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## CALENDAR FIXTURES

1963

- May 13—Peel Memorials. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- .. 20—Southwick. *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Miss H. D. Parker, 4 Third Avenue, Hove 3.
- .. 28—Inter-County Championships. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- June 3—Men's and Women's Championships. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6. With a probable handicap singles for evening players. Further details in next April *Croquet*.
- .. 10—Nottingham. *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, G. Birch, 88 Cedar Road, Sherwood Rise, Nottingham.
- .. 15-23—Championship of Ireland. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly Ballynamote, Carrickmines, Dublin.
- .. 17—Compton. *Hon. Sec.*, H. C. S. Perry, Hockington House, Willingdon, Eastbourne.
- .. 24—Parkstone. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. M. McMordie, 4 Overbury Road, Parkstone.
- July 8—Budleigh Salterton. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. M. H. Vincent, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton, Devon.
- .. 15—The Ladies' Field Cup. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- .. 15—Ryde. *Hon. Sec.*, V. Rawlinson, "Bells" Market Street, Ryde. I.O.W.
- .. 22—Cheltenham. *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- .. 29—Open Championships. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- Aug. 5-14—Hurlingham. *Games Secretary*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6. (NOT *Secretary C.A.*).
- .. 15-24—Challenge and Gilbey Cups, Ascot and Delves Broughton Cups. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- .. 26—Southwick. *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Miss H. D. Parker, 4 Third Avenue, Hove 3.
- Sept. 2—Hunstanton. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. J. A. Clarke, 49 Northgate, Hunstanton.
- .. 9—President's Cup, Surrey Cup. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- .. 9—Parkstone. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. M. McMordie, 4 Overbury Road, Parkstone.
- .. 19-21—All England Handicap. Area Finals. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- .. 23—Roehampton. *Games Secretary*, Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, S.W.15. (NOT *Secretary C.A.*).
- .. 30—Devonshire Park. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- NON-OFFICIAL
- Apr. 27-30—Hunstanton (American). *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. J. A. Clarke, 49 Northgate, Hunstanton.
- May 6—Budleigh Salterton. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. M. H. Vincent, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton, Devon.
- .. 11-13—Cheltenham. *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- June 1-3—Cheltenham. *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- July 3-6—Budleigh Salterton. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. M. H. Vincent, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton, Devon.
- Aug. 10-17—Championship of County Dublin. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly, Ballynamote, Carrickmines, Dublin.
- Sept. 2—Southwick. *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Miss H. D. Parker, 4 Third Avenue, Hove 3.
- .. 2—Cheltenham. *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.

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The Council acknowledge with gratitude the bequest of £100 from the estate of the late Mrs. Bishop.

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### APPS TROPHY

J. Bolton has been awarded the Apps Trophy for 1962.

V. C. GASSON,  
*Secretary*

## THE 1962 SEASON

by Maurice B. Reckitt

It has become a habit to begin this annual survey, as so many conversations at croquet tournaments begin, with a discussion of the weather. If the subject is one that cannot be resisted, there is no reason why its treatment should be protracted, and last summer's climatic conditions could be summed up as what our meteorologists like to describe euphemistically as "cool", but which most of us would more realistically dismiss as horribly cold. There were a few more pleasant interruptions to this chilly sequence; the account of the "caskets" even recorded that "there was no break in the sunshine which lasted throughout the six days; it was even rather too hot on some afternoons" (was it?). Five days out of the six in Brighton's first week were delightful; and sunning oneself in the midst of the Devonshire Park fortnight one recalled that one had been a great deal colder in July. It was not a particularly wet season, but since it seems to have become an established habit of our weather to provide us with really good summers only in years which finish with an odd number, we may hope for something better in 1963.

Attention was, of course, fastened on the play of the members of our Test Team, who were (informally!) warned that they should on no account lose their matches to any but each other. In fact they seldom did so, and it can hardly be said that the places quite rightly and naturally accorded to the seven in the "Best Eight" were seriously challenged by anyone else. But here it is convenient to note a partly sad but partly fortunate circumstance of which no doubt the majority of those who read this will be already aware. The season was hardly over before the melancholy news was received that Mr. Humphrey Hicks's doctors had ruled that his health did not warrant his entering upon so strenuous a programme as the Test Tour would inevitably involve. This was a blow indeed, for how could so skilled and experienced a player be replaced? In fact, of course, he could not be, but the C.A.'s Selection Committee, assembled to confront this emergency, felt that an effort should be made to find a seventh player of a calibre equal to that of all but the Big Three of those chosen to represent this country. The committee was unanimous in deciding whom they would like to have, but doubtful whether he would be free to accept such an invitation. To their immense satisfaction David Curtis, who had fully held his own with his rivals in the President's Cup, has found himself able to do so, and while extending their warmest sympathies to the great player whom fortune has not permitted to go forth on this great enterprise, associates will only rejoice that Mr. Curtis, who has come to the front so rapidly, is available to leap into the breach, and will wish him the best of luck in this opportunity to fulfil the confidence they have in him. As we go to press we learn that Humphrey Hicks is now so much restored to health that his doctor has authorised him to travel to New Zealand, and he will act as Reserve during the Dominions Test series.

It would be ungenerous, however, if in lamenting our team's loss of a great player we did not express our sympathy to New Zealand who have sustained a similar misfortune. One who has seen Ashley Heenan play more recently perhaps than anyone here has had the opportunity to do can assure his readers that in him

New Zealand have a player of the very highest class, and that to lose him from the side (owing to his professional obligations) must be a bitter blow. It will be a blow to our team too, who were eagerly (though no doubt apprehensively) looking forward to crossing swords with such a master. Bad luck New Zealand, bad luck Ashley—and bad luck Patrick and John who would doubtless have had to do battle most often with him on his home courts.

It was our Test Captain and our Chairman of Council who, as so often before, carried off the season's highest honours, the former being victorious in the Open Championship and in the Hurlingham Cup, the latter in the Men's Championship and, with a full quota of games, in the President's Cup. William Ormerod's play in these two, the only two events in which he was able to compete, was of a character to suggest how formidable he is likely to be on a tour which affords him full opportunities for play. Dr. Wiggins too seemed to be playing better than he has done for some years. Miss Warwick, if she was not quite as impressive as she was last season, is still certainly our most effective lady player. Bryan Lloyd Pratt had his ups and downs, but his "ups" go up a long way, and he has that unmistakable character of a "class" player that though he may not be playing well at any given moment, he always looks as if he might begin to do so the very next minute. It is not further skill but steadiness, even in the simplest physical sense, that he needs to cultivate.

But if our Test prospects loomed largest in the past season, it was the bright prospects for the future of our game here that the performances of our very up-and-coming young players suggested which came only second in interest to this. The standard of play among our more youthful competitors—most, but not all undergraduates—has gone up remarkably fast and they bring to the game not only their skill, but their intelligence to a degree all too rare among croquet players, a splendid keenness, and a perfect sportsmanship. This sudden advent of the young—there were as many as eight now or recently undergraduates playing in the Roehampton tournament, and nearly as many at Hurlingham—has led to suggestions for an "Under 25" tournament, even a "championship", a proposition which will obviously need a good deal of consideration and preparation before it can "get off the ground". But whatever may develop in this direction, the future of the Varsity Match seems reasonably secure. The University sides have already produced one indisputably first-class player in Arthur Reed, whose remarkable record of 13 games in the Surrey Cup has only once been equalled (by William Ormerod in 1956). There are at least four other Varsity players whose play is within measurable distance of Surrey Cup standards—though it would perhaps be more tactful not to specify which!

The same could possibly be said of a still younger competitor. The record of John Bolton, who won the All England Handicap and was never defeated in singles, would have been creditable in a player of any age, in a boy of 14 it is something more. Bolton is already one of the very best long shots in the country, but games cannot be won by shooting alone, and what is perhaps

still more to be commended is the trouble this young player has taken to learn the game and his success in this direction in so short a period of time. No doubt he has more still to learn—in the laying of breaks for instance and the handling of an innings which does not promise an immediate possibility of scoring, but John has come so far so quickly that it would be hard to say how much further he may still go—if other duties—and pleasures—permit! A word of congratulation is due to Miss Taylor for bringing forward this "prodigy", who is, we hear, only one of half-a-dozen others waiting in the wings at Ryde.

Space does not allow of our saying much of others who have earned recognition this year. Visitors to Budleigh know what a fine player John Cooper is—as he showed he was in the Surrey Cup. Guy Warwick's good showing in this and at Eastbourne is remarked upon elsewhere in this number. Mr. Karmel and Mr. Hollweg played many fine games. Improving players include Mr. Godby who is coming along very fast, Dr. Boucher and Mr. Jessel who did so well in the only tournament in which he appeared at Hurlingham, as also did Mr. Sulley and Mr. Fidler. Captain Buller had a good win at Eastbourne and is a much improved player. The same is true of Mr. Blackwood. There are few among the ladies to commend, but mention must be made of Mrs. Adler who won the Turner Cup at Hurlingham after a close final with Mrs. Anderson of New Zealand, whom it was a pleasure to welcome to our country; of Mrs. Style for her success at Compton, and of Mrs. Vincent whose handicap descends so steadily, though her opportunities for play are confined to her home club. It was at Budleigh (which we are told by the natives we ought more properly to abbreviate to "Salterton") that we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Figgis from Ireland, and hope to meet over here often again, as also earlier friends in Mr. and Mrs. Leonard. We hear great things of two young Irish players, Messrs. Strachan and Duff, whom we should like to see here tackling our own youthful performers.

We had in our survey of last year much to say of the then new laws. It was found this year that there were still some matters that needed clearing up; in most cases this has been done, but there remain a few points which need settling with New Zealand. When this is achieved we shall be offered further slips to paste into our little green books, and the enrolment of our referees, so badly needed, can be got under way.

It has been remarked more than once in these pages that even more urgent than new players, and indeed a primary condition of getting them, is the founding of new clubs, the rejuvenation of old ones and the encouragement of small but often enthusiastic centres where the game is already being played, though often under rather limited conditions. Readers of this journal (which ought to but, alas, does not include *all* associates) will have perused the very interesting article by Mr. Caporn which appeared in our last number. It is not necessary to agree with quite all of his suggestions to welcome most warmly the "missionary" spirit which it breathed and the energy and enterprise displayed by the "Roehampton Rovers". May those who have opportunity elsewhere in the country go and do likewise and write to tell us of the results of their labours.

The winter will be a more pleasant season for some of us if we have an opportunity to engage—and find an interest—in the "Indoor Croquet" which Mr. Roper has done and is doing so much to introduce and encourage. But it will be an interesting one surely for all of us in the opportunity it will offer us to follow the fortunes

of our Team in New Zealand. We may hope that the press will do something to tell us of these, but in any case an extra number of this journal will appear near the end of February to report fully how matters have gone up to then. Both our clubs, and our Council at Headquarters, are often confronted with difficulties and encounter disappointments, but to this writer at any rate croquet has never since World War II seemed to offer us so many encouragements or to exhibit so much vitality as it does at this time. Let us all do what we can to help things along.

## Touring Team Itinerary

The following are the major engagements of the English team in their 1963 tour.

England	v. New Zealand	at Dunedin	Jan. 10, 11, 12.
England	v. Australia	at Christchurch	Jan. 17, 18, 19.
England	v. Sth. Island	at Nelson	Jan. 21, 22, 23.
England	v. New Zealand	at Hastings	Jan. 31, Feb. 1, 2.
England	v. Australia	at Palmerston Nth.	Feb. 7, 8, 9.
England	v. Nth. Island	at Rotorua	Feb. 11, 12, 13.
England	v. New Zealand	at Hamilton	Feb. 21, 22, 23.
England	v. Australia	at Whangarei	Feb. 26, 27, 28.

Farewell Dinner at Auckland March 1st, 1963.

Church Parade at Auckland, March 3rd, 1963.

Dominion Tournament at Auckland commencing March 5th, 1963.

## Croquet in Australia

The 13th Australian Croquet Council Carnival opened in Melbourne, Victoria on 15th October, 1962, in brilliant Spring weather.

Mrs. N. C. McClelland the Australian President welcomed all visitors and presented Gold Medals and Bars to the winner from each State as follows:—Mrs. F. Bayliss, New South Wales; Mrs. C. Tucker, South Australia; Mrs. E. Good, Tasmania; Mrs. M. Harrison, Victoria; Mrs. E. Maskew, West Australia; Mr. H. Gunton, Queensland. The Draw for the Teams Contest then took place, and members of the Teams were introduced by their respective Captains.

After six days of exciting play by Teams from all six States, South Australia became outright winner of the Interstate Cup, the result being as follows:—

	Points	Games	Matches
South Australia	743	26	5
Victoria	707	22	4
Queensland	620	17	2½
New South Wales	590	15	2½
West Australia	449	7	1
Tasmania	357	3	0

The English Medals Contest drew a large number of spectators including Dame Mary Herring, wife of the Lieutenant Governor of Victoria who presented the Medals to the winners at the end of play. Mrs. C. Tucker, South Australia winning the Silver Medal and Mrs. M. Harrison, Victoria, the Bronze Medal. The final between Mrs. Tucker and Mrs. Harrison produced some of the best croquet of the Carnival. Tactics were good, and the phenomenal long shooting of both players brought many thrills to the 300 onlookers, Mrs. Tucker winning by 8 points.

From a record entry in the Australian Championships Events, 101 Singles and 49 Doubles, Mr. L. Mason, Victoria, won the Australian Singles Championship in convincing style, with most consistent play throughout the Contest, Mrs. J. Limpus, Queensland, being runner-up. The Australian Doubles Event was won by Mrs. M. Harrison and Mr. L. Mason, with Mrs. W. McGregor and Mrs. E. Webb runners-up. The A. B. Morrison Trophy for the Junior A player winning the most games was won by Mrs. J. Scroop, South Australia, for the second year in succession. All members of the Australian International Team to visit New Zealand for the Triangular Contest for the MacRobertson Shield were members of the State Teams and contestants in the Championship Events which gave an added interest to the Carnival.

The Annual Dinner arranged by the Australian Croquet Council was held at the Victoria Hotel and was attended by 187 players. At this function goodwill messages were extended to the Australian Team, who were each presented with miniature kangaroo pins as mascots.

## THE SURREY CUP

September 10th—14th

This year for the first time the Surrey Cup Tournament was held in the lovely surroundings of the Cheltenham Club.

Play generally was notable for efficiently completed breaks which were usually ended by the clear-cut decision of the player and not by the failure of a scrambled hoop-running shot. In consequence good shooting was needed and was produced to get in. On the other hand, peeling was not a popular manoeuvre: even single peels occurred chiefly as adventitious bounties rather than as the result of strategic planning.

The first day opened with grey skies and a subdued landscape brightened only by the gaiety of a Surrey cup tie. After lunch there was soaking rain, but the evening gave brilliant sunshine and black shadows which must have increased the difficulties of play but which were a pleasant contrast to the grey flatness of the morning. If most of the day was dull, the play was not. Cooper went off each time like a shot out of a gun and having gone to the peg in his first two matches was in some danger of being pegged out twice before lunch. Guy Warwick hit in with great consistency when the need was great and won three matches with almost a minimum margin of points—five in all. Reed and Karmel went serenely on their way.

The second day opened in damp weather which gradually deteriorated into one of the worst days of the year. Guy Warwick ploughed through the flood unperturbed and all the other competitors, although not appearing to derive the same enjoyment from the deluge, plodded on good-humoured and resigned, until finally the courts were water-logged and it became quite impossible to start the third-round matches of the day.

On the third day the weather relented and the sun shone on courts which had only a few brown wrack marks to record the trials of the previous day. Everyone backed up the management and by the end of the day matches were up to schedule except for two pegged-down games.

By Thursday morning, sunshine and the groundsman's skill had practically eliminated the marks of Tuesday's downpour. It was well that this should be so because the issue was decided by nightfall. At the beginning of the day, Reed was leading but Cooper had more than an outside chance. Then Reed won for the second time against the eventual runner-up and in the evening the Cup was won.

During the four decisive days, Reed's game appeared to have weaknesses only at those points (hoop approaching in particular) which will improve naturally with more play. He shot excellently. His rushes were powerful and accurate at all distances and his concentration was intense but apparently without accompanying physical tension. Cooper was at times so brilliant in shooting and in every other phase of the game that it seemed almost suicidal to place two balls near one another. Then he would lose a game, perhaps by being too forward in play or by missing an easy shot played without even a minimum of preparation.

Warwick stuck in an important hoop occasionally but he was a wonderful competitor throughout: always most dangerous when in a tight corner. Karmel played accurate, thoughtful croquet with beautiful hoops run very slowly and very smoothly. The floods seemed to disturb the rhythm of his shots and in the latter part of the week he did not play as convincingly as on the first day.

Beamish was ill during the first two days and might reasonably have considered retiring. Instead he struggled on through adverse weather and in the later days recovered his form to win a very good proportion of his matches. Cave lived a dangerous life. He failed on reasonably easy strokes, but he also played fighting croquet and was the only conqueror of Reed; a success which he accomplished by a wide margin.

Prichard, the holder of the Cup, has played below form most of this season. He started rather badly but recovered during the week. For the time being however, he appears to have lost the "inevitable" accuracy that was a feature of his game last season. Camroux was quite out of practice when he started the week and he had great difficulty in establishing his game. He fought against adversity and was not entirely without reward by the end of the week.

On Friday, sunshine and a drying wind speeded up the courts and soon there were cries of dismay as a take-off or even a defensive stop-shot sent a ball off-court. In glorious weather with the courts and the surrounding countryside and hills looking lovely, players were able to enjoy in relaxation a series of games relieved from tension by the decisive success of Reed's game during the first four days. Salmon and Chocolate Mousse for lunch, a leisurely afternoon game and then a reluctant departure, leaving only one or two insatiable enthusiasts still playing for pleasure after fourteen competition games in five days.

Mrs. Daniels managed the event which had more managerial problems than usual owing to the very extreme weather conditions of the second day. Nevertheless, only one pegged-down game really held up the round-by-round results, and although Mrs. Daniels would attribute the smooth running of the tournament to the good humour of the competitors, they themselves were very ready to pay tribute to the care with which she had provided for them.

(The analysis of play appeared in the October number.)

## ALL ENGLAND HANDICAP

ROEHAMPTON

September 20th—22nd

Eighteen competitors contested the last stages of this important tournament, representing fourteen clubs. The clubs with two candidates were, however, doomed to lose interest by the quarter-finals stage. Hurlingham had lost General Wilson Haffenden and Godby by the second round; Miss Parker and Mrs. Chittenden from Southwick failed in the second and third rounds respectively, as did the Roehampton pair, Hollweg and Adams, while the Warwicks from Budleigh both fell in the third round.

Those who had seen John Bolton play at Southwick were in little doubt who would be the winner here, and they proved to be right. This 14 year old boy had a narrow escape against Buckley from Reigate who does so much for the small but flourishing club nestling at the foot of the North Downs. After surmounting that hurdle, however, John showed that receiving bisques was an art to which he had become more accustomed than the giving of them and he gave Joan Warwick and Dr. Sandiford little chance of showing their form.

In the other half, Dr. Penny, the oldest contestant, showed the form of which we know him to be capable and began to cast doubts on his handicap of 3. He had four good wins before reaching the final which was played before a goodly crowd, attracted by the prospect of a tussle between two players 60 years apart in age.

The opening stages were somewhat inconclusive. The Doctor laid a maximum tice and then proceeded to hit it: he could indeed have gone straight round as he picked up the break very well but failed at a not too difficult second hoop. Neither player seemed to be able to progress at all expeditiously until both suddenly made a good all round break. There then followed a doldrum period with both players gaining and regaining the innings but to little purpose. We fancy the Doctor was tiring a little as the game entered its fourth hour and John was able to finish as victor a modicum of points ahead. John Solomon made a few appropriate remarks in congratulating the winner and runner-up, and Mrs. Solomon, junior, then presented the trophies. Dr. Penny saved the winner the task of replying by adequately filling the breach himself.

## HANDICAP SINGLES ALL ENGLAND AREA FINALS

(18 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Dr. H. J. Penny (3) bt Maj.-Gen. Wilson-Haffenden (4) by 17.  
Miss H. D. Parker (3) w.o. Mrs. E. Whitehead opponent scratched.

SECOND ROUND

J. G. Warwick (—1) bt Mrs. Neville Rolfe (7½) by 6.  
C. S. Ratcliffe (5½) bt Rev. J. E. Andrews (4½) by 11.  
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1) bt W. H. Austin (4) by 22.  
Dr. H. J. Penny (3) bt J. G. Hollweg (—1) by 8.  
Col. C. C. Adams (—1) bt Miss H. D. Parker (3) by 7.  
Dr. B. R. Sandiford (3½) bt R. A. Godby (3) by 18.  
J. Bolton (3) bt L. W. Buckley (7) by 4.  
Miss E. J. Warwick (—2) bt G. Birch (1) by 8.

THIRD ROUND

C. S. Ratcliffe (5½) bt J. G. Warwick (—1) by 6.  
Dr. H. J. Penny (3) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1) by 13.  
Dr. B. K. Sandiford (3½) bt Col. C. C. Adams (—1) by 16.  
J. Bolton (3) bt Miss E. J. Warwick (—2) by 25.

SEMI-FINAL

Dr. H. J. Penny (3) bt C. S. Ratcliffe (5½) by 13.  
J. Bolton (3) bt Dr. B. R. Sandiford (3½) by 22.

FINAL

J. Bolton (3) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (3) by 7.

# Ballade of a Sad Stewardship

(Devonshire Park, 1962)

On my lapel I wore a badge to show  
That I was at the tournament to chat  
To anyone who might be keen to know  
How croquet should be played. A woman sat  
Beside me plus her whining, snuffling brat.  
She talked of nothing but the kid, aged four.  
(I would get landed with a type like that.)  
I'll abdicate from teaching croquet lore.

I sold her "Know The Game" by Dr. O.,  
And said "By reading this you'll get it pat."  
But she replied, the silly so-and-so,  
"I've only bought it for my little Nat,  
He likes a picture book." I thought "Oh, drat  
This wretched child on whom she sets such store!"  
I swear if I'd been feline I'd have spat.  
I'll abdicate from teaching croquet lore.

Yet once again I tried to have a go,  
And asked a woman, elderly and fat,  
If she would care to learn the game, although  
She didn't look a "with it" sort of "cat".  
How right I was, for, as we watched Lloyd-Pratt  
She took no interest in the strokes or score,  
But said "He does look lovely in that hat."  
I'll abdicate from teaching croquet lore.

Envoi

Prince, I'm afraid you sent me in to bat  
Upon the sort of wicket I abhor.  
I'm taking off my pads . . . and this is flat,  
I'll abdicate from teaching croquet lore.

N.P.

## Notes from the Clubs

### Ryde

Although Ryde Croquet Club is a small one and its numbers few, a star has risen upon its horizon which places it well and truly upon the map.

John Bolton, one of its members, at the age of fourteen, has just won the All-England Championship at Roehampton, surely the youngest competitor to accomplish such a feat. In the final event, playing level, he beat Dr. Penny by seven.

John, who is a pleasant, likeable boy, bears his blushing honours with commendable modesty. It must be conceded that he has a natural "eye" for games, but it is also important to stress the fact that he has worked hard, studied books by well-known authors and practised assiduously in order to attain the perfection which he now possesses. And all this since the summer of 1961!

Long may John continue on his triumphal path and add lustre to the great game of croquet.

### Southwick

The annual general meeting of the Club was held on 27th October, the President Mr. W. Longman taking the chair. Mr. N. F. Blackwood read the letters of apology and minutes in the absence of Miss Parker, who was indisposed.

Mr. Longman commented on the success of last season's activities, and paid sincere appreciation to the members who had been so helpful with catering and general club management.

After two years of hard work, which has been greatly appreciated, Miss Parker has resigned the position of Hon. Secretary, and Mrs. I. H. Turketine has undertaken this position for 1963.

Mrs. Longman graciously presented the Club cups to the following:—

Simion Cup—L. Kirk-Greene. D'Esterre Cup—N. F. Blackwood  
Daddy Cup—Mrs. Naylor. Longdon Cup—Mrs. Temple.  
Fryer Cup—Mrs. Temple. King Cup—Mrs. Atcheley.  
Abbey Salvers—Mrs. Chittenden and Mrs. Temple.

A vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Longman was proposed by Mr. Blackwood, and passed unanimously.

The Southwick Club is pleased to learn that Mr. David Curtis has accepted an invitation to join the team going to New Zealand, in place of the inability of Mr. H. O. Hicks. The good wishes of the Club go out to Mr. Curtis, and indeed all the members of the team, who are so well known at Southwick.

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### Roehampton

The annual meeting of croquet players was held on Saturday, 17th November, when Mr. J. B. Gilbert, the chairman of the croquet committee, presided. He reviewed the 1962 season which had been most successful, with the courts in excellent condition, thanks to the hard work of the ground staff.

He said that much credit was due to Mr. D. Caporn who had organised and managed the Roehampton Rovers, a team of members who had played matches against various clubs around London. He also spoke of the indoor croquet evenings which were being held at the club during the winter. These were started a year ago, and had proved very popular in enabling players to keep in touch with one another during the off season. He gave a short description of the new croquet pavilion to be built at the club which, it was expected would be ready at the beginning of the 1964 season.

Miss D. A. Lintern, the captain, then gave an account of the tournaments and matches which had been played, from which it appeared that club members had been very successful.

Mr. Gilbert then welcomed Mrs. M. Howard Austin who was to present the prizes for the club events which had been played during the summer. Mrs. Howard Austin was well known to all Roehampton players, and although she had not herself played during the last few years, she often came to the club as an interested spectator.

The Club Open Championship was won by Mr. J. A. Hollweg; runner-up, Mr. A. V. Camroux. Ladies' Championship, Miss D. A. Lintern; second, Mrs. S. M. Adler. The B Class Event was won by Dr. T. E. Ryves with Mrs. G. Solomon as runner-up. The C Class Championship was Mrs. Carrington who beat Mrs. Caporn in the final. The Handicap Singles was won by Mr. Hollweg who beat Colonel Adams, but the latter had his revenge in the All England Handicap. The American Handicap was won by Mr. Camroux who defeated Mrs. Carrington in the final. The Handicap Doubles were won by Mr. A. J. Oldham and Mrs. Francis. The Trevelyan Bowl competition played at the beginning of the season was won by Mrs. S. M. Adler and the Turketine Tray which is the final event of the year was taken by Colonel Adams.

### Hurlingham

At our end of season meeting there was an interesting discussion on the proposed introduction of indoor croquet. The proposition afoot was to use the snack bar during the winter, equipment up to £20 being purchased. There was general support for the proposal.

### Bristol

The Club has had a good season, in fact is still having one as we are still playing as this is being written on 5th November. We have had a record number of members and with our three lawns can very rarely play singles. The prize-giving for the Club events was held last month. The handicap doubles, an innovation which we hope to repeat next year, was won by Mrs. Brent-Smith and Mrs. Scott; the open singles was won by Dr. W. P. Ormerod and the American open handicap by Miss Newman who won all her games. The winners of the high bisque event and the golf croquet were Mr. Trevor Johnson and Mr. Brent-Smith. At the end of the proceedings the best wishes of the Club for a successful tour were given to our William, who with his wife and baby daughter is sailing for New Zealand at the end of this month.

### Compton

In these notes last April it was stated that this would be a year of crisis for Compton and that if the increased subscription rates let to resignations the end was in sight. Fortunately no resignations followed and with the assurance of a number of new members for next season, we hope to go from weakness to strength. It is now mid-November and the four lawns which are still kept in trim seem to be in as good condition as they ever have been and are in frequent use.

At a recent committee meeting plans were made to give our members more opportunities for competitive play, and early next season we shall hold an American tournament on rather new lines. This will start on a Thursday afternoon and the semi-finals and finals will be played on the Sunday afternoon. If it proves a success a similar tournament principally for guests will be held later in the season.

We close these notes sadly by referring to the death of Mrs. Austin. She was a much better croquet player than she ever believed and this modesty together with her very gallant spirit, which she showed so conspicuously during her illness, endeared her to us all.

### Budleigh Salterton

The season started early with a visit at Easter from a strong team from London captained by E. P. C. Cotter. Unfortunately the cold weather prevented our visitors from getting sufficient early practice and the home team enjoyed a 10 to 2 win.

The club members have had a very busy season and the courts have been fully occupied in spite of the poor weather conditions, which, as elsewhere, prevailed until October, when the players took advantage of three weeks lovely Indian Summer conditions.

The local competitions were eventually finished and the cups and prizes presented to the winners by Mrs. Heathcote at the annual meeting and the tea held for croquet members at the end of September.

Club Championship (Two Life system, 14 entries):

Winner: Mrs. E. Rotherham.

Runner-up: A. J. Cooper.

Gossage Cup (27 entries):

Winner: Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave.

Runner-up: Miss E. J. Warwick.

Simpson Cup (American system, 26 entries):

Winner: A. J. Cooper.

Runner-up: Mrs. M. H. Vincent.

Bull Cup (Ladies only, 17 entries):

Winner: Miss E. J. Warwick.

Runner-up: Mrs. M. H. Vincent.

Calthrop Salver (American system, 13 pairs):

Winners: A. J. Cooper and Mrs. W. Nash.

Runners-up: Mrs. R. G. Michelmore and Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt.

Hutchinson Cup (21 entries):

Winner: Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt.

Runner-up: Col. D. W. Beamish.

Novices Salver (9 entries):

Winner: Dr. R. R. Traill.

Runner-up: Mrs. G. E. Cave.

Heathcote Cup (Golf Croquet, 12 entries):

Winner: A. J. Cooper.

Runner-up: Mrs. M. H. Vincent.

The new Committee elected for the 1963 season consists of Mrs. E. Rotherham (Chairman), J. K. Brown (Vice-Chairman), Miss E. J. Warwick, A. J. Cooper, Miss V. E. Mills and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (Hon. Sec.).

Members of the Club have done well in Championship events:—

Ladies Championship: Miss E. J. Warwick.

Mixed Doubles Championship: Miss E. J. Warwick and J. G. Warwick.

Du Pre Cup: Mrs. E. Rotherham.

Ladies Field Cup: Miss E. J. Warwick.

South of England Championship: J. G. Warwick.

South of England Ladies Championship: Mrs. E. Rotherham.

South of England Devonshire Park Salver: Captain M. F. Buller.

South of England Sussex Perpetual Challenge Cup: Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave.

The dates for the 1963 Tournaments are:—

May 6th-11th American Handicap (Unofficial).

July 1st-5th American Handicap (Unofficial).

July 8th-13th Open Tournament.

### Southsea

The above Club, which was formed before World War I, has had to close down after struggling on for the last few years with a dwindling membership. In 1939 there were more than sixty members. This season there were four only. Fortunately the courts were owned by the corporation or the club would have ceased to exist some years ago.

HANDICAPS CONFIRMED OR ALTERED BY THE  
HANDICAP CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

November 20th, 1962

ALL ENGLAND HANDICAP

Dr. H. J. Penny 3 to 2½.  
J. Bolton 3 to 2.

ROEHAMPTON

M. Murray 10.  
B. J. Russ 12 (D.11).

BEFORE PLAY

R. F. Thorp 9 to 8½.  
R. Farrington 9 to 8½.

DURING PLAY

R. F. Thorp 8½ to 7.

AFTER PLAY

R. F. Thorp 7 to 5.  
D. R. Watson 6 to 5½.  
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Pritchard —½ to —1.  
M. Murray 10 to 9.

DEVONSHIRE PARK

J. G. Warwick —1 to —1½.  
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave —½ to —1.  
W. H. Austin 4 to 3.  
Dr. H. J. Penny 2½ to 2.  
Miss E. F. Rose 5 to 4½.  
Mrs. D. M. C. Pritchard 8 to 7½.  
Mrs. J. Povey 12 to 11.  
Mrs. M. McMordie 5 to 4½.  
Lady Ursula Abbey 2½ to 2.  
Mrs. M. D. Cork 9½ to 8½.  
Miss H. F. Woolley 7 to 6½.

SURREY CUP

A. A. Reed 1 to 0.

CLUB RECOMMENDATIONS  
COMPTON

Miss M. Bryan 11 to 10.  
Mrs. D. Owen 8 to 7.  
N. V. Snell 8½ to 7.  
H. A. Hall 10 to 9½.  
(non-associate).

PARKSTONE

N. A. C. McMillan 9½ to 8½.

SOUTHWICK

Mrs. Atchley 12 to 11.  
Mrs. Roper 7½ to 7.

NOTTINGHAM

P. Thompson 2½ to 2.  
Sir Miles Graham 7 to 6.  
F. B. Stephens 9 to 7.  
Miss L. H. Smith 6½ to 6.  
Miss E. M. Brumpton 9 to 8½.  
Dr. H. M. Browning 13 to 12.

NON-ASSOCIATES

A. J. Bucknell 6 to 5½.  
Mrs. L. Abdy 8 to 7.  
Mrs. A. Collinson 8 to 7½.  
Miss E. M. Garratt 10 to 8.  
Mrs. M. Dobson 10½ to 10.  
Mrs. G. W. Ward 16 to 14.  
Mrs. D. Harris 16 to 15.  
Mrs. L. Richardson 14 to 13.  
D. Haynes 12 to 10.  
Miss E. Phoenix 16 to 15.

BUDLEIGH

Mrs. G. E. Cave 16 (D.14) to 15 (D.13).  
A. J. Cooper —1 to —1½.  
Miss J. Cooper 5½ to 5.  
Mrs. S. Cruden 15 (D.14) to 12 (D.10).  
Mrs. R. C. Hawkins 12 (D.10) to 10 (D.9).  
Lt.-Col. T. F. Lavery 5½ to 5.  
J. Lee 9 to 7.  
Mrs. Newnham Davis 11 (D.10) to 10.  
Mrs. R. N. B. Smartt 4½ to 4.  
Dr. R. N. B. Smartt 3½ to 3.  
Mrs. M. H. Vincent 2½ to 2.

NON-ASSOCIATES

Mrs. W. Nash 15 (D.14) to 14 (D.12).  
Dr. R. R. Traill 14 to 13.

NEW

Miss Goddard 15 (D.14).  
H. E. A. Hodgson 16 (D.14).

Five

## HURLINGHAM

Dr. F. J. Bentley 10 to 9.  
Mrs. A. D. Karmel 8 to 7½.  
O. A. Kerensky 11.  
R. J. Pickett 7½ to 7.  
Prof. A. W. Skempton 6 to 5½.  
Mrs. A. W. Skempton 8½ to 8.  
L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts 7 to 6½.  
S. S. Townsend 1½ to 1.  
Maj. P. E. Villiers 10 to 9.  
A. Potter 14.

## NON-ASSOCIATES

J. F. Luke 13.  
P. E. M. Shaw 12.  
M. Coulbourne 14.  
R. G. Carritt 14.  
S. G. Kent 9.

## ROEHAMPTON

W. G. A. Burgess 12 to 11.  
A. V. Camroux 1½ to 1.  
Mrs. Carrington 7 to 6½.  
Mrs. C. Hawes 12 to 11.  
R. O. Hicks 2 to 0.  
Mrs. S. Phillips 7 to 8.  
Dr. T. Ryves 5 to 4.  
A. E. Whitcombe 9 to 7.

## CHALLENGE AND GILBEY CUPS

Mrs. J. W. Speer 6½ to 5½.

## GOLF CROQUET

Mrs. Kozhevar 3 to 2.

## PERSONAL REQUEST

Col. Clarke 0 to 3.

## Report of the Dominion Tour Committee

The Committee met at the C.A. offices, on 2nd August, 1962.

*Present:* M. B. Reckitt (Chairman), E. P. C. Cotter, Miss D. A. Lintern, J. W. Solomon, Brig. Stokes-Roberts, Cmdr. G. W. Style and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (Secretary).

Brig. Stokes-Roberts was asked and kindly undertook to see the Team was properly supplied with *Badges*. On Cmdr. Style's suggestion it was agreed that the Council should present these badges.

### Reporting

Mr. Reckitt suggested a special four page issue of the magazine should be issued towards the end of February to report progress. This was proposed by the Treasurer, seconded by Brig. Stokes-Roberts and agreed. It was also agreed that Miss E. J. Warwick and B. Lloyd Pratt should be appointed correspondents on the spot.

### Photographs

On request Brig. Stokes-Roberts agreed to arrange for photographs of the Team to be taken during the week of the President's Cup.

### The Dinner

It was agreed to recommend to Council that the subscription dinner for the Team should be on the evening of the Annual General Meeting at Hurlingham and that for that year only the Annual General Meeting should be held at 2.30 p.m.

### Questions

On Mr. Solomon's query it was agreed that some presentation should be made to New Zealand.

Mr. Solomon also said he would like an interpretation of the condition that New Zealand suggested "that the Teams must play in order of merit". It was decided that we express agreement on the general principle, but reserve to the Captain the right to arrange the order of his players.

### Referees

It was decided that each country should nominate one representative to form a final Court of Appeal. Mr. Cotter said he would like to nominate Mr. Solomon.

### Finance

Cmdr. Style set October 18th as a dead line on which to decide on the distribution of the Fund monies to the Team.

## LET THE TRUMPETS SOUND

One of our reporters recently visited the information office of a well known seaside town where he bought a copy of the local official guide and street map.

After perusal he found that all sports were shown clearly, together with a location reference to the map and names of respective clubs where visitors could play there in season, with one unfortunate exception—*Croquet* was neither mentioned nor was the existence of the local Croquet Club shown.

He then enquired of the young girl at the counter as to where the local Croquet Club was to be found, and met with the frank reply that she had never heard of one; however our reporter persisted and eventually a card index was referred to and the information was obtained.

We have often referred to the desirability, in fact almost a duty, to all clubs to lose no opportunity to publicise our fascinating game, and we venture to make the following suggestions to this laudable end to all registered clubs:—

1. Assist the Club Secretary by appointing a suitable member "Public Relations Officer".

2. Arrange for a reference to the Club in the local Town Guide and street map.

3. Make friends with the local sports outfitter and as far as possible buy equipment from him. Ask him in the spring to arrange for a window display of Croquet equipment and colours on artificial grass, together with Croquet literature. Exhibit any competition cups available with suitable posters.

Offer if required to teach the game to purchasers, particularly of sets of Croquet equipment.

4. Insert small advertisements in local newspaper, say, April and May, inviting potential members—offer to teach beginners.

5. Publish a report of the Club's Annual Meeting—adding appropriate matter for publicising the game, including results of Club Competitions.

6. Arrange for copies of *Croquet* to be available at public libraries and on view at selected Newsagents.

7. Offer to give lectures on Croquet—its history, leading up to the modern game—its present revival and international character.

8. Suggest the game to suitable local schools and to industrial firms with sports facilities.

9. Enquire of owners of private lawns—and there are quite a number of them to be found, unsuspected perhaps in most towns—whether they are playing the Association game, etc., and invite them to join the Club.

10. Arrange and advertise a free demonstration with an open day to the public.

11. Suggest to members that they should talk "Croquet" whenever a suitable opportunity obtains. It is surprising what may be accomplished in obtaining new adherents to the game by this method.

12. Arrange for a small but effective card to be exhibited in suitable hotels—setting out the particulars of your Club.

13. Arrange for the Annual Meeting to also become an annual social event.

At the risk of being platitudinarian we add that no enterprise, or venture, stands still, it either flourishes and grows or it wilts and shrinks, and perhaps dies, so it is with Croquet Clubs.

It is sad to reflect on those Clubs once keen and expanding, with an annual tournament in some cases; now alas decayed and moribund, lawns reduced, their glory gone.

The reason:—its members have become apathetic, indeed selfish, no efforts made to attract new members, unconsciously perhaps considering that the Club will survive at least for the rest of their Croquet lives.

The suggestions we have set out above are founded on actual experience; if any Club Secretary or members of a Club whose wellbeing is on the wane, let then ponder and consider such suggestions.

We affirm with conviction that the adoption of these suggestions with enthusiasm, will quickly change the fortunes of such a Club for the better.

No Club should die; no Club need die, no difficulty is insurmountable. A Club's continued existence is the responsibility of all its members for the time being, let them not fail in their stewardship. L.W.B.

## OBITUARY

### Mrs. E. K. BISHOP

This lady's death early in October robbed the croquet world of a great enthusiast. She had been a tournament player for many years, and may still be remembered by some as Mrs. Alexis Thomson, this being her married name before World War I. Though resident then in Edinburgh, she played frequently in English tournaments and was a 5-bisquer in those days. In later years her form had fallen off somewhat, but she remained a notably good long shot until her sight began to fail her, and in recent years she had become almost completely blind.

Ethel Bishop was a lively personality with an incisive wit, and it was amusing to find oneself next to her at the court side. She kept up her visits to her favourite tournaments so long as (and even after) she could see anything of what was going on. One of these was Budleigh Salterton, to which in her closing years she was wont to send a telegram of greetings. In the year of the last Lambeth Conference one of these was pinned to the notice board which ran: "Thinking of you all, Bishop" Some competitors who knew not Ethel were puzzled to discover which of the dioceses had sent this intimate salutation. M.B.R.

### A. McCLURE WILLIAMS

This keen member of that once famous club, Woking, died suddenly on October 24th. He was 83, but few who did not know his age would have supposed him to be so old. Only a few years ago he had travelled up and down from Woking to Hurlingham on several days to help the Surrey team which was short of reserve players, and performed successfully when he got there.

Arnold, as many of his friends knew him, was a son-in-law of one of Woking's great stalwarts, Philip Houghton, and started croquet under his auspices about forty years ago. He soon became, and long remained, a very consistent B class player and won a number of successes in this grade; his name must be engraved on many cups offered for players a little above scratch. Everyone who still remembers the happy tournaments on Hook Heath will recall "McClure" with affection and extend their sympathy to his widow and children. M.B.R.

### Mr. S. M. ADLER

It is with the greatest regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. S. M. Adler. Winkle, as he was known by his many friends at Roehampton, had been in very indifferent health for some time, but the end came very suddenly during the Club's Open Tournament. He was watching games on the Monday afternoon, was taken very ill on Tuesday mid-day and died on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Adler had been keen tennis players before taking up Croquet. Mr. Adler did not play in tournaments, but could always be seen watching with great interest all championships events and other matches.

He had greatly improved his game this year and he and his wife had reached the final of the club doubles, which was to have been played the Sunday after his death.

Members of Roehampton will miss him very much, he was always so kind to everyone, and with his devoted wife was always ready to support any effort to help croquet.

Associates will wish to send sincere sympathy to Mrs. Adler always a great favourite with all croquet players. D.A.L.

## NOTICE

In the Report of the Laws Committee referred to on page 2 of September *Croquet* the following sentence should have been added at the end of Regulation 8(a) (ii):—

"Later he may remove the time-limit or alter it (subject to a minimum of 3 hours) provided that he imposes the same time-limit on all games in the same round".

## DEVONSHIRE PARK

### THE TEST TEAM v. THE REST

October 6th, 1962

The posters named seven players for the Team and six for the Rest. Non-croquet players were heard to speculate about the reason for this. "Did each player have to complete the course and was the side which took the fewer strokes the winner? Was the seventh player a handicap?"

Croquet players, too, had some difficulty in finding out what was going to happen. It was learnt that Miss Lintern had withdrawn and her place had been offered to David Curtis, who had been unable to accept it, and that Humphrey Hicks was playing in the singles only. Finally it was announced that there would be seven singles and three doubles, which meant two more players had to be found for the Rest. At one time the crucial test seemed likely to be who had white flannels with him or could procure them at short notice—which would have placed Gerald Cave at a disadvantage, as he is not easy to fit from stock.

The day of the match, as is usual, was extremely pleasant with bright sunshine in the afternoon and the shade temperature reading 65°F. (18°C.).

If the test series means much to the ordinary associate this was obviously a great occasion. The Test Side was on view, as a team in action, for the one and only time before its departure. Apart from competitors in the tournament there were rather more than 100 members of the general public, who paid their shillings to come and watch.

The doubles were started at 10.40 a.m. and two of them finished before lunch. In the top match the Team defeated the Rest comfortably, their task being made easier by good shooting from Patrick Cotter and the Rest pair's divided views on tactics.

In the second match Guy Warwick was quickly round to 4-back, but left his opponents' balls rather close together and William Ormerod hit in and played a superb break, which included making two good "recovery" hoops after unlucky rolls. Both Hope Rotherham and Bobby Wiggins have outstanding records of success at Eastbourne, but neither were at their best on this occasion and only those who took a late lunch saw the Team win by 14. The third double was pegged down.

In the singles, the Team won all its matches. John Solomon beat Leslie Kirk-Greene in a match between two men who were not 100 per cent fit, which might have gone either way. Patrick Cotter in masterful mood beat his opponent in forty minutes. Humphrey Hicks, Joan Warwick and Bryan Lloyd Pratt all had comfortable wins. William Ormerod again excelled, finishing the game with a somewhat unorthodox triple peel.

The closest singles was between Bobby Wiggins and Kay Longman. All four clips were on the stick, when Bobby tried a vigorous peg-out from about five yards. His first ball narrowly missed and finished about nine yards from the first corner; he then pegged out his second ball. Kay played a good shot leaving herself with a perfect rush for the stick. Bobby then manfully took his last chance and pegged out with a shot which never looked like missing.

Kay gained some consolation for this defeat by winning in partnership with John Hollweg the pegged-down doubles and gaining the Rest its solitary point.

The Selectors were faced in 1961 with the task of choosing the best side for the Tests in 1963. This overwhelming success for the Team suggests they have done it well.

### Details

J. W. Solomon and E. P. C. Cotter bt L. Kirk-Greene and H. G. Stoker by 12.

W. R. D. Wiggins and W. Ormerod bt J. G. Warwick and Mrs. Rotherham by 14.

Miss E. J. Warwick and B. Lloyd Pratt lost to Mrs. Longman and J. A. Hollweg by 9.

J. W. Solomon bt L. Kirk-Greene by 6.

E. P. C. Cotter bt H. G. Stoker by 26.

H. O. Hicks bt Mrs. Rotherham by 13.

W. R. D. Wiggins bt Mrs. Longman by 2.

W. Ormerod bt J. G. Warwick by 26.

Miss E. J. Warwick bt J. A. Hollweg by 10.

B. Lloyd Pratt bt G. E. Cave by 21.

H.C.S.P.

# Council Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Council was held at 4 Southampton Row on Thursday, 18th October, 1962 at 2 p.m.

**Present:** J. W. Solomon (Chairman), Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, D. C. Caporn, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, Col. J. G. Clarke, Maj. J. H. Dibley, G. V. Evans, J. A. Hollweg, Miss D. A. Lintern, W. Longman, H. C. S. Perry, M. B. Reckitt, E. A. Roper, Mrs. E. Rotherham, Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart, Brig. Stokes-Roberts, L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts, Lt.-Cmdr. G. W. Style, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins, Mrs. R. R. Williams and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (Secretary).

**Apologies:** G. Birch, E. P. Duffield, Canon Creed Meredith, Mrs. E. Reeve and J. M. Rivington.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Mrs. R. R. Williams from Llandudno to her first Council meeting.

Mr. Reckitt told the Council that Mrs. Reeve was progressing after her illness most satisfactorily.

## Minutes of the Meeting held 28th May, 1962

Mr. Perry said he thought there were some mistakes in Regulation 8 of the Laws Report, and Mr. Solomon asked Council's permission to sign the Minutes and discuss this matter of the Laws with Mr. Rivington on his return. This was granted and the Minutes signed.

## Matters Arising

Mr. Perry asked about the change in the date of the Match at Eastbourne, and was told this was done on the authority of the Chairman of Council and the Chairman of the Tournament Committee, to suit the convenience of some of the Test Team. Mr. Perry then asked that if changes were made, provincial Councilors might be notified.

## Correspondence

A letter was read from Mr. Leonard asking the Council to give ruling as to whether the Irish were overseas members or not. It was thought that they were not overseas members.

## Questions

Mr. Brackenbury wanted to know on whose authority the date of closing entries for the Eastbourne Tournament was put back one week. He was told by that of the Chairman of the Council and the Chairman of the Tournament Committee.

## Notices of Motion

Mr. Longman put forward the following motion:—

**President's, Surrey and Ladies Field Cups.** "In each of these events, having secured the necessary number of acceptances, the Selection Committee shall proceed to elect two Reserves, whose names shall be published in *Croquet*. The first Reserve shall be the player deemed to be next in order of merit and this Reserve shall fill any vacancy that may occur before the Thursday preceding the competition. The second Reserve shall not necessarily be the next in order of merit, but shall be chosen because the necessary attendance on the ground at 10 a.m. on the Monday of the Tournament is not too great an occupational or geographical hardship. The first Reserve must always be given the first refusal of the position of second Reserve".

## Report of Dominion Tour Committee

This was unanimously passed. Brig. Stokes-Roberts told the Council that he had been in touch with Reuters, who promised to send quick results. Also photographs and short notes about the team had been sent to New Zealand for advance publicity.

It was agreed that Mr. Reckitt should write a letter of good wishes to each member of the team.

## Laws re-draft Report

Mr. Solomon, in the absence of Mr. Rivington, said there had been problems with New Zealand on Laws 8 and 18. The latest indication is that New Zealand thinks there will be agreement when the teams meet and matters can be personally discussed.

The Examiner's book and the new errata slips will not be printed until complete agreement with New Zealand is reached.

## Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee

In presenting his Report of the meeting held during the morning of October 18th, Cmdr. Style, Chairman, said that for the first time, he was able to give Council an interim report on the state of the Association Accounts.

He had been able to give his Committee a detailed account of the financial position to date, and, with the Secretary, had made a conservative estimate of the position at the year's end. The Committee had thoroughly discussed the matter. Speaking with the usual reservations and caution of a Treasurer, he said that, leaving out the amount of the C.A.'s contribution towards the expenses of the Test Team, the accounts for the year seemed likely to do no more than break even. The new subscriptions had not brought in the money we hoped for, largely, he thought, because by the time they were passed by the A.G.M., they were no longer in their original form; and so many concessions and amendments had been made that they were no longer adequate.

Members of Council would remember how their large majority had been against any form of two-tiered subscriptions when this had been discussed. Now they found themselves with multi-tiered subscriptions, almost impossible to administer, containing many anomalies, and in some cases unfair to Associates. Cmdr. Style said that the Finance and General Purposes Committee strongly recommended Council:—

"To instruct the Finance and General Purposes Committee to investigate the present system of subscriptions, levy and tribute, with a view to simplifying and amending them if necessary, and to report with recommendations, before Christmas, 1962".

In reply to a query Cmdr. Style said it was inadvisable to waste time, because whatever might be agreed would have to be published in *Croquet* in April and presented to the Annual General Meeting if it were to become effective in 1964.

## Dominion Tour Fund

Subscriptions, plus accrued interest, stood at precisely £1,355. There was a balance of £101 from the New Zealand Entertainment Fund from 1956. The Finance and General Purposes Committee recommended "that Council should give Mr. Solomon authority to use this sum of £101 for purposes of Official entertainment in New Zealand".

The Annual General Meeting had agreed that Council could allot not more than £600 of the C.A.'s funds to the Dominion Tour Fund and the Committee now recommended that the sum of £500 should be allocated—thus each player would receive £265. The Chairman of Council, Mr. Solomon, being a member of the Team, absented himself while the matter was discussed. Council agreed, unanimously with one abstention, to allot £500. It was also agreed to publicly thank all donors and all those who had worked so hard to collect money for the Tour. Cmdr. Style then asked Council to agree the following Resolution. "That J. W. Solomon, Chairman of the Council of the Croquet Association, or his nominee, be and hereby is authorised to draw at his absolute discretion on the credit of £100 (New Zealand), and accrued interest, the property of the Croquet Association of the U.K., at the Australian and New Zealand Bank Ltd., Wellington, New Zealand." This was unanimously agreed.

The Chairman concluded his report by saying that there was no need for a licence to take the MacRobertson Trophy out of England, because New Zealand was in the sterling area.

Mr. Roper asked if possible suggestions for amending the subscription rates would be welcome and was told that they would be, if written and sent to the Secretary.

Brig. Stokes-Roberts proposed and Col. Clarke seconded that the Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee be accepted together with the recommendations therein. This was carried unanimously, but with one abstainer in the matter of the last recommendation above.

## Motions

Mr. Roper had three motions, seconded by Mrs. Chittenden.

(i) "That in a handicap event, the receiver of bisques may have the option of dividing one bisque into two half bisques, provided he declares his intention of doing so before play commences". This was referred to the Tournament Committee.

(ii) "That indoor croquet be recognised by the C.A." Mr. Roper said he had had letters from Jaques who wished to have all details and market sets for indoor croquet. It was proposed that a Committee be set up to investigate the matter and decide on what action to take. It was pointed out by Mr. Caporn, Mr. Hollweg and Mr. Roper that indoor croquet was a good medium to teach novices. Miss Lintern said she thought it would be wiser to wait one more year to test things out more before taking the proposed steps. The motion was unanimously carried and the Committee elected were:—Mr. Roper, Chairman, Miss Lintern, Mr. Caporn, Mr. Karmel and Mr. Stokes-Roberts. It was decided that Mr. Solomon should write a letter to Jaques.

(iii) (a) and (b). The following should be printed in all advertised Tournaments, Official and Non-official. "No leave can be claimed as of right in respect of any event and it cannot be expected at any time by players entering in more than one event. Leave can only be granted by the Manager and by no other person.

"Entry forms for Tournaments should be kept by the Secretaries concerned for at least 12 months from the date of the Tournament". After discussion this was referred to the Tournament Committee.

(c) "The Manager may, at his discretion, decide that the final of an Event, which has been played in shortened form games, may be played in a full game (see Reg. 19(f) and 8(a)".

There was much discussion, after which the motion was put to the vote and carried by a good majority.

Brig. Stokes-Roberts' Motion, seconded by G. V. Evans.

"Until the appropriate annual subscription has been paid no-one is eligible to take part in and entries for any Official Tournament run by the C.A. will not be accepted with the exception of Counties and Open Championships. Suitably worded post cards should be sent to all defaulters fifteen days after subscriptions are due. These can be marked 1st, 2nd and 3rd reminder". Mr. Evans kindly offered to provide the post cards.

Mr. Reckitt suggested deferring the sending of post cards until April.

After much discussion, Mr. Brackenbury suggested referring the motion to the Finance and General Purposes Committee. Brig. Stokes-Roberts said he was willing to withdraw the first part of the motion.

## Any Other Business

There was none.

## Date and Venue of next meeting

November 1st, at 4 Southampton Row, at 2 p.m.

A Council Meeting was held at 4 Southampton Row, on Thursday, 1st November, 1962, at 2 p.m.

## Present

J. W. Solomon (Chairman), J. M. Rivington, Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, D. C. Caporn, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, Major J. H. Dibley, E. P. Duffield, Miss D. A. Lintern, W. Longman, H. C. S. Perry, M. B. Reckitt, E. A. Roper, Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts, L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts, Lt.-Cmdr. G. W. Style, Mrs. R. R. Williams, Mrs. V. C. Gasson (Secretary), Mrs. S. S. Sundius-Smith (Assistant Secretary).

## Apologies for Absence

G. Birch, Col. J. G. Clarke, G. V. Evans, J. A. Hollweg, A. D. Karmel, Rev. Canon Creed Meredith, Mrs. E. Reeve, Mrs. E. Rotherham, Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart.

## Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18th October, 1962, with various small amendments were approved and signed by the Chairman.

## Matters Arising

Miss Lintern asked what action had been taken regarding the letter from Mr. Leonard. Mr. Reckitt pointed out that members from Eire had, in the past, enjoyed several advantages which would be denied them if they were ruled to be overseas members. It was decided that Mr. Solomon should write to Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly in an attempt to settle the matter satisfactorily.

Mistake in Regulation 8 as reported in Laws Report, Minute 7, of meeting of 28th May last.

The Chairman said he had discussed the matter with Mr. Rivington and it appeared that in the Report of the Laws Committee in Minute 7 the last sentence of Regulation 8 (a) (ii) had inadvertently been left out. This sentence should read: "Later he may remove the time-limit or alter it (subject to a minimum of 3 hours) provided that he imposes the same time limit on all games in the same round." The Minute has now been amended.

Cmdr. Style wished to make it absolutely clear that the New Zealand Entertainment Fund of £101 in this country, to be given to Mr. Solomon for entertainment in New Zealand was being dealt with as a book transaction, against the sum of £100, plus accrued interest, standing to the C.A.'s credit in New Zealand.

## Correspondence

The Secretary read a letter from the solicitors of the late Mrs. E. K. Bishop, saying that the C.A. had been left the sum of £100 in her will "in memory of the happy hours I have spent on the croquet courts".

Also letters of thanks to the C.A. and all kind clubs and donors for the monies collected for the Dominion Tour from Miss E. J. Warwick and B. Lloyd-Pratt were read. A notice of this would be given in the next edition of *Croquet*.

Mr. Solomon announced that a letter had been received from Mr. H. O. Hicks regretting that he was unable to visit New Zealand owing to ill-health. A meeting of the Dominion Tour Committee had been called, as a result of which an invitation had been extended to Mr. D. W. Curtis, which had been accepted, to go to New Zealand as a member of the British Team.

## Conditions for the MacRobertson Trophy

Mr. Solomon said that before discussing the conditions, he would remind Council that they had already appointed himself, Mr. Cotter and Dr. Wiggins to discuss the matter with New Zealand and Australia and would therefore ask for their hands not to be too closely tied.

Mr. Reckitt proposed that "our negotiators are empowered to bring forward that Britain should be free to include Eire under para. 1 (c) of the new Conditions".

Cmdr. Style wished the words "who shall be responsible for its safe custody and insurance" added at the end of 2 (a) and the words "and insurance" inserted in 2 (b) after the word "transit". This was done.

Mr. Caporn queried the word "domiciled" in 8 (a) (ii) and (iii). After discussion it was decided to keep "domiciled" in 8 (a) (ii) but alter it to "resident" in (iii).

Mr. Rivington asked what happened under clause 6 if, by any chance, even the *points* were the same? Mr. Reckitt thought the holders then kept it.

Mr. Brackenbury proposed and Mr. Perry seconded that the alterations suggested be accepted by Council and used as a basis for negotiation. This was agreed.

Mr. Solomon then drew attention to a booklet just issued by the New Zealand Croquet Council commemorating all the series of competitions which had been held for the MacRobertson Trophy. It was thought that some members would be interested in purchasing copies and the Secretary was asked to write asking the price of the booklet, so that a small quantity could be purchased for Associates here.

## Mr. Longman's Motion

**President's, Surrey and Ladies Field Cups.** In each of these events, having received the necessary number of acceptances, the Selection Committee shall proceed to elect two reserves whose names shall be published in *Croquet*. The first reserve shall be the player deemed to be next in the order of merit and this reserve shall fill any vacancy that may occur before the Thursday preceding the competition. The second reserve shall not necessarily be the next in order of merit, but shall be chosen because the necessary attendance on the ground at 10 a.m. on the Monday of the tournament is not too great an occupational or geographical hardship. The first reserve must always be given the first refusal of the position of second reserve." Seconded by Mr. Brackenbury. Mr. Longman in moving the motion said he wished to make it clear that this was in no way the Selection Committee's motion, but he, personally, put it forward as he thought it might be the answer to various queries raised at Committee meetings.

General approval was expressed of the intention of the motion, but Miss Lintern and Mr. Duffield wondered whether the intention was completely clear from the wording. After considerable discussion, the following amendment was carried:—

**President's, Surrey and Ladies Field Cups.** In each of these events, having secured the necessary number of acceptances, the Selection Committee shall proceed to elect a reserve whose name shall be published in *Croquet*. This reserve shall be the player deemed to be next in the order of merit and shall fill any vacancy that may occur before the Thursday preceding the competition. Against the event that the reserve shall not be willing to be in attendance on the ground at the time of the start of the competition they shall elect a local reserve, who shall not necessarily be the next in order of merit, but shall be chosen because the necessary attendance on the ground at 10 a.m. on the Monday of the tournament, is not too great an occupational or geographical hardship. The reserve must always be given the first refusal of the position of the local reserve.

# ROEHAMPTON

September 24th-29th, 1962

Once again a London Tournament drew a near surfeit of entries. This is a popular tournament, and much of it is due to Miss Lintern's charming and efficient management; some 160 games and two days of rain, at times extremely heavy, did not defeat her.

The one sorrowful note that was struck during the week was due to the death of Mr. S. M. Adler, which came as a sad blow to all the players, most of whom must have known him well. He was present on the first day of the tournament, but was struck down on the following day by an illness which proved fatal. He will be very much missed by a host of friends, and our heartfelt sympathy is extended to his devoted wife.

Particularly successful was an innovation made by the Committee in the "C" event, by allowing both players in each game to take their full bisque quota, their games provided many more opportunities for making breaks, and the games were not excessively drawn out.

It was forecast early in the week that undergraduates would win every event, and at times this did not seem so impossible. Though they have been present in increasing numbers of late, an unprecedented crowd appeared this week. Half of these were from one college, Peterhouse, Cambridge, and among them Rupert Thorp, who was the real star of the meeting, winning in his second tournament both "X" and "B" events as well as reaching the final of the doubles. Chris Dashwood and David Miller both put up a good show in the Opens, against more experienced players. Col. Prichard won the Draw, and D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller the Process, the play off was won by Col. Prichard by a rather one-sided result + 24.

Col. Prichard was rarely off the lawns during the week, and reached the final of "X" and proving himself the scourge of the younger generation, most of whom fell to his superior craft at some stage. E. A. Roper also had a good week, in both opens and "X", he was unfortunate to be beaten by the time limit in the semi-final of the latter. The number of hoops which he made after pegging out one of Watson's balls seemed to justify his gift of the crucial extra point. The "Y" event fell to Derek Caporn who is usually in the prize list at this tournament, and very properly so in view of all that he is doing for croquet. Thorp was never seriously threatened in the "B", and Martin Murray was the fancied winner of the "C" event in his first tournament.

There was a massing of young men in the final of the Doubles. Dashwood and Christopher Miller just defeated David Miller and Thorp, though the victors had had a lucky escape earlier against Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Gasson. Those who expected bold play from the young men were disappointed in the final. The game was played so carefully that one well known player started to slow handicap before he disappeared muttering disapproval.

Roehampton are very grateful to Hurlingham for the loan of lawns early in the week.

Many thanks to Miss Lintern, and the Roehampton members for their hospitality. D.R.W.

## OPEN SINGLES ("Two Life" System)

### THE RANELAGH GOLD CUP

#### THE DRAW (22 Entries)

##### FIRST ROUND

Mrs. S. M. Adler bt Lt.-Col. F. G. Stobart by 19.  
Dr. G. L. Ormerod bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith by 9.  
E. A. Roper bt Major J. H. Dibley by 5.  
J. B. Gilbert bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts by 5.  
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt Miss E. Fisher by 21.  
A. D. Karmel bt C. J. E. Dashwood by 6.

##### SECOND ROUND

D. J. V. Hamilton Miller w.o. Mrs. W. Longman opponent scratched.  
Col. C. C. Adams bt T. G. S. Colls by 20.  
Capt. H. G. Stoker w.o. Mrs. S. M. Adler opponent scratched.  
E. A. Roper bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod by 20.  
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt J. B. Gilbert by 4.  
A. D. Karmel w.o. Mrs. V. C. Gasson opponent scratched.  
M. B. Reckitt bt M. Spencer Ell by 11.  
D. W. Miller bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 3.

##### THIRD ROUND

D. J. V. Hamilton Miller bt Col. C. C. Adams by 3.  
Capt. H. G. Stoker bt A. E. Roper by 17.  
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt A. D. Karmel by 15.  
D. W. Miller bt M. B. Reckitt by 10.

#### SEMI-FINAL

D. J. V. Hamilton Miller bt Capt. H. G. Stoker by 6.  
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt D. W. Miller by 21.

#### FINAL

D. J. V. Hamilton Miller bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard by 12.

#### PROCESS (22 Entries)

##### FIRST ROUND

M. Spencer Ell bt T. G. S. Colls by 11.  
D. W. Miller bt Capt. H. G. Stoker by 6.  
C. J. E. Dashwood bt D. J. V. Hamilton Miller by 8.  
Col. C. C. Adams bt M. B. Reckitt by 23.  
Mrs. G. W. Solomon w.o. Mrs. S. M. Adler opponent scratched.  
Mrs. V. C. Gasson w.o. Mrs. W. Longman opponent scratched.

##### SECOND ROUND

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 24.  
M. Spencer Ell bt Major J. H. Dibley by 14.  
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts bt D. W. Miller by 20.  
C. J. E. Dashwood bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith by 23.  
A. D. Karmel bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod by 4.  
J. B. Gilbert bt Col. C. C. Adams by 13.  
Miss E. Fisher bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 8.  
E. A. Roper bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 19.

##### THIRD ROUND

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt M. Spencer Ell by 23.  
C. J. E. Dashwood bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts by 12.  
A. D. Karmel bt J. B. Gilbert by 4.  
E. A. Roper bt Miss E. Fisher by 6.

#### SEMI-FINAL

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt C. J. E. Dashwood by 22.  
A. D. Karmel bt E. A. Roper by 8.

#### FINAL

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt A. D. Karmel by 14.

#### PLAY-OFF

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt D. J. V. Hamilton Miller by 24.

## HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "B") BROOK CHALLENGE CUP

(3½ to 8½ bisques)  
(17 Entries)

##### FIRST ROUND

Mrs. J. Pavia (6½) bt Mrs. L. A. Showan (4) by 1 on time.

##### SECOND ROUND

D. C. Caporn (6) bt C. G. Miller (6½) by 10.  
D. R. Watson (6) bt Mrs. J. W. Speer (5½) by 14.  
R. F. Thorp (7) bt A. J. Oldham (6) by 16.  
Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7) bt Mrs. J. Pavia (6½) by 15.  
Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe (7) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (5½) by 4.  
Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (5½) w.o. Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (4½) opponent scratched.

Mrs. M. Carrington (7) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) by 18.  
Dr. T. E. Ryves (5) bt R. W. Farrington (8½) by 17.

##### THIRD ROUND

D. R. Watson (6) bt D. C. Caporn (6) by 4.  
R. F. Thorp (7) bt Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7½) by 13.  
Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (5½) w.o. Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe (7) opponent scratched.  
Dr. T. E. Ryves (5) bt Mrs. M. Carrington (7) by 14.

#### SEMI-FINAL

R. F. Thorp (7) bt D. R. Watson (6) by 10.  
Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (5½) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves (5) by 14.

#### FINAL

R. F. Thorp (7) bt Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (5½) by 21.

## HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C") (9 bisques and over) (10 Entries)

##### FIRST ROUND

Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (12) bt Mrs. B. L. P. Caillard (13) by 10.  
Mrs. D. Caporn (11) bt Mrs. H. J. Gray (14) by 15.

##### SECOND ROUND

Miss G. W. Bartlett (10) bt B. L. P. Caillard (11) by 5.  
M. Murray (10) bt Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (13) by 16.  
W. G. A. Burgess (12) bt Mrs. D. Caporn (11) by 12.  
Mrs. I. M. Purves (12) bt Mrs. V. Wheeler (16) by 5.

#### SEMI-FINAL

M. Murray (10) bt Miss G. W. Bartlett (10) by 17.  
W. G. A. Burgess (12) bt Mrs. I. M. Purves (12) by 4.

#### FINAL

M. Murray (10) bt W. G. A. Burgess (12) by 8.

## HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y")

### CREYKE CUP

#### EVENT "X"

(49 Entries)

##### FIRST ROUND

Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (4½) bt J. B. Gilbert (—½) by 1 on time.  
R. F. Thorp (8½) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) by 25.  
Mrs. L. A. Showan (4) bt Mrs. C. Hawes (12) by 1.  
A. D. Karmel (—½) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (9) by 10.  
Maj.-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7½) bt Mrs. M. Carrington (7) by 6.  
Major J. H. Dibley (2½) w.o. Brig. J. S. Omond (6½) opponent scratched.

Dr. T. E. Ryves (5) bt D. J. V. Hamilton Miller (—½) by 13.  
D. W. Miller (4) bt Mrs. H. G. Gray (14) by 8.  
Mrs. S. M. Adler (2) bt Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (12) by 14.  
C. G. Miller (6½) bt M. Spencer Ell (0) by 23.  
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (—½) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (5½) by 18.

Capt. M. Buller (2½) bt Mrs. J. Pavia (6½) by 1 on time.  
M. B. Reckitt (—½) bt T. G. S. Colls (1½) by 16.  
A. J. Oldham (6) bt Mrs. I. M. Purves (12) by 5.  
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (2) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) by 1.  
Mrs. J. W. Speer (5½) bt D. C. Caporn (6) by 4.  
M. Murray (10) bt Miss G. W. Bartlett (10) by 13 on time.

##### SECOND ROUND

C. J. E. Dashwood (2) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker (—½) by 25.  
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (5½) bt Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe (7) by 6 on time.  
Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (5½) bt R. W. Farrington (8½) by 10.  
Dr. G. L. Ormerod (2) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (4½) by 14.  
R. F. Thorp (8½) bt Mrs. L. A. Showan (4) by 5.  
Maj.-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7½) bt A. D. Karmel (—½) by 8.  
Maj. J. H. Dibley (2½) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves (5) by 2.  
Mrs. S. M. Adler (2) bt D. W. Miller (4) by 5.

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (—½) bt C. G. Miller (6½) by 17.  
M. B. Reckitt (—½) bt Capt. M. Buller (2½) by 10.  
A. J. Oldham (6) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (2) by 10.  
M. Murray (10) bt Mrs. J. W. Speer (5½) by 13.  
Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2½) bt Miss E. Fisher (2) by 17.  
D. R. Watson (6) bt Mrs. V. Wheeler (16) by 15.  
Col. C. C. Adams (—1) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (1½) by 23.  
E. A. Roper (2) bt B. L. P. Caillard (11) by 13.

##### THIRD ROUND

C. J. E. Dashwood (2) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (5½) by 4.  
Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (5½) bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod (2) by 13.  
R. F. Thorp (8½) bt Maj.-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (7½) by 23.  
Maj. J. H. Dibley (2½) w.o. Mrs. S. M. Adler (2) opponent scratched.  
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (—½) bt M. B. Reckitt (—½) by 3.  
A. J. Oldham (6) bt M. Murray (10) by 8.  
D. R. Watson (6) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2½) by 19.  
E. A. Roper (2) bt Col. C. C. Adams (—1) by 6.

##### FOURTH ROUND

C. J. E. Dashwood (2) bt Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (5½) by 11.  
R. F. Thorp (8½) bt Maj. J. H. Dibley (2½) by 26.  
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (—½) bt A. J. Oldham (6) by 15.  
D. R. Watson (6) bt E. A. Roper (2) by 2 on time.

#### SEMI-FINAL

R. F. Thorp (8½) bt C. J. E. Dashwood (2) by 26.  
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (—½) bt D. R. Watson (6) by 9.

#### FINAL

R. F. Thorp (8½) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (—½) by 24.

#### EVENT "Y"

(23 Entries)

##### FIRST ROUND

Capt. H. G. Stoker (—½) w.o. Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe (7) opponent scratched.  
R. W. Farrington (8½) bt J. B. Gilbert (—½) by 14.  
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (7) by 10.  
D. J. V. Hamilton Miller (—½) bt M. Spencer Ell (0) by 14.  
Mrs. J. Pavia (6½) bt T. G. S. Colls (1½) by 4.  
D. C. Caporn (6) bt Miss G. Bartlett (10) by 9.  
Miss E. Fisher (2) w.o. Mrs. V. Wheeler (16) opponent retired.  
B. L. P. Caillard (11) w.o. Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (1½) opponent scratched.

##### SECOND ROUND

Capt. H. G. Stoker (—½) bt R. W. Farrington (8½) by 10.  
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) bt D. J. V. Hamilton Miller (—½) by 15.  
D. C. Caporn (6) bt Mrs. J. Pavia (6½) by 2 on time.  
Miss E. Fisher (2) bt B. L. P. Caillard (11) by 11.

#### SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) w.o. Capt. H. G. Stoker (—½) opponent scratched.

#### FINAL

D. C. Caporn (6) bt Miss E. Fisher (2) by 10.  
D. C. Caporn (6) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) by 14.

## HANDICAP DOUBLES (Combined handicap not less than scratch) (16 Pairs)

##### FIRST ROUND

C. J. E. Dashwood and C. G. Miller (8½) bt M. F. Buller and Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (4) by 7.  
Mrs. E. Anderson and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (3½) bt Mrs. L. A. Showan and Mrs. J. W. Speer (9½) by 11.  
M. Murray and B. J. Russ (21) bt R. W. Farrington and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (10½) by 17.

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts and Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (7½) bt Major J. H. Dibley and Mrs. J. S. Omond (11½) by 10.  
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and T. G. S. Colls (1) bt E. A. Roper and Mrs. E. A. Roper (9½) by 15.

Dr. G. L. Ormerod and Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (14) bt Gen. F. H. N. Davidson and W. S. A. Burgess (17½) by 7.  
M. B. Reckitt and D. R. Watson (5½) bt D. C. Caporn and Mrs. D. C. Caporn (17) by 5.  
D. W. Miller and R. F. Thorp (11) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves and A. J. Oldham (11) by 14.

##### SECOND ROUND

G. J. E. Dashwood and C. G. Miller (8½) bt Mrs. E. Anderson and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (3½) by 2.  
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts and Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (7½) bt M. Murray and B. J. Russ (21) by 9.

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and T. G. S. Colls (1) bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod and Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (14) by 9.  
D. W. Miller and R. F. Thorp (11) bt M. B. Reckitt and D. R. Watson (5½) by 5.

#### SEMI-FINAL

C. J. E. Dashwood and C. G. Miller (8½) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts and Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (7½) by 6.  
D. W. Miller and R. F. Thorp (11) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and T. G. S. Colls (1) by 10.

#### FINAL

C. J. E. Dashwood and C. G. Miller (8½) bt D. W. Miller and R. F. Thorp (11) by 3.

## BRIGHTON

(Unofficial)

September 3rd to 8th

### OPEN SINGLES

(15 Entries)

##### FIRST ROUND

Mrs. W. Longman bt N. F. Blackwood by 5.  
W. E. Moore bt W. Longman by 12.  
Mrs. F. N. Latham bt E. A. Roper by 12.  
Mrs. I. H. Turkentine w.o. Mrs. F. R. Briggs opponent scratched.  
E. Whitehead bt Miss H. D. Parker by 2.  
Canon Creed Meredith bt Miss A. Mills by 4.  
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt Brig. Stokes-Roberts by 9.

##### SECOND ROUND

W. E. Moore bt Mrs. W. Longman by 10.  
Mrs. I. H. Turkentine bt Mrs. F. N. Latham by 10.  
Canon Creed Meredith w.o. E. Whitehead opponent retired.  
Major J. H. Dibley bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 3.

#### SEMI-FINAL

W. E. Moore bt Mrs. I. H. Turkentine by 15.  
Major J. H. Dibley bt Canon Creed Meredith by 16.

#### FINAL

W. E. Moore bt Major J. H. Dibley by 7.

### HANDICAP SINGLES

(3½ to 7 bisques)

(20 Entries)

##### FIRST ROUND

Mrs. M. H. Carrington (7) bt Major R. Driscoll (6½) by 2.  
Miss E. F. Rose (5) bt Mrs. J. Pavia (6½) by 7.  
Miss K. Ault (4½) w.o. Miss G. Forbes Cowan (4) opponent retired.  
Miss M. Taylor (7) bt Miss L. Newman (7) by 12.

##### SECOND ROUND

D. C. Caporn (6½) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5) by 23.  
Mrs. Phillips (7) bt E. C. Mogridge (7) by 2.  
R. H. Newton (4) bt W. P. H. Roe (5½) by 20.  
Mrs. M. H. Carrington (6½) bt Miss E. F. Rose (5) by 13.  
Miss K. Ault (4½) bt Miss M. Taylor (7) by 12.  
C. Ratcliffe (5½) bt G. F. Puxton (7) by 14.  
Mrs. E. Kay (7) w.o. C. A. H. Alexander (7) opponent retired.  
Miss E. Johnston (4½) w.o. Miss M. Morgan (7) opponent retired.

##### THIRD ROUND

D. C. Caporn (6½) bt Mrs. Phillips (7) by 14.  
R. W. Newton (4) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (7) by 8.  
Miss K. Ault (4½) bt C. Ratcliffe (5½) by 6.  
Mrs. E. Kay (6) bt Miss E. Johnston (4½) by 7.

## SEMI-FINAL

D. C. Caporn (6½) bt R. H. Newton (4) by 1 on time.  
Miss K. Ault (4½) bt Mrs. E. Kay (6) by 1 on time.

## FINAL

Miss K. Ault (4½) bt D. C. Caporn (6½) by 8.

## HANDICAP SINGLES

(7½ to 10 bisques)  
(18 Entries)

## FIRST ROUND

Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) bt Miss H. R. Allen (9) by 7.

## SECOND ROUND

R. J. Pickett (8) bt F. H. Curtis (8) by 5.  
D. Temple Page (9) bt Mrs. R. J. Pickett (8½) by 8.  
Miss G. Allen (9) bt Mrs. J. Paxon (8) by 16.  
Mrs. W. A. Naylor (9½) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 18.  
R. A. Simpson (8) bt Mrs. Gibson (9) by 8.  
Miss M. Towers (9) bt R. A. Stigent (7½) by 19.  
Mrs. M. O. Cork (9½) w.o. Mrs. M. H. Carrington (7) opponent scratched.

Mrs. Simpson (10) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (6½) by 8.

## THIRD ROUND

R. J. Pickett (8) bt D. Temple Page (9) by 9.  
Mrs. W. A. Naylor (9½) bt Miss G. Allen (9) by 10.  
R. A. Simpson (8) bt Miss M. Towers (9) by 12.  
Mrs. R. A. Simpson (10) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (9½) by 18.

## SEMI-FINAL

R. J. Pickett (8) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (9½) by 2.  
Mrs. R. A. Simpson (10) bt R. A. Simpson (8) by 10.

## FINAL

R. J. Pickett (8) and Mrs. R. A. Simpson (10) unfinished, divided.

## HANDICAP SINGLES

(10½ bisques and over)  
(16 Entries)

## FIRST ROUND

Mrs. K. Baker (12) bt R. Shewan (12) by 9.  
Miss M. Lacey (12) bt Mrs. J. Atcherly (12) by 9.  
Mrs. E. Thompson (12) bt D. Mottinson (14) by 14.  
Miss M. D. Horton (11) bt Mrs. F. H. Curtis (12) by 7.  
Mrs. R. L. Burrell (11) w.o. Mrs. R. Gibson opponent scratched.  
Mrs. K. Lowein (13) bt Maj. J. Atcherly (12) by 8.  
Mrs. D. C. Caporn (11) bt Mrs. Creed Meredith (16) by 11.  
Mrs. E. Whitehead (14) bt Mrs. D. Temple Page (16) by 7.

## SECOND ROUND

Mrs. K. Baker (12) bt Miss M. Lacey (12) by 9.  
Mrs. E. Thompson (12) w.o. Miss Horton (11) opponent retired.  
Mrs. R. H. Burrell (11) w.o. Mrs. K. Lowein (13) opponent scratched.  
Mrs. D. C. Caporn (11) bt Mrs. E. Whitehead (14) by 7.

## SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. E. Thompson (12) w.o. Mrs. K. Baker (12) opponent retired.  
Mrs. R. H. Burrell (11) bt Mrs. D. C. Caporn (11) by 5 on time.

## FINAL

Mrs. R. H. Burrell (11) bt Mrs. E. Thompson (12) by 13.

## HANDICAP SINGLES

(Unrestricted)  
(62 Entries)

## FIRST ROUND

E. A. Roper (2) bt Miss L. Newman (7) by 2 on time.  
Miss M. D. Horton (11) bt Mrs. E. Thompson (12) by 3 on time.  
Mrs. C. M. Gibson (9) bt Mrs. K. Lowein (13) by 12 on time.  
Miss M. Taylor (7) bt W. H. P. Roe (5½) by 5 on time.  
Miss E. Johnston (4½) bt Mrs. E. Kay (6) by 7.  
Mrs. J. H. Turkentine (2) bt Mrs. F. N. Latham (2) by 3.  
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (2) bt Miss M. Allen (9) by 8.  
F. H. Curtis (8) bt Mrs. Creed Meredith (16) by 11.  
Mrs. J. Atcherly (12) w.o. Mrs. Briggs (2½) opponent scratched.  
Miss M. Lacey (12) bt W. Longman (1) by 5.  
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5) bt Miss M. Towers (9) by 2 on time.  
R. J. Pickett (8) bt Miss M. Morgan (7) by 2 on time.  
D. C. Caporn (6) bt Miss E. F. Rose (5) by 7 on time.  
Mrs. E. M. Temple (6½) w.o. R. A. Stigent (7½) opponent retired.  
Mrs. K. Baker (12) bt Maj. J. H. Dibley (7½) by 3 on time.  
Mrs. W. A. Naylor (9½) bt R. G. Shewan (12) by 5 on time.  
G. Paxon (7) w.o. L. Lever (13) opponent scratched.  
Miss G. Forbes Cowan (4) bt Mrs. R. H. Burrell (11) by 6 on time.  
Mrs. T. R. Simpson (10) w.o. Mrs. W. Longman (-1) opponent scratched.  
C. Ratcliffe (5½) bt Mrs. J. R. Pickett (8½) by 9.  
D. Temple Page (9) bt Mrs. D. C. Caporn (11) by 1 on time.  
Mrs. F. H. Curtis (12) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (1) by 1 on time.  
W. E. Moore (3) bt G. A. H. Alexander (7) by 7.  
Mrs. J. Pavia (6½) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 11 on time.  
N. F. Blackwood (1½) bt Miss G. Allen (9) by 11.

Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (1½) bt Canon Creed Meredith (0) by 12.  
Miss K. Ault (4½) bt E. C. Mogridge (7) by 18.  
Maj. J. Atcherly (12) bt E. Whitehead (2) by 9 on time.  
R. A. Simpson (8) bt Mrs. E. Paxon (8) by 14.  
Mrs. M. H. Carrington (7) bt Mrs. E. Whitehead (14) by 12 on time.

## SECOND ROUND

Miss M. D. Horton (11) bt E. A. Roper (2) by 13.  
Miss M. Taylor (7) bt Mrs. C. M. Gibson (9) by 12.  
Miss E. Johnston (4½) bt Mrs. J. H. Turkentine (2) by 12.  
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (2) bt F. H. Curtis (8) by 9.  
Mrs. J. Atcherly (12) bt Miss M. Lacey (12) by 7 on time.  
R. J. Pickett (8) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5) by 11.  
D. C. Caporn (6) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (6½) by 10.  
Mrs. W. A. Naylor (9½) bt Mrs. K. Baker (12) by 16.  
Miss G. Forbes Cowan (4) bt G. Paxon (7) by 8 on time.  
Mrs. J. R. Simpson (10) bt C. Ratcliffe (5½) by 18.  
D. Temple Page (9) bt Mrs. F. H. Curtis (12) by 13.  
W. E. Moore (3) bt Mrs. J. Pavia (6½) by 21.  
N. F. Blackwood (1½) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (1½) by 11.  
Maj. J. Atcherly (12) w.o. Miss K. Ault (4½) opponent scratched.  
Mrs. M. H. Carrington (7) bt R. A. Simpson (8) by 6.  
Miss A. Mills (1½) w.o. R. H. Newton (4) opponent scratched.

## THIRD ROUND

Miss M. D. Horton (11) bt Miss M. Taylor (7) by 4.  
Miss E. Johnston (4½) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (2) by 5.  
R. J. Pickett (8) bt Mrs. J. Atcherly (12) by 5.  
Mrs. W. A. Naylor (9½) w.o. D. C. Caporn (6) opponent scratched.  
Mrs. J. R. Simpson (10) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan (4) by 14.  
W. E. Moore (3) bt D. Temple Page (9) by 9.  
N. F. Blackwood (1½) bt Maj. J. Atcherly (12) by 12.  
Miss A. Mills (1½) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (7) by 10.

## FOURTH ROUND

Miss E. Johnston (4½) w.o. Miss M. D. Horton (11) opponent scratched.  
Mrs. W. A. Naylor (9½) bt R. J. Pickett (8) by 3 on time.  
W. E. Moore (3) bt Mrs. J. R. Simpson (10) by 14.  
Miss A. Mills (1½) bt N. F. Blackwood (1½) by 1.

## SEMI-FINAL

Miss E. Johnston (4½) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (9½) by 3.  
Miss A. Mills (1½) bt W. E. Moore (3) by 10.

## FINAL

Miss A. Mills (1½) bt Miss E. Johnston (4½) by 13.

## HANDICAP DOUBLES

(Combined handicap not less than 5)  
(22 Pairs)

## FIRST ROUND

Maj. J. H. Dibley and Mrs. J. H. Dibley (7½) bt Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. E. M. Kay (15) by 2 on time.  
Miss A. Mills and Miss Horton (12½) bt Mrs. Burrell and G. A. H. Alexander (18) by 10 on time.  
N. F. Blackwood and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (9½) bt E. Whitehead and Mrs. E. Whitehead (16) by 6 on time.  
D. C. Caporn and R. Stigent (13½) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan and W. E. Moore (7) by 14.  
C. Ratcliffe and Mrs. M. D. Cork (15) bt Mrs. D. C. Caporn and F. H. Curtis (19) by 2 on time.  
Canon Creed Meredith and Mrs. Creed Meredith (16) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor and Miss Lacey (2½) by 9.

## SECOND ROUND

E. A. Roper and Mrs. J. Atcherly (14) bt Brig. Stokes-Roberts and D. Temple Page (11) by 2.  
Miss M. Taylor and Mrs. E. M. Temple (13½) bt R. A. Simpson and Mrs. R. A. Simpson (19) by 6.  
Maj. J. H. Dibley and Mrs. J. H. Dibley (7½) bt Miss A. Mills and Miss M. Horton (12½) by 4 on time.  
D. C. Caporn and R. Stigent (13½) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan and W. E. Moore (7) by 14.  
Canon Creed Meredith and Mrs. Creed Meredith (16) bt C. Ratcliffe and Mrs. M. D. Cork (15) by 12.  
D. W. Curtis and R. Shewan (14) bt R. J. Pickett and Mrs. R. J. Pickett (16½) by 11.  
R. Newton and Miss K. Ault (8½) bt Miss M. Towers and Miss E. Johnston (14½) by 7.  
Maj. J. Atcherly and Miss G. Allen (21) bt G. Paxon and Mrs. G. Paxon (15) by 4 on time.

## THIRD ROUND

Miss M. Taylor and Mrs. E. M. Temple (13½) bt E. A. Roper and Mrs. J. Atcherly (14) by 16.  
D. C. Caporn and R. Stigent (13½) bt Maj. J. H. Dibley and Mrs. J. H. Dibley (7½) by 5 on time.  
D. Curtis and R. Shewan (14) bt Canon Creed Meredith and Mrs. Creed Meredith (16) by 1 on time.  
R. Newton and Miss K. Ault (8½) bt Maj. J. Atcherly and Miss G. Allen (21) by 11.

## SEMI-FINAL

Miss M. Taylor and Mrs. E. M. Temple (13½) bt D. C. Caporn and R. Stigent (13½) by 10.

D. W. Curtis and R. Shewan (14) bt R. Newton and Miss K. Ault (8½) by 15.

## FINAL

D. W. Curtis and R. Shewan (13½) bt Miss M. Taylor and Mrs. E. M. Temple (13½) by 9.

## DEVONSHIRE PARK

October 1st-13th, 1962

The reader will wonder, no doubt, what is the significance of this mysterious sequence of figures: 68, 71, 71, 63, 58, 54, 65, 58, 42. He is unlikely perhaps to guess that it represents the number of those who entered for the big handicap at this tournament in the last nine seasons. A falling off of entries on this scale at what has been traditionally regarded ever since the "Revival of the Nineties" as the most important event in the calendar held outside London, must surely suggest to the Council matter for inquiry. No doubt the deficiency was partly fortuitous; it just so happened that some of those who would have wished to come found themselves unable to do so, possibly for reasons of health. Indeed, four of the 46 who entered were unable to arrive for this reason, so that the number of actual competitors was only 42. Such a figure compares badly with Hurlingham (63), Brighton (60 and 62) and Budleigh Salterton (50), and with the increasingly popular tournament at Roehampton, which may be having the indirect effect of drawing competitors, unable to spare time for both, away from Devonshire Park.

Other causes may be suggested. There are fewer players at the local Saffrons club (surely one of the most delightfully situated in the country) than was once the case. Again, the decision to require competitors to enter as much as *ten days* before the tournament opened is known to have caught some intending players unawares; it is to be hoped that this innovation will not be persisted with in future seasons. There can be no doubt too that the introduction of the new category of 30s. associates has had the effect of confining more players to their own clubs than was expected to be the case. Finally, the chilly summer may have led some to the (quite illogical) conclusion that they would receive a cold welcome from the weather if they were to come. If there were any such, however, how wrong they were! There can have been very few tournaments this year which provided more sunny days. There was some (continuous but not very heavy) rain on the first Wednesday. But there followed a full week of lovely summer-like weather, which (as usual) covered the Match, and if it was a little chilly at the end, there was no strong wind and no rain at all.

Though the two most successful competitors here of recent years, Dr. Wiggins and Mr. Kirk-Greene, were absent on this occasion, there were plenty of good players in the main event. Both members of the Test Team, however, disappeared at a relatively early stage (also a former English captain), though Bryan Lloyd Pratt only did so after a particularly good match against Guy Warwick. Mrs. Rotherham played a long and close match with Col. Prichard, but both she and Warwick found their way into the final fairly easily. There the encounter was a very interesting one, with a much higher standard of play than finals usually produce. After a close first game which went to Warwick, he stuck in the first hoop in the second, whereupon Mrs. Rotherham played two breaks accurately described by her opponent as "immaculate". Warwick looked like running away with the third game but stuck in the penultimate on the way out. His opponent replied with two more perfect turns and pegged out Warwick's ball. He thereupon hit a long shot from the north boundary at two balls on the boundary near the 4th hoop and went out in that turn. Hard luck on the lady who had made no mistake of any kind throughout the last two games, but a fine performance by the winner who can look back on a good season, with victory also from a strong field at Hunstanton, a good record in the Surrey Cup, and a share, with his sister, in the Mixed Doubles Championship.

In the Open Doubles the holders, Reckitt and Miss Warwick, got through the first round by the skin of their teeth against Warwick and Col. Cave, but fell to a scratch combination in Lloyd Pratt and Lady Ursula Abbey, both of whom proved themselves to be formidable long shots. But in the final they encountered a tried combination in Col. Prichard and Mrs. Longman, who repeated their success at Brighton and won deservedly.

A good many of the games in the B Opens were played in the first week. Notable wins included that of Lady Ursula over Miss Mills and Miss Rose's defeat of Major Abbey. But Miss Rose had entered by mistake in this class when she should have played in the Luard Cup and with perhaps over-scrupulousity retired when she discovered this. This let that much improved player, Capt. Buller, who had had a good win over a much fancied opponent in Mr. Blackwood, into the final, which he won fairly easily from Mrs. Gasson. He had come near to winning this event last year and is perhaps unlikely to find himself qualified to enter in it again.

Before anything is said of the Handicaps which were begun this week, it may be better to dispose of the other level events, though most of the games in the Men's and Women's Opens were actually played in the second week. In the Men's event Mr. Blackwood appeared in the role of Jack the Giant Killer, and having disposed of Warwick and Cave (who had defeated Lloyd Pratt quite easily) looked as if he would go to the top of the Beanstalk. Meanwhile Maurice Reckitt found himself engaged in what turned out to be a tough struggle with the holder, Hamilton Miller. Maurice looked as if he was going to win by 18 when his opponent, shooting from the south boundary, hit his single ball left lying by the peg, and the game was much prolonged. It was Maurice's 13th shot at the peg which proved unlucky for his adversary, who had by this time got within seven points of winning the game.

The final also proved to be a lengthy struggle, partly because there was a lot of good shooting from both men. Reckitt got a good start, but his opponent perseveringly crept up on him, yet never quite succeeded in catching him up. Maurice last won this historic Cup in 1957, and seemed even more surprised than everyone else was at doing so again, though he had certainly been playing better this week than he has done for some time.

After her victory over Mrs. Longman, the Women's Opens looked a good thing for Mrs. Rotherham, but she met with stern resistance in the final, her opponent nearly bringing off a notable coup. Lady Ursula Abbey has been runner-up in this event before; she is playing still better now than she was then and is a particularly fine long shot, so that nobody can be sure of beating her till they have actually done so.

The Luard Cup went to Mrs. McMordie, who had won her games by narrow margins but well deserved to do so; she reached the final too in the limited handicap. The Parkstone Club is always well represented at Devonshire Park, and it was pleasant to find its secretary so well to the fore here. The two level events for high bisquers drew only very few entries. We commonly hear complaints that the Association ought to do more for this class of player, yet what it provides for them at present appears to be less appreciated than might be expected. Both winners in the two classes show a great deal of promise. Mrs. Prichard, though she had been unwell during the first week of the tournament, proved to be in good form when she did arrive to play and has notably improved during the summer. Mrs. Povey looks as if she will do so too next year if she can find time and opportunity for tournament play.

The Handicap Doubles provided a remarkably large number of close games, details of which space does not permit us to describe. Hamilton-Miller and Mr. Curtis (*père*) soon emerged as a formidable combination, though they were hunted home first by Reckitt and Mrs. Temple and then by Dr. Penny and Miss Hickson, the lady playing particularly well in this game before being (somewhat unluckily) pegged out. In the other half of the draw Col. Stobart (who played some very good games during the tournament) found a stalwart ally in Miss Taylor, and they might have offered an even stronger challenge to the winning pair than they did had not the lady been somewhat out of health in the final match.

The hero of the two Handicap singles was Mr. Austin, who won as many as nine games in them. Though his style is not very attractive it is certainly effective, but it might be even more so if he adopted a less extended stance; no really first class player has ever stood with his feet wide apart. He met defeat in the final from another player who won a large number of games in various events during the week. If Col. Cave were more consistent he would be even more formidable than he already is. Coming as he does from what might claim to be the strongest club in the country, he is perhaps a somewhat under-rated player, and may himself be a little over-awed by the skill of his fellow members.

Mr. Austin had only won after a prolonged struggle with Miss E. F. Rose, who seems now to be playing better than she ever did, and still exhibits on the croquet court the skill and determination which won her so much success as a first class lawn tennis player. It was good to see Mr. Longman playing—and sometimes winning—in this and other events.

We were all very conscious of the absence of some whom we associate particularly closely with this fixture. We can hardly remember a year when "Brack" was not with us—and generally in command of us—here. Victor Evans, kept away by a physical affliction, is another long familiar to all at Devonshire Park; he will be interested to know that despite his absence a "sweep" was duly organised, on this occasion by Mrs. Cave, and in this Mr. Austin added to his profits as runner-up in the big Handicap by drawing himself. Handel and Nora Elvey are still more intimately related to the long history of croquet at Eastbourne so that their absence this year was especially missed. But not less so was that of the designated referee of the meeting and holder of the Women's Open title, and all present heard with deepest regret of Mrs. Reeve's illness and earnestly hoped that she would soon be about again and fit enough to take the active share in our Council's work that she has done now for so many years.

Major Dibley is such an old hand in the management of this tournament that it seemed almost unfair on him that the diminished entry should appear to afford less scope for his expertise in this direction. We say "appear", for in fact the smaller number competing in the eleven events tended to increase the risk of "blocking" among players. But the Major got through everything without the imposition of a single time limit, except that advertised for the Doubles, and threw in an X and Y Extra for good measure. There used to be a certain product which was advertised as "grateful and comforting". In this case we were grateful and he was always comforting.

The eight trophies offered for competition at this tournament present a most impressive spectacle when massed together on finals day. Not all who won one of them were able to stay to receive it, but enough did so to make their presentation by Mrs. Longman a pleasant epilogue to a tournament which has so important a place in the history of croquet, and has been attended at some time or other by all the greatest players of the game. Long may it flourish.

**OPEN SINGLES  
CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND**  
(17 Entries)

**FIRST ROUND**  
B. Lloyd-Pratt w.o. Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey.  
**SECOND ROUND**  
G. W. Williams bt J. K. Brown +15 +20.  
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt Mrs. W. Longman +16 +3.  
J. G. Warwick bt D. J. V. Hamilton Miller +14 -19 +22.  
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt V. A. de la Nougerede +17 +4.  
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt M. B. Reckitt +9 +4.  
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt Mrs. E. M. Anderson +6 +3.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt M. F. Buller +3 +25.  
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt Miss E. J. Warwick +4 -23 +2.  
**THIRD ROUND**  
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt G. W. Williams +5 +15.  
J. G. Warwick bt B. Lloyd-Pratt +2 +13.  
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +24 +23.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard +4 -23 +12.  
**SEMI-FINAL**  
J. G. Warwick bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart +22 +13.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave +17 +6.  
**FINAL**  
J. G. Warwick bt Mrs. E. Rotherham +6 -26 +4.

**WOMEN'S OPEN SINGLES  
WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND**  
(12 Entries)

**FIRST ROUND**  
Miss A. E. Mills bt Mrs. G. M. Anderson by 11.  
Mrs. V. C. Gasson w.o. opponent scratched.  
Miss K. D. Hickson bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith by 17.  
Lady Ursula Abbey bt Mrs. M. Earnshaw by 11.  
**SECOND ROUND**  
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. W. Longman by 15.  
Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt Miss A. E. Mills by 12.  
Lady Ursula Abbey bt Miss K. D. Hickson by 2.  
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt Miss H. D. Parker by 7.  
**SEMI-FINAL**  
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 22.  
Lady Ursula Abbey bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 3.  
**FINAL**  
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Lady Ursula Abbey by 4.

**MEN'S OPEN SINGLES  
MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND**  
(14 Entries)

**FIRST ROUND**  
N. F. Blackwood bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 8.  
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard by 7.  
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 3.  
D. J. V. Hamilton Miller bt W. Longman by 23.  
G. W. Williams bt Maj. J. R. Abbey by 4.  
M. B. Reckitt bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 21.  
**SECOND ROUND**  
N. F. Blackwood bt J. G. Warwick by 4.  
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt B. Lloyd-Pratt by 23.  
D. J. V. Hamilton Miller bt G. W. Williams by 4.  
M. B. Reckitt bt J. K. Brown by 15.  
**SEMI-FINAL**  
N. F. Blackwood bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 15.  
M. B. Reckitt bt D. J. V. Hamilton Miller by 7.  
**FINAL**  
M. B. Reckitt bt N. F. Blackwood by 6.

Fourteen

**LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B")  
A CHALLENGE SILVER SALVER**  
(1½ to 4 bisques)  
(12 Entries)

**FIRST ROUND**  
Lady Ursula Abbey bt Miss A. E. Mills by 2.  
Miss H. D. Parker bt Miss K. D. Hickson by 16.  
W. H. Austin bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 11.  
M. F. Buller bt N. F. Blackwood by 7.  
**SECOND ROUND**  
Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt Mrs. D. E. Chorlton by 1.  
Lady Ursula Abbey bt Miss H. D. Parker by 16.  
M. F. Buller bt W. H. Austin by 6.  
Miss E. F. Rose bt Maj. J. R. Abbey by 5.  
**SEMI-FINAL**  
Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt Lady Ursula Abbey by 7.  
M. F. Buller bt Miss E. F. Rose by 8.  
**FINAL**  
M. F. Buller bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 12.

**LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "C")  
A CHALLENGE TROPHY**  
(4½ to 7½ bisques)  
(9 Entries)

**FIRST ROUND**  
Mrs. E. M. Kay w.o. opponent scratched.  
**SECOND ROUND**  
Miss M. M. Taylor bt Maj. F. Hill-Bernhard by 6.  
Mrs. M. McMordie bt Mrs. E. M. Kay by 5.  
Mrs. E. M. Temple w.o. opponent scratched.  
Mrs. J. H. Dibley bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith by 3.  
**SEMI-FINAL**  
Mrs. M. McMordie bt Miss M. M. Taylor by 3.  
Mrs. J. H. Dibley bt Mrs. E. M. Temple by 18.  
**FINAL**  
Mrs. M. McMordie bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley by 9.

**LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "D")  
TREVOR WILLIAMS CUP**  
(8 to 10½ bisques)  
(5 Entries)

**FIRST ROUND**  
Mrs. D. M. Owen bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster by 12.  
**SEMI-FINAL**  
Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard bt Mrs. D. M. Owen by 7.  
F. H. Curtis bt Mrs. M. D. Cork by 10.  
**FINAL**  
Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard bt F. H. Curtis by 15.

**LEVEL SINGLES  
FELIX CUP**  
(11 bisques and over)  
(4 Entries)

**SEMI-FINAL**  
Mrs. F. H. Curtis bt Mrs. G. E. Cave by 3.  
Mrs. J. Povey bt Miss M. Bryan by 12.  
**FINAL**  
Mrs. J. Povey bt Mrs. F. H. Curtis by 5.

**UNRESTRICTED DOUBLES**  
(10 Pairs)

**FIRST ROUND**  
Mrs. E. M. Anderson and Mrs. V. C. Gasson bt M. F. Buller and J. K. Brown by 8.  
D. J. V. Hamilton Miller and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt V. A. de la Nougerede and Miss A. E. Mills by 15.  
**SECOND ROUND**  
Col. D. M. C. Prichard and Mrs. W. Longman bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Miss H. D. Parker by 10.  
Dr. H. J. Penny and N. F. Blackwood bt Mrs. E. M. Anderson and Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 26.  
B. Lloyd-Pratt and Lady Ursula Abbey bt D. J. V. Hamilton Miller and Mrs. E. Rotherham by 5.  
M. B. Reckitt and Miss E. J. Warwick bt J. G. Warwick and Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 2.  
**SEMI-FINAL**  
Col. D. M. C. Prichard and Mrs. W. Longman bt Dr. H. J. Penny and N. F. Blackwood by 9.  
B. Lloyd-Pratt and Lady Ursula Abbey bt M. B. Reckitt and Miss E. J. Warwick by 10.  
**FINAL**  
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and Mrs. W. Longman bt B. Lloyd-Pratt and Lady Ursula Abbey by 15.

**RESTRICTED DOUBLES HANDICAP**  
(Not less than 2 bisques)  
(20 Pairs)

**FIRST ROUND**  
B. Lloyd-Pratt and Mrs. D. M. Cork (7½) bt J. G. Warwick and W. H. Austin (3) by 2 on time.  
G. Williams and Mrs. J. Povey (12½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss M. Bryan (8) by 7.  
M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. E. M. Temple (6) bt Mrs. W. Longman and Mrs. J. H. Dibley (4) by 4.  
J. K. Brown and Miss H. F. Woolley (8) bt Maj. J. R. Abbey and Lady Ursula Abbey (4) by 2 on time.  
**SECOND ROUND**  
N. F. Blackwood and Miss A. E. Mills (3) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Mrs. G. E. Cave (13½) by 7.  
Col. Stobart and Miss M. M. Taylor (8½) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Miss H. D. Parker (4) by 15.  
V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. M. McMordie (4) bt Mrs. E. M. Anderson and Mrs. E. M. Kay (7) by 2.  
G. Williams and Mrs. J. Povey (12½) bt B. Lloyd-Pratt and Mrs. D. M. Cork (7½) by 2.  
M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. E. M. Temple (6) bt J. K. Brown and Miss H. F. Woolley (8) by 2 on time.  
D. J. V. Hamilton Miller and F. H. Curtis (6½) bt M. F. Buller and Mrs. D. Owen (10½) by 6 on time.  
Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (6½) bt Maj. Hill-Bernhard and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (7½) by 1.  
Col. D. M. C. Prichard and Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (7) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster and Mrs. H. F. Curtis (20) by 17.  
**THIRD ROUND**  
Col. F. E. Stobart and Miss M. M. Taylor (8½) bt N. F. Blackwood and Miss A. E. Mills (3) by 13.  
G. Williams and Mrs. J. Povey (12½) bt V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. M. McMordie (4) by 1 on time.  
D. J. V. Hamilton Miller and F. H. Curtis (6½) bt M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. E. M. Temple (6) by 5.  
Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (6½) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (7) by 5.  
**SEMI-FINAL**  
Col. F. E. Stobart and Miss M. M. Taylor (8½) bt G. Williams and Mrs. J. Povey (12½) by 11.  
D. J. V. Hamilton Miller and F. H. Curtis (6½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (6½) by 6.  
**FINAL**  
D. J. V. Hamilton Miller and F. H. Curtis (6½) bt Col. F. E. Stobart and Miss M. M. Taylor (8½) by 8.

**HANDICAP SINGLES  
THE "SUSSEX" PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP**  
(46 Entries)

**FIRST ROUND**  
Mrs. D. M. Cork (9½) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2½) by 5.  
G. W. Williams (½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (2½) by 23.  
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1) bt J. G. Warwick (-1) by 7.  
J. K. Brown (1) w.o. opponent scratched.  
Mrs. E. M. Temple (6½) bt Maj. J. R. Abbey (1½) by 3.  
Miss E. F. Rose (5) w.o. opponent scratched.  
W. Longman (1) bt V. A. de la Nougerede (-1) by 16.  
Mrs. H. C. S. Perry (8) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (6) by 1.  
Maj. F. Hill-Bernhard (5) bt Miss H. D. Parker (3) by 6.  
Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (4) bt Mrs. M. McMordie (5) by 5.  
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-1) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (4) by 19.  
Mrs. E. M. Anderson (1) bt Mrs. J. Povey (12) by 5.  
M. F. Buller (2½) bt Miss M. Bryan (11) by 15.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (7) by 7.  
**SECOND ROUND**  
Miss H. F. Woolley (7) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5) by 19.  
W. H. Austin (4) w.o. opponent retired.  
N. F. Blackwood (1½) bt D. J. V. Hamilton Miller (1½) by 7.  
Miss A. E. Mills (1½) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (8) by 22.  
Mrs. M. D. Cork (9½) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 6.  
G. W. Williams (½) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1) by 17.  
J. K. Brown (1) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (6½) by 3.  
Miss E. F. Rose (5) bt W. Longman (1) by 23.  
Maj. F. Hill-Bernhard (5) bt Mrs. H. C. S. Perry (8) by 10.  
Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (4) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-1) by 5.  
Mrs. E. Anderson (1) bt M. F. Buller (2½) by 23.  
Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (5½) by 10.  
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (-½) bt Mrs. W. Longman (-1) by 26.  
Mrs. D. M. Owen (8) w.o. opponent scratched.  
B. Lloyd-Pratt (-2) bt F. H. Curtis (8) by 1.  
Lady Ursula Abbey (2½) bt M. B. Reckitt (-½) by 3.  
**THIRD ROUND**  
W. H. Austin (4) bt Miss H. F. Woolley (7) by 1.  
N. F. Blackwood (1½) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1½) by 6.  
G. W. Williams (½) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (9½) by 2.

Miss E. F. Rose (5) bt J. K. Brown (1) by 8.  
Maj. F. Hill-Bernhard (5) bt Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (4) by 3.  
Mrs. E. M. Anderson (1) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) by 16.  
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (-½) bt Mrs. D. M. Owen (8) by 18.  
B. Lloyd-Pratt (-2) w.o. opponent retired.  
**FOURTH ROUND**  
W. H. Austin (4) bt N. F. Blackwood (1½) by 12.  
Miss E. F. Rose (5) bt G. W. Williams (½) by 13.  
Maj. F. Hill-Bernhard (5) bt Mrs. E. M. Anderson (1) by 5.  
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (-½) w.o. B. Lloyd-Pratt (-2) opponent retired.  
**SEMI-FINAL**  
W. H. Austin (4) bt Miss E. F. Rose (5) by 13.  
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (-½) bt Maj. F. Hill-Bernhard (5) by 12.  
**FINAL**  
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (-½) bt W. H. Austin (4) by 9.

**LIMITED HANDICAP SINGLES**  
(3½ bisques and over)  
(21 Entries)

**FIRST ROUND**  
Mrs. D. M. Cork (9½) bt Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (8) by 12.  
Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) bt Mrs. J. Povey (12) by 3.  
W. H. Austin (4) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (7) by 22.  
Mrs. D. M. Owen (8) bt Mrs. G. E. Cave (16) by 10.  
Miss H. F. Woolley (7) w.o. opponent scratched.  
**SECOND ROUND**  
Mrs. E. M. Kay (6) bt H. F. Curtis (8) by 1.  
Miss E. F. Rose (5) bt Maj. Hill-Bernhard (5) by 9.  
Mrs. D. M. Cork (9½) bt Mrs. D. E. Chorlton (4) by 8.  
W. H. Austin (4) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 6.  
Miss H. F. Woolley (7) bt Mrs. D. M. Owen (8) by 5.  
Mrs. E. M. Temple (6½) w.o. opponent scratched.  
Miss M. Bryan (11) bt Mrs. H. F. Curtis (12) by 4.  
Mrs. M. McMordie (5) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5) by 9.  
**THIRD ROUND**  
Mrs. E. M. Kay (6) bt Miss E. F. Rose (5) by 9.  
W. H. Austin (4) bt Mrs. D. M. Cork (9½) by 16.  
Miss H. F. Woolley (7) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (6½) by 13.  
Mrs. M. McMordie (5) bt Miss M. Bryan (11) by 13.  
**SEMI-FINAL**  
W. H. Austin (4) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (6) by 10.  
Mrs. M. McMordie (5) bt Miss H. F. Woolley (7) by 11.  
**FINAL**  
W. H. Austin (4) w.o. opponent retired.

**HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "X")**  
(24 Entries)

**FIRST ROUND**  
Mrs. E. M. Anderson (1) bt Miss H. D. Parker (3) by 10.  
W. Longman (1) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5) by 12.  
Dr. H. J. Penny (2½) bt Mrs. W. Longman (-1) by 26.  
Maj. F. Hill-Bernhard (5) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (5½) by 3.  
J. K. Brown (1) bt Miss H. F. Woolley (7) by 8.  
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1) bt V. A. de la Nougerede (-1) by 16.  
Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (8) bt Mrs. F. H. Stobart (16) by 19.  
Miss M. M. Taylor (7) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1½) by 6.  
**SECOND ROUND**  
Maj. J. R. Abbey (1½) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (6) by 6.  
M. B. Reckitt (-½) bt Miss M. Bryan (11) by 11.  
Mrs. E. M. Anderson (1) bt W. Longman (1) by 20.  
Dr. H. J. Penny (2½) bt Maj. F. Hill-Bernhard (5) by 12.  
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1) bt J. K. Brown (1) by 7.  
Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (8) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (7) by 7.  
J. G. Warwick (-1) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-1) by 19.  
Mrs. G. E. Cave w.o. opponent retired.  
**THIRD ROUND**  
Maj. J. R. Abbey (1½) bt M. B. Reckitt (-½) by 11.  
Dr. H. J. Penny (2½) bt Mrs. E. M. Anderson (1) by 4.  
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1) bt Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (8) by 16.  
J. G. Warwick (-1) bt Mrs. G. E. Cave by 9.  
**SEMI-FINAL**  
Dr. H. J. Penny (2½) w.o. opponent retired.  
J. G. Warwick (-1) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (1) by 16.  
**FINAL**  
Dr. H. J. Penny (2½) bt J. G. Warwick (-1) by 23.

**EXTRA Y  
HANDICAP SINGLES**  
(12 Entries)

**SEMI-FINAL**  
Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (5½) bt Miss M. Bryan (11) by 5.  
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-1) bt V. A. de la Nougerede (-1) by 5.  
**FINAL**  
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-1) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (5½) by 6.

Fifteen

## PRIZE WINNERS 1962

The list includes all events (of which the full scores have been received for publication in the Gazette) at (1) Open Tournaments, (2) Tournaments open to all Associates, together with the All-England Handicap and the Champion Cups.

Where the entries in an event were less than 16, semi-finalists are not included unless they actually won two matches. The same applies to the second prize-winner where the entries were less than 8.

Figures in square brackets indicate the handicap of players at the beginning and end of season.

OS—Open Singles or Open Singles (Class "A"); MOS—Men's Open Singles; WOS—Women's Open Singles; LS—Classes ("B", "C", "D"); LHS—Limited Handicap Singles; HSX—(Y.Z.)—Handicap Singles (Event "X") ("Y", "Z"); HSEX—Extra Handicap Singles; MHS—Men's Handicap Singles; WHS—Women's Handicap Singles; OD—Open Doubles; MOD—Mixed Open Doubles; HD—Handicap Doubles; MHD—Men's Handicap Doubles; WHD—Women's Handicap Doubles.

ABBEY, Major J. R. [14] Hurlingham, LSB, 3; Eastbourne, HSEx, 3.  
 ABBEY, Lady Ursula [2] Eastbourne, WOS, 2; OD, 2 [2].  
 ABDY, Miss L. [8] Nottingham, HSX, 3.  
 ADAMS, Col. C. C. [—1] Hurlingham, HS, 3; Roehampton Challenge Cup, OS, Draw 2.  
 ADLER, Mrs. S. M. [2] Hurlingham, LSB, 1 [2].  
 ANDERSON, Mrs. E. [1] Hurlingham, LSB, 2.  
 ANDREWS, Rev. J. E. [5] Cheltenham, HD, 1 [4].  
 ALEXANDER, C. H. O'D. [3] Cheltenham, HD, 1 [2].  
 ALEXANDER, G. A. H. [8] Ryde, LSB, 2; HD, 2 [7].  
 ALLEN, Miss R. M. [5] Cheltenham, HS, 3; Parkstone (August) LSB, 2 [4].  
 AULT, Miss K. [4] Brighton, (September) (non-official), HSB, 1; HD, 3 [4].  
 AUSTIN, W. H. [5] Eastbourne, HS, 2; LHS, 1 [3].  
 BAKER, Mrs. K. [12] Brighton (September) (non-official), HSD, 3.  
 BANTOCK, E. G. [2] Cheltenham (May) (non-official), HD, 2.  
 BEAMISH, Col. D. W. [—1] Parkstone (August) OS, 1.  
 BEAMISH, Cmdr. G. V. G. [1] Nottingham, OS 1, HSY, divided.  
 Parkstone (June) OS, 1; Budleigh Salterton (July) (non-official), HS, 2; Budleigh Salterton, HS, 3; Cheltenham OS, Draw 2; Parkstone (August), OS, 2, HS, 3; Surrey Cup, equal 5 [—].  
 BELL, W. T. [5] Hunstanton, HSY, 2.  
 BENNETT, Miss E. [9] Brighton (May), HSY, 2 [9].  
 BIRCH, G. [1] Nottingham, HS, 2.  
 BLACKWOOD, N. F. [2] Brighton (May), OS, Draw 2, HS, 3; Compton, HSY, 1; Cheltenham, HD, 2; Brighton (August), OS, Draw 2; Eastbourne MOS, 2 [1].  
 BOLTON, J. [9] Ryde, HSD, 1, HSX, 1, HD, 1; Brighton (August), LSB, 1, HS, 1; All England Handicap, HS, 1 [2].  
 BOUCHER, Dr. C. A. [5] Cheltenham (May) (non-official), HS, 2, HD, 2; Parkstone (August), LSB, 1, HS, 2, HD, 1 [3].  
 BRIGGS, Mrs. F. E. [2] Brighton (May), HSX, 3.  
 BRUMPTON, Miss E. C. [6] Hunstanton, HD, 2 [5].  
 BUCKNELL, A. J. [6] Nottingham, HD, 2.  
 BULLER, Capt. M. [3] Eastbourne, LSB, 1 [2].  
 BURGESS, W. G. A. [14] Gilbey Cup 2; Roehampton, HSC, 2 [11].  
 BURRELL, Mrs. R. H. [11] Ryde, HD, 2; Brighton (September) (non-official), HSD, 1.  
 CAMROUX, A. V. [2] Association Plate 2; Surrey Cup 8 [1].  
 CAPORN, Mrs. D. [11] Brighton (September) (non-official), HSD, 3.  
 CAPORN, D. C. [6] Reckitt Challenge Cup, 1; Challenge and Gilbey Doubles, 2; Brighton (September) (non-official), HSB, 2, HD, 3; Roehampton, HSY, 1.  
 CARRINGTON, Mrs. M. H. [7] Reckitt Challenge Cup, 2; Gilbey Cup 3 [6].  
 CAVE, Lt.-Col. G. E. [0] Budleigh Salterton (May) (non-official), HD, 2; Budleigh Salterton (July), OS, 1; Surrey Cup, equal 5; Eastbourne, OS, 3, HS, 1 [—].  
 CAVE, Mrs. G. E. [16D4] Budleigh Salterton (May) (non-official), HD, 2 [15D13].  
 CHALLON, A. [12] Brighton (August), HSC, 1 [10].  
 CHITTENDEN, Mrs. H. F. [1] Brighton (May), OS, Process, 2, HS, 1; Ladies' Field Cup, 4; All England Handicap, 3; Eastbourne, HSEx, X 3 [1].  
 COLLS, T. G. S. [1] Nottingham, HSX, 2, HD, 1.  
 COOPER, A. J. [—] Budleigh Salterton (May) (non-official), HD, 1; Budleigh Salterton (July) (non-official), HS, 3; Budleigh Salterton, HS, 3; Surrey Cup, 2 [—].  
 COTTER, E. P. C. [—3] Men's Championship, 3; Open Championship, 1; Doubles Championship, 1; Hurlingham, OS, 1; President's Cup, 2.  
 CURTIS, D. W. [0] Cheltenham (June) (non-official), HS, Block A, 1; Doubles Championship, 2; Hurlingham, OS Draw, 2; Brighton (August), OS, 1; President's Cup, 6; Brighton (September) (non-official), HD, 1 [—].

CURTIS, F. H. [8] Eastbourne, LSD, 2, HD, 1.  
 CURTIS, Mrs. F. H. [12] Eastbourne, LSE, 2.  
 DANIELS, Mrs. A. M. [2] Cheltenham (June) (non-official), HS Block, B, 1; Ladies' Field Cup, 6; Brighton (August) HD, 3 [1].  
 DASHWOOD, C. J. E. [3] Compton, HSX, 1, HD, 2; Roehampton, HSX, 3, HD, 1 [2].  
 DAVIDSON, Major-Gen. F. H. N. [7] Delves Broughton Challenge Cup (Golf Croquet), HD, 2.  
 DAVIDSON, Mrs. F. H. N. [6] Peels, WHS, 1; Delves Broughton Challenge Cup (Golf Croquet), HD, 1 [5].  
 DE BRISEY, Lt.-Col. R. L. [14] Parkstone (August), HSD, 2 [14D12].  
 DENBOW, Rev. F. J. [7] Nottingham, HSX, 3.  
 DEVITT, Mrs. C. [12] Parkstone (August), HSD, 1 [11].  
 DIBLEY, Major J. H. [2] Ryde, HSX, 2; Brighton (September) (non-official), HSA, 2.  
 DIBLEY, Mrs. J. H. [5] Ryde, LSB, 1; Brighton (May), HSY, 1; Eastbourne, LSC, 2 [5].  
 DUFF, S. R. [3] Carrickmines, HS, 1, HD, 1; Dublin, HD, 1 [2].  
 DUTHIE, Miss B. [7] Ladies' Field Candlesticks, 1.  
 FARRINGTON, R. W. [9] Stevenson Challenge Cup, 1 [8].  
 FIDLER, P. G. M. [5] Hurlingham, LSC, 1, HSEx, 1; Brighton (August) LSB, 3, HS, 3 [4].  
 FIGGIS, D. [2] Carrickmines, HS, 3.  
 FISHER, Miss E. [2] Gilbey Cup, 1; Ascot Challenge Cup (Golf Croquet), HS, 2 [2].  
 FITZGERALD, Lady [1] Dublin, HS, 3.  
 FITZGERALD, W. A. [12] Ascot Challenge Cup (Golf Croquet), HS, 3; Delves Broughton Challenge Cup (Golf Croquet), HD, 2.  
 FORBES COWAN, Miss G. [4] Brighton (May), HS, 3.  
 GASSON, Mrs. V. C. [2] Ladies' Field Candlesticks, 1; Council Challenge Cup, 1; Eastbourne, LSB, 2.  
 GODBY, R. A. [8] Budleigh Salterton (May) (non-official), HS, 1; Cheltenham (June) (non-official), HS Block B, 1; Budleigh Salterton, LSB, 1, HD, 1; Hurlingham, HS, 3 [3].  
 GOUGH, Miss S. C. [13] Budleigh Salterton, HSC, 1 [12].  
 GRAHAM, Sir Miles [7] Nottingham, HS, 1 [6].  
 GREEN, H. A. [2] Brighton (May), HD, 2; Brighton (August) LSB, 2.  
 HAIGH-SMITH, Mrs. E. [5] Eastbourne, HSEx, Y, 2.  
 HALL, H. A. [10] Compton, HSC, 2 [9].  
 HAMILTON-MILLER, D. J. V. [—1] Mixed Doubles Championship, 2; Nottingham, OS Draw, 2, HS, 3; Championship of Co. Dublin, OS, 1; Roehampton, OS, 2; Eastbourne, HD, 1.  
 HAMPSON, Miss S. [8] Brighton (August), HS, 3 [7].  
 HARVEY, R. O. [11] Stevenson Challenge Cup, 2.  
 HAWKINS, Mrs. R. C. [12D10] Budleigh Salterton (May) (non-official), HD, 1 [10D9].  
 HICKS, A. M. [7] Brighton (May), HSX, 2; Brighton (August), HSC, 3 [6].  
 HICKS, H. O. [—3] Men's Championship, 3; Cheltenham, OS, 2; Hurlingham, MHD, 2; MOD, 1; Hunstanton, HSX, 2; President's Cup, equal 3.  
 HICKS, R. O. [2] Gilbey Cup, 3 [0].  
 HICKSON, Miss K. D. [4] Parkstone (June), HSB, 1, HSX, 3, HD, 1; Eastbourne, HD, 3.  
 HILL, Mrs. R. A. [6] Parkstone, HD, 2.  
 HILL-BERNHARD, Major F. [5] Parkstone (August), HS, 3; Eastbourne, HS, 3.  
 HOLLWEG, J. A. [—1] Roehampton Challenge Cup, 1.  
 HORRIDGE, G. B. [6] Hunstanton, HSEx, 1 [6].  
 HUSKINSON, G. N. B. [3] Peels, MHS, 1, HD, 1 [2].  
 JACKSON, G. E. P. [0] Cheltenham (May) (non-official), HS, 3 [—].  
 JESSEL, T. E. H. [8] Hurlingham, LSC, 1, HS, 2 [6].  
 JESSON-DIBLEY, D. [3] Brighton (August), HD, 3.  
 JOHNSON, Miss E. [5] Brighton (May), HSX, 3, HD, 2; Brighton (September) (non-official), HS, 2 [4].  
 JOLY, Miss F. [5] Dublin, HD, 2 [4].  
 KARMEL, A. D. [0] Doubles Championships, 2; Roehampton Challenge Cup, 2; Brighton (August), HD, 2, HSEx, 2; Surrey Cup, 4; Roehampton, OS Process, 2 [—].  
 KARMEL, Mrs. A. D. [9] Hurlingham, LSC, 2; Brighton (August), HD, 2 [7].  
 KAY, Mrs. E. M. [6] Parkstone (June), HSY, 2; Brighton (September) (non-official), HSB, 2; Eastbourne, LHS, 3.  
 KIRK-GREENE, L. [—1] Brighton (May), OS, 1; Compton, OS, 2; Brighton (August), OS, 2.  
 KOZHEVAR, Mrs. Ascot Challenge Cup (Golf Croquet), HS, 1.

LATHAM, Mrs. F. N. [2] Ryde, OS, 2.  
 LAURENSEN, J. T. [12] Parkstone (June), HSX, 1, HSC, 1 [8].  
 LAVERTY, Lt.-Col. T. F. [6] Budleigh Salterton (July) (non-official), HS, 1 [5].  
 LEONARD, R. J. [1] Brighton (May), HD, 1; Dublin, HS, 2.  
 LEONARD, Mrs. R. J. [3] Brighton (May), HD, 1; Carrickmines Championship of Ireland, OS, 2, HS, 2.  
 LINTERN, Miss D. A. [—1] Peels, WHS, 2; Women's Championship, 2; Ascot Challenge Cup (Golf Croquet), HS, 3; Delves Broughton Challenge Cup (Golf Croquet), HD, 1.  
 LLOYD-PRATT, B. [—2] Association Plate, 3; Hurlingham, MHD, 1; Brighton (August), OS Process, 2, HS, 2; President's Cup, equal 7; Eastbourne, OD, 2.  
 LONGMAN, Mrs. W. [—1] Budleigh Salterton (July) (non-official), HS, 3; Association Plate, 1; Hurlingham, MOD, 1; Roehampton Challenge Cup, OS Process, 2; Brighton (August), HD, 1; Eastbourne, OD 1.  
 LOWE-HOLMES, Group Capt. P. W. [11] Cheltenham, HSC, 1 [8].  
 MEREDITH, C. [4] Dublin, HS, 1 [3].  
 MEREDITH, Canon R. Creed [0] Ryde, OS, 1; Parkstone (August), HD, 2.  
 MEREDITH, Mrs. R. Creed [16D14] Parkstone (August), HD, 2.  
 MEREDITH, F. W. [7] Cheltenham (May) (non-official), HS, 1 [5].  
 MILLER, C. G. [8] Hurlingham, HSEx, 3; Hunstanton, HSC, 1, HSX, 3, HD, 1; Roehampton, HD, 1 [6].  
 MILLER, D. W. [7] Hurlingham, MHD, 1; Hunstanton, HSX, 1; Roehampton, HD, 2 [4].  
 MILLS, Miss A. E. [1] Ladies' Field Cup, equal 4; Budleigh Salterton (July), HD, 1.  
 MILLS, G. R. [5] Compton, HSX, 3.  
 MILLS, Miss V. E. [2] Budleigh Salterton (May) (non-official), HS, 2; Brighton (September) (non-official), HS, 1 [1].  
 MOORE, W. E. [3] Brighton (September) (non-official), HSA, 1, HS, 3 [2].  
 MURRAY, M. [10] Roehampton, HSC, 1 [9].  
 McMILLAN, Miss E. M. [7] Parkstone (June), HSX, 3; Parkstone (August), HSC, 1.  
 McMILLAN, N. A. C. [11] Parkstone (June), HSY, 1, Parkstone (August), HSC, 2 [8].  
 McMORDIE, Mrs. M. [5] Parkstone (June), LSB, 2, HD, 2; Eastbourne, LSB, 1, LHS, 2 [4].  
 NAYLOR, Miss W. A. [9] Brighton (September) (non-official), HSC, 3, HS, 3 [9].  
 NEWMAN, Miss L. [7] Ryde, HSY, 2.  
 NEWTON, R. H. [4] Brighton (September) (non-official), HSB, 3, HD, 3.  
 ORMEROD, Dr. W. P. [—2] Open Championship, 2; President's Cup, equal 3.  
 PAXON, G. F. [7] Brighton (August), HSC, 3.  
 PENNY, C. H. R. [2] Parkstone (August), HS, 1, HD, 1, [1].  
 PENNY, Dr. H. J. [3] Brighton (May), HSY, 3; Nottingham, HD, 2; Parkstone (June), HD, 1; Budleigh Salterton (July), LSB, 3; Hurlingham, HSEx, 3; All England Handicap, 2; Eastbourne, HD, 3, HSEx, X, 1 [2].  
 PEROWNE, Mrs. G. D. [5] Hunstanton, LSB, 2.  
 PICKETT, R. J. [8] Brighton (September) (non-official), HSC, 1 [7].  
 POVEY, Mrs. J. [12] Eastbourne, LSE, 1, HD, 3 [11].  
 PRICHARD, Lt.-Col. D. M. C. [—] Men's Championship, 2; Brighton (August) HD, 1; Surrey Cup, 7; Roehampton, OS, 1, HSX, 2; Eastbourne, OD, 1, HSEx, Y, 1 [—].  
 PRICHARD, Mrs. D. M. C. [9] Budleigh Salterton (July) HSC, 2; Cheltenham, HSC, 2; Eastbourne, LSD, 1 [7].  
 PRIOR, Sir Henry [7] Nottingham, AS, 2.  
 PUGH, F. H. [10] Cheltenham (May) (non-official), HS, 3 [9].  
 PUXON, F. E. M. [8] Compton, HSC, 1.  
 RATCLIFFE, C. S. [5] Brighton (August), LSB, 3.  
 READ, H. M. [7] Dublin, LSB, 2; Hunstanton, HSC, 2 [6].  
 READ, Mrs. H. M. [7] Carrickmines, LSB, 2; Dublin, LSB, 1 [5].  
 READ, T. [6] Carrickmines, LS, 1.  
 RECKITT, M. B. [—] Challenge Gilbey Doubles, 2; Eastbourne, MOS, 1.  
 REED, A. A. [4] Hunstanton (April) (non-official), HS, 1; Nottingham, HS, 3; Budleigh Salterton, OS, 3; Surrey Cup, 1 [0].  
 ROBINSON, A. [2] Carrickmines, HD, 2; Championship of Co. Dublin, OS, Draw 2.  
 ROE, Comdr. D. W. [4] Cheltenham, HS, 2.  
 ROE, Miss I. M. [2] Cheltenham (May) (non-official), HD, 1; Ladies' Field Cup, 3; Nottingham, OS, 2, HSY, divided, HD, 1; Cheltenham, OS, Process 2, HS, 3 [1].

ROLFE, Mrs. A. Neville [8] Hunstanton (May) (non-official), HS, 2; Hunstanton, HSY, 1 [7].  
 ROPER, E. A. [3] Brighton (May), HSX, 1; Brighton (August), HD, 3 [2].  
 ROSE, Miss E. F. [6] Brighton (May), HSY, 3, HS, 2; Compton, HSX, 3; Eastbourne, HS, 3 [4].  
 ROTHERHAM, Mrs. E. [—3] Mixed Doubles Championship, 2; Du Pre Cup, 1; Ladies' Field Cup, 2; Cheltenham, OS, 1; Hunstanton, OS, 2; Eastbourne, OS, 2, WOS, 1.  
 ROTHWELL, R. F. [0] Budleigh Salterton (July), HD, 2.  
 RYVES, Dr. T. E. [5] Cheltenham, HD, 2; Roehampton, HSB, 3 [4].  
 SANDIFORD, Dr. B. R. [3] All England Handicap, 3.  
 SESSIONS, Miss K. M. O. [7] Cheltenham (June) (non-official), HS, Block C, 1; Cheltenham (May) (non-official), HD, 1; Cheltenham, LSB, 2 [4].  
 SHEWAN, R. A. [13D11] Brighton (September) (non-official), HD, 1.  
 SHOWAN, Mrs. L. A. [4] Peels, HD, 2; Council Challenge Cup, 2; Challenge and Gilbey Doubles, 1.  
 SIDWELL, E. [4] Budleigh Salterton (July), LSB, 2, HD, 2 [4].  
 SIMPSON, R. A. [8] Brighton (September) (non-official), HSC, 3.  
 SIMPSON, Mrs. R. A. [8] Brighton (September) (non-official), HSC, 2.  
 SKEMPTON, Mrs. A. H. [8] Ladies' Field Candlesticks, 2 [8].  
 SMARTT, Dr. R. B. N. [3] Compton, LSB, 2; Budleigh Salterton (July), LSB, 3 [3].  
 SMARTT, Mrs. R. B. N. [5] Budleigh Salterton (May) (non-official), HSEx, 2; Compton, HSY, 2; Budleigh Salterton (July) HS, 1 [4].  
 SNELL, N. V. [9] Budleigh Salterton (May) (non-official), HSEx, 1 [7].  
 SOLOMON, Mrs. G. W. [2] Ladies' Field Cup, 7; Brighton (August), HD, 3; Roehampton, HSY, 2.  
 SOLOMON, J. W. [—3] Men's Championship, 1; Doubles Championship, 1; President's Cup, 1.  
 SPEER, Mrs. E. M. [6] Peels, HD, 2; Challenge and Gilbey Doubles, 1 [5].  
 STEVENSON, Mrs. J. G. [5] Ryde, HSY, 1; Roehampton, HSB, 2.  
 STIGANT, R. A. [7] Brighton (September) (non-official), HD, 3.  
 STOBART, Lt.-Col. F. E. [1] Eastbourne, OS, 3, HD, 2.  
 STOKER, Capt. H. G. [—] Peels, MHS, 2, HD, 1; Du Pre Cup, 2; Championship of Ireland, 1, HS, 3; Roehampton, HSY, 3.  
 STOKES-ROBERTS, Brig. A. E. [2] Association Plate, 3.  
 STOKES-ROBERTS, L. E. W. [7] Hurlingham, LSC, 2 [6].  
 STRACHAN, D. F. [6] Carrickmines, HD, 1; Championship of Co. Dublin, OS, Process 2, HD, 1 [2].  
 STYLE, Mrs. G. W. [6] Compton, LSB, 1, HSX, 2.  
 SULLEY, E. A. [8] Nottingham, HS, 1, HSX, 1; Cheltenham, LSB, 1; Hurlingham, HS, 1, HSEx, 2 [3].  
 TAYLOR, Miss M. M. [7] Ryde, HD, 1; Brighton (September) (non-official), HD, 2; Eastbourne, HD, 2.  
 TEMPLE, Mrs. E. M. [7] Compton, HD, 1; Brighton, HSC, 3; Brighton (September) (non-official), HD, 2 [6].  
 THOM, Mrs. M. L. [5] Hunstanton, HS, 1 [5].  
 THOMPSON, Mrs. E. Brighton (September) (non-official), HSD, 2.  
 THORP, R. F. [9] Parkstone (June), HSX, 2, HSB, 2; Roehampton, HSB, 1, HSX, 1, HD, 2 [5].  
 THORPE, W. H. [3] Cheltenham, HS, 1 [1].  
 TOTTENHAM, Miss [5] Dublin, HS, 3, HD, 2 [4].  
 TOWNSEND, S. S. [1] Hurlingham, LSB, 3 [1].  
 VINCENT, Mrs. M. H. [4] Budleigh Salterton (May) (non-official), HS, 3; Budleigh Salterton (July), HS, 2 [2].  
 WADE, Miss K. A. [14] Ryde, HSD, 2 [12].  
 WARWICK, Miss E. J. [—2] Budleigh Salterton (May) (non-official), HS, 3; Women's Championship, 1; Mixed Doubles Championship, 1; Ladies' Field Cup, 1; Budleigh Salterton (July), OS, 2; Open Championship, 3; Hurlingham, OS, Process, 2; Ladies' Field Candlesticks, 2; MOD, 2; Hunstanton, HSX, 3, HD, 1; President's Cup, equal 7.  
 WARWICK, J. G. [—1] Mixed Doubles Championship, 1; Hurlingham, MOD, 2; Hunstanton, OS, 1, HD, 2; Surrey Cup, 3; Eastbourne, OS, 1, HSEx, X, 2 [—].  
 WATSON, D. R. [6] Roehampton, HSB, 3, HSX, 3 [5].  
 WHITHAM, R. [7] Compton, HD, 1.  
 WHITHAM, Mrs. R. [8] Compton, HD, 2.  
 WIGGINS, Dr. W. R. D. [—3] Compton, OS, 1; Open Championship, 3; Hurlingham, MHD, 2; President's Cup, equal 3.  
 WILLIAMS, G. [1] Eastbourne, HD, 3.  
 WILSON, Capt. J. H. [9] Carrickmines, HD, 2.  
 WOOLLEY, Miss H. F. [7] Eastbourne, LHS, 3 [6].