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1963

- June 1-3—Cheltenham. (Non-official). Hon. Tourn. Sec., Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- 3-8—Men's and Women's Championships. Handicap Singles (Evening). Rochampton. 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., Miss K. A. Wade, Partlands Avenue, Ryde, I.O.W.
- " 22-27—Cheltenham. Hon. Tourn. Sec., Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- ". 29—Junior Tournament (26 years). Cheltenham. Secretary
  Aug. 1 C.A., The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- July 29—Open Championships. Hurlingham. Secretary C.A. Aug. 3 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, Carrick-mines, Dublin.
- ,, 15-24—Challenge and Gilbey Cups, Ascot and Delves Boughton Cups. Rochampton. 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—Surrey Cup (Cheltenham). 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 Oct. 12 Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.

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The attention of club secretaries and players is drawn to the fact that the new scheme of subscription and tribute was passed nearly unanimously by the A.G.M. Therefore the new subscriptions come into force on January 1st, 1964—but new tribute becomes law on June 11th, 1963. As a concession, tournaments advertised in April Croquet are exempt from the new ruling, but those advertised in the June magazine become liable, and as entries are received the new tribute must be claimed.

Please note change of telephone number: H. C. S. Perry, Eastbourne 52656.

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V. C. GASSON, Secretary.

# NOTES by ROVER

#### Thoughts after Victory

It is natural that we should think primarily of the great triumph of our team in the Antipodes as that of eight British players contending against the best individuals our rivals could muster. Such of course it was, and we should be grateful indeed to one and all of them for making so strong a personal contribution to the prestige of English croquet. But there is another angle from which we can look at the matter, and that is as the effort of a chosen band of representatives of our little Association of 500 going out to do battle with forces ten and twenty times stronger in number than the parent C.A. has shrunk to be. Creditable as we may regard this to be from one point of view, it is a good deal less satisfactory from another. When we see countries with populations far smaller than our own showing so much more effective energy in gathering devotees for the game than we can now display there is surely a good deal for all of us to take to heart and reflect upon. The degree of anxiety and consequent effort excited at the end of the 'twenties by the Association's failure to recover a membership comparable to that of fifteen years earlier (2,300) ought to be reproduced among us now that our numbers are less than a third of what they were about 1927 (1,638). The C.A. cannot afford to rest upon the laurels won for it by a handful of its leading players. There can be for it, very literally, only Safety in Numbers, and it is for such security we must now work with newlyinspired zeal.

#### Hoops or Arches?

Croquet is defined in one of the leading standard dictionaries as "a game in which two or more players try to drive wooden balls, by means of long-handled mallets, through a series of arches set in the ground". There are a number of aspects of this definition which we find intriguing. The expression "try to drive" has a certain appeal: perhaps the compiler had seen Major Stone in play since he, if anybody, could be said to drive his ball when running the hoop rather than by using any other form of propulsion.

It must be a long time since players used the term "arches", although in fact it would seem a more appropriate word than "hoops". The one distinctive feature of a hoop is presumably its roundness, either in part or in whole, a quality which a croquet hoop certainly does not possess. The reason why they are called hoops stems no doubt from the fact that they started that way a century ago when they had a dome-like appearance. In a booklet on Croquet by John Jaques published in 1864, he remarks that the span of the hoop should not exceed ten inches. With the diameter of the balls then, as indeed now, three-and-five-eighths inches, there could have been little chance of sticking in the hoop. Presumably games in those distant days lasted as long as some do to-day, since Mr. Jaques recommends the japanning of the hoops in white in order to render them more striking to the eye in contrast with the green turf-a matter of some importance, he adds, when the ending of a game is carried on in the dusk of the evening.

#### Room at the top?

Mrs. Kirk's generous "Antipodean Lament" in the April number has led us to ask who is the happy warrior, who is he, whom every "croqueteer" would wish to be? Let us translate Wordsworth's question into the terms of our game and see what materials we have to-day for answering it. We might suppose our warrior to have the brilliant enterprise of Solomon tempered by the subtle sagacity of Hicks; Cotter's pre-eminent skill in picking up breaks and the beautifully rhythmic hoop running which he shares with Joan Warwick; Wiggins's masterly pass rolls; Ormerod's power to hit in at all distances, and Curtis's certainty not to miss at medium ones—all this combined with Lloyd-Pratt's capacity to come from behind to save a losing game.

The rest of us, however, may thank heaven that no such person yet exists, though the Champion of New Zealand may seem to come pretty near it. For it is doubtful whether too complete a dominance of any game is altogether good for it. There have been periods, mostly short, when it must have seemed that such a dominance was being exerted-by Cyril Corbally in the early nineteen hundreds, by C. L. O'Callaghan for a few years from 1910, by Miss D. D. Steel in the early 'thirties, perhaps by Humphrey Hicks immediately after World War II. But at other times the prizes seem to go round; this writer has happened to notice that in 1928 (Coxe's Year), out of twenty-three Open Singles with sixteen or more entries, there were as many as twenty different winners. Superiority may do more to stimulate than to discourage even those who know themselves to be below the capacity to equal it.

#### Those of yore

In the Test matches that finished so successfully for us three months ago eight players represented this country. How many, we were recently asked, have played for England altogether in the whole series of matches that started in 1925? By researching through past issues of the magazine, it appears that the number is now a round thirty, most of whom have left their stamp on the game in one form or another. Two of our vice-presidents, William Longman and Maurice Reckitt, are among the company, the former having in fact played in the inaugural series in 1925. Maurice played both before and after World War II, appearing first in 1937 and then in 1956, and although not playing in the recent series will be remembered as perhaps the main motivating agent in getting it launched. The name of our late president, Sir Francis Colchester-Wemyss, appears in 1928 and 1935. A surprise to some will be Robert Tingey's name in 1937, since many associate him more with Australia than this country. He does indeed shuttle regularly between the two countries and his many friends will be glad to welcome him, and of course Claire, on our lawns again this season. Mention of the Tingeys' return serves as an opportunity to mention another visitor from Australia, Ian Baillieu, who did so much two years ago to reshape our Laws: without him indeed the project would probably have never got under way.

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## WHO IS AUNT EMMA?

Whoever she may be found to be she is certainly a very long-lived lady. She would appear to have taken up the game from its very earliest days, but despite her long experience she has never lived down her unhappy reputation. Although her origin and even her specific characteristics remain somewhat uncertain, there can be no doubt that she has never had such opportunities for her particular methods of play since 1920 as she had before that season began. This can be easily explained. It was in 1920 that the sequence game was finally and decisively abolished and "either ball" took its place, with the result that there was no longer a "dead ball". Now it was Aunt Emma's firmest conviction that it was only the opponent's dead ball of which use should ever be made, and our far from sainted Aunt would be heard instructing those unfortunate enough to be paired with her in a double, to "get rid of the live ball, partner" at the beginning of every turn. Seeing that this tactic, of which she herself always made use, is no longer possible, she has never been quite the same woman since.

Nevertheless, Aunt Emma was a resolute person and she did not give up. But she is not now so easy to identify, and by no means everyone who is said to be her is accurately so described. They may bear certain resemblances to her, but these can be very misleading. It is the purpose of this article to sort out the problem presented by what—more often than not perhaps—is a case of mistaken identity. Beauty is said to be in the eye of the beholder; Aunt Emma is no beauty, but her unattractive aspect ought not to be imputed to her by a purely subjective judgment; more especially if this is unbalanced by the fact that you are finding your opponent's tactics so successful that you are in some danger of losing the game.

For tactics at croquet can seldom be reduced to absolute categories; they are relative to circumstances and to situations, and still more to differing levels of skill. What would be timid and unenterprising in a player of President's Cup standing may be entirely correct even for a B class player, and absolutely necessary for one in a higher category. The accurate calculation of a risk is one of the most important elements in good thinking at croquet. "Nothing venture, nothing win", is a maxim which should be always present to the croquet player, but though this saying is true, "everything venture, nothing win" is often still more so. As a matter of fact, many players who pride themselves on their "forward game" take the chances they do, not out of courage and enterprise but out of ignorance and thoughtlessness; they simply can't think of anything else to do. Defensive tactics at the appropriate moment (and not merely as a habit) are not only a legitimate form of meeting a situation; they may be, and often are, the only sensible ones.

The conventional antithesis between forward and backward play is not only superficial (and absurd, for one can't go backwards at croquet!); it is fundamentally mistaken. The true antithesis is between constructive and dilatory tactics. Obviously the most constructive thing one can do with an innings is to make a break with it; if there is a reasonable chance of doing this—and "reasonable" is of course relative to ability

and to some extent to experience—you will be a fool if you neglect such an opportunity. But this is not the only way of being foolish. One of the commonest alternatives to constructive play is to attempt long roll-ups to hoops which are "more than rather likely" (as Kipling put it) to leave your balls out on the court with a free shot for your opponent. Nothing is less constructive or more dilatory for medium players than neglect to prepare positions from which they will have at least a good chance of starting a break in their next turn in favour of attempting to score every time they get in. Such a habit, if indulged in by both parties to a match, is in fact one of the main reasons why so many tournament games take so long. Much of what is applauded as "forward play" is in effect merely static.

No one could actually claim that in a serious game (as distinct of course from a knock up) a player is under a moral obligation to help his opponent to get in. Yet to listen to some complaints one hears from the side of the court it is clearly implied that he is. "He never gives me a free shot", one hears it said, as if this were a grave reproach to an opponent's play, when in fact it takes a fair measure of skill to prevent such a situation arising. One might reply by asking why all the "enterprise" should be on one side. If the adversary is not "sporting" enough to provide you with a good chance of getting in, you can always take a chance yourself and have a "sporting" shot at him, even though you may assist his break by doing so. Apart from the special case of the pegged-out game, you should be able to provide yourself with an open shot of some sort far more often than not.

I have noticed that some of those who are most eager to proclaim themselves to be forward players become a good deal less enthusiastic about this method of going about matters when they find themselves playing in a double with a partner who similarly prides himself on being one. "A bit risky, isn't it?" such a one will say. "But I'm a forward player", the other will reply, and sooner or later the confidence of each in the other will be shattered. There is much to be said in an Open Double, or in a Handicap Double where both partners have a fairly low handicap, for each player leaving the other to get on with it until some obviously problematical situation arises. But prospective partners should take some care to find out by what principles each professes to be guided before they form their alliance. It may be a very good thing if one of them is temperamentally more enterprising than the other and his partner more of a "planner", but they will only reap the benefit of their complementary abilities if each has a full respect for the judgment of the other.

There are certain methods of play which look unambitious but can in some circumstances be extremely effective. One is the two ball break which ends with a controlled situation, e.g. the two partner balls wired from each opponent, both of which are left some distance from a boundary. This is a strategy which it is none too easy for the out-player to combat and it can prove very psychologically harassing to him. An all-round break by one's adversary is one of those things to which one grows accustomed, but to find him making steady pro-

gress in so unorthodox a way is apt to be disturbing, and it is a perfectly legitimate method of offensive-defensive play when nothing else is very obviously "on". Actually it needs a good deal of skill and accuracy to bring off, and an accusation of "Aunt Emma-ing" advanced or hinted at by your opponent may be merely a betrayal of his envy of your ability to make a success of it.

I am certainly not seeking to suggest that Aunt Emma is no longer to be found; in fact she can be seen on the courts of nearly every tournament one visits. You will see her going off to separate enemy balls with no clear idea of what position she means to leave when she has done so; going into corners when there are perfectly free shots for her to take; giving up breaks which have been virtually handed to her because the consequences of breaking down are too alarming for her to face. Negative play of this sort is always to be condemned, though it arises, I believe, like its opposite, more often from ignorance and stupidity than from cowardice. Perhaps indeed cowardice is more often shown by those who are afraid to be thought "unsporting" and therefore attempt what they secretly feel to be practically impossibilities. Let them learn how to lay out a turn starting with a controlled rush near a boundary. Aunt Emma UNCLE EMBER never does that.

#### Sussex County Croquet Club

Through illness—to the regret of all members—Mrs. Turketine has had to resign from the office of Hon. Secretary. Mr. N. F. Blackwood has agreed to act as Hon. Secretary till the end of the season.

His address is Flat 2, 4 Third Avenue, Hove, Sussex. Tel.: 71763.

#### HURLINGHAM v. ROEHAMPTON

Played at Hurlingham on Saturday, 4th May

M. B. Reckitt and S. S. Townsend lost to J. A. Hollweg and A. V. Camroux by 6.

A. D. Karmel and General D. J. Wilson-Haffenden bt R. Tingey and Mrs. R. Tingey by 5.

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts and A. W. Skempton lost to Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. S. M. Adler by 4.

Result: Roehampton won by two games to one.

This old-established match is always keenly contested and the above results show this year to have been no exception. Roehampton had sent a strong team, buttressed for good measure by the Tingeys who are paying another welcome visit to England. On a bisque appraisement Roehampton started with something in hand so that Hurlingham can be reasonably satisfied at holding their opponents so closely. The Karmel-Haffenden Wilson partnership proved a successful combination and they played well to beat the Tingeys, the General coming through very well after a fitful start. Professor Skempton, the least experienced on paper in his game, or indeed in the match, put the rest to shame by getting his clip on the penultimate at a very early stage. The remaining three players pursued a somewhat desultory course, but the game reached an exciting climax with all four for the rover. Miss Lintern's experience then pulled Roehampton through by the narrow margin of four.

In the remaining match, Hollweg was delayed for an hour having been in some dubiety regarding the date of the match. Captain Stoker stood in for a quarter of an hour while the balls were put into play, allowing Camroux to engineer the proceedings until Hollweg appeared. There were no startling breaks in this game, the main feature being the habit of Camroux of being content to hit his roquets with the finest possible margin of touch, the Hurlingham pair regularly rising and falling in their seats in expectation of having the innings. Roehampton narrowly prevailed through Hollweg hitting in twice when Maurice Reckitt was laid prettily for a possible coup de grace.

#### HURLINGHAM v. OXFORD UNIVERSITY

9th May, 1963.

(Hurlingham players first)

SINGLES
Capt. H. G. Stoker bt P. J. M. Fidler by 21.
M. B. Reckitt lost to C. G. Miller by 8.
S. S. Townsend bt M. Robinson by 25.
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts v. N. Campbell (unfinished).
Mrs. M. L. Thom bt C. Townsend by 13.
Mrs. A. W. Skempton bt M. W. Smith by 17.

DOUBLES

M. B. Reckitt and S. S. Townsend bt P. J. M. Fidler and M. Robinson by 15.

Capt. H. G. Stoker and Mrs. M. L. Thom bt C. G. Miller and C. Townsend by 17.

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts and Mrs. A. W. Skempton lost to

N. Campbell and M. W. Smith by 6. Hurlingham won by six games to two, with one unfinished.

A powerful Hurlingham team was selected to provide suitable and beneficial practice to what was largely an inexperienced Oxford side. Apart from Peter Fidler and Christopher Miller none had any experience of tournament play, and to have won two games was a creditable performance. Capt. Stoker was in scintillating form against Peter Fidler and the latter received short shrift from one who when in his middle seventies notched the scalps of Cotter and Solomon. Maurice Reckitt found Chris Miller a tough proposition and the latter nearly had his game won at lunch-time after a perfect all-round break. When this game was resumed after the doubles had finished Maurice had to leave, so Captain Stoker stood in for the dying moments and scored two points before his opponent pegged out. The remaining singles call for no comment other than to say that the improving Mrs. Skempton played very fluently to win her game.

The top two doubles were won by Hurlingham with something in hand but the third was a dour struggle. Campbell and Smith know relatively little of tactics but they proceeded to garner a goodly number of points before the Brigadier and his partner got going. The game became more evenly balanced later but with a certain amount of advice tendered by Ian Baillieu (permission being graciously conceded by the Hurlingham pair), the young Oxford pair finally prevailed by six, Smith hitting across the lawn at a critical moment.

The Hurlingham Club are to be thanked for their hospitality and the Oxford team repaired to resume their studies after an enjoyable day.

#### **OBITUARY**

Colonel C. C. ADAMS, M.C.

This very popular player died on April 20th at the age of 72. He had been playing croquet at Roehampton on the previous Monday when he was the victim of a heart attack. He was taken to

Putney Hospital, but survived for only a few days.

Cecil Adams went with the B.E.F. to France at the opening of the first World War and took part in the retreat from Mons; later he was awarded the Military Cross. In the second World War he served in the War Office. It was during this time that he became interested in croquet and spent much of the time that could be spared from his official duties learning the game, not only at Roehampton, but through the winter months at Hurlingham. This he did to such good effect that when tournament play began again in 1946 he was given a handicap of one which was soon reduced to a half. In his second season he became a scratch player. Colonel Adams joined the C.A. Council in this year and five years later became its Chairman during a period of some difficulty, when his wise and serene leadership was of great value. He continued to serve on this body until about two years ago.

Adams played in the President's Cup in 1953 (he had previously won his Silver Medal in 1950), but in the later 'fifties his play fell off somewhat. In recent years, however, he had shown a remarkable recovery of form, as was evidenced not only by a series of good wins in the big Handicap at the Hurlingham tournament last August, as well as by successes in Club events at Roehampton, his home club where he did so much to forward the interests of the game. He was for many years a particularly valuable member of the Surrey team in the County Championship. When at his best he was a remarkably steady player, whom opponents found it more difficult to defeat than they may have expected, for his was not a showy game.

Few players can have been more greatly liked; he was the most generous of men and the friend of everyone who had the good fortune to know him. The deepest sympathy will be felt for Mrs. and Miss Adams, both so warmly regarded at the club which he loved and served so well.

M.B.R.

#### Mrs. I. R. de COVERLEY VEALE

After being in poor health for some months, Mrs. I. R. de Coverley Veale died in the middle of April.

She had been a member of the Southwick Club since about 1943 except for a few years when she lived at Clifton, where she and her husband, Dr. F. de Coverley Veale were valued and popular members of the croquet club there. After his death she came back to live in Hove.

We shall all miss her charm and friendliness and our sympathy goes out to Miss G. Forbes Cowan who has lost a much loved sister.

M.J.D.

#### L. W. BUCKLEY

Mr. Buckley died suddenly early in May. He was one of those Associates to whom, though they seldom appear in tournaments, the game owes very much indeed. His energies as Secretary of the Reigate Club were untiring and resulted in the creation of a keen nucleus of players from the surrounding district. He had much advice to offer to all those interested in securing publicity for croquet, as witness his article "Let the Trumpets Sound" which appeared in our December number last year, and we may hope was widely read and will be acted upon now a new season has begun. Our sympathies go out to all his friends at Reigate and particularly his wire, and our happy remembrances of him are allied with gratitude for his services.

#### Miss L. ELPHINSTONE-STONE

In the death of their much loved lady on May 23rd, our Association has lost its oldest member and the most notable veteran croquet has ever known. Had she lived another three months she would have been 98, and it is only in the last few seasons that she ceased to be a competitor in the open tournaments at Southwick, which she had made her home since the last war. She had won her silver medal in the very season in which the Association was brought into being, and continued to be in the first flight of lady players for at least half a dozen seasons after this, winning the Women's Gold Medal in 1902 and, of course, numerous other prizes. Perhaps only our veteran vice-president, Mr. Elvey, will remember her play in those days, and in the years before World War I she seldom competed in tournaments. But she came back into the game in the inter-war years, and if she no longer stood where she had done as a leading player, she was a keen competitor who took a lot of beating at her handicap.

Lydia, as the croquet world came to know her, had her little idiosyncrasies, but her unflagging enthusiasm was a delight to us all. When towards the end her sight began to fail she nevertheless retained her interest and was ever anxious to know all that was going forward on the courts she continued to visit. Her zest was a refreshment to all who met her.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Retiring on the Peg

Dear Sir,

I read the note "Retiring on the Peg" with considerable interest. Obliged to leave the following day for the next tournament and finding myself in a winning position, I decided to adopt this course during a tournament in New Zealand. This puzzled my manager very much and she took advice about it and then all agreed that it was an excellent gesture on my part. I received a grateful letter from my opponent who had gone on to win two more rounds.

Yours faithfully,
D. LOCKS LATHAM

Dear Sir,

May I through the Gazette express my opinions re the all bisque game. I do not like it, and feel that the long handicap players are having to play a new game, and not croquet at all.

The joy of playing against a LIVE OPPONENT, is lost, and one has the feeling of being in a "MAZE OF BISQUES".

Yours faithfully,

#### D. LOCKS LATHAM.

#### A History of Croquet

Dear Sir,

A year ago you were good enough to publish a letter from me telling of my having embarked on "A History of Croquet", the first part of which, in two files, carrying the story down to 1914, was then deposited in the C.A. office. I write again to say that a third file, dealing with the years from 1914 to 1928, has now been placed there. These files are available for consultation on application to the Secretary by any associate who may be interested, but they cannot be sent through the post. The amount of study needed for the completion of the work is still very considerable and it is unlikely that it can be brought down to date before 1965.

Yours faithfully,

MAURICE B. RECKITT

#### HUNSTANTON

#### April 19th-22nd

Miss Steel must have enjoyed running this small tournament as much as any of the big ones she has managed so successfully in the past. It seemed to have a difference.

Eight young university players (alas no girls), some glorious sunshine and an atmosphere of gaiety and lightheartedness. Everyone seemed to be going for breaks and often getting them. Some beautiful all rounders (with bisques) from medium and high bisquers. The writer took croquet once in one game and never in the next. A big task awaits the handicapping committee.

Mrs. Heley must have felt very gratified by some of her pupils.

Owing to Miss Steel's excellent arrangements, each player got two games each day without fail.

Those who want some early practice next year should not fail to visit this thoroughly enjoyable tournament. They can be assured that Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Rolfe (who is playing very well), will not only welcome them but assure them of every comfort.

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Block Winner: J. Laurenson.

NAMES	Handicap	D. W. Miller	Dr. H. M. Browning	G. Williams	Mrs. A. N. Rolfe	A. A. Reed	M. Murray
D. W. Miller	4	-	26	26	11	26	0
Dr. H. M. Browning	12	11	- 50	15	26	9	9
G. Williams	1 2	0	26	-	6	26	0
Mrs. A. N. Rolfe	7	26	14	26	-	26	10
A. A. Reed	0	22	26	24	4	_	7
M. Murray	9	26	26	26	26	26	_

Block Winner: M. Murray.

#### Play off

J. Laurenson bt M. Murray by 16.

#### CHELTENHAM

Cheltenham Croquet Club v. Oxford University C.C. Saturday, May 4th, 1963.

Cheltenham names first.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt. P. J. M. Fidler by 8.
G. E. P. Jackson bt. C. G. Miller by 23.
T. G. S. Colls (1½) lost to N. Campbell by 3. Miss K. W. O. Sessions  $(3\frac{1}{2})$  bt. C. Townsend by 18. E. A. L. Sulley  $(3\frac{1}{2})$  bt. F. G. Birtwistle by 12. W. Green (11) bt. M. G. Smith (11) by 11

DOUBLES

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and G. E. P. Jackson (—1½) bt. P. J. M. Fidler and F. G. Birtwistle (15½) by 7.
Thorp and Mrs. Daniels (3) bt. C. G. Miller and C. Townsend (15½) by 14.
T. G. S. Colls and E. A. L. Sulley (5) lost to N. Campbell and M. G. Smith (22) by 3.

In the singles the two top games were played on "open" terms, and produced some good breaks. Fidler peeled his partner ball through the first hoop during an all-round break, and, in the process, lost complete control. Running 3-back from a distance, he went almost to the next hoop, and let Prichard "off the hook" (this was Prichard's first game of the season). Later, Prichard, running the same hoop, stuck and discovered that his black ball was slightly wider than the hoop; the other balls had a slight clearance. As so often happens, Prichard came from behind to win the

Jackson was in good form, and Miller could not find his form on approaches. Miller shot well but Jackson needed only a few

opportunities to get home. Campbell had the honour of being the only Oxford player to win a singles game, which he did by three points. In the doubles he helped to register the only Oxford win by a similar margin, in spite of one of his opponents running 1-back and 2-back in the same stroke!

The lower half of the Oxford side contained two reserves, deputising for victims of "Schools", and they found their opponents too experienced for them. However, all the handicap games offered opportunities for a little impromptu coaching, and they seemed to

be enjoyed by the players.

In the doubles each Cheltenham pair had a ball round to penultimate in the first twenty minutes; two of them by all-round breaks, and the third after an early "hiccough". After that the games slowed up, but all were finished in under three hours. The third Oxford pair were given an increased combined handicap of twenty-two at the request of their captain. They took advantage of this generosity, and won by three, Campbell hitting the stick from fifteen yards, with his opponents lying close to the Rover with

In the evening a bitingly cold wind died down, and play went on till 7.30. By that time many players had had four games and felt the forty mile journey from Oxford had been worth while.

Mrs. Daniels was responsible for lunch, helped by Miss Allen, and, as usual, Mrs. Armstrong and ladies provided tea. Both were much appreciated. Jackson, as barman, catered for those who required "central heating" on a rather cold day.

## Questions and Answers

Question: In time limit games do all games end by the competitor in play completing his turn and the opposing side playing one subsequent turn?

Answer: Yes, it has now been decided that this applies to all time limit games whether advertised or not. See Regulation 8 (c)(ii), which was added to the Laws after the new book was published and was printed in Croquet, April, 1962. No bisques may be taken in these last two turns after time has been called.

Question: Is there a time limit game in which there is an extra half hour allowed after time has been called?

Answer: Yes, see Regulation 8 (c). This applies to a game when no time limit for an event has been fixed in advance and the manager has power to impose a time limit of one hour on any game after it has been played for two hours. See Regulation 8 (b). If, when play has ended under this particular time limit, neither side has more than four points to make, this extra half hour is allowed and bisques may be taken, as the normal game has been resumed, for this half hour. The usual time limit is then called, with the player completing his turn and the adversary (or adversaries) playing one subsequent turn. Please note that no bisques may be taken in these last two turns after time has been called for the second time.

### Short History of Wrest Park Croquet Club

Wrest Park Croquet Club is formed entirely from members of the National Institute of Agricultural Engineering (N.I.A.E. for short), a government research station which occupies the mansion and grounds, of Wrest Park, Silsoe, Bedford. The club was formed in 1960 as a direct result of a member of the staff of the N.I.A.E. wanting to sell a croquet set! He offered this at the Institute and a group of members formed a club, bought the set, got permission from the Administration of the N.I.A.E. to use one of the ornamental lawns in the Park and play commenced.

Membership expanded and in 1961 we discovered that Miss D. D. Steel lived in nearby Bedford. We contacted her and she came along to Wrest Park and gave a lot of advice and help. She offered us some mallets, hoops and balls very cheaply, these we accepted, purchased some other equipment and then had two lawns and approximately eighteen members. We are still in contact with Miss Steel and would like to put on record our appreciation of her

service to our club.

During the winter of 1961-62 the ingenuity of a research establishment was shown and we could probably claim to be the only club that has made championship hoops from the raw material! Consequently at the opening of the 1962 season we had three lawns. These were used heavily at lunch times and quite often in the evenings and week-ends. During 1962 we played five matches at club level against Cambridge University, Colchester and the N.I.R.D. club at Reading, we lost all matches but won some of the individual games and closely contested several others. The standard of play rose appreciably during 1962 and we have a similar fixture list this year and hope to do better. Once again we expanded during the winter and now have four lawns, and we are all grateful to the Administration of the N.I.A.E. for permission to use the ornamental lawns for croquet.

At the moment due to our lack of experience we have not been able to work out our handicaps, but hope to do so this year possibly with the help of Miss Steel. We feel that in three years of existence that we have progressed fairly well and this year look like having twenty members in spite of some of the original members having left the N.I.A.E. for other appointments.

A. C. W. DAVIES, Hon. Sec. W.P.C.C.

# Notes from the Clubs

#### Hurlingham

Our season opened with Golf Croquet Saturday on April 27th with an entry of 15. The final in the singles was contested between Mrs. Sundius Smith and Alex Karmel, the former prevailing.

The result of our match against Rochampton on May 4th is printed elsewhere in this issue. We missed the presence of Colonel Adams who for many years participated regularly in this encounter, and we sympathise with Roehampton in the loss of one who did so much for the game at that centre. We were pleased to entertain the Oxford team again this year and hope their match against us will have been useful practice for their June encounter against Cambridge.

It is with regret that Mr. Brackenbury is unable to be the Manager of the summer official tournament, and the club send their best wishes for his return to better health.

Major Dibley has very kindly undertaken to be the manager, and is an old friend to all at Southwick.

#### Roehampton

Great credit is due to the management that the croquet lawns were opened (despite the very bad weather earlier in the year) on Saturday, April 6th, as promised.

As Associates will read in another column the croquet section has suffered a very severe loss. Col. Adams had a very bad heart attack on Easter Monday whilst playing a game and was taken to Putney Hospital. Members were feeling more cheerful by Wednesday, as Miss Adams told us that her father was improving, but alas on Saturday he had another attack, and died early that day. Col. Adams had been a member of the Croquet Committee for many years and will be greatly missed by everyone at the club, as well as at the London tournaments of the Association.

The Golf Croquet Day took place on April 27th, and was much enjoyed. The weather was wonderful for the time of the year, warm sunshine all day. Miss Bartlett is to be congratulated on winning the singles as are R. O. Havery and Mrs. Staub who

The club played a doubles match with Hurlingham on May 4th, three couples; Roehampton won two matches out of three.

The Trevelyan Bowl and Tankard were played for during the week, May 6th to 12th, Miss Lintern was the winner, beating Major Tingey in the final.

News has just reached us of the illness of Mrs. Haigh-Smith; all Associates will wish to send her their good wishes for a speedy recovery.

#### Compton

This year's A.G.M. took place on 21st March. All were sorry that Mrs. Irwin insisted on giving up the presidency. It is certainly true to say that but for her there would be no Compton Tournament, and probably no Compton Club. Mrs. Chittenden was elected to the vacant office unanimously and with acclamation.

The Treasurer reported that there had been a loss of £5 odd on the year, but was able to add that Dr. Bobbie Wiggins had paid off this deficit, as some token of his gratitude for the very happy tour from which he had just returned. This gesture is typical of Bobbie's generous and helpful attitude to Compton.

Our American Tournament was completed without a drop of rain and—as far as the organiser knows—without a grumble. The block winners were Miss Rose, N. V. Snell, D. Jesson-Dibley and Mrs. Perry. In one semi-final Miss Rose defeated N. V. Snell and in the other D. Jesson-Dibley played really superbly to beat Mrs. Perry. Miss Rose won the final, a very fine performance, though it must be admitted David's play did not reach the heights it had attained in the previous rounds

There seems to be little demand for a similar tournament for doubles, but there have been numerous requests for more singles tournaments on the same lines and it is intended to hold at least two of these.

By this time last year entries for our June tournament had to be refused. For some reason-possibly the weather-entries this year have not come in so quickly and there are still vacancies. There will be no tournament matches played on Sunday, June 16th, and on that day the lawns will be available after 1.30 p.m. for those wishing to practise. Mrs. Perry invites all competitors to tea at the club at about 4 p.m. and the Secretary invites them to a drink or two about 6 p.m.

Today, May 15th, Mrs. Chittenden gave a tea party at the club for all members, which was greatly enjoyed by both the bridge players and croquet players. The weather was chilly at first and there was the odd drop of rain during tea time, but the evening was very pleasant.

#### HANDICAPS CONFIRMED OR ALTERED BY THE HANDICAP CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

SOUTHWICK

Mrs. E. M. Temple 61 to 51.

#### HUNSTANTON

J. T. Laurenson 9 to 61. M. Murray 8 to 61.

/ C. G. Miller 61 to 5. Miss M. E. Day 12 to 11.

Mrs. Heley (by request) 3 to 4½.

#### BUDLEIGH (UNOFFICIAL)

Miss V. E. Mills 1½ to 1.

R. A. Godby 3 to 2. Mrs. R. A. Simpson 8 to 7.

Rev. F. J. Denbow 7 to 6.

/ Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty 5 to 4.

Mrs. G. E. Cave 15 to 13. Miss M. V. Page \*10 to 10.

#### NEW ZEALAND

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Miss D. Locks Latham 8½ to 7½. W. Longman (by request) 1 to 2.

#### PEELS MEMORIALS

Mrs. Neville Rolfe 7 to 5. Mrs. W. J. Speer 51 to 5.

I. C. Baillieu 3 to 2. Capt. H. G. Stoker -1 to -1.

#### BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

#### (Unofficial)

What a delightful beginning to the season it is to come to the Budleigh Salterton tournament! To see the ten green courts, that first sunny morning, ready for play, with the blue sky above and the blue sea beyond with Berry Head in the distance, gave a life to the heart. No matter if the wind was to blow cold and clouds and showers to pay their visits, winter was over and summer

In spite of unprecedented snow and frost and consequently a very late start, West and Hunt had somehow managed to get the courts into good shape and deserve many congratulations.

The competitors were divided into six blocks, American system, and each morning drew for courts. In blocks D, E and F each player took his full number of bisques, adjusted for the shortened game, no bisque being allowed, however, to gain the innings except those representing the difference between the two handicaps.

According to the comments of those who took part in this experiment, while break-building is helped, the absence of "gettingin" bisques tends to make games one-sided.

The blocks were closely contested. In Block A as many as four of the seven players tied with four games each and Miss V. Mills became the winner on the highest aggregate. In Block C the last game to be played provided prolonged excitement. Both Lt.-Col. Laverty and Mrs. Michelmore had won all their games and when Laverty had only the peg to hit and Mrs. Michelmore was for the second and third hoop, all seemed over. But Laverty shot and shot without success and Mrs. Michelmore crept on and on until both her balls were for the penultimate and well laid for further advance. Then, at last, after trying for an hour-and-a-half, Laverty hit the peg.

In the play-off of the block winners Mr. R. A. Godby just beat Miss V. Mills (hitting, in another pegged-out game, with what would almost certainly have been his last chance) and went on to beat Laverty in the final.

The prizes were given away by the Chairman of the Club, Brigadier Peters. Miss Joan Warwick was congratulated on the great success of the Tests in New Zealand and Mrs. Rotherham expressed on behalf of all the gratitude everybody felt for the able and gracious management of Miss A. Mills, and the effective way in which Mrs. L. G. Walters took over as tournament secretary at the last moment.

#### HANDICAP SINGLES

(35 Entries).

BLOCK "A"

NAMES	Handicaps	Mrs. E. Rotherham	Miss E. J. Warwick	A. J. Cooper	J. G. Warwick	R. O. Hicks	Miss V. E. Mills	LtCol. G. E. Cave
Mrs. E. Rotherham	-3	-	26	1	0	1	8	5
Miss E. J. Warwick	-2	14	-	26	23	26	16	26
A. J. Cooper	$-1\frac{1}{2}$	26	7	-	18	26	22	16
J. G. Warwick	$-1\frac{1}{2}$	26	26	26	_	3	26	21
R. O. Hicks	0	26	23	16	26	_	1	26
Miss V. E. Mills	11/2	26	26	26	14	26	-	22
LtCol. G. E. Cave	-1	26	8	26	26	1	26	-
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Block winner: Miss V. E. Mills

#### BLOCK "B"

NAMES	Handicaps	Miss E. H. Fisher	Dr. H. J. Penny	Capt. M. F. Buller	R. A. Godby	Dr. R. B. N. Smartt	Miss K. Ault
Miss E. H. Fisher	2	-	12	7	4	26	13
Dr. H. J. Penny	2	26	-	13	12	24	16
Capt. M. F. Buller	2½	26	26	-	26	26	3
R. A. Godby	3	26	26	18		26	26
Dr. R. B. N. Smartt	3	24	26	16	5	-	26
Miss K. Ault	4	26	26	26	16	18	
		0	-	-	-	-	

Block winner: R. A. Godby

#### BLOCK "C"

NAMES	Handicaps	Miss K. D. Hickson	Mrs. R. G.Michelmore	Mrs. G. W. Style	Miss J. Cooper	G. R. Mills	LtCol. T. F. Laverty
Miss K. D. Hickson	4	_	5	10	19	3	3
Mrs. R. G. Michelmore	4	26	_	26	26	26	20
Mrs. G. W. Style	4	26	16	-	23	17	13
Miss J. Cooper	5	26	23	26		26	14
G. R. Mills	5	26	12	26	12	-	17
LtCol. T. F. Laverty	5	26	26	26	26	26	_

Block winner: Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty.

#### BLOCK "D"

Commencing 3rd hoop, twenty-two point game.

NAMES	Adjusted Handicaps	Rev, F. J. Denbow	Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse	Mrs. D. M. Owen	N. V. Snell	Miss D. L. Latham	R. A. Simpson
Rev. F. J. Denbow	51/2	4	22	22	22	22	22
Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse	51	17	-	22	22	22	9
Mrs. D. M. Owen	51/2	12	14	_	22	21	13
N. V. Snell	51/2	16	19	21	_	22	8
Miss D. L. Latham	6	6	19	22	16	_	21
R. A. Simpson	61/2	9	22	22	22	22	_

Block winner: Rev. F. J. Denbow.

#### BLOCK "E"

Commencing 5th Hoop, eighteen point game.

NAMES	Adjusted Handicaps	A/V/M F. H. M. Maynard	G. Scott-Page	Mrs. T. F. Laverty	D. Temple Page	Mrs. R. A. Simpson	Miss M. Bryan
A/V/M F. H. M. Maynard	51/2	-	18	18	18	6	18
G. Scott-Page	51/2	7	-	10	18	10	18
Mrs. T. F. Laverty	6	16	18	-	18	8	18
D. Temple Page	6	15	10	7	_	12	18
Mrs. R. A. Simpson	51/2	18	18	18	18	_	18
Miss M. Bryan	61/2	10	6	15	3	8	_
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Block winner: Mrs. R. A. Simpson

#### BLOCK "F"

Commencing 5th Hoop. Eighteen point game. (Two Games played)

NAMES	Adjusted Handicaps	Miss M. V. Page	Mrs. S. S. Cruden	Mrs. I. M. Purves	Mrs. G. E. Cave
Miss M. V. Page	61/2		7 10	8 7	10 9
Mrs. S. Cruden	8	18 18	Ξ	18 7	7 18
Mrs. I. M. Purves	8	7 18	7 18	=	18 5
Mrs. G. E. Cave	10	18 18	18 7	18 18	_

Block winner: Mrs. G. E. Cave.

#### PLAY-OFF.

FIRST ROUND.

(Full Games played)

R. A. Godby (3) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow (7) by 13, Mrs. R. A. Simpson (8) bt Mrs. G. E. Cave (15) by 4.

#### SEMI-FINAL.

R. A. Godby (3) bt Miss V. E. Mills  $(1\frac{1}{2})$  by 3. Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty (5) bt Mrs. R. A. Simpson (8) by 11.

#### FINAL.

R. A. Godby (3) bt Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty (5) by 18.

#### HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Combined Handicap not less than 6 bisques). (16 Pairs).

#### FIRST ROUND.

Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. R. A. Simpson (91) bt Miss K. Ault and Miss D. L. Latham  $(11\frac{1}{2})$  by 14.

R. A. Godby and Miss M. V. Page (13) bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Mrs. G. E. Cave (12) by 2 on time.

J. G. Warwick and Mrs. T. F. Laverty (71/2) bt Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (6) by 16.

R. O. Hicks and R. A. Simpson (8) bt Capt. M. F. Buller and Mrs. G. W. Style (61) by 9.

Rev. F. J. Denbow and Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (14) bt Mrs. D. M.

Owen and Miss M. Bryan (17) by 13.

Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty and Mrs. W. Nash (17) bt A. J. Cooper and Mrs. R. C. Hawkins (7½) by 6.

N. V. Snell and G. Scott-Page (15) bt Miss E. J. Warwick and

D. Temple-Page (7) by 5. Miss V. E. Mills and G. R. Mills (6½) bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt and

Miss J. Cooper (8) by 5.

R. A. Godby and Miss M. V. Page (13) bt Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. R. A. Simpson  $(9\frac{1}{2})$  by 8 on time. J. G. Warwick and Mrs. T. F. Laverty  $(7\frac{1}{2})$  bt R. O. Hicks and

R. A. Simpson (8) by 2

Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty and Mrs. W. Nash (17) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow and Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (14) by 1.

Miss V. E. Mills and G. R. Mills (61) bt N. V. Snell and G. Scott-Page (15).

#### SEMI-FINAL.

J. G. Warwick and Mrs. T. F. Laverty (7½) bt R. A. Godby and Miss M. V. Page (13) by 8 on time Miss V. E. Mills and G. R. Mills (61) bt Lt.-Col. T. F. Laverty and Mrs. W. Nash (17) by 6 on time

Miss V. E. Mills and G. R. Mills  $(6\frac{1}{2})$  bt J. G. Warwick and Mrs. T. F. Laverty (7½) by 19.

#### EXTRA EVENT HANDICAP SINGLES

(19 Entries).

#### FIRST ROUND.

Miss E. J. Warwick (-2) bt Miss K. Ault (4) by 2. R. A. Simpson (8) w.o. G. Scott-Page (8) opponent scratched. Mrs. D. M. Owen (7) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) by 18.

#### SECOND ROUND.

Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (3) bt D. Temple-Page (9) by 8. M. S. N. Shart (3) of D. Felhiper age (9) by 8.

R. O. Hicks (0) bt N. V. Snell (7) by 4.

Miss M. Bryan (10) bt Miss D. L. Latham (7½) by 12.

Miss E. J. Warwick (—2) bt R. A. Simpson (8) by 8.

Mrs. D. M. Owen (7) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (4) by 6. Miss J. Cooper (5) bt Mrs. G. W. Style (4) by A. J. Cooper (—14) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (2) by 15. Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (7) bt Mrs. R. C. Hawkins (10) by 9.

#### . THIRD ROUND.

R. O. Hicks (0) bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (3) by 9. Miss M. Bryan (10) bt Miss E. J. Warwick (—2) by 7. Mrs. D. M. Owen (7) bt Miss J. Cooper (5) by 15. A. J. Cooper (—1½) bt Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse (7) by 14.

R. O. Hicks (0) bt Miss M. Bryan (10) by 15 A. J. Cooper (-11) bt Mrs. D. M. Owen (7) by 10.

A. J. Cooper  $(-1\frac{1}{2})$  bt R. O. Hicks (0) by 11.

#### THE PEEL MEMORIALS

#### May 13th-18th

It would no doubt be naive to suppose that if croquet players were in general more familiar with and interested in the history of their Association they would show themselves more resolved to share in the annual Memorials of the man who was pre-eminently its founder. As it is now more than ninety years since Walter Peel won the last of his three championships, it would be natural enough that no one should now remember anything about him, even the fact that when they put a partner or an enemy ball through a hoop they are reproducing a practice which he first made famous. But it was not as a player but as an organiser that a grateful Association decided to "memorialise" the man who can almost be said to have died, like General Wolfe at Quebec, in the very hour of victory. The C.A. which he pioneered had scarcely been formally established when he was taken from the scene. With a piety which cannot be too highly commended his colleagues at once decided to institute the two handicap cups which were first played for in 1898, and have been so ever since.

For many seasons the Peels provided the first great high spot of the croquet season. Players flocked to Roehampton from all over the country to be in at the birth of a new year on the courts; there were sometimes as many as a hundred competitors in each event. It is fruitless to lament what is past, but it is perhaps worth asking whether a tournament which now fails to attract at the beginning of the season might not prove more successful at the end of it. There is indeed some precedent for thinking so. In 1926, to everyone's dismay, it was found that the outbreak of the General Strike (so called) would make it impossible to hold the Peels at its usual date. With considerable apprehension the Council decided to move it to the end of the calendar, after Devonshire Park. The result was a record entry for this period-and that at a time when summer-time was not so mercifully extended as it is now. Since competitors now show themselves more and more to be reluctant starters, the experiment might profitably be repeated. It is possible, of course, that the prospect of a mid-week railway strike may have discouraged entries from the provinces this year even more than other factors have done in previous post-war seasons, and in fact only a few were received. But the whole problem seems to be now calling for fresh consideration by the Council. Our founder deserves a higher compliment than we at present pay him.

If the word "October" carries a chilly suggestion with it, it should be remembered that the Peels commonly coincides with that annual feature of our calendar, Buchan's Second Cold Spell. The opening days this year were cold, wet and windy; spring at its best arrived on Thursday, stayed for another day, and departed as suddenly as it had come.

There was a very interesting game between Mr. Tingey happily with us again, and the Sussex player, Mr. Austin. The latter had established a long lead but missed a roquet when both his balls were for the peg. This let in Tingey who made an all round break from the first hoop, peeled his partner ball through the penultimate and should have done so at the following hoop. However, he successfully jumped it, leaving it in the hoop and separated his opponent's balls, leaving his partner to run the rover, with his other ball just off the boundary, Austin missed, and Tingey ran his hoop accurately, and then only too accurately rushed his ball on to the peg. His opponent, his balls being together, was then able to win the game. It is interesting to note that had this incident occurred thirty-five years ago Tingey would have won, but in 1929 the law was changed to that which we have had ever since. There was much controversy about this at the time, and our law can certainly produce hard cases. But such cases proverbially make bad law, and the four years during which the other law had been in operation was held to have produced too much careless play at the end of the game to be maintained.

The man of the week proved to be another English player returned from Australia, Mr. Baillieu. The longer the tournament continued the better Ian played, and he finished with some beautiful break play which gave him a handsome victory over Capt. Stoker. The latter always plays well in this tournament, where he has been twice a winner, but he would not have reached the final stage this year had not Mr. Hamilton-Miller retired to him on the peg, as he was unable to be present on the Saturday.

It is no surprise to find Miss Lintern in at the death in the Peels, and so she was again. As matters fell out she played what was in effect a best of three match with Mrs. Neville Rolfe from Norfolk, winning the intermediate game. But Mrs. Rolfe is one of the best lady players at seven seen in London for a long time and was widely predicted as a winner from an early stage of the week. She has an admirable style and a good head, advantages not always seen in conjunction, and even shorn of her present stock of bisques should have many good wins before her.

The Murray Cups (which are among the most charming of C.A. trophies) were won by Mr. Baillieu and Mrs. Solomon after a close struggle with the Parsons Green alliance of Mrs. Showan and Mrs. Speer, which is always formidable, as regular pairs are apt to be. Mrs. Speer's shooting is a great asset to the combination. Mrs. Solomon was playing well during the week and at the time of writing seemed to be heading for a win in the Extra.

To manage a tournament at one's own club is a self-sacrificial act, and one might have said that the players should have been grateful to Mr. Gilbert for appearing in this role had not it been so clearly apparent that they emphatically were. Efficiency went hand in hand with serenity, and it is obvious that here is a manager who could take on a much tougher job than this and bring it to a triumphant conclusion. Perhaps next season he will be given the opportunity to prove it.

#### MEN'S HANDICAP SINGLES. A SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL. (13 Entries)

THE DRAW

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (—1½) bt I. C. Baillieu (3) by 10. Dr. T. E. Ryves (4) bt G. Williams (½) by 9. W. H. Austin (3) bt Maj. J. H. Dibley (2½) by 5. Capt. H. G. Stoker (—½) bt M. B. Reckitt (—½) by 16. M. F. Buller (2½) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (2) by 4.

SECOND ROUND D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller  $(-1\frac{1}{2})$  w.o. G. V. Evans. Dr. T. E. Ryves (4) bt W. H. Austin (3) by 21. Capt. H. G. Stoker  $(-\frac{1}{2})$  bt M. F. Buller  $(2\frac{1}{2})$  by 3. Maj. R. Tingey  $(-1\frac{1}{2})$  bt Brig. J. S. Omond  $(6\frac{1}{2})$  by 14.

SEMI-FINAL D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller ( $-1\frac{1}{2}$ ) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves (4) by 13. Capt. H. G. Stoker ( $-\frac{1}{2}$ ) bt Maj. R. Tingey ( $-\frac{1}{2}$ ) by 8.

Capt. H. G. Stoker (-\frac{1}{2}) bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-1\frac{1}{2}) opponent retired on stick.

PROCESS (13 Entries) FIRST ROUND

Maj. J. H. Dibley  $(2\frac{1}{2})$  bt Brig. J. S. Omond  $(6\frac{1}{2})$  by 9. I. C. Baillieu (3) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (2) by 6. Capt. H. G. Stoker  $(-\frac{1}{2})$  bt G. Victor Evans  $(4\frac{1}{2})$  by 21. Maj. R. Tingey  $(-1\frac{1}{2})$  bt M. B. Reckitt  $(-\frac{1}{2})$  by 20. M. F. Buller  $(2\frac{1}{2})$  bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller  $(-1\frac{1}{2})$  by 12.

SECOND ROUND

I. C. Baillieu (3) bt Maj. J. H. Dibley  $(2\frac{1}{2})$  by 14. Capt. H. G. Stoker  $(-\frac{1}{2})$  bt G. Williams  $(\frac{1}{2})$  by 8. Maj. R. Tingey  $(-1\frac{1}{2})$  bt Dr. T. E. Ryves (4) by 12. W. H. Austin (3) bt M. F. Buller  $(2\frac{1}{2})$  by 13.

SEMI-FINAL I. C. Baillieu (3) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker (-\frac{1}{2}) by 9. W. H. Austin (3) bt Maj. R. Tingey (-1\frac{1}{2}) by 1.

FINAL I. C. Baillieu (3) bt W. H. Austin (3) by 13.

> LADIES' HANDICAP SINGLES. A SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL. ("Two Life" System).

THE DRAW. (13 Entries).

Mrs. L. A. Showan (4) bt Mrs. V. E. Wheeler (16) by 17. Mrs. Neville Rolfe (7) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) by 15. Mrs. J. W. Speer (5½) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (6½) by 4. Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2½) bt Mrs. S. M. Adler (2) by 9. Miss D. A. Lintern (—1) bt Mrs. H. F. N. Davidson (5½) by 8.

SECOND ROUND Mrs. L. A. Showan (4) w.o. Mrs. R. Tingey (2), Mrs. Neville-Rolfe (7) bt Mrs. J. W. Speer (5½) by 15. Miss D. A. Lintern (—1) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2½) by 17. Miss I. M. Roe  $(1\frac{1}{2})$  bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (9) by 3.

SEMI-FINAL Mrs. Neville Rolfe (7) bt Mrs. L. A. Showan (4). Miss D. A. Lintern (—1) bt Miss I. M. Roe (1½) by 7.

Mrs. Neville Rolfe (7) bt Miss D. A. Lintern (—1) by 11.

**PROCESS** (13 Entries) FIRST ROUND

Mrs. M. H. Carrington (61) w.o. Mrs. J. S. Omond (9). Miss D. A. Lintern (—1) bt Mrs. V. E. Wheeler (16) by 10. Mrs. R. Tingey (2) bt Mrs. S. M. Adler (2) by 19. Miss I. M. Roe (1½) w.o. Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2½). Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (5½) bt Mrs. L. A. Showan (4) by 11. SECOND ROUND

Miss D. A. Lintern (—1) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (6½) by 8. Mrs. Neville Rolfe (7) bt Mrs. R. Tingey (2) by 11. Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) bt Miss I. M. Roe (1½) by 3. Mrs. J. W. Speer (5½) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (5½) by 9.

SEMI-FINAL Mrs. Neville Rolfe (7) bt Miss D. A. Lintern (—1) by 11. Mrs. J. W. Speer (5½) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) by 3.

Mrs. Neville Rolfe (7) bt Mrs. J. W. Speer (51).

Mrs. Neville Rolfe (7) bt Miss D. A. Lintern (-1) by 22.

#### HANDICAP DOUBLES

LADY MURRAY SILVER CHALLENGE CUP. (Combined Handicaps two or over). (10 Pairs).

#### FIRST ROUND

- I. C. Baillieu and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (5) bt Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. J. S. Omond (8) by 2.
- M. B. Reckitt and Dr. T. E. Ryves (31) bt W. H. Austin and Mrs. R.

#### SECOND ROUND

- Capt. H. G. Stoker and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (5) bt Capt. M. Buller and Miss I. M. Roe (4) by 17.
- I. C. Baillieu and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (5) bt Maj. J. H. Dibley and Mrs. M. H. Carrington (9) by 5.
- Mrs. L. A. Showan and Mrs. J. W. Speer (9) bt M. B. Reckitt and Dr. T. E. Ryves (3½) by 15.
- Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Mrs. Neville Rolfe (9) bt Maj. R. Tingey and Mrs. V. E. Wheeler (9) by 2 on time.

#### SEMI-FINAL

- I. C. Baillieu and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (5) bt Capt. H. G. Stoker and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (5) by 17.
- Mrs. I. A. Showan and Mrs. J. W. Speer (9) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Mrs. Neville Rolfe (9) by 12.

#### FINAL

I. C. Baillieu and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (5) bt Mrs. L. A. Showan and Mrs. J. W. Speer (9) by 6.

#### EXTRA EVENT

Mrs. G. W. Solomon and W. H. Austin divided.

#### BRIGHTON

#### May 20th to May 25th

"Rain stopped play" can never apply to croquet. For the first few days of the so-called "summer" tournament at Brighton, players had to cope with the most dreadful conditions—continuous rain and cold winds making playing really unpleasant. Still, competitors battled on and some did very well, notably Mrs. Temple, Mrs. Kay, Miss Rose, Col. Stobart and Mr. Sanderson, while Mrs. Chittenden, by beating Kirk-Greene easily in the final of the Draw, fully deserved to be reduced to a half. The entry was not quite as large as usual and our imperturable manager (Major Dibley) had no difficulty in bringing the tournament to an end by late Saturday afternoon. Friday and Saturday were lovely days and players had to deal with lawns which were very different from those in the earlier part of the week. The catering was in the experienced hands of Mrs. Chittenden and her helpers and was, as usual, first class; Mrs. Truett was in her accustomed place behind the bar and Adams had done his best to bring the lawns into as good a state as possible considering the difficulties of the past winter months. The fruit machine was very popular and the new hot water arrangements and Towelmasters in the dressing rooms were much appreciated by everyone. During the week the club suffered a sad loss by the death of Miss Elphinstone-Stone, our oldest member, in her 98th year, and the flag was flown at half mast as a tribute to her. She was loved by all and will be greatly missed. The President (Mr. F. Corke) made a short speech at the end of the tournament, and the prizes were presented by Mrs. E. A. Roper, the wife of the Chairman of the club. One peculiar incident is worth recording. In one turn Miss Taylor quite unintentionally not only put her partner ball into her own hoop by a croquet shot from a considerable distance away but in her next croquet shot from nearly the same distance she peeled her opponent's ball through her hoop as well! Which happened to be the rover!

#### BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

#### A CROQUET TOURNAMENT

will be held in

#### THE CLUB GROUNDS

on MONDAY, 8th JULY, 1963, and following days (under the Rules and Regulations of the Croquet Association)

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.

Manager and Handicapper.—Major J. H. Dibley, M.C. Referee of the Tournament.—J. G. Warwick.

(Assistant referees and umpires may be appointed under Reg. 14). Tournament Secretary.—Mrs. M. H. Vincent, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton. (Tel. 548).

#### EVENTS

1.—OPEN SINGLES. Draw and Process. The winner to hold the Colman Challenge Cup until the next Competition or for one year, whichever is the shorter period. (Note: Except in the case of a bye, competitors in this event will not be granted leave after 2 p.m. on Monday, 8th July). Full game to be played. Holder: Miss E. J. Warwick and Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave (divided). Entrance Fee 14s.

 LEVEL SINGLES (Class B). Single games, to be played under Laws of semi-advanced play. The winner to hold the Long-man Cup for one year or until the next competition, whichever is the shorter period. Open to players of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to 6 bisques. Full game to be played. Holder: R. A. Godby. Entrance

Fee 11s. 6d.

3.—HANDICAP SINGLES (Class C). Single games. Open to players of 6½ bisques and over. All games start at 3rd Hoop. Full bisques to be used by each player. Entrance Fee 11s. 6d.

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

4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Single games. The winner to hold the Oliver Bowl for one year or until the next Competition, whichever is the shorter period. Open to all. Full games to be played. Holder: Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt. Entrance Fee 11s. 6d.

5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Single games. The winners to hold the Le Messurier Cups for one year or until the next competition, whichever is the shorter period. Combined Handicap not to be less than 3 bisques. All games start at the 3rd Hoop. Time limit 3½ hours. Final—full game. Holders, Miss A. E. Mills and R. A. Godby. Entrance Fee 9s. 6d. each player.

An Extra Event will be arranged if time and Entries permit.

#### NOTES

The above Entrance Fees include the C.A. Levy.

Non-Associates pay a Tribute of 25s. to the C.A. when playing in an Official Tournament, 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.

#### PRIZES

First and second prizes will be given in each event, and two equal third prizes where entries are sufficient.

ENTRIES (on Official Entry Forms only please) Entries, as above, must reach the Secretary by the following dates: for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 by first post on Thursday, 4th July; and for Event 5 by 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 9th July, but the Committee reserves the right to close the lists earlier should they find it necessary to do

#### THE DRAW

The Draw for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 will take place in the Club Pavilion on Thursday, 4th July, at 11 a.m., and for Event 5 on Tuesday, 9th July, in the Club Pavilion.

Luncheons and Teas will be provided on the ground at moderate

Bridge rooms are available.
Standard Setting, 3\frac{3}{4}in. hoops.
Play will commence each day at 10 a.m. or earlier if necessary.
Every competitor shall wear flat-soled boots or shoes, so as not to damage the courts.

At least nine lawns will be provided.
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 LA EDYN ELD CUP

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL OPEN CROQUET TOURNAMENT will be held on

MONDAY, JULY 15th, 1963, and following days at the CLUB GROUND, PLAY STREET LANE, RYDE, I.O.W.

(Tel.: Ryde 2095).

Committee.—Croquet Committee of the Club. Manager and Handicapper.—Major J. H. Dibley, M.C. Referee.—Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith.

Hon. Secretary.—Miss K. A. Wade, 10 Partlands Avenue, Ryde, 1.O.W. (Tel.: Ryde 2512).

#### EVENTS

- I.—ISLE OF WIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP. Open Singles. The Challenge Trophy. Draw and Process. Present Holder: Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith. Entrance Fee 12s. 6d.
- 2.-LEVEL SINGLES (Class B). The Chapman Cup. Open to players of 3 to 6 bisques. Entrance Fee 10s. Present holder:
- Mrs. J. H. Dibley.

  3.—HANDICAP SINGLES (Class C). The Benest Cup. Open to players of 6½ to 9 bisques. Entrance Fee 10s.

  4.—HANDICAP SINGLES (Class D). The Hutton Cup. Open
- to players of 10 bisques and upwards. Entrance Fee 10s. Present holder: J. Bolton. This event will be played under the full bisque system.

No player may enter for more than one of the above Events.

5.—HANDICAP SINGLES (X.Y.). X—The Dibley Cup. Present holder: J. Bolton. Entrance Fee 11s. Y—No cup awarded.

6.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. The Birch Cups. Restricted to

combined handicap of 2 and over. Commencing at No. hoop. Time limit 3½ hours. Present holders: J. Bolton and Miss M. M. Taylor. Entrance Fee, 9s. each player.

NOTE. Leave for the first day of the Tournament 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. PRIZES

Two for each Event if sufficient entries.

#### ENTRIES

For Events 1 to 5, together with Fees and C.A. Tribute of 25s. where payable, must reach the Hon. Secretary by first post on Thursday, July 11th, 1963.

Entries for Doubles, Event 6 close on the ground at noon, Tuesday, July 16th.

#### DRAW

The draw for Events 1 to 5 will take place at the Club Pavilion at 3 p.m. on Thursday, July 11th. For Doubles at 2 p.m. on Tuesday,

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

#### GENERAL

Five lawns provided. Standard setting. Luncheon and Teas provided in Pavilion. A Motor Bus from the Pier sets down close to the Ground. Flat-soled footwear must be worn. Hotels-Spencer's Inn; Yelf's Hotel (both in Union Street);

Osborne Hotel, The Esplanade. Guest House (specially recommended) Mrs. Lovell, Lixmount Guest House, 9 Pellhurst Road, Ryde, I.O.W. (Tel.: Ryde 3286).

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OXFORD **EDGBASTON** 

CAMBRIDGE

First round to be completed by July 3rd. Semi-final by August 4th.

Final by September 8th.

#### THE LADIES' FIELD CUP

Holder: Miss E. J. Warwick

For the seven best available women players in the C.A. invited to compete by the Council of the C.A.

No Entrance Fee

Will be played for at the Southwick Club (by kind permission of the Committee of the Club) on Monday, July 15th, and following days

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Southwick

Manager and Referee.—E. A. Roper.
Secretary.—The Secretary of the C.A., The Hurlingham Club,
London, S.W.6., in conjunction with the Secretary, Southwick

CONDITIONS

Hoops 3½in, wide, Jaques' "Eclipse" balls will be used. Each competitor meets each of the other competitors twice in each competition.

If a competitor fails through any cause to play through the whole of the games in the series, her score in that series will be entirely eliminated from the competition. No substitute will be permitted in either series in any circumstances after the competition has once begun. Single games throughout provided that in the event of a tie in the score the possession of the cup for the year will be decided by a match of three games.

In the event of a tie between three competitors, each of these

three will play a single game against each of the other two. If the issue is still undecided, the three games will be drawn on the Bagnall-Wild system, and single games will be played in each round.

All competitors must furnish the Secretary with the address at which messages will recall them during the Tournament.

PLAY Play will commence at 10.0 a.m. on Monday and at 10.0 a.m. on other days, unless otherwise notified.

#### CHELTENHAM

THE FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL OPEN TOURNAMENT

will be held on the

Club Lawns, Old Bath Road
On Monday, July 22nd, and five following days
(Under the Laws and Regulations of the Croquet Association) Committee of the Cheltenham Croquet Club.-G. E. P. Jackson (Chairman).

Manager.-Mrs. H. F. Chittenden.

Referee.-Miss Adye. Tournament Secretary.-Cheltenham Croquet Club, Old Bath

EVENTS

1.—OPEN SINGLES. CHELTENHAM CHAMPIONSHIP CUP.
To be held for one year or till the next competition, whichever be the shorter period. "Two Life System." Holder, Mrs. E. Rotherham. Entrance Fee, 13s.

2.-LEVEL SINGLES. MONEY SALVER. To be held for one year or till the next competition, whichever be the shorter period. For players with three or more bisques. Law 36 suspended. Holder, E. A. L. Sulley. Entrance Fee, 10s. 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. For players with six-and-a-half or

more bisques. Entrance Fee, 10s.

No players may enter for more than one of the above events.

4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Open to all. Entrance Fee, 10s.
5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. BARWELL SALVERS. Unrestricted. To be held for one year or till the next competition, whichever be the shorter period. Holders, C. H. O'D. Alexander and Rev. J. Andrews. Entrance Fee, 10s. each player.

Two prizes at least will be given in each event. There will be ten Club lawns. Play will begin each day at 10 a.m. Competitors must wear flat-soled footwear. Light Luncheons and Teas may be obtained on the ground.

Buses run to and from town hourly

Entries must reach Secretary by Midday, Wednesday, July 17th. Draw for Singles Events in Pavilion at 2 p.m. same day.

Entries for Doubles close on Tuesday, July 23rd. Cheques for entrance money should be made payable to the

Cheltenham Croquet Club. Hotels: Ellenborough, Langton, Lansdown, Eltham Lawn, Lilleybrook, Montpellier, Moorend Park, Plough, Queen's, Regent, Star, George, Savoy, Greenways.

JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

Open to players under 27 years of age on 1st August, 1963. It will be held at the Cheltenham Croquet Club and will begin at 1.30 p.m., Monday, July 29th and tinish on Thursday, August 1st,

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the C.A. in conjunction with the Tournament Committee of the Cheltenham Club. Manager, Referee and Handicapper.—Miss D. D. Steel. Secretary.—The Secretary of the C.A., Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.

**EVENTS** 

1.—OPEN SINGLES. Providing there are sufficient entries this Event will be played in two blocks, divided according to handicaps. Block A will play under the laws of semi-advanced play: Block B will play under the laws of ordinary Level Singles. Entrance fee 7s. 6d.

2.—THE FELIXSTOWE CUP. Handicap singles, to be played under the laws of handicap singles play. Entrance fee 10s. 6d.

CONDITIONS

Hoops 33in. wide and Jaques' Eclipse balls will be used. Leave will not be given. The winner holds the Felixstowe Cup for one year or until the next competition, whichever is the shorter period. The Committee reserve the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason. To prevent damage to the lawns every competitor shall wear flat-soled boots or shoes.

Light lunches and teas will be available at the club. ENTRIES

Entries accompanied by entrance fees must reach the Secretary C.A. by first post July 24th. The Draw will take place at the C.A. Office on July 24th, at 11 a.m.

#### The Championship & Doubles Championship will be played for at the

HURLINGHAM CLUB, on JULY 29th, and following days Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet

Manager.-Maj. General F. H. N. Davidson.

Referee and Handicapper.—J. G. Warwick.
Secretary.—The Secretary, C.A., The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
EVENTS

1.—THE CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP. Open to any Competitor (subject to Regulation 22). Entrance Fee, 13s. Matches best of three games. Prize: The Coronation Gold Challenge Cup and a medal. Runner-up, a Silver Chailenge Cup. Holder, E. P. C. Cotter.

 THE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP. Open to any competitor (subject to Regulation 22). Entrance Fee, 13s.
 Matches of single games. Prizes: A Pair of Silver Challenge
 Cups presented by M. B. Reckitt and the late G. L. Reckitt. Holders, E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon.

3.—THE ASSOCIATION PLATE. Open to competitors who have

entered for Event 1 and have not qualified for the third round or at the discretion of the Manager. Matches of single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 7s. 6d. each entry as they qualify. Level play. Prize: A Challenge Cup presented by W. Longman. Holder, Mrs. W. Longman. CONDITIONS

Hoops 33in, wide. Jaques' "Championship" balls will be used. LEAVE

Applications for leave on the first day will be considered immediately after the draw by the Manager or a deputy authorised by him. Leave on other days may be given by the Manager only. The winners hold the respective 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.

**ENTRIES** 

The Entries accompanied by the Entrance Fees for Event 1 must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., so as to reach her not later than the first post on Wednesday, July 24th, and for Event 2 by noon on Tuesday, July 30th. The competitors must give with their entries the address at which messages will reach them during the Tourna-

DRAW

The Draw for Event 1 will take place at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 24th, and for Event 2 at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 30th, and for Event 3 as will be announced on the ground.

PLAY Play will begin at 10.30 a.m. on Monday and 10 a.m. on other days. Competitors will 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.

The semi-finals and finals of the Championships will be so arranged that play in them will extend over the afternoons of Friday and Saturday, August 2nd and 3rd.

HURLINGHAM

THE ANNUAL CROQUET TOURNAMENT

including the

"LADIES' FIELD" CANDLESTICKS

(Under the direction of the C.A.)

will be held from

Monday, August 5th, to Wednesday, August 14th, 1963

Committee.—The Croquet Committee of the Club.

Manager and Handicapper.-E. A. Roper.

Referee.-J. G. Warwick.

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

#### **EVENTS**

- 1.—THE HURLINGHAM CUP. Holder, E. P. C. Cotter, Level Singles. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d. Draw and Process.
- 2.—THE TURNER CUP. Holder, Mrs. S. M. Adler. Level Singles. For players handicapped at 1 bisque or over not entered for Event 1. Challenge Cup presented by the late Mrs. Ernest Turner. Single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 10s.
- 3.—THE HURLINGHAM DOUBLES. Holders, H. O. Hicks and Mrs. W. Longman. Level Play. Mixed Pairs. Challenge Cup presented by the late Mrs. Henry Franc. Single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 10s. each player.
- 4.—THE YOUNGER CUP, Holder, P. J. Fidler, Level Singles. For players handicapped at 41 bisques and over not entered for Events 1 or 2. Challenge Cup presented by the late Lt.-Col. J. A. C. Younger. Single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 10s. Law 36 suspended.

Play in this event will not commence before 1.30 p.m. Tuesday, August 6th, and competitors can enter on the understanding that they will not be called upon to play in this or any other event before

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

Play in this event will commence on Tuesday, August 6th, and the early rounds will be played at Roehampton.

- 6.—THE PINCKNEY SIMPSON CUP (HANDICAP SINGLES). Holder, E. A. L. Sully. Entrance Fee, 10s.
- 7.—THE "LADIES' FIELD" CANDLESTICKS (Ladies' Handicap Doubles). Holders, Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Miss B. Duthie. Open to lady Members of the C.A. only. Entrance Fee, 10s. each player. All games to start at the third hoop.
- 8.-MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES. Entrance Fee, 10s. Holders, B. Lloyd Pratt and D. W. Miller. All games to start at the

Tournament Plant by Messrs. John Jaques and Son Ltd., 33in. Hoops and Standard Setting.

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

#### ENTRIES AND DRAW

All Entries with Fees for Events 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6, with the addresses of the competitors (and telephone number) must reach the Secretary, Croquet Tournament, The Hurlingham Club, Fulham, S.W.6, by first post on Wednesday, 31st July. Entries for Events 3, 7 and 8, will close at noon on Tuesday, August 6th. The Draw for Events 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 will take place at the Club on Wednesday, July 31st, at 2.30 p.m.; for other Events as announced on the ground

Cheques should be made payable to the Hurlingham Club.

#### **GENERAL**

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

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

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

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

At least six Lawns will be provided.

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

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.

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