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# THE 1954 SEASON

By Maurice B. Reckitt

THERE have been two exceptional features of the past season, one very pleasant, the other very much the reverse. To get the unpleasant subject over first, let us be content to put on record that 1954 gave us the chilliest and most sunless, if not actually the wettest, summer for half a century. "Everyone complains about the weather," said Mark Twain, "but no one ever does anything about it." Yet croquet players come nearer to "doing something about it" than the devotees of most games, for they play in conditions which drive cricketers and tennis players into the pavilion. The gloomy report "rain stopped play" is one that has very seldom to be recorded of our tournaments.

Yet we all felt disappointed that the weather should show itself at its worst in a summer honoured by the visit of so distinguished a player as Mr. Arthur Ross. Naturally we wished our New Zealand friends to see our croquet settings at their best. But no one took the weather more philosophically than Mr. and Mrs. Ross, nor did it seem in the least to abate the zest and the interest they showed in all they saw wherever they went. We shall all hope, however, that the team their dominion is, as we expect, to send us in 1956 will not have so surly a reception from the weather. All we can promise is that its members will receive the very warmest one from ourselves.

### Arthur Ross and "The Big Three"

The play of Mr. Ross was an attraction to all who were at the tournaments which he visited. Not only has he many beautiful strokes, but he sets an example to all of us in his brisk manner of going about the game. Sometimes it seemed that he played almost too quickly, and a missed hoop or roquet was the result. He was not always at his best, but when he was he showed himself to be the brilliant player of whom we had heard such glowing reports, and a most worthy addition to our roll of Open Champions. No victory could have been more timely or more welcome.

The chief events of the season "went round" among our finest players rather more this year than is often the case. Patrick Cotter was at his best in the Men's Championship and even more notably at the Hurlingham tournament, where he won three events. Nothing more brilliant than his victory over Ross with two perfect triples, executed in a torrential downpour, was seen throughout the summer. John Solomon shared the honours in both Doubles Championships, and played some beautiful croquet when beating Cotter in the Open. But the astonishing record of Humphrey Hicks in winning all his games in the President's Cup must rank as the most remarkable achievement of the season. To maintain such a serene mastery as he displayed right through a competition of this exacting sort may not involve anything very spectacular, but it testifies to a quality of consistency rarely to be seen in our game—or any other.

### The Next Best

So much for our Big Three, who continue to stand in a class by themselves. Among those who contrive occasionally to challenge them, Dr. Wiggins often looks the most formidable, but he did not have a good season until the closing fortnight. Major Stone was prevented by trouble with his hand from playing very often, but well deserved his wins at Woking. Mr. Kirk Greene continued to play his steady and relentless game; Arthur Ross declared that this player made fewer mistakes than anyone he had met here. The present writer was aided by the draw to reach finals in the Men's Championship and at Hurlingham and by other circumstances to win the Sussex Gold Cup, and finished in the President's Cup far higher than he had any reason to expect.

It is sometimes deplored that "there are no really good players coming on." But this is not so true as might at first sight appear. There are players who do not find it possible to appear often—or even at all—at the main London tournaments. Chief among such are the Rothwell brothers and the Beamish brothers, all of whom are, or very soon will be, good enough to stake out a claim for inclusion in the Best Eight. Of those who do sometimes appear in London, J. G. Warwick, Major Dibley, and that splendid example of skilful pertinacity, Spencer Ell, are all clearly improving players. But perhaps the most hopeful prospect of all was seen in the winner of the Gilbey Cup. Given the opportunity, William Ormerod might prove to be almost another John Solomon.

### The Ladies

Among the ladies Miss Lintern, Champion once more, continues to reign supreme, as her striking record in the Ladies' Field Cup proves. Her closest rivals this season, in their very different styles, were Mrs. Elvey and Mrs. Oddie, the former achieving by art what the latter would seem to attain to by nature. Miss Steel does not now play very often, but proved at Eastbourne that she is still a force to be reckoned with. Mrs. Rotherham did not have a very good season, but when she is playing well no one looks better. Mrs. Longman hits her ball beautifully and is a magnificent shot, but still makes too many mistakes to secure full advantage from the openings which she obtains for herself.

There are still too few among our women players who seem likely to challenge those at the top, but among those who have shown a capacity for improvement are Mrs. Fotiadi who made so notable a debut in the Ladies Eight, Mrs. Gasson, Mrs. Chittenden, and Miss Agnes Mills who has an admirable style, but needs to achieve a more closely-knit game and to improve her tactics if she is to reap full advantage from her strokes.

### Improving Players

Two players seldom seen in London, J. K. Brown and de la Nougerede, should go still further than they have done. Perhaps the greatest promise is shown by Col. Cave, who has reached the A class after a very brief experience of tournament play. Space only allows of a mere mention of some with higher handicaps who are clearly "on the way down": Major Carfrae; Mrs. Dibley (and her so promising son); Mrs. Heley; Dr. Ormerod; Mr. and Mrs. Roper; Mr. Shelley, Mr. Townsend and Mrs. Thom of the large contingent of promising players at Hurlingham; Miss Warwick, Mrs. Wooster and Mr. Whitehead. Among those higher up Brigadier-General Davidson, Dr. McAleenan, Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Haigh-Smith seem to show the most promise.

Every year takes its toll of our membership, as our obituary notices reveal, but two names call for special recollection here, those of W. H. Lyall of whom many of us have happy memories at Cheltenham and at Hyeres, and of Stanley Horsley, a fine player of many games, whose absence in particular from his "home" tournaments in Devon takes something of special pleasure from our visits to the south west.

Before passing to a brief consideration of some of the problems which the season brought to light, a word ought to be said of the notably improved entry for the "Counties"—happily a sunny week in a sunless season—and of the particularly strong challenge put up to the winners (Surrey) by the enterprising team from Hants and Dorset. Hurlingham, a very flourishing club nowadays, were deserving winners of the Club Team Cup.

### Propaganda

Much was said, in these pages and elsewhere, during the year of "propaganda." Here we really do seem to be making some advance. The efforts of the successive chairmen of our Publicity Committee have borne notable fruit, those of Mr. Brackenbury most strikingly in the founding of this journal, and those of Brigadier Stokes-Roberts in securing more attention from the press than we have received for many years. Notable efforts too were made in a number of our clubs. Here it would be invidious to particularise, but more attention seems now to be given to

tuition than was often the case before, and the very helpful article by Major Stone in our last number may assist other clubs to extend their efforts in this vital direction.

Rover's Notes in these pages have ventilated questions often discussed at our tournaments which perhaps too seldom come under review in our correspondence columns. Among these were the possibility of "seeding" the draw for important events, and the merits of "Draw and Process." In the latter connection we have heard it suggested that some consideration might be given by local tournament committees to the practice at Parkstone of applying the XY principle to the Open Event so that every entrant is assured of at least two games, yet without any risk of the congestion which "Two Lives" often causes.

### An Unsolved Problem

This season saw an extension of the experiment of appointing "intervening referees." It cannot be said that this has proved altogether a success and it is possible that by the time these words appear the Council may have decided to deal with the problem this experiment was designed to tackle in a different way. Yet that problem unhappily remains, and even seems at some of our tournaments to have become more acute. What is so particularly to be regretted is that not a few of the offenders in this respect are minus players. What such players do not seem to realize is that the "double tap" and the "shepherded" approach are not merely unskilful strokes; they are illegal and unfair methods of achieving the results desired. Yet we have heard one of our finest players declare that he can't see what harm a double tap or two *per game* should be supposed to do! The whole problem seems to have become as teasing a one as the foot fault constitutes in lawn tennis, though no doubt in either case the offence in the great majority of instances is committed without intention. Yet Wimbledon does not permit the one illegality to be perpetrated without penalty, and most croquet players surely will not desire to see a lower standard observed in their game. Happily the great majority of competitors in every case are quite innocent of these offences, and what they can do in the right way no player, least of all in the A class, has either need or excuse to do in a wrong one.

## Foul Pest

Our Intervening Referees

Have often failed, it seems, to please,

And in this troubled summer

We've heard so much of "double taps"

That now it would appear perhaps

We'd best call in a plumber! M.B.

A TOPIC that has roused considerable discussion of recent months has been the question of time limits. In England, the time limit has become an accepted condition of tournament play in some events and is applied either by limiting the play to a fixed period or by the more subtle method of a shortened game. Sometimes, however, the application of a time limit is known well in advance. In New Zealand time limits are regarded from a different angle. They are considered more as an emergency measure by which the tournament manager may hasten loitering players on their way! There are two reasons why the time limit has never been favourably regarded out here. First, the average New Zealand player does not attend more than one or two tournaments a year and, when a player has spent two days travelling to the scene of conflict, she does not usually favour the possibility of considerable expense for half a game of croquet or two hours play with a stone-waller! She wants a fight to the finish. Not only does this give her the feeling that she's "got her money's worth," regardless of the outcome, but with the example of games won by the outplayer when an opponent is for the stick, the fight to the finish is the only method whereby the best player wins. Frankly, New Zealanders (and Australians) dislike the qualified game in any sport . . . the winner must be the best.

Weighted against this attitude is that of the tournament manager who has the programme to get through. Five-hour handicap matches are certainly not conducive to her keeping things moving. Not only does the extra time mean added expense for those waiting for play-offs, but it certainly implies a rather negative approach to the proceedings by one or other (or both!) of the participants. Inevitably, a manager *did* get round to applying the time limit . . . or at least, threatened to do so. Consequently many a croquet fireside has been listening through the winter months to stories as to the wisdom of that time limit application. Not that the principle was disputed; on the whole everyone agrees that

something must be done to shorten tournaments. What has worried everyone is when and in what events to apply it. Do you advertise the whole event as being on time limit or do you weigh each case on its merits? The advertising of handicap on time limit is not popular because handicap reduction is involved and no one likes their "classification" match to be on time . . . it spoils the concentration, etc. As for weighing each case on merit . . . may be so, but sooner or later an unfair application will take place. Yet handicaps appear to be the only event for time limit.

In the case in question, the limit was threatened on an open event and it has been hotly contested, since it is argued that by so doing the nature of an "open" event was destroyed. In New Zealand the term "open" is generally accepted as implying an event as being open to all under all "natural" conditions. Is a time limit a "natural" condition? That we haven't decided yet.

It is usually the player who receives the "bouquets" and rarely the administrator. The appearance then, of Miss Edna Washer's name in place of that of Mrs. W. S. Austin as Hon. Secretary of the New Zealand Croquet Council has probably passed unnoticed by the average English player. However, news of Mrs. Austin's retirement means the departure from the New Zealand Executive of a staunch friend and supporter of the English Croquet Association. "Integrity of Office" was personified in Mrs. Austin who brought to her position, at a time when the future of the game looked bleak, the directness and tenacity of purpose so necessary to revitalize the administration of the game. Her loyalty to the home association was most pronounced and during the period when affiliated bodies were (by circumstance) forced to fend for themselves, it was in part her loyalty that discouraged the growth of a "break away" movement. Members of the English team in 1950 will remember her well.

ASHLEY HEENAN

## South African Letter

### Pretoria

THE Guide Books says 200 miles of Streets are lined with Jacaranda trees. Street after street with these lovely mauve blossoms stretching as far as the eye can see, is a truly exotic sight.

The S.A.C.A. Championships were played at two Clubs, each having one lawn and one gravel court. The tournament started on a Saturday and finished the following Friday; an experimental idea to help a number of business people.

Congratulations to Com. A. Clark, who wrested the singles title from the writer. In the first game of the 3-game final, the writer pegged out one ball, the opponent balls being for 1-back and 4-back. Three shots were allowed the single ball! This paved the way for further good play by Com. Clark, who ran out a worthy winner.

Able assisted by Mrs. Clark, whose brilliant shooting was a feature of the week's play, he also annexed the Doubles Championship. A triumph for themselves and the Durban Club. The Annual General Meeting occupied over two hours of our time—not playing time—and adopted the new Constitution of the South African Croquet Association.

This means that the Union of South Africa can now speak with one voice on all matters pertaining to the game. A fitting climax to the hard and patient work put in, over the years, by those who have kept the game going so successfully. The next tournament may be held at Pietermaritzburg.

E. L. WARD PETLEY

EXTRACT from the account of the Eastbourne Tournament in the *C.A. Gazette* of 16th October, 1913.

"Anyone walking round and watching the play during the week could hardly fail to notice cases of chronic fouling. The particular foul alluded to is the approach shot stroke to the hoop. Several players habitually push their ball up to the hoop instead of making a clean approach shot and in the worst cases the eye could time and time again detect the mallet catch the ball up, as it were, and give it what was practically another stroke. Surely the Council, if worth their salt, are not going to be flouted and confess themselves helpless to deal with the evil complained of. It is most unfair to the many players who conscientiously make clean approaches, and if they fail to judge the strength or pace of the ground, are short and miss the hoop, while the shover gets there somehow. Is it not possible to prescribe that the approach shot to a hoop must be a clean stroke without any suspicion of a push or pull, and to give referees the power at any tournament they may be present at to stop the flagrant violations of the rules, with or without appeal to the players, whether or not they happen to be the specially appointed referees for the tournament. Anyhow it is time something was done." \* \* \*

In view of some observations made on a previous page and of some correspondence in this number, the above extract may be of interest to our readers. The writer was Arthur Brigstocke, one of the most vigorous commentators on the game, to whose efforts perhaps above all is owed the replacement of the old "sequence" game by "either ball." Forty years having elapsed, the Council did decide that if it was to be "worth its salt" it must no longer be "flouted and confess itself helpless." Hence the—avowedly experimental—introduction of the "Intervening Referee" So at last "something was done"; but it is by now fairly widely felt that if this "something" was at any rate better than nothing, and has not been without some salutary effects, the result is not so satisfactory as to justify continuance of the experiment. The objections to it expressed by our correspondents have been felt by many others—not least by those who have had the invidious task of intervening laid upon them. At the same time few, we imagine, will desire that the Council should give any impression that it regards itself as "helpless to deal with the evil complained of." What has now been decided will be revealed to the more perspicacious by reference to that part of the Laws Committee's Report which deals with Regulation 15. But since (to put it mildly) the effect of this may not be immediately obvious, it may be helpful to summarise the matter thus. The "Intervening Referee" disappears, but that part of his function which consisted in the power to warn players that their strokes gave ground for suspicion is now transferred to all referees whose names appear on

the list posted up by the Referee of the Tournament. It is hoped that in many cases warning will suffice to check the irregularity, but if in any such referee's opinion it has not, he will then report the player to his "superior officer," who will take whatever action he thinks fit. Thus, we hope, a wise course is steered between any over-severity or capriciousness involved in the present arrangement and the unfairness arising from the evils detected by the observer at Devonshire Park forty-one years ago, and still, unhappily, not quite extinct amongst us yet.

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We publish a letter elsewhere dealing with the selection of the Best Eight for the President's Cup Competitions, a matter on which we suppose that the selectors' choice will very rarely meet with universal approval. We feel, with our correspondent that there is much to be said for the automatic inclusion in the Eight of the two finalists in the Open Championship. Indeed the argument for this would surely be unanswerable if the draw in the championship were seeded. As matters stand today, however, it is of course possible for a player to have a relatively easy progress to the final round without meeting any of the strongest opposition. The question is whether such a player, whom good fortune as well as good play has brought to the final round, should be held to have automatically earned a place in the Best Eight? Some definitely answer yes—others think it is an open question. The point, as Bertie Wooster would say, is moot. But in fairness to the selectors we would remind our readers that they were chosen by ballot by the Council. It is an open secret that several who were chosen declined to act, and that those who did accept, did so out of sheer sense of duty. By all means let us be free to criticise them, but let us all be as just in our criticism as our correspondent has been in his. The selectors' job will always be an unenviable one, and like the proverbial pianist they must be assumed to be "doing their best."

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A meeting of associates is to be held in January to discuss the re-drafting of the Rules of the Croquet Association. We hope that no one will confuse these *Rules* with the *Laws* of Croquet! The rules lay down the conditions governing our Association and are printed in full at the beginning of the year book. Recent events have shown the need for the revision of some of these rules, which it is the Council's business to undertake, and then to present them at the Annual General Meeting for the approval of the associates. It is because the Council is anxious that all associates should have a chance to share in the work of revision that it has arranged for its sub-committee to meet associates. Though this meeting will not have the power to decide what the new rules shall be, the committee will report to the Council who will carefully consider any recommendations.

We urge associates to take this opportunity of saying what kind of constitution it is that they want.

Devonshire Park—September 27th—October 9th

THIS famous tournament is now approaching its Jubilee and would of course long ago have passed it had it not been for interruptions produced by war. Since the last international fracas Devonshire Park has come under the control of the municipal authority, and it was a happy thought which led to the invitation this year to the Mayor and Mayoress of Eastbourne to signalize this fact by a visit to the tournament. The Mayor, Councillor Pyle, after briefly watching the efforts of competitors to run hoops, was induced to "have a go" himself and succeeded, though by no means at the first attempt, in achieving the feat, after which an impressively large concourse of players assembled in the Indian Pavilion for a prize-giving by the Mayoress. Introducing the proceedings the Manager, Mr. Brackenbury, took occasion to suggest that it would be much to the good if a court were to be laid out permanently in the Park, a proposal which the Mayor undertook to consider. He had, he said, "learned a lot in the last hour," enough to assure him that Croquet was a very interesting and skilful game. After the prize-giving, Mr. Elvey, who with Mr. Darby had had so much to do with the revival of the tournament in the critical days after the War, spoke of the pleasure it was to see Mr. and Mrs. Pyle, who were old parishioners of his, amongst them and pointed out that there was nowhere where Croquet had a better "shop window" than at Devonshire Park, so that not only did the tournament benefit the town, but the town in its turn did much to benefit the game.

Last year's fortnight of glorious weather had obviously—if a trifle illogically—induced many players, even at the end of this wretched summer, to try their luck again; indeed, the entry of over eighty players was a post-war record. If the climatic conditions hardly reached the standard of 1953, the weather as a whole was not at all bad. One torrential day in the first week, when nearly all the games were literally "washed out," produced the only sustained spell of rain; Saturday's match was as usual greeted by beautiful weather, and the sun shone for most of the second week, the final day proving to be the sunniest and warmest of all.

Undoubtedly the most striking feature of the fortnight's play was the fine form of Dr. Wiggins, who had not previously been seen at his best this year. In winning two South of England Championships he never lost a game, though Major Abbey's exceptionally good shooting nearly won him both in the premier event. But Dr. Wiggins himself was shooting very well throughout the fortnight, and his splendid rushes, brilliantly accurate in strength and direction, were much in evidence. He might have won the Open Doubles also if his uncle (surely one of the most formidable players in the game with a handicap above scratch) had played as well in the final round as he had done until then. As it was Kirk Greene, exchanging his former partner, Major Stone—unhappily absent—for another trusted ally, Mrs. Oddie, was victorious again. He had done well too

to reach the final of the major championship, but here he found Dr. Wiggins at the very top of his form.

In the Men's event Major Dibley had some very notable victories; he has greatly improved and his success here crowned a good season for him. In the chief event Mrs. Ashton had three very good wins over distinguished players of her own sex, and General Fellows played very steadily indeed to defeat Maurice Reckitt who seemed rather tired (or should it be "stale"?) after what was perhaps a surfeit of croquet in recent weeks. Miss Steel won the Women's event by no means for the first time, but she only just escaped defeat by Mrs. Longman in a hair-raising match in the semi-final. Mrs. Longman had made a characteristically plucky recovery from a bad position and had one ball left in, lying by the stick, which Miss Steel hit with her last shot, and bravely essaying a dangerous long approach to the penultimate hoop, succeeded in this and went on to win the game.

Mrs. Gasson won the B event for a second time with some good wins over formidable opponents; after a bad patch she has clearly recovered her form of two years ago and should go further. The C event contained a number of promising players and was particularly open; the winner proved to be Miss Joan Warwick, who had a close victory over Dr. Ormerod, whom many had picked as the winner, and went on to beat Mrs. Dibley in the final. The other semi-finalist was Miss Hazel Parker, and here we have four players who have already many of the strokes and the qualities to take them a long way, perhaps soon into the A class. We wish them "all they wish themselves."

In the D event the most prominent competitors were Mrs. Roberts, Dr. McAleenan and Miss Trought, and the second of these, who has greatly improved, went a good way in both handicap events. The big Handicap was won for the second year running by the redoubtable Col. Cave, despite a considerable reduction in his bisques since the last occasion. Here the runner-up was Mrs. Dibley, who had a very good tournament. In the restricted Handicap victory went to Miss Agnes Mills, who has come on this season and earned a good victory over Dr. Ormerod. Both these players seem to be endowed by nature with a perfect slow and "flat" swing, and with an advance in tactical handling of the game should make further strides next season. Much the same is true of Mrs. Wooster, who has for some time caught the eye as a player with a future.

By an odd coincidence all the eight players in the semi-finals of the Handicap Doubles were of the male sex; but this would not have been true if Reckitt and Miss Parker had beaten J. K. Brown and Col. Cave, as for some time they looked like doing; thus reprieved, the men went on to win the event, though the final provided a prolonged struggle.

There is perhaps no finer grass provided for croquet courts anywhere than is to be found in Devonshire Park, indeed the Mayor told us that

tennis players often compare it favourably with that at Wimbledon. Considering how soon their tournament is played before our own it is remarkable how thoroughly their ravages are made good, and a great credit to the ground staff.

To manage a tournament with ten events (indeed eleven, for time was found for an Extra, won by Mrs. Rotherham), is inevitably an exacting task, and one which was made more so than usual this year by two circumstances. First by the downpour which turned the first Thursday virtually into a *dies non*. And secondly by the fact that Mr. Brackenbury fell a victim in the middle of the proceedings to "the Hydro Cold," a fierce and feverish but happily brief, affliction. At this point Mrs. Elvey, who had already given him much assistance, took full charge of affairs for a time, self-sacrificingly scratching herself in the Women's Opens from fear that her chief might be laid low for longer than fortunately proved to be the case. Others who greatly aided

the management were those who assisted with transport to the Compton Club, notably Mr. Elvey and Mrs. Chittenden. But of course the main burden lay upon Mr. Brackenbury himself who contrived, with much *suaviter in modo* and a little *fortiter in re*, to finish the tournament half an hour before sunset on the final day, despite the restoration of Greenwich Mean Time (*very mean*, as croquet players think) in the second week. Much gratitude is due to him, as also to Mrs. Reeve, who as Referee of the meeting had to cope with certain difficulties which need not be further particularised here. Is there any game which is so selflessly served so often by so many as Croquet? We think not, and we count it as one of its finest testimonials that it should be so. If the front-rank players gain—very deservedly—most of the limelight, it is the "back room boys" (and girls) who guarantee that, season after season, the show will go on.

(Scores on pages 19—21).

## A QUESTION OF LAW . . . by Lex

WE have had a number of questions sent to us since our last issue and propose now to quote some of them and to give what we believe to be the correct answers.

Here, first of all, is a question from Australia which the writer suggests should be asked and answered because though the answer should be well known, so many high bisquers seem to be ignorant of it. "Is it a foul merely to hit a hoop with your mallet?" This is not a foul so long as no ball is moved. Players sometimes quite unnecessarily ask a referee to watch a stroke for fear they will hit a hoop with their mallet. They need no referee on such an occasion.

Another correspondent put this question: "Black and Blue balls are wired on either side of a hoop. Blue enters the jaws of the hoop and just shakes Black. A referee had watched the shot and gave the roquet. The balls had remained in contact. Supposing no movement of Black had been seen would a roquet have been made?"

We think the decision would have been right even if no movement of the roqueted ball had been detected. The doubt arises as to the meaning of the word "hit". No definition is given in the Laws for this word which so exactly describes the action of one ball against another in the great majority of roquets. A little help is given in Law 40 (a). If at the beginning of a turn either of the striker's balls be in contact with one or more balls . . . he shall be deemed to have made a roquet. What applies at the beginning should equally do so during the turn, so let us keep the word "hit" and read into it what is evidently intended.

Yellow and Red are close to a hoop. Blue shoots at Yellow, hits it and Yellow cannons Red against the wire giving Red no clear shot at any ball. Has Red got a lift although it has not been directly hit?

The Answer is yes, for Law 30 (c) says that if the ball is wired from all other balls—its position being due to it having been hit by another ball,

or moved when in contact with another ball . . . the striker may lift it.

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"A player ran a hoop and in the same stroke hit a ball some six inches on the non-playing side of the hoop, i.e. the hoop was cleared by some 2½ inches before the roquet was made. The check to the striker's ball at impact, together with a strong wind and an elongated *pit* in the hoop actually caused the ball to run back into the hoop.

"Law 14 (c) says that a ball has completed the running of a hoop if it has duly passed through the hoop . . . and finally *come to rest* on the non-playing side.

"Law 18 (a) says that when a striker makes a roquet his ball *immediately* becomes in hand except as provided by Law 33 (which does not apply in this case). Thus by Law 14 (c) the hoop was not run and the turn ceased, but under Law 18 (a) an agile player could have picked up his ball in hand before it rolled back into the hoop and continued his turn.

"What is the decision? Do either or both these laws require amendment?"

Our reply to this is that the laws of croquet do not require the surface of the court to be level but are presumably framed upon the assumption that it is reasonably so. The extraordinary case described was, of course, almost entirely due to the "elongated pit" which should never have been left in this condition. The fact that it was so can hardly warrant an alteration in the laws.

The ingenious suggestion of picking up the ball in hand before it returns into the hoop would be in order so long as the striker's ball had completely run the hoop before making the roquet. (The matter might be in dispute.) Had it not done so the ball would not be deemed to be in hand until it had come to rest; Law 33.

It may perhaps be noted by the less agile that in a double if a partner stops the ball in hand the adversaries may require the stroke to be made again; 43 (a).

## Australian Croquet Council Carnival

THE fifth Australian Croquet Council was held this year in Brisbane, Queensland, commencing with a reception to members of Interstate teams, Delegates, and all competitors and visitors, on Monday, 6th September, 1954.

Merthyr Club House, the headquarters of Queensland Croquet Association, was bedecked with flowers for the occasion, and the guests were received by Mrs. J. Wall, President of A.C.C., Mrs. F. Williamson, Vice-President of A.C.C. who was also President of Queensland Croquet Association, and Mrs. L. R. Steele, Hon. Secretary of A.C.C. who also introduced the Delegates to the assembled guests.

A pleasing ceremony was the presentation of the Australian Gold Medals by Mrs. Wall to Mrs. R. Edwards, Victoria, Mrs. F. A. Bartle, S.A., Mrs. E. Lambert, N.S.W., Wal. Crowther, Queensland, and Hedley Gunton, Tas. The two latter received bars, having won the Medal the previous year. Mrs. G. Leahy was unable to make the trip.

The Interstate teams matches began on Friday, 10th September, and were played on Merthyr, Windsor, and Stephens lawns, under the capable management of Mrs. P. Daniels, with the assistance of Mrs. Martin, at Windsor, and Mrs. Brooks at Stephens lawns. Miss Morrison was official referee. Five states competed, West Australia being unable to send a team, although it sent a very good delegate in Mrs. I. Thorpe to the Conference. South Australia was the outstanding team, winning all four matches with the substantial margin of 21 games out of 24, and 603 points out of a possible 624 points. Mrs. F. A. Bartle and Mrs. C. G. Tucker won all four doubles. Mrs. Bartle, playing first, lost one match to Hedley Gunton by two points. Mrs. C. G. Tucker second single, won all four matches in convincing style, but the surprise of the Interstate matches was the outstanding success of South Australia's two newcomers, Mesdames T. Jenkin and W. P. Lewis. They covered themselves in glory on their first appearance by losing only one double and one single match in the series. N.S.W., Victoria and Queensland in that order each won two matches, but N.S.W. with 11 games and 466 points, beat Victoria for second place, by the same number of games, but scored six points more. Queensland was fourth with eight games, 471 points, and Tasmania, the smallest State scored 435 points.

The second week opened with a knock-out for the British Silver and Bronze Medals. The Australian Gold Medalists, Mesdames E. Lambert, N.S.W., F. A. Bartle, S.A., R. C. Edwards, Vic., with Wal. Crowther, Qld., and Hedley Gunton, Tas., were the competitors. Mrs. F. A. Bartle won the British Silver, and H. Gunton, as runner-up, the British Bronze Medals. A record crowd watched the game throughout the day under beautiful sunny weather conditions, and was treated to a battle of wits, when Mrs. Bartle met first Wal. Crowther, and then Hedley Gunton, beating them both in well contested games.

Next followed the Championship Singles and Doubles, which were marred to an extent by the uncertainty of the weather, which varied in a day, from brilliant sunshine, to a heavy downpour or drizzling rain.

Mrs. W. P. Lewis, one of the new S.A. stars, won the first life or draw in the singles in great style. She also reached the semi-finals in the Process by beating Mrs. H. P. Rogers, N.S.W., but succumbed to Miss Morrison, the latter being the winner of the Process, with Miss D. Pakes runner-up.

The highlight of the Carnival was the brilliant play of Miss Morrison. She pegged out one of Mrs. Lewis' balls in the play-off, to win by the narrow margin of two points. In the second game by her clever tactics and brilliant execution of strokes, she gave her less experienced opponent few opportunities to score. It was the crowning performance of a wonderful Croquet career, and she won the admiration of all, because of her consistent play over a period of twenty-seven years. She was, and still is, the only international woman player in Australia. She was a member of the Australian team that won the "Eire Cup" in Ireland, which was later presented to the Victorian Croquet Association to the Australian Croquet Council, for Annual Interstate competition. It is now called the Interstate Cup.

Four South Australians met in the finals of the Australian Doubles Championship, Mesdames Jenkin and Lewis winning the Draw, and Mesdames Bartle and Tucker winning the Process. It was the case of teachers playing pupils. The pupils although beating their teachers in the Draw, went down in two straight sets, to the more experienced pair, Mesdames Bartle and Tucker, who established themselves still more firmly as the champion pair of Australia, Mesdames Jenkin and Lewis, by becoming runners-up, still more enhanced their prospects of being future champions. 1954 will probably be known as the South Australian Carnival, as with two exceptions it annexed all the trophies, the exceptions being Miss Morrison the Australian champion, and Hedley Gunton, runner-up in the British Medal Contest. Truly an amazing record.

Lieut.-Colonel A. E. Saalfeld was again an enforced absentee from the Carnival as unfortunately another operation on his eye was necessary. The male element was to the fore, in Wal. Crowther, leading player for Queensland, Hedley Gunton, of Tasmania, British Silver Medalist last year and Bronze Medalist this year, Bill Carter a newcomer, playing in third position for Queensland, F. Tilson, Victoria, who partnered Miss Morrison in the doubles, and W. Paynter who learned the game in New Zealand two years ago, and is now residing in Queensland. It is up to South Australia, who has a number of men players, to produce a man worthy of test class!

L. R. STEEL,  
Hon. Secretary, A.C.C.

THE Special General Meeting on November 4th, approved that the annual subscription to the Croquet Association should be increased from £1 to 30s. as from January 1st, 1955.

An associate sends us the following account of a conversation which we understand was overheard somewhere in London. We gladly publish it as we have no doubt it represents the pros and cons which have occurred to many of our readers.

*Mr. Doubter:* I hear the C.A. sub. is going up by 10 bob a year. Bit of a bind, isn't it? No end to these calls on the purse.

*Mr. Logic:* Yes, but I must say I'm surprised it hasn't happened before. How they have managed to keep going on the pre-war sub. has always amazed me.

*Mr. Doubter:* Of course, if it weren't for Mrs. Apps' unselfish devotion they wouldn't. Still I'm a bit worried that the increase may make some people drop out.

*Mr. Logic:* It is a risk, but do people really begrudge the extra 10s.? After all it is only the price of three packets of cigarettes, or a back row theatre stall. The real point is do we want croquet to continue as a live game?

*Mr. Doubter:* I think all Associates will agree to that one.

*Mr. Logic:* Right, then. And you'll agree that without the C.A. the game would just fade out.

*Mr. Doubter:* That's obvious enough.

*Mr. Logic:* Well then, if the increase is necessary, I should take a dim view of anybody who would use it as an excuse for dropping membership.

*Mr. Doubter:* Yes, but is it necessary?

*Mr. Logic:* Look at a few balance sheets of recent years. It doesn't need a chartered accountant to tell you that we've been sailing too near the wind for years.

*Mr. Doubter:* Fair enough, but there is always the type who asks whether he is getting value for his sub.

*Mr. Logic:* To that I'd say that if croquet has meant something to you not only as a game, but as a form of social enjoyment, recreation, call it what you will, 30s. a year is a cheap return. Remember also that your continued support makes it possible for another generation to come into the game in due course. Anyway, I think the magazine in itself is half the answer to the value point.

*Mr. Doubter:* I couldn't agree more. For my part I'll do all I can to support the decision.

*Omnes:* That goes for us too.

## DEVONSHIRE PARK, EASTBOURNE

THE photograph which appears on the cover of this issue is of Devonshire Park, Eastbourne, with ten lawns set out for the autumn tournament which is held there under the auspices of the Croquet Association.

It is one of the most popular tournaments of the year and even in post-war years draws an entry of over eighty, due partly, perhaps, to the fact that Eastbourne in late September and early October seems so often to be blessed with beautiful weather. Somehow this tournament seems to have an atmosphere which is all its own and which has the effect of bringing competitors year by year to a gathering which, though admittedly held a little late, is felt by all who come to it to make an ideal climax to the season.

Devonshire Park, we learn, was opened as a pleasure ground in 1878. In the early 1870's when Eastbourne was extending to the west a company was formed to buy some low-lying waste land to provide an open space for games and to build a concert hall, theatre and swimming baths. Already in the 1880's a first-class tennis tournament was held in the Park. There were

athletic sports too, with bicycle races on the old *penny farthings*.

The first Croquet Tournament was held in 1897, and half a dozen years later the Gold Cups were presented by the Duke of Devonshire for the Men's and Women's Championship of the South of England. Both cups were won outright about the year 1920 and the men's was returned as a Perpetual Challenge Cup by the winner, C. L. O'Callaghan.

In 1946 Devonshire Park was sold to the town of Eastbourne and the negotiations, for the revival of the tournament under new conditions, owed much to the efforts of Mr. Elvey, who was then a neighbouring Vicar, and to Mr. Darby who had done much to maintain the good relations which exist with the municipal authorities. It is due to the kind co-operation of the town's officials fostered at that time and ever since maintained that the Croquet tournament is still held at Devonshire Park. The success of the tournament is in no small degree due to all the work which is so willingly undertaken by the very efficient staff at the Park.

WE hear that at BUDLEIGH SALTERTON, in late October, Croquet was still being played. The motto of the players being "If we can't play in summer, we'll play in winter."

An experiment is being tried in the May (unofficial) tournament. There will be only two events, Handicap Doubles where the minimum combined handicap must be at least six, and an American Tournament played under handicap. The entries here will be divided into blocks according to handicap. There will be a play-off for the block winners. It is hoped that this event will ensure every competitor having at least six games in the tournament. Full details will of course be published in the April issue of *Croquet*.

We have the following news from the FOLKESTONE Club. Fixtures and invitations in the summer of 1954 were regulated by the notice "weather permitting." However, the tournaments were finished on time with the following results. Mr. P. J. McCloughlin won the Bowra Trophy. Handicap Class A was won by Miss H. Parker and Class B by Mr. F. E. M. Beatley. In the doubles the winners were Capt. G. H. Andrews and Mrs. V. A. Wallis.

Following last year's experiment of having a "Tournament Extraordinary" (see April issue of *Croquet*) two teams contested for supremacy. "A" team won handsomely by 14 and were suitably rewarded with a small gift to each member of the team. On the principle that anyone can win but that it takes a sportsman to lose "B" team were also rewarded—with a 3d. bar of chocolate each!

At the RYDE Club in brilliant sunshine, Southsea represented by three ladies played a match against the home club on September 14th. Ryde was successful by four games to one. The games were well-contested, the weather was more than kind and the day proved a great success.

The Ryde Club is set in delightful surroundings and has four well-conditioned courts. It is easily accessible from Ryde pier. Their open tournament will take place next year on June 6th, when a warm welcome will await visitors. We can unreservedly recommend croquet players to take this opportunity of visiting the Isle of Wight.

The championship of the BEDFORD Club has been won by G. H. Mason. The Silver Medal, competed for on handicap was won by Canon Green. The Club team entered for the Longman Cup and won its first round defeating Woking. The team lost, however, in the next round being defeated by Edgbaston whom they played on the Leamington lawns. An autumn club tournament began on September 13th. In this, X Section was won by Miss Towle, Y Section by Mrs. Stephens, and Z by Mrs. Ellard. An American tournament which was played throughout the season was won by Canon Pym who never lost a game throughout the competition.

A successful gymkhana was held in July to help club funds. John Solomon was present with his family. All much appreciated the exhibition game which was played after tea between Solomon and Canon Pym.

Saturday, October 2nd, brought the 1954 season of the NOTTINGHAM Club to a close. A full gathering of all members of the Club were present when the prizes were presented to the Winners who were in "A" Division G. N. Bright; "B" W. F. Lord; "C" B. Bucknell; "D" Mrs. W. F. Lord.

The Club owes a debt of gratitude to C. H. Scurr, a member of the Club and former tournament player, for devoting so much of his time to the coaching of beginners.

During the winter months the Committee of the Club intend to organise Bridge Drives—Military Whist Competitions—together with what they call "Get Together Parties" for the enjoyment of members and their friends. This is all to the good. We wish this progressive Club every success.

We publish the results of the ROEHAMP- TON Club competitions elsewhere.

On the occasion of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ross sailing from Southampton to New Zealand, Roehampton Croquet players sent them some flowers accompanied by a card with good wishes for their journey. A letter of thanks and acknowledgement was received before the Club closed.

The Annual Golf Croquet day which marks the end of the season, was held on Saturday, 9th October. The event is always well supported, and much of the success is due to those who so kindly give attractive and novel Prizes. Grateful thanks are due to these kind donors, and to Mrs. Nickisson and Miss Lintern who arranged and organised the day.

At the conclusion of play Col. C. C. Adams proposed a vote of thanks to Miss Lintern for her valuable services as Captain, a vote that was warmly supported by all present.

We understand that the L.T.A. have offered EXMOUTH Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club a Group for the Inter-County Championships. As this event is held during the week in which the Exmouth Croquet Tournament usually takes place, the date of the latter has been moved to the week before the Budleigh Salterton Tournament instead of the week after.

It is regretted that the new date will clash with the Croquet Championships at Roehampton, but it is pointed out that it will no longer clash with the Cheltenham Tournament and the Committee hopes that Croquet players will support the tournament on its new date, which in 1955 will be July 4th to 9th.

## Croquet in Wonderland

"RATHER a peculiar ending to the White Rabbit Field Cup this year," said Humpty Dumpty. "Six players were chosen as usual, but they only met each other once. You see, what with the weather and everything, the soldiers got so cantankersome and said their backs were that bad they weren't going to be hoops any more. What worried us was that after the five rounds all the players had the same score so we had to decide the result by Croquet Association rules and not ours."

"What are your rules and what do you mean by score anyway?" asked Alice politely.

"Why, we don't have that silly business of counting the games won. Contrariwise we take the number of points by which a game is won or lost and add up each player's total at the end of the tournament."

"Or subtract, I suppose," said Alice, not quite understanding but wishing to appear intelligent.

"Naturally" said Humpty Dumpty. "If you win two games by 1 point each and lose the next by 26, your score is then minus 24, of course. Anyway, all six were equal when they had played their five games."

"I see," said Alice. "That means they were neither . . ."

"No need to be obvious, child" interrupted Humpty Dumpty. "Now, a curious thing was that no games ended with the same result, except the two where the Dormouse beat the Dodo and the

Mad Hatter beat the Cheshire Cat, in each case by 10. Nobody, by the way, won by 12 and in every game the loser had got both his clips beyond the fifth hoop, and there were none of those awful one-point victories."

"Good" said Alice, "I always feel sorry for people who lose by one point. Did the Dormouse win any more games?"

"Only one. He beat Mr. Carroll by 14. He went to sleep at the end of his game with the Jabberwock when he was for the peg and 2-back. The games where the margin of victory was largest and smallest both concerned the Jabberwock in his tussles with Mr. Carroll and the Cheshire Cat. The Cat put on a huge grin after beating Mr. Carroll by 15. In his game against the Jabberwock the Dodo with his two clips on the rover hoop got both balls wedged against his hoop and then didn't even get the chance of another shot. However, he beat the Cheshire Cat and the Mad Hatter, the Cat making 4 more hoops against him than the Hatter did."

"Anyway who won?" said Alice. "Under proper rules, I mean, not your silly ones."

"After that umbrageous remark I shan't tell you. In any case I've given you enough information for you to work out all the results yourself." And Humpty Dumpty stalked off in high dudgeon.

Draw up the complete table of results and find the answer to Alice's question.

Solution on page 24. S.S.T.

## BRIDGE by E. P. C. Cotter, *British International*

I HAVE dealt in previous articles with point-count bidding, but I want to stress the fact that the point-count is but a guide—it is not infallible. The player's judgment is the court of last appeal, and it is here that the expert player has the edge over his opponents. For instance he raises his partner to game with a slender holding, where a lesser player loses courage and says "I only had two Kings." True—but they were the *right Kings*.

Here is a hand from a post-war international match in which I held the South hand below:

S A, J, 8, 6, 3.  
H 8, 6, 2.  
D 10, 5.  
C A, 7, 4.

My partner bid one diamond and I naturally bid one spade. My partner's next bid was three clubs (unconditionally forcing) and I replied three spades. This my partner raised to four spades.

What do you bid now? You're not worried about the heart situation, are you? Partner cannot have more than one heart and I have two aces which my bidding so far has not disclosed. I bid five clubs.

What message does this bid convey? It says: Partner, I know you have a singleton heart, I have the ace of clubs but I am a little worried as to how good your trump support is.

My partner who held:

S K, Q, 10.  
H 9.

D A, K, J, 6, 4.  
C K, Q, 9, 8.

was only too glad to bid six spades.

Note that had I held five spades to A, Q, instead of to A, J, I should have bid six spades myself. Never leave to your partner a decision which you can take yourself.

Here is another hand which I held recently at rubber bridge. I should like to state that I cannot manipulate the cards and that I don't hold them like this often! At any rate I dealt and picked up

S A, K.  
H A, Q, 6.  
D A, K, Q, 7.  
C A, K, Q, 4.

As pretty a thirty-one points as I've ever seen! What do you bid? I asked many experts who all suggested two clubs, followed by four no trumps. Waste of time in my opinion. The point is that it is going to be impossible to find out whether my partner holds what I want or not. If he holds the knaves of hearts, diamonds and clubs the slam is on. If he holds five cards in one or both of the minors and the heart Knave I am all right.

I bid six no trumps. My partner's hand was as unsuitable as it could be—four little spades, five hearts to the knave and two worthless doubletons, but I made my slam because my left hand opponent held the King and one heart and could not hold it up. The reward, in my opinion, of virtue.

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## An Amateur makes a Lawn by B.V.F. Brackenbury

I AM not sure that this is the correct title for this article as it is really concerned as much with the maintenance of the lawn as with its original construction. However, I did once make a Croquet lawn. This, of course, is not strictly accurate because I hired a number of men to do it for me. Still in justice to myself I must say that I did construct about one-sixth of that lawn for I added one hundred and sixty square yards to the original area and, in the process, I moved what seemed to be tons of soil. I worked five or six hours a day for several weeks. I am glad I did it, though today the thought of it appals me! I did not set out to write this article to boast of this but to tell you where I succeeded and where I frequently failed, so that should you ever be moved to create a Croquet lawn in your garden or at your club you may profit by my experience.

In the first place I thought of employing a contractor, but this was one of the mistakes I did not make. To employ direct labour instead is a good deal cheaper, although you are left, as I was, with the responsibility of directing the work if you decide on this course. In levelling I was fortunate in not having to contend with a very great slope. A friendly surveyor gave me my levels, driving in numerous pegs all over the lawn, and so we set to work to build up to these pegs. Here let me strike a warning note. We found to our cost that it is easy for these pegs to be left in the ground just hidden by the soil instead of being removed when the levelling is finished. They then have an unpleasant habit of slowly working up through the turf and if you are as unfortunate as I was it will be your mowing machine which will first run across them with dire results. As you do your levelling you must of course ram the new soil home so that it is firm and will not subside later on. Now this is not nearly as easy as it sounds. We did what we could and finally raked over the new surface and it certainly *looked* very good indeed. Our next step was to put a light roller over it and then, alas, the surface appeared to be very far from level. There were slight indentations and as many humps as well! It was all a matter of only a few inches but it was by no means level. One of my men advised me to ignore this, assuring me that when the turf was laid and rolled these slight valleys and hillocks would disappear. He was wrong. As I look back now I see how much easier our work would have been later on had we spent a week making the surface absolutely level before we put down the turf.

Turf varies greatly in quality and price. As far as I was concerned it was a question of what would prove the most economical to use. How poor a turf could I make do with? A fine turf without weed can be very expensive so I decided to buy a much cheaper variety and to improve it. I am sure this has paid me though it has taken some time to clean and refine it. This brings me to the question of lawn maintenance. My turf had to be thoroughly raked, though

only of course after it has had time properly to take root. Ideally one would prefer to have the turf laid in the late autumn and would not attempt any severe raking for ten months—say the September of the following year. Turf often feels soft to walk on even when it has been rolled; this is due to the immense amount of rubbish beneath the green grass which must be removed. We took seven or eight large barrow loads of rakings from our lawn and left it looking very bare and brown. Within six weeks it was green again. To bring this about we had sown 56 lbs. of good grass seed and given the whole lawn a top dressing of soil specially prepared at a nursery. Now with regular treatment the grass continues to improve. Close cutting is helping to get rid of the coarser grasses and application of fertilizer each year is strengthening the finer grass. Weeds, of course, are no trouble, for any selective weed killer will very soon clean the turf and further applications as required will keep the lawn free. Clover proved more difficult to eradicate at first, until I was told that regular monthly applications of selective weed killer would remove it. Give four applications at monthly intervals as soon as the leaf is open and your lawn should soon be free of clover which by its darker colour makes a lawn look so unsightly. These patches of clover, too, can make the pace of the lawn vary considerably. In a wet season I have been troubled with moss which spreads rapidly and stifles the grass. One can get rid of it with special treatment, but the best way to avoid it is by strengthening the grass. Moss flourishes where the grass is poor.

Winter play makes de-worming of the lawn an absolute necessity. It is easy to get rid of the worms, but one must remember to do the worms' work for them and regularly aerate the lawn by spiking it. You make the holes instead of the worms doing so and so let in the air to the roots of the grass. The extraordinary root growth of spiked turf has to be seen to be believed. The spiking is also important in connection with rolling. There is a school of thought which says spare the roller. To have a fast and true lawn I think you must roll it, but then you must spike it as well to avoid *sealing* the surface. Finally there is the question of mowing. Just as you must use the roller to have a fast and true lawn so you must also keep the grass really short, but the ordinary mowing machine is not good enough for this. To have a really close cut, the lawn requires to be cut with a ten knife machine instead of the usual machine which has only six knives. With the former you can cut so close that the grass box will contain cuttings more like a green powder than anything else. In the summer we mow the lawn almost every other day, in the spring and autumn once a week and in the winter once in three weeks. We never leave the grass uncut to avoid it getting coarse. Then, too, we mow in the winter because I play winter croquet. I always try to have a game on the afternoon of Christmas Day!

## OBITUARY

### MR. L. F. C. DARBY

In the passing of Mr. L. F. C. Darby, late Registrar of the Admiralty Court, for many years Chairman of the C.A. Finance Committee, and for several years until the last Annual General Meeting also Hon. Treasurer; the Croquet world has lost an outstanding figure, to whom a great debt of gratitude for notable services is owed. The fact that this year because of Mr. Darby's advanced age and failing health, it was thought by many associates that the time had come to place the burden of the Hon. Treasurership on younger shoulders, in no wise detracts from their high regard for his great services to the Croquet Association in the past.

The masterly way in which year by year, he presented the C.A. Accounts to the Council, and afterwards to the Annual General Meeting, explaining the financial situation with the utmost lucidity, and giving a clear picture of the position, will not readily be forgotten.

Amongst the many services Mr. Darby rendered to the C.A. was his contribution towards the continuance of the Devonshire Park Tournament. After the war, owing to C.A. representations to the Eastbourne Corporation, the Devonshire Park Tournament, which means so much to Croquet, was revived, but not being the financial success that the Entertainments Committee looked for, it was decided to cancel the Tournament for the future. Happily at this point Lord and Lady Tollemache stepped into the breach, and as a result of their persuasions, this decision was reversed. But it was due to Mr. Darby's infinite patience and tact that the financial negotiations between the C.A. and the Eastbourne Authorities were brought to a successful conclusion, and the future of the Tournament, as far as may be, assured.

Mr. Darby will be greatly missed by the Compton Club (Eastbourne) of which at the time of his passing, he was President. For years he had taken a great interest in the affairs of the Club, to which also he had been a most generous donor. The Cheltenham Club also has reason to be grateful to Mr. Darby, for he visited the Club last Winter, went carefully into its affairs, and was so impressed by the beauty of its surroundings and its value to Croquet, that he supplemented a C.A. grant from the Victory Fund, by a substantial personal gift.

It is pleasant to remember that at the Devonshire Park Tournament this Autumn Mr. Darby appeared in his immaculate "whites" as usual, and was seen playing vigorously, and thoroughly enjoying his games. He was too, still taking a keen interest in the financial success of the Tournament, and mentioned to the writer with great pleasure the number of spectators who had come in at the gate.

It is sad to think that we shall not see him again arriving at Roehampton or Hurlingham, usually in the afternoon, despatch case in hand, and going to chat with his friends, have tea, and watch games. His many friends in the C.A. will greatly regret his passing. G.F.H.E.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### THE PRESIDENT'S CUP

To the Editors, *Croquet*.

Dear Sirs,

I can imagine few tasks so unrewarding as that of a member of any Selection Committee. Even Test Match Selectors receive brick-bats as well as bouquets. May I, however, as one who is a kind of link between the best players of the past generation and the best players of today, and as one who has no possible axe to grind be allowed to make some observations before the 1954 season has passed into oblivion? Many years ago on learning the names of the selected "ten" I asked a member of the selection committee why X had been invited to play. He replied, "X defeated three minus players in reaching the last eight of the championship where he was defeated by the ultimate winner. We regard that as a better qualification than success in most provincial tournaments." In the result X may be said to have justified his selection by winning 8 games out of 18 at his

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first appearance. I believe the principle underlying this opinion to be sound. Today, when entries for the Championship are so much smaller than they were when I was young, I should certainly not necessarily advocate selection for even the defeated semi-finalists, but I do contend that both the winner and the runner-up should be automatic selections. To the best of my belief this practice has never been departed from until this year. After all somebody has to be last, and if the last man in the President's Cup happens to be the runner-up in the Championship, or even the champion himself, the selectors have an unanswerable reply to criticism. Indeed, in 1909, the Champion himself was a surprise winner, who could do no better than share the wooden spoon in the Beddow Cup of that year. If, however, the runner-up is not even invited to play in the "Eight," the Selectors are surely asking for criticism.

One other point. In the opinion of the Selectors Hodges appears to rank tenth; perhaps, however, as the result of his play at Parkstone and in the match at Eastbourne he may have gone up a place or two.

Yours faithfully,

W. W. SWEET-ESCOTT

### INTERVENING REFEREES

To the Editors, *Croquet*.

Dear Sirs,

For all Croquet Tournament Finals of importance, would it not be possible to appoint a Referee to be permanently on duty by the court, where he could throughout the game use his EYES and EARS, for the benefit of both competitors?

The use of Roving Referees is to be deprecated, because in the *ad absurdum* a Referee might always happen to be on the spot when one player was performing and the other contestant might be able to play his entire game with no referee in the vicinity.

Faithfully yours

DORIS LOCKS LATHAM

To the Editors, *Croquet*.

Dear Sirs,

Is it not time that the question of "intervening referees" received further consideration?

The principle of an "intervening" referee is sound as circumstances do not permit of capable referees being appointed to individual matches. In practice it seems "intervening" referees confine their attention chiefly to "double-tapping," the most difficult of all fouls to adjudicate upon. As in so many instances "double-tapping" necessarily passes without notice it becomes the greater irritant when penalised, and indeed in a way it seems unfair that occasional specific acts should be called to judgment when the majority of such go scot-free.

My suggestion is that "double-tapping" as such should only be penalised when the striker gains some advantage from the stroke.

This, to me, salutary change in the laws would, if it had been in being, certainly have eliminated a large majority of recent fouls.

Yours truly,

B. C. FELLOWS

### LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

To the Editors, *Croquet*.

Dear Sirs,

As the originator and first editor of the Australian *Croquet Gazette*, I can appreciate the excellence of your new journal *Croquet*. I feel sure it will go a long way towards making our game more popular and more widely known. It is both attractive and generally interesting. I congratulate all those concerned with its "make-up." The cover photographs give me a wonderful thrill, and do more than anything to take me back to the "good old croquet days."

In your first issue you were good enough to sympathise with me for "diverting my energies to the game of bowls." I would much appreciate it if you would publish my remarks about this: There are some 9,000 croquet players in this country (Australia), only about ten of these are men, and in my State (New South Wales), there are

now no men players. Croquet is definitely a ladies game out here, so I now play golf and bowls.

I would like it known that as soon as I come home again (next year), I shall again take up my mallet, as my heart is still in our wonderful game.

Alas! As I have not touched a mallet now for two years, the handicapper will be giving me some nice bisques.

Wishing you continued success and a fine and happy 1955 season.

Until I join you all again.

Yours sincerely,

ROBERT TINGEY

To the Editors, *Croquet*

Dear Sirs,

As one of many associates, who has had so much enjoyment from various tournaments, I wonder if we all realise and appreciate fully the great amount of work these tournaments entail—voluntary work undertaken to give us so much pleasure. Pleasure, I am sure it is, in spite of the fact that so many of us say, when things go wrong in a game, that we must give up Croquet! By next year I feel sure we shall all be eager to try our fortunes again and once more to be indebted to our Croquet Association, all Managers and Tournament Committees.

May I thank them all through your columns.

Yours faithfully,

R. HELEY

### VARIATION "B"

To the Editors, *Croquet*.

Dear Sirs,

I have played in a number of provincial tournaments this year and have formed a very definite opinion that Variation "B", though not encouraged by our hierarchy, is in fact far better suited than "Association Croquet" for such events.

In this connection it must be remembered that in these tournaments at least half of the "A" contestants are normally rated higher say than scratch, they cannot be expected to play the quick triple-peeling game of the stars, and consequently these games tend to be unduly prolonged (there have indeed been moments in my experience when "A" class players, from whom a quick result might be reasonably have been expected, have been equally guilty).

Age is another retarding feature which is perhaps more in evidence in provincial tournaments, but we neither can nor wish to do anything about that.

My considered opinion is that "Association Croquet" should continue to be played at Roehampton, Hurlingham and Eastbourne, where sufficient first-class players may be counted on to justify it, but that at provincial tournaments Variation "B" should normally be the standard game.

It is obviously not in the interests of the game to lay down hard and fast rules on this point, these considerations are merely advanced for the consideration of the clubs concerned.

At Parkstone a solution has been sought by restricting the "A" Open to single games, those defeated in the first round then compete in a second open event. This latter event should be (and I believe is) played under Variation "B."

In conclusion may I add that I think it would be an excellent thing if our hard-working managers could have a say in this matter.

I am, yours truly,

B. C. FELLOWS

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that the primary object of raising the subscriptions was not to meet the cost of the magazine, although since the guarantors had been asked for their support for one year only, the cost of the magazine in excess of £300 must be met from the funds of the Association if advertisements and sales did not cover that cost. Mr. Elvey pointed out that in raising the subscription by 10s. above the 1914 figure they were only taking steps towards restoring it to the value as at that date. He hoped the meeting would be unanimous in passing the resolution. On a vote being taken the resolution was passed with very few dissentients.

## Special General Meeting

THURSDAY, 4th NOVEMBER, 1954

A Special General Meeting of the Croquet Association was held at 4 Southampton Row, London, on Thursday, November 4th, 1954.

Present.—Miss W. Adye, Mrs. L. H. Ashton, Col. C. C. Adams, Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton, Rev. and Mrs. B. V. F. Brackenbury, Mrs. E. Bristow, C. B. Bird, Miss J. Bartlett, E. V. Carpmal, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, Miss A. M. Carlyon, H. F. Crowther-Smith, Col. J. G. Clarke, E. P. C. Cotter, Mrs. H. J. Collins, Major J. H. Dibley, L. F. C. Darby, General Davidson, E. P. Duffield, R. de Wesselow, Rev. and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey, G. V. Evans, F. H. Fisher, Mrs. P. E. Heley, Miss F. Hodgkinson, Rev. G. L. and Mrs. Jarratt, Mrs. H. Kuhl, Mr. and Mrs. W. Longman, Miss D. A. Lintern, Mrs. Nickisson, Brig. J. S. Omond, Mrs. S. Phillips, Mrs. E. Rotherham, Mrs. E. Reeve, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Reckitt, Miss Sands, Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Solomon, J. W. Solomon, Capt. H. G. Stoker, F. W. Snow, Mrs. D. M. Staub, Miss E. Steel, Mrs. E. Haigh Smith, S. S. Townsend, Mrs. G. J. Turketine, Mrs. Ernest E. Turner, Mrs. M. L. Thom, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Wiggins, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins.

The Chair was taken by Mr. W. Longman, a Vice-President of the C.A.

The Chairman, in his introductory remarks, said the meeting had not been called to consider the legality, or otherwise, of the election of the Treasurer at the A.G.M., but that since doubt had been cast on its legality the special general meeting had been called to elect a Treasurer by a show of hands. Any question of procedure, which had previously been debated at length, was quite academic, as the Council was considering the whole question of revision and re-wording, where necessary, of the Rules. It was envisaged that a conference of Associates would be called in order that they might express their views on the proposed changes. At present, for instance, there was no power to appoint an Hon. Treasurer except at an Annual General Meeting, so that if he met with a fatal accident, the Association would be left without a Treasurer till the next A.G.M.

Mr. Longman then read the first item on the agenda: "In consequence of doubts having been raised concerning the manner in which the election of the Honorary Treasurer of the Association was conducted at the Annual General Meeting, to elect an Honorary Treasurer, candidates for election being Mr. L. F. C. Darby, Mr. D. E. Buckland." Mr. G. W. Solomon contended that the Associates ought to be told what had caused the meeting to be called, and why the proceedings at the A.G.M. had been conducted as they had been. Mr. Longman said that in this matter he was in the hands of the Meeting as to whether they wished to hear Mr. Solomon. Mr. F. H. Fisher asked the Chairman to read the agenda again to the meeting and declared that at a Special General Meeting no matter not on the agenda could be discussed. He therefore said that in his opinion the meeting should proceed to the election. Captain H. G. Stoker suggested that the meeting should proceed with the election and that after the election, those who had the time to spare, could discuss the matters which Mr. Solomon wished to raise. As there was no support for Mr. G. W. Solomon's contentions the Chairman called for a show of hands to decide the election. Mr. D. E. Buckland was elected by a large majority. There being no change in the office of Treasurer, the second item on the agenda was not proceeded with.

The Chairman then called upon Mr. Duffield to state the reasons for the proposal to increase the subscription.

Mr. Duffield made a brief survey of the financial state of the C.A. and pointed out that even with part of the office sub-let, and the artificially low cost of running the office which prevailed at present, the credit balance never amounted to more than a few pounds. Now that the Victory Fund was exhausted, any help given to clubs would have to come out of the liquid reserves, amounting only to a few hundred pounds, which should be conserved against any unforeseen emergency. Mr. Darby asked if the increase was due to the cost of production of the new journal *Croquet*. Miss Lintern reminded Mr. Darby that he had frequently told the finance committee that the Auditor had for some years past been insisting that the subscriptions must be raised. Mr. Brackenbury stated

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## Council Meeting Minutes

(At the request of many associates we are glad to publish the minutes as fully as space permits)

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at the Roehampton Club on Tuesday, May 11th, 1954.

Mr. E. P. Duffield proposed that Col. Adams be Chairman for the ensuing year; this was seconded by Mr. Reckitt, and agreed.

Col. C. C. Adams then proposed the Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury as Vice-Chairman; this was seconded by Dr. Wiggins, and agreed.

In the Minutes, as circulated, Miss Lintern pointed out that there was an omission, in that no mention was made of Mr. J. W. Solomon having been appointed to assist her in connection with the N.P.F.A. week at Harrods, where his help had been of the utmost value.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. G. W. Solomon tendering his resignation from the Council. This was accepted with regret, and the Secretary was instructed to write accordingly, and to thank Mr. Solomon for his services whilst a member.

Mr. W. Longman gave notice of motion "that the Rules of the C.A. should be revised and brought up to date."

Mr. J. W. Solomon gave notice of motion "that a Committee should be appointed to make arrangements for the visit of the New Zealand team in 1956."

Candidates Nos. 6047 to 6054 were elected.

The Report of the Tournament Committee was presented by Mr. Reckitt. Mr. J. W. Solomon moved that the last sentence be deleted. This was seconded by Mr. Cotter, and carried.

Mr. Reckitt proposed "that if the Chairman of the Council considered the success of the President's Cup Meeting problematical in view of weather conditions, he shall call a meeting of the Council during the week prior to the competition to decide whether 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  in. hoops shall be used." This was seconded by Miss Lintern and carried. The Report as amended was then put to the Meeting and adopted.

It was decided that the Selection Committee for the President's Cup, should consist of five Associates of whom the Chairman must be a member of Council. Ballot papers to be sent to all members of Council, to be returned to the C.A. The Chairman to declare the result at a special meeting of the Council to be held during the week beginning May 24th, 1954.

Miss Lintern reported on the croquet propaganda at Harrods Stores, during the N.P.F.A. Sports exhibition week, which had been a great success. She particularly mentioned the valuable assistance she and Mr. J. W. Solomon had received from Mrs. G. W. Solomon, Major Dibley and Mr. Evans.

Mr. Reckitt announced that offers to hold the Gold Caskets Meeting in 1955 had been received from the Cheltenham and Southwick Clubs. Competitors at the Meeting this year would be asked if they would be prepared to play at a provincial club, and if so, which of those named.

Brig. Stokes-Roberts offered to have the record boards in the Roehampton Croquet Pavilion brought up to date at no expense to the C.A. The offer was accepted with acclamation.

The Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury read a letter received from the Editor of the *Lawn Tennis and Badminton Journal*.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Council held at Hurlingham on Tuesday, May 25th, 1954.

The Chairman reported the result of the ballot for appointment of members of the Selection Committee for the President's Cup. There had been twenty-six nominations. Of these three had a clear majority namely Rev. G. F. H. Elvey, Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury and E. P. Duffield. The next names on the list tied as to number of votes. They were C. B. Bird, Miss D. D. Steel and B. H. Wiggins. Mr. Wiggins had expressed himself willing to serve if desired. Miss Steel would be willing to act provided some of the work could be carried out by correspondence. Mr. Bird was not keen to serve. Mr. Reckitt said he thought it was not desirable to have a member who could not attend meetings as correspondence was unsatisfactory and time-wasting. It was decided to press Mr. Bird to serve, and he consented to do so.

Challenge for a match against Eire. The Secretary reported that there had been some unofficial correspondence

between Mr. L. Kirk-Greene and Mr. A. Robinson, and Mr. FitzPatrick and herself on this subject. Dates were discussed and it was decided to issue a Challenge suggesting July 3rd or September 25th as suitable dates.

It was decided that the Manager and Referee for the event should be appointed by the Selection Committee. The Finance Committee to deal with the question of entertainment of, and presentations to, the visiting team.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Council held at the Hurlingham Club on Tuesday, August 10th, 1954.

The Chairman read a letter dated June 26th, 1954, from Mr. G. W. Solomon in which he suggested that the election of the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting had not been conducted in accordance with the Rules of the Association, and that a Special General Meeting should be held for the purpose of holding an election by a show of hands. The Chairman said that as the election was required by Law viii to be held at the Annual General Meeting this suggestion could not be accepted. He understood that Mr. Brackenbury had consulted Mr. K. E. Shelley, Q.C., whose letter on the subject he now called upon Mr. Brackenbury to read. Mr. Shelley unhesitatingly upheld the election at the last Annual General Meeting and advised that the Council should refuse to re-open the subject. Mr. M. B. Reckitt proposed that "with a view to regularising the matter, we adopt the advice of Mr. Shelley." This was seconded by Mr. B. H. Wiggins. It was then put to the Meeting and carried *nem. con.*

It was further decided that in view of the matter having been taken up with the Association's Bank a copy of Mr. Shelley's letter should be sent to the Bank together with an intimation that the Council was taking Mr. Shelley's advice and that the instruction given to the Bank on May 22nd, 1954, to accept Mr. Buckland's signature was still in force.

A copy of Mr. Shelley's letter to be sent to Mr. G. W. Solomon. (Documents filed.)

The Chairman reported that the Committee of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, at Wimbledon, were unable to provide more than one small court this year for exhibition games. On the recommendation of the Publicity Committee the Chairman of the Council had decided to abandon the project for 1954. This decision had been communicated to Col. Macaulay, the Secretary of the Club, who had acknowledged the letter in cordial terms and stated that any future request would be sympathetically received.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Council held at the Roehampton Club on Thursday, September 23rd, 1954.

The Chairman read correspondence between Mr. G. W. Solomon's Solicitors and the Solicitors consulted on behalf of the Council, relating to the election of the Hon. Treasurer at the last General Meeting. He also gave an account of interviews which had taken place between the Vice-Chairman and the Solicitors and between the latter and Mr. Solomon's Solicitors. The ultimate advice given was, that in order to settle the matter without resort to the Court, which would entail considerable expense, a Special General Meeting of the Association should be held, at which the following resolution would be proposed: "In consequence of doubts having been raised concerning the manner in which the election of the Hon. Treasurer of the Association was conducted at the Annual General Meeting, to elect an Hon. Treasurer, candidates for election being L. F. C. Darby, D. E. Buckland." The Chairman asked members to express their views. Mr. B. H. Wiggins asked if Mr. Darby would be willing to stand for election. Mr. Elvey was opposed to the resolution and proposed as a substitute: "(1) That the Rule regarding the election of the Hon. Treasurer be revised at the Council Meeting on October 21st, 1954. (2) That a Special General Meeting be held on Thursday, November 4th, 1954, to pass the revised Rule. (3) That a further Special General Meeting to be held on Thursday, December 9th, 1954, to re-elect the Hon. Treasurer according to the revised Rule." This was seconded by Mr. Reckitt for purposes of discussion. Mr. Longman thought the Council should act in accordance with the advice of Mr. Shelley, Q.C., and adhere to the decision at the Annual General Meeting. After considerable debate, Mr. Elvey's motion was put to the vote and lost. Mr. B. H. Wiggins proposed that the resolution framed by the Solicitors be accepted. This was seconded by Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts. Mr. Longman said he would be in favour of this provided a

clause of indemnity were added in case of the election of Mr. Darby. The following was then proposed as an additional clause. "In the event of a change in the Treasurership, to approve and confirm all the actions taken by Mr. D. E. Buckland by virtue of his holding the office of Treasurer." With this addition the resolution was agreed.

It was decided that the Special General Meeting to be held at 4 Southampton Row, on November 4th, 1954, at 2 p.m. Mr. Longman was invited to preside, and said he would do so on condition that he had the full support of the Council, and this assurance was given him.

Mr. Duffield, Chairman of the Finance Committee, made a brief statement on the financial position of the C.A. He pointed out that the credit balance in 1952 and 1953 amounted only to a few pounds. It was necessary to make provision for increased liabilities. He read a résumé of the replies received by Mr. Darby, to the questionnaire sent out in the Spring. Most of these, where they agreed to an increase, advocated 5s. After debate Mr. Evans proposed that the subscription be raised to 25s. This was seconded by Mrs. Ashton, put to the vote, and lost. Mr. Reckitt then proposed that the subscription be raised to 30s. This was seconded by Mrs. Nickisson and carried. It was decided that the necessary alteration to Rule xxiv should be on the Agenda for the Special General Meeting to be held on 4th November, 1954.

Mr. Brackenbury made a statement on the financial position regarding the magazine, as estimated to the end of the year. So far as could be seen, the Guarantors would be called upon to make up a deficit of approximately £176. They had only been asked to act for one year, and if it was the wish of the Council that the magazine continue in its present form, they would have to sanction extra expenditure. This liability in 1954 had been limited to £300. Mr. Brackenbury gave details of some proposed economies and non-recurrent expenses, and was hopeful that more advertisements would be obtained. It was agreed that expenditure of £475 be sanctioned for 1955.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 4 Southampton Row, London, on Thursday, October 21st, 1954.

Arising out of the Minutes of the Meeting held on September 23rd, Mr. Wiggins asked what was meant by the "assurance" given to Mr. Longman as to his having the full support of the Council when taking the Chair at the special General Meeting to be held on November 4th, 1954. Mr. Longman agreed that this referred only to policy and procedure. It was also agreed that the Special General Meeting be held at 3 p.m. on November 4th, instead of 2 p.m. as originally planned.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Roehampton Club suggesting a match Roehampton *versus* The Rest, in 1955. Mrs. Nickisson moved that the challenge be accepted. This was seconded by Major Dibley and agreed. The Tournament Committee to arrange with the Club for a suitable date.

Mr. Wiggins gave notice that at the next meeting he would move: "That the Council recommend a reduction in the number of its ordinary Members from 24 to 21 and that Rule 2 be amended accordingly."

Mr. Evans gave notice of a motion to amend Law 28. The Chairman of the Laws Committee agreed to consider the matter at a meeting of that Committee when Mr. Evans would be invited to attend.

It was reported that Rev. G. F. H. Elvey had given notice in writing that at the next meeting he would move: "That the Council sponsor the following addition to the Rules of the C.A. 'Should any difference of opinion or dispute arise as to the interpretation or due execution of any of these Rules, the matter shall be referred to the President of the Association, whose decision shall be final'."

Mr. W. Longman moved: "That the Rules of the Association be examined and where necessary amended and that an informal conference of Associates be called to discuss the Rules before the final draft is prepared."

Mr. Longman agreed to divide the motion into two parts, and to add to the first part "and standing orders of the Council." This was seconded by Miss Lintern and carried. The second part dealing with the calling of an informal conference of Associates was seconded by Mr. Reckitt and agreed. The following were appointed a Committee to deal with the matter: Mr. Brackenbury, Major Dibley, Mr. Longman and Mr. Wiggins.

Mr. B. H. Wiggins on behalf of Mr. J. W. Solomon moved "That the Council appoint a special Committee

to arrange all details in connection with the visit of a team from New Zealand in 1956." This was seconded by Mr. Duffield and carried. The following were appointed to serve on the Committee: Mrs. Ashton, Mr. Brackenbury, Mr. Reckitt, Mr. J. W. Solomon, Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts, and they were given power to co-opt others.

Mr. M. B. Reckitt moved "That the functions of Intervening Referees be discontinued, all referees on the list of any Official Tournament being authorised and advised to issue a warning to any player whose strokes they consider not to have been made in accordance with the Laws. Referees who find these warnings disregarded should report all such cases to the Referee of the Tournament, who will thereupon seek to arrange that a referee be appointed for any game at the tournament in which the player is concerned, and in any other cases where he has reason to suppose that such an appointment would be desirable, informing the player that he has done so. Nothing in this motion is to be interpreted as superseding the existing right of a competitor to ask that a referee be appointed for a game in which he is concerned." After considerable discussion it was agreed that the matter be referred to the Laws Committee.

Brig. Stokes-Roberts reported the discussions which had been held with the Central Council of Physical Recreation. These included exhibition games and instruction at Woking Club and Cassiobury Park, Watford. Brig. Stokes-Roberts asked the Tournament Committee to allocate a Saturday as early as possible in the season of 1955 for this purpose. Should these efforts be successful, the C.C.P.R. would be keen to give further assistance.

The following nominations to fill the three casual vacancies on the Council by co-option were received:—I. C. Baillieu. Proposed by Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury. Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton. Proposed by Rev. G. F. H. Elvey. L. F. C. Darby. Proposed by W. Longman.

F. H. Fisher. Proposed by Col. J. G. Clarke. Dr. G. L. Ormerod. Proposed by Major J. H. Dibley. E. A. Roper. Proposed by Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at 4 Southampton Row, on Thursday, November 4th, 1954.

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts gave notice of motion: "To select a representative of the C.A. to serve on the Central Council of Physical Recreation."

To select a representative of the C.A. to serve on the Games Advisory Committee of the C.C.P.R.

To consider the advisability of making an annual subscription to the C.C.P.R. Say £2 2s. as a start."

The Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury gave notice of motion "To consider the time and date for an informal meeting of associates to be held to deal with the alteration of the Rules."

Mr. J. W. Solomon gave notice of motion "That every club affiliated to the C.A. shall have a representative on the Council."

Motion by the Rev. G. F. H. Elvey:—"Should any difference of opinion arise as to the interpretation or due execution of any of these Rules, the matter shall be referred to the President of the Association, whose decision shall be final." Mr. Elvey pointed out that it would be advantageous to have a court of appeal within the C.A. and, as the President was always a person of standing, he could most suitably be asked to undertake this responsibility. This was seconded by Mrs. Reeve. After some debate the motion was put to the meeting and carried.

Motion by Mr. B. H. Wiggins:—"That the Council recommend a reduction in the number of its ordinary Members from 24 to 21 and that Rule II be amended accordingly." This was seconded by Mr. Cotter. After considerable debate Mr. Longman proposed as an amendment that the matter be referred to the Sub-Committee appointed to deal with the revision of the Rules. This was seconded by Mr. Evans. The amendment was put to the Meeting and carried.

Mr. Longman reported that Mr. Darby had asked for his name to be withdrawn from the list of candidates for co-option to the Council. The order of voting was:—Mr. I. C. Baillieu, Dr. G. L. Ormerod, Mr. F. H. Fisher, Mrs. R. C. J. Beaton, Mr. E. A. Roper. The co-opted members were declared to be:—Mr. I. C. Baillieu, Mr. F. H. Fisher, Dr. G. L. Ormerod.

Report of the Golf Croquet Committee. This was presented by Mr. B. H. Wiggins, seconded by Mrs. Nickisson and accepted.

## Meeting of Associates

The Council has appointed a sub-committee to revise the Rules of the Association. An informal meeting of associates will be held at 4 Southampton Row, W.C.1., on Wednesday, 26th January, 1955, at 2.30 p.m., to meet the sub-committee to discuss with them any proposed changes and to receive suggestions.

If any associate has recommendations to make and cannot attend the meeting will he send such suggestions to the Secretary of the C.A., by January 12th.

In order that suitable accommodation may be arranged for the meeting, will those who think they can attend please inform the Secretary of the C.A. by January 12th.

## Alterations to Laws, 1955

In accordance with Rule xiv of the Croquet Association the following alterations and additions to the Laws adopted by the Council at their meeting on November 18th, 1954, are now published and are subject to confirmation by a subsequent meeting of the Council to be held on January 6th, 1955.

**Law 27.** That all words in the first sentence after "null and void" to be deleted.

**Law 28 (line 5).** Delete the words "the privilege of deciding shall follow alternately," and substitute the words "the loser of the toss shall have the choice in the second game and if there is a third game the players shall toss again."

**Law 31 (c) (line 5).** Delete "the turn" and insert "that turn".

**Law 36 (b).** Add after "adversary's," "or partner's,".

**Law 39 (c) (line 2).** After "hit the peg" add "or while touching the peg be hit by another ball".

**Law 46 (h).** To be deleted and present (i) to be relettered (h).

It is recommended that the appointment of intervening referees be discontinued and Regulation 15 be amended as follows:

**Regulation 15 (a)** Delete "and (d)" and add "(d) and (e)".

**Regulation 15 (e)** Delete "After report from an Assistant Referee or as the result of his own observation,".

### GOLF CROQUET

**Law 1.** Delete lines 7 and 8 and substitute the following:—"There are two alternative games, a short game of 12 points and a longer game of 18 points."

**Law 4.** Delete the 2nd and 3rd paragraphs and substitute the following:—

"The short game of 12 points is played straight through to the Rover hoop in the same order as in Croquet."

"In the longer game of 18 points the first 12 points are played in the same order as in Croquet and the last 6 hoops are played again from 1-back to the Rover hoop."

"The peg is not contested in either game and if there is an equality after contesting the last hoop a further point is played for by contesting the third hoop, the balls being played as they lie after the last hoop."

**Law 5.** Delete the first 4 lines and "Alternative Y (Variation)." in the 5th line.

**Law 11.** Delete the proviso and substitute the following:—

Provided that in the longer game of 18 points the side receiving odds shall receive an extra half-bisque. Provided also that in the short game not more than 2 bisques, and in the longer game not more than 2½ bisques shall be given in any case."

The changes in the rules of Golf Croquet are due to the Council's accepting the recommendations of the Golf Croquet Committee that the alternative game of 18 points should be incorporated in the Laws of Golf Croquet and that "Alternative X" should be abolished and "Alternative Y" be adopted as the only game.

## The Tournament Committee

The Tournament Committee recommends the following:—

That all C.A. fixtures should be held in 1955 on dates corresponding to those of 1954 (for details see Calendar).

That the Men's and Women's Championships be played for at a provincial centre in 1955, and that the Cheltenham Club be given the first choice. If they do not accept, Southwick to be asked.

That the Association Plate be played under Law 44.

That a second competition under similar conditions to the President's Cup be played at Roehampton at the same time as the President's Cup, and a trophy allocated for this competition.

That the Creyke Cups be offered for competition during the Roehampton Club Tournament for handicap events.

That the match Roehampton v. The Rest be played at the Roehampton Club on Saturday, May 28th, the team for The Rest to be selected by the 1954 Selection Committee.

That a challenge be sent to the Carrickmines Club for a match, to be played at the Hurlingham Club either on Saturday, July 2nd, or on Saturday, July 30th, as may be most convenient for the Irish players.

That a gratuity of £10 be given to the Ground Staff of the Roehampton Club. In this connection the Committee suggests to the Council that it should invite the Finance Committee to consider the conditions under which this payment (and a similar one to the Hurlingham Club Ground Staff which does not come on the Council vote) is authorised, in relation to the terms of the contract with the Roehampton Club, and to its status as C.A. Headquarters.

That Mr. V. A. de la Nougerede be added to the list of Managers.

### ROEHAMPTON

SEPTEMBER 20th—25th

Despite a smaller entry than last year, this annual meeting was as successful as ever, and no competitor is likely to deny that "a good time was had by all." Of the delightful surroundings and the excellence of the lawns, nothing need be said. On the whole, even the weather was kind, though the high wind did affect the deadly accuracy generally associated with Class A players' short approaches and positioning for rushes. As usual, much of the tournament's success was due to Miss Lintern's skilful management, her unending tact and gracious kindness to good, bad and indifferent players. An important part was played by Mr. Wood-Hill. He was always available to answer calls of "Referee" and to peg down games late in the evenings. Players owe much to him for his unobtrusive work at this as at many other tournaments.

A most exciting Double was won by Miss A. M. Carlyon and Miss Hellyer. Major Cobb and his partner, Mrs. Attfield, were not playing their best when he pegged out Miss Carlyon's ball leaving Miss Hellyer the rover hoop to make with a bisque in hand. She made the hoop, but unfortunately, missed the return roquet, and so new life was given to the other side. After one or two turns, Mrs. Attfield made her two hoops but missed the roquet after the rover. Miss Hellyer missed a long shot. Major Cobb then lined up the balls for the peg from about three yards. He missed with the front ball but hit the peg hard enough with his own ball to break the top of it. Now all was silent for Miss Hellyer's last shot, and she hit the peg fair and square from the north boundary and so Miss Carlyon and Miss Hellyer entered the next round.

The final of the Doubles was rather a one-sided match until near the end. Brigadier Stokes-Roberts and Mrs. Perowne had played very well against Major Dibley and T. Wood-Hill and had reached the rover hoop with a bisque in hand and partner's ball at the peg. Stokes-Roberts got a poor position for the rover hoop but instead of taking the bisque to make sure of the hoop, elected to try the hoop, failed, and was on the wire. Later, when Dibley and Wood-Hill were both for 2-back, Stokes-Roberts and Mrs. Perowne for the peg, the latter

on going across the lawn to join her partner ball, hit the peg. This seemed to inspire the other side, and they made hoops at a great rate with their two balls. Stokes-Roberts missed all the shots, and so Dibley and Wood-Hill won an exciting final. Mrs. Perowne had played very well in every round of the Doubles, her shooting being of a very high order, and she made breaks in great style.

The Gold Cup was won by J. G. Warwick who defeated M. B. Reckitt. This was not a particularly good game by either player, but Warwick was shooting better than Reckitt and so deservedly won by two points. Mrs. Turketine played a fine game in the Process when she defeated Warwick by 23 points.

J. G. Warwick also won the X Event when he beat J. B. Gilbert in the final by 10. Warwick's shooting was again the feature of his game. It is unfortunate that Gilbert has so little opportunity to play in tournaments as he would doubtless soon join the minus ranks and become one of our leading players.

Brigadier Omond—a rapidly improving player—was in two finals. He lost the C class final to Miss Borron by 1 but beat Brigadier Stokes-Roberts in the final of Y by 4. Dr. Oliver is to be congratulated on winning the extra event. In his four rounds he gave 35 bisques. He beat that keen neophyte Mrs. Staub, in the final, by 2.

Miss Lintern presented the prizes and, on the suggestion of Warwick, proudly clasping the Gold Cup, was accorded a unanimous vote of thanks.

### OPEN SINGLES.

("Two Lives" System).

### THE RANELAGH GOLD CUP.

#### THE DRAW.

(8 Entries).

#### FIRST ROUND.

M. Spencer-Ell bt M. B. Reckitt by 7.  
J. G. Warwick bt Major J. W. Cobb by 6.  
Mrs. L. C. Apps bt Mrs. G. J. Turketine by 21.  
H. T. Pinckney-Simpson bt Miss D. A. Lintern by 9.

#### SEMI-FINAL.

J. G. Warwick bt M. Spencer-Ell by 2.  
Mrs. L. C. Apps bt H. T. Pinckney-Simpson by 8.

#### FINAL.

J. G. Warwick bt Mrs. L. C. Apps by 14.

### PROCESS.

(8 Entries).

#### FIRST ROUND.

Miss D. A. Lintern bt Major J. W. Cobb by 15.  
M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs. L. C. Apps by 12.  
Mrs. G. J. Turketine bt J. G. Warwick by 23.  
M. Spencer-Ell bt H. T. Pinckney-Simpson by 12.

#### SEMI-FINAL.

M. B. Reckitt bt Miss D. A. Lintern by 10.  
Mrs. G. J. Turketine bt M. Spencer-Ell by 3.

#### FINAL.

M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs. G. J. Turketine by 17.

#### PLAY-OFF.

J. G. Warwick bt M. B. Reckitt by 2.

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

(1 bisque or more).

(8 Entries).

#### FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. M. B. Reckitt bt Brig. A. E. Stokes Roberts by 10.  
Major J. H. Dibley bt Mrs. S. Phillips by 12.  
Miss D. Jennings bt T. Wood-Hill by 1.  
Mrs. E. Bristow w.o. L. F. C. Darby opponent scratched.

#### SEMI-FINAL.

Major J. H. Dibley w.o. Mrs. M. B. Reckitt opponent scratched.  
Miss D. Jennings bt Mrs. E. Bristow by 12.

#### FINAL.

Major J. H. Dibley bt Miss D. Jennings by 15.

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

(4 bisques or more).

(10 Entries).

#### FIRST ROUND.

Brig. J. S. Omond (8) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (12) by 12.  
Mrs. J. S. Omond (12) bt Mrs. F. Pavia (4) by 10.

#### SECOND ROUND.

Mrs. D. Attfield (6) bt Miss H. McKean (7½) by 5.  
Brig. J. S. Omond (8) bt E. Whitehead (6½) by 18.  
Miss M. W. Borron (7) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (12) by 7.  
Major-Gen. F. H. Davidson (8½) bt Mrs. B. C. Perowne (6) by 12.

#### SEMI-FINAL.

Brig. J. S. Omond (8) bt Mrs. D. Attfield (6) by 23.  
Miss M. W. Borron (7) bt Major-Gen. F. H. Davidson (8½) by 8.

#### FINAL.

Miss M. W. Borron (7) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (8) by 1.

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

EVENT "X".

(30 Entries).

#### FIRST ROUND.

Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) w.o. L. F. C. Darby (3½) opponent scratched.  
H. T. Pinckney-Simpson (0) bt T. Wood-Hill (1½) by 17.  
Miss A. M. M. Carlyon (4½) bt Miss H. McKean (7½) by 16.  
M. Spencer-Ell (0) bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (4) by 12.

Mrs. F. Pavia (4) bt Mrs. S. Phillips (2½) by 8.  
Mrs. M. H. Carrington (12) bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) by 24.

J. B. Gilbert (0) bt Mrs. D. M. Staub (13) by 16.  
Major-Gen. F. H. Davidson (8½) bt Major J. W. Cobb (—½) by 26.

J. G. Warwick (—1) bt Mrs. E. Bristow (7) by 9.  
Major J. H. Dibley (1) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (8) by 7.  
Mrs. B. C. Perowne (6) bt Miss M. L. Hellyer (7½) by 9.  
Miss M. W. Borron (7) bt Mrs. G. J. Turketine (—½) by 19.  
M. B. Reckitt (—3½) bt E. Whitehead (6½) by 4.  
Dr. N. H. Oliver (½) bt Mrs. D. Attfield (6) by 21.

#### SECOND ROUND.

Miss D. Jennings (3½) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (3) by 12.  
Miss A. M. M. Carlyon (4½) bt H. T. Pinckney-Simpson (0) by 14.

M. Spencer-Ell (0) bt Mrs. F. Pavia (4) by 14.  
J. B. Gilbert (0) bt Mrs. M. H. Carrington (12) by 6.  
J. G. Warwick (—1) bt Major-Gen. F. H. Davidson (8½) by 6.

Major J. H. Dibley (1) bt Mrs. B. C. Perowne (6) by 8.  
M. B. Reckitt (—3½) bt Miss M. W. Borron (7) by 13.  
Dr. N. H. Oliver (½) bt Mrs. J. S. Omond (12) by 3.

#### THIRD ROUND.

Miss D. Jennings (3½) bt Miss A. M. M. Carlyon (4½) by 13.  
J. B. Gilbert (0) w.o. M. Spencer-Ell (0) opponent retired on peg.

J. G. Warwick (—1) bt Major J. H. Dibley (1) by 4.  
Dr. N. H. Oliver (½) bt M. B. Reckitt (—3) by 9.

#### SEMI-FINAL.

J. B. Gilbert (0) bt Miss D. Jennings (3½) by 21.  
J. G. Warwick (—1) bt Dr. N. H. Oliver (½) by 8.

#### FINAL.

J. G. Warwick (—1) bt J. B. Gilbert (0) by 10.

EVENT "Y".

(15 Entries).

#### FIRST ROUND.

T. Wood-Hill (1½) w.o. L. F. C. Darby (3½) opponent scratched.

Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts (4) bt Miss H. McKean (7½) by 10.

Mrs. S. Phillips (2½) bt Mrs. M. B. Reckitt (2½) by 14.  
Major J. W. Cobb (½) bt Mrs. D. M. Staub (13) by 8.  
Brig. J. S. Omond (8) bt Mrs. E. Bristow (7) by 10.  
Miss M. L. Hellyer (7½) bt Mrs. G. J. Turketine (—½) by 1.  
E. Whitehead (6½) bt Mrs. D. Attfield (6) by 6.





## PRIZE WINNERS 1954

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 handicaps of players, and show approximately the occasions of their changes.

OS—Open Singles or Open Singles (Class "A"); OSB—Level Singles (Class "B"), etc.; GS—Gentlemen's Singles; LS—Ladies' Singles; HS—Handicap Singles; HSA—Handicap Singles (Class "A"), etc.; HSX (Y, Z)—Handicap Singles (Event "X," "Y," "Z"); HSEX—Extra Handicap Singles; GHS—Gentlemen's Handicap Singles; LHS—Ladies' Handicap Singles; OD—Open Doubles; MOD—Mixed Open Doubles; LLD—Limited Level Doubles; HD—Handicap Doubles; GHD—Gentlemen's Handicap Doubles; LHD—Ladies' Handicap Doubles; MHD—Mixed Handicap Doubles.

ABBEY, MAJOR J. R. [1] Budleigh Salterton (July), OSB, 1.  
ABBEY, LADY URSULA [5] Brighton (August), HS, 3.  
ADAMS, COL. C. C. [—2] Peels, 1; Challenge Cups, Roehampton Cup, 3.  
ADLER, MRS. S. M. [11] Challenge Cups, Stevenson Cup, 2.  
ALEXANDER, G. A. H. [9] Budleigh Salterton (July), HSB, 3; Exmouth, HSX, 3; Cheltenham (N.O.), HSY, 1.  
ALLEN, MISS G. [9] Bedford, HSZ, 3.  
ALLEN, MISS M. [9] Bedford, HS, 3.  
ANDERSON, D. M. [2½] Leamington, HSB, 1, HS, 1, HD, 1.  
APPS, MRS. L. C. [—1½] Woking OS (Draw), 3; "Ladies' Field" Cup, equal 4; Roehampton, OS (Draw), 2.  
ARCHER, MRS. [14] Buxton, HSC, 1.  
ASHTON, MRS. L. H. [—2] Parkstone (June), OS (Process), 2; "Ladies' Field" Cup, equal 4; Parkstone (August), HD, 2; Eastbourne, OS, 3.  
AULT, MISS K. [5] Challenge Cups, Luard Cup, 1, Gilbey Cup "C", 3.  
BADCOCK, MRS. A. [1½] Brighton (August), HD, 3; Brighton (N.O.), HSZ, 1 divided, HD, 3.  
BALD, CAPT. G. R. [7] Exmouth, HSC, 3, HSY, 2, HD, 3.  
BALDWIN, LT.-COL. F. E. W. [3] Exmouth, OSB, 2.  
BANCOCK, E. G. [5] Cheltenham, HSB, 1, HD, 1.  
BEAMISH, COL. D. W. [—1] Budleigh Salterton, HSX, 2; Exmouth, HSX, 1; Parkstone (August), HD, 3.  
BEAMISH, COMDR. G. V. G. [2½] Parkstone (June), HS, Evans Trophy, 1, HSX, 1; Budleigh Salterton (July), HS, 3; Exmouth, OS (Process), 2; Parkstone (August), OSB, 1, HS, 2, HD, 3.  
BIRCH, G. [4] Nottingham, Robin Hood Gold Cup, HS, 3, HSX, 3, HD, 2.  
BIRCH, MISS J. [4½] Hunstanton, HS, 3.  
BISHOP, MRS. C. A. [8] Bedford, HS, 3, HD, 3.  
BLACK, G. A. [10] Sidmouth, HD, 1; Budleigh Salterton (July), HSB, 1.  
BLAKE, MRS. J. COWPER [6] Ryde, HD, 2.  
BLAND, J. A. [9] Brighton (May), HD, 3.  
BORRAN, MISS M. W. [7] Roehampton, HSC, 1.  
BOSTOCK, MRS. O. E. [12] Ryde, HSD, 1, HD, 1.  
BRIGGS, MRS. F. R. [2] Budleigh Salterton (July), HS, 2.  
BRIGHT, G. N. [3] Nottingham, Robin Hood Gold Cup, HS, 2, OS (Draw), 2, HD, 2, HSX, 1.  
BRIGHT, N. L. [4] Hunstanton, OSB, 2, HSEX, 1.  
BRISTOW, MRS. E. [7] Creyke Cups, OSEx (Draw), 1, (Process), 3.  
BROWN, J. K. [0] Sidmouth, HS, 3; Budleigh Salterton, OS (Draw), 2; HSX, 1, HD, 3; Buxton, HSZ, 3, HD, 1; Parkstone (August), OS, Ashton Trophy, 2; Eastbourne, MOS, 3, HD, 1.  
BURRELL, MRS. R. H. [13] Ryde, HSD, 2, HSY, 2.  
CARFRAE, MAJOR C. T. [7] Woking, HS, 3, HSX, 3.  
CARLYON, MISS M. S. [0] Hurlingham, OS, Turner Cup, 1.  
CARMOUCHE, MISS E. P. [3] Compton, HS, 3.  
CARPMAEL, E. V. [1] Hurlingham, Gold Caskets, Du Pre Cup, 3, HS, 2; Woking, HSX, 2; Bedford, OS, 1, HSY, 3, HD, 1; Creyke Cups, OSEx (Draw), 2; Hunstanton, HD, 1; Eastbourne, HSEX, 3.  
CARRINGTON, MRS. M. H. [12] Roehampton, HSEX, 3.

CAVE, LT.-COL. G. E. [5] Budleigh Salterton, Restricted HS, 3; Budleigh Salterton (July), OSB, 2, HD, 2; Eastbourne, OSB, 3, HD, 1, HS, 1.  
CHANCELLOR, MISS M. [4] Cheltenham (N.O.), HSY, 3.  
CHITTENDEN, MRS. H. F. [3½] Brighton (May), HS, 3, HSX, 3; Compton, OSB, 1, HS, 1, HD, 2; All England H'cap, 2; Brighton (August), OSB, 1; Brighton (N.O.), HSB, 3, HD, 1.  
COBB, MAJOR J. W. [—½] Hurlingham, Gold Caskets, Du Pre Cup, 2; Woking, OS (Process), 3; Open Championships, OD, 2; Challenge Cups, Roehampton Cup, OS (Draw), 3; Cheltenham, OS (Process), 3, HS, 3, HD, 2; Roehampton, HSY, 3.  
COLLINS, MRS. H. J. [4½] Peels, 1; Silver Jubilee Cup A, 3.  
COOK, E. J. [8] Nottingham, HS, 3, HD, 1, HSY, 2.  
COOK, MRS. E. J. [9] Nottingham, HSB, 1, HSX, 2, HD, 1.  
CORK, MRS. M. D. [10] Parkstone (June), HS, Cope Cup, 1, HSY, 2.  
COTTER, E. P. C. [—4] Peels, 2; Hurlingham, Gold Casket, 1; Open Championships, OD, 1; All England H'cap, 3; Challenge Cups, Roehampton Cup, 1, Gilbey Cup "A", 2; Hurlingham, OS, 1, HS, 1, GHD, 1; President's Cup, 2; Parkstone (August), OS, 2, HS, 3.  
CRAVEN, MRS. M. [1] "Ladies' Field" Cup, 8.  
CUMBERLEGE, MRS. C. B. [2½] Bedford, OS, 3; Cheltenham (N.O.), HSY, 3; Eastbourne, OSB, 2.  
CURNICK, MRS. M. [1½] Buxton, HSY, 1.  
DALDY, MISS M. J. [—1] Brighton (May), HSZ, 3, HD, 3; "Ladies' Field" Cup, 7; Cheltenham (N.O.), HSX, 1.  
DANIELS, LT.-COL. A. M. [6] Cheltenham, HSB, 2; Cheltenham (N.O.), HSB, 1, HSY, 2; Eastbourne, HD, 2.  
DAVEY, H. C. [2] Buxton, HD, 2.  
DAVIDSON, MAJOR-GEN. F. H. N. [8½] Challenge Cups, Stevenson Cup, 3; Hurlingham, HS, 3.  
DE LA NOUGEREDÉ [½] Ryde, HSX, 1, HSEX, 1; Parkstone (June), HD, 2; Challenge and Gilbey Cups, HD, 3; Cheltenham, OS, 2, HD, 3.  
DENBOW, REV. F. J. [6] Buxton, OSB, 1; Nottingham, HSY, 1.  
DENISON, REV. H. B. W. [0] Bedford, HSX, 1, HD, 2; Cheltenham, HS, 1.  
DE WESSELOW, R. C. V. [4½] Silver Jubilee Cup Block "B", 2.  
DIBLEY, MAJOR J. H. [1½] Peels, HSEX, 2; Brighton (May), HD, 2; Gilbey Cup, 2, HD, 3; Creyke Cups, OSEx (Process), 2; Roehampton, OSB, 1, HD, 1; Eastbourne, MOS, 2.  
DIBLEY, MRS. J. H. [6] Ryde, HD, 2; Exmouth, HSX, 2; Creyke Cups "B", HS, 2, OSEx (Process), 3; Brighton (N.O.), HSX, 2; Eastbourne, OSC, 2, HS, 2.  
DIBLEY, D. J. [7] Brighton (August), HS, 3.  
DIXSON, W. J. [9] Budleigh Salterton (July), HSB, 3.  
DOUGLAS-JONES, SIR CRAWFORD [6] Brighton (May), HSZ, 2; Brighton (August), HSB, 3; Brighton (N.O.), HSY, 1.  
DUFFIELD, E. P. [—1] Buxton, OS (Draw), 2.  
EAKIN, MRS. K. [7] Bedford, HS, 1, HSY, 1.  
ELL, M. SPENCER [0] Challenge and Gilbey Cups, HSEX, 1; Creyke Cups "A", HS, 1, OSEx (Draw), 3.  
ELPHINSTONE-STONE, MISS L. [3½] Bedford, HD, 1.  
ELVEY, REV. G. F. H. [—1] Parkstone (June), HD, 1.  
ELVEY, MRS. G. F. H. [—2] Parkstone (June), OS, 1, divided, HS, 3, HD, 1; Budleigh Salterton (July), OS (Process), 2; "Ladies' Field" Cup, 2; President's Cup, 8; Parkstone (August), OS, Ashton Trophy, 1.  
EVANS, G. V. [½] Peels (Draw), 3; (Process), 2; Woking, OS, 2, HD, 2; Gilbey Cup "A", 3, HD, 3; Eastbourne, HD, 3.  
FARNSWORTH, MRS. C. R. [7] Ryde, HSX, 3, HSEX, 2.  
FAULKNER, R. [2] Buxton, OS, 1.  
FELLOWS, BRIG.-GEN. B. C. [—1] Brighton (May), HS, 1; Buxton, HSX, 2; Cheltenham, HD, 3; Eastbourne, OS, 3, HD, 2.  
FISHER, F. H. [—1½] Peels (Draw), 3, HD, 1; Brighton (May), HSZ, 3; Cheltenham, OS, 3.  
FORBES-COWAN, MISS G. [6] Brighton (May), HSY, 3.

FOTIADI, MRS. A. [2] Buxton, HSX, 1; "Ladies' Field" Cup, equal 4.  
FRASER-SMITH, MRS. G. [10(D.9)] Sidmouth, HD, 2.  
GASSON, MRS. V. C. [2] Parkstone (June), OS (Draw), 2, HSY, 1; Cheltenham, OSB, 1, HD, 3; Eastbourne, OSB, 1.  
GATEHOUSE, MRS. C. E. [7½] Sidmouth, HSC, 2; Budleigh Salterton, HS Restricted, 1, HD, 2.  
GILBERT, J. B. [0] Roehampton, HSX, 2.  
GOUGH, MISS S. C. [14] Budleigh Salterton, HSY, 3.  
GREEN, CANON G. A. [9] Bedford, HSX, 3, HD, 2.  
GUNNELL, MRS. D. A. [10] Woking, HSY, 3, HS, 1.  
HAIGH-SMITH, MRS. E. [12] Gilbey Cup, 3.  
HALL, H. A. [8] Compton, HSB, 2.  
HASLAM, MISS M. K. [1½] Parkstone (June), HSY, 3.  
HELLYER, MISS M. L. [7½] Roehampton, HSEX, 3.  
HELEY, MRS. P. E. [5] Bedford, HS, 2, HSX, 2; Gilbey Cup "C", 2; Hunstanton, HS, 3, HD, 1.  
HEWITT, J. [—½] Parkstone (June), HSX, 3.  
HICKS, H. O. [—5½] Sidmouth, OS, 1, HS, 1, HD, 2; Budleigh Salterton, OS, 1; Ryde I.O.W. Champs., 1, HSY, 1, HD, 1; Budleigh Salterton (July), OS, 1, HD, 1; Cheltenham, OS, 1; Leamington, OS, 1, HD, 1; President's Cup, 1.  
HITCHCOCK, G. E. W. [3] Challenge Cups, Luard Cup, 2; Brighton (August), OSB, 2.  
HODGES, C. W. R. [—2½] Open Championships, OS, 3; Parkstone (August), OS, 1.  
HODGSON, H. O. [½] Buxton, HSZ, 1; Nottingham, OS, 1; All England H'cap, 3; Hunstanton, OS, 2, HD, 2.  
HULBERT, H. R. [3½] Sidmouth, OSB, 2, HS, 2.  
HUNTER, J. [6] Buxton, HSY, 3, HD, 1.  
IRWIN, MRS. C. M. [3½] Compton, OSB, 2, HD, 1.  
JARRATT, REV. G. L. [9] Creyke Cups, OSEx (Draw), 3.  
JENNINGS, MISS D. [3½] Challenge and Gilbey Cups, HSEX, 3; Roehampton, OSB, 2, HSX, 3.  
JOB, MRS. [14] Buxton, HSC, 2.  
KIRK-GREENE, L. [—1½] Brighton (May), OS, 1, HD, 2; Compton, OS, 1; Brighton (August), OS (Process), 2; Eastbourne, OS, 2, OD, 1.  
LINTERN, MISS D. A. [—3] Peels, 2, HD, 2; Hurlingham, Gold Casket, 1; Open Championships, OD, 2; "Ladies' Field" Cup, 1; Hurlingham, OS, 3; President's Cup, 7.  
LIVESAY, F. [12] Exmouth, HD, 2.  
LONGMAN, W. [—3] Brighton (May), OS (Process) 3; Open Championships, Association Plate, 3; Hurlingham, GHD, 2; Brighton (August), OS (Draw), 3; Eastbourne, HD, 3.  
LONGMAN, MRS. W. [—1] Brighton (August), OS (Process), 3; Eastbourne, WOS, 3.  
LORD, W. F. [10] Nottingham, HSX, 3; Hunstanton, HSC, 1; HD, 2.  
LORD, MRS. R. S. [6½] Brighton (N.O.), HSY, 3.  
MACAULAY, MISS M. C. [3½] Bedford, HSY, 2.  
MADGE, MRS. T. A. [5] Leamington, HSB, 3.  
MARTYR, J. WESTON [12] Budleigh Salterton (July), HD, 1.  
MASON, G. H. [—½] Bedford, OS, 2, HD, 3; Nottingham, OS (Draw), 3.  
MATHEWS, LT.-COL. S. [5½] Sidmouth, HSC, 1; Cheltenham, HSB, 3.  
MATHEWS, MRS. S. [5] Budleigh Salterton, HSX, 3; Cheltenham (N.O.), HD, 2.  
McALEENAN, DR. H. R. [9] Eastbourne, OSD, 3, HS, 3, HSLtd., 3.  
McKEAN, MISS H. [7½] Exmouth, HSC, 2; Cheltenham (N.O.), HSX, 3.  
McMORDIE, MRS. J. A. [3½] Parkstone (June), HSEX, 1.  
MEGSON, MRS. A. L. [4] Buxton, OSB, 2.  
MEREDITH, CANON CREED [1] Brighton (August), HD, 1.  
MICHELMORE, MRS. R. G. [3] Sidmouth, OSB, 1; Budleigh Salterton, HSY, 1; Budleigh Salterton (July), HD, 3; Challenge and Gilbey Cups, HD, 2; Exmouth, HSY, 3, HD, 3.  
MILLAR, CAPT. K. B. [8] Cheltenham, HSB, 3.  
MILLS, MISS A. E. [3] Buxton, HSX, 3; Challenge Cups, Council Cup, 3, Gilbey Cup "B", 3, HD, 2; Hurlingham, OS, Younger Cup, 2, HS, 2, LHD, 1; Eastbourne, HS, 1.

MILLS, MISS V. E. [3½] Sidmouth, HD, 3; Budleigh Salterton, HSY, 2; Buxton, OSB, 3, HD, 3; Exmouth, OSB, 3, HD, 3.  
MORGAN, MISS M. [11] Gilbey Cup "D", 2; Brighton (August), HD, 3; Brighton (N.O.), HSC, 3, HSZ, 3.  
NEWMAN, MISS L. [5½] Ryde, HSX, 3.  
NEWTON, R. H. [2½] Bedford, HSZ, 2; Cheltenham, HS, 3; Leamington, HSB, 2, HS, 3; Brighton (N.O.), HSB, 1.  
ODDIE, N. [1] Hurlingham, OS, Turner Cup, 2; Brighton (N.O.), HSB, 3, HSZ, 1, divided.  
ODDIE, MRS. N. [—2½] Hurlingham, Gold Caskets, 1; Brighton (May), OS (Draw), 2, HSY, 1; Hurlingham, MOD, 2; Brighton (N.O.), HD, 3; Eastbourne, WOS, 2, OD, 1, HS, 3.  
ODLING, MRS. W. A. [3] Cheltenham (N.O.), OSB, 2.  
OLIVER, DR. N. H. [½] Hurlingham, OS, Turner Cup, 3; Roehampton, HSX, 3, HSEX, 1.  
OLIVER, T. S. [10(D.8)] Hurlingham, GHD, 2.  
OMOND, BRIG. J. S. [10] Woking, HS, 2, HSX, 1, HD, 1; Challenge Cups, Stevenson Cup, 1; Roehampton, HSC, 2, HSY, 1.  
ORMEROD, DR. G. L. [6] Nottingham, Robin Hood Gold Cup, HS, 1, HSB, 2; Eastbourne, OSC, 3, HSLtd., 2.  
ORMEROD, W. P. [4] Gilbey Cup, 1; Parkstone (August), OSB, 2, HS, 3, HD, 1.  
OZANNE, MRS. G. [1] Cheltenham (N.O.), HSX, 2.  
PAGE, R. W. [10] Eastbourne, OSD, 3.  
PARKER, MISS H. D. [5½] Buxton, HSX, 3, HD, 2; Brighton (August), HSB, 3; Cheltenham (N.O.), OSB, 1; Brighton (N.O.), HSB, 2; Eastbourne, OSC, 3, HSEX, 3.  
PARKES, A. J. [6] Leamington, HSB, 3.  
PAVIA, MRS. F. [4] Peels (Draw), 2; Challenge Cups, Luard Cup, 3.  
PAXON, G. F. [10] Brighton (August), HSB, 2, HD, 3; Brighton (N.O.), HSC, 1.  
PAXON, MRS. J. A. [8] Brighton (August), HD, 3.  
PEARCE, MRS. D. S. [5] Brighton (August), HD, 1.  
PEEL, MISS R. M. [4½] Cheltenham (N.O.), HD, 2.  
PENNY, DR. H. J. [—1½] Hurlingham Gold Casket, 3, HS, 1; Open Championships, OS, 2; Buxton, OS, 2; Nottingham, OS, 2; Hurlingham, HS, 3; Eastbourne, OD, 3.  
PEROWNE, MRS. B. C. [6] Roehampton, HD, 2.  
PHILLIPS, MRS. S. [2½] Leamington, HS, 3.  
PLUM, MISS W. M. [6] Cheltenham (N.O.), HSB, 3.  
POSFORD, MISS M. A. [5½] Cheltenham (N.O.), HSB, 2, HSX, 3.  
PYM, CANON A. J. W. [½] Bedford, HSX, 3.  
RAND, MRS. C. F. [2½] Brighton (N.O.), HD, 2.  
RATCLIFFE, C. S. [9] Challenge and Gilbey Cups, HSEX, 2.  
RECKITT, M. B. [—3] Hurlingham, Gold Casket, 2; Woking, HD, 2; Open Championships, Association Plate, 1; Exmouth, OS, 2; Hurlingham, OS, 2, MOD, 2; President's Cup, 3; Brighton (August), OS, 1; Roehampton, OS, 2; Eastbourne, MOS, 3, OD, 3.  
RECKITT, MRS. M. B. [2½] Exmouth, OSB, 1; Brighton (August), OSB, 3.  
REID-WALKER, G. C. [2½] Leamington, HD, 2.  
REID-WALKER, MRS. G. C. [12] Leamington, HD, 2.  
REEVE, MRS. E. [—2] Eastbourne, WOS, 3.  
RENWICK, W. B. [5\*] Buxton, OSB, 3.  
RIDDEY, MRS. A. M. [9] Brighton (N.O.), HSZ, 3.  
ROBERTS, MRS. H. F. [10] Brighton (N.O.), HSC, 2; Eastbourne, OSD, 1.  
ROBARDS, MRS. A. J. [2½] Brighton (May), HSY, 2.  
ROE, MRS. D. M. [6½] Parkstone (June), HS, Evans Trophy, 2.  
ROE, COMDR. D. W. [2] Bedford, HSZ, 1; Parkstone (June), OS, 1, divided, HSEX, 2; Cheltenham (N.O.), OS (Process), 2.  
ROEBUCK, MISS M. [7] Buxton, HSZ, 2.  
ROPER, E. A. [7] Brighton (May), HSX, 3; Woking, HSY, 2; Budleigh Salterton (July), HS, 1, HD, 3; Exmouth, HSY, 1, HD, 1; Brighton (N.O.), HSX, 1, HD, 3; Eastbourne, HD, 3.

ROPER, MRS. E. A. [8] Brighton (May), HSY, 3; Woking, HS, 3, HSY, 1; Budleigh Salterton (July), HSB, 2; Exmouth, HSC, 1; Brighton (August), HD, 2.

ROSE, MISS E. F. [1] Peels (Draw), 3.

ROSS, A. [-4] Hurlingham, Gold Caskets, Du Pre Cup, 1; Brighton (May), OS (Draw), 1, (Process), 3; Open Championships, OS, 1; Budleigh Salterton (July), OS, (Draw), 2; Challenge Cups, Roehampton Cup, OS (Process), 3, Gilbey Cup, 3; Exmouth, OS, 1; President's Cup, equal 5; Brighton (August), OS (Draw), 2; Parkstone (August), OS, 3, HD, 3.

ROSS, MRS. A. [4] Brighton (May), HS, 2, HD, 1; Budleigh Salterton (July), OSB, 3, HD, 3; Gilbey Cup "B", 3; Exmouth, HD, 1; Hurlingham, OS, Younger Cup, 1, LHD, 2; Brighton (August), OSB, 3, HD, 2.

ROTHWELL, G. F. [0] Brighton (August), OS (Draw), 3, HS, 1; Parkstone (August), OS, 3, HS, 1, HD, 2.

ROTHWELL, R. F. [-1½] Brighton (August), OS, (Process), 3, HS, 2.

ROTHERHAM, MRS. E. [-3] Sidmouth, OS (Draw), 2, HD, 3; Budleigh Salterton, HSX, 3; Hurlingham, Gold Casket, 2, MD Champs., 2; Buxton, OS (Process), 2; Budleigh Salterton (July), OS (Draw), 3, (Process), 3, HD, 2; "Ladies' Field" Cup, 3; Hurlingham, MOD, 1, LHD, 1; Parkstone (August), HD, 1; Cheltenham (N.O.), OS, 2; Eastbourne, HSEx, 1.

SANDIFORD, DR. B. R. [2] Challenge Cups, Council Cup, 1.

SCOTT, P. ELIOT [9] Parkstone (June), HSX, 2, HD, 2.

SHELLEY, K. E. [6] Hurlingham, OS, Longworth Cup, 1.

SIMPSON, PINCKNEY H. T. [-1] Brighton (May), HS, 3; Brighton (N.O.), HSX, 3.

SNOW, F. W. [7½] Brighton (N.O.), HSY, 3, HD, 1.

SOLOMON, G. W. [3½] Hurlingham, GHD, 1.

SOLOMON, MRS. G. W. [3] Peels (Process), 3; Hurlingham, LHD, 2; Parkstone (August), HD, 2.

SOLOMON, J. W. [-4] Hurlingham, Gold Caskets, MD Champs., 1; Open Championships, OS, 3, OD, 1; Challenge Cups, Roehampton Cup, 2; President's Cup, 4.

SOPWITH, S. F. [1½] Brighton (May), HD, 3; Compton, HD, 2; Challenge and Gilbey Cups, HD, 3; Eastbourne, OSB, 3, HD, 3.

STAUB, MRS. D. M. [14] Creyke Cups "B", HS, 1, OSEx (Process), 1; Roehampton, HSEx, 2.

STEEL, MISS D. D. [-4] Brighton (May), HSX, 1, HD, 3; Leamington, OS (Draw and Process), 2, HS, 2; Cheltenham (N.O.), OS, 1, HD, 1; Eastbourne, WOS, 1.

STEVENSON, MISS W. L. [9] Nottingham, HSB, 3.

STOKER, CAPT. H. G. [1½] Peels (Process), 3; Silver Jubilee Cup, Block "A", 2; Challenge Cups, Council Cup, 2, Gilbey Cup "B", 2.

STOKES-ROBERTS, BRIG. A. E. [6] Peels (Draw), 2, (Process), 3, HD, 1; Buxton, HSY, 3; Silver Jubilee Cup, 1; Gilbey Cup "C", 3, HD, 1; Creyke Cups "A", HS, 2; Roehampton, HSY, 2, HD, 2.

STOKES-ROBERTS, L. E. W. [\*10] Silver Jubilee Cup, Block "B", 3.

STONE, MAJOR G. F. [-3½] Sidmouth, OS, 2, HD, 1; Budleigh Salterton, HD, 1; Woking, OS, 1, HD, 1; Buxton, OS (Draw), 3, HD, 3; Exmouth, HD, 2.

SWEET-ESCOTT [-½] Sidmouth, HS, 3; Budleigh Salterton, OS (Process), 2, HD, 2.

TALLMACH, MISS L. [6] Brighton (N.O.), HSY, 2.

TEMPLETON, MISS C. [10] Peels (Process), 3, HD, 2.

THACKWELL, MAJOR N. E. O. [2] Budleigh Salterton (July), OSB, 3, HS, 3; Cheltenham, OSB, 2, HS, 2; Cheltenham (N.O.), HD, 1.

THOM, MRS. M. L. [6½] Silver Jubilee Cup, 2; Hurlingham, OS, Longworth Cup, 2; Parkstone (August), HSB, 1.

THORNEWILL, MRS. F. M. [10] Parkstone (June), HS, Cope Cup, 2; Parkstone (August), HSB, 2.

TOWNSEND, S. S. [5½] All England H'cap, 1.

TRAILL, MRS. W. A. [3½] Budleigh Salterton (July), HD, 3.

TROUGHT, MISS H. [9] Budleigh Salterton, HD, 3; Eastbourne, OSD, 2.

TURKETINE, MRS. G. J. [-½] Roehampton, OS (Process), 2.

TURNER, MRS. C. M. [8] Brighton (N.O.), HSC, 3.

VINCENT, MRS. M. H. [13] Budleigh Salterton, High HS, 1, HD, 1; Exmouth, HD, 3.

WALKER, MISS E. [3½] Ryde, OSB, 1; Brighton (N.O.), HD, 2.

WALTERS, MRS. L. G. [6½] Budleigh Salterton, Restricted HS, 3; Exmouth, HSX, 3.

WARWICK, J. G. [-1] Challenge and Gilbey Cups, HD, 1, HSEx, 3; Hunstanton, OS, 1, HS, 2; Roehampton, OS, 1, HSX, 1.

WARWICK, MISS J. [6] Hunstanton, OSB, 1, HS, 1; Eastbourne, OSC, 1.

WATSON, MISS E. M. [6½] Ryde, HSX, 2.

WHITEHEAD, E. [7½] Challenge Cups, Reckitt Cup, 1; Roehampton, HSY, 3.

WHITHAM, R. [9] Woking, HSX, 3; Compton, HSB, 1.

WIGGINS, MRS. B. H. [-2] Open Championships, Association Plate, 2.

WIGGINS, R. V. N. [½] Compton, HS, 2; Brighton (N.O.), HSX, 3; Eastbourne, OD, 2.

WIGGINS, DR. W. R. D. [-3½] Hurlingham, Gold Caskets, MD Champs., 2; Compton, HS, 3; Challenge Cups, Roehampton Cup, OS (Draw), 3; Hurlingham, OS, 3, MOD, 1; President's Cup, equal 5; Eastbourne, OS, 1, MOS, 1, OD, 2.

WILLIAMS, A. McCLURE [2] Woking, OS, 3; Cheltenham, OSB, 3, HD, 2.

WILLIAMS, G. [0] Compton, OS (Draw), 2, (Process), 2, HD, 1.

WOODHAMS, D. [9] Brighton (May), HSX, 2; Nottingham, HSY, 3; Brighton (August), HSB, 1; Eastbourne, HSEx, 2.

WOOD-HILL, T. [1½] Peels, HSEx, 1; Buxton, HSY, 2; Bedford, HSZ, 3; Cheltenham, HD, 3; Roehampton, HD, 1.

WOOSTER, MRS. H. D. [8½] Brighton (May), HSZ, 1; Brighton (N.O.), HD, 3; Eastbourne, HSLtd., 3.

#### SOLUTION TO CROQUET IN WONDERLAND

	Jabber- wock	Mr. Carroll	Dodo	Dor- mouse	Cheshire Cat	Mad Hatter
Jabberwock	—	-16	+ 4	+ 7	+ 2	+ 3
Mr. Carroll	+16	—	+ 8	-14	-15	+ 5
Dodo	- 4	- 8	—	-10	+ 9	+13
Dormouse	- 7	+14	+10	—	- 6	-11
Cheshire Cat	- 2	+15	- 9	+ 6	—	-10
Mad Hatter	- 3	- 5	-13	+11	+10	—

The heavy-lined squares can be completed directly from Humpty Dumpty's clues. The remainder can be completed as follows.

All players finished with no points for or against in aggregate.

No game was lost by more than 16 (clue: both clips beyond 5th hoop). Nobody lost by 12 points or 1 point. All results were different except two 10s. The margins of victory were therefore 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15 and 16.

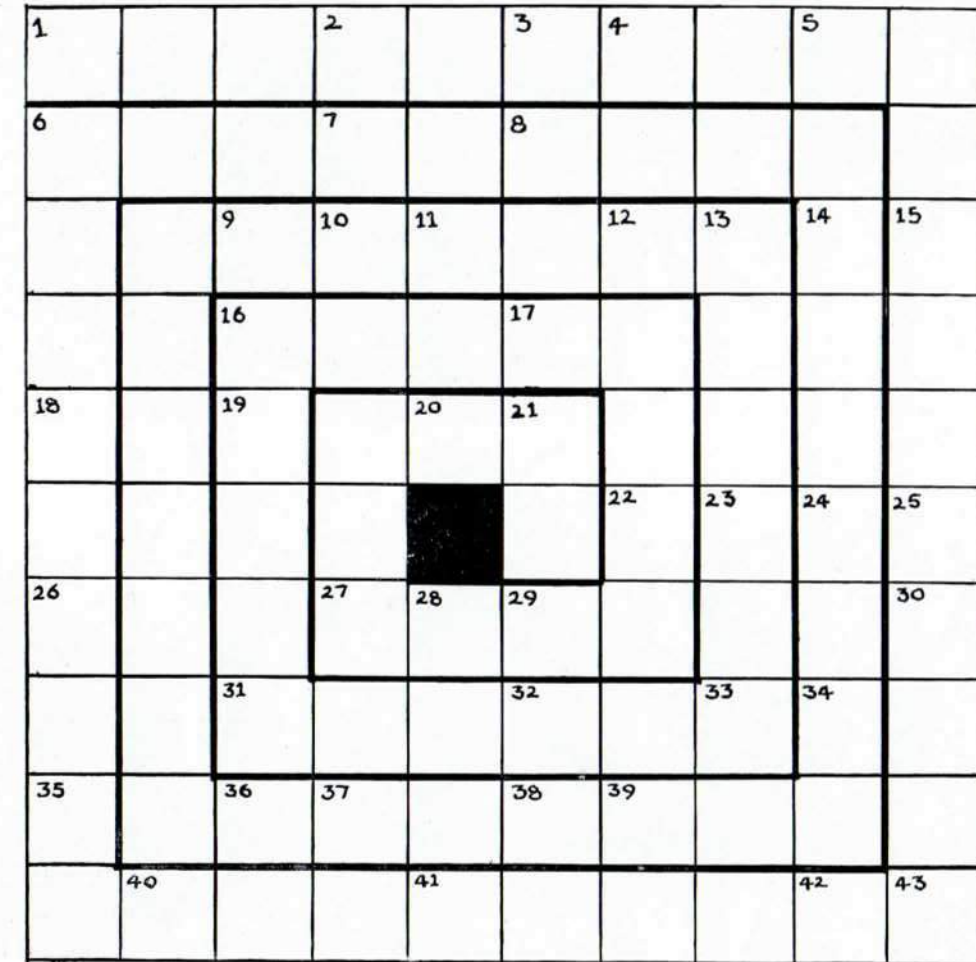
After filling in the "heavy-lined" squares we are left with 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13 and 16 for the other results.

From the last clue given, the Dodo must have won his games against the Cat and the Hatter by either 2 and 6, 5 and 9, or 9 and 13. 2 and 6 cannot apply since the Jabberwock was concerned in the game won by 2 (smallest margin). If 5 and 9 were correct then the Dodo must have drawn his game against Mr. Carroll, which is impossible. Therefore 9 and 13 are correct which leads to the Dodo having lost his game to Mr. Carroll by 8.

Mr. Carroll must then have had a combined score of +21 in his other two games and the only combination now remaining is 16 and 5, the 16 being against the Jabberwock (largest margin).

The rest follows simply and it will be found that the Jabberwock won with 4 games—under C.A. rules, that is.

## A CROQUET CHAIN . . . By S.S.T.



The continuous spiral at square 1 and finishing in the centre of the diagram consists alternately of names of 8 croquet players and 8 words or expressions which have an association with croquet. If these in their order in the puzzle are designated A, B, C etc., the following provides a preliminary guide to what the compiler is about.

"A was playing in a B. C was the D. E was in the F (two words) against G, having already met him in a H. J was in the K (two words) against L and had pegged out M. N had a O against P who was doing a Q (two words)."

In order to assist solvers it has been so arranged that the last letter of each answer is the same as the first letter of the next answer and occupies the same square, so providing a continuous chain. Thus, three answers CARPMAEL, LONG RUSH, HICKS following in sequence would appear in the diagram as CARPMAELONGRUSHICKS.

The puzzle can be completed by solving the following clues, the solutions to which are in each case to be entered in a straight line from the first-named square to the second-named square.

#### ACROSS or BACK

- 1-2. This piper flies: there's plenty at Margate (4).
- 3-5. Wade across for a zephyr? (4).
- 7-8. Soprano starts off with a soaking (3).
- 11-9. The dealer has the first one (3).
- 16-17. Regard headless ruin (4).

- 19-21. In practice it has a button (4).
- 27-26. Noel may well be solitary (4).
- 32-33. The first one describes The Game (3).
- 35-37. Male impersonator with shields behind (4).
- 38-37. Viaduct without air-passage (3).
- 40-41. Look sly and stagger back (4).

#### DOWN or UP

- 4-12. Concede as a handicap (3).
- 13-23. The lowest on the peg starts with a loud cry (4).
- 14-24. Four inches below the wrist (4).
- 15-30. Blast the pair of sirens some might have said, rather than call them this (5).
- 18-6. Give voice: it's prison if you do it again (4).
- 21-29. Priest participating in compline liturgy (3).
- 25-43. Put more coal on in Staffordshire (5).
- 26-35. We are asked who the gentleman was when she span (3).
- 31-19. Wander (4).
- 34-42. Might be a prefect, could be a minx, popular too (3).

#### DIAGONAL

- 5-12. Perish the cube! (3).
- 9-20. 5-12 in Maxwellton braes (3).
- 10-21. Reticence necessarily has a cold element (3).
- 18-9. Grave (3).
- 26-36. Slipper customer who takes shelter on the way back (3).
- 34-22. Cotter has given up his triple but kept his bed (3).
- 39-28. Mountain (3).

CORRECTION: 26-36. For Slipper read Slippery.