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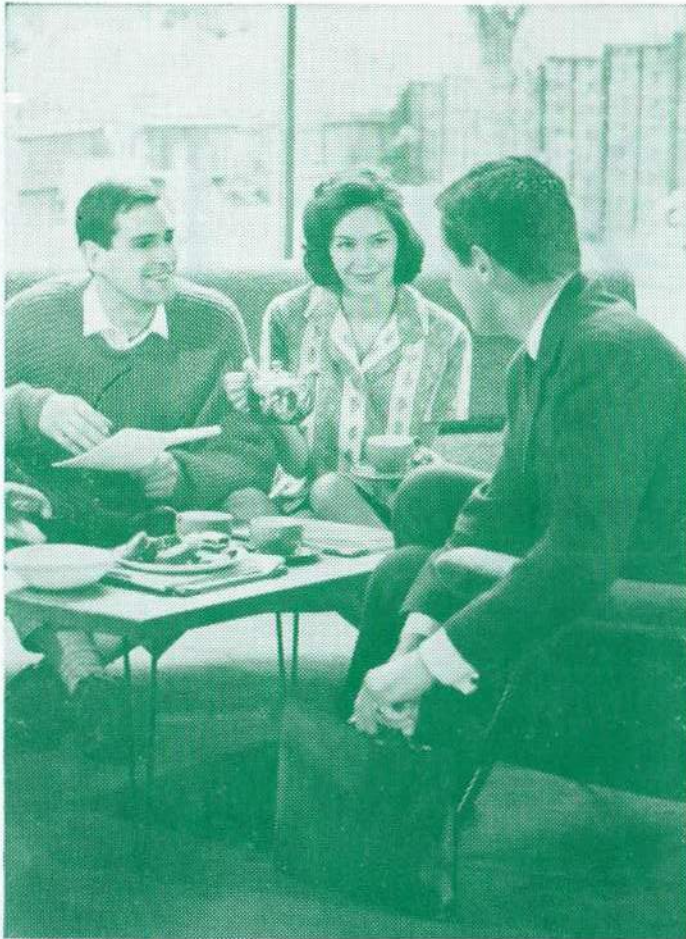
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## NOTES by ROVER

### Mission fulfilled

The heartiest congratulations of all Associates go to our victorious team who have so decisively succeeded in the series of test matches against Australia and New Zealand. They are the first team of any nation to have won the MacRobertson Shield away from home, a further tribute to their prowess. Congratulations also to John Solomon in winning the Open Championship of New Zealand, and to him and Patrick Cotter for winning the doubles. An opportunity will present itself for Associates to express their appreciation on the day of the Annual General Meeting on Monday, May 27th, when a reception in honour of the team is to be held at the Hurlingham Club. Details of this appear elsewhere in this issue and it is hoped that as many Associates as possible will be able to be present at a gathering which should be the high spot of the croquet year. A pity it is that three of the team are not returning to this country. William Ormerod and David Curtis are taking up appointments in New Zealand and we wish them well in their new spheres. Croquet's loss to this country is New Zealand's gain. Bryan Lloyd-Pratt is seizing the opportunity to visit North America, but we understand his stay is likely to be of a temporary nature only. There will, however, be five of the team with whom to renew acquaintance on May 27th, the Captain, Patrick Cotter, supported by John Solomon, Bobby Wiggins, Humphrey Hicks and Joan Warwick.

### Our Special Correspondent

It is now more than half a century since this Rover wrote his first tournament report (of the gathering at the pretty ground outside Ross-on-Wye), and it is an art to which perhaps more care might be devoted than it commonly is. The first step to any reasonable success in it does not rest with the writer himself, but with the authority who selects him for the task, for if a good account is to be produced it is absolutely necessary that whoever is invited to compose it should be made aware of his responsibility at the beginning of the week. He will then be in a position to make notes and pursue enquiries as to anything worth reporting from day to day. The writer should remember that it is as important to know what to leave out as what to put in—and what should *always* be left out are mere recitals of facts which are perfectly apparent from the score sheets. Acknowledgments of local services may certainly be included, but long rhapsodies over luscious refreshments are not very interesting to those who were not present to enjoy them; and gratitude to those who run the tournament need not be expressed in fulsome terms or by relying on exhausted clichés (are all Managers unfailingly "genial"?). Humour is welcome if (but only if) it is not allowed to degenerate into facetiousness, as even the most experienced writers are liable to do (one referred to the unwitting ending of a break by writing "at this point the hoop-making factory closed down"). Be tactfully honest about the courts, which of course means awarding praise as well as criticism where either is deserved. And always note yourself whether what you are telling your readers is what you would want to be told if you hadn't been at the tournament yourself.

### Retiring on the Peg

The following letter from R. Creed Meredith appeared in the *Croquet Association Gazette* for May 26th, 1921, and is re-published with the writer's permission:—

Dear Sir,

If a player A, capable of winning an event, has to scratch, the winner ought to be the next best player.

If the player to whom A scratches on the peg is the next best player, he will go through and win; thus justice is done; if he is not the next best player he will suffer defeat with merely the privilege of playing an extra game or two. Justice is still done. On the other hand, if A defeats a player, knowing he must scratch after the game, he risks defeating the next best player, and justice is not done. The logic is clear. Justice demands that the good sportsman will retire on the peg.

Many will no doubt feel that the logic of this argument is clear. But as, even after forty years, opinion on the subject is still somewhat fluid, it seems to be worth while not only to reprint the Canon's letter, but to present another angle on this disputable subject. The argument is developed below.

### Croquetical Casuistry

Though written more than forty years ago, the letter from Canon Creed Meredith deals with a problem which was being much discussed quite recently. It was in fact brought to the Council for its consideration, which decided, however, to leave it to the private judgment of competitors. So long as the question is looked at objectively, the Canon's logic appears to us to be incontrovertible, though it was not generally accepted as such in 1921, some correspondents declaring that nothing would induce them to accept an argument which led to permitting a competitor who had, in effect, been defeated going on to have another—or perhaps several—"bites at the cherry". Yet however the matter may be objectively regarded, there is another way of looking at it, and that is from the point of view of a competitor in a position to register a victory even though he may know—or suspect—that he will not be able to play right through the event in question. He has entered, he may argue, with two ends in view: to get as much match play as possible, and to get, if he can, into the prize list, less one may suppose for any financial gain that may accrue to him in consequence but as a vindication of his form and a hint to the Handicapper that he has earned a reduction in his bisques. Though he knows, say, on Thursday, that if he survives till Saturday he will be unable to play then, he may hope that he will have gone far enough by that time to achieve his objects. Is he to be prompted by "canonical" logic or individual ambition, giving the other fellow a chance or taking advantage of the position he has legitimately earned? No wonder that our Council was reluctant to advance so far into the field of casuistry as to venture a decision upon the matter.

## CALENDAR FIXTURES

1963

- Apl. 19-22—**Hunstanton (American)**. (Non-official). *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. J. A. Clarke, 49 Northgate, Hunstanton.
- May 6-11—**Budleigh Salterton**. (Non-official). *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. M. H. Vincent, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton, Devon.
- „ 11-13—**Cheltenham**. (Non-official). *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- „ 13-18—**Peels Memorials, Roehampton**. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- „ 20-25—**Southwick**. *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Miss H. D. Parker, 4 Third Avenue, Hove 3.
- „ 28-31—**Inter-County Championships, Hurlingham**. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- June 1-3—**Cheltenham**. (Non-official). *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- „ 3-8—**Men's and Women's Championships (Evening) Handicap Singles, Roehampton**. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- „ 10-15—**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.
- „ 17-22—**Compton**. *Hon. Sec.*, H. C. S. Perry, Hockington House, Willingdon, Eastbourne.
- „ 24-29—**Parkstone**. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. M. McMordie, 4 Overbury Road, Parkstone.
- July 1-5—**Budleigh Salterton**. (Non-official). *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. M. H. Vincent, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton, Devon.
- „ 8-13—**Budleigh Salterton**. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. M. H. Vincent, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton, Devon.
- „ 15-19—**The Ladies' Field Cup, Southwick**. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- „ 15-20—**Ryde**. *Hon. Sec.*, V. Rawlinson, "Bells" Market Street, I.O.W.
- „ 22-27—**Cheltenham**. *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- „ 29—**Junior Tournament (26 years)**. Cheltenham. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- Aug. 1—**Open Championships, Hurlingham**. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- Aug. 3—**Open Championships, Hurlingham**. *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.*).
- „ 10-17—**Championship of County Dublin**. (Non-official). *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. B. O'Reilly, Ballynamote, Carrickmines, Dublin.
- „ 15-24—**Challenge and Gilbey Cups, Ascot and Delves Boughton Cups, Roehampton**. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- „ 26-31—**Southwick**. *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Miss H. D. Parker, 4 Third Avenue, Hove 3.
- Sept. 2-7—**Hunstanton**. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. J. A. Clarke, 49 Northgate, Hunstanton.
- „ 2-7—**Southwick**. (Non-official). *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Miss H. Parker, 4 Third Avenue, Hove 3.
- „ 2-7—**Cheltenham**. (Non-official). *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- „ 9-13—**President's Cup, Hurlingham**. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- „ 9-13—**Parkstone**. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. M. McMordie, 4 Overbury Road, Parkstone.
- „ 19-21—**All England Handicap, Area Finals, Roehampton**. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- „ 23-28—**Roehampton. Games Secretary, Roehampton Club**, Roehampton Lane, S.W.15. (*NOT Sec. C.A.*).
- „ 30—**Devonshire Park, Eastbourne**. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- Oct. 12—**Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.**

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Associates are reminded that where subscriptions remain unpaid by the end of June in any year their names will be deleted from the distribution list of *Croquet*.

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Rev. G. F. H. Elvey's address is now:— Seven Acre Corner, Withycombe Raleigh, Exmouth, Devon.

Badges for lady Associates will be on sale at the Secretary's office by early May at 7s. 6d. each plus postage. Orders of a dozen or more post free. Clubs are asked to order on a sale or return basis.

# THE 1963 SEASON

## Two Innovations and a New Look

We shall all be looking forward to the new season when these notes come out in the April magazine, but I fear that all clubs will be delayed opening owing to the bad weather. The Hunstanton club opens the tournament programme as usual; unfortunately, the date was incorrectly given in the December magazine, so please note that the date is as follows—April 19th to 22nd.

### First Innovation

A Handicap Singles event will be arranged during Caskets week at Roehampton, starting on Tuesday evening at about 6 o'clock. This will be for associates and non-associates who have not entered for any of the other events, and whose croquet is normally restricted to evening and week-end play, except for holidays. We hope this will prove popular and if so that other similar events will be arranged as and when possible.

### Second Innovation

A Junior Tournament will be held for those aged 26 and under in the week of July 29th, and will take place, by kind permission, at the Cheltenham Club. It will be a three-and-a-half day tournament, starting on Monday afternoon and finishing on Thursday evening: one Open event in two blocks, and one Handicap event. We hope this will be enjoyed by all junior associates and non-associates.

### The New Look

This applies to the Eastbourne tournament. We think and hope the new arrangements will make this tournament equally enjoyable for all classes of players. The first thing to note is that every competitor who comes at the beginning of the tournament will be guaranteed at least six games, and those who come for the last week three games, provided they enter for all events open to them. We regret we have had to alter the Open event to Draw and Process, but this must be so to enable all players to get a game in their respective classes on Monday or Tuesday. The Limited Handicap will be an X and Y event, and will be for players of four bisques and over. Another event, which for the want of a better name is to be called The Handicap Plate, is open to B, C, D and E classes who lose their first rounds. The other events will be as last year. As you can see, this will be a very full programme, and if we get as large an entry as we anticipate we shall use the Compton lawns to the full, and this will mean that competitors will have just as much of a tournament atmosphere as if playing at Devonshire Park. The Manager will make every effort to ensure that the lawns are equally divided between all classes.

### Handicapping

The Chairman of Council is anxious to get a better system of handicapping than the present one, and to this end has set up a committee to consider possibilities. During last season Managers were asked to keep records of the time it took all classes of players to play games, both open and handicap, and these were put in front of the Committee for consideration. As a result tournament committees are asked to try an experiment on the following lines. In Open events for, say, seven to nine bisques all the players will get seven bisques, thus making it still a level event and, in the same way in the ten to thirteen classes, every player will get ten bisques. These classes can be arranged as each tournament committee so desires. This will be tried in the third and fourth divisions of the Challenge Cups at Roehampton, and also at Eastbourne in the long bisques classes. In Handicap events with all long bisques the full bisque system should be used as much as possible. The Committee think this will be helpful in shortening the time of games. To enable players to get experience, the Committee hope that clubs will arrange some of their club events as suggested, and they are asked to encourage long bisques to play practice games the same way.

In the coming season no half bisques will be able to be used above a handicap of 7½. Thus, the 8½, 9½, 10½ and 11½, will be reduced to 8, 9, 10 and 11, but if an associate with a handicap of 8½ would prefer to play at 9, application for permission may be made to the Handicap Committee. The same provision will apply to higher handicaps with a half bisque. D.A.L.

## Questions and Answers

*Question:* May the striker take a bisque before all the balls are in play and even if he is the first to play a ball?

*Answer:* Yes, see Law 4 (c) together with Law 38 (c) and Law 10. A player entitled to a bisque or a series of bisques may play one or more in succession at any time of the game.

*Question:* Does the adversary get a lift if the striker merely shakes a ball when he is making a croquet?

*Answer:* Yes, the striker is responsible for the position of the balls moved or shaken as a direct or indirect consequence of his play or which he is deemed to have played, under Law 31 (b). See Law 13 (b).

*Question:* What is the limit of claim if a player plays with the wrong ball?

*Answer:* See Law 30 (b) and (c). If the error is discovered it must be corrected before the first stroke of the next turn. This may be a bisque turn of the striker or the next turn of the adversary. Playing with the wrong ball is a fault with the penalty as laid down in Law 30 (b), with Law 30 (a) as the exception.

## Agenda for Annual General Meeting

at the Hurlingham Club, on Monday, 27th May, 1963, at 2-30 p.m.

1. Minutes of meeting held on 28th May, 1962.
2. Report and Balance Sheet.
3. Election of Hon. Treasurer. Lt.-Cmdr. Style retires and offers himself for re-election.
4. Election of Members of Council. The following retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election:—  
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury  
Col. J. G. Clarke  
Maj. J. H. Dibley  
G. Birch  
J. M. Rivington  
Mrs. E. Rotherham  
J. W. Solomon  
L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts.

5. Motion by the Hon. Treasurer.  
That at and from 1st January, 1964, annual subscriptions shall be as follows:—
  - (a) Overseas Members—21s.
  - (b) Junior Members, who remain in this category until the first day of January immediately following their 26th birthdays—£1 10s.
  - (c) Non-Tournament & Golf Croquet Members, that is to say, those who wish to support the C.A. but who play in no Calendar Fixtures except the All England Handicap, The Longman Cup and the Inter-Counties Championship, or who play Golf Croquet only—£1 10s.
  - (d) All Others—£2 10s.

and that,

- (e) There shall no longer be a reduced rate of subscription for Associates in their first year in the Association excepting that those joining after August 1st in any year will pay half the appropriate subscription for that year and those joining after October 31st in any year will pay the appropriate full rate which shall cover their membership for the whole of the year following, and
- (f) That the present payment of £35 for Life Membership shall remain unchanged, and
- (g) That those members paying £2 10s. (category (d)) shall be entitled to play in all Events, shall receive *Croquet* and shall have free entry to the Devonshire Park Tournament, and the right of entry at a small fee to watch C.A. Events at Hurlingham and Roehampton, and
- (h) That Junior members (category (b)) shall have all privileges as in (g) above, and
- (i) That non-Tournament and Golf Croquet Members (category (c)) shall have all privileges as in (g) above excepting only the entitlement to play in all Events,

and, in the matter of Tribute, that

- (j) As at present no Tribute shall be payable in the case of each non-Associate's first Tournament, and
- (k) That there shall be no Tribute payable in the All England Handicap, and
- (l) That excepting as in (j) and (k) above Tribute shall be payable by non-Associates who play in any Calendar Fixture Tournament, at the following rates:—  
Tournaments:—25s., or 12s. 6d. for one Event only.  
Evening and week-end Tournaments:—15s., or 7s. 6d. for one Event only, and
- (m) That the above alterations in the rate and scope of Tribute shall be brought into force forthwith,

and that

The Authority of this Meeting be and hereby is given to Council to cause the Rules of the Association to be amended to give effect to the above.

6. Any other Business.

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## Report of the Council 1963

The Council record with pride and pleasure the remarkable achievement of our test team visiting New Zealand in not only retaining the MacRobertson Trophy, but in winning every one of their matches against Australia and New Zealand.

While our team was in New Zealand opportunity was taken for our delegates to discuss with representatives from New Zealand and Australia any points still in dispute over the New Laws, and it is hoped as a result to be able to report in the near future, complete unanimity between the three countries.

During the year a Special Committee was appointed to examine the present Handicap System. On their recommendation the upper limits for half bisques have been lowered from 10½ to 7½, and all clubs asked to experiment in Handicap Events for C and D players with the innovation that all players play with their full complement of bisques.

The Devonshire Park Tournament Programme was referred to the Tournament Committee for revision, with a particular view to making it more attractive for medium and long bisquers. As now approved everyone is given the opportunity of playing at least six games, and are given the opportunity to play within the first two days.

As will be seen from the Accounts and Balance Sheet submitted with this Report, the income for the year has proved sufficient to meet the expenses incurred. Council is, however, not satisfied with the long-term financial outlook, or with the equity of the present rates of subscription which have turned out to be anomalous, complicated, and very difficult to administer: and further, Council believes that the existing rate and scope of tribute should now be altered.

After careful consideration and much debate, which have continued throughout the winter, a scheme covering both subscriptions and tribute has been produced. The scheme is considered to be fair, logical, and easy to administer without anomalies. It is hoped, and believed, that it will ensure the Association's long-term prosperity.

Implementation of the scheme requires alteration in the rates of subscription and in the rates and scope of tribute. Associates are particularly asked to note that though the scheme is in two parts—subscriptions and tribute—it has been designed as an homogeneous whole, and each part is dependent upon and complementary to the other.

Regarding subscriptions Council takes the view that the Association's future prosperity lays NOT in few Associates paying more, but in more—many more—Associates paying rather less. Council believes, in fact, in strength through numbers, and the scheme is designed to implement that policy.

Regarding tribute, the proposed alterations to which reduce its rate but increase its scope to all Calendar Fixture Tournaments except the All England Handicap, Council takes the view—and the proposed alterations implement it—that all entrants in a tournament are benefiting from the C.A.'s organisation and should therefore contribute to it: and that the proposed changes are likely to be beneficial to the Association, by encouraging people to join the Association, and by reversing the present trend for more entries to be made in non-official than in official tournaments, from the former of which the Association at present gains no benefit or support.

Tribute for the forthcoming season has already been amended to 25s. for an Official Tournament, or 12s. 6d. for one event only in such tournaments; but in the case of evening or week-end official tournaments 15s., or 7s. 6d. for one event only. It will be noted that there is no alteration in the existing once-for-all benefit by which the non-Associate is not liable for tribute for his first tournament; and that it is proposed to retain this once-for-all benefit in the future. Associates are once more reminded that in being asked to support the proposed changes in the rate and scope of tribute, they are being asked to support an integral part, which, with the proposed changes in the rates of subscription, makes the whole scheme.

Details of Council's proposals in this matter will be found in the resolution to be proposed by the Hon. Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.

During the year the Association lost forty-five members through death and other reasons, and sixty-five new Associates were elected. Five new clubs were affiliated to the Association.

The Council once again takes this opportunity of thanking the Secretary of the C.A., all Honorary Club Secretaries, Managers and Referees and all other Associates who have done so much for the well-being and promotion of croquet, and notes with pleasure the sustained and successful efforts of the Roehampton Club to introduce Association Croquet to the many industrial Sports Clubs within reach of London by the formation of the Roehampton Rovers. The keenness and appreciation shown by the members of these clubs would appear to make any endeavour to help them more than rewarding. There are countless industrial Sports Clubs spread over England—a very fertile soil for sowing the seed of Association Croquet, and it is hoped that many other affiliated clubs will make similar efforts to introduce Association Croquet to them.

## Reception for Test Team

After the Annual General Meeting on 27th May a reception will be held at the Hurlingham Club between 6.30 and 10 p.m. to welcome our test team on their return from their victorious tour of New Zealand, during which time they not only retained the MacRobertson trophy and never lost a Test match, but also captured the New Zealand singles and doubles Championships.

This reception will provide Associates with an opportunity personally to meet members of the team, will include an official welcome and the exhibition of films and accounts of the tour by the various members of the team.

During the evening a buffet dinner will be served at which there will be no formal placements but Associates will be able to arrange their own parties at the various tables.

Dress—lounge suits. Tickets 25s. (excluding wines, etc.) can be obtained from the Secretary C.A., Hurlingham Club, S.W.6. Carriages at 10 p.m.

In order to facilitate arrangements it will be appreciated if applications for tickets be made as early as possible.

## Press Cuttings of the Tour

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins has assembled an attractive book containing Press cuttings of the Test Tour. The Press in New Zealand certainly did justice to the Test series and the book makes very interesting reading. It will be available for reference at the Annual General Meeting and it is also proposed that the book should be in the Manager's tent during Counties week.

## Antipodean Lament

If we had Solomon's wisdom,  
Combined with his accurate touch;  
If we had Patrick's tactics,  
Which we all admire so much;  
If we had William's hitting,  
Which ensures he is always "in";  
If we had Bobbie's good break play,  
And his ever cheerful grin;  
If we had Humphrey's rhythm,  
And David's good play, plus his charm;  
If we had Joan's cheerful nature,  
Combined with her hitting arm;  
If we had Bryan's head-gear,  
And his excellent play on the field,  
We might in the unknown future  
Win the MacRobertson Shield.  
Now we have come to the end of round three,  
And the final score is thus:—  
The Lion has six, the Kangaroo two,  
And at last there is one for us.  
Another page has been added now  
To the MacRobertson story;  
And we find, at the end, we all can share  
The Triumphant Lion's glory.

ADA KIRK

## OBITUARY

Dr. Norman H. Oliver

Death is always a melancholy affair, but when the tragedy of oncoming blindness is overshadowing everything else, then sorrow at a friend's parting must give way to relief.

But Dr. Norman Oliver, who died at Eastbourne on January 10th, is no ordinary loss, as his link with croquet was life-long, and he will be widely remembered for his charming company and inimitable wit.

A member of the Roehampton Club for some 52 years, Dr. Oliver's connection with the Croquet Association goes back considerably further, for his name first appears (with a Guy's Hospital address), in the Year Book of 1904. He was a polished, orderly player, possessed of a light and delicate touch, duly enhanced by his attractive "front" style of play. He excelled in doubles, and was particularly valuable as a member of a county team, a fact advantageous to Surrey for a number of years, as formerly, for a briefer period, it had been to his own home county of Lancaster.

As a partner to a new or nervous player, Dr. Oliver was unrivalled, and many will remember with wonder his piloting of the then schoolboy John Solomon in the men's doubles at Hurlingham in the summer of 1948—when the future champion was led to victory in measured calm. N.H.'s extremely wary, though never dilatory, tactics, were indeed of great avail in emergency.

A "raconteur" beyond compare, and an imaginative writer, Dr. Oliver especially liked to "report" the annual Hurlingham tournaments, and he was equally felicitous in composing verse, as witness his occasional odes in *Croquet*, the last of which appeared but recently.

Dr. Oliver's special hospital at Richmond in the First World War was a healing haven for disabled officers, as many a restored patient has thankfully acknowledged.

N.O.H.

R. Whitham

Mr. Whitham, who had been an associate for a good many years, died in January. He was one of those who was brought into croquet when a club was started, under municipal auspices, at Guildford shortly before the last war, but which did not long survive the conflict.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitham then joined the neighbouring club at Woking and steadily improved their play in the keener competition which they found there. When play at Woking fell on lean times, as has most unfortunately been the case recently, they transferred their membership to Roehampton, and were frequently to be met with there of late years, proclaiming their keen interest in the game by the long journeys they took to and from their Guildford home.

Much sympathy will be felt by all who knew them for Mrs. Whitham who shared so fully the enthusiasm which both brought to the game.

Captain J. B. Morgan

This fine player died suddenly in a nursing home at Folkestone on March 8th. Though prevented by ill-health from returning to tournament play after the second World War, he did not lose interest in the game but devoted much time and effort to keeping it alive in the Kent town which had been formerly a flourishing croquet centre.

Bruce Morgan was seriously wounded in the Retreat from Mons in 1914 and fell into enemy hands, remaining a prisoner throughout the war. As a consequence he became very lame and suffered much pain throughout his life from this disability. Nevertheless, on taking up croquet in the early 'twenties he improved so rapidly that he won three events at the first tournament he played in, and having been duly reduced, two more at his next one before tasting defeat. In a few years he became a first-class player and is one of a very small group of experts (which includes Miss Steel and our present champion) who won the "Best Ten" on the first occasion on which they competed in it, which he did in 1929. Not only so, but he won it again in 1932, making two such victories out of three attempts. All who remember him will recollect him as not only a splendid player but a delightful personality, and will extend their deep sympathy to Mrs. Morgan in her bereavement.

M.B.R.

Miss L. TOLLEMACHE

Members of the Sussex County Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club will have learnt, with regret, of the death, after a short illness, of Miss Lucy Tollemache in January. She joined the Club in the early 1930's and although never a top ranking player, she was very keen and sporting. When on her shooting she was a formidable opponent.

Her gentle and kindly personality will be much missed.

J.M.D.

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## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1962

31.12.61	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	31.12.61	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>								
Office Furniture at written down value	181	0	0	163	0	0	3,803	16
Crutches at valuation	521	19	6	520	19	6		5
Investments as per Schedule attached	4,143	19	10	3,122	19	10		182
4,845			3,806	19	4			8
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>								
Sundry Debtors and Prepayments	53	4	0	63	4	0		
Cash at Banks and in Hand	555	7	5	415	7	5		
608			478	11	5			
<b>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>								
Subscriptions Received in Advance	10	7	0	20	7	0		
Accrued Expenses	124	9	6	289	9	6		
Income Tax	10	19	3	25	19	3		
144			335	15	9			
£5,309			£3,949	15	0			

We have received all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept. We have examined the Balance Sheet and annexed Income and Expenditure Account which are in agreement with the books. In our opinion and to the best of our knowledge and belief the explanations given to us in the Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the Association's affairs as at 31st December, 1962, and the Income and Expenditure Account gives a true and fair view of the excess of income for the year ended on that date.

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1st February, 1963.

(Signed) CORNEY & Co. Chartered Accountants

## INVESTMENTS HELD AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1962

Nominal Value	Quoted Investments	Cost	Market Value	Year to 31.12.61	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.				
25 0 0	Associated Fisheries Ltd. 5/- Stock Units...	146 4 10	130 0 0	756				
25 0 0	Associated Fisheries Ltd. 6 1/4% Convertible Loan Stock 1977/82	24 10 0	27 10 0	14				
250 0 0	Bay Hall Trust Ltd. 10/- Ordinary Shares	399 3 6	462 10 0	10				
585 0 0	British Gas 4% Guaranteed Stock 1969/72	490 8 0	546 19 6	350				
925 8 8	3% Funding Stock 1966/68	793 2 8	846 15 5	175				
453 9 9	3 1/4% London County Consolidated Stock 1958/68	430 10 0	414 18 10	10				
80 0 0	Midland Bank Ltd. 1/- Ordinary Shares	204 0 4	218 15 0	82				
123 15 0	Onnium Investment Co. Ltd. 5/- Deferred Shares	161 10 6	439 6 3	1,385				
423 19 0	3% Savings Bonds 1965/75 (Held for the Life Members Fund)	348 0 0	348 0 0	347				
218 3 0	3 1/2% War Stock (Held for the Apps Memorial Fund)	115 10 0	134 3 3	241				
				106				
	Unquoted Investments			591				
	Rochampton Country Club 1/- Shares	10 0 0		153				
				438				
				544				
				841				
				176				
				17				
				100				
				99				
				9				
				143				
				26				
				16				
				20				
				716				
				125				
				28				
				£153				
				£3,112 19 10				
				£3,568 18 3				
				£3,122 19 10				

## Notes from the Clubs

## Hunstanton

We regret that the date of the April Tournament was wrongly given in December Croquet. Will intending competitors please note that the correct date is April 19th to 22nd. Full details will be found in the Tournament announcements.

## Southwick

A demonstration of Indoor Croquet was held in December, and we were favoured by a visit from Mr. Cotter, who officially declared the venture open, having been previously welcomed by the Chairman. There were over forty interested spectators present.

A straightforward game was played by Messrs. Roper and Cotter, followed by alternative variations of Indoor Croquet, by those who were experienced players. Mrs. Chittenden kindly provided one of her attractive afternoon teas. Unfortunately, owing to the prolonged spell of arctic weather conditions, it was found impossible to carry on until a later date.

It is hoped the Club will open on 13th April for the season, but at the moment, work on the frozen courts has fallen weeks behind, so we have to hope for the best, and look forward to better days ahead!

Mr. Blackwood has been appointed to proceed with propaganda and publicity in this area, while Mr. Mogridge has been compiling a detailed leaflet of information as to subscriptions, bus routes, club arrangements, etc., to give to would-be enquirers, and is notifying the new Sussex University.

Several of our members have joined the Croquet Association recently. We welcome as a new resident to Southwick and club member Mr. W. H. Austin.

I.H.T.

## Liverpool University

Croquet is a very recent addition to the sporting activities of the University and fills a minor place only therein. At the moment there is only one small lawn used mainly by members of the Abercrombie Croquet, a small, mainly social club that has only been playing the game for the last two years. This year, however, a Croquet Publicity Campaign is being held, and an attempt is being made to establish Croquet as a University sport proper and to form a University Croquet Club that will take an active if unskilled part in tournaments. Further, the tutors of Rathbone Hall are reputed to be interested in the game and to be discussing the possibility of setting up a lawn there. The only suitable turf there is a twenty-five yard square with a diagonal slope that should make games played upon it very interesting. With regard to last season's activities the standard of play at Abercrombie has been raised from the abysmal to the merely awful and it is hoped to carry on the improvement in the coming year. Fixtures were played against Cambridge and Southport, and these both were more routs than defeats. Not daunted by these reverses, plans to visit Cambridge again this summer are already being made and the society would welcome meetings with any clubs in the neighbourhood. It would also be grateful to any Associates in the region who would care to visit, play with, and especially give advice to a few keen but very inexperienced players.

## Compton

Members used the club lawns until snowed off, and in spite of a late season we hope to start again on April 2nd.

We are having an early American Tournament, this will start in the afternoon of Thursday, April 25th, and the finals will be played in the afternoon of Sunday, April 28th. All games will start at the 3rd hoop and be time-limited to 2 1/2 hours. Two points will be given for an outright win and one for a win on time. Each player plays four games in his group and, if successful, goes on to the final stages. The sessions are 10 a.m.—12.30 p.m.; 1.30—4 p.m. and 4.30 to 7 p.m. Some competitors will not be needed on the Thursday and some will not be needed in the mornings.

Competitors will have some choice in the times at which they play and will know, well before the Tournament starts, exactly when they will have to play and when they are free. With only five courts we are limited to twenty entries. We wonder whether members from other clubs would be interested in playing in a Doubles competition on the above lines. This would allow us to entertain forty competitors. The Secretary of Compton would be very interested to hear Associates' views.

## Budleigh Salterton

Winter Croquet at Budleigh flourished through October and into December until bad weather started to trespass. One by one the courts were withdrawn for winter maintenance until the No. 2 lawn, still standing with flags flying, was finally and completely enveloped by snow. Frozen solid, it was only at the end of January that our groundsman was able to draw out the hoops and not until February before the ground released the peg.

Frozen water mains, burst pipes, members or their cars marooned far from home after Christmas, have presented a cold and dismal picture only warmed by following the good, but somewhat meagre press reports from New Zealand. However, Joan Warwick has kept us well "in the picture" with colourful letters about our Team's progress and warm reception.

Contact has now been made with Exeter University where, we learn, a Croquet Committee has been formed, equipment ordered, and all that is now required is a suitable site for a lawn. We wish them every possible good luck and hope we may welcome some of their members to our tournaments.

During the May tournament C, D and E Blocks are to be played under the system whereby each player takes his full bisques. The Budleigh Committee has decided that no bisques may be taken to gain the innings. It is hoped by this provision that the bisques will then be used to score points and not merely to separate an opponent's balls.

## Rohampton

Our croquet season starts on Saturday, 6th April and we look forward to a busy year with proper croquet weather. Three weeks later on the 27th April, we shall see most of our players on the courts for the Golf Croquet day which is the first event of the season.

At the end of last year, Mrs. Bristow had an unfortunate accident which will, it is feared, prevent her from playing for some weeks. All her friends send their best wishes for a quick recovery.

Rohampton croquet has lost an enthusiast by the death of Dr. Norman Oliver, who must have been a very early member of the club. His sight had been failing in recent years, but in 1962, he often came to the club to greet his old friends by whom he will be greatly missed.

## 1962-63 RETURN OF ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	LAWS	Tournament Finance and General Purposes	Handicap	Publicity	Golf Croquet	Council	Total Attendances	Total Possible Attendances
J. W. Solomon ( <i>ex officio</i> , all meetings)	2	2				5	9	14
J. M. Rivington ( <i>ex officio</i> , all meetings)	3	1		1		6	10	14
G. Birch	1					1	2	9
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury	2	1				5	8	13
D. C. Caporn			1			7	8	8
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden	2					4	6	9
Col. J. G. Clarke	3					6	9	11
Maj. J. H. Dibley	2	4		1		7	14	14
E. P. Duffield	2					2	4	11
A. V. Evans	3					6	9	11
J. A. Hollweg						2	2	8
A. D. Karmel						1	1	7
Miss D. A. Lintern	2	4		1		6	13	14
Rev. Canon Creed Meredith						2	2	8
H. C. S. Perry	2	2				7	11	13
Mrs. E. Reeve						2	2	9
E. A. Roper	2					4	6	9
Mrs. E. Rotherham	1					5	6	9
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart	3					6	10	12
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts	4		1			6	11	12
L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts	4					6	11	12
Lt. Cmdr. D. W. Style	4					6	10	11
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins						5	5	7
Mrs. R. R. Williams						2	2	10

## WELCOME HOME

About thirty Associates gathered at London Airport on Saturday, 16th March to give Patrick Cotter, Captain of England's victorious team, a welcome home. B.O.A.C. had kindly lent us a room and Mr. Rivington, in a very well chosen speech, welcomed both Mr. Cotter and Dr. Wiggins back, who both replied.

We had hoped to have T.V. and the Press present, but unfortunately the plane was nearly an hour late; and it was Saturday, when there is such a full coverage of sporting events. On March 18th, at 7.15 a.m. on the Home Service, there was a broadcast by Mr. Cotter.

## SOUTH AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The South African Open Championships were held in Cape Town, on the Rondebosch Croquet Courts, from the 5th to 11th January, 1963.

As these were new courts, and the grass not yet evenly matted the standard of play was not as it should have been, with only three breaks of nine, and two of ten, being made. The results are as follows:—

### SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

#### THE BELCHER CUP

#### THE ENGLISH CROQUET ASSOCIATION SILVER AND BRONZE MEDALS 20 Entries

##### FIRST ROUND

Mrs. B. Hough bt Miss E. McDougall by 7.  
Miss M. I. Simkins bt Miss K. Hoare by 21.  
Mr. C. W. I. Gillespie bt Mrs. E. Lindsay-Sandes by 12.  
Miss S. Barras bt Mr. G. Turnbull by 9.

##### SECOND ROUND

Mr. E. Ward-Petley bt Mrs. H. Neaves by 9.  
Mr. F. Hough bt Mr. R. Möller by 14.  
Miss B. Jones-Bateman bt Miss O. McDougall by 10.  
Miss M. I. Simkins bt Mrs. B. Hough by 16.  
Miss S. Barras bt Mr. C. W. I. Gillespie by 6.  
Cmdr. A. Clark bt Mrs. E. Turnbull by 12.  
Mr. B. Evans bt Mrs. C. M. M. Morkel by 15.  
Mr. G. D. Neaves bt Mrs. E. M. Belcher by 22.

##### THIRD ROUND

Mr. F. Hough bt Mr. E. Ward-Petley by 12.  
Miss M. I. Simkins bt Miss B. Jones-Bateman by 20.  
Miss S. Barras bt Cmdr. A. Clark by 8.  
Mr. G. D. Neaves bt Mr. B. Evans by 6.

##### SEMI-FINAL

Mr. F. Hough bt Miss M. I. Simkins by 10.  
Mr. G. D. Neaves bt Miss S. Barras by 18.

##### FINAL

Mr. G. D. Neaves bt Mr. F. Hough by —2 +14 +12.

### DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

#### LADY STEELE SILVER SALVER (9 Pairs)

##### FIRST ROUND

Mr. G. Turnbull and Miss E. McDougall bt Cmdr. A. Clark and Mrs. M. M. Morkel by 7.

##### SECOND ROUND

Mr. G. D. Neaves and Miss M. I. Simkins bt Mrs. E. Turnbull and Miss O. McDougall by 14.  
Mr. and Mrs. F. Hough bt Mr. C. W. I. Gillespie and Mr. R. Möller by 18.  
Mr. G. Turnbull and Miss E. McDougall bt Mrs. E. Lindsay-Sandes and Miss B. Jones-Bateman by 12.  
Mr. B. Evans and Miss S. Barras bt Mrs. H. Neaves and Miss K. Hoare by 13.

##### SEMI-FINAL

Mr. and Mrs. F. Hough bt Mr. G. D. Neaves and Miss M. I. Simkins by 6.  
Mr. B. Evans and Miss S. Barras bt Mr. G. Turnbull and Miss E. McDougall by 16.

##### FINAL

Mr. and Mrs. F. Hough bt Mr. B. Evans and Miss S. Barras by 2.

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## Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of a Council Meeting held at Southampton Row on 15th November, 1962.

### Present:

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

### Apologies:

G. Birch, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, E. P. Duffield, J. A. Hollweg, A. D. Karmel, Mrs. E. Reeve, E. A. Roper, Mrs. E. Rotherham, Lt.-Cmdr. G. W. Style and Mrs. R. R. Williams.

### Minutes:

The Minutes of the Meeting of 1st November were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### Matters Arising:

The Secretary told Council that the Test Match Booklet prepared by New Zealand would cost 6s. 6d. plus postage. It was decided to order 24 copies.

### Correspondence:

A letter was read from Major Abbey enclosing a cheque to cover the losses at Devonshire Park. The Secretary was asked to write him an official letter of thanks. The Secretary read an official letter from the Australian Croquet Council saying that Mr. Ian Baillieu was no longer adviser to their Laws Committee.

### Questions:

Mr. Reckitt asked if attention had been given to a new handbook and was told that it had been decided by the Finance Committee that this should be deferred for one more year.

Mr. Caporn, having been asked to bring up the subject, wanted to know if it would be possible to have a small brooch for ladies denoting membership of the Association corresponding to the men's tie. It was agreed that Brig. Stokes-Roberts would make enquiries as to cost, etc.

### Notices of Motion:

Mr. Perry. "That a small Committee be formed to which decisions of the Council or of a Committee may be referred for drafting when a matter has been agreed in principle, but a difficulty has been found in wording".

Mr. Reckitt. "That in view of the fact that it is now three years since the Official Handbook has appeared, and that no other source is available for knowledge of the Rules of the Croquet Association, steps be taken to prepare a volume for sale at the A.G.M. next year".

### Report of the Tournament Committee:

Miss Lintern in presenting this Report said how very pleased she was to see three week-end tournaments and one mid-week in the List of Fixtures. She said that this Report was not complete as it was necessary to hold a further meeting, which was fixed for the 29th November, to discuss Eastbourne, Mr. Caporn's article and letter, a Junior event and any other business.

She then went through the Report item by item enlarging on certain aspects. She spoke at some length about her suggestion that a Handicap Singles Event should be held in the evenings during the Men's and Women's Championships, say, commencing Thursday, open to Associates and non-Associates who cannot get away in the day time. This was enthusiastically welcomed by the Council, who felt that the chief danger would be too many wanting to enter. It would probably be necessary to have time-limited games and to limit the entry, but all this would be discussed by the Tournament Committee at their next meeting.

Mr. Roper's motion regarding leave was slightly amended, the second sentence now reading: "Leave for the first day of a tournament lasting six days or less may be considered at the time of the Draw by the Manager or a deputy authorised by him", etc. Item 7 of the Report was slightly re-worded to read: "That all tournaments published in *Croquet* under the List of Calendar Fixtures must have a Manager, Handicapper and Referee approved by the Tournament Committee".

Miss Lintern brought an omission to notice—a letter from Mr. L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts regarding leave in the President's Cup, and it was decided to accept the Tournament Committee's recommendation: "that in future in all invitation events, competitors who accept will be required to sign the slip enclosed with their invitation, saying that they will make themselves available for play at all times".

The possibility of running an event for under 25's was discussed and passed back to the Committee for further amplification.

Non-official tournaments were discussed and Mr. Reckitt was asked and agreed to examine the subject before the next meeting.

Canon Creed Meredith asked if an official tournament could be played as an American, and was told that it could.

Miss Lintern then proposed and Col. Clarke seconded that the Report, with the amendments, be adopted, which was agreed unanimously.

Minutes of a Council Meeting held at 4 Southampton Row on Thursday, 13th December, 1962.

### Present:

J. W. Solomon (Chair), J. M. Rivington, Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, D. C. Caporn, Col. J. G. Clarke, Maj. J. H. Dibley, G. V. Evans, 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. A. E. Stokes-Roberts, Lt.-Cmdr. Style, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (Secretary).

### Apologies for Absence:

G. Birch, Mrs. Chittenden, E. P. Duffield, A. D. Karmel, Mrs. E. Reeve, L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts and Mrs. R. Williams.

### Minutes:

Minutes of the meeting of November 15th, after amendment on the suggestion of Miss D. Lintern, were approved and signed.

### Matters Arising:

Brig. Stokes-Roberts, who had agreed to look into the matter of badges for ladies, produced a specimen which was approved. After discussion Miss Lintern proposed and Maj. Dibley seconded that 100 of these badges should be ordered and the retail cost be 7s. 6d., a notification that badges were for sale should be prominently printed in *Croquet* and Club Secretaries should be asked to take some "on sale or return". This was agreed.

### Correspondence:

The Secretary read a letter from Vice-Admiral Sir Gordon Hubback formally applying for a grant for the Burley Club to help towards the expenses of laying down two new lawns. This was referred to the Finance & General Purposes Committee for consideration and report.

Brig. Stokes-Roberts said he had letters of thanks from Dr. Wiggins and Mr. Cotter for the monies donated towards their expenses incurred by joining the Test Team.

The Brigadier also said he had been in correspondence with Jaques regarding a set of croquet equipment for the C.C.P.R. Centre, Lilleshall Hall, and Jaques were giving free of all charge, one of their best sets. The aim was to establish croquet at Lilleshall Hall which would be excellent publicity. The Secretary was asked to write an official letter of thanks to Mr. Jaques.

Mr. Roper said he had a letter from Mrs. Turketine, Hon. Sec. Southwick Club, asking if small posters could be provided for Clubs. This was referred to the Publicity Committee.

Mr. Rivington referred to a letter he had received from Miss Morrison saying the Duke of Norfolk hoped to be able to see a Test Match. Brig. Stokes-Roberts added that he had already arranged for the Duke to see croquet played when he was at Melbourne.

### Questions:

Mr. Reckitt asked whether the indoor croquet sets on sale at stores were the right type of sets. Mr. Caporn undertook to investigate and report to Council whether these sets should be recommended.

Mr. Reckitt asked whether since the handicaps of all the other members of the Test Team had been reduced to —2 it would not be advisable to reduce Mr. Curtis' handicap in conformity. This was agreed and Mr. Curtis was reduced to —2.

### Report of the Special Handicap Committee.

In presenting this Report, Mr. Solomon said the Committee had tried to devise some system of handicapping which would shorten games. It was not reasonable to expect long bisquers to finish level games in 2-3 hours.

In part 1 of the Report an amendment to the first recommendation (Handicaps) raising the upper limit for  $\frac{1}{2}$  bisques from  $5\frac{1}{2}$  to  $7\frac{1}{2}$  was carried unanimously.

### Report (second) of the Tournament Committee.

In introducing this Report Miss Lintern suggested each paragraph be taken separately.

(i) Proposed by Miss Lintern, seconded by Mr. Reckitt, "that the Fixture List be headed 'Calendar Fixtures for 1963' and printed in chronological order with 'non-official' in brackets where appropriate". This was carried.

(ii) It was agreed that the Handicap Event for evening play during Caskets week would begin on Tuesday and have a small entrance fee. Mr. Roper asked for an Assistant Manager to be appointed and this was agreed.

(iii) *Junior Tournament*. It was proposed by Miss Lintern, seconded by Mr. Reckitt that this be held on 29th July afternoon till 1st August evening inclusive and be for those aged 26 or under; that there should be an Open Event in two blocks and one Handicap event—all singles, and that it be played at Cheltenham. This was passed unanimously.

(iv) Council agreed that the *Apps Memorial gift of £5* for the most deserving Club be given to Burley Club this year.

(v) It was decided to circularise the Secretaries of all Clubs and ask them to take action on Mr. Caporn's article in the October issue of *Croquet*—especially regarding Rover sides.

(vi) *Mr. Perry's suggestion for re-organising the Devonshire Park Programme*. This was adopted *en bloc* with acclaim. Mr. Reckitt suggested that the guarantee of six games per person, or three games if only present the last week, should be printed in capitals at the head of the programme.

(vii) It was agreed that Council should make the decision on the match at Eastbourne at the meeting after the A.G.M.

The adoption of the Report as a whole was proposed by Miss Lintern, seconded by Mr. Reckitt and carried.

Mr. Perry thought Devonshire Park authorities would lend 20 bathing tents at a cost very considerably less than we pay.

### Finance & General Purposes Committee Report:

Cmdr. Style in presenting this Report said it might interest members to know that the sum collected for the Dominion Tour Fund had now reached £1,905 10s.

He asked permission to deal with the matters of less importance first.

*Gratuities to Groundsmen*. It was unanimously agreed that the usual gratuities should be paid to the Hurlingham and Roehampton groundsmen—i.e. £7 each Club.

*Payment of Subscriptions*. It was agreed that all new Associates over 25 would be asked to pay subscriptions by Banker's Order. It was suggested that a Banker's Order might be enclosed in each magazine sent out in April and also that a notice should be printed prominently in *Croquet* urgently requesting those who could to pay by Banker's Order—thus saving office time and expense.

### Subscriptions, Levy & Tribute:

There was inadequate time fully to discuss this and by agreement it was deferred to the next Council Meeting.

On Mr. Reckitt's suggestion the consideration of the rest of the Finance & General Purposes Committee's Report and the Council Agenda was deferred to the next meeting.

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A meeting of the Council was held at 4 Southampton Row on Thursday, 7th February, 1963, at 2 p.m.

#### Present:

J. M. Rivington (Chairman), D. C. Caporn, Col. J. G. Clarke, Major J. H. Dibley, G. V. Evans, Miss D. A. Lintern, H. C. S. Perry, M. B. Reckitt, Mrs. E. Rotherham, Col. F. E. Stobart, Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts, L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts, Cmdr. G. W. Style, and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (Secretary).

#### Apologies:

Mr. Brackenbury, Mrs. Chittenden, Mr. Birch, Mr. Duffield, Mr. Hollweg, Mr. Karmel, Mr. Longman, Canon Creed Meredith, Mrs. Reeve, Mr. Roper and Mrs. Williams. Mr. Solomon and Dr. Wiggins were in New Zealand.

In the absence of Mr. Solomon in New Zealand the Chair was taken by Mr. Rivington, the Vice-Chairman. Mr. Rivington made two announcements before the Agenda:

- (i) That the C.A. Account had been transferred from the Walham Green Branch of the Midland Bank to the Putney Branch as this was nearer Hurlingham and much more convenient for the Secretary.
- (ii) Mrs. Sundius Smith who had been appointed Assistant Secretary by the Council in December 1961, had resigned in December 1962. Mrs. L. A. Showan had agreed to be Assistant to the Secretary at a nominal salary of £52 p.a.

Minutes of the meeting of 13th December, 1962, were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.

#### Matters Arising.

The Chairman asked Brig. Stokes-Roberts if he had anything to report about the ladies' badges—and he replied only that they were on order and would be delivered March/April. Mr. Rivington asked whether the price of 7s. 6d. decided by the Council at their last meeting included postage. Brig. Stokes-Roberts proposed and Mr. Reckitt seconded that the badges should cost 7s. 6d. plus postage. After some discussion it was decided that postage should be charged except for bulk orders of a dozen or more.

Mr. Rivington asked Mr. Caporn whether he had been able to investigate indoor croquet requirements. Mr. Caporn said he had not yet been able to visit the Army & Navy Stores but that he would do so before the next Council Meeting.

#### Correspondence. The Secretary read:—

- (a) An interesting letter about the first Test match v. New Zealand from Mrs. Anderson.
- (b) A letter of thanks and appreciation of the £5 gift of the Apps Memorial Fund from Brig. J. C. Burnett on behalf of the Burley Club.
- (c) Letter from Mrs. O'Reilly, Secretary of the Carrickmines Club in reply to one to her from Mr. Solomon, saying her Committee agreed with Mr. Leonard that Eire Associates should rank as Overseas members. The Secretary told Council she had replied to Mrs. O'Reilly saying the matter would come before Council—and pointing out that Overseas Members were due for the current rate of Association Subscriptions when they played in English Tournaments. On the proposal of Mr. Reckitt the Council directed that an official letter should be sent to the effect that Eire members would be treated as Overseas Members on these terms.

#### Questions.

Mr. Evans asked if a telegram of congratulations had been sent to Sir Compton McKenzie on his 80th birthday and was told it had not: he then enquired after the health of Mrs. Reeve and was told that she was better but could not do the long journey under present weather conditions.

The Secretary was asked to send a letter of congratulations to Sir Compton McKenzie.

#### Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

Before calling on Cmdr. Style to make the Committee's Report, the Chairman outlined the previous history of the business that formed the main subject of the Report. Council now had before it a Report of the F. & G.P. Committee dated 9th January, 1963, which incorporated a Memorandum dated 20th December, 1962, from Mr. Perry and Cmdr. Style together with the F. & G.P. Committee's amendments thereto.

Cmdr. Style reported that Mrs. Bishop's legacy of £100 had now been received. He suggested that the F. & G.P. Committee should consider the terms of the legacy at its next meeting and should then make recommendation to Council. This was agreed unanimously.

He then drew Council's attention to Item 1 of the Report which recommended that "The issue of the *Croquet* magazine shall cease in the case of Associates whose subscriptions are unpaid by the last day of June in any year; and that a prominent notice to this effect shall be published in *Croquet*". This was agreed unanimously.

In connection with this recommendation Mr. Perry drew Council's attention to the fact that Associates whose subscriptions were unpaid were not entitled to attend or vote at the A.G.M. Council took note of this fact.

Cmdr. Style then referred to items 2, 3 and 4 of the Report and to the Perry/Style Memo which, subject to the amendments indicated, had been adopted by the F. & G.P. Committee by a majority of 7-2 votes. He reported in detail the majority view of the Committee and the reasons for that view. He referred also to the minority view held by Brig. Stokes-Roberts and Mr. L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts and expressed his own and the Committee's gratitude for the trouble they had taken in presenting their view.

Brig. Stokes-Roberts and Mr. L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts both spoke in detail giving their reasons for opposing the adoption of the Perry/Style memo as amended.

The two opposite points of view can be summarised, very briefly, as follows:—

Cmdr. Style himself and the large majority of the F. & G.P. Committee whose view he was reporting believed that it was "heads" (i.e. a large and growing membership) that counted and that the best way to ensure the C.A.'s future prosperity was to aim, NOT for fewer members paying more, but for more, many more, members paying less. They believed the new scheme was fair, logical, easy to administer and without anomalies; it was likely to lead to an increased membership and a bigger income from tournament entries. It took account of the feelings of provincial members. The large majority of the F. & G.P. Committee believed that a basic 50s. subscription would be understood and accepted, whereas a three guineas subscription would cause many resignations.

Brig. Stokes-Roberts and Mr. L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts believed it was mistaken policy to carry out the proposal suggested. They wanted a basic rate of subscription of three guineas, and they believed that a basic rate of 50s. would produce insufficient funds and was likely to cause a fall in subscription income by the end of 1964. They quoted statistics in support of that contention.

There was a general discussion on this subject in which many members of Council stated their views.

Cmdr. Style said that, while he could not quarrel with certain of the statistical points made by those in opposition, he and the large majority of the F. & G.P. Committee disagreed strongly with their policy. He said he accepted, and if it adopted the Report Council must accept, the risk that there might be a small temporary reduction in subscription income—but not necessarily in overall income—in 1964 and 1965. This was not likely to be serious and he and the large majority of the F. & G.P. Committee believed that the adoption of the Report which included a 50s. basic rate of subscription would, in the not very long run, prove to be in the best interests of the C.A.'s financial future. He said, in answer to a question, that while no Treasurer would be unwise enough to make a definite promise, he could foresee no need for altering subscriptions again within the next two years.

Mr. L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts, seconded by Brig. Stokes-Roberts, proposed an amendment "To maintain the status quo for one year". Mr. Rivington pointed out that if this were to be done, it would be 1965 before any further plan could be made effective. A vote was taken on the amendment and it was defeated, two votes for, nine against.

Mr. Perry proposed an amendment, which Cmdr. Style stated he supported, that "married couples, where each would be paying the full basic rate of 50s. should be liable for a reduced combined rate of 90s. subscription per annum".

The amendment was defeated by five votes for and six against.

Cmdr. Style, seconded by Miss Lintern then proposed "the adoption of the F. & G.P. Committee's Report".

This proposition was carried by nine votes to two against.

The following is a summary of decisions by Council upon the relevant Reports of the Finance & General Purposes Committee:—

#### A. At Council Meeting on December 13th, 1962, prior to adjournment.

- (i) Approved to pay the usual gratuities of £7 each to Hurlingham and Roehampton Club, for Groundsmen.
- (ii) Agreed that all new Associates over the age of 25 should be asked to pay subscriptions by Bankers' order; that a Bankers' Order Form should be enclosed in each edition of *Croquet* sent out in April; and that a notice should be printed prominently in *Croquet* urgently requesting all those who could to pay by Bankers' order in order to save office time and expense.
- (iii) Agreed that there shall at present be no increase in Entry Fees for Tournaments.
- (iv) *Subscriptions, etc.*  
Agreed that as from 1st January, 1964, annual subscription shall be as follows:—
  - (a) *Overseas Members*—21s.
  - (b) *Junior Members*, who remain in this category until the 1st January immediately following their 26th birthdays—£1 10s.

#### B. As recorded in these Minutes.

- (iv) *Subscriptions, etc. (continued).*
  - (c) *Non-Playing/Social/Golf Croquet Members*, that is to say those who wish to support the C.A., but who play in no Calendar Fixtures except the All England Handicap, the Longman Cup, the County Championships or who play Golf Croquet only—£2 10s.
  - (d) *All Other Members*—£1 10s.
- (v) Agreed that there shall no longer be a reduced rate of subscriptions for Associates in their first year in the Association excepting that those joining after August 1st in any year will pay half the appropriate subscription for that year and those joining after October 31st in any year will pay the appropriate full rate which shall cover their membership for the whole of the year following.
- (vi) Agreed that the present payment of £35 for Life Membership shall remain unchanged.
- (vii) Agreed that those members paying £2 10s. (category (d)) shall be entitled to play in all Events and that they shall receive *Croquet*, have free entry to the Devonshire Park Tournament, and the right of entry at a small fee to watch C.A. Events at Hurlingham and Roehampton.
- (viii) Agreed that Junior members (category (b)) shall have all privileges as in (vii) above.
- (ix) Agreed that non-Playing/Social/Golf Croquet Members (category (c)) shall have all privileges as in (vii) above excepting only the entitlement to play in all Events.
- (x) *Tribute.*
  - (a) Agreed that as at present no tribute shall be payable in the case of each non-Associate's first Tournament.
  - (b) Agreed that there shall be no tribute payable in the All England Handicap.
  - (c) Agreed that excepting as in (x) (a) and (b) above tribute shall be payable by non-Associates who play in any Calendar Fixture Tournament, at the following rates:—  
Tournaments—25s., or 12s. 6d. for one event only—  
Evening and Weekend Tournaments—15s., or 7s. 6d. for one event only.
  - (d) Agreed that the new rates of tribute shall be brought into force forthwith.

Mr. Perry's Motion "that a small Committee be formed to which decisions of a Council or of a Committee may be referred for drafting when a matter has been agreed in principle, but a difficulty has been found in working". Cmdr. Style proposed and Col. Clarke seconded that this Committee be set up and further proposed that Mr. Caporn and Mr. Perry be members of it with power to co-opt. This was unanimously carried.

Mr. Reckitt's Motion "that in view of the fact that it is now three years since the Official Handbook had appeared and no other source is available for the knowledge of the Rules of the C.A., steps be taken to prepare a volume for sale at the next A.G.M." He pressed the fact that a new Handbook was greatly needed—but said he realised it was a little late to get it out by the A.G.M. this year. He was promised that this should be done in 1964.

## SECOND TEST v. AUSTRALIA

Played at Dannevirke, February 7th-9th, 1963.

Results (English players named first)

### DOUBLES

E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon bt L. Mason and Mrs. E. Rudder +14 +26.  
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Dr. W. P. Ormerod bt Mrs. P. Harrison and Mrs. M. Day +22 +9.  
D. W. Curtis and Miss E. J. Warwick bt Col. A. E. Saalfeld and Mrs. D. Lewis +16 +12.

### SINGLES

E. P. C. Cotter bt L. Mason +3 +6.  
J. W. Solomon bt Mrs. P. Harrison +9 +11.  
Dr. W. P. Ormerod lost to Mrs. M. Day —10 —9.  
H. O. Hicks bt Mrs. E. Rudder +8 +10.  
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Mrs. D. Lewis +9 +22.  
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt Col. A. E. Saalfeld +3 +4.

England beat Australia by 8 matches to 1.  
(None of the matches went to a third game)

This unexpectedly decisive second victory over Australia was notable for the very high standard of play by our team in the doubles on the first day. Our first pair made one mistake, at the third hoop, in their first game, and no mistakes of any kind in their second game. The beautiful, indeed immaculate, accuracy and perfect control of Patrick and John in this match were the best example of good croquet that the tour has so far produced, and the many spectators were most appreciative.

The second pair also played excellently in their first game; and although Bobby Wiggins' hoops were giving him trouble, as they are on occasions inclined to do, in the second game, William Ormerod hit almost every long shot that was required of him and repeatedly pulled his partner out of the fire. The match was also enlivened by a scintillating delayed triple by William in the first game when only his failure to peg out the partner ball frustrated its completion. Joan Warwick and David Curtis did better together than hitherto and both made some good breaks, though undoubtedly the frequency of their opponents' break-downs facilitated our third doubles win.

The singles matches on the other hand were, proportionately, as disappointing as the doubles had been encouraging. Patrick gave Leonard Mason frequent chances of winning both games, but the Australian policemen just failed to bring them off; Leonard is a very jolly and enterprising opponent, and his cheerful laughter is reminiscent of our Colonel Stobart when he does a poor stroke and breaks down—his croquet strokes are often rather inaccurate. Mrs. Harrison gave John some nasty shocks in their match in which John was not as consistent as usual. The Australian lady, like our Mrs. Oddie in her heyday, "plays" (to quote our late C.A. Secretary, Mrs. Apps) "bad croquet better than anybody". Her breaks usually are most untidy, but she is a terrifyingly good long shot, and a Holy Roller of devastating accuracy.

To Mrs. Day goes the glory of Australia's solitary win. She is not an enterprising player, and often carries a doleful air on the court. Like many successful but unspectacular players, though, whenever she breaks down there is NEVER "anything on". A more suitable opponent for our headstrong young doctor would be hard to find. Towards the end of the second long, dour game, William, when his usually phenomenal long shooting had deserted him, was taking the most reckless shots that this reporter ever recalls having seen in a class croquet.

Humphrey Hicks made a welcome debut with the team. After his Pacific voyage, which seems to have set him up in the very best of health, he had flown down from Auckland the day before his match against Mrs. Rudder. This lady can be one of the most formidable of the Australians. She has a beautiful rhythmical style, marred only by a tendency to pick up the mallet too soon on the back-swing; she is a good long shot like most of her compatriots, and is their most accurate break-maker, her split shots being notably better than those of the other members of their team. In this match, though, her hoops were her stumbling block and, in spite of Humphrey's being out of practice and by no means at his best he won in two games, although in the second one he did make a good break from the first hoop to the peg, giving Mrs. Rudder contact from which she failed to profit fully.

Bobby Wiggins played, for him, most disappointingly in the first game against Mrs. Lewis, but his opponent repeatedly broke down and he was never seriously menaced. In the second game he made two good breaks and won convincingly. Bryan's match against Colonel Saalfeld, whom many Associates will remember from his visits to England, provided some comical end-game situations, though the play was sadly below an international standard.

The over-riding impression from this second encounter with the Australians is that it is now virtually certain that England will achieve what has never been done before and retain the International Trophy in an "away" contest. The English players have shown themselves superior in, above all, the imaginative exploitation of the possibilities of making and laying breaks, and in the accuracy of their split shots. Many of our opponents are better than we are at hitting in, at hoop running, and at "recovery" shots—long rolls up to hoops and speculative take-offs. For controlled accuracy, though, and interior understanding of the game (what Mrs. Elvey calls "croquet soul") England has proved supreme.

B.L.-P.

## MATCH v. NORTH ISLAND

Played at Rotorua, February 11th-13th, 1963

Results (English players named first)

### DOUBLES

J. W. Solomon and E. P. C. Cotter bt Mrs. Purdy and J. Tucker +11 +17.

Dr. W. P. Ormerod and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt J. Regan and Mrs. Brown +4 +17.

Miss E. J. Warwick and B. Lloyd-Pratt bt M. Reitchesen and Mrs. Hight +2 +5.

### SINGLES

J. W. Solomon bt Mrs. Purdy +26 +15.

E. P. C. Cotter bt J. Tucker +14 +26.

Dr. W. P. Ormerod bt M. Reitchesen —18 +22 +19.

Dr. H. O. Hicks bt T. Regan —8 +10 +21.

Miss E. J. Warwick bt Mrs. Brown +6 —7 +22.

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt Mrs. Hight +16 +19.

The match was played in a delightful setting in front of the famous baths, and players off duty were seen disappearing into Blue Baths (temperature 94° or 84°) or the Ward Baths (temperature 104° or 96°) with or without bathing suits according to taste! Unfortunately the glorious weather broke and a wet day on courts which could not be cut, made it very hard work for all the Doubles. Cotter and Solomon finished first. Cotter went to 4-back followed by Solomon, Cotter missed a short shot and Tucker went to 4-back and Mrs. Purdy to 1-back before the English pair won the first game. In the next game Solomon was 4-back when Mrs. Purdy hit in and joined him there. Cotter hit and went to stick and Solomon finished.

The second pair had a very close first game. The New Zealand pair got to penultimate and peg when the Englishmen were at rover with both, and eventually won after an exciting finish. Regan's good shooting was a feature of the game. In the second game, Ormerod left a "Duffers Tice" by the sixth hoop but Wiggins missed the shot and Mrs. Brown, approaching the first hoop from first corner went to 4-back as the result. Wiggins hit lift and also went to 4-back. Ormerod went round, double peeled but failed at penultimate. The shot was missed. The visitors went out easily.

Miss J. Warwick and Lloyd-Pratt found the ground wet and heavy with a few pools of water to add to the hazards. Lloyd-Pratt went to 2-back but Reitchesen, shooting and playing well, caught up. Miss Warwick was last away but played a good break, and when both sides had one on stick and one on rover Mrs. Hight tried to peg out. Warwick but failed and was herself pegged out the next turn. Lloyd-Pratt missed rover but Reitchesen missed the shot and the English were one up. In the second game Warwick got to 2-back but very wet conditions caused play to stop for the day at 4.30. Next morning the New Zealanders played well, but after missing one easy chance, Lloyd-Pratt had another and went to the peg. The home team got to penultimate and rover when Warwick shot in and did a two-ball break from 4-back and pegged out, leaving the disappointed owner of the black ball in baulk.

Twelve

## SINGLES

Solomon beat Mrs. Purdy with an exhibition of good croquet when the weather was again perfect and courts much improved.

In the first game Solomon nearly pulled off a straight triple, back peeling penultimate well past the stick, and with a series of cannons getting his partner ball eight inches in front of rover, but failing to roquet it through.

In the second game Mrs. Purdy did a good break but otherwise had no chances.

Cotter beat Tucker while the courts were still wet, but at mid-day the lawns were cut, the weather improved, and the English captain in the second game played a model game in two breaks with a triple peel.

Ormerod had a tussle with Reitchesen on the last day but after losing the first game, showed his quality and won both the others. Not, however, without considerable trouble in the last game when brilliant shooting by his opponent caused many finishes to be postponed. Monty, however, could not get going with his breaks.

Hicks started well against Regan but the New Zealander, shooting brilliantly, won the first game. Hicks retaliated and taking advantage of the easy hoops, went to stick and 4-back. Regan then did a good break, gave contact and meant to peg Hicks' ball out. However he failed at penultimate and the game was soon over. The final game started with Hicks running the wide first hoop from A baulk, but the game was a well fought one and Regan had his chances to win it. However, Hicks found good form at the end and played well to finish.

J. Warwick had a good battle with Mrs. Brown, the mother of Ralph Brown, the young Dannevirke player, just promoted to the New Zealand team. She was always ahead in the first game but Mrs. Brown held on tenaciously and only lost by six. Again J. Warwick led in the second game but missed several short roquets and Mrs. Brown deserved her game. Then the English player showed her best form and two all-round breaks soon won the match.

Lloyd-Pratt had his match well in hand against Mrs. Hight. The lady did one good break but then seemed to tire after her strenuous doubles and provided little opposition to Lloyd-Pratt who did two good breaks to win the second game easily.

The North Island team, in spite of their heavy defeat had a lot of very useful players and gave the English some splendid games. Last year, the courts supplied a sensation when during a match hoop 2 of the court near the pavilion started an irruption; and the grass has not grown very well there since! No such excitements occurred during our match but all round us were geysers spouting, and an egg could have been boiled in a nearby spring. A view of the lovely Rotorua Lake and beautiful flowers in the gardens failed to distract the eye of the many knowledgeable spectators who applauded good play.

E. J. W.

## THIRD TEST v. NEW ZEALAND

Played at Hamilton, 21st-23rd February, 1963.

Results (English players named first).

### DOUBLES

E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon bt Mrs. J. Jarden and A. Stephens —15 +26 +25.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Dr. W. P. Ormerod bt H. Ford and J. Prince +26 +5.

H. O. Hicks and D. W. Curtis bt L. Middlemiss and R. Brown +22 +13.

### SINGLES

E. P. C. Cotter lost to Mrs. J. Jarden —25 —15.

J. W. Solomon lost to J. Prince —26 —4.

Dr. W. P. Ormerod bt A. Stephens +20 +20.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt L. Middlemiss +14 +25.

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt H. Ford —9 +4 +2.

Miss E. J. Warwick bt R. Brown —7 +11 +5.

England beat New Zealand by seven matches to two.

The pleasantest and most elegant hotel in which the team has so far stayed, a charming and friendly club, and crowds of spectators banked up on three tiers of seats round the courts (try to imagine this at Hurlingham for, say, the President's Cup!) all combined to make this last fixture against New Zealand one of the most memorable of many delightful matches.

"The first shall be last, and the last first" is theologically orthodox when referring to the Life to Come, but when it applies in the Here and Now, it is liable to occasion a painful sense of shock: and it is precisely this sensation that was experienced by our players when the twin colossi of our enterprise were tumbled into the dust by, respectively, a mere youth and an elderly lady. Notwithstanding these calamities, our tail succeeded in wagging with vigour just adequate to preserve, albeit by the smallest of margins, our record of never having lost more than two of the nine matches in any fixture.

The doubles were chiefly notable for the greatly improved play of Tony Stephens, who was placed for the first time with Mrs. Jarden in their number one pair. At his best he has some effective strokes and a pleasing, quiet centre style; but after a phenomenally successful year of victories in 1960 his hoop stroke began to desert him and with it, of course, his youthful confidence. It was good to see him, under Mrs. Jarden's kindly and experienced eye, making a fine break and a convincing get-out to win their first game by 15. In the next two games, though, John and Patrick produced a first-rate display of top-grade croquet to win, deservedly, by 25 and 26. The remaining two doubles matches call for little comment. Our number two pair of doctors have been noteworthy consistent winners throughout the series and, in fact, have, out of their eight matches together, lost only one game.

Mrs. Jarden, in her singles match against Patrick, played with exquisite accuracy to win the first game by 25. At the beginning of the second game our Captain, who appeared rattled by the turn of events, unwisely dribbled with the third ball at his opponent's tice: this double from A baulk was duly hit and the New Zealand lady's clip advanced to 4-back. The lift was missed, and Mrs. Jarden embarked on a fine triple peel. However, the rover peel had to be delayed until she was making that hoop herself, she failed to get a backward rush to the peg, put her partner ball near the peg, but after disposing of the enemy balls she missed the peg with her striker's ball. Patrick then got to 4-back, the lift was missed but he broke down early on in his second break, and it was all over.

The sensation of the match, however, was provided by the truly astonishing play of young John Prince. This short, slight, and quietly modest lad of seventeen, who plays with a steady and unspectacular centre style, with his feet very close together only just admitting the width of the mallet head, gave a masterly display of class croquet. The first game was the only occasion when this correspondent can recall John Solomon's having had "no chance", apart from the two lift shots; and has there ever been any player who can be guaranteed to hit the crucial lift *when under pressure*? In the second game John got to 4-back and the peg, but John Prince hit the dying lift shot, and that was the end of the story. It is only too easy to be envious of the seemingly facile success of the occasional young, talented, but inexperienced player; but what an excellent thing for the good of croquet that, once in a while, a young lad of exceptional talent takes up the game and challenges the established hierarchy! Perhaps John Prince, like Tony Stephens, and our own John Bolton, may experience a slight loss of confidence and reversal of fortune in the years to come, but of one thing all croquet players who have seen him are certain—"a player has arrived".

Bobby Wiggins had very little opposition from Leslie Middlemiss. Nevertheless, in spite of the lack of pressure, Bobby's best breaks could not have been improved upon even by our Mrs. Rotherham—he never, in his good turns, gave himself a roquet of more than a foot or a hoop of more than six inches. Indeed, Bobby's record throughout the series is quite unmatched. Mention has already been made of his successful partnership with William Ormerod, but in all his six singles matches he has not lost one game. Released from the pressure of his professional engagements which, in England, all too often crowd in on his tournament play, the Doctor, who, it must be remembered, started serious croquet as a schoolboy in the 1920's, has been playing better than he ever has.

Herbert Ford, New Zealand's Captain, proved against Bryan Lloyd-Pratt that he can make breaks. In the first game Bryan frittered away some excellent chances and deservedly lost by nine. Herbert looked as though he was going to win the second game by 23 as he was going out with Bryan's clips forlornly on hoops one and four. However, he stuck in penultimate and never got in again. The tables were turned though, in the last game Bryan stuck feebly and for no reason at all in 3-back in his second break before Herbert had started, and for the next hour and a half couldn't play at all. At the end, with his opponent for rover and peg, Bryan, who was by then both for penultimate, hit the last despairing lift shot and won by 2—for the spectators an entertaining, though far from "classy", end to the third day's play!

Joan Warwick had a prolonged, doughty struggle against the other New Zealand youth, Ralph Brown. What Ralph lacks in experience and finesse he makes up for by hitting almost every shot on the court; though his sticking on the wire of penultimate at the end of the third game gave the English lady her victory.

So the rejuvenated New Zealand team, after trouncing the Australians at New Plymouth, failed, perhaps a little unluckily, to overcome the English. Their two superlative wins in the numbers one and two singles matches, and the narrowness of their defeats in the numbers five and six ones show that it would be unwise of anyone to wager too heavily on our continued success if another fixture had to be played.

B.L.-P.

## THIRD TEST v. AUSTRALIA

Played at Whangarei, February 26th-28th, 1963

Results (English players named first)

### DOUBLES

E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon bt L. Mason and Mrs. Harrison +26 +26.

Dr. W. P. Ormerod and Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Mrs. H. Day and Mrs. E. Rudder +16 +8.

H. O. Hicks and D. W. Curtis bt Mrs. W. P. Lewis and Mrs. E. Cathcart +15 —5 +10.

### SINGLES

J. W. Solomon bt Mrs. M. Harrison +17 +26.

E. P. C. Cotter bt L. Mason +23 +24.

Dr. W. P. Ormerod bt Mrs. H. Day +11 +14.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Mrs. E. Rudder —1 +17 +25.

Miss E. J. Warwick bt Lt.-Col. Saalfeld +3 +7.

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt Mrs. W. E. Lewis +25 +25.

England beat Australia by nine matches to none.

The last test match opened with England still unbeaten and having won all their matches by 7-2 or with a better score. The weather was lovely for the usual opening ceremony at 9.30 a.m. and the very good lawns were situated in delightful surroundings with a connecting pathway, lined with oleander bushes, to the bowls lawns. England were encouraged with the support of Gerald Williams, who came to watch the match in the middle of his world tour. Mr. Stigant, who had been seen recently at home tournaments, was also there.

Cotter and Solomon were in great form and won their two doubles matches in the record time of one hour and twenty minutes. Their opponents never took croquet. Solomon hit the tice in the first game and went to 4-back. Cotter faltered at third and sixth hoops on his partner's ball, but with the opponents failing to hit, was soon at the stick and that game was over in forty-five minutes (including morning tea break!) In the second game Cotter went to 4-back and Solomon finished with a straight triple in thirty-five minutes.

Ormerod and Wiggins both played well in the first game. Mrs. Rudder did a good break but the men won +16.

In the second game Ormerod's wonderful shooting soon put the men back in the game after the Australian ladies both got to 4-back, and after some in and out play the English men won +8.

The last doubles match proved to be a good struggle. The English men won the first game +15 but the Australian ladies retaliated and playing up to their best form won the second game by five points. In the final game Curtis hit the tice and went to 4-back but Hicks could not get started. He allowed two apparently certain all-round breaks to fail as he could not make the first hoop. In the meantime Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Cathcart crept round but they also let their breaks slip for fear of putting a ball beyond the hoop they hoped to make. They appeared to fear the English men's good shooting. Hicks finally got going and did a good break to the peg, from which position Curtis had no difficulty in finishing.

### SINGLES

1. Solomon v. Mrs. Harrison.

In the first game John went to 4-back but Mrs. Harrison soon followed him. Some in and out play followed but John won by 15. John went to 4-back on the fourth ball of the second game. He subsequently finished the game with a perfectly played triple, starting his break from the third hoop.

Thirteen



2. *Cotter v. Mason.*

Cotter had the first game well in hand, Mason making three hoops only. Patrick peeled 4-back and penultimate. In the second game Patrick was round to 4-back but broke down at third hoop in second break. Mason had two good chances of all round breaks but was not in his usual good form, and Patrick won both games in under two hours.

3. *Ormerod v. Mrs. Day.*

Mrs. Day got away to a good start but a very in and out game followed with William emerging as winner +11. The second game was also in and out but William's accurate long shooting predominated and he won another match for England.

4. *Wiggins v. Mrs. Rudder.*

The first game of this match proved the most exciting of the day and was very prolonged. Bobbie went to 4-back quickly and Mrs. Rudder missed the lift. Bobbie had a difficult first hoop and boosted the ball to the north boundary and hit back to ball at second hoop and continued his break to the stick. At this critical point, Mrs. Rudder hit the lift and went to 4-back and the lift being missed did another good break but missed a two-foot shot after making 3-back and let Wiggins in. However, two more good long shots enabled her to peg out her opponent's red ball and after various narrow misses at the finish, deserved her victory by one point. The next two games were all Wiggins. He played well and was well on top in both games and won easily.

5. *Miss Warwick and Lt.-Col. Saalfeld.*

The Colonel started in great form and did two all-round breaks, finishing at 4-back with both balls while Joan was still at the first hoop. He made 4-back with one ball while his opponent had some misunderstanding with a roll at the first hoop. However, Joan refused to give in and eventually caught up the Colonel and managed to win +3. The second game started with a break to 4-back (peeling first hoop) by Joan who looked like winning quickly. However she then made mistakes (including making the sixth hoop when still for the fifth!) and the Colonel fought back and hit many good shots. However, Joan finished strongly and pegged out at 4.30 on Thursday—actually the last shot of the last test match of the series.

6. *Lloyd-Pratt v. Mrs. Lewis.*

Bryan played really well in both games, doing breaks and trying a triple, which did not succeed at rover. Mrs. Lewis got in once but one hoop in each game was all she could make and Bryan won both games before lunch.

The last match of the series provided an overwhelming victory for the British team although a lot of their games were well contested by the sporting Australians. Whangarei is a beautiful place with a lovely climate, and with the weather at its best all enjoyed the visit. A concert was given on the last evening which was both high class and amusing. A very good Mormon Maori group sang delightful action songs and the New Zealand croquet people showed what excellent voices they could produce. The large room borrowed from the Bowls Club, was full of enthusiastic croquet players and after speeches and presents to the visiting teams, the end of the tour was in sight. Both teams go on to Auckland today for the Farewell Dinner and then individually enter for the Dominion Championships. Dr. Wiggins returns home by air this weekend, but all the other players have entered in open singles, open doubles, men's and women's singles and the very large handicap event.

This should prove a most interesting finish to a wonderful tour, in which all the British team remained fit and well.

E. J. W.

POINTS OF INTEREST

The following did not lose a singles match.

Dr. Wiggins, played 7 won 7; H. O. Hicks, played 2 won 2; Miss Warwick, played 6 won 6; B. Lloyd-Pratt, played 6 won 6.

The following did not lose a doubles match.

Cotter and Solomon, played 8 won 8; Ormerod and Wiggins, played 8 won 8.

The top players in the British team gave a splendid lead in their matches and had, of course, the strongest opposition. The team proved its all-round strength by having a strong tail, as the above results in the singles show by the players at numbers four, five and six in the team.

NEW ZEALAND DOMINION CHAMPIONSHIPS

(March 5th-22nd)

These championships were played on eighteen lawns at four different clubs in glorious summer weather. Members of the British test team all played up to form and it was good to see the New Zealand test players coming through strongly. Although there are comparatively few men players in New Zealand their three youngest (all test players) Prince, Stephens and Browne all played extremely well. The Australians also played well and had a measure of success.

The courts were of different conditions and surfaces making play eventful and requiring much concentration on every shot. The lack of boundary boards was unusual at first but made little difference to the run of games. There was the unusual good Press coverage and the television cameras were there filming for a fifteen minute programme which included a studio interview with David Curtis.

Our thanks go to the manager, to the ladies who provided such excellent lunches and teas and to all the hard working officials. The championships concluded a delightful tour with many new friends made.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Since twenty-two of the fifty entries for this event were members of the international teams it came close to being a world championship and we may congratulate John Solomon on being a worthy winner. In the last eight there were four British, three New Zealand and one Australian test players and it was unfortunate that Patrick Cotter had to scratch at this stage.

The most memorable game was Solomon v. Prince (first game) in the semi-final. After tentative in and out play Prince was first to 4-back. Solomon failed at the fourth and Prince attempted a delayed and a straight triple but finished with clips on penultimate and peg. Solomon then failed at the sixth. Prince laid up, Solomon hit and went to 4-back. Prince pegged out his ball left by the peg. Solomon (was for four and 4-back) then played a brilliant pegged-out game, giving Prince a minimum of opportunity to win by three.

RESULTS

(FINAL STAGES)

Solomon bt. Mrs. Martin (N.Z.) +23 +15. Prince (N.Z.) bt. Mrs. Harrison (Aust.) +4 +10. Ormerod bt. Stephens (N.Z.) +17 -17 +4. Miss Warwick w.o. Cotter.

Solomon bt. Prince +3 +24. Ormerod bt. Miss Warwick +26 +2.

Solomon bt. Ormerod +21 +26.

DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

(49 Pairs)

This event was played on the two life system. Many members of the test teams played mixed partnerships but the well tried partnership of Cotter and Solomon emerged worthy winners in both lives. Although they played slightly below their best form on occasion they never looked like being beaten at any stage.

Joan Warwick partnered by the New Zealand leading lady player, Jean Jarden, played well losing only to the eventual winners in both lives. They emerged runners-up from the play off.

RESULTS

(FINAL STAGES)

Cotter and Solomon bt. Curtis and Mrs. Lewis (Aust.) by 17.

Browne (N.Z.) and Mrs. Browne (N. Island) bt. Ross (N.Z.) and Reitchesen (N. Island) by 13.

Cotter and Solomon bt. Browne and Mrs. Browne by 6.

PROCESS

Mrs. Jarden (N.Z.) and Miss Warwick bt. Ross and Reitchesen by 12.

Cotter and Solomon bt. Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Page (local Auckland players) by 26.

Cotter and Solomon bt. Mrs. Jarden and Miss Warwick by 9.

Play off for second place: Mrs. Jarden and Miss Warwick bt. Browne and Mrs. Browne by 10.

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

John Prince (aged 17) played beautifully to win this title and Bryan Lloyd-Pratt was runner up. William Ormerod unfortunately retired in the quarter final. In his game against Hicks, Prince did a quadruple peel but failed to peg out while in the final his last two games were won (a) in three breaks (b) with a triple peel.

RESULTS

(FINAL STAGES)

Lloyd-Pratt bt. Stephens (N.Z.) +4 +4.

Prince (N.Z.) bt. Hicks -5 +14 +9.

Prince bt. Lloyd-Pratt -5 +26 +25.

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

This event was played on the two life system with Mrs. Jarden winning one life and being beaten in the final of the other life by Mrs. Hight (N. Island captain). Mrs. Jarden won the best of three play offs to emerge champion. Joan Warwick reached the quarter final in both lives.

OTHER WINNERS

Level Singles: Mrs. Buchanan (Christchurch).

Handicap Singles (English Rose Bowl): Browne (N.Z.).

Handicap Singles (Hurlingham Cup): Mrs. Rudder (Aust.) and Mrs. Nicoll (Auckland) shared.

Handicap Singles (Heenan Trophy): Mrs. Griffiths (Auckland).

HUNSTANTON

AN (UNOFFICIAL) AMERICAN TOURNAMENT

will be held in the Club Grounds from

APRIL 19th to 22nd.

Manager.—Miss D. D. Steel.

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Club.

HANDICAP SINGLES

Competitors will be arranged in blocks according to handicap and the number of entries received. Winners of blocks will play off semi-final and final.

Entrance fee 10s. 6d.

An extra event will be arranged if possible.

Entries must reach the Secretary by the first post on Wednesday, April 17th.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

A CROQUET TOURNAMENT

(Unofficial)

will be held in

THE CLUB GROUNDS

on MONDAY, 6th MAY, 1963, and following days

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

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

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

Tournament Committee.—Mrs. E. Rotherham (Chairman), J. K. Brown, Miss E. J. Warwick, Miss V. E. Mills, A. J. Cooper, D. J. Bird and Mrs. M. H. Vincent.

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

EVENTS

1.—AN AMERICAN TOURNAMENT (Handicap Singles).

Competitors will be arranged in blocks according to handicap and the number of Entries received. It is hoped to arrange four or more blocks and guarantee each Player a minimum of five games. Winners of blocks will play off semi-final and final. The winner to hold the Godfrey Turner Challenge Cup, and the winner of the longest Handicap block to hold the L. G. Walters Long Handicap Challenge Trophy.

Note.—C Block will commence at 3rd Hoop. D and E Blocks will commence at 5th Hoop. In Blocks C, D and E each player will use full bisques after adjustment for number of hoops to be played. It is hoped to avoid Time Limited Games.

Entrance Fee 14s.

2.—HANDICAP DOUBLES (Knock-out). Combined Handicaps not to be less than 6 Bisques.

Note.—Early rounds start at Third Hoop.

Entrance Fee 6s.

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

NOTICE:

Non-Associates pay a TRIBUTE of 25s. to the C.A. when playing in Unofficial Tournaments, or 12s 6d. if they compete in one Event only. But on becoming an Associate any Tribute paid during the current year is refunded or credited against the subscription.

ENTRIES (on Official Entry Forms please)

Entries for Event 1 must reach the Secretary not later than 1st post on Wednesday, May 1st.

Entries for Event 2 must reach the Secretary by 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 7th, and the DRAW will take place at 2 p.m. that day.

JULY TOURNAMENTS

The usual OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT will be held on Monday, July 8th, 1963, and days following. (See June Croquet.)

An UNOFFICIAL AMERICAN TOURNAMENT (Handicap Singles), will be held the previous week commencing on Monday, 1st July to Friday, 5th July. Entrance Fee 8s. 6d. Entries must reach the Secretary by Wednesday, 26th June.

## THE PEEL MEMORIALS

will be played for at the

**ROEHAMPTON CLUB on MONDAY, MAY 13th, and five**

**following days**

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager.—J. B. Gilbert.

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

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

### EVENTS

*Open to Associates only*

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

### CONDITIONS

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

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

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

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

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

Leave for the first day of a Tournament lasting six days or less may be considered at the time of the Draw by the Manager or a deputy authorised by him, but leave for any other days may only be given by the Manager.

### ENTRIES

Entries on **official forms accompanied by the entrance fees** for Events 1 and 2 must reach the Secretary, C.A., not later than the first post on **Wednesday, May 8th**, and for Event 3 by noon on **Tuesday, May 14th.** Entries will be limited. Competitors wishing to play in Doubles are advised to enter on their official entry forms.

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

### DRAW

The Draw for Events 1 and 2 will take place at the Croquet Association Offices, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6., on Wednesday, May 8th, at 11 a.m.

## ALL-ENGLAND HANDICAP

1962 Winner—John Bolton (5½)

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

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

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

Club Secretaries are asked to notify the Secretary, C.A., that they are entering their Club for the competition by **May 31st.**

The winners as well as the Club Secretaries are responsible for sending the winner's name to the C.A. Secretary, to reach her by 27th August.

*Preliminary Stage.*—Club competitions to be finished by the 24th August. Clubs entering 16 to 31 competitors will be entitled to have two representatives in the Final Stage.

*Final Stages.*—The Club representatives will be drawn on the Bagnall-Wild System and will meet in London during the period extending over September 19th to 21st.

*Qualification to hold a competition.*—A Club must have an entry of not less than four competitors to be eligible. In any match of the final stages a competitor shall play on the C.A. handicap that he would have been playing in at an Official Tournament.

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

Matches of single games throughout.

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

## CLUB TEAM CUP

(Handicap)

Presented by William Longman, Esq.

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager.—Miss D. A. Lintern.

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

Holder: Hurlingham

Open to Associates and bona fide members of Registered Clubs.

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

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

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

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

Competing Clubs will play on mutually agreed grounds.

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

There are no entry fees.

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

## CHELTENHAM

AN (UNOFFICIAL) AMERICAN HANDICAP SINGLES TOURNAMENT

will be held in the Club Grounds

**MAY 11th—MAY 13th INCLUSIVE.**

Entrance Fee 9s.

Entries to reach the Tournament Secretary not later than first post Friday, May 10th.

AN (UNOFFICIAL) AMERICAN HANDICAP SINGLES TOURNAMENT

will be held in the Club Grounds

**WHITSUN-SATURDAY, June 1st—MONDAY, JUNE 3rd, INCLUSIVE**

Entrance Fee 9s.

Entries to reach the Tournament Secretary not later than first post Friday, May 31st.

## BRIGHTON

ANNUAL SUMMER CROQUET TOURNAMENT,

VICTORIA ROAD, SOUTHWICK

**MONDAY, MAY 20th, and five following days**

Committee.—The Croquet Committee of the Club.

Manager and Handicapper.—Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury.

Referee.—E. A. Roper.

Tourn. Secretary.—Miss H. D. Parker, Flat 1. 4 Third Avenue, Hove 3, Sussex.

### EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. "THE ABBEY" CHALLENGE CUP. Presented by W. H. Abbey, Esq. Entrance Fee 12s. 6d. Draw and Process, Law 36.
- 2.—HANDICAP SINGLES. THE JELICORSE CUP. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. "X.Y." Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.
- 4.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d. each player. Combined handicap not less than 4.

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

Competitors may enter for three out of four Events.

Event "Y" will be a shortened game.

Extra event, time permitting.

### ENTRIES

Entries must be on official forms please, with Entry Fees for Events 1, 2 and 3 to reach the Tournament Secretary by the first post on **Thursday, May 16th**, those for Event 4 may be made on the ground up to 2 p.m., **Tuesday, May 21st.**

Non-Associates (except members of the S.C.C. and L.T. Club) pay a tribute of 25s. to the C.A. (12s. 6d. if they enter in only one event); but on becoming an Associate any tribute paid in the current year is credited against the subscription.

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

### THE DRAW

The Draw for Events 1, 2 and 3 will take place at Southwick on Thursday, May 16th, at 2.30 p.m. Event 4 on Tuesday, May 21st, 2.30 p.m.

### PLAY

Play will commence at 10 a.m.

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

### PRIZES

According to Entries.

Standard Setting and "Brento" Balls will be used.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

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

Ten Courts will be available.

Light Luncheons and Teas will be obtainable.

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

Free parking for Cars on the Ground.

## CARRICKMINES

CROQUET TOURNAMENT

**SATURDAY, 15th JUNE, to SATURDAY, 22nd JUNE, 1963**

Committee.—The Croquet Committee of the Club.

Manager.—Lady FitzGerald.

Hon. Secretary.—Mrs. O'Reilly, Ballynamote, Carrickmines, Co. Dublin.

### EVENTS

- 1.—CHAMPIONSHIP OF IRELAND. Silver Salver. (Perpetual). Entrance Fee, 12s.
- 2.—GREEN CUP. (Perpetual). Open to players handicapped at 5½ bisques and over. Single games. No lifts. Entrance Fee, 8s.  
N.B.—Players may enter for only one of above events.
- 3.—FOUNDER'S CUP. (Perpetual). Handicap Singles. Single games. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 4.—STONEBROOK CUPS. (Perpetual). Handicap Doubles. Matches limited to three hours. Entrance Fee, 8s. each player.

Entries for all events close on Tuesday, 11th June, at 6 p.m. and the draw will then take place.

Play will start at 10.30 a.m. on Saturday, 15th June.

Competitors residing over 25 miles distance from Dublin will not be required for play till 10 o'clock a.m. on Monday, 17th June.

Competitors unable to play before 2.30 p.m. are limited to two events.

Competitors unable to play before 4.30 p.m. are limited to one event.

Standard setting and Jaques "Eclipse" balls will be used. Flat soled shoes must be worn.

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

## THE INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

will be played for at the

**HURLINGHAM CLUB on TUESDAY, MAY 28th and during the week**

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager.—Mrs. G. E. Cave.

Referee.—Mrs. E. Reeve.

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

Holders—Middlesex

### CONDITIONS

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

(a) Birth in the County, or

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. Each County shall appoint a duly qualified Captain.

5. The Collector of a team shall send to the Secretary, C.A., before April 30th, a list of the names of not more than eight players, from which the playing team of three pairs for any match must be selected, and the name of the Captain. In a match the players may be combined to form pairs in any manner that the Captain thinks fit, but the pairs must be arranged in the order of the joint number of bisques, the lowest amount corresponding to the "A" pair, the highest to the "C" pair. The constitution of the team must be given to the Manager before any match. If in any match only two pairs from a team should be available for play, these pairs must be matched against the "A" and "B" pairs of the opposing team.

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

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

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

9. Entries must reach the Secretary, C.A., by **April 29th, 1963**.

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

11. Law 37 will operate.

No Entrance Fee.

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

Nine courts will be provided.

Eighteen

## THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

will be played at the

**ROEHAMPTON CLUB on MONDAY, June 3rd, and following days**

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager and handicapper.—E. A. Roper.

Referee.—Mrs. E. Reeve.

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

### EVENTS

Open to Associates only

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

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

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

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

5.—**HANDICAP SINGLES.** For Associates and Non-Associates who have not entered for any other Event and whose croquet is normally restricted to evening and week-end play, except for holidays. No Tribute; Entrance Fee 5s. Competitors will not be required to play before Tuesday, June 4th, 6 p.m. (except in semi-finals on Saturday afternoon), but it is suggested that they should arrive before this hour if possible, so that if courts become available an earlier start can be made or if not some good croquet can be watched. At the same time it must be realised that the exigencies of other events may necessitate a later start. Play will continue until dusk. Competitors will be advised which days they must attend.

### CONDITIONS

Hoops 3¼in. wide; Jaques "Eclipse" balls will be used. Five courts will be provided.

Leave for the first day of a Tournament lasting 6 days or less may be considered at the time of the Draw by the Manager or a deputy authorised by him, but leave for any other days may only be given by the Manager.

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

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

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

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

### ENTRIES

The Entries, accompanied by the Entrance Fees for Events 1 and 2 must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., Hurlingham Club, S.W.6., so as to reach her not later than the first post on **Wednesday, May 29th**, and for Event 3 by noon on **Tuesday, June 4th**. Entries for Events 3 and 4 can be received only on the ground. Competitors must give with their entries the address and telephone number at which messages will reach them during the Tournament.

### DRAW

The Draw for Events 1 and 2 will take place at the Hurlingham Club, on Wednesday, May 29th at 6 p.m., and for Events 3 and 4 as will be announced on the ground.

### PLAY

Play will begin in Events 1 to 4 at 10 a.m. daily unless otherwise notified. Any competitor who is not present, or is otherwise unable to play when called upon to do so, will be liable to be scratched. The semi-finals and finals will be so arranged that play in them will extend over the afternoons of Friday and Saturday.

## NOTTINGHAM

University Boulevard, Nottingham

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

will hold their

### CROQUET TOURNAMENT

**MONDAY, 10th JUNE, to SATURDAY, 15th JUNE, 1963**

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

Patron: Her Majesty the Queen

President: H. O. Hodgson, Esq.  
Manager, Referee, Handicapper.—Miss D. D. Steel (Bedford).  
Assistant Referees and Umpires may be appointed under Reg. 14.  
Hon. Tournament Secretary.—Mr. G. Birch, 88 Cedar Road, Sherwood Rise, Nottingham. Tel. 62737.

### EVENTS

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

2.—**OPEN SINGLES.** Draw and Process. Silver Challenge Bowl, presented by the Nottingham Croquet Club. The Final of this event will be the best of three games, time permitting. Regulations 13 (b) will be applied if considered necessary or advisable. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.

3.—**HANDICAP SINGLES.** 5 bisques and over. Silver Challenge presented by the late L. L. Bright. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.

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

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

First and Second Prizes will be given in each event.

Entry Fees include C.A. Levy.

### TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS AND FACILITIES

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4, should reach the Hon. Secretary not later than **Saturday, 8th June**.

The Draw for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 will appear on the Club's Notice Board on Sunday afternoon, June 9th.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## COMPTON, EASTBOURNE

### ANNUAL OPEN TOURNAMENT

**Monday, June 17th to Saturday, June 22nd**

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

### Entrance, Compton Place Road

Manager, Handicapper and Referee.—The Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury.

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

### EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

AN EXTRA EVENT will be arranged if possible.

Event 1 will be played under the Laws of Advanced Play, Event 2 under the Laws of Ordinary Level Singles Play and the other Events under the Laws of Handicap Play.

The Club courts only will be used.

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

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

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

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

Entries to be sent to H. C. S. Perry, Hockington House, Willingden, Eastbourne. Tel.: Hampden Park 656. Those for Events 1 to 4 will not be accepted after first post on Wednesday, June 12th. Entries for Event 5 also must be received by first post on Wednesday, June 12th. Where no partner's name is given, a partner will be allotted.

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

The Draw for Events 1-4 will take place at the Club at 10.30 a.m. on **Wednesday, June 12th**.

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

## PARKSTONE (East Dorset)

**MONDAY, JUNE 24th-29th, 1963**

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

Committee.—Croquet Committee of the Parkstone Club.

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

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

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

### EVENTS

1.—**OPEN SINGLES (Draw and Process).** Entrance fee 12s. Dorset Salver.

2.—**LEVEL SINGLES.** Law 36 operates. For players of 2½-6 bisques inclusive. Entrance fee 10s. Deshon Cup.

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

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

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

Extra Events will be arranged time permitting.

### CONDITIONS

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 must reach the Hon. Secretary by midday **Thursday, June 20th**.

Entries for Event No. 5 will close at 4 p.m. on **Monday, June 24th**. This Event will start on Tuesday morning, June 25th.

The Draw will take place at the Club on Thursday, June 20th at 3 p.m.

No player may enter for more than one Event of Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Five or six courts will be provided and Jaques "Eclipse" balls will be used. Standard 3¼ in. hoops.

Play will commence at 10 a.m. or earlier if necessary and players must be prepared to play up to 7 p.m.

Lunch and Tea is provided by the Club at moderate prices.

Flat soled shoes must be worn.

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