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This Trophy was subscribed for by members of the Croquet Association in grateful memory of Mrs. L. C. Apps, a great player and pioneer of the game, who became Secretary of the C.A. after the Second World War. It is awarded each year to the player deemed to have made the most marked improvement during the past season. The first award was made in 1960. Holder for 1963-64: P. J. M. Fidler.

We had hoped to show the Ionides Cup for the Championship of the South of England, this month, but unfortunately this has had to be postponed until December. It was won in 1963 by Mrs. W. Longman.

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HUNSTANTON

DURING PLAY
P. J. Cross 14 to 14 (D.12).
Dr. N. Routledge 8* to 10.

AFTER PLAY
P. J. Cross 14 (D.12) to 11 (D.10).
Maj. E. J. Bromley-Fox 11 to 12.
R. F. Thorp 0 to —½.
Miss S. G. Hampson 7 to 6.

CHELTHENHAM

BEFORE PLAY
W. Green 8 to 7.
F. W. Meredith 3 to 2.
H. A. Sheppard 5 to 4½.
W/Comdr. E. M. Smith 9 to 7.
C. H. L. Prichard 13 to 11.

AFTER PLAY
C. H. L. Prichard 11 to 10.
W/Comdr. E. M. Smith 7 to 6.

CARRICKMINES

Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot 3 to 2.
T. O. Read 3½ to 2½.

PARKSTONE

BEFORE PLAY
Miss W. E. Creed-Meredith 9½ to 9.

AFTER PLAY
F. Henshaw 14 to 13.
J. T. Laurensen 1 to ½.
R. J. Rigianni 8 to 6.
Capt. W. A. T. Syngé 5½ to 5.
A. V. Rutland 9 to 10* by request.
Mrs. A. V. Rutland 9 to 10* by request.
Miss W. E. Creed-Meredith 9 to 8½.

BRIGHTON (Official)

BEFORE PLAY
J. W. Simon 5*.

DURING PLAY
J. W. Simon 5* to 3.

AFTER PLAY
J. W. Simon 3 to 2.
W. H. Austin 3 to 2.
Maj. R. Driscoll 5 to 4.
Mrs. R. A. Simpson 5½ to 5.

(Unofficial)

DURING PLAY
D. Temple-Page 9 to 6*.

AFTER PLAY
D. Temple-Page 6* to 7.
A. V. Rutland 10* to 9.
Mrs. A. V. Rutland 10* to 10.
G. F. Paxton 7 to 6.
W. B. C. Paynter 0 to —½.
J. W. Simon 2 to 1.
D. W. Jesson-Dibley 3 to 2.
D. M. Horne 6½ to 5½.

SURREY CUP

R. O. Hicks —1 to —1½.
R. Thorp —½ to —1.

SOUTHWICK

CLUB RECOMMENDATIONS
Mrs. R. D. Griffiths 8 to 7½.
Miss M. M. Morgan 6 to 5½.
Mrs. G. F. Paxton 8 to 7.
Mrs. H. Wells 12 to 11.
Mrs. H. D. Wooster 8 to 7.

ALL ENGLAND AREA FINALS

R. G. S. Shewan 5 to 2.
Mrs. L. C. Farlie 7 to 6½.

BUDLEIGH

RECOMMENDATIONS
G. A. Black 7 to 6.
Mrs. T. F. Laverty 7 to 6½.
J. Lee 6 to 5.

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NOTICES

Our thanks are due to the All England Club—Wimbledon—for so kindly affording us facilities for an exhibition of croquet during their Junior Lawn Tennis Tournament.

Our thanks are also due to the Hurlingham Club for giving us their lawns for the President's Cup free of charge. This is an annual gesture and should, we feel, be more widely known and appreciated.

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The Match on October 10th—Devonshire Park.

England and Wales v. Ireland and Scotland

J. P. R. Bolton	Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish
P. J. M. Fidler	E. P. C. Cotter
B. Lloyd-Pratt	D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller
A. A. Reed	L. Kirk-Greene
J. W. Solomon	Capt. H. G. D. Stoker
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins	D. F. Strachan

Reserves:

Mrs. E. Rotherham	Dr. S. R. Duff
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HANDICAPS

WREST PARK

D. V. H. Rees 8 to 5.
A. B. W. Davies 8 to 7.
J. Clark 9 to 7.
W. B. J. Marchant 12 to 9.

A Managerial Society

A book with the above title aroused a good deal of interest when published about two dozen years ago. Though it dealt with a significant feature of modern civilization, this would not be a wholly inappropriate description of our Association, whose operations depend far more upon the sacrificial activities of those who manage its tournaments than perhaps most competitors realise. It is high time, however that we faced the fact that these indispensable and skilled manipulators are now, to a dangerous extent, in short supply, as our contemporary jargon has it. It may be, though it would be deplorable if it were so, that the full-time Manager is on the way out, and resort will have to be made to that schizophrenic type of person, the "player-manager". The art of managership—for such it is—requires, at larger tournaments anyway, the whole attention of those who practise its expertise, and new apprentices are badly needed. The great figures of the past, Reginald Brooke, who virtually invented it, Arthur Madge, E. S. Luard and Dixon-Green, and a little later H. C. Davey, George Murray and Laurence Ashton (happily still with us), had often to tackle enormous entries, and their methods were sometimes more authoritarian than would be acceptable now. But they were rewarded with more generous treatment in some respects than is meted out to their successors today, hospitality being frequently on a lavish scale. Any who may remember the Lucullan feasts which constituted the Managerial lunch parties at Devonshire Park thirty and more years ago will understand the reply made by Luard to a lady inquiring when she would next be needed to play: "I've no idea," he said. "Will you know after lunch?" she asked him. "Dear lady," he replied, "I never know anything after lunch."

Hastening Slowly

An account of a recent tournament referred to the spate of timed games in the Doubles events and mentioned in particular that in the Mixed Open Doubles no fewer than five out of seven second-round matches had to be decided on time. In an event such as an Open Doubles where the shadow of untaken bisques does not cloud the tactics and slow up the proceedings, this casts an unfortunate reflection on the game and cannot be said to improve the image which we would wish to convey to the public of the delights of croquet. What is it about the Doubles game that seems to exercise a baneful influence on the players and reduce their break-making abilities? In a recent Open Doubles Final between four minus players all committed errors which nine times out of ten they would have avoided in a Singles game. The longer the game proceeded the more evident it became that a break of more than two or three hoops was extremely unlikely. So negative became the tactics in the closing stages that one side with clips on peg and penultimate and in control of the balls occupied three innings before even essaying any constructive attempt at scoring a point. And yet we venture to say that in a Singles game the player concerned would have gone out in the first of the three innings. Strangely enough Doubles games continue to attract more attention from the gallery than Singles.

At the Top

During President's Cup week at Hurlingham one spectator was heard to enquire who had won most games in the event since it was inaugurated. This prompted a whole series of questions as to who had participated on most occasions, who had the highest percentage of wins, etc. In the absence of Noel Hicks, who would beyond peradventure have reeled off the answers accurately, embroidered no doubt with many other relevant items of historical interest, we arranged for our tame statistician to carry out the necessary research. We pointed out that the predecessor of the President's Cup, known as the Beddow Cup, should of course rank in the assessment since it was competed for under the same conditions.

Pride of place should go to our senior Vice-President, William Longman, who though he has not won most games, has participated on no less than 21 occasions, spanning a period from 1914 to 1957, and prevailing in 177 of the 370 games in which he took part. Miss D. D. Steel, who at one time was carrying all before her, heads the list of games won with 207 out of a possible 334 on the 19 occasions when she played. Others with over 100 wins to their credit are Patrick Cotter (166), Humphrey Hicks (158), John Solomon (146), and Maurice Reckitt (119). When we turn to percentage wins no surprise will be felt at finding our present Open Champion at the top with a success rate of nearly 4 out of 5. Maurice Reckitt may be accounted as unusual in having finished in one year or another in every possible position in the results table except the coveted first place, his nearest approach being in 1934 when he finished only one game behind Miss Steel.

Love Match

When somebody tells us he "loves Croquet" what are we to assume what he means by that? He may be indicating one or other of two sorts of devotion which, though far from incompatible, are certainly distinguishable. Most obviously and naturally he is likely to mean that he gets deep pleasure from playing the game himself, struggling with its difficulties, and gaining an increasing mastery of its executive and tactical skills. Similarly, especially if time has left its mark upon him, he may mean the abiding interest he gets in closely watching the game, assessing fresh developments in it, and spotting new talent. These are the most evident forms of "love" which a game can inspire in us, and they may last us a lifetime.

But there is another less subjective emotion which Croquet can, and happily often does inspire—love of the game independent of our own pleasure in it on or beside the court, the sort of love which for seventy years has kept our game going and its Association well served. Much of this selfless affection is manifested, of course, in the clubs, large or small, at which Croquet is played; how much the game has owed and still owes to club secretaries, for example, can never be estimated. But there is the larger love which went into the establishment of our governing body at its beginning and has never been lacking since. Without the imaginative energy of Walter Peel, Captain Drummond, Lord Doneraile and Henry Needham, its unpaid secretary for several years, there would have been no Association. May their example continue to inspire us.

Notes from the Clubs

Edinburgh

The late Captain C. G. Reid Walker and the late Mr. W. B. Renwick

Season 1964 has been notable for The Edinburgh Croquet Club for a number of reasons, grave and gay. We started the Season bereft of two of our foremost members: Captain C. G. Reid Walker, who had been a member since 1956, died on July 29th, 1963, and Mr. W. B. Renwick, a founder-member and a former Vice-President, died on January 10th, 1964 at the age of 82. Both Captain Reid Walker and Mr. Renwick were Associates of The Croquet Association, and both were keen and able players.

While Captain Reid Walker made his home near Biggar (29 miles from Edinburgh), he kindly invited members of the Edinburgh Club to play on his own delightful lawn there, and visits to his home were a joy to those who participated as players or as spectators. He was a well-known player in England, and is missed by his friends north and south of the Border.

The Edinburgh Club has much for which to be grateful to Mr. Renwick, who gave to it and to its individual members valuable and knowledgeable advice and encouragement. His long experience of the game was invaluable in the establishment of handicaps in the Club, of which he was Tournament Manager for a number of years, and his patience with beginners was rewarded by the progress they made under his tuition. He is much missed by his many friends.

In January and February of this year The Edinburgh Croquet Club and the game of croquet received a considerable amount of publicity in the Scottish national press and on Scottish radio and television programmes. On February 27th at 6.30 p.m., in the Scottish Television programme "Here and Now", members featured in part of a game of croquet on the Club's lawns at Lauriston Castle and in interviews. The programme, which was recorded in the morning of the day of showing, was broadcast to coincide with the holding of the Club's Annual General Meeting. The following morning at 8.35 the programme "Today in Scotland" on the BBC Scottish Home Service featured the Club's President in "Moray McLaren talking about croquet".

This publicity brought many inquiries about the game, as a result of which 20 new members joined the Club before the Season opened in April.

The Annual Dinner was held on March 17th, and was well attended by members, prospective members and others interested.

Three short tournaments were held during the Season. They were kept short in order particularly to encourage the new members in tournament play; the intention is to arrange more ambitious tournaments next Season.

The Club visited The Glasgow Croquet Club during the Season to play with its members on its lawns in the delightful setting of the grounds of Pollok House, and the Glasgow Club visited us in Edinburgh and played with our members. Both Clubs look forward to more joint activities next Season.

Hurlingham

Captain Stoker and Mrs. Gasson were our two worthy representatives in the final stages of the All England handicap at Roehampton, the results of which will be known by the time these words are read. We would wish to congratulate the gallant Captain on his selection for the President's Cup in which giving half a century or more to some of his fellow contestants he acquitted himself well. Mrs. Gasson has, we believe, appeared before at Roehampton in the final stages of the All England when she represented Parkstone, but this is the first time she has borne our flag. It is pleasant that her cares of office have enabled her to come successfully through a powerful field at Hurlingham.

Woking

The revival of interest in Croquet at this old club was greatly boosted by the enterprise and initiative of its members in seizing the opportunity of organising an Exhibition Match between Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and Mr. P. J. M. Fidler during finals day of the Club's Open Junior Tennis Championship. Our grateful thanks are due to these two fine players. Both made all round breaks and though Dr. Wiggins was slow in starting because the court was heavy due to a thunderstorm the evening before, he played superbly once he got going. Mr. Fidler after good breaks pegged his opponent out in both games but Dr. Wiggins managed to hit in on both occasions winning the first game by 3, and the second by 2 with a superb shot from behind 4-back to hit the peg when Mr. Fidler was laid up to go out. A fortuitous storm during the first game brought players and spectators watching the tennis crowding into the pavilion in time to see Dr. Wiggins demonstrating a classic 4-ball break, proving that Croquet continues whatever the weather! This

exhibition not only produced several new members but gave an opportunity to many to see the game properly played for the first time. One middle-aged spectator was heard to say to a friend, "Haven't seen Croquet played seriously for over 30 years—thought it had died out—must think about taking it up," and a young man of 19, "Didn't know it was such a skilful game nor that it was backed by the Croquet Association. I must learn to play seriously."

We hope other clubs will organise these exhibitions not only at their own clubs but at other local sports clubs to coincide with an event there which already attracts spectators. The Croquet section now has 13 members when at the start of the season it had one. This is very satisfactory. We shall be pleased to welcome new members.

Correspondence

FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

DEAR SIR,

May I crave the indulgence of some of your space to dispel an unfortunate and entirely false rumour, which has recently been circulating, that the wish of the Secretary of the C.A. to be free to play in the September Roehampton Tournaments was the reason why so many entries for this year's Devonshire Park Tournament had not been accepted.

There is not a word of truth in this suggestion. In the Advertised Conditions for this year's Devonshire Park Tournament the 17th September was fixed as the final day for the acceptance of entries, but a proviso was added that it might be necessary to limit entries.

By 11th September so many entries had already been accepted that, at the request of the Manager of the Tournament, this proviso had to be implemented and the list of entries closed on that date.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. RIVINGTON.

DEAR SIR,

Those of us on the periphery of the Croquet world rely very much on the newspaper reports of tournaments to keep us *au fait* with what is going on. Unfortunately, this season, reports have frequently been mangled lists of events and mis-spelt names, or—even worse—they have failed to appear at all.

This is in no way meant as a criticism of the managers of the tournament, who are industrious to the point of overwork; but I do feel that more efficient—and, if possible, fuller—reporting can only be of benefit to the image of the game that we are all trying to put over to others. Perhaps a Publicity Manager at each major tournament could relieve the Manager of this burden and, incidentally, entertain visiting journalists from the popular Press; if he could persuade them to keep Croquet on the sports pages and not relegate it to the social page, he would, I think, be worthwhile.

Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER MILLER

DEAR SIR,

I should like to follow up Mr. Handel Elvey's recent article on the preparation of lawns and also remarks on the Colchester Tournament in this issue of *Croquet*. The purpose of this letter is to explain the method used by E. P. Duffield for levelling those lawns.

The first thing to do is to plot either mentally or on paper where the high and low spots are and for this Mr. Duffield uses three methods:—

- after a downpour the water will linger in the dips as it drains away,
- use of a six yard straight edge.
- in late summer the high spots go brown as a result of rainfall draining out of them,

Sifted soil should then be spread on the low spots at the end of the season and the straight edge used to get the level, at the same time working the soil into the grass. The autumn rains then consolidate it and the grass grows through next spring. The level may be raised by up to half an inch each year where necessary by this method. Soil rather than leaf mould or peat should be used as the latter decompose. The Colchester soil is however very light and with heavier soil one may have to be content with less.

High spots may be dealt with by using a hollow-tined fork. This is a method of removing soil from underneath without disturbing the turf. The holes which are only about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch across, close up of their own accord, and the surface therefore sinks a little.

It can be seen at several clubs that the hoops seem to be standing on mounds. This of course is due to the practice of filling in the holes at the end of the season. If this is done, the hollow-tined fork should be used to remove earth from around the hoop. Care should be taken not to remove it from the line along which the ball passes, but to remove it evenly from the sides, in front and behind.

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT THORP

Questions and Answers

Question: If the striker lifts a ball in electing to play that ball may he replace it and play with the other?

Answer: No. Law 13 (b) says that if he elects "to lift such ball" it immediately becomes in hand and must be played by the striker from any point on either baulk-line.

See also Law 36 (a) (ii). As soon as such ball is lifted it immediately becomes in hand and shall be played by the striker from any point on either baulk-line.

Question: When does a ball begin to run a hoop?

Answer: Law 14 (a) (i) states that "a ball begins to run a hoop only when the front of the ball would touch a straight edge raised vertically against the *non-playing* side of the hoop." This point is very important when a referee is judging for the *hoop and roquet* stroke. Sometimes careful measurement has to be made with the help of a spare ball and even moving the ball to be roqueted, which must be replaced very carefully.

See Law 4 (d) also.

LONGMAN CLUB TEAM CUP

RYDE v. PARSONS GREEN

Saturday, 22nd August, 1964

SINGLES

Maj. J. H. Dibley (2½) lost to Mrs. P. D. Showan (2) by 19.
Miss M. M. Taylor (7) lost to Mrs. L. C. Farlie (7) by 8.
Dr. W. F. W. Betensen (8) bt Mrs. G. Trull (7) by 7 (on time).

DOUBLES

Maj. J. H. Dibley and Miss K. A. Wade (13½) lost to Mrs. P. D. Showan and Mrs. T. Croal (10) by 7.
Dr. W. F. W. Betensen and Miss M. M. Taylor (15) lost to Mrs. L. C. Farlie and Mrs. G. Trull (14) by 15.

Result: Parsons Green bt Ryde 4 games to 1.

FINAL

This was played between Wrest Park and Parson's Green Clubs at Hurlingham. The result was a win by one match to Wrest Park. The teams were evenly matched and three games won by the smallest margin. W. V. H. Rees was an able Captain for Wrest Park and played consistently good croquet. His team were all men.

Mrs. P. D. Showan captained Parson's Green and a team of the opposite sex. She had a very close Singles with W. V. H. Rees but could not manage to give him 4 bisques.

Mrs. G. T. Trull is to be congratulated on winning both her Singles and Doubles and playing well.

Everyone enjoyed the day and Wrest Park especially as they carried home the beautiful Cup.

Both these Clubs have played little competitive croquet and we are happy to see them doing so well.

Played at Hurlingham, September 19th, 1964

Wrest Park v. Parson's Green

SINGLES

W. H. Rees (6) bt Mrs. P. D. Showan (2) by 2.
A. C. W. Davies (7) bt Mrs. T. Croal (8) by 5.
J. Clarke (7) lost to Mrs. G. T. Trull by 11.

DOUBLES

W. H. Rees and A. C. W. Davies (13+) bt Mrs. P. D. Showan and Mrs. T. Croal (10) by 12.
J. Clarke and Marchant (16) lost to Mrs. G. T. Trull and Mrs. J. W.

Speer (12) by 2.
Result: Wrest Park won by 3 games to 2.

ALL ENGLAND HANDICAP AREA FINALS

Roehampton, September 17th—19th

DON SHEWAN

The famed "All England" for the Tingey Trophy is once more won. It is a good event for everyone to enter; for the low fee (Three shillings) means the money is well spent. Thorp was well tipped, but, playing Mrs. Rolfe, he Unwisely peeled too early, and this meant (He says) that he appeared a proper Charlie. (A sadness not befalling Mrs. Farlie).

This lady reached the Final, after many Exacting tests of guile; but at the true one Her skill deserted her—no less than Penny And Mrs. Smartt and Austin fell to Shewan Convincingly. He has a demon when he Ran hoops—and rarely failed he to get through one. He was a worthy winner of the title, And with his stylish strokes he did delight all.

Lucky he was that Mrs. Smartt's play altered on The day she played him; she was simply stunning When playing Banks—this lady up from Salterton Has splendid shots and quite a lot of cunning. Bolton had lost to Banks—alas he faltered on His hoops too much. (He's won this two years running). All minus men, though straining every sinew, In fact failed early, or could not continue—

The lowest bisquer (Dr. Wiggins; Compton) Had to retire. A pity. In one game A player, after five, to one-back jumped on Unnoticed by his foe (I'll hide the name). Nearby, a flock of referees were stumped on The nature of the limits of the claim. "Playing when not entitled to"—that's sure. But why not also "Error in the score"?

Others of note within the competition Included Truckell, Pym and Mrs. Solomon. I can't say much in this short composition, As I have little paper to extol 'em on. The lawns throughout were in superb condition; In fact I feel that I could write a column on The way they ran. The credits thank now *in turn* Last, but not least, the manager, Miss Lintern.

RESULTS

FIRST ROUND

A. Truckell (Ryde) (5) bt Miss A. E. Mills (Budleigh) (1½) by 12.
Rev. Canon A. J. W. Pym (Woking) (6) bt Capt. H. G. D. Stoker (Hurlingham) (—1) by 25.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (Roehampton) (2) w.o. G. Birch (Nottingham) (1) (opponent scratched).
J. B. Meacham (Edgbaston) (3) bt Rev. D. R. Watson (Roehampton) (5) by 20.
R. G. S. Shewan (Cheltenham) (5) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (Parkstone) (1½) by 26.
Mrs. V. C. Gasson (Hurlingham) (2½) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (Monmouth) (—2) by 4.

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. L. C. Farlie (Parson's Green) (7) bt H. A. Sheppard (Cheltenham) (4½) by 2.
Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe (Hunstanton) (3½) bt R. F. Thorp (Colchester) (—½) by 7.
A. Truckell (Ryde) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (Southwick) (5) by 6.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (Roehampton) bt Rev. Canon A. J. W. Pym (Woking) by 9.
R. G. S. Shewan (Cheltenham) bt J. B. Meacham (Edgbaston) by 7.
W. H. Austin (Southwick) (3) bt Mrs. V. C. Gasson (Hurlingham) by 12.
I. E. Banks (Cambridge Univ.) (4) bt J. P. R. Bolton (Colchester) (—2) by 23.
Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (Budleigh) (2) bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (Compton) (—3) (opponent retired on peg).

THIRD ROUND

Mrs. L. C. Farlie (Parson's Green) bt Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe (Hunstanton) by 11.
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (Roehampton) bt A. Truckell (Ryde) by 2.
R. G. S. Shewan (Cheltenham) bt W. H. Austin (Southwick) by 25.
Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (Budleigh) bt I. E. Banks (Cambridge Univ.) by 20.

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. L. C. Farlie (Parson's Green) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (Roehampton) by 19.
R. G. S. Shewan (Cheltenham) bt Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt (Budleigh) by 18.

FINAL

R. G. S. Shewan (Cheltenham) bt Mrs. L. C. Farlie (Parson's Green) by 20.

THE PRESIDENT'S CUP

September 8th—12th

Much had been expected of the contest for this unique trophy on this occasion; eight of our best players had been invited and—with one unfortunate exception—had accepted, and the result was the youngest team that had ever competed for our "Masters Tournament", at any rate since pre-1914 days. But a piquant modification was introduced when a gallant Captain R.N. filled the vacant place and provided the first octogenarian to join in the contest—though Pinckney Simpson was within three months of this decade when he played in 1946. Is there any outdoor game at which a span of 64 years could stretch between the ages of the eldest and youngest competitors in a major event? Surely this is a point worth remembering by our zealous propagandists.

From the very beginning it was evident that no-one was going to run away with the lead. Your reporter does not recall a year when no competitor remained unbeaten at the end of the first day's play. Already there had been some desperate finishes, Dr. Wiggins winning by a single point from Captain Stoker in the morning, and Lloyd-Pratt snatching victory from Patrick Cotter by the same score after the latter had made a sad hash of a longish peg-out, leaving Bryan quite a lot to do, which he most efficiently did. There was another close contest in the evening when Wiggins, after two good breaks against John Solomon, accidentally pegged-out his ball on a split shot leaving the other for the penultimate. His opponent was then on the first and second hoops, but he made a lot of headway until he missed a roquet, and Bobby won by nine points.

By the Wednesday evening Wiggins had taken the lead and he maintained it until the end of the first series, losing only one game (to John Bolton). The youngest competitor showed at once that he was going to be very much in the running, being second at this stage with five games. The two dominating figures of this competition ever since Patrick Cotter won it at his first attempt in 1949, with John Solomon joining in two years later, were at this halfway stage, close behind with four games each.

Our Chairman, speaking at the presentation of the Cup on the Saturday, spoke of the "three new faces" in the competition, "a very young man, a young man, and a not so young man". Reference has already been made to the first and last of these; the second was Douglas Strachan, winner of the Association Plate this year, of the Surrey Cup last year, and currently the Champion of Ireland. It was especially pleasant to welcome him to this competition, not only on his own account but as the representative of Croquet in the sister island where the game was first "invented" in the fifties of last century and then re-invented early in this by a group of brilliant young players, to whom primarily we owe the modern game in the enterprising form into which they first developed it.

Mr. Strachan was not playing quite so well during this week as we have seen him do on some previous occasions; entering the contest in a very strong year, he gave the impression of being slightly overawed, and perhaps "over-weighted" by a 3 lb. 14 oz. mallet. Yet a first-class player, even when not at the top of his form, can never be mistaken for anything less, and here is one who is likely to be seen in this exalted company on many future occasions.

Dr. Wiggins having reached the "top of the pops" on the Thursday morning, got stuck at this point until the afternoon of the following day and was overhauled by the "two Johns", these three having now left the rest of their rivals well behind them. John Bolton had a particularly disappointing game on the Thursday afternoon when Humphrey Hicks "stole" it from him by hitting a "last shot" and pegging-out his rover ball. No-one knows better how to play a pegged-out game than does this "old master", and John lost a game in which he had made almost no mistake.

At this stage the "come back" which we had all expected Cotter to show us did not materialise and he lost five games in a row; he did not produce his true form until the last day when he beat Bolton and Stoker with relative ease. He told your reporter that it was only then that he realised that he had been gripping his mallet too tightly; becoming more relaxed he became the master we know him to be. But we hope it is permissible to suggest that the rapidity of his mind, so evident in all that he does, sometimes leads to a rapidity of execution which militates against the perfection of stroke production of which he is so splendidly capable.

In the first series John Solomon had lost three games (to Wiggins, Cotter and Bolton); as the second series progressed it became evident that he did not mean to lose any more, nor did he. By the Friday evening the position was intriguing. The two Johns had nine games each, Wiggins had eight; Bolton had two formidable opponents to meet, Cotter and Solomon; a triple tie, though

improbable, was a possibility and remained one up to the final round, when the two Johns met and Wiggins had to play Lloyd-Pratt. To deal with the latter game first: Bryan played particularly well but broke down at the rover hoop going out. Bobby completed the ensuing turn by pegging-out Bryan's rover though his other ball was only for the fifth hoop. This dubious manoeuvre proved successful, despite the doctor himself becoming hoop-bound at the rover hoop and leaving a relatively short shot for his opponent.

But by this time the decisive match had been concluded and a very good game it was. Bolton was first on 4-back with a beautifully picked-up break; he was less successful with his second effort, risking a much too difficult second hoop for no sufficient reason. Solomon did not at first make much of such opportunities as came his way, and Bolton got in again with a fine shot the full length of the lawn, but a breakdown a little later on at 1-back foreshadowed the end. Solomon with his forward chip by this time on 4-back, picked up a brilliantly achieved "tripling" position and won the game with his fifth of these feats during the week.

The winner may not have been at his very best throughout the contest, but his next best is likely to be better on most occasions than anyone else's best, and so it was on this one. When other fine players make a faulty stroke we are surprised, but we expect this to happen every now and then; when Solomon does so it is so altogether unexpected that we can scarcely believe it. Still only 32, he has now won this event for a seventh time; Miss Steel, Hicks and Patrick Cotter have done so on six occasions. The young men now coming into the game have in Solomon a model and an inspiration against which to measure themselves, not only in the matchless skill which he displays but in the admirable manner in which he exercises it; whether in triumph or in (rare) disaster he "treats those two impostors just the same".

It was good to see Bobby Wiggins doing so well. Despite a bad patch in the middle of the competition, he was always a threat to everyone and deserved to finish such a close second as he did. His very individual stroke production displays a truly remarkable pass roll, done with apparent ease with hands remaining at the top of the shaft, as well as immensely powerful rushes, but the "stop shot" element in his play sometimes inhibits the degree of the swing necessary for consistency in hitting roquets and running hoops.

As for John Bolton, it can be confidently said that never in the history of the game has a natural talent, fortified by deep reflection on the practical and tactical problems which advanced croquet presents, produced a master player at so early an age. Added to this a disciplined temperament which enables him to follow T. S. Eliot's counsel "to care and not to care", has given our game one whom it is a joy to watch and a pleasure to know. He has still something to learn in the judgment of a legitimate risk, but a young man who has learnt so much in so short a time may be relied on soon to learn this also.

Many very well qualified players, including several of those competing, were of opinion that the standard of play during the week was exceptionally high. It would be presumptuous of your reporter to dissent from this judgment, but he feels it only honest to record that he saw too many hoops missed either by lack of "follow through" or by a disposition to assume that the obstacle was passed before the stroke was duly completed. The 3 1/4 in. hoop requires to be treated as the special test which in fact it is. Again, it is disappointing that with so much skill as was on exhibition this week, more effort was not made to set up and achieve the triple peel. Only the winner showed any clear disposition to make the attempt, and this would be enough in itself to explain his superiority and justify his victory.

This beautiful summer maintained its benign influence throughout the competition and contributed to make the courts, which were somewhat heavy at the opening of the week, speed up a bit towards the end of it. But it has to be said that the Hurlingham lawns are not quite so perfect now as they were about ten years ago—which is not to say that anywhere else can yet present six courts which are better.

The proceedings were wound up by an admirable speech from one who as Chairman both of the Club and of the C.A. Council speaks with a special authority. Major Rivington's survey of the week's play and of the players left no more that needed to be said, as Mrs. Reckitt in presenting the Cup to the winner, realised in saying to him with effective succinctness "Once again". Mr. Reckitt, replying to Capt. Stoker's vote of thanks to her, hazarded the opinion that as it seemed probable, judging by this year's precedent, that John Bolton would play in this competition for another sixty-four years, there was a strong possibility that he would one day win it. We may not have to wait long to see this cautious prophecy fulfilled.

ANALYSIS OF PRESIDENT'S CUP

J. W. Solomon won 11 games beating: Stoker +18, +17, Strachan +26, +8; Lloyd-Pratt +25, +22; Hicks +21, +24; Bolton +11; Cotter +16; Wiggins +25; and losing to: Bolton -4; Cotter -22; Wiggins -9.

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins won 10 games beating: Stoker +1; Solomon +9; Cotter +10, +5; Strachan +10, +14; Lloyd-Pratt +26, +2; Hicks +8, +22; and losing to: Stoker -23; Bolton -11, -21; Solomon -25.

J. P. R. Bolton won 10 games beating: Stoker +4, +13; Solomon +4; Strachan +24, +15; Lloyd-Pratt +3; Wiggins +11, +21; Hicks +22; and lost to: Solomon -11; Cotter -9, -21; Lloyd-Pratt -16; Hicks -4.

E. P. C. Cotter won 7 games beating: Stoker +14, +14; Bolton +9, +21; Solomon +22; Strachan +13, +25; and lost to: Solomon -16; Lloyd-Pratt -1, -4; Wiggins -10, -5; Hicks -26, -17.

H. O. Hicks won 7 games beating: Stoker +15, +25; Bolton +4; Cotter +26, +17; Strachan +13; Lloyd-Pratt +17; and lost to: Bolton -22; Solomon -21, -24; Strachan -18; Lloyd-Pratt -24; Wiggins -18, -22.

B. Lloyd-Pratt won 5 games beating: Stoker +9; Bolton +16; Cotter +1, +4; Hicks +24; and losing to: Stoker -17; Bolton -3; Solomon -22, -26; Strachan -14, -12; Wiggins -26, -2; Hicks -17.

D. F. Strachan won 4 games beating: Stoker +9; Lloyd-Pratt +14, +12; Hicks +18; and losing to: Stoker -11; Bolton -24, -15; Solomon -26, -8; Cotter -13, -25; Wiggins -10, -14; Hicks -13.

Capt. H. G. D. Stoker won 3 games beating: Strachan +11; Lloyd-Pratt +17; Wiggins +1; and losing to: Bolton -4, -13; Solomon -18, -17; Cotter -14, -14; Strachan -9; Lloyd-Pratt -9; Wiggins -1; Hicks -15, -25.

LADIES' FIELD CUP

August 17th—22nd

This historic fixture started under most inauspicious conditions—thunder and lightning, cloudbursts and driving rain, and then gale-force winds. In fact if Hurlingham had not come to the rescue and most graciously extended the courtesy of lending us their courts when Roehampton's were water-logged on the second day's play the event would probably have had to be abandoned. The ladies, though, displayed tremendous grit and splendid sportsmanship, so that when the sun came out on the Wednesday we were only two rounds behind.

The contest was certainly a very much better and more open one than in recent years. Four previous holders were competing, and the return of Mrs. Longman and Mrs. Elvey to the event was specially welcome. It was particularly unfortunate that the needle match, Mrs. Rotherham v. Mrs. Longman in the First Series, had to be started at Hurlingham on the Tuesday evening, transferred to Roehampton the following morning, pegged down again, and finished that evening. Mrs. Longman and Mrs. Elvey had also had an unspeakably awful time with their first match which was soon rained off the courts at Roehampton in the morning, transferred to Hurlingham after lunch, rained off the court there, transferred to another court, and finished, between cloudbursts, at 6 o'clock.

Although the standard of play, as is usual in this event, was variable, there were some excellent games and thrilling finishes. Miss Warwick and Mrs. Elvey were the only two who beat the holder and eventual winner. Miss Warwick's steadiness, particularly under the vile conditions of the first two days, was beyond praise. Mrs. Elvey, disconcerted by the heaviness of the courts, did not play as beautifully as she had been during the Hurlingham tournament, but the general quality of her performance deserved more wins than she achieved.

Mrs. Longman had some excellent games, and it was her victory over Miss Warwick in the Second Series and subsequent loss to Mrs. Rotherham that gave the holder the chance of a play-off against Miss Warwick. Mrs. Chittenden lost her first four games, but then came into her own and played well to finish fourth. Miss Mills and Mrs. Solomon were not at their best, but played with cheerfulness and determination even when things were going badly for them.

Mrs. Rotherham, who beat Miss Warwick by 5 in the play-off, deserved to retain the trophy. She's the most stylish and enterprising of the competitors, and the immaculate accuracy of her best turns is a pleasure to watch.

The Abbé Elvey who, with our Chairman and two other Vice-Presidents, had been an interested spectator, most graciously presented the fine trophy, and, in an interesting speech, recalled some of the past contests. Special thanks are due to Miss Lintern and the Roehampton croquet players for postponing a large friendly tournament that had been planned for the Saturday, so that the Ladies' Field, delayed by its unlucky start, could finish undisturbed.

And what of the future of this event? Rover, in a previous issue of the gazette, enquired: Where are the girls of yester-year?—the wrong question, as anyone can see that they are still playing. What depresses this writer, though, is not the age of our lady players, bless them! but the number of ladies who have been playing now for more than five years, and still seem to have an incurable "B class" attitude to the game. Proof of this is the very small number of ladies to be invited to compete in the Surrey Cup since its inception. So long as the Caskets, the Ladies' Championship of the South of England, and the Ladies' Field itself encourage lady Associates to challenge the established champions these events fulfil a useful function. If, though, the greater number of the lady Associates display little ability or desire to try to play good "A class" croquet, then these events and Mixed Doubles trophies will, in time, have to go.

POINTS ANALYSIS

	Possible total of 312	Games
1st Mrs. Rotherham	302	10
2nd Miss Warwick	290	10
3rd Mrs. Longman	289	9
4th Mrs. Chittenden	212	5
5th Mrs. Elvey	206	4
6th Miss Mills	191	2
7th Mrs. Solomon	149	2

PLAY-OFF

Mrs. Rotherham bt Miss Warwick +5.

ANALYSIS OF LADIES' FIELD

Mrs. E. Rotherham won 10 games beating: Miss Warwick +10; Mrs. Longman +16, +5; Mrs. Elvey +20; Mrs. Chittenden +9, +4; Miss Mills +7, +11; Mrs. Solomon +17, +24; and losing to: Miss Warwick -7; Mrs. Elvey -3.

Miss E. J. Warwick won 10 games beating: Mrs. Rotherham +7; Mrs. Longman +2; Mrs. Elvey +26, +17; Mrs. Chittenden +19, +21; Miss Mills +7, +23; Mrs. Solomon +17, +18; and losing to: Mrs. Rotherham -10; Mrs. Longman -12.

Mrs. W. Longman won 9 games beating: Miss Warwick +12; Mrs. Elvey +3, +15; Mrs. Chittenden +18, +18; Miss Mills +10, +14; Mrs. Solomon +10, +12; and losing to Mrs. Rotherham -16, -5; Miss Warwick -2.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden won 5 games beating: Mrs. Elvey +18; Miss Mills +8, +6; Mrs. Solomon +4, +22; and losing to Mrs. Rotherham -9, -4; Miss Warwick -19; Mrs. Longman -18, -18; Mrs. Elvey -21, -11.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey won 4 games beating: Mrs. Rotherham +3; Mrs. Chittenden +11; Miss Mills +14; Mrs. Solomon +24; and losing to: Mrs. Rotherham -20; Miss Warwick -26, -17; Mrs. Longman -3, -15; Mrs. Chittenden -8; Miss Mills -7; Mrs. Solomon -10.

Miss A. E. Mills won 2 games beating: Mrs. Elvey +7; Mrs. Solomon +15; and losing to: Mrs. Rotherham -7, -11; Miss Warwick -7, -23; Mrs. Longman -10, -14; Mrs. Elvey -14; Mrs. Chittenden -8, -6; Mrs. Solomon -21.

Mrs. G. W. Solomon won 2 games beating: Mrs. Elvey +10; Miss Mills +21; and losing to: Mrs. Rotherham -17, -24; Miss Warwick -17; Mrs. Longman -10, -12; Mrs. Elvey -24; Mrs. Chittenden -4, -22; Miss Mills -15.

Play-off: Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Miss E. J. Warwick +5.

THE SURREY CUP

September 7th—12th

The Tournament had splendid, sunny weather throughout. The courts which were, on the first day, a little slow from watering soon dried out and were fast enough by Wednesday to give some of the players a little more than they could cope with.

In the first round, an important match between Rupert Thorp and Roger Hicks, was won by Thorp in 1½ hours. He played accurately and when he made a mistake, his opponent also proved fallible. Fidler did two "backward" peels in his game with Camroux and eventually put one ball out. His faith in his hitting ability continued to be justified. Karmel missed his peg-out as in his first game last year, but this time he made an early hit.

In the second and third rounds Hicks was in adventurous mood and often played well. Against Prichard, who was for the peg, he made the last three hoops on his own ball and came very close to getting the rush into first corner which would have given a corner cannon and the means of clearing both baulks.

At the end of the day Prichard and Thorp could look back on three highly competent games. Fidler had, as usual, dropped one game in the day and Hicks, meeting two fancied candidates for honours, had only one win to his name. Outside these four favourites of the unofficial "book", Karmel made a brave hit to keep his game with Hicks alive for a little longer and pulled up from behind to beat Godby. Camroux, as in previous Surrey Cups, seemed short of practice, and Godby was afflicted with nerves for at least two rounds. Gilbert shot and ran hoops well but failed to score against less cautious players.

In the remaining games of the first series, Hicks began to pull up at the expense of Fidler and others, and Prichard did well although losing a rather dull game to Gilbert. Camroux and Godby settled down to their games and Thorp was untroubled until Prichard set his teeth and won their seventh round match.

As events turned out, Thorp's two games with Prichard and his second against Hicks were crucial. Having lost in the seventh round, he went on to lose a close game to Hicks in the eighth. Later, Prichard was to beat him for the second time.

Meanwhile, Fidler, who was one of the Cup "favourites" was playing well at times and was inventive in his openings but not as solid and aggressive in his general play as in this event last year. In particular he spoiled his own cause and made life more difficult for Thorp by losing to Hicks in the 12th round. In this game, after Hicks had made 3 hoops, Fidler picked up a good break and went to 4-back but was only just through 3-back and could not lay properly. Hicks missed a fairly short lift-shot, but soon Fidler had failed at 4th hoop. Towards the end Hicks had repeated failures at rover, but finally got home comfortably.

There were many mistakes and few clear rounds during the last two days of play. Position and hoops were difficult to obtain on fast lawns, and it might be argued that a more general change of tactics, possibly in the direction of risk-taking to set up three and four-ball breaks, would have enlivened the proceedings. As it was, play had to start earlier and go on to dusk, and in spite of the extended playing hours, games were pegged down

and the whole tournament fell more than a complete round behind schedule. At one time two games were pegged down on one lawn.

In the 14th round, Camroux made an uncertain Hicks play for his victory and Prichard, besides playing very well against Thorp, was just about as unhelpful to his opponent as a naturally dogged fighter can be. So the expected play-off did not materialize and Saturday afternoon held only a much delayed pegged-down game.

Burnished courts discouraged peels and unexpected "coups", when clinging to a break was a full-time task. For the second year in succession the importance of beating Prichard was emphasized. The younger players seem to find the task particularly difficult.

One minor point of tactics of the younger players may be mentioned. They often attempted the peel of first hoop after 2-back almost as a routine measure, and thereby increased the difficulty of making 3-back and completing a tidy lay. There was no evidence that they had any chance of taking advantage of this peel in an immediately following triple-peel round.

Last year it was said that the players were uncomplaining when driven by the management. This year the driving had to be harder, but there was a similar lack of protest.

James Wooding, the groundsman, was in attendance at all hours of the day waiting to pounce with his mower on an unoccupied court. Dorothy Daniels was not only Manager, but caretaker and purveyor of equipment, entertainment manager and President of Cheltenham Croquet Club. Miss Armstrong and Mrs. Armstrong with their helpers again deserved and received the thanks of the players for the excellent lunches and teas that were always available when wanted.

ANALYSIS SURREY CUP

R. O. Hicks won 12 games beating: Prichard +1; Fidler +11, +12; Karmel +17, +20; Thorp +3; Gilbert +9, +18; Godby +18, +16; Camroux +18, +10; and lost 2 games to: Prichard -1; Thorp -24.

R. F. Thorp won 11 games beating: Fidler +23, +6; Karmel +19, +10; Hicks +24; Gilbert +9, +8; Godby +14, +19; Camroux +15, +24; and lost 3 games to: Hicks -3; Prichard -16, -4.

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard won 10 games beating: Fidler +7; Karmel +12, +10; Thorp +16, +4; Hicks +1; Gilbert +4; Godby +24, +12; Camroux +16; and lost 4 games to: Fidler -5; Hicks -1; Gilbert -12; Camroux -15.

P. J. M. Fidler won 8 games beating: Prichard +5; Karmel +1, +15; Gilbert +11, +3; Godby +10; Camroux +9, +5; and lost 6 games to: Prichard -7; Thorp -23, -6; Hicks -11, -12; Godby -4.

A. V. Camroux won 6 games beating: Prichard +15; Karmel +17; Gilbert +13, +5; Godby +14, +1; and lost 8 games to: Prichard -16; Fidler -9, -5; Karmel -11; Thorp -15, -24; Hicks -18, -10.

A. D. Karmel won 4 games beating: Gilbert +10, +10; Godby +5; Camroux +11; and lost 10 games to: Prichard -12, -10; Fidler -1, -15; Thorp -19, -10; Hicks -17, -20; Godby -9; Camroux -17.

R. A. Godby won 4 games beating: Fidler +4; Karmel +9; Gilbert +4, +10; and lost 10 games to: Prichard -24, -12; Fidler -10; Karmel -5; Thorp -14, -19; Hicks -18, -16; Camroux -14, -1.

J. B. Gilbert won 1 game beating: Prichard +12; and lost to Prichard -4; Fidler -11, -3; Karmel -10, -10; Thorp -9, -8; Hicks -9, -18; Godby -4, -10; Camroux -13, -5.

CHAMPIONSHIP OF COUNTY DUBLIN

August 8th, 1964

The above Championship was held in glorious hot sunny weather, a condition which of course meant fast courts and these produced some exciting and close matches both in the Championship and the handicaps.

Two features of interest emerged from the week, Douglas Strachan won the Open for the second year in succession and a young newcomer to Croquet, David O'Connor who has only been playing for some eight weeks or so won the Level Singles (5½ bisques and over).

Watching O'Connor it is quite obvious that he has modelled his style on that of Strachan and he appears to have a good future before him though like John Bolton he also plays Cricket and Tennis.

Although Strachan won he did not have an easy passage in either the Draw or the Process. In the Process he lost to Mrs. Lightfoot—a player improving each year; and in the Draw he was being beaten by G. Huskinson who was well ahead, being for the peg with yellow and the rover with red. In a moment of forgetfulness though, Huskinson hit black with his yellow and proceeded to make rover, having done so his turn naturally ceased and with all the balls around peg and rover Strachan got in and Huskinson was left with only some long shots to hit which, unfortunately for him, failed.

In the Process Figgis suffered almost the same misfortune though as with Huskinson it was his own fault. Playing Mrs. Lightfoot he was on peg and rover with his opponent for penultimate with both. In approaching rover he put his opponent's black in the middle of the hoop and, placing his own ball against it he meant to send the black ahead, go through himself, scatter the black and leave himself a rush for the peg; however in attempting to hit his own ball gently he took up his head and hit the ground instead.

Mrs. Lightfoot then kept him well scattered whilst she made her hoops and, Figgis failing to hit in, his opponent eventually got an excellent rush for the stick and pegged out.

The Final was not exciting as Mrs. Lightfoot was off her game and Strachan took his revenge well and truly for his defeat in the Draw.

T. Read was out of practice owing to pressure of work but improved every day as he found his touch. He and Mrs. Lightfoot won the Doubles fairly easily, beating Mrs. Read and Miss Hopkins. Read also won the Boxwell Cup (Open Handicap Singles); he met Strachan in the Final and, using his 5 bisques well he won by 15.

We were glad to welcome two visitors, including Lord Strachan who played in the Doubles with his son; this being his first Tournament he did not play so well as he might have done in a friendly.

Geoffrey Huskinson is an old friend, a most engaging personality and popular with everyone, there was a hope at one time that the two "old" men might meet in the Final, but it was not to be.

The Club feel very highly honoured that its leading player, Douglas Strachan has been asked to play in the President's Cup, and we all wish him good fortune.

OPEN SINGLES (12 Entries)

DRAW

FIRST ROUND

G. N. B. Huskinson bt Mrs. N. M. Tottenham +2.

T. O. Read bt G. M. FitzPatrick +17.

D. F. Strachan bt Mrs. H. M. Read +7.

Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot bt Miss F. Joly +6.

SECOND ROUND

R. J. Leonard bt J. D. Robinson +11.

G. N. B. Huskinson bt T. O. Read +10.

D. F. Strachan bt Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot +4.

D. Figgis w.o. A. Robinson.

SEMI-FINAL

G. N. B. Huskinson bt R. J. Leonard +6.

D. F. Strachan bt D. Figgis +15.

FINAL

D. F. Strachan bt G. N. B. Huskinson +3.

PROCESS

FIRST ROUND

G. N. B. Huskinson w.o. A. Robinson

Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot bt J. D. Robinson +17.

D. Figgis bt Mrs. H. M. Read +22.

R. J. Leonard bt Miss F. Joly +10.

SECOND ROUND

D. F. Strachan bt G. N. B. Huskinson +20.

Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot bt G. M. FitzPatrick +13.

D. Figgis bt Mrs. N. M. Tottenham +18.

T. O. Read bt R. J. Leonard +7.

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot bt D. F. Strachan +3.
D. Figgis bt T. O. Read +2.

FINAL

Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot bt D. Figgis +3.

PLAY-OFF

D. F. Strachan bt Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot +17.

DUFF MATHEWS CUP (For 5½ bisques and over) (14 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

D. O'Connor bt A. D. Craig +6.

D. Campbell bt J. H. Wilson +16.

Miss I. Haire bt Mrs. Corbally +12.

H. Kenny bt Mrs. Regan +7.

Mrs. Figgis bt F. Regan +8.

Mrs. Purefoy bt J. Lightfoot +14.

SECOND ROUND

D. O'Connor bt Miss G. Hopkins +6.

D. Campbell bt Miss I. Haire +19.

Mrs. D. Figgis w.o. H. Kenny (opponent retired).

Mrs. Purefoy bt G. Gilpin +21.

SEMI-FINAL

D. O'Connor bt D. Campbell +14.

Mrs. Purefoy bt Mrs. D. Figgis +15.

FINAL

D. O'Connor bt Mrs. Purefoy +2.

BOXWELL CUP HANDICAP SINGLES (20 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

A. D. Craig (8) bt Mrs. D. Figgis (8) +2.

J. D. Robinson (2½) bt H. Kenny (11) +11.

Mrs. Read (4) bt F. Regan (10) +16.

D. F. Strachan (-1½) bt J. H. Wilson (9) +26.

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (3) w.o. D. Campbell (5).

T. O. Read (3½) bt Mrs. Purefoy (5) +10.

D. Figgis (1½) bt Miss I. Haire (8) +14.

J. D. Robinson (2½) bt A. D. Craig (10) +3.

D. F. Strachan (-1½) bt Mrs. H. M. Read (4) +11.

Miss F. Joly (3) bt R. J. Leonard (1½) +12.

Miss G. Hopkins (5½) bt Lord Strachan (8) +3.

G. N. B. Huskinson (1½) bt Mrs. N. M. Tottenham (3) +16.

THIRD ROUND

T. O. Read (3½) bt Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (3) +21.

D. Figgis (1½) bt J. D. Robinson (2½) +16.

D. F. Strachan (-1½) bt Miss F. Joly (3) +4.

G. N. B. Huskinson (1½) bt Miss G. Hopkins (5½) +11.

SEMI-FINAL

T. O. Read (3½) bt D. Figgis (1½) +9.

D. F. Strachan (-1½) bt G. N. B. Huskinson (1½) +12.

FINAL

T. O. Read (3½) bt D. F. Strachan (-1½) +13.

CORONATION CUPS HANDICAP DOUBLES (12 Entries) (Time limit 3½ hours)

FIRST ROUND

R. J. Leonard and J. Lightfoot (10½) w.o. J. H. Wilson and A. Robinson (10½).

E. de B. Bewley and J. D. Robinson (10½) bt Mrs. N. M. Tottenham and Miss F. Joly (6) +2.

D. O'Connor and L. Webb (17) bt J. L. Crabbe and H. F. Cronin (14) by 9 (on time).

D. Figgis and Mrs. Figgis (9½) bt Miss I. Haire and G. N. B. Huskinson (9½) +11.

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. H. M. Read and Miss G. Hopkins (9½) bt G. Gilpin and G. M. FitzPatrick (11) +3 (on time).

E. de B. Bewley and J. D. Robinson (10½) bt R. J. Leonard and J. Lightfoot (10½) by 9 (on time).

D. Figgis and Mrs. Figgis (9½) bt D. O'Connor and L. Webb (17) by 6 (on time).

T. O. Read and Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (6½) bt D. F. Strachan and Lord Strachan (0) +17.

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. H. M. Read and Miss G. Hopkins (9½) bt E. de B. Bewley and J. D. Robinson (10½) by 9 (on time).

T. O. Read and Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (6½) bt D. Figgis and Mrs. Figgis (9½) +5 (on time).

FINAL

T. O. Read and Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (6½) bt Mrs. H. M. Read and Miss G. Hopkins (9½) +9.

PARKSTONE

August 17th—22nd, 1964

The Parkstone Club produced the usual happy Tournament. I congratulate the Committee on their alertness in regard to publicity. An important B.B.C. Television broadcast was staged and all concerned did their stuff.

The writer thought the talks on the game by "Della" and Mrs. McMillan, and the motion pictures (some in very slow motion) were in good taste and helpful to the game. The lawns show signs of a welcome improvement as a result of the recent important drainage scheme. A new roomy shelter is now in use for lawns 4 and 5. The Rutlands from Australia were welcome visitors and the Club was pleased to see Lady Ursula and Major Abbey back in the Tournament, after a fairly long absence. Once again the lunches and teas were much appreciated. On this subject special thanks are due to the lady helpers who left nothing undone for the players' comfort. The brothers Beamish had another battle in the Opens, which resulted in a narrow win for the Army. The Finals were played in warm August sunshine, that of the Open Singles in a thrilling ending, after both players had made all-round breaks. The Tournament ended in good time but with the inevitable scratchings.

This is unfortunately a common feature in many tournaments. I wonder if there is a remedy? In this case, certainly not due to mismanagement, for we are all grateful to "Della" for his skill and courtesy. Thanks are due to the groundsmen Mr. A. Barrow, who has put a lot of work on the lawns which should be really good next year.

Last, but certainly not least, a word of thanks is due to Mrs. Allen and her husband, who worked so hard in the catering department.

OPEN SINGLES CLASS "A" (9 Entries)

DRAW

FIRST ROUND

Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish w.o. R. F. Thorp (opponent scratched).

SECOND ROUND

Col. D. W. Beamish bt Rev. Canon R. Creed-Meredith by 8.

Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 15.

J. T. Laurenson bt Lady Ursula Abbey by 21.

V. A. de la Nougerede bt Maj. J. R. Abbey by 8.

SEMI-FINAL

Col. D. W. Beamish bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 5.

V. A. de la Nougerede bt J. T. Laurenson by 3.

FINAL

Col. D. W. Beamish w.o. V. A. de la Nougerede (opponent retired).

PROCESS (9 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Rev. Canon R. Creed-Meredith bt Maj. J. R. Abbey by 11.

SECOND ROUND

J. T. Laurenson bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 22.

Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt Rev. Canon R. Creed-Meredith by 18.

V. A. de la Nougerede w.o. R. F. Thorp (opponent scratched).

Col. D. W. Beamish bt Lady Ursula Abbey by 20.

SEMI-FINAL

J. T. Laurenson bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish by 12.

Col. D. W. Beamish w.o. V. A. de la Nougerede (opponent scratched).

FINAL

Col. D. W. Beamish bt J. T. Laurenson by 2.

CLASS "B" EVENT 2 (2½ to 6 bisques) (9 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Maj. F. Hill-Bernhard bt Mrs. E. M. Temple by 7.

SECOND ROUND

Miss K. D. Hickson bt Mrs. W. A. T. Synge by 7.

Maj. F. Hill-Bernhard bt Mrs. R. A. Hill by 15.

Rev. F. J. Denbow bt Mrs. E. M. McMillan by 7.

Capt. W. A. T. Synge bt Mrs. M. McMordie by 2.

SEMI-FINAL

Maj. F. Hill-Bernhard bt Miss K. D. Hickson by 7.

Capt. W. A. T. Synge bt Rev. F. J. Denbow by 3.

FINAL

Maj. F. Hill-Bernhard bt Capt. W. A. T. Synge by 3.

CLASS "C" EVENT 3 (6½ and over bisques) (10 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

HANDICAP SINGLES

F. Henshaw (14) bt Miss M. M. Fickling (15) by 4.
R. J. Rigiani (8) bt Miss W. E. Creed-Meredith (9) by 13.

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. W. A. Naylor (7½) bt Mrs. C. Devitt (9) by 3.

F. Henshaw (14) bt A. V. Rutland (9) by 16.

R. J. Rigiani (8) bt M. A. C. McMillan (7) by 8.

Mrs. G. Hill (8) bt Mrs. A. V. Rutland (9) by 4.

SEMI-FINAL

F. Henshaw (14) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (7½) by 4.

R. J. Rigiani (8) bt Mrs. G. Hill (8) by 4.

FINAL

R. J. Rigiani (8) bt F. Henshaw (14) by 19.

HANDICAP SINGLES (Unrestricted) (26 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. E. M. McMillan (5) bt Capt. W. A. T. Synge (5½) by 3.

Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) w.o. R. F. Thorp (0) (opponent scratched).

Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (—1½) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (5) by 5.

Mrs. W. A. T. Synge (4½) bt Maj. J. R. Abbey (1½) by 9.

Miss W. E. Creed-Meredith (9) bt Rev. F. J. Denbow (4) by 6.

Miss K. D. Hickson (4) bt Mrs. A. V. Rutland (9) by 18.

M. A. C. McMillan (7) bt Miss M. M. Fickling (15) by 3.

A. V. Rutland (9) bt Maj. F. Hill-Bernhard (3) by 22.

Mrs. M. McMordie (4) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (7½) by 7.

Col. D. W. Beamish (—1½) bt Mrs. G. Hill (8) by 7.

Lady Ursula Abbey (2) bt F. Henshaw (14) by 2.

SECOND ROUND

R. J. Rigiani (8) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (1) by 3.

Mrs. E. M. McMillan (5) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) by 19.

Mrs. W. A. T. Synge (4½) bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish (—1½) by 8.

Miss W. E. Creed-Meredith (9) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (4) by 9.

M. A. C. McMillan (7) bt A. V. Rutland (9) by 8.

Col. D. W. Beamish (—1½) bt Mrs. M. McMordie (4) by 13.

J. T. Laurenson (1) w.o. Lady Ursula Abbey (2) (opponent scratched).

Rev. Canon R. Creed-Meredith (0) bt Mrs. C. Devitt (9) by 2.

THIRD ROUND

R. J. Rigiani (8) bt Mrs. E. M. McMillan (5) by 13.

Miss W. E. Creed-Meredith (9) bt Mrs. W. A. T. Synge (4½) by 9.

Col. D. W. Beamish (—1½) bt M. A. C. McMillan (7) by 16.

J. T. Laurenson (1) bt Rev. Canon R. Creed-Meredith (0) by 22.

SEMI-FINAL

R. J. Rigiani (8) bt Miss W. E. Creed-Meredith (9) by 5.

J. T. Laurenson (1) bt Col. D. W. Beamish (—1½) by 6.

FINAL

R. J. Rigiani (8) bt J. T. Laurenson (1) by 9.

HANDICAP DOUBLES (Handicap not less than 2 bisques) (11 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Mrs. E. M. Temple (3½) bt Rev.

F. J. Denbow and R. J. Rigiani (12) by 12.

Capt. W. A. T. Synge and Mrs. W. A. T. Synge (10) bt J. Laurenson

and Mrs. G. Hill (9) by 4.

A. V. Rutland and Mrs. A. V. Rutland (18) bt Rev. Canon R.

Creed-Meredith and Miss W. E. Creed-Meredith (9) by 3.

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. M. McMordie and Mrs. C. Devitt (13) bt Maj. F. Hill-

Bernhard and Mrs. W. A. Naylor (10½) by 9.

Capt. W. A. T. Synge and Mrs. W. A. T. Synge (10) bt Comdr. G.

V. G. Beamish and Mrs. E. M. Temple (3½) by 4.

V. A. de la Nougerede and Mrs. E. M. McMillan (4) bt A. V. Rut-

land and Mrs. A. V. Rutland (9) by 3.

Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (5) bt F. Henshaw and

Miss M. M. Fickling (29) by 10.

SEMI-FINAL

Capt. W. A. T. Synge and Mrs. W. A. T. Synge (10) bt Mrs. M.

McMordie and Mrs. C. Devitt (13) by 2.

Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (5) bt V. A. de la Nou-

gerede and Mrs. E. M. McMillan (5) by 11.

FINAL

Capt. W. A. T. Synge and Mrs. W. A. T. Synge (10) bt Dr. H. J.

Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (5) by 14.

SOUTHWICK

August 24th—29th

Five days of glorious sunshine helped to make the 51st Southwick Tournament once again the enjoyable week to which so many have come to look forward.

This year the entry was above average and there were twenty more matches to be played than last year. This, however, did not disturb the able manager, Major Dibley, who with the aid of one new court, worked through his programme with patient efficiency. Five of the eight shortly to compete in the President's Cup were to be seen on the courts.

Patrick Cotter had a triumphant week in this his eighteenth consecutive Southwick Tournament. He had, however, a narrow squeak in his game with Dudley Hamilton-Miller. Cotter shot in at a critical moment when Hamilton-Miller's balls were for peg and penultimate and both his own only for the second hoop.

Bryan Lloyd-Pratt, with alternative headwear suitable for sun or wind, gracefully made his way to the final of the Process only to lose to Cotter, who had already won the Draw, and so the spectators were robbed of a play-off.

In this exciting game Cotter once again displayed his sureness of touch—Lloyd-Pratt hit the tice but in sending his opponent's ball to join his own on the eastern boundary painfully saw it carried by a roll on the court further and further away until the balls were left awkwardly far apart. A bold but unsuccessful shot let Cotter in and round he went. The lift-shot failed but so did Cotter at 2-back after peeling his other ball through 4-back. Lloyd-Pratt made a successful break to 4-back but left Cotter a big double which he hit. The game seemed to be virtually over but Lloyd-Pratt hit the shot after Cotter had got both his balls to the peg and put one out. A 3-ball break followed and Lloyd-Pratt seemed set for the peg with his backward ball when he missed the return roquet after the sixth hoop and Patrick Cotter once again became the worthy winner of the Gold Cup.

It was a pleasure to see new and good young players. Outstanding was fifteen-year-old John Simon of Bristol, who was playing in his first tournament. He arrived at Southwick with a handicap of star six but watchful eyes quickly brought him down to three, a handicap at which he surely will never be allowed to play again. He had a great struggle to beat Dr. Betenson of Ryde by 1 point and went on to beat Mrs. W. Longman (—1½) by 22 with two bisques to spare.

More, too, will be seen and heard of young Andrew Wilson-Chalon, who won the Monteith Bowl in his event.

W. H. Austin, the Club Secretary, was an easy winner in the "B" Levels, beating Miss Ault by 22. The latter played well throughout the tournament being a worthy runner-up to Simon in the big Handicap (57 entries). An outstanding game in this event was that in which Mrs. Longman, after being pegged-out, finished her match with Tony Roper with a superlative 3-ball break that left her opponent with a bisque and a half unused.

In the large entry for the Doubles (23 pairs) Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Simpson of Bowden and H. A. Green and Major R. Driscoll of Southwick fought their way to the Final which was eventually won by the former couple, who also won last year.

After Mr. F. E. Corke, President of the Club, had congratulated the winners, the prizes were given away by Mrs. E. A. Roper, wife of the Croquet Chairman. A round of applause for Adams the groundsmen followed.

On behalf of the visitors and indeed of all present Patrick Cotter thanked Mrs. Chittenden and her helpers for the excellent lunches and teas they had prepared and Mrs. Truitt and Miss Pirie for looking after the bar.

OPEN SINGLES (22 Entries)

PROCESS

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt C. J. H. Tolley by 9.

Mrs. W. Longman bt H. A. Green by 9.

E. P. C. Cotter bt J. P. R. Bolton by 21.

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt R. O. Hicks by 4.

R. F. Rothwell bt E. A. Roper by 17.

Capt. H. G. D. Stoker bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 23.

SECOND ROUND

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Miss E. F. Rose by 23.

W. B. C. Paynter bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 15.

Mrs. W. Longman bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 16.

E. P. C. Cotter bt D. W. Jesson-Dibley by 21.

A. D. Karmel bt A. G. Sadler by 2.

B. Lloyd-Pratt w.o. opponent (scratched).

Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt R. F. Rothwell by 5.

G. Williams bt Capt. H. G. D. Stoker by 14.

THIRD ROUND

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt W. B. C. Paynter by 1.

E. P. C. Cotter bt Mrs. W. Longman by 11.

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt A. D. Karmel by 2.

G. Williams bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 20.

SEMI-FINAL

E. P. C. Cotter bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller by 1.

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt G. Williams by 3.

FINAL

E. P. C. Cotter bt B. Lloyd-Pratt by 11.

OPEN SINGLES (22 Entries)

DRAW

FIRST ROUND

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt E. A. Roper by 19.

A. D. Karmel bt D. W. Jesson-Dibley by 14.

W. B. C. Paynter bt G. Williams by 6.

M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 12.

Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt Miss E. F. Rose by 20.

E. P. C. Cotter bt A. G. Sadler by 17.

SECOND ROUND

Capt. H. G. D. Stoker bt J. P. R. Bolton by 12.

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 19.

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Mrs. W. Longman by 1.

W. B. C. Paynter bt A. D. Karmel by 16.

M. B. Reckitt bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 2.

E. P. C. Cotter bt Dr. H. J. Penny by 22.

R. O. Hicks bt C. J. H. Tolley by 13.

R. F. Rothwell bt H. A. Green by 17.

THIRD ROUND

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt Capt. H. G. D. Stoker by 20.

W. B. C. Paynter bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller by 5.

E. P. C. Cotter bt M. B. Reckitt by 26.

R. O. Hicks bt R. F. Rothwell by 10.

SEMI-FINAL

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt W. B. C. Paynter by 26.

E. P. C. Cotter bt R. O. Hicks by 10.

FINAL

E. P. C. Cotter bt B. Lloyd-Pratt by 14.

LEVEL SINGLES

CLASS "B"

(2½ to 6 bisques)
(17 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. G. D. Perowne bt Mrs. E. M. Kay by 8.

SECOND ROUND

W. H. Austin bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley by 6.

R. A. Simpson bt Miss H. D. Parker by 18.

Mrs. W. A. T. Synge bt Miss M. M. Morgan by 8.

Miss K. D. Hickson bt Mrs. G. D. Perowne by 12.

J. W. Simon bt Mrs. E. A. Roper by 24.

Miss K. Ault bt Mrs. E. M. Temple by 18.

Mrs. R. A. Simpson w.o. (opponent scratched).

Maj. R. Driscoll bt Capt. W. A. T. Synge by 17.

THIRD ROUND

W. H. Austin bt R. A. Simpson by 2.

Miss K. D. Hickson bt Mrs. W. A. T. Synge by 12.

Miss K. Ault w.o. (opponent retired).

Maj. R. Driscoll bt Mrs. R. A. Simpson by 17.

SEMI-FINAL

W. H. Austin bt Miss K. D. Hickson by 3.

Miss K. Ault bt Maj. R. Driscoll by 13.

FINAL

W. H. Austin bt Miss K. Ault by 24.

HANDICAP SINGLES

CLASS "C"

(6½ bisques)

(21 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. E. Thompson (8) bt Maj. A. M. Hicks (6½) by 7.

W. Bolton (13) bt F. B. Stephens (7) by 16.

Miss M. K. Towers (7) bt Mrs. G. V. Jervis (13) by 20.

Mrs. W. A. Naylor (7½) bt Miss E. M. Garratt (8) by 7.

G. V. Jervis (11) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 22.

SECOND ROUND
Miss S. G. Hampson (7) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (7) by 16.
A. T. Wilson-Chalon (7*) bt Mrs. W. P. H. Roe (7) by 21.
Mrs. E. Thompson (8) bt Mrs. A. V. Rutland (10*) by 14.
W. Bolton (13) bt Miss M. K. Towers (7) by 1.
Mrs. W. A. Naylor (7½) w.o. (opponent retired).
W. G. B. Scott (10) bt Miss K. A. Wade (11) by 11.
G. F. Paxton (7) bt Dr. W. F. W. Betenson (8) by 3.
A. V. Rutland (10*) bt L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (6½) by 15.

THIRD ROUND
A. T. Wilson-Chalon (7*) bt Miss S. G. Hampson (7) by 16.
W. Bolton (13) bt Mrs. E. Thompson (8) by 8.
W. G. B. Scott (10) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (7½) by 11.
G. F. Paxton (7) bt A. V. Rutland (10*) by 4.

SEMI-FINAL
A. T. Wilson-Chalon (7*) w.o. (opponent scratched).
G. F. Paxton (7) w.o. (opponent scratched).

FINAL
A. T. Wilson-Chalon (7*) bt G. F. Paxton (7) by 13.

HANDICAP SINGLES

RECKITT CUP (57 Entries)

FIRST ROUND
Miss K. Ault (3½) bt Capt. H. G. D. Stoker (—1) by 7.
D. W. Jesson-Dibley (3) w.o. (opponent scratched).
Miss S. G. Hampson (7) bt Maj. A. M. Hicks (6½) by 7.
Mrs. A. V. Rutland (+10*) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (5) by 16.
A. T. Wilson-Chalon (+5*) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (1) by 21.
Miss H. D. Parker (3) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 12.
A. D. Karmel (—1) bt R. O. Hicks (—1) by 3.
A. G. Sadler (2) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5) by 13.
M. B. Reckitt (—½) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (5) by 12.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (—2½) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (—½) by 24.

R. A. Simpson (5) bt Mrs. E. Thompson (8) by 10.
Maj. R. Driscoll (5) bt W. Bolton (13) by 6.
Miss M. M. Taylor (7) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) by 5.
Mrs. A. D. Karmel (7½) bt Miss K. A. Wade (11) by 6.
M. F. Buller (1½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (1) by 12.
Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé (4½) bt W. G. B. Scott (10) by 18.
W. B. C. Paynter (0) bt J. P. R. Bolton (—1½) by 6.
Mrs. W. Longman (—1½) bt W. P. H. Roe (5½) by 4.
Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) bt Mrs. R. A. Simpson (5½) by 6.
R. F. Rothwell (—½) bt Capt. W. A. T. Syngé (5) by 9.
E. A. Roper (2) bt Miss M. M. Morgan (6) by 3.
Miss K. D. Hickson (4) w.o. (opponent scratched).
W. H. Austin (3) bt A. V. Rutland (+10) by 4.
J. W. Simon (3) bt B. Lloyd-Pratt (—2) by 26.
H. A. Green (2) bt L. E. W. Stokes-Robert (6½) by 21.

SECOND ROUND
G. F. Paxton (7) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (7½) by 26.
Miss K. Ault (3½) bt F. B. Stephens (7) by 6.
D. W. J. Jesson-Dibley (3) bt Miss S. G. Hampson (7) by 11.
A. T. Wilson-Chalon (5*) bt Mrs. A. V. Rutland (10*) by 17.
A. D. Karmel (—1) bt Miss H. D. Parker (3) by 7.
M. B. Reckitt (—½) bt A. G. Sadler (2) by 9.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (—2½) bt R. A. Simpson (5) by 3.
Maj. R. Driscoll (5) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (7) by 24.
M. F. Buller (1½) bt Mrs. A. D. Karmel (7½) by 12.
Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé (4½) bt W. B. C. Paynter (0) by 11.
Mrs. W. Longman (—1½) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (retired) (6).
E. A. Roper (2) bt R. F. Rothwell (—½) by 2.
W. H. Austin (3) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (4) by 6.
J. W. Simon (3) bt H. A. Green (2) by 9.
Miss M. K. Towers (7) bt Mrs. G. D. Perowne (5½) by 2.
Dr. W. F. W. Betenson (8) bt G. Williams (—½) by 21.

THIRD ROUND
Miss K. Ault (3½) bt G. F. Paxton (7) by 9.
A. T. Wilson-Chalon (5*) bt D. W. Jesson-Dibley (3) by 9.
M. B. Reckitt (—½) bt A. D. Karmel (—1) by 15.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (—2½) w.o. (opponent scratched).
Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé (4½) bt M. F. Buller (1½) by 22.
Mrs. W. Longman (—1½) bt E. A. Roper (2) by 2.
J. W. Simon (3) bt W. H. Austin (3) by 8.
Dr. W. F. W. Betenson (8) bt Miss M. K. Towers (7) by 15.

FOURTH ROUND
Miss K. Ault (3½) bt A. T. Wilson-Chalon (5*) by 9.
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (—2½) w.o. (opponent retired).
Mrs. W. Longman (—1½) bt Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé (4½) by 22.
J. W. Simon (3) bt Dr. W. F. W. Betenson (8) by 1.

SEMI-FINAL
Miss K. Ault (3½) w.o. (opponent scratched).
J. W. Simon (3) bt Mrs. W. Longman (—1½) by 22.

FINAL
J. W. Simon (3) bt Miss K. Ault (3½) by 23.

COMBINED HANDICAP

(2 and over)

(23 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé and J. P. R. Bolton (3) bt Dr. W. F. W. Betenson and Miss M. M. Taylor (15) by +1.
R. F. Rothwell and Miss K. Ault (2½) bt D. W. Jesson-Dibley and Miss H. D. Parker (6) by +6 (on time).
R. A. and Mrs. R. A. Simpson (10½) bt A. T. Wilson-Chalon and Mrs. E. M. Temple (10) by +9.
M. B. Reckitt and L. E. W. Stokes-Robert (6) bt W. H. Austin and Capt. W. A. T. Syngé (8) by +4.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Mrs. E. Thompson (7½) bt A. V. Rutland and Mrs. G. V. Jervis (23) by +4 (on time).
Capt. H. G. D. Stoker and Mrs. A. V. Rutland (9) bt G. V. Paxton and Miss D. Cockshott (21) by +5.
M. F. Buller and Miss K. A. Wade (12½) bt G. V. Jervis and Mrs. E. M. Kay (16) by +15.

SECOND ROUND

W. B. C. Paynter and Mrs. W. H. P. Roe (7) bt E. A. Roper and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (4) by +2.
J. W. Simon and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (11) bt R. O. Hicks and Miss M. K. Towers (6) by +2.
R. F. Rothwell and Miss K. Ault (2½) bt Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé and J. P. R. Bolton (3) by +3.
R. A. and Mrs. R. A. Simpson (10½) bt M. B. Reckitt and L. E. W. Stokes-Robert (6) by +11.
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Mrs. E. Thompson (7½) bt Capt. H. G. D. Stoker and Mrs. A. V. Rutland (9) by +2.
Maj. R. Driscoll and H. A. Green (7) bt M. F. Buller and Miss K. A. Wade (12½) by +12.
A. D. and Mrs. A. D. Karmel (6½) bt E. P. C. Cotter and Mrs. E. A. Roper (3) by +6.
B. Lloyd-Pratt and Miss S. G. Hampson (5) bt Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (5) by +15.

THIRD ROUND

J. W. Simon and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (11) bt W. B. C. Paynter and Mrs. W. H. P. Roe (7) by +2 (on time).
R. A. and Mrs. R. A. Simpson (10½) bt R. F. Rothwell and Miss K. Ault (2½) by +14.
Maj. R. Driscoll and H. A. Green (7) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Mrs. E. Thompson (7½) by +9.
A. D. and Mrs. A. D. Karmel (6½) bt B. Lloyd-Pratt and Miss S. G. Hampson (5) by +3.

SEMI-FINAL

R. A. and Mrs. R. A. Simpson (10½) bt J. W. Simon and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (11) by 10.
Maj. R. Driscoll and H. A. Green (7) bt A. D. and Mrs. A. D. Karmel (6½) by 9.

FINAL

R. A. and Mrs. R. A. Simpson (10½) bt Maj. R. Driscoll and H. A. Green (7) by 13.

HUNSTANTON TOURNAMENT

August 31st—September 5th

The Hunstanton Tournament is becoming increasingly popular and this year was no exception. Even with the use of a sixth lawn, converted from two tennis courts, the number of entries had to be restricted and all games had a time limit. Especially welcome was the Irish quartet and the Prichards—all five of them; many a cheer could be traced to Prichards greeting successive and frequent victories for the family. Ages of competitors varied from 11 to 89.

In the Opens Final Peter Fidler beat Bryan Lloyd-Pratt. Although it was rather one-sided, the game was interesting for the tactical battle before Peter reached penultimate and then finished in good style with a double peel. In previous rounds there had been several "spectators games". Alex Karmel performed a 2-ball break from 1-back through penultimate after two balls had been pegged-out and would have won had he not over-approached rover. Richard Rothwell, who with his relaxed style always looked dangerous, won a close game against Col. Prichard in which the innings changed hands six times in the closing stages. Prichard also produced two good breaks to beat Lloyd-Pratt after the latter stuck in the first hoop. Edward Duffield, playing better than for a long time had good wins over Fidler and Thorp and gave Lloyd-Pratt a close game in the Final of Process. The closest game of all, between Fidler and Thorp was on the first day. Though neither player was at his best the spectators were thrilled to see Peter hitting the last shot to win by one.

In the "B" class, which was played level, Mrs. P. E. Heley had three good games to win the Challenge Bowl. Miss E. M. Brumpton did well to beat Mrs. Rolfe but eventually succumbed to Mrs. Heley in the Final.

Two likely winners of the "X" were Colin Prichard (11) and Rupert Thorp (0). They unfortunately met in the first round; Colin went to the peg using five bisques and leaving Rupert a 15 yard shot. This he hit and went round to peg Colin out. But for this shot Colin might well have won the event. He then played well in "Y" beating his brother Robert, C. Bird and C. Ratcliffe but lost to A. Karmel in the Final*. Miss S. Hampson had a good tournament reaching the Final of "X" and winning the "C". In the latter she beat Peter Cross, a young newcomer from Nottingham. This player's style is still rather awkward but has shown signs of improvement. He also reached the Final of the Doubles guided by Thorp. In this event the winners were Col. Prichard and Robert after a close game which ran in the usual pattern of seeing which of the weaker partners got round first†.

Our thanks are due as ever to the Hunstanton Club, its secretary Mrs. N. Rolfe and the Manager, Mrs. Reeve, for making the Tournament both possible and very enjoyable. We should also thank the weather for being perfect throughout.

* Rupert, improving during the week, went on to win the "X". He found that the most successful way to extract bisques was to hit the long shots, which he did with remarkable frequency.

† Noteworthy among the other pairs was another Prichard combination—mother and William, the latter showing a remarkable grasp of the game for a boy of 12.

OPEN SINGLES

CLASS "A" (13 Entries)

DRAW

FIRST ROUND

J. G. Warwick bt A. D. Karmel by 10.
R. F. Thorp bt T. O. Read by 7.
P. J. M. Fidler bt Miss E. J. Warwick by 10.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot by 10.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt E. P. Duffield by 11.

SECOND ROUND

J. G. Warwick bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 16.
P. J. M. Fidler bt R. F. Thorp by 1.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt B. Lloyd-Pratt by 16.
R. F. Rothwell bt Maj. C. J. H. Tolley by 25.

SEMI-FINAL

P. J. M. Fidler bt J. G. Warwick by 3.
R. F. Rothwell bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard by 3.

FINAL

P. J. M. Fidler bt R. F. Rothwell by 8.

PROCESS

FIRST ROUND

Miss E. J. Warwick bt Maj. C. J. H. Tolley by 19.
B. Lloyd-Pratt bt A. D. Karmel by 2.
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot by 11.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt R. F. Rothwell by 3.

SECOND ROUND

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt Miss E. J. Warwick by 23.
T. O. Read bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart by 5 (on time).
R. F. Thorp bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard by 15.
E. P. Duffield bt P. J. M. Fidler by 6 (on time).

SEMI-FINAL

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt T. O. Read by 20.
E. P. Duffield bt R. F. Thorp by 9.

FINAL

B. Lloyd-Pratt bt E. P. Duffield by 10.
PLAY-OFF
P. J. M. Fidler bt B. Lloyd-Pratt by 16.

LEVEL SINGLES

CLASS "B" (2½ to 6 bisques. Law 36 suspended) (11 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe bt C. S. Ratcliffe by 2 (on time).
Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard bt W. B. Franklin by 2 (on time).
Miss E. C. Brumpton bt Mrs. H. M. Read by 15.

SECOND ROUND

Miss E. M. Brumpton bt W. T. Bell by 21.
Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe bt Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard by 11.
Mrs. G. D. Perowne bt Miss E. C. Brumpton by 16.
Mrs. P. E. Heley bt Mrs. R. A. Hill by 13.

SEMI-FINAL

Miss E. M. Brumpton bt Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe by 1.
Mrs. P. E. Heley bt Mrs. G. D. Perowne by 14.

FINAL

Mrs. P. E. Heley bt Miss E. M. Brumpton by 6.

HANDICAP SINGLES

CLASS "C"

(6½ bisques and over)
(11 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

D. J. Bird (12) bt Maj. E. J. Bromley-Fox (11) by 17.
R. D. C. Prichard (12) bt Miss M. E. Day (11) by 5 (on time).
P. J. Cross (14) bt Dr. N. Routledge (8*) by 1 (on time).

SECOND ROUND

Miss S. G. Hampson (7) bt C. H. L. Prichard (11) by 9 (on time).
D. J. Bird (12) bt R. D. C. Prichard (12) by 5 (on time).
P. J. Cross (14) bt Mrs. F. E. Stobart (16) by 7.
Mrs. J. Povey (7) bt W. de B. Prichard (16) by 15.

SEMI-FINAL

Miss S. G. Hampson (7) bt D. J. Bird (12) by 18.
P. J. Cross (14) bt Mrs. J. Povey (7) by 4 (on time).

FINAL

Miss S. G. Hampson (7) bt P. J. Cross (14) by 10.

HANDICAP SINGLES

CLASS "X"

(Unrestricted)
(36 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (1) bt Miss E. M. Brumpton (5½) by 8.
R. F. Rothwell (—½) bt Mrs. G. D. Perowne (5½) by 19.
Mrs. P. Heley (4) bt C. S. Ratcliffe (4½) by 19.
T. O. Read (2) bt P. J. Cross (14) by 12 (on time).

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (2) bt W. T. Bell (5) by 13.
Mrs. H. M. Read (4) bt Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (6) by 12.
Mrs. J. Povey (7) bt Mrs. A. D. Karmel (7½) by 8.
Miss E. C. Brumpton (5) bt P. M. J. Fidler (—1) by 3.
W. B. Franklin (5) bt A. D. Karmel (—1) by 20.
Miss S. G. Hampson (7) bt Dr. N. Routledge (*8) by 23.
E. P. Duffield (1) bt Miss M. E. Day (11) by 4.
R. F. Rothwell (—½) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (1) by 14.
T. O. Read (2) bt Mrs. P. E. Heley (4) by 6 (on time).
Miss E. J. Warwick (—2½) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) by 8.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (—2) w.o. B. Lloyd-Pratt (—2) (op ret.).
Mrs. F. E. Stobart (16) w.o. Maj. C. J. H. Tolley (5) (op ret.).
J. G. Warwick (—2) bt R. D. C. Prichard (12) by 7 (on time).
R. F. Thorp (0) bt C. H. L. Prichard (11) by 7.
Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe (3½) bt D. J. Bird (12) by 2.
R. V. N. Wiggins (2) bt Maj. E. J. Bromley-Fox (12) by 11.

THIRD ROUND

Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (2) bt Mrs. H. M. Read (4) by 15 (on time).
Miss E. C. Brumpton (5) bt Mrs. J. Povey (7) by 1 (on time).
Miss S. G. Hampson (7) bt W. B. Franklin (5) by 5 (on time).
E. P. Duffield (1) bt R. F. Rothwell (—½) by 2.
Miss E. J. Warwick (—2½) bt T. O. Read (2) by 7.
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (—2) w.o. Mrs. F. E. Stobart (16) (opponent retired).
R. F. Thorp (0) bt J. G. Warwick (—2) by 24.
Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe (3½) bt R. V. N. Wiggins (2) by 1 (on time).

FOURTH ROUND

Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (2) bt Miss E. C. Brumpton (5) by 14.
Miss S. G. Hampson (7) bt E. P. Duffield (1) by 8 (on time).
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (—2) bt Miss E. J. Warwick (—2½) by 13.
R. F. Thorp (0) bt Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe (3½) by 17.

SEMI-FINAL

Miss S. G. Hampson (7) bt Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (2) by 18.
R. F. Thorp (0) bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard (—2) by 25.

FINAL

R. F. Thorp (0) bt Miss S. G. Hampson (7) by 13.

HANDICAP SINGLES

CLASS "Y"

(Unrestricted)
(18 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Miss E. M. Brumpton (5½) bt Mrs. G. D. Perowne (5½) by 2 (on time).
C. S. Ratcliffe (4½) bt P. J. Cross (14) by 13.

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (6) bt W. T. Bell (5) by 11.
P. J. M. Fidler (—1) bt Mrs. A. D. Karmel (7½) by 3.
A. D. Karmel (—1) bt Dr. N. Routledge (10) by 13.
Miss E. M. Brumpton (5½) bt Miss M. E. Day (11) by 1 (on time).
C. S. Ratcliffe (4½) w.o. Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) (opponent retired).
Mrs. F. E. Stobart (16) w.o. (opponent retired).
C. H. L. Prichard (11) bt R. D. C. Prichard (12) by 13 (on time).
D. J. Bird (12) bt Maj. E. J. Bromley-Fox (11) by 10.

THIRD ROUND
 P. J. M. Fidler (-1) bt Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (6) by 11.
 A. D. Karmel (-1) w.o. Miss E. M. Brumpton (5½) (opponent scratched).
 C. S. Ratcliffe (4½) bt Mrs. F. E. Stobart (16) by 7 (on time).
 C. H. L. Prichard (11) bt D. J. Bird (12) by 11.

SEMI-FINAL
 A. D. Karmel (-1) bt P. J. M. Fidler (-1) by 4.
 C. H. L. Prichard (11) bt C. S. Ratcliffe (4½) by 18.

FINAL
 A. D. Karmel (-1) bt C. H. L. Prichard (11) by 19.

HANDICAP DOUBLES
 (Combined Handicap to be 4 or over)
 (15 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND
 R. F. Rothwell and Mrs. J. Povey (6½) bt A. D. and Mrs. A. D. Karmel (6½) by 20.
 Lt.-Col. and Mrs. F. E. Stobart (15) bt Miss E. J. Warwick and C. H. L. Prichard (8½) by 5.
 R. Thorp and P. J. Cross (12) bt Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot and C. J. H. Tolley (7) by 17.
 B. Lloyd-Pratt and Dr. N. Routledge (8) bt J. G. Warwick and D. J. Bird (8½) by 15.
 Mrs. D. M. C. and W. de B. Prichard (20) bt E. P. Duffield and Maj. E. J. Bromley-Fox (12) by 8.
 T. O. and Mrs. H. M. Read (6) bt Mrs. P. Heley and C. S. Ratcliffe (8½) by 1.
 Lt.-Col. D. M. C. and R. D. C. Prichard (10) bt P. J. M. Fidler and Miss S. G. Hampson (6) by 10.

SECOND ROUND
 R. F. Rothwell and Mrs. J. Povey (6½) bt Lt.-Col. and Mrs. F. E. Stobart (15) by 7.
 R. Thorp and P. J. Cross (12) bt B. Lloyd-Pratt and Dr. N. Routledge (8) by 10.
 T. O. and Mrs. H. M. Read (6) bt Mrs. D. M. C. and W. de B. Prichard (20) by 8.
 Lt.-Col. D. M. C. and R. D. C. Prichard (10) bt Mrs. A. N. Rolfe and W. B. Franklin (8½) by 5.

SEMI-FINAL
 R. F. Thorp and P. J. Cross (12) bt R. F. Rothwell and Mrs. J. Povey (6½) by 12.
 Lt.-Col. D. M. C. and R. D. C. Prichard (10) bt T. O. and Mrs. H. M. Read (6) by 15.

FINAL
 Lt.-Col. D. M. C. and R. D. C. Prichard (10) bt R. F. Thorp and P. J. Cross (12) by 5.

SOUTHWICK
 (Unofficial)

August 31st—September 5th

After our large and successful Official Tournament, played in glorious sunshine, we might have expected the Unofficial Tournament to follow as an anti-climax: but no! . . . Entries were bigger than ever, and the weather maintained its brilliance.

Major Dibley continued his debonair management as if the previous week had sapped nothing of his energy, and Mrs. Chittenden's lunches and teas lost nothing in standard or variety.

Mr. Adams must have enjoyed quiet satisfaction that his earlier ministrations to the lawns kept them fast and true throughout the fortnight.

A number of new names among the 155 entries (including two visitors from Australia) gave encouragement to the Club, and we hope to see them all again.

Outstanding in a set of close and exciting games was the 2nd round of the Open Singles in which W. B. C. Paynter, in less than half-an-hour, trundled red and yellow round—pegging-out the former—whilst young Simon had run but one hoop. As so often in this situation, yellow was hit and thereafter Mr. Paynter spent a further half-hour fruitlessly shooting across at the peg whilst Simon garnered 14 more hoops—to lose inevitably—by 11. The Doubles semi-final also proved a tough game in which Mr. Paynter, with his partner Miss M. M. Taylor again came out on top by a mere 4 against Simon and Mr. A. V. Rutland. Another game worth special mention was the semi-final Handicap Singles in which Jesson Dibley gave an exhibition of controlled play which made him a finalist at 26-0 in less than three quarters of an hour.

Many other games provided enough excitement and entertainment to carry us to next season.

John Simon, Miss K. Ault's 15-year-old protege—who started the Tournament with a handicap of 2 after his success the week before on the star 5 mark, continued his victorious way and will obviously make a class player. Mrs. W. A. T. Syge also put her handicap of 4½ at certain risk of further reduction in the near

future. Among the high bisquers, M. W. B. Stead, Mrs. H. Wells and Mrs. V. Webb did well and proved the value of their keen practice during the season.

Both our Australian friends, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Rutland, played so well that one is inclined to think the increase in their handicaps was ill-advised: indeed, Mr. Rutland has been divested of the increase after his success in his Class event. His wife, who had to divide the final of the "Y"—time having run out—is too good for a 10, as her co-finalist, D. M. Horne is much too good for his 6½.

The Tournament ended with expression of thanks by Mr. Corke to those who so well deserved it, and by the prize-giving—pleasantly done by Mrs. J. H. Dibley with Mr. E. A. Roper assisting and making the business something lighter than the usual formality. Altogether, a happy and successful week.

OPEN SINGLES
 (3 bisques and under)
 (13 Entries)

FIRST ROUND
 E. A. Roper bt Canon R. W. Creed-Meredith by 2.
 A. G. Sadler bt W. H. Austin by 12.
 Miss H. D. Parker bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts by 10.
 Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt Gerald Williams by 5.
 M. F. Buller bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon by 15.
 J. W. Simon bt Miss A. E. Mills by 19.

SECOND ROUND
 D. W. Jesson-Dibley bt E. A. Roper by 17.
 A. G. Sadler bt Miss H. D. Parker by 14.
 M. F. Buller bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden by 16.
 W. B. C. Paynter bt J. W. Simon by 11.

SEMI-FINAL
 D. W. Jesson-Dibley bt A. G. Sadler by 9.
 W. B. C. Paynter bt M. F. Buller by 16.

FINAL
 W. B. C. Paynter bt D. W. Jesson-Dibley by 5.

HANDICAP SINGLES
 (3½ to 7 bisques)
 (21 Entries)

FIRST ROUND
 Mrs. W. A. T. Syge (4½) bt Miss M. M. Morgan (6) by 18.
 Mrs. E. M. Temple (5) bt Miss M. K. Towers (7) by 19.
 Mrs. E. A. Roper w.o. (opponent scratched).
 D. M. Horne (6½) w.o. (opponent retired).
 Maj. R. Driscoll (4) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (7) by 11.

SECOND ROUND
 Mrs. G. Trull (7) w.o. (opponent scratched).
 Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5) bt E. C. Mogridge (7) by 4.
 Mrs. W. A. T. Syge (4½) bt Miss K. Ault (3½) by 8.
 Mrs. E. M. Temple (5) w.o. (opponent scratched).
 D. M. Horne (6½) bt Maj. R. Driscoll (4) by 6.
 Mrs. E. M. Kay (5) bt D. Temple-Page (6) by 15.
 Mrs. L. Farlie (7) bt Capt. W. A. T. Syge (5) by 14.
 W. P. H. Roe (5½) bt Brig. T. S. Omond (6½) by 8.

THIRD ROUND
 Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5) bt Mrs. G. Trull (7) by 1.
 Mrs. W. A. T. Syge (4½) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (5) by 7.
 D. M. Horne (6½) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (5) by 11.
 Mrs. L. Farlie (7) bt W. P. H. Roe (5½) by 14.

SEMI-FINAL
 Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5) bt Mrs. W. A. T. Syge (4½) by 12.
 D. M. Horne (6½) bt Mrs. L. Farlie (7) by 19.

FINAL
 D. M. Horne (6½) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5) by 16.

HANDICAP SINGLES
 (7½ to 10 bisques)
 (14 Entries)

FIRST ROUND
 Mrs. Carol Devitt (9) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (7½) by 22.
 W. G. B. Scott (10) w.o. (opponent scratched).
 Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) bt Mrs. R. D. Griffiths (8) by 3.
 Dr. W. F. W. Betenson (8) bt Mrs. A. V. Rutland (10*) by 5.
 A. V. Rutland (10*) bt Miss G. V. Pirie (9) by 22.
 Mrs. E. P. Omond (9) w.o. (opponent scratched).

SECOND ROUND
 Mrs. Carol Devitt (9) bt Mrs. W. P. H. Roe (7) by 7 (on time).
 Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) w.o. (opponent scratched).
 A. V. Rutland (10*) bt Dr. W. F. W. Betenson (8) by 2.
 Mrs. E. P. Omond (9) bt Mrs. E. Thompson (8) by 3.

SEMI-FINAL
 Mrs. Carol Devitt (9) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 11.
 A. V. Rutland (10) bt Mrs. E. P. Omond (9) by 18.

FINAL
 A. V. Rutland (10*) bt Mrs. Carol Devitt (9) by 15.

HANDICAP SINGLES
 (11 bisques and over)
 (9 Entries)

FIRST ROUND
 Mrs. L. V. Layton (15) bt Mrs. R. W. Creed-Meredith (16) by 3 (on time).

SECOND ROUND
 Mrs. V. Webb (14) w.o. (opponent retired).
 Mrs. F. S. Fox (14) bt Mrs. L. V. Layton (15) by 1 (on time).
 Mrs. P. M. Dehn (14) bt N. Hadow (14) by 7.
 M. W. B. Stead (12) bt Mrs. H. Wells (12) by 17.

SEMI-FINAL
 Mrs. V. Webb (14) bt Mrs. F. S. Fox (14) by 3 (on time).
 M. W. B. Stead (12) bt Mrs. P. M. Dehn (14) by 12.

FINAL
 Mrs. V. Webb (14) bt M. W. B. Stead (12) by 9 (on time).

HANDICAP SINGLES
 CLASS "X"
 DOUGLAS-JONES CUP
 (58 Entries)

FIRST ROUND
 G. F. Paxon (7) bt E. C. Mogridge (7) by 3.
 Mrs. Carol Devitt (9) bt Mrs. V. Webb (14) by 14.
 W. B. C. Paynter (0) bt Mrs. W. P. H. Roe (7) by 13.
 E. A. Roper (2) bt Mrs. R. Creed-Meredith (16) by 15.
 R. J. Pickett (6) bt N. Hadow (14*) by 16.
 Mrs. L. Farlie (7) bt Mrs. F. S. Fox (14) by 10.
 Mrs. E. M. Temple (5) bt Mrs. A. V. Rutland (10*) by 9.
 Mrs. W. A. Naylor (7½) bt Dr. W. F. W. Betenson (8) by 7 (on time).

M. F. Buller (1½) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (5) by 17.
 Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 2.
 Miss M. M. Taylor (7) bt Miss G. V. Pirie (9) by 20.
 A. G. Sadler (2) w.o. (opponent scratched).
 D. W. Jesson-Dibley (3) bt Miss M. M. Morgan (6) by 16.
 Capt. W. A. T. Syge (5) bt Miss H. D. Parker (3) by 11.
 Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Robert (3) by 11.
 A. V. Rutland (10*) bt Mrs. L. V. Layton (15) by 4 (on time).
 Mrs. W. A. T. Syge (4½) bt T. A. Chignell (4) by 24.
 G. Williams (-½) bt Miss M. K. Towers (7) by 9.
 W. P. H. Roe (5½) bt Maj. R. St. G. Atchley (10) by 3.
 Mrs. W. Longman (-1½) bt W. H. Austin (2) by 12.
 Mrs. H. Wells (12) bt Rev. Canon R. Creed-Meredith (0) by 3 (on time).
 J. W. Simon (2) bt D. M. Horne (6½) by 15.

Mrs. E. P. Omond (9) bt Mrs. E. Thompson (8) by 13.
 Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (-½) bt M. B. W. Stead (12) by 14.
 D. Temple-Page (7) w.o. (opponent scratched).
 Mrs. G. Trull (7) bt Maj. R. Driscoll (4) by 11.

SECOND ROUND
 Miss A. E. Mills (1½) bt Mrs. R. D. Griffiths (8) by 18.
 G. F. Paxon (7) bt Mrs. R. J. Pickett (8) by 3 (on time).
 W. B. C. Paynter (0) bt Mrs. C. Devitt (9) by 7.
 R. J. Pickett (6) bt E. A. Roper (2) by 3.
 Mrs. E. M. Temple (5) bt Mrs. L. Farlie (7) by 3.
 M. F. Buller (1½) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (7½) by 13.
 Miss M. M. Taylor (7) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5) by 3 (on time).
 D. W. Jesson-Dibley (3) bt A. G. Sadler (2) by 10.
 Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) bt Capt. W. A. T. Syge (5) by 5.
 Mrs. W. A. T. Syge (4½) bt A. V. Rutland (10*) by 15.
 G. Williams (-½) bt W. P. H. Roe (5½) by 7.
 Mrs. H. Wells (12) bt Mrs. W. Longman (-1½) by 12.
 J. W. Simon (2) bt Mrs. E. P. Omond (9) by 6.
 D. Temple-Page (7) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (-½) by 13.
 Mrs. G. Trull (7) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) by 7.
 Miss K. Ault (3½) bt Brig. T. S. Omond (6½) by 18.

THIRD ROUND
 G. F. Paxon (7) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1½) by 11.
 W. B. C. Paynter (0) bt R. J. Pickett (6) by 3 (on time).
 Mrs. E. M. Temple (5) bt M. F. Buller (1½) by 17.
 D. W. Jesson-Dibley (3) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (7) by 18.
 Mrs. W. A. T. Syge (4½) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (2) by 10.
 G. Williams (-½) bt Mrs. H. Wells (12) by 18.
 J. W. Simon (2) bt D. Temple-Page (7) by 23.
 Mrs. G. Trull (7) bt Miss K. Ault (3½) by 2.

FOURTH ROUND
 W. B. C. Paynter (0) bt G. F. Paxon (7) by 12.
 D. W. Jesson-Dibley (3) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (5) by 5.
 Mrs. W. A. T. Syge (4½) bt G. Williams (-½) by 16.
 J. W. Simon (2) bt Mrs. G. Trull (7) by 14.

SEMI-FINAL
 D. W. Jesson-Dibley (3) bt W. B. C. Paynter (0) by 26.
 J. W. Simon (2) bt Mrs. W. A. T. Syge (4½) by 11.

FINAL
 J. W. Simon (2) bt D. W. Jesson-Dibley (3) by 21.

CLASS "Y"
 DOUGLAS-JONES CUP
 (31 Entries)

FIRST ROUND
 E. C. Mogridge (7) bt Mrs. V. Webb (14) by 8.
 Mrs. W. P. H. Roe (7) bt Mrs. R. Creed-Meredith (16) by 9.
 N. Hadow (14*) bt Mrs. F. S. Fox (14) by 10.
 Mrs. A. V. Rutland (10*) bt Dr. W. F. W. Betenson (8) by 12.
 Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (5) by 7.
 A. G. Sadler (2) w.o. (opponent scratched).
 Miss M. Morgan (6) w.o. (opponent scratched).
 Miss H. D. Parker (3) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (3) by 14.
 Mrs. L. V. Layton (15) w.o. (opponent scratched).
 Miss M. K. Towers (7) w.o. (opponent scratched).
 W. H. Austin (2) bt Canon R. W. Creed-Meredith (0) by 11.
 D. M. Horne (6½) bt Mrs. E. Thompson (8) by 12.
 M. B. W. Stead (12) w.o. (opponent scratched).
 Mrs. R. D. Griffiths (8) bt Maj. R. Driscoll (4) by 5.
 Mrs. R. J. Pickett (8) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) by 5.

SECOND ROUND
 E. C. Mogridge (7) bt Mrs. W. P. H. Roe (7) by 6.
 Mrs. A. V. Rutland (10*) bt N. Hadow (14*) by 12.
 Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) w.o. (opponent scratched).
 Miss M. M. Morgan (6) bt Miss H. D. Parker (3) by 10.
 Miss M. K. Towers (7) bt Mrs. L. V. Layton (15) by 6 (on time).
 D. M. Horne (6½) bt W. H. Austin (2) by 11.
 M. B. W. Stead (12) bt Mrs. R. D. Griffiths (8) by 8 (on time).
 Mrs. R. J. Pickett (8) bt Brig. T. S. Omond (6½) by 14.

THIRD ROUND
 Mrs. A. V. Rutland (10*) bt E. C. Mogridge (7) by 7.
 Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) w.o. (opponent scratched).
 D. M. Horne (6½) bt Miss M. K. Towers (7) by 11.
 Mrs. R. J. Pickett (8) bt M. B. W. Stead (12) by 8.

SEMI-FINAL
 Mrs. A. V. Rutland (10*) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (8) by 9.
 D. M. Horne (6½) bt Mrs. R. J. Pickett (8) by 13.

Finalists divided

HANDICAP DOUBLES
 (not less than 6) Starting at No. 3 Hoop.
 (22 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND
 Miss A. E. Mills and Miss M. K. Towers (8½) bt Mrs. W. Longman and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (6½) by 7.
 W. B. C. Paynter and Miss M. M. Taylor (7) bt Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Pickett (14) by 10.
 D. M. Horne and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (8½) bt Capt. and Mrs. W. A. T. Syge (9½) by 2 (on time).
 Canon and Mrs. W. C. Creed-Meredith (16) bt W. H. Austin and Mrs. E. M. Temple (7) by 4 (on time).
 Miss H. D. Parker and Miss M. M. Morgan (9) bt Mrs. L. Farlie and Mrs. G. Trull (14) by 5.
 Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Mrs. P. Omond (8½) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor and Miss G. V. Pirie (16½) by 13.

SECOND ROUND
 A. V. Rutland and J. W. Simon (12) bt Mrs. E. Thompson and Mrs. H. Wells (20) by 14.
 Mrs. E. M. Kay and Mrs. C. Devitt (14) bt M. F. Buller and Mrs. W. Goodall (14½) by 8.
 G. F. Paxon and Miss D. Cockshott (21) bt Miss A. E. Mills and Miss M. K. Towers (8½) by 7 (on time).
 W. B. C. Paynter and Miss M. M. Taylor (7) bt D. M. Horne and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (8½) by 1 (on time).
 Miss H. D. Parker and Miss M. M. Morgan (9) bt Canon and Mrs. R. W. Creed-Meredith (16) by 15.
 Mrs. A. V. Rutland and Mrs. V. Webb (24) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Mrs. P. Omond (8½) by 9.
 Dr. W. F. W. Betenson and Miss K. Ault (11½) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts and D. Temple-Page (9) by 6.
 Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) bt M. W. B. Stead and Mrs. L. V. Layton (27) by 10.

THIRD ROUND
 A. V. Rutland and J. W. Simon (12) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay and Mrs. C. Devitt (14) by 13.
 W. B. C. Paynter and Miss M. M. Taylor (7) bt G. F. Paxon and Miss D. Cockshott (21) by 2 (on time).
 Miss H. D. Parker and Miss M. M. Morgan (9) bt Mrs. A. V. Rutland and Mrs. V. Webb (2*) by 13.
 Dr. W. F. W. Betenson and Miss K. Ault (11½) bt Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Roper (8) by 7.

SEMI-FINAL
 W. B. C. Paynter and Miss M. M. Taylor (7) bt A. V. Rutland and J. W. Simon (12) by 4.
 Miss H. D. Parker and Miss M. M. Morgan (9) bt Dr. W. F. W. Betenson and Miss K. Ault (11½) by 3.

FINAL
 W. B. C. Paynter and Miss M. M. Taylor (7) bt Miss H. D. Parker and Miss M. M. Morgan (9) by 14.