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1961

- Sept. 4-9—Parkstone. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. McMordie, 4 Overbury 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

- Sept. 4—Southwick. *Tourn. Sec.*, Miss J. Daldy, 10 Lansdowne Road, Hove 3.
- „ 18—Cheltenham. *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.

PRESIDENT'S CUP

The following players were invited:—

E. P. C. Cotter
H. O. Hicks
L. Kirk Greene
B. Lloyd Pratt
W. P. Ormerod
J. W. Solomon
Capt. H. G. Stoker
Miss E. J. Warwick

Reserve: Mrs. W. Longman

L. Kirk Greene and Capt. H. G. Stoker were unable to accept and D. W. Curtis and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins were invited and accepted.

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SURREY CUP

The following were invited:—

Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish
G. Birch
Col. G. E. Cave
A. J. Cooper
A. D. Karmel
R. J. Leonard
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard
J. G. Warwick

Col. G. E. Cave and A. J. Cooper were unable to accept and V. de la Nougerede and Miss I. M. Roe were invited and accepted.

CROQUET ASSOCIATION

NOTICES

The subscription of £1 10s. 0d. due on January 1st, 1961, should be sent to the Secretary, C.A., Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6. A number of subscriptions are still outstanding and it would assist the Secretary considerably if they were promptly paid.

It would also be appreciated if Associates who tender Subscriptions, Entry Fees, etc., when they see the Secretary away from her office would use an envelope and enclose a slip giving name and particulars of the payment.

Associates are reminded that the Life Membership rate is now £35.

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The following publications are available from the Secretary, C.A., Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.

Croquet Association Handbook, 1960/61, 4s. 6d.
The new edition of the Laws, 2s. 6d. (Non Associates 3s. 6d.) All Associates are strongly advised to purchase the new Laws.

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Entry forms for C.A. Tournaments. Pads of 25 price 2s. 0d. Competitors are reminded that they must use the official entry forms when entering for C.A. tournaments.

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Intending competitors at Devonshire Park should note that the Tournament conditions published in last month's issue contained a few *errata*. Before completing their entry forms competitors should refer to the conditions printed at the end of this issue.

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Clubs are reminded that the last meeting of the Handicap Co-ordination Committee in 1961 will be early in November. Secretaries should, therefore, ensure that any alterations which they wish to recommend at the close of this season should reach the Secretary, C.A., not later than 28th October.

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NEW ASSOCIATES

Mrs. M. Goodricke
F. W. Meredith
W. Green
Mrs. D. F. Caporn
H. R. Abbott
G. A. Carpenter
W. A. G. Burgess
Mrs. H. R. Abbott
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R. B. Nelson

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V. C. GASSON,
Secretary

NOTES by ROVER

Solomon again

Congratulations to John Solomon on resuming the mantle of Open Champion after yielding it to Hope Rotherham in 1960. This is the fourth time he has won the honour and as he is still on the right side of thirty, it is a fair expectation that he will be successful on at least four more occasions and, in so doing, overtake Humphrey Hicks' remarkable record of seven wins. It is only four years ago that Joan Warwick was selected as a reserve for the Ladies' Field Cup and her game has since come along prodigiously. She certainly tested John to the full this year in a final which must surely be the longest ever. It is beyond the memory of most croquet players to recall a time when William Longman and Maurice Reckitt did not participate in the Championships. They were, however, both present on Finals' Day, no doubt at times recalling some of their earlier triumphs and near triumphs.

Patrick Cotter and John Solomon won the Doubles Championship for the fifth time, but the final was shorn of some of its glory by the lateness of the hour at which it had to start. Hamilton Miller and Wiggins had been waiting from noon to six o'clock and with John coming straight from his singles final there was an inevitable loss of drama. It was good to see the newcomers to the Championships, Curtis and Karmel, acquitting themselves so well in the Association Plate and firmly establishing themselves as Class A players.

Reductio ad absurdum

A situation which on the face of it seems quite straightforward is where a competitor entering for a class event has his handicap reduced prior to the start of the tournament, placing him in a higher class. By Regulation 21 the competitor is to be taken out of the class for which he entered, and is to be treated as accidentally omitted from the class to which he now properly belongs. Fortunately for the peace of mind of managers, this situation rarely arises since we can foresee a number of problems which could exercise their minds in no small measure. Regulation 25 provides that a Tournament Handicapper shall ascertain whether any of the competitors for whom he is recommending an alteration of handicap has entered in a tournament to be held in the following week, in which case he shall send particulars to the Handicapper of the tournament concerned. When the following week is one where the Monday is a Bank Holiday and there is no post, can lead to a strange situation. Let us assume that Mr. X is told by the handicapper of a tournament just concluded on a Saturday evening that he is to be recommended for a reduction, this having the effect of moving him from the Class B event to that of Class A of the tournament he is playing in the following week. Our Mr. X, however, has obtained leave until Tuesday and finds on arrival that the manager has completed most of the first round of the Class A and B events and is also well into the second round, having had no intimation of Mr. X's reduction. What does X do ?

Hand and Brain

A most interesting cause of long games, and the one which perhaps arises most often between first-class players, is when brilliant shooting is not matched by an equal skill in other departments of the game. This occurs more often than is generally realised; spectators of the recent Championship final may have thought this match to have offered an example of it. But we imagine that the player who proclaimed his enjoyment of a long struggle was not thinking so much of any of these causes of lengthy games but of the battle of wits which such contests often become. This raises the interesting question of whether the astonishing skill of some of our greatest exponents may not have had the result of leading to a certain depreciation of tactics, which is perhaps in some danger of becoming almost a "dirty word" amongst us. Forty years ago it used to be said of the great Duff Mathews that he had no tactics because his shooting and his play generally was so brilliant that he had no need of them. Few of us are ever likely to bring ourselves up to such a standard and, since we cannot afford to dispense with tactics, we should most of us do well to improve our play in this respect, the general level of which is much lower than it ought—and used—to be. Croquet is a game of mental ability as well as manual dexterity, and if we make too much of the latter we may use too little of the former. A prolonged "dog fight" between two clever players can be as interesting in its way as the most intricate of peeling breaks.

Why so long ?

The player who spoke of a protracted contest as "just the sort of game which I love", though quite understandably he might not find favour with our Managers, had more to be said for him than it is now fashionable to allow. It is much too easily assumed that all such struggles are necessarily the consequence of dilatory and unenterprising play. If they are we can all join in condemning them, but in fact it is much more likely that they are not. Obviously one reason for lengthy games is that neither (or in Doubles none) of the competitors is playing well; each or all of them may be "going out for" everything, but if they continually fail to get it, they might have saved time by being rather more circumspect. What is often superficially described as "forward play" does not in many cases actually carry things forward; what looks like the longest way round may sometimes prove the shortest way home. There are, of course, other reasons why games may last longer than managers, spectators, and even the competitors themselves, feel to be fit and proper. One is the difficulties caused by tricky and unreliable courts; a game which lasts unreasonably long at Hurlingham, for instance, might perhaps not be held to do so on an "outside" court at—well, we had better leave the selection of a venue to our readers. Then there is the circumvention of problems created by "lifts". Even what we must now call "semi-advanced play" can consume a lot of time when engaged in by demi-semi-advanced players.

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FIRST AID FOR BEGINNERS

on

MANNERS AND ETIQUETTE IN CROQUET

by A. Player

During tournaments one notices differences in the behaviour of the various players. Some look grim and unhappy. Many are obviously enjoying the game, and these are not always in the lead. Occasionally one might notice tenseness or excitement, someone gesticulating perhaps, or bemoaning his or her bad luck; curiously I have not yet heard of a player deliberately breaking his mallet across his knee, as has been done with a golf club, but I have heard of one player throwing his mallet over a hedge in disgust during a game, much to the danger of spectators on the far side of the hedge, watching another game.

I am not going to suggest that you will ever see antics of this kind, but the fact is that good manners and correct etiquette are not always observed, as they should be. This is often due to forgetfulness, although ignorance of correct etiquette can readily be excused in the case of newcomers to the game.

The main object in croquet manners is to adopt a strictly correct and sportsmanlike attitude towards your opponent, and it is mainly on behalf of the large number of beginners that these notes come to be written. Beginners can be assured that they need not hesitate to ask an experienced player for tuition, thereby ensuring that they are brought up in the proper technique as well as the rules and etiquette. When you have graduated from the C class, never forget to set an example of good manners and strict observance of etiquette where ever you may play, for the future of our game depends very much on its reputation for sportsmanship and friendliness.

As you will, in the course of your career, suffer from many defeats, the first thing to learn is to take your defeats as part of the game and acquire a reputation for being a "good loser". Learn to enjoy the game whether you win or lose.

Always say "thank you" at the end of a game, and if you have been beaten, do not make excuses or say how badly you have played: if you really feel disgusted, just say "thank you" and leave it at that, and walk quietly away. If you are the winner, say something pleasant to your opponent; it is then your duty to collect the clips and balls, making the court ready for the next players, and then, in a tournament, go quickly and report the result to the management.

Be punctual, but do not arrive on a lawn where you know you are going to play 15 minutes before the correct time and then glare at your opponent when he arrives at the correct time. During a tournament game, when your turn is over, do not join a group of spectators and start immediately to make comments on the game: you may hear comments in reply which may have an influence on the game. You are then debarred from taking advantage of them. One of the commonest is that a

spectator will ask what the bisque or handicap situation is, and you or your opponent are then reminded of something you or he may have forgotten about.

After placing your clip on the correct hoop, walk off the court and stand or sit still while your opponent is making his shot: never stand in the line of his shot, nor wander aimlessly about the boundaries. Play as quickly as you can: as a beginner, you are bound to be slow in thinking out what you are going to do, but as you improve, your game should automatically speed up.

Learn from the start to hit your croquet shots cleanly. This is most important in your approaches to the hoop: don't push your ball, or allow your mallet to follow through on the ball so that it strikes the ball twice in very rapid succession—this is known as "double tapping". The sound, and look of it are often more apparent to your opponent or the spectators than yourself, but it is a very bad fault, and if you are inclined towards it, ask a good player for advice, and he will soon get you out of the habit.

During the game, do not complain about your bad luck, the roll of the lawn, etc. Sometimes you get a little sympathy from your opponent, and then you find you have beaten him, and perhaps it is he who was really suffering from bad luck, or the roll of the lawn, and who should really have had the sympathy.

If you are lucky enough to win all your early games in a tournament, you may be asked to play three games in a day. This should not be a cause for complaint, as some people seem to think. You may have knocked your opponents right out of the tournament early in the week, and they will have much more cause for complaint!

Another point: in golf you can sometimes concede a short putt to your adversary, but in croquet you must not do this: the game must always be finished by both balls hitting the peg, however short the shot.

The beginner should particularly acquaint himself with the rules regarding faults, and in particular, learn thoroughly what a crush shot is, so that he will know when to call for a referee to witness shots which, being so close to the hoop, may become a fault.

When you are a spectator, and wish to move from one lawn to another, make sure before you move that you are not in a player's line of shot: if you are, either stand still or walk quickly away. Much time is wasted in tournaments by spectators getting in the way of players. Perhaps I might advise beginners to learn from the start to get used to spectators; this will stand them in good stead when they start playing in finals.

Finally, always do your opponent the honour of taking the game seriously, but there is no reason to be too grim about it. Smile occasionally and make the game enjoyable for yourself AND your opponent.

HANDICAPS CONFIRMED OR ALTERED BY THE
HANDICAP CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

August 24th, 1961

CHAMPIONSHIPS

- D. W. Curtis 1½ to 1.
- A. D. Karmel 1 to ½.
- Miss E. J. Warwick —1 to —1½.

CHELtenham

- F. W. Meredith 8* to 7.
- H. A. Sheppard 9* to 9 (D8).
- C. H. O'D. Alexander 4½ to 3½.
- Mrs. G. E. P. Jackson 10 (D8).
- W. H. Thorp 6 to 5.
- E. G. Bantock 4½ to 3½.
- Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard 10 to 9.
- Mrs. L. H. Ashton 0 to 4* (by request).
- Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard 1 to ½.

NON-ASSOCIATES

- Miss E. M. Leonard 11 to 10.
- Gp. Capt. P. W. Lowe Holmes 11* to 11 (D9).

HURLINGHAM

- D. W. Curtis 1 to ½.
- C. J. E. Dashwood 5½ to 4½.
- R. A. Godby 9 to 8½.
- L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts 8 to 7.
- A. W. Skempton 8 to 6½.
- Mrs. A. W. Skempton 11 to 10.
- A. V. Camroux 2½ to 2.
- Miss K. D. Hickson 7 to 5.
- Gen. D. J. Wilson-Haffenden 6 to 5.
- N. M. Baldwin 8* to 7½.
- Mrs. L. A. Showan 4½ to 4.

NOTTINGHAM CLUB

- P. Thompson 4½ to 3½.

SOUTHWICK CLUB

- Mrs. R. St. G. Atcherley 16 to 14.
- Mrs. N. Oddie —½ to ½.

CHALLENGE AND GILBEY CUPS

- D. W. Curtis 1 to 0.
- A. D. Karmel ½ to 0.
- Mrs. G. W. Solomon 3 to 2.
- Dr. H. J. Penny 3½ to 3.
- G. V. Evans 2½ to 3½.
- Miss A. E. Mills 2 to 1½.
- Mrs. R. R. Williams 6½ to 5½.
- Miss S. G. Hampson 9 to 8.
- D. C. Caporn 9 to 8.
- D. W. Miller 9* to 9 (D7).
- C. L. Robertson 10 to 9.
- W. A. G. Burgess 16 to 14.

Questions and Answers

Question: Does the striker lose his turn if playing with blue he pegs out black in the croquet stroke and sends black off the court?

Answer: No, because as soon as black is pegged out it becomes an outside agency and cannot affect the croquet stroke in this instance (Law 15 (c)).

Question: Does the striker lose his turn if playing with blue he pegs out black in the croquet stroke, black rebounds from the peg on to blue and sends blue off the court?

Answer: No, Law 15 (c) and 34 (b, iii) plainly state that black becomes an outside agent as soon as it is pegged out and any subsequent interference during the stroke shall be rectified and blue should be replaced as nearly as can be judged it would otherwise have come to rest.

Question: Is it a fault if the striker, in aiming at his ball, touches it with the barrel of his mallet and moves it?

Answer: Yes. Law 32 (iv) states the striker's ball must be struck with "an end face of the head."

Ballade of double trouble

Was woman ever quite so sorely tried
As I, when in the merry month of May
(Or was it June?) I partnered you at Ryde?
The Isle of Wight resort was pretty gay,
But I was not. You criticised my play
So bitterly that I became distraught.
It is unfortunate you have this trait.
You drive me crazy on the croquet court.

My every effort prompted you to chide.
Your comment when a long shot went astray:—
"If miss you must, miss on the proper side."
And then I well remember, near Baulk A,
I failed to hit a roquet. Mrs. Gray
Picked up the break, which I had vainly sought.
Your censure came without the least delay.
You drive me crazy on the croquet court.

How you maligned the shots which gave me pride!
Your temper was so very quick to fray
And even your approval was denied
When victory was ours on Finals' Day.
We pulled it off despite the shocking way
You treated me, which made my nerves so taut
That, though we won, I feel compelled to say
You drive me crazy on the croquet court.

ENVOI

O Partner, whom I struggled to obey,
No longer will I lend you my support.
What! You've another...? That is quite O.K.
You drive me crazy on the croquet court. M.P.

CORRESPONDENCE

A nodding acquaintance with Homer

Dear Sir,

Horace would certainly be surprised to read the emendation, suggested by Mr. Rivington, of "Hector" for "Homer" in his famous line:—

"Indignor quandoque bonus dormitat HOMERUS"

"Whenever good Homer nods, I am full of indignation."

It is Mr. Rivington who has been "nodding" on this occasion! Still, we all "nod" at times, and it is a consolation to know that we can now do so in the distinguished company of Homer, Hector, Pontius Pilate and... Mr. Rivington!

Yours truly,

E. ANTONY ROPER

A century ago

The Daily Telegraph recently reproduced this century old advertisement. What would players think of gilt hoops these days?

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From The Daily Telegraph

June 22nd, 1861.

There are still Jaques in the business. The present Managing Director is John Jaques the fourth and he has two sons who are in the business.

Notes from the Clubs

Roehampton

During the last few weeks the courts have been full of croquet members playing off the finishing rounds of the club competitions, which are satisfactorily up to date. The Hurlingham tournament has taken some of our members away but even so the courts have been well occupied.

There have been three successful evenings of doubles croquet arranged by Miss Lintern, and held from 6 p.m. to dusk. They were arranged chiefly for the benefit of members who are not able to play in the afternoons. High bisquers and low bisquers played together, so that it also could be an evening of instruction for those learning the game. Although the weather was only fair on each occasion, the evenings were well supported and enjoyable.

Southwick

We were delighted to welcome the Ladies' Field Cup competition to Southwick, which has usually been played for at the Hurlingham Club. This competition was founded in 1911, and the names of many well-known players are engraved on the handsome cup.

During the week it was noticed that visitors from neighbouring clubs came to see the competition in progress, while local players of all grades were keenly interested too. The club are grateful to those who assisted in various ways, and made the visitors feel quite at home. Two new members have joined, through first seeing the results in the London daily papers.

The B.B.C. light programme "Down Your Way" had visited Shoreham-by-Sea and on 2nd July this was broadcast, and the club secretary and croquet secretary were both interviewed by Franklin Englemann, who was impressed with the spacious grounds, lovely courts, and was impressed by what constitutes modern croquet.

The Longman Team Match (Hurlingham v. Ryde) was played at Southwick on 28th July, resulting in a win for Hurlingham by one game.

Hurlingham

Our August tournament which attracted the biggest entry for many years was voted a success on all counts. A number of our members did very well: three of the semi-finalists in the Handicap Singles were from Hurlingham, Skempton, Tingey and Wilson-Haffenden, while L. E. W. Stokes Roberts had a very good tournament. Mrs. Skempton will have profited from her association with Joan Warwick in the Candlesticks. Jack Rivington was unfortunate to strike opponents in top form in all the events for which he entered and Winston Cheavin found Mrs. Buchanan in match tight form in the Turner Cup.

We await the result of the Edgbaston-Compton match before knowing which club we shall meet in the Club cup. Ian Baillieu successfully captained the team against Ryde at Southwick a week before he left our shores.

Murder by mallet

It is seldom that a work of modern fiction revolves round the game of croquet and very rare I imagine for the centre piece of the plot to be a murder on a croquet lawn. Such nevertheless is the case in "A Rush on the Ultimate" by H. R. F. Keating (Victor Gollancz, 15s.). Mr. Keating has the reputation of being the most eccentric crime writer of today and his latest work supports this view. His style is not everybody's cup of tea but has an appeal all its own.

Every year a group of croquet enthusiasts gather at a private school during the summer vacation to play a singles and doubles championships. One morning during the tournament the headmaster host rises early to practise and is found by the first hoop with his head fractured by a mallet. Which of the players could have felt so strongly as to have committed the crime, or was it possibly Bert, a former employee at the school who has escaped from Broadmoor?

The croquet lore is sufficiently interesting to hold the reader's attention although the author understandably nods a few times and his games seem to have unexpected lacunae.

I enjoyed it.

S.S.T.

The Freedom of the Court

What rare privilege is enjoyed by the roqueted ball!

Should her heir apparent the croqueted ball but touch the definitive border of the court, not only is her own career ended immediately but also that of her recent spouse, the striker's ball.

Likewise for the striker's ball himself, unless in the same stroke, he has insured his life by running a hoop or effecting a roquet. Any contact with the definitive border means instant oblivion.

But not only may the roqueted ball dash off the court at will, she can also with impunity push any other ball off the court, except of course one bearing the dignified title of a croqueted ball.

No doubt she is a little jealous that this latter privilege of barging other balls off the court is shared by croqueted balls and striker's balls, provided the ball barged is not respectively the striker's ball or the croqueted ball. While she must share some of her privileges regarding leaving the court, as regards re-entry she enjoys a sole privilege.

Any other ball on wishing to re-enter the court and finding the position he or she should take already occupied, must with as good grace as can be mustered take up position on the yard line alongside such occupant.

Not so the roqueted ball. "Out of my way," she cries imperiously as she leaves the court from the corner square and observes that the particular place upon the yard line where she wishes to re-enter is already occupied. "Out of my way, you are all balls in hand now with no positions on the court and must wait until I have taken my rightful place and then and not till then can you re-enter the court and take up that position in contact with me most pleasing to the striker."

Only in one case does retribution come swift and sure to these arrogant roqueted balls.

Should any one of them in their exuberance at having become a rover collide with the peg, after a playful push from the striker's ball, himself a rover, for her no embrace from the striker's ball and no dignified status of croqueted ball, but instant banishment from the court.

J. M. RIVINGTON

DEVONSHIRE PARK

A MATCH

Champion County

(MIDDLESEX)

v.

The Rest

Saturday, October 14th,

at 10.30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The teams are as follows:

CHAMPION COUNTY	THE REST
E. P. C. Cotter	L. Kirk-Greene
J. A. Hollweg	Mrs. W. Longman
Miss D. A. Lintern	Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard
J. W. Solomon	Mrs. E. Rotherham
Capt. H. G. Stoker	Miss E. J. Warwick
S. S. Townsend	Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins

All Associates are welcome at Devonshire Park for this match which is a fitting climax to this ever popular end of season tournament.

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

July 31st—August 5th

The historic events comprehended under this title opened in floods of warm sunshine and reached their somewhat belated conclusion in the evening sunlight of a rather chilly day. By comparison with the torrential rains which characterised much of the weather for this fixture last year we were, however, let off fairly lightly, though it was a pity that final day should have been ushered in by a gloomy drizzle; and in the latter part of the week the weather was what the forecasts hopefully described as "average temperature", which always seems to mean about ten degrees below what we have every right to expect.

The reasons for the Council's choice of a later week for this event than has been customary have been fully explained in these pages and need not be recapitulated. The desired result of bringing in certain players who would otherwise have been prevented from competing was achieved, and though the total entry was no larger than was the case last year, this was due to the absence, often for unavoidable reasons, of players who have been accustomed to enter. Our two Vice-Presidents were already prominent competitors for many years before World War I (Mr. Elvey did appear in the Doubles on this occasion); Mr. Reckitt had not previously missed playing in it since that catastrophe; and others who were absent from the lists included Miss Lintern, Mr. William Ormerod and Dr. Penny.

The courts were as beautifully prepared as ever, and Mr. Grey and his assiduous staff had all six of them ready for play on the opening day by 10 o'clock, which takes some doing. To an observer the hoops looked particularly firm and formidable, and a spectator on the Friday was heard to remark that never had he seen so many hoops missed so often by so many in this class of croquet. But seldom, he added, so many long shots hit.

The opening rounds were notable for three doughty struggles, in two of which Mrs. Longman was engaged. This player is one who if she once gets her teeth into a match is very unlikely to let go, and seeing that this was only the second tournament in which she has been able to engage this season, she must be congratulated on having done very well. It was Mr. Lloyd Pratt's first tournament, and his match with Cheltenham's conquering hero was a creditably close one. Indeed it might possibly have gone the other way if what he had presumed to be a "double" at the critical end of the third game had not proved to be otherwise when his ball passed neatly between those at which he was shooting.

At this point it is necessary to dwell upon some remarkable features of the play of John Solomon on the way to victory for a fourth time in this event. He adopted for his opening the tactic of shooting with the second ball at his opponent's in or near the fourth corner. This he did six times; on every occasion he hit it, and attempting the split shot to land his ball in front of the first hoop, succeeded in doing so five times, while once he looked well set to go right round, failing rather unexpectedly at the fourth hoop. In his first seven games, all of which he won, he did a triple peel on every occasion; some of these were of the sort known as "delayed", though the word hardly seemed applicable to that in which he had his partner through 4-back before making the sixth hoop and had completed the peeling of it before making 3-back. To maintain such a level of skill almost throughout a competition is truly amazing and is perhaps the more remarkable in that there were periods in his matches when John was not actually playing particularly well. But with such resources as this at his command, he could afford to fall occasionally below a best which was so astonishingly good.

By the general agreement of all who saw it, however, the match of the week was that between Humphrey Hicks and Patrick Cotter in the third round. Not often is such splendid shooting, wonderful rushes and fine attacking play exhibited by both parties to a contest. Two games were completed before lunch, in the first of which Patrick came from a long way behind to win a narrow victory, while in the second his opponent gave of his masterful best. The third was described by an observer as "a perfect example of high grade play and tactics by both players". Finally, a point was reached when Cotter had hit his ball to an "impossible" position just behind the rover hoop, and the attempt to run through backwards into position failing, Hicks obtained a break from which he won a memorable match.

It is time now to refer to Miss Warwick, who after a somewhat easy victory over Mrs. Elvey, found herself engaged in a succession of three-game matches, first with Mrs. Gasson, and then with two truly redoubtable adversaries. Her victory over Mr. Hicks looked out of the question when Humphrey, at his most efficiently defensive, having won the first game easily, found himself, after a close struggle in the next, at the rover hoop with only a single peel to achieve and all the balls around him. Failing at this, he seemed certain nevertheless to go out in his next turn when Joan brought off a "last shot" and "stole" the game. In the third game, while the lady produced some admirable play, she did offer her opponent several easy chances to hit in, but Humphrey's shooting, so brilliant on the previous day, had now deserted him, and Miss Warwick entered the final.

She entered it, and over a period of almost eight hours she remained in it. As may be conjectured from this fact, much of the play in this encounter was below the level expected of such fine executants; not that both did not play well at times—John got his triple eventually in the first game—but that each lapsed so frequently into error. What gave a thrill to the onlookers, however, was the remarkably high quality of Miss Warwick's shooting in the second game. This reporter, who watched the match carefully, remembers only one long shot which the lady failed to hit in this part of the long encounter. It was this ability to repair lost opportunities which eventually won her this game. In the third game Joan appeared to be—quite understandably—tired and did not do herself full justice. But it was a fine exhibition of nerve and tenacity which brought her to the final of her first Open Championship and so long maintained her there. Both the contestants in this match had had a truly memorable week.

Space does not allow of any further commentary upon the Singles—beyond noting Mrs. Longman's excellent victory over Dr. Wiggins. Nor does it permit any extended account of the matches in the Doubles Championship. A feature of the early rounds were the two single point victories won by the Tingeyes over two strong pairs, in which the lady most notably exhibited both nerve and skill in a crisis. The game between Lloyd-Pratt and Mrs. Rotherham and Hicks and Mrs. Longman (handsomely photographed in *The Times*) is reported to have extended over more than five hours; "just the sort of game I love" said one of the contestants—a sentiment not echoed by the Manager. It was no surprise, however, to find Cotter and Solomon, winners on four previous occasions, coming through to the final, while in the lower half of the draw Wiggins and Hamilton-Miller, who had both been winners of the title with different partners on three past occasions, were the "logical"—as also the actual—finalists. Dr. Wiggins had been playing particularly well in this event and he was first round in this "late night final", begun at six o'clock and finishing only at 7.50. It was not a very good game, the players appearing to be tired—either of waiting or, in John Solomon's case, from a ten hour day on the courts.

The Association Plate is always an interesting event since the players in it are as a rule so evenly matched that it is difficult to forecast the winner. There were some very interesting contests on this occasion, but none more so than those on which Bryan Lloyd Pratt came from behind in his games in both the semi-final and the final. David Curtis had made all the running in the former of these encounters before his opponent had done anything at all, but by good shooting and steady play Bryan stole the game away from one of the most promising of our rising players. Alex Karmel came near to doing the same against Guy Warwick, and Warwick looked at one point as if he was going to be victorious in the final. But the game ended with Bryan hitting in from corner 3 to corner 2 and bringing off a brilliant pass roll from there to below the rover hoop to repeat his victory of 1958 in this event.

An aspirant to managership might quail at the prospect of beginning his career in this role by tackling the most important tournament of the season, but General Davidson proved himself more than equal to it and always had the situation well in hand. The Association badly needs the services of some more managers, and it is to be hoped that his conspicuous success in what might well present itself as a formidable task may encourage others to offer themselves in perhaps a less exacting capacity.

THE CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIPS.

OPEN SINGLES.
(23 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

H. O. Hicks bt D. J. V. Hamilton Miller +12 +6.
Major R. Tingey bt M. Spencer Ell +26 +19.
E. P. C. Cotter bt Mrs. E. Rotherham +13 +3.
D. W. Curtis bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts -4 +8 opponent retired.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt I. C. Baillieu +23 +15.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt B. Lloyd Pratt -16 +19 +3.
Mrs. W. Longman bt A. D. Karmel +7 -10 +3.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt G. M. FitzPatrick +5 +8.
Miss E. J. Warwick bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +26 +16.
H. O. Hicks bt Major R. Tingey +26 +13.
E. P. C. Cotter bt D. W. Curtis +13 +3.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard +7 +25.
Mrs. W. Longman bt G. W. Williams -16 +11 +9.
J. W. Solomon bt J. G. Warwick +23 +17.
Capt. H. G. Stoker bt C. W. R. Hodges +21 +22.

THIRD ROUND.

Miss E. J. Warwick bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson +13 -2 +23.
H. O. Hicks bt E. P. C. Cotter -3 +17 +6.
Mrs. W. Longman bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +17 +7.
J. W. Solomon bt Capt. H. G. Stoker +25 +26.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss E. J. Warwick bt H. O. Hicks -22 +3 +19.
J. W. Solomon bt Mrs. W. Longman +10 +22.

FINAL.

J. W. Solomon bt Miss E. J. Warwick +12 -3 +12.

THE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

(11 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Rev. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Comdr. A. Clark and Mrs. A. Clark by 7.
E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon bt Capt. H. G. Stoker and Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard by 24.
Major R. Tingey and Mrs. R. Tingey bt J. G. Warwick and Miss E. J. Warwick by 2.

SECOND ROUND.

B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt H. O. Hicks and Mrs. W. Longman by 13.
E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 23.
Major R. Tingey and Mrs. R. Tingey bt D. W. Curtis and A. D. Karmel by 1.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and D. J. V. Hamilton Miller bt J. A. Hollweg and Miss D. A. Lintern by 18.

SEMI-FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon bt B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. E. Rotherham by 12.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and D. J. V. Hamilton Miller bt Major R. Tingey and Mrs. R. Tingey by 15.

FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and D. J. V. Hamilton Miller by 9.

THE ASSOCIATION PLATE.

(15 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

I. C. Baillieu bt M. Spencer Ell by 12.
D. W. Curtis bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard by 9.
B. Lloyd Pratt bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts by 16.
Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt G. M. FitzPatrick by 5.
D. J. V. Hamilton Miller bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 20.
J. G. Warwick bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 5.
A. D. Karmel bt G. W. Williams by 7.

SECOND ROUND.

D. W. Curtis bt I. C. Baillieu by 2.
B. Lloyd Pratt bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 4.
J. G. Warwick bt D. J. V. Hamilton Miller by 18.
A. D. Karmel bt Capt. H. G. Stoker by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.

B. Lloyd Pratt bt D. W. Curtis by 5.
J. G. Warwick bt A. D. Karmel by 5.

FINAL.

B. Lloyd Pratt bt J. G. Warwick by 6.

CHELTENHAM

July 24th—30th

Writing an account of this tournament last year, this Minor Prophet wrote: "Some of the A's will have to polish up their game before next year, or . . ." the inference being that Col Prichard, the then winner of the B's, would be there or thereabouts in the A's the following year.

And so it happened. Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard, having won the D, C and B events in 1958, 1959 and 1960 respectively, completed a quite unique feat by winning the A's and the Cheltenham Championship in 1961.

It is true that the said Minor Prophet contributed to this spectacular feat by losing two games to him on the final day; but let justice be done, the better man (strictly on the day) won. He hardly missed a roquet, he never missed a hoop, both of which the M.P. did in moments of crisis; and if he ended up with a piece of luck, well, surely he deserved it.

To reach the final stages, one presumes Prichard had been playing with considerable skill, but alas, the M.P. was himself too busy to see more than one game of it. He did, however, see N. F. Blackwood, who was playing well all the week, make a final shot at the peg, with his opponent's ball, he swears, two inches away, and pass between the two. And oddly enough this miracle was exactly repeated in two other matches.

Robert Tingey, who played several fine games, went down by 1, and Hope Rotherham, always in the hunt at Cheltenham, only failed when her triple seemed in the bag. "Della", alas, was not up to last year's form, and Mrs. Buchanan, a welcome visitor from New Zealand, who did so well in the ladies seven, also failed. Colls struggled on a bit, but Jackson, whenever the writer saw him, was having a "Hopeless" time. Other exciting games there were, but other events too.

The Money Salver, the B's, went to Mrs. Mathews, despite gallant efforts from Mr. McClure Williams, who surely gets younger, as his mallet gets shorter every year.

Mrs. Prichard, having for some reason been left in the C's, promptly won it again. What IS the matter with the handicappers these days? In my young days, ahem. . . .

The big handicap, C. H. O'D. Alexander, having been let off the hook in the first round, set about using his bisques (surely too many?), to such advantage that he beat the lady champion, the men's champion and the open champion, in successive rounds, ending up by beating croquet's professional bridesmaid by 1 point . . . just as we were all rehearsing "Here comes the bride."

Queer doings in the doubles on Wednesday. What a day for the bookies. Down went the champions like ninepins. Rotherham and Roe, Hicks and Anderson, the Tingeyes, the Prichards . . . what a slaughter. Proudly, at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Commander Beamish and G./Cpt. Lowe-Holmes surveyed the stricken field, their last opponent having fled the country.

Finally, this account cannot end without reference to the slow start, due to the late arrival of some of the A's, so that excellent manager Mrs. Chittenden could find no games for Monday evening; but out of evil came good, because we were ALL able to do justice to wonderful hospitality of the members at their cocktail party, who followed this up with their usual efficient catering.

Alas, poor Joan, who again got "sewn up" managing Jacksons Bar (surgically speaking of course) . . . and sitting on the side lines, all our old friends, accompanied by Mrs. Daniels, looking more restored to health each day, and soon to be playing again we hope.

Mrs. Thackwell took home a consolation prize, and Secretary Thorp was left to organise another good tournament next year.

THE CHELTENHAM CHAMPIONSHIP CHALLENGE

CUP.

("Two Life" System).

PROCESS.

(18 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Comdr. A. Clark bt V. de la Nougerede by 4.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt R. J. Leonard by 16.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss I. M. Roe bt R. Tingey by 13.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt G. E. P. Jackson by 5.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 17.
Comdr. A. Clark bt J. K. Brown by 4.
T. G. S. Colls bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 4.
Canon R. Creed Meredith bt Mrs. R. Tingey by 8.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Mrs. L. L. Buchanan by 19.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt N. F. Blackwood by 1.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Miss I. M. Roe by 23.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt Comdr. A. Clark by 18.
T. G. S. Colls bt Canon R. Creed Meredith by 11.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 11.

SEMI-FINAL.

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 24.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt T. G. S. Colls by 6.

FINAL.

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 5.

PLAY-OFF.

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 9.

DRAW.

(18 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt J. K. Brown by 11.
G. E. P. Jackson bt N. F. Blackwood by 6.

SECOND ROUND.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt Comdr. A. Clark by 22.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Canon R. Creed Meredith by 11.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt Mrs. L. L. Buchanan by 8.
Miss I. M. Roe bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 13.
G. E. P. Jackson bt Mrs. R. Tingey by 21.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 14.
R. Tingey bt T. G. S. Colls by 20.
V. de la Nougerede bt R. J. Leonard by 2.

THIRD ROUND.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 10.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt Miss I. M. Roe by 5.
G. E. P. Jackson bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 10.
R. Tingey bt V. de la Nougerede by 14.

SEMI-FINAL.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard by 13.
R. Tingey bt G. E. P. Jackson by 10.

FINAL.

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt R. Tingey by 1.

THE MONEY CHALLENGE SALVER.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B").

(3 bisques and over).

(9 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

A. McClure Williams bt C. H. O'D. Alexander by 7.

SECOND ROUND.

Comdr. D. W. Roe bt Dr. T. E. Ryves by 17.
A. McClure Williams bt G. R. Mills by 10.
Mrs. B. de C. Mathews bt E. G. Bantock by 22.
W. H. Thorp bt Miss R. M. Allen by 6.

SEMI-FINAL.

A. McClure Williams bt Comdr. D. W. Roe by 15.
Mrs. B. de C. Mathews bt W. H. Thorp by 15.

FINAL.

Mrs. B. de C. Mathews bt A. McClure Williams by 16.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C").

(6½ bisques and over).

(10 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (10) bt Mrs. G. E. Cave (16) by 19.
F. H. Pugh (10) bt Miss M. A. Posford (6½) by 4.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss H. V. Bolton (12) bt Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (7) by 7.
Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (10) bt H. A. Sheppard (*9) by 11.
Miss K. M. O. Sessions (10) bt F. H. Pugh (10) by 20.
Group-Capt. P. W. Lowe-Holmes (*11) bt F. W. Meredith (*6½) by 15.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (10) bt H. V. Bolton (12) by 18.
Miss K. M. O. Sessions (10) bt Group-Capt. P. W. Lowe-Holmes (*11) by 22.

FINAL.

Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (10) bt Miss K. M. O. Sessions (10) by 8.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(36 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

C. H. O'D. Alexander (4½) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (½) by 7.
Comdr. D. W. Roe (4) bt R. Tingey (1½) by 10.
H. A. Sheppard (9) bt G. R. Mills (6) by 18.
F. W. Meredith (8) bt V. A. de la Nougerede (—1) by 26.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves (5) by 12.
Mrs. R. Tingey (2) bt Miss M. A. Posford (6½) by 14.
Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (4) bt A. McClure Williams (3) by 14.
G. E. P. Jackson (0) bt Mrs. L. L. Buchanan (2½) by 3.
H. O. Hicks (—3) bt T. G. S. Colls (1½) by 10.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) bt Miss R. M. Allen (5) by 6.
Miss I. M. Roe (2) bt J. K. Brown (1) by 17.
C. H. O'D. Alexander (4½) bt Comdr. D. W. Roe (4) by 12.
F. W. Meredith (*8) bt H. A. Sheppard (*9) by 12.
Comdr. A. Clark (2) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton (0) by 16.
Miss E. M. Leonard (10) bt Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (7) by 14.
E. G. Bantock (4½) bt F. H. Pugh (10) by 17.
Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (10) bt R. J. Leonard (1) by 16.
N. F. Blackwood (2½) bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (1) by 3.
Miss K. M. O. Sessions (10) bt Group Capt. P. W. Lowe-Holmes (*11) by 17.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (1) bt Canon R. Creed Meredith (0) by 24.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt Mrs. R. Tingey (2) by 9.
G. E. P. Jackson (0) bt Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (4) by 10.
H. O. Hicks (—3) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) by 20.
C. H. O'D. Alexander (4½) bt Miss I. M. Roe (2) by 11.
F. W. Meredith (*8) bt Comdr. A. Clark (2) by 14.
E. G. Bantock (4½) bt Miss E. M. Leonard (10) by 25.
N. F. Blackwood (2½) bt Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (10) by 9.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (1) bt Miss K. M. O. Sessions (10) by 9.

FOURTH ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt G. E. P. Jackson (0) by 7.
C. H. O'D. Alexander (4½) bt H. O. Hicks (—3) by 26.
E. G. Bantock (4½) bt F. W. Meredith (*8) by 4.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (1) bt N. F. Blackwood (2½) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.

C. H. O'D. Alexander (4½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) by 16.
E. G. Bantock (4½) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (1) by 25.

FINAL.

C. H. O'D. Alexander (4½) bt E. G. Bantock (4½) by 1.

THE BARWELL SALVERS.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(17 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

G. E. P. Jackson and Mrs. G. E. P. Jackson (8) bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton and Miss V. Bolton (12) by 9.

SECOND ROUND.

R. Tingey and Mrs. R. Tingey (½) bt H. O. Hicks and D. M. Anderson (—½) by 5.
Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Group-Capt. P. W. Lowe-Holmes (11½) bt V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (3) by 10.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and G. R. Mills (6) bt Canon R. Creed Meredith and Comdr. A. Clark (2) by 23.
G. E. P. Jackson and Mrs. G. E. P. Jackson (8) bt T. G. S. Colls and Miss E. M. Leonard (11½) by 12.
R. J. Leonard and H. A. Sheppard (10) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss I. M. Roe (—1) by 10.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and J. K. Brown (1½) bt A. McClure Williams and E. G. Bantock (7½) by 6.
N. F. Blackwood and Dr. T. E. Ryves (7½) bt Mrs. L. L. Buchanan and Mrs. G. E. Cave (16½) by 8.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (10) bt C. H. O'D. Alexander and F. W. Meredith (10) by 5.

THIRD ROUND.

Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Group-Capt. P. W. Lowe-Holmes (11½) bt R. Tingey and Mrs. R. Tingey (½) by 14.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and G. R. Mills (6) bt G. E. P. Jackson and Mrs. G. E. P. Jackson (8) by 1.
R. J. Leonard and H. A. Sheppard (10) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and J. K. Brown (1½) by 10.
N. F. Blackwood and Dr. T. E. Ryves (7½) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (10) by 2 on time.

SEMI-FINAL.

Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Group-Capt. Lowe-Holmes (11½) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey and G. R. Mills (6) by 2.
R. J. Leonard and H. A. Sheppard (10) bt N. F. Blackwood and Dr. T. E. Ryves (7½) by 9.

FINAL.

Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Group-Capt. P. W. Lowe-Holmes (11½) w.o. R. J. Leonard and H. A. Sheppard (10) opponents retired.

HURLINGHAM

August 7th—16th

This year saw a record post-war entry and the manager's first reaction must have been a sigh of relief that he had been re-accorded the ninth day of the tournament. His second reaction may have been not so pleasant since on totalling the games to be played he arrived at a figure of 205. With a possible 54 lawn days available (omitting the finals day when a dozen games at the most could be planned) he was faced with having to get an average of 3½ games on each lawn each day. That this formidable assignment proved in fact possible was due to six reasons: (a) highly intensive planning and a minimum of delay between games, (b) a prudent and not too swingeing imposition of time limits (in not more than a dozen or so games), (c) the playing of 12 games on the Sunday with the help of competitors volunteering to play and the generous co-operation of Hurlingham members who forebore to book lawns, (d) four games played at Roehampton at a particularly ticklish point in the programme, (e) a generally improved quality of play compared with last year and more expedition, (f) the decision to make the Candlesticks the third hoop variation as well as the Men's Handicap Doubles.

It was not until Saturday that the manager could begin to relax in the knowledge that all would be safely gathered in. The completion of no less than five games on Lawn 1 on Saturday gladdened his heart and no doubt assisted a more single-minded approach to his Sabbath devotions that appeared possible at an earlier stage of the week. It was asking a great deal of Brack to see this colossal programme through and the Hurlingham croquet sub-committee would do well to consider restricting entries next year. Good measure pressed down and running over is all very well but carries with it many problems.

We were glad to hear numerous tributes paid to various aspects of the tournament, the high quality of lawn preparation, the improved snack bar service, the provision and service of morning coffee, the beneficent attention of Colonel Hayward, and of course to the incumbency of the "reverend manager," as he was once addressed by a competitor.

The Hurlingham Cup

Humphrey Hicks has not graced this Tournament for a number of years and we were pleased to see his name in the lists, a sentiment possibly not shared by some of his opponents. He pursued a steady and inevitable way through all his early matches, Mrs. Elvey only really testing him, until he succumbed in one half to Joan Warwick by 26, reaching, however, the final of the other half. Curtis, a newcomer to this event, had a number of good wins including one against Dr. Wiggins and then found himself confronted by Cotter in both halves. The latter, who, while winning his games comfortably, had been making more mistakes than we expect of him, raised his game sufficiently to beat Curtis twice with great expedition. Hope Rotherham's one point victory over Tingey was noteworthy for two excellent breaks by the 1960 champion after one of Tingey's balls had been pegged out, and they secured a rich meed of applause. A game which will live in the memory was the final of the Process between Cotter and Joan Warwick. The latter had already won a Candlesticks semi-final and beaten Hicks earlier in the day when she met Cotter at 5 o'clock. By 5.45 p.m. Patrick appeared to have his game won, being for the peg and 4-back and Joan just having just missed the lift shot. Cotter, very unusually, failed in going for the cut-rush and let Joan in, who after a few more turns pegged out Cotter's blue ball. Although Cotter hit in twice more, he failed to get beyond the penultimate when Joan pegged out. Her tactics in one or two of the final stages were a little suspect and we saw that former exponent of the pegged out game, William Longman, registering inward disapproval.

In the final of the Draw Cotter overcame Hicks and in the play-off beat Joan Warwick who failed to profit from Patrick's isolated mistakes.

The Turner Cup

In the biggest entry for a long time, no less than 23, the names of Colls, Karmel and Stobart stood out as likely winners. This event has been somewhat of a male preserve for a number of years but when the semi-final stage was reached, Colls was the sole representative of his sex, the other three being Mesdames Solomon, Chittenden and Buchanan. The last named had been playing with her usual attractive forward style all week but lost narrowly to Mrs. Chittenden. Mrs. Solomon overwhelmed Colls and went on to beat Mrs. Chittenden in the final. She has been in the forefront of the Class B group of players for some years and this win will encourage her to greater deeds.

The Younger Cup

Two Cambridge undergraduates leavened this event which also included a newcomer to the game, Nelson Baldwin, who entered by mistake instead of for the Longworth Cup. He proceeded, however, to reach the semi-final by beating Mrs. Davidson and General Wilson-Haffenden before going down to Dashwood. The latter won the final from Mrs. Showan, the local Parsons Green player with an attractive style of play who had earlier prevented Watson, the other Cambridge representative, from joining his colleague in the final.

The Longworth Cup

An entry of 20 bodes well for the future if many of these high bisquers should improve and move into the higher classes. Skempton and L. E. W. Stokes Roberts could have been forecast as likely finalists and while the former had a number of tight and protracted games, Lew was rarely under pressure except against the elder Curtis where the game swayed to and fro. It was thought that Lew's longer experience would gain him the spoils in the final, but Skempton's steadiness and accurate play gave him a relatively clear-cut win. Lew, however, had a good week and now moves out of this class.

The Mixed Doubles

Bryan Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. Elvey, the new holders, came through to win after much strain and stress of two single point victories over the established pairs of the Warwicks and Wiggins-Rotherham. Against the latter pair Bryan made a very good break in which he pegged out Mrs. Rotherham and did a valuable peel of Mrs. Elvey through 1-back. The defeat in the final of Cotter and Miss Lintern was more clear-cut. Camroux and Mrs. Thom had two wins: the latter seems to be popping up all the time in Doubles events and is becoming much sought after.

The Candlesticks

There were 9 pairs for this event including the now long established Lintern-Thom and Rotherham-Elvey combinations. A local product, Mrs. Skempton, was paired with Joan Warwick and they were quietly favoured to be thereabouts at the end. Mrs. Rotherham and Mrs. Elvey went down to Mrs. Heley and Mrs. Speer somewhat surprisingly. The final was contested between the holders, Miss Lintern and Mrs. Thom against Miss Warwick and Mrs. Skempton. The latter lady made a break of six hoops without using a bisque which contributed more than somewhat to her side's victory.

The Men's Handicap Doubles

There were some shrewd pairings in this event, so much so that most pairs seemed to regard their opponents as just the one pair they wanted to avoid. Space does not permit any description of the event other than to say that not only must Major Hicks have learned a lot about the Doubles game through his partnership with Humphrey, but their opponents should equally have profited. We recall seeing Maurice Reckitt having the frustrating experience of trying to regain the innings for more than an hour after Hicks had pegged out David Curtis.

The Handicap Singles

The formidable entry of 71 included a dozen or more likely winners, some of whom were relatively new to the game and whose handicaps did not reflect their potential. The names of Dashwood, Baldwin, Watson, Professor Skempton, General Wilson-Haffenden, Lew Stokes Roberts, Christopher Penny and Karmel were freely tipped to come through the big field and in fact two of the semi-finalists came from their number—the Professor and the General, the former narrowly prevailing. The other two semi-finalists, Major Tingey and Miss Hickson, had not been so favoured among the cognoscenti but their play had been consistently good, and Miss Hickson reached the final after a number of steady games. Here she was usually a few steps ahead of Skempton and her longer experience contributed to her win. She and Enid Haigh Smith are the only lady winners of this event since the war. It was nice to see Dr. Penny have two wins, in one of which he carried out a well prepared peel.

OPEN SINGLES.
THE HURLINGHAM CUP.

DRAW.
(20 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

H. O. Hicks bt M. Spencer Ell by 18.
Col. C. C. Adams bt D. J. V. Hamilton Miller by 5.
R. Tingey bt Mrs. M. L. Thom by 21.
E. P. C. Cotter bt B. Lloyd Pratt by 5.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss D. A. Lintern w.o. G. W. Williams opponent scratched.
Col. D. W. Beamish bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins by 26.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt V. de la Nougerede by 6.
H. O. Hicks bt Col. C. C. Adams by 18.
E. P. C. Cotter bt R. Tingey by 19.
D. W. Curtis bt M. B. Reckitt by 4.
Miss E. J. Warwick w.o. Mrs. W. Longman opponent scratched.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt J. G. Warwick by 9.

THIRD ROUND.

Miss D. A. Lintern bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 17.
H. O. Hicks bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 7.
E. P. C. Cotter bt D. W. Curtis by 25.
Miss E. J. Warwick bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 10.

SEMI-FINAL.

H. O. Hicks bt Miss D. A. Lintern by 14.
E. P. C. Cotter bt Miss E. J. Warwick by 23.

FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter bt H. O. Hicks by 12.

PROCESS
(20 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 8.
Miss E. J. Warwick bt Miss D. A. Lintern by 5.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt J. G. Warwick by 21.
G. W. Williams w.o. Mrs. W. Longman opponent scratched.

SECOND ROUND.

H. O. Hicks bt M. B. Reckitt by 22.
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt R. Tingey by 1.
B. Lloyd Pratt bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 22.
Miss E. J. Warwick bt Col. C. C. Adams by 23.
D. W. Curtis bt M. Spencer Ell by 11.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Mrs. M. L. Thom by 18.
E. P. C. Cotter bt V. de la Nougerede by 14.
D. J. V. Hamilton Miller w.o. G. W. Williams opponent scratched.

THIRD ROUND.

H. O. Hicks bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 25.
Miss E. J. Warwick bt B. Lloyd Pratt by 19.
D. W. Curtis bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins by 14.
E. P. C. Cotter bt D. J. V. Hamilton Miller by 24.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss E. J. Warwick bt H. O. Hicks by 26.
E. P. C. Cotter bt D. W. Curtis by 23.

FINAL.

Miss E. J. Warwick bt E. P. C. Cotter by 3.
E. P. C. Cotter bt Miss E. J. Warwick by 19.

LEVEL SINGLES.
TURNER CUP.
(1 bisque and over).
(23 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

T. G. S. Colls bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 6.
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts bt A. V. Camroux by 7.
Lady Ursula Abbey bt S. S. Townsend by 5.
Miss G. Forbes Cowan bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 2.
Mrs. L. L. Buchanan bt I. W. Cheavin by 18.
H. R. Abbot bt E. A. Roper by 5.
Col. F. E. Stobart bt Mrs. R. Tingey by 10.
A. D. Karmel bt Mrs. P. E. Heley by 20.

SECOND ROUND.

C. H. R. Penny bt Major J. R. Abbey by 13.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon bt G. V. Evans by 20.
T. G. S. Colls bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts by 11.
Lady Ursula Abbey bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan by 19.
Mrs. L. L. Buchanan bt H. R. Abbot by 2.
Col. F. E. Stobart bt A. D. Karmel by 7.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt Miss E. Fisher by 4.
Miss H. D. Parker bt M. Buller by 8.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. G. W. Solomon bt C. H. R. Penny by 9.
T. G. S. Colls bt Lady Ursula Abbey by 8.
Mrs. L. L. Buchanan bt Col. F. E. Stobart by 12.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt Miss H. D. Parker by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. G. W. Solomon bt T. G. S. Colls by 21.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt Mrs. L. L. Buchanan by 2.

FINAL.

Mrs. G. W. Solomon bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 6.

LEVEL SINGLES.
YOUNGER CUP.
(4 bisques and over).
(15 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. L. A. Showan bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith by 13.
Mrs. H. R. Abbott bt Mrs. E. A. Roper by 7.
D. R. Watson bt Mrs. R. A. Hill by 10.
Miss K. D. Hickson bt Mrs. E. M. Speer by 6.
C. Dashwood bt J. M. Rivington by 24.
Gen. D. J. Wilson-Haffenden bt Miss B. Duthie by 17.
N. M. Baldwin bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson by 7.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. L. A. Showan bt Mrs. H. R. Abbott by 16.
D. R. Watson bt Major F. Hill Bernhard by 4.
C. Dashwood bt Miss K. D. Hickson by 13.
N. M. Baldwin bt Gen. D. J. Wilson Haffenden by 12.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. L. A. Showan bt D. R. Watson by 9.
C. Dashwood bt N. M. Baldwin by 21.

FINAL.

C. Dashwood bt Mrs. L. A. Showan by 9.

LEVEL SINGLES.
LONGWORTH CUP.
(8 bisques and over).
(20 Entries).
(Starting after third hoop).

FIRST ROUND.

R. J. Pickett bt Major J. F. Villiers by 8.
Mrs. A. W. Skempton bt Dr. F. J. Bentley by 4 on time.
F. H. Curtis bt Mrs. R. J. Pickett by 13.
L. E. W. Stokes Roberts w.o. B. L. P. Caillard opponent scratched.

SECOND ROUND.

R. A. Godby bt W. J. Hawkings by 9.
Mrs. A. D. Karmel bt Major A. M. Hicks by 4.
A. W. Skempton bt D. C. Caporn by 7.
R. J. Pickett bt Mrs. A. W. Skempton by 10.
L. E. W. Stokes Roberts bt F. H. Curtis by 1.
Miss S. G. Hampson bt Mrs. K. Gray by 14.
Mrs. G. Fitter bt Brig. C. C. Russell by 17.
Lord Charles Hope bt Mrs. B. L. P. Caillard by 9.

THIRD ROUND.

R. A. Godby bt Mrs. A. D. Karmel by 13.
A. W. Skempton bt R. J. Pickett by 3.
L. E. W. Stokes Roberts bt Miss S. G. Hampson by 9.
Mrs. G. Fitter bt Lord Charles Hope by 7.

SEMI-FINAL.

A. W. Skempton bt R. A. Godby by 8.
L. E. W. Stokes Roberts bt Mrs. G. Fitter by 11.

FINAL.

A. W. Skempton bt L. E. W. Stokes Roberts by 19.

HANDICAP SINGLES.
PINCKNEY SIMPSON CUP.
(71 Entries).

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (6½) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan (4) by 14.
C. Dashwood (5½) bt G. W. Williams (1) by 26.
A. W. Skempton (8) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (2) by 10.
A. V. Camroux (2½) bt W. J. Hawkings (8) by 20.
Col. D. W. Beamish (—½) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) by 16.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) bt Miss B. Duthie (7½) by 4.
Miss E. J. Warwick (—1½) bt Mrs. K. Gray (12) by 17.
Major A. M. Hicks (8) bt Mrs. L. L. Buchanan (2½) by 10.
D. W. Curtis (1) bt Miss E. Fisher (2½) by 22.
B. Lloyd Pratt (—1½) w.o. Mrs. S. M. Adler (2½) opponent scratched.
Mrs. E. A. Roper (7) bt Mrs. A. D. Karmel (10) by 6.
Lord Charles Hope (8½) bt Mrs. H. R. Abbot (6½) by 10 on time.
A. D. Karmel (½) bt J. G. Warwick (—1) by 14.
C. H. R. Penny (2½) bt M. Spencer Ell (0) by 8.
M. Buller (4) bt Col. F. E. Stobart (2½) by 1.
Gen. D. J. Wilson Haffenden (6) bt Mrs. R. J. Pickett (9) by 17.
J. M. Rivington (4½) bt G. V. Evans (2½) by 20.
Mrs. L. A. Showan (4½) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) by 19.
R. Tingey (—1½) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (6½) by 10.
M. B. Reckitt (—1) bt Mrs. G. Fitter (2) by 14.
H. R. Abbot (2½) bt Mrs. R. Tingey (2) by 14.
D. R. Watson (7½) bt Mrs. F. H. Curtis (13) by 17.
Mrs. E. M. Speer (6½) bt N. M. Baldwin (7½) by 3.

Col. C. C. Adams (—1) w.o. B. L. P. Caillard (12) opponent scratched.

Mrs. A. W. Skempton (11) bt T. F. S. Colls (1½) by 16.
L. E. W. Stokes Roberts (8) bt Major J. R. Abbey (1½) by 24.
R. A. Godby (9) bt Miss H. D. Parker (3) by 21.
Dr. H. J. Penny (3½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) by 15.
Major F. Hill Bernhard (5) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (3) by 3.
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) bt E. A. Roper (3) by 8.
V. de la Nougerede (—1) bt R. J. Pickett (9) by 13.
Miss K. D. Hickson (7) bt Dr. F. J. Bentley (10) by 15.

THIRD ROUND.

C. Dashwood (5½) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (6½) by 24.
A. W. Skempton (8) bt A. V. Camroux (2½) by 11.
H. F. Chittenden (2) bt Col. D. W. Beamish (—½) by 5.
Miss E. J. Warwick (—1½) bt Major A. W. Hicks (8) by 23.
D. W. Curtis (1) bt B. Lloyd Pratt (—1½) by 12.
Lord Charles Hope (8½) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (7) by 10.
A. D. Karmel (½) bt C. H. R. Penny (2½) by 15.
Gen. D. J. Wilson Haffenden (6) bt M. Buller (4) by 12.
Mrs. L. A. Showan (4½) bt J. M. Rivington (4½) by 26.
R. Tingey (—1½) bt M. B. Reckitt (—1) by 14.
H. R. Abbot (2½) bt D. R. Watson (7½) by 16.
Col. C. C. Adams (—1) bt Mrs. E. M. Speer (6½) by 11.
L. E. W. Stokes Roberts (8) bt Mrs. A. W. Skempton (11) by 12.
Dr. H. J. Penny (3½) bt R. A. Godby (9) by 5.
Major F. Hill Bernhard (5) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (0) by 4.
Miss K. D. Hickson (7) bt V. de la Nougerede (—1) by 26.

FOURTH ROUND.

A. W. Skempton (8) bt C. Dashwood (5½) by 19.
Miss E. J. Warwick (—1½) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) by 15.
D. W. Curtis (1) w.o. Lord Charles Hope (8½) opponent retired.
Gen. D. J. Wilson Haffenden (6) bt A. D. Karmel (½) by 20.
R. Tingey bt Mrs. L. A. Showan (4½) by 22.
Col. C. C. Adams (—1) bt H. R. Abbot (2½) by 11.
L. E. W. Stokes Roberts (8) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3) by 26.
Miss K. D. Hickson (7) bt Major F. Hill Bernhard (5) by 9.

FIFTH ROUND.

A. W. Skempton (8) bt Miss E. J. Warwick (—1½) by 15.
Gen. D. J. Wilson Haffenden (6) bt D. W. Curtis (1) by 8.
R. Tingey (—1½) bt Col. C. C. Adams (—1) by 16.
Miss K. D. Hickson (7) bt L. E. W. Stokes Roberts (8) by 13.

SEMI-FINAL.

A. W. Skempton (8) bt Gen. D. J. Wilson Haffenden (6) by 2.
Miss K. D. Hickson (7) bt R. Tingey (—1½) by 15.

FINAL.

Miss K. D. Hickson (7) bt A. W. Skempton (8) by 14.

LADIES' HANDICAP DOUBLES.
LADIES' FIELD CANDLESTICKS.
(Starting at the third hoop)
(9 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—3) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Miss H. D. Parker (5) by 3.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. M. L. Thom (4½) bt Lady Ursula Abbey and Miss S. G. Hampson (12½) by 14.
Mrs. P. E. Heley and Mrs. E. M. Speer (9½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (—3) by 12.
Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Miss B. Duthie (10½) bt Mrs. R. Tingey and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (5) by 11.
Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. A. W. Skempton (9½) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper and Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (13½) by 9.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. M. L. Thom (4½) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley and Mrs. E. M. Speer (9½) by 12.
Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. A. W. Skempton (9½) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Miss B. Duthie (10½) by 11.

FINAL.

Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. A. W. Skempton (9½) bt Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. M. L. Thom (4½) by 17.

MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES.
(Starting at the third hoop).
(17 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

M. B. Reckitt and D. W. Curtis (0) bt B. Lloyd Pratt and D. R. Watson (6) by 9.

SECOND ROUND.

Col. D. W. Beamish and E. A. Roper (2½) bt G. V. Evans and R. J. Pickett (11½) by 7.
Major J. R. Abbey and M. Buller (5½) bt J. G. Warwick and J. M. Rivington (3½) by 17.
H. O. Hicks and Major A. M. Hicks (5) bt Col. F. E. Stobart and C. H. R. Penny (5) by 9.
M. B. Reckitt and D. W. Curtis (0) bt T. G. S. Colls and A. W. Skempton (9½) by 7.
E. P. C. Cotter and N. M. Baldwin (5) bt R. Tingey and Gen. D. J. Wilson-Haffenden (4½) by 5.
A. V. Camroux and F. H. Curtis (10½) bt H. R. Abbott and Dr. H. J. Penny (6) by 7.
Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts and L. E. W. Stokes Roberts (10) bt Major F. Hill Bernhard and V. de la Nougerede (4) by 14.
Major P. Villiers and Dr. F. J. Bentley (22) bt A. D. Karmel and R. A. Godby (10) by 4.

THIRD ROUND.

Col. D. W. Beamish and E. A. Roper (2½) bt Major J. R. Abbey and M. Buller (5½) by 8.
H. O. Hicks and Major A. M. Hicks (5) bt M. B. Reckitt and D. W. Curtis (0) by 2.
A. V. Camroux and F. H. Curtis (10½) bt E. P. C. Cotter and N. M. Baldwin (5) by 20.
Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts and L. E. W. Stokes Roberts (10) bt Major P. Villiers and Dr. F. Bentley (22) by 14.

SEMI-FINAL.

H. O. Hicks and Major A. M. Hicks (5) bt Col. D. W. Beamish and E. A. Roper (2½) by 8.
A. V. Camroux and F. H. Curtis (10½) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts and L. E. W. Stokes Roberts (10) by 9.

FINAL.

H. O. Hicks and Major A. M. Hicks (5) bt A. V. Camroux and F. H. Curtis (10½) by 9.

MIXED OPEN DOUBLES.
(16 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

J. G. Warwick and Miss E. J. Warwick bt H. R. Abbott and Mrs. H. R. Abbott by 20.
B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt C. H. R. Penny and Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 15.
V. de la Nougerede and Mrs. L. L. Buchanan bt Major J. R. Abbey and Lady Ursula Abbey by 10.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Major R. Tingey and Mrs. R. Tingey by 11.
E. P. C. Cotter and Miss D. A. Lintern bt T. G. S. Colls and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 10.
A. D. Karmel and Miss E. Fisher bt C. Dashwood and Mrs. P. E. Heley by 18.
D. W. Curtis and Miss H. D. Parker bt Gen. D. J. Wilson-Haffenden and Miss B. Duthie by 7.
A. V. Camroux and Mrs. M. L. Thom bt M. Buller and Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 4 on time.

SECOND ROUND.

B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt J. G. Warwick and Miss E. J. Warwick by 1.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt V. de la Nougerede and Mrs. L. L. Buchanan by 10.
E. P. C. Cotter and Miss D. A. Lintern bt A. D. Karmel and Miss E. Fisher by 24.
A. V. Camroux and Mrs. M. L. Thom bt D. W. Curtis and Miss H. D. Parker by 1 on time.

SEMI-FINAL.

B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. E. Rotherham by 1.
E. P. C. Cotter and Miss D. A. Lintern bt A. V. Camroux and Mrs. M. L. Thom by 18.

FINAL.

B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt E. P. C. Cotter and Miss D. A. Lintern by 19.

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: L. 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'Callaghan: L. Kirk-Greene.
- 3.—WOMEN'S OPEN SINGLES. THE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all women competitors (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 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 1½ 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 4½ to 7½ 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. Alexander.
- 6.—TREVOR WILLIAMS CUP. LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 8 to 10½ bisques (see conditions below). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Cup presented by the late Trevor Williams, Esq.: Mrs. G. Fitter.
- 7.—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 conditions 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 3½ 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 7½ 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.

Twelve

3.—Events 1, 2, 3 and 8 to be played under Laws of Advanced Play. Event 4 will be played under Laws of Semi-Advanced Play. Events 5, 6 and 7 under Laws of Ordinary Level Play. Events 9, 10 and 11 will be played under Laws of Handicap Play.

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.

The Finals of Events 1 and 8 will be played on Saturday, October 7th, if possible.

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 3rd, 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 3¼ in. 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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