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- „ 23-26—**Hunstanton (American)**. (Non-official). *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. N. A. Rolfe, The Cottage, Heacham, Norfolk.
- May 3-8—**Budleigh Salterton**. (Non-official). *Hon. Sec.*, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton, Devon.
- „ 10-15—**Peels Memorials, Roehampton**. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- „ 17-22—**Southwick**. (Non-official). *Hon. Sec.*, W. H. Austin, Flat A, 3 Victoria Road, Southwick, Sussex.
- „ 25-28—**Inter-County Championships, Hurlingham**. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- „ 31—**Men's and Women's Championships (Evening) Handicap Singles, Roehampton**. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- June 5—**cap Singles, Roehampton**. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- May 31—**Ryde**. *Hon. Sec.*, Miss K. A. Wade, 10 Partlands June 5—**Avenue, Ryde, I.O.W.**
- „ 5-7—**Cheltenham (American)**. (Non-official). *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- „ 12-19—**Carrickmines, Championship of Ireland**. *Hon. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Carrickmines, Dublin.
- „ 14-19—**Compton**. *Hon. Sec.*, H. C. S. Perry, Hockington House, Willingdon, Eastbourne.
- „ 21-26—**Parkstone**. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. McMordie, Yapton, Delhi Close, Parkstone.
- „ 28—**Budleigh Salterton**. (Non-official). *Hon. Sec.*, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton, Devon.
- July 2—**Southwick**. (Non-official). *Hon. Sec.*, W. H. Austin, Flat A, 3 Victoria Road, Southwick, Sussex.
- June 28—**Southwick**. (Non-official). *Hon. Sec.*, W. H. Austin, July 3—**Flat A, 3 Victoria Road, Southwick, Sussex.**
- July 5-10—**Budleigh Salterton**. (Non-official). *Hon. Sec.*, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton, Devon.
- „ 9-18—**Challenge and Gilbey Cups, Roehampton**. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- „ 19-24—**Cheltenham**. *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- „ 19-24—**Colchester**. *Hon. Sec.*, E. Duffield, 5 Acland Avenue, Colchester.
- „ 26-31—**Open Championships, Hurlingham**. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- Aug. 2-11—**Hurlingham**. *Games Sec.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6. (Not the C.A. Secretary).
- „ 13-16—**Cheltenham (American)**. (Non-official). *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- „ 14-21—**Championship of County Dublin**. (Non-official). *Hon. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Carrickmines, Dublin.
- „ 16-21—**Nottingham**. *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, F. B. Stephens, Ebor House, 24 Gladstone Terrace, Grantham, Lincs.
- „ 16-20—**Ladies' Field Cup**. *Hon. Sec.*, C.A. Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- „ 23-28—**Southwick**. *Hon. Sec.*, W. H. Austin, Flat A, 3 Victoria Road, Southwick, Sussex.
- „ 30—**Hunstanton**. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. N. A. Rolfe, The Cottage, Heacham, Norfolk.
- Sept. 4—**President's Cup, Hurlingham**. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- „ 6-10—**Surrey Cup, Cheltenham**. *Secretary C.A.*, Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- „ 6-10—**Parkstone**. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. McMordie, Yapton, Delhi Close, Parkstone.
- „ 6-11—**Cheltenham (American)**. (Non-official). *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- „ 11-13—**Cheltenham (American)**. (Non-official). *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- „ 16-18—**All England Handicap Area Finals, Roehampton**. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- „ 20-25—**Roehampton**. *Games Sec.*, Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, S.W.5.
- „ 27—**Devonshire Park**. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Oct. 9—**Club, S.W.6.**

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THE 1964 SEASON

A Retrospect by Maurice B. Reckitt

Readers of this journal will no doubt be thrilled to know that they are now "with it". "Croquet," we read, in no less a periodical than the *Daily Telegraph* "has suddenly become an 'in' game." Having got in, as all Associates well know, the great thing is to stay in, and with the invigorating attention now being given to the game, both in the Press and over the air, there seems a good chance that we shall, and make not a break but a breakthrough to the consciousness of the public. "Sales of croquet sets this summer," we read in the article from which quotation has already been made, "have been the best for many a year;" the game is no longer "known as the ugly duckling of British sport." We should think not indeed! When a group of ITV men descended on Devonshire Park recently they button-holed everyone available to ask, almost indignantly, why so fine a game was not being represented at the Olympic Games (they were partly reassured when informed of the existence of the MacRobertson Trophy and this country's acquisition thereof). This was by no means the first time that a croquet broadcast has been given this season, and a still more imposing team arrived from Broadcasting House later in the fortnight.

An interesting feature of the article in the *Daily Telegraph* was that it appeared (in the form of an interview with the C.A.'s secretary) on the "Women's Page." Mrs. Gasson, while emphasising how alarmingly good our young players are, had to admit that "the girls — because of the tactics—are not so keen." We cannot believe that our secretary would in fact have said anything to imply that the female brain is unequal to the strain of coping with the problems which our game presents, but the mystery remains; the girls are not, in this respect, yet "with it". Are the names of Lilian Beaton (a champion at nineteen) and Dorothy Steel, who ground so many male challengers to dust, unknown at Roedean and Wycombe Abbey, Somerville and Girton? If so, it is time that our Publicity Committee found means to remedy this deplorable state of affairs. "Because of the tactics" indeed! We should like to know what Lorn Apps yesterday, or Nora Elvey and Daisy Lintern today would have to say to that.

But if croquet is "suddenly in" it is our brilliant young men who no doubt have had most to do with it. They have brought a new infusion of life to the game which they will, we must believe, sustain so far as their academic and professional responsibilities allow. This is not the first time that this has happened—the Irishmen, of whom R. N. Roper, the Corballys, the O'Callaghans, and Duff Mathews are only the most famous names, did just this at the beginning of this century. We need not dwell upon the role of youth, of which much has been written in these pages already. We will say only two things: first, that it is no exaggeration now to say that if a team of "Juniors" were to be matched against their Seniors they would indeed, whether at Devonshire Park or elsewhere, make a match of it. Even supposing the age limit were set as low as 30, leaving John Solomon, Bryan Lloyd-Pratt, Douglas Strachan and (one supposes) William Ormerod among the "aged", a team selected from (the names are given in alphabetical order) John Bolton, Christopher Dashwood, Peter Fidler, James Laurensen, David Miller, Arthur Reed, Rodney Shewan and Rupert

Thorp would, to put it mildly, provide an interesting contest.

Secondly, it is to be hoped that the infusion of vitality referred to will, so far as circumstances permit, be represented not only on the courts but in the Council Chamber. Experience has its special value, but in the case of many sports it has been found that to leave administration too exclusively in the hands of an older generation tends to suppress more youthful outlooks which it is, for every reason, desirable should find opportunity for expression. Already fine pioneering work has been done by our younger players—the activity of David Miller at Cambridge has been particularly notable. And since the future of the game must naturally concern, most of all, those who can look forward to the longest enjoyment of it, their co-operation in its government is, no less naturally, to be welcomed.

If it be asked where the greatest success of 1964 was to be looked for, the answer is clear—in the weather. This was a summer to be ranked with the best; quite early it was evident that it was "a comen in", and not until the very last week of the tournament season did it become all too clear that it was "a goen out". There is no better "propaganda" for croquet than delightful weather in which to play it, and we hope that the Rutlands will tell everyone in Sydney, the Riggalls everyone in Cape Town, Mr. Reitchesen, and that unique Commonwealth figure, Mr. Paynter, everyone in New Zealand, how lovely an English summer can be.

The man of the year was, yet again as so often before, John Solomon. In fact he was undefeated in every event in which he competed—both the Championships and the President's Cup. We have come to take the brilliance of his play so much for granted that it has begun to seem superfluous to comment on it, but surely no one who saw his astonishing "three-ball triple" in the Open Championship will ever forget it. It is worth noting that this feat was performed not against an adversary whom he could count on beating anyway, but against his great rival, Patrick Cotter, whom he had only narrowly defeated in the first game of the match.

Patrick did not have so good a season as he generally does, but besides winning as usual at Brighton he came near to victory at Hurlingham where he was narrowly defeated by Humphrey Hicks, who earlier in the season had looked like winning the Men's Championship in a good Final against Solomon. Dr. Wiggins was at his best in the President's Cup in which he finished second, a position he had last attained as long ago as 1951. Bryan Lloyd-Pratt enjoyed for the first time a full season's play and was at his best at the climax of it, winning two very good victories in the Open Championship. His conqueror there was Dudley Hamilton-Miller who went on to reach the Final. He has seldom played better than he did this year; no one has a more convincing style or a more perfectly rhythmic swing. Of John Bolton so much has been said in these pages that we have no need to add to it. He has shown himself a master at an earlier age than any player has ever done before.

If Arthur Reed and John Bolton are allowed to be given the first two places among the young, there are many who would place Rupert Thorp at number three.

The more credit then to Roger Hicks for holding off his challenge in the Surrey Cup and just nosing out. At Roehampton, in September, it was Rupert who won, with Christopher Dashwood, whom we see too seldom, in hot pursuit. Colonel Prichard, who had not started the season well, was a close third in the Surrey Cup and was playing very well at Devonshire Park, as is recorded elsewhere in this number. So was Gerald Williams, who had done well early in the season by winning the Du Pre Cup, and finished it by winning the big Handicap in the first week at Eastbourne; it was a pity that he was unable to accept an invitation for the Surrey Cup. Improving players among the not so young are Robin Godby, Professor Bernard Neal and Derek Caporn, and in the youngest ranks Ian Banks, Keith Ross, Richard Havery and the brilliant young fifteen-year-old from Bristol, John Simon, who arrived at Southwick as a 6 and, having gobbled up two large Handicaps, left there as a 1.

Mrs. Rotherham, as so often before, won the Women's Championship and the Ladies Field Cup, in each case only after the closest of struggles with her rival, Joan Warwick. Joan was victorious at Budleigh and at Eastbourne; it can fairly be said that there is "nothing in it" between these two fine players. Mrs. Longman is their closest challenger; she was able to play less often than they were, but is clearly in their class, as perhaps no other lady is at the present moment. Generally considered, women's croquet is now at a low ebb, but Lady Ursula Abbey and Mrs. Daniels have only to be a little more consistent, and Miss Lintern to recover her health (and her true form) to join Mrs. Elvey and Mrs. Chittenden to produce a strong "Ladies Field" team. There are others not far below the level one hopes for in this event, notably Mrs. Showan, who has all the makings of a very good player, and Mrs. Lightfoot from Ireland, whom we hope to see more of over here.

Certainly it has seemed that croquet is "reviving" now at a more rapid rate than has been the case since before the last war. In the London area the efforts made from Roehampton under the energetic leadership of Derek Caporn, in the "League" and in the evening tournaments at the Club, are spreading interest in the game more widely than week-long fixtures can ever do, and reaching thereby a wider "constituency". It is highly significant that the Final of the Longman Cup was fought out between two small clubs, Wrest Park Training College and Parsons Green. Old clubs, notably the once so famous one at Woking, are reviving; new tournaments, as for example at Colchester, where the long preparatory work undertaken by Mr. Duffield produced a notable success, are coming into the Calendar. The University Match continues to flourish, despite Oxford's so far fruitless efforts to down its powerful rival. But "new occasions teach new duties", and as the game expands it will bring fresh problems with it. Not least of these may be that of finding where those we incite to play can in fact, play not only club croquet but even tournament croquet, as this year's experience at Eastbourne has made clear. Gone are the days when at the height of the season there were sometimes as many as half a dozen tournaments to choose from, so that a player unable to find room at one could go off to another, as was the case fifty years ago. If croquet has become an "in" game our administrators must keep their eyes open to see that it stays in. This will need from them energy, vigilance, and sometimes perhaps forbearance as they seek together to find the best way forward.

Council Meetings

Chairman's Report of Council Meetings 1964

Meeting held at 4 Southampton Row on Thursday, 22nd October 1964

- The Secretary reported that Carmel College had received a gift of free equipment. The proposed grant to purchase same was therefore considered unnecessary.
- The Chairman thanked Mr. Victor Evans for his generous gift of 2 silver vases and for so kindly presenting them in person to the winners of the Open Doubles at the recent Devonshire Park Tournament.
- The election of 19 new candidates was confirmed.
- In reply to questions:—
 - Mr. L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts was informed that the preparation of the new Laws amendment slip will be put in hand as soon as the proposed amendments had been ratified by Council at the Special Meeting convened for that day.
 - Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard was informed that the present examining referees were Mr. Solomon, Mr. Perry, Mrs. Reeve and Mr. Rivington.
 - An answer to Mr. M. B. Reckitt's question as to how an unsatisfactory referee could be removed was deferred pending a report from the Laws Committee.
 - An answer to Mr. M. B. Reckitt's question as to what justification Managers at Hurlingham and Southwick allowed a 2 minute "knock-up" before play was deferred pending production of the Minute Book at the next meeting.
- A motion proposed by Mr. Reckitt seconded by Mrs. Rotherham "that the Devonshire Park Tournament in 1965 be played on the customary dates and not at any earlier period" was approved by Council with one dissident.
- On Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard raising the possibility of sponsored tournaments in the future, the matter was referred to the Tournament Committee.
- Commenting on the difficulty of obtaining Managers for C.A. Tournaments, the Chairman referred to a letter he had received from the Manager of the Championship stating that he would not be prepared to manage this Tournament again owing to the rudeness to which he had been subjected by 4 of the top players. The Chairman deplored such conduct and warned of the considerable difficulty which would be experienced in finding Managers if it were allowed to continue. He thanked Maj. Dibley and Mr. Roper for their great services in managing so many tournaments.
- The Secretary and the work of the C.A. Office*

At the request of Miss D. Lintern the Chairman invited the Secretary to withdraw. Miss Lintern said that while she knew the Chairman shared her views on this matter she was raising the issue entirely on her own initiative. She was very worried for two reasons, firstly the injurious effect on the health of the Secretary due to the vast amount of work which was now placed upon her, and secondly the abominable treatment she had received both before the Eastbourne Tournament, and also at Devonshire Park; in fact both the Manager and the Secretary were subjected to a continual and unwarranted vilification.

When Mrs. Gasson returned to London she was in no fit state to continue working and had to go away for a rest. Miss Lintern said it was largely due to the way Mrs. Gasson attends to enquiries about Croquet in such a friendly manner that more and more interest was being taken in Croquet. This is very important work, but it takes a great deal of time and is extra to all the other office work.

When Mrs. Gasson was appointed as a part-time Secretary it was not possible to pay commensurate with the work, and so other concessions were made, one of these was that she should be able to play in the London Tournaments, but those of us who are in close touch with the office know that pressure of work often makes this impossible; accordingly, we, as Councillors, should do all we can to stop all these untrue rumours, etc. and be loyal to our Secretary who does so much for us and the Associates and works at the office more hours than we have any right to expect.

I ask you Mr. Chairman and Mr. Treasurer to consider what steps can be taken to help the Secretary.

The Chairman said that he endorsed every word which Miss Lintern said, and was proud to be associated with her in this matter. He would certainly do what he could to reduce the work in the office. The Treasurer expressed similar views.

On the Secretary being recalled a vote of thanks to her for all she had done for the Association was proposed and unanimously approved with acclaim.

Report of the Special Meeting held at 4 Southampton Row on 22nd October, 1964, in accordance with Rule XIV for the purpose of ratifying proposals for Alterations of Laws and Regulations.

The amendments to Laws—8, 15(b), 18(b), 19(b), 23(b) and (d), 28, 32(a) (viii), (xi) and (xii), 32(b) (i), 33, 34(b) (ii) and (iii), and 49(b)—and to Regulations 4(d), 5(a), (b), 6(a) and (e), promulgated in the *Croquet Gazette* Nos.—67 (July 1963), 73 (June 1964) and 74 (July 1964) were approved and became Law on Monday, 26th October, 1964.

Report of Meeting held at 4 Southampton Row on 5th November, 1964.

- On the suggestion of Mr. Caporn it was agreed that in future ballot papers dispatched in accordance with Rule VI(iii) shall be numbered.
- The Council accepted with regret the resignation of Mr. William Longman as a Referee, on the grounds of failing eyesight. On the proposal of the Chairman and seconded by Mr. Roper, Council unanimously approved a resolution thanking Mr. Longman for his long and valued service as a Referee.
- The election of 4 new associates was confirmed.
- Motions.*
 - A motion moved by Mr. Roper and seconded by Col. Stobart: "That the Council approves the proposal that any players who so desire may have a two-minute knock-up on any lawn before play in a Tournament," after considerable discussion and after 2 amendments, excluding first "Invitation Events" and then "Class 'A' Events" from the ambit of the motion had been approved, was put to the vote and defeated by 11 votes to 9.
Before calling on Mr. Roper, the Chairman drew attention to Regulations for Official Tournaments 12(iii) under which implied power is given to Managers of Tournaments to allow practice on the Courts during the hours of play and to the procedure necessary if such power was to be extended or curtailed. He also confirmed Mr. Reckitt's recollection and produced a minute of the meeting of Council held on 15th March, 1956, when a motion: "That in Open Tournaments at the commencement of a game after balls have been chosen, each player should be allowed 2 or 3 minutes for practice shots to test pace of court." Proposed by Brigadier Stokes-Roberts and seconded by Mr. Baillieu was debated and narrowly defeated.
 - A motion by Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard seconded by Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts: "That those playing in Invitation Events shall pay an Entrance Fee" after general discussion was defeated.
 - A motion by Mr. L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts seconded by Mrs. E. Rotherham: "That umpires be appointed and that an Associate can qualify as Referee, Umpire or both" was approved in principle and after discussion referred to the Laws Committee to recommend the duties and method of selection of Umpires.
During the discussion the Chairman drew attention to Reg. 3(a) giving power to Referees of Tournaments, in the absence of enough Referees, to recruit assistants from "suitable persons", and Mr. Reckitt stated that in fact some years ago there had been "Umpires" appointed, but that the practice had ceased almost at once.
 - A motion was proposed by Mr. G. Birch and seconded by Mr. M. B. Reckitt: "Would the Council consider reduction in the C.A. Tribute for Club Members, who play in their own official Tournaments."

After general discussion, during which the Hon. Treasurer drew Mr. Birch's attention to the allowances now made in respect of weekend and evening Tournaments under the new scheme of Subscriptions and Tribute, which had been settled so recently that he felt neither he nor his Committee would be justified in accepting any more modifications, the motion was put to the vote and defeated.

5. Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

In presenting this Report the Hon. Treasurer stated that the Finance Committee were satisfied with the estimated credit balance at the end of the year and made the following recommendation:—

- From the Bishop Legacy a payment of £25 to the Great Missenden Club to help launch the formation of a Croquet Section.
- The usual gratuities to the groundsmen at Hurlingham and Roehampton Clubs. On Lt.-Col. Prichard raising the question of gratuities to the groundsmen at other Clubs, where C.A. events were played, the Hon. Treasurer undertook in conjunction with the Chairman to make similar payment on a pro rata basis.

The full Report was formally adopted.

ALL ENGLAND CLUB, WIMBLEDON

As all Associates are aware, we were privileged to stage exhibition games at the above on Monday, 7th September. Mr. J. W. Solomon played Mr. E. P. C. Cotter twice in two very close and interesting matches, whilst on the adjoining court the Miller twins partnered Mrs. Trull and Mrs. Power in doubles followed by a singles between Mr. J. P. R. Bolton and Mr. D. F. Strachan. Mr. R. G. S. Shewan played a match against Mr. K. A. Ross, both young men being from Oxford University. The early afternoon's play attracted a good gallery but unfortunately later on it turned very chilly and we lost most of our spectators. We were well supported by many Associates who gave running commentaries and distributed leaflets. We are most grateful to them, to the players, and to the All England Club for allowing us the necessary facilities. Nobody can assess the results of such a "shop window" but we do know already it has resulted in us hearing about a potential new club in the Cotswolds and in several new Associates and potential members for clubs. These exhibitions, if properly advertised in the local Press, are greatly to be encouraged and the Council hopes all Clubs will make special efforts to stage some of these next year at their clubs. The Council will be pleased to provide players and offer advice if clubs will only ask.

If there is any Associate who could design a display stand which would fold up (or come to pieces) so that it would fit into an estate car or van and on which we could display publicity, would he or she please contact the Secretary as this item of equipment would do so much to help the game to become better known. We hope we shall be given the chance to repeat this next year, and that clubs will do everything they can to publicise this grand game.

OBITUARY

MISS G. E. FORBES-COWAN

The Southwick Club's successful 1964 Season ended on a tragic note with the death on the 9th October of Miss Gwendoline Elizabeth Forbes-Cowan after an illness which began to evince itself towards the end of the previous Season.

One of its keenest Members, the Club will miss her sadly—as much for her personality as for the generous support she always gave to it. Among her latest contributions was the re-curtaining of the Club's Canteen windows, and she carried this spirit of generosity to the end by naming the Club as a legatee in her Will.

Her trim figure—always so carefully groomed and dressed (she even managed to look smart when wrapped in her weather gear!)—was well known at other Clubs whose Tournaments she regularly patronised. She was no mean player, and took her Croquet seriously—collecting among her trophies the All England Cup in 1949.

Miss Forbes-Cowan, who was a qualified Nurse (S.R.N. and S.C.M.) was a well known and well loved figure in Hove where she ran her own private Nursing Homes for many years—first a Medical Home, and later a Maternity Home. Many people in the locality still remember her kind and skilful ministrations.

W.H.A.

CORRESPONDENCE

DEAR SIR,

As Chairman of the Croquet Committee of Hurlingham Club I would like to reply to the somewhat intemperate letter of Mr. Lloyd-Pratt, which appeared in the last issue of *Croquet* as to "knocking up".

Whilst it is true that the Council decided against "knocking up", it is only fair to state that to my knowledge on at least three occasions the motion in favour thereof was debated by the Council and on the second and third occasions was only defeated by a small and decreasing minority.

As to the assertion that "many Associates were disturbed by the innovation", I can only say this: I and the members of my Committee made enquiries of almost all the contestants at our Tournament, and those we found who did not approve could be numbered on the fingers of one hand.

There was overwhelming approval from the vast majority and approval not only from long bisquers, indeed one of our greatest players expressed the view that it was the best thing that had happened to Croquet in the last twenty years.

There are some who are always against change of any kind, and in saying this I am not derogating them in any way, indeed if time and circumstances permitted, I would not advocate the innovation; but the one weakness of the game that we all love is the time that it takes to complete a game. By speeding up the game it will not be "degraded" nor will its "balance, rhythm and style" (if those fine sounding words mean anything) be disturbed.

For myself I can see nothing sorry in people aimlessly banging the balls around (to quote Mr. Lloyd-Pratt) any more than I can see anything sorry in tennis players "knocking-up", or golfers on the putting course practising before a round, or billiards players testing the speed of the table before starting a game.

The whole object of the exercise was to save time and I believe that this was achieved, as indeed I believe it was achieved at Southwick where the same innovation was adopted.

Whilst it may not be of great matter to Class "A" players whether or not they have a "knock-up", there can be no doubt, in my view, that the longer bisquers gain confidence in both hooping and hitting by virtue of having had a two-minute "knock-up" and are therefore not afraid when the game starts to take the first hoop off their opponent's ball, which without the "knock-up" they are reluctant to do. Thereby time is saved.

I hope that the Council will now decide in favour of "knocking-up"—if they have any doubt that the vast majority of Associates are in favour of it I suggest that a plebiscite be taken.

The game should be adopted to the wishes of the majority of Associates and not to the wishes of the minority who like things

as they are, although I must admit that were it not for the fact that I consider that time saving is of the utmost importance and that this innovation will help to achieve this, I would be one of the minority that likes things as they are.

Yours faithfully,
ALEXANDER KARMEL.

DEAR SIR,

As an ex-boy player, whose years of croquet have been cut down to a very few, owing to Army service and knee trouble, I would like to welcome all the young men who are playing croquet today, and only wish that they would bring in the young girls; croquet being a game for all ages and both sexes.

After the last war, there was a trickle of youngsters starting with Solomon, and a few years later with the Ormerod brothers, Jesson Dibley, Lloyd-Pratt and Meacham. Now there is a welcome torrent headed by Bolton, Thorp, Fidler, Strachan and Laurenson, who have all advanced very rapidly at the game.

I hope they bring with them the spirit of adventure which to me is croquet in its glory, and without it, I for one would not have enjoyed the game as much as I have done. Croquet is a game not a business, and it is so nice to see the players who enjoy their game, compared with others, who look so grim on the lawn. What a "kick" one gets in bringing off something difficult, even though one's opponent may be saying "Call that croquet..."

There is much too much of ultra safety first tactics among some of our leading players, which is being copied by their followers. At a tournament last year on an easy lawn, a game between two well known minus players took 4½ hours. A beginner said to me "What a wonderful exhibition of tactics." My reply was that there were much too many tactics and too little progress, and how boring that game was. There are some "A" class players, who have never even attempted a single peel.

Yours faithfully,
G. F. STONE, Major

DEAR SIR,

One cause of lengthy games is the player who, before each stroke, stands with legs crossed, places one hand on a hip, rests the other hand on his mallet and gazes about the court for a long time like a pioneer leaning on his gun and surveying his new found land.

There is ample remedy against this state of affairs if referees would exercise their rights under Regulation 4 (k) as Law 49 is part of the "customs of the game".

Yours faithfully,
W. B. C. PAYNTER.

Notes from the Clubs

All England

After two very close games the Club Championship for 1964 was won by J. B. Gilbert who in the final defeated Capt. H. G. D. Stoker +4, +10, having previously beaten the holder Prof. B. G. Neal in the semi-final. His name now appears on the Championship boards of both Croquet and Lawn Tennis; he won the Mixed Doubles Championship in 1924 with Miss K. McKane, now Mrs. L. A. Godfree.

Wrest Park

To date Wrest Park have enjoyed a good season despite the long hours most of the members have had to work (one of the less pleasing aspects of research work!) and full teams have been available for all matches.

As previously reported the opening match of the season was against Cambridge University, and the result being a four-all draw despite the Cambridge side including Thorp, Laurenson, Miller, Banks, Hallett and Scott. A week later Hurlingham were held to a draw and C.A. handicaps were awarded to Clark, Mousley, Davies and Rees. June 20th saw Wrest Park at home to Colchester in the Longman Cup, a game which resulted in a 5-0 win for the Park. Rees played very well, winning his Singles +24 and also winning his Doubles in partnership with Davies. Marchant and "Nobby" Clark also won their Doubles, Clark going on to win his Singles +18. Davies also won his Singles after a great fight with C. Ratcliffe. Unfortunately the Area final against Cambridge University was a walk-over, the University being unable to find players with suitable handicaps.

The luck of the draw took Wrest Park to Edgbaston for the semi-final, the match being duly played on Friday, 28th August. And a dour, lengthy, affair it proved to be. The Doubles commenced with Rees and Davies opposing J. B. Meacham and Prof. Ross. Meacham on his first croquet stroke ran over the boundary, Davies hit it, split the opposition and lined up a perfect rush for Rees. Unfortunately Meacham hit in with a 25-yard shot and promptly ran 7 hoops. At lunch three clips were on 2-back with Ross on penultimate, and a mistake in take-off after lunch by Rees allowed Meacham in again and that was that. Marchant and Clark against Miss Lacey and R. H. Newton was another dour affair with little between the players: it ended in favour of Wrest Park +6. In the Singles Rees opposed the star player of the day, J. B. Meacham, and in spite of receiving 3 bisques was defeated by 17 after about two and a half hours play. Davies in his Singles against Prof. Ross took command early in the game and maintained the initiative due to his extreme accuracy at long roquets and easily ran out the winner by +18. The match then depended on the final Singles between Clark and Newton, the latter a remarkable player for a man in his ninth decade. At tea Clark had established a moderate lead but afterwards struck a bad patch and Newton ran one ball to the peg and his other to 3-back, Clark having great difficulty in moving either of his balls from 2-back. At this stage both players were making mistakes, nervous tension perhaps, the latter was very evident in the spectators of both sides. However, Clark stuck to his game, returned to his normal form and ran out the winner by +6 and hence won the match for Wrest Park. An outstanding feature of the day was the magnificent hospitality extended to both teams by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Meacham.

Between the two Cup Matches a friendly was also played at Colchester on 8th August which Wrest Park won by 6 games to 3. This caught the eagle eye of Mr. Duffield with the result that the four Longman Cup players had their handicaps reduced by a total of nine bisques. The Club now looks forward to the final against either Ryde or Parsons Green which no doubt will be duly reported in the magazine.

Woking

We are delighted to report a most successful revival. We started the season with one member and now have 20—not bad for a beginning! We have had a very active year—American Tournaments, the All-England, won by Canon Pym; the Longman Cup, in which we lost to Hurlingham; and for the first time for many years we competed for the Club Challenge Cup which was also won by Canon Pym. We also played friendly matches against Roehampton, Mullards, Beechams and Reigate and staged an excellent Exhibition Match backed by very good publicity from the local Press. We commenced with 1 lawn, now we have 2. Next year we hope to be able to stage an unofficial tournament which we trust will be well supported—and in 1966 perhaps we shall be able to revive the Open Tournament.

In the meantime we want more members, so if you would like to join, let us know; also would you like to challenge us to a match?

Our thanks are due to all our members for their support and particularly to Capt. Nalder, the Secretary of the Club, for all his hard work for us. We have got in him an enthusiast member and look forward to his winning some trophies next year.

Roehampton

Last April we said we had a full programme, and only wanted the sun to shine regularly. It did so and we are happy to report that all the Club Tournaments were completed and we all had a fine year of Croquet. The winners of these Club Events are given below. They produced some unexpected results, the most amazing of which was the winner of the "Opens", Mr. D. C. Caporn, who was handicapped at 3½ and yet playing level won the Cup—and he only entered for a laugh! Has a 3½ bisquer ever won this event before? He doesn't think he will ever win it again, particularly as we welcome Messrs. Thorp and Laurenson amongst several new members who will be playing regularly next year!

We were very distressed when Mrs. Adler had to give up Croquet to go into hospital for an operation early in the season, but were delighted to welcome her back again towards the end. Although she has not played Croquet since, she looks so fit that we are sure we shall see her playing better than ever next year. She gave us a wonderful tea to welcome her return.

We are also sorry to report that Mr. Spencer Ell has been very unwell for several months, and has played very little Croquet this season. However at our get-together in late October Monty and his wife came along and we are glad to say that he is improving, and we look forward to seeing him playing in his old style next year. We have missed these two members very much.

In October we repeated our Club Team game of Blue and Black v. Red and Yellow (for details of how to play it see April issue). Blue and Black won again but this time by 4 games to 2. It was a great success, but unfortunately marred by Miss Bartlett falling over the wire before the match started. She was very brave, especially as when she was admitted to Roehampton Hospital it was found she had broken the upper bone in her right leg and her left wrist. We wish her a complete recovery and look forward to her return to the courts next year. We played in the Club several games of doubles on full bisques, we think they speed the game provided the players take their bisques early in the game. We also experimented with an American Tournament held for one day, playing one- and three-back, with a time limit of 1½ hours. This was a great success and we hope to have more of these next year. Due to the extraordinary autumn weather the lawns remained open until nearly the end of November, but nevertheless we began Indoor Croquet on the 9th. These evenings will take place every fortnight throughout the winter.

The League Cup was again won by Beechams with us as runners-up followed by Parsons Green and Worton Hall equal 3rd. Our Evening Handicap Singles at the end of July for our League Members attracted a record entry of 21, which was the maximum we could take. The "X" Event was won by Mr. D. P. Hannan from Beechams, who beat Mrs. Wills from Parsons Green in the Final by 3, whilst Mr. Green from Reigate beat Mr. Dovey from Mullards in the Final of "Y" by 10. Several more clubs have asked to join our League, so next year it will probably be played in two blocks. If your Club would like to join in, please let us know. You will be very welcome.

**Winners—Roehampton Club Events
Championship of the Club
(Heathcote Cup)**

Winner: D. C. Caporn.
Runner-up: A. V. Camroux.

**Ladies Championship
(Whitaker Cup)**

Winner: Miss D. A. Lintern.
Runner-up: Mrs. G. W. Solomon.

**Open "B" Singles
(Philpot Cup)**

Winner: Mrs. G. W. Solomon.
Runner-up: R. O. Havery.

**Open "C" Singles
(Mrs. Reginald Brook Cup)**

Winner: G. H. Bamford.
Runner-up: Mrs. M. Francis.

**Handicap Singles (open to all)
(Middlesex Hussars Cup)**

Winner: Prof. B. G. Neal.
Runner-up: Miss D. A. Lintern.
Equal 3rds.: R. O. Hicks and R. O. Havery.

**American Handicap Singles
(The Thorp Cup)**

Winner: Prof. B. G. Neal.
Runner-up: R. O. Havery.
3rd.: Mrs. M. Francis.

**All England Handicap
(Mrs. John Bell Cup)**

Winner: Mrs. G. Solomon.
Runner-up: Rev. D. R. Watson.

Turketine Tray Competition

Winner: A. J. Oldham.
Runner-up: D. C. Caporn.

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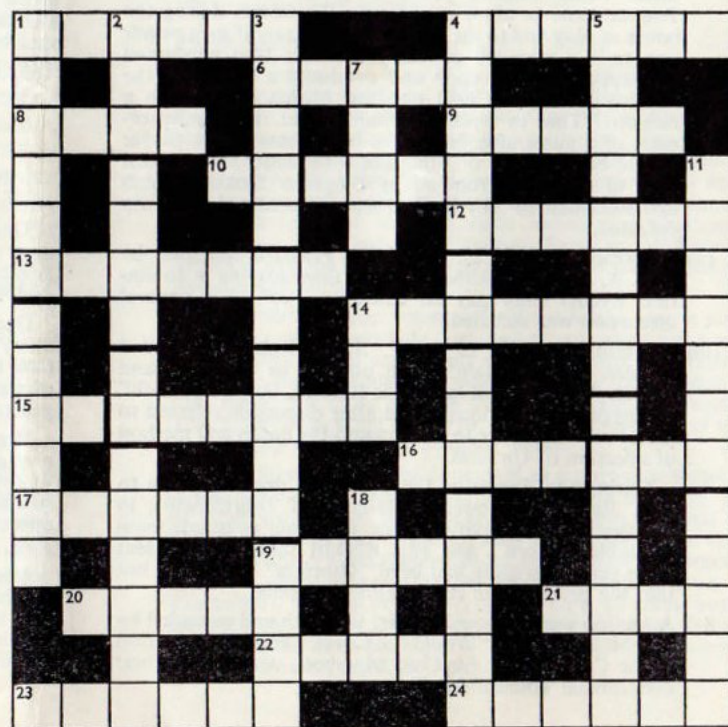
CLUES

ACROSS

1. You'll feel small when he sends you to bed with your bisques (6)
4. Rifled, in disorder, sounds like 22 (6)
6. Watch for the end. (5)
8. Player associated with rushes. (4)
9. Unite disunited. (5)
10. Referees like midwives! (2, 4)
12. Neurotic wound. (6)
13. Blue is his colour. (7)
14. Do they guard boundaries? (7)
15. It cannot be doubles day at Roehampton. (2, 6)
16. Sheepish, O fleecy one? (4, 3)
17. Key in the fourth corner. (6)
19. Bold inside, eh? (6)
20. Canine graduate doctrine. (5)
21. What to do in a needle game with Humphrey. (4)
22. Teach badly and cause a scandal. (5)
23. Festoon the editor in a stream. (6)
24. Good cheer. (6)

DOWN

1. Fired at the corner? (6, 6)
2. Further than further. (3, 4, 2, 6)
3. Rock bar found out (Anag.) (5, 2, 4, 4)
4. Clergyman's double tap causes tear. (5, 2, 3, 5)
5. Jack Horner at the end of a break? (4, 2, 2, 1, 6)
7. Cheese made backwards. (4)
11. Struck by the blues? (7, 5)
14. Help! (3)
18. Hose which should be flat on the lawns. (4)



Four

Five

PRIZE LIST 1964

The list includes all events (of which the full scores have been received for publication in the Gazette) at (1) Open Tournaments, (2) Tournaments open to all Associates, together with the All-England Handicap and the Champion Cups.

Where the entries in an event were less than 16, semi-finalists are not included unless they actually won two matches. The same applies to the second prize-winner where the entries were less than 8.

Figures in square brackets indicate the handicap of players at the beginning and end of season.

OS—Open Singles or Open Singles (Class "A"); **MOS**—Men's Open Singles; **WOS**—Women's Open Singles; **LS**—Classes ("B", "C", "D"); **LHS**—Limited Handicap Singles; **HSX**—(Y.Z.)—Handicap Singles (Event "X") ("Y", "Z"); **HSEZ**—Extra Handicap Singles; **MHS**—Men's Handicap Singles; **WHS**—Women's Handicap Singles; **OD**—Open Doubles; **MOD**—Mixed Open Doubles; **HD**—Handicap Doubles; **MHD**—Men's Handicap Doubles; **WHD**—Women's Handicap Doubles.

A

ABBEY, Lady Ursula [2] Hurlingham MOD, 3.
ALLEN, Miss R. M. [4] Parkstone (June), LSB, 1, HSX, 3; Cheltenham HSE, 2.
AULT, Miss K. [3] Hurlingham LSB, 2; Southwick (August), LSB, 2, HS, 2; Southwick (August), (non-official) HD, 3, [3].
AUSTIN, W. H. [3] Southwick (May), HSY, 2; Compton LSB, 1; Parkstone (June), HSX, 3; Southwick (August), LSB, 1, [2].

B

BANKS, I. E. [6] Colchester, HSX, 1; Hurlingham, LSC, 1 [4].
BARTLETT, Miss G. W. [10] Gilbey Cup, HS, 3 [9].
BEAMISH, Col. D. W. [—1] Budleigh Salterton (July), OS, Process 2; Parkstone (August), OS, 1, HS, 3.
BEAMISH, Cmdr. G. V. G. [—1] Parkstone (June), OS, 1; Cheltenham HD, 2.
BETENSON, Dr. W. F. W. [8] Ryde, HSY, 1, HD, 2; Southwick (August), (non-official), HD, 3.
BIRCH, G. [1] Nottingham, HSX, 1, HD, 1 [1].
BIRD, D. J. [12D10] Eastbourne, HD, 3.
BLACK, G. A. [7] Budleigh Salterton, HSC, 2 [6].
BOLTON, J. P. R. [—1] Brighton (May), OS, 1, HSX, 3, HD, 1; Colchester HD, 2; Hurlingham OS Process, 2, HS, 2; President's Cup, 3 [—1].
BOLTON, W. [13] Southwick (August), HSC, 3.
BORRETT, Cmdr. G. [6] Hurlingham, HS, 3 [4].
BOUCHER, Dr. C. A. [2] Cheltenham (May), (non-official), HS, 3.
BRUMPTON, Miss E. C. [5] Nottingham HD, 2.
BRUMPTON, Miss E. M. [6] Nottingham HS, 2, HSX, 3; Hunstanton LSB, 2 [5].
BRYAN, Miss M. [10] Ryde HSC, 1 [9].
BUCKNELL, A. J. [5] Nottingham HSY, 1 [5].
BURRELL, Mrs. R. H. [10] Ryde HSC, 2.

C

CAMROUX, A. V. [0] Surrey Cup 5.
CAPORN, D. C. [4] Gilbey Cup, 1 Gilbey Ex Block A, HS, 1, [2].
CAVE, Mrs. G. E. [8] Budleigh Salterton (May), (non-official) HD, 2; Eastbourne LSD, 2.
CHITTENDEN, Mrs. H. F. [—1] Southwick (May) HSX, 3; Ladies' Field Cup 4.
COOPER, A. J. [—2] Budleigh Salterton (June), (non-official) HS, 3; (July) OS Draw, 2, HD, 2 [—3].
COTTER, E. P. C. [—3] Men's Championship, 3; Open Championship, 3; Open Doubles Championship, 1; Hurlingham OS, 2; Southwick (August) OS, 1; President's Cup, equal 4.
CROAL, Mrs. T. [9] Stevenson Challenge Cup, 1; Challenge Ex, HS, 2 [8].
CROSS, P. J. [14D12] Hunstanton HSC, 2, HD, 2 [11D10].

D

DANIELS, Mrs. A. M. [1] Carrickmines HS, 3; Cheltenham HSE, 1; Eastbourne LSB, 1, HSY, 3, WOS, 2 [1].
DASHWOOD, C. J. E. [1] Roehampton OS, 1, HSX, 1 [1].
DAVIDSON, Maj.-Gen. F. H. N. [7] Gilbey Cup, 2 [6].
de la NOUGEREDE, V. A. [—1] Parkstone (June), HD, 2; Cheltenham adt HS, 3; Parkstone (August) OS Draw, 2.
DENBOW, Rev. F. J. [5] Nottingham LHS, 1 [4].
DEVITT, Mrs. C. E. [9] Ryde HSX, 3; Southwick (August), (non-official) HSC, 2.
DIBLEY, Major J. H. [2] Ryde OS, 2, HSY, 2.

DIBLEY, Mrs. J. H. [5] Ryde HSX, 3; Southwick (August), (non-official) HSB, 2.
DRISCOLL, Major R. [6] Southwick (May) HD, 2; Southwick (August) LSB, 3, HD, 2 [4].

E

ELVEY, Mrs. G. F. H. [0] Ladies' Field Cup, 5.

F

FARLIE, Mrs. L. [8] Gilbey Ex Block C, HS, 1; All England Handicap, 2; Southwick (August), (non-official) HSB, 3 [6].
FIDLER, P. J. M. [—1] Cheltenham (May), (non-official) HS, 2; Hunstanton OS, 1, HSY, 3; Surrey Cup, 4 [—1].
FIGGIS, D. [1] Championship of Co. Dublin, OS Process, 2, HS, 3.
FITZGERALD, Lady [2] Carrickmines HD, 1.
FRANKLIN, W. B. [8] Reckitt Challenge Cup, 1, HD, 1; Colchester HSY, 1, HD, 1 [5].
FRANCIS, Mrs. M. [9] Stevenson Challenge Cup, 2 [8].

G

GASSON, Mrs. V. C. [2] Ascot Challenge Cup (Golf Croquet), HS, 1; Challenge Ex, HS, 1.
GILBERT, J. B. [—1] Gilbey Cup, HS, 3; Hurlingham MOD, 3; Surrey Cup, 8.
GODBY, R. A. [1] Budleigh Salterton (May), (non-official) HS, 2, HD, 2; Cheltenham (May) (non-official) HS, 3; Budleigh Salterton (July) OS, 2, HD, 1; Surrey Cup, 7 [—1].
GREEN, H. A. [2] Southwick (May) HD, 2; Southwick (August) HD, 2.
GREEN, W. [8] Cheltenham HSC, 2 [6].

H

HALLETT, P. D. [4] Council Challenge Cup, 1, HD, 2 [3].
HAMILTON-MILLER, D. J. V. [—2] Peels, MHS, 1; Mixed Doubles Championship, 1; Compton OS Draw, 2; Roehampton Challenge Cup, 1; Open Championship, 2; Southwick (August) HS, 3; Eastbourne OS, 1, MOS, 2, HD, 3 [—2].

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HAWKINS, Mrs. R. C. [10] Budleigh Salterton (May), (non-official) HS, 3; (July) HD, 3.
HAYES, W. W. [9] Nottingham HSX, 3, LHS, 2, HD, 2 [8].
HEALING, Col. W. R. [6] Budleigh Salterton (May), (non-official) HS, 1, HD, 1 [2].
HELEY, Mrs. P. E. [4] Hunstanton LSB, 1.
HENSHAW, F. [14] Parkstone (August) HSC, 2 [13].
HICKS, H. O. [—3] Men's Championship, 2; Colchester HSX, 3, HD, 2; Hurlingham OS, 1, MOD, 2, MHD, 1; President's Cup, equal 4.
HICKS, R. O. [—1] Surrey Cup, 1; Roehampton HSX, 2 [—1].
HICKSON, Miss K. D. [4] Southwick (May) HSX, 2, HS, 3; Nottingham OS Draw, 2; Parkstone (June) LSB, 2; Parkstone (August) HD, 2; Southwick LSB, 3; Eastbourne HSX, 2 [3].
HILL-BERNHARD, Major F. [3] Nottingham HD, 1; Parkstone (June) HSY, 2; Parkstone (August) LSB, 1.
HODGSON, H. O. [2] Nottingham HSY, 2.
HOPKINS, Miss G. [6] Carrickmines LSC, 2; Championship of Co. Dublin, HD, 2 [5].
HORNE, D. M. [6] Southwick (August), (non-official) HSB, 1 [5].
HUSKINSON, G. N. B. [1] Hunstanton (April), (non-official) HS, 2; Championship of Co. Dublin, OS Draw, 2, HS, 3.

J

JACKSON, G. E. P. [—1] Cheltenham OHS, 3.
JESSEL, T. [4] Budleigh Salterton HD, 1.
JESSON-DIBLEY [3] Southwick (August), (non-official) OS, 2, HSX, 2 [2].
JOLY, Miss F. [4] Carrickmines LS, 2, HS, 2 [3].

K

KARMEL, A. D. [—1] Du Pre Cup, 2; Ascot Challenge Cup (Golf Croquet), HS, 3; Association Plate, 3; Southwick (August) HD, 3; Hunstanton HSY, 1; Surrey Cup, 6.
KARMEL, Mrs. A. D. [7] Southwick (August) HD, 3.
KERENSKY, O. A. [9] Hurlingham LSD, 2.
KING, Miss. Delves Broughton Cup (Golf Croquet), HD, 2.
KIRK-GREENE, L. [—1] Southwick (May) OS, 2; Eastbourne OS Process, 2, OD, 1.

L

LAURENSEN, J. T. [1] Hurlingham MHD, 1; Parkstone (August) OS Process, 2, HS, 2 [1].
LAVERTY, Lt.-Col. T. F. [3] Budleigh Salterton (May), (non-official) HD, 1; (June), (non-official) HS, 1; (July) LSB, 3; Eastbourne HSX, 3 [2].
LAVERTY, Mrs. T. F. [9] Budleigh Salterton (June), (non-official) HS, 3; (July) HD, 2; Eastbourne HSX, 3 [6].
LIGHTFOOT, Mrs. E. M. [3] Peels, WHS, 2; Carrickmines HS, 3; Championship of Co. Dublin, OS, 2, HD, 1; Hunstanton HSX, 3 [2].
LINTERN, Miss D. A. [—1] Peels, WHS Draw, 2, HD, 2; Women's Championship, 3; Hurlingham MOD, 3; Ladies' Field Candlesticks, 1.
LLOYD-PRATT, B. [—2] Nottingham OS, 1, HS, 1; Carrickmines HD, 2; Hurlingham MOD, 3; Colchester OS, 1, HSX, 2; Southwick (August) OS, 2; Hunstanton OS, 2; President's Cup, 6.
LONGMAN, Mrs. W. [—1] Hurlingham MOD, 2; Ladies' Field Cup, 3; Southwick (August) HS, 3; Eastbourne OD, 1, HD, 2.

M

MEIN, J. R. [*5] Roehampton HSB, 2, HSY, 1 [4].
MEREDITH, F. W. [3] Cheltenham LSB, 2, OHS, 3 [2].
MEREDITH, Rev. Canon R. Creed [0] Ryde HSX, 2; Parkstone (June) HSY, 1.
MEREDITH, Miss W. E. [9] Parkstone (August) HS, 3 [8].
MILLS, Miss A. E. [1] Budleigh Salterton (July) HS, 3; Ladies' Field Cup, equal 6.
MILLS, Miss V. E. [1] Budleigh Salterton (July) HD, 3.
MOORE, W. E. [2] Brighton (May) HSX, 1 [1].
MORGAN, Miss M. M. [6] Southwick (August), (non-official) HD, 2 [5].
McALEENAN, Dr. H. R. [10] Compton HSC, 2, HSX, 1 [9].
McMILLAN, N. A. C. [7] Parkstone (June) HSC, 1 [7].

N

NARBEEY, Mrs. E. [2] Women's Championship, 3; Challenge and Gilbey, HD, 2.
NAYLOR, Mrs. W. A. [8] Parkstone HD, 2 [7].
NEAL, Prof. B. G. [1] Hurlingham HS, 3 [0].

O

O'CONNOR, D. Championship of Co. Dublin, LSB, 1.
OMOND, Brig. J. S. [6] Gilbey Ex Block C, HS, 1.
ORMEROD, Rev. H. L. [5] Budleigh Salterton LSB, 1 [3].

P

PAGE, D. Temple [9] Carrickmines LSC, 1, HD, 2 [7].
PARKER, Miss H. D. [3] Compton HD, 1; Southwick (August), (non-official) HD, 2.
PAXON, G. F. [7] Southwick (August) HSC, 2 [6].
PAYNTER, W. B. C. [0] Peels, MHS, 3; Southwick (May) HSY, 1; Ryde OS, 1, HD, 1; Championship of Ireland, OS, 1; Southwick (August), (non-official) OS, 1, HSX, 3, HD, 1; Roehampton OS Process, 2; Eastbourne HSY, 2 [—1].
PENNY, C. H. R. [1] Hurlingham HS, 1 [1].
PENNY, Dr. H. J. [1] Nottingham OS Process, 2, HSX, 2; Parkstone (June) HSX, 1; Parkstone (August) HD, 2; Eastbourne HSY, 1 [1].
PHILLIPS, Mrs. S. [8] Ascot Challenge Cup (Golf Croquet), HS, 2.
PICKETT, R. J. [6] Compton HSX, 3.
PICKETT, Mrs. R. J. [8] Southwick (August), (non-official) HSY, 3.
POWER, Mrs. J. [15] Caskets Evening Tournament, HS, 1 [12D10].
PRICHARD, Lt.-Col. D. M. C. [—2] Hunstanton HSX, 3, HD, 1; Surrey Cup, 3; Eastbourne OS, Draw 2, MOS, 3, HSX, 1, HD, 1 [—2].
PRICHARD, Mrs. D. M. C. [7] Budleigh Salterton HSC, 1, HS, 2; Eastbourne LSC, 2, HD, 1 [5].
PRICHARD, C. H. L. [11] Hunstanton HSY, 2 [10].
PRICHARD, R. D. C. [12] Hunstanton HD, 1.
PUGH, F. H. [9] Compton HSC, 1; Cheltenham HSC, 1, HD, 1 [6].
PUREFOY, Mrs. Championship of Co. Dublin, LSB, 2.

R

RATCLIFFE, C. S. [5] Colchester HSZ, 1, HD, 1; Hunstanton HSY, 3 [3].
READ, Mrs. H. M. [4] Championship of Co. Dublin, HD, 2; Eastbourne HSY, 1.
READ, T. O. [3] Championship of Co. Dublin, HS, 1, HD, 1 [2].
RECKITT, M. B. [—1] Du Pre Cup, 3; Hurlingham MHD, 2; Eastbourne OD, 2.
REED, A. A. [—1] Association Plate, 2.
REITCHESON, M. P. [—1] Cheltenham OS Draw, 2.
RIGGALL, L. [12D10] Roehampton HSY, 3; Eastbourne RHS, 2, HSY, 3 [10].
RIGGALL, Mrs. L. [12D10] Roehampton HSC, 1, HSY, 2; Eastbourne RHS, 3 [10].
RIGIANI, R. J. [8] Parkstone (August) HSC, 1, HS, 1 [6].
ROE, Miss I. M. [1] Cheltenham HD, 3.
ROE, Mrs. W. P. H. [7] Southwick (May) HS, 3.
ROLFE, Mrs. A. Neville [5] Peels, WHS, 1; Hunstanton (April), (non-official) HS, 1 [3].
ROPER, E. A. [2] Southwick (May) HSY, 3; Compton HSX, 2, HD, 2; Eastbourne LSB, 2, HD, 2.
ROPER, Mrs. E. A. [6] Compton HD, 2; Roehampton HD, 2 [6].
ROSE, Miss E. F. [3] Compton LSB, 2.
ROSS, K. A. [*10] Roehampton HSB, 1, HSX, 3 [4].
ROTHERHAM, Mrs. E. [—3] Women's Championship, 1; Mixed Doubles Championship, 1; Compton OS, 2, HSX, 3; Open Championship, 3; Cheltenham OS, 2; Ladies' Field Cup, 1.
ROTHWELL, R. F. [—1] Caskets Evening Tournament, HS, 2.
RUTLAND, A. V. [*10] Southwick (August), (non-official) HSC, 1, HD, 3; Roehampton HSC, 2; Eastbourne LSD, 1, HSX, 3, RHS, 3 [8].
RUTLAND, Mrs. A. V. [*10] Southwick (August), (non-official) HSY, equal 1 [10].
RYVES, Dr. T. E. [4] Peels, HD, 2.

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SCOTT, W. G. B. [10] Southwick (August) HSC, 3.
SESSIONS, Miss K. M. O. [3] Cheltenham (May), (non-official) HS, 1; Cheltenham adt HS, 2 [2].
SHEPPARD, H. A. [6] Cheltenham OHS, 1, HD, 3 [4].
SHEWAN, R. G. S. [6] Cheltenham adt HS, 1; All England Handicap, 1; Roehampton OS Draw, 2, HSX, 3; Apps Memorial Bowl [1].
SHOWAN, Mrs. P. D. [3] Peels, WHS Process, 2; Council Challenge Cup, 2; Hurlingham LSB, 1; Roehampton HD, 1 [2].
SIDWELL, E. [3] Cheltenham LSB, 1, HD, 1.

SIMON, J. W. [*5] Southwick (August) HS, 1, HD, 3; Southwick (August), (non-official) HSX, 1, HD, 3 [1].
 SIMPSON, R. A. [5] Southwick (August) HD, 1; Eastbourne LSC, 1, HSX, 3, HD, 1 [3].
 SIMPSON, Mrs. R. A. [5½] Southwick (August) HD, 1; Eastbourne LSC, 1, HSX, 3, HD, 1.
 SKEMPTON, Mrs. A. W. [4½] Ladies' Field Candlesticks, 2.
 SMARTT, Dr. R. B. N. [1½] Compton HSY, 1; Parkstone (June) OS Draw, 2; Budleigh Salterton (June), (non-official) HS, 2; (July) HS, 3 [1].
 SMARTT, Mrs. R. B. N. [2] Compton HD, 1; Parkstone (June) OS, 2; All England Handicap, 3.
 SOLOMON, Mrs. G. W. [2] Budleigh Salterton LSB, 2; All England Handicap, 3; Ladies' Field Cup, equal 6.
 SOLOMON, J. W. [—3] Men's Championship, 1; Open Championship, 1; Open Doubles Championship, 1; President's Cup, 1.
 SPEER, Mrs. J. W. [5] Gilbey Ex Block B, HS, 1; Roehampton HD, 1.
 STEAD, M. W. B. [12] Southwick (August), (non-official) HSD, 2.
 STEVENSON, Mrs. J. G. [5½] Ryde LSB, 1, HD, 1 [4½].
 STOBART, Lt.-Col. F. E. [1] Carrickmines HD, 1; Eastbourne HSY, 3.
 STOKER, Capt. H. G. [—1] Peels, MHS, 2, HD, 1; Men's Championship, 3; Championship of Ireland, OS, 2; Roehampton Challenge Cup, OS Draw, 2; Delves Broughton Challenge Cup (Golf Croquet), HD, 1; Open Doubles Championship, 2; President's Cup, 8; Roehampton HD, 2; Eastbourne HSY, 3.
 STOKES-ROBERTS, L. E. W. [6½] Challenge and Gilbey, HD, 1.
 STRACHAN, D. F. [—1] Championship of Ireland, OS, 1; Open Doubles Championship, 2; Association Plate, 1; Championship of Co. Dublin, OS, 1, HS, 2; President's Cup, 7.
 SYNGE, Capt. W. A. T. [7] Ryde HSX, 1; Parkstone (June) HD, 1; Cheltenham HD, 3, adt HS, 3; Parkstone (August) LSB, 2, HD, 1; Eastbourne RHS, 1 [4½].
 SYNGE, Mrs. W. A. T. [6] Southwick (May) HS, 1, HD, 1; Ryde LSB, 2; Parkstone (June) HSX, 2, HD, 1; Cheltenham HD, 3; Parkstone (August) HD, 1; Southwick (August), (non-official) HSB, 3, HSX, 3 [4½].

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TAYLOR, Miss M. M. [7] Southwick (May) HS, 2; Ryde HD, 2; Southwick (August), (non-official) HD, 1.
 TEMPLE, Mrs. E. M. [5] Southwick (May) HSY, 3; Eastbourne HD, 2 [4½].
 THOM, Mrs. M. L. [5] Ladies' Field Candlesticks, 1.
 THOMPSON, P. [1½] Parkstone (June) OS Process, 2.
 THORP, R. F. [0] Colchester OS, 2; Hunstanton HSX, 1, HD, 2; Surrey Cup, 2; Roehampton OS, 1 [—1½].
 THORP, W. H. [0] Cheltenham OS, 1 [—1].
 TOLLEY, Major C. J. H. [5] Compton HSY, 2.
 TOTTENHAM, Mrs. N. M. [4] Carrickmines LSB, 1, HS, 1 [3].
 TOWNSEND, C. H. [9] Hurlingham LSD, 1 [8].
 TRULL, Mrs. G. [7] Delves Broughton Challenge Cup (Golf Croquet), HD, 1.

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WARWICK, Miss E. J. [—2] Women's Championship, 2; Mixed Doubles Championship, 2; Championship of Ireland, OS, 3; Budleigh Salterton (July) OS, 1, HS, 1, HD, 3; Association Plate, 3; Hurlingham MOD, 1; Ladies' Field Candlesticks, 2; Ladies' Field Cup, 2; Eastbourne OS, 2, WOS, 1, HSX, 2, OD, 2 [—2½].
 WARWICK, J. G. [—1½] Budleigh Salterton (May), (non-official) HS, 3; Mixed Doubles Championship, 2; Du Pre Cup, 3; Hurlingham MOD, 1; Eastbourne MOS, 1, HSY, 2 [—2].
 WEBB, Mrs. V. [14] Southwick (August), (non-official) HSD, 1.
 WHITEHEAD, E. [2] Colchester HSY, 2.
 WHITEHEAD, Mrs. E. [14] Colchester HSX, 3 [13].
 WIGGINS, Dr. W. R. D. [—3] Compton OS, 1; President's Cup, 2.
 WILLIAMS, G. [0] Du Pre Cup, 1; Roehampton Challenge Cup, OS Process, 2; Eastbourne HSX, 1, MOS, 3 [—1].
 WILLS, Mrs. H. [8] Roehampton HSY, 3.
 WILSON-CHALON, A. T. [*7] Southwick (August) HSC, 1.
 WOOLEY, Miss H. F. [6½] Parkstone (June) HSC, 2.
 WOOSTER, Mrs. H. [8] Southwick (August) HD, 3; Southwick (August), (non-official) HSY, 3; Eastbourne HD, 2 [7].
 WYLIE, K. F. [5] Cheltenham HD, 2, OHS, 2 [4½].

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YOUNG, Miss Ascot Challenge Cup (Golf Croquet), HS, 3; Delves Broughton Challenge Cup (Golf Croquet), HD, 2.

NEW HANDICAPS

ALTERATIONS TO HANDICAPS

Club recommendations

ROEHAMPTON

NEW HANDICAPS

H. Denny 12 (D10).
 Mrs. H. Denny 12 (D10).
 J. R. Mein 5*.
 Capt. H. F. Nalder 10.
 L. Riggall 12 (D10).
 Mrs. L. Riggall 12 (D10).

ALTERATIONS TO HANDICAPS

(During Play)

K. A. Ross 6 to 5.

(After Play)

J. R. Mein 5* to 4½.
 Mrs. L. Riggall 12 (D10) to 10.
 K. A. Ross 5 to 4.
 R. F. Thorp —1 to —1½.
 R. G. S. Shewan 2 to 1.

DEVONSHIRE PARK (Eastbourne)

ALTERATIONS TO HANDICAPS

(1st Week)

Mrs. A. M. Daniels 1 to ½.
 Miss K. D. Hickson 4 to 3.
 A. V. Rutland 9 to 8.
 R. A. Simpson 5 to 4½.
 M. Vlasto 12 to 11.
 G. Williams —½ to —1.

(2nd Week)

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard —2 to —2½.
 Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard 6 to 5.
 L. Riggall 12 to 10.
 R. A. Simpson 4½ to 3.
 Capt. W. A. T. Syngé 5 to 4½.
 Mrs. E. M. Temple 5 to 4½.

Club recommendations

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

M. F. Buller 1½ to 1.
 Miss J. Cooper 5 to 4½.
 Col. W. R. Healing 3½ to 2½.

NON-ASSOCIATE

Peter Cooper 9 to 5.

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NOTTINGHAM

Miss L. H. Smith 6 to 5½.
 Miss E. M. Brumpton 5½ to 5.
 M. Murray 5 to 3.
 Miss E. M. Garratt 8 to 7.
 Dr. H. M. Browning 12 to 10.

Club recommendations

CHELTENHAM

W. Green 7 to 6.
 Cmdr. G. Borrett 5 to 4.

ROEHAMPTON

D. C. Caporn 3½ to 2½.
 Prof. B. G. Neal 1 to 0.
 R. O. Havery 4 to 3½.
 D. R. Watson 5 to 4.
 Mrs. M. Francis 9 to 8.
 G. H. Bamford 14 (D12) —12 (D10).

CHALLENGE AND GILBEY

ROEHAMPTON

Miss G. W. Bartlett 10 to 9.

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Miss K. Ault 3½ to 3.

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