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NOTES by ROVER

The coming season

Many Associates will already have spent pleasant hours planning their tournament programme for the coming season. Those who have not may wish to be informed of any changes from the customary calendar and these are fortunately this year very few, as will be seen from the Fixture List in this issue. The article in this number by the Chairman of the Tournament Committee—The 1962 Season—will, however, repay attention, since much of it concerns all players.

Hurlingham is again the venue for the Inter-Varsity Match on May 23rd and we are pleased to include some notes in this issue from the two captains. One or two who played in the match last year had already begun to make their mark in competitive croquet by the end of the season and we shall be interested to watch their future progress.

A problem which more than one Club is beginning to meet is a surfeit of entries for their tournaments. No one wishes to limit entries but this prospect must loom before some Clubs. Hurlingham, whose tournament last year partook of the quart in a pint pot variety, is hoping to arrange this year as an experimental measure to play the early rounds of the Longworth Cup at Roehampton through the courtesy of that Club. This will be made clear in the Tournament Notices so that intending competitors will be fully forewarned.

Recherche du temps perdu

This Proustian heading is suggested by certain researches which the writer has been prosecuting into the past both of croquet and of its Association. In 1902, though the C.A. was only six years old, its membership passed the four-figure mark and the congestion at its tournaments was becoming a serious problem; there were 508 entries at Devonshire Park. Yet all was not felt to be well with the game, in which the striker was still not required to leave anything in the least resembling an open shot, for the "next player" could be left on a wire or in a hoop (the sequence game was to remain for another decade), so that an out-player in good company scarcely had a chance; and handicapping was capricious and haphazard in the extreme. The Association's headquarters were still at Sheen House, where it fondly hoped to stay for an indefinite period; in the event the site was sold up in the following spring and the C.A. forced to make a hasty move to Roehampton, which had fortunately just been founded, and held in 1902 its first tournament, as did both Hurlingham and Ranelagh; the Championships were still played at Wimbledon. The winner there this season, described as "the astonishing young Irishman", was Cyril Corbally, who achieved the first of his five victories in this event out of seven attempts—"astonishing" indeed. His great rival at this time was a young lady of 22, Lily Gower, still well-remembered amongst us as Mrs. Beaton. A certain H. Elvey appeared—and won a prize—at his first tournament; may we congratulate our much loved Vice-President on celebrating this year his Diamond Jubilee as an associate.

New Zeal for New Zealand

The news from New Zealand published elsewhere in this number will be read with quite exceptional interest, especially perhaps by those who are going to play against the teams which that Dominion has so promptly selected. This writer's roving through the two Islands four years ago resulted in his playing against all of New Zealand's "first Eight" and he can assure our players that they are likely to need all their skill—and perhaps a little luck—to gain a victory over them. Two things are notable about this almost entirely new team. First, that it contains a larger number of men players than might have been expected in a country in which women so vastly outnumber men on the courts. But the two women chosen are very good; Mrs. Jarden particularly impressed this observer who watched her play two practically faultless games in the final of the Women's Championship in 1958. Secondly, the span of years between the players is far the greatest that has ever been seen in a test match, extending from the veteran, Arthur Ross, to the eighteen year old Tony Stephens, whose time has recently been given to an athletic career, but who will doubtless be put through some strict training before the matches next year by his mentor, Ashley Heenan, who is to be New Zealand's captain. Herbert Ford, who won the Championship this year, has clearly made an advance in recent seasons and won the event only after a close struggle with Mrs. Jarden. The North and South Island teams represent strong reserves of talent on which the Dominion can draw for later matches. What a fine struggle the series should be!

The Annual General Meeting

The notice of the annual general meeting appears elsewhere in this issue. As in the past few years, it is being held at the Hurlingham Club at the beginning of Counties week which proves to be a convenient time for many Associates living outside London. Associates will be admitted to the Hurlingham Club on the afternoon of the meeting on production of the current membership card, so why not turn up early and have tea with old friends before the meeting?

Three years ago a match arranged between the Army and the Navy, both of whom mustered strong teams, was an added *bonne bouche* but, unfortunately, there was no repetition in subsequent years. Such matches introduce a delightful social side into what is perhaps a predominantly individual game and this is one of the reasons why the Longman Cup Club matches are so much appreciated. Clubs are reminded that entries close for this event on 1st May. It will be interesting to see whether the successes in recent years of some of the smaller Clubs—Colchester and Edgbaston for example to name but two winners—can be repeated. If local enthusiasm counts for anything, their challenges must certainly not be underestimated.

TOURNAMENT FIXTURES

1962

- May 14—Peel Memorials (Roehampton). *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- „ 21—Southwick. *Tourn. Sec.*, F. E. Corke, 60 Southwick Street, Southwick.
- „ 29—Inter-County Championships (Hurlingham). *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- June 4—Men's and Women's Championships (Roehampton). *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- „ 4—Ryde. *Hon. Sec.*, Mr. V. Rawlinson, "Bells," Market Street, Ryde, I.O.W.
- „ 18—Compton (Eastbourne). *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, H. C. S. Perry, Hockington House, Willingdon, Sussex.
- „ 18—Nottingham. *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, G. Birch, 88 Cedar Road, Sherwood Rise, Nottingham.
- „ 25—Parkstone. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. M. McMordie, 4 Overbury Road, Parkstone.
- July 9—Budleigh Salterton. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. M. H. Vincent, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton.
- „ 16—The Ladies' Field Cup (Southwick). *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- „ 23—Cheltenham. *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- „ 30—Open Championships (Hurlingham). *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- Aug. 6-15—Hurlingham. *Games Secretary*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6. (NOT Secretary C.A.)
- „ 16-25—Challenge and Gilbey Cups, Ascot and Delves Broughton Cups (Roehampton). *Secretary C.A.*, Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- „ 20—Parkstone. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. McMordie, 4 Overbury Road, Parkstone.
- „ 27—Southwick. *Tourn. Sec.*, F. E. Corke, 60 Southwick Street, Southwick.
- Sept. 3—Hunstanton. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. J. A. Clarke, 49 Northgate, Hunstanton.
- „ 10—President's Cup (Hurlingham), Surrey Cup (Cheltenham). *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- „ 20-22—All England Handicap. Area Finals (Roehampton). *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- „ 24—Roehampton. *Games Secretary*, Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, S.W.15. (NOT Secretary C.A.)
- Oct. 1—Devonshire Park (Eastbourne). *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.

NON-OFFICIAL

- Apr. 27-30—Hunstanton (American). *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. J. A. Clarke, 49 Northgate, Hunstanton.
- May 7—Budleigh Salterton. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. M. H. Vincent, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton.
- „ 21-26—Cheltenham. *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- June 9-11—Cheltenham (American). *Tourn. Sec.*, Mrs. B. de C. Mathews, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- „ 16-23—Championship of Ireland. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly, Ballynamate, Carrickmines, Dublin.
- July 3-6—Budleigh Salterton (American). *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. M. H. Vincent, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton.
- Aug. 11-18—Championship of County Dublin. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly, Ballynamate, Carrickmines, Dublin.
- Sept. 3—Southwick. *Tourn. Sec.*, F. E. Corke, 60 Southwick Street, Southwick.

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CROQUET ASSOCIATION NOTICES

Subscriptions due on January 1st, 1962, should be sent to the Secretary, C.A., Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6. Reminders cost time and money so Associates are asked to pay now. Please read page 5 for details of the new rates.

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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 which can also be obtained through Clubs.

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C. H. L. Prichard

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REFEREES

Associates who wish to become Referees should send their names to the Chairman of the Laws Committee (c/o. The Secretary, C.A.), who will arrange for their examination.

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Parkstone Club is being allowed to hold the August Tournament at the same time as the Challenge and Gilbey Cups this year under special circumstances, but this does not establish a precedent for future years of permitting a provincial Club Tournament to clash with a C.A. event open to players of all classes.

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Dulwich Croquet Club (Captain, Miss Hammer, 20 Torrington Court, S.E.26. Tel. SYD 8219), would be glad to hear from any other Clubs who would be interested in playing Golf Croquet matches during the coming season.

V. C. GASSON,

Secretary

THE 1962 SEASON

This article can happily be shorter than has often been the case in recent years, for the Council has not decided upon many variations in our tournament programme for the coming season. One alteration from last year is in fact a reversion to previous practice, for it has been decided that the "Caskets" shall follow upon the "Counties", as had been the case for a good many seasons before 1961. So far as it was possible to ascertain the wishes of those most likely to be concerned, there appeared to be more who preferred this arrangement to that which interposed a week between the two events.

There has been a good deal of discussion of late about the desirability of the Council making fewer requests of the Metropolitan Clubs for the use of their courts for C.A. tournaments. One result of this was seen last year in the arrangement by which the Ladies' Field Cup was transferred to the hospitable lawns of the Southwick Club, and this precedent is to be followed again this season. It was in consequence of this that it was possible to play the Open Championships in a week at the end of July when it was hoped (as proved to be the case) that a more fully representative entry would be received than could be the case at an earlier date. But sauce for the Hurlingham goose should be sauce for the Roehampton gander, and it has now been found possible to relieve the latter Club of the strain upon its courts by transferring the Surrey Cup to Cheltenham. This is not, of course, the first time that this event has been held outside London; the Parkstone Club acted as host to it a few years ago. There is a great deal to be said for C.A. events being taken round the country, as was frequently the case with the Gold Medals in former days, and if it has been adopted less frequently of late this has not been due to any reluctance on the Council's part to allow of it. Those at headquarters are extremely grateful to provincial clubs with the resources for doing so who are ready to help the C.A. by offering hospitality of this kind, and all of us should welcome signs of an increasing readiness to do so.

The unprecedented occurrence of a triple tie in the Surrey Cup last year called attention to the extremely prolonged process laid down in the conditions governing this event (which had been copied from those of the President's Cup) for dealing with this situation. These conditions had originally been drawn up in the days when runaway victories were far more common than they are in this era of "lifts." There simply is not time for such a process at the end of these competitions nowadays, and it would prove altogether too exhausting for those concerned, even if there were. It has, therefore, been decided that in the event of a tie in the President's Cup a match of best of three games will be played; of a triple tie a play off on the Bagnall Wild system; in the Surrey and Ladies' Field Cups a single game in the event of a tie, and a Bagnall Wild draw if there is a triple tie.

There was a good deal of doubt last year as to the precise application of Regulation 8 relating to Time Limits. A complete re-draft of this to put an end to these obscurities is being prepared, the effect of which will be to make it clear that (i) the extra turn after time

is called will apply in every case; (ii) the extra half hour when either side has no more than four points to make will apply only to cases in which a time limit has been imposed by the Manager after the game has begun but not when the time limit has been previously advertised to apply to all games in the event, and (iii) that a bisque being an extra turn, it cannot be taken after time has been called.

The Council desires to call the special attention of all players to Regulation 11 which deals with "Responsibility for correct handicap," especially section (b) which is far too often neglected, even by competitors who ought to know better. And it hopes that Managers will refresh their memories in respect of Regulation 19, especially sections (a) and (b) of each of which even some of our most competent officials would seem to be unaware. Also of Regulation 25 (b) in the case of handicappers, which concerns a matter of very practical importance.

The Council is further anxious that Managers and club secretaries should introduce a much to be desired uniformity into their method of marking up and reporting uncompleted games. It is hoped that they will in future describe these according to the following formula:—

1. Mrs. A. w.o. Miss B. retired.
(This is intended to suggest that Miss B. would most probably have won the game if it had been finished. If Miss B. retires "on the peg" these words should be added.)
2. Mrs. A. beat Miss B (retired).
(This means that Mrs. A. appeared to be in a winning position when the game was abandoned.)
3. Mrs. A. w.o. Miss B. scratched.
(This means that the game was never begun, or was abandoned in such an indeterminate state that no forecast of a probable result could be made, the "winner" being the player who is granted the walk-over.)

This whole matter is not so academic a one as it may appear at first sight, for the Handicap Co-ordination Committee has to rely very largely on the score sheets in arriving at its decisions and it is, therefore, important that they should as far as possible represent the facts. Managers and club secretaries are recommended to make a copy of what is set down here for their individual use, and act accordingly. M.B.R.

Loyal Greetings

The following telegram was sent:—

To Private Secretary to the Queen, Buckingham Palace.

On this the 10th Anniversary of Her accession, Members of the Croquet Association present their humble duty and offer loyal greetings to their Patron, Long may she continue to reign.

(Signed) Brig. Stokes-Roberts.

Chairman of Council to C.A.

Hurlingham Club.

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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Croquet Association will be held at the Hurlingham Club on Monday, 28th May, 1962, at 4.30 p.m.

- Minutes of meeting held on 29th May, 1961.
- (a) Report by Chairman of Council.
(b) Statements of Accounts and Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure—to be dealt with by the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
(c) Questions.
- Election of Mr. M. B. Reckitt as Vice-President.
- Election of Members of Council.
The following retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election:—
Miss D. A. Lintern
Rev. Canon Creed Meredith
H. C. S. Perry
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins
The following retire by rotation and do not offer themselves for re-election:—
I. C. Baillieu
Brig. J. S. Omond
M. B. Reckitt
G. N. B. Huskinson and R. F. Rothwell are resigning and there are therefore five vacancies to be filled.
- Amendments to the Rules of the C.A.
- Election of Hon. Treasurer.
- Report on Arrangements for the Triangular Test Tour in New Zealand in 1963.
- Any Other Business.
- Vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Report of the Council

It will be remembered that last season was specially noteworthy for the adoption of the New Laws—and that at the A.G.M. new rates of subscription were also agreed upon.

With regard to the former, as was only natural, certain misprints and clerical errors came to light which have been put right by the issue of errata slips.

It also soon became apparent that various passages, although no doubt perfectly clear in the mind of the author, were by no means so easy to understand and interpret for the layman.

In such cases, which have so far come to light, we have issued or are issuing "Official Rulings & Interpretations" to be published in "Croquet"—and notification of such action has been sent to the New Zealand and Australian Croquet Councils, but at the same time making it clear that these rulings only apply to Great Britain and cannot be held as in any way binding on them.

Regarding the new subscriptions it will be clear that as they did not come into force until 1st January, 1962, their effect will not be reflected in the accounts and balance sheet published in this issue.

A study of these accounts will, however, clearly show how necessary an increase in subscriptions had become and it is gratifying to be able to report that as a result there has been no noticeable reduction in membership and already our financial affairs are in a much more healthy state.

Possibly an unusually large Balance Credit might be misleading, but when it is realised that this is almost entirely due to capital increases of an extra-ordinary nature which arose from (i) A large increase in the numbers of Life Members, (ii) the sale of large quantities of the New Laws to Australia and New Zealand and, (iii) Profits and Royalties from the sale of Dr. Ormerod's book, all of which are likely to be non-recurring, then the wisdom of the course adopted will be appreciated.

As already reported our Test Team has been selected so that they will have the opportunity of working out the best combination in doubles, before going overseas.

The Tournament programme has been under review with particular reference to arranging more events for the medium and long bisquers and a special committee has been set up to see whether any improvements can be made in the present system of handicapping, but a report on this cannot be expected before the end of the coming season.

The Council once again takes this opportunity of thanking Honorary Club Secretaries, Managers and Referees at Tournaments and all other Associates who have done so much for the well-being and promotion of Croquet, and are confident that with their continued support we can look forward to an ever increasing growth in our prosperity and the general popularity of the "Queen of Games".

Amendments to the Rules of the Croquet Association

(For submission under Item 5 of the Annual General Meeting agenda)

Rule V (line 2) . . . Meeting and may elect Vice-Presidents nominated by the Council from among . . . Croquet. They shall be *ex officio* members of the Council, but shall not be eligible for membership of Standing Committees.
Rule VI *Election of Council*.

1. Members elected by the Croquet Association.

(a) Candidates for election shall consist of:

(i) Members of the Council retiring under Rule II (a) who have notified the Secretary by the 15th March before the date of the A.G.M., of their intention to offer themselves for re-election.

(b) (i) Delete "full term".

(ii) After "vacancies if any" add "If the number of candidates exceeds the number of full-term vacancies but does not exceed the total number of vacancies such candidates shall be deemed to be elected and the Council shall, at its first meeting, decide by ballot which Associates shall fill the full-term vacancies and which the part-time vacancies.

(iii) The election to fill vacancies on the Council shall be conducted as follows:

At least ten days before the A.G.M., voting papers shall be issued to all Associates giving the names of the retiring members of the Council offering themselves for re-election, and giving the names of Associates offering themselves for election together with the names of the proposer and seconder of each.

Rule VII (b) In line 4 "by the 15th March", instead of "at least twenty-eight days", and delete the words after "Croquet".

"But should the office of President or Hon. Treasurer or both these offices fall vacant after the 15th March preceding the A.G.M., the fact shall be published as soon as possible in the *Times*. Proposals for the vacant office or offices shall then be accepted up to the advertised time of the A.G.M."

Rule VIII In line 2 delete after "General Meeting", and add "and unless already a Member of Council, shall be so *ex officio*".

Rule XII Add at the end "unless such vacancy should occur too late for the provisions of Rule VI (a) (ii) to be fulfilled".

Rule XXVIII *Guests at Meetings*

The Editor of "Croquet", if he is not a member of the Council shall be invited to attend all Council Meetings and also those Committee Meetings, in which matters concerning "Croquet" are on the Agenda.

The Council may invite persons, not being members of the Council, to attend a meeting or meetings of the Council, or of any Committee thereof, should it consider it to be in the interests of the Association.

Guests shall be entitled to speak at meetings but not to vote.

Rule XXIV—*Subscriptions* has been completely redrafted and appears on page 5.

THE NEW SCALES OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

a) (i) The annual subscription payable by an Associate shall be 3 gns., except as otherwise provided.

(ii) A junior associate, i.e. an Associate who is under the age of 21 years on the 1st January in any year or who is undergoing full time education throughout any year, shall pay a subscription of 20s. for that year.

(iii) Annual subscriptions may be compounded by one payment of £35 entitling an associate or a junior associate to Membership for Life (subject to Rule XX).

(iv) A new associate who is elected before 1st August in any year shall pay 30s. for that year or, in the case of a new Junior Associate 20s.

(v) A new Associate who is elected on or after August 1st in any year shall pay 15s. for that year or, in the case of a new Junior Associate, 10s.

(vi) A new Associate elected after 20th October in any year shall not be called upon to pay a subscription for that year, but shall on election pay a subscription of 30s. for the following year, or in the case of a new junior associate 20s. if he shall be a junior associate the following year.

(vii) An Associate residing out of the United Kingdom from January 1st to December 31st in any year may on giving previous notice to the Secretary pay a subscription of 20s. only for that year, or in the case of a junior associate 10s.

(viii) An Associate who in any year does not intend to compete in tournaments other than his own Club tournaments and tournaments in which he represents his Club or his County shall pay 30s. for that year, or in the case of a junior associate 20s.

(ix) When one member of a household is an Associate under the terms of (a) (i) or (a) (iii) hereof, the annual subscription of other members of that household shall be 30s. in the case of each associate or 20s. in the case of each junior associate. Only one copy of each issue of "Croquet" will be supplied to a household benefiting under this regulation.

(b) (i) Annual subscriptions shall be due and payable on the 1st January, or on election.

(ii) An associate who in any year has paid a 30s. subscription under the terms of (a) (viii) hereof and who subsequently becomes liable for the standard subscription of 3 gns. for that year, shall himself be responsible for payment to the C.A. of the outstanding balance of 33s. before the end of that Tournament which rendered him liable to the increased subscription.

(iii) All subscriptions shall be paid to the Secretary who shall give a printed receipt for the same, together with an Associate's card of membership.

(c) An associate whose subscription is in arrears shall not be entitled to any privileges attached to Membership of the Association.

Any associate whose subscription is due and unpaid on October 1st shall *ipso facto* cease to be an associate, but shall remain liable for the subscription for that year.

Questions and Answers

Question: Are you, as a player, interested enough to improve your knowledge of the game?

Answer: If your answer is "Yes", make certain that you know the new laws of 1961 and also read the article in this issue on the "Official Rulings and Interpretations" of the new laws of 1961.

Question: Are you a conscientious referee and keen to improve the standard of referees?

Answer: If your answer is "Yes", please study the new laws of 1961 together with the article in this issue on the "Official Rulings and Interpretations" of the new laws of 1961. Good referees are urgently needed and if they wish to remain on the official list this new knowledge must be acquired.

The New Laws

The attention of all members of the Association is called to the following Errors and Omissions, and Official Rulings and Interpretations approved by the Council.

Correction of Errors and Omissions

(a) Law 33, page 21—For the words "Law 14" read "Law 22".

(b) Law 15, page 14—To Law 15 (b) add the following sentence:—"Likewise if the striker at the beginning of a turn play a rover which is in contact with the peg it shall be pegged out unless it is played in a direction away from the peg."

(c) Law 38 (c), page 25—In second line after "game whatsoever," add, "except after time has been called in a game subject to a time limit."

(d) Law 23 (b), page 17—Add "When any ball is moved under this sub-law any other ball affected by this must also be moved to the same extent. Any ball so moved, and not displaced by the stroke, shall at once be replaced."

Official Rulings and Interpretations

(a) *Replacement of Balls off the Court and Balls in the Yard Line Area—Effect of Law 18 on Law 8.*

Ruling:—

The effect of Law 18 on Law 8 is that roqueted balls are always replaced on the Yard Line in accordance with subsection (a) of Law 8 and never in accordance with subsections (b) or (c). Because if the proper place to replace a roqueted ball is the corner spot and there is another ball already in the corner spot, as soon as the striker attempts to place his ball on such spot and finds another ball touching it, that ball becomes a ball in hand under Law 18 (b). It no longer has a place on the Court; it has to be lifted and arranged round the ball from which croquet is taken. Accordingly the corner spot is vacant. For the same reason any ball interfering with the replacement of a roqueted ball on its proper place anywhere on the Yard Line becomes a ball in hand and must be temporarily removed, thus permitting the roqueted ball to be replaced in its proper place on the Yard Line.

(b) *The Peg Point. Interference with balls during strokes. Laws 15 (c) and 34 (b) (iii).*

Query. The players mutually agree that but for interference by a ball already pegged out in the same shot the striker's ball, which was itself a rover, would have hit the peg. In that event does the striker's ball score the peg point?

Ruling. No. The peg is only scored by the striker causing a ball to hit the peg in accordance with Law 15. The striker cannot deem it to have hit the peg under Law 34. The fact, however, is relevant when deciding where to replace it in consequence of the interference.

(c) *Correct interpretation of Law 32 (a) (xi)—Fault during striking*

This Law should be interpreted as if it had been amended to read—"32 (a) (xi) Touches a ball other than his own ball with the mallet or any part of his body or clothes; or allows his own ball to touch any part of his body or clothes or retouch his mallet."

(d) *Correct interpretation of Law 32 (b) (i) Effect of making a fault*

This Law should be interpreted as though the first sentence had been amended to read "Unless the fault is condoned the striker's turn ends, no point can be scored, and in all cases except for a fault made during a croquet stroke wherein the turn would have ended under Law 19 (c) the balls are replaced." The remaining sentence of the subsection to remain unchanged.

(e) *Regulation 8. Time Limits.*

Rulings

(i) The rule allowing the addition of a further half hour if, when play has ended under the time limit imposed, neither side has more than four points to make, applies *only* when the time limit has been imposed by the Manager under subsection 8 (b) and *not* when the time limit has been fixed in advertised events under subsection 8 (a).

(ii) The rule that when time is called the competitor in play shall complete his turn and the opposing side shall play one subsequent turn applies to all games played under a time limit, whether such time limit originated under subsection (a), (b) or (c).

(iii) A bisque is an extra turn and after time has been called may not be taken by either side.

(f) *Regulation 6. Powers of Referee on Appeal Ruling*

"A Referee on appeal has no power to award a fault under Law 32."

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1961

31.12.60	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
31.12.60	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
201	181	0	0	181	0	0	3,651	3	4
521	59	9	6	59	9	6	389	8	1
2,811	4,142	12	0	4,142	12	0	4,050	11	5
3,533	4,844	11	6	4,844	11	6			
60	53	4	0	53	4	0	1,056	10	5
978	554	13	2	554	13	2	101	13	2
1,038	607	17	2	607	17	2	1,158	3	7
20	10	10	0	10	10	0	115	10	0
181	108	2	0	108	2	0			
2	9	11	8	9	11	8			
203	128	3	8	128	3	8			
885	£5,324	5	0	£4,368					
£4,368				£4,368					

We have received all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept. We have examined the Balance Sheet and annexed Income and Expenditure Account which are in agreement with the books. In our opinion and to the best of information and the explanations given to us the Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the Association's affairs at 31st December, 1961, and the Income and Expenditure Account gives a true and fair view of the excess of income for the year ended on that date.

18 ARAGON AVENUE, THAMES DITTON, SURREY

12th February, 1962

CORNEY & Co., Chartered Accountants

SCHEDULE 1
INVESTMENTS HELD AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1961

Nominal Value	Quoted Investments	Cost	Market Value
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
25 0 0	Associated Fisheries Ltd. 5/- Stock Units	146 4 10	165 0 0
250 0 0	Bay Hall Trust Ltd. 10/- Ordinary Shares	440 9 6	425 0 0
585 0 0	British Gas 4% Guaranteed Stock 1969/72	490 8 0	491 8 0
925 8 8	3% Funding Stock 1966/68	793 2 8	772 14 9
453 9 9	3 1/2% London County Consolidated Stock 1958/68	430 10 0	385 12 10
200 0 0	Midland Bank Ltd. £1 Ordinary Shares	816 1 6	900 0 0
112 10 0	Omnium Investment Co. Ltd. 5/- Deferred Shares	150 5 6	400 17 6
218 3 0	3 1/2% War Stock (Held for the Apps Memorial Fund)	115 10 0	104 8 9
		£3,882 12 0	£3,645 1 10
	Unquoted Investments		
10 0 0	Roehampton Country Club £1 shares	10 0 0	
750 0 0	United Dominions Trust Ltd.—Deposits	750 0 0	
		£4,142 12 0	

SCHEDULE 2
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1961

Year to 31.12.60	Income	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
31.12.60	Income	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
767	Subscriptions	986	10	0	986	10	0
16	Affiliation Fees, Overseas Clubs	14	6	0	14	6	0
142	Donations	9	16	0	9	16	0
925	Levy and Tribute	496	13	10	496	13	10
250	Sales of Literature	385	3	11	385	3	11
	Less Cost of Printing	111	9	11	61	18	1
58	General Sales of Books	61	18	1	61	18	1
92	Dividends from Investments (Net)	...	...	...	...	...	...
£1,305		...	...	...	...	...	...
846	Less EXPENDITURE	347	3	7	347	3	7
345	Tournaments—Expenses	241	6	6	241	6	6
	Deduct: Entry Fees excluding Levy and Tribute included above	105	17	1	105	17	1
1	Printing of Magazine	591	0	11	591	0	11
547	Deduct: Income from Advertisements and Sundry Sales	153	5	0	153	5	0
548		437	15	11	437	15	11
757	GENERAL OVERHEADS	1,072	0	7	1,072	0	7
170	Office Rent, Lighting, Heating and Cleaning	176	6	9	176	6	9
15	Hire of Rugs	16	0	0	16	0	0
100	Secretary's Salary	100	0	0	100	0	0
90	Postage and Telephone	98	18	0	98	18	0
176	Printing and Stationery	94	1	1	94	1	1
104	Travelling Expenses	104	6	0	104	6	0
9	Insurances	8	15	7	8	15	7
105	Sundry Expenses	38	8	5	38	8	5
26	Auditor's Remuneration	26	5	0	26	5	0
22	Maintenance of Office Furniture and Equipment	16	10	3	16	10	3
	Depreciation of Office Furniture and Equipment	20	6	6	20	6	6
817	Surplus on Sale of Investments	971	7	0	971	7	0
£90	Excess of Income over Expenditure (Deficiency)	28	1	1	28	1	1
		£399	8	1	£399	8	1

Australian Croquet Carnival

Sydney, New South Wales, was the scene of the Twelfth Annual Carnival of the Australian Croquet Council. This was the second occasion of holding the Carnival in this City, noted for its beautiful Harbour with its renowned bridge, and hundreds of lovely bays with tier after tier of palatial homes and flats built to the water's edge. At night the harbour is a veritable fairyland with its myriads of lights, and many ferries crossing from suburb to suburb.

The Carnival opened with a reception at the City Bowling Club overlooking Hyde Park. Mrs. J. G. Radford, president of the Croquet Players Association N.S.W. welcomed the visitors, and introduced Mrs. N. C. McClelland, president of the Australian Croquet Council, who then took charge of the proceedings. The A.C.C. gold medals were presented to the winner from each State. Mrs. Cathcart, Queensland: Mrs. Baner, Victoria: Mrs. Day, S.A.: Mrs. Good, Tasmania: Mrs. Muir, W.A.: Mrs. Radford, N.S.W.

The draw for the Test Teams was conducted by Miss A. B. Morrison. Each member was introduced and given a gift as a memento from the C.P.A. After morning tea a Civic Reception was held by the Lord Mayor, Alderman H. Jensen, in the Sydney Town Hall, for officials, delegates, Test Teams, and C.P.A. officers.

Delegates were then entertained at luncheon at the Hotel Sydney by Mrs. J. G. Radford. This was followed by the Annual Meeting with the Election of Officers. Col. Saalfeld, O.B.E. was appointed Manager, and Miss N. Burne, Referee, of the Tournament.

Test Matches were played at Chatswood, Mossman, and Eastwood Clubs. Victoria winning the Interstate Cup for the fifth time.

The Interstate Cup

Winners: Victoria. Mrs. M. Harrison (Captain). Mrs. E. Baner, Mr. T. Howat, Mr. C. Rogers.

Runners-up: South Australia. Mrs. W. P. Lewis, Mrs. H. Day, Mrs. D. Donovan, Mrs. J. Swan, Mrs. C. Tucker, Non-playing Captain.

Final Results

	Points	Games	Matches
Victoria:	603	22	4
S.A.	513	13	2
Queensland.	489	11	2
N.S.W.	456	11	2
Tasmania.	217	3	0

British Silver Medal: Mrs. E. Baner, Victoria.

British Bronze Medal: Mrs. H. Day, South Australia.

Championship Singles: (The Wall Cup) Mr. T. Howat, Victoria.

Runner-up: Mrs. N. J. Gazzard, Victoria.

Championship Doubles: (The Gibson Trophies) Mrs. J. G. Radford, and Mrs. T. Gibson, New South Wales.

Runners-up: Mr. and Mrs. H. Gunton, Queensland.

The Morrison Trophy: Mrs. J. Scroop, South Australia.

At the end of the Contest for the Silver and Bronze Medals, donated by the English Association, Lady Woodward, wife of the Governor of N.S.W. presented them to the winners.

The McRobertson Shield Challenge

Miss A. B. Morrison, Convener of the Selection Committee, announced in alphabetical order the names of the players selected to compete for the McRobertson Shield in New Zealand in 1963.

- Mrs. H. Day, S.A.
- Mr. H. Gunton, Queensland.
- Mrs. M. Harrison, Victoria.
- Mrs. W. P. Lewis, S.A.
- Mr. L. Mason, Victoria.
- Mrs. E. M. Rudder, Queensland.
- Col. A. E. Saalfeld, N.S.W.

Details of the seven players follow.

ADVANCE AUSTRALIA

Hedley Gunton is a fine exponent of the game and a first class sportsman. He plays with the centre style and is a good stroke maker. Upon gaining the innings Hedley is quick to assemble a break always with the view to a triple peel if the opportunity occurs. He is a very fast player who is never seen to resort to defensive tactics. His career began in Tasmania after the war. In 1956 he won the Australian Gold Medal, the English Silver Medal, and also the Australian Singles Championship. After transferring his residence to Queensland, Hedley Gunton represented the State in Interstate matches, won the Australian Championship, English Medal and 3 times the Australian Gold Medal.

Mrs. E. Rudder plays with a long 40 inch handle mallet which she uses with the greatest accuracy and rhythm. A very good long roquet accurate break maker and a delightful player to watch. In 1959 Mrs. Rudder won the Australian Gold Medal and the English Bronze medal. Last year she won the Ladies' and Open Championship in her home state, Queensland.

Mrs. M. Harrison of Victoria has achieved a remarkable run of success in the past five years and has the determination never to give up hope. Not an orthodox break maker Mrs. Harrison rarely fails to make the maximum number of points after obtaining the innings which she is quick to retrieve by her never failing ability to pick up long roquets when in a tight corner. A very popular figure is Mrs. Harrison who holds the Victoria Open and Ladies' Championships and for the past two years has captained the State team in Interstate contests. In 1960-61 she won the Australian Singles Championship and the English Bronze Medal.

Leonard Mason like Mrs. Rudder is a comparatively new comer to top grade croquet. A tall athletic figure Mason has a very free style with ability to gain the innings from consistent long roquets. A senior inspector of Police and an engaging personality Mason is an asset to any sporting team. With limited time at his disposal for competitive play Len has been a finalist in most tournaments he has played in. Last year he was runner-up to Mrs. Harrison in Victorian Open Championship, and played off for 2nd place in the Australian Singles Championship at the Sydney Carnival. Free stroking and accurate hoop making ranks Mason equal to International standard and all opponents should enjoy a game with him.

Mrs. W. P. Lewis, South Australia has 8 years experience of Interstate contests, Australian doubles championship in 1959-1960 Open State Champion 3 times. Perhaps a more defensive player, but a very dogged opponent is Mrs. Lewis, who possesses tremendous stamina and a will to win. Her stroke-making and medium and long roquets will frequently get her out of trouble together with a good general outlook to the game.

Mrs. H. Day also of South Australia is a very free player with a good style and is an outstanding doubles player. She won the Australian Doubles Championship in 1957, the A.C.C. Gold Medal in 1961, also the English Bronze Medal in the same year. Mrs. Day has represented her State with considerable credit in Interstate Contests.

Lieut-Colonel A. G. Saalfeld of New South Wales learnt his game at the Gezira Officer's Camp in Egypt where he was tutored by Major Tingey. He has considerable experience of conditions in New Zealand which should prove a valuable asset. In 1959 Colonel won the Abbey Challenge Cup in England and the Midlands Championship at Leamington Spa. He has been a member of the New South Wales Interstate team 3 times and for the past two years has been State Champion of Champions. His grip is somewhat different from the orthodox in so much as the fingers only are used with remarkable dexterity and touch. Australia has benefited by the Colonel's interest in and knowledge of the Laws.

OBITUARY

Major the Rev. N. E. O. Thackwell, O.B.E.

Major Thackwell died in his 84th year at his home in Cheltenham on the 14th January. He was a County Bowls player and, although not a novice, took up croquet again seriously about ten years ago. He was soon in the Open Class. He did not tour much, but was a very formidable opponent on his home ground. Age and ill-health forced him to give up playing three years ago. He was a very generous supporter of his club.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Pinckney-Simpson

Many readers will much regret to hear of the deaths—at no long interval—during the past winter of a couple well known at our tournaments. Mrs. Pinckney-Simpson was never herself a player but she was often present as a spectator, especially at Hurlingham.

Few players who took up the game so late in life as "Pinckney" (as we all knew him) have done so well at it. He was twice a finalist in the Open Championship, and played on three occasions in "Best Tens" or "Eights", the last being in 1946 when he was within a few weeks of his eightieth birthday, which probably constitutes a record. He was a good long shot and a very steady and imperturbable break-maker. He remained a tournament player up to within a few years of his death, and appeared on his ninetieth birthday in 1956 at the farewell dinner to the New Zealand team. Croquet may be justly proud of its veterans, not the least notable of these was the player whose death at 95 we have now to lament.

M.B.R.

E. W. Josselyn

The Ipswich Croquet Club regret to report the death of their President, Mr. E. W. Josselyn, at the age of 84 years. He had been a member of the Club a number of years and he will be greatly missed, for he always took a keen interest in the Club and was a generous supporter, giving prizes each year for "Singles" and "Doubles" Club competitions.

W. G. Pedley

Chelmsford and Mid-Essex Croquet Club has suffered a very severe loss by the death of Mr. W. G. Pedley. He was one of the founder members, and was made President in 1944, he was a very generous and popular member and when the grounds were in danger of being used for building he bought and gave them to the Club. He was a good sportsman and will be much missed.

R. Harrison

Players who were members of the Sussex County Croquet and L.T. Club before the war will remember Ralph Harrison, who died in November, 1961. With a handicap a little above scratch he played a delightful game. The Club owe him a debt of gratitude for his help with regard to insurance of property and cups. Although he did not play much after the war, he never failed, for many years, to visit us during our open tournaments and those of us who remember him will miss him.

Miss M. Roebuck

This wonderful enthusiast of croquet has recently died in her 85th year. She left us—just as she had done everything—swiftly and although her many friends will miss her very much, they are one and all thoughtful that she remained active to the end of her days.

She had been a member of the Bowdon Croquet Club from 1938 till the end of October 1961, when inclement weather put an end to her play. Her handicap was 8, and she played an interesting and open game, and was a stimulating opponent, but above all she will be remembered for her unfailing kindness and encouragement to all new comers to the game. She was a splendid teacher, and many of our players—the writer included—owe her a debt of gratitude.

Miss A. Hutchins

We must also record the death in her 90th year of Miss A. Hutchins last season. She was a founder member of this club, and although she had not played in tournaments for many years, she remained a faithful supporter of our club, up to her death.

Notes from the Clubs

Budleigh Salterton

Autumn Croquet proved popular for quite a lot of players and two courts were well used until the cold weather reduced the courts available to one. A well known Q.C. from Hurlingham had his usual week's Croquet holiday at Christmas and court 4 was in excellent condition. The sun shone but the temperature was a very low centigrade. However, there was no snow so the hardy few were still able to enjoy their winter games.

Table tennis has been added to the amenities of the Club and elderly Croquet players have enjoyed the exercise although usually beaten by the Club Juniors.

All are now awaiting the opening of the season in order to get into form to play the London Team who are coming to play the Budleigh Club at Easter. Patrick Cotter is bringing a strong team which includes John Solomon and the Londoners are hoping to reverse the defeats at the last two matches held here. The local players have different ideas!

Parkstone

The Parkstone croquet season starts on April 16th. and all are looking forward to another croquet season.

The courts have had careful work done on them during the winter and they look in good condition.

New members are joining when the season commences in April. Beginners are welcome at the Club and as usual classes will be arranged for any who wish to take advantage of them.

The Tournaments will be held on June 25th.-30th. and August 20th.-25th, when we hope to see all our old friends and also new ones at these meetings.

Southwick

The club is pleased to report that at present a further six new members are joining—all croquet players, and a warm welcome awaits them!

During the winter, Whist drives, Bingo and Bridge afternoons were arranged, as a means of raising funds towards re-furnishings, and the re-decoration of the canteen kitchen, etc. They proved popular in addition to making some money too.

The Committee have decided to make an extra charge of one shilling per head on C.A. tournament events, which will be forwarded towards the Dominion Fund.

Five tennis courts have been relaid, and the groundsman has also been treating the Croquet Courts, and all look in splendid condition. The Club will be open for Croquet on 7th April, and Tennis will commence at the end of April.

An invitation from the tennis section for a talk on Croquet is to be given by Mr. W. E. Moore at a later date, and possibly this may be of interest to those who might take on a second outdoor game, not perhaps so energetic as tennis, but of absorbing interest.

Hurlingham

The season opens in good time for Easter play and on the Saturday following Easter we have our Golf Croquet day. We are pleased again to welcome the Varsity Match towards the end of May and we are entertaining the Oxford team to a friendly match earlier in the month. We hope to ease the burden of the large entry in August by playing the early rounds of the Longworth Cup at Roehampton.

Roehampton

Two open meetings of Indoor Croquet have been held for Members of Roehampton since Christmas. Two matches will be played at Hampton Court on 27th April.

All croquet members are asked to make a note of the following fixtures:—

The croquet courts will open for play on 7th April.

The Golf Croquet Tournament will be held on Saturday, 28th April.

The first match of the season will be held at Roehampton on Saturday, 5th May.

Compton

This is a year of crisis for the Compton Club. For a long time we have continued to exist through the generosity of one or two of our members. An attempt is being made to put our finances on a more realistic basis. The subscription rate has been almost doubled. If this leads to resignations and discourages prospective members from joining, then the end is in sight.

The one happy feature is that our Tournament seems to be increasingly popular. Last year, to accommodate the number who wished to compete, we improvised 3 lawns on the cricket ground on what was thought to be a level area in front of the pavilion. Alas, when croquet courts were set up on it, it appeared a mountain-side. This year we are using our own courts only, which seriously reduces the entries we can accept.

For the last 4 years Bobbie Wiggins has won the Open Event and for 3 years before that Leslie Kirk-Greene was successful. Hope Rotherham has, for some years now, graced our lawns with her own particular form of magic, but has just failed to win this event. It would be interesting to see how other experts, accustomed perhaps to lush lawns, would fare on our sun baked turf, which may well approximate to conditions that will have to be faced on the Antipodean tour.

New Zealand Championships

The consistent Wellington player, H. Ford, won the open championship and Mrs. L. Middlemiss (Pukekohe) gained the women's title. Mrs. Middlemiss's victory represented a fine family achievement, for her husband, L. G. Middlemiss, had previously won the men's championship.

In the respective finals, Ford beat Mrs. B. A. Jarden (Lower Hutt) after losing the first game and being well behind in the third, and Mrs. Middlemiss beat Mrs. R. H. Browne (Dannevirke) in two straight games.

Open Final

Mrs. B. A. Jarden played two good breaks in the final of the open championship against H. Ford, winning the first game quite comfortably. In the second the tables were turned and Ford played well, making all-round breaks, and giving Mrs. Jarden little or no chance.

In the third game, Mrs. Jarden again made breaks, one to penultimate and the other to the peg. At this stage, Ford was 18 points behind. He hit a long roquet and made a break to 4-back. Mrs. Jarden missed the lift shot, and Ford made an all-rounder and pegged Mrs. Jarden out. Mrs. Jarden missed the shot with her remaining ball and Ford made his last three hoops and pegged out one ball. Mrs. Jarden made penultimate from a difficult position but failed to hit Ford's ball. Ford then hit the peg, to win the game and the title.

Results were:—

Open Championship

Final.—H. Ford (Wellington) beat Mrs. B. A. Jarden (Lower Hutt), 8-26, 26-2, 26-24.

Women's Championship

Second Life.—Final: Mrs. L. Middlemiss (Pukekohe) won from Mrs. W. L. Martin (Christchurch) by default.

Final.—Mrs. L. Middlemiss beat Mrs. R. H. Browne (Dannevirke), 26-10, 26-17.

Handicap Singles

Hurlingham Cup.—Semi-final: Mrs. B. A. Jarden (—2½) beat W. B. C. Paynter (Lower Hutt) (—1), 26-2.

Final.—Mrs. B. A. Jarden beat Mrs. V. Whitcombe by default.

Prize-Winners

Open Champion.—H. Ford (Wellington); runner-up: Mrs. B. A. Jarden (Lower Hutt).

Women's Champion.—Mrs. L. G. Middlemiss (Pukekohe); runner-up: Mrs. R. H. Browne (Dannevirke).

Men's Champion.—L. G. Middlemiss (Pukekohe); runner-up: F. W. Gurnsey (Christchurch).

Doubles Champions.—Mrs. W. L. Martin (Christchurch) and T. Regan (Wellington); runners-up: A. G. F. Ross and Mrs. C. Watkins (Hastings).

Level Singles.—Mrs. L. M. Hight (Morrinsville); runner-up: Mrs. H. Dempsey (Waimate).

Hurlingham Cup.—Winner: Mrs. B. A. Jarden; runner-up: Mrs. V. Whitcombe (Christchurch).

English Rose Bowl.—Winner: J. Campbell (Otahuhu); runner-up: Mrs. N. Daly (Christchurch).

Heenan Cup.—Winner: E. Trainor (Christchurch); runner-up: Mrs. F. W. Peters (Dunedin).

New Zealand Test Team

A team of eight players to represent New Zealand in the international triangular tournament against England and Australia next year was announced at the conclusion of the national croquet championships in Christchurch.

The members of the team are:—A. D. Heenan (Eastbourne, captain), H. Ford (Wellington), Mrs. B. A. Jarden (Lower Hutt), Mrs. W. L. Martin (Christchurch), A. J. Stephens (Dannevirke), F. W. Gurnsey (Christchurch), A. G. F. Ross (Hastings), L. Middlemiss (Pukekohe).

Island Teams

The North and South Island teams will also play the representatives from England and Australia. These players are selected in addition to the New Zealand team for the Mac Robertson test matches.

South Island—O. Andersen (Christchurch), Mrs. E. Todd (Christchurch), Mrs. A. G. Rawlinson (Methven), P. Rudolph (Nelson), Mrs. C. McHerron (Westport), E. Trainor (Christchurch), Mrs. H. Dempsey (Waimate).

Mrs. J. G. Anderson (Dunedin) and W. H. Kirk and Mrs. Kirk (Christchurch) were unable to accept selection.

North Island—Mrs. H. Purdy (Auckland), J. Tucker (Dannevirke), Mrs. L. Middlemiss (Pukekohe), Mrs. R. H. Browne (Dannevirke), T. Regan (Wellington), Mrs. L. M. Hight (Morrinsville), Ralph Browne (Dannevirke), M. Reitchesen (Lower Hutt).

CORRESPONDENCE

Shorten the Court

Dear Sir,

We all know the frustration and annoyance caused by sloping boundaries. Where the trouble and expense of rectifying these is too much for Clubs, there is a simple solution. Shorten the court a little (in most cases a foot or two would suffice).

To those who will say that this would affect their play, I would quote No. 3 Court at Southwick (the far Court under the railway). How many people are aware that this court is a full two yards too narrow?

Could not some Clubs with notorious sloping boundaries try this and keep quiet about it?

Yours faithfully,

D. M. C. PRITCHARD, LT-COL.

Croquet Down Under

Dear Sir,

Sometimes one hears it said that croquet is a dying game, but to be privileged to attend the Sydney Croquet Carnival is to gain an entirely different opinion. On the first Monday together with approximately 400 keen players and supporters from the States I attended the opening in a splendid new Bowling Pavilion, then a Civic Reception by the Lord Mayor. On Tuesday keen competitive interstate croquet commenced of a high order of prowess. I personally visited the clubs of Strathfield, Manley, Epping, Chatswood and Coogee, enjoyed watching the games and was given a warm welcome. The wearing of white by competitors gives a different scene from the English one—a pleasant idea and I return to England converted. The social side of the Carnival was most enjoyable and included a particularly happy visit to "My Fair Lady", an all-day coach trip, visiting several beaches and an altogether enjoyable trip. Congratulations to Victoria for so ably winning the handsome Interstate Cup.

May I thank, through the "Croquet" magazine, all those who gave me such a very warm welcome to the Australian Croquet world.

Yours faithfully,

DORIS LOCKE-LATHAM

A Plea for Standard Size Hoops

Dear Sir,
To help prepare for the forthcoming Test Matches in New Zealand, would it not be a good plan to use 3½ inch hoops for the President's Cup of 1962 ?

Yours faithfully,
H. O. HICKS

Pegged out Game Event

Dear Sir,
May I call the attention of your readers to a form of competition which besides having a good deal of instructional value, is most interesting to play. It is often remarked that players will go to immense trouble to peg out an enemy ball and then reveal a dismal ignorance of how the pegged out game should be played. This can only be remedied by practice.

An event on the lines proposed in the note below is not only an excellent opportunity for learning this form of croquet but games of this sort do not take long to play. May I suggest that clubs try the experiment of arranging such an event during the coming season. High bisquers might be granted the aid of an experienced player as adviser on tactics.

Yours faithfully,
MAURICE B. RECKITT

PEGGED OUT GAME EVENT

One side plays the two balls, beginning with one clip on the 1st hoop and the other (of course) on the peg. (Call this player A).

The other side (B), playing the one ball begins with his clip on 1-back, and receives half the amount of bisques to which he would be entitled in an ordinary handicap game.

All balls start from B baulk.

The winner of the toss chooses whether to play as A or B. The loser then has choice of lead or, if he so prefer, of balls.

Note that where time permits, the contest may consist of two games, each player acting as A or B in turn. The winner of the toss may play first as A or B, or alternatively may leave this choice to his opponent and take choice of innings.

Where one game is won by each side, the winner of the contest is that player who has won by the largest margin of points.

Should these be equal, the balls are taken to the side boundary and a toss decides who shall have first shot at the peg from the yard line. The first to hit the peg is the winner.

Ballade of Vain Endeavour

A tennis ball with great success I hit.
The critics said my strokes had "rhythmic flow",
But, though I practised hard, I must admit
I wasn't half as good as "Little Mo".
Now croquet is my game. Alas! I show
Less aptitude than players classed as "D".
My progress, like the tortoise's, is slow.
I never make a break of more than three.

At golf, (until I'd got the hang of it)
I went for daily lessons to a Pro.,
And his instructions helped me to acquit
Myself so well, that once at Westward Ho!
I reeled off seven bogeys in a row.
Won't *someone* teach me croquet for a fee?
I'd willingly be lavish with my dough.
I never make a break of more than three.

I feel, perhaps, my game would benefit,
Were I to read the works of those who know
The way to run a hoop and play a split.
My handicap might drop from high to low.
I haven't swotted much since "Little Go",
But if these experts can provide the key,
I'll study; and no longer say with woe,
"I never make a break of more than three."

Envoi

O Messrs. Elvey, Reckitt, Ross & Co.,
There must be something *very* wrong with me,
For I have read your books . . . yet, even so,
I never make a break of more than three.

N.P.

BRIDGE

by E. P. C. Cotter, *British International*

The Christmas Competition proved much more difficult than usual. The problems are repeated for convenience:—

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

West dealt and bid one heart, North passed, and East said two diamonds. You made the (not recommended) bid of three spades, which West doubled and all passed. West leads the ten of clubs which you win with the ace. Answer the following questions:—

- (a) What do you think the best lead to trick two ?
(b) What do you think the next best ?
(c) What is the probable distribution of West's hand ?
(d) On what does the contract depend ?

Answers (a) A small club.

If West has been mug enough to lead a singleton in this situation, let us see if he is mug enough to ruff a (losing) club. Only forcing tactics can beat South's contract.

(b) The king of spades.

Clearly West must have four spades. The king should be led in case East's singleton is the queen.

(c) Four spades, five hearts, three diamonds, one club.

(d) The position of the queen of spades.

With proper defence South cannot get home against A, Q, x, x in West's hand. The hands of East and West were:—

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

South's bid of three spades was bad, West's double was worse, and South's play was horrible. She led a *small* spade to trick two and went down two. Good play makes an overtrick. This is an example of what happens at rubber Bridge of a supposedly high standard. I was the unfortunate North.

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

After a third hand bid of one heart by East, supported by West, you find yourself in a contract of four spades. West leads the ace of hearts followed by the two of spades. Dummy's queen is

taken by East's ace and a spade is returned, which your eight wins. You play ace and king of diamonds, and enter dummy with the king of spades, drawing West's knave. You now lead the queen of diamonds (both opponents follow suit). Answer the questions:—

- (a) What do you discard on the queen of diamonds?
(b) What is your next lead from dummy ?
(c) Why ?
(d) How do you propose to make the contract ?

Answers. (a) The four of clubs.
(b) The eight of diamonds.
(c) To ruff it in your own hand and so remove from the opponent's (surely West's) hand an exit card.
(d) By throwing the lead to West or East and forcing a heart lead.

I played this hand exactly as given in the question. To trick eight I led the eight of diamonds from the table and ruffed it. West, as expected, followed. At this stage I had the following picture of the hands.

- H—?, ?. W E H—?, ?, ?.
C—?, ?, ?. C—?, ?.

East in all probability started with six hearts and two clubs, and in view of West's raise the club honours were likely to be divided. In this case the play of ace and another club would endplay one or other of the opponents. Just in case East had started with K, Q, x of clubs and only five hearts I played my last trump for the squeeze and endplay. The actual hands of the opponents were:—

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

The prize has been won by L. Kirk Greene.

1961-62 RETURN OF ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Laws	Tournament	Finance and General Purposes	Handicap Appeal	Publicity	Golf Croquet	Council	Total Attendances	Total Possible Attendances
Stokes-Roberts, Brig. A. E.	1	4	..	..	..	..	7	12	13
Solomon, J. W.	1	1	3	..	..	..	5	10	13
Baillieu, I. C.	1	1	1
Brackenbury, Rev. B. V. F.	..	1	3	..	..	..	6	10	12
Chittenden, Mrs. H. F.	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	5	8
Clarke, Col. J. G.	3	..	..	..	6	9	11
Dibley, Maj. J. H.	..	1	2	..	..	..	7	10	12
Duffield, E. P.	..	1	2	..	..	..	3	6	12
Evans, G. V.	1	..	..	..	5	6	11
Hollweg, J. A.	..	1	..	..	..	..	5	6	8
Huskinson, G. N. B.	..	res	igned	..	..	..	..	..	..
Karmel, A. D.	3	3	7
Lintern, Miss D. A.	..	1	4	..	..	..	7	12	12
Creed Meredith, Rev. Can. R.	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	5	8
Omond, Brig. J. S.	4	4	7
Perry, H. C. S.	..	1	4	..	..	..	6	12	13
Reckitt, M. B.	..	1	1	..	..	..	6	8	9
Reeve, Mrs. E. E.	..	1	..	..	..	..	6	7	9
Rivington, J. M.	..	1	..	..	..	..	5	6	9
Rotherham, Mrs. E.	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	4	8
Rothwell, R. F.	1	1	7
Stobart, Lt.-Col. F. E.	2	4	6	11
Style, Lt.-Cmdr. G. W.	4	5	9	11
Wiggins, Dr. W. R. D.	..	1	6	7	8

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UNIVERSITY CROQUET

For many years Cambridge Croquet has been played on lawns of varying sizes and differing local characteristics. The best, though not full size, is Mrs. Heley's which she has generously made available to our club; there is a municipal lawn with a prominent fourth corner and a ratty surface; otherwise there are College lawns: some bad, some moderate, none good or even standard. One King's lawn is on a noticeable slope; until recently Magdalene had a substantial tree posing as a central peg—in fact it was almost alone among the colleges in choosing this position for its peg. Now we are negotiating for two lawns on Jesus Green, a piece of municipal land, but the process of negotiation has been slow since Corporation programmes are apparently arranged some time in advance and since demand must be established before supply is conceded. However we are hopeful that through the good offices of a highly placed official in the Guildhall, who has himself played the game, in such distinguished company as that of a Hapsburg pretender, something more will come of our dealings with the Corporation than of those with the different colleges. One of our problems is that we are only able to use a lawn for a small part of the season, but we trust that by the time of publication we will be established.

In spite of our meagre facilities we had some forty to fifty members last year, most of whom proved keen and quick to learn a game which proved so different from their expectations. However it is difficult in a term which is dominated by examinations to find enough time to develop anything more than a moderate playing standard. We are lucky to have vying for places in the Varsity team to meet Oxford on May 23rd five players who have had some tournament experience: Arthur Reed was in South Africa last summer but had great success at Budleigh the year before; Chris Dashwood in his first year of croquet carried off a large number of cups; Derek Watson has spent a great part of the last two summers playing the game; Edward Sulley has won events at two consecutive Nottingham tournaments; David Miller, an ex-pupil of David Curtis, started well last year at Roehampton and Brighton.

As a preparation for the Varsity Match Bryan Lloyd Pratt has arranged a weekend match at Hunstanton between our prospective team and one of his selection. This though it should afford especially valuable practice is but one of several fixtures.

Croquet, alas, is not taken seriously in Oxford. Few Colleges play it: hoops are regarded not as sports equipment, but as impediments such as might cause injury to drunken revellers returning from their evening's activities. Pembroke tried to play, but the S.C.R. decided that the lawn was being spoilt for the Eights Week Ball. Of the others that do play, none of them have the standard equipment, or have ever heard of the rules; it is all "start a mallet's length from the first hoop: no roqueting until you're through the first hoop" stuff. Nearly all the women's colleges play, though.

There are two lawns in the Parks, belonging to what used to be the Senior Member's Club. They were once good, until they were moved to make way for some laboratories. They now dip alarmingly by the boundaries, the fourth corner of one of them being bare because of an overhanging pine tree, and the second hoop of the other overlooks a charming little valley. They were going to spend £50 on improvements this year, but this has been held up. The Zoologists have chosen that site for their new Laboratories: it appears that hedgehogs and flamingoes will be making an unwelcome return to the croquet lawn.

We thought we did rather well to win two games against Cambridge last May. Our club was formed during the journey, so that we could have some body to represent. Only one of us had a handicap, or even knew how one worked, and none of us knew the rules. Later last season, we sent a challenge to Reading University, and despite the handicap of a crowd whose comments were not only audible but also violently partisan, and in one case of a lawn not only undersized but pentagonal too, where heavy shots were ruled out by the proximity of the Principal's french windows, we won 4-2.

During the summer, three of our players embarked on their first tournaments: Peter Fidler had some mild successes at Eastbourne, and at Budleigh Salterton, where Richard Nelson and Roger Green entered the brave new world together (for mutual support), Roger reached one of the finals. We all enjoyed the experience, and came away with our technical vocabulary greatly increased. Since then Keith Miller, David's twin brother, has come up, and while he is by all accounts not yet as good as his brother, fraternal rivalry has been known to work wonders. Apart from these, we are hoping for some new star to appear on the horizon: perhaps she will come this year.

We have arranged a large number of fixtures, including games at Cheltenham and at Hurlingham, against a team to be provided by Rev. Brackenbury and, we hope, la Revanche on May 23rd.

Amendments to minutes of Council Meeting of 2nd November 1961

Finance and General Purposes Committee Report

Alter from (b) in line 4:—

(b) "That when the Treasurer changed it was normal practice for an audit to take place so that cash, and debit and credit balances could be agreed. As Chairman of the F. & G. P. Committee he was now, willy nilly, Treasurer until the next A.G.M. On the recent resignation of the last Hon. Treasurer the accounts were not in a state in which an audit could practically take place. He emphasised that he was here stating a plain fact and was implying no blame whatever on anybody—least of all on the last Hon. Treasurer who had given much time and trouble to helping the C.A. with its accounts and to whom the Association should be very grateful. However, since there had been no audit, he made it clear that, while he would willingly give all the assistance he could, he was able to accept no responsibility for the accuracy of past accounts until there had been an audit.

Item 2 of Report. Investments.

In the past investments had been dealt with by the whole Finance Committee, which was not conducive to rapidity of action, so a small Investment Sub-Committee had now been formed, consisting of Chairman of Council, the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, and the Hon. Treasurer. He said that if Council accepted the Report, they also accepted "that the Finance & General Purposes Committee assumes that the Council of the C.A. expects it to act in conjunction with the Hon. Treasurer, without reference to the Council in regard to purchase and sale of securities."

Item 3

(a) It was agreed that a uniform system of Tournament accounting should be worked out, and that Mr. Perry should be consulted by Mr. Cooper in this matter.

(b) It was recommended that the Tournament Committee should consider the whole question of Tournament finances.

Item 4

(a) The Finance and General Purposes Committee had been considering the question of the responsibilities of, and the relationship between, itself and the Hon. Treasurer, and a paper with the Committee's conclusions was now before Council. In the meantime, however, the situation had changed and a new arrangement for dealing with the Association's Accounts was in process of being worked out. In these circumstances he thought the Council might wish, without further discussion at this stage, to refer the matter back to the Finance and General Purposes Committee, so that it could be reconsidered in the light of the new arrangements when these were known. On Mr. Brackenbury's proposal, seconded by Mr. Duffield, it was unanimously agreed that this should be done. Comdr. Style then gave a brief account of what changes had been made in the investments.

Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of a Council Meeting held at 4 Southampton Row on 16th November, 1961.

Present

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

Apologies for absence

E. P. Duffield, J. A. Hollweg, A. D. Karmel, G. N. B. Huskinson and Cmdr. G. W. Style.

Minutes

There were long amendments from Cmdr. Style who wished to be reported in full. These were read to Council and it was agreed to incorporate them in the Minutes. Thus amended they were passed and signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of Minutes

Mr. Perry said that on studying the Regulations which he and Mr. Rivington had been asked to re-draft where necessary, it became quite apparent that nothing could be done without the sanction of the A.G.M. It was therefore decided to postpone the printing of the new Handbook until ratification of the Amendments had been obtained at the A.G.M. On Mr. Perry's suggestion it was also decided to put a notice in "Croquet" asking for members' telephone numbers for insertion in the Handbook.

Correspondence

The Chairman told Council about a letter received from Roehampton Club asking that the wording of C.A. Tournament advertisements for Events played at Roehampton should be amended as follows: "Competitors who are not members of the Roehampton Club will be made Hon. Members of the Club for the duration of the Tournament". This was designed to exclude any 5-day members of Roehampton, which, in fact, meant that if such a member entered the Tournament and reached the final, which is usually played on Saturday, he would not be allowed by Roehampton Club to go on the lawn. The Tournament Committee having fully considered the matter, had decided that Mr. Reckitt would draft a letter which the Chairman of the Council would sign. This was done urgently and sent to Roehampton Club Committee (a reply has now been received to the effect that they are not prepared to reconsider their decision). The Chairman also said that he had had a letter from Sir Compton Mackenzie suggesting that he should write a letter about the Dominion Tour to the *Times*, and that it should be jointly signed by Sir Compton and Brig. Stokes-Roberts. It was hoped that this might bring in some money.

Special Motion by Miss Lintern

Re. re-organising C.A. Events so as to give more opportunity to long bisquers. Miss Lintern said there were six 1st Class Events, 2 Handicap Events and one (Devonshire Park) which consisted of both classes of play in the C.A. programme. There were roughly about 270 Associates who played in Tournaments and only 20 of these could be called 1st Class. She would suggest retaining the Counties, largely because the A.G.M. took place then; Open Championships and the Presidents Cup, and in place of the other three 1st Class events to organise more for middle and lower bisquers—especially week-end Tournaments. In her opinion Peels and Gilbey were not well patronised because both of them either preceded or followed Southwick. Mr. Reckitt forcefully opposed cutting out any of the traditional first class events, although he was in favour of having week-end Tournaments as well. He considered that all Clubs should organise these. He spoke specially of the Women's Championship which dated back to 1869, and said every game of any worth had Women's Championships. He considered the women's standard would deteriorate were there no goal to strive for. He stressed that the prestige of a game was injured if you demote first class players: it is the standard that matters and players had to have targets to aim at. Dr. Wiggins strongly supported Mr. Reckitt. Mr. Elvey, who had made the journey from Devon especially to speak on this motion, gave a long and most interesting account of how all these first Class Events originated, as long ago as 1868, and most strongly opposed doing away with any of them.

He also said that if week-end Tournaments were organised he hoped that provision would be made for any player who did not wish to play on Sunday morning.

Mrs. Rotherham and Mrs. Reeve spoke in support of Mr. Reckitt. Mr. Solomon said that while he did not agree with all that Miss Lintern had said, we must consider the gist of her arguments. The majority of the members of the C.A. are outside London and we must take a much more active interest and promote more tournaments in which long bisquers can participate through the provincial Clubs. The future lies in the hands of those who are now long bisquers and every effort must be made to secure their continued interest. He would like to avoid cutting out the Caskets if possible. Mr. Brackenbury most strongly supported Mr. Solomon, saying that the C.A. must look forward and not back—that there is undoubtedly "a wind of change" which has to come.

Almost everyone present gave their opinions, and finally it was decided not to rush into such an important matter, but to consider very fully what could be done, and to put a working policy based on all these considerations into force in 1963.

Miss Lintern then said that she was willing under these conditions to withdraw her Motion—as long as the Tournament

Committee were charged with the task of reviewing the whole problem and reconstructing a programme for 1963 which would be of more benefit to long bisquers.

The Tournament Committee's Report was presented by Mr. Reckitt. It was agreed that the Caskets be played the week after Counties.

Regulations

It was desired to call attention of the Laws Committee to Reg. 8. (p. 38) (a) with a view to the inclusion of the following words "the Committee of the Tournament may advertise the imposition of a time limit of not less than three hours in any event" substituted for the present opening words.

The Apps Memorial Cup

The Committee decided to award this to Major E. C. Heathcote for 1961.

Mr. Solomon's Motion

Seconded by G. V. Evans. "That Managers be asked to complete forms, giving details of times taken in all games of the Tournament for record purposes" was agreed after discussion. Mr. Solomon said he would provide forms and work out statistics from them when completed.

Minutes of a Council Meeting held at Southampton Row, January 4th, 1962.

Present

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts, (Chair), Col. J. G. Clarke, Maj. J. H. Dibley, E. P. Duffield, Miss D. A. Lintern, M. B. Reckitt, Maj. J. M. Rivington, J. W. Solomon, Cmdr. G. W. Style, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (Secretary).

Apologies for absence

Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, G. V. Evans, G. N. B. Huskinson, Brig. J. S. Omond, H. C. S. Perry, Mrs. E. Reeve, Mrs. E. Rotherham.

Questions

Dr. Wiggins drew attention to Rule 1 (a) and (e)—"to encourage the game" and "to sanction Championships limited or otherwise" and asked in view of the above whether it was in order for the C.A. to discuss abolishing a limited Championship.

The Council considered it was in order.

Miss Lintern drew the attention of the Council to the fact that the Parkstone Club September Tournament was now to take place in August in the middle of Challenge & Gilbey—no provincial Tournament may clash with a C.A. event save under exceptional circumstances, and the Secretary was asked to write to Parkstone.

Notices of Motion

(a) Mr. Reckitt: "That in view of the desirability of taking the opportunity to scrutinise and if necessary to revise the conditions governing challenges and play for the International Trophy afforded by the visit of the Test Teams to New Zealand.

(i) These conditions be discussed at a Council Meeting before the Vice-Chairman departs to the Antipodes.

(ii) That Messrs. Wiggins and Cotter be authorised to act with him to represent the Council on the basis of such a discussion and be given plenipotentiary powers to act in the matter in New Zealand.

(b) Canon Creed Meredith, seconded by H. C. S. Perry. "That there be added to Standing Order 28 (g) 'When a member of Council proposes a motion on a matter which stands referred to a Committee of which he is not a member, he shall be invited to attend that Committee to discuss the motion but shall not be entitled to vote at the Committee.

'When an Associate who is not a member of Council raises a matter by letter which the Council deems of sufficient importance to refer it to a Committee, the Associate shall be given the opportunity to attend the Committee to discuss the matter but shall not be entitled to vote at the Committee.'

(c) Mr. Brackenbury: "That at the next A.G.M. the Council should recommend that Mr. M. B. Reckitt be appointed a Vice-President of the Association."

Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee

Cmdr. Style, Chairman, presented the Report to Council.

1. A standard method of accounting for Official Tournaments was agreed by Council.
2. Council agreed the Committee recommendation that there should be two brief statements of accounts during each year. This would enable the Committee to advise the Council of any important trend in the Accounts.
3. (a) The Chairman said the Secretary had printer's estimates for 500 copies of the nominal List of Associates that it recommended Council to agree to having printed. It was agreed that these should sell at 2/6d. each.

Mr. Reckitt asked that two blank pages be added to the List of Associates, Clubs, the Council, Managers, Handicappers and Referees. This was agreed.

The Council asked the Finance & General Purposes Committee to make a recommendation upon the date when the next comprehensive Handbook should be printed.

(b) After discussion a vote was taken and it was agreed that the selling price of "Croquet" should be 3s. a copy, or 21s. yearly for non-associates.

(c) It was agreed that Tribute should in future be at the rate of 35s. a Tournament or 17s. 6d. for one event only.

4. After discussion Mr. Reckitt proposed and Brig. Stokes-Roberts seconded, and it was agreed, that £7 each be given to the grounds-men at Hurlingham and Roehampton, because the standard of the courts in both Clubs was very high and it might be imprudent to stop or reduce the usual gratuity. The position to be reviewed in 1962.

5. The Council agreed the appointment of Mrs. Sundius-Smith as Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Reckitt brought forward the matter of the Award of money from the Apps Fund and it was unanimously agreed that this should be given to the University of Cambridge Croquet Club, after tax had been deducted.

Report of the Laws Committee

1. In presenting this Report Mr. Rivington said the aim of the Committee was to remedy the errors and defects in the new Laws. These fell into two categories:

- (i) Errors and Omissions which can be remedied by the printing of another errata slip.
- (ii) Obscure and ambiguous passages which can be clarified by the publication of Official Rulings and Interpretations.

All errata slips and Official Rulings and Interpretations published by the Council should be notified to the Councils of New Zealand and Australia with a clear instruction that they will only be regarded as binding in such countries if and when they are approved by their own Councils.

2. Correction of Errors and Omissions

- (a), (b) and (c) as on Report.
- (d) Law 38 (p. 25) (c) after "game whatsoever" (second line) add "except after time has been called in a game subject to a time limit".
- (e) Law 23 (b) add "when any ball is moved under this sub-law and other ball affected by this must also be moved to the same extent".

3. Official Rulings and Interpretations

- Regulations (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) were adopted.
- (f) Regulation 6. Powers of Referee on Appeal.
Ruling: "Referee on appeal has no power to award a fault under Law 32."

After reading the rest of the Report Mr. Rivington moved its adoption with the additions made. This was seconded by Cmdr. Style and agreed. Cmdr. Style then said there should be a Case Book kept in the Office as we were starting a new set of Laws. The Secretary intimated that it was already there.

Mr. Solomon's Motion on Handicapping, seconded by Dr. W. R. B. Wiggins.

Cmdr. Style proposed and Mr. Rivington seconded that a sub-committee of five be appointed at the next Council Meeting to investigate the matter thoroughly and report back to Council in the Autumn. This was agreed.

Mr. Reckitt said it remains to be proved whether there should be wide changes in the system, and whether the purpose of a handicap is to classify a player or to make for equality in play.

Mr. Duffield's Motion was referred to the Trophies sub-Committee.

Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at Southampton Row on 1st February, 1962.

Present

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (Chair), Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, Col. J. G. Clarke, Major J. H. Dibley, G. V. Evans, J. A. Hollweg, Miss D. A. Lintern, Rev. Canon Creed Meredith, Brig. J. S. Omond, H. C. S. Perry, M. B. Reckitt, Mrs. E. Reeve, J. M. Rivington, Mrs. E. Rotherham, Lt-Col. F. E. Stobart, Cmdr. G. W. Style, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins, Mrs. V. C. Gasson (Secretary), Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith, Hon. Asst. Secretary.

Apologies

W. Longman, Rev. G. F. H. Elvey, E. P. Duffield, A. D. Karmel, J. W. Solomon.

The Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4th January, 1962 were approved and signed with three minor amendments.

Arising out of the Minutes

The Chairman told Council that Mrs. Sundius-Smith had decided that she would prefer to be Honorary Assistant Secretary. Canon Creed Meredith explained the position of the Parkstone Club regarding their September Tournament and after a good deal of discussion it was decided the date fixed, August 20th, should be allowed to stand for this year only, owing to the exceptional circumstances if, after further discussion with his Club Committee, it was found to be impracticable to hold it on any other date. Mr. Reckitt said a note should be put in "Croquet" that we do not wish to establish a precedent for future years of permitting a Provincial Tournament to clash with a C.A. Event open to players of all classes.

Correspondence

The Chairman reported that several letters had been received from Mr. Baillieu, but he had not had time to digest them fully, and, in fact, he himself had several more to read. He said that after consultation with Mr. Rivington, and possibly, Mr. Karmel, he would report back to Council.

Questions

Mr. Reckitt asked if the Chairman would care to say how the Dominion Fund stood, but Brig. Stokes-Roberts said he would rather leave this till the next meeting, when the Accounts would be presented. He explained that J. A. Cooper, who had undertaken to look after C.A. Accounts, had unfortunately been unable to continue, but we had been fortunate in getting Mr. D. C. M. Corney, A.C.A., on the recommendation of our Bank Manager. Commander Style drew attention to the matter of the Dominion Tour Fund. It was not yet known how much more money might be raised for this special purpose, nor were certain other details yet firm. However, he considered it desirable that this matter should be examined as soon as possible so that up-to-date estimates could be made, and considered by the Council. It seemed important that the Council should be in such a position that it could place before the Associates, for their approval at the A.G.M., a recommendation for payment out of the C.A. Funds of a sum, up to an agreed maximum, towards the costs of the Dominion Tour. He observed that the A.G.M. would be the last opportunity of getting the Association's approval in this matter.

Nominations of members to form the sub-Committee of five, to discuss and examine the handicapping system. Mr. Solomon (Chair), Mr. Perry, Maj. Dibley, Miss Lintern and Dr. Wiggins were elected.

Motion by Mr. Reckitt: "That in view of the desirability of taking the opportunity to scrutinise and, if necessary, to revise the conditions governing the challenges and play for the International Trophy afforded by the visit of the Test Teams to New Zealand:—

- (a) These conditions be discussed at a Council Meeting before the Vice-Chairman departs to the Antipodes.
- (b) That Messrs. Wiggins and Cotter be authorised to act with him to represent the Council on the basis of such a discussion and be given plenipotentiary powers to act in the matter in New Zealand."

Mr. Reckitt said the Regulations for the MacRobertson Trophy should be examined by Council. He thought there was not much to alter, but understood that Australia might have strong views, and the Secretary was asked to write on the subject to both New Zealand and Australia, so that the matter should be on the October Agenda.

Motion by Canon Creed Meredith: "That there be added to Standing Order 28 (g) 'When a member of Council proposes a motion on a matter which the Council refers to a Committee of which he is not a member, he shall be invited to attend that Committee to discuss the motion but shall not be entitled to vote at the Committee'. When an Associate who is not a member of Council raises a matter by letter which the Council refers to a Committee, the Associate shall be given the opportunity to attend the Committee to discuss the matter, but shall not be entitled to vote at the Committee."

In presenting this motion the Canon said the proposer could discuss his case much more fully if he were at the Committee meeting prior to their report having been made to Council.

Cmdr. Style wished to table an amendment i.e. that the word "may" be substituted for the word "shall". Vote on amendment was carried 16-2. The motion with the Amendment was carried unanimously.

Mr. Brackenbury's motion: "That at the next A.G.M. the Council should recommend that Mr. B. Reckitt be appointed a Vice-President of the Association." Mr. Brackenbury said that Mr. Reckitt had let it be known quite definitely that he was not offering himself for re-election to Council. As a mark of our appreciation and esteem, we should like to put him forward for a Vice-President of the C.A. He has served the Council and Croquet in general, in countless ways for a great number of years, and highly merits the honour we wish to bestow upon him.

It was decided that the Chairman should propose this motion at the A.G.M., and Miss Lintern said that she would feel honoured to be allowed to second it. This was passed unanimously with acclamation.

Any other Business

Regulations—Mr. Perry put up some points in the alterations for discussion by Council, and would draft the final regulations in accordance with views.

The typed copies of these amended regulations together with the new Regulation 8 should be circulated before the next Meeting. It was also decided to publish Regulation 8 in April "Croquet", very prominently.

Major Dibley said he had been asked by the Ryde Club to tell Council that the Isle of Wight will be holding an Industries Fair from 9th-14th April, at Ryde.

Prince Philip is the Patron and last year over 50,000 people attended.

The Ryde Club will have a marquee and want all possible propaganda for Croquet to be on show.

Major Dibley asked and received Council's permission to contact Jaques; and C.A. Headquarters will provide literature, etc.,

CHELTENHAM

AN (UNOFFICIAL) AMERICAN TOURNAMENT

will be held in the Club Grounds
on Monday, May 21st to 26th, 1962

Manager.—V. A. de la Nougerede.

EVENT I. HANDICAP SINGLES. Competitors will be arranged in blocks according to handicap and the number of entries received. It is hoped to guarantee each player a minimum of five games. Winners of blocks will play off finals. Entrance Fee, 14s.

EVENT II. HANDICAP DOUBLES (knock-out). Combined handicaps to be not less than 7 bisques. Entrance Fee, 6s. An extra event will be arranged if possible.

Entries on official forms please to reach the Tournament Secretary not later than noon on Wednesday, May 16th.

Entries for Event II will be drawn on Monday, May 21st, at 2 p.m.

CHELTENHAM

AN (UNOFFICIAL) AMERICAN SINGLES TOURNAMENT

will be held in the Club Grounds

over Whitsun—Saturday, June 9th—Monday 11th, inclusive
Entrance Fee, 9s.

Entries to reach the Tournament Secretary not later than first post Wednesday, June 6th.

ALL-ENGLAND HANDICAP

1961 Winner—Major E. C. Heathcote (54)

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

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

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

Club Secretaries are asked to notify the Secretary, C.A., that they are entering their Club for the competition by June 1st.

The winners as well as the Club Secretaries are responsible for sending the winner's name to the C.A. Secretary, to reach her not later than the date advertised in the magazine.

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

Final Stages.—The Club representatives will be drawn on the Bagnall-Wild System and will meet in London during the period extending over September 20th to 22nd.

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

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

The results of Club Competitions must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., to reach her not later than 28th August.

Matches of single games throughout.

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

THE CLUB TEAM CUP

(Handicap)

Presented by William Longman, Esq.

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager.—Miss D. A. Lintern.

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

Holder: Hurlingham

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

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

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

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

Competing Clubs will play on mutually agreed grounds.

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

There are no entry fees.

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

HUNSTANTON

AN AMERICAN TOURNAMENT

(Unofficial)

will be held in

THE CLUB GROUNDS FROM APRIL 27th-30th, 1962

Manager.—Miss D. D. Steel.

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Club.

HANDICAP SINGLES

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

Winners of blocks will play off semi-final and final.

Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.

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

Entries, on official forms please, must reach the Secretary by the first post on **Wednesday, April 25th.**

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

A CROQUET TOURNAMENT

(Unofficial)

will be held in

THE CLUB GROUNDS

on **MONDAY, 7th MAY, 1962, and following days**

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

Manager and Handicapper.—Miss A. E. Mills.

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

Tournament Committee.—Miss E. J. Warwick (Chairman), Mrs. E. Rotherham, Miss A. E. Mills, Mrs. M. H. Vincent, J. K. Brown and Dr. R. B. N. Smartt.

Tournament Secretary.—Mrs. M. H. Vincent, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton (Tel. 548).

EVENTS

1.—AN AMERICAN TOURNAMENT (Handicap Singles). Competitors will be arranged in blocks according to handicap and the number of Entries received. It is hoped to arrange four or more blocks and guarantee each Player a minimum of five games. Winners of blocks will play off semi-final and final. The Winner to hold the Godfrey Turner Challenge Cup, and the Winner of the longest Handicap block to hold the L. G. Walters Long Handicap Challenge Trophy. *Note.*—C Block will commence at 3rd Hoop. D and E Blocks will commence at 5th Hoop. It is hoped to avoid Time Limited Games. Entrance Fee, 14s.

2.—HANDICAP DOUBLES (Knock-out). Combined Handicaps not to be less than 6 bisques. *Note.*—Early rounds start at Third Hoop. Entrance Fee, 6s.

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

ENTRIES (on Official Entry Forms please)

Entries for Event 1 must reach the Secretary not later than first post on **Wednesday, May 2nd.**

Entries for Event 2 must reach the Secretary by 10 a.m., **Tuesday, May 8th,** and the Draw will take place at 2 p.m. that day.

At lunch time, Coffee and Sandwiches, but not Lunches, will be available at the Club House.

Teas, a Licensed Bar, and Bridge Rooms will be available as usual.

Normal conditions of play. Nine courts will be available.

JULY TOURNAMENTS

The usual Official Tournament will be held on Monday, July 9th, 1962, and days following (see June *Croquet*).

An Unofficial American Tournament (Handicap Singles), will be held the previous week commencing on Tuesday, 3rd July to Friday, 6th July. Entrance Fee 8s. 6d. Entries must reach the Secretary by Friday, 29th June.

THE PEEL MEMORIALS

will be played for at the

ROEHAMPTON CLUB on **MONDAY, MAY 14th, and five following days**

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager.—J. B. Gilbert.

Referees and Handicappers.—Miss D. A. Lintern and M. B. Reckitt.

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

EVENTS

Open to Associates only

- 1.—PEEL MEMORIAL SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL. Handicap Singles for Men. Entrance Fee, 11s. **This Event will be played under the "Two Life" system.** Holder: A. V. Camroux.
- 2.—PEEL MEMORIAL SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL. Handicap Singles for Women. Entrance Fee, 11s. **This Event will be played under the "Two Life" system.** Holder: Mrs. G. W. Solomon.
- 3.—HANDICAP DOUBLES (combined handicaps two or over). THE LADY MURRAY MEMORIAL SILVER CHALLENGE CUPS. Entries must be made in pairs. Entrance Fee, 11s. each person. Holders: Capt. H. G. Stoker and G. N. B. Huskinson.

CONDITIONS

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

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

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

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

Competitors who are not members of the Roehampton Club will be made Honorary Members of the Club for the duration of the tournament.

ENTRIES

Entries on **official forms accompanied by the entrance fees** for Events 1 and 2 must reach the Secretary, C.A., not later than the first post on **Wednesday, May 9th,** and for Event 3 by noon on **Tuesday, May 15th. Entries will be limited.**

PLAY

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

DRAW

The Draw for Events 1 and 2 will take place at the Croquet Association Offices, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6, on **Wednesday, May 9th,** at 11 a.m.

CARRICKMINES

CROQUET TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, 16th JUNE, to SATURDAY, 23rd JUNE, 1962

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

1.—CHAMPIONSHIP OF IRELAND. Silver Salver (Perpetual). Rule 44. Entrance Fee, 12s.

2.—LEVEL SINGLES. Challenge Cup (Perpetual). Open to Associates handicapped at 5½ bisques and over. Single games. No lifts. Entrance Fee, 8s.

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

3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Founders Cup (Perpetual). Single games. Entrance Fee, 8s.

4.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Stonebrook Cups (Perpetual). Entrance Fee, 8s. each player.

Entries for all events will close on **Tuesday, 12th June,** at 6 p.m., and the draw will then take place.

Play will commence at 10.30 a.m. on Saturday, 16th June.

Competitors residing over 25 miles distance from Dublin will not be required for play till 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 18th June.

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

Flat-soled shoes must be worn.

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

THE INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

will be played for at the

HURLINGHAM CLUB on **TUESDAY, MAY 29th, and during the week**

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager.—Mrs. M. L. Thom.

Referee.—Mrs. E. Reeve.

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

Holder—Middlesex

CONDITIONS

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

(a) Birth in the County, or

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. Each County shall appoint a duly qualified Captain.

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

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

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

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

9. Entries must reach the Secretary, C.A., by **April 30th, 1962.**

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

11. Law 37 will operate.

No Entrance Fee.

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

Nine courts will be provided.

THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

will be played at the

ROEHAMPTON CLUB on **MONDAY, June 4th-9th, and following days**

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager and handicapper.—E. A. Roper.

Referee.—Mrs. E. Reeve.

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

EVENTS

Open to Associates only

1.—THE MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP. Entrance Fee, 13s. Matches best of three games. Prizes: The winner holds for the year the Gold Challenge Casket presented by the late Viscount Doneraile, and a Challenge Trophy presented by the late Sir Francis Colchester-Wemyss, K.B.E., and the late Col. C. E. Wilson, and will receive a medal. Holder: H. O. Hicks.

2.—THE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP. Entrance Fee, 13s. Matches best of three games. Prizes: The winner holds for the year the Gold Challenge Casket presented by the late Viscount Doneraile, a Silver Challenge Bowl presented by "The Ladies' Field", the Gold Challenge Badge and Gold Locket, and will receive a medal. Holder: Miss I. M. Roe.

3.—THE MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP. Entrance Fee, 13s. each person. Matches of single games. Prizes: A pair of Silver Challenge Cups presented by the All-England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club. Holders: J. A. Hollweg and Miss A. E. Mills.

4.—THE "DU PRE" CUP. Open to competitors in Events 1 and 2 who have not qualified for the third round. Matches of singles games throughout. Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d. Level play. Prize: A Challenge Cup presented by the late Lt-Col. W. B. Du Pre. Holder: Mrs. E. Rotherham.

CONDITIONS

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

No leave can be granted until after the Draw.

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

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

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

Competitors who are not members of the Roehampton Club will be made Honorary Members of the Club for the duration of the tournament.

ENTRIES

The Entries, accompanied by the Entrance Fees for Events 1 and 2 must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., Hurlingham Club S.W.6, so as to reach her not later than the first post on **Wednesday, May 30th,** and for Event 3 by noon on **Tuesday, June 5th.** Entries for Events 3 and 4 can be received only on the ground. Competitors must give with their entries the address at which messages will reach them during the Tournament.

DRAW

The Draw for Events 1 and 2 will take place at the Hurlingham Club, at 11 a.m., on **Wednesday, May 30th,** and for Events 3 and 4 as will be announced on the ground.

PLAY

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

BRIGHTON

ANNUAL SUMMER CROQUET TOURNAMENT

VICTORIA ROAD, SOUTHWICK

MONDAY, MAY 21st, and five following days

Committee.—The Croquet Committee of the Club.

Manager and Handicapper.—Major J. H. Dibley.

Referee.—E. A. Roper.

Tourn. Secretary.—F. E. Corke, 60 Southwick Street, Southwick, Sussex.

EVENTS

1.—OPEN SINGLES. "THE ABBEY" CHALLENGE CUP. Presented by W. H. Abbey, Esq. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d. Draw and Process. Law 36.

2.—HANDICAP SINGLES. THE JELICORSE CUP. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.

3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. "X.Y." Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.

4.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d. each player Combined handicap not less than 4.

All games to start at No. 3 hoop in Event No. 4 and a time limit of 3½ hours.

Competitors may enter for 3 out of 4 Events.

Event "Y" will be a shortened game.

Extra Event time permitting.

ENTRIES

Entries, on official forms please, with Entry Fees for Events 1, 2 and 3 must reach the Tournament Secretary by the first post on **Thursday, May 17th**, those for Event 4 may be made on the ground up to 2 p.m., **Tuesday, May 22nd**.

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

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

THE DRAW

The Draw for Events 1, 2 and 3 will take place at Southwick on **Thursday, May 17th**, at 2.30 p.m. Event 4 on **Tuesday, May 22nd**, 2.30 p.m.

PLAY

Play will commence at 10 a.m.

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

PRIZES

According to Entries.

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

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

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

Ten Courts will be available.

Light Luncheons and Teas will be obtainable.

Motor Bus Service from BRIGHTON every 10 minutes. Train Service to Southwick Station.

Free parking for Cars on the Ground.

The extra 1s. charged on entry fees will be sent to the C.A. as a donation to the New Zealand Fund.

RYDE

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL

OPEN CROQUET TOURNAMENT

will be held on

MONDAY, JUNE 4th, 1962, and following days

at the CLUB GROUND, PLAY STREET LANE, RYDE, I.O.W.

Committee.—Croquet Committee of the Club.

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

Referee.—Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith.

Hon. Secretary.—Mr. V. Rawlinson, "Bells," Market Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

EVENTS

1.—ISLE OF WIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP. Open Singles. The Challenge Trophy. Draw and Process. Present holder: Mr. G. Birch. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.

2.—LEVEL SINGLES (Class B). The Chapman Cup. Open to players 5 to 8 bisques. Entrance Fee, 10s. Present holder: Mrs. G. Stevenson.

3.—HANDICAP SINGLES (Class D). The Hutton Cup. Open to players of 8½ bisques or more. Entrance Fee, 10s. Present holder: Mrs. A. R. Brown. No player may enter for more than one of the above Events.

4.—HANDICAP SINGLES (X.Y.). X—The Dibley Cup. Present holder, Mr. G. Birch. Entrance Fee, 11s. Y—The Benest Cup. Present holder: Miss M. M. Taylor.

5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. The Birch Cups. Starting No. 3 hoop. Time limit 3½ hours. Restricted to combined handicap of 2 and over. Present holders: Canon and Mrs. R. Creed Meredith.

PRIZES

Two for each Event if sufficient entries.

ENTRIES

For Events 1 to 4, together with Fees and C.A. Tribute of 15s. where payable, must reach the Hon. Secretary by first post on **Thursday, May 31st, 1962**.

Entries for Doubles, Event 5, close on the ground at noon, **Tuesday, June 5th, 1962**.

DRAW

The draw for Events 1 to 4 will take place at the Club Pavilion at 3 p.m. on **Thursday, May 31st**. For Doubles at 2 p.m. on **Tuesday, June 5th**.

PLAY

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

GENERAL

Six lawns provided. Standard setting. Luncheon and Teas provided in Pavilion. A Motor Bus from the Pier sets down close to the ground. Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

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

Guest House (specially recommended)—Mrs. Lovell, Lixmount Guest House, 9 Pellhurst Road, Ryde, I.O.W. (Tel. Ryde 3286).

NOTTINGHAM

University Boulevard, Nottingham

(by kind permission of the Parks Committee of the Nottingham Corporation)

will hold their

CROQUET TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, 18th JUNE, to SATURDAY, 23rd JUNE, 1962

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

Patron: Her Majesty the Queen

President: H. O. Hodgson, Esq.

Manager, Referee, Handicapper.—Miss D. D. Steel (Bedford).

Assistant Referees and Umpires may be appointed under Reg. 14.

Hon. Tournament Secretary.—Mr. G. Birch, 88 Cedar Road, Sherwood Rise, Nottingham. Tel. 62737.

EVENTS

1.—"ROBIN HOOD" GOLD CUP CHALLENGE TROPHY Handicap. Presented to the Club by the All England Croquet Association for Associates only. Entrance Fee, 12s.

2.—OPEN SINGLES. Draw and Process. Silver Challenge Bowl, presented by the Nottingham Croquet Club. The Final of this event will be the best of three games, time permitting. Regulation 8 (b) will be applied if considered necessary or advisable. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.

3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 5 bisques and over. Silver Challenge Bowl, presented by the late L. L. Bright. Singles Games. Law 44 suspended. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.

4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. X and Y. Silver Challenge Bowl for each event. Entrance Fee, 12s.

5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES (unrestricted). Twin Challenge Trophies, presented by the late Mrs. Hitchin. Entrance Fee, 10s.

First and Second Prizes will be given in each event.

Entry Fees include C.A. Levy.

TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS AND FACILITIES

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4, should reach the Hon. Secretary not later than **Saturday, 16th June**.

The Draw for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 will appear on the Club's Notice Board on Sunday afternoon, June 17th.

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

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

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

Lunches and Teas will be served each day in the Pavilion at a moderate charge. Morning Coffee will be available.

Eight lawns will be available and choice of lawn will be determined by draw. Standard setting of the lawns 3¼in. hoops. A Pavilion will be available for Bridge.

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

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

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

List of Hotels and Guest Houses will be supplied on application to the Hon. Secretary.

COMPTON, EASTBOURNE

ANNUAL OPEN TOURNAMENT

Monday, June 18th to Saturday, June 23rd

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

Entrance, Compton Place Road

Manager.—Major J. H. Dibley, M.C.

Handicapper.—Major J. H. Dibley, M.C.

Referee.—H. C. S. Perry.

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

EVENTS

1.—OPEN SINGLES (Draw and Process). Challenge Cup. Holder: Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.

2.—LEVEL SINGLES. For players of 3-7½ bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.

3.—LIMITED HANDICAP SINGLES. For players of 8 bisques or over. It will be played on the "Full Bisques" system of handicapping, using limited bisques. Entrance Fee 10s.

4.—HANDICAP SINGLES (X. Y.). Challenge Cup. Holder: C. J. E. Dashwood. Entrance Fee, 13s. 6d.

5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Open to pairs with a combined handicap of not less than 4 bisques. Games will start at 3rd hoop. Time limit 3½ hours. Entrance Fee, 10s. per player. AN EXTRA EVENT will be arranged if possible.

CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION

Event 1 will be played under the Laws of Advanced Play, the others under the Laws of Handicap Play.

The Club courts only will be used, but some matches will be played in the afternoon of Sunday June 17th, to enable as many entries as possible to be accepted. Competitors who are prepared to play on the Sunday afternoon are asked to say so on their Entry Forms.

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

Hoops 3¼ in. wide. Jaques "Eclipse" balls will be used.

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

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

Entries to be sent to H. C. S. Perry, Hockington House, Willingden, Eastbourne. Tel.: Hampden Park 656. Those for Events 1 to 4 will not be accepted after first post on Wednesday, June 13th. Entries for Event 5 also must be received by first post on Wednesday, June 13th. Where no partner's name is given, a partner will be allotted.

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

The Draw for Events 1-4 will take place at the Club at 10.30 a.m. on **Wednesday, June 13th**.

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

PARKSTONE

MONDAY, JUNE 25th-30th, 1962

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

Committee.—Croquet Committee of the Parkstone Club.

Manager and Handicapper.—V. A. de la Nougerede.

Referee.—The Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith.

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

EVENTS

1.—OPEN SINGLES (Draw and Process). Entrance Fee, 12s. Dorset Salver.

2.—LEVEL SINGLES. Law 36 suspended. For players of 2½-6 bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 10s. Deshon Cup.

3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. For players of 6½ bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 10s. Cope Cup.

4.—HANDICAP SINGLES (X.Y.) Unrestricted. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d. Bishops Cup and Evans Rose Bowl.

5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicap not to be less than 2. Entrance Fee, 10s. each player.

Extra Events will be arranged time permitting.

CONDITIONS

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4, must reach the Hon. Secretary by midday **Thursday, June 21st**.

Entries for Event 5 will close at 4 p.m. on **Monday, June 25th**. This Event will start on Tuesday morning, June 26th.

The Draw will take place at the Club on **Thursday, June 21st**, at 3 p.m.

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