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CALENDAR FIXTURES

1964

- July 10-19—Challenge and Gilbey Cups, Ascot and Delves Boughton Cups. Roehampton. Secretary C.A., The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- „ 20-25—Cheltenham. Hon. Tourn. Sec., Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- „ 20-25—Colchester. (Non-official). Hon. Sec., E. P. Duffield, 5 Acland Avenue, Colchester.
- July 27—Open Championships. Hurlingham. Secretary C.A. Aug. 1 The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- Aug. 3-12—Hurlingham. Games Secretary, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6. (NOT Secretary C.A.).
- „ 13-16—Cheltenham. (Non-official). Hon. Tourn. Sec., Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- „ 15-22—Championship of County Dublin. (Non-official). Hon. Sec., Mrs. B. O'Reilly, Ballynamote, Carrickmines, Dublin.
- „ 17-21—The Ladies' Field Cup. Roehampton. Secretary C.A., The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- „ 17-22—Parkstone. Hon. Sec., Mrs. M. McMordie, Yapton, Delhi Close, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset.
- „ 24-29—Southwick. Hon. Tourn. Sec., W. H. Austin, Flat A, 3 Victoria Road, Southwick, Sussex.
- Aug. 31—Hunstanton Hon. Sec., Mrs. A. N. Rolfe, The Cottage, Heacham, Norfolk.
- Sept 5
- Aug. 31—Southwick. (Non-official). Hon. Tourn. Sec., W. H. Austin, Flat A, 3 Victoria Road, Southwick, Sussex.
- Sept. 7-11—Surrey Cup. (Cheltenham). Secretary C.A., The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- Sept. 8-12—President's Cup. (Hurlingham). Secretary C.A., The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- „ 12-13—Cheltenham (American). (Non-official). Hon. Tourn. Sec., Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- „ 17-19—All England Handicap. Area Finals. Roehampton. Secretary C.A., The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- „ 21-26—Roehampton. Games Secretary, Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, S.W.15. (NOT Sec. C.A.).
- Sept. 28—Devonshire Park. Eastbourne. Secretary C.A., The Oct. 10 Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.

NEW ASSOCIATES

- R. J. R. Mitchell Kilburn, East Hanningfield, Chelmsford.
- N. G. Harris The Moorings, 11 Alfriston Road, Finham, Coventry.
- Maj. E. J. Bromley-Fox Wrest Park, Silsoe, Beds.
- T. G. F. Atherton 13 Selworthy Road, Southport.
- Dr. M. D. Mercer } 37 Sheen Common Drive, Richmond.
- Mrs. M. D. Mercer }
- L. Riggall Titness Park, Sunningfield, Berks.
- Dr. N. A. Routledge (Ph.D.) Eton College, Windsor, Berks.
- K. A. Ross 16 Somers Road, Reigate, Surrey.
- Capt. Steely Plass Shottisham, Suffolk.

V. C. GASSON, Secretary.

CROQUET ASSOCIATION

NOTICES

Attention of all Clubs is drawn to Rule XVIII (b) re Club representation on the Council.

OFFER OF TUITION

At the Representatives Conference Dr. H. J. Penny said that he would be willing to give tuition.

Individuals or clubs who would like to receive tuition from him should write to him at 7 Grove Road, Bournemouth.

Please note in Calendar Fixtures that the President's Cup will start on Tuesday, September 8th and continue till Saturday, 12th. This is because on Monday, September 7th the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club are allowing us to give exhibition games at their Club.

An opportunity not to be missed.

The new Handbook, containing all the amended rules and procedure for the Croquet Association is on sale—price 7/6—at C.A. Office, Hurlingham. Also Laws, Hints to Beginners, Croquet: Know the Game, pegging down books, entry pads and ladies badge brooches.

VISITS TO CLUBS

The Council is anxious to maintain as close a relation with Clubs as possible. One way in which this may be done is by visits from its members, either for the purpose of consultation or (where possible) instruction. The Council has small Clubs particularly in mind and if their officers will communicate with the Secretary C.A. indicating their wishes, she will endeavour to make such arrangements.

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SILVER MEDALLIST

J. P. R. Bolton (Southwick Tournament) 1964.

REFEREES

Associates who wish to become referees should send their names to the Chairman of the Laws Committee (c/o the Secretary C.A.), who will arrange for the examination.

NOTES by ROVER

Name-dropping

A letter on another page raises the issue of re-naming our game. This is not a new controversy, for we find a letter in the Gazette for 1947, in which two heavenly twins deal vigorously and at some length with a similar question. As the matter has been revived, it is perhaps worth re-stating some of the arguments, but readers might well consult the earlier letter for a detailed examination of them. Mr. Elvey suggests that the name "Croquet" takes its rise from a sort of crook used in playing the game. But inherently more plausible is the theory that it is derived from the French "croquer", to crush one thing with another, and that it refers to the croquet stroke in which the striker's ball, after being placed in contact with another, is struck in such a way as to move or shake the other—a stroke which, if played on a ball in contact with a hoop, is outlawed as being a "crush". The advantage of this theory is that it associates the name "Croquet" with the one stroke peculiar to the game, for in no other game is one ball placed in contact with another and struck in this way. The name is therefore particularly suitable for the game. There are two distinct streams of thought in favour of a change: one proposal is that we should drop the name "Croquet" altogether, and substitute "Lawn Billiards", while Mr. Elvey advocates what we might call the weaker position, of adopting "Lawn Billiards" as a sub-title.

Too Dissimilar

The argument against the stronger thesis is that the similarities are too superficial: for putting a ball through hoops in the middle of the lawn is hardly to be compared with putting one down holes at the side; the boundaries and side cushions perform wholly dissimilar functions; breaks are very different conceptions; and the cannon in either game is an idea quite foreign to the other, with only the name in common. The argument against the weaker thesis is, paradoxically, that it isn't strong enough, and if it were, it would fail for the same reasons. It would be worth considering only if the name were proposed as a substitute, not in addition, for whatever name we have, there is only room for one: a second would be redundant or confusing. Nor is the suggested one as appropriate as he says, for the similarities pointed out in his letter are now of purely antiquarian interest. If what he says is true, then the games were not very dissimilar 100 years ago, and at such a stage there might have been some point in having similar names for the two games, but it would no longer be appropriate today: they have developed in different directions.

But before we argue the merits of any particular candidate, we should first settle the more basic questions of whether it is either possible or desirable to change the name at all. That it is possible to carry through successfully a change of name is suggested by previous cases: lawn tennis was once "sphairistike", and only recently was "ping pong" superseded by the more respectable "table tennis". So if we want to change the popular image of our game, why not abandon "croquet" and its associations with vicious Victorian old ladies, or flamingoes and hedgehogs?

Wrong Means to the End

But the analogies are not very close. "Sphairistike" was a bit of a mouthful, and anyway the change occurred when the game was in its infancy. Table tennis, moreover, is a great deal more similar to lawn tennis than croquet is to anything, and the reason for its introduction was to remove the impression of triviality, futility, or whatever which was caused by the name, by its very sound. But any misconceptions about croquet are due not to "croquet", but to croquet: they are not associated with the very name, but arise from people's ideas of what the game is, and who play it. The way to correct these false beliefs, if false they are, is not by changing the name, but by educating people as to the true nature of the game, an endeavour to which a mere change of name must be largely irrelevant. It is, moreover, doubtful whether any alternative name would hold its own. Most people now have some idea, however erroneous, of what croquet is: on hearing the name "Lawn Billiards" or any other neologism they would merely look blank: explanation would then proceed in terms of hoops, mallets, etc., to which the reply would be "Oh, you mean Croquet?" The appropriate way of drawing attention to such similarities as there are between croquet and, say, billiards, is to point them out in conversation and not to adopt a new name with the object of taking advantage of the popularity of another game.

Feeding Time

It would be of some interest to know what proportion of the space occupied by tournament reports each year is devoted to eulogies of the refreshments provided for competitors and grateful tributes to those who purveyed them. No doubt these encomiums are well-earned, if somewhat monotonous to peruse; it might be refreshing—in another way—to read of a few complaints for a change! Collations at our tournaments are perhaps less luxurious now than was often the case between the wars: one can still recall lunches at Ranelagh, for example, which were a splendid reward (or consolation) for a morning game, but apt to be a dangerous preparation for an afternoon one. Yet competitors nowadays seem to expect to be plied with restoratives more often than was usual then. This Rover's impression is that "morning coffee", now everywhere a "must", is entirely a post-war custom, and one involving a lot of sacrificial energy from those who provide it. Tea, too, is often brought to us at the court side. These charitable services were less often expected in pre-war days. This writer's brother used to recall being entreated by a lady at Hurlingham to procure and carry out tea to her husband who "must be dying for it." It transpired that the supposedly famished player was toiling away on a very distant court, but the meal was assembled and borne carefully to the spot. "I've brought you some tea," the faithful bearer announced. The beneficiary looked round in some irritation, "Tea!" he exclaimed, "Tea!" Take it away, I never drink it."

Annual General Meeting

Present

Sir Compton Mackenzie (Chairman), J. W. Solomon, J. M. Rivington, G. Birch, Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, Col. J. G. Clarke, Maj. J. H. Dibley, G. V. Evans, Miss D. A. Lintern, H. C. S. Perry, M. B. Reckitt, Mrs. E. Reeve, E. A. Roper, Mrs. E. Rotherham, Col. F. E. Stobart, Lt.-Cmdr. G. W. Style, Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts, L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts, Mrs. R. R. Williams, Mrs. S. Adler, Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish, Mrs. M. H. Carrington, Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson, V. A. de la Nougerede, J. B. Gilbert, Mrs. P. E. Heley, R. O. Hicks, Miss E. D. Hickson, Mrs. A. D. Karmel, B. Lloyd-Pratt, Mrs. W. Longman, H. L. Ormerod, Miss H. D. Parker, Mrs. J. Pavia, W. B. C. Paynter, Dr. H. J. Penny, Mrs. J. Povey, Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard, Mrs. M. B. Reckitt, Mrs. E. A. Roper, Mrs. G. W. Solomon, Mrs. P. D. Showan, Mrs. F. E. Stobart, Capt. H. G. Stoker, Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith, Mrs. E. M. Temple, Mrs. I. H. Turketine, Mrs. M. L. Thom, Mrs. V. C. Gasson (Secretary).

Apologies for Absence

D. C. Caporn, H. Denny, E. P. Duffield, Rev. and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Jacobs, J. G. and Miss E. J. Warwick, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and P. J. M. Fidler.

Minutes of the meeting of 27th May, 1963.

The Chairman asked for approval and then signed the minutes.

Report on Balance Sheet

The Hon. Treasurer presented the Accounts and drew attention to points of particular interest. He was pleased to say that both Council and he himself found the financial position satisfactory. No one having any questions the Hon. Treasurer moved that the Accounts be adopted; Mr. Rivington seconded and it was passed; unanimously. Cmdr. Style said he would like to say that already the subscriptions amounted to £60 more than the whole total in 1963, and he thanked Associates on his behalf and that of the Secretary for having paid their dues so quickly.

Election of Hon. Treasurer

Sir Compton said the Hon. Treasurer resigned and offered himself for re-election—of which there did not seem to be much doubt after those excellent accounts. On the proposal of Mr. Solomon, seconded by Mr. Rivington, Cmdr. Style was unanimously elected.

Result of the Election of Members of the Council by ballot

The Secretary read out the following names: Dr. C. A. Boucher, E. P. Duffield, G. V. Evans, Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard, Mrs. E. Reeve, Prof. A. W. Skempton, Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts, Lt.-Cmdr. G. W. Style, Rev. D. R. Watson.

A vote of thanks to the scrutineers—Capt. H. G. Stoker and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson—was proposed by Mr. Rivington and carried unanimously.

Any other business

Mr. Solomon said he would like to say a few words. He had dealt very fully with the Report of the Delegates Conference in his article in *Croquet*. Most of the winter the Council had been carefully considering the points raised and suggestions given, and was endeavouring to take action on these as soon as possible. There were 4 points he would like to raise:—1. Council was particularly disappointed that the "Under 27" Tournament, specifically asked for by Undergraduates, had had to be cancelled at the last minute. A great deal of unnecessary work had been given, not only to the C.A. Office, but to the Cheltenham Club who had most kindly agreed to hold the tournament on their courts. No one would be eager to stage another such event.

2. *The New Handbook* was now on sale—it had been an onerous task as most of the rules, etc. had been redrafted and, although it had been carefully checked several times by several people, unfortunately a few minor errors occurred which will be rectified.

3. *List of Clubs*. It was pleasant to see that there were several additions to this list and he would specially like to mention the Hove Lawns Club with its splendid publicity value. He felt the long-term gain from this new Club would be enormous.

4. *Overseas Visitors*. The kindness, not only of the Reception Committees, but of every member of the Clubs visited by our Test Team was overwhelming and he earnestly asked each member of Clubs in this country to reciprocate when overseas visitors paid them a visit.

Sir Compton then asked for questions to be put to Council.

Mrs. Longman said she thought it was not widely appreciated how much difficult and painstaking work was done by Members of the Council, and expenses incurred, entirely voluntarily—she, for one, wished to thank them very much.

Mr. Solomon said he had heard a lot about "brighter" cricket—what about "brighter" Croquet? This caused some discussion on how to speed up the game. Sir Compton said he had to break the

image of "Alice in Wonderland" croquet—and to try to get croquet on television.

Capt. Stoker said the International match, England and Wales v. Scotland and Ireland was a great success last year at Eastbourne, and he would like to see it made an annual event and for it to be built up until it was considered a great honour to be asked to play in it.

Mrs. Stobart suggested reviving croquet on the Riviera.

Miss Hickson asked what arrangements would be made in the event of a General Election coinciding with the Eastbourne Tournament and was told this had not as yet been discussed.

Col. Clarke moved a vote of thanks to the Roehampton Club for so kindly allowing the Meeting to be held on their premises and giving us hospitality.

Mr. Solomon moved a vote of thanks to Sir Compton Mackenzie—and the meeting closed.

Council Meetings

Report of Council Meeting held at the Roehampton Club on Monday, 25th May, 1964.

Present

J. W. Solomon (Chairman), J. M. Rivington, G. Birch, Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, Col. J. G. Clarke, Maj. J. H. Dibley, G. V. Evans, Miss D. A. Lintern, H. C. S. Perry, M. B. Reckitt, Mrs. E. Reeve, E. A. Roper, Mrs. E. Rotherham, Col. F. E. Stobart, Lt.-Cmdr. G. W. Style, Mrs. R. R. Williams, Mrs. V. C. Gasson (Secretary).

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Mr. John Solomon resigned the Chairmanship on completion of his term of office and the Vice-Chairman Maj. Jack Rivington was elected Chairman for the ensuing two years. Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins was elected Vice-Chairman for the same term.

Election of New Associates

Ten new Associates were elected. A list of their names will be found on the first page of the July issue of *Croquet*.

Amendments to the Laws

The following amendments to the Laws and Regulations were approved:—

- (a) Page 22 Law 34(a) In penultimate line delete the words "hoop" and in each case substitute the word "point".
- (b) Page 22 Law 34(b) (ii) In line one after the word "with" insert the words "a croqueted ball or".
- (c) Page 22 Law 34(b) (iii) Substitute a colon for a full-stop and add the following proviso: "provided that a rover ball placed under this sub-law in contact with the peg does not thereby score the peg point".
- (d) Page 30 Law 49(b) In second and third lines delete the words "except before the first stroke of a turn," and substitute the words "unless he is claiming that he is entitled to a lift under Law 13(b) in the stroke about to be played".
- (e) Page 36 Regulation 4(d) In penultimate and last lines delete the words "under Law 13 except to the striker before the first stroke of his turn" and substitute the words "to a player unless such player is claiming that he is entitled to a lift under Law 13(b) in the stroke about to be played".
- (f) Page 36 Regulation 5(a) Delete the whole of the third sentence "On the contrary on that fact".

A further draft amended Regulation 8 was considered and referred back to the Laws Committee. The instructions on page 8 of the Gazette No. 67 (July 1963) that all games subject to Time Limits should continue to be played in accordance with the provisions of the amended Regulation published in the Gazette No. 61 (September 1962) therefore still apply.

Eastbourne Tournament

It was decided that a match should be held on the Saturday of the second week, between teams representing England and Wales versus Scotland and Ireland.

COMMITTEES—1964

(a) SELECTION COMMITTEE

As a result of a ballot the following were elected to the Selection Committee.

M. B. Reckitt (Chairman), Miss D. A. Lintern, Maj. J. H. Dibley, J. W. Solomon, Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart.

(b) STANDING COMMITTEES

In accordance with Standing Order 26 the following were appointed to the Standing Committees:—

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Lt.-Cmdr. G. W. Style (Chairman)

Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, Col. J. G. Clarke, Maj. J. H. Dibley, E. P. Duffield, G. V. Evans, Miss D. A. Lintern, L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts, J. W. Solomon, Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart.

PUBLICITY

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (Chairman)

Dr. C. A. Boucher, D. C. Caporn, Maj. J. H. Dibley, G. V. Evans, Miss D. A. Lintern, L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts, H. C. S. Perry, Prof. A. W. Skempton, Mrs. R. R. Williams.

TOURNAMENT

Miss D. A. Lintern (Chairman)

D. C. Caporn, Maj. J. H. Dibley, H. C. S. Perry, E. A. Roper, Mrs. E. Reeve, Mrs. E. Rotherham, J. W. Solomon, L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts, Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Pritchard.

LAWS

J. W. Solomon (Chairman)

J. M. Rivington, G. Birch, Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard, Col. J. G. Clarke, E. P. Duffield, E. A. Roper, Mrs. E. Reeve, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins.

HANDICAP APPEAL

Mrs. E. Rotherham (Chairman)

G. Birch, Mrs. E. Reeve, Mrs. R. R. Williams, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins.

GOLF CROQUET

Col. J. G. Clarke (Chairman)

G. V. Evans, D. C. Caporn, G. Birch, Mrs. R. R. Williams.

EDITORIAL PANEL

M. B. Reckitt (Chairman)

Miss D. A. Lintern, Lt.-Cmdr. G. W. Style, J. M. Rivington, D. C. Caporn, P. J. M. Fidler.

Correspondence

DEAR SIR,

Once more—at the recent conference, as a matter of fact—the question has been raised as to whether it would not be expedient to name our game "Lawn Billiards". It is a query that crops up from time to time, and is not without point. One objection to doing this, is that there is already—though very little known—a game called "Lawn Billiards".

But there is another question—Is Croquet already Outdoor Billiards? I quote the following extracts from Capt. Charles Crawley's *The Billiard Book* published in 1866:—

Ch. 1, p. 6: "The invention of the game (billiards) is generally attributed to the French . . . originally Billiards was played on the ground with wooden balls or bowls; but how it came to be transferred to the table I have not been able to ascertain."

From pp. 4 and 5: "Strutt in his 'Sports and Pastimes of the People of England' tells us that in the beginning of the eighteenth century the table was square with three pockets all on the one side, that is one in each corner and one midway between. In the centre of the table was a small arch of wood or iron, and at a little distance an upright cone called the King. At certain parts of the game it was necessary for the ball to be driven through the arch and round the King without either of them being toppled over."

The French origin of billiards is to be noted, as on good authority Croquet is also of French origin.

From the foregoing, it would appear that when Billiards became an indoor game, the outdoor variety was still played, and eventually became known as Croquet. It is quite likely that the term Croquet—which apparently meant some sort of crook with which ball games were played, was used to distinguish the outdoor variety of the game, from the indoor game for which cues or maces were used.

It is interesting to note that at the present time, some Croquet enthusiasts have developed Indoor-Croquet. But these would be the last to think for a moment of giving up the outdoor game. Is it not almost certain that those who developed indoor and table billiards, had no thought of abolishing the outdoor variety, which eventually became known as CROQUET—the accent being on the last syllable?

I claim therefore that our game is in fact "Outdoor Billiards". And I think it would not be at all a bad scheme, if in our official documents, underneath "CROQUET", or "ASSOCIATION CROQUET" were inserted in brackets, the words: "OUTDOOR BILLIARDS".

Your faithfully,

G. F. H. ELVEY.

Questions and Answers

Question: If the striker takes Croquet with the wrong ball, having roqueted blue with red, how does he replace the red ball against the blue if the fault is not condoned?

Answer: See Law 30 (b). Red being in hand and not having been given a position before the striker made the fault, the striker is now entitled to give red any lawful position against blue and his turn then ceases; also all other balls, moved during the faulty period, must be replaced.

Question: How is the striker's ball replaced after any fault in Law 32 if the faulty stroke was a Croquet stroke?

Answer: See Law 32 b (i). The two balls are replaced exactly as they were before the fault, providing the turn does not end under Law 19 (c), etc.

The difference in these two replacements (Questions 1 and 2) should be carefully noted, i.e. in Question 1 the striker's ball had been given no position as it was in hand after the roquet, and in Question 2 the striker's ball had been given a position before the fault was committed and therefore must be re-placed in that position.

HANDICAPS CONFIRMED

CHELTENHAM

ALTERATIONS TO HANDICAPS

P. J. M. Fidler — $\frac{1}{2}$ to —1.
Miss K. M. O. Sessions 3 to 2.
W./Cmdr. E. M. Smith 10* to 9.

SOUTHWICK

NEW HANDICAPS

Dr. W. F. W. Betenson 8.

ALTERATIONS TO HANDICAPS

J. P. R. Bolton — $\frac{1}{2}$ to —1.
Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé 6 to 5.

NON-ASSOCIATE

W. E. Moore 2 to $1\frac{1}{2}$.

RYDE

ALTERATIONS TO HANDICAPS

Mrs. J. G. Stevenson $5\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Miss M. Bryan 10 to 9.
Capt. W. A. T. Syngé 7 to 6.

NON-ASSOCIATE

Mrs. A. M. Wood 16 to 15.

VARSITY MATCH

R. Thorp 2 to 0.
J. T. Laurensen 3 to 1.

P. D. Miller 2 to $1\frac{1}{2}$.

P. D. Hallett 6 to 4.

I. Banks 10 to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$.

A. Mozley 9 (D7) to 6.

R. G. Shewan 7 to 5.

K. A. Ross 8 to 6.

C. G. Miller 5 to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$.

C. H. Townshend 10 to 9.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

ROEHAMPTON

G. Williams 0 to — $\frac{1}{2}$.

NON-ASSOCIATES

Mrs. J. Power 15 to 12 (D10).

Miss J. Hole 15 to 13 (D11).

Miss R. Payne 16 to 15.

Notes from the Clubs

Cheltenham

This year, for the first time, we think, the Club has got 16 entries for the All England Handicap, thus entitling us to send two competitors up to the Finals in London. Credit for this effort must go to our Tournament Secretary, Mrs. Mathews, who has used every means in her power to get people to enter!

This year, for the first time in many years, Comdr. Borrett succeeded in raising a team for the Longman Cup. We drew Oxford University, and the match resulted in a win for Cheltenham by 3 games to 2. Owing to the weather, and the fact that some of the play was on the slow side, 2 singles had to be pegged down and finished after the doubles had been played. Play finally ended about 7.15 p.m.

Croquet Lawns

About the time when, had I known it, the revival of proper Croquet had just begun (1896) my mother, at my old home in Windlesham, bought a set of Croquet in the good old Croquet Box of those days. The box contained eight thin wire hoops of ample width, plus cage and bell, two pegs, balls numbered in red and blue respectively I, II, etc. and mallets with heads about 5 inches by 2½. These were numbered to match the balls. One played in those days with one hand, and the game seemed quite interesting for a summer's evening after tea. This was when my practical but not theoretical interest in lawns began.

Preparing a lawn for use in those days was quite a performance. First it had to be scythed and rolled. By the bye, the scythe to the uninitiated seems an awkward implement, but in fact once its peculiarities have been mastered, with its lovely rhythm, it is a delightful tool to use. After the scything and rolling, the mower was allowed to come on the scene. It was all hand-pushing and pulling in those days, except in large places and clubs, where donkeys or ponies, shod with leather, were available.

The story has often been told of the American visitor who many years ago asked the gardener of St. John's College, Oxford, what was the secret of the lovely turf in the College garden; he received the reply, "Roll and mow, roll and mow, and in a hundred years the lawn will look like that." It is certain that this process is the basic secret for producing a good lawn. But, of course, the coming of the motor-engine has altered the situation, for the heavy motor-mower to some extent, but not altogether, obviates the necessity for frequent separate rolling. Nevertheless without some separate rolling the hard billiard-table-like surface required for Croquet cannot be obtained. One of the greatest experts in this country, with many years of practical experience as well as theoretical knowledge, prescribes four rollings a season with a heavy wide motor-roller. It should be noted that the mowing-machine, though its rolling capacity is valuable, runs too fast for consolidating the surface of the lawn in the way that the motor roller will do.

Now as to mowing, provided care is taken that the knives of the machine are not set so low that they touch the roots of the grass, no harm whatever is done by close-cutting—indeed close-cutting is necessary in order to obtain the surface we require for our game. The heavy lawn is the destruction of good Croquet.

It need hardly be said that there are many good fertilizers on the market, and used with due discretion one or other of these will be most valuable. But I have used the word "discretion" advisedly. It is quite possible to over-fertilize, especially if the job, from weather or other

causes, is done just before the playing season; in which case the growth of grass may be so thick, that a close carpet-like surface is produced, that spoils the run of the balls.

As to the level of the lawns—the relaying of a lawn, which is sometimes desirable, is usually too expensive a task for most Clubs to undertake; but the job of removing humps and hollows is by no means either expensive or difficult. The turf should be cut—not cut off—and rolled back. Then if there is a hollow, soil or sand may be inserted, or if there is a hump, it can be removed. The turf is then rolled back again, given a sprinkling of sand, and rammed down. If the weather is over-dry some watering may be necessary; if there are showers nothing more need be done. This method of removing humps or hollows is simple and safe, and there need be no hesitation in putting it into operation.

As to local damage to a lawn, a turf can easily be inserted, provided care is taken to place the new turf over the damaged place to be repaired, cut round it, and make the space into which it is to be inserted slightly smaller than the new piece of turf. The damaged turf is then removed, the new piece put in and rammed down, and all will be well.

In recent years there has been a great improvement in getting rid of worm-casts by control of the worm population. Those preparations appear to be best that drive the worms down, and discourage them from coming to the surface, so that the lawn remains firm and clean even into the winter. It should however be noted that when the worms are prevented from aerating the soil, this may in some cases have to be done artificially.

A useful tool that is now popular, especially for preparing a dew-laden lawn for play in the autumn, is the long cane swisher, which does its job with speed and effectiveness much to the advantage of the players.

It is unfortunate that owing to the need for bringing tournaments to a conclusion at the scheduled time, our game has often to be played under conditions that are equally bad for the lawn and the players. Rain in the early morning, preventing the lawns from being mown and causing unavoidable "heaviness", not only produces conditions trying to the players, but must often "break the hearts" of the groundsmen who have been trying so very hard to have the lawns in extra good condition for the tournament. I would conclude, then, with one word to the players: if you have to play in such conditions, be as careful as you can not to damage the lawn; remember it will be wanted to-morrow when the sun may be shining and all may be well again.

G.F.H.E.

OBITUARY

CAPT. L. C. ADYE

Capt. Adye, although not a member of the C.A. had been a member of the Cheltenham Croquet Club for many years. He served as Treasurer for some time, and, at the time of his death, on June 5th, was a member of the Committee. He was a tremendous help during tournaments, writing out the draws, and telephoning the daily results to the London papers. His gentle, unobtrusive presence will be greatly missed, and we extend our sympathy to his sister Miss W. Adye, who is the official Referee at all our tournaments.

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LONGMAN CUP

CHELTHENHAM v. OXFORD UNIVERSITY, JUNE 7th, 1964

SINGLES

F. W. Meredith (3½) bt C. G. Miller (5) by 12.
W/Comdr. E. M. Smith (9) bt K. A. Ross (10) by 6.
H. A. Sheppard (6) lost to R. G. S. Shewan (7) by 5.

DOUBLES

Miss K. M. O. Sessions and H. A. Sheppard (8) lost to C. G. Miller and C. H. Townshend (15) by 10.
F. W. Meredith and W/Comdr. E. M. Smith (12½) bt R. G. S. Shewan and K. A. Ross (17) by 4 (on time).
Result: Cheltenham bt Oxford University by 3 games to 2.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

ROEHAMPTON, JUNE 1st—6th, 1964

Monday, June 1st, was one of the worst days imaginable on which to start a Tournament—let alone the important Men's and Women's Championship Events. After the lovely week for the "Counties", a change was to be expected, but the deluge that occurred on Monday was not quite according to plan. All games were abandoned at 10.45 a.m. and very soon the lawns became waterlogged. The Hurlingham Club kindly came to our rescue on Tuesday, and with the aid of the five courts provided there the programme was brought up to its hoped-for position by the end of that day. Unfortunately there were three "scratchings" in the Men's Event—we commiserate Roger Hicks on his unfortunate slipped disc—and two in the Women's, but, though much regretted, they did relieve the situation from the harassed manager's point of view! Among the other visitors, we were glad to welcome Mrs. E. Narby from New Zealand but were sorry that Dr. Wiggins could not play owing to pressure of work.

Seventeen entries in the Men's, 14 in the Women's Events compared with 18 and 11 respectively last year. The Doubles could only muster 8 pairs compared with 10, two or three ladies being unable to find partners. Are our men players becoming less forthcoming than they used to be? Sixteen players competed for the Du Pre Cup. J. W. Solomon became the Men's Champion for the 7th time, Mrs. Rotherham retained the Women's Championship which she won last year and G. Williams took the Du Pre Cup from J. G. Warwick. The Doubles were won by Hamilton-Miller and Mrs. Rotherham for the second year running.

Our thanks are due to the groundsmen of the Roehampton Club who managed to keep the lawns mown under appalling conditions, and the players were grateful to the Club Members for encouraging them with coffee and tea to continue their unequal battle with the weather.

Mr. Roper is particularly to be congratulated for the way he managed the Tournament this year. There was virtually no play on the inglorious first of June, and none after lunch on the Thursday. In spite of this, he was able to steer the Tournament to its appointed end, and whatever frustrations and annoyance he may have felt, he remained cheerful throughout. Hurlingham kindly put some lawns at his disposal, and only the Doubles final remained to be finished on Sunday morning.

There were only two victories by the full amount, but three games were won by 1 point. Perhaps the most curious result was when Cotter bt Fidler by 1 and 26.

Notes on some of the Games

Solomon in his second game against Prichard started a sextuple peel with some superb shots. One particularly noteworthy was when he made a long peel through 1-back sending his own ball to a perfect position by the ball waiting behind the 4th hoop. Eventually Solomon pegged one ball out deliberately though his other ball was for 3-back (the opponent's being on 5 and 1-back). Prichard got both balls to 4-back and left them wired—as he thought—between 4-back and the boundary. Solomon hit a wonderful shot across from near the 2nd hoop and hit a wired ball!—going out in that turn.

In the final between Hicks and Solomon, the former after his first break left a tempting target in the 4th corner, but Solomon missed it and Hicks went out with a triple peel in the next turn—had Solomon hit, the result would probably have been reversed. In the second game, Hicks went to the peg with his first ball and gave contact. Solomon got in and pegged out Hicks and himself, his other ball being for 4-back and Hicks for the 2nd hoop. He won this game by 10 points. In the third game Solomon started a straight triple but could not get his ball to the Rover hoop for the last peel. However he won easily by 25 thus securing the Championship.

In the semi-final of the Women's event, Mrs. Rotherham had a long battle with Mrs. Narby. The New Zealander is a good shot and can do remarkable approaches to hoops from quite a distance, but she was out-manoeuvred by her opponent in the end, although she was only beaten by the narrow margins of 4 and 6 points.

There is not much to say about the Doubles except that Hamilton-Miller and Mrs. Rotherham beat Gilbert and Mrs. Narby in the remarkably quick time of one and a half hours!

There were some exciting finishes in the Du Pre Cup—though this event too suffered from "scratchings". Williams beat Camroux by 1 and Reckitt made a good recovery to beat Mrs. Adler by 3 when the latter looked sure of her victory. When playing against Warwick, Williams unluckily roqueted his ball on to the peg and things looked black for him as Warwick now had command of the game, but shortly afterwards Williams hit the peg from a distance. He then went on to beat Karmel in the final. He played consistently well throughout and earned a well-deserved trophy.

The prizes were given away by the Chairman of the Croquet Association, Maj. J. M. Rivington. Among the winners, Mrs. Power, who won the Evening Handicap event with a handicap of 15, was warmly applauded.

EVENING TOURNAMENT

This Evening Tournament was introduced last year for the benefit of those Croquet players who are not free in the week, during the day-time, to participate in ordinary tournaments.

Many people seem to have the idea that this is a tournament for beginners only. This is not the case and it was encouraging, this year, to have entries from one minus player and another who, not so very long ago, played in The President's Cup Competition. So, perhaps when this tournament becomes better known, it will attract a larger entry.

This year, the number taking part was somewhat down on last year. This was mainly due to the fact that Beecham's Research Laboratories, whose members are most enthusiastic Croquet players, could only be represented by members of the female staff; the male section being occupied with examinations.

The event was won by Mrs. J. Power, playing off 15. In the semi-final, she beat Miss J. Hole, at the same handicap, by 4 on time. So, it appears that these two young women, who both come from Beecham's, are of about the same calibre.

In the final, Mrs. Power beat R. F. Rothwell, who had to concede 15½ bisques.

It is evident, that with a little more practice and experience, several of the longer bisque players in this Tournament, will find their handicaps considerably reduced.

A very pleasing feature of this Tournament, was the willingness of the lower handicap players to give gratuitous advice to their less experienced opponents.

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

(17 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

E. P. C. Cotter bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart +23 +23.

SECOND ROUND

H. O. Hicks bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller +8 +13.

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt A. V. Camroux +10 —5 +4.

P. J. M. Fidler bt M. B. Reckitt +5 +8.

E. P. C. Cotter w.o. Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (opponent scratched).

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt M. Spencer Ell +19 +25.

J. W. Solomon w.o. R. O. Hicks (opponent scratched).

Capt. H. G. Stoker w.o. A. D. Karmel (opponent scratched).

G. Williams bt J. G. Warwick +4 +4.

THIRD ROUND

H. O. Hicks bt B. Lloyd-Pratt +24 +20.

E. P. C. Cotter bt P. J. M. Fidler +1 +26.

J. W. Solomon bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard +23 +7.

Capt. H. G. Stoker bt G. Williams +16 +8.

SEMI-FINAL

H. O. Hicks bt E. P. C. Cotter +17 +20.

J. W. Solomon bt Capt. H. G. Stoker +9 +17.

FINAL

J. W. Solomon bt H. O. Hicks —16 +10 +25.

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

(14 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. P. D. Showan bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon —12 +1 +11.

Mrs. W. Longman w.o. Mrs. S. M. Adler (opponent scratched).

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Miss I. M. Roe +22 +16.

Miss E. J. Warwick bt Miss A. E. Mills +23 —2 +10.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson +4 (opponent retired).

Miss D. A. Lintern bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +4 +12.

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. E. Narby bt Mrs. P. D. Showan +3 +8.

Mrs. E. Rotherham w.o. Mrs. W. Longman (opponent scratched).

Miss E. J. Warwick bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +12 +22.

Miss D. A. Lintern bt Mrs. E. Reeve +18 +18.

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. E. Narby +4 +6.

Miss E. J. Warwick bt Miss D. A. Lintern +15 +20.

FINAL

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Miss E. J. Warwick —10 +9 +8.

MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

(8 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

B. Lloyd-Pratt and Mrs. E. Reeve bt E. A. Roper and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 11.

J. G. and Miss E. J. Warwick bt M. B. Reckitt and Miss D. A. Lintern by 17.

J. B. Gilbert and Mrs. E. Narby bt Capt. H. G. Stoker and Miss A. E. Mills by 11.

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey by 9.

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SEMI-FINAL
J. G. and Miss E. J. Warwick bt B. Lloyd-Pratt and Mrs. E. Reeve by 10.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt J. B. Gilbert and Mrs. E. Narby by 21.

FINAL
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt J. G. and Miss E. J. Warwick by 7.

DU PRE CUP

(16 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

G. Williams w.o. Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey (opponent scratched).
A. V. Camroux w.o. Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (opponent scratched).
Mrs. G. W. Solomon w.o. Mrs. E. Reeve (opponent scratched).
J. G. Warwick bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 5.
A. D. Karmel bt P. J. M. Fidler by 10.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Miss A. E. Mills by 10.
M. B. Reckitt bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard by 9.
Mrs. S. M. Adler w.o. Mrs. P. D. Showan (opponent scratched).

SECOND ROUND

G. Williams bt A. V. Camroux by 1.
J. G. Warwick bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 26.
A. D. Karmel bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller by 21.
M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs. S. M. Adler by 3.

SEMI-FINAL

G. Williams bt J. G. Warwick by 6.
A. D. Karmel bt M. B. Reckitt by 15.

FINAL

G. Williams bt A. D. Karmel by 12.

ROEHAMPTON EVENING TOURNAMENT

HANDICAP SINGLES

(10 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. J. Power (15) bt Mrs. T. Croal (9) by 6 (on time).
Mrs. L. C. Farlie (8) bt Miss R. Payne (16) by 20.

SECOND ROUND

Miss J. Hole (15) bt Mrs. H. Wills (9) by 15.
Mrs. J. Power (15) bt Mrs. G. Trull (7) by 6 (on time).
Mrs. L. C. Farlie (8) bt Col. J. G. Clarke (3) by 15.
R. F. Rothwell (—½) bt D. C. Caporn (4½) by 12.

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. J. Power (15) bt Miss J. Hole (15) by 4 (on time).
R. F. Rothwell (—½) bt Mrs. L. C. Farlie (8) by 18.

FINAL

Mrs. J. Power (15) bt R. F. Rothwell (—½) by 15.

CLUB MATCH

SOUTHWICK v. ROEHAMPTON, Tuesday, June 9th, 1964

SINGLES

L. Kirk-Greene bt J. A. Hollweg +13.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt J. B. Gilbert +15.
E. A. Roper lost to Miss D. A. Lintern —16.
H. A. Green v. Mrs. G. W. Solomon (game unfinished).

DOUBLES

L. Kirk-Greene and H. A. Green lost to J. B. Gilbert and Miss D. A. Lintern —3.
E. A. Roper and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden lost to J. A. Hollweg and Mrs. G. W. Solomon —6.
Result: Roehampton bt Southwick 3 games to 2, one game unfinished.

INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

May 26th—29th

Four warm windless and rain-free days, ideal Croquet weather both for players and spectators, beautifully prepared lawns—indeed Hurlingham at its loveliest. The same line up of counties as last year. It had been hoped that teams from Midlands and Ireland might have entered, and both would have been warmly welcomed; it is thirty three years since Irish Counties won the Championship. Politicians tell us "we have never had it so good", but the problems and expense of bringing a team and accommodating it in London were easier to deal with in the bad old days.

Up from Devon had come a most imposing team; the aggregate bisquage of their six players was minus twelve. Even Middlesex, although headed by Solomon and Cotter and with all the wealth of London to call on, could not match that. Surrey too was mostly minus players, but the other three counties came gallantly and gaily with most of their players comfortably on the plus side

of scratch. Yet a great fascination of this competition is the crucial bearing on the destination of the championship the performance of the apparently less strong counties can have; and, as always, the titillating possibility that Goliaths may be slain by Davids.

On paper it looked as if the issue would lie between Devon and Middlesex. But on the very first day came excitement when the seafaring Beamish and Penny for Hants and Dorset played Solomon and Hollweg for Middlesex. Beamish pegged Solomon out, Penny got to the rover and laid up comfortably. But the leave, criticised by some onlookers, enabled Hollweg to make four back and hit in with a long shot. A very near thing for Middlesex. And Devon might conceivably have dropped a game to Eastern Counties had Lloyd Pratt not stuck in a hoop on the way to peg out Cooper. Noteable too was the fight Mrs. Rolfe and Karmel gave the Warwicks, from whom on handicap they would have received a useful parcel of bisques.

On the second day Beamish and Penny were again involved in drama, this time against Devon. Mrs. Rotherham had found the rover hoop an ungallant obstacle until Penny, also for the rover, rushed her ball from the north boundary just through it, and disastously committed a fault in trying to get back to make it himself. And Middlesex was far from free of anxious moments. Miss Lintern, playing with different partners, only won her morning match by one point on time, and in the afternoon would most certainly have lost had Gilbert, for Surrey, not lifted his handsome head at the rover hoop. Mrs. Rolfe and Karmel again fought well against a Middlesex pair much lower in the handicap scale.

Despite all excitements and "near things" Devon and Middlesex were still undefeated in matches or games when they faced each other. Devon arranged their three pairs so that each was rated minus 4 in handicap, and it seemed as if they were concentrating on winning the second and third games. They were right in expecting to lose the first for Solomon and Cotter won fairly quickly. The Warwick brother and sister, as Devon's second pair, succeeded in winning a very close tussle against Prichard and Stoker, so all turned on the third game and last to finish: Cooper and the military Beamish against Miss Lintern and Hollweg. But Devon failed, possibly because that fine player Cooper was not at the top of his form, and Miss Lintern had comforting compensation for the anxieties she had suffered previously.

Middlesex still had to play Sussex, but on beating them became County Champions for the seventh successive year. While mentioning statistics, this was the thirty seventh year Maurice Reckitt has played in the Competition, fourteen of them in the winning team for Surrey. And finally this reporter vainly seeks adequate words to indicate the gratitude all the players felt towards Mrs. Gerald Cave for the way she performed not only her managerial duties but so many other generous and refreshing kindnesses.

Devon. Mrs. E. Rotherham (Capt.), Col. D. W. Beamish, Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave, A. J. Cooper, Dr. R. B. N. Smartt, Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt, Miss E. J. Warwick, J. G. Warwick.

Hants and Dorset. Maj. J. H. Dibley (Capt.), Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish, Maj. F. Hill Bernhard, Mrs. J. H. Dibley, Mrs. V. C. Gasson, Miss K. D. Hickson, V. A. de la Nougerede, Dr. H. J. Penny.

Surrey. M. B. Reckitt (Capt.), A. V. Camroux, J. B. Gilbert, D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller, R. O. Hicks, B. G. Neal, Mrs. G. W. Solomon, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins.

Eastern Counties. Mrs. E. Reeve (Capt.), E. P. Duffield, Mrs. P. E. Heley, A. D. Karmel, Mrs. A. D. Karmel, Mrs. M. L. Thom, Mrs. A. N. Rolfe.

Middlesex. Miss D. A. Lintern (Capt.), Mrs. S. M. Adler, E. P. C. Cotter, R. A. Godby, J. A. Hollweg, Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard, J. W. Solomon, Capt. H. G. Stoker.

Sussex. Mrs. W. Longman (Capt.), Lady Ursula Abbey, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, W. H. Austin, Miss H. D. Parker, E. A. Roper, Mrs. E. M. Temple (Reserve).

ANALYSIS OF PLAY

Middlesex won 5 matches, v. Hants and Dorset, 3-0; Eastern Counties, 3-0; Surrey, 3-0; Devon, 2-1; Sussex, 3-0.
Devon won 4 matches, v. Eastern Counties, 3-0; Sussex, 3-0; Hants and Dorset, 3-0; Surrey, 3-0; and lost to Middlesex, 1-2.
Surrey won 3 matches, v. Hants and Dorset, 2-1; Sussex, 3-0; Eastern Counties, 3-0; and lost to Middlesex, 0-3; Devon, 0-3.
Eastern Counties won 2 matches, v. Sussex, 3-0; Hants and Dorset, 2-1; and lost to Devon, 0-3; Middlesex, 0-3; Surrey, 0-3.
Hants and Dorset won 1 match, v. Sussex, 3-0; and lost to Middlesex, 0-3; Surrey, 0-3; Devon, 0-3; Eastern Counties, 1-2.
Sussex. Won no games.

BRIGHTON

SPRING TOURNAMENT

May 18th—23rd

On many occasions the Tournament Committee was wryly thankful that it had changed the title of "Summer Tournament" to "Annual Spring Tournament", although the weather was not so consistently unpleasant as last year's. Indeed, there were actually one or two sunny days which emboldened some of the men players to don their white flannels, though the majority of the women were taking no chances. As usual heavy rain and cold winds prevailed on the first day of the Doubles.

A tribute to Neville Blackwood appeared in the June issue, but in reporting on the first tournament of the season it must be recorded how sadly he was missed, not only by his fellow members but by his old friends from other clubs.

The entry was slightly higher than last year's, and amongst several visitors whom the Club welcomed for the first time were Lady Fitzgerald and Mrs. Lightfoot from Ireland, D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller, and Dr. Betenson from Ryde whose handicap one imagines will soon be reduced.

Mrs. Chittenden once more delighted everybody by the excellence and variety of her catering, receiving help in the kitchen from Mrs. Finch and Miss Parker. It was good to see Mrs. Truett once again behind the bar. She even coped with the vagaries of the fruit machine which unfortunately collapsed occasionally under continuous pressure. Adams, too, worked hard behind the scenes.

Maj. Dibley managed the Tournament with his usual skill and patience though no doubt sorely tried at times. The Club is most grateful to him for promising to come again for the summer events which one hopes may permit of time for on "Extra" to console the defeated. Adam's hard work on the lawns was much appreciated, and they certainly played better than they did last year, though the weather rendered them rather heavy.

As regards the games themselves, young John Bolton played magnificently throughout, defeating Kirk-Greene in the finals of both the Draw and Process. He and his partner, Mrs. Synge, also won the final of the Doubles. His friend and early mentor, Miss Taylor, fought her way to the final of the Jellicorse Cup, but was handsomely beaten by Mrs. Synge. The "X" and "Y" events were also won by Southwick members, W. E. Moore and W. B. Paynter. John Bolton was also in the semi-final of the "X" but was forced to scratch.

Mercifully the last day of the Tournament remained fine until the end of play. Mrs. Corke, the President, made a short valedictory address and Mrs. E. A. Roper, wife of the Chairman, presented the prizes.

OPEN (LEVEL) SINGLES

DRAW

(20 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

A. G. Sadler bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 15.
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt C. J. H. Tolley by 2.
L. Kirk-Greene bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 16.
W. H. Austin bt D. W. J. Dibley by 4.

SECOND ROUND

J. P. R. Bolton bt Miss E. F. Rose by 23.
Maj. J. R. Abbey bt Miss H. D. Parker by 23.
H. A. Green bt Lady G. Fitzgerald by 7.
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt A. G. Sadler by 8.
L. Kirk-Greene bt W. H. Austin by 26.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 18.
Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot bt W. B. C. Paynter by 14.
E. A. Roper bt Lady Ursula Abbey by 14.

THIRD ROUND

J. P. R. Bolton bt Maj. J. R. Abbey by 13.
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt H. A. Green by 20.
L. Kirk-Greene bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller by 14.
E. A. Roper bt Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot by 15.

SEMI-FINAL

J. P. R. Bolton bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 16.
L. Kirk-Greene bt E. A. Roper by 15.

FINAL

J. P. R. Bolton bt L. Kirk-Green by 23.

OPEN (LEVEL) SINGLES

PROCESS

(20 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Lady Ursula Abbey bt Miss H. D. Parker by 13.
J. P. R. Bolton bt Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot by 19.
Maj. J. R. Abbey bt E. A. Roper by 22.
W. B. C. Paynter bt. Miss E. F. Rose by 10.

SECOND ROUND

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt A. G. Sadler by 24.
Dr. H. J. Penny bt Lady Ursula Abbey by 9.
Lady G. Fitzgerald bt W. H. Austin by 10.
J. P. R. Bolton bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 19.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 8.
L. Kirk-Greene bt Maj. J. R. Abbey by 20.
D. W. J. Dibley bt H. A. Green by 9.
W. B. C. Paynter bt C. J. H. Tolley by 16.

THIRD ROUND

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 10.
J. P. R. Bolton bt Lady G. Fitzgerald by 12.
L. Kirk-Greene bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 10.
D. W. J. Dibley bt W. B. C. Paynter by 5.

SEMI-FINAL

J. P. R. Bolton bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller by 4.
L. Kirk-Greene bt D. W. J. Dibley by 6.

FINAL

J. P. R. Bolton bt L. Kirk-Greene by 9.

HANDICAP SINGLES

(Class "X")

(43 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Miss E. F. Rose (3½) bt E. A. Roper (2) by 4.
Maj. R. Driscoll (6½) bt Brig. T. S. Omond (6½) by 21.
Miss H. D. Parker (3) bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (2) (opponent retired).
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) bt Maj. R. St. G. Atchley (12) by 18.
Capt. W. A. T. Synge (7) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5) by 3.
Dr. H. J. Penny (1½) bt Mrs. E. Thompson (9) by 11.
E. C. Mogridge (7) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 11.
A. G. Sadler (2) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (2) by 5.
Miss M. M. Taylor (7) bt Mrs. H. Wells (14) by 7.
Miss K. D. Hickson (4) bt W. H. Austin (3) by 12.
H. A. Green (2) bt Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (3) by 9.

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. W. P. H. Roe (7) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6½) (opponent retired).
Mrs. W. A. Naylor (8) bt Miss M. Towers (7) by 12.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (—½) bt W. P. H. Roe (5½) by 7.
Maj. A. M. Hicks (6½) bt Miss E. C. Johnston (4) by 14.
W. E. Moore (2) bt Miss G. Pirie (10) by 19.
Maj. R. Driscoll (6½) bt Miss E. F. Rose (3½) by 15.
Miss H. W. Parker (3) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) by 7.
Dr. J. H. Penny (1½) bt Capt. W. A. T. Synge (7) by 13.
A. G. Sadler (2) bt E. C. Mogridge (7) by 14.
Miss K. D. Hickson (4) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (7) by 11.
H. A. Green (2) bt W. B. C. Paynter (0) by 22.
Dr. W. F. W. Betenson (8) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (5) by 14.
Lady G. Fitzgerald (2) bt Mrs. C. M. Gibson (8) by 5.
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (1) bt Mrs. W. A. T. Synge (6) by 10.
J. P. R. Bolton (—½) bt H. F. Sanderson (6) by 8.
Maj. J. R. Abbey (1½) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (5) by 5.

THIRD ROUND

Mrs. W. A. Naylor (8) bt Mrs. W. P. H. Roe (7) by 4.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (—½) bt Maj. A. M. Hicks (6½) by 6.
W. E. Moore (2) bt Maj. R. Driscoll (6½) by 2.
Dr. H. J. Penny (1½) bt Miss H. D. Parker (3) by 19.
Miss K. D. Hickson (4) bt A. G. Sadler (2) by 2.
H. A. Green (2) bt Dr. W. F. W. Betenson (8) by 4.
Lady G. Fitzgerald (2) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (1) by 17.
J. P. R. Bolton (—½) bt Maj. J. R. Abbey (1½) by 14.

FOURTH ROUND

Miss H. F. Chittenden (—½) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (8) by 12.
W. E. Moore (2) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (1½) by 6.
Miss K. D. Hickson (4) bt H. A. Green (2) (opponent retired).
J. P. R. Bolton (—½) bt Lady G. Fitzgerald (2) by 11.

SEMI-FINAL

W. E. Moore (2) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (—½) by 24.
Miss K. D. Hickson (4) bt J. P. R. Bolton (—½) (scratched).

FINAL

W. E. Moore (2) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (4) by 19.

HANDICAP SINGLES

(Class "Y")

(43 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. E. Thompson (9) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 10.
Mrs. H. Wells (14) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (2) (opponent retired).
W. H. Austin (3) bt Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (3) by 7.
Mrs. E. A. Roper (6½) bt Miss M. Towers (7) by 11.
Miss E. C. Johnston (4) bt W. P. H. Roe (5½) by 11.
W. B. C. Paynter (0) bt Miss G. Pirie (10) (scratched).

SECOND ROUND

E. A. Roper (2) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (6½) by 15.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-2) bt Maj. R. St. G. Atchley (12) by 11
Mrs. E. Thompson (9) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5) by 10.
W. H. Austin (3) bt Mrs. H. Wells (14) by 19.
Miss E. C. Johnston (4) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6½) by 12.
W. B. C. Paynter (0) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (5) by 16.
Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé (6) bt Mrs. C. M. Gibson (8) (scratched).
Mrs. E. M. Temple (5) bt H. F. Sanderson (6) by 2.

THIRD ROUND

E. A. Roper (2) bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-2) by 17.
W. H. Austin (3) bt Mrs. E. Thompson (9) by 12.
W. B. C. Paynter (0) bt Miss E. C. Johnston (4) by 14.
Mrs. E. M. Temple (5) bt Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé (6) by 12.

SEMI-FINAL

W. H. Austin (3) bt E. A. Roper (2) by 14.
W. B. C. Paynter (0) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (5) by 12.

FINAL

W. B. C. Paynter (0) bt W. H. Austin (3) by 16.

HANDICAP SINGLES

("Jellicorse Cup")
(Qualification 3½ bisques, and over)
(25 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. H. Wells (14) bt Maj. A. M. Hicks (6½) by 9.
Miss H. D. Hickson (4) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (5) by 5.
Mrs. E. Thompson (9) bt Brig. T. S. Omond (6½) by 16.
Miss E. C. Johnston (4) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6½) by 16.
Miss M. Towers (7) bt W. B. G. Scott (10) by 13.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5) bt Maj. R. St. G. Atchley (12) by 4.
Dr. W. F. W. Betenson (8) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 19.
Mrs. C. M. Gibson (8) bt Miss G. Pirie (10) by 5.
Miss M. M. Taylor (7) bt H. F. Sanderson (6) by 9.

SECOND ROUND

Maj. R. Driscoll (6½) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (5) by 16.
Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé (6) bt Mrs. H. Wells (14) by 7.
Miss K. D. Hickson (4) bt Mrs. E. Thompson (9) by 2.
Miss E. C. Johnston (4) bt Miss M. Towers (7) by 16.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5) bt Dr. W. F. W. Betenson (8) by 6.
Miss M. M. Taylor (7) bt Mrs. C. M. Gibson (8) w.o. (scratched).
Mrs. W. P. H. Roe (7) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (8) by 6.
Capt. W. A. T. Syngé (7) bt E. C. Mogridge (7) by 18.

THIRD ROUND

Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé (6) bt Maj. R. Driscoll (6½) by 12.
Miss K. D. Hickson (4) bt Miss E. C. Johnston (4) by 16.
Miss M. M. Taylor (7) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5) by 6.
Mrs. W. P. H. Roe (7) bt Capt. W. A. T. Syngé (7) by 3.

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé (6) bt Miss H. D. Hickson (4) by 9.
Miss M. M. Taylor (7) bt Mrs. W. P. H. Roe (7) by 4.

FINAL

Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé (6) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (7) by 4.

MIXED DOUBLES HANDICAP

(13 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

W. E. Moore and Mrs. W. A. Naylor (10) bt W. H. Austin and Mrs. E. A. Roper (9½) by 10.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and Maj. R. St. G. Atchley (9½) bt Lady G. Fitzgerald and Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (5½) by 8 (on time).
E. A. Roper and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (4) bt Capt. W. A. T. Syngé and Mrs. E. M. Temple (12) by 3.
W. B. C. Paynter and Mrs. E. M. Kay (5) bt Miss H. D. Parker and Miss M. Morgan (9) by 11.
H. A. Green and Maj. R. Driscoll (8½) bt Dr. W. F. W. Betenson and Miss M. M. Taylor (15) by 11.

SECOND ROUND

J. P. R. Bolton and Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé (5½) bt W. E. Moore and Mrs. W. A. Naylor (10) by 4.
E. A. Roper and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (4) bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and Maj. R. St. G. Atchley (9½) by 4.
H. A. Green and Maj. R. Driscoll (8½) bt W. B. C. Paynter and Mrs. E. M. Kay (5) by 2.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and G. Scott (9½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (5½) by 2 (on time).

SEMI-FINAL

J. P. R. Bolton and Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé (5½) bt E. A. Roper and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (4) by 7.
H. A. Green and Maj. R. Driscoll (8½) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and G. Scott (9½) by 14.

FINAL

J. P. R. Bolton and Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé (5½) bt H. A. Green and Maj. R. Driscoll (8½) by 6.

COLCHESTER v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

May 16th, 1964

Fine weather blessed the match this year, and encouraged some very interesting Croquet. The doubles were very close, especially the first one, when near the end all the clips were on the Rover, and then they all moved on to the Peg. There was some excellent Croquet in the first two singles. Bolton and Miller particularly played a very enterprising game, while Duffield and Laurenson were both liable to go right round once they had hit in. In the other two singles played on Saturday, Franklin beat Mozley, and Mrs. Clark lost a marathon 6-hour battle against Banks, a very promising newcomer to the Cambridge team. Thus the day ended with Colchester leading 4-3, and Cambridge looked like being sent home with their tails between their legs, when on Sunday Ratcliffe gave Thorp a nasty shock by taking the second game and running him fairly close in the third. Hallett had the responsibility of upholding Cambridge's honour, as he had here in the Longman Cup last year, and won a close game with Hinnell.

Results

(Colchester players named first)

SINGLES

J. P. R. Bolton bt D. W. Miller +9, -18, +4.
E. P. Duffield lost to J. T. Laurenson -22, +18, -16.
C. S. Ratcliffe lost to R. F. Thorp -16, +3, -13.
R. J. Hinnell lost to P. D. Hallett -10.
W. B. Franklin bt A. N. Mozley +8.
Mrs. E. E. Clark lost to I. E. Banks -5 (on time).

DOUBLES

J. P. R. Bolton and Mrs. E. E. Clark lost to J. T. Laurenson and P. D. Hallett -2.
E. P. Duffield and R. J. Hinnell bt D. W. Miller and A. N. Mozley +10.
C. S. Ratcliffe and W. B. Franklin bt R. F. Thorp and I. E. Banks +18.

Result: Cambridge University bt Colchester 5-4.

HUNSTANTON v CAMBRIDGE UNIV.

June 6th-7th

Only singles were played in this match. This probably made the weekend more enjoyable, but the University badly need doubles practice, and it is unfortunate for them that no doubles were played. Examinations prevented David Miller and James Laurenson from being present throughout and this partly explains the wild variety of number of games per person.

Some impressions:-

James Laurenson gained spectacular vengeance over Arthur Reed to whom he had lost earlier in the season when receiving 4½ bisques.

Rupert Thorp put both Reed and Lloyd-Pratt through their paces. When his other ball was for 2-back he single-peeled and pegged out Reed, then for 2. Reed then played beautifully with the three balls to win by 7. Moral: put the other ball out too!

David Miller is the sort of player who is always just about to go out on a triple. If he ever does one his game may show a marked improvement.

Mrs. Rolfe is a much better player than she was last year. Hallett did well to beat her, though one feels that the wet lawns were wholly to his advantage.

Ian Banks is much improved since his last outing with the Club. He played with ease and grace to beat Mrs. Perowne and Miss Hampson.

The weather was more than disappointing, especially on Sunday. Reed preferred getting thoroughly drenched to losing his touch in his first game with Miller. All other games were suspended during the downpour, and Miller, who, throughout, had sat in the hut watching himself being beaten, had some sharp words to say afterwards on the lack of resolution of the rest of the team.

J. T. Laurenson bt A. A. Reed +14, +17.

J. T. Laurenson lost to H. J. Tovey -4.

R. F. Thorp lost to A. A. Reed -17, +15, -7.

R. F. Thorp drew with B. Lloyd-Pratt -7, +7.

R. F. Thorp bt H. J. Tovey +20, +21.

D. W. Miller lost to A. A. Reed -11, -12.

D. W. Miller bt Mrs. A. N. Rolfe +16, +10.

P. D. Hallett bt Mrs. A. N. Rolfe -10, +10, +16.

P. D. Hallett lost to H. J. Tovey -6.

A. N. Mozley bt Mrs. G. D. Perowne +10.

A. N. Mozley lost to Miss S. G. Hampson -18.

I. E. Banks bt Mrs. G. D. Perowne +13.

I. E. Banks bt Miss S. G. Hampson +21.

C. W. H. Barrington drew with Miss S. G. Hampson -16, +6.

Result: Cambridge University bt Hunstanton by 14 games to 10.

RYDE

June 1st-6th, 1964

Waterlogged lawns due to thunderstorms throughout the day prevented play on the first day. Light rain fell most of the next three days and up to tea time on the final day Saturday. One half of each lawn was practically under water but the other half was not too bad.

George Alexander very kindly ran the sweepstake on the Derby and most generously gave the prizes, Mrs. Blake winning the first prize. A most unfortunate accident happened to him during play in the Doubles on the Thursday morning. On going on to the lawn he slipped on a slope and broke a leg. He was taken to hospital and underwent an operation.

"A fractured bone—a fearful start
But not, you know, a broken heart
You wear high courage like a crown
Nothing can keep a good man down".

M.M.T.

At the time of writing we hear he is getting on well. We all wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him battling on the lawns again in a few weeks time.

The score cards below show how the competitors fared, but special mention should be made of Canon Creed Meredith who, in spite of the bad conditions, was able to make a break from the first hoop to the rover against Miss Taylor in the 'X' handicap. Also of Captain Syngé who played very well in this event, reaching the final in which he won comfortably against the canon.

In the final of the 'C' Class Miss Bryan was at the top of her form. In her match against Mrs. Burrell she did a splendid break of nine hoops with no bisques. A fine achievement for a ten bisquer. This good play resulted in her winning the final and the Hutton Cup. The handicapper will, I feel sure, take due note of this, and also of Captain Syngé's victory in the 'X' Handicap and winning the Dibley Cup.

The Tournament was very well run by Maj. Dibley, assisted on the quiet by Mrs. Dibley. Miss Wade, the Hon. Secretary, had a lot of hard work in the preliminary stages and fixing up accommodation for the visitors.

Our thanks are also due to Mrs. Ward and her cheerful band of workers who provided excellent meals and breaks (excuse the pun!). Miss Walker, who presented the prizes, made all the delicious cakes and presented them for afternoon tea each day. The lawns were true, but the hoops a little wide. In spite of the latter many players stuck in them! On the whole Ash the groundsman did an excellent job in getting the lawns ready and also during the tournament in spite of the wretched weather.

RYDE TOURNAMENT

OPEN SINGLES

DRAW

(4 Entries)

SEMI-FINAL

W. B. C. Paynter bt Mrs. F. N. Latham by 6.
Maj. J. H. Dibley bt Canon R. Creed Meredith w.o. (opponent scratched).

FINAL

W. B. C. Paynter bt Maj. J. H. Dibley by 12.

PROCESS

(4 Entries)

SEMI-FINAL

Maj. J. H. Dibley bt Mrs. F. N. Latham w.o. (opponent scratched).
W. B. C. Paynter bt Canon R. Creed Meredith by 17.

FINAL

W. B. C. Paynter bt Maj. J. H. Dibley by 16.

LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B")

(Qualification 3 to 7 bisques, inclusive)

"B" LEVELS

(7 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. J. H. Dibley bt Miss E. Walker by 10.
Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé bt Miss M. M. Taylor by 12.
Capt. W. A. T. Syngé bt G. A. H. Alexander by 22.

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley by 9.
Mrs. J. G. Stevenson bt Capt. W. A. T. Syngé by 9.

FINAL

Mrs. J. G. Stevenson bt Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé by 8.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C")

(Qualification 7½ bisques, and over)
(9 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Miss K. A. Wade (11) bt Mrs. R. Creed Meredith (16) by 9.

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. R. H. Burrell (10) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (8) (opponent retired).
Miss K. A. Wade (11) bt Dr. W. F. W. Betenson (8) by 16.
Miss M. Bryan (10) bt Mrs. A. M. Wood (16) by 7.
Mrs. C. E. Devitt (9) bt Mrs. K. M. Lowein (13) by 7.

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. R. H. Burrell (10) bt Mrs. K. A. Wade (11) by 2.
Miss M. Bryan (10) bt Mrs. C. E. Devitt (9) by 1 (on time).

FINAL

Miss M. Bryan (10) bt Mrs. R. H. Burrell (10) by 15.

HANDICAP SINGLES

(Class "X")

(21 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Miss E. Walker (5½) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (8) by 3.
Mrs. A. M. Wood (16) bt Mrs. F. N. Latham (2) (opponent scratched).

Canon R. Creed Meredith (0) bt Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (5½) by 17.
W. B. C. Paynter (0) bt G. A. H. Alexander (7) by 10.

SECOND ROUND

Capt. W. A. T. Syngé (7) bt Dr. W. F. W. Betenson (8) by 11.
Mrs. M. K. Lowein (13) bt Mrs. A. B. Ward (11) by 7.

Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé (5) bt Miss E. Walker (5½) by 20.
Mrs. C. E. Devitt (9) bt Mrs. R. H. Burrell (10) by 17.

Canon R. Creed Meredith (0) bt W. B. C. Paynter (0) by 19.
Miss M. M. Taylor (7) bt Mrs. R. Creed Meredith (16) by 20.

Miss M. Bryan (10) bt Maj. J. H. Dibley (2½) by 3.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5) bt Miss K. A. Wade (11) by 5.

THIRD ROUND

Capt. W. A. T. Syngé (7) bt Mrs. M. K. Lowein (13) by 11.
Mrs. C. E. Devitt (9) bt Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé (5) by 8.

Canon R. Creed Meredith (0) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (7) by 4.
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5) bt Miss M. Bryan (10) by 7.

SEMI-FINAL

Capt. W. A. T. Syngé (7) bt Mrs. C. E. Devitt (9) by 10.
Canon R. Creed Meredith (0) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5) by 12.

FINAL

Capt. W. A. T. Syngé (7) bt Canon R. Creed Meredith (0) by 5.

HANDICAP SINGLES

(Class "Y")

(11 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (5½) bt Mrs. R. H. Burrell (10) by 16.
Dr. W. F. W. Betenson (8) w.o. G. A. H. Alexander (3) (opponent scratched).

Mrs. A. M. Wood (16) bt Mrs. A. B. Ward (11) by 9.

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. W. A. Naylor (8) w.o. Mrs. F. N. Latham (2) (opponent scratched).

Dr. W. F. W. Betenson (8) bt Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (5½) by 8.
Mrs. A. M. Wood (16) bt Mrs. R. Creed Meredith (16) by 7.

Maj. J. H. Dibley (2½) bt Miss K. A. Wade (11) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL

Dr. W. F. W. Betenson (8) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (8) (opponent retired).

Maj. J. H. Dibley (2) bt Mrs. A. M. Wood (16) by 7.

FINAL

Dr. W. F. W. Betenson (8) bt Maj. J. H. Dibley (2½) by 17.

MIXED DOUBLES HANDICAP

(Restricted to combined handicap of 2 and over)
(7 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

Dr. W. F. W. Betenson and Miss M. M. Taylor (15) bt G. A. H. Alexander and Mrs. R. H. Burrell (17) (opponents retired).

Canon R. Creed Meredith and Mrs. C. E. Devitt (9) bt Capt. and Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé (12) by 15.

Maj. J. H. Dibley and Mrs. W. A. Naylor (10½) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley and Miss M. Bryan (15) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL

Dr. W. F. W. Betenson and Miss M. M. Taylor (15) bt Canon R. Creed Meredith and Mrs. C. E. Devitt (9) by 19.

W. B. C. Paynter and Mrs. G. Stevenson (5½) bt Maj. J. H. Dibley and Mrs. W. A. Naylor (10½) by 7.

FINAL

W. B. C. Paynter and Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (5½) bt Dr. W. F. W. Betenson and Miss M. M. Taylor (15) by 9.

TOURNAMENTS

GENERAL CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION

The following conditions apply to all tournaments advertised below unless specified to the contrary in any advertisement:—

1. The tournament will be played under the Laws of Association Croquet and the Regulations for Official Tournaments.
2. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse an entry without giving a reason. In particular, entries will not be accepted in excess of the capacity of the courts.
3. If there are very few entries for an event, the Manager may play it on the American system, even though otherwise advertised.
4. Hoops will be 3½ in. wide. Jaques "Eclipse" balls will be used.
5. Flat-soled footwear must be worn on the lawns.
6. In C.A. tournaments no leave will be granted before the draw has been made. Applications for leave on the first day will be considered immediately after the draw by the Manager or a deputy authorised by him. Leave on other days may be given by the Manager only. In other tournaments leave may be granted by the Manager or his authorised deputy, if the needs of the tournament permit.
7. Entries for C.A. tournaments must be made on Official Forms and must be accompanied by the entrance fee (which includes levy) and any Tribute due. It is helpful if entries for other tournaments are made on the Official Forms. In any case entrants should give the address and telephone numbers, if possible, which will find them during the tournament: entrance fees and any Tribute due must be paid before the draw. For rates of tribute (i.e. non-Associates only) see p. 1, April 1964.
8. Winners of Trophies will hold them for one year or until next competed for, whichever period is shorter.
9. Play will normally commence at 10 a.m. each day, but the Manager may arrange an earlier start if he feels it desirable.
10. Competitors will be made Honorary members of the Club for the duration of the tournament.

THESE CONDITIONS APPLY TO ALL TOURNAMENTS EXCEPT WHEN OTHERWISE STATED.

THE LADIES' FIELD CUP

Holder: Mrs. E. Rotherham

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

No Entrance Fee

Will be played for at the Roehampton Club (by kind permission of the Committee of the Club) on Monday, August 17th, and following days

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Roehampton Club.

Manager and Referee.—B. Lloyd-Pratt.

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

CONDITIONS

Each competitor meets each of the other competitors twice in each competition.

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

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

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

HURLINGHAM

THE ANNUAL CROQUET TOURNAMENT

including the

"LADIES' FIELD" CANDLESTICKS

(Under the direction of the C.A.)

will be held from

Monday, August 3rd to Wednesday, August 12th, 1964

Committee.—The Croquet Committee of the Club.

Manager and Handicapper.—E. A. Roper.

Referee.—J. G. Warwick.

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

EVENTS

- 1.—THE HURLINGHAM CUP. Holder, H. O. Hicks. Level Singles. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d. Draw and Process.
- 2.—THE TURNER CUP. Holder, Dr. R. B. N. Smartt. Level Singles. For players handicapped at 1 bisque or over not entered for Event 1. Challenge Cup presented by the late Mrs. Ernest Turner. Single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 10s.
- 3.—THE HURLINGHAM DOUBLES. Holders, J. P. R. Bolton and Mrs. E. Rotherham. Level Play. Mixed Pairs. Challenge Cup presented by the late Mrs. Henry Franc. Single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 10s. each player.
- 4.—THE YOUNGER CUP. Holder, T. F. H. Jessel. Level Singles. For players handicapped at 4½ bisques and over not entered for Events 1 or 2. Challenge Cup presented by the Late Lt.-Col. J. A. C. Younger. Single games throughout. Entrance Fee 10s. Law 36 suspended.
- 5.—THE LONGWORTH CUP. Holder, O. A. Kerensky. Level Singles. For players handicapped at 8 bisques and over not entered for Events 1, 2 or 4. Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. R. C. Longworth. Single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 10s. All games to start at the third hoop. Law 36 suspended.

Now that 8 lawns are available, it is hoped that it will be unnecessary to play any further games at Roehampton.

6.—THE PINCKNEY SIMPSON CUP (HANDICAP SINGLES). Holder, Mrs. A. W. Skempton. Entrance Fee, 10s.

7.—THE "LADIES' FIELD" CANDLESTICKS (Ladies' Handicap Doubles). Holders, Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Miss B. Duthie. Open to lady Members of the C.A. only. Entrance Fee, 10s. each player. All games to start at the third hoop.

8.—MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES. Entrance Fee, 10s. Holders, Dr. R. B. N. Smartt and Maj. R. Tingey. All games to start at the third hoop.

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All Entries with Fees for Events 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6, with the addresses of the competitors (and telephone number) must reach the Games Secretary, Croquet Tournament, The Hurlingham Club, Fulham, S.W.6, by first post on Wednesday, 29th July (not C.A. Secretary). Entries for Events 3, 7 and 8, will close at noon on Tuesday, August 4th. The Draw for Events 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 will take place at the Club on Wednesday, July 29th, at 2.30 p.m.: for other Events as announced on the ground.

Cheques should be made payable to The Hurlingham Club.

GENERAL

Play will continue till 7.30 p.m. if necessary.

At least eight Lawns will be provided.

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

CROQUET DINNER

There will be a dinner for Croquet players and their friends at the Hurlingham Club on Thursday, August 6th. Tickets price 27s. 6d. can be obtained from the Games Secretary of the Hurlingham Club. Dress, Dinner Jacket.

CHELTENHAM

A FOUR DAY TOURNAMENT

will be held in the Club Grounds

THURSDAY, 13th—SUNDAY, AUGUST 16th

EVENTS.—Handicap American Singles guaranteed minimum of 5 games and other events according to entries.

Entrance Fee 12s.

Entries to reach Tournament Secretary not later than first post Tuesday, 11th.

PARKSTONE (EAST DORSET)

CROQUET TOURNAMENT

Monday, August 17th—22nd

Committee.—The Croquet Committee of the Parkstone Club. Manager and Handicapper.—V. A. de la Nougerede. Referee.—The Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith. Hon. Croquet Sec.—Mrs. McMordie, Yapton, Delhi Close, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset.

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. Draw and Process. Bournemouth Bowl and Ashton Cup. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES. Law 36 operates. For players 2½–6 bisques inclusive. Deshon Cup. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. For players of 6½ bisques and over. Halse Salver. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d. IF SUFFICIENT ENTRIES this Event will be divided into 2 classes:—
 - (a) 6½–9½ bisques inclusive.
 - (b) 10 bisques and over.No player can enter for more than one Event of Nos. 1, 2 and 3.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Unrestricted. Gold Cup. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicaps not to be less than 2 bisques. Starting at 3rd hoop. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d. each player.

CONDITIONS

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 must reach the Hon. Croquet Sec. by midday Thursday, August 13th. Entries for Event 5 will close on Monday, August 17th. This Event will start on Tuesday morning, August 18th.

The Draw will take place on Thursday, August 13th at 3 p.m. at the Club House.

Players must be prepared to play up to 7 p.m.

Entries for C.A. Tournaments must be made on the Official Form and must be accompanied by the Entrance Fee (which includes levy) and any Tribute due.

BRIGHTON

THE FIFTY-FIRST SUMMER TOURNAMENT

Monday, August 24th, and five following days

To be held on the Lawns of the Sussex County Croquet Club, Victoria Road, Southwick, Sussex

Manager and Handicapper.—Major J. H. Dibley.

Referee.—E. A. Roper.

Hon. Tournament Secretary.—W. H. Austin, Flat A, 3 Victoria Road, Southwick, Sussex.

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES "Two Lives" system. THE SUSSEX GOLD CUP. Presented by the late E. R. Harrison. Entrance Fee, 14s.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES (Class B). Law 37 in force. THE FRANC CUP. Presented by the late Mrs. H. Franc. Open to players handicapped 2½ to 6 bisques. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES (Class C). THE MONTEITH BOWL. Presented by the late G. C. Braithwaite. Open to players handicapped 6½ and over. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. THE MAURICE RECKITT BOWL. Presented by Mr. M. B. Reckitt. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.

5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicaps 2 or over. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. each partner.

All games in Event 5 to start at No. 3 hoop with a time limit of 3½ hours.

THE DRAW

The Draw for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4, will take place at Southwick on Thursday, August 20th at 2.30 p.m., and Event 5 on Tuesday, August 25th.

Post cards will be sent to all those required to play before noon on Monday.

Ten courts will be available. Lunches and teas will be obtainable in the Club canteen.

TRANSPORT

Green buses along the Brighton Front leave the Palace Pier every seven minutes. The 9.30 bus arrives Southwick, Grange Road, 9.40 a.m. From Worthing, bus service every quarter of an hour and train service to Southwick four times an hour.

AN UNOFFICIAL TOURNAMENT

will be held on

Monday, August 31st, and five following days

Manager, Handicapper and Referee.—Maj. J. H. Dibley.

Hon. Tournament Secretary.—W. H. Austin, Flat A, 3 Victoria Road, Southwick, Sussex.

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. 3 bisques and under. Entrance Fee, 11s.
- 2.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 3½–7 bisques. Entrance Fee, 11s.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 7½ and over. Entrance Fee, 11s.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. X.Y. Entrance Fee, 11s.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicap not less than 6. All games start at No. 3 hoop with a time limit of 3½ hours. Entrance Fee, 11s.

Entries, on official forms, please, for Events 1, 2, 3, and 4, must reach the Hon. Secretary not later than first post Thursday, August 27th.

Event 5 will be drawn at 2.30 on Tuesday, September 1st.

HUNSTANTON

THE SIXTY-SIXTH HUNSTANTON OPEN CROQUET TOURNAMENT

will be held in the Club Grounds on

Monday, August 31st to September 5th

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Club.

Manager.—Mrs. E. Reeve.

Referee.—J. G. Warwick.

Hon. Secretary.—Mrs. A. N. Rolfe, The Cottage, Heacham, Norfolk.

EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. (Draw and Process). NORFOLK CHALLENGE CUP. Holders, Miss Warwick and Mrs. Rotherham. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES. Law 36 suspended. HUNSTANTON CHALLENGE BOWL. 2½–6 bisques inclusive. Holder, Mrs. A. N. Rolfe. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 6½ bisques and over. SILVER ROSE BOWL. Holder, Mrs. J. Povey. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES X.Y. Unrestricted. INGLEBY CUP. Holder, A. D. Karmel. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicap to be not less than 4. Time limit 3½ hours. Holders, Mrs. Rotherham and Mrs. Povey. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d. each.

Conditions

No player may enter for more than one of Events 1, 2 and 3. Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 must reach the Hon. Secretary by Wednesday, 26th August, and for Event 5 on Tuesday, 1st September. Leave will not normally be granted after noon on Monday.

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