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### AUSTRALIAN CROQUET COUNCIL CARNIVAL

The 15th Australian Croquet Council Carnival was held in Hobart, Tasmania, on November 9th.

A record number of supporters accompanied the six State Teams and were rewarded by witnessing some very exciting games. The Victorian Team was successful in winning the Inter-state Cup from Queensland, the holder, by a narrow margin of points.

The English Medal Contest was played in ideal weather conditions; the final match proved to be the most enthralling game in the whole Carnival. At the end of the day's play, the Medals were presented to the winners by Lady Gairdner, wife of the Governor of Tasmania.

Some excellent play was seen throughout the playing of the Australian Championships, and the publicity given by the Press, Radio and Television added to the attraction of the Carnival.

Results are as follows:—

#### INTER-STATE TEAMS CONTEST.

Victoria	5 Matches	25 Games	722 Points
Queensland	4 Matches	20 Games	637 Points
South Australia	2 Matches	19 Games	647 Points
West Australia	2 Matches	12 Games	525 Points
New South Wales	1 Match	11 Games	533 Points
Tasmania	0 Matches	3 Games	417 Points

Australian Singles Championship:	T. Howat, Victoria.
Runner Up:	Mrs. E. Baner, Victoria.
Australian Doubles Championship:	Mrs. E. Rudder, and Mrs. G. Thomas, Queensland.
Runners Up:	H. Deller, Queensland. G. Wilson, Queensland.

A.B. Morrison Trophy for Junior A Player winning the most games:  
Mrs. G. Graham, South Australia.

English Silver Medal:	T. Howat, Victoria.
English Bronze Medal	Mrs. E. Good, Tasmania.

## NOTES by ROVER

### Those in authority

In our Note on *The Managerial Society* in the December number we remarked on the fact that 'these indispensable manipulators', whose services are so generously given, are 'now to a dangerous extent in short supply'. It would be truly a disaster if that supply were for any reason to become still shorter, yet the Council has some ground for apprehending that this might occur. We feel certain that in a general way the efforts of these self-sacrificing officials are most gratefully acknowledged by associates. Indeed at one time tournament reports made such reiterated mention of the 'genial Manager' that protests against this cliché began to be heard; and in fact it is not a description which could always have been accurately applied even to some of the very best of them. Much as the famous 'Brookie', the first of the great Managers, was admired and even came to be loved by the majority of associates, 'genial' is hardly the word which would have sprung to the lips of many of those who took their orders from him. But even if such fully-occupied officials are not invariably genial to us, it is surely unquestionable that it is always our duty to be so to them; and it is with distress that the Council has recently received complaints that some, and these among the best of our players, have been from time to time a good deal less than courteous to those who, almost from dawn and often till dusk, have the exacting responsibility of seeing that our tournaments go not only smoothly but efficiently forward.

### 'In the last resort. . .'

It is not of course for a moment to be supposed that there could ever exist in our game any sort of parallel to the situation now prevailing in another Association, i.e. that concerned with the game in which players do not strike but kick the ball—yet now, it appears, too often do both to their opponents. Nor can we picture occasions when spectators at Hurlingham would not only cease to 'refrain from audible comment on the game' but would actually hurl missiles on to the courts and 'barrack' a referee who gave what might be to some an unpopular decision. Nevertheless, if those in charge of our tournaments are to be addressed by competitors in a manner and in terms which incline them to feel that they will not accept such an office in future, it will be with the full support of the Council if before making such a resolution they will proceed to disciplinary action, 'book' the offender, report his conduct to the Tournament Committee, and if they think fit exercise those powers bestowed upon them by Regulations 12b(v) and 19(h)—and in the rather different case of Referees, by the first two sentences of Regulation 4(k). As no doubt there are associates who cannot immediately call to mind what is said in these paragraphs we would urge them to refresh their memories by a study of them. If 'in the last resort' (as the last of these Regulations puts it) they find that, however eminent, these powers are put into force against them, they will

only have themselves to blame. Rover's sentiments are ordinarily unofficial and not to be identified with the views of our governing body. In this case, however, readers can feel assured that our words have authority behind them.

### Knocking-Up

This writer is strictly sheltering behind a veil of unofficialdom in commenting on one issue which continues to attract letters. A possibility suggested by the letters is that a knock-up of two minutes might be allowed in any game where none of the players has a handicap of, say, 4 or less. This would do justice to the view that to judge the speed of the lawn in a few strokes is one of the game's delicate skills—for the more proficient. But this does not apply to high-bisquers; if it did they would have fewer bisques. A brief knock-up would, they say (and for once, our legislators are perhaps not ideally placed to judge from personal experience) be invaluable in giving them greater confidence. A knock-up is ill-described as "banging balls about aimlessly" for there is a two-fold aim: to get the feel of the lawn, and to get one's eye in. In favour of the proposed restrictions on knocking-up, a low-bisquer should not need a knock-up; a high-bisquer meeting him already starts with an advantage in his bisques, and two high-bisquers meeting in any event would both have a knock-up. Nor would this waste too much time; 4 knock-up periods (4 games on one court is rare anyway) would take no more than 8 minutes, and how often does play on all the courts continue until less than 8 minutes before "bad light stops play".

### Dear Sir. . .

There are readers of the daily and weekly Press whose main delight is to scan the correspondence columns, and indeed most of us would confess to more than a passing interest in the contents of the letters to the editor. For some time the correspondence column of this journal has been singularly barren and yet from the conversations we hear at tournaments up and down the country there is a wealth of subject matter constantly under discussion which we would have thought to have prompted associates from time to time to have taken up their pens and let the croquet world have the benefit of their views. Let it at once be admitted that these would be very welcome and if this note can stir up any action, so much the better. Are the Laws now so perfect that no improvements occur to our members? Are the arrangements for tournaments so good as to need no comment? Do we all approve of the system of handicapping? These are but a few subjects which can from time to time receive an airing in these columns. There is always an editorial risk that some enthusiastic reader may wish to ride his own hobby horse and seek to improve his views *ad nauseam*, but the discretion of the editor can be relied upon to keep such within bounds.

## CALENDAR FIXTURES

1965

- Apl. 17-19—Cheltenham (American). (Non-official). *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- " 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—Ryde. *Hon. Sec.*, Miss K. A. Wade, 10 Partlands Avenue, Ryde, I.O.W.
- May 31—5—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.
- " 18-21—Woking (American). (Non-official). *Hon. Sec.*, D. C. Caporn, Hampton Court Palace, East Molesey, Surrey.
- " 21-26—Parkstone. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. McMordie, Yapton, Delhi Close, Parkstone, Dorset.
- " 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—July 3—Budleigh Salterton. *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. P. 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).
- " 13-15—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. Roehampton. *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—6-10—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.
- " 6-11—Parkstone. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. McMordie, Yapton, Delhi Close, Parkstone, Dorset.
- " 11-13—Cheltenham (American). (Non-official). *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- " 14-16—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.15.
- " 27—Devonshire Park. *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- Oct. 9—Club, S.W.6.

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## CROQUET ASSOCIATION

### NOTICES

Subscriptions were due on January 1st. Will all those who have not paid please do so NOW. A note of these, and of rates of tribute, is to be found on page 7 of this number.

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The amendments to the Laws will be ready for distribution shortly.

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The Association would welcome anyone willing to learn to undertake Management of Tournaments. Recruits are badly needed.

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### CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MAGAZINE

1. Advertisements for Tournaments must reach this office by the 1st of the month before the issue in which they are to be inserted. Advertisements may of course be sent in any time earlier provided that the month in which they are to be in the magazine is clearly marked.

2. All other copy must reach this office by the 10th of the month.

3. Special late copy (Tournament results and reports only) must reach this office by the 14th of the month. This is deadline and nothing received after that date will be printed that month.

All communications must now be sent to C.A. Head Office.

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Attention of Managers is drawn to their powers to disqualify players under Regulations for Official Tournaments 19 (H).

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It is hoped that all clubs will make every effort to send Delegates to the Conference on May 29th at Hurlingham, and to suggest useful improvements for Croquet.

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#### NEW HANDICAPS

#### CLUB RECOMMENDATIONS

#### COMPTON

Mrs. H. C. S. Perry 6 to 4½.  
Mrs. H. A. Hall 12.

V. C. GASSON, *Secretary.*

# THE 1965 SEASON

By MISS D. A. LINTERN

These notes are being written in March, but by the time they are read clubs will be holding annual meetings and making arrangements for the opening of the new season. It is hoped that the weather will be as kind as last year's, when all can look forward to an enjoyable time.

Cheltenham are again holding four short tournaments suitable for players who are unable to get leave for longer ones, and they open the 1965 season. Hunstanton follows the next week-end. In June, Woking are holding a week-end tournament; this is a wonderful effort for this club which was only started again last year with one member. Now the membership has already reached about twenty. The Council are most grateful for the efforts of these clubs.

There are two alterations to dates of long established tournaments. Nottingham, who have for some time held their week in June, have had to transfer to August, as they are unable to have their lawns for the earlier date. Southwick have altered their usual August non-official week to June 28th because it was found too much for the members who do the catering to have two weeks following. They hope very much it will not inconvenience their usual supporters.

The Longman Club Team Cup competition was a great success last year played under a regional basis and it will be the same this year. Already three new clubs have entered this competition for the first time and we are hoping others will join in, as it is such a good competition for the longer bisquers and makes for pleasant matches. If you read the new conditions for this year you will see that if two clubs drawn together cannot provide more than two lawns at either club, they may play it as two singles and two doubles, and if a tie in matches results, the winner will be the team who scores the most points.

The Challenge and Gilbey Tournament was a success in 1964, but it needs more competitors: those who played last year found both the week-end games and the rest of the week very enjoyable. The Gilbey will again be played as a week-end tournament and last year there was also an American extra event during the week-end which was on a time limit, but each player got about five games. The Manager hopes to repeat this in 1965.

The Devonshire Park Tournament will be two separate weeks as last year but the programme has been slightly altered. The B, C, and D class bisque range are as follows—B ½ to 3, C 3½ to 6, D 6½ to 8, all level classes, but the E class for the Felix Cup will be played on handicap 9 bisques and over. The open doubles will be played during the second week. The Manager for the first week will be Major J. H. Dibley and the second week Mr. E. A. Roper. We hope to have two more lawns at Devonshire Park this year but as yet we have not had confirmation. The Compton lawns are being very kindly lent to

us and they will be used as and when necessary. Entries will be limited. The advertisement will be in this issue of the magazine so that Associates can make their plans early. Send your entries at the same time as you book your hotel accommodation, and so avoid disappointment. The match arrangements are not complete as yet, but there is a possibility that we may be able to have it on the Sunday between the two weeks, otherwise it will be as last year—on the last Saturday.

The Council regret that owing to the greater cost of tournaments the C.A. tournament entrance fees have had to be slightly increased. These have now all been standardised. Best of three games, Draw and Process, and "X.Y." will all be 15/-. Championship Doubles will be 13/- each player, other doubles 11/6 each player. All Singles level and handicap 12/6, except the consolation events in the two championships which will be 10/-. Golf Croquet events 6/6, both singles and doubles. The All England handicap 3/6, with 2/- for the C.A. and 1/6 for the club.

Associates will have read in the Council minutes the difficulties of obtaining managers for tournaments, and this has been made even more difficult by the rudeness of some of our top players. Two managers have asked the Tournament Committee to consider suspending a player from official events if he or she is reported for such behaviour. The Committee unanimously agreed that such behaviour must be stopped. It was pointed out that on page 44, Regulation 19 (h) of the Laws, the power is already given to managers to suspend a player. The Council are anxious that this should be emphasised and managers are asked to make use of this regulation at all tournaments where the official laws and regulations are in use, and report to the Council their action. It would appear at the moment that the brunt of management falls on the shoulders of all too few: this is very hard work and means giving up a lot of time and play, and then unfortunately it is not appreciated by some of the players. The Council would like to see more of the first class players who are free to do so giving a helping hand and taking their share of work in the way of management.

News of the 1965 Conference will be in this issue and it is being held on Saturday, May 29th at the Hurlingham Club. Clubs are asked to send two delegates as in 1963, and all Associates will be welcome at the conference, but only delegates may vote.

The Council suggest to clubs that if they are short of members, advertisements in their local papers might help as this has been most successful at some clubs. Some financial help can be obtained for this on application to the Publicity Committee of the C.A.

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## Agenda for Annual General Meeting

at the HURLINGHAM CLUB, on Monday, 24th May 1965 at 2.30 p.m.

- Minutes of meeting held on 25th May 1964.
- Report and Balance Sheet.
- Election of Hon. Treasurer. Lt.-Cmdr. G. W. Style retires and offers himself for re-election.
- Election of Members of Council. The following retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election:—  
D. C. Caporn  
Miss D. A. Lintern  
E. A. Roper  
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins  
Mrs. R. R. Williams  
The following retire by rotation and do not offer themselves for re-election:—  
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart  
H. C. S. Perry  
Prof. A. W. Skempton  
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts has tendered his resignation which Council reluctantly accepts.  
There are therefore four vacancies to be filled.
- Any other Business.
- Vote of thanks to the Chairman.  
Tea will be served.

## Council Meetings

Chairman's Report of Council Meetings, 1964 and 1965.

Meeting held at 4 Southampton Row on Thursday, 19th November 1964

- Miss Lintern, Chairman, presented the Report of Tournament Committee, and Council made the following decisions:—
  - That there should be no Junior Tournament in 1965. Approved *nem. con.*
  - That the Advertisement of the Longman Cup conditions shall read: "A player must be a *bona fide* member of a Registered Club to be able to compete." Approved *nem. con.* Council also approved the allocation of provisional handicaps, subject to adjustment as necessary during the course of the Tournament, to those competitors holding no official handicap.
  - That the decision that the Ladies Field Cup shall not be played in London in 1965 be reversed. Approved with two abstentions. In proposing this resolution Miss Lintern had informed Council that the holding of this event in London last year had resulted in a very much better entry.
  - That the attention of Managers be drawn to their powers for disqualifying players under the Regulations for Official Tournaments and that this decision shall be referred to in Rover's Notes and the Secretary's Column. Approved *nem. con.*

During discussion reference was made to letters received from two Managers refusing to manage any more Tournaments because of the rudeness to which they had been subjected during the past season from top ranking players. Such conduct at Tournaments was deplored and it was also agreed that to help strengthen the authority of Managers it was most desirable that top class players should manage Tournaments more often.

  - That the following be elected as Handicappers:—  
Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave                      J. B. Gilbert  
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden                H. C. S. Perry  
Mrs. V. C. Gasson                        Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi  
Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey                     Mrs. F. R. Briggs  
Approved *nem. con.*
  - That the list of Calendar Fixtures as proposed be approved subject to the following decision as to the conditions rendering an "unofficial" tournament eligible for inclusion:—  
"That a Club holding an Official Tournament could hold one non-official Tournament free of all levy—but the second and all subsequent unofficial Tournaments should pay 50% of the levy." Approved by 9 votes to 2.

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(vii) *Devonshire Park Tournament*

- That the Tournament be divided into two separate weeks. Approved 8 votes to 2 with 1 abstention.
  - That there should be two Managers—one for each week. Approved 8 votes to 3.
  - That subject to permission the Match be played on the Sunday between the two weeks, and Open Doubles be transferred to the second week. Approved *nem. con.*
- The debate on the Tournament Committee's Report was then adjourned.
- The Report of the Apps Committee awarding the Apps Bowl to R. G. S. Shewan, and the small monetary award from the Apps Memorial Fund to the Folkestone/Hythe Club was received and approved.

Meeting held at 4 Southampton Row on Thursday, 7th January 1965.

- Mr. John Solomon, Chairman, presented the Report of the Laws Committee, and Council made the following decisions:—
  - That a Referee of a Tournament shall be invited to appoint umpires who shall be players of scratch and under handicap—or failing such players, those of the next lowest handicap who are considered suitable. Umpires shall be empowered to judge only:
    - Whether a ball has been hit.
    - Whether the peg has been hit.
 Approved by 14 votes to 2.
  - That Mr. Roper's synopsis of the Laws after final revision be published. Approved *nem. con.*
  - That a new examination book be compiled to form the basis of the examination for referees. Approved *nem. con.*
  - The following amendment, in the form of a complete redraft for substitution in place of the present Regulation 8 of Regulations for Official Tournaments was approved:
 

*Time Limits*

    - Time limits may be imposed as follows:—
      - The Committee of a Tournament may in any advertised programme fix a time limit of not less than 3 hours for any event, but in any series of events played in classes according to handicap or sex the time limit must be the same for all classes.
      - The Manager before the start of an event may impose a time limit of not less than 3 hours for that event. He may also before the start of any particular round of any event impose a time limit of not less than 3 hours in all games in that round and all subsequent rounds. Later, he may remove this time limit or alter it (subject to a minimum of 3 hours) provided that he imposes the same time limit on all games in the same round.
    - Where no time limit has been imposed under 8 (a) (i) or (ii) above the Manager may impose a time limit of one hour on any game after it has been played for not less than 2 hours, if in his opinion the length of that game would otherwise impede the progress of the tournament.
  - Time limited games are brought to an end as follows:—
    - When the time limit has been imposed under 8 (a) (i) or (ii) above time shall be called at the expiry of the time limit.
    - When the time limit has been imposed under 8 (a) (iii) above time shall be called at the expiry of the time limit, except that if at this stage neither side has more than 4 points to make a further half hour shall be added before time is called.
  - When time is called the competitor in play completes his turn and the opposing side plays one subsequent turn.
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- One turn ends and the next begins as soon as the striker has completed the last stroke to which he is entitled in that turn.
  - (i) A bisque or a half bisque is an extra turn and notwithstanding the provisions of Law 38 may not be used after time has been called.
  - (ii) A bisque or a half bisque may however be used when play is continuing under 8 (c) (iii) above.
- Council accepted with regret the resignation of Brigadier Stokes-Roberts as Chairman of the Publicity Committee and unanimously approved the following resolution. "That this Council desires to set on record their sincere appreciation of the great services rendered to the Croquet Association by Brigadier Stokes-Roberts as Chairman and member of the Publicity Committee during the last ten years."  
Mr. D. C. Caporn was unanimously appointed to act as Chairman in place of Brigadier Stokes-Roberts pending the election of a new Chairman in accordance with Standing Order 26.
  - On the resumption of the adjourned debate on the Tournament Committee's Report the following proposals were approved *nem. con.*:
    - Devonshire Park Tournament*  
Handicap limits for the various classes to be as proposed. Classes B, C and D to be played as level events, Class E as handicap event.
    - Longman Cup Competition*  
Conditions to be altered as follows:—
      - If only one of the two Clubs competing can provide 3 lawns the match will be played there.
      - If neither of the two Clubs can provide more than 2 lawns the match to be limited to 2 singles and 2 doubles—in the event of a tie the winner to be decided on points. The first out of the draw to have choice of venue.
  - A motion proposed by Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard: "That it would be convenient to have a spare court available for the Surrey Cup provided no additional expense was incurred", was approved *nem. con.*
  - A motion proposed by Mr. M. B. Reckitt: "That the programme for the Devonshire Park Tournament be published in full in the April issue of Croquet", was approved with one dissident.
  - After discussion the date for the holding of this year's Representatives Conference was fixed for 29th May at the Hurlingham Club.

## REPORT OF COUNCIL, 1965

Since reports of all Council Meetings have appeared in the magazine it is considered unnecessary to report further at any length.

It is a matter of great satisfaction to Council and no doubt to all Associates, that all amendments to Laws and Regulations already approved are now available from the Secretary. The only outstanding amendment is that to Regulation 8 which appears in this issue and which it is hoped to ratify before the Annual General Meeting.

With the good weather the number of entries for Devonshire Park and the Longman Cup Competitions, and the increase of Associates and new Clubs, the past season may be considered highly satisfactory—only marred by certain behaviour on the courts which it is hoped will not be repeated during the coming season.

Council would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Secretary of the Croquet Association and the assistant, Mrs. Showan, all honorary Club Secretaries, Managers and Referees for all they have done for the Association during the past year.

## ADVERTISEMENT

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## RETURN OF ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1964-65

	Laws	Tournament	Finance and General Purposes	Publicity	Council	Total Attendances	Total Possible Attendances
J. M. Rivington ( <i>ex officio</i> , all meetings)	1	..	2	2	6	11	12
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins ( <i>ex officio</i> , all meetings)	1	1	1	1	4	8	12
G. Birch .. .. .	..	..	..	..	4	4	7
Dr. C. A. Boucher .. .. .	..	..	..	..	4	4	8
Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury .. .. .	..	..	1	..	4	5	8
D. C. Caporn .. .. .	..	1	..	2	5	8	9
Col. J. G. Clarke .. .. .	1	..	2	..	4	7	9
Major J. H. Dibley .. .. .	..	1	2	2	6	11	11
E. P. Duffield .. .. .	..	..	1	..	5	9	10
G. Victor Evans .. .. .	..	..	2	2	5	9	10
Miss D. A. Lintern .. .. .	..	1	2	2	6	11	11
H. C. S. Perry .. .. .	..	1	..	1	4	6	9
Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard .. .. .	1	1	..	..	5	7	8
Mrs. E. Reeve .. .. .	1	1	..	..	6	8	8
E. A. Roper .. .. .	1	1	..	..	3	5	8
Mrs. E. Rotherham .. .. .	..	1	..	..	4	5	7
Prof. A. W. Skempton .. .. .	..	..	1	..	1	2	8
J. W. Solomon .. .. .	1	1	..	..	4	6	10
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart .. .. .	..	..	1	..	5	6	8
Lt.-Cmdr. G. W. Style .. .. .	..	..	2	..	5	7	8
Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts .. .. .	..	..	1	2	3	3	8
L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts .. .. .	..	..	2	2	4	8	11
Rev. D. R. Watson .. .. .	..	..	..	..	4	4	6
Mrs. R. R. Williams .. .. .	..	..	1	2	3	3	8

## REPORT OF PUBLICITY COMMITTEE FOR 1964

Brigadier Stokes-Roberts resigned from the Chairmanship of this Committee in January after many years of energetic and devoted service. He felt the time had come for a change. Your Committee desire to record their appreciation for all his work and hope they will continue to have his interest, help and advice for years to come.

Mr. D. C. Caporn has been appointed to succeed him.

Publicity has been very good over the past year with numerous articles, reports and comments in the national or local Press and in many magazines. The Committee are grateful to all Associates who helped to make this possible and urge all clubs and individuals to seek every opportunity to get desirable publicity.

Exhibition games were held at Wimbledon, Hadleigh, Woking and elsewhere. The Committee wish to thank the authorities concerned for giving the C.A. these opportunities, and all Associates who assisted in these ventures. The C.A. will be pleased to provide players, publicity and general help to all who would like to stage Exhibition games at their clubs. It is important to make sure there will be spectators to watch these—not only Associates—but more important, people who may become interested in playing the proper game.

A Mobile Display Stand is being considered by your Committee, who hope it will be constructed and available on loan during the coming season to clubs staging Exhibitions.

Extension should be the aim of all clubs, large and small. Your Committee feel the best publicity is local publicity, which not only helps Croquet generally but particularly the local clubs without whose help the C.A. cannot expand. We urge all clubs to do everything they can to increase their membership, extend their courts, and for the larger clubs to make contact with and help the smaller ones. No existing club must be allowed to close down without every avenue being explored. If any club is in any difficulty, now is the time to contact the C.A.

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**Roehampton League** Croquet has been an unqualified success resulting in many new members to the C.A. and new players appearing at Tournaments. Your Committee congratulate the Roehampton Club on its sterling efforts, and urge all clubs to seriously consider if they can do likewise. The C.A. will supply full details of how to start, so clubs only have to ask.

**New Clubs** have appeared this year, or old ones been revived. In particular the Committee wish to express their appreciation for the hard work done by Southwick for the Hove Club, Mr. Williams for the new Club at Tunbridge Wells, Mrs. Williams for her efforts at Llandudno, Mrs. Povey for getting a new club under way at Hythe, the Budleigh Club for their help to Exeter University and the Exmouth Club. Perhaps the most astonishing success of all is the revival of the Woking Club who, in one year, have expanded from one to 20 members: this shows what can be done by a few determined individuals.

Numerous others have been very active and the Committee apologises for not mentioning all the other clubs who have been active, owing to the lack of space.

**Universities and Colleges** provide a splendid source of new members. The Committee wish to compile a list of Universities where Croquet is believed to be played and they appeal to all Associates to let them have any information about Universities or Colleges in their district they may have. They hope local clubs will co-operate by agreeing to pair with a University or College in their area and to do everything they can to assist them.

**Croquet Year 1966** will be raised at the Conference on 29th May. Your Committee hopes that clubs will be actively engaged in this to the benefit of all.

Lastly your Committee look forward to being inundated with helpful ideas from clubs in the coming year to spread this great game. They believe the time is ripe for expansion, they will do all they can to help—so let us go forward together as a team.

D. C. CAPORN.

## Umpires Again

Once again, the word "umpire" comes into the croquet world, for the Council has decided to authorise the appointment of umpires during the coming season. Many associates will remember that some years ago an attempt was made to bring in umpires as an answer to the problems occasioned by the shortage of referees. But a further problem was thereby created, namely that it was difficult to define the duties of an umpire *vis-à-vis* a referee.

At that time, the distinction was that an umpire might determine questions of fact, whereas only a referee might decide on questions of law. The experiment proved unsuccessful, mainly perhaps, owing to the fact that the majority of players were unaware of the distinction between these two questions.

Nevertheless, croquet is deprived of the services of many competent players who, for their own reasons, do not wish to become expert interpreters of the law. The Council feels, however, that these associates can be given a chance of being of service to croquet by defining their powers more closely.

The most common causes of referees being called in are for the purpose of watching possible crush strokes, hammer shots, and balls in hoops which the striker is attempting to roquet. Of these, perhaps the latter is the most common.

Crush strokes and hammer shots can often be most difficult decisions even for experienced referees. But the Council feels that whilst it is not the full answer to the shortage of referees, to authorise umpires to watch (i) attempts to roquet a ball in a hoop or (ii) the peg when pegging out—and these two only—will help the situation, and at the same time be a start towards the institution of a separate and simple examination for umpires which will be concerned only with the practicalities, and not the theories, of the law.

Referees of Tournaments may therefore appoint, during the coming season, umpires from amongst players with a handicap of scratch or under, or, in the case of smaller tournaments where there may not be players of this category, from the lowest handicapped players whom they consider suitable.

Players should respect the definitions given above in their own interest, for if they avail themselves of the services of players not appointed as umpires, they will have no redress if they are given a wrong decision. J.W.S.

## Notes from the Clubs

### Cheltenham

The match against Oxford University will be played on Saturday, May 22nd. We hope to have six singles in the morning and three doubles in the afternoon. I am sorry to say we have lost two of the most convenient and inexpensive hotels during this winter, namely, the Langton and Montpellier; the latter especially, was popular with our visitors.

A great deal of work has been done on the lawns this winter, it is too early to say how successful this will prove; Cheltenham seems prone to every sort of fungus, and dealing with it is both difficult and costly, so we must hope for the best!

We are hoping the Easter American may prove a popular innovation, and that some people only able to play during the school holidays, will be induced to come.

### Hove

The Hove Lawns Croquet Club had a very successful first season in 1964, so to start activities for 1965, they held a Dinner & Social at Langfords Hotel, Hove, on Friday March 12th which was most successful and enjoyed.

The 1965 Season opens on May 1st, when the Mayor of Hove has kindly consented to open the season's play on Hove Lawns at 10.20 a.m.

### Roehampton

At our Annual General Meeting held in late November, we were delighted to see, amongst others, Monty Spencer-Ell looking very fit again. Our Chairman Mr. B. Gilbert gave his report which revealed a welcome increase in the membership of 12. He expressed the feeling of all when he congratulated the staff on the excellency of the lawns throughout the year. He finished by congratulating Mr. Derek Caporn on the continued success of the Roehampton League, which had done so much to stimulate Croquet generally. Miss Lintern, our Captain, then reported on the events of the past season. She congratulated all the winners of the Club events, but in particular Mr. Roger Hicks for winning the C.A. Surrey Cup, to Mr. D. Caporn on winning the Gilbey Cup, and Miss G. W. Bartlett (who unhappily at the time was still in hospital but who is now back home having made a wonderful recovery, and is now getting around with only the assistance of a stick) on her victory in Gilbey "D" Block (a wonderful achievement at the age of 85). Miss Lintern noted that Roehampton had 4 players selected for the Surrey Cup, and 3 for the Ladies Field Competition—a very good representation. A discussion followed in which Mr. Reckitt suggested we tried Doubles with a low and high bisquer paired, the latter starting at the first hoop and the former from 3 back, the high bisquer taking all the bisques. Mr. Riggall made a passionate plea for all players to wear white, which received a great deal of support. Miss Lintern then presented the cups, after which we retired to a sumptuous tea.

Indoor Croquet has continued throughout the winter, with many exciting games. Mr. Gilbert is to be congratulated on making us new hoops that are quite professional. We are looking forward to the 1965 season, and hope for a fine summer once again. D.C.C.,

## SUBSCRIPTIONS and TRIBUTE, 1965

### A. Subscriptions

- Standard rate: £2 10s. 0d.
- Reduced rates: (a) Junior Members £1 10s. 0d.  
(b) Golf Croquet Only, and Non-Tournament Members £1 10s. 0d.  
(c) Overseas Members £1 1s. 0d.
- Life Membership £35 0s. 0d.

### B. Tribute

Tribute is payable by non-Associates who enter any Tournaments in the list of Calendar Fixtures published in "Croquet" except the All England Handicap, the Longman Cup, and the Inter-Counties Championship, at the following rates:

- 25/- per Tournament, or 12/6 for one event only per Tournament.
- 10/- per Evening, Weekend, or other Short Tournament, or 5/- for one event only per Tournament in this category.

### Note

- Evening Tournaments are those which start at 4 p.m. or later and which do not last longer than one week.
- Weekend and other Short Tournaments are those which do not exceed four days' duration.
- Regarding category (b) above, the words "one event only" apply both to the player and to the Tournament itself, that is to say a non-Associate entering one event only in a multi-event Tournament is liable for Tribute at 5/-; and if a Tournament consists of one event only the liability of each non-Associate entrant is 5/-.
- Players are reminded of the once-for-all benefit by which no Tribute is payable by a non-Associate entering a Calendar Fixture for the first time.
- Levy is payable by all competitors in Official Tournaments and forms part of the entry fee charged. The rate is 3/6 per event. Provided an Official Tournament is held, every club is entitled to include in the List of Calendar Fixtures one Unofficial Tournament free of any levy. In the respect of a second and all subsequent unofficial Tournaments, half levy is payable, i.e. 1/9.

## NEW ASSOCIATES

C. B. Sanford	5 Courtfield Road, S.W.5.
R. G. W. Wing	113 Barkstone Gardens, S.W.5.
Mrs. P. M. Dehn	11 Adelaide Mansions, Kingsway, Hove 3.
J. L. Mousley	N.I.A.E., Wrest Park, Silsoe, Beds.
W. E. Moore	Mulberry Cottage, Elmside, Budleigh Salterton.
Mrs. H. V. Brown-Jones	49 Clivedon Court, London Rd., Brighton 6.
Mrs. E. E. Bressey	Wall Garth, Coombe End, Kingston-upon-Thames.
J. L. Sanders	245 Goldhurst Road, N.W.6.
G. H. Bamford	32 Roehampton Close, Roehampton Lane, S.W.15.
W. P. H. Roe	3 The Avenue, Old Shoreham by Sea.
Mrs. R. J. Corbett	Tyes Barn, Sharptherne, nr. East Grinstead, Sussex.
Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Jupe	Prince's Cottage, 16 The Paragon, Clifton, Bristol, 8.

## OBITUARY

### MRS. C. A. G. MONEY

Mrs. Money was a loyal associate for over 30 years. For many years she was a member of the Cheltenham Club; and was the donor of the Money Salver, played for annually at the Cheltenham Tournament. Her lowest handicap—of 3—was achieved at the Budleigh Salterton Club, where she will be greatly missed by her many friends.

H. O. H.

## MISS D. D. STEEL

The death of Dorothy Dyne Steel on January 22nd in her 81st year has deprived our game of one of the most notable figures and formidable players that croquet has ever known. From 1922, in which year she won the Beddow Cup on her first appearance in the competition, right down to the outbreak of war in 1939, she was probably the most infallible 'machine for victory' in the history of the game. Other players in those years may have been more attractive to watch, none was more unrewarding to battle with. To be drawn against Miss Steel at this time elicited the same gasp of dismay as did a similar fate in drawing Humphrey Hicks in the late nineteen-forties or does drawing John Solomon today. She relished her supremacy, and finding herself once described as 'Stainless Steel' by an admiring commentator was altogether delighted.

'D.D.', as we all called her, held her mallet at the top of the shaft with an overlapping grip which looked as if it must have involved a great strain on her wrists, and indeed it was her wrists which towards the end of her career did give way. Watching her play it was not immediately evident why she was so continuously successful. For one thing she was not a very reliable hoop-runner, often enough only 'struggling through' with no prospect of obtaining a forward rush. This she well knew herself, reluctant as she might have been to admit it, and she kept her companion ball at the side of the hoop to minimise the risk of being hoop-bound. The fact was that her split shots were so consistently accurate that she did not need any rushes to make her breaks easier. She was as impeccable a player of three-ball breaks as this writer can recall having witnessed at any period of the game.

Miss Steel was not a conspicuously enterprising performer; she would 'go all out for the big thing' when she felt that circumstances demanded it, but she preferred so to direct her games that such situations were unlikely to arise. She greatly disliked the introduction of 'lifts', which seemed to her to offer players opportunities which they had done nothing to deserve, and with the introduction of the second lift she regarded the great days of croquet as over. But she had two of the capacities which mark the master player. First, she never played better than when she was up against it; others may have been better long shots, but there were few who hit as many shots that 'had' to be hit as she did. Again, she had the perfect 'touch' which guarantees accuracy on very fast courts. If it rained the night before you had to play her you might have chances against her that you would have been unlikely to have got if it had not.

Another characteristic of 'D.D.' was the perfect rhythm of her breaks. She moved at an absolutely even pace from the first stroke of her turns to the last; there was never any acceleration such as even some of our best players are apt to display, nor any slackening off. The effect was almost hypnotic, and it may have been a touch of jealousy which made some of her rivals liken her to a machine. Such concentration on the job producing such accuracy, however, is rather to be envied than denigrated.

Miss Steel learnt the game at the once famous Bedford Club; beginning in 1908, she won her Silver Medal the following year (these awards were for a number of reasons easier to obtain in those years than they are now). Her rise to the top was not sensationally swift, but by 1912 she had earned a place in the Ladies Field Cup and two years later she won the competition. The War once over, from 1919 onwards the catalogue of her successes is so rich and varied that it would be tedious to recite them here; the most notable are to be found in the C.A. Handbook, which it is a clear duty of—and pleasure for—every associate to possess. In the twenty-one years between the Wars she won the Women's Championship fifteen times (no other lady won it more than once), and on several of the occasions on which she was not a winner she had not been a competitor. She won the Open Championship in those highly competitive years four times; she won the Beddow Cup outright in 1933 with her fourth victory, and when the President's Cup was donated to succeed it she immediately won that. She won the Open Doubles Championship five times with three different partners and the Mixed Doubles Championship six times, again with three. Her most famous Doubles partner was Col. Du Pre, and she had a wonderful record with him in the International Matches, in which she represented her country in every match in the series played here in 1925 and 1937, and in that played in the Antipodes in 1927.

A brief reference must be made to Miss Steel's skill as a captain in Handicap Doubles, for she was one of the best of these, both as 'psychologist' and executant, that this writer can recall, only William Longman, Humphrey Hicks and Miss Lintern being in the same class in this highly specialised art.

After World War II, 'D.D.', handicapped by problems of eyesight and strained wrists, became unable to maintain her form. At our tournaments she was soon to be seen more often as a Manager, serene, capable, yet in this sphere too perhaps formidable on occasion!

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It is sad for those of us who remember her in her long reign as queen of the courts to think that we shall see her no more, apple-cheeked, with her blue eyes gleaming through her spectacles, striding with her curious springy step on the balls of her feet to yet another relentless victory. 'D.D.' had her critics, as she had perhaps her faults and her limitations. But take her for all in all, we shall not look upon her like again.

M. B. R.

#### MR. F. W. WARD

Older players will be very sorry to hear of the death in February of Mr. F. W. Ward of Elberton near Bristol. He had been a member of the Bristol Croquet Club for many years and will always be remembered for his kindness to everyone and for his generosity to the club. He was playing until two years ago and we were very glad to see him when he came to watch last summer.

In his day he had been a fine player, three times being in the Best Ten, once the runner-up.

We shall miss him.

G.L.O.

## Correspondence

DEAR SIR,

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden has kindly consented to collect a team to represent Sussex in the Inter-County Championships. Would any C.A. member eligible for Sussex, and willing to play, please write to her at Rostrevor, Seaford, Sussex. (Tel. 4130).

Yours faithfully,

KATHERINE LONGMAN.

DEAR SIR,

Mr. Alex Karmel's well balanced letter on this "knocking up" problem makes sound reading; but may I comment on a point he makes. "Whilst it may not be of great matter to Class A players whether or not they have a 'knock up'..." I submit to a very small number of Class A players a "knock up" would tend to remove one of the subtle skills of the game, i.e. to find out the pace of the court quickly. This can be a vital matter between winning or losing on the fourth or fifth stroke, but again the number of players it affects is in single figures.

Yours faithfully,

W. R. D. WIGGINS.

DEAR SIR,

At the Bar it is not always that a "junior" agrees with every word written by his "Leader".

It is, therefore, every satisfaction for me to say that Mr. Karmel says everything which ought to be said in his letter to you in the December issue.

It is, therefore, in my view, very regrettable that the two-minute "knock up" has been debarred. I should have thought it only reasonable to enable players who are strangers, and those that have to make long journeys, a meagre two minutes "knock up" to give them some feeling of the ground and atmosphere. The "locals" don't want it!

I might add to the examples quoted by Mr. Karmel, e.g. tennis players, etc., cricketers who, even in a Test Match, are permitted to practice at a net where the grass, light and weather conditions are the same as "in the middle".

Yours faithfully,

W. B. FRANKLIN.

DEAR SIR,

I have been accustomed at this time of year to report on the progress of my History of Croquet. This has now been completed down to 1950, and runs to about 700 pages. My desire is to take the work down to about 1967, which year has a special significance in being the centenary of the tournament recognised as the first "Open Championship". It will also mark the 70th anniversary of the formal foundation of the Croquet Association, and so seems to suggest a suitable termination for the work. When I shall be able to reach this point I cannot at present foresee—or even whether I shall survive to do so. If not, the task will be finished by another hand.

The typescript is stored in a series of files in the C.A. office and may be borrowed from there, in the case of London residents, by arrangement with the Secretary.

Yours faithfully,

MAURICE B. RECKITT.

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DEAR SIR,

Some Kent croquet players are anxious to start a club near Tunbridge Wells.

Two full-sized lawns have been found in the grounds of a country house, but the lawns have not been used since the war, and need much hard work and money to re-claim them.

This is now being done. We cannot enrol members till we have the lawns available, and we cannot get the lawns prepared without the money.

The Croquet Association has very generously started us off with a gift of twenty-five pounds, and another hundred pounds has been given anonymously.

If any lovers of the game would like to help us, we would be more than grateful, and if any donation is sent to me I will see it is well used.

Yours faithfully,

GERALD WILLIAMS.

## A Pinch of Salt

Half a croquet player's art is in recounting his games not only for the remainder of the season, but for many, many winters after. The use of figurative language is equalled only by the angler and the golfer; a short glossary is appended.

**Singles**

1. I missed a long rush . . . *I missed a short roquet.*
2. I left a perfect wired rush, and would you believe it?—he hit! . . . *Idiotically, I'd wired his two balls as well, and he hit the eighteen-inch lift shot.*
3. That young man has got too many bisques . . . *He beat me.*
4. I can't play properly with black and blue . . . *The same applies to red and yellow.*
5. Anyway, I prefer to be beaten by 26 than by 25 . . . *I approached the first hoop five times, and blobbed it each time.*
6. I beat Solomon . . . *to the bar.*
7. I'm not as good as I was . . . *I never have been.*
8. I have played worse . . . *I played brilliantly, but for God's sake don't tell anyone, or they'll reduce my handicap.*

**Doubles**

1. My partner missed a short rush . . . *He missed a long roquet.*
2. It took me some time to get my partner round . . . *Due to my moronic tactics, we couldn't get the innings, but then my partner hit in and went round to penultimate.*
3. After that the game was virtually over . . . *We lost by 16.*
4. My partner couldn't hit a thing . . . *I took all the shots.*
5. My partner's not as good as he was . . . *He's 96 next birthday.*

## "BEST TENS" IN NEW ZEALAND

The arrival of the December number of the "New Zealand Croquet Gazette" contains information which should be of special interest to British readers, for it tells of the two "Best Tens" which are henceforward to form a permanent feature of the N.Z.C.C.'s annual programme. The special interest to us in this is due partly to the fact that the trophies competed for were presented to their Council by the English Team at the conclusion of the International Tests in 1963. The use to which they should be put was, of course, left to the N.Z.C.C. to decide, but their decision to initiate contests in some ways analogous to our President's and Surrey Cups is one which the C.A. has particular reason to welcome.

The Senior Invitation event, played at Lower Hutt for the Silver Tray resulted as follows:

J. Prince 16, Mrs. Jarden 15, G. D. Rowling 13, Mrs. Hight 9, Mrs. Middlemiss 8, Mrs. Wadsworth 8, A. G. F. Ross 8, Mrs. Collins 5, Mrs. Leitch 4, Mrs. Lockett 4.

Eight of those invited were unable to accept, these including (to mention only names known here) A. D. Heenan, David Curtis and A. Brown of Dannevirke.

John Prince will of course be remembered as the young player who made so strong a challenge to John Solomon during our team's visit to New Zealand and on one occasion defeated him. To have lost only two games (to Ross and Rowling) is a fine record in such a competition as this, and he had five triple peels to his credit. That Mrs. Jarden should come such a close second will surprise none who are familiar with her consistently fine play.

The Junior Invitation event differs from our Surrey Cup in being explicitly a B class contest, for three bisquers and over. The Gold Challenge Cup for this went to K. Woollett of Wanganui who won all his 18 games. Presumably he is unlikely to be given a chance of defending it.

## TOURNAMENTS

### GENERAL CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION

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

1. The tournament will be played under the Laws of Association Croquet and the Regulations for Official Tournaments.
2. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse an entry without giving a reason. In particular, entries will not be accepted in excess of the capacity of the courts.
3. If there are very few entries for an event, the Manager may play it on the American system, even though otherwise advertised.
4. Hoops will be 3½ in. wide. Jaques "Eclipse" balls will be used.
5. Flat-soled footwear must be worn on the lawns.
6. In C.A. tournaments no leave will be granted before the draw has been made. Applications for leave on the first day will be considered immediately after the draw by the Manager or a deputy authorised by him. Leave on other days may be given by the Manager only. In other tournaments leave may be granted by the Manager or his authorized deputy, if the needs of the tournament permit.
7. Entries for C.A. tournaments must be made on Official Forms and must be accompanied by the entrance fee (which includes levy) and any Tribute due. Tribute is payable at the rate of 25s. per tournament or 12s. 6d. for one event only, for all Calendar Fixtures, Official or Non-Official, by all except those competitors paying the standard rate of subscription (i.e. 50s.) and Junior members or others playing in their first Tournament. It is helpful if entries for other Tournaments are made on the Official Forms. In any case entrants should give the address and telephone numbers if possible, which will find them during the tournament: entrance fees and any Tribute due must be paid before the draw.
8. Winners of Trophies will hold them for one year or until next competed for, whichever period is shorter.
9. [i] Play will normally commence at 10 a.m. each day, but the Manager may arrange an earlier start if he feels it desirable.  
[ii] All competitors must report to the Manager on arrival. Any competitor who is not present or is otherwise unable to play when called upon to do so will be liable to be scratched.
10. Competitors will be made Honorary members of the Club for the duration of the tournament.

THESE CONDITIONS APPLY TO ALL TOURNAMENTS EXCEPT WHEN OTHERWISE STATED.

## LONGMAN CLUB TEAM CUP

(Handicap)

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager.—Miss D. A. Lintern.

Referee and Handicapper.—Miss D. A. Lintern.

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

Holder: 1964 Wrest Park

Open to bona fide members of Registered Clubs.

No individual may play for more than one Club during the competition in any year.

Teams shall consist of 4 players. The gross handicap of a team must be at least 16 bisques, and the gross handicap of any pair in doubles must be at least 8 bisques. Every competitor must have a handicap of at least 1½ bisques.

The first Club drawn will have choice of venue, provided the Club have three lawns available for the match, otherwise it will be played on the opponents ground, unless they also have less than three lawns available.

The match will consist of 3 Singles and 2 Doubles. If neither Club have three available lawns, then the match will be 2 Singles and 2 Doubles. If there is a tie of 2 games each, the match will be decided on points.

Clubs will be drawn on a Regional Basis as convenient as is possible.

Full results of matches must be sent by the winning team to the Secretary of the C.A.

There are no entry fees.

Entries must reach the Secretary of the C.A., by 30th April, 1965.

## ALL-ENGLAND HANDICAP

1964 Winner—R. G. S. Shewan (2)

Committee and Secretary.—The Tournament Committee and Secretary of the Croquet Association.

Manager, Referee and Handicapper.—Miss D. A. Lintern.

General.—Competitors must be members of the C.A. or members of a Registered Croquet Club. A member of the C.A. not being a member of a Registered Club must arrange to play at a Registered Club. A Competitor may not play in more than one Registered Club's Competition. Matches of single games throughout.

Club Secretaries are asked to notify the Secretary, C.A., that they are entering their Club for the competition by **May 28th**.

The winners as well as the Club Secretaries are responsible for sending the winner's name to the C.A. Secretary, to reach her by 24th August.

Preliminary Stage.—Club competitions to be finished by the 21st August. Clubs entering 16 to 31 competitors will be entitled to have two representatives in the Final Stage.

Final Stages.—The Club representatives will be drawn on the Bagnall-Wild System and will meet in London during the period extending over September 14th to 16th.

Qualification to hold a competition.—A Club must have an entry of not less than four competitors to be eligible. In any match of the final stages a competitor shall play on the C.A. handicap that he would have been playing in at an Official Tournament.

Entry Fees.—Entry fee for each competitor 3s. 6d. to be paid to the Club Secretary. 1s. 6d. of the Entry Fee will be retained by the Competitor's Club, and 2s. will be sent to the Secretary, C.A., by the Club Secretary.

Matches of single games throughout.

Prizes.—Winner and Runner-up: The Tingey Trophies and Bronze Medals; others in the last eight, Bronze medals. Winner's Club holds the New Zealand Plaque. Holder: Cheltenham.

## THE PEEL MEMORIALS

will be played for at the

ROEHAMPTON CLUB on MONDAY, MAY 10th, and five following days

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager.—J. B. Gilbert.

Referees and Handicappers.—Miss D. A. Lintern and M. B. Reckitt.

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

EVENTS

Open to Associates only

- 1.—PEEL MEMORIAL SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL. Handicap Singles for Men. Entrance Fee, 15s. This Event will be played under the "Two Life" system. Holder: D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller.
- 2.—PEEL MEMORIAL SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL. Handicap Singles for Women. Entrance Fee, 15s. This Event will be played under the "Two Life" system. Holder: Mrs. A. Neville-Rolfe.
- 3.—HANDICAP DOUBLES (combined handicaps two or over). THE LADY MURRAY MEMORIAL SILVER CHALLENGE CUPS. Entries must be made in pairs. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. each person. Holders: Capt. H. G. Stoker and Mrs. A. Neville-Rolfe.

Entries on official forms accompanied by the entrance fees for Events 1 and 2 must reach the Secretary, C.A., not later than the first post on Wednesday, May 5th, and for Event 3 by noon on Tuesday, May 11th. Entries will be limited. Competitors wishing to play in Doubles are advised to enter on their official entry forms.

The Draw for Events 1 and 2 will take place at the Croquet Association Offices, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6., on Wednesday, May 5th, at 11 a.m.

Competitors who are not members of the Roehampton Club will be made Honorary Members of the Club for the duration of the tournament.

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## BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

THE LAWN TENNIS AND CROQUET CLUB

### CROQUET TOURNAMENTS 1965

- A. AN UNOFFICIAL (AMERICAN) TOURNAMENT  
May 3rd to May 8th.
- B. AN UNOFFICIAL (AMERICAN) TOURNAMENT  
June 28th to July 2nd.
- C. AN UNOFFICIAL OPEN TOURNAMENT  
July 5th to July 10th.

Chairman of the Tournament Committee.—D. J. Bird, Esq.  
Tournament Secretary.—Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave. (Tel. B.S. 447).

Details of B and C will be published in the June Gazette, but are available on application to the Secretary.

### UNOFFICIAL TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, MAY 3rd to SATURDAY, MAY 8th.

Manager and Handicapper.—Miss A. E. Mills.  
Referee of the Tournament.—J. G. Warwick.

### EVENTS

- 1.—AN AMERICAN SINGLES HANDICAP EVENT. The "Godfrey Turner" Challenge Cup and the "L. G. Walters" Long Handicap Challenge Trophy. Holders: Col. W. R. Healing and Mrs. W. Nash. Competitors will be arranged in blocks according to handicap and the number of entries received; winners of blocks will "play-off".

A. and B. blocks will play full game; C. block will start at the 3rd hoop; D. and E. blocks will start at the 5th hoop (according to entries). Entrance Fee, 14/-.

Entries to reach the Secretary by first post, Wednesday, 28th April.

- 2.—A HANDICAP DOUBLES EVENT. (Knock Out). Combined handicaps to be not less than 6 bisques. All games start at the 3rd hoop. Entrance Fee, 6/-.  
Entries to reach the Secretary by MIDDAY, Tuesday, May 4th.

### GENERAL NOTES

Entries should be sent on the official C.A. forms, please, accompanied by entrance fees.

Prizes. 1st and 2nd prizes will be given for all events.  
3rd and other prizes will depend on the number of entries.  
Extra Events. An Extra event will be arranged if time permits.

### CLUB NOTES

Sandwich Lunches and Teas will be available at the Club.  
Bridge rooms are available at the Club.  
Stakes are 3d. or 6d.

## HUNSTANTON

NORFOLK

### AN AMERICAN TOURNAMENT (UNOFFICIAL)

will be held in the Club grounds  
from APRIL 23rd to 26th, 1965

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Club.  
Hon. Secretary.—Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe, The Cottage, Heacham, Norfolk.

### EVENT

Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.

- 1.—HANDICAP SINGLES. Competitions will be arranged in blocks according to handicap and the number of entries received.

An extra event will be arranged if time permits.

Entries must be received by first post on Wednesday, April 21st.

Competitors unable to stay later than Sunday, 25th April, should state this on their entry form.

## SOUTHWICK

### ANNUAL SPRING CROQUET TOURNAMENT

(Unofficial)

### VICTORIA ROAD, SOUTHWICK

Monday, May 17th, 1965 and five following days.

Manager and Handicapper.—Major J. H. Dibley, M.C.  
Referee.—Mr. E. A. Roper.  
Tourn. Secretary.—Mr. W. H. Austin, Flat A; 3, Victoria Road, Southwick, Sussex. Phone 2607.

### EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. THE "ABBEY" CHALLENGE CUP. Presented by W. H. Abbey, Esq. Entrance Fee, 13s. 6d. Draw and Process, Law 36.
- 2.—"B" LEVEL SINGLES. (3½—7), (Law 37). Entrance Fee 11s. 6d.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 7½ and over. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. (Jellicorse Cup). Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. (Combined H'caps not less than 4). Games in this Event to start at No. 3 Hoop, with a time limit of 3½ hours. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. for each player.

Competitors may enter for three out of the five events.  
Extra event, time permitting.

### ENTRIES

Entries must be on official forms please, with Entry Fees for events 1, 2, 3 and 4 to reach the Tournament Secretary by the first post on Wednesday, May 12th; those for Event 5 may be made on the ground up to 2 p.m., Tuesday, May 18th.

The Draw for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 will take place at Southwick on Thursday, May 13th, at 2.30 p.m. Event 5 on Tuesday May 18th, at 2.30 p.m.

Players coming from a distance requiring leave should notify it on their Entry Form. No leave will be granted later than 12 noon Monday, unless the exigencies of the Draw permit.

Prizes according to Entries.

Eleven Courts will be available.

Light Luncheons and Teas will be obtainable.

Motor Bus Service from BRIGHTON every 10 minutes. Train service to Southwick Station.

Free parking for Cars on the Ground.

## WOKING

### AMERICAN HANDICAP SINGLES TOURNAMENT

(Unofficial)

will be held at the Club at Hook Heath Road, Woking Surrey,  
FROM FRIDAY, 18th to MONDAY, 21st JUNE (incl.)

Competitors will be arranged in blocks according to handicap.  
Guaranteed minimum of 5 games. Extra event if time permits.

Entrance Fee 10s.

Entries by first post Monday, 14th June to D. C. Caporn, Hampton Court Palace, East Molesey, Surrey.

If requested at time of entry every effort will be made to grant leave to working players on the Friday and to complete their games by Sunday and likewise for anyone playing at Parkstone on the Monday.

Entries may have to be limited so please enter as early as possible.

## THE INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

will be played for at the  
HURLINGHAM CLUB on TUESDAY, MAY 25th and during  
the week

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager.—Mrs. G. E. Cave.

Referee.—J. G. Warwick.

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

Holder.—Middlesex

### CONDITIONS

1. The team for each County consists of three pairs, and the qualifications to represent a County are:—

- (a) Birth in the County, or  
(b) Present residence in the County of two years standing, or  
(c) A previous residence in the County for an uninterrupted period of five years, other than as a pupil in a school or college.  
(d) No one is qualified to represent a County who has represented a different County in the year immediately preceding the competition unless he has previously represented that County, or except in the case of a County which has not competed during the past five years, or unless the County he has represented in the previous year is not competing.  
(e) A playing member of a registered Croquet Club, of not less than two years standing, not being invited to play for a County for which he is eligible, or being eligible for a County which does not enter a team may play for the County in which his Club is situated.

2. A player living in a house other than as an owner or occupier shall only be eligible on satisfying the Council that he or she is a bona fide resident in the County.

3. All qualifications must be accurately defined when the names of the teams are submitted.

4. Each County shall appoint a duly qualified Captain.

5. The Collector of a team shall send to the Secretary, C.A., before April 30th, a list of the names of not more than eight players, from which the playing team of three pairs for any match must be selected, and the name of the Captain. In a match the players may be combined to form pairs in any manner that the Captain thinks fit, but the pairs must be arranged in the order of the joint number of bisques, the lowest amount corresponding to the "A" pair, the highest to the "C" pair. The constitution of the team must be given to the Manager before any match. If in any match only two pairs from a team should be available for play, these pairs must be matched against the "A" and "B" pairs of the opposing team.

6. If the number of Counties entering is too large to permit each County to play all the others, they will be so drawn as to allow any County to play as many other Counties as time permits.

7. The winning County shall be that which wins the greatest percentage of any matches played. In the event of a tie between two or more Counties the County which has won the greatest number of games shall be the winner. Provided that in the event of all Counties not being drawn to play the same number of matches the Manager shall have power in the later stages of the competition to withdraw matches unplayed which have no material influence in the result and substitute others if thereby an equal number of matches are ensured to the leading Counties. If there still be a tie the Challenge Cup shall be held jointly.

8. Entries must reach the Secretary, C.A., by April 26th, 1965.

9. A limit of 3½ hours will be imposed on all games. Two rounds a day will be played. Play will not normally extend beyond 6.30 p.m.

10. Law 37 will operate.

No Entrance Fee.

## THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

will be played at the  
ROEHAMPTON CLUB on MONDAY, MAY 31st, and following  
days

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager and Handicapper.—L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts.

Referee.—Mrs. E. Reeve.

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

### EVENTS

Open to Associates only

1.—THE MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP. Entrance Fee, 15s. Matches best of three games. Prizes: The winner holds for the year the Gold Challenge Casket presented by the late Viscount Doneraile, and a Challenge Trophy presented by the late Sir Francis Colchester-Wemyss, K.B.E., and the late Col. C. E. Wilson, and will receive a medal. Holder: J. W. Solomon.

2.—THE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP. Entrance Fee, 15s. Matches best of three games. Prizes: The winner holds for the year the Gold Challenge Casket presented by the late Viscount Doneraile, a Silver Challenge Bowl presented by "The Ladies' Field", the Gold Challenge Badge and Gold Locket, and will receive a medal. Holder: Mrs. E. Rotherham.

3.—THE MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP. Entrance Fee, 13s each person. Matches of single games. Prizes: A pair of Silver Challenge Cups presented by the All-England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club. Holders: D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and Mrs. E. Rotherham.

4.—THE "DU PRE" CUP. Open to competitors in Events 1 and 2 who have not qualified for the third round or at the discretion of the Manager. Matches of single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 10s. Level play. Prize: A Challenge Cup presented by the late Lt.-Col. W. B. Du Pre. Holder: G. W. Williams.

5.—HANDICAP SINGLES. For Associates and Non-Associates who have not entered for any other Event and whose croquet is normally restricted to evening and week-end play, except for holidays. No Tribute; Entrance Fee 5s. Competitors will not be required to play before Tuesday, June 1st, 6 p.m. (except on Saturday), but it is suggested that they should arrive before this hour if possible, so that if courts become available an earlier start can be made or if not some good croquet can be watched. At the same time it must be realised that the exigencies of other events may necessitate a later start. Play will continue until dusk. Competitors will be advised which days they must attend. Holder: Mrs. J. Power.

### ENTRIES

Entries accompanied by the Entrance Fees for Events 1, 2 and 5 must be sent to the Secretary, C.A., Hurlingham Club, S.W.6., so as to reach her not later than the first post on Wednesday, May 26th, and for Event 3 by noon on Tuesday, June 1st. Entries for Event 4 can be received on the ground.

The Draw for Events 1, 2 and 5 will take place at the Hurlingham Club, on Wednesday, May 26th at 6 p.m. and for Events 3 and 4 on the ground.

Play daily unless otherwise notified. The semi-finals and finals will be so arranged that play in them will extend over the afternoons of Friday and Saturday.

Competitors who are not members of the Roehampton Club will be made members for the duration of the Tournament.

## RYDE

Forty-seventh Annual

### OPEN CROQUET TOURNAMENT

will be held on

Monday, May 31st, 1965, and following days

at the CLUB GROUND, PLAY STREET LANE, RYDE, I.O.W.  
(Tel. RYDE 2095)

Committee.—Croquet Committee of the Club.

Manager and Handicapper.—Major J. H. Dibley, M.C.

Referee.—Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith.

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

## EVENTS

- 1.—ISLE OF WIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP. Open Singles. THE CHALLENGE TROPHY. Draw and Process. Present Holder: W. B. C. Paynter. Entrance Fee, 12s 6d.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES (Class B). THE CHAPMAN CUP. Open to players of 3 to 7 bisques. Entrance Fee, 10s. Present Holder: Mrs. J. G. Stevenson.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES (Class C). THE HUTTON CUP. Open to players of 7½ bisques or more. Entrance Fee, 10s. Present Holder: Miss M. Bryan.  
No player may enter for more than one of the above Events.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES (X.Y.). X—THE DIBLEY CUP. Present Holder: Captain W. A. T. Syngé. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. Y—THE BENEST CUP. Present Holder: Dr. W. F. W. Betenson.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. THE BIRCH CUPS. Restricted to combined handicap of 2 and over. Commencing at No. 3 hoop. Time limit 3½ hours. Entrance Fee, 9s. each player. Present Holders: W. B. C. Paynter and Mrs. J. G. Stevenson.

## ENTRIES

For Events 1 to 4, together with Fees and C.A. Tribute of 25/- where payable, must reach the Hon. Secretary by first post on Thursday, May 27th 1965. Entries for Doubles, Event 5, close on the Ground at noon, Tuesday June 1st.

The Draw for Events 1 to 4 will take place at the Club Pavilion at 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 27th. For Doubles at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1st.

Five lawns provided.

Luncheons and Teas provided in the Pavilion. A Motor Bus from the Pier sets down passengers close to the Club.

HOTELS.—Spencer's Inn, Squadron Hotel and Yelf's Hotel (all in Union Street). Osborne Hotel, The Esplanade. Dean House, Hotel, Dover Street.

## PARKSTONE (EAST DORSET)

## CROQUET TOURNAMENT

Monday, June 21st to Saturday, June 26th, 1965

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

## EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES (Draw and Process). Dorset Salver. Entrance Fee, 12/-
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES. Law 36 operates. For players of 2½-6 bisques inclusive. Evans Trophy. Entrance Fee, 10/-
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. For players of 6½ bisques and over. Cope Cup. Entrance Fee, 10/-
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES 'X.' 'Y.' (Unrestricted) Bishop Cup and Evans Rose Bowl. Entrance Fee, 10/6.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicaps to be not less than 2 bisques. Starting at 3rd. hoop. Entrance Fee, 10/- each player.

## CONDITIONS

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 must reach the Hon. Secretary by midday Thursday, June 17th.

Entries for Event 5 will close on Monday, June 21st. This Event will start on Tuesday morning, June 22nd.

The Draw will take place at the Club on Thursday, June 17th at 3 p.m.

No player may enter for more than one Event of Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Five or six courts will be provided.

Play will commence at 10 a.m., or earlier if necessary, and players must be prepared to play up to 7 p.m.

Lunch and Tea is provided by the Club at moderate prices.

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## CARRICKMINES

## CROQUET AND LAWN TENNIS CLUB

## CROQUET TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, 12th JUNE to SATURDAY, 19th JUNE, 1965.

Hon. Sec.—D. F. Strachan, Shankill House, Shankill, Co. Dublin.

- 1.—CHAMPIONSHIP OF IRELAND. SILVER SALVER (perpetual). For players of 3 bisques and under. Entrance Fee, 12s.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES. STEEL CUP (perpetual). For players of 3½ bisques and over. Single games. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 3.—LEVEL SINGLES. GREEN CUP (perpetual). For players of 6 bisques and over. Single games. No lifts. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. FOUNDERS CUP (perpetual). Single games. Entrance Fee, 8s.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. STONEBROOK CUPS (perpetual). Combined handicap not less than 2. Entrance Fee, 8s. each player. Time Limit may be enforced in this event.

Entries for all events close on Saturday, 5th June at 6 p.m.

Flat-soled footwear must be worn.

The draw will take place in the Club on Tuesday, 8th June at 6 p.m.

Play will begin on Saturday, 12th June at 10 a.m. Players who are Irish residents must be available on that day.

Competitors from overseas will be required for play on Monday, 14th June at 10 a.m.

All competitors must be ready to play when required by the Manager.

## COMPTON, EASTBOURNE

## ANNUAL OPEN TOURNAMENT

Monday, June 14th to Saturday, June 19th

The five lawns of the Compton Club at the Saffrons will be used.

Entrance, Compton Place Road

Manager.—Major J. H. Dibley, M.C.  
Referee.—The Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury.  
Handicapper.—H. C. S. Perry.  
Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Compton Croquet Club.

## EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES (Draw and Process). Challenge Cup. Holder: Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES. For players of 3-7½ bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.
- 3.—LIMITED HANDICAP SINGLES. For players of 8 bisques or over. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES (X. Y.). Challenge Cup. Holder: Dr. H. R. McAleenan. Entrance Fee, 13s. 6d.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Open to pairs with a combined handicap of not less than 2 bisques. Games will start at 3rd hoop. Time limit 3½ hours. Entrance Fee, 10s. per player.

AN EXTRA EVENT will be arranged if possible.

Event 1 will be played under the Laws of Advanced Play, Event 2 under the Laws of Ordinary Level Singles Play and the other Events under the Laws of Handicap Play.

The Club courts only will be used.

Players may enter for only one of the first three events.

Two prizes will be given in each event if the number of entries warrants it.

Lunch and Tea will be available at the Club and there will be a Licensed Bar.

Entries to be sent to H. C. S. Perry, Hockington House, Willingdon, Eastbourne. Tel.: Eastbourne 52656. Those for Events 1 to 4 will not be accepted after first post on Wednesday, June 9th. Entries for Event 5 will be accepted up to 4 p.m. on June 14th, if the list is not already full.

The Draw for Events 1-4 will take place at the Club at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 9th.

## DEVONSHIRE PARK, EASTBOURNE

## SOUTH OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Fifty-Eighth Annual Open Tournament will take place from Monday, September 27th to Saturday, October 2nd and from Monday, October 4th to Saturday, October 9th.

Committee.—The Entertainment Committee of the County Borough of Eastbourne, and the Tournament Committee of the Council of the C.A.

Manager and Handicapper.—1st week, Major J. H. Dibley.  
2nd week, E. A. Roper.

Referee.—J. G. Warwick.

Assistant Referees will be appointed under Reg. 3 (a).

Secretary.—The Secretary, Croquet Association, Hurlingham Club, London, S.W.6.

FIRST WEEK EVENTS 1 to 7.

SECOND WEEK EVENTS 8 to 13.

## EVENTS 1ST WEEK

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. DRAW AND PROCESS. Holder of the Ionides Challenge Trophy: D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller. Entrance Fee, 15s.
- 2.—DEVONSHIRE PARK SALVER. LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at ½ to 3 inclusive. Holder: Mrs. A. M. Daniels. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.
- 3.—LUARD CUP. LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 3½ to 6 inclusive. Holder: R. A. Simpson. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.
- 4.—TREVOR WILLIAMS CUP. LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 6½ to 8 inclusive. Holder: A. V. Rutland. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.
- 5.—FELIX CUP. HANDICAP SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 9 bisques or more. Holder: M. Vlasto. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.
- 6.—HANDICAP SINGLES "X.Y.". THE SUSSEX CHALLENGE CUP. Holders: "X" G. Williams. "Y" Mrs. H. M. Read. To be drawn in one block. Entrance Fee, 15s.
- 7.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Open to pairs with a combined handicap of not less than 2 bisques. All games start at the 3rd hoop. Time limit 3½ hours. Winners 1964: Lt.-Col. and Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. each competitor.

## EVENTS 2ND WEEK

- 8.—MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Holder of the O'Callaghan Gold Challenge Cup: J. G. Warwick. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.
- 9.—WOMEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Holder of the Franc Challenge Trophy: Miss E. J. Warwick. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.
- 10.—HANDICAP SINGLES "X.Y.". THE SUSSEX UNION CHALLENGE CUP. Holders: "X" Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard. "Y" Dr. H. J. Penny. To be drawn in one block. Entrance Fee, 15s.
- 11.—RESTRICTED HANDICAP SINGLES. Restricted to competitors who have not entered for Events 8 and 9. Winners 1964: Capt. W. A. T. Syngé. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.
- 12.—OPEN DOUBLES. CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. The Victor Vases. Holders: L. Kirk-Greene and Mrs. W. Longman. Entrance Fee, 13s. each competitor.
- 13.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Open to pairs with a combined handicap of not less than 4 bisques. Players who enter for event 12 may not enter for this event. All games start at the 3rd hoop. Time limit 3½ hours. Winners 1964: R. A. and Mrs. R. A. Simpson. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d., each competitor.

## CONDITIONS

- 1.—Competitors may enter for only one of Events 1-5.
- 2.—Event 1, Draw and Process, Event 2, 3, 4 and 5 single games.
- 3.—Events 1, 8, 9, and 12, will be played under the Laws of Advanced Play and Event 2 under the Laws of Semi-Advanced Play. Events 3 and 4 under Laws of Ordinary Level Singles Play. Event 5 under the Laws of Handicap Play.

## INFORMATION

**ENTRIES, ACCOMPANIED BY ENTRANCE FEES, FOR ALL EVENTS (EXCEPT 7, 12 and 13) MUST REACH THE SECRETARY, C.A., HURLINGHAM, S.W.6. BY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th. (Do not**

send entries to Devonshire Park). Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to the Croquet Association.

Competitors may enter for Events 7, 12, and 13, in the above way, and are advised to enter with a partner as these entries will take precedence over single entries; but if there is room entries will be accepted at Devonshire Park by the Secretary up to half an hour of the time of the draw.

ADDRESSES.—Competitors are particularly requested to send with their entries the addresses and telephone numbers which will find them during the tournaments.

DRAW.—The Draw for all Events except 7, 12, and 13, will take place in the C.A. Offices, Hurlingham Club, London S.W.6, at 11.45 a.m. on Friday, September 17th. The Draw for Event 7, will take place at Devonshire Park at noon on Tuesday, September 28th and for Events 12 and 13, at Devonshire Park at noon on Tuesday, October 5th.

The Compton Club are kindly lending lawns and these will be used as and when necessary.

Entries may be limited if found necessary.

All competitors will be notified by post card the day and time on which they will be required to play.

PLAY.—Play will normally begin at 10 a.m. daily and continue until daylight fails, but the Manager may vary this, if it seems desirable.

It is particularly asked that, in the interests of the tournament, competitors who are timed for the first game each morning will be punctual and that they will be on the court and begin to play at the time stated.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Granting of any leave must depend on the needs of the Tournament.

ADMISSION.—Associates will be admitted free on production of their membership cards. Otherwise admission is 1s.

N.B.—The Match this year will be played on a date not yet decided.

## PRACTICE AND FRIENDLY GAMES

Throughout the Tournament courts will be available for practice and friendly games at the Compton Club unless they are required for Tournament matches. Special green fee 2s. 6d. for a morning or an afternoon.

## CHELTENHAM

AN AMERICAN HANDICAP SINGLES TOURNAMENT (Unofficial)

will be held in the Club grounds

over Whitsun weekend June 5th to 7th, inclusive,

Guaranteed minimum of 5 games. Additional event according to entries.

Entrance Fee 10s.

Entries to reach Tournament Secretary not later than first post Thursday, June 3rd.