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- .. 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.).
- Aug. 11-18—Championship of County Dublin. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly, Ballynamate, Carrickmines, Dublin.
- .. 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.

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V. C. GASSON,
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NOTES by ROVER

Taking the matter to Court

We can all think of many things of which the C.A. wants more (associates, managers, referees, financial resources), but most of all it needs new clubs. Croquet propaganda is robbed of much of its effectiveness if those whom it reaches are (to parody an old song) "all het up and no place to play". It is a tragic feature of our present situation that there are once famous clubs which are dying of inanition, while elsewhere there are enthusiasts who can find nowhere to erect their hoops.

But how are new clubs to be founded? Obviously there can be no easy answer to this question, but there are two lines of approach, one or other of which those with the energy and initiative required should explore. One is to persuade a municipal authority to lay down a court (or better still, courts) in a park or public gardens under their control. This has, in fact, been successfully done in several places, and proved to be revenue-producing to an authority enterprising enough to extend the activities of their ground staff in this direction. The other is to convince a tennis club that many of its ageing members should get much more fun out of a game more appropriate to their years—and health—than that to which their flagging energies are now devoted. This course has recently been most successfully followed by an enthusiastic associate. But a good deal of preliminary "beating up" of potential aspirants has, of course, to be undertaken in either case, for without those any such application is likely to be ruled "out of court".

Caskets week

The results of the Men's and Women's Championships, often referred to with the elegant expression of the Gold Caskets, brought forth no surprises, except that the names of two of the finalists were perhaps a shade unexpected. Miss Lintern who has in fact won the Women's event five times, the last time in 1958, has in recent years rarely been showing form of which she is capable but is now returning to her best and proved a worthy finalist and narrow loser against Joan Warwick. It is appropriate—and reassuring to the Selection Committee—that this year's lady champion will be the representative of her sex in New Zealand in the coming winter. Colonel Prichard was entering the Men's Championships for the first time, and much as he has improved, was hardly fancied to reach the final. Favoured as he was by the exigencies of the draw and an unforeseen scratching, he contested the final very spiritedly against John Solomon and refuted those who had thought the issue already determined before the match started.

The Warwicks were worthy winners of the Mixed Doubles Championships, the first time that a brother and sister have combined successfully since the event was inaugurated fifty-three years ago.

Referee!

We have mentioned in the adjacent Note the need for more referees, but this is a matter in which quality is at least as important as quantity. This problem has very naturally been rather set aside during the period when the Laws were being revised, but is now to be taken in hand.

An interesting debate on the subject took place at a recent meeting of the Council when the opinion was expressed by some that there was something even more important in this field than examination and that was instruction. Don't ask candidates questions, it was suggested; give them a booklet with the answers in and see if they understand them. Though one Council member observed that if such an arrangement had been employed in his Final Schools at the University, he thought that he might have got a First instead of a Second, others were inclined to feel that such generous methods were those most likely to produce what was required satisfactorily and in short order. A booklet is already in course of production and we are likely to hear soon just what use the Council has decided to make of it. In any case what is most needed immediately is that every associate who believes himself to be capable of having—or obtaining—an intelligent understanding of the game, whether he aspires to be a referee or not, should get a copy of the revised Laws and seek to master it. Cases were known under the old dispensation when examinees, asked to find the answer to a question in the Law Book, confessed that they had never possessed one!

Blissful Union

The Warwicks' win referred to has led us to research into the occasions when husband and wife have won the Mixed Doubles Championships. The records show that the only couple to have done so were the Beatons and on no fewer than four occasions, although in 1904, the year of their first victory, Mrs. Beaton was still Miss Lilius Gower and at the height of her long and successful career on the lawns. Many of the present Hurlingham players have good cause to remember her for the help she gave to those first taking up the game, and her death a few years ago was a sad loss to croquet. Among the list of winners of the Mixed Doubles are the names of Ben Apps and Mrs. Strickland in 1926 and 1927. The latter in fact became Mrs. Apps, mention of which serves to remind us of the vast amount of work she did for croquet in the ten of more years following World War II.

Without wishing to appear to disparage the merits of present-day husband and wife pairings on the croquet lawns, we do not see any immediate prospect of further names being added yet awhile to the Beatons unless it be that of the Tingey's should they participate again. Last year they lost in the final to Hollweg and Miss Mills. Those who had watched their earlier semi-final game against Maurice Reckitt and Miss Lintern are unlikely to forget the last half-hour during which all four clips were on the peg and an apparent distaste of any of the players to cease participation in the game.

Questions and Answers

Question: If during a turn a ball is roqueted into the corner square and there is another ball already on the corner spot, how are the balls placed for further play? (The same question is also relevant for yard line balls.)

Answer: Exactly as in the old laws. The roqueted ball is placed on the corner spot and the corner ball is placed in contact according to the wishes of the striker, and the ball of the striker is placed against the roqueted ball which is now on the corner spot—and with that ball only. (Law 18(b), and see also *Croquet* of April, 1962—Official Rulings and Interpretations. "Effect of Law 18 on Law 8.")

Yard line balls are treated in the same way.

Question: If at the beginning of a turn three balls are in contact in the corner or on the yard line what is the correct way to bring these balls into play?

Answer: It is not exactly the same as in the old Laws, the only difference being that the ball off which the striker intends to take croquet, is not moved; the striker shall place both balls in contact with the roqueted ball however he chooses provided that the striker's ball is only in contact with the roqueted ball, etc. (see Law 18b). While there are only two balls in contact at the beginning of a turn the ball deemed to be roqueted is not moved on to the corner or yard lines as in the old Laws, but is croqueted from where it lies (see Law 17 and 18, and also *Croquet* of April 1962—Official Rulings and Interpretations. "Effect of Law 18 on Law 8.")

CORRESPONDENCE

The New Laws

To the Editor of *Croquet*

Dear Sir,

I have just received the April *Croquet* and I notice on page four under the "Report of the Council" the following paragraph:—"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".

To my mind the new Laws are perfectly clear except for a few clerical errors and obvious mistakes. The trouble is that they do not give effect to what the top players either expected or wanted.

It was understood that there should be no major change in these new Laws for at least five years yet there are amendments appearing in every *Croquet*, completely altering the Laws.

I will not mention the obvious alterations, but confine myself to one, namely, the amendment to 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".

I cannot make out if this amendment is an alteration to, or clarification of, the Law.

On page three of *Croquet*, the last sentence of the 4th paragraph under "The 1962 Season" reads "that a bisque being an extra turn, it cannot be taken after time has been called".

To my mind the reasoning is faulty.

If the non-bisquer is entitled to an extra turn after time has been called why should a bisquer be deprived of using his bisque at the end of the extra turn which has been granted by Reg. 8(a)?

Law 38(c) allows a person entitled to a bisque or series of bisques to play one or more in succession "at any time of the game whatsoever".

If the game can be resurrected after time has been called to allow the opponent to have an extra turn surely "whatsoever" covers this period for the benefit of the bisquer. If it does not, what period outside the main game does "whatsoever" cover?

Under the old Law a player merely completed his stroke so there was no question of using a bisque at the end of a turn.

Many a receiver of bisques keeps one in hand for the last turn of the game when he proposes to peg out and runs the risk of the opponent pegging out before him. Why should he not keep one to use after time has been called, in case he does not get to the peg beforehand, and run the risk of his opponent pegging out before him on the extra turn?

To sum up a receiver of a bisque is entitled to an additional turn to his opponent. If a non-bisquer is allowed an extra turn under Reg. 8(a), why should a bisquer not be allowed to use his bisque then, especially as Law 38(c) expressly states at any time of the game "whatsoever".

"Whatsoever" is a well-known legal term to cover every contingency.

Yours faithfully,

W. B. C. PAYNTER

Hints for improvers

The republication of Leetham Jones's "Hints for Beginners", which originally appeared in the *Croquet Association Gazette*, has suggested that a similar series might be compiled for another category of players. These are by no means beginners but fairly experienced and often successful performers who nevertheless have something still to learn, especially on the tactical side of the game, if they are to find their way into "A" class croquet. It is, therefore, proposed that a series of hints for these players should appear in this journal, not from any single pen but from some of the most experienced practitioners of the game. Each "hint" will deal with a single matter, but it is hoped that the series, when complete, will offer to our improving players a useful collection of suggestions, some at any rate of which may not yet have occurred even to a number of those who have been appearing in tournaments for some years.

The first hint appears below.

MAKE THINGS EASY FOR YOURSELF

Failure to execute a difficult stroke is one of the main causes of a break-down, and it is therefore important to give oneself as few difficult strokes as possible.

Only too frequently not nearly as much care as is necessary is given to the placing of the ball to the hoop following the one you are about to make. Anywhere in that direction seems to be the idea of some players, whereas it is essential to make sure the ball is aimed in the correct direction and sent close to the hoop on the inside "rectangle" of the lawn. This will ensure that you have an easy approach to the hoop instead of a long, chancy one which may not come off and your break is then at an end. It is also important that the ball you are in contact with on your approach shot to the hoop should be placed in a position that makes the shots after you have run the hoop, as easy as possible. It should be placed so that you can hit it to a position where it will be on the rush line for sending it to the hoop after next, and getting your own ball to the one in the centre. If you need a backward rush, keep it close to the hoop, if a forward one send it well ahead of the hoop, and be certain whether it will be easier if it is on the right or the left of the hoop. To be able to do any of this, you must learn to approach a hoop with every type of shot—roll shot, stop shot, or a split shot to send the ball to whichever side of the hoop is necessary.

H.R.

Notes from the Clubs

Southwick

Club members take this opportunity of offering their congratulations to Mr. T. A. Chignell on the honour bestowed upon him by the Bishop of Portsmouth. He has been made a lay canon of Portsmouth Cathedral, and was installed on the 1st May. Mr. Chignell's devoted work to the church over many years, and in varying capacities, has thus been honoured. We all wish him continued good health and strength to carry on his latest appointment.

Two visits from the Roehampton Club, is surely a record! First an Inter Club match played on 12th June, (results reported elsewhere), and then on 15th June they play the Longman Team competition round against the Ryde Club, and Southwick has been chosen as a half-way meeting place.

Hurlingham

Intending competitors for the Longworth Cup in August are reminded that the early rounds are to be played on the Roehampton lawns. This is to ease the congestion on our lawns from the anticipated heavy entries. Full conditions appear elsewhere in this issue and it will be noticed that we are having a dinner on the Thursday evening of the Tournament. "A" class players should also note the exhortation not to ask for leave on Bank Holiday unless for urgent reasons. Last year, as many as one-third of the "A" players asked to be excused till Tuesday.

We narrowly defeated Colchester in the Longman Cup and now wait the issue of the Ryde-Edgbaston encounter. Godby did very well in his debut and improves with every game. For Colchester, Ratcliffe had a very good day and hardly put a ball wrong.

LOOKING BACK TO 1950

(concluded)

In the following article Dudley Hamilton Miller, who captained the last touring team to visit New Zealand, concludes his memories of the tour.

Our tour of the North Island was now over and we departed by ship, crossing the Cook Straits to Picton, a charming little place at the head of Queen Charlotte Sound. After spending a night in Blenheim, we motored to Nelson, the garden province of New Zealand, which averages eight hours' sunshine a day right through the year. And it was here, in this lovely city of colourful gardens and golden beaches, that a tragic motor accident deprived us of the companionship of Mrs. Ozanne and Ward-Petley for the remainder of the tour. On the second and final afternoon of our stay we were taken out by our hosts on a drive along the coast road that follows the curving line of Tasman Bay. We were occupying three cars for this excursion, and on the return journey after tea, the rear car, in which Mrs. Ozanne and Ward-Petley were travelling, was hit broadside by a motorist coming fast out of a side road near the village of Stoke, a few miles outside Nelson. Mrs. Ozanne received head injuries and was taken to hospital, while Ward-Petley suffered severe shock and had to remain and rest in the hotel, where we were staying. It was with feelings of deep regret that we left the next day in order to carry out the itinerary which had been laid down, but we were at least comforted by the thought that the committee members of the Nelson Croquet Club would be doing everything that was in their power to minister to the needs and the recovery of our two colleagues.

From Nelson we now took a long and beautiful drive by motor-coach along the reaches of the Buller Gorge, arriving in the evening at Westport. Here, as at Greymouth—some 60 miles to the south—we found ourselves in a completely different setting. The air was full of coal-dust and in the flat bleak stretches of the harbours dredges were busy at work. At Greymouth we played the local club and then hired a car and drove a considerable distance south to see the Franz Josef Glacier and the Fox Glacier, which deservedly rank among the wonders of New Zealand. While we were at Greymouth, a national railway strike, which had been imminent for some time, was now declared, to take effect in 24 hours' time. We took the last train out of Greymouth en route for Christchurch, crossing the South Island from west to east on a picturesque journey through the Orisa Gorge and up to the summit of Arthur's Pass at a height of some three thousand feet. At Arthur's Pass Halt our train came to rest and showed no signs of continuing its journey. After half an hour it transpired that some distance ahead, where there is a single line track only, a goods train had just become derailed! We were told that our train would therefore proceed as far as it could, and we would then have to disembark and walk half a mile along the track until we found a fresh train, which was being sent out of Christchurch to meet us and carry us to our destination! All went well, until the disembarkation point was reached. But here, considerable problems arose for certain elderly passengers, who were faced with this half-mile walk and also carrying their own luggage for the distance. And so it happened that, in these unusual circumstances, while I was rendering some assistance to an elderly

lady, I somehow contrived to leave my croquet mallet behind in the old train. The new train showed every evidence of being anxious to be up and away and we were all hurried aboard. At Christchurch I discovered my loss, and here we were, just on the eve of Christmas with a national rail strike taking effect in four hours' time. I interviewed the station-master and begged him to move heaven and earth to restore my lost property to me in time for the third test at Dunedin, ten days from now. Since I played with no other mallet than this one ever since 1925, it may be imagined that we are inseparable friends on the croquet court. In Christchurch we relaxed and gave ourselves up to the novelty of spending Christmas Day in mid-summer and eating strawberries and cream. The Empire Games were taking place here at this time and I had the opportunity of watching some of the world's finest swimmers competing against each other in the new Olympic swimming pool.

The days passed, there were no signs of the railway strike being settled, and we were due to appear in Dunedin, some 200 miles to the south. Fortunately, the city taxi-drivers came to the rescue and organised long distance trips for any party of four people. By this means we were able to keep to our itinerary and arrive in Dunedin on time after a pleasant, if tiring, six hour drive. Here I stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Gain, once more the most charming of hosts, in their delightful house high up on one of Dunedin's many hills. On the next day we were playing a match against one of the local croquet clubs, and to my amazement and joy, as soon as we entered the club house, my lost croquet mallet was handed to me. How it had reached Dunedin from the lonely wilderness where I had abandoned it, I do not know to this day, but I certainly shall always remember that station-master in Christchurch with eternal gratitude!

For this third and final test the match play had necessarily to be altered, since now our party numbered only four players. It was agreed therefore that the test should consist of four singles and two doubles. I re-arranged our own playing order this time, promoting John Solomon to number 2 and also pairing him with Hicks in the doubles, with Mrs. Kingsford and myself as second pair. Arthur Ross had also made changes in his team, so that on the opening day Hicks and Solomon found themselves facing Heenan and Bryan, while Mrs. Kingsford and I were opposed to Arthur Ross and Watkins. Once again the doubles were shared, Hicks and Solomon gaining a comfortable victory for us, as did Ross and Watkins for New Zealand. And now, at last, it was our turn to score in the singles on the following day. Arthur Ross and Hicks, meeting for the third time, had a splendid match, in which both played croquet of the highest order. Final victory swayed in the balance right to the end, Ross eventually winning, -9 +5 +3. In the second singles, John Solomon scored a notable victory over Heenan in two closely-fought games, +9 +5. In the third match, I met Margaret Claughton, and perhaps feeling that it was high time that I notched a point for our team, played well and confidently to win

in straight games. In the fourth match, Arthur Ross had included Mrs. Kirk, who had hitherto been their reserve, to face Mrs. Kingsford. Mrs. Kingsford's victory in straight games must certainly have been a gratifying result to her. It was also equally gratifying to me, for in this match she displayed a fine attacking spirit and determination against an opponent of similar calibre. And her victory was clear-cut and well deserved. And so the tour was over. New Zealand 4-3; New Zealand 5-2; England 4-2. It had been a good fight, fought in the keenest but friendliest spirit. No "incidents", no hard feelings. The better side won in the end. But John Solomon was to stay and carry off the New Zealand Open Championship. And, in conclusion, let me say (in a whisper) that this was a feat, which at the time I found hard to believe. He had defeated Heenan in straight games. But I would never have believed that, in 1951, he would have defeated Arthur Ross. And never—no, never!—Humphrey Hicks, whose play throughout the whole tour was highest of the high. But he did. I only wish that I had been there to see that game!

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Hurlingham Club on 28th May, 1962, at 4.30 p.m. W. Longman in the Chair.

Apologies were received from: Rev. and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey, Brig. and Mrs. J. S. Omond and Mrs. R. R. Williams.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Elvey apologising for absence and expressing his pleasure in the appointment of Mr. Reckitt as Vice-President.

Present

Col. C. C. Adams, Col. D. W. Beamish, Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish, G. Blackett, G. Birch, Rev. B. V. F. Blackenbury, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. G. E. Cave, Mrs. D. F. Caporn, D. C. Caporn, Mrs. M. H. Carrington, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, Col. and Mrs. J. G. Clarke, Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson, Maj. J. H. Dibley, E. P. Duffield, G. V. Evans, Miss E. E. Fisher, Mrs. V. C. Gasson, Mrs. E. Haigh-Smith, Miss K. D. Hickson, J. A. Hollweg, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Karmel, Miss D. A. Lintern, Mr. and Mrs. W. Longman, Canon and Mrs. Creed Meredith, V. A. de la Nougerede, Dr. R. H. Oliver, Miss H. D. Parker, Mrs. J. Pavia, Dr. H. J. Penny, H. C. S. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Reckitt, Mrs. E. Reeve, J. M. Rivington, E. A. Roper, Mrs. E. Rotherham, F. Stanley-Smith, J. W. Solomon, Cmdr. and Mrs. G. W. Style, Col. and Mrs. F. E. Stobart, Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts, L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts, Mrs. M. Thom, Mrs. E. Truett, Mrs. I. M. Turketine, J. A. Warwick, Miss E. J. Warwick, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins.

Minutes

The Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Chairman's Report

He referred to his Report published in *Croquet* and continued on the subject of Membership. In 1961 there were over 60 new members, but only a net gain of 20. On figures supplied by the Secretary he found that 215 Associates had not yet paid their subscription which was due five months ago—January 1st. "I think this is staggering, in fact scandalous and I would like to record officially my displeasure, disappointment and dismay that there are so many defaulters and that I consider their action—possibly inaction describes it better—is most thoughtless and inconsiderate. To cap it all I am told that even after three reminders some people don't even apologise."

He then reported that the contributions to the Dominion Tour Fund are still coming in. "One that deserves special mention is a donation from the Hurlingham Club for £50 . . . and I have already told Sir Charles Norton how grateful we are. . . . Perhaps some of the other big clubs might do the same."

Purposely we have not asked individuals for subscriptions, but I can assure you that all contributions, however small, will be gratefully received.

I would like to mention the efforts Roehampton is making to publicise the game further afield, particularly among some of the smaller clubs who have concentrated almost entirely on Golf Croquet. The Roehampton Rovers have visited or are visiting, Ealing Grammar School, Parsons Green, Crouch Hill, Barnes Sports, Heathfield, Dulwich and Reigate. I hope soon some of the other clubs will follow this example.

The second Varsity Match which Cambridge won 5-4 brought in some useful publicity. A Cup was kindly presented by Mrs. E. Reeve. This match seems likely to be a permanent fixture.

Within the last few months we appointed Mrs. Sundius-Smith Hon. Assistant Secretary, but just when she was getting a grasp of the office routine and Croquet Politics in general, she had to have a serious operation and will be out of action for some time, and that in turn means that the burden is falling heavier than ever on Mrs. Gasson, and we thank her for her work she has put in.

Finally, as this is the end of my term in office as Chairman, I would like to take the opportunity of thanking you all for your support and in particular my fellow councillors, many of whom have devoted so much of their spare time to croquet administration.

Report on Accounts and Balance Sheet

Cmdr. Style, Chairman of F.&G.P. Committee said how glad all Associates were to see Mr. Longman in the chair, and that he knew he was expressing the feeling of everybody in hoping that Mr. Longman's calm and stabilising presence would be felt at Croquet Tournaments for many years to come.

In presenting the Accounts for the year to 31st December, 1961, Cmdr. Style first apologised on Council's behalf that incorrect accounts had been published in the April issue of *Croquet*. This was a regrettable mistake which had been remedied as quickly as possible. Associates had all had a correct copy of the approved Accounts, which, for the sake of the record, would also be published in the next issue of *Croquet*.

He referred to the appointment of a keen new Accountant and Auditor under whose guidance, with the Secretary's active co-operation, our C.A.s Accounts were now on an efficient and up-to-date basis. Associates would notice that the Accounts were now set out in a modern format, simpler than here to fore. In future, any year's accounts would be strictly comparable with the accounts of preceding years.

Cmdr. Style went through the Profit and Loss Account in detail. The gist of his remarks was that, mainly through the abnormally large sales of the new Laws and Dr. Ormerod's book, this figure of excess of Income over Expenditure was not one which could be relied on for budgeting purposes. Calculated strictly on a normal year's sale of books this "real" excess of income over expenditure was in the neighbourhood of £30. He hoped that Associates would regard this as a welcome improvement on the previous year's loss. There was, however, no grounds for undue complacency. All costs continued to rise, and above all it must be remembered that the Association enjoyed its considerable secretarial services at a rate far below the market rate for such services.

He pointed out that a start had been made in writing down the value of Office furniture and equipment in accordance with present practice.

In referring to the Balance Sheet he advised associates not to be misled by the increase in invested funds. This increase was due almost entirely to the investment of specific funds, held for separate purposes, which were not part of the general funds of the Association. Details could be seen on Schedule I of the accounts—from which it would be noticed that the main item of increase was the Dominions Test Tour Fund.

In referring briefly to the changes in the C.A.s investments he mentioned that the Apps Memorial Fund, value £115 10s., had been satisfactorily invested to produce a gross income of approximately £7 12s. per annum in perpetuity.

He also invited attention to the fact that the Life membership fund—a capital fund—was now for the first time in its proper place, i.e. in the Balance Sheet, and was accordingly no longer being incorrectly treated as income.

As far as the future was concerned Cmdr. Style observed that, by reason of many concessionary rates introduced at the time of the increase of subscriptions, it was not possible to make an accurate forecast of subscription income. It was none the less pertinent to point out that quite a number of subscriptions had been lost due to the large number who had wisely chosen to become Life Members.

However the Council believed that the Association's present financial position was sound and was by no means excessive so far as could be seen for the future, particularly when viewed in the light of Council's stated intention to increase, if possible, its financial assistance to clubs.

Mr. Longman thanked Cmdr. Style for his lucid and clear statement. The Report and Balance Sheet was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

Election of Vice-President

The power of electing Vice-Presidents is vested in the Council vide Rule V. Therefore in actual fact Mr. Maurice Reckitt is already a Vice-President. But as we are introducing an amendment to Rule V, on this occasion we thought it more fitting that Mr. Reckitt's election should be ratified at the Annual General Meeting, for then we should have the opportunity of paying tribute to him publicly, for few people have done more for croquet than he has.

He won his first silver medal in 1913 and since that date has won a very great number of all principal events and some many times. He played for Great Britain against New Zealand in 1956, in the Beddow and President's Cup 16 times and has run the Surrey team for a number of years with conspicuous success.

Now let us see what he has done for croquet. First and foremost as a writer and author. His "Croquet Today", published in 1954 is recognised as one of the leading text books, but to most of us he is better known as a columnist, leader writer and reporter. I cannot imagine any edition of *Croquet* without several contributions from him. He is no mean poet and writes articles on many subjects other than croquet.

He is perhaps even better known as a speaker . . . and will always produce something witty and to the point and in good English. As a member of Council he has been most regular in attendance and can make valuable contributions to any debate. By electing him as Vice-President we insure that we shall retain his services on the Council, but we shall lose him from the Standing Committees and shall miss him particularly on the Tournament Committee.

Mr. Chairman it is with the greatest pleasure that I propose Mr. Maurice B. Reckitt as Vice-President.

Mr. Brackenbury seconded with very great pleasure. He said that for the last 8 years they had worked in the closest co-operation—sometimes his views were quite different from Mr. Reckitt's—but the ultimate aim of them both had been the best interests of croquet.

Mr. Reckitt rose and thanked everybody for electing him. He thought back to his early days in croquet when he could never have imagined he could possibly be a Vice-President himself. He felt this was an auspicious moment for the game for three reasons specifically.

- (i) The coming Test Matches when for the first time we were sending out a team of the best possible players.
- (ii) Because the Headquarters of the Association was now firmly established in "the friendly neutrality of Hurlingham."
- (iii) Because we have such a number of young people now interested in the game and it will be they who will eventually carry it on.

His appointment was unanimously confirmed and applauded.

Election of Members of Council

The Secretary read out the names of three people retiring by rotation and not open to re-election—I. C. Baillieu, Brig. J. S. Omond and M. B. Reckitt. Two others had resigned—G. N. B. Huskinson and R. F. Rothwell: there were five new candidates for these vacancies, so the list of members of Council reads: J. W. Solomon (Chairman), J. M. Rivington (Vice-Chairman), G. Birch, Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, D. C. Caporn, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, Col. J. G. Clarke, Maj. J. H. Dibley, E. P. Duffield, G. V. Evans, J. A. Hollweg, A. D. Karmel, Miss D. A. Lintern, Rev. Canon Creed Meredith, H. C. S. Perry, Mrs. E. Reeve, Mrs. E. Rotherham, Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart, E. A. Roper, L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts, Lt.-Cmdr. G. W. Style, Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts, Mrs. R. R. Williams and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins.

These were unanimously elected.

Amendments to the Rules of the C.A.—(Presented by the Chairman of Council)

At the Annual General Meeting last year we were authorised to re-draft Rule VI as certain anomalies appeared during last year's election. While we were about it, we thought it a good opportunity to revise some of the other rules which seemed out of date, especially as the Year Book is due for re-printing. Major Rivington has been largely associated with Mr. Perry and the results of their labour appeared in the April number of *Croquet*. I would like to propose that they are adopted—but before a vote is taken has anyone any questions or remarks? and would you like to take them en bloc or individually? It was decided to take them en bloc and there were no queries. The changes were passed unanimously and a vote of thanks given to Mr. Perry.

Election of Hon. Treasurer

Brig. Stokes-Roberts proposed and Mr. Perry seconded that Cmdr. G. W. Style be confirmed as Hon. Treasurer. Passed unanimously.

Report on Arrangements for Triangular Test Tour

This report was presented by Mr. Reckitt. He wished to thank Brig. Stokes-Roberts for his tireless and successful work in getting subscriptions for the Dominion Fund. He also thanked all the Clubs and individuals who had sent donations. He felt it only right to thank the people who had agreed to go, giving up time and financial opportunities and showing such a good public spirit.

Although we are sending our best team, he would give a warning that it is much more difficult to play abroad on such different surfaces.

As they are all leaving this country at odd dates it is impossible to give them a send-off, but we shall give them a function when they return, and then they can tell us all about it.

The Itinerary will be published in full in *Croquet* in December. Dr. Penny rose to wish the Team every success and victory.

Any other Business

The Chairman of Council said he wished to tell the Meeting of two decisions taken at the Council Meeting on 1st March. They were both concerned with the allocation of funds for the Dominion Tour.

- (i) It was decided that the £101 left over from the New Zealand Test Team entertainment Fund raised in 1956, should be handed over to our Team for use to return hospitality. As the Fund was raised essentially for entertaining the New Zealanders, there can be no possible criticism of this.
- (ii) The allocation of C.A. Funds towards the Team's Expenses. The amount collected and available is now £1,300, which works out at £185 per head for 7 players. After carefully considering the state of our finances the Council decided with only one vote against, that we could allot a sum not exceeding £600 towards the Test expenses. As already pointed out donations are still coming in and I hope will continue to do so and eventually we may find that it will only be necessary to give, say, £400 from C.A. Funds. He would like to see each player receiving something like £300.

I think it would be nice to have these two decisions formally confirmed. They were confirmed.

J. W. Solomon proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

LONGMAN CLUB TEAM CUP

Ryde v. Roehampton

1st round played at Southwick on June 15th, 1962

DOUBLES

Maj. J. H. Dibley and Miss J. L. Preston (10) bt D. C. Caporn and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (8½) by 5.

J. Bolton and Mrs. R. H. Burrell (18) bt A. V. Camroux and Mrs. M. H. Carrington (9½) by 10.

SINGLES

J. Bolton (7) bt A. V. Camroux (2) by 8.

Miss J. L. Preston (7½) lost to D. C. Caporn (6½) by 20.

Maj. J. H. Dibley (2½) v. Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2). Game unfinished.

Result: Ryde beat Roehampton by three games to one with one game unfinished.

SECOND ROUND

Hurlingham v. Colchester

Played at Hurlingham, 16th June, 1962

(Hurlingham players named first)

SINGLES

S. S. Townsend (1½) lost to C. S. Ratcliff (5½) by 13.

Mrs. M. L. Thom (5½) bt Mrs. M. D. Corke (9½) by 4.

R. A. Godby (7) bt Mrs. E. E. Clark (10) by 20.

DOUBLES

S. S. Townsend and Mrs. A. W. Skempton (10) lost to C. S. Ratcliff and B. Payne (19½) by 3.

Mrs. M. L. Thom and R. A. Godby (12½) bt Mrs. M. D. Corke and Mrs. E. E. Clark (19½) by 6.

Result: Hurlingham won by three games to two.

GOLF CROQUET MATCH

Roehampton v. Dulwich

Played at Roehampton on 22nd May, 1962

(Roehampton players named first)

AMERICAN DOUBLES

(In three rounds)

Mrs. F. Pavia and Mrs. M. Carrington

bt Mrs. Frenkin and Miss Young by 8-5.

lost to Mrs. Bailey and Miss Hammer by 4-9.

lost to Mrs. Beck and Mrs. Yates by 5-8.

Mrs. S. Phillips and Mrs. D. M. Staub

lost to Mrs. Frenkin and Miss Young by 6-7.

bt Mrs. Bailey and Miss Hammer by 7-6.

bt Mrs. Beck and Mrs. Yates by 9-4.

Miss E. Fisher and Mrs. E. Bristow

bt Mrs. Frenkin and Miss Young by 8-5.

lost to Mrs. Bailey and Miss Hammer by 6-7.

lost to Mrs. Beck and Mrs. Yates by 6-2.

Result: Dulwich beat Roehampton by five games to four.

HANDICAPS CONFIRMED OR ALTERED BY THE HANDICAP CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

June 26th, 1962

CHELTENHAM CLUB

D. W. Curtis 0 to $\frac{1}{2}$
Mrs. A. M. Daniels 2 to $1\frac{1}{2}$
W. Green 12 to 11
Miss K. M. O. Sessions 7 to $6\frac{1}{2}$
H. A. Sheppard 8 to $7\frac{1}{2}$

COMPTON CLUB

Cmdr. G. W. Style 7 to 6
Mrs. G. W. Style 7 to 6

HURLINGHAM CLUB

Gen. D. Wilson-Haffenden 5 to 4
R. A. Godby 7 to 6
Prof. A. W. Skempton $6\frac{1}{2}$ to 6.

NOTTINGHAM CLUB

Paul Thompson 3 to $2\frac{1}{2}$
E. A. L. Sully 8* to 6

HUNSTANTON

Mrs. Neville-Rolfe 8 to $7\frac{1}{2}$
B. Lloyd Pratt $1\frac{1}{2}$ to -2 .

SOUTHWICK TOURNAMENT

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 1
Miss E. F. Rose $6\frac{1}{2}$ to 5
E. A. Roper 3 to 2
Major A. M. Hicks 7 to $6\frac{1}{2}$
Miss E. Johnston 5 to $4\frac{1}{2}$
Mrs. J. H. Dibley $5\frac{1}{2}$ to 5
Miss E. E. Bennett $9\frac{1}{2}$ to 9

RYDE TOURNAMENT

Mrs. E. C. A. Meares 14 to 13
Miss K. A. Wade 14 to 12
J. Bolton 9 to 6
G. A. H. Alexander 8 to 7

CHELTENHAM TOURNAMENT

G. E. P. Jackson 0 to $\frac{1}{2}$
F. W. Meredith 7 to $5\frac{1}{2}$
Dr. C. A. Boucher $5\frac{1}{2}$ to 5
F. H. Pugh 10 to $9\frac{1}{2}$

NEW HANDICAPS

- ✓ The Hon. James Dugdale 11 (D9)
- ✓ J. Laurensen 12 (D10)
- ✓ Martin Murray 13 (D12)
- ✓ C. Miller 8*
- ✓ R. W. Farrington 9*
- ✓ H. J. Gray 14*
- ✓ R. A. Shewan 9*
- ✓ Prof. A. S. C. Ross 9
- ✓ Mrs. A. S. C. Ross 12
- ✓ Mrs. F. Haddon 16
- ✓ Mrs. E. Anderson (N.Z.) 0 to 1
- ✓ Dr. W. P. Ormerod $1\frac{1}{2}$ to -2

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M. B. Reckitt
(Chairman to be elected)

OBITUARY

LORD CHARLES HOPE

Lord Charles Melbourne Hope, who died suddenly on June 11th, aged 70, was the second son of the first Marquess of Linlithgow. He was a member of the Woking club, and took up croquet late in life, because he was afflicted with bad arthritis in the knee, and could not play his usual games of golf and tennis. He was a scratch golfer and a good tennis player, having played at Wimbledon. He was really a self-taught croquet player and was very keen and interested in the game, bringing to our lawns the courtesy and charm he had so long shown on the tennis lawns and the golf course.

LADIES' FIELD CUP

The following players were selected:—

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey
Miss D. A. Lintern
Mrs. W. Longman
Miss I. M. Roe
Mrs. E. Rotherham
Miss E. J. Warwick

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

Mrs. A. M. Daniels, Miss A. E. Mills, and Mrs. G. W. Solomon.

INTER-CLUB MATCH

Played at Southwick, 12th June, 1962

Roehampton v. Southwick

(Roehampton players named first).

SINGLES

J. A. Hollweg bt Col. F. E. Stobart by 18.
Miss D. A. Lintern bt N. F. Blackwood by 18.
Col. C. C. Adams lost to L. Kirk-Greene by 14.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon lost to Miss E. F. Rose by 4.

DOUBLES

Col. C. C. Adams and Miss D. A. Lintern bt Col. F. E. Stobart and N. F. Blackwood by 16.
J. A. Hollweg and Mrs. G. W. Solomon lost to L. Kirk-Greene and Miss E. F. Rose by 16.
Result: a draw.

At last

I noticed that his eyes were bright,
His brow was free from care.
His smile was gay, his step was light,
As if he walked on air.

What could have caused this happy mood?
This obvious look of pride,
Had Fortune smiled, his luck been good,
I asked and he replied:

"While playing croquet all these years,
I've tried one thing to do
But tried in vain with hopes and fears,
And now my dream's come true.

I've done it now so I will say,
Why I so happy feel,
I did it playing yesterday
My first straight Triple-Peel."

N.H.O.

VARSITY MATCH

On Wednesday, 23rd May, the second Oxford v Cambridge match was played at Hurlingham on a pleasant day that was for the most part fine. Play started at about 10.30 a.m. in the singles games and most games progressed slowly at first.

The Cambridge team looked much the stronger on paper if C.A. handicaps were any indication of ability and many people thought that a Cambridge victory was the only possible result. However, these people were in for a few shocks during the day. It soon became obvious that the Oxford team had improved a great deal on the previous year and that a Cambridge victory was by no means a foregone conclusion.

The first game to finish was that between Fidler and Reed, which Reed won thus chalking up the first Cambridge win. None of the other games, however, had finished at lunch time, so that it was decided to limit the singles to one hour's further play after lunch. Fortunately three further games were finished in this time, Dashwood and Sulley, of Cambridge, both achieving comfortable wins while Hargreave, of Oxford, beat Laurensen by the narrow margin of two. This latter game had a most exciting finish in which Hargreave managed to peg out his opponent from eight yards on a stroke in which he was badly hampered by his opponent's other ball. After this tremendous shot he seemed to have a short lapse, for he proceeded to run the rover in the wrong direction. Mr. Reckitt, who was watching the game, then performed what he described as a masterly piece of impartial refereeing by pointing out to Hargreave that it was customary to run the rover in the other direction. After the necessary adjustments had been made the game proceeded for several more turns before the issue was finally decided. In the unfinished games David Miller, of Cambridge, beat his brother in what had been a very close game throughout, and Green, of Oxford, beat Watson by one on time. As the time limit approached this game became a battle of nerves, each player trying to make one more hoop to put the matter beyond doubt.

Thus at the end of the singles Cambridge were 4-2 up and needed just one to win in the three doubles to win the match. However, this was to prove no mean task.

Reed and D. Miller did not maintain their good form that had enabled them to beat Lloyd Pratt and Jesson Dibley a few days earlier and went down to Nelson and Green by three on time, Nelson playing a very steady game and giving nothing away, especially in the latter half of the game. Thus Oxford could still win if they won the other two doubles. However, although Oxford won the second doubles, Cambridge won the third winning the match 5-4.

The only disappointing feature of this fixture was that five of the nine games were won on time. As last year time beat everybody and it is hoped that an earlier start and possibly a later finish can be arranged in future years to ensure that all games are completed.

After the match there was quite a gathering at a party very kindly given by Mr. Reckitt at the club, and during this Mrs. Reeve presented the "Edmund Reeve Universities Croquet Challenge Cup" for the first time.

In thanking Mrs. Reeve for her handsome gesture, Mr. Reckitt said it was most heartening to him—a septuagenarian—that there were as many young men today who were as keen on this subtle and exacting game as he had been 55 years ago. The splendid initiative taken at both Universities, against very considerable discouragements, was the best thing that had happened to croquet since the war. He mentioned in particular Mrs. Heley and William Ormerod whose energies and enterprise had done so much to prepare the ground.

Mrs. Reeve said she had welcomed the opportunity of providing a trophy for the Universities match as a lasting memory to her husband. She had met him through croquet and he had been a wonderful companion. She referred to some of his qualities, notably his Greek and Latin scholarship and his love of music. Let us hope that in a few years other Universities may compete for the Cup.

Scores: (Cambridge names first)

- Singles: (1) A. A. Reed beat P. J. Fidler by 19.
(2) C. J. E. Dashwood beat R. B. Nelson by 10.
(3) D. R. Watson lost to R. S. Green by 1 on time.
(4) D. W. Miller beat C. G. Miller by 4 on time.
(5) E. A. L. Sulley beat R. W. Farrington by 14.
(6) J. Laurensen lost to R. H. M. Hargreave by 2.

- Doubles (1) A. A. Reed and D. W. Miller lost to R. B. Nelson and R. S. Green by 3 on time.
(2) D. R. Watson and E. A. L. Sulley lost to P. J. Fidler and R. H. M. Hargreave by 3 on time.
(3) C. J. E. Dashwood and J. Laurensen beat C. G. Miller and R. W. Farrington by 10 on time.

Result: Cambridge 5 : Oxford 4.

INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Hurlingham, May 29th-June 1st, 1962

There were again six counties competing this year, although the composition varied in one particular since Sussex re-entered the lists and the Oxon, Berks and Bucks mélange did not compete. This had the effect of enabling the transfer of the formidable pair, Mrs. Chittenden and Miss Parker, from a birth qualification to a residential qualification and so reinforced the Sussex team.

Last year's competition was exciting and close enough, with the issue undecided until the very last game, in which Miss Lintern and Townsend just overcame the third Surrey pair to retain the Championship for Middlesex. This year the same Middlesex combination found themselves again in a critical position at the end of a game which in fact decided the over-all issue. At three minutes before the call of time, Hamilton-Miller and Camroux were laid for the peg and ready to give Surrey victory over Middlesex, when Miss Lintern with half a ball to aim at, hit across the lawn and then made her final hoop. Hamilton-Miller then pegged himself out and Townsend in the last Middlesex innings of the game managed to make his last two hoops and peg out, leaving Camroux with the last shot which only just failed. The scores being level, Miss Lintern was able to take the final shot and finish the game. So a game which would have given Surrey the Championship veered the other way and gave victory to Middlesex.

While it is impossible to give an adequate appraisal of the 45 games one was conscious of a somewhat improved standard of play this year and only six games had to be decided on time. Whenever Cotter and Solomon were paired the issue was rarely in doubt and Hicks and Hamilton-Miller were another pair in formidable form. The Devon team was very strong on paper, all their pairs being minus combinations, however they were blended, but in the critical matches against Middlesex and Surrey they were just not good enough.

Mrs. Chittenden and Miss Parker brought off a meritorious victory against the strong Reckitt-Wiggins pair, mainly because a virtually impossible shot by one of the ladies was successful. We recall Major Dibley performing a similar feat against this Surrey pair three years ago. Perhaps an unusual feature of the week's play was that the only 26 victory was achieved by an 8 bisquer, Mrs. Neville Rolfe in the company of Alex Karmel who was hitting everything in sight. In this game Lady Ursula Abbey found the first hoop an apparently unconquerable barrier to progress.

The three counties which were able to notch only one victory apiece were each unlucky not to add to their score. Had Karmel and Lloyd Pratt been available more for Eastern Counties their showing would have doubtless been better, while Kirk Greene would have added substance to Sussex.

Mrs. Thom managed the week with her customary charm, Mrs. Cave and Mrs. Dibley being enlisted to serve when occasion demanded.

Teams

Devon:—Mrs. E. Rotherham, Miss E. J. Warwick, Col. D. W. Beamish, J. G. Warwick, A. J. Cooper, Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave.

Eastern Counties:—E. P. Duffield, C. W. R. Hodges, Mrs. Neville-Rolfe, Mrs. E. Reeve, Prof. A. W. Skempton, C. S. Ratcliffe, A. D. Karmel, B. Lloyd Pratt.

Hants & Dorset:—Mrs. V. C. Gasson, Miss K. D. Hickson, Cmr. G. V. G. Beamish, V. A. de la Nougerede, Rev. Canon Meredith, Major J. H. Dibley.

Middlesex:—Mrs. S. M. Adler, E. P. C. Cotter, J. A. Hollweg, Miss D. A. Lintern, Capt. H. G. Stoker, J. W. Solomon, S. S. Townsend.

Surrey:—Col. C. C. Adams, A. V. Camroux, D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller, H. O. Hicks, Mrs. G. W. Solomon, Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts, M. B. Reckitt, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins.

Sussex:—Major J. R. Abbey, Lady Ursula Abbey, Mrs. W. Longman, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, Miss H. D. Parker, E. A. Roper, Miss G. Forbes-Cowan.

Analysis of Play

Middlesex won 5 matches, namely, against Devon 2-1, Eastern Counties 2-1, Hants & Dorset 3-0, Surrey 2-1, Sussex 3-0.

Surrey won 4 matches, namely, against Devon 2-1, Eastern Counties 3-0, Hants & Dorset 2-1, Sussex 2-1, and lost 1 match to Middlesex 1-2.

Devon won 3 matches, namely, against Eastern Counties 2-1, Hants & Dorset 3-0, Sussex 2-1, and lost 2 matches to Middlesex 1-2, and Surrey 1-2.

Eastern Counties won 1 match, namely, against Hants & Dorset 2-1, and lost 4 matches to Devon 1-2, Middlesex 1-2, Surrey 0-3 and Sussex 1-2.

Hants & Dorset won 1 match, namely, against Sussex 2-1, and lost 4 matches to Devon 0-3, Eastern Counties 1-2, Middlesex 0-3 and Surrey 1-2.

Sussex won 1 match, namely, against Eastern Counties 2-1, and lost 4 matches to Devon 1-2, Hants & Dorset 1-2, Middlesex 0-3 and Surrey 1-2.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

ROEHAMPTON

June 4th-9th

A propitious weather forecast on the Sunday preceding this Tournament promised well for the week, and in fact there was no break in the sunshine which lasted throughout the six days. It was even rather too hot on some afternoons and by the end of the week the lawns were becoming fiery. This did not stop John Solomon making, though not completing, a sextuple peel on Friday afternoon—a brilliant performance. Entries were about the same as last year though there were four more in the du Pre Cup. It is a pity that the end of this tournament coincided with the Whitsun weekend, thus causing one player to scratch on the Thursday because of the anticipated heavy traffic. Surely this situation could have been foreseen when the entry was made? In fact, for one reason or another, there were several scratchings in the Men's event, Colonel Prichard becoming a finalist after only one match. It was also unfortunate that one player in the Women's event was unable to play owing to a previous engagement on Thursday, but, if these Championships are to be worth while, previous engagements should not be made before entry. There were two marathon matches between de la Nougerede and Steen and the same player and Prichard, both taking over 10 hours!—a headache for the players—and the Manager! Per contra, Solomon played one of his games in just over 35 minutes. There were only two "26's", but 21 games were won by single figures including three "2's". Apart from Solomon's excellent sextuple peel game, the play was not outstanding, though Miss Lintern played exceptionally well in her first game against Miss Warwick in the Women's final, and Prichard did very well to take 20 points off Solomon in the first game of the Men's final, Solomon reversing the position in the second game which he won by 20. In fact, Prichard gave Solomon his hardest task as the latter had won all his previous games by good margins, five of them being in the 20's. Miss Warwick became a worthy Women's Champion, and she and her brother also became Doubles Champions, the holders, Hollweg and Miss Mills, having been narrowly beaten in the first round. John Solomon did not have Hicks to meet this year and deservedly became Men's Champion for the sixth time. Mrs. Rotherham retained the du Pre Cup for the second year running, having played well to beat some formidable opponents.

One or two points of interest about some of the games may be mentioned.

In the last game between Prichard and de la Nougerede, Prichard was playing Red and Yellow and his opponent Blue and Black. Prichard pegged out Black and Red—Yellow being for the penultimate and Blue for 2-back. The eventual position was Blue on rover and Yellow on peg. Blue was in position for rover. Yellow crept up to the peg, over ran it and stayed near by leaving Blue a six yard shot. What was Blue to do? Instead of running the hoop, de la Nougerede shot at Blue and missed—and that was that!

The sextuple peel by Solomon in his second game with Cotter was breath-taking. We had an exhibition of perfect croquet and the pity was that although all the peels were successfully accomplished, Solomon failed to make the last hoop—but what a lesson in unruffled and perfectly controlled play!

In the Doubles, with Cotter and Mrs. Longman playing the Warwicks, Cotter made a very nice break and was about to peg out his opponent, both balls being very close to the peg, when a very short roquet was missed, chiefly on account of his fear of roqueting the ball on to the peg and the opponent gleefully pegged him out instead, otherwise the Warwicks would probably have lost the game.

In one game Stoker peeled his ball through 4-back at an angle and a distance of four yards and in another Solomon pegged out from about fifteen yards. Two nice little strokes which looked so easy, but just you try to do it yourself!

In the Men's Final, Prichard, playing against Solomon, very creditably got one ball on to the peg and eventually his other ball to 2-back. Later, Solomon got round, pegged out his opponent, the lift shot was missed and Solomon won by the rather narrow margin of six points.

This tournament, in spite—though partly because—of a relatively small entry is a difficult one to manage, as a good deal of "blocking" almost inevitably occurs. It was particularly complex this year, chiefly for this reason, but Mr. Roper coped with all his problems successfully, very little of the iron hand protruding from the delightfully velvet glove! He received much efficient help from Mr. L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts, who already looks like developing into a capable manager on his own account. Everyone was grateful to them both, and will be so when they may have the good fortune to play under the direction of either.

THE MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

(17 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

H. O. Hicks (—3) w/o Dr. G. L. Ormerod (2) (scratched)

SECOND ROUND

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Pritchard (—1) w/o A. D. Karmel (scratched)
V. A. de la Nougerede (—1) bt Dr. R. E. Steen (3) +4 —6 +17.
Capt. H. G. Stoker (—1) bt J. G. Warwick (—1) +9 +12.
H. O. Hicks (—3) bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (—1) +9 +2.
E. P. C. Cotter (—3) bt A. V. Camroux (2) +21 +14.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—3) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (—1) +12 +13.
C. W. R. Hodges (—1) bt G. W. Williams (1) +16 —7 opp. retired
G. W. Solomon (—3) bt M. B. Reckitt (—1) +22 +23.

THIRD ROUND

H. O. Hicks (—3) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker (—1) +13 +17.
E. P. C. Cotter (—3) bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—3) —11 +16 +14.
G. W. Solomon (—3) bt C. W. R. Hodges (—1) +26 +24.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Pritchard (—1) bt V. A. de la Nougerede (—1) —7 +5 +2.

SEMI-FINAL

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Pritchard (—1) w/o H. O. Hicks (—3) (scratched)
G. W. Solomon (—3) bt E. P. C. Cotter (—3) +16 +25.

FINAL

G. W. Solomon (—3) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Pritchard (—1) +6 +20.

THE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

(12 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt Miss K. Ault (4) +24 +19.
Miss D. Lintern (—1) bt Mrs. S. S. Adler (2) —12 +12 +14.
Miss E. J. Warwick (—2) bt Mrs. E. Reeve (0) +20 +8.
Mrs. L. A. Showan (4) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2) +10 +4.

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. W. Longman (—1) bt Mrs. J. W. Solomon (2) +2 +16.
Miss D. Lintern (—1) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) —3 +9 +19.
Miss E. J. Warwick (—2) bt Mrs. L. A. Showan (4) +26 +13.
Miss I. M. Roe (2) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1) —5 +19 +12.

SEMI-FINAL

Miss D. Lintern (—1) w/o Mrs. W. Longman (—1) (scratched).
Miss E. J. Warwick (—2) bt Miss I. M. Roe (2) +16 +16.

FINAL

Miss E. J. Warwick (—2) bt Miss D. Lintern (—1) +13.

DU PRE CUP

OPEN SINGLES

(13 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

V. A. de la Nougerede (—1) w/o Miss K. Ault (4) (scratched)

SECOND ROUND

D. V. Hamilton-Miller (—1) bt Mrs. G. L. Showan (4) by 14.
Mrs. S. S. Adler (2) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) by 14.
Capt. H. G. Stoker (—1) bt A. D. Karmel (0) by 21.
M. B. Reckitt (—1) w/o V. A. de la Nougerede (—1) (scratched)
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2) by 24.
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (—1) bt Mrs. E. Reeve (0) by 17.
Miss A. E. Mills (1) bt Dr. E. Green (3) by 10.
J. G. Warwick (—1) bt A. V. Camroux (2) by 6.

THIRD ROUND

D. V. Hamilton-Miller (—1) bt Mrs. S. S. Adler (2) by 24.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (1) by 3.
G. J. Warwick (—1) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1) by 15.
Capt. H. G. Stoker (—1) bt M. B. Reckitt (—1) by 7.

SEMI-FINAL

Capt. H. G. Stoker (—1) bt D. V. Hamilton-Miller (—1) by 13.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt J. G. Warwick (—1) by 15.

FINAL

Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker (—1) by 12.

MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

(10 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

J. G. Warwick and Miss E. J. Warwick (—3) bt M. B. Reckitt and Miss D. A. Lintern (—2) +8.
V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) bt E. A. Roper and Mrs. Gasson (4) by 18.

SECOND ROUND

E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs. W. Longman (—4) bt J. A. Hollweg and Miss A. E. Mills (1) by 2.
J. G. Warwick and Miss E. J. Warwick (—3) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Mrs. E. Reeve (—1) by 8.
V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) bt A. V. Camroux and Miss K. Ault (6) by 11.
D. V. Hamilton-Miller and Mrs. E. Rotherham (—4) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Pritchard and Miss I. M. Roe (1) by 9.

SEMI-FINAL

D. V. Hamilton-Miller and Mrs. E. Rotherham (—4) bt V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) by 15.
J. G. Warwick and Miss E. J. Warwick (—3) bt E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs. W. Longman (—4) by 5.

FINAL

J. G. Warwick and Miss E. J. Warwick bt D. V. Hamilton-Miller and Mrs. E. Rotherham by 10.

RYDE

June 4th-9th 1962

The writer of this account had grave misgivings whether or not to go to Ryde because of the bitter north-east winds prevailing even in June. However, thank goodness, it brightened up and he went accompanied by his wife. The tournament was blessed with lovely sunshine all the week and no rain or wind.

There were only four competitors in the Open Event, the Isle of Wight Championship. Unfortunately the tournament clashed with the caskets at Roehampton and this, very possibly, was the cause.

In the play-off Canon Creed Meredith beat Mrs. Latham, after a rather long drawn out game by the narrow margin of four points and in doing so he won the cup for the second time.

Mrs. Dibley won the B Levels and John Bolton the D handicap class for the Hutton Cup, the first of the cups won by this 14 year old schoolboy. He also went on to win the X handicap event beating Major Dibley by 22. This was the first time this boy came up against a low bisque player, and was a little nervous at first, but soon got into his stride and made some brilliant shots.

John, with his partner, Miss Taylor also won the handicap doubles beating Mr. Alexander and Mrs. Burrell. In this game John Bolton got in and went round to 4-back, playing like a master. He made one extraordinary, if lucky, shot when he was dead wired from his partner's ball at 2-back, from a distance of approximately 21 yards, he went through the hoop and hit the ball which was a foot away from the hoop. Despite all this the other finalists crept up and at the end of the 3½ hours time limit were only three hoops behind.

John Bolton, who as mentioned before, is only a 14 year old schoolboy, astounded the older and more experienced players with his deft playing and even his tactics. He won three cups and made three all round breaks on fast and rather tricky lawns. He has an excellent style, and the writer considers, with good coaching, he might develop into another John Solomon. He reads all the books on croquet and practises a lot and likes to be a perfectionist. He played brilliantly throughout the tournament, not losing a game.

Mrs. Latham played her usual vigorous game, and it was only a short roquet in the final that probably prevented her winning the cup again. She is a tower of strength to the club.

The Canon had a lot of play, and was his usual steady self. Congratulations to him on winning the Cup. Major Dibley did well to get into the final of the handicap singles X. Mrs. Burrell, Mrs. Dibley and Mr. Alexander played well and seemed to be on the courts all the time. Mrs. Meares is a promising player.

Major Dibley sees to it that all the games are completed on Saturday by six o'clock so that the prize-giving takes place at that hour. All the players are deeply grateful to him for his usual able management and consideration. The prizes were kindly presented by Mrs. Victor Evans. Major Dibley, as President, presided at the prize-giving and thanked everyone who had done good work. The writer replied on behalf of the visitors, saying how happy he was to be at Ryde again with his wife, and meet all his old friends. Mr. Alexander seconded the proposition.

There only remains to be said that the good lunches and delicious teas were as good as ever, and those ladies who made the home-made cakes deserve our most grateful thanks. and all

who attended to us. Very many thanks also to Mrs. Brown who very kindly gave a bottle of sherry to be raffled for club funds.

It should be recorded that the Ryde club members are greatly to be congratulated on painting the pavilion inside and out, and for contributing so generously towards acquiring the land and building two new hard tennis courts. G.V.E.

RYDE

ISLE OF WIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OPEN SINGLES

(Class "A")
DRAW
(4 Entries)

SEMI-FINAL
Mrs. F. N. Latham bt Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith by 14.
Major J. H. Dibley w/o G. V. Evans (scratched).

FINAL
Mrs. F. N. Latham bt Major J. H. Dibley by 3.

PROCESS
(4 Entries)
SEMI-FINAL

Canon R. Creed Meredith w/o G. V. Evans (scratched).
Mrs. F. N. Latham bt Major J. H. Dibley by 19.

FINAL
Canon R. Creed Meredith w/o Mrs. F. N. Latham (retired).

PLAY-OFF
Canon R. Creed Meredith bt Mrs. F. N. Latham by 4.

CLASS "B"
(5 to 8 bisques)
(7 Entries)

FIRST ROUND
Miss E. Walker bt Mrs. R. A. Hill by 11.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley bt Miss L. Newman by 3.
G. Alexander bt Mrs. J. G. Stevenson by 4.

SEMI-FINAL
Mrs. J. H. Dibley bt Miss E. Walker by 6.
G. Alexander bt Miss M. M. Taylor by 8.

FINAL
Mrs. J. H. Dibley bt G. A. H. Alexander by 3.

HANDICAP SINGLES
CLASS "D"
(8½ bisques and over)
(7 Entries)

FIRST ROUND
Mrs. R. W. Hutton (12) bt Mrs. R. Creed Meredith (16) by 8.
Miss K. A. Wade (14) bt Mrs. E. C. A. Meares (14) by 6.
Mrs. R. H. Burrell (11) bt Mrs. K. M. Lowein (13) by 14.

SEMI-FINAL
Miss K. A. Wade (14) bt Mrs. R. W. Hutton (12) by 11.
J. Bolton (9) bt Mrs. R. H. Burrell (11) by 10.

FINAL
J. Bolton (9) bt Mrs. K. A. Wade (14) by 18.

HANDICAP DOUBLES
(Restricted to combined handicaps of two or over)
(7 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND
Mrs. L. G. Stevenson and Miss J. Preston (13) bt Miss L. Newman and Mrs. K. M. Lowein (20) by 10.
G. A. H. Alexander and Mrs. R. H. Burrell (19) bt Canon and Mrs. R. Creed Meredith (14) by 9.
Mrs. F. N. Latham and Mrs. R. W. Hutton (14) bt Miss E. Walker and Mrs. E. Meares (19½) by 15.

SEMI-FINAL
J. Bolton and Miss M. M. Taylor (16) bt Mrs. L. G. Stevenson and Miss J. Preston (13) by 10.
G. A. H. Alexander and Mrs. R. H. Burrell (19) bt Mrs. F. N. Latham and Mrs. R. W. Hutton (14) by 5 (on time).

FINAL
J. Bolton and Miss M. M. Taylor (16) bt G. A. H. Alexander and Mrs. R. H. Burrell (19) by 3. (on time).

HANDICAP SINGLES

CLASS "X"
(19 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Miss K. A. Wade (14) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) by 8.
Mrs. K. M. Lowein (13) bt Mrs. R. Creed Meredith (16) by 6 (on time).
Major J. H. Dibley (2½) bt Miss L. Newman (7) by 12.

SECOND ROUND

J. Bolton (9) bt Mrs. F. N. Latham (2) by 23.
G. Alexander (8) bt Mrs. R. W. Hutton (12) by 2.
Mrs. R. H. Burrell (11) bt Mrs. R. G. Stevenson (5½) by 7.
Miss K. A. Wade (14) bt Mrs. K. M. Lowein (13) by 6 (on time).
Major J. H. Dibley (2½) bt Mrs. E. Meares (14) by 4.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5) bt Miss E. Walker (5½) by 15.
Miss J. Preston (7½) bt G. V. Evans (3½) by 22.
Miss M. M. Taylor (7) bt Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith (0) by 16.

THIRD ROUND

J. Bolton (9) bt G. Alexander (8) by 17.
Mrs. R. H. Burrell (11) bt Mrs. K. M. Lowein (13) by 15.
Major J. H. Dibley (2½) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5) by 8.
Miss J. Preston (7½) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (7) by 16.

SEMI-FINAL

J. Bolton (9) bt Mrs. R. H. Burrell (11) by 17.
Major J. H. Dibley (2½) bt Miss J. Preston (7½) by 10.

FINAL

J. Bolton (9) bt Major J. H. Dibley (2½) by 22.

CLASS "Y"
(10 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. F. N. Latham (2) bt Mrs. R. W. Hutton (12) by 13.
Mrs. R. G. Stevenson (5½) bt Mrs. E. Meares (14) by 16.

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. R. Creed Meredith (16) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) by 3.
Miss L. Newman (7) w/o Mrs. F. N. Latham (scratched).
Mrs. R. G. Stevenson (5½) bt Miss E. Walker (5½) by 11.
Canon R. Creed Meredith (0) bt G. V. Evans (3½) by 5.

SEMI-FINAL

Miss L. Newman (7) bt Mrs. R. Creed Meredith (16) by 10.
Mrs. R. G. Stevenson (5½) w/o Canon Creed Meredith (0) (retired).

FINAL

Mrs. R. G. Stevenson (5½) bt Miss L. Newman (7) by 7.

CHELTENHAM

Whitsuntide American Tournament

HANDICAP SINGLES
MIXED DRAW
BLOCK A

D. W. Curtis (0) bt
W. Green (12) by 4.
Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (3½) by 15.
H. A. Sheppard (8) by 5.
Miss R. M. Allen (5) by 4.
Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (3½) bt
H. A. Sheppard (8) by 3.
Miss R. M. Allen (5) by 8.
Miss R. M. Allen (5) bt
W. Green (12) by 5.
H. A. Sheppard (8) by 5.
H. A. Sheppard (8) bt W. Green (12) by 24.
W. Green (12) bt Mrs. Mathews (3½) by 23.
Winner D. W. Curtis (0).

BLOCK B

R. A. Godby (7) bt
Capt. Adye (7) by 19.
G. E. P. Jackson (—½) by 19.
Dr. Staniford (3½) by 25.
F. H. Curtis (8) by 19.

Capt. Adye (7) bt
G. E. P. Jackson (—½) by 3.
Dr. Staniford (3½) by 11.
F. H. Curtis (8) by 7.

G. E. P. Jackson (—½) bt
Dr. Staniford (3½) by 9.
F. H. Curtis (8) by 13.

Dr. Staniford (3½) bt F. H. Curtis (8) by 2.

Winner R. Godby (7).

BLOCK C

Miss K. M. O. Sessions (7) bt
Mrs. Phillips (10) by 17.
Miss I. M. Roe (2) by 25.
P. Thompson (2½) by 18.
Miss E. P. Carmouche (7) by 17.

P. Thompson (2½) bt
Mrs. Phillips (10) by 19.
Miss I. M. Roe (2) by 10.
Miss E. P. Carmouche (7) by 22.

Miss I. M. Roe (2) bt
Mrs. Phillips (10) by 12.
Miss E. P. Carmouche (7) by 8.

Miss E. P. Carmouche (7) bt Mrs. Phillips (10) by 5 on time.

Winner Miss K. M. O. Sessions (7).

BLOCK D

Mrs. A. M. Daniels (2) bt
Mrs. F. H. Curtis (12) by 12.
T. G. S. Colls (1½) by 19.
Miss V. Bolton (12) by 8.
Miss M. A. Posford (0) by 12.

T. G. S. Colls (1½) bt
Mrs. F. H. Curtis (12) by 23.
Miss V. Bolton (12) by 15.
Miss M. A. Posford (0) by 11.

Mrs. F. H. Curtis (12) bt
Miss V. Bolton (12) by 4.
w/o Miss M. A. Posford (0) retired.

Miss V. Bolton (12) bt Miss M. A. Posford (0) by 11.

Winner Mrs. A. M. Daniels (2).

EXTRA EVENT

OPEN SINGLES

FIRST ROUND
T. G. S. Colls (1½) bt G. E. P. Jackson (—½) by 21.
Miss I. M. Roe (2) bt P. Thompson (2½) by 7.

SEMI-FINAL

D. W. Curtis (0) bt T. G. S. Colls (1½) by 13.
Miss I. M. Roe (2) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels (2) by 17.

FINAL

D. W. Curtis (0) bt Miss I. M. Roe (2) by 25.

EXTRA EVENT

HANDICAP SINGLES

(18 point game: after 2 back-peg (both balls))

FIRST ROUND
H. A. Sheppard (6) bt R. Godby (7) by 3.
F. H. Curtis (8) bt Miss M. A. Posford (6) by 10.
Mrs. F. H. Curtis (12) bt Miss H. McKean (10) by 1.
Miss K. M. O. Sessions (7) bt Dr. Sandiford (3½) by 17.

SEMI-FINAL

H. A. Sheppard (8) bt F. H. Curtis (8) by 2.
Miss K. M. O. Sessions (7) bt Mrs. F. H. Curtis (12) by 8.

FINAL

H. A. Sheppard (8) bt Miss K. M. O. Sessions (7) by 3.

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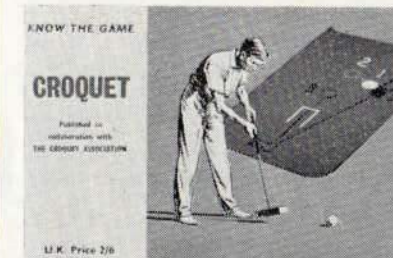


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BRIGHTON

May 21st-26th

On behalf of the visitors, not quite as many as on other occasions, I noticed, I feel compelled to emphasise the great pleasure, given to us by the Southwick Croquet Club.

Although during most days, the envious clouds were bent to dim and stain the sun on its passage to the occident, one could feel the warmth of welcome, and general atmosphere of enjoyment pervading all the players, and expressed to me by them. It was good to be able to watch the great artistry of Kirk Greene, who again gave us a perfect illustration of stroke production and accuracy, and to have among our number Mr. T. W. Leonard from Carrickmines, also showing some of the skill of the erstwhile champions, Corbally and Duff Matthews.

When the air was biting shrewdly, and it was bitterly cold, and the idle wind was blowing, the appearance of some of the contestants, ensconced in space suits and determined to excel, and go in orbit if necessary to win, and at times having one foot off the ground, in their enthusiasm, added to the enjoyment of the spectators.

The courts were excellent and all thanks be to the courteous and obliging groundsman Mr. Adams. The commissariat was de luxe at all meals, to which we were greeted so radiantly by Mrs. Kirk Greene, Mrs. Chittenden and Miss Parker aiding our appetites by their charming service, with the willing helper Mrs. Rayne. Mrs. Truett was always present to supply the misobibonists, and the others, with the ever present knack of giving satisfaction to all.

The glorious luminary shone on Empire Day.

The tournament was kept tactfully on its joyous course by the versatile general factotum of Mr. Corke, and the extremely efficient management by the complete organiser Major Dibley.

Apopos

So many faiths, so many creeds,
So many paths that wind and wind,
When just the art of being kind
Is all this sad world needs.

SHALOM.

OPEN SINGLES

THE DRAW

(12 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. R. J. Leonard bt Miss H. D. Parker by 6.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 3.
Mrs. H. D. Wooster bt Mrs. N. Oddie opponent scratched.
D. W. J. Jesson-Dibley bt E. A. Roper by 5.

SECOND ROUND

L. Kirk-Greene bt R. J. Leonard by 23.
Mrs. R. J. Leonard bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 4.
D. W. J. Jesson-Dibley bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster by 18.
N. F. Blackwood bt Col. F. E. Stobart by 11.

SEMI-FINAL

L. Kirk-Greene bt Mrs. R. J. Leonard by 18.
N. F. Blackwood bt D. W. J. Jesson-Dibley by 3.

FINAL

L. Kirk-Greene bt N. F. Blackwood by 14.

PROCESS

(12 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

N. F. Blackwood bt Miss H. D. Parker by 16.
R. J. Leonard bt E. A. Roper by 9.
Col. F. E. Stobart bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster by 24.
L. Kirk-Greene bt D. W. J. Jesson-Dibley by 9.

SECOND ROUND

N. F. Blackwood w/o Mrs. N. Oddie by 6 scratch.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt R. J. Leonard by 10.
Mrs. R. J. Leonard bt Col. F. E. Stobart by 3.
L. Kirk-Greene bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 17.

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt N. F. Blackwood by 1.
L. Kirk-Greene bt Mrs. R. J. Leonard by 15.

FINAL

L. Kirk-Greene bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 15.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y")

EVENT "X"

(34 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

F. H. Curtis (8) bt Mrs. E. Thompson (14) by 15.
Miss K. D. Hickson (4) bt Miss G. Forbes-Cowan (4) by 4.

SECOND ROUND

E. A. Roper (3) bt Mrs. F. H. Curtis (13) by 7.
Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) bt Mrs. de Coverley-Veale (8½) by 18.
Col. F. E. Stobart (1½) bt Miss E. Bennett (9½) by 18.
H. A. Green (2½) bt Miss M. Day (12) by 11.
Mrs. F. Griffiths (8) bt Miss E. F. Rose (6½) by 13.
Miss E. Johnston (5) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (9½) by 15.
Miss M. Towers (10) w/o Mrs. J. Ormond (9) opponent scratched
F. H. Curtis (8) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5½) by 15.
T. A. Chignell (4) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (4) by 8.
Mrs. C. M. Gibson (12) bt Miss D. Chorlton (4) by 9.
Mrs. E. M. Temple (7½) bt Mrs. Atchly (14) by 4.
Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2½) bt Miss M. Morgan (7) by 3.
W. P. H. Roe (5½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3) by 4.
Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (9) bt Maj. Atchly (12) by 8.
Mrs. J. Turketine (2) bt Miss M. Taylor (7) by 8.
A. M. Hicks (7) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 12.

THIRD ROUND

E. A. Roper (3) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) by 14.
H. A. Greene (2½) bt Col. F. E. Stobart (1½) by 2.
Miss E. Johnston (5) bt Mrs. F. Griffiths (8) by 7.
F. H. Curtis (8) bt Miss M. Towers (10) by 13.
Mrs. C. M. Gibson (12) w/o T. A. Chignell (4) opponent retired
Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2½) bt Mrs. C. M. Gibson (12) by 6.
Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (9) bt W. P. H. Roe (5½) by 26.
A. M. Hicks (7) bt Mrs. I. H. Turketine (2) by 3.

FOURTH ROUND

E. A. Roper (3) bt H. A. Greene (2½) by 3.
Miss E. Johnston (5) bt F. H. Curtis (8) by 2.
Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2½) bt Mrs. C. M. Gibson (12) by 6.
A. M. Hicks (7) bt Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (9) by 7.

SEMI-FINAL

E. A. Roper (3) bt Miss E. Johnston (5) by 16.
A. M. Hicks (7) bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2½) by 10.

FINAL

E. A. Roper (3) bt A. M. Hicks (7) by 13.

EVENT "Y"

(18 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. E. Thompson (14) bt Miss G. Forbes-Cowan (4) by 8.

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. de Coverley-Veale (8½) bt Mrs. F. H. Curtis (13) by 1.
Miss E. Bennett (7½) bt Miss M. Day (12) by 14.
Miss E. F. Rose (6½) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (9½) by 13.
Mrs. E. Thompson (14) w/o Mrs. J. Ormond (9) opponent scratched
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5½) bt Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (4) by 12.
Miss M. Morgan (7) bt Mrs. Atchly (14) by 20.
Dr. H. T. Penny (3) bt Maj. Atchly (12) by 13.
Miss M. Taylor (7) bt Mrs. Wooster (8) by 3.

THIRD ROUND

Miss E. Bennett (9½) bt Mrs. de Coverley-Veale (8½) by 13.
Miss E. F. Rose (6½) w/o Mrs. E. Thompson (14) opponent scratched
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5½) bt Miss M. Morgan (7) by 6.
Dr. H. T. Penny (3) bt Miss M. Taylor (7) by 17.

SEMI-FINAL

Miss E. Bennett (9½) w/o Miss E. F. Rose (6½) opponent scratched
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5½) bt Dr. H. T. Penny (3) by 3.

FINAL

Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5½) bt Miss E. Bennett (9½) by 13.

HANDICAP SINGLES

(Unrestricted)

(40 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. F. H. Briggs (2½) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) by 12.
Miss M. Towers (10) w/o Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (9) opponent retired
Mrs. C. M. Gibson (12) w/o Brig. Omond (6½) opponent scratched
Miss E. Bennett (9½) w/o Mrs. N. Oddie (½) opponent scratched
T. A. Chignell (4) bt Miss M. Taylor (7) by 5.
H. A. Greene (2½) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (9½) by 6.
R. J. Leonard (1) bt Mrs. Atchly (14) by 11.
Miss E. J. Rose (6½) bt Mrs. E. M. Thompson (14) by 11.

SECOND ROUND

Miss G. Forbes-Cowan (4) bt Miss H. D. Parker (3) by 16.
Miss M. Morgan (7) w/o Mrs. J. Ormond (9) opponent scratched
Miss K. D. Hickson (4) bt Mrs. F. E. Griffiths (8) by 10.
Mrs. R. J. Leonard (3) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 16.
Mrs. H. J. Chittenden (1½) bt Miss M. Day (12) by 14.
Mrs. E. M. Temple (7½) bt Mrs. I. Turketine (2) by 15.
Miss M. Towers (10) bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2½) by 12.
Miss E. Bennett (9½) bt Mrs. Gibson (13) by 9.
H. A. Greene (2½) w/o T. A. Chignell (4) opponent retired
Miss E. F. Rose (6½) bt R. J. Leonard (1) by 17.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5½) bt Maj. Atchly (12) by 7.
Miss E. Johnston (5) bt W. P. H. Roe (5½) by 17.
Col. F. E. Stobart (1½) bt F. H. Curtis (8) by 7.
A. M. Hicks (7) w/o Mrs. de Coverley-Veale (8½) opponent retired
N. F. Blackwood (2) bt Mrs. F. H. Curtis (12) by 3.
Maj. R. Driscoll (6½) bt Mrs. D. Chorlton (4) by 7.

THIRD ROUND

Miss G. Forbes-Cowan (4) bt Miss M. Morgan (7) by 16.
Miss K. D. Hickson (4) bt Miss R. J. Leonard (3) by 3.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1½) bt Miss E. M. Temple (7½) by 15.
Miss E. Bennett (9½) bt Miss M. Towers (10) by 19.
Miss E. F. Rose (6½) bt H. A. Greene (2½) by 13.
Miss E. Johnston (5) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5½) by 22.
A. M. Hicks (7) bt Col. F. E. Stobart (1½) by 19.
N. F. Blackwood (2) bt Maj. R. Driscoll (6½) by 5.

FOURTH ROUND

Miss G. Forbes-Cowan (4) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (4) by 2.
Miss H. F. Chittenden (1½) bt Miss E. Bennett (9½) by 5.
Miss E. F. Rose (6½) bt Miss E. Johnston (5) by 12.
N. F. Blackwood (2) bt A. M. Hicks (7) by 4.

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1½) bt Miss G. Forbes-Cowan (4) by 17.
Miss E. F. Rose (6½) bt N. F. Blackwood (2) by 18.

FINAL

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1½) bt Miss E. F. Rose (6½) by 5.

HANDICAP DOUBLES

(Combined handicap not less than two)
(Starting at Hoop 3)
(11 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

H. F. Curtiss and Mrs. Curtiss (20) bt N. F. Blackwood and Mrs. Temple (9½) by 1 on time
Mrs. Atchly and Mrs. E. A. Roper (21½) bt Miss Forbes-Cowan and Miss M. Towers (14) by 3 on time
E. A. Roper and Maj. Driscoll (9½) bt Miss M. Taylor and Mrs. W. A. Naylor (16½) by 3.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Miss H. D. Parker (4½) bt Mrs. Cervantes and Miss M. Day (21) by 5.

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. R. T. Leonard and R. T. Leonard (4) bt Maj. Atchly and Mrs. F. R. Briggs (14½) by 17
F. H. Curtiss and Mrs. F. H. Curtiss (20) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper and Mrs. Atchly (21½) by 9.
E. A. Roper and Maj. Driscoll (9½) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Miss H. D. Parker (4½) by 4.
H. A. Greene and Miss E. Johnston (7½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. Hickson (7) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL

R. T. Leonard and Mrs. Leonard (4) bt F. H. Curtiss and Mrs. Curtiss (20) by 12.
H. A. Greene and Miss E. Johnston (7½) bt E. A. Roper and Maj. R. Driscoll (9½) by 4.

FINAL

R. T. Leonard and Mrs. Leonard by H. A. Greene and Miss E. Johnston by 10.

CHELTENHAM

May 21st-26th

A Spring Tournament at Cheltenham is an innovation, taking the place of the non-official tournament which for long had been held in September. There is another innovation; the main event being an American, played in divisions, instead of knock-outs by classes.

Though the sun shone perhaps a fifth of the time, the wind was usually arctic, in direction and temperature, getting worse as the week developed. Apart from this detail which was difficult to ignore the croquet was great fun, chiefly because of the very many games provided. As presumably people go to tournaments to play it is pleasant to be able to record that the average for each player (forgetting those who entered for one event only) was eleven games in the six days. Of course, much of this was due to the energy and enthusiasm for the game of our manager, V. A. de la Nougerede. So soon as a lawn was empty his one desire was to get a new game going, threatening the slow coaches with dire handicap taxation.

The final of the doubles had regretfully to be cancelled through the sudden illness of G. G. Bantock who, with Dr. Boucher, had got through, permitting their semi-final opponents only 3 points. But, to make up, Boucher who had also got into the final of the American Handicap Singles play-off, had a most exciting 3½ hour battle in this last game, which he lost by only three to F. W. Meredith. The game contained some thrilling moments and some assured play and one wonders which will have his handicap abated most.

In addition to the already advertised events in our July Tournament it is proposed to add the Calthrop Cup for 11 Bisques and over. Insufficient entries in our non-official tournament prevented the inclusion of this event. Fee 7s. 6d.

HANDICAP SINGLES

(24 Entries)

American

DIVISION A

Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) bt V. A. de la Nougerede (-1) by 4.
V. A. de la Nougerede (-1) bt Miss I. M. Roe (2) by 5.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Pritchard (-½) bt
Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) by 21.
V. A. de la Nougerede (-1) by 21.
G. E. P. Jackson (0) bt
Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) by 26.
V. A. de la Nougerede (-1) by 19.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Pritchard (-½) by 20.
Miss I. M. Roe (2) by 2.
Mrs. A. M. Daniels (2) bt
Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) by 18.
V. A. de la Nougerede (-1) by 8.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Pritchard (-½) by 3.
G. E. P. Jackson (0) by 14.
Miss I. M. Roe (2) bt
Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) by 24.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Pritchard (-½) by 24.
Mrs. A. M. Daniels (2) by 25.

DIVISION B

Dr. G. L. Ormerod (2) bt
E. G. Bantock (2½) by 6.
Miss R. M. Allen (5) by 12.
Dr. C. A. Boucher (5½) by 4.
E. G. Bantock (2½) bt Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (3½) by 20.
W. H. Thorp (3½) bt
E. G. Bantock (2½) by 8.
Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (3½) by 24.
Dr. G. L. Ormerod (2) by 26.
Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (3½) bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod (2) by 3.
Miss R. M. Allen (5) bt
E. G. Bantock (2½) by 12.
W. H. Thorp (3½) by 6.
Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (3½) by 24.
Dr. C. A. Boucher (5½) bt
E. G. Bantock (2½) by 16.
W. H. Thorp (3½) by 7.
Mrs. B. de C. Mathews (3½) by 18.
Miss R. M. Allen (5) by 9.

DIVISION C

D. G. B. Harries (5*) bt
Miss M. A. Posford (6) by 10.
Miss E. P. Carmouche (7) by 12.
F. W. Meredith (7) bt
D. G. B. Harries (5*) by 25.
Miss M. A. Posford (6) by 17.
Miss K. Sessions (7) by 6.
Miss E. P. Carmouche (7) by 18.
H. A. Sheppard (8) by 16.
Miss K. Sessions (7) bt
D. G. B. Harries (5*) by 21.
Miss M. A. Posford (6) by 22.
Miss E. P. Carmouche (7) by 11.
Miss E. P. Carmouche (7) bt Miss M. A. Posford (6) by 12.
H. A. Sheppard (8) bt
D. G. B. Harries (5*) by 16.
Miss M. A. Posford (6) by 24.
Miss K. Sessions (7) by 11.
Miss E. P. Carmouche (7) scratched

DIVISION D

G. A. H. Alexander (8) bt Miss V. Bolton (11) by 7.
Miss L. Wilkinson (10) bt
G. A. H. Alexander (8) by 8.
Miss H. McKean (10) by 8.
Miss V. Bolton (11) by 17.
Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (12) by 6.
Miss H. McKean (10) bt
G. A. H. Alexander (8) by 11.
Miss V. Bolton (11) by 8.
F. H. Pugh (10) bt
G. A. H. Alexander (8) by 19.
Miss L. Wilkinson (10) by 23.
Miss H. McKean (10) by 3.
Miss V. Bolton (11) by 23.
Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (12) by 3.

Miss V. Bolton (11) bt Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (12) by 3.
Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (12) bt
G. A. H. Alexander (8) by 6.
Miss H. McKean (10) by 6.

PLAY-OFF

SEMI-FINAL

Dr. C. A. Boucher (5½) bt G. E. P. Jackson (0) by 26.
F. W. Meredith (7) bt F. H. Pugh (10) by 15.

FINAL

F. W. Meredith (7) bt Dr. C. A. Bouches (5½) by 3.

HANDICAP DOUBLES

(Not less than 7 bisques)
(8 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Pritchard and H. A. Sheppard (7½) bt Mr. and Mrs. G. E. P. Jackson (8) by 25.
E. G. Bantock and Dr. C. A. Boucher (8) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and F. H. Pugh (7) by 3.
Miss I. M. Roe and Miss K. Sessions (9) bt Capt. C. L. Adye and Miss E. P. Carmouche (14) by 13.
Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (14) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels and Miss H. McKean (12) by 19.

SEMI-FINAL

E. G. Bantock and Dr. C. A. Boucher (8) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Pritchard and H. A. Sheppard (7) by 24.
Miss I. M. Roe and Miss K. Sessions (9) bt Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (14) by 4.

FINAL

Miss I. M. Roe and Miss K. Sessions (9) w/o E. G. Bantock and Dr. C. A. Boucher (8) scratched

EXTRA EVENT

Open Level Singles (for 2 bisques or less). *Winner* Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Pritchard.
Handicap Singles (for 2½ bisques or more). *Winner* Miss K. Sessions by 7.

Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of a Meeting held at Southampton Row on 1st March, 1962.

Present

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (Chairman), Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, Colonel J. G. Clarke, Major J. H. Dibley, J. A. Hollweg, Miss D. Lintern, H. C. S. Perry, Mrs. E. Reeve, J. M. Rivington, Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart, J. W. Solomon, Lt.-Cmdr. G. W. Style, Mrs. V. C. Gasson (Secretary), Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith (Hon. Assist. Sec.).

Minutes

of the Meeting held on 1st February, 1962, were approved with two slight amendments and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising.

The Chairman told Council he had replied to Mr. Baillieu's letters and trusted that was the end of the matter, and any points raised will be settled by our own Laws Committee.

Correspondence

The Secretary read an extract from a letter from Mr. L. W. Buckley asking Council to consider making an old lady of 88 a Life Member. Council regretted they could not do so because it would establish a precedent and Life Membership is only awarded for some special service.

Questions

Mr. Brackenbury drew attention to Rule 2(a) and (b) and asked if any action was to be taken with regard to one Member of Council. It was decided that a letter should be written.

Notice of Motion

Mr. Solomon. "That as a goodwill gesture, a suitable opportunity be found to entertain the Test Team before their departure

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to New Zealand. Whatever form should be decided upon, it should be financially self-supporting."

It was decided that this should be taken at the Council Meeting after the A.G.M.

Report of the F & G.P. Committee

This report was presented by the Chairman of the Committee, who went through it item by item. Cmdr. Style said that he was willing to continue as at present as Chairman of the F. & G.P. Committee and Hon. Treasurer and left it to Council to decide in which way they wished to arrange this. He only stressed that he did not wish to lose his vote on the Council, while he remained an elected member of that body.

Handbook

As Mr. Perry and others were still actively engaged in revision of the Rules and Standing Orders of Council, it would be unwise to attempt to publish a new Handbook at present.

The Accounts

Cmdr. Style considered that these were now on a really good footing. He went through each item giving brief explanations. Referring to the item for £111 for the sale of Laws, he pointed out that this was non-recurring and in future years it was likely to be £50-£60.

He referred to the item of 15 gns. for Accountant's charges and said this was a reasonable charge for services performed by the Accountant over and above his normal duties as Auditor.

Referring to the true credit balance of approximately £100 Comdr. Style said he thought the accounts now looked much healthier. If all went well there should be another such balance at the end of the current year.

This was what Council had aimed at, and he suggested that Council would soon be in the position to give more substantial assistance to Clubs.

Finances of the Dominion Tour

Cmdr. Style referred to the present state of the Dominion Tour Fund and expressed the opinion that the formal approval of the A.G.M. would be necessary to enable the New Zealand Test Team Entertainment Fund to be released for the benefit of the Dominion Tour Fund. He informed Council of the F. & G.P. Committee's recommendation as to the maximum sum that should be made available for the Dominion Tour Fund from C.A.'s Funds, and asked for Council's agreement to this recommendation being placed before the A.G.M. for approval.

Mr. Rivington moved and Major Dibley seconded the adoption of the Report—Carried.

The Chairman of Council asked that £60 be allocated for publicity in 1962. This was agreed unanimously.

Amendments to Rules and Standing Orders

Mr. Perry went through each correction and amendment separately. It was agreed that Corrections to the Rules were not to be published in *Croquet* but all the amendments to both Rules and Standing Orders were to be.

With certain minor alterations, the suggested alterations were agreed and passed by Council.

Mr. Rivington pointed out that through an oversight one sentence needed to be added at the end of Law 23 (b) page 17. "Any ball so moved and not displaced by the stroke, shall at once be replaced". This was agreed.

Arrangements for the A.G.M.

It was proposed by Miss Lintern and seconded by Col. Clarke that the A.G.M. should be at Hurlingham on Monday, 28th May, at 4.30 p.m.

The Chairman read his proposed Agenda and asked members to write to the Secretary if they thought of anything that should be added.

Any Other Business

Major Dibley on behalf of the Ryde Club, thanked the Chairman for his offer of help with their marquee for the Industries Fair to be held in the I.O.W. in April.

Date and Venue of Next Meeting

After the A.G.M. at Hurlingham, on 28th May, 1962.

HUNSTANTON

Preliminary Notice

The Annual Croquet Tournament will be held in
The Club Grounds
on
Monday, September 3rd and five following days

USUAL EVENTS

Full details will be published in the August number.

GILBEY AND CHALLENGE CUPS

will be played for at

THE ROEHAMPTON CLUB

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16th, to SATURDAY, AUGUST 25th,
inclusive

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager and Handicapper.—Miss D. A. Lintern and Miss Mills, assistant.

Referee.—Col. C. C. Adams.

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

Open to Associates only

The Challenge Cups

- 1.—FIRST DIVISION. THE ROEHAMPTON CHALLENGE CUP (Open). Entrance Fee, 13s. This Event will be played on the "Two-Life" system. Holder, Major R. Tingey.
- 2.—SECOND DIVISION. THE COUNCIL CHALLENGE CUP. Open to Associates handicapped at 2½ to 5½ bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 11s. Level play. Matches of single games throughout. Law 36 partially suspended. Holder, Miss E. E. Fisher.
- 3.—THIRD DIVISION. THE RECKITT CHALLENGE CUP. Open to Associates handicapped at 6-8½ bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 11s. Matches of single games throughout. Level play. Law 36 suspended. Holder, Major-General F. H. N. Davidson.
- 4.—FOURTH DIVISION. THE STEVENSON CHALLENGE CUP. Open to Associates handicapped at 9 bisques or over. Entrance Fee, 11s. Matches of single games throughout. Level play. Law 36 suspended. Holder D. C. Caporn.
- N.B.—No competitor may enter for more than one of the above Events.
- 6.—THE "GILBEY" CUP HANDICAP SINGLES. This Event will be drawn in four blocks. "A", "B", "C", and "D" according to handicaps. Entrance Fee, 11s. Matches of single games throughout. To qualify for the "Gilbey" Cup the winner of "A" v. "B" will play the winner of "C" v. "D". Holders: The Event, Miss A. E. Mills; Block "A", Miss S. Hampson; Block "B", Mrs. R. R. Williams; Block "C", W. A. G. Burgess.
- 7.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicaps of 4 bisques or over. Entries should be made in pairs. Entrance Fee, 11s. each person. Matches of single games throughout. Holders: R. Tingey and Mrs. F. H. Curtis.
- 8.—GOLF CROQUET SINGLES. THE "ASCOT" CHALLENGE CUP. Open to all. Entrance Fee, 6s. The competition will be played under the Official Rules of Golf Croquet. Played in two blocks according to handicaps: the winners of the blocks playing off to decide the winner of the Cup. Holder, Mrs. Pethebridge.
- 9.—GOLF CROQUET DOUBLES. THE "DELVES BROUGHTON" CHALLENGE CUPS. Presented by the late Sir Delves Broughton. Open to pairs with a combined croquet handicap of not less than 4 bisques. Entrance Fee, 6s. each person. The competition will be played under the Official Rules of Golf Croquet. Entries should be made in pairs. Holders, F. H. Curtis and Mrs. G. Fitter.

CONDITIONS

Hoops 3¼ in. wide. Jaques' "Eclipse" balls will be used. Six courts will be provided. Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

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

ENTRIES

The entries accompanied by the Entrance Fees made on official entry forms, for Events 1 to 6, 8, 9, must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., so as to reach her not later than the first post on **Monday, August 13th**, and for Event 7 (in pairs) by 11 a.m. on **Friday, August 17th**. Competitors must give with their Entries, the address at which messages will reach them during the tournament.

DRAW

The Draw for the Challenge Cups and Gilbey Cup will take place at the Croquet Offices, Hurlingham Club, S.W.6, on **Monday, August 13th**, at 11 a.m. The Draw for Event 7 (Handicap Doubles) will take place at the Roehampton Club at noon on **Friday, August 17th**.

BRIGHTON

THE FORTY-NINTH AUTUMN TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, AUGUST 27th and FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS
To be held on the Lawns of the Sussex County Croquet Club,
Victoria Road, Southwick, Sussex.

(Under the Laws and Regulations of the C.A.)
Manager and Handicapper: Major J. H. Dibley.

Referee: E. A. Roper.

Hon. Tournament Secretary: F. E. Corke, 60 Southwick Street,
Southwick, Sussex.

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES ("Two Lives" system). THE SUSSEX GOLD CUP presented by the late E. R. Harrison. Entrance Fee, 14s.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS B). Law 37 suspended. THE FRANC CUP presented by the late Mrs. H. Franc. Open to players handicapped 2½ to 6 bisques. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS 3). THE MONTEITH BOWL presented by the late G. C. Braithwaite. Open to players handicapped 6½ and over. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. THE MAURICE RECKITT BOWL presented by Mr. M. B. Reckitt. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Unrestricted. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. each partner.
All games in Event 5 to start at No. 3 hoop and a time limit of 3½ hours.

ENTRIES

Players may not enter for more than one of Events 1, 2 or 3. Entries on official forms please, for 1, 2, 3 and 4, must reach the Hon. Secretary by first post on **Thursday, August 23rd**, but may close earlier if necessary.

THE DRAW

The Draw for 1, 2, 3 and 4, will take place at Southwick on **Thursday, August 23rd**, at 2.30 p.m., and Event 5 on **Tuesday, August 28th**.

Post cards will be sent to all those required to play before noon on **Monday**.

PLAY

Play will commence at 10 a.m. and continue till 6.30 p.m. or later if necessary. Players coming from a distance, requiring leave, should notify it on their Entry Form. No leave will be granted later than 12 noon, Monday.

GENERAL

Standard setting, 3¼ inch hoops and Jaques' "Eclipse" Balls will be used. Ten courts will be available.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

Competitors will be made hon. members of the Club during the Tournament.

TRANSPORT

Green buses along the Brighton front leave the Palace Pier every seven minutes. The 9.30 bus arrives Southwick, Grange Road, 9.40 a.m. From Worthing bus service every quarter of an hour and train service to Southwick four times an hour.

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(Unofficial)

An unofficial tournament will be held on
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd, and FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS
(Under C.A. Laws and Regulations)

Manager.—Mrs. Chittenden.

Referee and Handicapper.—E. A. Roper.

Hon. Tournament Secretary.—F. E. Corke, 30 Southwick Street,
Southwick, Sussex.

EVENTS

- 1.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Open singles. Entrance Fee, 11s.
- 2.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 3½-7 bisques. Entrance Fee, 11s.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 7½-10 bisques. Entrance Fee, 11s.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 10½ bisques and over. Entrance Fee, 11s.
- 5.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Entrance Fee, 11s.
- 6.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicap not less than 5. All games start at number 3 hoop. Entrance Fee, 11s.
Entries, on official forms, please, for Events 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 must reach the Hon. Secretary not later than first post **Thursday, August 30th**.
Event 6 will be drawn at 2.30 p.m. Tuesday, September 4th. Luncheons and teas will be obtainable in the Club canteen.

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HURLINGHAM

The Annual Croquet Tournament

including the

"LADIES' FIELD" CANDLESTICKS

(Under the direction of the C.A.)

will be held from

Mon., August 6th, to Wed., August 15th, 1962

Committee.—The Croquet Committee of the Club.

Joint Managers and Handicappers.—Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury and E. A. Roper.

Referee.—J. G. Warwick.

Secretary.—Lieut-Col. R. F. J. Hayward, V.C., M.C.

EVENTS

1.—THE HURLINGHAM CUP. Holder, E. P. C. Cotter. Level Singles. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d. Draw and Process. (Leave on Monday, August 6th, should not be asked for except for urgent reasons.)

2.—THE TURNER CUP. Holder, Mrs. G. W. Solomon. Level Singles. For players handicapped at 1 bisque or over not entered for Event 1. Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Ernest Turner. Single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 10s.

3.—THE HURLINGHAM DOUBLES. Holders, B. Lloyd Pratt and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey. Level Play. Mixed Pairs. Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Henry Franc. Single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 10s. each player.

4.—THE YOUNGER CUP. Holder, C. Dashwood. Level Singles. For players handicapped at 4½ bisques and over not entered for Events 1 or 2. Challenge Cup presented by Lt.-Col. J. A. C. Younger. Single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 10s. Law 36 suspended.

Play in this event will not commence before 1.30 p.m. Tuesday, August 7th, and competitors can enter on the understanding that they will not be called upon to play in this or any other event before that time.

5.—THE LONGWORTH CUP. Holder, A. W. Skempton. Level Singles. For players handicapped at 8 bisques and over not entered for Events 1, 2 or 4. Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. R. C. Longworth. Single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 10s. All games to start at the third hoop. Law 36 suspended.

Play in this event will commence on Tuesday, August 7th, and the early rounds will be played at Roehampton.

6.—THE PINCKNEY SIMPSON CUP (HANDICAP SINGLES). Holder, Miss K. D. Hickson. Entrance Fee, 10s.

7.—THE "LADIES' FIELD" CANDLESTICKS (Ladies' Handicap Doubles). Holders, Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. A. W. Skempton. Open to Lady Members of the C.A. only. Entrance Fee, 10s. each player. All games to start at the third hoop.

8.—MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES. Entrance Fee, 10s. Holders, H. O. Hicks and Major A. M. Hicks. All games to start at the third hoop.

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PRIZES

The winners of Trophies will be entitled to hold them for one year. Other prizes in accordance with the entries.

ENTRIES AND DRAW

All Entries with Fees for Events 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6, with the addresses of the competitors (and telephone number) must reach the Secretary, Croquet Tournament, The Hurlingham Club, Fulham, S.W.6, by first post on **Wednesday, August 1st**. Entries for Events 3, 7 and 8, will close at noon on **Tuesday, August 7th**. The Draw for Events 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 will take place at the Club on Wednesday, August 1st, at 2.30 p.m.; for other Events as announced on the ground.

GENERAL

The Committee reserves the right of altering the conditions and refusing entries without assigning a reason.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

Play will commence at 10 a.m. daily and continue till 7.30 p.m. if necessary.

Competitors will be made Honorary Members of the Club for the duration of the Tournament.

At least six Lawns will be provided.

Luncheons, Teas and Dinners can be obtained at the Club. There will also be a Snack Bar.

CROQUET DINNER

There will be a Dinner for Croquet Players and their friends at the Hurlingham Club on Thursday, 9th August. Tickets, price 25s. 0d., can be obtained from the Secretary of the Hurlingham Club. Dress: Dinner Jacket.

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