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 H. O. Hicks
 Miss D. A. Lintern
 M. B. Reckitt
 A. G. F. Ross
 J. W. Solomon
 Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins
 Reserve: W. Longman

L. Kirk Greene was unable to accept.

C. W. R. Hodges and Mrs. Rotherham were unable to accept invitations to be reserves.

LORN C. APPS,

Secretary.

RECRUITING AGENCY

"A fitting epithet for our game" was the first clue in our Crossword Puzzle last month, and no doubt the majority of its solvers needed but a moment's reflection to write in "recreational." The epithet was indeed even more fitting than its author can have realized, for during this summer members of our Publicity Committee have been engaged in cordial and—as we expect—fruitful interviews with a representative of the Central Council for Physical Recreation, as a result of which our Council will shortly be invited to affiliate the Association to this admirable body. The scope of the C.C.P.R. is enormous, covering not only nearly every game played in this country, but activities so different as Mountaineering, Gliding, Wrestling and Ballroom dancing. Its object in every case is the same: to assist the authoritative bodies controlling every physical activity to make its existence more accessible to all likely to be interested in it, and to maintain and extend the technical standards of the sport or game concerned.

Croquet is in especial need of the services which the C.C.P.R. exists to provide, for it is a game little known and even less understood and where it is played outside our "registered clubs" (sometimes perhaps even inside them) it is so often played badly and in a manner not well calculated to raise its reputation. Here, we believe, the C.C.P.R. can be of great service to us. We had no difficulty in persuading its representative of the physical value of our particular "recreation", more especially for those past the age for more strenuous sports. The point was seized at once and the desire expressed that we should arrange with the C.C.P.R. to organize "courses" of tuition at one or both of their magnificent residential centres at Lilleshall Hall in Shropshire and Bisham Abbey near Marlow. Unfortunately, such is the competition for accommodation at these delightful places that it will probably not be possible to do this in 1955, as had been hoped. But the C.C.P.R. is ready to place its extensive resources for publicity and recruitment, through its area organization, at the disposal of any club which may be ready to arrange for demonstrations on its own courts. Clubs which will consider strengthening their membership and benefiting the game in this way next season should apply to the Publicity Committee of the C.A., which will do its best to take advantage of the opportunities offered by our prospective affiliation.

Now we should soon have unprecedented opportunities not only to "let the people see," but to let them learn to play Croquet as it should be played. May we all have the good sense to make the best use of them.

EDITORIAL PANEL OF "CROQUET"

- Miss D. A. Lintern
 M. B. Reckitt
 Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury
 E. P. Duffield

NOTES by ROVER

WE were recently present at a discussion of the question whether any limitation on the combined "bisquage" of pairs entering for Handicap Doubles was desirable or even legitimate. One of our best known players argued vigorously against all such restrictions, which in his view constituted an unjustifiable invasion of the croquet player's liberty. To impose such restraints, moreover, involved a suggestion that the whole handicapping system was at fault and failed to achieve its professed object. He entirely rejected the suggestion that a partnership between a minus player and a high bisquer was of any enduring value to the latter. And even if it were true that a few especially intelligent players might pick up hints in the course of such a partnership, it was no essential purpose of tournament events to provide opportunities for instruction. A croquet lesson was one thing, a tournament game was another. Finally, he regarded such "restricted" partnerships as providing a very poor form of the game for both parties, and he didn't see why he should be required to take part in so dreary and monotonous a process.

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It is always well to have controversial matters forcefully stated, especially if the other side is cogently put, as it was on this occasion. We will not attempt to reproduce all that was said then by way of reply, but will offer a few reflections of our own. In the first place, it must of course be realized that the imposition of such restrictions is purely a matter for the decision of local tournament committees, many of which do not include them in their programmes. Yet perhaps the C.A. Council cannot be said to be altogether neutral in regard to this question, since in three of the programmes for which it is responsible, those for the Peels, the Gilbey Cup and Devonshire Park, Eastbourne, it does impose certain limitations on "pairing". Its motive for doing so is, we believe, to protect the average player in these events from the cumulative effect of the "striking force" constituted by a partnership of two minus players. This effect is not only psychological—as it undoubtedly is—it is very real, since the power of two first-class players to run right away with the game by hitting a couple of shots has been proved again and again. If to recognize these facts involves an admission of a certain limitation of the universal validity of the bisque system, then that admission had better be made. As regards the instructive value to the high bisquer of playing with a first-class player, no doubt this has often been exaggerated. But the final contention that Handicap Doubles of this sort are a bad form of croquet is, in our view, completely untrue. It is one involving tactical—and even executive—problems not found in any other type of the game, and a process almost as fascinating to look at as to engage in. To study the methods by which such experts as Miss Steel, Miss Lintern, Mr. Longman and Mr. Hicks pilot their partners to victory, is to witness a procedure as skilful in one way as are the triple peels performed in Open Singles by our best executants in another.

CROQUET TODAY by Maurice B. Reckitt

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IT has been said that if one has to wait a considerable time for something that one wants, one enjoys it all the more when at last it arrives. In any case we have certainly had to wait some years for a thoroughly up-to-date treatise on our game as it is played "today." And now the looked-for volume has arrived we have not the slightest ground for disappointment.

People who cast their eyes over the sports books displayed on W. H. Smith's Bookstalls and elsewhere, and see a rich variety of literature on Cricket, Golf, Lawn Tennis, etc., would probably be exceedingly surprised to learn of the many volumes that have been written and published on Croquet.

To mention only a small number of these, here are a few outstanding books on our Game. Walter Jones Whitmore's book, dated 1868, in which that pioneer of Croquet Tactics lays down the principle:—"Keep your own balls together and your adversary's apart." C. D. Locock's "Modern Croquet Tactics" a book specially remarkable for two things: his chapter on the Rush Line Theory which has been described as the foundation of modern croquet, and his other remarkable chapter on the corner cannons, which had hardly been thought of before. This book was first published in 1907, and the writer well remembers the thrill and joy of reading it.

Then in 1914, just before the first world war came the most detailed and exhaustive treatise of all, Lord Tollemache's CROQUET, in which every stroke was carefully dealt with, new theories as to the use of "side" developed, and the tactics of Either Ball as played in those days carefully explained.

Round about 1932 came a beautifully produced book by Crowther-Smith, with the sort of excellent illustrations one would expect from such a gifted artist, dealing with various aspects of the game, and going further into the tactics of Modern Croquet—Either ball, with the one lift after Four Back.

But during the last war, a new phase opened for Croquet. In the 1930s there developed a profound dissatisfaction with the one-sided character of the then first-class croquet. A great sportsman, to whom the late Lt.-Col. Du Pre gave a private demonstration of such a game with its cross-wire at the first hoop, thirty yard shot between the breaks, and triple peel and out, remarked—"It is very clever and very interesting, but not much of a game!" To turn Croquet from being a one-sided exercise of skill into a real battle, that great exponent of our game, Horace Whichelo, devised the lifts and contacts very much as we have them today as set forth in Law 44. A comparison of the scores in the 1930s

and now, will show the excellent result; far fewer 26s and 25s and far more 1s, 2s, 3s, etc., showing that the game is a real contest, with both sides "having a go" and the fighting element in it, which is of the essence of a true game.

Now C. D. Locock when asked in the 1920s by the present writer if he would bring out a new edition of Modern Croquet Tactics, replied that the game then was not sufficiently static to make the task worth while. Since the last war, however, no major change has been made, and though as usual in the history of croquet, as in more important events, when any change has been made, there are always some who look back regretfully at what they think of as "the good old days," there does not seem any likelihood of outstanding changes in the near future. Thus our game being now static, having emerged from a period of development, the opportunity has arrived for a really outstanding publication dealing with every aspect of "CROQUET TODAY." As often happens, the need and the opportunity, have produced the man, and Mr. Maurice Reckitt has stepped into the breach.

Let us remark at the outset that Mr. Reckitt is particularly fitted for the task he has undertaken. He has brought to it the gifts of a writer and lecturer of repute, and he is gifted with a sense of humour all his own, and an unsurpassed knowledge of our game, and of the people who play it. And, quite frankly, it would not be much use writing about Croquet without a thorough knowledge and understanding of the people who play it. Thus with many assets, Mr. Reckitt has endeavoured to do for the modern game, what C. D. Locock did for the old game, but he has tried to do even more, for whereas Locock's book dealt almost exclusively with Tactics, Reckitt's Book deals with every aspect of the game. A glance at some of the Chapter Headings will aptly demonstrate the comprehensive character of his work.

The photographic illustrations are much to the point in showing the various styles, which should be a great help to the beginner in making his or her choice. We are especially glad to note that for the first time in a croquet book, a woman centre-style player, i.e., Mrs. Longman, has her place. We always feel that if more women adopted this style, it would help to make our game more popular, as facing the target, and with eyes right above the ball, it is certainly more easy to learn than with any other style. By the bye, we would remark that the pictures of Mr. Reckitt himself and of Mr. Ross demonstrate that it is not necessary for a centre-style player to tire himself or herself out with undue stooping. But we cannot leave the illustrations without one sad remark; it is,

of course, the loss that Croquet has sustained in losing that perfect stroke-player, the Champion of 1951, pictured here in the frontispiece.

There are not many Diagrams, but those that there are, such as the one illustrating the Rush line theory, are much to the point. And the author has so carefully explained the various positions in the letter-press that reference to Diagrams is not necessary. Those who would perhaps have liked a few more diagrams should, of course, remember, that the spacious days before the first world-war have long passed, and the cost of a book with as many diagrams as Locock used would today be quite prohibitive.

In a book all of which is interesting and useful, possibly one of the most valuable sections is that in which the author tells how the consequences of a failure may be greatly mitigated. He uses the example of a player making a bad approach to the second hoop, and he aptly shows how by the use of careful thought, sizing up both the position of the balls and the capabilities of the adversary, the said adversary may be presented with a troublesome problem instead of an easy "let in." Again and again a player who has failed in an approach either makes a useless bang at the hoop, or in disgust dismisses his ball to an extremely inappropriate spot. In dealing with this matter, Mr. Reckitt shows both his thorough knowledge of tactics and of the human nature of the Croquet player.

The chapter on receiving and giving bisques is excellent, though had it been possible, it might have been rendered even more effective by a few more concrete examples backed by suitable diagrams. If long-bisquers would only take the advice most ably given, they would soon become shorter bisquers! But, experience of long-bisquers shows that many of them have a curiously obstinate mentality, with either a fear of taking bisques, or some other objection to doing so. We would suggest that such should read Mr. Reckitt's advice on this matter carefully, and having read it, read it again. As to the giving of bisques, it is a special art not by any means necessarily included among the accomplishments of every first-class player. Those who feel themselves deficient in the art would do well to study Mr. Reckitt's suggestions. With the help of his advice, some scratch players may become minus, and some minus players still more so.

No doubt the author could have explained the intricacies of the Triple Peel with great ease; it was therefore an act of modesty on his part to hand over this task to Mr. Cotter, one of the two best Triple-peelers of our day, the other being Mr. John Solomon.

Mr. Cotter shows how simple this croquet exercise is *on paper*! The fact is that an ordinary triple peel, when it comes fairly easily at the start, contains no really difficult strokes. It may be described as a four ball break with a decoration! The trouble is that it does entail the making of some eighty to ninety strokes and keeping up a high standard of stroke-play all the time. A first-class player, having made a poor stroke in an ordinary break, can often by the use of his experience and skill, repair the damage, and bring the said break

to a successful conclusion. But in an attempted triple peel, if good positions are once lost, it usually means failure, and very often a breakdown.

While talking of breaks, we would remark that Mr. Reckitt's suggestions as to the making of the four-ball break are excellent, and should be carefully studied. He lays tremendous emphasis on hoop-control. He emphasizes that when a hoop is approached, it is not merely a question of getting safe position, but of what is going to happen afterwards. It is evident that he thinks that there is hardly any occasion when a hoop may be casually approached without any thought of afterwards, beyond, of course, getting through and being able to roquet the assistant ball. Mr. Reckitt stresses the need of using easy strokes to improve the general position. It can confidently be asserted that anyone, however experienced, studying his Chapter on "THE BREAK. How to Make it, Mend it, End it and Lay it," will find not only enjoyable reading, but a fresh interest, when break-making.

In his Chapter on "CONDUCTING THE GAME." Mr. Reckitt shows that the player who thinks that he is playing a forward game, is very often a time-waster, who by lack of thought is just not getting on in spite of his evident desire to do so. Our author shows that getting on with the game is not a matter of hoping that something will turn up, but of careful thought and planning. How often players remark "I cannot play against so-and-so, he won't try to do anything!" By which they mean that Mr. So-and-so declines to bring the balls into the middle of the lawn, and then obligingly breakdown, giving them a ready prepared break, so that *they* can get on. Our author's suggestions show how a player can seek for situations for getting on, without depending on his adversary to provide them.

Not the least useful parts of CROQUET TODAY are the early Chapters entitled THE CASE FOR CROQUET, and WHAT CROQUET IS. It is strange but true that most people have some sort of idea what such games as Golf, Lawn Tennis, Bowls, Cricket, Football, either "Rugger" or "Soccer" are about, an infinitesimal number only, know anything whatsoever about CROQUET. The writer has noticed again and again that a conversation about croquet with a non-player, almost invariably takes the following form. When one remarks that one plays croquet, this is not at first even taken seriously. When it dawns on the other party that one is in earnest, there comes a look of incredulity, which for politeness sake is followed by some concession, possibly by the courteous remark that he remembers that his grandmother or aunt used to play croquet. Then almost always comes the further concession: "I believe that croquet has become a very scientific game in these days!" Therefore Mr. Reckitt's clear explanation of what croquet really is, and the great benefits of interest, pleasure, and social life that it has to confer on those who take it up, should prove invaluable for the progress of our game.

How necessary the dissemination of this knowledge is, is emphasized by the fact that even

in this year 1954, there exist lawns on which "croquet" is set out, with thin wire hoops five or six inches wide, and with the antique cage in the centre—almost unbelievable, but unhappily true. Of course, if some people prefer to play mid-victorian croquet, instead of the twentieth century game, it is "up to them!" But the trouble is that many people judge our game by such things, and that is where Mr. Reckitt's book comes in, to show them their folly, and put them right.

It would be an excellent thing if writers for the Press with the task of recording something about croquet in general, or reporting on some

GOLF CROQUET . . . Hybrid or Ancestor?

I HAVE always disliked hybrids and on first hearing of Golf Croquet suspected it to be one. This of course from sheer ignorance; and when I read in *Croquet* what a fascinating pastime it could be I tried to imagine myself taking up the game. The first thing to do evidently was to learn to be a good shot. So I began to practise and after a time I really thought I was improving. Becoming intrigued, I began to wonder about the origin of the game. People, it seems, seldom look back to the beginning of games; they conceive them to have been always what they are now, or seem to be, much as I imagine most of the younger generation have no picture of Stevenson's engine in their minds but only think of a railway locomotive as being streamlined and possibly electric. What relevance has this thought to the evolution of Golf Croquet? H. V. Morton in his book "In search of London" tells us the following, which I like to think may have been the origin of our game. "Most European cities possessed long avenues shaded by trees where a game like Croquet called *palamaglio* by the Italians and *paille maille* by the French, was played with four-foot-long mallets of lance-wood and balls of box-wood. This game is older than some writers on London appear to think. Mary Queen of Scots played it, and also golf, as early as 1568. Scotland caught the craze from France quite half a century before England took it. Writing in 1598, Dallington in his "Travels" mentions having seen the game played in France, and marvels that "we have not brought this sport also into England." It seems likely that it came south from Scotland with James I, from whose reign we can probably date Pall Mall. The game was certainly played there in the time of Charles I."

When the West End began to grow, buildings interfered with the game in Pall Mall, so it was necessary to lay down another alley nearby what is now the Mall. The trees which line the Mall today were not planted as an approach to Buckingham Palace; they are the successors of the usual trees which were always planted on either side of a pall-mall.

Pepys once had a chat with the man whose task it was to keep the new Mall in order. "I walked in the Park," he wrote, "discussing with the keeper of the pall-mall, who was sweeping it, and told me that the earth is mixed that do floor

important tournament in particular, would equip themselves for the task by studying "CROQUET TODAY." We should surely then be spared the spate of ill-informed nonsense that sometimes finds its way into our newspapers!

We would conclude by recommending every croquet player to provide himself or herself with a copy of Mr. Reckitt's splendid book, to enjoy it, and profit by it, and to make a point of lending it to any friends who may have a tentative interest in our game, even though they be supercilious in their attitude towards it.

G.F.H.E.

the mall, and that over all there is cockleshells powdered and spread to keep it fast, which, however, in dry weather turns to dust and deadens the ball." Pursuing my inquiries further, I found in an old encyclopaedia, a description of the game with a picture of the mallet and the ring through which the ball was struck.

The ring is hung from a kind of gibbet some feet from the ground, and the mallet has its face inclined at the same sort of angle as a masher among golf clubs. Its ends were bound with iron hoops, forerunners of the popular brass rings on some croquet mallets of today. The letterpress explains that the object of the game was to drive a ball with a mallet through a hoop elevated on a pole, the players standing at either end of the alley. He who succeeded in sending the ball through in the fewest strokes was the winner.

Surely here is both golf and croquet combined in their early teens and the progenitor of our game of Golf Croquet. And the addict of Golf Croquet might well claim that so far from its being a derivative either of the Royal and Ancient game or of Association Croquet, it is his more brief and concentrated pastime which is the ancestor of both.

Solution to August Crossword

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Beginners, Please!

MAKING YOUR POINT

by

The Rev. G. F. H. Elvey

NOW we are once more on the lawn, which is a very happy place for us to be, I want to remind you of a few of the things that I have told you. You will remember that I said that there were three ways of hitting your ball in double-strokes. If you hit level, striking the ball about the centre of the mallet face (the Drive) the croqueted ball will go considerably further than the mallet-ball, but the mallet-ball will go probably about a third or more of the distance. If you hit up (the Stop-shot) the croqueted ball will go a long way, and the mallet-ball a short way. If you hit down (the Roll) the mallet-ball will go almost, or quite as far as the croqueted ball. I told you that the same principle applies also to the split-strokes. Next, I tried to explain to you, and get you to demonstrate for yourselves, how to do split-strokes. I told you that as a rough guide to where to strike your ball; you must divide the angle on which you want the balls to travel in half, and aim in the middle. I suggested that in actual play, you have to hit a little bit more—so to speak—into the croqueted ball than the mallet-ball.

This morning, I want you to apply this knowledge to some of the actual strokes that occur in a game. To begin with put Red (the ball to be croqueted) about four feet from the first hoop. Now place Blue (the mallet-ball) in contact with it. Point the balls just past the first hoop. The stroke you are going to play is the approach to the hoop. But what sort of stroke is it going to be? A stop-shot? A drive? A roll? I will give you this tip straight away. Cut out the roll. It is the most dangerous approach stroke that there is. Sometimes if you are a long way from your hoop, you must use it, but whenever possible give it the go by. As we are four feet from the hoop, a small drive will meet our need. It should send Red about a couple of yards beyond the hoop and bring Blue up into good position. Now I should like you all to try this in turn. Not a bad try, but just a bit too hard! Blue has gone to one-side, and left you rather a nasty hoop. Let my next pupil have a go. A good deal better, but this time Blue is a little bit short. Personally I like my ball about a foot from the hoop; but you have got Blue about a foot-and-a-half. Let us all have a try.

Well—now all the four of you have tried the drive from four feet away, we will bring the balls up to two feet from the hoop. What sort of stroke? A stop-shot, of course. Point the balls as before and hit up. This is the easiest approach shot. The margin of error is great because the stop effect on your own ball leaves very little chance of

over-running the hoop, and also there is no chance of that bugbear of croquet, the double-tap.

By the bye, I want to talk to you about double-taps. When I began to play croquet as a youth just after the turn of the century. Everybody tried to do roll strokes and hoop-approaches with a definite push. It could, by a knack, be done without a double-tap, and I rather suspect that the lighter balls then in use made it easier to do it that way than it would be now. But there is no doubt that slight rattles and scrapes were fairly frequent. Happily there was then, as indeed there is now, a reasonable amount of "give and take" in this matter, otherwise on the lawns of those days, with poor surfaces, the game would have been too frequently interrupted by fouls being claimed to be worth playing at all. Then after playing for some years, one day, I suddenly discovered the method of doing roll strokes by hitting down on to the mallet-ball. I can certainly claim to be the pioneer of this method, which since it has been generally adopted, has greatly reduced the number of scrapes and rattles which spoil a player's game, and which if persisted in, lead to the intervention of a referee.

Please forgive me for breaking off to talk about this, but it is important, and especially with regard to hoop-approaches. Nothing is much more irritating than to play against an adversary, who constantly pushes his ball into position for its hoop with a "personally conducted tour," making numerous rattles and scrapes in doing so.

Now do not misunderstand me. I do not want you to walk on to the lawn in fear of making scrapes and rattles. Make every croquet stroke as perfect as possible. Hold the mallet firmly for drives and rolls. Hit down on your ball for the latter, and thus doing your best dismiss the matter from your mind. Everybody makes a slight scrape occasionally, and there must be some tolerance, though as I have remarked elsewhere "the limit, of tolerance is soon reached."

Now, instead of putting Red in front of hoop 1, please place it a yard from the hoop in the direction of the west boundary. This, of course, is a thoroughly undesirable position. It is the sort of position that a good player does his or her best to avoid in making a break. It gives a very small margin of error, and makes a breakdown exceedingly likely. But, for that very reason, it needs to be practised. Point the balls to a spot about five feet beyond the hoop in the direction of hoop 2. Aim at a spot about 2 feet beyond in the same

direction. Your stroke will be a split-drive, but you must play it very firmly and carefully. Here is a useful tip for you to get well into your minds. Whenever you are going to play a croquet stroke with intent to get the mallet-ball in front of a hoop, or behind another ball to get a rush, or when you take off to balls at a distant boundary. Don't play just to get somewhere there, but first fix a given spot in your mind's eye. If you do this, you will be surprised how often you get your ball to the very spot. It need hardly be said that this is specially important in hoop approaches. By the bye, if you have a difficult approach and bring it off, and find your ball, to your great pleasure, just a foot from the hoop straight in front, don't relax and imagine that the job is already done. I have known people make a lovely approach, give a sigh of relief at a peril past, and then stick in the hoop. So, when you have made a difficult approach successfully, give yourself a fraction of time to calm down, and then run the hoop with full concentration.

We have still another form of hoop-approach to try. It very often happens, that we have to get in front of our hoops from the back with a take-off. This, especially for the beginner, seems an alarming stroke, and, of course, even an experienced player would much rather approach a hoop from the front. But the take-off from behind, is not nearly such a difficult stroke as you might imagine, except in those cases where you are absolutely dead behind the hoop, and so have little hope of getting right in front of it. Now, place Red about two feet behind hoop 1 in the direction of hoop 2. Put Blue at the side of it for a take-off. The secret of success for this stroke is not to be afraid of running your ball very near the hoop upright. If you are going to run your ball past the upright on your right-hand, you must not be afraid of aiming directly at the hoop-upright, and in this stroke especially concentrate your attention very firmly on the spot to which you want your ball to go. You will remember that I told you that when you approach a hoop with a drive or roll you must hold the mallet firmly to prevent scrapes or rattles. The very reverse is the case in this take-off. Hold the mallet as lightly as possible. It is of all strokes, a "touch" stroke, and if you grip your mallet too firmly, you will destroy your touch. Now, each of you try this back approach. Not too bad, but you were frightened of aiming at the wire as I told you to, and so your ball did not run near enough to the hoop upright and has drifted into a very sideways position for the hoop. "Next please," as they sometimes say in shops. Ah! You have overdone it, and run into the wire. You had the right idea, but just overdid it. Now that was a good one. See where your ball has gone to; quite nice position for the hoop.

Well, time is getting on, and so we must not stay any longer on hoop-approaches. But in leaving them, I would advise you to practise approaching hoops from all sorts of different positions, and you will be surprised at the wonderful approaches you will be able to do. Lord

Tollemache once remarked. "No one thinks twice about trying to get a rush on a ball, but if it is a hoop they are afraid of it." I would say practise, so that you need not be afraid of it. The more strokes that you are not afraid of, the less nervous you will be, and the overcoming of nerves means opening the way to success.

On the Court, there is one point which is not a hoop, i.e. the Winning Peg. There is nothing more annoying for a player than to have his balls within pegging out distance, and then miss the peg. In actual fact pegging out is not difficult, if (1) you take *infinite pains* in pointing your gun, seeing that your balls do really point at the peg. You may have to check this four or five times before you are quite sure all is well. Do not play the stroke until you are *quite satisfied*. It is surprising what long peg-outs can be done successfully, if enough care is taken in pointing the gun. And (2) when you are making your stroke, aim carefully at the Peg, as though you were simply trying to hit it with your own ball. The stroke to use is a drive. Never use a roll unless absolutely necessary, as the mallet-ball sometimes throws the croqueted ball out of course. But there are occasions, when the roll stroke must be used. Usually this is when your opponent's balls are widely separated, and you want to make sure that if the croqueted ball does not go out, it will remain so near the peg that there will be no "if or but" about your putting it out next turn, if your adversary does not bring off a long shot. Even if the croqueted ball misses the peg, provided it remains close to it, you can put the mallet-ball out. I want you to realize that when I talk about leaving the croqueted ball close to the Peg, I mean really close, two feet to a yard, not an inch more! The margin of error in hitting the Peg is small! If you lose the innings through your opponent making a long shot, well—that is, as they say, "just one of those things," and you will probably hit in and win the game yet, but if you lose the innings through missing the Peg, it is all too apt to shatter your confidence, and you will quite likely lose the game as a result. Therefore practise long rolls up to the Peg with the object of bringing both balls within a couple of feet of it!

Before we go to tea, here is one more piece of advice; practise the big splits of the three-ball break. From the middle end of the Baulk Line send Red to hoop 2 and the mallet-ball Blue to hoop 1. From two or three yards beyond hoop 1, send Red to hoop 3 and Blue to hoop 2. From a spot near hoop 2, send Red to hoop 4 and go to hoop 3. You will make a mess of these strokes to start with, of course. But if, using the tips I have given you, you keep on trying, you will find that these big splits are not nearly as difficult as you thought they were, and the exercise of trying to bring them off, will improve your game tremendously. In order to get what every croquet player with enthusiasm and ambition wants—BALL CONTROL you must get into the habit of being able to push the balls about the lawn! Now for tea!

PRACTICE WITH A PURPOSE

by
HOPE ROTHERHAM

PRACTISING is something which comes easily to some people, but others do not quite know how to put the time spent in it to good advantage, so I am going to suggest a few ideas which I hope will be helpful to the latter.

It is wise to start with the shots you find most difficult, and to play them a number of times until an improvement is evident, but I do *not* advise going on until you are sick and tired of the whole thing.

If a fine take-off is what you need to master, an ideal test is to place two balls in a corner, and take-off on the inside of the lawn down the boundary, gradually increasing the distance until you can get as far as the next corner without sending the other ball off the boundary. You can then put a ball in corners one, two and three, take-off from each and return to the first corner again, which will give you practice in taking off from either side.

Another most important stroke is the approach to a hoop. You should be able to put the forward ball to the position that will be most helpful to you after the hoop is run, and to achieve this, it is necessary to be able to approach a hoop with every type of shot—stop shot for a forward rush afterwards, roll shot for a backward rush, and split shots to be able to send it either side of a hoop. Unless you can be fairly certain of doing this, you will find your break is difficult, and that balls have to be left behind. Place the forward ball so that after running the hoop you can rush that ball to a position where you have a straight shot to send it to the hoop after next, stopping at the centre ball yourself. This is easier to do accurately than it is with a split or roll shot with which you will find yourself faced unless you have thought of the position you need for the ball on the other side of the hoop when you are approaching it.

Rush strokes can make or mar a break and are difficult to play accurately, so it is as well to practice short ones before attempting long ones, and make certain that you see the place on the ground on which your ball has been resting, after the ball has left your mallet; this will make certain that you do not look up too soon. Never attempt to rush a ball to the hoop after next if you can place it there with a croquet shot. It is difficult to recover from the effects of a badly rushed ball, and it is far easier to be accurate with a croquet shot.

These shots are the foundation of breaks, and that is why it is important to master them. It may seem dull to practise single shots, but one should look upon it in the same way as practising scales on the piano. Unless your fingers are nimble and accurate in scales, you will not be able to play pieces, and unless your shots are accurate



you will not be able to play breaks—so do your "scales" first, and then go on to the "pieces." Place the balls in a good position before you begin your break—i.e., a short rush to the first hoop, a centre ball on the left of the stick, and a ball about a foot from the second hoop, slightly short and on the right hand side. Try and play so that you keep this positioning throughout—the forward ball always on the inside of the four outer hoops, and the centre ball you can rush from side to side of the stick. It is *most* important to be able to place the ball accurately at the hoop after next—"somewhere in the neighbourhood" is not good enough, and will eventually lead to a break down, as sooner or later a long approach to a hoop will fail.

A more advanced form of practice is the three ball break, and to achieve this successfully it is even more essential that you pay particular attention to the position of the ball with which you approach a hoop. You have no centre ball to help you on your way, and must therefore be certain the ball with which you make the hoop is placed in such a position, that you can rush it to a point which will make your next stroke a simple one. Always try and send it to a place where in the next stroke it will have a further distance to go than your own ball. By this means you avoid the need for making difficult roll and split shots.

I have often heard people say how easy croquet looks, when someone is making a good break, but if you watch carefully, you will see the reason is that every ball is accurately placed, and therefore no difficult stroke has to be made. When watching a good break, anticipate what the player will do next, and if he does not do what you expected, try and understand why he has played differently—you will find you learn a lot from watching with your mind, as well as your eye.

Buxton Croquet Club

THE Buxton Gardens have for many years been a centre of croquet, and tournaments were played annually on its courts long before the formation of a club. The Derbyshire Tournament was first played there in 1898, and later on the the North of England Tournament was added, the two tournaments being played in successive weeks. From an old programme of 1913 we learn that in that year there were fifty-three entries in the handicap singles and twenty-two for the Championship of Derbyshire.

Separate printed programmes with results to date were issued each day.

Ordinary play in those early days on the courts was to be had by taking games tickets, but about 1921 the regular resident players got together and formed a club, renting the courts from the Buxton Gardens Co. Ltd., an arrangement which was continued when the Gardens were taken over by the Buxton Corporation.

Buxton can claim to be a propaganda centre for Croquet, because the general public is admitted to the grounds at a small charge, and can watch club, tournament, and competition games. Many who do so see Croquet played according to the rules and on properly equipped courts for the first time, and on fine week-ends there is usually a fringe of interested spectators. One of the great occasions in the club's history was on July 30th and 31st, 1937, when the third test match of that year was played at Buxton between England and Australia. This created much interest and a considerable gate was attracted.

The Buxton tournaments have been fortunate in having a number of regular supporters who come each year to play Croquet, as the prospectus says, "in beautiful surroundings and Derbyshire air." In addition to these players the other clubs in the area, viz. Nottingham, Bowdon and Manchester are usually well represented which adds considerably to the interest of the matches.

The words "beautiful surroundings" in the paragraph above are no mere propaganda statement, for the setting in which Croquet is played here is—as our cover picture suggests—one of the most beautiful in the country. The infant Wye flows through the grounds beside—and occasionally over—the courts and flowering trees are all around. The delights of this inland spa are close at hand, and the visitor to Buxton may use his stay to improve not only his Croquet but any of those rheumatic afflictions to which all too many of us are subject, health and happiness going thus hand in hand.

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BRIDGE

by

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

NO TRUMP TAKE-OUTS

SO far I have only dealt with quantitative raises in no trumps to an opening no trump bid. But your responding hand may be such that you do not wish to raise in no trumps. You may have a suit of your own. Furthermore your hand may be weak or strong.

I earnestly recommend you to play my no trump take-out system if you want to arrive without misunderstanding at the correct contract. The Acol system, as many of you probably know, employs a two club take-out of 1NT to ask the no trumper to bid a 4 card major suit if he has one. Shortly after the end of the war I was reflecting upon the chaotic state of no trump take-outs and I came to the conclusion that the Acol 2C bid was misemployed. I first of all thought it would be good to reserve this bid for a special type of hand to denote a 5-4-3-1 pattern with the 5-card suit a major, but I realized that this was also misemployment on the score of frequency. I then decided that the proper job for this 2C bid was to act as a warning. The original no trumper *must* reply 2D whatever the nature of his hand. Now if the 2C responder bids 2S or 2H the bidding ends—the contract is secured in the right suit and *at the right height*.

Let us take a couple of examples:

Your partner bids 1NT on S—A, 10, 5; H—K, 9, 3; D—A, Q, 7, 5; C—A, 9, 3; and you hold S—Q, J, 8, 4, 3, 2; H—5, 4, 2; D—10, 8, 4; C—6. The bidding is 1NT—2C—2D—2S.

If your suit is diamonds you get there a bid earlier! For example, reverse the spade and diamond holdings in the above hand. The bidding is 1NT—2C—2D. You merely pass your partner's forced 2D response and he plays the hands. This is an additional advantage as the strong hand is concealed. Now I don't want you to think that the whole *raison d'être* of my system is to cope with weak hands. This is, of course, a great advantage in itself, but it is of infinitely greater advantage in dealing with fair and good hands in response to an opening 1NT. They can be bid naturally.

I should at this point mention that you cannot, of course, play a weak hand in 2C (but neither can Acol players), but that is a small price to pay for a system of no trump take-outs that makes life easy! If you hold Q, J to six clubs and a worthless hand you must pass and let partner struggle. The opponents will probably come to your rescue!

Here are the answers to last month's quiz:

- (a) 3NT. You have 9 points, an honour in every suit and 9+16 (your partner's minimum) is 25.
- (b) Pass. You have a bare 7 points, no intermediates and no five card suit.
- (c) 3NT. Only 7 points but a six card suit which will almost surely yield 6 tricks. Partner is more than likely to hold the club King.

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Notes from the Clubs

THE CLIFTON Club suffered a severe loss by the death of its Chairman, Mr. H. M. Newton, of whom a short obituary notice has appeared in *Croquet*. Our readers will be interested to hear that he was related to the late Mr. Walter Peel.

At a special general meeting of the Club, held to elect a new Chairman, Dr. L. P. Ormerod was unanimously chosen. This appointment is most popular for Dr. Ormerod had done a great deal for the Club in the past and may be relied upon to guide it in the future and carry it from strength to strength. Dr. and Mrs. Ormerod with their two sons are all active players at home and in tournaments.

We hear there is a full programme of Club competitions including golf croquet. The main event is for the West of England Cup which was presented to the Clifton Club by the Bath Club when it closed. This is being competed for on the Draw and Process system.

The Club maintains its numbers in spite of the increased subscription. New members pay a smaller subscription for the first year and junior members can play during the summer holiday at a specially reduced rate. We commend this arrangement to the consideration of other clubs.

The DULWICH Club prospers—indeed it is more prosperous than it has ever been since its inception in 1909. With a membership of about 50 ladies with new members joining each year the Club not unnaturally finds that with only two lawns the members are obliged to confine themselves to the playing of golf croquet.

There is a competition for the Ayling Cup, presented by an old member. We hear that the entry for this is extremely good and the play most keen. On the first Wednesday of each month there is a Club competition which is very well attended, and for which the members enter with great zest. For the last three years there have been matches against the Roehampton ladies. These are much enjoyed and although Dulwich has not yet managed to win they live in hopes!

The Secretary of the EDINBURGH Club wrote in July as follows:—This Club, suffering probably more than the English Clubs from this unsummer-like summer, is only now getting more into its stride by means of an American Tournament of Singles. So far three Groups of five have nearly all played, and a fourth is likely to be formed. Results will be invaluable in assessing handicaps for future foursome Tournaments, of which it is hoped one or two can be held before the season ends. Golf Croquet Tournaments take place nearly every alternate Saturday, while the new small Court has proved a great joy for practice and as a means of filling in time by waiting players.

Elsewhere in this issue there appears an advertisement of a Bridge and Canasta evening which is being arranged by the COMPTON Club

to take place at Eastbourne on the first Saturday of the Devonshire Park tournament. This Club has had a great deal of expense in getting its lawns into order and hopes to raise funds to meet this considerable outlay by the holding of this Bridge evening. Those who have played at Compton this year have evidence of the improved lawns and they will, with many others, we are sure, be glad to help the Club by supporting this evening party on Saturday, October 2nd, at the Cumberland Hotel.

The REIGATE Club recently held a competition. We are not told the exact form it took except that it was somewhat lighthearted Croquet played in a social atmosphere! This competition was won by Mr. L. A. Hill with Miss Riddett and Mrs. L. W. Buckley tying for second place. The prizes were presented by Mrs. Hodson the President of the Club. The Secretary is anxious to interest boys and girls of school age in the playing of Croquet. He has one keen pupil of the age of 13. He has also been in touch with the Headmaster of a well-known Reigate preparatory school where the staff in pre-war days played croquet. He has every hope that this practice will be revived. We expect there are other preparatory schools which keen Associates might well approach.

We hear that the CHELMSFORD Club had a visit from Mr. H. O. Hicks early in July. An enthusiastic audience watched a demonstration of stroke play and tactics. The Club members are most grateful and feel that they have gained much from this visit.

The Club is to be congratulated on their recent victory over Colchester in which appears from the score to have been a close contest.

A successful golf croquet meeting was held at the BUDLEIGH SALTERTON Club to inaugurate a competition for a handsome silver cup, presented by Mrs. G. Heathcote. The 20 entrants were arranged in four blocks to play under the American system, the block winners being Major G. F. Stone, Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse, Mrs. L. G. Walters, and Miss J. Cooper.

In the semi-finals, Mrs. Walters beat Miss Cooper 4 up, and Mrs. Gatehouse beat Major Stone by 1 up. In the final, Mrs. Walters beat Mrs. Gatehouse by 1 up, in a close match.

We hear from the IPSWICH Club that Mrs. Reeve paid them a most welcome visit and gave members a series of lessons spread over two days. This instruction has proved of great value. The Club has five new members this season. Several inter-club matches have been arranged and club competitions are providing great interest, particularly for those members who find it difficult to arrange to play in tournaments away from home.

Eleven

A QUESTION OF LAW . . . by Lex

IN our July issue we published an example of the application of the null and void law (i.e. law 27) which had come to us from South Africa.

We asked an Associate, who, we knew, had strong views on this law to set them forth. We are very glad to publish what he says and would once again invite the opinions of our readers. We would remind our readers that the views expressed here by our correspondent are not necessarily endorsed by Lex.

Our correspondent writes as follows:—

There is a similarity in the Laws of Croquet to the laws of our country. In each case they are almost excellent, but just as in the law of our country certain laws tend to bring the whole structure under criticism, even ridicule, so it is with the laws of our game. Fortunately, it is much easier (one hopes) to amend such of the laws of Croquet as tend to be unsatisfactory.

The most glaring example is that of the foul shot, law 27, which says, *inter alia*, that the stroke shall be deemed null and void FOR ALL PURPOSES. This phrase null and void for all purposes should be deleted, because:

1. It conflicts with other laws.
2. It is not observed for all purposes by players or referees.
3. It frequently benefits the player who makes a foul stroke.
4. A player can often make sure of an open shot next turn, by deliberately playing a foul stroke.

Example. A player has a lift, being wired, but decides not to take the lift but to run a hoop. He plays a foul, ball is replaced and it is still in the same position, wired, at the end of adversary's next turn. The official ruling is that he still has a lift because the foul being null and void he was not responsible for the position of his ball. By no means all referees will give this ruling. The official decision conflicts with law 1, as it compels adversary to play two turns running. What would be said if a player made a foul stroke when taking a bisque, and then said he would take the bisque again, the stroke being null and void for all purposes? What fun it would be to try this on some poor inoffensive referee!

Do You Know?

1. In the standard setting, how far from the peg are the centre hoops?
2. In what circumstances can a player have a turn without going on to the court?
3. Has a ball which falls back between the uprights after passing through the hoop run the hoop?
4. The striker's ball after roqueting another becomes in hand. If white still moving, it hits a third ball which it causes to run its, hoop does this point score?
5. If at the beginning of a turn a player finds his rover ball in contact with the peg must he treat it as out?

Answers on page 27.

Ballade of Arrested Development

There was a time, long since, my spirit knew
At each reduction an ecstatic glow;
From Six to Five—to Four—to Three—to Two—
But that, alas, was many years ago.
Now I'm a One, and out of Bs, and so
A tournament I scarcely dare to risk;
It's clear my *amour propre* must face a blow,
I've simply got to have another bisque.

"Development arrested?"—all too true;
I'm in the A class now-a-days—and "Oh,
The difference to me," (as Wordsworth too
Sought, in another context, once to show).
My friends complain my methods are too slow,
I ought to take a chance and have a frisk,
Or buy a book on tactics; I say "No.,
I've simply got to have another bisque.

My aspirations are extremely few,
Indeed some think I pitch them rather low.
I've got no urge to join a rocket crew,
Or play lawn tennis like a "Little Mo."
Let others sit at home and, while they sew,
Acquire a brand new language from a disc,
Or look at "What's my line?" or "Down you
go";
I've simply got to have another bisque.

ENVOI

August quartet at 4 Southampton Row,
Though others' handicaps away you whisk,
Here's something much more urgent—you must
know
I've simply got to have another bisque.

M. BEAR

THE ALL ENGLAND HANDICAP

This, the premier handicap event on the C.A. Calendar, was representative of many denominations of players, ranging from $-4\frac{1}{2}$ to 9; and, out of the 18 competitors, there were no less than five minus players. It was, however, the lower half of the draw that had most of this opposition to meet, though the Bagnall-Wild system brought two of them—E. P. Duffield and J. G. Warwick—together in the first round.

We shall see, later on, that only one of those with the minus sign survived to play in the semi-final round. In the past, four of that distinguished class have been winners of the All England Handicap, including E. P. C. Cotter (-2), in 1948, and Miss D. A. Lintern ($-2\frac{1}{2}$) two years ago. Not for the first time has Miss Lintern shown that she can as manager win the gratitude of all competitors in this event, but also, in the past, the event itself.

There were, besides Cotter, two other previous winners competing; the holder, Major J. H. Dibley, and Dr. B. R. Sandiford, in 1951.

Of the two minus players, Duffield, and Warwick, the latter won, and went on to meet—and just beat, by 3 points—D. M. Anderson. C. S. Ratcliffe, now a nine-bisquer, then a twelve, only just failed to beat Cotter last year in the semi-final by three points; Sandiford prevented any such meeting this time. It was obvious to the "champion spectator" that S. S. Townsend had a good chance—with his knowledge of the game, ability to create and make a break, plus $5\frac{1}{2}$ bisques—to go somewhere close to the final. And so it proved; only H. O. Hodgson, giving him five bisques, very nearly defeated Townsend in the semi-final.

Dibley v. Mrs. R. G. Michelmore was a good close game. The holder was giving $1\frac{1}{2}$ bisques. It seemed that his opponent was ill-advised to attempt 4-back when conditions were unfavourable, and her bisques were gone; this break-down gave Dibley an easy route to the peg, and, though he failed to peg out at once, it was by a long shot at the peg with each ball that he at once finished the game.

The semi-final, Mrs. Chittenden ($2\frac{1}{2}$) v. Cotter ($-4\frac{1}{2}$), was a calm and convincing win for Mrs. Chittenden. She appeared to be quite oblivious of the fact that she had an opponent—and certainly not in the least perturbed by his handicap. From two of her $6\frac{1}{2}$ extra turns she went to 1-back—and there had to take a third to arrive at the peg. Cotter missed the shot, and away went the opposition with another break—though two more bisques were needed—to the peg, to win +26.

The final did not provide a repetition of the quality of Mrs. Chittenden's play in the semi-final; she could not get her breaks going, and her clips remained too long on the sixth hoop. Townsend's progress was somewhat *staccato*; but eventually he used his three bisques usefully enough to enable him to put a clip on the rover, the other on 4-back. There was a state of immobility now; then Mrs. Chittenden began to make progress, but not beyond 3-back and 6. A good shot, though hampered by the rover hoop, enabled Townsend to go to the peg; he had only to make the rover hoop later and finish. This he did, after failure to peg out from several yards, thus winning the All England Handicap, +13.

ALL ENGLAND HANDICAP.

AREA FINALS.

(20 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Major J. H. Dibley ($1\frac{1}{2}$) bt G. W. Solomon ($3\frac{1}{2}$) by 7.
J. G. Warwick (-1) bt E. P. Duffield (-1) by 15.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Dr. B. R. Sandiford (2) bt C. S. Ratcliffe (9) by 9.
H. O. Hodgson ($\frac{1}{2}$) bt F. H. Fisher ($-1\frac{1}{2}$) by 12.
S. S. Townsend ($5\frac{1}{2}$) bt V. A. de la Nougerede (0) by 23.
Major J. H. Dibley ($1\frac{1}{2}$) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (3) by 11.
J. G. Warwick (-1) bt D. M. Anderson ($1\frac{1}{2}$) by 3.
E. P. C. Cotter ($-4\frac{1}{2}$) bt Dr. H. J. Penny ($-1\frac{1}{2}$) by 11.
Miss A. E. Mills (2) bt Mrs. H. T. Farris (7) by 19.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden ($2\frac{1}{2}$) bt D. E. Buckland ($3\frac{1}{2}$) by 17.

THIRD ROUND.

H. O. Hodgson ($\frac{1}{2}$) bt Dr. B. R. Sandiford (2) by 3.
S. S. Townsend ($5\frac{1}{2}$) bt Major J. H. Dibley ($1\frac{1}{2}$) by 21.
E. P. C. Cotter ($-4\frac{1}{2}$) bt J. G. Warwick (-1) by 5.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden ($2\frac{1}{2}$) bt Miss A. E. Mills (2) by 19.

SEMI-FINAL.

S. S. Townsend ($5\frac{1}{2}$) bt H. O. Hodgson ($\frac{1}{2}$) by 3.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden ($2\frac{1}{2}$) bt E. P. C. Cotter ($-4\frac{1}{2}$) by 26.

FINAL.

S. S. Townsend ($5\frac{1}{2}$) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden ($2\frac{1}{2}$) by 13.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor, *Croquet*.

Dear Sir,

I am shocked and horrified by Lex in the issue of *Croquet* of August, 1954.

This person suggests that a minus player should not be stopped by an intervening referee, because he or she makes a double tap or push stroke "once in a season." For shame, he or she does or should know better!

A foul is a foul no matter if you are +10 or -6.

I am, yours truly,

KATHERINE LONGMAN

August 9th, 1954.

To the Editor, *Croquet*.

Dear Sir,

In the August issue of *Croquet* an article entitled "Question of Law" reads thus, relating to the duties of the intervening referee, "that it was never intended that a player, who, perhaps, plays a questionable shot maybe only once in a season, should be penalised. We think the intervening referee should distinguish between such a player and the habitual double tapper."

I contend that a foul is a foul at any time and a player should not be allowed to win a game on even one foul.

The intervening referee is being more and more frustrated as time goes on. He or she was at first supposed to call attention at once to any infringement of the laws, then, later, it was only for fouls that interventions was allowed and now, if an intervening referee is appointed, it seems that he must carry a record of each player in the tournament as to whether that player double taps, and before intervening he will have to look up those records and justify or abandon his ideas of doing so. What a difficult position for the intervener!

You have invited the views of your readers on this point and therefore I am writing this letter.

I have also come to the conclusion that the duties of an intervening referee must be clearly defined before next season. Otherwise no referee will have the courage to accept the position of intervener owing to his being uncertain of his duties.

Yours truly,

MURIEL M. REEVE

(The writer seems to assume that Lex was setting forth an official view. In fact he expressed an unofficial opinion and asked for the views of readers. In the April issue of *Croquet* Lex made it clear that the final authority in all matters connected with the Laws of Croquet is the Laws Committee of the C.A. Council with which Lex has no official connection whatever.—Editorial Panel.)

FOR BISQUERS HIGH OR LOW . . . By S.S.T.

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Starting at square A and proceeding clockwise to the end of the spiral at square B will reveal the names of eleven croquet players. The first has 14 letters, the second 13 letters, the third 12 letters and so on, down to the eleventh which finishes at square B and has 4 letters. Most of the players are leading personalities in the croquet world and nearly all are active participants of today. Three names are hyphenated and one is of two words.

The names can be deduced by solving the following clues, the answers to which are in each case to be entered in a straight line from the first-named square to the second-named square.

ACROSS.

- 1-3. Poet. Deadly to germs (6).
- 5-6. Unit of money (3).
- 12-13. Drew this in short and played the first card from the back (3).
- 18-20. To be in it is harmonious (4).
- 38-39. Fewer (4).

DOWN OR UP

- 9-19. Knowledge nearly all county (3).
- 10-23. Limp plant (3).
- 16-31. Tun (4).
- 17-2. The bitter part of the largest artichoke (4).
- 25-18. Soak (3).
- 32-43. 15th sometimes, 13th more often (4).
- 33-24. Chafe an impediment (3).
- 35-28. Surfeit (2).
- 38-29. Vulgar end of the fellow (3).
- 42-22. Frame for stretching cloth (6).
- 45-36. Twice 5-6 (3).

DIAGONAL

- 4-11. 1900 (3).
- 7-15. Is called from the chair between game and match (3).
- 8-18. Flying mammal seen at Lord's (3).
- 14-6. Ayesha (3).
- 21-30. Skill (3).
- 26-36. Invariably coupled with to (3).
- 27-43. They come to Putney in March (5).
- 30-37. In addition (3).
- 34-41. Grain in Sussex (3).
- 36-44. What have a skylark and agrecian urn in common? (3).
- 40-31. The animal that helps to make the welkin ring (3).

THE "LADIES' FIELD" CUP

THE HURLINGHAM CLUB

JULY 26th, 1954

We remember the first of these competitions held at the Hurlingham Club—as ever since—in 1911. Ten ladies then competed in lovely summer weather, the sun shining so continuously and so hotly that we recall one lady wearing a puggaree from the back of her broad-brimmed hat. Those who take delight in comparisons will find exceptional material for this so-called odious hobby by putting the weather conditions of the 1954 competition against those of 1911.

Though there were not ten competitors this year for this handsome Cup it was good to return to the octette of post-war years after the enforced reduction to six last year.

There were two newcomers to this important Event; Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi, and Mrs. M. Craven.

Mrs. Fotiadi took some time to settle down to her game; but from the fifth round she gradually added to her score, finishing in good company, Mrs. L. C. Apps and Mrs. L. H. Ashton, with 6 games each.

Mrs. Craven's one game, which she won from Miss M. J. Daldy, was a popular win. There have been four competitors in the past who have never won a game at all.

The game in the second round merited the attention of onlookers, for the holder, Miss D. A. Lintern, was against Mrs. E. Rotherham. These two players met last year, after a tie, and there was therefore keen exchange of opinion as to who would win this game.

It was a disappointing contest; neither of these two very much minus players appeared to be at her best, and Miss Lintern won a long drawn out game, +4.

Nevertheless, the holder went on winning her games without interruption—until the twelfth round; here she suffered her first and only defeat—from Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey. This was a good game—for the winner. Mrs. Elvey pegged out her opponent, when for the rover hoop, and went round from the fourth hoop to win +2. Miss Mona Bryan's record, in 1925, when she won all her 14 games from seven other players, still remains unbeaten.

There was an interesting game in the penultimate round, Mrs. Rotherham v. Mrs. Elvey. It looked to be a win for Mrs. Rotherham; but her opponent picked up a good break, pegged out the rover, and won +4.

Considering there were six minus players it was remarkable that there was no recourse made by any of them to the triple—or even double peel. Having said this, it needs some slight revision; for, in the 13th round, Mrs. Apps not only was engaged in triple peeling her partner but just failed to do so—the rover hoop alone prevented the completion. In the past, Mrs. Apps was renowned not only for never playing a game without attempting a "triple" but for almost always completing it.

Mrs. Bernard Wiggins gave every satisfaction as Manager and Referee, and was particularly considerate for the eight competitors' comforts by personally arranging for hot coffee to be served each morning.

ANALYSIS OF GAMES

Miss D. A. Lintern won 13 games: against Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi +13 +23, Mrs. E. Rotherham +4 +11, Mrs. L. C. Apps +26 +19, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +15, Miss M. J. Daldy +20 +14, Mrs. M. Craven +26 +15, Mrs. L. H. Ashton +19 +26. And lost 1: against Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey -2.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey won 11 games: against Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi +20 +6, Mrs. E. Rotherham +8 +3, Mrs. L. C. Apps +22, Miss M. J. Daldy +9, Mrs. M. Craven +14 +19, Miss D. A. Lintern +2, Mrs. L. H. Ashton +17 +3. And lost 3: against Mrs. L. C. Apps -7, Miss M. J. Daldy -17, Miss D. A. Lintern -15.

Mrs. E. Rotherham won 8 games: against Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi +17, Mrs. L. C. Apps +20 +9, Miss M. J. Daldy +8 +15, Mrs. M. Craven +14 +17, Mrs. L. H. Ashton +16. And lost 6: against Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi -16, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey -8 -3, Miss D. A. Lintern -4 -11, Mrs. L. H. Ashton -24.

Mrs. L. H. Ashton won 6 games: against Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi +14, Mrs. E. Rotherham +24, Mrs. L. C. Apps +22, Miss M. J. Daldy +2, Mrs. M. Craven +23 +21. And lost 8: against Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi -21, Mrs. E. Rotherham -16, Mrs. L. C. Apps -8, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey -17 -3, Mrs. M. J. Daldy -16, Miss D. A. Lintern -19 -26.

Mrs. L. C. Apps won 6 games: against Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi +14, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +7, Miss M. J. Daldy +6, Mrs. M. Craven +13 +3, Mrs. L. H. Ashton +8. And lost 8: against Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi -16, Mrs. E. Rotherham -20 -9, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey -22, Miss M. J. Daldy -13, Miss D. A. Lintern -26 -19, Mrs. L. H. Ashton -22.

Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi won 6 games: against Mrs. E. Rotherham +16, Mrs. L. C. Apps +10, Miss M. J. Daldy +9, Mrs. M. Craven +13 +9, Mrs. L. H. Ashton +21. And lost 8: against Mrs. E. Rotherham -17, Mrs. L. C. Apps -14, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey -20 -6, Miss M. J. Daldy -22, Miss D. A. Lintern -13 -23, Mrs. L. H. Ashton -14.

Miss M. J. Daldy won 5 games: against Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi +22, Mrs. L. C. Apps +13, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +25, Mrs. M. Craven +4, Mrs. L. H. Ashton +16. And lost 9: against Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi -9, Mrs. E. Rotherham -8 -15, Mrs. L. C. Apps -6, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey -9, Mrs. M. Craven -4, Miss D. A. Lintern -20 -14, Mrs. L. H. Ashton -2.

Mrs. M. Craven won 1 game: against Miss M. J. Daldy +4. And lost 13: against Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi -13 -9, Mrs. E. Rotherham -14 -17, Mrs. L. C. Apps -13 -3, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey -14 -17, Miss M. J. Daldy -4, Miss D. A. Lintern -26 -15, Mrs. L. H. Ashton -23 -21.

THE SILVER JUBILEE CUP

There were rather fewer entries this year for this handsome Cup, presented by H. T. Pinckney Simpson in 1935. The competition was divided into two blocks as last year, and indeed since 1950. G. Williams, the holder, was not defending his title.

Very close games were played in the first two matches of Block "A"; Mrs. H. J. Collins v. Mrs. J. Pavia was certainly one of them. The innings changed hands repeatedly; but the wretched weather conditions accounted for most of the failures to make points in continuous sequence. Eventually Mrs. Collins won a long game by one point. Mrs. G. W. Solomon only just defeated Miss D. Jennings, by three points—also a game of long duration. Then Mrs. Solomon had a tremendous struggle against M. Spencer Ell to try for a place in the semi-final. Though she played well, and used her three bisques judiciously, the scratch player managed to win by just two points.

Capt. H. G. Stoker, receiving half a bisque from Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, succeeded by the more substantial score, +20, and joined Spencer Ell in the semi-final.

Brigadier A. E. Stokes-Roberts entered the penultimate round at the expense of G. V. Evans, who found his opponent not one to whom he could give four bisques and a beating.

Major J. H. Dibley could not prevent Mrs. Collins from becoming the fourth semi-finalist—nor could she stop Stokes-Roberts from taking his place in the final.

The entry of Stoker into the final, from the opposition of Spencer Ell, was almost entirely due to his shooting at the two opponent's balls on the S. boundary, from quite 20 yards, and running his rover hoop!

In the final of this Block, Stokes-Roberts comfortably defeated Stoker by +22.

In the other Block, L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts had a walk-over from L. H. Ashton, and then was in the semi-final after beating Mrs. E. Bristow +22. Mrs. M. L. Thom only just managed to stop him entering the final. Mrs. D. Atfield did not allow R. C. V. de Wesselow—he had won the Cup twice before in 1951 and 1952—to get in the semi-final without strong opposition, the score, +5, suggesting what a close game it was.

Mrs. M. H. Carrington used her 7½ bisques against Miss A. M. Carlyon with such good judgment that she became a semi-finalist; de Wesselow, playing well—and giving 7½ bisques—prevented Mrs. Carrington from reaching the final.

Here Mrs. Thom, fortified by two extra turns, did well to beat de Wesselow in the final and qualify to meet Brigadier Stokes-Roberts in the play-off.

This was quite an interesting game, because for the first part of the contest, there was much to suggest that Mrs. Thom would win. She ran her hoops well and shot well, though two of her 2½ bisques had rather soon been taken. Then a change came over the game. Stokes-Roberts, after being kept out for some time, when he got in, made such full use of the innings that Mrs. Thom had to take the half bisque. Not long after, however, her opponent was in again and, playing well, won a good game +10.

Mrs. Bernard Wiggins also had this Event under her efficient and courteous management.

BLOCK "A." HANDICAP SINGLES.

(10 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. H. J. Collins (3½) bt Mrs. J. Pavia (4) by 1.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) bt Miss D. Jennings (3½) by 3.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (4) bt G. V. Evans (0) by 14.
Mrs. H. J. Collins (3½) bt Major J. H. Dibley (1½) by 2.
M. Spencer Ell (0) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) by 2.
Capt. H. G. Stoker (1½) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) by 20.

SEMI-FINAL.

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (4) bt Mrs. H. J. Collins (3½) by 9.
Capt. H. G. Stoker (1½) bt M. Spencer Ell (0) by 3.

FINAL.

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (4) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker (1½) by 10.

BLOCK "B."

(9 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (*10) w.o. L. H. Ashton (4½) opponent scratched.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. M. L. Thom (6½) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (14) by 15.
L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (*10) bt Mrs. E. Bristow (7) by 22.

R. C. V. de Wesselow (4½) bt Mrs. D. Attfield (6) by 5.
Mrs. M. H. Carrington (12) bt Miss A. M. Carlyon (4½) by 14.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. M. L. Thom (6½) bt L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (*10) by 6.

R. C. V. de Wesselow (4½) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (12) by 12.

FINAL.

Mrs. M. L. Thom (6½) bt R. C. V. de Wesselow (4½) by 10.

PLAY-OFF.

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts bt Mrs. M. L. Thom (6½) by 10.

THE CHALLENGE CUPS AND GILBEY CUP

AUGUST 12th—21st

THE CHALLENGE CUPS

This important fixture was played on the Draw and Process system—we believe that this is unprecedented—though only regarding the Roehampton Cup. E. P. C. Cotter, the holder, after a not altogether convincing win over Dr. H. J. Penny in the Draw, proceeded to the final; in the semi-final, however, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins very nearly arrived there instead. He had played two good breaks—to 4-back and the peg—and then pegged his rover out. This gave the pundits exceptional food for discussion. What they decided does not matter, Cotter proved it to be no good against him, for he won by just those four points. He beat Adams +26 in the final.

In the Process, both V. A. de la Nougerede and G. Victor Evans put up considerable opposition to the ultimate winner; but neither, A. G. F. Ross nor J. W. Solomon could stop Cotter winning this half of the Event—and therefore the whole of it. So often did this winner for the fifth time in succession go for and achieve the triple peel, that it appears to the onlooker the break is now to be considered of secondary importance; the triple's the thing on which to concentrate, the break must look after itself.

This thirst for the triple lost John Solomon his game, in the Draw against Col. C. C. Adams, in our opinion; for he went for the 4-back peel when there were no threads of material from which to weave the break.

Dr. B. R. Sandiford is to be congratulated on winning the Council Cup; each round his double figures increased in size to the final. Then he met that dour opponent, Capt. H. G. Stoker, in a best-of-three final. Though Stoker won the first game +13, the other two went to Sandiford in very close games.

After a convincing win in the first round of the Luard Cup, W. P. Ormerod met Miss K. Ault in the second. This, as the score shows, was a keen contest indeed—and Miss Ault won +2. Mrs. H. J. Collins could not stop her reaching the final, where she won with the substantial score, +21, against G. E. W. Hitchcock.

There were close games in the Reckitt Cup—only one went to double figures—from which E. Whitehead emerged victorious. Last year he won the Stevenson Cup, and Block "D," of the Gilbey Cup.

The Stevenson Cup final provided a close match between Mrs. S. M. Adler and Brigadier J. S. Omond; it was won by Omond.

THE GILBEY CUP

In Block "A," three of the seven minus competitors reached the semi-final, the other was G. Victor Evans, a scratch player. Ross and Cotter were the finalists, and Ross won a very interesting game.

Major J. H. Dibley, and Stoker met in the final of the "B" Block; each had had a very narrow shave of not getting there. Mrs. Chittenden only just lost to Dibley, +2, in the first round, and Mrs. G. W. Solomon was beaten by Stoker by that same small score. In a level game, both being in receipt of one bisque, Dibley won +23.

Although Mrs. Collins gave Ormerod a very close game—he won +8—he went on to the final, and victory, in Block "C." He reached the final at the expense of Miss Ault, giving her a bisque—and yet a reverse result occurred in the Luard Cup.

In Block "D" two of the several competitors with two-figure handicaps, Miss M. Morgan, 11, and Mrs. E. Haigh Smith, 12, came through to the final. Unfortunately Mrs. Morgan scratched.

The play-off therefore brought Ross, winner of "Block A," against Dibley winner of Block "B." This was a good win for Dibley against the Open Champion; receiving five bisques, he made good use of them, playing his breaks with every evidence that he was not perturbed by the high quality of his opponent, yet appreciating the extra turns that he gave him. Ross made a fine break to the rover, but he just failed to hit his long shots.

Mrs. Haigh Smith could not stop Ormerod from qualifying to play Dibley when playing as winner of Block "D" against him, the winner of "Block C."

The final between Dibley and Ormerod was a great triumph for the 17 year old Marlborough boy; as it happened, Dibley is an old Marlburian, a similar coincidence hard to find. Ormerod only had to take one of his 2½ bisques to peg out, because, in peeling his partner through the rover, his mallet-ball ran on to it. He had, incidentally, when playing his first break peeled his other ball through the first hoop. He should soon join the scratch players, at least.

The Handicap Doubles produced several close matches. Perhaps one of the best was Evans and Dibley v. Cotter and Mrs. Adler. Cotter pegged out Dibley, after a double peel; but Evans for 4-back shot in and won the game, the opponents' last bisque unused.

These two men had a tremendous game in the semi-final; but their opponents, J. G. Warwick and Brigadier A. E. Stokes-Roberts, just won by the lowest score possible, +1.

The final was a very interesting match for spectators; it was Men v. Women, the latter Miss A. E. Mills and

Mrs. R. G. Michelmere. They received one bisque. The last stages were exciting, for the men looked as if one of them would be pegged out; a missed roquet sad to relate, gave the men the game, +8.

There was an Extra Event, won by M. Spencer Ell, not to mention the Golf Croquet both Singles and Doubles. Mrs. Chittenden won the Singles Block "A", and Mrs. Howard Austin Block "B". In the play-off Mrs. Chittenden won by 4 and 2. Brigadier A. E. Stokes-Roberts and W. P. Ormerod won the Doubles.

Miss D. A. Lintern again proved more than capable to deal with such a tremendous number of Events, and her management was much appreciated by all competitors.

T. Wood-Hill is always a most able and willing assistant to the management, and during the Tournament was ever ready to help. When the courts were flooded, he was seen scattering the water standing on them so that they dried off and were soon fit for play.

DIVISION I. THE ROEHAMPTON CHALLENGE CUP.

("Two Lives" System).

THE DRAW.

(17 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. G. J. Turketine bt G. Victor Evans by 9.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Col. C. C. Adams bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 15.
J. W. Solomon bt A. G. F. Ross by 18.
Major J. W. Cobb bt E. V. Carpmal by 23.
Mrs. G. J. Turketine bt Miss M. S. Carlyon by 7.
Mrs. L. C. Apps bt H. T. Pinckney Simpson by 10.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt J. G. Warwick by 9.
M. Spencer Ell bt Mrs. W. Longman by 12.
E. P. C. Cotter bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 10.

THIRD ROUND.

Col. C. C. Adams bt J. W. Solomon by 11.
Major J. W. Cobb bt Mrs. G. J. Turketine by 6.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Mrs. L. C. Apps by 17.
E. P. C. Cotter bt M. Spencer Ell by 23.

SEMI-FINAL.

Col. C. C. Adams bt Major J. W. Cobb by 19.
E. P. C. Cotter bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins by 4.

FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter bt Col. C. C. Adams by 26.

PROCESS.

(17 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

E. P. C. Cotter bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 13.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. W. Longman bt Miss M. S. Carlyon by 8.
A. G. F. Ross bt H. T. Pinckney Simpson by 25.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt E. V. Carpmal by 23.
E. P. C. Cotter bt G. Victor Evans by 17.
Mrs. G. J. Turketine bt Dr. H. J. Penny opponent retired.
G. W. Solomon bt J. G. Warwick by 6.
Major J. W. Cobb bt M. Spencer Ell by 14.
Col. C. C. Adams bt Mrs. L. C. Apps by 14.

THIRD ROUND.

A. G. F. Ross bt Mrs. W. Longman by 1.
E. P. C. Cotter bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins by 25.
J. W. Solomon bt Mrs. G. J. Turketine by 20.
Col. C. C. Adams bt Major J. W. Cobb by 16.

SEMI-FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter bt A. G. F. Ross by 26.
J. W. Solomon bt Col. C. C. Adams by 3.

FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter bt J. W. Solomon by 26.

PLAY-OFF FOR SECOND PLACE.

J. W. Solomon bt Col. C. C. Adams by 17.

DIVISION II.

THE COUNCIL CHALLENGE CUP.

(½ to 2½ bisques).

(13 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Dr. N. Oliver bt Major J. H. Dibley by 5.
Dr. B. R. Sandiford bt Mrs. A. G. F. Ross by 15.
S. F. Sopwith bt Mrs. S. Phillips by 12.
Mrs. M. Curnick bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 8.
Capt. H. G. Stoker bt Mrs. C. Waydelin by 18.

Miss A. E. Mills bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury by 7.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

T. Wood-Hill bt Dr. N. Oliver by 11.
Dr. B. R. Sandiford bt S. F. Sopwith by 16.
Capt. H. G. Stoker bt Mrs. M. Curnick by 18.
Miss A. E. Mills bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.

Dr. B. R. Sandiford bt T. Wood-Hill by 20.
Capt. H. G. Stoker bt Miss A. E. Mills by 21.

FINAL.

Dr. B. R. Sandiford bt Capt. H. G. Stoker—13 +6 +2.

DIVISION III.

THE LUARD CHALLENGE CUP.

(3 to 5 bisques).

(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. F. Pavia bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts by 11.
Mrs. H. J. Philpot w.o. Mrs. W. H. Traill opponent scratched.
Miss K. Ault bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 6.
W. P. Ormerod bt Miss D. Jennings by 20.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

G. E. W. Hitchcock w.o. opponent withdrawn.
Mrs. F. Pavia bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot by 14.
Miss K. Ault bt W. P. Ormerod by 2.
Mrs. H. J. Collins bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmere by 4.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. E. W. Hitchcock bt Mrs. F. Pavia by 9.
Miss K. Ault bt Mrs. H. J. Collins by 13.

FINAL.

Miss K. Ault bt G. E. W. Hitchcock by 21.

DIVISION IV.

THE RECKITT CHALLENGE CUP.

(5½ to 7½ bisques).

(6 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. E. Bristow bt Mrs. A. E. Williams by 4.
Mrs. E. A. Roper bt Mrs. D. Attfield by 4.
The rest had byes.

SEMI-FINAL.

E. A. Roper bt Mrs. E. Bristow by 16.
E. Whitehead bt Mrs. E. A. Roper by 3.

FINAL.

E. Whitehead bt E. A. Roper by 4.

DIVISION V.

THE STEVENSON CHALLENGE CUP.

(8 bisques and over).

(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. G. L. Ormerod w.o. Rev. G. L. Jarratt opponent scratched.
Brig. J. S. Omond bt Mrs. C. M. Turner by 7.
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith bt Miss M. Morgan by 6.
Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson bt Mrs. D. M. Staub by 17.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. J. S. Omond bt Mrs. D. M. Cork by 14.
Brig. J. S. Omond bt Mrs. G. L. Ormerod by 22.
Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith by 17.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. S. M. Adler bt C. S. Ratcliffe by 4.
Brig. J. S. Omond bt Mrs. J. S. Omond by 13.

FINAL.

Mrs. S. M. Adler bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson by 3.
Brig. J. S. Omond bt Mrs. S. M. Adler by 11.

THE GILBEY CUPS.

BLOCK "A".

(½ bisque and under).

(15 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

A. G. F. Ross (-4) bt E. V. Carpmal (0) by 24.
Mrs. L. C. Apps (-1½) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon (0) by 6.
M. Spencer Ell (0) bt J. G. Warwick (-1) by 5.
G. Victor Evans (0) bt Dr. N. Oliver (½) by 4.

E. P. C. Cotter (-4½) bt Major J. W. Cobb (-½) by 13.
H. T. Pinckney Simpson (0) bt V. A. de la Nougere (0) by 24.
Mrs. G. J. Turketine (-½) bt Col. C. C. Adams (-2½) by 7.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.
A. G. F. Ross (-4) bt Mrs. L. C. Apps (-1½) by 7.
G. Victor Evans (0) bt M. Spencer Ell (0) by 16.
E. P. C. Cotter (-4½) bt H. T. Pinckney Simpson (0) by 19.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (-3½) bt Mrs. G. J. Turketine (-½) by 18.

SEMI-FINAL.
A. G. F. Ross (-4) bt G. Victor Evans (0) by 15.
E. P. C. Cotter (-4½) bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (-3½) by 26.

FINAL.
A. G. F. Ross (-4) bt E. P. C. Cotter (-4½) by 15.

BLOCK "B".
(1 to 3 bisques).
(15 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
Miss A. E. Mills (2) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2) by 21.
T. Wood-Hill (1½) bt S. F. Sopwith (1½) by 4.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) bt Mrs. M. Curnick (1½) by 4.
Capt. H. G. Stoker (1½) bt Mrs. S. Phillips (2½) by 19.
Mrs. R. G. Michelmores (3) bt G. E. W. Hitchcock (3) by 12.
Mrs. A. G. F. Ross (2½) bt Mrs. C. Waydelin (½) by 16.
Major J. H. Dibley (1½) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) by 2.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.
Miss A. E. Mills (2) bt T. Wood-Hill (1½) by 22.
Capt. H. G. Stoker (1½) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) by 2.
Mrs. A. G. F. Ross (2½) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmores (3) by 12.
Major J. H. Dibley (1½) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) by 6.

SEMI-FINAL.
Capt. H. G. Stoker (1½) bt Miss A. E. Mills (2) by 18.
Major J. H. Dibley (1½) bt Mrs. A. G. F. Ross (2½) by 11.

FINAL.
Major J. H. Dibley (1½) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker (1½) by 23.

BLOCK "C".
(3½ to 6½ bisques).
(13 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
Miss K. Ault (5) bt Mrs. F. Pavia (4) by 18.
W. P. Ormerod (4) bt Mrs. H. J. Collins (3½) by 8.
E. A. Roper (5) bt Mrs. D. Attfield (6) by 17.
Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) bt Mrs. A. E. Williams (6½) by 4.
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (4) w.o. Mrs. W. H. Traill (3½) opponent scratched.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.
Miss K. Ault (5) bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot (5) by 2.
W. P. Ormerod (4) bt E. A. Roper (5) by 15.
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (4) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) by 10.
Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) bt Miss D. Jennings (3½) by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.
W. P. Ormerod (4) bt Miss K. Ault (5) by 17.
Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (4) opponent retired.

FINAL.
W. P. Ormerod (4) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) by 26.

BLOCK "D".
(7 bisques and over).
(13 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
Mrs. E. Bristow (7) w.o. Rev. G. L. Jarratt (9) opponent scratched.
Miss M. Morgan (11) bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (8½) by 6.
Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) bt E. Whitehead (7½) by 4 on time.
C. S. Ratcliffe (9) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (12) by 17.
Mrs. M. D. Cork (9) bt Mrs. D. M. Staub (14) by 14.

Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (12) bt Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (12) by 18.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.
Miss M. Morgan (11) bt Mrs. E. Bristow (7) by 24.
Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) bt C. S. Ratcliffe (9) by 19.
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (12) bt Mrs. D. M. Cork (9) by 8.
Brig. J. S. Omond (8) bt Mrs. S. Adler (11) by 2.

SEMI-FINAL.
Miss M. Morgan (11) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) by 7.
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (12) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (8) by 11.

FINAL.
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (12) w.o. Miss M. Morgan (11) opponent scratched.

PLAY-OFF.
Major J. H. Dibley (1½) bt A. G. F. Ross (-4) by 15.
W. P. Ormerod (4) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (12) by 14.

GILBEY FINAL.
W. P. Ormerod (4) bt Major J. H. Dibley (1½) by 26.

EXTRA EVENT.
HANDICAP SINGLES.
(24 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
Mrs. M. Carrington (12) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (12) by 22.
J. G. Warwick (-1) bt E. V. Carpmael (0) by 2.
S. F. Sopwith (1½) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) by 4.
Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2) bt Mrs. D. M. Cork (9) by 22.
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (12) bt T. Wood-Hill (1½) by 1.
W. P. Ormerod (4) bt Mrs. M. Curnick (1½) by 13.
Col. C. C. Adams (-2½) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) by 14.
Miss D. Jennings (3½) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (12) by 4.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.
M. Spencer Ell (0) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmores (3) by 10.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) bt E. Whitehead (7½) by 14.
J. G. Warwick (-1) bt Mrs. M. Carrington (12) by 6.
Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2) bt S. F. Sopwith (1½) by 4.
W. P. Ormerod (4) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (12) by 10.
Miss D. Jennings (3½) bt Col. C. C. Adams (-2½) by 23.
Mrs. H. J. Philpot (5) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) by 5.
C. S. Ratcliffe (9) bt Mrs. E. Bristow (7) by 17.

THIRD ROUND.
M. Spencer Ell (0) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) by 16.
J. G. Warwick (-1) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2) by 6.
Miss D. Jennings (3½) bt W. P. Ormerod (4) opponent retired.

C. S. Ratcliffe (9) bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot (5) by 15.
SEMI-FINAL.
M. Spencer Ell (0) bt J. G. Warwick (-1) by 20.
C. S. Ratcliffe (9) bt Miss D. Jennings (3½) by 10.
FINAL.
M. Spencer Ell (0) bt C. S. Ratcliffe (9) by 15.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.
(Combined Handicap scratch and over).
(21 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.
W. P. Ormerod and Miss K. Ault (9) bt Miss A. M. Carlyon and Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (16½) by 12.
V. A. de la Nougere (2) bt Mrs. D. M. Cork (2) 3 and 1.
S. Carlyon and Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (12) by 4 on time.
Mrs. A. E. Williams and Mrs. D. M. Cork (15½) bt Brig. J. S. Omond and Mrs. J. S. Omond (20) by 5 on time.
Mrs. C. M. Turner and Miss M. Morgan (18) bt E. A. Roper and Mrs. A. G. F. Ross (7½) by 18.
Col. C. C. Adams and Mrs. E. Bristow (4½) bt E. Whitehead and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (10½) by 11.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.
Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. R. G. Michelmores (5) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker and Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (10) by 11.
E. V. Carpmael and Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) bt T. Wood-Hill and Mrs. M. Curnick (3) by 5 on time.
Major J. W. Cobb and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1½) bt W. P. Ormerod and Miss K. Ault (9) by 13.
V. A. de la Nougere (2) bt S. F. Sopwith (1½) bt Mrs. A. E. Williams and Mrs. D. M. Cork (15½) by 11.
Mrs. C. M. Turner and Miss M. Morgan (18) bt Col. C. C. Adams and Mrs. E. Bristow (4½) by 15.
J. G. Warwick and Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (3) bt G. E. W. Hitchcock and Mrs. H. J. Collins (6½) by 10.

E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs. S. M. Adler (6½) bt A. G. F. Ross and Mrs. E. A. Roper (2) by 10.
G. V. Evans and Major J. H. Dibley (1½) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (3) by 6 on time.

THIRD ROUND.
Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. R. G. Michelmores (5) bt E. V. Carpmael and Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) by 15.
V. A. de la Nougere (2) bt S. F. Sopwith (1½) bt Major J. W. Cobb and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1½) by 16.
J. G. Warwick and Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (3) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner and Miss M. Morgan (18) by 12.
G. Victor Evans and Major J. H. Dibley (1½) bt E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs. S. M. Adler (6½) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.
Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. R. G. Michelmores (5) bt V. A. de la Nougere (2) and S. F. Sopwith (1½) by 6.
J. G. Warwick and Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (3) bt G. V. Evans and Major J. H. Dibley (1½) by 1.

FINAL.
J. G. Warwick and Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (3) bt Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. R. G. Michelmores (5) by 8.

GOLF CROQUET.

THE "ASCOT" CHALLENGE CUP.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(16 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
Col. C. C. Adams (0) bt Mrs. S. Phillips (1) 1 up.
W. P. Ormerod (1) bt Mrs. L. G. Nickisson (1) 3 and 1.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1) bt Miss A. M. Carlyon (1) 1 up.
Major J. H. Dibley (1) bt Mrs. W. H. Traill (1) opponent scratched.
Miss A. E. Mills (1) bt Mrs. A. G. F. Ross (1) 2 and 1.
G. Victor Evans (1) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) 1 up.
Mrs. G. J. Turketine (0) bt S. F. Sopwith (1) by 1.
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (1) bt J. G. Warwick (1) up.

SECOND ROUND.
W. P. Ormerod (1) bt Col. C. C. Adams (0) 5 and 3.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1) bt Major J. H. Dibley (1) 4 and 3.
G. Victor Evans (1) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1) by 1.
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (1) bt Mrs. G. J. Turketine (0) 2 and 1.

SEMI-FINAL.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1) bt W. P. Ormerod (1) opponent scratched.
G. Victor Evans (1) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (1) 5 and 3.

FINAL.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1) bt G. Victor Evans (1) 3 and 1.

BLOCK "B".
(15 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
Mrs. E. Bristow (2) bt Mrs. D. M. Staub (3) 7 and 5.
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (3) bt Mrs. D. M. Cork (2) 3 and 1.
Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (2) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (2) 8 and 6.
E. A. Roper (1) bt Miss M. Morgan (3) 1 up.
Mrs. M. Carrington (3) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (2) 6 and 4.
Miss K. Ault (1) bt Mrs. D. Attfield (2) 6 and 4.
Mrs. Howard Austin (2) bt Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (3) 5 and 7.

SECOND ROUND.
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (3) bt Mrs. E. Bristow (2) 3 and 1.
Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (2) bt E. A. Roper (1) by 1.
Mrs. M. Carrington (3) bt Miss K. Ault (1) 8 and 6.
Mrs. Howard Austin (2) bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot (1) 2 up.

SEMI-FINAL.
Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (2) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (3) 3 and 2.
Mrs. Howard Austin (2) bt Mrs. M. Carrington (3) 5 and 4.

FINAL.
Mrs. Howard Austin (2) bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (2) 2 up.

PLAY-OFF.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1) bt Mrs. Howard Austin 4 and 2.

GOLF CROQUET DOUBLES.
THE "DELVES BROUGHTON" CHALLENGE CUP.

(16 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.
G. V. Evans and R. H. Park (1) bt E. A. Roper and Mrs. E. A. Roper (3) 4 and 2.
Mrs. A. G. F. Ross and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon and Mrs. A. M. Carlyon (1) by 3.
V. A. de la Nougere (2) and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1) bt Miss K. Ault and Mrs. E. Bristow (3) by 1.
S. F. Sopwith and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner and Miss M. Morgan (5) by 1.
Mrs. R. G. Michelmores and Mrs. H. J. Philpot (2) bt Mrs. S. Phillips and Miss A. E. Mills (2) by 1.
Col. C. C. Adams and Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (3) bt Mrs. L. E. G. Nickisson and Mrs. D. A. Attfield (3) 5 and 4.
Mrs. Howard Austin and Mrs. M. Carrington (5) bt J. G. Warwick and Capt. H. G. Stoker (1) by 1.
W. P. Ormerod and Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (2) bt Mrs. D. M. Staub and Mrs. G. J. Turketine (3) 4 and 2.

SECOND ROUND.
G. V. Evans and R. H. Park (1) bt Mrs. A. G. F. Ross and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) 3 and 2.
V. A. de la Nougere (2) and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1) bt S. F. Sopwith and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) 8 and 6.
Col. C. C. Adams and Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (3) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmores and Mrs. H. J. Philpot (2) 1 up.
W. P. Ormerod and Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (2) bt Mrs. Howard Austin and Mrs. M. Carrington (5) 1 up.

SEMI-FINAL.
G. V. Evans and R. H. Park (1) bt V. A. de la Nougere (2) and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (1) 2 up.
W. P. Ormerod and Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (2) bt Col. C. C. Adams and Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (3) 4 and 2.

FINAL.
W. P. Ormerod and Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (2) bt G. V. Evans and R. H. Park (1) by 1.

CHELTENHAM

July 19th—24th

Cheltenham was lucky in its weather and the beautiful grounds looked their best. Contrary to adverse reports the ten courts were in most excellent condition and I do not think a more level result could be found anywhere. A very agreeable surprise to all of us, reflecting the greatest credit on the groundsman and all concerned.

The management was in the experienced hands of Miss Steel and all was concluded, including an extra, by 5 o'clock on Saturday without the undoubted irritation and annoyance caused by shortened games.

The play resulted in the usual triumphal procession for Hicks in the Open. Denison, who played extremely well throughout, was the only contestant to give him cause for anxiety. Fisher and de la Nougere (de la Nougere) played off for 2nd place and the latter won this match with some ease. Denison proved his consistent good form by defeating the redoubtable Thackwell in the handicap. Mrs. Gasson also defeated Thackwell in the "B" final. Bantock (a dangerous 5) won the "C" class event.

Brown and Bantock had a popular win in the Doubles and played well throughout. The early rounds brought no surprises but the 3rd round match between Fellows and Wood-Hill versus Hicks and Miss Ault provided a close match and an exciting finish. A fine long shot by Wood-Hill secured the winning margin.

It only remains to tender thanks to Miss Paulley and the ladies who assisted her for the excellent catering and to H. E. Gould for his secretarial work.

THE CHELTENHAM CHAMPIONSHIP.
CHALLENGE CUP.

OPEN SINGLES.

("Two Life System").

(11 Entries).

THE DRAW.

H. O. Hicks bt V. A. de la Nougere (2) by 21.
F. H. Fisher bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 24.
J. K. Brown bt T. Wood-Hill by 5.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.
Rev. H. B. W. Denison bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey by 4.
H. O. Hicks bt J. K. Brown by 17.
F. H. Fisher bt H. T. Pinckney-Simpson by 12.
Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows bt Major J. W. Cobb by 6.

SEMI-FINAL.
H. O. Hicks bt Rev. H. B. W. Denison by 4.
F. H. Fisher w.o. Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows opponent retired.

FINAL.
H. O. Hicks bt F. H. Fisher by 25.

PROCESS.
FIRST ROUND.
H. O. Hicks bt Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows by 13.
H. T. Pinckney Simpson bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey by 4.
Major J. W. Cobb bt Rev. H. B. W. Denison by 10.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.
H. O. Hicks bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 25.
J. K. Brown w.o. H. T. Pinckney Simpson opponent retired.
V. A. de la Nougerede bt F. H. Fisher by 12.
Major J. W. Cobb bt T. Wood-Hill by 11.

SEMI-FINAL.
H. O. Hicks bt J. K. Brown by 18.
V. A. de la Nougerede bt Major J. W. Cobb by 4.

FINAL.
H. O. Hicks bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 25.

PLAY-OFF FOR SECOND PLACE.
V. A. de la Nougerede bt F. H. Fisher by 10.

THE MONEY CHALLENGE SALVER.

LEVEL SINGLES.
(2 bisques and over).
(13 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
Mrs. A. L. Megson bt Mrs. P. E. Heley by 17.
A. McClure Williams bt Miss M. C. Macaulay by 14.
Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone bt Miss E. P. Carmouche by 4.
R. G. H. Belcher bt Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege by 7.
Major Rev. N. E. O. Thackwell bt Miss A. S. E. Lockton by 10.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.
Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt Mrs. A. L. Megson by 11.
A. McClure Williams bt Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone by 11.
Major Rev. N. E. O. Thackwell bt R. G. H. Belcher by 23.
R. H. Newton bt Mrs. W. A. Odling by 4.

SEMI-FINAL.
Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt A. McClure Williams by 6.
Major Rev. N. E. O. Thackwell bt R. H. Newton by 25.

FINAL.
Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt Major Rev. N. E. O. Thackwell by 13.

HANDICAP SINGLES.
(5 bisques and over).
(16 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
E. G. Bantock (5) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (8) by 12.
Miss M. Posford (5½) bt Mrs. W. N. Weech (9) by 4.
Mrs. S. Mathews (5) bt Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) by 13.
Lt.-Col. S. Mathews (5½) bt Mrs. A. E. Robinson (9) by 19.
Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher (10) bt Mrs. F. Langley (5½) by 17.
Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (6) bt Mrs. C. A. G. Money (8½) by 11.
Capt. K. B. Millar (8) bt W. J. Dixon (8) by 21.
Miss K. Ault (5) bt Major A. F. P. Knapp (10) by 17.

SECOND ROUND.
E. G. Bantock (5) bt Miss M. Posford (5½) by 10.
Lt.-Col. S. Mathews (5½) bt Mrs. S. Mathews (5) by 15.
Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (6) bt Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher (10) by 7.
Capt. K. B. Millar (8) bt Miss K. Ault (5) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.
E. G. Bantock (5) bt Lt.-Col. S. Mathews (5½) by 19.
Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (6) bt Capt. K. B. Millar (8) by 8.

FINAL.
E. G. Bantock (5) bt Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (6) by 7.

GENERAL HANDICAP SINGLES. (24 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
Mrs. W. A. Odling (3) bt T. Wood-Hill (1½) by 10.
Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (2½) bt Miss M. C. Macaulay (3½) by 8.
Major The Rev. N. E. O. Thackwell (2) bt Mrs. F. Langley (5½) by 5.
E. G. Bantock (5) bt Miss K. Ault (5) by 10.
Rev. H. B. W. Denison (—½) bt Mrs. W. N. Weech (9) by 15.
Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2) bt J. K. Brown (—1) by 7.
Capt. K. B. Millar (8) bt V. A. de la Nougerede (0) by 2.
Mrs. G. Ozanne (1) bt A. McClure Williams (2) by 1.

SECOND ROUND.
Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher (10) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) by 8.
Mrs. A. V. Armstrong (5) bt F. H. Fisher (—1½) by 13.
R. H. Newton (2½) bt Mrs. C. A. G. Money (8½) by 17.
Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) bt Lt.-Col. S. Mathews (5½) by 8.
Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows (—1½) bt Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) by 5.
Miss M. Posford (5½) bt Miss A. S. E. Lockton (4) by 10.
Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (2½) bt Mrs. W. A. Odling (3) by 8.
Major The Rev. N. E. O. Thackwell (2) bt E. G. Bantock (5) by 9.
Rev. H. B. W. Denison (—½) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2) by 12.
Mrs. G. Ozanne (1) bt Capt. K. B. Millar (8) by 21.
Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (6) bt F. Langley (1) by 17.
Mrs. A. E. Robinson (9) bt Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (3½) by 11.
Major J. W. Cobb (—½) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (8) by 12.
A. L. Megson (1½) bt Miss E. P. Carmouche (3) by 22.
Mrs. S. Mathews (5) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) by 2.
H. T. Pinckney Simpson (0) bt R. G. H. Belcher (2½) by 6.

THIRD ROUND.
Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher (10) bt Mrs. A. V. Armstrong (5) by 2.
R. H. Newton (2½) bt Mrs. A. L. Megson (4) by 16.
Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows (—1½) bt Miss M. Posford (5½) by 3.
Major The Rev. N. E. O. Thackwell (2) bt Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (2½) by 9.
Rev. H. B. W. Denison (—½) bt Mrs. G. Ozanne (1) by 9.
Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (6) bt Mrs. A. E. Robinson (9) by 6.
Major J. W. Cobb (—½) bt A. L. Megson (1½) by 22.
Mrs. S. Mathews (5) bt H. T. Pinckney Simpson (0) by 23.

FOURTH ROUND.
R. H. Newton (2½) bt Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher (10) by 13.
Major The Rev. N. E. O. Thackwell (2) bt Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows (—1½) by 22.
Rev. H. B. W. Denison (—½) bt Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (6) by 4.
Major J. W. Cobb (—½) bt Mrs. S. Mathews (5) by 13.

SEMI-FINAL.
Major The Rev. N. E. O. Thackwell (2) bt R. H. Newton (2½) by 12.
Rev. H. B. W. Denison (—½) bt Major J. W. Cobb (—½) by 18.

FINAL.
Rev. H. B. W. Denison (—½) bt Major The Rev. N. E. O. Thackwell (2) by 19.

THE BARWELL SALVERS.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.
(Unrestricted).
(17 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.
J. K. Brown and E. G. Bantock (4) bt Miss A. S. E. Lockton and Mrs. A. E. Robinson (13) by 13.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.
V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2) bt Mrs. W. A. Odling and Miss M. C. Macaulay (6½) by 2.
A. L. Megson and R. H. Newton (4) bt R. G. H. Belcher and Capt. K. B. Millar (10½) by 9.
Mrs. C. A. Bishop and Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (11½) bt Lt.-Col. S. Mathews and Major R. D. Marshall (12½) by 10.
J. K. Brown and E. G. Bantock (4) bt Rev. H. B. W. Denison and Mrs. P. E. Heley (3½) by 10.
H. O. Hicks and Miss K. Ault (—½) bt Mrs. A. V. Armstrong and Miss W. M. Plum (11) by 14.

Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows and T. Wood-Hill (0) bt F. H. Fisher and W. J. Dixon (6½) by 14.
Major J. W. Cobb and A. McClure Williams (1½) bt Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege and Mrs. S. Mathews (7½) by 13.
F. Langley and Mrs. F. Langley (6½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Mrs. A. L. Megson (1) by 1.

THIRD ROUND.
V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2) bt A. L. Megson and R. H. Newton (4) by 2.
J. K. Brown and E. G. Bantock (4) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop and Miss L. Elphinstone-Stone (11½) by 9.
Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows and T. Wood-Hill (0) bt H. O. Hicks and Miss K. Ault (—½) by 3.
Major J. W. Cobb and A. McClure Williams (1½) bt F. Langley and Mrs. F. Langley (6½) by 12.

SEMI-FINAL.
J. K. Brown and E. G. Bantock (4) bt V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2) by 1.
Major J. W. Cobb and A. McClure Williams (1½) bt Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows and T. Wood-Hill (0) by 15.

FINAL.
J. K. Brown and E. G. Bantock (4) bt Major J. W. Cobb and A. McClure Williams (1½) by 18.

EXMOUTH

July 19th—24th

This year's entry was not quite up to that of previous years in numbers but the presence of visitors from overseas, including this year's Champion, tended to increase the interest. The weather was average for the 1954 season, though summer did descend upon us for two days and create a demand for sunburn lotions and in one case for anti-mosquito treatment.

All events were contested very evenly. In the "A" Opens a duel developed between M. B. Reckitt and Arthur Ross, a main factor which enabled the latter to win being his phenomenal long shooting. It was pleasing to see Mrs. Reckitt producing what one knows must be her true form, as witness her convincing win in the B level singles, while Colonel Beamish's win in the big handicap was the logical outcome of his consistent accuracy.

The week was a very happy one. Miss A. E. Mills earned the thanks of the competitors by her tireless work on their behalf while the greatest praise is due to the club steward and the ground staff for their invaluable contribution.

It is a pity that the attractions of this tournament are not more widely known, for if they were they would surely draw many more to enjoy them. The setting is a particularly charming one, and the courts are so situated that from a single vantage point almost all that is going forward on any of them may be seen. As the writer of the Budleigh Salterton account suggested, there is a distinct revival of the game in Devon which deserves encouragement from the visits of players from other centres and will in its turn be encouraging to them. And it need not make us "pot hunters" to be impressed by the especially attractive array of trophies offered here to the winners in every event, reviving memories of the time when Exmouth was—as it will surely be again one day—one of the most flourishing centres of Croquet in the west.

OPEN SINGLES.

A CHALLENGE BOWL.

THE DRAW.

(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Major J. H. Dibley bt Com. G. V. G. Beamish by 11.
M. B. Reckitt w.o. Major G. F. Stone opponent scratched.
A. G. F. Ross bt Miss M. S. Carlyon by 12.
Col. D. W. Beamish bt V. C. Cave by 13.

SEMI-FINAL.

M. B. Reckitt bt Major J. H. Dibley by 14.
A. G. F. Ross bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 12.

FINAL.

A. G. F. Ross bt M. B. Reckitt by 15.

PROCESS.

(8 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

M. B. Reckitt bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 6.
A. G. F. Ross bt Major J. H. Dibley by 10.
Major G. F. Stone bt Miss M. S. Carlyon by 15.
Com. G. V. G. Beamish bt V. C. Cave by 16.

SEMI-FINAL.

M. B. Reckitt bt A. G. F. Ross by 2.
Com. G. V. G. Beamish w.o. Major G. F. Stone opponent retired.

FINAL.

M. B. Reckitt bt Com. G. V. G. Beamish by 7.

PLAY-OFF.

A. G. F. Ross bt M. B. Reckitt by 13.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B").

(2½ bisques and over).

(11 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss V. E. Mills bt E. A. Roper by 4.
Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse w.o. Mrs. W. A. Traill opponent scratched.
Mrs. M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot by 22.

SECOND ROUND.

Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley by 16.
Miss V. E. Mills bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse by 21.
Mrs. M. B. Reckitt bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod by 9.
Mrs. A. G. F. Ross bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmore by 12.

SEMI-FINAL.

Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin bt Miss V. E. Mills by 4.
Mrs. M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs. A. G. F. Ross by 10.

FINAL.

Mrs. M. B. Reckitt bt Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin by 8.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C").

(6½ bisques and over).

(9 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) bt Mrs. G. M. Robertson (12) by 16.
Capt. G. R. Bald (7) w.o. opponent withdrawn.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. E. A. Roper (6½) bt Miss S. C. Gough (13) by 4.
G. A. H. Alexander (9) bt Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) by 5.
Capt. G. R. Bald (7) bt G. A. Black (9) by 6.
Miss H. McKean (7½) bt Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (12) by 18.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. E. A. Roper (6½) bt G. A. H. Alexander (9) by 4.
Miss H. McKean (7½) bt Capt. G. R. Bald (7) by 3.

FINAL.

Mrs. E. A. Roper (6½) bt Miss H. McKean (7½) by 2.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y.').

EVENT "X."

(27 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

V. C. Gave (2) bt Miss H. McKean (7½) by 11.
Com. G. V. G. Beamish (2) bt Mrs. G. M. Robertson (12) by 19.
Major J. H. Dibley (1½) bt E. A. Roper (6) by 2.
Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (3) w.o. Mrs. W. A. Traill (3½) opponent scratched.
G. A. H. Alexander (9) w.o. Miss M. S. Carlyon (0) opponent scratched.
Mrs. H. J. Philpot (5) bt Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) by 5.
Col. D. W. Beamish (—1) w.o. Major G. F. Stone (—3½) opponent scratched.
Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (3) by 10.
Mrs. A. G. F. Ross (3) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6½) by 5.
M. B. Reckitt (—3) bt Miss S. E. Gough (13) by 9.
A. G. F. Ross (—4) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (6) by 3.

SECOND ROUND.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod (5) by 14.
V. C. Cave (2) bt Com. G. V. G. Beamish (2) by 3.
Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (3) bt Major J. H. Dibley (1½)
by 8.

G. A. H. Alexander (9) bt Mrs. H. J. Philpot (5) by 9 on
time.

Col. D. W. Beamish (—1) bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) by 8.
M. B. Reckitt (—3) bt Mrs. A. G. F. Ross (3) by 14.
A. G. F. Ross (—4) bt Capt. G. R. Bald (7) by 13.
Mrs. L. G. Walters (6½) bt Miss V. E. Mills (3½) by 3.

THIRD ROUND.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) bt V. C. Cave (2) by 7.
G. A. H. Alexander (9) w.o. Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin
(3) opponent retired.

Col. D. W. Beamish (—1) w.o. M. B. Reckitt (—3) op-
ponent scratched.
Mrs. L. G. Walters (6½) bt A. G. F. Ross (—4) by 15.

SEMI-FINAL.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) bt G. A. H. Alexander (9) by 6.
Col. D. W. Beamish (—1) bt Mrs. L. G. Walters (6½) by 9.

FINAL.
Col. D. W. Beamish (—1) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (6) by 13.

EVENT "Y."

(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.
Miss H. McKean (7½) bt Mrs. G. M. Robertson (12) by 10.
E. A. Roper (6) w.o. Mrs. W. A. Traill (3½) opponent
scratched.

Miss M. S. Carlyon (0) bt Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) by 11.
Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (3) w.o. Major G. F. Stone (—3½)
opponent scratched.

Miss S. C. Gough (13) w.o. Mrs. E. A. Roper (6½) op-
ponent scratched.
Capt. G. R. Bald (7) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (6) by 4.

SECOND ROUND.
Dr. G. L. Ormerod (5) bt Miss H. McKean (7½) by 17.
E. A. Roper (6) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon (0) by 12.
Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (3) bt Miss S. C. Gough (13) by 14.
Capt. G. R. Bald (7) bt Miss V. E. Mills (3½) by 23.

SEMI-FINAL.
E. A. Roper (6) bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod (5) by 8.
Capt. G. R. Bald (7) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (3) by 18.

FINAL.
E. A. Roper (6) bt Capt. G. R. Bald (7) by 8 on time.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Combined Handicaps not less than scratch.

(13 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.
Mrs. R. G. Michelmore and Capt. G. R. Bald (10) bt
Mrs. L. G. Walters and G. A. Black (14½) by 2 on time.
Mrs. A. G. F. Ross and E. A. Roper (9) bt Major J. H.
Dibley and Mrs. J. H. Dibley (7½) by 12.
Miss M. S. Carlyon and V. C. Cave (2) bt Com. G. V. G.
Beamish and Miss W. L. Stevenson (11) by 3 on time.
Mrs. V. E. Mills and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (13½) bt G. A. H.
Alexander and Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (14) by 4 on time.
A. G. F. Ross and Mrs. E. A. Roper (2½) bt Dr. G. L.
Ormerod and Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (17) by 10.

SECOND ROUND.
Mrs. R. G. Michelmore and Capt. G. R. Bald (10) bt
Miss A. E. Mills and Miss S. C. Gough (14) by 6.
Mrs. A. G. F. Ross and E. A. Roper (9) bt Miss M. S.
Carlyon and V. C. Cave (2) by 17.
Miss V. E. Mills and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (13½) bt A. G. F.
Ross and Mrs. E. A. Roper (2½) by 8.
Major G. F. Stone and F. Livesay (8½) bt Col. D. W.
Beamish and J. Weston Martyr (10) by 11.

SEMI-FINAL.
Mrs. A. G. F. Ross and E. A. Roper (9) bt Mrs. R. G.
Michelmore and Capt. G. R. Bald (10) by 14.
Major G. F. Stone and F. Livesay (8½) bt Miss V. E.
Mills and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (13½) by 5 on time.

FINAL.
Mrs. A. G. F. Ross and E. A. Roper (9) bt Major G. F.
Stone and F. Livesay (8½) by 10.

HURLINGHAM

AUGUST 2nd—11th

When Byron wrote of "the English winter ending in
July, to recommence in August" he might have been
anticipating the year 1954, for this year the winter ended
on July 31st, and commenced in the early days of August
before the tournament had made much headway. But
although the cold weather served to detract from our
pleasure, it could not altogether spoil our enjoyment of
what has always been—and still is—one of the most
delightful and popular tournaments of the season. And
in spite of the weather it is gratifying to record that the
entries—about 50—were in excess of last year.

In discussing some of the play during the week we
must first congratulate Mr. Cotter on winning the Hurling-
ham Cup, defeating Mr. M. B. Reckitt in the Final al-
though Reckitt was playing up to his best form throughout
the tournament. Cotter, however, did not rest content
with this but followed up his success by winning the
Handicap Singles and also partnered by G. W. Solomon
—the Men's Handicap Doubles. He also provided us with
a sensational entertainment when on a pouring wet morn-
ing he took two quick games from such an expert player
as Ross winning each game by twenty-six with a triple
peel in each, while in the second game Ross never took
croquet. He completed this in a little over an hour—
a remarkable achievement and surely a record.

In the Handicap Singles his opponents seemed easy
prey. Some of them as soon as they went on to the court
and faced their formidable adversary found themselves
suffering from a compulsion neurosis which prevented
them doing themselves justice and causing them to shed
their bisques with lavish prodigality—often with little
effect. They only regained their former mental stability
after they had seen Cotter hitting the winning peg—a
procedure which, with him, has now become a confirmed
habit.

The Open Doubles were won by Mrs. Rotherham and
Dr. Wiggins and the Candlesticks by Mrs. Rotherham
and Miss Mills. The latter well deserved her succes
for she had managed to reach three Finals during the week,
having played consistently well throughout. Mrs.
Rotherham is quite accustomed to winning Doubles both
Open and Handicap.

The Turner Cup was won by Miss Carlyon. Shelley
took the Longworth Cup for the second time whilst Mrs.
Ross, by defeating Miss Mills in the final round, was the
winner of the Younger Cup.

One of the noticeable features of the week's play was
the number of games in which a player was pegged out by
an opponent. These games always seem to attract the
interest of the spectators who delight in watching the one-
ball player struggling with adversity. Or is it possible that
in the misfortunes of our friends, as La Rochefoucauld
remarked, we always find something that is not dis-
pleasing to us?

The last game of the tournament on the Wednesday
afternoon, was the final of the Men's Handicap Doubles
with W. Longman and T. S. Oliver opposing Cotter and
G. W. Solomon. Half way through the game with points
scored nearly equal on both sides, it looked as if the former
pair, who still retained their three bisques, were going to
have an easy victory. But a little later when the bisques
had finally fallen, Cotter and Solomon made most of the
running to win the game by eleven points.

A dramatic critic in reviewing a play after discussing
its merits or demerits, will necessarily make mention of
the actors taking part in it, without whose help and co-
operation there would be no performance. And we must
now make mention of those without whose help and
co-operation there would be no tournament. We are
referring of course to those members responsible for the
organization and management of the tournament. First
honours go of course to our Manager Brackenbury who,
assisted by the members of the Croquet Committee, per-
formed his onerous task in his usual efficient manner.
We think that he likes managing and we like being
managed by him. Our thanks are due to Brigadier MacLeod
the Secretary of the Hurlingham Club for the ready assis-
tance he is always prepared to extend to the croquet players
and to Col. Hayward the popular games manager for his
invaluable help. His genial presence acts like a tonic
and makes the visitors feel that they are welcome.

We cannot conclude without a few words about an
entirely novel and pleasant feature of the week—the

croquet dinner inaugurated and carried through with such
conspicuous success by Bernard Wiggins and members of
the club and at which there were nearly eighty present.
The dinner was on Thursday and on that day we were all
resolved:

"To do as adversaries do in law—
Strive mightily but eat and drink as friends."

It was an evening of good food, good wine and good
fellowship and the unanimous wish expressed at the end
of it was that it should become an annual affair.

This year's tournament may possibly be remembered
for three reasons. Firstly, for the atrocious weather.
Secondly for the croquet dinner and thirdly for the
phenomenal play of Cotter.

HURLINGHAM VERSUS THE REST

Strong teams met in this match which took place on
Saturday, August 7th, during the Hurlingham tourna-
ment. The result was a draw with a score of 4 to 2 in
favour of The Rest with three single matches unfinished
or unplayed.

It was unfortunate that the match had to be inter-
rupted by a tournament game. The weather must take
the blame for this for it was to overcome delays caused by
the rain that compelled the manager of the tournament to
curtail the match in order to complete the tournament.

Games results as follows:

DOUBLES.

A. G. F. Ross and Major J. W. Cobb bt E. P. C. Cotter
and Mrs. B. Wiggins.

M. B. Reckitt and Miss D. Lintern bt W. Longman and
Mrs. Longman.

Col. C. C. Adams and Mrs. Rotherham bt C. W. R. Hodges
and Mrs. Beaton.

SINGLES.

A. G. F. Ross lost to E. P. C. Cotter.

Mrs. Rotherham lost to Mrs. B. Wiggins.

Col. C. C. Adams bt Mrs. Longman.

M. B. Reckitt v. W. Longman unfinished.

Miss Lintern v. C. W. R. Hodges did not play.

Major J. W. Cobb v. Mrs. Beaton did not play.

THE HURLINGHAM CUP.

LEVEL SINGLES.

(20 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

W. Longman bt Mrs. L. C. Apps +15 +16.

E. P. Duffield w.o. opponent withdrawn.

Mrs. B. H. Wiggins bt D. E. Buckland +6 +14.

A. G. F. Ross bt Major J. W. Cobb +10 +6.

The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. N. Oddie bt Col. C. C. Adams +3 +5.

M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs. W. Longman +25 +24.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt R. G. H. Belcher +26 +24.

W. Longman bt E. P. Duffield +15 —2 +10.

A. G. F. Ross bt Mrs. B. H. Wiggins —5 +24 +12.

E. P. C. Cotter bt F. H. Fisher +26 +24.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton +21 +19.

Miss D. A. Lintern bt Dr. H. J. Penny +15 +26.

THIRD ROUND.

M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs. N. Oddie +3 —6 +1.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt W. Longman +26 +24.

E. P. C. Cotter bt A. G. F. Ross +26 +26.

Miss D. A. Lintern bt Mrs. E. Rotherham +19 +22.

SEMI-FINAL.

M. B. Reckitt bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +3 +8.

E. P. C. Cotter bt Miss D. A. Lintern +20 +16.

FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter bt M. B. Reckitt +25 +9.

THE TURNER CUP.

LEVEL SINGLES.

(Scratch or over).

(12 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss M. S. Carlyon bt I. W. Cheavin by 6.

Dr. N. Oliver bt Capt. H. G. Stoker by 1.

M. Spencer Ell bt H. T. Pinckney Simpson by 23.

The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Major J. H. Dibley bt R. H. Park by 14.

Miss M. S. Carlyon bt G. V. Evans by 16.

Dr. N. Oliver bt M. Spencer Ell by 3.

N. Oddie w.o. P. W. Adshhead scratched.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss M. S. Carlyon bt Major J. H. Dibley by 23.

N. Oddie bt Dr. N. Oliver by 14.

FINAL.

Miss M. S. Carlyon bt N. Oddie by 7.

THE HURLINGHAM DOUBLES.

LEVEL PLAY.

MIXED DOUBLES.

(10 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. N. Oddie bt F. G. Fisher and
Mrs. M. L. Thom by 22.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt E. P. C.
Cotter and Miss D. A. Lintern by 11.

The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

C. W. R. Hodges and Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton bt A. G. F.
Ross and Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 5.

M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. N. Oddie bt W. Longman and Mrs.
W. Longman by 9.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Major
J. H. Dibley and Miss M. S. Carlyon by 19.

Dr. H. J. Penny and Mrs. L. C. Apps bt Major J. W.
Cobb and Mrs. B. H. Wiggins by 3.

SEMI-FINAL.

M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. N. Oddie and C. W. R. Hodges
bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton by 5.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Dr.
H. J. Penny and Mrs. L. C. Apps by 2.

FINAL.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt M. B.
Reckitt and Mrs. N. Oddie by 7.

THE YOUNGER CUP.

LEVEL SINGLES.

(2½ bisques or more).

(11 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

S. S. Townsend bt Miss D. Jennings by 17.

Miss A. E. Mills bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 5.

The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. A. G. F. Ross bt Mrs. H. J. Collins by 5.

Mrs. M. B. Reckitt bt S. S. Townsend by 15.

Miss A. E. Mills bt Mrs. M. F. MacArthur by 13.

G. E. W. Hitchcock bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts by 6.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. A. G. F. Ross bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt by 8.

Miss A. E. Mills bt G. E. W. Hitchcock by 13.

FINAL.

Mrs. A. G. F. Ross bt Miss A. E. Mills by 15.

THE LONGWORTH CUP.

LEVEL SINGLES.

(6 bisques or more).

(9 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. E. J. Haigh-Smith bt Mrs. M. Machell opponent
retired.

The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

M. Vlasto bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson by 10.

Mrs. M. L. Thom bt Mrs. E. J. Haigh-Smith by 21.

Mrs. D. Attfield bt E. Whitehead by 6.

K. E. Shelley bt Mrs. E. Bristow by 16.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. M. L. Thom bt M. Vlasto by 2.

K. E. Shelley bt Mrs. D. Attfield by 15.

FINAL.

K. E. Shelley bt Mrs. M. L. Thom by 13.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(47 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

F. H. Fisher (—1½) bt E. Whitehead (7½) by 12.
Mrs. M. F. MacArthur (3) bt G. E. W. Hitchcock (3) by 20.
Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton (—½) bt Dr. N. Oliver (½) by 12.
Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker (1½) by 18.
Miss A. E. Mills (3) bt Mrs. E. J. Haigh-Smith (14) by 5.
Mrs. N. Oddie (—2½) bt M. Spencer Ell (0) by 13.
Col. C. C. Adams (—2½) bt Mrs. A. G. F. Ross (2½) by 1.
M. B. Reckitt (—3) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (4) by 13.

T. S. Oliver (8) bt Miss D. Jennings (3½) by 16.
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—3½) bt I. W. Cheavin (3½) by 9.
Mrs. B. H. Wiggins (—2) bt Mrs. H. J. Collins (3½) by 15.

A. G. F. Ross (—4) w.o. opponent scratched.
Dr. H. J. Penny (—1½) bt Mrs. M. L. Thom (6½) by 16.
Major J. H. Dibley (1½) bt Mrs. W. Longman (—1) by 15.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) bt Major J. H. Cobb (—½) by 23.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt Mrs. E. Bristow (7) by 10.
S. S. Townsend (5½) bt E. P. Duffield (—1) by 13.
K. E. Shelley (6) bt W. Longman (—3) by 15.
Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (10) bt N. Oddie (1) by 14.
F. H. Fisher (—1½) bt Mrs. M. F. MacArthur (3) by 4.
Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) w.o. opponent scratched.
Miss A. E. Mills (3) bt Mrs. N. Oddie (—2½) by 10.
Col. C. C. Adams (—2½) w.o. opponent scratched.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—3½) bt T. S. Oliver (8) by 5.
A. G. F. Ross (—4) bt Mrs. B. H. Wiggins (—2) by 1.
Dr. H. J. Penny (—1½) bt Major J. H. Dibley (1½) by 16.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) bt Mrs. E. M. Gill (*7) by 23.
G. Victor Evans (0) w.o. opponent scratched.

H. T. Pinckney Simpson (0) bt Mrs. D. Attfield (6) by 5.
E. P. C. Cotter (—4) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (12) by 13.
M. Vlasto (9) bt Miss M. S. Carlyon (0) by 12.

THIRD ROUND.

S. S. Townsend (5½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) by 15.
Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (10) bt K. E. Shelley (6) by 15.

Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) bt F. H. Fisher (—1½) by 19.
Miss A. E. Mills (3) w.o. opponent scratched.

A. G. F. Ross (—4) bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—3½) by 7.
Dr. H. J. Penny (—1½) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) by 3.
G. V. Evans (0) bt H. T. Pinckney Simpson (0) by 13.
E. P. C. Cotter (—4) bt M. Vlasto (9) by 22.

FOURTH ROUND.

Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (10) bt S. S. Townsend (5½) by 16.

Miss A. E. Mills (3) bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) by 18.
Dr. H. J. Penny (—1½) bt A. G. F. Ross (—4) by 14.
E. P. C. Cotter (—4) bt G. V. Evans (0) by 26.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss A. E. Mills (3) bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (10) by 4.

E. P. C. Cotter (—4) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (—1½) by 13.

FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter (—4) bt Miss A. E. Mills (3) by 9.

THE "LADIES' FIELD" CANDLESTICKS.**LADIES' HANDICAP DOUBLES.**

(7 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. N. Oddie and Mrs. E. Bristow (4½) bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton and Mrs. M. L. Thom (6) by 4.
Mrs. A. G. F. Ross and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (5½) bt Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. W. Longman (—4) by 13.
Mrs. H. G. Collins and Mrs. D. Attfield (7½) bt Mrs. B. H. Wiggins and Miss M. S. Carlyon (—2) by 5.
The rest had byes.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. A. G. F. Ross and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (5½) bt Mrs. N. Oddie and Mrs. E. Bristow (4½) by 8.
Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss A. E. Mills (0) bt Mrs. H. G. Collins and Mrs. D. Attfield (7½) by 5.

FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss A. E. Mills (0) bt Mrs. A. G. F. Ross and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (5½) by 11.

Twenty-four

MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(11 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

W. Longman and T. S. Oliver (5) bt C. W. R. Hodges and K. E. Shelley (3½) by 3.

M. B. Reckitt and G. V. Evans (—3) bt R. H. Park and G. E. W. Hitchcock (3½) by 23.

Major J. W. Cobb and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (—4) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker and Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (11½) by 6.

The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

F. H. Fisher and Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (2½) bt A. G. F. Ross and I. W. Cheavin (—2) by 6.

W. Longman and T. S. Oliver (5) bt M. B. Reckitt and G. V. Evans (—3) by 3.

Dr. H. J. Penny and M. Vlasto (7½) bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Major J. W. Cobb (—4) by 5.

E. P. C. Cotter and G. W. Solomon (—½) bt N. Oddie and Major J. H. Dibley (2½) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.

W. Longman and T. S. Oliver (5) bt F. H. Fisher and Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (2½) by 13.

E. P. C. Cotter and G. W. Solomon (—½) bt Dr. J. H. Penny and M. Vlasto (7½) by 7.

FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter and G. W. Solomon (—½) bt W. Longman and T. S. Oliver (5) by 11.

CROQUET PUTTING COMPETITION

During the progress of the Hurlingham Tournament a Putting Competition with Croquet Ball and Mallet was held on the well laid out Putting course.

Owing to the unfavourable weather entries were not as large as they might have been, but several well known Croquet players, such as Mr. and Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Rotherham, Mr. Victor Evans, Capt. Stoker, and several members of the Hurlingham Club, such as Mrs. Dorling, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Stevens, Miss Rendall and others took out one or more cards.

The course was, to start with, very tricky and the cards show that the second or third attempt on the part of each player showed a distinct improvement on the first. At the 16th hole great skill was needed to avoid the road, but the 18th hole with its slippery slope into a bunker proved the greatest stumbling block. Thirty-seven cards in all were taken out and it is interesting to note that 5 ones were recorded, two by Mrs. Stevens at the first and second holes, one by Mr. J. C. Collins at the 17th, and one each by Mrs. Longman and Mrs. Rotherham at the 7th.

The winning score of 53 was returned by Mr. H. W. Stevens and his wife was second with 54. Mrs. Longman won the hidden number with 64.

Many congratulations to the Winners. It is hoped that next year many more competitors will have a try at this novel and highly skilful competition.

WILLIAM LONGMAN

LEAMINGTON

JULY 26th—31st

This was a week of some good croquet, unfortunately not favoured with the best of weather.

The courts were very good indeed and reflect the greatest credit on those in charge and especially so on Fisher, whose hard work and enthusiasm has largely led to the revival of this pleasant meeting.

We are all grateful to Miss Steel for her efficient management and to Miss E. C. Philpott and her helpers for the excellent teas provided.

The entries were disappointingly small. Hicks was at his best throughout and played some lovely croquet. He won the Open, with Miss Steel a worthy second; it was indeed pleasant to see her back in something like her old form in several of her games.

Apart from these two stars the best croquet was undoubtedly played by Anderson, a player of infinite promise and already an accomplished stroke player. He

won the Handicap from 2½ without being unduly extended, his final from Miss Steel by 26.

He also triumphed over Newton in the "B" and he and Hicks won the Doubles when they defeated Reid-Walker and his daughter-in-law.

An extra was played and resulted in a most popular win for Wood-Hill. Of the high bisquers Alexander showed a very definite improvement.

OPEN SINGLES.

("Two Life" System).

THE MIDLAND CHALLENGE CUP.**THE DRAW.**

(7 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows bt T. Wood-Hill by 10.
Miss D. D. Steel bt J. K. Brown by 13.
H. O. Hicks bt F. H. Fisher by 25.
The rest had byes.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss D. D. Steel bt Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows by 25.
H. O. Hicks bt G. C. Reid-Walker by 22.

FINAL.

H. O. Hicks bt Miss D. D. Steel by 22.

PROCESS.

(7 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss D. D. Steel bt G. C. Reid Walker by 19.
Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows bt F. H. Fisher by 12.
H. O. Hicks bt J. K. Brown by 26.
The rest had byes.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss D. D. Steel bt Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows by 17.
H. O. Hicks bt T. Wood-Hill by 23.

FINAL.

H. O. Hicks bt Miss D. D. Steel by 21.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(2½ bisques and over).

(13 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

G. A. H. Alexander (9) bt Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) by 14.
E. C. Penny (6) bt Mrs. J. A. Wilson (9) by 17.
Mrs. T. A. Madge (5) bt Miss M. C. Macaulay (3½) by 7.
A. J. Parkes (6) bt G. A. Yarwood (3) by 11.
Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (14) bt Mrs. S. Phillips (2½) by 3.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

D. M. Anderson (2½) bt G. A. H. Alexander (9) by 14.
Mrs. T. A. Madge (5) bt E. C. Penny (6) by 10.

A. J. Parkes (6) bt Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (14) by 7.
R. H. Newton (2½) bt G. C. Reid Walker (2½) by 6.

SEMI-FINAL.

D. M. Anderson (2½) bt Mrs. T. A. Madge (5) by 10.
R. H. Newton (2½) bt A. J. Parkes (6) by 14.

FINAL.

D. M. Anderson (2½) bt R. H. Newton (2½) by 21.

GENERAL HANDICAP SINGLES.

(18 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss M. C. Macaulay (3½) bt Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (14) by 10.
T. Wood-Hill (1½) bt Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) by 14.
The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows (—½) bt Mrs. J. A. Wilson (9) by 23.
Mrs. Sidney Phillips w.o. Col. P. W. Adshead scratched.

D. M. Anderson (2½) bt A. J. Parkes (6) by 7.

G. A. H. Alexander (9) bt Miss M. C. Macaulay (3½) by 9.

R. H. Newton (2½) bt T. Wood-Hill (1½) by 2.

J. K. Brown (—1) bt E. C. Penny (6) by 3.

G. A. Yarwood (3) bt Mrs. T. A. Madge (5) by 2.
Miss D. D. Steel (—4) bt H. F. Fisher (—½) by 10.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. Sidney Phillips (2½) bt Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows (—½) by 14.

D. M. Anderson (2½) bt G. A. H. Alexander (9) by 2.

R. H. Newton (2½) bt J. K. Brown (—1) by 12.

Miss D. D. Steel (—4) bt G. A. Yarwood (3) by 13.

SEMI-FINAL.

D. M. Anderson (2½) bt Mrs. Sidney Phillips (2½) by 14.

Miss D. D. Steel (—4) bt R. H. Newton (2½) by 3.

FINAL.

D. M. Anderson (2½) bt Miss D. D. Steel (—4) by 26.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Unrestricted).

(9 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. F. R. Carling (1½) bt J. K. Brown and Mrs. T. A. Madge by 8.

The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

F. H. Fisher and A. J. Parkes (4½) bt Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows and T. Wood-Hill (2½) by 3.

G. C. Reid Walker and Mrs. G. Reid Walker (14½) bt Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. F. R. Carling (1½) by 6.

H. O. Hicks and D. M. Anderson (—3) bt G. A. H. Alexander and Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (20) by 12.

R. H. Newton and Miss M. C. Macaulay (6) bt G. A. Yarwood and Mrs. J. A. Wilson (12) by 14.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. C. Reid-Walker and Mrs. G. Reid Walker (14½) bt F. H. Fisher and A. J. Parkes (4½) by 18.

H. O. Hicks and D. M. Anderson (—3) bt R. H. Newton and Miss M. C. Macaulay (6) by 3.

FINAL.

H. O. Hicks and D. M. Anderson (—3) bt G. C. Reid Walker and Mrs. G. Reid Walker (14½) by 14.

CHELTENHAM

The Annual Club Trophies Tournament was held on the lawns of the Cheltenham Croquet Club the week of June 14th. We were fortunate in the weather and for the finals, Saturday, we had a warm sunny day. The lawns have benefited by their treatment last winter and spring and are in better condition than for the past couple of years.

The final results:

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP CUP.

("Two Lives.")

DRAW.**FINAL.**

Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey by 5.

PROCESS.**FINAL.**

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey w.o. opponent scratched.

PLAY-OFF.

Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 19.

STELLA CUP.**LEVEL SINGLES.**

(3 bisques or more).

FINAL.

Major R. D. Marshall bt Miss M. A. Posford by 2.

MURRAY-MENZIES CUP.**HANDICAP SINGLES.**

(7 bisques or more).

FINAL.

Major A. F. P. Knapp (12) bt Miss Hilda McKean (7½) by 15.

BELLAIRS BOWL.**HANDICAP SINGLES.**

(11 bisques or more).

FINAL.

Major A. F. P. Knapp (12) bt Miss R. M. Allen (14) by 8.

OPEN HANDICAP SINGLES.**FINAL.**

Miss M. A. Posford (5½) bt Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows (—1) by 13.

PEEL MEMORIAL.**HANDICAP DOUBLES.****FINAL.**

Mrs. A. V. Armstrong and Mrs. M. P. Miller (16) bt G. A. H. Alexander and Miss V. Bolton (18) by 5.

Twenty-five

OBITUARY

CAPT. R. G. LONGWORTH

There passed away recently a well known player who, at his best, was not only difficult for the best to beat but combined with this strong quality as an opponent, he was gifted with an attractive and exemplary style. Longworth won his Silver Medal in 1910, at a time when Cyril Corbally, C. L. O'Callaghan, P. D. Mathews, R. G. J. Beaton, and other outstanding players were to be met in competition.

In 1913, he played in the "Best Ten," for the Beddow Cup, when Cyril Corbally was the winner—after a tie with the Australian, J. Tuckett.

Both Dick Longworth and his wife were at one time constant competitors in Tournaments, and their presence was greatly missed when they retired from the game.

Much sympathy will go out to Mrs. Longworth from the many friends she made in the world of croquet.

COL. B. W. ADSHEAD

The death of Col. B. W. Adshead occurred in Birmingham on August 14th, following an operation. He had, until very recently, been apparently in good health and had only withdrawn from the Leamington and Hurlingham Tournaments at the last moment.

Adshead learned his Croquet during the War from Tingey on the Gezira Sporting Club Lawns in Cairo; hence his good style and sound knowledge of tactics. After his return to this country he joined the Edgbaston Club in 1952 where the loss of his jovial personality and the lack of his robust support in club matches will be deeply felt. Last year he was elected a Country Member of the Hurlingham Club.

One always felt that, had the cares of business, family and garden allowed him more time for regular play he would soon have been amongst the "A" Class players.

Our sympathy goes out to his widow and family in their loss.

F. J. BUTLIN

Until recent years when overtaken by poor health, F. J. Butlin was a well known figure at a number of provincial tournaments and his passing, which occurred peacefully at the age of 84, removes one who had in the past been a generous supporter of the game. He played a prominent part in the establishment of the Colchester club from 1930 onwards.

CLUB MATCHES

WOKING *versus* ROEHAMPTON

Played at Woking, July 7th.

Miss Carlyon (4½) and Mrs. Bristow (7) lost to Miss Birch (4½) and Capt. Millar (8) by 11.
Mrs. Phillips (2½) and Mrs. Haigh Smith (14) lost to Mrs. Waydelin (½) and Mrs. Whitham (10) by 5.
Miss Carlyon (4½) lost to Miss Birch (4½) by 8.
Mrs. Bristow (7) lost to Capt. Millar (8) by 16.
Mrs. Haigh Smith (14) lost to Mrs. Whitham (10) by 4.
Mrs. Phillips (2½) bt Mrs. Waydelin (½) by 11.

PARKSTONE

MEN *v.* WOMEN

August 6th

SINGLES.

Mrs. Ashton lost to V. de la Nougerede by 21.
Mrs. Gasson bt Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith by 12.
Mrs. McMordie bt H. Wilson Smith by 1.
Mrs. Hill lost to Commander Beamish by 18.
Mrs. Hotchkiss lost to Commander Wilson by 1.
Miss Weston lost to Major Carfrae by 18.
Mrs. Robertson bt Major Hill-Bernhard by 5.

DOUBLES.

Mrs. Ashton and Mrs. McMordie lost to Rev. Canon Creed Meredith and Major Carfrae by 13.
Miss Haslam and Mrs. Thornewill bt V. de la Nougerede and P. Eliot Scott by 3.
Mrs. Gasson and Mrs. Hill lost to Commander Beamish and Commander Wilson by 13.

RESULT.—Men beat Women by 6 games to 4.

Twenty-six

INTER-CLUB MATCHES

WOKING *versus* ROEHAMPTON

Played at Woking on Wednesday, July 7th, 1954.
Roehampton players named first.

SINGLES.

Miss A. M. Carlyon (4½) lost to Miss J. Birch (4½) by 8.
Mrs. E. Bristow (7) lost to Capt. K. B. Millar (8) by 16.
Mrs. E. Haigh-Smith (17) lost to Mrs. R. Whitham (10) by 4.
Mrs. S. Phillips (2½) bt Mrs. C. Waydelin (½) by 11.

DOUBLES.

Miss A. M. Carlyon and Mrs. E. Bristow (11½) lost to Capt. K. B. Millar and Miss J. Birch (12½) by 11.
Mrs. S. Phillips and Mrs. E. Haigh-Smith (14½) lost to Mrs. C. Waydelin and Mrs. R. Whitham (10½) by 5.

RESULT.—Woking bt Roehampton by 5 games to 1.

COLCHESTER *versus* CHELMSFORD.

Played at Colchester on Wednesday, July 28th, 1954
Colchester players named first.

SINGLES.

Mrs. A. E. Williams (6½) bt Miss G. Metcalfe (5½) by 16.
C. S. Ratcliffe (9) bt Col. Y. Gibbons (7) by 22.
Mrs. M. D. Cork (10) lost to W. E. Belcher (9) by 19.
Miss M. P. Rickword (11) bt Mrs. C. L. Robertson (10) by 13.

DOUBLES.

Mrs. A. C. Smith and Miss M. Tiffen (16) lost to Miss G. Metcalfe and Col. Y. Gibbons (13) by 7.
B. Y. Cresswell and Miss M. P. Rickword (16½) bt W. E. Belcher and Mrs. C. L. Robertson (19) by 23.

RESULT.—Colchester bt Chelmsford by 4 games to 2.

COLCHESTER *versus* IPSWICH.

Played at Colchester on Thursday, August 12th, 1954. Colchester players named first.

SINGLES.

Rev. R. B. Vaizey (5½) bt Mrs. R. Haward (5½) by 15.
B. I. Cresswell (5½) bt Mrs. W. F. Haynes (6½) by 20.
R. J. Hinnell (5) drew with Mrs. F. N. Cervantes (8) by 22 each.
Miss M. Tiffen (8) lost to Miss G. Allen (9) by 5.

DOUBLES.

Rev. R. B. Vaizey and Mrs. A. C. Smith (13½) bt Mrs. R. Haward and Capt. V. G. Gilbey (12½) by 19.
R. J. Hinnell and Miss M. P. Rickword (16) bt Mrs. F. N. Cervantes and Miss G. Allen (17) by 13.

RESULT.—Colchester bt Ipswich by 4½ games to 1½.

LONGMAN (CLUB TEAM) CUP

HURLINGHAM *versus* EDGBASTON.

Played at Hurlingham on 15th August, 1954.
Hurlingham players named first.

SINGLES.

D. E. Buckland (3½) bt Dr. B. R. Sandiford (2) by 15.
T. E. Miles (3½) lost to R. Newton (2½) by 10.
S. S. Townsend (4) bt F. S. B. Lawes (5) by 20.

DOUBLES.

D. E. Buckland and T. E. Miles (3½) bt Dr. B. R. Sandiford and Miss C. Templeton (6) by 3.
I. W. Cheavin and S. S. Townsend (0) bt R. Newton and F. S. B. Lawes (0) by 5.

RESULT.—Hurlingham bt Edgbaston by 4 games to 1.

THE CREYKE CUPS

Presented to the C.A. in 1935 by Mrs. Walter Creyke.

Will be played for at

THE ROEHAMPTON CLUB

on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th, 1954
AND FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS.

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager.—Mrs. G. J. Turketine.
Referee & Handicapper.—Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury.
Assistant Referees on the Official List will be appointed on the ground under Reg. 15 (a).
Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.

EVENTS.

OPEN TO ALL.

THE "CREYKE" CUPS. HANDICAP SINGLES.
Entrance Fee, 7s. Prizes: Two Silver Challenge Cups, and the number of other Prizes will be according to the number of entries received.

Holders—Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) and Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (8)

The Event will be played in two blocks.

The Entries, accompanied by the Entrance Fees, must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, so as to reach her not later than the first post on **Wednesday, September 1st.**

For conditions, etc., see August issue.

ROEHAMPTON CLUB

OPEN CROQUET TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th, and Five following Days
(Under the Laws and Regulations of the Croquet Association)

Committee.—The Croquet Committee of the Roehampton Club.

Manager.—Miss D. A. Lintern.

Referee.—T. Wood-Hill.

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

Secretary.—The Games Secretary, Roehampton Club, London, S.W.15.

Assistant Referees may be appointed under Reg. 15(a).

EVENTS.

- 1.—THE RANELAGH GOLD CUP. Holder, Mr. E. P. C. Cotter. Draw and Process. Entrance Fee, 10s.
- 2.—OPEN SINGLES (CLASS B). Open to Competitors with a handicap of 1 bisque or more. Variation B. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS C). Open to Competitors with a handicap of 4 bisques or more. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- N.B.—No Competitor may enter for more than one of the above events.
- 4.—X & Y HANDICAP SINGLES. In this event shortened games may be played in accordance with Reg. 12 at the discretion of the Manager. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicaps not less than 1 bisque. Entrance Fee, 5s. each person.

CONDITIONS.

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4, must reach the Games Secretary, accompanied by the Entrance Fee, by first post on **Thursday, September 16th, 1954.** Entries for Event 5 close on **Tuesday, September 21st.** The Draw will take place at 2 p.m. on Thursday, September 16th.

Play will commence at 10 a.m. Eight Courts will be provided and Eclipse Balls used. Standard 3½in. Hoops.

All Competitors must wear such flat-heeled boots or shoes as cannot damage the ground.

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

THE PRESIDENT'S CUP

Presented to the C.A. in 1934 by Trevor Williams, Esq.

Holder—E. P. C. Cotter.

For the 8 best available players of the preceding 12 months in the C.A. invited to compete by the Council of the C.A.

No Entrance Fee.

Will be played for at

THE ROEHAMPTON CLUB

The Headquarters of the Croquet Association.

on
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th, 1954
AND FOLLOWING DAYS.

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager.—Mrs. G. J. Turketine.

Referee and Handicapper.—Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury
Assistant Referees will be appointed under Reg. 15 (a).

Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1.

CONDITIONS.

Hoops 3 11/16th inches wide, and Jaques' "Eclipse" Balls will be used. The Council of the C.A. reserve the right to substitute hoops 3½ inches wide at their discretion.

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

If a Competitor fails from any cause to play through the whole of the games in the series, his or her score in that series will be entirely eliminated from the Competition. No substitute will be permitted in either series in any circumstances after the Competition has once commenced.

Single games throughout provided that in the event of a tie in the score, the possession of the Cup for the year will be decided by a match of three games.

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

In the event of tie between more than three Competitors, the names of the winners will be drawn on the "Bagnall-Wild" system, and single games will be played in each round.

All Competitors must furnish the Secretary with the address at which messages will reach them during the Tournament.

Every Competitor shall wear such flat-soled boots or shoes as cannot damage the Courts.

PRIZES.

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

PLAY.

Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily, unless otherwise notified.

Competitors must report themselves to the Manager on arrival, and no leave of absence can be given in any circumstances.

ANSWERS

1. 7 yards.
2. By announcing his intention to leave the balls as they lie.
3. No. Law 14c.
4. Yes. Law 43a.
5. He may at his option either score the point or not. Law 30b.

NOTICE

You are particularly requested to enter for tournaments on the C.A. form and not by letter.

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DEVONSHIRE PARK, EASTBOURNE

SOUTH OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS THE FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL OPEN TOURNAMENT

will start on
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th, 1954
and continue during the following two weeks.
(Held under the Laws and Regulations of the C.A.)

Committee.—The Entertainments Committee of the County Borough of Eastbourne, the Tournament Committee of the Council of the C.A., and the following local representatives of the C.A.—The Lord Tollemache, Lt.-Col. R. A. Irwin, L. D. P. Swift, Capt. H. C. Davey and N. Oddie.

Joint Managers.—Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey.

Referee.—Mrs. E. Reeve, who will nominate Assistant Referees under Regulation 15 (a).

Handicapper.—M. B. Reckitt.

Secretary.—The Secretary, The Croquet Association, 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1 (to whom all entries should be sent before Tuesday, September 21st).

EVENTS.

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all competitors. (See Conditions below.) Entrance Fee, 12s. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Trophy presented by the late Mrs. A. C. Ionides—Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins.
 - 2.—MEN'S OPEN SINGLES. THE MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all men competitors. (See Conditions below.) Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Gold Challenge Cup presented by the late Capt. C. L. O'Callaghan.—W. Longman.
 - 3.—WOMEN'S OPEN SINGLES. THE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Open to all women competitors. (See Conditions below.) Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Trophy presented by Mrs. H. Franc.—Mrs. W. Longman.
 - 4.—"B" LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 1½ to 4½ bisques inclusive. (See Conditions below.) Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Silver Challenge Salver presented by the Devonshire Park Company.—Major N. E. O. Thackwell.
 - 5.—"C" LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 5 to 8½ bisques inclusive. (See Conditions below.) Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Holder of the Challenge Trophy presented by the late E. Sydney Luard, Esq.—Miss H. D. Parker.
 - 6.—"D" LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 9 bisques or over. (See Conditions below.) Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. Holder of the perpetual Challenge Cup presented by the late Trevor Williams, Esq.—Mrs. C. M. Turner.
 - 7.—UNRESTRICTED LEVEL DOUBLES. (See Conditions below.) Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. each competitor. Played under Variation "B."
 - 8.—RESTRICTED HANDICAP DOUBLES. Open to pairs with combined handicaps of not less than 1 bisque. (See Conditions below.) Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d. each competitor.
 - 9.—HANDICAP SINGLES. To be drawn in one block. THE "SUSSEX" PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP. (See Conditions below.) Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
 - 10.—LIMITED HANDICAP SINGLES. THE SUSSEX UNION CHALLENGE CUP. Limited to competitors handicapped at 1½ bisques or over. Competitors in this event may not enter for Events 1, 2 or 3, or 7. Shortened games if necessary. Entrance Fee, 8s. 6d.
- CONDITIONS.
- 1.—In Event 1, matches best of three games will be played throughout. In all other events matches of single games will be played.
 - 2.—Competitors may not enter for more than two of Events 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.
 - 3.—Law 44 will be suspended in Events 4, 5 and 6.

4.—Play in Events 1 and 4 will begin on Monday, September 27th; in Event 5 and 9 on Tuesday, September 28th; in Event 7 on Wednesday, September 29th; in Event 6 on Thursday, September 30th; in Events 2 and 3 not before Friday, October 1st; in Event 8 on Monday, October 4th.

5.—Events 1 and 7 will be completed by Monday, October 4th.

Players in Events 2, 3 or 6 may enter for Event 9 on the understanding that they will not be called upon to play in that event before Friday, October 1st.

INFORMATION.

ENTRIES.—Entries accompanied by Entrance Fees for all Events except 7 and 8 must reach the Secretary, The Croquet Association, 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, by Tuesday, September 21st (do not send entries to Devonshire Park). Cheques and postal orders should be made payable to The Croquet Association.

Non-Associates must also pay a tribute of 10s. to the C.A., as this is an Official Tournament, or 5s. if they enter in only one event; but, on their becoming Associates any tribute paid by them during the current year will be refunded or credited against their subscriptions.

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

DRAW.—The Draw for all Events, except Events 7 and 8, will take place at the C.A. Office, 4 Southampton Row, at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 22nd. The Draw for Event 7 will take place at Devonshire Park at noon on Tuesday, September 28th, and for Event 8 at Devonshire Park at noon on Saturday, October 2nd.

COURTS AND EQUIPMENT.—Ten courts will be provided at Devonshire Park, and competitors must also be prepared to play on the courts at the Compton Club if required. Jaques' Eclipse balls and hoops, 3¼ inches wide, will be used.

PLAY.—Play will begin at 10 a.m. daily, or earlier if necessary, and will continue until daylight fails.

Competitors in Events 1 and 4, will be notified, and must be prepared to play, if they are required, at 10 a.m., or some later hour, on Monday, September 27th.

All competitors must report themselves to the Manager on arrival at the ground each day and must ascertain if they have not been notified previously, at what hour they are required to play; if they wish to leave the ground before the conclusion of play, they must first obtain the permission of the Manager.

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

Before leaving the ground for the day, competitors should not fail to consult the order of play announced on the board for the following day.

A competitor who is not present or is otherwise unable to play when called upon to do so, will be liable to be scratched under Regulation 24 (a) (i).

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—No leave should be applied for, nor could it be granted, save in exceptional circumstances.

HEELS.—In accordance with Regulation 24 (a) (iv) competitors are liable to be scratched if they do not wear such flat-soled boots or shoes as cannot damage the courts.

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

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

ACCOMMODATION.—The following hotels are recommended:—

Licensed.—Alexandra, Beaulieu, Burlington, Cavendish, Cumberland, Grand, Hydro, Kenilworth Court, Queen's and Sussex.

Unlicensed.—Devonshire Court, Lansdowne, New Wilmington and Westrocks.

CATERING.—Morning coffee and afternoon teas will be provided daily at Devonshire Park.

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

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