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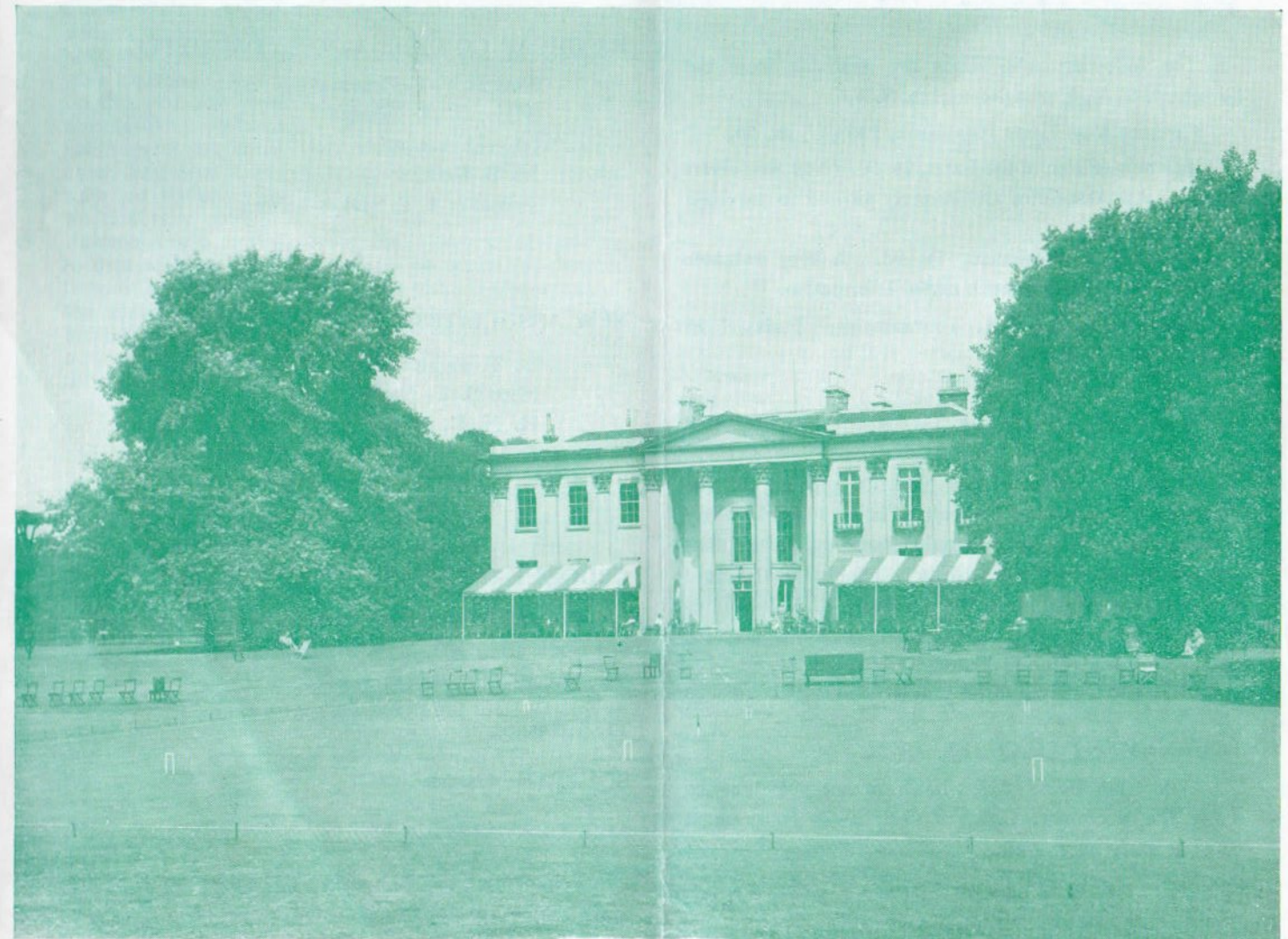
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It would also be appreciated if Associates who tender Subscriptions, Entry Fees, etc., when they see the Secretary away from her office would use an envelope and enclose a slip giving name and particulars of the payment.

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

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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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## NOTES by ROVER

### Off the cuff

There may be some readers of this page who, witnessing a programme on Southern Television (I.T.V.) early last month, detected this Rover, disguised behind a pair of dark glasses he had forgotten to remove, attempting on a court at Southwick to keep his end up in an unscripted dialogue with the expert in charge of the mysterious mechanism. There were the expected questions ("Would you say that croquet is a spiteful game?"), and the unexpected ones ("Is it a snobbish game?")—to which having briefly replied "Nonsense", one could only go on to suggest that as indulgence in its tournaments required a good deal of leisure time, its addicts were generally those who were lucky enough to have this at their disposal. But there were also the sensible questions, and it was one of these that the victim on this occasion found it, on the spur of the moment, most difficult to answer. Learning that he had been a tournament player for half a century, his interlocutor asked him what it was in the game which could exercise such an enduring fascination. Confronted suddenly by this very natural inquiry, poor Rover could only stammer out something about the interest of attempting to deal with the differing surfaces on which (as distinct from billiards) the game had to be played. Conscious of the glaring inadequacy of his answer, Rover found himself wondering how others would have replied, and how he might have done so himself if given more time for reflection.

### Solving a mystery

Thinking over the question afterwards, Rover was struck by the fact that it should have been asked at all. It is doubtful whether a veteran golfer, for instance, would ever be asked why he had continued to play the game throughout his lifetime. Golf is taken for granted as a natural activity of the English-speaking peoples; hitting very small balls into scarcely larger holes presents no mystery; hitting large balls through scarcely wider hoops apparently does. This is not so odd as it might at first seem. Croquet as it is played in our tournaments is something completely unfamiliar to the vast majority of our fellow citizens, and if they do happen to witness it they are, quite naturally, mystified by what is going on. Something of the mystery may, we must hope, be dispelled by Dr. Ormerod's admirable "Know the game" volume. Even so, croquet is pre-eminently a game which can only be really appreciated "from the inside"; the co-operation of hand and brain which success in it demands raises problems which have to be experienced for their fascination to be understood. The late Ben Apps, who did so much for "propaganda" thirty years ago, had for his slogan, "get them on the court with a mallet in their hands". Perhaps it is those (like the present writer) who have no natural aptitude for the game who find the endeavour to match themselves with the problems it presents most fascinating—even after more than fifty years.

### Golf croquet

The only golf croquet competitions in the C.A. calendar are those which now form part of the Challenge and Gilbey Cups meeting at Roehampton in mid August, and it has from time to time been suggested that players would welcome a few more such events to be incorporated into our tournaments. Managers who find themselves in charge of unwieldy entries may well ask to be spared from further labours, but it may be that the less hard pressed might consider, where circumstances permit, putting on a golf croquet event instead of the "extra event starting at the third hoop" which is often tacked on at the tail end of competitions. Indeed, clubs might consider adding to their Tournament Conditions, "A golf croquet event will be played if time permits". There are of course other variations available as extra events; thus, two ball croquet, or the pegged out game as played at Devonshire Park a year or two back.

Some there are who regard Golf Croquet with a jaundiced eye and would view the prospect of a Class A final being contested on a lawn adjacent to one where a golf croquet game was in progress as a deplorable proceeding. In a letter some years ago Noel Hicks was saddened to find that a Golf Croquet tournament was being held at Roehampton in the same week as the President's Cup competition. Whether he would still describe golf croquet as "so retrograde an amusement" is not known, but it is pertinent to remark that had any Associate gone to Roehampton on the first Saturday afternoon of the Challenge and Gilbey Cups meeting he would have found that only golf croquet was being played.

### Success in long shots

Colonel Beamish's article in June *Croquet* on the reasons why we miss our roquets dealt only with the human element of this tantalising aspect of croquet. When all the faults enumerated by the Colonel have been corrected and proper weight given to the principles he correctly enunciates there remain two other factors which contribute to the making of a successful long shot but which are outside your control—the ball and the lawns. As to the quality of the lawns, while this often provides an excuse for the unsuccessful long shot, it may be just as likely a lapse in some particular by the man behind the mallet which caused the miss. Faulty sections of lawns there will always be but it is surely a matter for satisfaction that Clubs with limited resources are so often able to offer for use lawns of a quality which stand comparison with the best in the land.

As to the balls the general run of players probably find little about which to complain, certainly as adversely affecting the success or otherwise of a long shot. If a ball has faults these are likely to be revealed in stages of the game other than in the long shooting. Adverse comments may sometimes be heard regarding the degree of resilience, the sound, etc., of balls but in these matters many present-day players having had experience of only one make of ball find it difficult to make comparisons.

## Moon-struck in the rever

A Dream Sequence, inspired by that weird and wonderful mis-quotation of the *Times* correspondent, commenting on the Croquet Championships of 1961 . . . "Cotter was struck in the rever".

With apologies to those, whose names I have taken (not, I hope, altogether !) in vain.

"Twas filig,—fifty filigrees,  
and that is odd, I thought,  
how malmsey are the Baillieu trees  
around the centre court.

A stranger clapped me on the back,  
"It's you to play—don't potter !"  
I laughed, because I knew he'd crack,  
being wholly Terra-Cotta.

Now here it says I've drawn a bye,  
so one thing's categoric,  
I'm up in arms against Sir Guy  
and then Saint Joan of Warwick.

"Oh ref-er-ee !" (I called, distraught),  
"Look yonder ! Samuel Beckett  
waiting for Godot on my court !"  
—but Maurice didn't Reck it.

He said, "You've got to learn this game,  
here's one who knows the tricks,  
I'll introduce him now, his name  
is Humphrenetic Hix !"

Said Hix, "this penny piece I'll spin,  
and it is yours to choose,—  
you understand it's 'Heads, I win',  
conversely, 'Tails, you lose' ?"

"Why, that seems fair enough," (I said),  
"like you, I don't take risks,"  
—and presently I'd gone to bed  
with half a dozen bisques.

This made me wonder how I could  
defeat such adverseries,  
I thought it out in Wygginswood  
which teemed with Brackenberries.

My magic Lintern then I press't  
to guide my steps from "L",  
—if I'm to climb Mount Everest,  
I must surmount Karmel !

My plans were laid: I played and played,  
till everything came pat,  
—Hope Rotherham ? No botherham !  
and Pooh-Pooh to Lloyd Pratt !

To match the climax, this decade  
no parallel can show,  
(those "Wildest Dreams" of Julian Slade  
were dreams in embryo).

Upon a moonlit croquet court  
I played the Champion Cup,  
five thousand seats had all been bought,  
the place was quite full up.

Stroquet by roquet, round and round  
we went,—yet oft in vain:  
the hoops kept dropping underground  
and popping up again.

The croquet balls changed size and shape  
in manner most distressing,  
and frequently they would escape  
off court, (which had us guessing),

A B.B.C. announcer purred,  
"this game's at six and sevens !"  
—(What ? Dimbleby ? Don't be absurd,  
my dear ! that's Victor Evans !)"

By half past two I'd battled through,  
weary of arm and leg,  
and I could see the Cup for me,  
if I could hit the peg.

I cried, "I've slain the Sollow Mon !",  
—oh, rash and brash mistake !  
with one galoop he jumped a hoop  
and made the winning break.

'Twas filig,—fifty filigrees  
in Tingey-Tangeypore,  
all malmsey were the Baillieu trees,  
and then . . . I knew no more.

### ENVOI

Sweet Thames, run soft ! Though I'm resigned  
to Fate, that gay deceiver,  
I pray that I may never find  
myself "Struck in the Rever."

H.M.

## Notes from the Clubs

### Hunstanton

At the A.G.M. on the Sunday before our Tournament Mrs. Reeve was re-elected President, and Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Neville Rolfe joint secretaries. Mrs. Clarke was able to report on a successful year, though our lack of resident playing members is much to be deplored.

The Tournament Committee has fixed the American Handicap Tournament for its usual date, the first weekend after Easter, April 27th-30th; and the official open tournament for September 3rd-8th. Other clubs, as well as intending competitors, please note ! We have had to put this Autumn tournament back again next year, so as to avoid following immediately after the Hunstanton tennis tournament.

An important fixture, which we much hope will become a permanent one, is a two-day match between Cambridge University and a team to be arranged by Mr. Lloyd Pratt. This is to take place on May 5th and 6th. Any Associates who may be able to attend are warmly invited to come along.

This year's official tournament was an unqualified success. We congratulate the winners, and look forward to seeing our friends, many of whom came from over 300 miles away, next year.

During the tournament our President, Mrs. Reeve, made an excellent recorded talk for a wireless broadcast, and this was transmitted at the improbable hour of 8.15 a.m. Also some of the players made an appearance on television's "East Anglian News" and in the local "rag".

### Roehampton

Members were distressed to learn of a nasty fall suffered at her home by Miss Lintern during the course of the Challenge and Gilbey Cups. Fortunately she was able to come and watch the final stages on the Saturday. It was fortunate that the services of Miss Agnes Mills were at hand to pilot affairs, and fitting that she should have carried off the Gilbey Cup despite her other pre-occupations. Members and his many friends were gladdened to see Brian Gilbert at the Club during August and we wish him continued progress.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### HOOP BOUND

Dear Sir,

In "The Two Marshals" Philip Guedalla recounts that Marshal Bazaine was aided in his escape from the citadel of Ile Ste. Marguerite near Cap d'Antibes where he was imprisoned in 1873 by a rope and "some assistance from a croquet hoop". After this episode he went to Switzerland to pay his respects to the ex-Empress Eugène and found the young Prince Imperial playing croquet.

Yours faithfully,

T. S. OMOND

## THE PRESIDENT'S CUP

SEPTEMBER 11th—15th

If there were ever to be a Croquet Quiz programme (with Mr. Noel Hicks as the pre-destined Quiz Master) an interesting series of questions might run thus:—

- (i) When was the President's Cup initiated ?
- (ii) Why ?
- (iii) Who was the first winner of the trophy ?
- (iv) Who was the President thus commemorated ?

The answer to (i) is 1934; to (ii) because the previous trophy (the Beddow Cup, dating from 1901) had been won outright in the previous year by Miss D. D. Steel in virtue of a fourth victory in the event; to (iii) Miss Steel, who was to win again in 1934; to (iv) Trevor Williams, who became President of the Association in that year.

The event thus "came of age" this year, and the most remarkable fact about its history is that for fifteen of those years, ever since 1946 when Mr. Hamilton-Miller was the winner, it has been monopolised by three players. Mr. Cotter has won it six times; Mr. Hicks five (but he had previously won the Beddow Cup in 1930); Mr. Solomon four, in addition to which he has tied with Cotter three times, in each case losing the play-off.

These facts are recalled to emphasise the extent to which these magnificent players have dominated post-war croquet. As in 1958 and 1959, they again finished in the first three places, William Ormerod, who had tied second last year, gaining the fourth place on this occasion, a remarkable feat for one who had been unable to play any tournament croquet this season.

The reporter of this contest has no easy task. Even if he has been able to see something of all the games played, he may very well have missed the most important moments in them, moreover some of the most sensational or intriguing encounters may not have had any important bearing on the competition considered as a whole. A mere day-to-day record would require more space than is available and might not make very interesting reading. The best that can be attempted here will be a compromise between the various methods indicated, with some comments on the play of individual competitors and a few references to particular games of especial interest in themselves or for their effect on the contest in its closing stages.

It is no great exaggeration to say that many would regard our present Open Champion as starting favourite for any competition in which he enters. John Solomon, who had had little or no practice since winning the aforesaid title, at once disappointed these expectations by losing his first two games, thereby hanging something of a millstone round his neck, which became heavier when he lost yet another (to his traditional rival, Cotter) in the fifth round. Meanwhile, Patrick and Humphrey Hicks were progressing to a natural primacy in the first series, losing only one game each. Both, however, had had the narrowest escapes on the way, Hicks from David Curtis and Cotter from Miss Warwick, their margin of victory being only two points on each occasion. Curtis won his first game in the fifth round and did not win another until the thirteenth. This lack of success, your reporter believes, can largely be traced to the fact that, alone of the competitors, he had never encountered a 3 11/16 inch hoop before, and their effect on him was progressively intimidating. His hoop stroke, which is not a very satisfactory one, being not "flat" enough,

brought him into so much trouble that the natural result was to produce a rather paralysing effect on the rest of his game. Let him take heart: this has happened to neophytes in this event before, who have often gone on to achieve conspicuous success; with a little more experience he will certainly do the same.

Miss Warwick began well, but seemed to tire somewhat as the competition continued. She had a number of very close contests, sometimes against the top players, but on the last morning won the closest victory of the week in a game against Dr. Wiggins which proved to be the most sensational of the competition. Nothing very interesting having happened in the early stages, the game suddenly caught fire, as it were, when the lady, having pegged out Dr. Wiggins' ball and her own, the doctor being then on 1-back with the other, proceeded to hit three enormously long shots and ran two sensational hoops. Ultimately he found himself in perfect position for the rover hoop, Miss Warwick having crept up behind the peg, but on running it firmly was then completely wired from both peg and ball, the game thus going to the lady. Another "two ball game" of greater tactical interest was that between Hicks and Lloyd Pratt in the second series. Humphrey had gone to the peg, though his backward ball was only on the third hoop, and Bryan with his other ball on 3-back, very naturally seized an opportunity to peg out his opponent's ball and his own. A battle of wits then began in which Humphrey's skill and shrewdness came very near to bringing him victory, and though losing by two points, gave to all who watched him a masterly exhibition of how to play the pegged out game from an apparently hopeless position.

Lloyd Pratt improved slightly on his position in the competition on his last appearance in 1959. He is a better player now than he was then; his break-making is beautifully accurate, and no-one comes more courageously from behind. It is good to see any player with such tremendous zest for the game as he has, and one who "treats these two impostors just the same."

By Thursday evening the "key games" were being reached. One of these was a very close encounter between Cotter and Solomon. A good many mistakes were in fact made on both sides in this game, but the fatal one was that by John when an uncontrolled croquet stroke in preparation for a peg-out of his opponent sent a ball off the boundary and speculation began as to the prospect of a "triple tie", but it was not to be. A most interesting game between Cotter and Hicks brought victory to the latter, through no fault (at that point anyway) of the former, a courageous shot, a finely picked-up break, and yet another shot after a temporary failure, putting Humphrey ahead when the last round began, neither Solomon who won, nor Cotter who again (very narrowly) failed, being able to catch him.

Would that there were space to record and to praise all that these great men did. The winner has seldom been seen to greater advantage. The extraordinary consistency with which he hit without fail the shots which it was essential that he should hit; the shrewd and subtle judgment which was behind all that he planned to seize or maintain an advantage or get himself out of a hole, were quite pre-eminent in their way. Pre-eminent as ever in another way was John Solomon's mastery of peeling; he was the only player to bring off—

and one of the few to attempt—those “triples” which we now take almost for granted from him when he starts on a second break. Patrick Cotter found fortune a little adverse in some respects during the week; he had several games “stolen” from him through small fault of his own. But how beautifully smoothly his break-making flows (if perhaps a little too swiftly on occasion). And if there was ever a more perfect hoopstroke than his, this reporter cannot recall having seen it.

The weather could be optimistically described as “variable”, but the “variation” on the Wednesday and Friday was most unpleasant and obviously affected the “gallery”. But one spectator was observed to be so enthusiastic that he was wont to carry his tea to the court side, not being able to tear himself away from the spectacle for a moment throughout the week.

The management of the event was again in the hands of Mrs. Elvey, who has made for herself a special reputation in this position. Watching over her players to see that they got their morning coffee, and later got (but did not linger over) their lunch, she contrived, despite a certain amount of retardation in the early stages, to have all completed by 4.15 on Friday. Mrs. Wills, the secretary of the New Zealand Croquet Council, happily being present, was then invited to present the Cup, thus suggesting a link between the contest and those still greater ones to which we look forward in the early months of 1963.

#### RESULTS

H. O. Hicks, 11 games  
J. W. Solomon 10 games  
E. P. C. Cotter, 9 games  
Dr. W. P. Ormerod, 7 games  
B. Lloyd Pratt, 6 games  
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins, 6 games  
Miss E. J. Warwick, 5 games  
D. W. Curtis, 2 games

#### Analysis of Play

H. O. Hicks bt E. P. C. Cotter +4, D. W. Curtis +2 +17, Dr. W. P. Ormerod +6 +22, B. Lloyd Pratt +16, J. W. Solomon +23, Miss E. J. Warwick +5 +21, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +15 +26; and lost to E. P. C. Cotter -15, B. Lloyd Pratt -2, J. W. Solomon -26.

J. W. Solomon bt D. W. Curtis +26 +15, H. O. Hicks +26, Dr. W. P. Ormerod +26 +15, B. Lloyd Pratt +26 +17, Miss E. J. Warwick +16 +12, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +22; and lost to E. P. C. Cotter -16 -4, H. O. Hicks -23, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins -7.

E. P. C. Cotter bt D. W. Curtis +21 +14, H. O. Hicks +15, Dr. W. P. Ormerod +5, J. W. Solomon +16 +4, Miss E. J. Warwick +2 +8, B. Lloyd Pratt +12; and lost to H. O. Hicks -4, Dr. W. P. Ormerod -7, B. Lloyd Pratt -22, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins -23 -3.

Dr. W. P. Ormerod bt E. P. C. Cotter +7, D. W. Curtis +8 +21, B. Lloyd Pratt +4 +26, Miss E. J. Warwick +26, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +3; and lost to E. P. C. Cotter -5, H. O. Hicks -6 -22, J. W. Solomon -26 -15, Miss E. J. Warwick -7, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins -20.

B. Lloyd Pratt bt E. P. C. Cotter +22, D. W. Curtis +3, H. O. Hicks +2, Miss E. J. Warwick +14 +17, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +7; and lost to E. P. C. Cotter -12, D. W. Curtis -10, H. O. Hicks -16, Dr. W. P. Ormerod -4, -26, J. W. Solomon -26 -17, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins -14.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt E. P. C. Cotter +23 +3, D. W. Curtis +26, Dr. W. P. Ormerod +20, B. Lloyd Pratt +14, J. W. Solomon +7; and lost to D. W. Curtis -8, H. O. Hicks -15 -26, Dr. W. P. Ormerod -3, B. Lloyd Pratt -7, J. W. Solomon -22, Miss E. J. Warwick -7 -1.

Miss E. J. Warwick bt D. W. Curtis +16 +3, Dr. W. P. Ormerod +7, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +7 +1; and lost to E. P. C. Cotter -2 -8, H. O. Hicks -5 -21, Dr. W. P. Ormerod -26, B. Lloyd Pratt -14 -7, J. W. Solomon -16 -11.

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D. W. Curtis bt B. Lloyd Pratt +10, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +8; and lost to E. P. C. Cotter -21 -14, H. O. Hicks -2 -17, Dr. W. P. Ormerod -8 -21, B. Lloyd Pratt -3, J. W. Solomon -26 -15, Miss E. J. Warwick -16 -3, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins -26.

#### REMINDER TO ASSOCIATES

Associates are reminded of the increased subscriptions that take effect from 1st January, 1962. The main features are:—

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Fuller details were printed in *Croquet* for April and June this year. Associates who pay their subscriptions by Standing Order are asked to notify their Banks of the increased amount where necessary.

#### HANDICAPS CONFIRMED OR ALTERED BY THE HANDICAP CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

September 20th, 1961

#### BRIGHTON

(Official)

Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart 2½ to 1½.  
E. C. Bantock 3½ to 2½.  
Miss K. D. Hickson 5 to 4.  
D. R. Watson 7½ to 6½.  
A. M. Hicks 8 to 7.  
Miss M. M. Taylor 8 to 7.

#### NON-ASSOCIATE

J. Bolton 9\* to 9.

#### BRIGHTON

(Unofficial)

W. E. Moore 4 to 3.  
D. W. Miller 9 to 7.  
N. F. Blackwood 2½ to 2.  
E. Whitehead 2½ to 2.  
Mrs. E. Whitehead 16 to 14.  
Miss E. Johnson 5½ to 5.  
D. Temple Page 9\* to 9.  
C. S. Ratcliffe 6 to 5½.

#### HUNSTANTON

Miss L. H. Smith 7 to 6½.  
Mrs. A. D. Karmel 10 to 9½.

#### NON-ASSOCIATE

Miss E. M. Brumpton 11 to 9.

#### PARKSTONE

Mrs. L. H. Ashton 4\* to 4.  
Dr. C. A. Boucher 8 to 5½.  
Miss H. F. Woolley 8 to 7.  
C. H. R. Penny 2½ to 2.  
Miss O. M. Black 12 to 11.  
Mrs. Devitt 12 (D 11).

#### CORRECTIONS

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard 0.  
Mrs. A. W. Skempton 10 (D 9).

## THE SURREY CUP

September 11th—16th

The courts at Roehampton were the setting of a prolonged series of interesting contests for this Cup. Only three of last year's contenders were in the field this year and Colonel Cave's enforced absence was particularly regretted. At the end of the fourteenth round, de la Nougerede, Beamish and Pritchard had each scored nine points. This result was unique in the annals of this competition. These three players had to attend on the Saturday morning and afternoon before a final decision of this Homeric croquet marathon could be reached. De la Nougerede defeated Beamish by 2 and then lost to Pritchard by 9. The latter fully deserved his victory. He played steadily and consistently throughout the week. Congratulations are also due to the other two. With a little luck in the run of the balls, either of them might well have been the ultimate winner. Beamish's quiet unruffled play is always pleasing to watch, while no praise can be too high for Della, who at the age of 75 played as well as he has ever done and seemed to draw on fresh resources of strength as the week progressed. In the all-important sixteenth game of the week, the final of the play-off, he did, however, show increasing signs of tiredness.

There were many good and exciting games but it did seem at times to spectators as if the battles of wits were unduly prolonged. On the whole the results justly reflect the skill, experience and cunning of the respective players. It was pleasing to see newcomers taking part. Their experience should give a fillip to their clubs, in addition to whatever benefit they have gained for themselves. A feature of the second half of the week was the plucky effort of Birch and Leonard to catch up from a discouraging start. At one point Karmel was thought to be a likely winner but he faltered in the run in. Miss Roe and Guy Warwick were never far behind and had many close finishes where the issue could have gone one way or the other.

The players in this competition have been called (perhaps, mistakenly) the second eight of the year which, it may be argued, holds or should hold a place in the croquet world akin to that of the Isis and Goldie crews in that of rowing. However that may be, it is to be hoped that going home with their “ties” prevented any of them going home in the “blues”.

Brigadier Omond managed the event, the first we hope of many future occasions, and he can look back on the week with pleasure, although having to put in a day's overtime. Maurice Reckitt took over on one morning, his chief labours being to worm out the contestants from the bridge room whence they had retired during heavy rain.

(The Analysis of play will appear in the December issue)

## Questions and Answers

A correction in the third question in September *Croquet* is necessary as the wrong word was printed. “Aiming at his ball” should read “Aiming over his ball,” etc., as some players do in swinging backwards thus moving the ball and making a fault under Law 32 (iv). See also Law 31 a and b for the striking period. The answer was correct.

**Question:** In the August issue of *Croquet* there is a letter from E. C. Allberry asking if it is a fault not to shake the croqueted ball and must the balls be replaced?

**Answer:** Yes it is a fault under Law 32 (xii), the balls must be replaced and the turn ends. Law 32 b (i); the wording of this law has, however, proved misleading and will eventually be re-worded to mean the following. Omit “except for a fault during a croquet stroke” and then read on from there. This makes the Law quite plain.

**Question:** At what point is the player beginning to strike?

**Answer:** Law 31 (a) clearly defines that the striker shall begin to strike when he swings his mallet with intent to hit the ball.

**Question:** When does the striking end?

**Answer:** Law 31 (c) states the striking shall end when the striker has completed his swing and quitted his stance.

## NEW LAW 32 (b)

Mr. E. C. Allberry is not alone in commenting on Law 32(b) so I propose to discuss it and in the discussion to go back to first principles.

In croquet, play is made by striking a ball with a mallet and the stroke must be a fair one—see Law 4(b). If a striker is “hoop-bound” he may not push or scoop the ball away any more than he may kick it away. That is not croquet. If then in an attempt to strike it away legitimately, he inadvertently pushes it away, what is to happen? The answer is that he has failed to play a valid stroke and his turn accordingly must end. Now what is to happen to a striker's ball which for example has been “scooped” from position A to position B? Its proper place on the court must be position A for it has never been legitimately played from that position. If under the Laws it is to occupy any other position, that must be because it is the policy of the Laws to impose on the striker a penalty exceeding the price of failure. It is conceivable that the Laws might require the balls to be automatically, or at the option of the adversary, “spotted” as in billiards or returned to baulk. It is conceivable that the striker might be punished by forfeiture of the whole of the turn and the replacement of the balls as at the beginning of the turn. And of course a remedy could be given to the striker to leave the balls where they were illegitimately played. But the last remedy is generally no more appropriate than would be a similar remedy if the balls were casually kicked away. What has been the policy of the Laws with regard to balls moved by an illegitimate stroke? Prior to 1957 there was no exception to the general rule that all balls moved during a foul stroke must be replaced.

Then in 1957 at the suggestion of New Zealand an exception was created to meet the following type of situation which frequently arises.

The striker finds that his adversary's balls are joined on the yard line in some remote part of the court and that he has no alternative but after roqueting his partner ball to take-off to them. He approaches those balls in jeopardy for if he goes off the innings will change and the adversary will begin his turn with three balls close together. The risk involved plays a vital part in the game of croquet and the policy of the legislators of the game ought to be to make the unsuccessful striker pay the price of failure. New Zealand thought that some players, realising that the striker's ball was about to go off the Court were apt to confess a fault they had not made or perhaps would not otherwise have confessed so as to avoid paying the price of failure for going off the Court. And so an exception was created the intent of which was to prevent the striker escaping from the price of failure, and a right was given to the adversary NOT to have the balls replaced.

Unfortunately the scope of the exception was not accurate and for this reason the intent behind the 1957 exception was not apparent. The following two examples illustrate the point:

- The striker in a croquet stroke takes off for his adversary's balls, which are joined on a distant boundary. The striker's ball goes off the court nearby. The striker confesses he has made a fault by grazing the croqueted ball with his mallet. Accordingly the balls automatically go back, and the striker has escaped the price of failure which it is the policy of the game to impose upon him.
- Once again the striker takes off in a croquet stroke but on this occasion comes to rest about two feet from his adversary's ball. He confesses he has made a fault and on this occasion by failing to shake the croqueted ball. The adversary then had the right NOT to have the balls replaced. In this case the striker had suffered a penalty although he had not made that type of failure which attracts that type of penalty.

New Law 32(b) has remedied these anomalies. The first thing to do was to state the Rule, simultaneously stating that the Rule was subject to an Exception.

The first sentences of Law 32(b) might have recorded the Exception differently namely: “Subject to the exception appearing immediately hereunder, etc.” Had this been done anyone reading the rule for any kind of fault would have had to read the exception to ascertain whether or not the case under review came within the scope of the exception. This is undesirable.

The first sentence is intended to prepare the reader for the exception, which only occurs in a croquet stroke.

Similarly the second sentence might have begun with words of limitation such as: “The only exception is that in a croquet stroke, etc.” The only objection to that is the use of the extra words which lengthens the sentence and obscures the focus.

At the end of the Law as drafted the following words might have been added: “In all cases except as above the balls are replaced.” Which is how the Law should be read.

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**HANDICAP DOUBLES**  
(Combined handicap of 4 or over)  
(17 Pairs)

**FIRST ROUND**  
Mrs. R. Tingey and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (8½) bt C. L. Robertson and F. H. Curtis (18) by 5.

**SECOND ROUND**  
Brig. J. S. Omond and Mrs. J. S. Omond (16) bt Major J. H. Dibley and G. Victor Evans (5) by 1 on time.  
Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson and W. A. FitzGerald (10) bt Mrs. M. Francis and Mrs. D. F. Caporn (23) by 3 on time.  
Major R. Tingey and Mrs. F. H. Curtis (11½) bt M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. C. L. Robertson (8½) by 3 on time.  
Dr. H. J. Penny and B. L. P. Caillard (15½) bt Mrs. R. Tingey and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (8½) by 1 on time.  
Miss E. E. Fisher and Mrs. M. H. Carrington (10½) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Mrs. J. E. Speer (9½) by 15.  
B. Lloyd Pratt and Miss S. G. Hampson (7½) bt D. W. Curtis and Mrs. G. Fitter (8½) by 11.  
Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (5) bt A. D. Karmel and Mrs. Karmel (10½) by 16.  
Col. C. C. Adams and D. W. Miller (7) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts and R. A. Stigant (9½) by 14.

**THIRD ROUND**  
Brig. J. S. Omond and Mrs. J. S. Omond w.o. opponents retired.  
Major R. Tingey and Mrs. F. H. Curtis (11½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny and B. L. P. Caillard (15½) by 8 on time.  
B. Lloyd Pratt and Miss S. G. Hampson (7½) bt Miss E. E. Fisher and Mrs. M. H. Carrington (10½) by 9.  
Col. C. C. Adams and D. W. Miller (7) bt Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (5) by 1.

**SEMI-FINAL**  
Major R. Tingey and Mrs. F. H. Curtis (11½) bt Brig. J. S. Omond and Mrs. Omond (16) by 7.  
B. Lloyd Pratt and Miss S. G. Hampson (7½) bt Col. C. C. Adams and D. W. Miller (7) by 16.

**FINAL**  
Major R. Tingey and Mrs. F. H. Curtis (11½) bt B. Lloyd Pratt and Miss S. G. Hampson (7½) by 7.

**GOLF CROQUET**  
**THE ASCOT CHALLENGE CUP**

**BLOCK "A"**  
(16 Entries)

**FIRST ROUND**  
F. H. Curtis (2) bt M. Spencer Ell (0) by 1 up.  
Col. C. C. Adams (0) bt Mrs. R. Tingey (0) by 3 and 2.  
Mrs. S. Phillips (1) bt A. D. Karmel (0) by 2 and 1.  
Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (2) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (1) by 3 and 2.  
Miss A. E. Mills (0) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1) by 3 and 2.  
Major R. Tingey (0) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (1) by 3 and 2.  
R. A. Stigant (2) bt B. Lloyd Pratt (0) by 1 up.  
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) bt D. W. Curtis (0) 2 up.

**SECOND ROUND**  
F. H. Curtis (2) bt Col. C. C. Adams (0) by 3 and 2.  
Mrs. S. Phillips (1) bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (2) 1 up.  
Major R. Tingey (0) bt Miss A. E. Mills (0) by 3 and 2.  
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) bt R. A. Stigant (2) by 3 and 2.

**SEMI-FINAL**  
F. H. Curtis (2) bt Mrs. S. Phillips (1) by 3 and 2.  
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) bt Major R. Tingey (0) 1 up.

**FINAL**  
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) bt F. H. Curtis (2) by 3 and 2.

**PLAY-OFF**  
Mrs. Pethebridge (3) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) by 2 and 1.

**BLOCK "B"**  
(15 Entries)

**FIRST ROUND**  
Mrs. M. Francis (2) bt Mrs. D. F. Caporn (2) by 3 and 2.  
Mrs. F. H. Curtis (3) bt Mrs. K. Gray (2) by 2 and 1.  
Mrs. Pethebridge (3) bt Mrs. V. E. Wheeler (3) by 4 and 3.  
Mrs. A. D. Karmel (2) bt Miss S. G. Hampson (2) by 3 and 2.  
W. G. FitzGerald (3) bt D. C. Caporn (2) by 5 and 3.  
Mrs. G. Fitter (2) bt Miss M. G. Young (3) by 7 and 3.  
W. G. A. Burgess (3) bt Miss G. Bartlett (2) by 2 and 1.

**SECOND ROUND**  
Mrs. F. H. Curtis (3) bt Mrs. M. Francis (2) by 1 up.  
Mrs. Pethebridge (3) bt Mrs. A. D. Karmel (2) by 1 up.  
Mrs. G. Fitter w.o. opponent scratched.  
Mrs. M. H. Carrington (2) bt W. G. A. Burgess (3) by 5 and 4.

**SEMI-FINAL**  
Mrs. Pethebridge (3) bt Mrs. F. H. Curtis (3) by 1 up.  
Mrs. M. H. Carrington (3) bt Mrs. G. Fitter (2) by 1 up.

**FINAL**  
Mrs. Pethebridge (3) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (2) by 1 up.

**DELVES BROUGHTON CHALLENGE CUP**  
**HANDICAP DOUBLES**  
(11 Pairs)

**FIRST ROUND**  
Miss E. E. Fisher and Mrs. M. H. Carrington (3) bt B. Lloyd Pratt and Miss S. Hampson (2) by 1 up.  
Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson and L. A. FitzGerald (5) bt D. W. Curtis and Mrs. F. H. Curtis (3) by 3 and 2.  
Mrs. Pethebridge and Miss Young (6) bt A. D. Karmel and Mrs. Karmel (2) by 3 and 2.

**SECOND ROUND**  
Col. C. C. Adams and Mrs. D. F. Caporn (2) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) by 4 and 3.  
Major-Gen. Davidson and L. A. FitzGerald (5) bt Miss E. E. Fisher and Mrs. M. H. Carrington (3) by 3 and 2.  
Mrs. Pethebridge and Miss Young (6) bt Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. S. Phillips (1) by 3 and 2.  
F. H. Curtis and Mrs. G. Fitter (4) bt Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. Davidson (1) by 2 and 1.

**SEMI-FINAL**  
Major-Gen. Davidson and L. A. FitzGerald (5) bt Col. C. C. Adams and Mrs. D. F. Caporn (2) by 1.  
F. H. Curtis and Mrs. G. Fitter (4) bt Mrs. Pethebridge and Miss Young (6) by 3 and 2.

**FINAL**  
F. H. Curtis and Mrs. G. Fitter (4) bt Major-Gen. Davidson and L. A. FitzGerald (5) by 4 and 3.

**BRIGHTON**

August 28th—September 2nd

The Brighton Official Tournament was blessed with glorious weather throughout. The courts were extremely fast and all round breaks were at a premium. Entries were good, although a number of the "stars" were diverted by the clash with Hunstanton.

In the opens E. P. C. Cotter and L. Kirk Greene both narrowly defeated each other in the Draw and Process respectively and won these events. Kirk Greene however, not in the best of health, was obliged to scratch in the play-off. The B levels were won by Miss K. D. Hickson who defeated Lady Ursula Abbey in the final, a very creditable performance as this is the first time Miss Hickson has been in a B level event.

In the open handicap many people regarded D. R. Watson, a much improved player since last year, as the potential winner at 7½ bisques, but he was beaten by the greater experience and consistency of Col. F. E. Stobart in the semi-final. Col. F. E. Stobart went on to win the final with E. G. Bantock playing his customary role of professional bridesmaid, but this time, oh, so nearly the bride!

The doubles produced a good many time-limited finishes, perhaps the most exciting being the semi-final when Cotter double-peeled and pegged out Mrs. Temple. This left W. H. Austen the problem of getting round from 2-back with two bisques, Cotter's partner, Mrs. Roper being still for the 4th hoop. In a cat and mouse finish Austen just kept his nose in front to win by 1 on time. It is a great pity that nothing can be done to speed up the doubles and cut out the time-wasting discussions that many players consider necessary.

J. Bolton, aged 13, has a nice style and plays his strokes well, but naturally has, as yet, little knowledge of tactics and the conduct of a break.

Major J. H. Dibley had a harassing time as manager, but he must be used to this by now and took it all in his stride. Thanks are also due to Mrs. Chittenden and Mrs. Thompson for the excellent lunches and teas, to Mrs. Truett for welcome service behind the bar, to Mrs. Naylor for the flower arrangements in the canteen and to all the other helpers who made the tournament so enjoyable.

Finally, Adams, the groundsman, despite the dry weather managed to produce the high standard of courts that we have been given to expect at Southwick.

**OPEN SINGLES**  
**THE GOLD CUP**  
**THE DRAW**  
(17 Entries)

**FIRST ROUND**  
Major J. R. Abbey bt N. F. Blackwood by 5.  
**SECOND ROUND**  
D. Jesson Dibley bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 7.  
M. B. Reckitt bt Col. F. E. Stobart by 16.  
Mrs. G. W. Solomon bt Major J. R. Abbey by 12.  
L. Kirk Greene bt Col. D. M. C. Prichard by 24.  
E. P. C. Cotter bt Mrs. F. N. Latham by 9.  
Mrs. F. R. Briggs bt E. Whitehead by 7.  
Mrs. W. Longman bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels by 15.

**THIRD ROUND**  
Mrs. L. Buchanan bt D. Jesson Dibley by 8.  
M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 12.  
L. Kirk Greene bt E. P. C. Cotter by 2.  
Mrs. W. Longman bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs by 23.

**SEMI-FINAL**  
Mrs. L. L. Buchanan bt M. B. Reckitt by 3.  
L. Kirk Greene bt Mrs. W. Longman by 9.

**FINAL**  
L. Kirk Greene bt Mrs. L. L. Buchanan by 7.

**PROCESS**  
(17 Entries)

**FIRST ROUND**  
Mrs. W. Longman bt T. G. S. Colls by 16.  
**SECOND ROUND**  
Mrs. G. W. Solomon bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs by 7.  
L. Kirk Greene bt D. Jesson Dibley by 16.  
E. P. C. Cotter bt M. B. Reckitt by 25.  
Mrs. W. Longman bt N. F. Blackwood by 20.  
Mrs. A. M. Daniels bt Major J. R. Abbey by 8.  
Mrs. F. N. Latham bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 8.  
Col. F. E. Stobart bt E. Whitehead by 24.  
Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt Mrs. L. L. Buchanan by 15.

**THIRD ROUND**  
L. Kirk Greene bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 14.  
E. P. C. Cotter bt Mrs. W. Longman by 3.  
Mrs. A. M. Daniels w.o. Mrs. F. N. Latham opponent scratched.  
Col. F. E. Stobart bt Col. D. M. C. Prichard by 9.

**SEMI-FINAL**  
E. P. C. Cotter bt L. Kirk Greene by 3.  
Mrs. A. M. Daniels bt Col. F. E. Stobart by 2.

**FINAL**  
E. P. C. Cotter bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels by 11.

**PLAY-OFF**  
E. P. C. Cotter bt L. Kirk Greene opponent scratched.

**LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B")**  
**THE FRANC CUP**  
(Law 44 suspended)  
(3 to 5½ bisques)  
(16 Entries)

**FIRST ROUND**  
Lady Ursula Abbey bt Miss H. D. Parker by 9.  
Miss E. Johnston bt E. G. Bantock by 12.  
W. P. H. Roe bt Miss K. Ault by 8.  
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury bt R. H. Newton by 11.  
W. H. Austin bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan by 6.  
E. A. Roper bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 7.  
Capt. M. Buller bt T. A. Chignell by 1.  
Miss K. D. Hickson bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt by 20.

**SECOND ROUND**  
Lady Ursula Abbey bt Miss E. Johnston by 10.  
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury bt W. P. H. Roe by 15.  
W. H. Austin bt E. A. Roper by 1.  
Miss K. D. Hickson bt Capt. M. Buller by 4.

**SEMI-FINAL**  
Lady Ursula Abbey bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury by 10.  
Miss K. D. Hickson bt W. H. Austin by 20.

**FINAL**  
Miss K. D. Hickson bt Lady Ursula Abbey by 15.

**HANDICAP SINGLES**  
**MONTEITH BOWL**  
(6 bisques and over)  
(22 Entries)

**FIRST ROUND**  
Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) bt J. Bolton (\*9) by 5.  
Mrs. A. Topp (10) bt Mrs. G. A. Paxon (8) by 9.  
D. M. Horne (8) bt Mrs. I. R. Veale (8½) by 10.  
Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) w.o. Mrs. E. M. Temple (7½) opponent scratched.  
A. M. Hicks (8) bt G. F. Paxon (7) by 8.  
Miss G. Bennett (9) w.o. Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) opponent scratched.

**SECOND ROUND**

D. R. Watson (7½) bt Mrs. R. St. G. Atchley (14) by 21.  
Miss L. Tallemach (7) bt M. Vlasto (10) by 3 on time.  
Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (7) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) by 11.  
D. M. Horne (8) bt Mrs. A. Topp (10) by 5.  
A. M. Hicks (8) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 14.  
Miss E. Bennett (9) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (9½) by 12.  
Miss M. M. Taylor (8) bt Major R. St. G. Atchley (14) by 11.  
C. S. Ratcliffe (6) bt Mrs. C. M. Gibson (12) by 1 on time.

**THIRD ROUND**

D. R. Watson (7½) bt Miss L. Tallemach (7) by 12.  
Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (7) bt D. M. Horne (8) by 7.  
A. M. Hicks (8) bt Miss E. Bennett (9) by 7.  
Miss M. M. Taylor (8) bt C. S. Ratcliffe (6) by 4.

**SEMI-FINAL**

D. R. Watson (7½) bt Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (7) by 9.  
Miss M. M. Taylor (8) bt A. M. Hicks (8) by 4.

**FINAL**

D. R. Watson (7½) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (8) by 16.

**HANDICAP SINGLES**  
**MAURICE RECKITT BOWL**  
(Unrestricted)  
(53 Entries)

**FIRST ROUND**  
Miss K. D. Hickson (5) bt W. H. P. Roe (5½) by 9.  
Col. F. E. Stobart (2½) bt Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (7) by 6.  
J. Bolton (\*9) bt Miss K. Ault (4½) by 2.  
D. R. Watson (7½) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (9½) by 8.  
Col. D. M. C. Prichard (0) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 8.  
Mrs. E. M. Temple (7½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3) by 3.  
Miss H. D. Parker (3) w.o. Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) opponent scratched.  
T. A. Chignell (4) bt M. B. Reckitt (—) by 16.  
Miss E. Johnston (5½) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (3½) by 21.  
Mrs. F. N. Latham (2) bt G. F. Paxon (7) by 9.  
Miss E. Bennett (9) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (3½) by 5.  
Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (4½) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) by 16.  
N. F. Blackwood (2½) bt Mrs. A. Topp (10) by 12.  
E. G. Bantock (4) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) by 8.  
Mrs. L. L. Buchanan (2½) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) by 11.  
Capt. M. Buller (4) bt Miss L. Tallemach (7) by 12.  
A. M. Hicks (8) bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2½) by 6.  
E. A. Roper (3) bt R. H. Newton (3) by 19.  
Mrs. A. M. Daniels (2) bt Mrs. G. A. Paxon (8) by 13.  
D. M. Horne (8) bt M. Vlasto (10) by 7 on time.  
W. H. Austin (5½) bt E. Whitehead (2½) by 7.

**SECOND ROUND**  
Mrs. W. Longman (—) w.o. G. E. W. Hitchcock (2½) opponent retired.  
Miss M. M. Taylor (8) bt Mrs. N. Oddie (½) by 15.  
Miss K. D. Hickson (5) bt T. G. S. Colls (1½) by 17.  
Col. F. E. Stobart (2½) bt J. Bolton (\*9) by 11.  
D. R. Watson (7½) bt Col. D. M. C. Prichard (0) by 22.  
Mrs. E. M. Temple (7½) bt Miss H. D. Parker (3) by 6.  
Miss E. Johnston (5½) bt T. A. Chignell (4) by 5.  
Miss E. Bennett (9) bt Mrs. F. N. Latham (2) by 4.  
Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (4½) bt N. F. Blackwood (2½) by 1.  
E. G. Bantock (4) bt Mrs. L. L. Buchanan (2½) by 8.  
A. M. Hicks (8) bt Capt. M. Buller (4) by 11.  
E. A. Roper (3) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels (2) by 6.  
D. M. Horne (8) w.o. W. H. Austin (5½) opponent retired.  
H. A. Green (2½) bt D. Jesson Dibley (3) by 5.  
Major J. R. Abbey (1½) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan (4) by 16.  
C. S. Ratcliffe (6) w.o. Mrs. I. R. Veale (8½) opponent scratched.

**THIRD ROUND**  
Mrs. W. Longman (—) w.o. Miss M. M. Taylor (8) opponent retired.  
Col. F. E. Stobart (2½) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (5) by 2.  
D. R. Watson (7½) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (7½) by 17.  
Miss E. Johnston (5½) bt Miss E. Bennett (9) by 1.  
E. G. Bantock (4) bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (4½) by 5.  
A. M. Hicks (8) bt E. A. Roper (3) by 9.  
H. A. Green (2½) bt D. M. Horne (8) by 9.  
C. S. Ratcliffe (6) bt Major J. R. Abbey (1½) by 2.

**FOURTH ROUND**  
Col. F. E. Stobart (2½) bt Mrs. W. Longman (—) by 25.  
D. R. Watson (7½) bt Miss E. Johnston (5½) by 6.  
E. G. Bantock (4) w.o. A. M. Hicks (8) opponent scratched.  
C. S. Ratcliffe (6) bt H. A. Green (2½) by 9.

**SEMI-FINAL**  
Col. F. E. Stobart (2½) bt D. R. Watson (7½) by 8.  
E. G. Bantock (4) bt C. S. Ratcliffe (6) by 9.

**FINAL**  
Col. F. E. Stobart (2½) bt E. G. Bantock (4) by 6.



