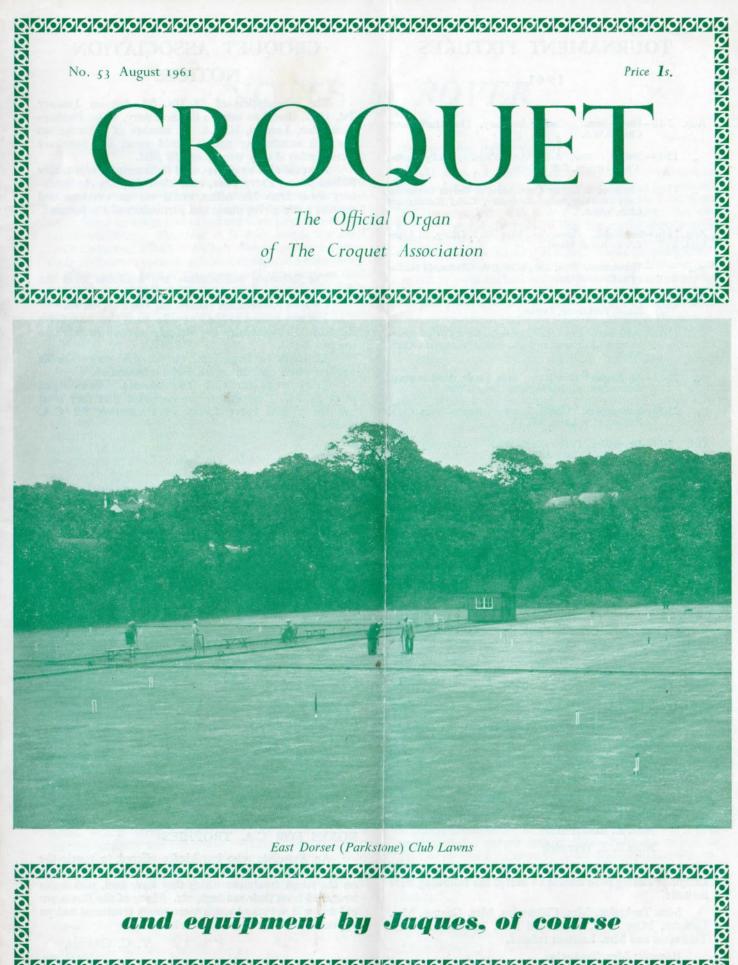
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#### 1961

- Aug. 7-16-Hurlingham. Games Secretary, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- 12-19-Dublin. 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.
- Aug. 28 to -Southwick. Tourn. Sec., Miss M. J. Daldy, 10 Lans-Sept. 2 downe Road, Hove 3.
- -Hunstanton. Hon. Sec., Mrs. J. A. Clarke, 49 Northgate, Hunstanton
- 4-9-Parkstone. Hon. Sec., Mrs. McMordie, 4 Overbury Sept. Road, Parkstone, Dorset.
- 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.

#### NON-OFFICIAL

- 4-7-Budleigh Salterton. Hon. Sec., Major G. F. Stone, July Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton.
- 4-Southwick. Tourn. Sec., Miss J. Daldy, 10 Lans-Sept. downe Road, Hove 3.
- 18-Cheltenham. Hon. Tourn. Sec., Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenha

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Mrs. Ashton, Mrs. Elvey, Miss Lintern and Mrs. Longman having been unable to accept the following were invited:

Mrs. Turketine, Mrs. Chittenden, Mrs. Gasson, Mrs. Latham, Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. Buchanan. Mrs. Turketine and Mrs. Latham refused.

Reserve: Mrs. Turketine.

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> V. C. GASSON, Secretary.

#### Compton then and now

One visiting the recent tournament at the Compton Club, Eastbourne (reported elsewhere in this number) who had not seen this lovely ground for many years was reminded once again of how fortunate croquet players are in being so often able to pursue their game in delightful surroundings. Standing as it does across the road from Compton Place, the Club seems to retain something of the aura spreading from a ducal seat on the lawns of which, at the turn of the century, the monarch of that day threaded a rather laborious way through the fourinch hoops of the period. King Edward VII was fond of croquet, and his patronage of the game no doubt contributed a good deal to its returning popularity in the heyday of the country house-party. He was not, however, if report be true, at all fond of being beaten at it, and one gathers that such an upshot was very seldom permitted to occur. Reminiscing on these matters beneath the tremendous trees of the Club, the writer's attention was diverted to contemporary events by overhearing an animated dialogue between an Oxford and a Cambridge undergraduate on the problems of Logical Positivism and its bearing on present-day metaphysics. A conversation so unusual at our tournaments led to the reflection that with such good brains at work amongst us the future of our game should be well assured. Not since Edwardian days have young men been taking up croquet with so much enthusiasm as they are doing now, and Compton at that moment suggested the happiest of links with our past.

#### **Courts of Chivalry**

It is only too often that those who know no better -and sometimes those who do-convey the impression that croquet players are a set of grasping, ungenerous individuals who snatch at every opportunity of taking advantage of one another. A recent tournament has afforded this Rover an opportunity for observing examples of the very opposite. In one game in an A open event, a case of wiring-or more precisely 'pegging' -having arisen, one competitor immediately 'conceded' a lift, while the other refused to make any claims for this at all. A referee had almost to force his way on to the court to insist on a decision of what proved to be a pretty close thing. In another game a player having left his balls together as yard line balls, his opponent took a shot at the balls and missed them. The other competitor thereupon sprang to his feet saying he feared that he had not adjusted the yard line balls as accurately as he should have done and begged his opponent to have his shot again, which, albeit somewhat reluctantly, he did and on this occasion was successful. While all the spectators applauded the chivalry thus displayed, a few actually defended the legal correctness of his gesture. In this, however, they were wrong, as a reference to Law 28 will show. A player may question the accurate placing of a yard line ball before he aims at it and his adversary should 'forestall the stroke' if he becomes aware that he has not placed his balls correctly. But in no case can the striker have two bites at the cherry.

#### Questionable pass rolls

At a recent tournament a player was observed to make a particularly ambitious pass roll from the second corner, whereby his own ball finished near the first hoop and the croqueted ball near the second hoop. An onlooker ventured the opinion that the stroke should have been watched on the footing that with a difficult shot of this nature it was likely that a fault would be committed. The law in this respect is that a fault is made if the striker pushes or pulls his ball without first striking it audibly or distinctly, and a very useful explanatory note appears in the new Laws to the effect that a "push" or "pull" consists in maintaining contact for an appreciable period, irrespective of the stance or attitude of the striker. Any acceleration following a check of the mallet after its initial contact with the ball should be regarded as pushing.

As to the onlooker's opinion the Laws are quite clear. If the striker is about to play a stroke of which he suspects either the fairness or the effect may be doubtful, he must consult with his adversary before playing. It is for the striker to take the initiative but if he fails to do so, the adversary should interrupt for the purpose of having the stroke specially watched. The difficulty from the adversary's standpoint is that while he might well interrupt a 10 bisquer who was about to attempt a difficult pass roll, he would be reluctant to do so for a minus 3 player who might have been perfecting this particular stroke for some weeks previously.

#### Nineteenth century pass rolls

Those who may have thought that the pass-roll is a stroke of comparatively recent creation will perhaps be interested to read the following description of it taken from "The Complete Croquet Player" by James D. Heath, and published in 1874. He calls it "The Passing Stroke".

"In this, the striker's or rear ball passes, and goes a longer distance than the other or croqueted ball. This is effected by dwelling on, or following the striker's ball with the mallet more than in an ordinary rolling stroke, so as to send it further than the croqueted ball. Great care must be taken not to make a double tap, and the 'roll' or pressure of the mallet must not send the rear ball so as to catch or 'kiss' the front one. If the mallet be held firmly, and brought down and made to follow steadily, there ought to be no danger or making a foul stroke, and a proper laying of the balls (so as not to follow in exactly the same line) will preclude the undesirable 'kiss'. The pass stroke is sometimes very useful and many players find particular satisfaction in doing it neatly."

The author of the book from which this description of "The Passing Stroke" is taken was winner of the Open Championship in 1873 and 1874.

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PARKSTONE NEW Lt.-Col. R. L. de Brisay 14. AFTER PLAY

Rev. H. L. Ormerod 61 to 5. Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish 1 to 1. Miss M. Chancellor 8\* to 8. A. F. Rash 8 to 7 Miss Rose 51 to 61.

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C. J. E. Dashwood 9\* P. J. M. Fidler 9\*. Miss Rose  $5\frac{1}{2}$  to  $6\frac{1}{2}$ . DURING PLAY P. J. M. Fidler 9\* to 8. AFTER PLAY C. J. E. Dashwood 9\* to 51. F. E. M. Puxon 9\* to 8. Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon 12\* to 12. W. H. Austin 61 to 51. NON-ASSOCIATE P. J. M. Fidler 8 to 54. NEW HANDICAP

D. Temple Page 9\*.

SOUTHWICK Omitted in error Mrs. I. H. Turketine 3 to 2. Miss M. Tower 14 to 10.

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PERSONAL REQUEST G. Victor Evans 11 to 21

#### **Ouestions and Answers**

Question: With reference to the Questions and Answers in July Croquet, in the second answer does Law 32 (b) (i) refer only to the fault of "failing to move or shake the croqueted ball, etc." 32 (a) (xii) ?

Answer: No, "if during a croquet stroke the turn would have ended under Law 19 (c)" (the striker's ball having been sent off the court) the adversary may waive any fault under Law 32, and has the option of having the ball replaced or the ball, off the court, replaced on the boundary and the turn ends in either case.

Ouestion: How does the limit of claims vary in the new Laws? Answer: In Law 32 (faults during the striking) the fault must

be claimed before the next stroke but one.

In Law 29 (a), (b) and (c), taking croquet from the wrong ball, taking croquet when not entitled to do so and failing to take croquet when entitled to do so,

The mistake must be claimed before the next stroke but one.

In Law 27. Playing when not entitled to do so; the error must be claimed before the first stroke of the adversary's turn, otherwise the error is condoned and all play, etc., during such period shall be scored

In Law 30. Playing the wrong ball.

The error must be claimed before the first stroke of the next turn (this might be a bisque turn or the adversary's next turn). This is the same limit of claims as in the old Law 36

In Law 35 (c) and (d). Placing of clips misleading the adversary. The claim must be made before the second stroke of the offending party's next turn. This is the same limit of claims as in the old Law 31 (c).

#### CORRESPONDENCE

#### Is there an option?

#### Dear Sir,

In playing a croquet stroke I fail to shake the croqueted ball and confess the fault. My opponent claims a right to have the balls replaced. Is this claim justified under the new Laws? If so, which Law?

In my view, the note by M.M.R. in *Croquet* for July, 1961, only confuses the issue. It refers to an option: but there is no mention of an option in Law 32 (b) (i) which reads ". . . in all cases, except for a fault made during a croquet stroke, the balls are replaced." Surely, by implication this means that if the fault is made during a croquet stroke the balls are not replaced.

The old Law 27 is quite explicit in giving an option.

Yours truly, E. C. ALLBERRY

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## Golf Croquet . . . Tactics

Without some recognised plan of attack and defence this pleasant game-perhaps the "prep" school for croquet itself-is hardly worth playing. Yet the tactics are not very difficult to acquire-at least in theory, though the practice may not always follow the theory precisely.

It is obvious that position for each of the hoops must be the aim of the first and third players; they not only have the advantage of playing for-concentrating on, is better-a perfect position, but they should retain command of the hoops, even if they fail to get position. In theory, the first and third players should, one or other of them, score the hoop. What could stop them, you may ask. The answer is the judicious use of the stop-shot by the second and fourth players. Before bringing in these second and fourth players, let us return to the attackers, the first and third players.

The value of getting a perfect position for each hoop is so great that, if attained, and the hoop is run smoothly and with the right strength, the player should, so to speak, be able to usurp the right of the opponents to be first at the next hoop. Let us suppose that Blue and Black are the first two balls to play for the first hoop, and, though harassed by Red and Yellow, have played so cleverly-perhaps stymied Red from Black- that Black is in a perfect position for the first hoop. Black runs it with the right strength to be down by the second hoop before Yellow. Yellow dare not take position for the hoop or Black, in his next turn, will stop-shot Yellow away, retaining the position which Yellow had unwisely taken up.

Here we may now say something about Red and Yellow when playing second and fourth for the first hoop. They are on the defensive from the attack on the hoop of Blue and Black. If Blue gets a position straight away for this hoop, then Red must shoot to remove it-and if Red fails, Yellow must also shoot at the Blue ball in

## Notes from the Clubs

#### Ipswich

We have been pleased to welcome a few new members this year. Although these are mainly recruits to our Saturday Golf Croquet section, we hope that our new scheme of setting aside a lawn on one afternoon a week for tuition and practice for all members will soon entice some of them to the other code.

We were very pleased to hear that the Naval Officers at H.M.S. Ganges had once again revived the game there and enjoyable matches have been held with them both at home and away.

#### Hurlingham

The chief happening in July was our victory over Roehampton in the Longman Club Cup. This was a very closely contested match and particularly meritorious was Ian Baillieu's win against Camroux. With Mrs. Gasson successful both in her Singles match against Mrs. Solomon and in the Doubles partnered by Miss Duthie we just managed to gather the spoils. The dry conditions of June had caused some worrying moments for Tom Grey in view of the imminence of the Open Championships and our August Tournament but the rain of early July has eased his problems

position. Suppose that there is no ball in position for the first hoop, what are Red and Yellow to do? They must then take up some position in the 7-yard squarethe corners of which are the first hoop and the first corner flag.

The reason of this is obvious, for, if they were to come up short of the first hoop, or to the right of its playing side, Blue or Black could stop-shot Red or Yellow to the other end of the court. This 7-yard square is therefore to be looked upon as the safety zone for the second and fourth players when one or other of the corner hoops are being played for. When playing for either of the two middle hoops, there is of course, no such protection; but the second and fourth players must use their judgement as to where they take up position, and avoid going too close to a ball of the other side. Obviously, if there is an enemy ball in good position for, say, the fifth hoop, it must be removed by one of the second or fourth players.

The stop-shot is the most valuable stroke in the game of golf croquet, and, if not learnt, a player is under a great disadvantage. Contrariwise, if acquired, this stroke can, literally, remove a ball in position for its hoop quite 15 yards while the ball of the "stop-shotter" takes the removed ball's place. The shot requires practice and is well worth it. The mallet is checked when making the stroke so that the object ball goes yards away and the striker's ball hardly moves. It is obvious that the only other removal of an enemy ball in position, namely, the long shot, has nothing like the same value as the stop shot; for both balls will be scattered by the impact of the long shot, whereas the stop-shot can retain position for the hoop while driving the enemy far away.

These, then, are the elements of the game of golf croquet, and it is hoped that this short description of them will be found helpful, especially to players in the forthcoming event at Roehampton this month.

#### Roehampton

A Golf Croquet Match was held on 4th July against the Heathfield Club. After a pleasant afternoon's play, and tea in the Club Restaurant, Roehampton won by 7 games to 2.

On 27th June a croquet Doubles Match was held at Roehampton against a team from Southwick. 4 Singles were played in the morning which Roehampton won by 3 games to 1. Two Doubles were arranged after lunch. Roehampton won one, but the second game remained unfinished owing to an unfortunate accident to Mr. Blackwood, who tripped over the wire surrounding the court falling heavily on his shoulder. A doctor attended to him on the ground and he was then sent to Putney Hospital, and later driven to Southwick where his dislocated shoulder was put into place. The Roehampton players were very sorry that this should have happened, which marred the pleasure of a very pleasant day.

On 30th June a team from Roehampton played the first round of the Longman Team Cup competition against Hurlingham at the Hurlingham Club, the result being Hurlingham 3 and Roehampton 2. It was a hot day, and perhaps because of this the games were long. The last doubles which was the deciding game, and which was won for Hurlingham by Mrs. Gasson and Miss Duthie against Mrs. Solomon and A. J. Oldham by 6 on time, was not finished until 8 p.m. We congratulate Hurlingham on their win.

Croquet members will be glad to hear that the Chairman of the Croquet Committee, Mr. J. B. Gilbert, is making a very good recovery from his recent illness. He is expecting to leave Hospital quite shortly, and we wish him a speedy convalescence. We are also pleased to know that Brigadier Omond is very much better after his recent operation. He and Mrs. Omond were at Roehampton last week, and everyone was pleased to see them back.

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## Old Law 26 v. New Law 32

#### With special reference to 32 (a) (xi)

Under the heading "Foul" there were in old Law 26 sixteen sub-laws known as (a) to (p). The new heading of the Law which substantially replaces this old Law is "Making a fault during the striking". Thus it will be seen that the word "fault" has been substituted for "foul". Two of the sub-laws of old Law 26 have entirely disappeared, because strictly speaking they are not instances of the player making an unfair stroke. The first instance is old Law 26 (g) which is now new Law 28 (vi). This is no longer a foul. It bears comparison with new Law 28 (v). Why should it be a fault to play a croquet stroke when the striker's ball is touching a ball which it ought not to have been touching, if it is not also a fault to play a croquet stroke when the striker's ball is not touching a ball which it ought to have been touching? Both are instances of the striker's ball being improperly placed in a croquet stroke.

The second instance is striking the wrong ball. It is thought that this irregularity is not of the same kind as the other irregulari-ties which appear in new Law 32. This is partly recognised in the old Laws because the subject of playing with the wrong ball is reverted to under old Law 36. One of the results of taking out of new Law 32 the irregularity of playing with the wrong ball was to permit a re-examination of the appropriate "limit of claims". The striker carries around with him the evidence that he is playing with the wrong ball when in fact he is so doing. As a matter of common sense, the limit of claims could not be earlier than the first stroke of the next turn. If hoops have in fact been made, it well might have been further postponed.

But such irregularities as "crushing" and "pushing" and "touching another ball" come into quite a different catagory. Either they are contemporaneously noticed or they are not. If they are noticed they should be claimed at once. If they are not noticed all is buried in the past. The new limit of claims as originally drafted by me was "before the next stroke". Finally the limit of claims has been extended by one further stroke.

There has been a further alteration to old Law 26 (d) and (e) which have now become new Law 32 (a), (v) and (vi). A definition has been added and this has been taken from Instructions to Referees No. 9 on page 38 of the old Laws. Certain words have been added after consultation with New Zealand, but it is manifest that any definition of words used in new Law 32 should also be part of that Law.

With this preamble I shall now turn to new Law 32 (a) (xi) and quote how it should read, notwithstanding what appears in the book itself or even on the errata slips which have so far been issued.

"32 (a) (xi). Touches a ball other than his own ball, with the mallet or with any part of his body or clothes; or allows his own ball to touch any part of his body or clothes or retouch his mallet."

This sub-law supersedes old Law 26 (c) and old Law 26 (h) and (i).

I would first like to comment on these old sub-laws and point out that the period of time during which the striker might make a foul under old Law 26 (c) was different from the relevant period under old Law (h) and (i). Once the striker had quitted his stance he could stumble over any ball at rest without committing a foul. But only at his peril could he obstruct the path of a moving ball. This was not likely to happen after he had quitted his stance because the balls are normally moving away from him. The foul is only likely to occur in doubles when the striker's partner is the cause of the obstruction. This is illustrated by a case decision at the bottom of page 39 of the old Laws. Why should this have been a foul? Such interference could only have been calculated to cause a disadvantage to the striker. This is now covered by new Law 34 (a) to make quite sure that under no circumstances could such obstruction be to the striker's advantage. In those circumstances it seemed to me merely vindictive to impose a further penalty on the striker which might result in the innings passing to the other

This being so, it seemed to us that there was no longer any reason to have one sub-law dealing with interference of a ball at rest and another sub-law dealing with a ball that is moving. Consequently, new Law 32 (a) (xi) was intended to cover both a ball at rest and a ball which was moving. The fact that the words "at rest" were not omitted is nothing more than a clerical error for which I apologise.

However, my real sin lies elsewhere. I had a blind spot and omitted to observe the significance of the word "other than his own ball". Consequently there was no express provision to cover such cases as a ball rebounding from the wire of a hoop onto the striker's foot. Of course, it was never the intention of anyone either in England or in New Zealand to make an alteration in the

Laws on matters such as this. I have written this without consulting New Zealand, but I feel certain that New Zealand will be as surprised as I was myself when this defect in the drafting was pointed

I might add that old Law 26 (h) and (i) appear to draw a distinction between the active (touching) as opposed to the passive (allowing oneself to be touched). I cannot accept this. In drawing Laws the singular, for instance, normally includes the plural and think this is a case where the active includes the passive and vice versa. The choice of tense is merely a matter of emphasis. IAN BAILLIEU

#### A cuckoo in the nest

Accidents will happen even in the best of families. Nestling amongst the carefully conceived Faults in New Law 32 has been discovered an illegitimate little fault in the drafting of the Law itself

In the article above, Ian Baillieu, the Architect of the New Laws, has been quick to disclose this peccadillo and has not hesitated to admit his paternity.

But surely the responsibility cannot be held to be his alone. Even Mighty Hector could hardly be expected to avoid an occasional nod, and it was at such moments that Ian's Law Draft Committee, of which I have the privilege to be a member, should have proved vigilant.

Unfortunately it appears that at the critical time, like Pontius Pilate's bodyguard, we were all sound asleep. Now that we are awake to the situation, I am sure we are all only too ready to share the responsibility with him.

J. M. RIVINGTON

#### **INTER-CLUB MATCHES**

#### ROEHAMPTON v. (SOUTHWICK) BRIGHTON

Played at Rochampton on June 27th, 1961. Rochampton players named first.

#### SINGLES

J. A. Hollweg (-1) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) by 8. Col. C. C. Adams (-1) bt N. F. Blackwood (21) by 3. Mrs. R. Tingey (2) lost to E. A. Roper (3) by 12. Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) bt G. H. Blackett (5) by 9.

#### DOUBLES

J. A. Hollweg and Mrs. R. Tingey (1) bt E. A. Roper and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (5) by 9.

Col. C. C. Adams and Mrs. G. W. Solomon v. N. F. Blackwood and G. H. Blackett (game unfinished).

#### RESULT

Roehampton bt (Southwick) Brighton by 4 games to 1, one game unfinished

#### ROEHAMPTON v. HEATHFIELD

Played at Roehampton on July 4th, 1961. Roehampton players named first.

#### AMERICAN DOUBLES

Mrs. Pavia and Mrs. Slant lost to Miss Bartlett and Miss Harrison

by 6-7 Mrs. Pavia and Mrs. Slant bt Mrs. Francis and Mrs. Hoare by 7-6. Mrs. Pavia and Mrs. Slant bt Mrs. Robinson and Miss Francis

by 9-4. F. H. Curtis and Mrs. Carrington bt Miss Bartlett and Miss Harrison by 9-4.

F. H. Curtis and Mrs. Carrington lost to Mrs. Francis and Mrs. Hoare by 6-7

F. H. Curtis and Mrs. Carrington bt Mrs. Robinson and Miss Francis by 10-3

Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Curtis bt Miss Bartlett and Miss Harrison by 7-6

Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Curtis bt Mrs. Francis and Mrs. Hoare

Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Curtis bt Mrs. Robinson and Miss Francis by 8-5.

#### RESULT

Rochampton bt Heathfield by 7 games to 2.

#### THE LADIES FIELD CUP

#### July 17th-21st

By courtesy of the Sussex County Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club this competition was held this year at Southwick, for the first time out of London. The players much appreciated the excellent condition of the lawns, due to groundsman Adams, the first class lunches and teas, beautifully served by Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Truett, under the able supervision of Mrs. Chittenden, and, last but not least, the lovely weather which prevailed all through the week.

The absence of Mrs. Longman and Mrs. Elvey was noticeable and it was clear after a short time that the result would lie between the two minus players, Mrs. Rotherham and Miss Warwick. On the last morning odds could have been laid on Mrs. Rotherham, but Croquet is an unpredictable game and she was in fact beaten by Miss Warwick, who won the event for the third time in succession. The "Seven" was made up by Miss Roe, the recent Champion in the Women's event at Roehampton; Mrs. Buchanan, who was spending some months at Southwick on her trip to England from New Zealand—both these players competing for the first time— Mrs. Chittenden, Miss A. Mills and Mrs. Gasson. The final order was as follows: Miss Warwick (11 games), Mrs. Rotherham (10), Mrs. Buchanan (6), Miss Roe (6), Miss Mills (5), Mrs. Chittenden (3), Mrs. Gasson (1). There was only one 26-0, when Mrs. Rotherham succumbed to Miss Warwick, and one nice triple peel, in the game when the former beat Mrs. Chittenden by 24 in just one hour. There were several quick games and quite a few pegged-out ones. A feature was the number of peels brought off to avoid having to give lifts. The atmosphere was very friendly and everything went smoothly and expeditiously under the calm and efficient management of Miss M. J. Daldy.

You would not think that players of the standard of the Ladies Field Cup would make wrong hoops or forget lifts, would you? But these mental aberrations did happen-and more than once! For example, Mrs. Gasson could easily have won her game against Mrs. Buchanan had she remembered the lift after 4 back, Mrs. Buchanan having kindly left not one, but two balls in baulk for her! And Miss Warwick might have lost her second game against Mrs. Rotherham-and nearly did-by making 3 back when her clip was for 2 back! These things should not be done. Apart from the two minus players, the play, with some good exceptions, was not up to the standard one would expect in a competition of this nature. Mrs. Buchanan played well and deserved third place. She has a pretty style and looks elegant on the lawn. Miss Roe's play was erratic; she played very well in her first game against Mrs. Rotherham and should have won, but Mrs. Rotherham made a superb come-back with her second ball and beat her by two; she also played a very good game to beat Miss Warwick by 3—her only defeat—but the fact that a long take-off by the latter just rolled off the boundary did give her an advantage which she never lost. Miss Roe is inclined to rely too much on her shooting, which, when she is on her game, is very very good, but this week it was not consistent. Miss Mills played steadily and was lucky to beat Mrs. Buchanan by 1 by hitting a long peg-out and unlucky to lose to Mrs. Chittenden by 2. Mrs. Chittenden didn't seem to find her true form and Mrs. Gasson, apart from the one game against Mrs. Buchanan which she won by 7, was not playing as well as she can play. Tactics among some of the higher handicapped players sometimes left something to be desired. The interest in the com-petition was kept right up to lunch time on Friday, as the game between Mrs. Rotherham and Miss Warwick was quite vital and in fact decided the event in the latter's favour.

Notes on one or two of the more interesting games are appended. In the 2nd round, the game between Mrs. Rotherham and Miss Roe was interesting from both players' point of view. Miss Roe's two balls were on the peg and it looked as if she was bound to win, but Mrs. Rotherham got her ball from the 5th hoop to the penultimate, peeling her other ball through the rover on the way and eventually won by 2 points. Miss Roe played remarkably well but Mrs. Rotherham's last break was really brilliant, the accuracy of her play being quite amazing.

An important game in the 10th round between Miss Warwick and Miss Roe ended in the former player's only defeat. Miss Roe was again playing well and Miss Warwick was having an "off" period. After a long period the position was as follows: Red on peg and yellow on rover (Miss Warwick); blue on rover and black on penultimate (Miss Roe). Miss Warwick made a long take-off which just rolled off the court as it finished. This misfortune lost her the game, Miss Roe winning by 3. All the eight lift shots were taken in this game-a rare occurrence among players of this calibre.

In the 13th round Mrs. Rotherham and Miss Warwick met for the second time. Both players were keyed-up as this was the deciding game. In attempting to peel her other ball, Miss Warwick broke down at 2 back in her first break-a heaven-sent gift for Mrs. Rotherham, who got as far as 3 back, made it and then got hoop bound. Miss Warwick then had a mental aberration and made back instead of 2 back! Mrs. Rotherham made a first class break and got her other ball to the peg. She was playing calmly and accurately. It now looked all up for Miss Warwick-her blue ball being on 2 and her black on 2 back-but Mrs. Rotherham failed at the penultimate-later she failed at the rover. Miss Warwick, playing splendidly, got her blue round and pegged out yellow, then by careful wiring and owing to some very near misses by Mrs. Rotherham, she won this decisive game by 2 points. Both players deserved to win and both are to be congratulated.

At one stage a Referee had to be called up for 4 consecutive strokes-surely a very rare occurrence.

#### Analysis of Play

Miss E. J. Warwick won 11 games; namely against Mrs. E. Rother-ham +26 + 2, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +19 + 11, Miss I. M. Roe +24, Mrs. V. C. Gasson +20 + 17, Miss A. E. Mills +3 + 22, Mrs. L. Buchanan +3 + 14. She lost to Miss I. M. Roe -3.

Mrs. L. Buchanan +3 + 14. She lost to Miss I. M. Roe -3. Mrs. E. Rotherham won 10 games; namely against Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +24 + 24, Miss I. M. Roe +2 + 13, Mrs. V. C. Gasson +23 + 23, Miss A. E. Mills +11 + 18, Mrs. L. Buchanan +22 + 15. She lost to Miss E. J. Warwick -26 - 2.

Miss I. M. Roe won 6 games; namely against Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +11 +16, Mrs. V. C. Gasson +23 +12, Miss A. E. Mills +11, Miss E. J. Warwick +3, She lost 6 games to: Mrs. E. Rotherham -2 -13, Miss A. E. Mills -10, Mrs. L. Buchanan -10 -12, Miss E. J. Warwick -24.

Mrs. L. Buchanan won 6 games: namely against Mrs. H. F. Chitten-den +14 +8, Miss I. M. Roe +10 +12, Mrs. V. C. Gasson +2, Miss A. E. Mills +11. She lost 6 games to: Mrs. E. Rotherham -22 -15, Mrs. V. C. Gasson -19, Miss A. E. Mills -22, Miss E. J. Warwick -3 -14.

Miss A. E. Mills won 5 games; namely against Mrs. H. F. Chitten-den +12, Miss I. M. Roe +10, Mrs. V. C. Gasson +17 +15, Mrs. L. Buchanan +22. She lost 7 games against: Mrs. E. Rotherham -11 -18, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden -2, Miss I. M. Roe -11, Mrs. L. Buchanan —11, Miss E. J. Warwick —19 —22.

Mrs. L. Buchanan —11, Miss E. J. Warwick —19 —22. Mrs. H. F. Chittenden won 3 games; namely against Mrs. V. C. Gasson +8 +16, Miss A. E. Mills +2. She lost 9 games to: Mrs. E. Rotherham —24 —24, Miss I. M. Roe —11 —16, Miss A. E. Mills —12, Mrs. L. Buchanan —14, —8, Miss Warwick -19 --- 11.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson won 1 game against Mrs. L. Buchanan +19. She lost 11 games to: Mrs. E. Rotherham -23 -23, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden -8 -16, Miss I. M. Roe -23 -12, Miss Mills -17 -15, Miss E. J. Warwick -20 -17, Mrs. L. Buchanan -2.

### COMPTON

#### June 18th-24th

"Where were you during the blazing week of June, 1961, "Playing Croquet at Compton, my boy." In future Daddy?" years such a conversation may well recall this wonderful week.

It had everything-fast lawns, some very good croquet, masterly managership and, finally, that characteristic of Compton -Mrs. Irwin and her band of helpers, who do so much, by their untiring labours, to make the week enjoyable.

It was the greatest pleasure to play on fast lawns, which demanded of the player skill in approach and take-off. No. 2 Court was an excellent test of this.

There was good play both in the Open and Handicap Singles. The discoveries of the week were two young men from Oxford and Cambridge, Peter Fidler and Christopher Dashwood, whose exposition quickly demanded attention. It was confidently expected these two would meet in the final of the Handicap; nothing it appeared could stop their progress, such was their knowledge of how to use bisques to the best advantage. But it was not to be. In the semi-final, "the match of the week", R. V. N. Wiggins, playing one of his best games of recent years, overcame Peter Fidler, who had appeared certain to win. It was youthful exuberance which cost him the game. This remarkable young man seemed to be able, without aiming, to run any hoop-and to the required position on the non-playing side. But he stuck in the Rover, and this, combined with the fact that he is quite new to the game and has some weakness in tactics, cost him the match.

The illness of Leslie Kirk-Greene was most unfortunate and robbed the Open Singles of one of its strongest competitors. The entry was very good in this event in quantity and quality. The finalists, in both Draw and Process, were Bobbie Wiggins and Dudley Hamilton Miller. This meant, in effect, that the final of

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the opens was a best-of-three-games match. Bobbie won in two games and became winner of the Compton Open Cup for the 4th successive year. It was won in 1903, 1904 and 1905 by C. W. Horsburgh; Leslie Kirk-Greene won it in 1955, 1956 and 1957; Bobbie is the first to win it 4 times running.

In the Handicap Doubles the full game was played subject to a time limit of 3½ hours; all the matches, except one, finished within the time. The winners, Ian Baillieu and Peter Fidler, had their closest match in the first round, in which they defeated the Styles by only 2 points.

As the entry was so large 5 matches were played in the after-noon of Sunday June 18th and 3 extra courts on the cricket field were at times pressed into use. Although their surface was good, the incline needed careful appreciation.

The lunches and teas were as good as ever and at the prize-giving, conducted by Mr. Elvey, the players showed their apprecia-tion of his speech and of Col. and Mrs. Irwin's and their helper's hard work by vociferous applause.

Jack Dibley handled the large entry with his customary skill and kindliness, and Mike Perry was a resourceful referee. Charles Speer worked overtime, as barman, uncomplainingly,

#### OPEN SINGLES (CLASS 1) DRAW (15 Entries) FIRST ROUND N. Blackwood bt R. V. N. Wiggins by 16. D. J. V. Hamilton Miller bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 14. Major R. Tingey bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 19. Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. L. L. Buchanan by 23. M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs. R. Tingey by 9. J. K. Brown bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 10. Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt L. Kirk Greene w.o. opponent scratched. SECOND ROUND D. J. V. Hamilton Miller bt N. Blackwood by 13. Major R. Tingey bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 16. M. B. Reckitt bt J. K. Brown by 15. Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt G. Williams by 8. SEMI-FINAL D. J. V. Hamilton Miller bt Major R. Tingey by 14. Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt M. B. Reckitt by 16.

FINAL Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt D. J. V. Hamilton Miller by 12.

#### PROCESS

(15 Entries) FIRST ROUND Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 2. Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt J. K. Brown by 9. Major R. Tingey bt G. Williams by 12. Mrs. R. Tingey bt R. V. N. Wiggins by 11. Mrs. L. L. Buchanan bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 18. Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt L. Kirk Greene w.o. opponent scratched. N. Blackwood bt M. B. Reckitt by 2. SECOND ROUND Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 23. Major R. Tingey bt Mrs. R. Tingey w. o. opponent scratched. D. J. V. Hamilton Miller bt Mrs. L. L. Buchanan by 13.

N. Blackwood bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 2.

SEMI-FINAL Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Major R. Tingey by 15. D. J. V. Hamilton Miller bt N. Blackwood by 13.

FINAL Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt D. J. V. Hamilton Miller by 26.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS 2) (3 to  $7\frac{1}{2}$  Bisques) (12 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Cmdr. G. W. Style bt R. Whitham by 6. Miss H. D. Parker bt Mrs. E. M. Temple by 14. W. H. Austin bt E. A. Roper by 14. Mrs. D. E. Chorlton bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley w.o. opponent scratched. SECOND ROUND Mrs. E. A. Roper bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, opponent retired. Miss H. D. Parker bt Cmdr. G. W. Style by 24. W. H. Austin bt Mrs. D. E. Chorlton by 15.

Mrs. G. W. Style bt Miss E. F. Rose by 5. SEMI-FINAL Miss H. D. Parker bt Mrs. E. A. Roper by 15.

W. H. Austin bt Mrs. G. W. Style by 5. FINAL

W. H. Austin bt Miss H. D. Parker by 3.

**RESTRICTED HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS 3)** (8 Bisques and over) (11 Entries)

FIRST ROUND P. J. M. Fidler (9\*) bt Dr. H. R. McAleenan (10) by 15. H. A. Hall ( $10\frac{1}{2}$ ) bt N. V. Snell (9) by 17. Mrs. D. Owen (8) bt Mrs. I. Purves (12) by 12. SECOND ROUND

F. E. M. Puxon (9) bt Mrs. H. Topp (10) by 7. P. J. M. Fidler (9\*) bt H. A. Hall ( $10\frac{1}{2}$ ) by 13. Mrs. D. Owen (8) bt Mrs. R. Whitham (8) by 14. Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon ( $12^{*}$ ) bt Miss M. Bryan (12) by 3. SEMI-FINAL

P. J. M. Fidler (9\*) bt F. E. M. Puxon (9) by 15. Mrs. M. D. Owen (8) bt Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (12) by 6.

P. J. M. Fidler (9\*) bt Mrs. M. D. Owen (8) by 19.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y.") EVENT "X" (39 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. D. Owen (8) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) w.o. opponent scratched. Miss M. Bryan (12) bt Miss E. F. Rose (51) by 6. N. Blackwood (21/2) bt Mrs. R. Whitham (8) by 17. Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple  $(7\frac{1}{2})$  by 1. Mrs. I. M. Purves (12) bt R. Whitham  $(7\frac{1}{2})$  by 4. D. J. V. Hamilton Miller  $(-1\frac{1}{2})$  bt E. A. Roper (3) by 17. W. H. Austin  $(6\frac{1}{2})$  bt F. E. M. Puxon (9\*) by 12. SECOND ROUND Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (2) bt H. A. Hall  $(10\frac{1}{2})$  by 9. Mrs. R. Tingey (2) bt Mrs. D. E. Chorlton  $(4\frac{1}{2})$  by 11. G. Williams  $(\frac{1}{2})$  bt E. Plaistowe (12) opponent retired. Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) bt Mrs. L. L. Buchanan (2½) by 5. C. J. E. Dashwood (9\*) bt Mrs. G. W. Style (7) by 1. Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (4) opponent retired Mrs. D. Owen (8) bt Miss M. Bryan (12) by 6. Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) bt N. Blackwood (21) by 3. D. J. V. Hamilton Miller (-11) bt Mrs. S. M. Purves (12) by 14.

W. H. Austin (64) bt Mrs. A. Topp (10) by 17.
P. J. M. Fidler (8) bt J. K. Brown (1) by 15.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (-3) bt N. V. Snell (9) by 7.
R. V. N. Wiggins (2) bt Miss H. D. Parker (3) by 2. Mrs. H. Elvey (0) bt Cmdr. G. W. Style (74) by 9. M. B. Reckitt (-1) bt Dr. H. R. McAleenan (10) by 14. Major R. Tingey (-11) bt Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (12\*) by 3.

THIRD ROUND HIRD ROUND Mrs. R. Tingey (2) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ ) by 12. G. Williams ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper ( $7\frac{1}{2}$ ) by 7. C. J. E. Dashwood (9\*) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) by 26. Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) bt Mrs. D. Owen (8) by 6. W. H. Austin (64) bt D. J. V. Hamilton Miller  $(-1\frac{1}{2})$  by 17. P. J. M. Fidler (8) bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (-3) by 26. R. V. N. Wiggins (2) bt Mrs. G. Elvey (0) by 7. M. B. Reckitt (-1) bt Major R. Tingey ( $-1\frac{1}{2}$ ) by 6.

FOURTH ROUND FOURTH ROUND G. Williams ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) bt Mrs. R. Tingey (2) by 14. C. J. E. Dashwood (9\*) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) by 26. P. J. M. Fidler (8) bt W. H. Austin ( $6\frac{1}{2}$ ) by 21. R. V. N. Wiggins (2) bt M. B. Reckitt (-1) by 20. SEMI-FINAL

C. J. E. Dashwood (9\*) bt G. Williams (1) by 15. R. V. N. Wiggins (2) bt P. J. M. Fidler (8) by 2.

C. J. E. Dashwood (9\*) bt R. V. N. Wiggins (2) by 23.

#### CLASS "Y (20 Entries)

#### FIRST ROUND

F. E. M. Puxon (9\*) bt H. A. Hall (10<sup>1</sup>) by 5. Mrs. D. E. Chorlton ( $4\frac{1}{2}$ ) bt E. Plaistowe (12) w.o. opponent scratched. Mrs. L. L. Buchanan ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ ) bt Mrs. G. W. Style (7) by 9. Mrs. A. Topp (10) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (4) w.o. opponent scratched

SECOND ROUND Miss E. F. Rose (51) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) w.o. opponent scratched.

Mrs. E. M. Temple  $(7\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs. R. Whitham (8) by 3. E. A. Roper (3) bt R. Whitham  $(7\frac{1}{2})$  by 5. Mrs. D. E. Chorlton  $(4\frac{1}{2})$  bt F. E. M. Puxon  $(9^*)$  by 5. Mrs. D. E. Chornton  $(4\frac{1}{2})$  bt P. E. M. Puxon (9) by J. Mrs. L. Buchanan  $(2\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs. A. Topp (10) by 7. N. V. Snell (9) bt J. K. Brown (1) by 1. Cmdr. G. W. Style  $(7\frac{1}{2})$  bt Miss H. D. Parker (3) by 9. Dr. H. McAleenan (10) bt Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (12\*) by 9. THIRD ROUND Miss E. F. Rose  $(5\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs. E. M. Temple  $(7\frac{1}{2})$  by 9. Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (41) bt E. A. Roper (3) by 3 N. V. Snell (9) bt Mrs. L. L. Buchanan (21) by Cmdr. G. W. Style (71) bt Dr. H. McAleenan (10) by 9.

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{SEMI-FINAL} \\ \text{Mrs. D. E. Chorlton} \ (4\frac{1}{2}) \ \text{bt} \ \text{Miss E. F. Rose} \ (5\frac{1}{2}) \ \text{by} \ 4. \\ \text{Cmdr. G. W. Style} \ (7\frac{1}{2}) \ \text{bt} \ N. \ V. \ \text{Snell} \ (9) \ \text{by} \ 11. \end{array}$ 

FINAL Mrs. D. E. Chorlton  $(4\frac{1}{2})$  bt Cmdr. G. W. Style  $(7\frac{1}{2})$  by 2.

DOUBLES HANDICAP (Combined handicaps not less than 4) (12 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and F. E. M. Puxon (9) bt R. V. N. Wiggins

and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (4) by 9. Mrs. E. Rotherham and N. V. Snell (6) bt M. B. Reckitt and W. H. Austin  $(5\frac{1}{2})$  by 6 on time. Mrs. L. L. Buchanan and Miss H. D. Parker  $(5\frac{1}{2})$  bt J. K. Brown

and Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (13) by 6. I. C. Baillieu and P. J. M. Fidler (11) bt Cmdr. and Mrs. G. Style

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SECOND ROUND

D. J. V. Hamilton Miller and Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) bt Mrs. R. Tingey and E. A. Roper (5) by 23. Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and F. E. M. Puxon (9) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham

Mis, O. P. H. Elvey and P. E. M. Fuxon (9) of Mis, E. Roudenham and N. V. Snell (6) by 16.
I. C. Baillieu and P. J. M. Fidler (11) bt Mrs. L. L. Buchanan and Miss H. D. Parker (5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>) by 10.
Major R. Tingey and Mrs. H. C. S. Perry (8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>) bt Dr. and Mrs. H. R. McAleenan (24) by 21.

- SEMI-FINAL Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and F. E. M. Puxon (9) bt D. J. V. Hamilton Miller and Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) by 10. I. C. Baillieu and P. J. M. Fidler (11) bt Major R. Tingey and
- Mrs. H. C. S. Perry (81) by 9.

FINAL I. C. Baillieu and P. J. M. Fidler (11) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and F. E. M. Puxon (9) by 15.

#### PARKSTONE

#### June 26th-July 1st

Parkstone in June is one of the pleasantest places to be in and the Tournament lived up to its reputation for friendliness, excellent catering and plenty of play. Except for rain on the Monday, blazing sunshine and high temperatures made for tricky lawns, and consequently slowed up the games and necessitated time limits in a number of cases.

Among the visitors it was good to see Mrs. Buchanan, who plays an attractive game, Mrs. Latham, Miss Chancellor, Dr. and Mrs. Smartt who both did well, Miss Taylor who played steadily and Mrs. Stevenson who won the doubles with H. Ormerod. Miss Warwick won both the Draw and Process against some stiff oppo-sition. In the Play Off for second place Canon Creed Meredith won from Mrs. Latham after a close struggle. The Cup winners of all events are to be congratulated on their successes.

'Della' who managed the Tournament with his usual charm, had his work cut out to bring things to a successful conclusion on Saturday evening, and to him, Mrs. McMordie and her helpers our very warm thanks are due.

### THE DORSET SALVER AND HALSE CUP OPEN SINGLES (CLASS A)

#### DRAW

(8 Entries) FIRST ROUND

Mrs. L. L. Buchanan bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 22. Mrs. F. N. Latham bt Major J. R. Abbey by 19.

Dr. G. L. Ormerod bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 1. Miss E. J. Warwick bt Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith by 17.

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. F. N. Latham bt Mrs. L. L. Buchanan by 5. Miss E. J. Warwick bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod by 10.

Miss E. J. Warwick bt Mrs. F. N. Latham by 17.

PLAY-OFF

Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith bt Mrs. F. N. Latham -5.

#### PROCESS (8 Entries)

FIRST ROUND Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith w.o. Major J. R. Abbey, opponent scratched. Dr. G. L. Ormerod bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 2 on time.

Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt Mrs, L. L. Buchanan by 6. Miss E. J. Warwick bt Mrs. F. N. Latham by 17. SEMI-FINAL

Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod by 3 on time. Miss E. J. Warwick bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 6.

WINNER

FINAL Miss E. J. Warwick bt Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith by 7.

Miss E. J. Warwick.

RUNNER-UP FOR SECOND PLACE Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith bt Mrs. F. N. Latham by 5.

> LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS B) (Law 44 suspended) (2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> to 6 Bisques) (8 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

T. A. Chignell bt Mrs. E. N. Kay by 17.

SECOND ROUND Mrs. G. L. Stevenson bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 13. T. A. Chignell bt Mrs. R. A. Hill opponent retired. Lady Ursula Abbey bt Mrs. N. McMordie by 23. Dr. R. B. N. Smartt bt Major F. Hill Bernhard by 11.

SEMI-FINAL T. A. Chignell bt Mrs. G. L. Stevenson by 14. Dr. R. B. N. Smartt bt Lady Ursula Abbey by 3.

FINAL T. A. Chignell bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt by 7. HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS C) THE COPE CUP

 $(6\frac{1}{2}$  bisques and over)

(12 Entries)

FIRST ROUND Miss M. M. Taylor (8) bt Miss M. M. Fickling (15) by 15.

Mrs. G, L, Ormerod (12) bt Mrs. C, Devitt (13) by 4. Miss H. T. Woolley (8) bt Mrs. G. Fitter  $(8\frac{1}{2})$  by 3.

Rev. H. L. Ormerod (61) bt Lt.-Col. de Brisay (14) by 11.

SECOND ROUND Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (7) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (7) by 15.

Miss M. M. Taylor (8) bt Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (12) by 13. Rev. H. L. Ormerod  $(6\frac{1}{2})$  bt Miss H. F. Woolley (8) by 15. Miss M. Chancellor (8) bt Mrs. R. Creed Meredith (16) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (7) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (8) by 8. Miss M. Chancellor (8) w.o. Rev. H. L. Ormerod (6) opponent scratched.

FINAL

Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (7) bt Miss M. Chancellor (8) by 8.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X")

(Unrestricted) THE BISHOP CUP AND EVANS ROSE BOWL (29 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Miss K. D. Hickson (7) bt Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (6) by 12.

Major J. R. Abbey  $(1\frac{1}{2})$  bt T. A. Chignell (4) by 15. Mrs. L. L. Buchanan  $(2\frac{1}{2})$  bt A. F. Rash (8) by 14. Lady Ursula Abbey  $(3\frac{1}{2})$  bt Miss M. M. Taylor (8) by 9 (on time). Mrs. G. Fitter  $(8\frac{1}{2})$  bt Dr. H. J. Penny  $(3\frac{1}{2})$  by 3.

Rev. H. L. Ormerod (61) bt Major F. Hill Bernhard (5) by 13. Miss E. J. Warwick (-1) bt Miss M. M. Fickling (15) by 17.

Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish (1) bt Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (12) by 5. Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (7) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (6) by 15. Miss M. Chancellor (8) bt Mrs. C. Devitt (13) by 16.

Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith (0) bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod (2) by 6

(on time).

Miss H. F. Woolley (8) bt Mrs. F. M. Latham (2) opponent scratched.

Mrs. L. H. Ashton (0) bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (41) by 3.

SECOND ROUND Miss K. D. Hickson (7) bt Lt.-Col. R. L. de Brisay (14) by 12. Mrs. L. L. Buchanan  $(2\frac{1}{2})$  bt Major J. R. Abbey  $(1\frac{1}{2})$  by 12. Lady Ursula Abbey  $(3\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs G. Fitter  $(8\frac{1}{2})$  by 8.

Rev. H. L. Ormerod (61) bt Miss E. J. Warwick (-1) by 9. Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish (1) bt Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (7) by 11. Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith (0) bt Miss M. Chancellor (8) by 6 (on time). Miss H. F. Woolley (8) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton (0) by 2 (on time).

Mrs. M. McMordie (5) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) by 16.

Seven

#### THIRD ROUND

Mrs. L. L. Buchanan (21) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (7) by 7. Rev. H. L. Ormerod  $(6\frac{1}{2})$  bt Lady Ursula Abbey  $(3\frac{1}{2})$  by 22. Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish (1) bt Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith (0)

Miss H. F. Woolley (8) bt Mrs. M. McMordie (5) by 2 on time. SEMI-FINAL

Rev. H. L. Ormerod  $(6\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs. L. L. Buchanan  $(2\frac{1}{2})$  by 2. Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish (1) bt Miss H. F. Woolley (8) by 13.

EINAL Rev. H. L. Ormerod  $(6\frac{1}{2})$  bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish (1) by 11.

#### EVENT "Y" (15 Entries)

FIRST ROUND Lt.-Col. R. L. de Brisay (14) bt Mrs. G. L. Stevenson (6) by 4. A. F. Rash (8) bt T. A. Chignell (4) by 7. Miss M. M. Taylor (8) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>) by 7. Major F. Hill Bernhard (5) bt Miss M. M. Fickling (15) by 13. Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (12) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (6) by 6. Dr. G. L. Ormerod (2) bt Mrs. C. Devitt (13) by 16 Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (41) bt Mrs. F. N. Latham (2) by 3.

SECOND ROUND A. F. Rash (8) bt Lt.-Col. R. L. de Brisay (14) by 4. Miss M. M. Taylor (8) bt Major F. Hill Bernhard (5) by 2. Dr. G. L. Ormerod (2) bt Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (12) by 9 Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (41) w.o. Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) opponent scratched SEMI-FINAL

A. F. Rash (8) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (8) by 12. Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (4½) bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod (2) by 8.

Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (41) bt A. F. Rash (8) by 7.

#### HANDICAP DOUBLES

(Combined handicap not to be less than 2) (11 Pairs) FIRST ROUND

Mrs. F. M. Latham and Miss M. Chancellor (10) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton and Mrs. G. Fitter (81) by 16.

Mrs. L. L. Buchanan and T. A. Chignell (61) bt Dr. H. Penny and

Miss K. D. Hickson  $(10\frac{1}{2})$  by 6. Miss E. J. Warwick and Dr. R. B. N. Smartt  $(3\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs. M. McMordie and Miss M. Fickling (20) by 15.

SECOND ROUND

Rev. H. L. Ormerod and Mrs. G. L. Stevenson (12<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>) bt Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith and Mrs. C. Devitt (13) by 14.
 Mrs. L. L. Buchanan and T. A. Chignell (6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>) bt Mrs. F. N. Latham

and Miss M. Chancellor (10) by 10. Miss E. J. Warwick and Dr. R. B. N. Smartt  $(3\frac{1}{2})$  bt Dr. G. L.

Ormerod and Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (14) by 8. Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (8) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill and Miss M. M. Taylor (14) by 5.

SEMI-FINAL

Rev. H. L. Ormerod and Mrs. G. L. Stevenson (121) bt Mrs. L. L.

Buchanan and T. A. Chignell (6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>) by 8. Cmdr, G. V. G. Beamish and Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (8) bt Miss E. J. Warwick and Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>) by 5.

FINAL

Rev. H. L. Ormerod and Mrs. G. L. Stevenson (121) bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (8) by 7.

#### SOUTHWICK V. COMPTON

This match was played on 4th July, 1961, at Eastbourne on very fast and rather difficult lawns. All the games were well con-tested. The closest was that between Major R. Driscoll and W. H. Austin. The latter, when trying to go out, rushed his partner ball from the boundary so accurately that it hit the peg and his turn ended. Major Driscoll then got in and succeeded in pegging out both his balls to give Southwick their one success.

#### RESULTS

(Compton first)

Mrs. Chittenden bt Mrs. Buchanan + 5.

Mrs. Chorlton bt E. A. Roper +5. W. H. Austin lost to Major Driscoll -1.

Mrs. Chittenden and Mrs. Perry bt Mrs. Buchanan and Major R. Driscoll +5.

Mrs. Charlton and W. H. Austin bt E. A. Roper and Mrs. Roper

Compton bt Southwick by 4 matches to 1.

CARRICKMINES

CHAMPIONSHIP OF IRELAND (8 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

R. J. Leonard bt A. Robinson -2+3+2. H. G. D. Stoker bt T. V. Murphy -4+11+22. Lady FitzGerald bt J. Stokes +18+19. Mrs. R. J. Leonard bt R. E. Steen +2 +2 SEMI-FINAL

R. J. Leonard bt H. G. D. Stoker +2 -20 +7 Lady FitzGerald bt Mrs. R. J. Leonard +2 +2. FINAL

R. J. Leonard bt Lady FitzGerald +3 +13.

HANDICAP SINGLES FOUNDERS CUP (18 Entries) FIRST ROUND Miss Carlyon (41) bt Mrs. Boxwell (6) by 3. H. M. Read (8) bt Miss I. Haire (10) by 4.

R. J. Leonard (2) bt Miss G. Hopkins (8) by 18. Mrs. H. M. Read (7) w.o. T. V. Murphy (4) scratched.

SECOND ROUND Miss E. Haire (8) bt Mrs. Wilson (14) by 7. A. Robinson (3) bt J. Stokes (4) by 7. Lady Fitzgerald (1) bt R. E. Steen (4) bt 16. Miss Carlyon (41) bt H. M. Read (8) by 4. R. J. Leonard (2) bt Mrs. H. M. Read (7) by 13. Mrs. Tottenham (7) bt D. Campbell  $(5\frac{1}{2})$  by 17. Mrs. R. J. Leonard (3) bt W. S. Beamish (5) by 6. H. G. D. Stoker  $(-\frac{1}{2})$  bt J. H. Wilson (9) by 12.

THIRD ROUND A. Robinson (3) bt Miss E. Haire (8) by 17. Miss Carlyon (41) bt Lady FitzGerald (1) by 21.

R. J. Leonard (2) bt Mrs. Tattenham (7) by 13 H. G. D. Stoker  $\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$  bt Mrs. R. J. Leonard (3) by 14. SEMI-FINAL

A. Robinson (3) w.o. Miss Carlyon (41) scratched. H. G. D. Stoker  $\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$  bt R. J. Leonard (2) by 1.

A. Robinson (3) bt H. G. D. Stoker  $(-\frac{1}{2})$  by 7.

LEVEL SINGLES GREEN CUP (5 Bisques and over) (11 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Miss E. Haire bt Mrs. D. Phibbs by 9. Miss I. Haire bt Mrs. Wilson by 17. Miss G. Hopkins bt J. H. Wilson by 12.

SECOND ROUND W. S. Beamish bt Mrs. Tottenham by 4. H. M. Read bt Miss E. Haire by 13. Miss G. Hopkins bt Miss I. Haire by 5. D. Campbell bt Mrs. H. M. Read by 11.

SEMI-FINAL

H. M. Read w.o. W. S. Beamish, scratched. D. Campbell bt Miss G. Hopkins by 13.

D. Campbell bt H. M. Read by 11.

#### HANDICAP DOUBLES STONEBROOK CUPS (9 Entries)

FIRST ROUND Miss I. Haire and D. Campbell (151) bt Mrs. Tottenham and

- Miss G. Hopkins (15) by 7. SECOND ROUND
- R. J. Leonard and Mrs. Leonard (5) bt W. S. Beamish and Mrs. Boxwell (11) by 13. J. Stokes and Mrs. Stokes (9) bt Lady FitzGerald and Mrs. B. T.
- O'Reilly (5) by 3.
- Miss I. Haire and D. Campbell (151) bt H. M. Read and Mrs. Read (15) by 7.
- H. G. D. Stoker and T. V. Murphy (31) bt J. H. Wilson and A. Robinson (11) by 4. SEMI-FINAL

R. J. Leonard and Mrs. Leonard (5) bt J. Stokes and Mrs. Stokes

- (9) by 13. H. G. D. Stoker and T. V. Murphy  $(3\frac{1}{2})$  bt Miss I. Haire and D. Campbell  $(15\frac{1}{2})$  by 4.
- FINAL R. J. Leonard and Mrs. Leonard (5) bt H. G. D. Stoker and T. V. Murphy (31) by 8.

#### **BUDLEIGH SALTERTON** AMERICAN TOURNAMENT (Unofficial) July 4th to 7th, 1961

Exmouth and Budleigh tournaments used to provide a fort-night's croquet in a beautiful corner of Devon. The former being now defunct the enterprising Budleians this year introduced an American tournament in the week before the official one. There is much to be said for an American, in general, as compared with a knock-out. And there was much more to be said for this one in particular, for it was played in attractive surroundings, in sunny weather, on lawns which, although they became difficult later in the week, were, in view of the drought, surprisingly green at the start. The secret of this, one learnt, lay in the plastic pipes which have been laid during the winter to make water available for all the lawns.

The players were drawn in four blocks, each a mixed bag of bisques, so one had the interesting spectacle of a rabbit hiding behind a forest of bisques whilst a hungry carnivore prowled round the edged gradually whittling away the wood. In the play-off between the five block winners, Mrs. Vincent played splendidly to eliminate the cool resolute South African player, Mrs. Clark, who had already knocked out Horridge, but only got the opportunity to use two of her three bisques against Cooper in the final, who had shown his prowess by beating Miss Warwick in the semifinal.

The thanks of all who took part are due to Major Stone for managing and of some for arranging their accommodation, to Majordomo West for dispensing liquid refreshment to players and lawns alike-a not unnatural combination for a groundsman since "all flesh is grass", and to the Club Secretary, Mr. Walters, for his activities before the curtain went up and behind the scenes during the play.

#### AMERICAN TOURNAMENT (Unofficial)

	BLO	CK	"A"				
NAMES		Handicap	J. K. Brown	J. G. Warwick	Mrs. W. Longman	Mrs. R. S. G. Atchley	Mrs. A. Clark
J. K. Brown		1	-	22	22	26	2
J. G. Warwick		-1	26	-	26	26	6
Mrs. W. Longman		-1	26	23	-	26	6
Mrs. R. S. G. Atchley		16	14	15	10	I.	13
Mrs. A. Clark		3	26	26	26	26	-
Miss S. C. Gough		13	22	23	15	13	13
Block Winner: Mrs. A. C	lark.					-	

BLOCK "B"

NAMES	Handicap	W. Trevor Johnson	Miss A. E. Mills	A. J. Cooper	Mrs. J. Povey	Mrs. R. G. Michelmore
W. Trevor Johnson	. 14	-	10	3	26	26
Miss A. E. Mills	. 2	26	-	26	26	19
A. J. Cooper	1	26	9	-	26	26
Mrs. J. Povey	14	16	15	11	-	16
Mrs. R. G. Michelmore	41	20	26	9	26	-
Mrs. E. Rotherham	3	26	15	1	26	26

Block Winner: A. J. Cooper.

#### BLOCK "C"

NAMES	Handicap	Miss M. S. Carlyon	G. B. Horridge	Miss J. Cooper	Col. D. W. Beamish	G. R. Mills	G. A. Black
Miss M. S. Carlyon .	 41/2	-	18	26	20	26	18
G. B. Horridge .	 9	26	-	26	26	26	21
Miss J. Cooper .	 61/2	18	2	-	10	23	10
Col. D. W. Beamish .	 -1	26	15	26		26	26
G. R. Mills	 6	20	6	26	22	-	26
G. A. Black	 2	26	26	26	13	16	-

Block Winner: G. B. Horridge

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NAMES	The second second	Handicap	Mrs. F. R. Briggs	Mrs. Newnham-Davi	Maj. R. S. G. Atchley	Mrs. M. H. Vincent	Mrs. C. E. Gatehous	Dr. R. B. Sandiford
Mrs. F. R. Briggs		2	-	6	26	8	26	26
Mrs. Newnham-Davis		13	26	-	26	9	25	21
Maj. R. S. G. Atchley		14	20	20	-	21	26	x
Mrs. M. H. Vincent		5	26	26	26		26	21
Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse		71/2	22	26	14	23	-	26
Dr. R. B. Sandiford		31	19	26	X	26	19	-

Block Winner: Mrs. M. H. Vincent. X — Unplayed game.

#### BLOCK "E"

NAMES	Several Se	Handicap	F. R. Meachem	AVM/F. H. M. Maynard	Miss M. M. Taylor	LtCol. G. E. Cave	Miss E. J. Warwick	Miss V. E. Mills
F. R. Meachem		5	-	18	19	5	9	5
AVM/F. H. M. Maynard		10	26	-	19	26	26	25
Miss M. M. Taylor		8	26	26	-	10	12	7
LtCol. G. E. Cave		1/2	26	18	26	-	16	26
Miss E. J. Warwick		-1	26	24	26	26	-	26
Miss V. E. Mills		3	26	26	26	3	22	-

Block Winner: Miss E. J. Warwick.

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#### Block Winners Play-off

FIRST ROUND Mrs. A. Clark (Block A) bt G. B. Horridge (Block C) by 9.

SEMI-FINALS Mrs. M. H. Vincent (Block D) bt Mrs. A. Clark by 16. A. J. Cooper (Block B) bt Miss E. J. Warwick (Block E) by 14.

FINAL

A. J. Cooper bt Mrs. M. H. Vincent by 21.

EXTRA EVENT

(16 Entries)

SEMI-FINALS. W. H. Austin (51) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (61) by 3.

G. B. Horridge (7) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (71) by 9 FINAL

G. B. Horridge (7) bt W. H. Austin  $(5\frac{1}{2})$  by 12.

#### **BUDLEIGH SALTERTON** 9th-15th July, 1961

The visitor to the croquet tournament at Budleigh Salterton may always be sure of a warm welcome from the members of its club-among whom a galazy of croquet stars may now be found.

This very popular annual event had a very good entry, and though some rain, and some cold winds marred the occasion, the weather was in general good, and all the competitors had a most enjoyable week.

Our warmest thanks to Major J. H. Dibley who managed us so competently and so pleasantly, to Mr. G. Walters whose genial influence was evident everywhere, to Major F. Stone who arranged the smooth running of the event, to the groundsman, and last but not least to Mrs. Sandercock and her band of helpers in providing us with such excellent lunches, and in attending

generally to our creature comforts. B.B.C. and I.T.V. representatives visited the club on the Monday and Tuesday and some of the results of their activities duly appeared in television programmes.

There were quite a number of interesting games and some exciting finishes.

In an open event in which both competitors were playing well, A. J. Cooper nearly brought off a straight triple peel in beating J. G. Warwick

In a game in which Comdr. and Mrs. Clarke were playing against Canon Creed Meredith and Mrs. Meredith, the first named arrived at penultimate early on. Thereupon the Canon using the 4 bisques of the partnership went round, double peeled the Commander and pegged him out, leaving Mrs. Clarke with 10 hoops to make. By very good play and some spectacular hoop running the last named succeeded in gradually reaching and making rover, but in the end lost by one point.

Miss M. S. Carlyon and Miss C. Gough playing against Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. G. Solomon also provided an exciting finish. Miss Carlyon playing a very good turn pegged out Mrs. Solomon, leaving Miss Warwick (on the rover) with a ticklish job on hand—but she was equal to it and Miss Warwick and Mrs. Solomon were victorious in the end.

In the final of the Handicap Singles, the competitors, Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and Major E. C. Heathcote, went in to lunch with both Major Heathcote's clips on the peg, and his opponent for the 1st and 2nd hoops. After lunch Col. Prichard went out in 2 turns giving his opponent just the one long shot in between, a very fine performance.

#### OPEN SINGLES (Draw and Process) THE COLMAN CUP PROCESS (20 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 10. Miss I. M. Roe w.o. Mrs. F. R. Briggs opponent scratched. Miss E. J. Warwick bt Com. A. Clark by Col. D. W. Beamish bt Major R. Tingey by 6. SECOND ROUND Mrs. W. Longman bt Com G. V. G. Beamish by 12.

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt Canon R. Creed Meredith by 19. J. G. Warwick bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 10. Miss I. M. Roe bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 23. Mrs. R. Tingey bt J. K. Brown by 3. Miss E. J. Warwick bt Miss A. E. Mills by 24. A. J. Cooper bt M. B. Reckitt by 13. Col. D. W. Beamish bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 4.

Mrs. W. Longman bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard by 4. J. G. Warwick bt Miss I. M. Roe by 3. Miss E. J. Warwick bt Mrs. R. Tingey by 14. A. J. Cooper bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 3.

SEMI-FINAL J. G. Warwick bt Mrs. W. Longman by 20. A. J. Cooper w.o. Miss E. J. Warwick opponent retired.

FINAL

A. J. Cooper bt J. G. Warwick by 16.

#### DRAW (20 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. W. Longman bt J. K. Brown by 10. Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 6. Miss A. E. Mills bt Canon R. Creed Meredith by 4. A. J. Cooper bt J. G. Warwick by 8.

SECOND ROUND

Major R. Tingey w.o. Mrs. F. R. Briggs opponent scratched. Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt Com. A. Clark by 23. Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard of Com. A. Clark by 23.
M. B. Reckitt bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 8.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt Mrs. W. Longman by 9.
A. J. Cooper bt Miss A. E. Mills by 19.
Mrs. R. Tingey bt Com. G. V. G. Beamish by 10.
Col. D. W. Beamish bt Miss I. M. Roe by 5.
Miss E. J. Warwick bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 22. THIRD ROUND

Major R. Tingey bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard by 14. M. B. Reckitt bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 9. A. J. Cooper bt Mrs. R. Tingey by 10. Miss E. J. Warwick bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 4.

SEMI-FINAL Major R. Tingey bt M. B. Reckitt by 4. Miss E. J. Warwick w.o. A. J. Cooper opponent scratched.

HINAL Miss E. J. Warwick bt Major R. Tingey by 24. PLAY-OFF

Miss E. J. Warwick bt A. J. Cooper by 7.

#### LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B") THE LONGMAN CUP (21 to 6 Bisques) (15 Entries) FIRST ROUND

Major E. C. Heathcote bt W. H. Austin by 9. Mrs. A. Clark bt Mrs. M. H. Vincent by 1. Dr. R. B. N. Smartt bt Capt. M. Buller by 10. Miss V. E. Mills bt Miss K. Ault by 6. Mrs. G. W. Solomon bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley by 14.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt Miss M. S. Carlyon by 13. G. R. Mills bt Mrs. R. A. Hill by 16.

SECOND ROUND

Major E. C. Heathcote w.o. Mrs A. Clark opponent scratched. Miss V. E. Mills bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt by 10. Mrs. G. W. Solomon w.o. Mrs V. C. Gasson opponent retired. G. R. Mills bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmore by 6.

SEMI-FINAL Major E. C. Heathcote bt Miss V. E. Mills by 8. G. R. Mills bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 8.

Maior E. C. Heathcote bt G. R. Mills by 12.

#### HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C") (61 Bisques and over) (16 Entries)

FIRST ROUND R. B. Nelson (9\*) bt Dr. H. R. McAleenan (10) by 10. Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty (10) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (7½) by 10. Miss S. C. Gough (13) bt Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (7) by 17. G. A. Black (7) bt Mrs. T. F. Laverty (14) by 3. G. B. Horridge (7) bt Mrs. R. Creed Meredith (16) by 18. R. S. Green  $(9^*)$  bt Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (10) by 10. Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson  $(6\frac{1}{2})$  bt Miss J. Cooper  $(6\frac{1}{2})$  by 1. Miss M. M. Taylor (8) bt Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (7) by 2.

SECOND ROUND SECOND ROUND Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty (10) bt R. B. Nelson (9\*) by 10. G. A. Black (7) bt Miss S. C. Gough (13) by 12. R. S. Green (9\*) bt G. B. Horridge (7) by 4. Miss M. M. Taylor (8) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson ( $6\frac{1}{2}$ ) by 3. SEMI-FINAL

Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty (10) bt G. A. Black (7) by 11. R. S. Green (9\*) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (8) by 9. FINAL

Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty (10) bt R. S. Green (9\*) by 18.

#### HANDICAP SINGLES (49 Entries)

FIRST ROUND Major E. C. Heathcote (4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>) bt Mrs. L. G. Walters (6) by 10. Miss E. J. Warwick (-1) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) by 12. R. B. Nelson (9\*) bt Mrs. W. Longman (-1) by 17. Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (8) by 14. Major R. Tingey  $(-1\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs. M. H. Taylor (3) by Major R. Tingey  $(-1\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 16. G. B. Horridge (7) bt Mrs. A. Clark ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ ) by 4. Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) bt G. A. Black (7) bt 2. Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (7) by J. K. Brown (1) by 3. M. B. Reckitt (-1) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (3) by 9. Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (5) w.o. W. Longman (1) opponent scratched. Mrs. M. H. Vincent (4) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (6) by 17. Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (7) bt Col. D. W. Beamish (-1) by 14. Miss I. M. Roe (2) bt Miss S. C. Gough (13) by 18.

J. G. Warwick (2) of Miss J. C. Older (13) 10. J. G. Warwick (-1) bt Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (10) by 8. Com. A. Clark (2) bt Miss V. E. Mills (3) by 4. Canon R. Creed Meredith (0) bt Capt. M. Buller (4) by 10. Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (11) bt G. R. Mills (6) by 8 SECOND ROUND

SECOND ROUND Dr. R. B. N. Smartt  $(4\frac{1}{2})$  bt R. S. Green  $(9^*)$  by 19. W. H. Austin  $(5\frac{1}{2})$  bt Miss M. S. Carlvon  $(4\frac{1}{2})$  by 15. Miss K. Ault  $(4\frac{1}{2})$  bt Com. G. V. G. Beamish  $(\frac{1}{2})$  by 2. Major E. C. Heathcote  $(4\frac{1}{2})$  bt Miss. R. Tingey (2) by 17. R. B. Nelson (9\*) w.o. Miss E. J. Warwick (-1) opponent scratched. Major R. Tingey  $(-1\frac{1}{2})$  bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart  $(2\frac{1}{2})$  by 3. G. B. Horridge (7) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) by 6. G. B. Hornige (7) of Mrs. C. F. H. Elvey (6) by 6. M. B. Reckitt (--1) bt Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (7) by 6. Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (5) bt Mrs. M. H. Vincent (4) by 10. Miss I. M. Roe (2) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse  $(7\frac{1}{2})$  by 3. J. G. Warwick (--1) bt Com. A. Clark (2) by 2. Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (14) bt Canon R. Creed Meredith (0)

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave  $(\frac{1}{2})$  bt A. J. Cooper (0) by 14. Miss J. Cooper  $(6\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) by 9. Dr. H. R. McAleenan (10) w.o. Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2) opponent

scratched

Miss A. E. Mills (2) bt V. A. de la Nougerede (-1) by 16. THIRD ROUND

Dr. R. N. B. Smartt (41) bt W. H. Austin (51) by 11. Major E. C. Heathcote (41) bt Miss K. Ault (41) by 15. R. B. Nelson (9\*) bt Major R. Tingey  $(-1\frac{1}{2})$  by 14. M. B. Reckitt (-1) bt G. B. Horridge (7) by 13. Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (5) bt Miss I. M. Roe (2) by 17. Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard  $(1\frac{1}{2})$  bt J. G. Warwick (-1) by 13. Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave  $(\frac{1}{2})$  bt Miss J. Cooper  $(6\frac{1}{2})$  by 15. Miss A. E. Mills (2) bt Dr. H. R. McAleenan (10) by 5.

FOURTH ROUND Major E. C. Heathcote  $(4\frac{1}{2})$  bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt  $(4\frac{1}{2})$  by 11. M. B. Reckitt (-1) bt R. B. Nelson  $(9^*)$  by 11. Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard  $(1\frac{1}{2})$  w.o. Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (5)

opponent retired. Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (1) bt Miss A. E. Mills (2) by 8.

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{SEMI-FINAL} \\ \text{Major E. C. Heathcote } (4\frac{1}{2}) \text{ bt M. B. Reckitt } (-1) \text{ by 26.} \\ \text{Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard } (1\frac{1}{2}) \text{ bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave } (\frac{1}{2}) \text{ by 10.} \end{array}$ FINAL

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Pritchard (11) bt Major E. C. Heathcote (41) by 2.

#### HANDICAP DOUBLES

(No two players of handicaps 11/2 or below may play together) (26 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Miss V. E. Mills (3) bt V. A. de la Nougerede and W. H. Austin  $(4\frac{1}{2})$  by 1 (on time). Miss M. S. Carlyon and Miss S. C. Gough  $(15\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs. V. C.

Miss M. S. Carlyon and Miss S. C. Gough (152) of Mis, V. C. Gasson and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (92) by 1 (on time).
M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (3) bt Miss J. Cooper and Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (132) by 12.
Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) bt Comd. G. V. G.

Beamish and R. S. Green (94) by 4. Mrs. R. G. Michelmore and A.V.M./F. H. M. Maynard (14) bt

Mrs. R. G. Wichelmore and A.Y.M. T. H. M. Maynard (14) of Mrs. L. G. Walters and G. A. Black (13) by 13.
Mrs. W. Longman and Miss K. Ault (3½) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse and Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty (17½) bt 5.
Canon R. Creed Meredith and Mrs. R. Creed Meredith (14) bt Comd. A. Clark and Mrs. A. Clark (4½) by 1.

Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart and Miss A. E. Mills (44) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and G. B. Horridge (4) by 14. Mrs. J. H. Dibley and R. B. Nelson (15) bt Major R. Tingey and

Mrs. R. Tingey ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) by 13. Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and G. R. Mills ( $6\frac{1}{2}$ ) bt Dr. H. R. McAleenan and Mrs. H. R. McAleenan (24) by 15.

SECOND ROUND Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>) bt Col. D. W. Beamish and Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (4) by 12. A. J. Cooper and Capt. M. Buller (4) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and Miss V. E. Mills (3) by 14.

Miss V. E. Mills (3) by 14.
Miss M. S. Carlyon and Miss S. C. Gough (15<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>) bt M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (3) by 20.
Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmore and A.V.M./F. H. M. Maynard (14) by 14.

Canon R. Creed Meredith and Mrs. R. Creed Meredith (14) bt

Mrs. W. Longman and Miss K. Ault (31) by 4 (on time). Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart and Miss A. E. Mills (41) bt Mrs. J. H.

Dibley and R. B. Nelson (15) by 4. Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and G. R. Mills (61) bt J. K. Brown and Miss I. M. Roe (3) by 12. J. G. Warwick and Major E. C. Heathcote (3) bt Mrs. R. A.

Hill and Miss M. M. Taylor (14) by 13.

THIRD ROUND

A. J. Cooper and Capt. M. Buller (4) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>) by 4. Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) bt Miss M. S.

Carlyon and Miss S. C. Gough  $(15\frac{1}{2})$  by 3. Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart and Miss A. E. Mills  $(4\frac{1}{2})$  bt Canon R. Creed

Meredith and Mrs. R. Creed Meredith (14) by 8. Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and G. R. Mills (6½) bt J. G. Warwick and Major E. C. Heathcote (3½) by 9.

SEMI-FINAL

A. J. Cooper and Capt. M. Buller (4) bt Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) by 10. Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and G. R. Mills (61) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart and Miss A. E. Mills (41) by 7.

FINAL. Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and G. R. Mills (6½) bt A. J. Cooper and Capt. M. Buller (4) by 19.

#### THE PRESIDENT'S CUP

Presented to the C.A. in 1934 by the late Trevor Williams, Esq. Holder-E. P. C. Cotter

For the eight best available players of the preceding twelve months in the C.A. invited by the Council of the C.A. No Entrance Fee

Will be played for at the HURLINGHAM CLUB on Monday, September 11th and following days

Committee.-The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager and Referee.—Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey. Assistant Referees will be appointed under Reg. 3. Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6.

#### CONDITIONS

Hoops 3 11/16in. wide and Jaques' "Eclipse" balls will be used. The Council of the C.A. reserve the right to substitute hoops 31in. wide at their discretion.

Each Competitor meets each of the other Competitors twice in each Competition.

If a Competitor fails from any cause to play through the whole of the games in the series, his or her score in that series will be entirely eliminated from the Competition. No substitute will be permitted in either series in any circumstances after the Competition has once begun. Single games throughout provided that in the event of a tie in the score the possession of the Cup for the

year will be decided by a match of three games. In the event of a tie between three Competitors, each of these three will play a single game against each of the other two. If the issue is still undecided the three names will be drawn on the Bagnall-Wild system and single games will be played in each round. In the event of tie between more than three Competitors, the names of the winners will be drawn on the Bagnall-Wild System

All competitors must furnish the Secretary with the address at

which messages will reach them during the Tournament. Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

#### PRIZES

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

#### PLAY

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

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#### THE SURREY CUP

Presented to the C.A. in 1955 by the Officers of the former Surrey County Union Holder—D. W. Curtis

To be played for at the ROEHAMPTON CLUB on Monday,

September 11th and following days Manager .- Mrs. E. Haigh Smith.

Referees .- M. B. Reckitt and Miss D. A. Lintern. Committee.-The Tournament Committee of the C.A.

For eight players invited by the Council to compete. Conditions as for the President's Cup except that 33in. hoops will be used.

#### **PARKSTONE** (East Dorset)

CROQUET TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th, 1961,

and the following five days (Under the Laws and Regulations of the C.A.) Committee.-The Croquet Committee of the Parkstone Club. Manager and Handicapper.—V. A. de la Nougerède. Referee.—The Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith.

Hon. Secretary (Croquet) .- Mrs. M. McMordie, 4, Overbury Road, Parkstone, Poole

EVENTS

1.-OPEN SINGLES. (Draw and Process). Bournemouth Bowl

- and Ashton Trophy. Entrance fee, 12s. 6d.
  2.—LEVEL SINGLES. For players of 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> to 6 bisques inclusive. Law 36 suspended. Deshon Cup. Entrance fee, 10s. 6d.
  3.—LEVEL SINGLES. For players of 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> to 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> bisques inclusive.
- Halse Salver. Entrance fee, 10s. 6d.
- 4.-HANDICAP SINGLES. For players of 10 bisques and over.
- Starting at the third hoop. Halse Cup. Entrance fee, 10s. 6d. 5.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Unrestricted. Gold Cup. Entrance fee, 10s. 6d.
- 6.-HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicaps not to be less than 2 bisques. Starting at third hoop. Time limit 31 hours. Entrance fee, 10s. 6d. each player.

#### CONDITIONS

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 must reach the Hon. Secretary (Croquet) by midday Thursday, 31st August. The Draw will take place at the Club on that date.

No player may enter for more than one Event of Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Handicap Doubles will be played on Tuesday. The Draw will take place on Monday, September 4th, at 4 p.m.

- Five or six courts will be provided and Jaques "Eclipse" balls will be used. Standard 33 in. hoops.
- Play will commence at 10 a.m. or earlier if necessary and players must be prepared to play until 7 p.m.
- Lunch and Tea provided at the Club at moderate prices. Flat soled shoes must be worn.

#### BRIGHTON [Unofficial]

An unofficial tournament will be held on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th, and FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS (Under C.A. Laws and Regulations)

Manager, Referee and Handicapper.-Miss D. D. Steel. Hon. Tournament Secretary .- Miss M. J. Daldy, 10 Lansdowne Road, Hove 3, Sussex.

#### EVENTS

1.-HANDICAP SINGLES. 31 bisques and under. Entrance Fee, 10s.

- 2.-HANDICAP SINGLES. 4-7 bisques. Entrance Fee, 10s.
- 3.-HANDICAP SINGLES. 71-10 bisques. Entrance Fee, 10s.
- 4.-HANDICAP SINGLES. 101 bisques and over. Shortened
- games, first hoop to two-back and peg. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 5.-HANDICAP SINGLES. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6.-HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicap not less than
- 5. All games start at number 3 hoop. Entrance Fee, 10s. Entries, on official forms, please, for Events 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 must reach the Hon. Secretary not later than first post Thursday, August
- 31st. Event 6 will be drawn at 2.30 p.m. Tuesday, September 5th.
- Luncheons and teas will be obtainable in the Club canteen.

#### CHELTENHAM

N.O. Tournament, 1961

#### To be held on the Club lawns, Old Bath Road, on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th and FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS

Manager.-Mrs. Reeve. Referee.-Miss Adve.

#### EVENTS

- 1.-OPEN SINGLES. 2 lives. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. 2.-LEVEL SINGLES. 31 bisques or more. Entrance Fee, 6s.
- (Law 37.) 3.-HANDICAP SINGLES. 61-101 bisques. Entrance Fee, 6s.
- 4.-HANDICAP SINGLES. THE CALTHROP CUP. Entrance Fee, 6s. 11 bisques or more. Holder, Miss E. M. Leonard.
- 5.-HANDICAP SINGLES. "X.Y." Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. DANIELS CUP. Holder, Commander D. W. Roe.
- 6.-HANDICAP DOUBLES. Entrance Fee, 6s.

Entries to Tournament Secretary, Cheltenham Croquet Club. Old Bath Road, Cheltenham, by midday, September 14th. Draw 2 p.m. same day. Cheques to be made payable to the Cheltenham Croquet Club. Play will begin daily at 10 a.m. or earlier if necessary. Light luncheons and teas available.

#### **ROEHAMPTON CLUB**

A CROQUET TOURNAMENT

will be held on MONDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER, 1961

#### and five following days

(Under the Laws and Regulations of the Croquet Association) Committee.—Mr. J. B. Gilbert (Chairman), Miss D. A. Lintern (Captain), Col. C. C. Adams, M.C., Mrs. H. J. Collins, Mrs. Haigh

Manager.—Miss D. A. Lintern, assisted by the Committee. Referce.—Col. C. C. Adams, M.C.

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

Secretary .- Miss M. C. Adams (Games Secretary), Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, S.W.15.

#### **EVENTS**

- OPEN SINGLES. Draw and Process. The winner to hold the Ranelagh Gold Cup for one year. Entrance fee, 11s. 6d.
   HANDICAP SINGLES. Single games. Open to Competitors
- with a handicap of 31 or more. Entrance fee, 10s. Winner
- to hold the Brooke Challenge Cup for one year.
- HANDICAP SINGLES. Open to Competitors with a handi-cap of 9 bisques or more. Entrance fee, 10s.
   N.B.—No Competitor may enter for more than one of the above
- events. 4.-X AND Y HANDICAP SINGLES. In this event there will be a time limit of 3 hours in accordance with Reg. 8. Entrance fee, 10s. The winners of X and Y hold the Creyke
- Cups for a year 5.-HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicap not less than scratch. Entrance fee, 6s. 6d. each. Games start at the 5th Hoop.
- N.B.-The above Entrance Fees include the C.A.'s levy.

Non-associates pay a tribute of 15s. to the C.A. when playing in an official tournament, or 7s. 6d. if they compete in one event only (except in Tournaments promoted by their own Club, when they pay such C.A. tribute, if any, as the local Committee may determine), but on becoming an Associate any tribute paid during the current year is refunded, or credited against subscription.

#### CONDITIONS

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 must reach the Games Secretary, accompanied by the Entrance Fee, by the first post, Wednesday, September 20th, 1961. Entries for Event 5 close at mid-day on Tuesday, September 26th, 1961. The draw for Events 1 to 4 will take place at the Club at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, September 20th.

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

- 3ª in. Hoops. Competitors will be made Honorary Members of the Club for
- the duration of the Tournament. All Competitors must wear such flat-heeled boots or shoes as
- cannot damage the ground. There are facilities for playing Bridge at the Croquet Pavilion.

#### **DEVONSHIRE PARK, EASTBOURNE**

#### SOUTH OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Fifty-fourth Annual Open Tournament will start on Monday, October 2nd, and continue during the following two weeks (Held under the Laws and Regulations of the C.A.)

Committee.-The Entertainment Committee of the County Borough of Eastbourne, the Tournament Committee of the Council of the C.A

Manager.-Major J. H. Dibley.

Referee.-Mrs. E. Reeve.

Handicapper.-Major J. H. Dibley.

Assistant Referees will be appointed under Reg. 3 (a).

Secretary.-The Secretary, Croquet Association, Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6 (to whom all entries with fees should be sent).

#### EVENTS

- 1.-OPEN SINGLES. CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all competitors (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 15s. 0d. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Trophy presented by the late Mrs. A. C. Ionides: Kirk-Greene
- 2.—MEN'S OPEN SINGLES. THE MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all men competitors (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Gold Challenge Cup presented by the late Capt. C. L. O'Callighan: L. Kirk-Greene.
- 3.-WOMEN'S OPEN SINGLES. THE WOMEN'S CHAM-PIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all women competitors (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Trophy presented by the late Mrs. H. Franc: Mrs. E. Rotherham.
- 4.-DEVONSHIRE PARK SALVER. LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 11 to 4 bisques inclusive (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual challenge Silver Challenge Salver presented by the Devonshire Park Company: Mrs. P. E. Heley.
- 5.-LUARD CUP. LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to  $7\frac{1}{2}$  bisques inclusive (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder of the Challenge Trophy presented by the late E. S. Luard, Esq.: G. A. H.
- 6.-TREVOR WILLIAMS CUP. LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 8 to 101 bisques or over (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Cup presented by the late Trevor Williams, Esq.: Mrs. G. Fitter.
- 7.-THE FELIX CUP. Level play. Open to competitors handicapped at 11 bisques and over (see conditions below). Entrance fee, 11s, 6d
- 8.-UNRESTRICTED LEVEL DOUBLES (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. each competitor.
- 9.-RESTRICTED HANDICAP DOUBLES. Open to pairs with a combined handicap of not less than 2 bisques (see condi-tions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. each competitor.
- 10.-HANDICAP SINGLES. To be drawn in one block. The Sussex Perpetual Challenge Cup (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.
- 11.-LIMITED HANDICAP SINGLES. THE SUSSEX UNION CHALLENGE CUP. Limited to competitors handicapped at 31 bisques or more. Competitors in this event may not enter for Events 1, 2, 3 or 7. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.

#### CONDITIONS

1.-In Event 1, matches best of three games will be played throughout. Time limit  $7\frac{1}{2}$  hours. In all other events matches of single games will be played.

2.-Competitors may not enter for more than two of Events 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

#### 3.-Law 44 will be suspended in Events 4, 5, 6 and 7.

4.-Play in Events 1 and 4 will begin on Monday, October 2nd; in Events 5 and 10 on Tuesday, October 3rd; in Events 8 and 11 on Wednesday, October 4th; in Events 6 and 7 on Thursday, October 5th; in Events 2 and 3 not before Friday, October 6th; in Event 9 on Monday, October 9th.

5.-Events 1 and 8 will be completed by Monday, October 9th.

#### INFORMATION

ENTRIES.—Entries accompanied by Entrance Fees for all Events except 8 and 9 must reach the Secretary, The Croquet Association, Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6, by Tuesday, September 26th. (Do not send Entries to Devonshire Park.) Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to the Croquet Association.

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

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

DRAW.-The Draw for all Events except Events 8 and 9 will take place at the C.A. office, Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6, at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 27th. The Draw for Event 8 will take place at Devonshire Park at noon on Tuesday, October ord, and for Event 9 at Devonshire Park at noon on Saturday, October 7th

A number of shelter tents will be provided.

COURTS AND EQUIPMENT.-Ten courts will be provided at Devonshire Park and in order to avoid shortened games this year it has been decided to use the Compton Courts and Mr. Perry will be in charge. Jaques' "Eclipse" balls and hoops 33in. wide will be used.

PLAY .- Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily, or earlier if necessary, and will continue until daylight fails. Competitors in Events 1 and 4 will be notified, and must be prepared to play if they are required at 10 a.m. or some later time on Monday, October 2nd.

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

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

Before leaving the ground for the day, competitors should not fail to consult the order of play announced on the board for the following day. A competitor who is not present or is otherwise unable to play when called upon to do so will be liable to be scratched under Regulation 12 (a) (i).

LEAVE OF ABSENCE .- Granting of any leave must depend on the needs of the tournament.

HEELS .- Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

PRIZES .- In addition to the Challenge Trophies mentioned, two prizes will be given in each Event with 8 entries, and the number of other prizes will be in accordance with the number of entries.

The Challenge Trophies may be held by the winner for one year or until the next Tournament whichever is the shorter period.

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

#### PRACTICE AND FRIENDLY GAMES

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

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