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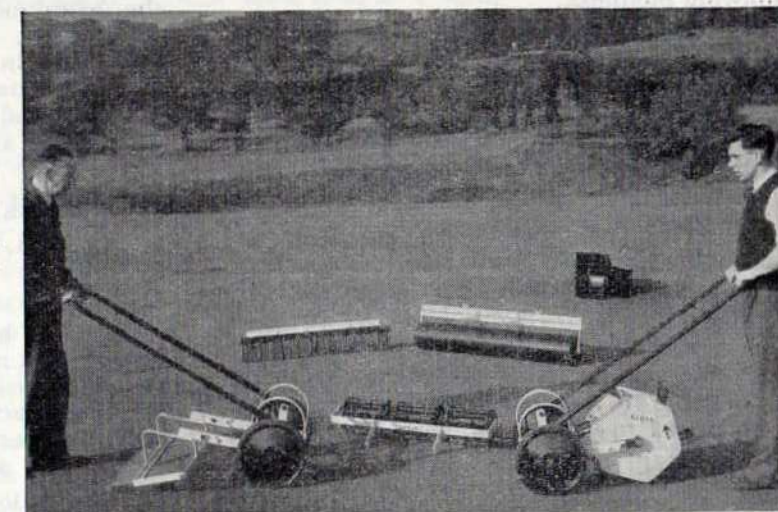
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## SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Special General Meeting of the Croquet Association will be held at 4 Southampton Road, on the 4th day of November, 1954, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of transacting the following business.

1. In consequence of doubts having been raised concerning the manner in which the election of the Honorary Treasurer of the Association was conducted at the Annual General Meeting, to elect an Honorary Treasurer, candidates for election being:

Mr. L. F. C. Darby  
Mr. D. E. Buckland.

2. In the event of a change in the trusteeship to approve and confirm all the actions taken by Mr. D. E. Buckland by virtue of his holding the office of Treasurer.
3. To approve that the annual subscription payable by Associates shall be increased from £1 to £1 10s. as from 1st January, 1955.

## HANDICAPS

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September 23rd, 1954.

### SOUTHWICK.

August 23rd.  
Lady Ursula Abbey 5 to 4½.  
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Miss H. D. Parker 5½ to 5.  
G. F. Paxon 9 to 8½.  
E. A. Roper 5½ to 5.  
Mrs. H. Roberts 10 to 9.

### PARKSTONE

Com. G. V. G. Beamish 2 to 1.  
W. P. Ormerod 2½ to 1½.

G. F. Rothwell —1 to —1½.  
CREYKE CUPS (ROEHAMPTON).

Mrs. M. D. Staub 14 (D 12) to 12.

### HUNSTANTON.

Miss J. Warwick 6 to 5.

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Miss B. Plum 10 new handicap.  
Miss L. Wilkinson \*14 (D 12) new handicap  
G. A. H. Alexander 9 to 8.  
Miss M. J. Daldy —1 to —1½.  
Lt.-Col. A. 7. Daniels 5½ to 5.  
G. H. Mason 2 to ½.  
Miss M. A. Posford 5½ to 5.

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S. F. Sopwith 1½ to 2.  
Mrs. H. T. Farris 7 to 8.

#### ROEHAMPTON CLUB.

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S. M. Adler 14 (D 12) to 12.

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It has been suggested that Associates who are not members of clubs, or who do not live within easy access to a club might like to be put in touch with others similarly situated. The Secretary would be pleased to publish names and addresses of such persons.

The following name has been received:  
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### HANDICAPS—continued

Particulars of Handicap recommendations relating to the Challenge and Gilbey Cups appearing in the September number need further clarification as under.

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Mrs. E. Haigh Smith 14 to 12.

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Mrs. E. Haigh-Smith 12 to 11.  
Dr. B. R. Sandiford 2 to 1½.  
E. Whitehead 7½ to 6½.

## About Ourselves

THE time is drawing near when the Editorial Panel of this journal will have discharged the responsibility laid upon it. This was indeed no light one, since it was to produce a new sort of periodical to fulfil what were, to some extent at any rate, new functions of propaganda and instruction, in addition to continuing the record of the game preserved for half a century by the C.A. Gazette. Nothing of this sort could have been attempted had it not been for the faith and generosity of a group of guarantors, who undertook to meet any deficit on the journal so that no additional expense in respect of its periodical should fall upon the funds of the Association. So successful has the enterprise been that we are happy to record that as far as can be foreseen, these public-spirited persons will not be called upon to subscribe more than one-third of what they so kindly promised to provide.

Thanks are also due to those in the clubs who have so energetically responded to our appeal to promote the sale of *Croquet*. An encouraging number of subscribers has been found among those at present outside the Association, many of whom, we do not doubt, will soon be inside it. How much the journal owes to the expert knowledge of lay-out and typography ungrudgingly given by a very busy man, only members of the panel can know, but they can assure associates that without the aid of Mr. de Wesselow this paper could never have looked nearly so nice as they at least think it does. That it would never have been so interesting or so valuable without the help of its specialist contributors is of course obvious, and our readers have particular cause to be grateful to those who have contributed a series of articles, as for example, that entitled "Beginners Please" by Mr. Elvey, and those dealing with Bridge by Mr. Cotter—expert advice in each case which has of course cost the Association nothing. Nor should the compilers of our highly ingenious cross-words go without a word of recognition for posing us with problems as fascinating in their way as those we strive to solve upon the courts.

From what associates have told us here, and from enthusiastic letters from the Dominions, where *Croquet* has met with a strikingly warm welcome, we think that our experiment is felt to have been worth while. Such criticisms as have reached us either relate to matters which would seem to be easily remediable or appear to be inspired by a somewhat irrational nostalgia.

But if *Croquet* is to continue, and we, for our part, have no doubt that it must do so and that that is indeed the wish of all its readers, then it must be placed on a sound financial basis. To invite individual guarantors is an appropriate method by which to launch an experiment. But if the experiment is held to be successful something more permanent and more "official" must be found. Ever since the *Gazette* was started fifty years ago the receipt of a copy of the Association's periodical has been a privilege of all who join it. We think this is as it should be; no one can be truly *au fait* with a game who does not follow its fortunes in print. But if croquet players are to continue to receive this new journal as part of the return for their subscription to the Association that subscription will have to be raised. The Council, faced for decades by rising costs in every direction, has endeavoured by every sort of economy and ingenuity, to avoid this unwelcome expedient, but it is now forced to envisage it. The decision will of course rest with associates themselves, and they may soon be invited to face the situation at a Special General Meeting. As they will learn, it is by no means only the expenses involved in the publication of this journal which necessitate the contemplation of this step, and short of deciding to issue no publication at all, they would have at least to consider it on wider grounds.

So if you do like *Croquet* we hope you won't mind paying a bit more for it. But even if you don't we doubt if you will be able to avoid paying anyway!

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## NOTES by ROVER

THE record-breaking sequence of games by Humphrey Hicks in the President's Cup will evoke the admiration and congratulations of all Associates. Such mastery, whenever it is displayed, and it has been manifested in other directions at other times by other players in recent years, often leads to efforts to establish comparisons with the past. Such comparisons are for many reasons not very fruitful, but it has amused us, and may possibly interest others, to draw up a list of the Best Ten Players of all time, assuming of course each to be at the peak of their form in their greatest years. What follows is not anything so absurd as a "ranking list"; the names are given in the order in which their bearers won the Open Championship, though in the last instance this ambition has still (as it surely will be) to be achieved. Here then is this speculative selection: C. Corbally, R. C. J. Beaton, C. L. O'Callaghan, P. D. Mathews, D. L. G. Joseph, Miss D. D. Steel, H. O. Hicks, G. L. Reckitt, J. W. Solomon, E. P. C. Cotter. The great players from the Antipodes, J. Tuckett, J. G. Windsor and C. J. Miller of Australia; K. H. Izard and A. G. F. Ross of New Zealand have been omitted from consideration since we have seen them too rarely. How difficult and how controversial is the compilation of such a catalogue may be realized from scrutiny of a list of a further ten names, any of whom might well be substituted for almost any of those already given: B. C. Apps, C. F. Barry, C. F. Colman, K. H. Coxe, Mrs. de la Mothe, W. B. du Pre, W. Longman, J. B. Morgan, E. L. Ward Petley, E. Whitaker. Nor can we forbear to add one further name when we recall the prowess of one who was wont to beat all the best men players at a time when this was "not done": Mrs. Lillias Beaton.

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By the time these words are read Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ross will be on the high seas (not too high, we hope) en route for home. Mr. Ross takes with him our Open Championship, memories of victory in the du Pre and Exmouth Cups and the scalps of many of our best players; Mrs. Ross has won the Younger Cup at Hurlingham and—no less deservedly—lost  $1\frac{1}{2}$  bisques. Both leave behind them memories which will not quickly fade and which we should dearly love to think may soon be renewed. We are particularly grateful for three articles contributed to this journal by Arthur Ross. Only one regret clouds (very literally) these happy recollections—that their season in England should have coincided with the worst summer for half a century.

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We recently heard the "Two Life System" described, perhaps by a *lapsus linguae*, as "Draw and Protest." Such slips are often not without significance, and there are certainly a number of players who do protest against this ingenious device. In our experience it is particularly disliked by Managers, who are wont to declare, with a sort of baffled ruthlessness, that "you never get rid of anybody." Competitors, however, one would think, might prefer not to be "got rid of" too early in the events for which they enter, and here of course is a main justification of the system. A visitor who may have travelled some distance to play in a tournament finds it naturally disappointing to run straight up against some "man-eating tiger" whom he has no hope of subduing; and if he meets such a one in the Draw may at least hope to escape this fate in the Process. (By the way, why "Process"? We have never heard any explanation of this other than one analogous to the reply of the cricket pro. who, being asked why a "yorker" was so called, said he didn't see how it could be called anything else.)

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Perhaps another factor which is leading to the fairly widespread adoption of this system is the tacit recognition that the age level even of a good many minus players being what it is, a "best of three" contest, and still more a series of them, can impose a rather heavy strain upon those engaged. However this may be, such a contest between two equally matched and perhaps not very expeditious players can occupy the court for an unconscionable time. We are rather surprised that our Managers do not more readily recognize this, for few of them care to impose time limits in open events, unless in quite exceptional circumstances. If pressed to express an opinion on what is perhaps going to become rather a controversial theme, we would suggest that "best of three" is absolutely necessary to a conclusive result in any singles event claiming the status of "championship," whether at Roehampton, Hurlingham, Devonshire Park or elsewhere, but that for many provincial tournaments "Two Lives" may be the more appropriate. But with one proviso: that Law 44 is strictly applied and that "Variation B" (as we are still wont—inaccurately now—to describe it) be not introduced in Open Singles. Let it be emphasised, however, that since these Notes are entirely unofficial, anyone is at liberty to quarrel with them, and to peg this "Rover" out if they can!

*Beginners, Please!*

## If Winter Comes . . .

by

The Rev. G. F. H. Elvey

As the weather today does not seem too good, indeed it is raining now, we had better sit down comfortably in that handy shelter and have a chat about some of the things that we have been considering during the season, and then as three of my pupils tell me they have some lawn space available, and one says that his club lawns will be open for some time yet, I will make a few suggestions about practice.

Well—you will remember that we began by discussing various styles, and we went on to the subject of mallets. I think that you are all pretty happy in the styles you adopted, and I do not think that any of you feel any desire to change, and that is a very good thing, because, a change of style means learning so much all over again, and that wastes a great deal of time, and is irritating to the temper. When I say a change of style, I mean a complete change of style, I don't mean just moving a hand or a foot—a mere modification in fact.

Now as to mallets—mallets do not always last too well. By the bye, if your mallet goes wrong, if you take a chip out of the head, or if the shaft warps, do not immediately think that it is the fault of the makers! They use the best wood they can get, and in these days hard wood is a problem! As to hickory shafts, there is often a tendency in the wood itself to warp, and nothing can stop it. The only thing that you can do is to take care not to leave it lying about in the sun, or the wet. As to the heads, when you put your mallet away for the winter, it is a good idea to rub some varnish or even paint over the two ends, this seals them up and keeps the air away, which sometimes opens the grain of the wood. This is specially desirable for unbound boxwood and all satinwood heads. By the bye when a game is over and people are sending the balls up, I often notice that they are terribly careless how they use their mallets. They often take them in one hand and bang the balls up without any care as to whether they hit the mallet edge or not. The wonder about mallets is not that they go wrong, but in view of the rough treatment they often receive that they ever remain right.

One of my pupils asks about storing her mallet for the winter, should it be left in her locker at the club, or taken home. It won't hurt in the locker if you leave it as upright as possible and with nothing pressing on it. If you take it home, don't keep it in a hot room, and above all don't put it where the sun or the heat of a fire or radiator may play on it.

Just one more word about mallets ready for the time when any of you get a new one. Remember

that there is no necessity that a mallet must be of one special weight, or balanced in one special way. Some players like the weight to be well distributed, others like a light shaft and almost all the weight in the head. It is just a matter of what suits you, but be sure it does suit you. It is of no consequence your mallet being in fact heavy if when you use it, it feels comfortable and controllable, but if you feel when using it that it is terribly heavy, then obviously it is too heavy for you. I have suggested that the pull back is a good test, if you feel that you have to lug the mallet back it is the wrong balance for you. As to mallet weights, it is interesting to note the mallets used by the three greatest experts of the present day. H. Hicks has a definitely heavy mallet, John Solomon has a medium weight mallet of about 3 lbs., P. Cotter's mallet is under 3 lbs. So you see there is a big choice. If you want a guide, have your mallet as heavy as is necessary so that with your particular style you can play your strokes comfortably, and have it as light as possible to avoid undue fatigue. By the bye, don't be deceived, because when you pick up a mallet it *feels* heavy, a heavy mallet is often quite light and controllable in use.

Now one of my pupils is saying that she has played quite a lot of games with another beginner, and though she is still fascinated with Croquet, she does at times get rather bored because her games do not get finished, or if they do, it is only after an inordinately long time. The question I ask is this: "Have you been trying to play the full game?" "Oh yes," comes the answer, "we want to learn to play the proper game!" That is very heroic, but if I may say so, it is very unwise. (Sounds better than "foolish" but means the same thing!) You see a professional billiard player would play a match of several thousand up, but ordinary amateurs play games of 100 up, or if poor players only 50. You must not try to run before you can walk. When you are playing with another beginner, play the half game. Make Hoop 6 your last Hoop, then go to the Winning Peg. You will find this much better fun than spending ages on a game that you do not finish.

Now for a few words about practice. One of you said that his club would be remaining open into the winter. For him therefore winter practice won't be so very much of a problem. When he gets the chance of a few knocks on a nice day, he has only to go on the lawn, and try out some of the things that he has been learning during the summer. For shooting, take the four balls on to the middle of the west boundary, and shoot at the peg, then you can go to the east boundary and shoot back again. If one in four hits the peg, and

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another is a near miss you are doing quite well. Don't keep on at this exercise too long, eyes and hands get tired and you get discouraged. Then for a complete change try hoop-approaching, try in front, at the side, from the back, all at varying distances. Then to make another change go to roquets. Begin at the ridiculous distance of a yard. Don't be satisfied with just hitting the object ball. Don't count it as a good hit unless you hit it full. Then move the object ball four feet away, then five feet, and so on. One of the best players of the old days, the Rev. H. C. Launder regarded this as about the best possible form of practice. But, again don't keep on too long at it. By the bye, when you are practising either shooting near or far, or hoop-running, be careful not to look up. Naturally you will be inclined to do so, because your whole mind will be concentrated on making the roquet, running the hoop, or hitting the peg, and so you will be inclined to look quickly to see whether or not your effort has been successful. If you do this you will be practising the very thing that you do not want to do. So be careful about it.

After practising roquets, turn over to hoop-running, and from hoop-running to the big split strokes of the three-ball-break. And then try rolls and stop shots. Don't practise any one thing too long. Variety in practice is important to keep the interest up. Whatever you do, don't forget to practise pushing the balls about the lawn—splits, rolls, etc. How often we see a good break lost, because the player is frightened of what looks a big split, and so takes refuge in a take-off, thereby leaving a ball behind, a certain road to disaster.

But what about practice, when there is no lawn of any appreciable size available! If you have a piece of grass of a few yards square, put up one hoop, and have a go at that both hoop running and approaching and short roquets. You

can contrive some sort of barrier to prevent the balls going into the flower bed. On nice days, you will find it quite fun.

One of my pupils says she has a lawn of about ten yards by five. You can get quite a lot of use out of a lawn like that. Set up four hoops near each corner, just leaving room for approach strokes, and then go round and round one way, and then turn and go round the other way. You will find this good fun, and it will do you no end of good. Put the hoops in nice and tight so that you are all the while getting more and more expert at hoop-running.

One of the dodges I used many years ago, when I had only a small space to practise on, was to put a peg into an old wooden ball, drive it into the ground, so that my target remained firm and I did not have to keep replacing the object ball. It is surprising what good practice can be obtained on an even a small piece of grass.

But even if the winter weather is suitable for croquet practice, I do not advise keeping at it all the time. Drop it for a few weeks anyway, and then you will come back to it fresh again.

Before we separate, I have one last word to say about mallets. Those who have mallets of the Tingey type with cane shafts should give the lower part between the head and the splice a good oiling two or three times in the winter. This will prevent the cane from getting hard, dry and brittle, and keep it supple. Even a hickory or ash shaft would be all the better for oiling. I am not sure about the malacca-cane shafts, probably it is best to leave these alone.

Well—our times on the lawn have been great fun. All the best wishes for your winter practice.

Next season, all being well, we may hope to have some talks about break-making, and tactics.

## Until We Meet Again

To the Editors, *Croquet*.

Dear Editors,

Both Mrs. Ross and I will be most grateful if you can arrange to publish this letter in your magazine, and so enable us to express to the good friends we have met on the Croquet Lawns of England our thanks for the kindness and good fellowship they have at all times accorded us.

Most New Zealanders call the British Isles "Home" and dream of paying them a visit, but some of those who realise that dream find it rather a lonely business and disappointing for that reason. This has most emphatically *not* been our experience. We were welcomed upon our arrival by members of the Croquet fraternity and at all times since that memorable morning we have been

treated as welcome members of it; loneliness has never been allowed to assail us, even during the icy winter months, and our adventure (for it is somewhat of an adventure to spend over a year so far from home) has, in consequence, been a complete success.

Thanks to all of you for doing so much to make it so; we have enjoyed your company enormously and hope to have the good fortune to see you all again.

Goodbye, and the very best of luck.

Yours most sincerely,

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## ONE BALL CROQUET by Nora Elvey

ONE Ball Croquet has two great advantages. The first is that games are so short in duration that a whole tournament can easily be completed in one day. The other advantage is that with the exception of Law I the laws of Association Croquet apply to the one ball game. Law I needs to be modified as follows: The game of One Ball Croquet is played between two players, playing alternately, each having one ball. The game is won by the player who first makes the 13 points with his ball. A form of One Ball Croquet can be played by three or four players; in the case of three players, all against all; with four players, either all against all or in partnership. Each player plays with one ball, and he may roquet or take croquet from only one ball. He may not roquet or take croquet from the other ball or other two balls throughout his turn.

It need hardly be said that the orthodox One Ball Game between two players only is the better game, but the three and four ball modification is good fun for the odd fifteen minutes when more than two players are anxious to "have a go." However, from now on, we shall address ourselves exclusively to One Ball Croquet between two players.

It might be well to remark at the outset that knowledge of the One Ball Game is extremely valuable in playing the ordinary game. How often a player with a substantial lead, has pegged out an opponent ball, and his own ball as well, in the belief that for all practical purposes he has won the game, only to meet with growing frustration and disappointment, as the opponent proceeded gaily to make hoop after hoop, abolishing the lead, and finally winning the game. And the reason for the disaster was just that the player with the substantial lead had no knowledge of the one ball game—a game which, be it noted, has a science of its own.

To start with, it should be understood that there are certain positions which give control of the court. Here are some of them. If Red is in good position for Hoop 1, and Blue is for Hoop 2. Blue cannot take position for Hoop 2. Again if Red is for Hoop 3, and Blue for Hoop 4. It is essential that Blue makes Hoop 4 before Red gets into good position for Hoop 3. Otherwise Red may run Hoop 3 down on to Blue, get a two-ball break, and perhaps finish his turn with his clip on 2-back.

Now for more detailed suggestions:—We will assume that the balls chosen are Blue and Red, and that Blue has won the toss. What shall he do? If he is a good enough shot to justify his hoping to run the first hoop from the baulk line, he might take the innings, as, if successful, he has at once established a useful lead over his opponent. But—and there is a big but—if he fails and remains near Hoop 1 he will probably give this same lead

to his opponent. All things considered, he may well think it best to put his opponent in. Then what shall Red do? Probably his two better options are, either to have a shot at the first hoop, or to lie up near the West Boundary opposite the first hoop. He would hardly think it wise to take position for Hoop 1 unless he knew his opponent was a very poor player. Now if we turn over to Blue and if we find Red has missed the first hoop, but stayed near, Blue will naturally have a shot at Red, hoping to make the first hoop off it. But if Red is near the west boundary there is a more difficult question to decide, for if Blue were to miss Red he might either be far away, in which case Red would be able with much peace of mind to try for position for the first hoop, or he might be too near Red giving the latter a fairly easy shot. Blue being a good shot, or fancying himself so—not always the same thing—would probably take the shot at Red. An alternative would be to try to wire himself from Red a little distance on the east side of the first hoop. Hoping that in the subsequent "cat and mouse" proceedings that would ensue, he would gain the advantage.

The same sort of problems as those connected with the first hoop will continue to crop up throughout the game, and therefore it will be quickly realized that the tactics of the One Ball Game require a great deal of thought, and give scope for much finesse.

The supreme difference, of course, between One Ball Croquet and ordinary Croquet is that neither player is faced with the fact that a mistake will transfer the innings to his opponent, and that for some time afterwards, possibly a long time, he may find himself the out-player, occupying a seat beside the lawn, and—though possibly hopefully—still just watching his opponent's play. In One Ball Croquet neither player possesses the innings in the same sense as in ordinary Croquet.

Now here is a very important point to note, because it is a matter over which many a player has been tripped up. Leads even of a substantial number of hoops may still be lost. The question is then how, when a good lead has been established, to use effective defensive tactics to maintain it. A player may have played quite brilliantly in gaining a lead, but in doing so he was attacking, but now as he passes over to defence, it is quite easy to meet with disaster, and quickly lose all that has been gained.

Here then are one or two defensive suggestions. Watch carefully your opponent's approach to those positions where by beginning his turn with an easy hoop gain control of a large part of the court. Note that he is attacking, and that his only chance is to adopt extremely forward methods. He has nothing to lose, so to speak, and much to gain, and therefore he is dangerous.



Be careful not to give him too much time by attempting to be over cautious. Get into position for your next hoop as quickly as possible. It does not follow that if your opponent hits you, you will necessarily lose the game, but it is certainly the case that if you waste time on over cautious tactics, you are likely to do so. Remember that if you are at a distant spot dictated by over caution, your opponent has the opportunity to take position for his hoop without worrying about you, and if you allow him to do that, he may quickly slip into one of those governing positions, of which you have such need to beware.

Another matter that needs looking to is the question of when not to try and run a hoop. In defensive play a great deal, and possibly the game itself, may be lost by trying to run a too difficult hoop. If you sit between the wires all may be well, for it is the same as being in position and generally even safer, but if you sit on a wire, or miss the hoop altogether, or glance off and go to some distance, you may have to use more than one turn to get back into position, and meanwhile your

## A QUESTION OF LAW . . . by Lex

WE suppose that in the course of every croquet season at least one difficult situation arises during a game when the referee will be called upon to give a decision in a matter which is nowhere precisely covered by the rules of Croquet. There was an occasion such as this not many weeks ago. The player "A" of Red and Yellow had a lift with Yellow which had been placed by the opponent "B" in a hoop with no open shot. "A" knowing he had the lift with Yellow, apparently then forgot that the lift was due to the position of Yellow and assumed he had a lift with either ball in accordance with rule 44! So "A" picked up Red and played it from baulk. "B", not unnaturally objected. So the referee had to decide was this a foul or an inadvertence. We understood that the referee of the tournament foreseeing a difficult situation consulted two other referees and the committee of three invaded the lawn. After much discussion they gave the following decision. It was an inadvertence to move and play with Red. "A" obviously intended to take the lift with Yellow and therefore Red must be replaced and Yellow must be lifted and played.

This seems to have been a common sense decision but was it good law to tell "A" with which ball he was to play?

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Here is another case. The player "A" has just run a hoop with Red and is now on the non-playing side of the hoop with his Red ball lying only a foot away from Blue which no doubt Red will roquet. Before "A" makes this roquet he walks away to review the position of other balls on the lawn and to decide upon his plan of campaign. The decision made, he returns to his ball and forgets *two* things—first that he has not

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opponent may have gained one of those governing situations of which you have such need to beware. Many One Ball games have been lost in this way.

Now in addition to giving one a useful grasp of One Ball play which is often so essential in the ordinary game, when you have pegged out an opponent's ball and one of your own, what other help does the One Ball Game give? The answer is that it gives much practice in hoop-running, and in shooting, and by no means least it encourages accuracy in taking position in front of a hoop.

In conclusion, as anyone who has had the patience to read the foregoing will easily realize, there is much more in One Ball Croquet than at first meets the eye, and to go thoroughly into it would require not only a short article but a small volume, with numerous diagrams. Yet possibly enough has been said to convince a player, that if he turns his attention to this fascinating game he will find plenty of scope for thought and skill, and will all the while be learning lessons of great value for Association Croquet.

already made the roquet and secondly that he is playing with Red and not Blue! So he picks up Blue. At once he realizes his mistake and replaces the ball. Was this a foul? The referee declared it to be inadvertence but upon the matter being referred to the tournament referee the latter gave it as a foul.

It was in fact inadvertence since "A" did not actually play with the wrong ball. We think we see what misled the tournament referee into giving a wrong decision. "A" picking up the wrong ball, was, so to speak, taking the first step towards playing with it and this was indeed an incorrect action. That is not enough—to make a foul he must play with the wrong ball and "A" did not do this.

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Can you answer the following?

1. Where is baulk line B?
2. If, in a handicap event, there is no difference in opponent's handicaps is this played as a level game?
3. As a result of a bad shot a ball is hit with the edge of the mallet, roqueting a ball which was not aimed at. The opponent claims that it was a foul. Is this so?
4. A player, after saying that he will take a bisque changes his mind and decides not to do so. Is this allowed?
5. While taking aim a striker hits in his back swing a hoop and so moves a ball which is resting against it. He claims inadvertence. Is he correct?

For answers see page 23.

## How I Teach Croquet by MAJOR G. F. STONE

WHEN a potential croquet recruit comes to me I always start by telling him or her that if one does not get beyond the beginners' stage, Croquet is the worst game that was ever invented and that they had far better take to bowls. But I am also very careful to explain to any recruits, that once they are beyond the beginners' stage, Croquet offers them far more than Bowls ever will owing to the variety of strokes that are used, the skill they require to execute them correctly, and the thought that tactics demands. I add, too, that the better players they become the more interesting will be the game and, what is equally important, their game will be shorter and not the tedious long drawn out affair of the novice.

The recruit having been thus prepared for the worst but given a glimpse of better things, there comes the choice of mallet and the style he should adopt. With regard to the latter I leave it more or less entirely to him, as long as he appears to have a reasonable type of stroke. So we come to the lawn. At my club we now have half size courts which are particularly valuable for the new player. I demonstrate each stroke in turn and ask the recruit to copy them. I then demonstrate a four ball break, explaining as each stroke is played, which stroke is being used and the reason for its use, i.e. to get the balls to the places where you want them to go. By this time I have explained two points, the first is that in practically every stroke one makes the aim is to be so accurate as to be able to get one's own ball on to a threepenny bit. In croquet strokes this is absolutely essential since though the other ball may be sent only roughly where one wants it, the striker's ball must be most accurately placed. The natural corollary of this is that a too ambitious croquet stroke must not be attempted. The second point is that stance plays a very important part in making each stroke. For some strokes one stands back as for a rush or a stop shot, whilst with a roll one's feet are well forward in order to bring the arms and wrists forward; this incidentally will eliminate the possibility of double tapping.

Now the time arrives for the recruit to play a break. Any faulty stroke is replayed up to a maximum of three attempts (more than three disheartens rather than helps). During the break any balls badly out of position should be moved into place to make the break less difficult.

The next few days should be spent by the recruit in practising the various strokes he has been taught with his asking for assistance where necessary. I generally find at this point that assistance is required in the roll stroke and I ask the recruit to try a three yard roll and then when that is mastered a seven yard roll and the length is then increased up to twenty yards. The longer rolls may not be achieved till later. Steady practice is essential if the pupil is to become reasonably confident that he can achieve a minimum of what is necessary for him to play a game at all.

My next stage is to play a game or two against the recruit. I give him all his bisques and allow him to have any bad stroke again, up to three times, and tell him what to do. This is followed by playing a double with the recruit as my partner against a good player and another recruit.

The recruit should then be fit to enter for the club novices' competition. In this a half game is played, each novice being coached by an experienced player. A time limit of two hours is imposed. After that it may be said that the recruit can fend for himself, though a certain amount of "after care" is necessary, both for practical and psychological reasons. The recruit must learn to stand on his own feet, but equally he should be able to feel that his instructor still takes an interest in him and will always be ready to help him with the new problems he will inevitably meet as he begins to play in competitive games. At our club we have a high handicap event (11 bisques and over) in our unofficial tournament when the novice can learn much and gain confidence, soon passing out of the beginner's stage and indeed ceasing to be a recruit.

## EAST DORSET CROQUET CLUB (Parkstone)

THE photograph on the cover of this issue is of the Parkstone Club. The full title is the East Dorset Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club and, as such, it dates officially from 1909. Before this date there appears to have been some Croquet played on or near the present Club and, although no written records have as yet been traced, the fact that the game was played here as early as 1903 or 1904 is remembered by several people.

The first official mention of the Club is in the Association Year Book for 1910. In the gazette for that year the Dorset County Tournament was planned for September 12th. This was, however, cancelled and the first Open Croquet Tournament was held on August 21st, 1911. The Dorset County Salver—then valued at 12 guineas—was won for the first time by C. N. Paget. This was an exceptionally dry summer and in the report of the

meeting it is noted that despite only two showers in the 48 days preceding the Tournament, competitors were surprised to see that the lawns were so green. Fifteen would-be players were prevented at the last moment from coming owing to a railway strike. In spite of this there were over 30 competitors.

During the 1914-18 war the Club and grounds were kept going by volunteer workers. The present groundsman—E. King—has been with the Club, except for his war service, since its foundation in 1909 and the stewardess—Mrs. Baker—since 1919—surely these must both be records?

During the second world war only three courts were maintained. After the war three more were reclaimed, thanks to financial help received from the Victory Fund. Membership is steadily increasing, there being now over 40 playing members in the Club.

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A Tall Story . . . By S.S.T.

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Some 26As 3D I ran into 1D who was travelling up to 5D from Devon to compete in the 14D eight. "What has been your worst 21D at croquet?" I asked him. "Soon after I took it up," said 1D, "I had a dreadfully 8A game which seemed likely to last to 24A 17D it finished after 18A 11D the 9D had virtually failed.

My opponent's name eludes me—his Christian name was 8D, something to do with his being born in New South Wales. He was over 25D my age, and like 27D, a hairy man, but his behaviour was 14A in the extreme. He was glad that we had come out of the 31A together since he seemed to hold me in high 42A and he wanted to meet the 13A players in the early rounds, so he said. He further embarrassed me by saying that I was always a 39A to watch and he had decided to 2D 11D he heard I was playing. 11D we reported to the Manager he said "6D," as if he were the Colonel in that book of Thackeray's.

I called 1As to his toss but as his penny came down on its edge he had to 32D-10D. Anyway he won and put

me 12A. I played 41A well up the 24D boundary and very soon 5A a 23D. However, I stuck at the first with 29D results, since without further 28A my opponent went round to the peg, taking, however, 34D at each hoop and moving round the lawn in a 19D rather than a walk. I took contact on the North 38A—40A line, but as I was taking off a 7D brayed in an adjoining field and 41A went off. I must not 35D to say that my opponent's variations of play were something of an 37A. Sometimes he would play 36A style and sometimes centre with hardly any 20A between his feet. If he missed he would grind his 22A and murmur "with some pain is fraught," from the "30D to a Skylark." However, when I broke 4D he would start 33D, 16A as ever.

Hullo, we're at Waterloo already, the end of the story will have to wait. Good-bye, 15A, I suppose with your love of 37As you'll now try and make a puzzle round this story.

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AN Exhibition game of Croquet on Wednesday, September 1st, which took place in the lovely setting of the REIGATE PRIORY Club was blessed with brilliant sunshine and well supported by the public, the enthusiastic spectators including a number of young people of school age. The match, which was between Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. G. J. Turketine—players of distinction well known in the world of Croquet—provided Reigate with a display of modern Croquet at its best. Miss Lintern won the toss and elected to go in first. The lawn was very fast, but the players soon had its measure and play became brisk and piquant. Miss Lintern emerged the winner, by seven points, after a game of just over an hour's duration.

It may well be that many in the audience did not understand the more subtle tactics of this intriguing and artful game, but all were quick to appreciate the more obvious skill of the exponents. Those four balls—the Blue and Black of Miss Lintern; the Red and Yellow of Mrs. Turketine—were delightfully disciplined and made meekly to arrive in front of those narrow hoops, and then to run through them as though guided by invisible rays. The two visitors then invited club members and others on to the lawn and gave advice with practical demonstrations, which were much appreciated.

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We print below an account which comes to us from the CLIFTON Club.

On Saturday, 11th September, the Clifton and County Croquet Club held an "At Home" for those members of the City Council who were concerned with the recent purchase of its ground by the corporation, and others interested in Croquet. The Club was honoured by the presence of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress who spent one hour with them after tea whilst a doubles game, between Mr. Ross and Miss Ault and Mr. Cotter and William Ormerod was being played. In this game the latter couple won by ten points. Before leaving the Lord Mayor expressed his interest in what he had seen and the Lady Mayoress was presented with a bouquet.

Earlier in the afternoon a singles game was played between Mr. Ross and Mr. Cotter, and after Ross had gained a good lead early in the game Cotter gave the audience the delight of watching the game being completed by a triple peel, an accomplishment not seen on these lawns before.

The following afternoon a short doubles, with two other members of the Club was played, but time prevented its completion—however, Mr. Ross and his partner claimed a moral (if not actual) victory. After tea at the Club Mr. and Mrs. Ross and Mr. Cotter returned to London.

Members of the Club wish Mr. and Mrs. Ross a pleasant journey back to New Zealand and a

happy homecoming, and are grateful to them for making what is one of their last engagements in this country with the club at Bristol.

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Our ROEHAMPTON correspondent sends us the following:

Roehampton is always glad to welcome the Dulwich members for Golf Croquet, and this year on 26th August, Dulwich again visited us. It was a most delightful summery afternoon, an enjoyable time was spent, and the contests were keen, as the results show. There is a very marked improvement in the play of the Dulwich ladies, and resulted in Roehampton winning 5 games to 2—two games were unfinished.

Four members of the Woking Club visited Roehampton on Friday, 3rd September, to play a match. Four Singles in the morning, two Doubles in the afternoon, resulted in a Draw. Details will be found elsewhere.

The Handicap Singles for the autumn competition known as the Turketine Trays began on 11th September. There were 16 competitors (a slight decrease from last year) and the two holders Mrs. D. Attfield and G. W. Solomon defended their titles, but did not survive for long. The final was won by Mrs. E. Haigh Smith who defeated M. Spencer Ell by 26.

In the recent President's Cup competition, four of the eight invited players were members of the Roehampton Club.

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We hear that the PARKSTONE Club has suffered a hard blow. The tennis section of the Club, whose membership exceeds the Croquet section by a hundred, has taken over one of the croquet lawns for tennis. As the Croquet section is increasing the loss of this court will be felt next year. Arrangements have happily been made to make this tennis lawn available for Croquet during the two tournaments.

On 9th September, the third Men v. Women match was played at the Club. For the first time for many years the women were victorious, though by a very small margin.

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The BUDLEIGH SALTERTON Club held their annual Men v. Women match on September 14th. The Men's team was slightly below strength, H. O. Hicks being away and G. F. Stone under doctor's orders not to play. Colonel Beamish, however, played his part well with an exciting win over Mrs. Rotherham. When he failed to peg out his forward ball Mrs. Rotherham hit in and went round on a 3-ball break but just failed to administer the *coup de grace*. Later partnered by W. H. Pearce he defeated Mrs. Rotherham and Miss Mills in the doubles.

Miss Carlyon, playing second for the ladies found herself, rather surprisingly opposed by G.



Black. The latter made a gallant bid for victory and only just failed by 7 points.

Miss Mills took her revenge on a frankly disappointing Col. Cave. The latter also failed to do himself justice in the doubles. In spite of the good shooting of his partner J. Weston-Martyr they lost to Miss Carlyon and Miss V. Mills. The latter had won a good victory in the singles over Captain Bald.

Finally, Mrs. Philpot, without whom no Salterton tournament is complete, and Mrs. Gatehouse easily overcame G. Black and General

Davies. All games were played on level terms and the women were victorious in a day's enjoyable Croquet by 5 games to two.

Saturday, 11th September, saw the last of the four Golf Croquet afternoons of the season. In a field of ten couples, playing in two "American" blocks of five, the final was won by Capt. G. R. Bald, R.N., and Miss S. C. Gough, against Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Miss E. Bald. The latter made a notable contribution on her first appearance at the Club.

## New Zealand Newsletter

THE scattered nature of organized Croquet in New Zealand creates problems not only in its administration but also as to a uniform interpretation of the laws of the game. In England, through players going from tournament to tournament, a certain high standard of knowledge of the laws is maintained. (It is perhaps this high excellence that leads to differing approaches to the laws by the two countries.) In New Zealand, however, the majority of players never go to any Association Tournament other than their own and only comparatively few ever get to one of the five N.Z. Council Tournaments unless it is held in their home town. The main reason is distance, another expense. The laws of the game are therefore applied by a variety of people (District Referees we call them) who are responsible to the N.Z. Referee, who is in turn responsible to the N.Z. Croquet Council for the standard of refereeing in the country. But the system of District Referees has its drawbacks and in an endeavour to overcome all the inherent problems, the N.Z. Referee (Mrs. F. C. Bryan) has devised a scheme that will be of interest to English enthusiasts.

Mrs. Bryan envisages two classes of referees. (1) N.Z. Badge Holders and (2) Local Association Badge Holders. It has been felt in the past that whilst a 6 or 7 bisque player may be able to satisfy the examiner as to her knowledge of the laws, that player's handicap is evidence as to her lack of experience in actual play. But on the other hand it is equally recognized that a high handicap is not necessarily a disqualification for holding a referee's badge. After all, the best players are not always the best referees. It is generally agreed that knowledge of practical play is essential to the good referee. Mrs. Bryan's scheme would appear to be an equitable solution of the majority of problems inherent in raising the standard of refereeing. She visualizes the referee candidate qualifying first as a local Association Referee, which would, regardless of handicap, entitle her to act as a referee in her local association, and thus enable her to acquire the experience for higher honours. When that referee has reached a certain standard of competence, then the District Referee (through the local association) could recommend to the N.Z. Referee her candidature for N.Z. Badge Examinations. The nucleus of the scheme has

everything to recommend it, and its success or failure will depend not only on the manner in which local associations accept the scheme but on a close liaison between associations and N.Z. Referee during the scheme's initial growing-pains.

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When Arthur Ross pegged out in his final game of the English Open Championship, he not only realized a life's ambition but brought to N.Z. a trophy that some forty odd years previously was almost annexed by another New Zealander, Keith Izard. Although the present generation of players in N.Z. have always acknowledged Mr. Ross as this country's greatest player ever, A.G.F. himself has always maintained that Izard would have run circles round him. We of the present generation, having never seen Izard, have always accepted that statement with the deference due to authority. On the other hand, those of you in England who saw Izard are equally at a disadvantage for, from all accounts, you have never seen Ross at his best. In actual fact, comparison between the incomparable is merely of academic interest . . . we know that croquet as an organized sport in N.Z. virtually owes its existence to A. G. F. Ross and his father before him. For the sake of the record, English players might be interested in Ross's New Zealand achievements. Apart from numerous wins in the minor Association and Council events, he has been eleven times Open Champion (next best, Mrs. Watkins with four wins), six times Men's Champion and (with various partners) six times Doubles Champion. He has captained two N.Z. MacRobertson Trophy Test Teams the last one of which successfully contested the event. If good wishes are complimentary to winning play then Ross in July must have been a formidable opponent, having as he did the support of all his New Zealand admirers. The clash between Ross and Solomon was of particular interest. Possibly Solomon was not at his best during the recent semi-final, but then, Ross was not at his best in N.Z. in 1951 when Solomon defeated him in the Open final. In view of the remarkable similarity of circumstances between the two meetings, perhaps one could be excused for thinking that at times there may be a guiding hand behind the game.

## BRIDGE

by

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

### NO TRUMP PLAY

AS we have had a fair sequence of articles on no trump bidding, I am turning this month to the play of a no trump hand and discussing the hold-up, one of the declarer's greatest weapons. Let us take the following hand:

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The bidding is short and simple. North deals and bids one diamond, South 2NT and North 3NT. West's opening lead is the 5 of clubs and East plays the Queen.

Now even the neophyte has a dim idea that holding up an Ace in the opponent's suit is a good thing to do. Some may even know why! The reason is to exhaust one defender of his partner's suit. Change the club holding in South's hand from K, J, 8 to A, 8, 2 and every declarer would cheerfully hold up the Ace for one round (that is enough) but with the hand as given many a declarer would go wrong. And yet the basic principle is exactly the same. But it is the possibility of getting two tricks in the club suit that lures the declarer to his doom by taking the Queen with his King at trick one. A large number of misplays at Bridge is caused by one of two things, fear or greed. In this case, of course, it is greed that causes the declarer's downfall.

It is clear that the refusal to take trick one is a hundred per cent safety measure—it ensures the success of the contract. If West has five clubs originally East has but two and the hold up ensures ten tricks. If East has three clubs West started with only four and there is no danger.

Change the Knave of clubs in South's hand with the Queen in East's, so that South's holding is K, Q, 8. Now when East plays the Knave to his partner's opening lead South should again refuse to take. The principle is still the same but more declarers would go wrong because the K, Q combination casts an even greater spell than the K, J.

One last change. North's diamond holding is K, Q, 10, 9, 3, instead of A, Q, 10, 9, 3. Now when East's Queen of club appears do you hold up or not? The answer to that is—who holds the Ace of diamonds? If West has it you must not hold up, if East has it you must. (Work it out for yourself.) Which are you to do? Your guess is as good as mine!

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## CORRESPONDENCE

### OPTIONAL CORNER CANNONS

Dear Sir,

Many of us have no doubt studied the literature on this fascinating subject and with or without the aid of coins have tried our cannons when practising, but how often does one succeed in getting a cannon in an actual game!

I confess to being fond of these fascinating strokes, and I suggest the following might be allowed at any rate in friendly games.

"If after roqueting a ball off within the yard line it is found that when the ball has been replaced it is not possible to pass the Player's ball between the roqueted one and the ball adjacent to it, the player may at his option elect to place all three balls in contact."

Often in rushing a ball to another in the corner the cannon is lost either by a roqueted ball just missing the corner peg or hitting a ball in the corner causing it or the roqueted ball to finish up just outside it.

I trust the Laws committee will give this suggestion serious consideration.

Yours faithfully,

M. SPENCER ELL

### SECOND VIII

Dear Sir,

May I suggest that the selection of a Second VIII might encourage the standard of play generally, and give some incentive to those who have just got into the "A" Class, and to others who hope to reach it?

It seems to me that those within the range of, say, minus 1½ to scratch often find there is no Tournament they could go in for with much chance of getting a great distance and that they might welcome the opportunity if they were deserving of it of several days consecutive play.

Further if this idea should commend itself and prove successful, perhaps a Third VIII might be well worthy of consideration.

Yours faithfully,

M. SPENCER ELL

### A CRITICISM

Dear Editors,

May I express my sympathy with the ladies who wrote with such indignation in your last issue?

Your disclaimer of Lex as an authority is so puerile. Why put him up to instruct us in the laws if he has to be disclaimed.

Mr. Elvey on tactics, Mr. Cotter on bridge, Mrs. Rotherham on practice, and even Mr. Reckitt on the game in general, may all become subject to disclaimers if protests are made loud enough by suitable people, and your journal will wither from want of authority.

But I should like through you to congratulate the Council, who ruled out of order a motion regulating their appointment of a selection committee for the President's Cup at the Annual General Meeting, on adopting the recommendation in the current year.

Yours truly,

EDWARD CARLILE

[The object of the articles by Lex is to provide items of interest and to promote discussion or correspondence upon controversial matter concerning the laws of Croquet. This letter, and those in our last issue are an obvious indication of its success. It may seem puerile to our correspondent that Lex should disclaim any authority. The fact remains he has none.

The Council will doubtless be duly gratified to have satisfied Mr. Carlile in spite of the inaccuracies in the last paragraph of his letter.—*Editorial Panel.*]

### LAW 21

Dear Sir,

I would like to suggest in the interests of the game and as a possible aid to shortening long games in tournaments, the following addition to Law 21 on wiring.

"It is, however, lawful for the striker to wire his balls from his opponent's balls when they are rovers, provided that either Rover ball has an open shot at the peg when placed where it lies by the adversary."

Yours faithfully,

E. ANTHONY ROPER.



# PRESIDENT'S CUP

SEPTEMBER 6th—10th

The Council of the C.A., having decreed that 3 11/16th inch hoops should be used in this, the fourteenth competition for the above handsome trophy, saw no reason to substitute the 3 3/4 inch hoops—a right which they had reserved to themselves.

Whether these narrow hoops—allowing only 1/16th of an inch margin for the passage of the 3 3/4 inch balls through them—caused fewer examples of "peeling," it is, nevertheless a remarkable fact that not only did the winner, H. O. Hicks, refrain from embroidering his many fine breaks with this artistry but he established a record by winning every one of the 14 games.

There were one or two exceptional examples of good fortune. We noticed, for instance, a player, unable to make a roquet after only just running the third hoop, who played to join his partner ball lying near the fourth hoop. Instead, he ran that hoop, and so slowly that he was able to roquet this other ball and continue the break.

One of the most remarkable games was that in the fourth round, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey v. E. P. C. Cotter. Up to this round Mrs. Elvey had not won a game; now she appeared to be going to win one. Alas! she lost it; and there were many spectators who knew why, and that she ought to have done this instead of doing that! She pegged out one of her rovers—the other failed from a nasty distance of about seven yards!

The second game between Hicks and Cotter was, of course, looked forward to by spectators. It resulted in a +26 win for Hicks, and seldom does one see the second break from the first hoop made so simple; Cotter's lift shot at a ball close to the peg hit the peg and stayed there!

Among the comparatively few triple peels that were completed during the week, in the second series, Cotter did a "straight triple" against Ross.

The last two rounds were indeed thrilling for spectators when Hicks met, first Wiggins, and then Reckitt. Against Wiggins he was for the 5th hoop with both balls when his opponent was for the peg and 4-back. He went round with one ball and pegged Wiggins' rover out—thus giving contact; he then, by clever tactics and exceptional skill, gradually made the nine points with his other ball to win this all but lost game.

Against Reckitt, the odds against Hicks were even greater; again he played a wonderful uphill game for Reckitt had made two very fine all-round breaks and was all set to win the game. But, allowed to try 4-back, Reckitt stuck in it!

Hicks again, by accurate breaks, turned what looked like certain defeat into victory. Thus, though Hicks' final score of 14 games constituted a record for eight players in this competition, never could it have looked more likely to be shattered than during the greater part of these two games.

At the end of the First Series of 7 games the scores were:—

H. O. Hicks	...	...	...	...	7	games
E. P. C. Cotter	...	...	...	...	5	"
M. B. Reckitt	...	...	...	...	4	"
J. W. Solomon	...	...	...	...	4	"
A. G. F. Ross	...	...	...	...	3	"
Miss D. A. Lintern	...	...	...	...	3	"
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins	...	...	...	...	2	"
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey	...	...	...	...	0	"

The final scores were:—

H. O. Hicks	...	...	...	...	14	games
E. P. C. Cotter	...	...	...	...	10	"
M. B. Reckitt	...	...	...	...	8	"
J. W. Solomon	...	...	...	...	7	"
A. G. F. Ross	...	...	...	...	6	"
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins	...	...	...	...	6	"
Miss D. A. Lintern	...	...	...	...	4	"
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey	...	...	...	...	1	game

Mrs. G. J. Turketine, in spite of the changeable weather conditions, gave the eight competitors the benefit of her efficient and courteous management.

## ANALYSIS OF GAMES

H. O. Hicks won 14 games: namely against J. W. Solomon +22 +14, A. G. F. Ross +9 +11, E. P. C. Cotter +13 +26, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +15 +17, Miss D. A. Lintern +26 +23, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +13 +3, M. B. Reckitt +26 +4.

E. P. C. Cotter won 10 games: namely against J. W. Solomon +15, A. G. F. Ross +26 +9, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +1 +23, Miss D. A. Lintern +26 +3, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +25 +3, M. B. Reckitt +26. And lost 4 games to: J. W. Solomon -16, H. O. Hicks -13 -26, M. B. Reckitt -16.

M. B. Reckitt won 8 games: namely against J. W. Solomon +20 +15, A. G. F. Ross +7, E. P. C. Cotter +16, Miss D. A. Lintern +13, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +3, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +25 +23. And lost 6 games to: A. G. F. Ross -21, E. P. C. Cotter -26, H. O. Hicks -26 -4, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins -16, Miss D. A. Lintern -13.

J. W. Solomon won 7 games: namely against E. P. C. Cotter +16, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +26 +11, Miss D. A. Lintern +24 +12, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +16 +13. And lost 7 games to: A. G. F. Ross -22 -16, E. P. C. Cotter -15, H. O. Hicks -22 -14, M. B. Reckitt -20 -15.

A. G. F. Ross won 6 games: namely against J. W. Solomon +22 +16, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +22, Miss D. A. Lintern +10 +16, M. B. Reckitt +21. And lost 8 games to: E. P. C. Cotter -26 -9, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey -9, H. O. Hicks -9 -11, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins -26 -23, M. B. Reckitt -21.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins won 6 games: namely against A. G. F. Ross +26 +23, Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +21 +26, Miss D. A. Lintern +22, M. B. Reckitt +16. And lost 8 games to: J. W. Solomon -12 -16, E. P. C. Cotter -25 -3, H. O. Hicks -13 -3, Miss D. A. Lintern -14, M. B. Reckitt -3.

Miss D. A. Lintern won 4 games: namely against Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +4 +18, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +14, M. B. Reckitt +13. And lost 10 games to: J. W. Solomon -24 -12, A. G. F. Ross -10 -16, E. P. C. Cotter -26 -3, H. O. Hicks -26 -23, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins -22, M. B. Reckitt -13.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey won 1 game: namely against A. G. F. Ross +9. And lost 13 to: J. W. Solomon -26 -11, A. G. F. Ross -22, E. P. C. Cotter -1 -23, H. O. Hicks -15 -17, Miss D. A. Lintern -4 -18, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins -21 -26, M. B. Reckitt -25 -23.

# THE CREYKE CUPS

SEPTEMBER 6th—10th

There was a slight decrease in the number of competitors from that of last year for these trophies, presented in 1935 by that wonderful centenarian, Mrs. Walter Creyke. She died in 1946, and attributed her long life to the game of croquet.

Brigadier A. E. Stokes Roberts, who last year won Block "B" with 8 bisques now appeared in the final of Block "A" with half that handicap. M. Spencer Ell, however, after only just defeating Miss A. M. Carlyon in the semi-final, deprived Stokes Roberts of victory in the final by +16.

Mrs. D. M. Staub won Block "B," though Rev. G. L. Jarratt almost prevented her arriving in the final. Mrs. J. H. Dibley, after a close game with Major-General F. H. N. Davidson in the semi-final, found Mrs. Staub's 12 bisques too great a task to overcome.

Mrs. Turketine was able to put on an Extra Event of the "Draw" and "Process" type.

Mrs. E. Bristow won the "Draw," beating E. V. Carpmael in the final. Mrs. Staub was the winner of the "Process" by +4 on time; Major J. H. Dibley was the other finalist.

## THE CREYKE CUPS.

### BLOCK "A."

### HANDICAP SINGLES.

(5 bisques and under).

(8 Entries).

### FIRST ROUND.

Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (4) bt E. V. Carpmael (0) by 4. Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) bt Dr. N. Oliver (1/2) opponent retired.

Miss A. M. Carlyon (4 1/2) bt Major J. H. Dibley (1) by 26. M. Spencer Ell (0) bt Mrs. A. Ross (2 1/2) by 11.

### SEMI-FINAL.

Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (4) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) by 23.

M. Spencer Ell (0) bt Miss A. M. Carlyon (4 1/2) by 4.

### FINAL.

M. Spencer Ell (0) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts (4) by 16.

### BLOCK "B."

### HANDICAP SINGLES.

(5 1/2 bisques and over).

(10 Entries).

### FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. M. D. Cork (9) bt Mrs. D. Attfield (6) by 3. Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5 1/2) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (11) by 14. The rest had byes.

### SECOND ROUND.

Rev. G. L. Jarratt (9) bt Miss M. L. Hellyer (7 1/2) by 1. Mrs. D. M. Staub (14) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (9) by 14. Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5 1/2) bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (8 1/2) by 6. Mrs. M. H. Carrington (12) bt Mrs. E. Bristow (7) by 9.

### SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. D. M. Staub (14) bt Rev. G. L. Jarratt (9) by 2. Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5 1/2) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (12) by 11.

### FINAL.

Mrs. D. M. Staub (14) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5 1/2) by 13.

### EXTRA EVENT.

### OPEN SINGLES.

("Two Lives" System).

### THE DRAW.

(14 Entries).

### FIRST ROUND.

E. V. Carpmael (0) bt Mrs. D. Attfield (6) by 13. Major J. H. Dibley (1) bt Miss M. L. Hellyer (7 1/2) by 13. Rev. G. L. Jarratt (9) bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (8 1/2) by 7 on time.

M. Spencer Ell (0) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (11) by 1 on time.

Mrs. A. Ross (2 1/2) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) by 15. Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5 1/2) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (9) by 15.

The rest had byes.

## SECOND ROUND.

E. V. Carpmael (0) bt Mrs. D. M. Staub (14) by 1 on time. Rev. G. L. Jarratt (9) bt Major J. H. Dibley (1) by 3. M. Spencer Ell (0) bt Mrs. A. Ross (2 1/2) by 4. Mrs. E. Bristow (7) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5 1/2) by 6 on time.

## SEMI-FINAL.

E. V. Carpmael (0) bt Rev. G. L. Jarratt (9) by 15. Mrs. E. Bristow (7) w.o. M. Spencer Ell (0) opponent scratched.

## FINAL.

Mrs. E. Bristow (7) bt E. V. Carpmael (0) by 10.

## PROCESS.

(14 Entries).

## FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5 1/2) bt Major-Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (8 1/2) by 3 on time.

E. V. Carpmael (0) bt Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) by 25.

Mrs. D. M. Staub (14) bt Mrs. E. Haigh Smith (11) by 1 on time.

Mrs. E. Bristow (7) bt Rev. G. L. Jarratt (9) by 2 on time. Mrs. A. Ross (2 1/2) bt Mrs. D. Attfield (6) by 1 on time.

The rest had byes.

## SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5 1/2) bt E. V. Carpmael (0) by 10 on time.

Mrs. D. M. Staub (14) bt Miss M. L. Hellyer (7 1/2) by 9 on time.

Major J. H. Dibley (1) bt M. Spencer Ell (0) by 3 on time.

Mrs. E. Bristow (7) bt Mrs. A. Ross (2 1/2) by 8 on time.

## SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. D. M. Staub (14) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5 1/2) by 1 on time.

Major J. H. Dibley (1) bt Mrs. E. Bristow (7) by 5 on time.

## FINAL.

Mrs. D. M. Staub (14) bt Major J. H. Dibley (1) by 4 on time.

## NO PLAY-OFF.

# BRIGHTON

AUGUST 23rd—28th

The Brighton committee has now firmly re-established what so many call its "Two Week System," with the emphasis on first-class play in the first week, and on handicap play in the second. This reversion to the rather similar arrangement of 30 years ago is already a proved success, and the Managers each week have a tough assignment to get through a programme for which not only so many visitors enter, but which naturally appeals also to the large membership of this deservedly prosperous club.

The soil at Southwick is of a sort which does not take kindly to the torrential rains of this horrible summer, and the fact that a large proportion of the country's population of worms seems to live in this area made the preparation of the courts this year a matter of special difficulty. But the club has been fortunate in finding an excellent new groundsman, and his efforts were greatly aided by a number of volunteers, of whom at least one must not go without specific recognition here, for Mr. Wood-Hill's services are so many and so selflessly rendered that it would be indeed ungracious not to thank him for them.

The weather, which by midweek became sunny and warm began in its customary hostile fashion, and Tuesday was a dreadful day. Mr. Brackenbury, who had to go to London on business connected with this journal, was perhaps not sorry to leave the invidious task of putting on the games in other hands. But Mr. Cotter was more than equal to this ungrateful job and had a proud record to report at the end of the day. Whether for this reason, however, or for another, he was seized with a most untimely indisposition on the following one. From one point of view this unhappy occurrence seriously detracted from the interest of the principal event, for on his fine form this season Patrick starts an automatic favourite for any level event for which he is entered. But from another angle interest was perhaps increased, for the "A" opens thereby became very open indeed, any of half a dozen players being well



in the running. Probably the majority of those present rather expected the finalists at the May tournament, Mr. Kirk-Greene and Mr. Ross to re-appear in this capacity. This valuation was, however, upset by Mr. Reckitt, who contrived to beat both of them, and so win Draw, Process and the Sussex Gold Cup. He confessed, at the pleasant little presentation ceremony which (more or less) concluded the tournament, that it was 41 years since he had first appeared—unsuccessfully—in the final of this event, so that his victory, if rather notably delayed, was perhaps overdue.

Mrs. Chittenden (a benefactor of the club in many ways) seems to win a prize at every tournament she plays in; her victory in the "B" opens was no surprise; it will indeed be surprising if she is found in this event in future. Two club members, Mr. Paxon and Mr. Woodhams, fought out the final for the Monteith Bowl; both perhaps earned congratulations, indeed Mr. Paxon did well in all three events.

One of the good reasons for visiting this tournament is the opportunity it gives to meet the Rothwell brothers whom we see all too seldom on the courts elsewhere. Here they seldom seemed to be off them, and made their way through the Handicap to fight a fraternal final, Richard finding 1½ bisques too much to give to Peter. It is to be expected that each will now have to give a bit more in future to most of us.

Canon Creed Meredith, who always plays well here, and Mrs. Ross piloted their partners to the final of the Doubles, the former being successful, the steady play of Mrs. Pearce throughout the event contributing much to the result.

A welcome new competitor appeared in the person of Mr. David Dibley, who soon showed he had an inherited talent for the game. Entered at the statutory 7, he became hot favourite for the Handicap, which he might well have won had not an understandable unfamiliarity with the pegged out game led to his narrow defeat by one of the finalists.

The account began by speaking of the Manager's job as a tough assignment, and Mr. Brackenbury referred at the end to the "severity" with which he handled his charges and asked for their indulgence. The fact is that only the greatest skill and experience would have sufficed to get the tournament finished at all, and competitors were lucky that these qualities were available in this instance and felt only grateful that Mr. Brackenbury was present to display them.

The refreshments were as usual, magnificent, and what somebody described as "the best 3s. lunch in England" is only part of the service which at Southwick we have come (perhaps too easily) to take for granted. When thanks are owed to so many we have only space to mention a few. Mr. and Mrs. Miller for the catering; Mrs. Roberts for the floral decorations; and Mr. Corke for his unceasing zest and energy as secretary.

#### OPEN SINGLES.

("Two Lives" System).

#### THE SUSSEX GOLD CUP.

##### THE DRAW.

(21 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. W. Longman bt Canon Creed Meredith by 22.  
G. F. Rothwell bt Mrs. N. Oddie by 20.  
Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton bt Miss M. J. Daldy by 22.  
M. B. Reckitt bt Major J. R. Abbey by 13.  
E. P. C. Cotter bt R. F. Rothwell by 3.  
The rest had byes.

##### SECOND ROUND.

A. Ross bt F. H. Fisher by 9.  
Brig-Gen. B. C. Fellows bt N. Oddie by 19.  
Miss D. D. Steel bt Mrs. W. Longman by 3.  
G. F. Rothwell bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton by 14.  
M. B. Reckitt w.o. E. P. C. Cotter opponent scratched.  
G. W. Solomon bt T. Wood Hill by 21.  
W. Longman bt H. T. Pinckney Simpson by 14.  
L. Kirk Greene bt Major J. H. Dibley by 4.

##### THIRD ROUND.

A. Ross bt Brig-Gen. B. C. Fellows by 20.  
G. F. Rothwell bt Miss D. D. Steel by 6.  
M. B. Reckitt bt G. W. Solomon by 26.  
W. Longman bt L. Kirk Greene by 13.

#### SEMI-FINAL.

A. Ross bt G. F. Rothwell by 16.  
M. B. Reckitt bt W. Longman by 4.

#### FINAL.

M. B. Reckitt bt A. Ross by 4.

#### PROCESS.

(21 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

N. Oddie bt H. T. Pinckney Simpson by 10.  
L. Kirk Greene bt Miss D. D. Steel by 4.  
F. H. Fisher bt G. W. Solomon by 11.  
Brig-Gen. B. C. Fellows bt Major J. R. Dibley by 7.  
W. Longman bt A. G. F. Ross by 9.  
The rest had byes.

##### SECOND ROUND.

R. F. Rothwell bt Canon Creed Meredith by 26.  
Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton bt N. Oddie by 8.  
L. Kirk Greene bt Major J. R. Abbey by 12.  
Mrs. N. Oddie bt F. H. Fisher by 21.  
G. F. Rothwell bt T. Wood Hill by 21.  
M. B. Reckitt bt Brig-Gen. B. C. Fellows by 26.  
Mrs. W. Longman w.o. E. P. C. Cotter opponent scratched.  
Miss M. J. Daldy bt W. Longman by 21.

##### THIRD ROUND.

R. F. Rothwell bt Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton by 14.  
L. Kirk Greene bt Mrs. N. Oddie by 14.  
M. B. Reckitt bt G. F. Rothwell by 25.  
Mrs. W. Longman bt Miss M. J. Daldy by 6.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

L. Kirk Greene bt R. F. Rothwell by 14.  
M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs. W. Longman by 6.

##### FINAL.

M. B. Reckitt bt L. Kirk Greene by 12.

#### LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B").

##### THE FRANC CUP.

(2 to 5 bisques).

(14 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt Mrs. D. S. Pearce by 17.  
Mrs. A. Ross bt R. G. H. Belcher by 12.  
Mrs. G. W. Solomon bt Lady Ursula Abbey by 15.  
Mrs. M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs. H. Franc by 21.  
Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege bt Mrs. A. J. Robards by 11.  
Mrs. S. Phillips bt Miss L. Elphinstone Stone by 16.  
The rest had byes.

##### SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt R. H. Newton by 7.  
Mrs. A. Ross bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 18.  
Mrs. M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege by 2.  
G. E. W. Hitchcock bt Mrs. S. Phillips by 12.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden w.o. Mrs. A. Ross opponent scratched.

G. E. W. Hitchcock bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt by 6.

##### FINAL.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt G. E. W. Hitchcock by 12.

#### HANDICAP SINGLES.

##### THE MONTEITH BOWL.

(5½ bisques and over).

(26 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

G. F. Paxon (10) bt Mrs. C. Riddey (9) by 13.  
Miss M. A. Posford (5½) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5½) by 11.  
Miss H. D. Parker (5½) bt M. Vlasto (9) by 7.  
E. A. Roper (5½) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 8.  
D. J. Dibley (7) bt Mrs. Roberts (10) by 5.  
Sir Crawford Douglas Jones (6) bt Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher (10) by 3.  
Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) bt Mrs. D. Cork (9) by 16.  
Mrs. W. L. Machell (8) bt Miss E. M. Bray (7) by 12.  
Miss M. Morgan (11) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (9) by 11.  
D. Woodhams (8) bt Hon. Clive Pearson (10) by 22.  
The rest had byes.

#### SECOND ROUND.

Miss D. L. Latham (9) bt Mrs. J. A. Paxon (8) by 1.  
G. F. Paxon (10) bt Capt. K. B. Miller (8) by 17.  
Miss H. D. Parker (5½) bt Miss M. A. Posford (5½) by 13.  
D. J. Dibley (7) bt E. A. Roper (5½) by 24.  
Sir Crawford Douglas Jones (6) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) by 8.  
Miss M. Morgan (11) bt Mrs. W. L. Machell (8) by 5 on time.  
D. Woodhams (8) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) by 9.  
Miss G. Forbes Cowan (6) bt Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) by 8.

##### THIRD ROUND.

G. F. Paxon (10) bt Miss D. L. Latham (9) by 1 on time.  
Miss H. D. Parker (5½) bt D. J. Dibley (7) by 3.  
Sir Crawford Douglas Jones (6) bt Miss M. Morgan (11) opponent retired.  
D. Woodhams (8) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan (6) by 8 on time.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

G. F. Paxon (10) bt Miss H. D. Parker (5½) by 6 on time.  
D. Woodhams (8) bt Sir Crawford Douglas Jones (6) by 8.

##### FINAL.

D. Woodhams (8) bt G. F. Paxon (10) by 12.

#### HANDICAP SINGLES.

##### THE MAURICE RECKITT BOWL.

(59 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

Miss M. Morgan (11) bt F. H. Fisher (1½) by 16.  
Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) bt G. W. Solomon (3½) by 5.  
Mrs. C. Riddey (9) bt Sir Crawford Douglas Jones (6) by 9.  
Mrs. A. Ross (2½) bt Mrs. H. Franc (4) by 16.  
Miss H. D. Parker (5½) bt Major J. H. Dibley (1) by 17.  
Capt. K. D. Millar (8) bt Mrs. A. Badcock (1½) by 1.  
W. Longman (—3) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (9) by 20.  
Miss M. A. Posford (5½) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (9) by 11.  
M. Vlasto (9) bt Mrs. B. M. Chittenden (2) by 9.  
N. Oddie (1½) bt T. Wood Hill (1) by 17.  
D. J. Dibley (7) bt R. H. Newton (2½) by 19.  
G. F. Paxon (10) bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) by 19.  
R. G. H. Belcher (2½) bt Miss E. M. Bray (7) by 7.  
E. P. C. Cotter (—4½) bt E. A. Roper (5½) by 19.  
A. Ross (—4) bt Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) by 12.  
Miss G. Forbes Cowan (6) bt Brig-Gen. B. C. Fellows (—1½) by 3.

M. B. Reckitt (—3) bt Mrs. C. M. Cumberlege (2½) by 16.  
Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) by 16.  
Major J. R. Abbey (½) bt Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher (9) by 1.  
D. Woodhams (8) w.o. Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury (1) opponent scratched.  
Mrs. R. S. Lord (6½) bt H. T. Pinckney Simpson (0) by 9.  
Lady Ursula Abbey (5) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5½) by 1.  
Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton (—½) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) by ??.  
Canon Creed Meredith (1) bt Mrs. W. Longman (—1) by 10.  
Mrs. S. Phillips (2½) bt S. F. Sopwith (1½) by 1.  
Miss M. J. Daldy (—1) bt Mrs. N. Oddie (—2½) by 8.  
Miss D. D. Steel (—4) bt Miss D. L. Latham (9) by 17.  
The rest had byes.

##### SECOND ROUND.

R. F. Rothwell (—1½) bt Mrs. D. S. Pearce (5) by 19.  
Mrs. C. H. Turner (8) bt Miss M. Morgan (11) by 3 on time.  
Mrs. A. Ross (2½) bt Mrs. C. Riddey (9) by 2.  
Capt. K. D. Millar (8) bt Miss H. D. Parker (5½) by 5.  
Miss M. A. Posford (5½) bt W. Longman (—3) by 9.  
N. Oddie (1) bt M. Vlasto (9) by 2 on time.  
D. J. Dibley (7) bt G. F. Paxon (10) by 13.  
R. G. H. Belcher (2½) w.o. E. P. C. Cotter (—4½) retired.  
A. G. Ross (—4) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan (6) by 11.  
M. B. Reckitt (—3) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 10.  
Major J. R. Abbey (½) bt D. Woodhams (8) by 10.  
Lady Ursula Abbey (5) bt Mrs. R. S. Lord (6½) by 15.  
Canon Creed Meredith (1) w.o. Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton (—½) opponent scratched.

Miss M. J. Daldy (—1) bt Mrs. S. Phillips (2½) by 2.  
L. Kirk Greene (—1½) bt Miss D. D. Steel (—4) by 18.  
G. F. Rothwell (0) bt G. E. W. Hitchcock (3) by 15.

##### THIRD ROUND.

R. F. Rothwell (—1½) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) by 10.  
Capt. K. D. Millar (8) bt Mrs. A. Ross (2½) by 1.  
Miss M. A. Posford (5½) bt N. Oddie (1) by 7.  
D. J. Dibley (7) bt R. G. H. Belcher (2½) by 23.  
A. Ross (—4) bt M. B. Reckitt (—3) by 7.  
Lady Ursula Abbey (5) bt Major J. R. Abbey (½) by 6.  
Canon Creed Meredith (1) bt Miss M. J. Daldy (—1) by 16.  
G. F. Rothwell (0) bt L. Kirk Green (—1½) by 5.

#### FOURTH ROUND.

R. F. Rothwell (—1½) bt Capt. K. D. Millar (8) by 10.  
D. J. Dibley (7) bt Miss M. A. Posford (5½) by 8.  
Lady Ursula Abbey (5) bt A. Ross (—4) by 24.  
G. F. Rothwell (0) bt Canon Creed Meredith (1) by 7.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

R. F. Rothwell (—1½) bt D. J. Dibley (7) by 2.  
G. F. Rothwell (0) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (5) by 12.

##### FINAL.

G. F. Rothwell (0) bt R. F. Rothwell (—1½) by 16.

#### HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(25 Pairs).

##### FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. A. Ross and Mrs. E. A. Roper (8½) bt Capt. K. Millar and Miss G. Forbes Cowan (14) by 2.  
M. B. Reckitt and F. W. Snow (4½) bt E. A. Roper and G. W. Solomon (9) by 10 on time.  
L. Kirk Greene and Mrs. N. Oddie (—4) bt Mrs. D. Corke and Major J. H. Dibley (10½) by 13.  
G. H. Paxon and Mrs. J. A. Paxon (18) bt Mrs. R. S. Lord and Miss M. A. Posford (12) by 11.  
N. Oddie and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (9) bt R. G. H. Belcher and Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher (11½) by 5 on time.  
A. Ross and Sir Crawford Douglas Jones (2) bt G. F. Rothwell and R. F. Rothwell (—1½) by 10.  
E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (—1½) bt F. E. Corke and Mrs. H. Roberts (14½) by 12.  
Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege and Mrs. A. J. Robards (5) bt F. H. Fisher and M. Vlasto (7½) by 11.  
Mrs. A. Badcock and Miss M. Morgan (11½) bt S. F. Sopwith and Miss H. D. Parker (7) by 16.  
The rest had byes.

##### SECOND ROUND.

R. H. Newton and Mrs. C. A. Bishop (11½) bt W. Longman and Mrs. W. Longman (—4) by 1 on time.  
Mrs. A. Ross and Mrs. E. A. Roper (8½) bt D. Woodhams and Mrs. C. M. Turner (16) by 9.  
M. B. Reckitt and F. W. Snow (4½) bt L. Kirk Greene and Mrs. N. Oddie (—4) by 9.  
G. F. Paxon and Mrs. J. A. Paxon (18) bt N. Oddie and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (9) by 3 on time.  
A. Ross and Sir Crawford Douglas Jones (2) w.o. E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (—1½) opponents scratched.  
Mrs. A. Badcock and Miss M. Morgan (11½) bt Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege and Mrs. A. J. Robards (5) by 13.  
Canon Creed Meredith and Mrs. D. S. Pearce (6) bt Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. B. M. Chittenden (—2) by 10.  
Major J. R. Abbey and Hon. Clive Pearson (10½) bt G. W. Hitchcock and Miss Elphinstone Stone (6½) by 13.

##### THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. A. Ross and Mrs. E. A. Roper (8½) bt R. H. Newton and Mrs. C. A. Bishop (11½) by 11.  
G. F. Paxon and Mrs. J. A. Paxon (18) bt M. B. Reckitt and F. W. Snow (4½) by 3 on time.  
Mrs. A. Badcock and Miss M. Morgan (11½) bt A. Ross and Sir Crawford Douglas Jones (2) by 1 on time.  
Canon Creed Meredith and Mrs. D. S. Pearce (6) bt Major J. R. Abbey and Hon. C. Pearson (10½) by 10.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. A. Ross and Mrs. E. A. Roper (8½) bt G. F. Paxon and Mrs. J. A. Paxon (18) by 13.  
Canon Creed Meredith and Mrs. D. S. Pearce (6) bt Mrs. A. Badcock and Miss M. Morgan (11½) by 11.

##### FINAL.

Canon Creed Meredith and Mrs. D. S. Pearce (6) bt Mrs. A. Ross and Mrs. E. A. Roper (8½) by 10.

## HUNSTANTON

AUGUST 30th—September 4th

After the dreary summer came this week of blue skies and warm sun, of coffees and teas outside. Many of us had contended for weeks with muddy lawns and here were surfaces well nigh perfect.

All the delights of Croquet were at hand once more; a tonic indeed. Among the visitors were five from the thriving Nottingham Club where we learn there are over sixty members including young folk from the university. Play did not reach the highest standards; perhaps we



were overcome by the changed conditions and wanted to make most of a chair in the sun.

In the Final of the Open Singles J. G. Warwick played one of his best games to win against H. O. Hodgson, of Nottingham, although in the Process, Hodgson had proved victorious against Warwick. In fact Hodgson was playing excellent croquet in all events until he strained his hand and this must certainly have made a difference to him; he is a much better player than he appears to be, and with his partner W. F. Lord, he reached the Final of the Handicap Doubles only to be beaten by E. V. Carpmael and Mrs. P. E. Heley. Apparently it is becoming a habit for the latter pair to win handicap doubles. Mrs. Heley plays perfect Croquet in double harness, her strokes are excellent and in long shooting is very accurate, she saved the situation many a time.

The "B" Opens of the handicap singles were both won by Miss J. Warwick and her handicap must be reduced again and yet again to get the correct one for her. In the final of the "B's" N. L. Bright just failed to beat Miss Warwick, but he is a player who hits the ball well and has a nice free style. He also comes from Nottingham and this really means that players from this Club are very dangerous to meet. They all seem too good for their bisques.

The "C" Handicap Singles was played as an American as there were so few entrants, and was won by W. F. Lord.

Our sincerest thanks are due to C. B. Bird for managing the whole fortnight. He does it so efficiently and considers the spectators as well as the players and especially makes the retired players feel that they are still very important to everyone's happiness. Mrs. B. C. Perowne, the Secretary, also works hard for us all the season and we are very grateful. Teas and morning coffee were in the hands of Mrs. F. W. Lewis and Mrs. Jackman and with their many helpers, kept us all refreshed; it is good of so many ladies who do not play themselves to work so hard for a fortnight. Our last word of gratitude and praise goes to Proudfoot for keeping the lawns so well cut and rolled; the white lines so neat and straight and the hoops well set, the last two points much appreciated by the referees.

The American tournament, in the first week, was won by Mrs. Perowne a gradually improving player and one who is anxious to play better.

#### OPEN SINGLES (CLASS "A").

##### THE NORFOLK CHALLENGE CUP.

("Two Lives" System).

##### THE DRAW.

(6 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

H. O. Hodgson bt J. G. Warwick by 10.  
H. J. Tovey w.o. Dr. F. W. Lewis retired.  
The rest had byes.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

H. O. Hodgson bt Mrs. E. Reeve by 10.  
E. V. Carpmael bt H. J. Tovey by 2.

##### FINAL.

H. O. Hodgson bt E. V. Carpmael by 22.

##### PROCESS.

##### FIRST ROUND.

H. J. Tovey bt Mrs. E. Reeve by 4.  
E. V. Carpmael bt Dr. F. W. Lewis retired.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

J. G. Warwick bt H. J. Tovey by 13.  
H. O. Hodgson bt E. V. Carpmael by 4.

##### FINAL.

J. G. Warwick bt H. O. Hodgson by 24.

##### PLAY-OFF.

J. G. Warwick bt H. O. Hodgson by 22.

Eighteen

#### LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B").

##### THE HUNSTANTON CHALLENGE BOWL.

(3½ to 8 bisques).

(7 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. P. E. Heley bt Mrs. B. C. Perowne by 9.  
Miss J. Warwick bt Mrs. H. T. Farris by 21.  
N. L. Bright bt Miss J. Birch by 4.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

Miss J. Warwick bt Mrs. P. E. Heley by 18.  
N. L. Bright bt Mrs. W. Leake by 24.

##### FINAL.

Miss J. Warwick bt N. L. Bright by 6.

#### HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C").

(9 bisques and over).

(3 Entries).

##### PLAYED AS AMERICAN.

W. F. Lord (10) bt Mrs. N. L. Bright (13) by 19.  
W. F. Lord (10) bt Mrs. C. A. G. Money (8½) by 1.  
Mrs. C. A. G. Money (8½) w.o. Mrs. N. L. Bright (13) scratched.

#### HANDICAP SINGLES.

##### INGLEBY CHALLENGE CUP.

(16 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

Miss J. Birch (4½) bt Mrs. H. T. Farris (7) by 11.  
H. J. Tovey (1½) w.o. Mrs. N. L. Bright (13) scratched.  
Miss J. Warwick (6) bt Mrs. C. A. G. Money (8½) by 11.  
H. O. Hodgson (½) bt Mrs. E. Reeve (-2) by 25.  
E. V. Carpmael (0) bt Mrs. B. C. Perowne (6) by 6.  
Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) bt N. L. Bright (4) by 13.  
Mrs. W. Leake (7) w.o. Dr. F. W. Lewis (3) scratched.  
J. G. Warwick (-1) bt W. F. Lord (10) by 11.

##### SECOND ROUND.

Miss J. Birch (4½) bt H. J. Tovey (1½) by 9.  
Miss J. Warwick (6) bt H. O. Hodgson (½) by 10.  
Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) w.o. E. V. Carpmael (0) retired.  
J. G. Warwick (-1) bt Mrs. W. Leake (7) by 10.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

Miss J. Warwick (6) bt Miss J. Birch (4½) by 24.  
J. G. Warwick (-1) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) by 8.

##### FINAL.

Miss J. Warwick (6) bt J. G. Warwick (-1) by 26.

#### HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(6 Pairs).

##### FIRST ROUND.

H. O. Hodgson and W. F. Lord (10½) bt Miss J. Birch and Mrs. B. C. Perowne (10½) by 11.  
E. V. Carpmael and Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) bt J. G. Warwick and Mrs. H. T. Farris (6) by 7.  
The rest had byes.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

H. O. Hodgson and W. F. Lord (10½) bt H. J. Tovey and Mrs. W. Leake (8½) by 8 on time.  
E. V. Carpmael and Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) bt Mrs. E. Reeve and Miss J. Warwick (4) by 4.

##### FINAL.

E. V. Carpmael and Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) bt H. O. Hodgson and W. F. Lord (10½) by 9.

#### EXTRA EVENT.

##### HANDICAP SINGLES.

(5 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

N. L. Bright (4) bt Mrs. H. T. Farris (7) opponent retired.  
The rest had byes.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

N. L. Bright (4) bt Mrs. C. A. G. Money (8½) by 22.  
Mrs. E. Reeve (-2) bt Mrs. W. Leake (7) by 23.

##### FINAL.

N. L. Bright (4) bt Mrs. E. Reeve (-2) by 13.

## PARKSTONE

AUGUST 30th—SEPTEMBER 4th

The Parkstone Tournament is regarded, by many, as one of the season's most pleasant fixtures and this year it more than lived up to its reputation. Even the weather was satisfactory, which was fortunate seeing that the authorities had to cope with an entry so large that late-comers had to be turned away.

No management relishes the task of refusing the entries of either visiting or local players, but the results upon this occasion more than justified the action seeing that Mr. Ashton was thus able to complete all events within the given period without having to impose time limits or shortened game regulations upon any events other than the Handicap Doubles—a fact that filled all competitors with admiration and thankfulness, and demonstrated once more his quality as a Manager.

In the Open event single games were played till the final which was decided by the best of three. E. P. C. Cotter played well to beat A. F. Ross by 26, but failed to win the final when he was beaten by C. W. R. Hodges by +11 and +12. The excellent long shooting of Hodges stood him in good stead.

The "B" event was won by Commander Beamish who had considerable difficulty in defeating W. Ormerod who for some time looked likely to win this event. The "C" event was won by that improving Hurlingham player Mrs. Thom. W. Ormerod again figured prominently in the Doubles which he won with his partner Mrs. Rotherham. The success of this pair was due in no small degree to Ormerod's good shooting.

G. F. Rothwell deserved his success in the big handicap. In the final he defeated W. Ormerod, due partly to the latter's not making the best use of his bisques. This was Rothwell's first tournament, playing at a handicap of -1, a reduction which had come to him after his win at Brighton.

Catering here has to be experienced to be believed, convincing evidence of the team work of those concerned, and the thanks of the players is hereby expressed to that band of tireless workers.

The lawns were difficult, as was only to be expected in this so-called summer, but this did not prevent some competitors from achieving fine croquet.

#### OPEN SINGLES.

##### THE BOURNEMOUTH BOWL.

(17 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. L. H. Ashton bt R. G. H. Belcher by 19.

##### SECOND ROUND.

Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows bt Canon R. Creed Meredith by 5.  
E. P. C. Cotter bt Mrs. W. Longman by 26.  
A. G. F. Ross bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 5.  
Mrs. L. H. Ashton bt J. K. Brown by 22.  
V. de la Nougerede bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey by 18.  
G. F. Rothwell bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 26.  
W. W. Sweet Escott bt W. Longman by 4.  
C. W. R. Hodges bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 12.

##### THIRD ROUND.

E. P. C. Cotter bt Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows by 14.  
A. G. F. Ross bt Mrs. L. H. Ashton by 24.  
G. F. Rothwell bt V. A. de la Nougerede by 10.  
C. W. R. Hodges bt W. W. Sweet Escott by 18.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

E. P. C. Cotter bt A. G. F. Ross by 26.  
C. W. R. Hodges bt G. F. Rothwell by 11.

##### FINAL.

C. W. R. Hodges bt E. P. C. Cotter by 11 and 2.

#### OPEN SINGLES.

##### THE ASHTON TROPHY

(9 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. Longman bt Mrs. Rotherham by 20.

#### SECOND ROUND.

J. K. Brown bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey by 4.  
Col. D. W. Beamish w.o. Mrs. Longman opponent scratched.

Mrs. Elvey bt Canon R. Creed Meredith by 14.  
W. Longman bt R. G. H. Belcher by 21.

#### SEMI-FINAL.

J. K. Brown bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 17.  
Mrs. Elvey bt W. Longman by 22.

#### FINAL.

Mrs. Elvey bt J. K. Brown by 13.

#### LEVEL SINGLES.

(Variation "B").

#### THE DESHON CUP.

(1½ to 4 bisques).

(12 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

Miss V. E. Mills bt G. W. Solomon by 18.  
W. P. Ormerod bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson by 10.  
Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 18.  
Com. G. V. G. Beamish bt Miss A. E. Mills by 18.

##### SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. A. G. F. Ross bt Mrs. J. A. McMordie by 13.  
W. P. Ormerod bt Miss V. E. Mills by 14.  
Com. G. V. G. Beamish bt Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin by 11.  
Miss M. C. Macaulay bt Miss M. K. Haslam by 8.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

W. P. Ormerod bt Mrs. Ross by 24.  
Com. G. V. G. Beamish bt Miss M. C. Macaulay by 23.

##### FINAL.

Com. G. V. G. Beamish bt W. P. Ormerod by 1.

#### HANDICAP SINGLES.

##### THE HALSE SALVER.

(4½ bisques and over).

(8 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (10) bt Miss K. Ault (4½) by 9.  
Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) bt Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (12) by 19.  
Mrs. M. L. Thom (6½) bt Mrs. Robertson (12) by 9.  
Mrs. R. G. H. Belcher (9) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6½) by 9.

##### SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (10) bt Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) by 8.  
Mrs. M. L. Thom (6½) bt Mrs. Belcher (9) by 7.

##### FINAL.

Mrs. M. L. Thom (6½) bt Mrs. Thornewill (10) by 3.

#### HANDICAP SINGLES.

(Unrestricted).

#### THE CRIPPS GOLD CUP.

(37 Entries).

##### FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) bt Mrs. Robertson (12) by 18.  
C. W. R. Hodges (-2½) bt Miss V. E. Mills (3½) by 9.  
Miss K. Ault (4½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) by 24.  
G. F. Rothwell (-1) bt J. K. Brown (-1) by 22.  
P. Eliot Scott (9) bt Col. D. W. Beamish (-1½) by 2.

##### SECOND ROUND.

Miss A. E. Mills (2) bt Miss W. L. Stevenson (9) by 14.  
Mrs. A. G. F. Ross (2½) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (-2) by 11.  
W. W. Sweet Escott (-½) bt Canon R. Creed Meredith (½) by 17.  
Com. G. V. G. Beamish (2) bt R. G. H. Belcher (2½) by 20.

V. de la Nougerede (0) bt G. W. Solomon (3½) by 15.  
E. P. C. Cotter (-4½) bt Miss M. C. Macaulay (3½) by 3.  
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6½) by 11.  
C. W. R. Hodges (-2½) bt Miss K. Ault (4½) by 2.

Nineteen



G. F. Rothwell (—1) bt P. Eliot Scott (9) by 14.  
 Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows (—1½) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. W. Baldwin (3) by 19.  
 Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2) bt W. Longman (—3) by 17.  
 Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (12) w.o. Miss G. L. Weston (11) opponent scratched.  
 W. P. Ormerod (2½) bt Miss M. K. Haslam (1½) by 25.  
 Mrs. Belcher (9) w.o. Mrs. J. A. McMordie (3½) opponent retired.  
 Mrs. Thornewill (10) bt Mrs. Longman (—1) by 6.  
 A. G. F. Ross (—4) bt Mrs. M. L. Thom (6½) by 13.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. Ross (2½) bt Miss A. Mills (2) by 14.  
 Com. G. V. G. Beamish (2) bt W. W. Sweet Escott (—½) by 12.  
 E. P. C. Cotter (—4½) bt V. de la Nougerede (0) by 16.  
 C. W. R. Hodges (—2½) bt Mrs. Solomon (3) by 3.  
 G. F. Rothwell (—1) bt Brig.-Gen. Fellows (—1½) by 14.  
 Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2) bt Mrs. Ormerod (12) by 20.  
 W. P. Ormerod (2½) bt Mrs. Belcher (9) by 16.  
 A. G. F. Ross (—4) bt Mrs. F. M. Thornewill (10) by 23.

FOURTH ROUND.

Com. G. V. G. Beamish (2) bt Mrs. Ross (2½) by 13.  
 E. P. C. Cotter (—4½) bt C. W. R. Hodges (—2½) by 19.  
 G. F. Rothwell (—1) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (2) by 14.  
 W. P. Ormerod (2½) bt A. G. F. Ross (—4) by 26.

SEMI-FINAL.

Com. G. V. G. Beamish (2) bt E. P. C. Cotter (—4½) by 23.  
 G. F. Rothwell (—1) bt W. P. Ormerod (2½) by 8.

FINAL.

G. F. Rothwell (—1) bt Com. G. V. G. Beamish (2) by 2.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(Unrestricted).

(18 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Brig.-Gen. B. C. Fellows and Miss M. C. Macaulay (2½) bt Mrs. A. G. F. Ross and G. W. Solomon (6) by 12.  
 Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (4) bt R. G. H. Belcher and Miss G. L. Weston (12½) by 11.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. Rotherham and W. P. Ormerod (—½) bt E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs. M. L. Thom (2) by 5.  
 C. W. R. Hodges and Mrs. Belcher (6½) bt Mrs. J. A. McMordie and Miss W. L. Stevenson (12½) by 2.  
 Col. D. W. Beamish and Com. Beamish (½) bt Reg. G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs. Elvey (—3) by 22.  
 Brig.-Gen. Fellows and Miss Macaulay (2½) bt W. Longman and Mrs. Longman (—4) by 7.  
 Canon R. Creed Meredith and Major C. T. Carfrae (6½) bt Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (4) by 3.  
 Mrs. L. H. Ashton and G. F. Rothwell (—3) bt Miss M. K. Haslam and Mrs. Thornewill (11½) by 12.  
 W. W. Sweet Escott and Miss K. Ault (3½) bt J. K. Brown and Miss V. E. Mills (2½) by 11.  
 A. G. F. Ross and Mrs. Solomon (—1) bt V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. Ormerod (12) by 7.

THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. Rotherham and W. P. Ormerod (—½) bt C. W. R. Hodges and Mrs. Belcher (6½) by 11.  
 Col. D. W. Beamish and Com. Beamish (½) bt Brig.-Gen. Fellows and Miss Macaulay (2½) by 8.  
 Mrs. L. H. Ashton and G. F. Rothwell (—3) bt Canon Creed Meredith and Major C. T. Carfrae (6½) by 1.  
 A. G. F. Ross and Mrs. Solomon (—1) bt W. W. Sweet Escott and Miss K. Ault (3½) by 4.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. Rotherham and W. P. Ormerod (—½) bt Col. D. W. Beamish and Com. Beamish (½) by 4.  
 Mrs. Ashton and G. F. Rothwell (—3) bt A. G. F. Ross and Mrs. Solomon (—1) by 16

FINAL.

Mrs. Rotherham and W. P. Ormerod (—½) bt Mrs. Ashton and G. F. Rothwell (—3) by 5.

CHELTENHAM

(Non-Official).

SEPTEMBER 6th—11th

There was a good assembly of competitors for the September tournament on the grounds of the Cheltenham Croquet Club, representing areas as far afield as Edinburgh and the Channel Islands. Two or three new lady members of the club, after only a few weeks practice, with exemplary courage entered some events, and so promising were their efforts that before very long they will require consideration from the handicapper on their number of bisques.

The ten courts, all in excellent condition, were well occupied for most of the week. Brigadier-General Fellows was present on active service in a new role as Manager and Official Handicapper, and carried out the necessary duties in a most efficient and genial manner. The hope was expressed that on many future occasions he would be willing to serve again in this capacity.

During the week many closely-contested games were witnessed, but the outstanding thrill was a match between Mrs. Rotherham and Mrs. Cumberlege to decide who should reach the semi-final of the "Y" Handicap. Mrs. Cumberlege placed her Red clip on the peg, Yellow being for the first hoop, and having one bisque in hand. Her opponent proceeded to the peg with Blue and pegged out Red. Black was on 2-back. Then followed a roquet on Black which deflected Blue on to the peg, and a one-ball game was played skilfully by the two opponents. By the time Black reached the Penultimate hoop, Yellow was for Hoop 6. Here the bisque was taken and with its aid three more hoops made. Later both balls wanted the Penultimate, and after manoeuvres for position, Yellow got through first, and finally hit the peg immediately after Black made the Rover, and Mrs. Cumberlege gained her well earned victory.

Miss D. D. Steel showed much of her old form in winning two successive games from Mrs. Rotherham in the final stage of the Open Event.

Friday morning brought high wind and rain which delayed some games, nevertheless all the events including an extra were completed early Saturday evening.

Much gratitude is due to Miss Pauley for her untiring efforts in providing choice items for light luncheons and teas, and to Mr. T. J. Gould for his work as Secretary before and during the Tournament.

OPEN SINGLES.

("Two Lives" System).

THE DRAW.

(11 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Com. D. W. Roe by 13.  
 T. Wood-Hill bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey opponent retired.  
 Miss D. D. Steel bt Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege by 17.  
 The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

F. Langley bt Major N. E. O. Thackwell by 7.  
 Mrs. E. Rotherham bt T. Wood-Hill by 23.  
 Miss D. D. Steel bt G. H. Mason by 7.  
 Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt Miss M. J. Daldy by 17.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt F. Langley by 17.  
 Miss D. D. Steel bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 4.

FINAL.

Miss D. D. Steel bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 21.

PROCESS.

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Miss M. J. Daldy by 2.  
 F. Langley bt G. H. Mason by 6.  
 Major N. E. O. Thackwell bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 13.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Miss D. D. Steel by 13.  
 Rev. G. F. H. Elvey bt F. Langley by 9.  
 Com. D. W. Roe bt Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege by 8.  
 T. Wood-Hill bt Major N. E. O. Thackwell by 1.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Rev. G. F. H. Elvey by 19.  
 Com. D. W. Roe bt T. Wood-Hill by 1 on time.

FINAL.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Com. D. W. Roe by 22.

PLAY-OFF.

Miss D. D. Steel bt Mrs. E. Rotherham by 10.

LEVEL SINGLES.

(3 bisques or more).

(6 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. W. A. Odling bt Miss E. P. Carmouche by 14.  
 Mrs. S. Mathews bt W. B. Renwick by 9.  
 The rest had byes.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mrs. W. A. Odling bt Miss M. Chancellor by 12.  
 Miss H. D. Parker bt Mrs. S. Mathews by 5.

FINAL.

Miss H. D. Parker bt Mrs. W. A. Odling by 8.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

(5½ bisques or more).

(14 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

G. A. H. Alexander (9) bt Miss V. Bolton (9) by 8.  
 Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (5½) bt Mrs. R. L. Grist (11) by 21.  
 Miss Hilda McKean (7½) bt Mrs. F. Langley (5½) by 20.  
 Mrs. A. M. Daniels (\*12) bt Mrs. A. M. M. Leveson (14) by 10.  
 Miss M. A. Posford (5½) bt Miss L. Wilkinson (14) by 21.  
 Miss W. M. Plum (6) bt Miss D. Neville Towle (6) by 16.  
 The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. M. P. Miller (11) bt G. A. H. Alexander (9) by 8.  
 Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (5½) bt Miss Hilda McKean (7½) by 11.  
 Miss M. A. Posford (5½) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels (\*12) by 7.  
 Miss W. M. Plum (6) bt Mrs. D. M. Roe (6½) by 9.

SEMI-FINAL.

Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (5½) bt Mrs. M. P. Miller (11) by 5.  
 Miss M. A. Posford (5½) bt Miss W. M. Plum (6) by 16.

FINAL.

Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (5½) bt Miss M. A. Posford (5½) by 3.

HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y.").

EVENT "X."

(36 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. W. A. Odling (3) bt Miss M. Chancellor (4) by 18.  
 Mrs. A. M. Daniels (\*12) bt H. C. Davey (2) by 21.  
 Miss E. P. Carmouche (3) bt Major N. E. O. Thackwell (1½) by 10.  
 Miss M. A. Posford (5½) bt Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (2½) by 10.  
 The rest had byes.

SECOND ROUND.

Miss D. D. Steel (—4) bt Miss R. M. Peel (4½) by 3.  
 Miss M. J. Daldy (—1) bt G. A. H. Alexander (9) by 6.  
 Mrs. M. P. Miller (11) w.o. opponent scratched.  
 Miss H. D. Parker (5) bt Mrs. D. M. Roe (6½) by 11.  
 Mrs. F. Langley (5½) bt Miss B. M. Plum (10) by 8.  
 Miss Hilda McKean (7½) bt Mrs. S. Mathews (5) by 13.  
 Miss D. Neville Towle (6) bt Miss H. V. Bolton (9) by 17.  
 Mrs. W. A. Odling (3) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels (\*12) by 14.  
 Miss M. A. Posford (5½) bt Miss E. P. Carmouche (3) by 21.  
 T. Wood-Hill (1½) bt Col. V. N. Johnson (1½) by 6.  
 Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) bt Com. D. W. Roe (2) by 13.  
 G. H. Mason (½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) by 22.  
 W. B. Renwick (5) bt Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (5½) by 5.  
 F. Langley (1) bt Mrs. R. L. Grist (11) by 17.  
 Mrs. G. Ozanne (1) w.o. opponent scratched.  
 Miss L. Wilkinson (\*14) bt Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (11) by 1.

THIRD ROUND.

Miss M. J. Daldy (—1) bt Miss D. D. Steel (—4) by 24.  
 Mrs. M. P. Miller (11) bt Miss H. D. Parker (5) by 10.  
 Miss H. McKean (7½) bt Mrs. F. Langley (5½) by 4.  
 Mrs. W. A. Odling (3) bt Miss D. Neville Towle (6) by 12.  
 Miss M. A. Posford (5½) bt T. Wood-Hill (1½) by 21.  
 Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) bt G. H. Mason (½) by 24.  
 F. Langley (1) bt W. B. Renwick (5) by 9.  
 Mrs. G. Ozanne (1) bt Miss L. Wilkinson (\*14) by 6.

FOURTH ROUND.

Miss M. J. Daldy (—1) bt Mrs. M. P. Miller (11) by 6.  
 Miss Hilda McKean (7½) bt Mrs. W. A. Odling (3) by 21.  
 Miss M. A. Posford (5½) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) by 11.  
 Mrs. G. Ozanne (1) bt F. Langley (1) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss M. J. Daldy (—1) bt Miss Hilda McKean (7½) by 5.  
 Mrs. G. Ozanne (1) bt Miss M. A. Posford (5½) by 2.

FINAL.

Miss M. J. Daldy (—1) bt Mrs. G. Ozanne (1) by 17.

EVENT "Y."

(18 Entries).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss M. Chancellor (4) bt H. C. Davey (2) by 21.  
 Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (2½) bt Major N. E. O. Thackwell (1½) by 10.

SECOND ROUND.

G. A. H. Alexander (9) bt Miss R. M. Peel (4½) by 12.  
 Mrs. D. M. Roe (6½) bt Mrs. J. H. S. Murray (7) by 4.  
 Mrs. S. Mathews (5) bt Miss B. M. Plum (10) by 10.  
 Miss M. Chancellor (4) bt Miss H. V. Bolton (9) by 4.  
 Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (2½) bt Col. V. N. Johnson (1½) by 23.  
 Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) bt Com. D. W. Roe (2) by 7.  
 Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (5½) bt Mrs. R. L. Grist (11) by 13.  
 Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (11) bt Mrs. A. M. M. Leveson (14) by 15.

THIRD ROUND.

G. A. H. Alexander (9) bt Mrs. D. M. Roe (6½) by 17.  
 Miss M. Chancellor (4) bt Mrs. S. Mathews (5) by 9.  
 Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (2½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (—3) by 1.  
 Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (5½) bt Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (11) by 5.

SEMI-FINAL.

G. A. H. Alexander (9) bt Miss M. Chancellor (4) by 20.  
 Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (5½) bt Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege (2½) by 4.

FINAL.

G. A. H. Alexander (9) bt Lt.-Col. A. M. Daniels (5½) by 3.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(12 Pairs).

FIRST ROUND.

Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (7) bt G. H. Mason and T. Wood-Hill (2) by 3.  
 Com. D. W. Roe and Mrs. D. M. Roe (8½) bt Miss M. J. Daldy and Mrs. R. L. Grist (10) by 4.  
 Mrs. E. Rotherham and Major N. E. O. Thackwell (—1½) bt F. Langley and Mrs. F. Langley (6½) by 6.  
 Mrs. S. Mathews and Miss R. M. Peel (9½) bt H. C. Davey and Miss H. D. Parker (7) by 13.

SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. W. A. Odling and Miss D. Neville Towle (9) bt W. B. Renwick and Miss E. P. Carmouche (8) by 14.  
 Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (7) bt Com. D. W. Roe and Mrs. D. M. Roe (8½) by 16.  
 Mrs. S. Mathews and Miss R. M. Peel (9½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and Major N. E. O. Thackwell (—1½) by 20.  
 Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (4½) bt Miss M. Chancellor and Miss W. M. Plum (10) by 13.

SEMI-FINAL.

Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (7) bt Mrs. W. A. Odling and Miss D. Neville Towle (9) by 20.  
 Mrs. S. Mathews and Miss R. M. Peel (9½) bt Mrs. C. B. Cumberlege and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (4½) by 5.

FINAL.

Miss D. D. Steel and Mrs. N. E. O. Thackwell (7) bt Mrs. S. Mathews and Miss R. M. Peel (9½) by 10.



## BRIGHTON

(Unofficial).

AUGUST 30th—SEPTEMBER 4th

Following the turmoil of the previous week's big tournament one expected a quiet time at the non-official event, but this was not to be.

Once again the popularity of the "X.Y.Z." handicap event showed itself by attracting an entry of 50 players. This with the same number in the two handicap events and eighteen pairs in the Doubles meant that the manager, Major Dibley, had a heavy task on hand, with no less than 170 games to be played on the ten courts in the six days.

The weather was fine and very warm for the first three days. The lawns which had been saturated the previous week soon recovered and became fast and true. Great credit is due to the new groundsman for the work he had done.

The lunches and teas were as excellent as usual. We tender our thanks to all who contributed to giving us such an enjoyable tournament.

### HANDICAP SINGLES.

(5½ bisques and under).

(19 Entries).

#### FIRST ROUND.

T. Wood Hill (1½) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5½) by 5.  
Miss H. D. Parker (5½) bt G. E. W. Hitchcock (3) opponent retired.  
Mrs. H. Franc (4) bt E. A. Roper (5½) by 3.  
Mrs. A. Badcock (1½) bt Mrs. E. Turner (3½) by 24.  
The rest had byes.

#### SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) bt Miss L. Newman (5½) by 4.  
Mrs. S. Phillips (2½) bt S. F. Sopwith (1½) by 14.  
Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (3½) w.o. Mrs. D. McArthur (3) opponent scratched.  
R. H. Newton (2½) bt T. Wood Hill (1½) by 12.  
Miss H. D. Parker (5½) bt Mrs. H. Franc (4) by 10.  
Mrs. A. Badcock (1½) bt Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) by 4 on time.  
N. Oddie (1) bt Mrs. A. J. Robards (2½) by 1.  
Miss E. Walker (3½) bt H. Pinckney Simpson (0) by 12.

#### THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) bt Mrs. S. Phillips (2½) by 22.  
R. H. Newton (2½) bt Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (3½) by 10.  
Miss H. D. Parker (5½) bt Mrs. A. Badcock (1½) by 8.  
N. Oddie (1) bt Miss E. Walker (3½) by 12.

#### SEMI-FINAL.

R. H. Newton (2½) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) by 2.  
Miss H. D. Parker (5½) bt N. Oddie (1) by 10.

#### FINAL.

R. H. Newton (2½) w.o. Miss H. D. Parker (5½) opponent scratched.

### HANDICAP SINGLES.

(6 bisques and over).

(18 Entries).

#### FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. F. C. Cervantes (8) bt Mrs. J. A. Paxon (8) by 8.  
G. Paxon (10) bt C. F. Bailey (6½) by 17 on time.  
D. Woodhams (8) bt F. W. Snow (7½) by 13.  
Mrs. L. Machell (8) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (12) by 1.  
Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) bt Miss E. M. Bray (7) by 10.  
Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) bt W. H. Taylor (10) by 11.  
Mrs. R. S. Lord (6½) bt Sir Crawford Douglas Jones (6) by 7.  
Miss D. L. Latham (9) bt Mrs. A. M. Riddey (9) by 6 on time.  
Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) bt Mrs. D. Cork (9) by 8.  
The rest had byes.

Twenty-two

### SECOND ROUND.

Miss M. Morgan (10) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (8) by 5.  
Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (8) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (9) by 7.  
G. F. Paxon (10) bt D. Woodhams (8) by 18.  
Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) bt Mrs. M. L. Machell (8).  
Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) bt Mrs. R. S. Lord (6½).  
Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) bt Miss D. L. Latham (9) by 13.  
Miss G. Forbes Cowan (6) bt Miss L. Tallmach (6) by 9.  
Mrs. H. F. Roberts (10) bt Mrs. G. Ratsey (10) by 3.

### THIRD ROUND.

Miss M. Morgan (10) bt Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (8) by 8.  
G. F. Paxon (10) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 4.  
Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) by 2.  
Mrs. H. F. Roberts (10) w.o. Miss G. Forbes Cowan (6) opponent scratched.

### SEMI-FINAL.

G. F. Paxon (10) bt Miss M. Morgan (10) opponent scratched.  
Mrs. H. F. Roberts (10) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) opponent scratched.

### FINAL.

G. F. Paxon (10) bt Mrs. H. F. Roberts (10) by 7.

### HANDICAP SINGLES ("X.Y.Z.").

#### EVENT "X".

(53 Entries).

#### FIRST ROUND.

R. H. Newton (2½) bt Miss L. Tallmach (6) by 23.  
Miss M. Morgan (10) bt W. H. Taylor (10) by 15.  
E. A. Roper (5½) bt Mrs. A. J. Robards (2½) by 17.  
T. Wood Hill (1½) bt G. E. W. Hitchcock (3) by 1.  
Mrs. C. F. Rand (2½) bt C. F. Bailey (6½) by 18.  
Miss H. D. Parker (5½) bt F. W. Snow (7½) by 13.  
Brig. J. S. Omond (8) bt Miss E. M. Bray (7) by 4.  
Miss G. Forbes Cowan (6) bt Miss D. L. Latham (9) by 6.  
Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (12) by 6.  
Mrs. M. L. Machell (8) bt Mrs. H. Franc (4) by 11.  
H. T. Pinckney Simpson (0) bt Mrs. A. M. Riddey (9) by 8.  
D. Woodhams (8) bt Mrs. R. S. Lord (6½) by 11.  
Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) bt Miss F. E. Bray (5) by 23.  
Mrs. J. A. Paxon (8) bt Mrs. E. Turner (3½) by 18.  
S. F. Sopwith (1½) bt Miss M. Towers (12) by 18.  
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) bt Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (3½) by 13.  
Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) bt Mrs. C. Pearson (14) by 8.  
Mrs. S. Phillips (2½) bt Mrs. N. Oddie (—2½) by 13.  
Mrs. C. Ratsey (10) bt Mrs. D. Cork (9) by 16.  
Mrs. A. Nichols (5½) bt Miss E. Walker (3½) by 3.  
Mrs. A. Badcock (1½) bt Sir C. Douglas Jones (6) by 17.  
The rest had byes.

#### SECOND ROUND.

R. V. N. Wiggins (½) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 11.  
G. F. Paxon (10) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (9) by 10.  
N. Oddie (1) bt The Hon. C. Pearson (10) by 15.  
R. H. Newton (2½) bt Miss M. Morgan (10) by 10.  
E. A. Roper (5½) bt T. Wood Hill (1½) by 9.  
Miss H. D. Parker (5½) bt Mrs. C. F. Rand (2½) by 3 on time.  
Miss G. Forbes Cowan (6) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (8) by 16.  
Mrs. M. L. Machell (8) bt Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) by 5 on time.  
H. T. Pinckney Simpson (0) bt D. Woodhams (8) by 15.  
Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) bt Mrs. J. A. Paxon (8) by 13.  
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) bt S. F. Sopwith (1½) by 19.  
Mrs. S. Phillips (2½) bt Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) by 4.  
Mrs. A. Nicholls (5½) bt Mrs. C. Ratsey (10) by 11.  
Mrs. H. F. Roberts (10) bt Mrs. A. Badcock (1½) by 1.  
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5½) bt Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (8) by 12.  
Miss L. Newman (5½) bt Mrs. McArthur (3) opponent scratched.

#### THIRD ROUND.

R. V. N. Wiggins (½) bt G. F. Paxon (10) by 1.  
R. H. Newton (2½) bt N. Oddie (1) by 4 on time.  
E. A. Roper (5½) bt Miss H. D. Parker (5½) by 7.  
Miss G. Forbes Cowan (6) bt Mrs. M. L. Machell (8) opponent retired.  
H. T. Pinckney Simpson (0) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) by 7.  
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) bt Mrs. S. Phillips (2½) by 6.  
Mrs. H. F. Roberts (10) bt Mrs. A. Nichols (5½) by 17.  
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5½) bt Miss L. Newman (5½) by 15.

### FOURTH ROUND.

R. V. N. Wiggins (½) bt R. H. Newton (2½) by 14.  
E. A. Roper (5½) bt Miss G. Forbes Cowan (6) by 4.  
H. T. Pinckney Simpson (0) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (2) by 3.  
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5½) bt Mrs. H. F. Roberts (10) by 5.

### SEMI-FINAL.

E. A. Roper (5½) bt R. V. N. Wiggins (½) by 13.  
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5½) bt H. T. Pinckney Simpson (0) by 11.

### FINAL.

E. A. Roper (5½) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5½) by 6.

### EVENT "Y."

(26 Entries).

#### FIRST ROUND.

Miss L. Tallmach (6) bt W. H. Taylor (10) by 12.  
Mrs. A. J. Robards (2½) bt G. E. W. Hitchcock (3) by 3.  
F. W. Snow (7½) bt C. F. Bailey (6½) by 19.  
Miss D. L. Latham (9) bt Miss E. M. Bray (7) by 10.  
Mrs. H. Franc (4) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (12) by 12.  
Mrs. R. S. Lord (6½) bt Mrs. A. M. Riddey (9) by 10.  
Mrs. E. Turner (3½) bt Miss F. E. Bray (5) by 4 on time.  
Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (3½) bt Miss M. Towers (12) by 10.  
Mrs. N. Oddie (—2½) w.o. Mrs. C. Pearson (14) opponent scratched.  
Mrs. D. Cork (9) bt Miss E. Walker (3½) by 3.  
The rest had byes.

#### SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (9) by 13.  
Miss L. Tallmach (6) bt The Hon. C. Pearson (10) by 6.  
F. W. Snow (7½) bt Mrs. A. J. Robards (2½) by 9.  
Mrs. H. Franc (4) bt Miss D. L. Latham (9) by 11.  
Mrs. R. S. Lord (6½) bt Mrs. E. Turner (3½) by 9 on time.  
Mrs. N. Oddie (—2½) w.o. Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (3½) opponent scratched.  
Sir Crawford Douglas Jones (6) bt Mrs. D. Cork (9) by 5.  
Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (8) w.o. Mrs. D. McArthur (3) opponent scratched.

#### THIRD ROUND.

Miss L. Tallmach (6) w.o. Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) opponent scratched.  
F. W. Snow (7½) bt Mrs. H. Franc (4) by 11.  
Mrs. R. S. Lord (6½) bt Mrs. N. Oddie (—2½) by 3.  
Sir Crawford Douglas Jones (6) bt Mrs. F. M. Cervantes (8) by 7.

#### SEMI-FINAL.

Miss L. Tallmach (6) w.o. F. W. Snow (7½) opponent retired.  
Sir Crawford Douglas Jones (6) bt Mrs. R. S. Lord (6½) by 15.

#### FINAL.

Sir Crawford Douglas Jones (6) bt Miss L. Tallmach (6) by 15.

### EVENT "Z."

(27 Entries).

#### FIRST ROUND.

Brig. J. S. Omond (8) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop (9) by 10.  
Miss E. Walker (3½) bt W. H. Taylor (10) by 2.  
Mrs. J. S. Omond (12) bt T. Wood Hill (1½) by 5.  
Mrs. G. Ratsey (10) bt S. F. Sopwith (1½) by 6.  
Miss M. Morgan (10) bt D. Woodhams (8) by 5.  
Miss E. M. Bray (7) w.o. Mrs. D. McArthur (3) opponent scratched.  
Mrs. A. Badcock (1½) w.o. Mrs. C. M. Turner (8) opponent retired.  
Mrs. C. F. Rand (2½) w.o. C. F. Bailey (6½) opponent scratched.  
Miss L. Newman (5½) bt Mrs. F. R. Carling (5½) by 16.  
G. F. Paxon (9) bt Miss M. Towers (12) by 13.  
Miss F. E. Bray (5) w.o. G. E. W. Hitchcock (3) opponent scratched.  
The rest had byes.

### SECOND ROUND.

N. Oddie (1) bt Mrs. J. A. Paxon (8) by 5.  
Miss E. Walker (3½) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (8) by 7.  
Mrs. G. Ratsey (10) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (12) by 4.  
Miss M. Morgan (10) bt Miss E. M. Bray (7) by 5.  
Mrs. A. Badcock (1½) w.o. Mrs. C. F. Rand (2½) opponent scratched.  
Miss L. Newman (5½) w.o. G. F. Paxon (9) opponent scratched.  
Mrs. A. M. Riddey (9) w.o. Miss F. E. Bray (5) opponent scratched.  
Hon. C. Pearson (10) w.o. Mrs. C. Pearson (14) scratched.

### THIRD ROUND.

N. Oddie (1) w.o. Miss E. Walker (3½) opponent scratched.  
Miss M. Morgan (10) bt Mrs. G. Ratsey (10) by 8.  
Mrs. A. Badcock (1½) bt Miss L. Newman (5½) by 10.  
Mrs. A. M. Riddey (9) w.o. Hon. C. Pearson (10) opponent scratched.

### SEMI-FINAL.

N. Oddie (1) bt Miss M. Morgan (10) by 5.  
Mrs. A. Badcock (1½) bt Mrs. A. M. Riddey (9) by 3.

### FINAL.

N. Oddie (1) bt Mrs. A. Badcock (1½) divided.

### HANDICAP DOUBLES.

(18 Pairs).

#### FIRST ROUND.

G. F. Paxon and Mrs. J. A. Paxon (18) bt F. E. Corke and Mrs. H. F. Roberts (14½) by 2 on time.  
Mrs. N. Oddie and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) bt Mrs. C. Riddey and Mrs. A. J. Robards (11½) by 8.  
The rest had byes.

#### SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. A. Badcock and E. A. Roper (7) bt D. Woodhams and Miss C. M. Turner (16) by 3 on time.  
Mrs. A. Nichols and Miss G. Forbes Cowan (11½) bt Mrs. R. S. Lord and Miss L. Tallmach (12½) by 1 on time.  
F. W. Snow and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (9½) bt T. Wood Hill and Mrs. E. P. Omond (13½) by 16.  
G. F. Paxon and Mrs. Paxon (18) bt Hon. Clive Pearson and Mrs. C. Pearson (24) by 18.  
Mrs. N. Oddie and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (5½) bt Mrs. H. Franc and N. Oddie (5) by 6.  
R. H. Newton and Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (6) bt Sir C. Douglas Jones and Miss M. Towers (18) by 10.  
Mrs. C. F. Rand and Miss E. Walker (6) bt Mrs. C. A. Bishop and Mrs. E. A. Roper (15) by 5.  
Major J. H. Dibley and Mrs. G. Ratsey (11) bt S. F. Sopwith and Miss M. Morgan (11½) by 5.

#### THIRD ROUND.

Mrs. A. Badcock and E. A. Roper (7) bt Mrs. A. Nichols and Miss Forbes Cowan (11½) by 8.  
F. W. Snow and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (9½) bt G. F. Paxon and Mrs. Paxon (18) by 7.  
Mrs. N. Oddie and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (5½) bt R. H. Newton and Miss L. Elphinstone Stone (6) by 10.  
Mrs. C. F. Rand and Miss E. Walker (6) bt Major J. R. Dibley and Mrs. G. Ratsey (11) by 17.

#### SEMI-FINAL.

F. W. Snow and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (9½) bt Mrs. A. Badcock and E. A. Roper (7) by 12.  
Mrs. C. F. Rand and Miss E. Walker (6) bt Mrs. N. Oddie and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (5½) by 17.

#### FINAL.

F. W. Snow and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (9½) bt Mrs. C. F. Rand and Miss E. Walker (6) by 1 on time.

### A QUESTION OF LAW (see page 8)

#### THE ANSWERS

1. The yard line from the middle of the north boundary to the third corner spot.
2. No. Law 1.
3. No. An accidental mis-hit is not a foul.
4. Yes.
5. A foul under Law 26(j).

Twenty-three



## CLUB MATCHES

### ROEHAMPTON *versus* WOKING

Played at Roehampton on 3rd September, 1954.  
Roehampton players named first.

#### SINGLES.

Col. C. C. Adams bt M. B. Reckitt by 22.  
Miss D. A. Lintern bt Mrs. L. C. Apps by 15.  
Mrs. G. J. Turketine lost to Major Cobb by 14.  
Dr. N. Oliver lost to G. Victor Evans by 2.

#### DOUBLES.

Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. G. J. Turketine bt M. B. Reckitt and G. Victor Evans by 4.  
Col. C. C. Adams and Dr. N. Oliver lost to Major Cobb and Mrs. L. C. Apps by 3.

RESULT.—Match drawn 3 games each.

### PARKSTONE, SEPTEMBER 9th.

#### MEN *v.* WOMEN

#### SINGLES.

Mrs. Ashton bt V. de la Nougerede by 4.  
Mrs. Gasson bt Com. Beamish by 9.  
Mrs. McMordie lost to H. Wilson Smith by 25.  
Mrs. Thornewill lost to Col. Baldwin by 11.  
Miss Weston lost to P. Eliot Scott by 10.  
Mrs. Robertson bt Major Hill Bernhard by 2.

#### DOUBLES.

Miss Haslam and Mrs. Tudor lost to J. Hewitt and H. Wilson Smith by 18.  
Miss Law and Mrs. Hill bt V. de la Nougerede and Com. Beamish by 1.  
Mrs. Ashton and Mrs. Gasson bt Major Carfrae and P. Eliot Scott by 24.

RESULT.—Women bt Men by 5 games to 4.

### BUDLEIGH SALTERTON.

#### MEN *v.* WOMEN

#### SINGLES.

Mrs. E. Rotherham lost to Col. D. W. Beamish by 5.  
Miss M. S. Carlyon bt G. Black by 7.  
Miss A. E. Mills bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave by 11.  
Miss V. Mills bt Capt. G. R. Bald by 14.

#### DOUBLES.

Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss A. E. Mills lost to Col. D. W. Beamish and W. H. Pearce by 8.  
Miss M. S. Carlyon and Miss V. Mills bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and J. Weston-Martyr by 9.  
Mrs. H. J. Philpot and Mrs. C. E. Gatehouse bt G. Black and Maj.-Gen. P. M. Davies by 15.

## GOLF CROQUET

### ROEHAMPTON *versus* DULWICH

Played at Roehampton on 26th August, 1954.  
Roehampton players named first.

Mrs. Nickisson and Mrs. Carrington lost to Mrs. Raine and Mrs. Armstrong 5 to 8, bt Miss Richardson and Mrs. Swindlehurst 8 to 5, *versus* Mrs. Paine and Mrs. Petherbridge game unfinished.

Miss Jennings and Mrs. E. Bristow bt Mrs. Raine and Mrs. Armstrong 9 to 4, bt Mrs. Paine and Mrs. Petherbridge 8 to 5, *versus* Miss Richardson and Mrs. Swindlehurst game unfinished.

Mrs. Attfield and Miss Hellyer bt Mrs. Raine and Mrs. Armstrong 9 to 4, lost to Mrs. Paine and Mrs. Petherbridge 6 to 7, bt Miss Richardson and Mrs. Swindlehurst 8 to 5.

RESULT.—Roehampton 5 Dulwich 2, and 2 games unfinished.

## September Crossword Solution

1	H	A	M	I	L	T	O	N	M	I
5	O	N	E	S	B	R	A	C	K	L
9	J	H	E	R	H	A	M	D	E	L
13	S	T	N	C	O	T	T	U	N	E
17	A	O	R	A	P	P	E	F	F	R
21	L	R	E	S	S	R	F	U	C	
25	G	W	T	K	C	I	H	I	R	R
29	U	O	N	I	L	D	L	E	Y	O
33	O	L	E	S	S	E	W	E	D	W
37	D	H	T	I	M	S	R	E	H	T

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