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## CALENDAR FIXTURES

1965

- June 28- **Budleigh Salterton.** (Non-official). *Hon. Sec.*, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton, Devon.
- July 2- **Southwick.** (Non-official). *Hon. Sec.*, W. H. Austin, Flat A, 3 Victoria Road, Southwick, Sussex.
- July 5-10- **Budleigh Salterton.** *Hon. Sec.*, Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Budleigh Salterton, Devon.
- „ 9-18- **Challenge and Gilbey Cups.** **Roehampton.** *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- „ 19-24- **Cheltenham.** *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- „ 19-24- **Colchester.** *Hon. Sec.*, E. P. Duffield, 5 Acland Avenue, Colchester.
- „ 26-31- **Open Championships.** **Hurlingham.** *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- Aug. 2-11- **Hurlingham.** *Games Sec.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6. (Not the C.A. Secretary).
- „ 13-15- **Cheltenham (American).** (Non-official). *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- „ 14-21- **Championship of County Dublin.** (Non-official). *Hon. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Carrickmines, Dublin.
- „ 16-21- **Nottingham.** *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, F. B. Stephens, Ebor House, 24 Gladstone Terrace, Grantham, Lincs.
- „ 16-20- **Ladies' Field Cup.** **Roehampton.** *Hon. Sec.*, C.A. Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- „ 23-28- **Southwick.** *Hon. Sec.*, W. H. Austin, Flat A, 3 Victoria Road, Southwick, Sussex.
- „ 30- **Hunstanton.** *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. N. A. Rolfe, The Cottage, Heacham, Norfolk.
- Sept. 4- **President's Cup.** **Hurlingham.** *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- „ 6-10- **Surrey Cup.** **Cheltenham.** *Secretary C.A.*, Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- „ 6-11- **Parkstone.** *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. McMordie, Yapton, Delhi Close, Parkstone, Dorset.
- „ 11-13- **Cheltenham (American).** (Non-official). *Hon. Tourn. Sec.*, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- „ 14-16- **All England Handicap Area Finals.** **Roehampton.** *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.
- „ 20-25- **Roehampton.** *Games Sec.*, Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, S.W.15.
- „ 27- **Devonshire Park.** *Secretary C.A.*, The Hurlingham Club, S.W.6.

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- A. K. Taylor

## CROQUET ASSOCIATION

### NOTICES

Due to the increase in postage—which is always a heavy item for the C.A., at the Conference I put forward a suggestion that subscriptions should be sent in on January the 1st (which is the present ruling), but membership cards should be sent en bloc to club Secretaries in April—if they were kind enough to undertake the extra work of distributing them to club members when their season opens.

This suggestion had unanimous approval and all the secretaries present (about 9) kindly agreed to co-operate. Will all the other Club secretaries please let me know if I can count on their assistance and, at the same time, send me a list of those members whose cards they will distribute.

If this scheme can be in force next year, it will be a great saving and the Council will be most grateful.

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Advertisements for Tournaments are still coming in late and in future will have to be refused. You can send them in as EARLY as you like—marking the month you want them to appear in the magazine—but I am not allowed to accept them after the published dates.

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### NEW REFEREE

R. F. Thorp

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### CORRECTION

Kindly note that the Manager for the advertised Championships on July 26th should have appeared as Mrs. G. F. H. ELVEY and NOT Mr. ROPER, as printed.

V. C. GASSON, *Secretary.*

### LIST OF OVERSEAS COUNCILS and ASSOCIATIONS and CLUBS AFFILIATED TO THE CROQUET ASSOCIATION

- Auckland Croquet Association. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. R. Uquhart, 5 Cotler Avenue, Remura, Auckland.
- Australian Croquet Council. *Hon. Sec.*, Mrs. G. Millar, 16 Maldon Street, Footscray W.11 Victoria, South Australia.
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- Mombassa Sports Club. P.O. Box 41, Mombassa, Kenya.
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- Queensland Croquet Association. Mrs. M. Daniels, 97 Chelmer Street, West Chelmer, Queensland, Australia.
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- Wellington Croquet Association. Mrs. T. M. Cooper, 16 Baroda Street, Khoandullah, Wellington, New Zealand.
- Western Australian Croquet Association. Mrs. H. Beall, 17 Lawler Street, South Perth, W. Australia.

## NOTES by ROVER

### Illusion—

It is to be hoped that the reports of the Annual General Meeting and of the Club Representatives Conference, appearing in this number, will be read by all associates with the attention that they deserve. If they are, this should do much to dispense two illusions which are still too often cherished by Croquet players. One is that there is no need for them to pay any particular attention to the activities of those who are appointed to look after the game, since the whole process is a simple one which can be relied upon to proceed smoothly and almost automatically. The other is an opposite—and perhaps more common—impression that there exists a kind of cabal, manned by a handful of metropolitan associates, continuing to run the association in virtual disregard of the outlook and opinions of rank and file, and especially provincial members. In fact our new Council includes as many as a dozen members who do not live in the London area and are for the most part in regular attendance, at no little inconvenience and expense to themselves, both at Council Meetings and at its statutory committees.

### And Reality

The truth is in sharp contrast to the illusions outlined above. So far from Croquet moving placidly and prosperously along on traditional lines in a social environment favourable to it, it is hardly too much to say that it has had to struggle for its survival in the post-war world, and continues to present those responsible for its administration with considerable difficulties. As was well evidenced at the Representatives Conference, all kinds of adaptations to contemporary conditions are under constant scrutiny not only of course by the Council but by many of our more alert club committees. And so far from any 'bureaucratic centralism' characterising the C.A., there can be few organised games which afford to their devotees more opportunities for every form of democratic activity. It was precisely with the object of preventing any lack of communication between a few experts and the generality of players that the association was founded in the nineties to rescue a game which had fallen for lack of this on evil days. In 1967 we shall be celebrating the seventieth anniversary of that foundation simultaneously with the centenary of the Open Championship. May we show ourselves worthy of our forefathers and faithful to our future.

### Croquetical linguistics

A writer on Croquet a few years ago headed an early chapter of his book 'Learning the language'; and certainly our game has a somewhat esoteric vocabulary, which has by now become fairly standardised. Lately, however, we have had to learn to call what most of us still think of as a foul by the more polite designation of a 'fault', and we ought to describe what has been commonly (if inaccurately) referred to as 'one lift' by its legal definition of 'semi-advanced play'. But contemporary players may never have heard the centre hoops described as the 'Ladies Mile', as they generally were fifty years ago when they led up to the now vanished 'turning peg'; nor is the croquet stroke, followed by what our new code precisely terms the 'continuation stroke', any longer spoken of as 'taking two off', as it so frequently was before World War I. The goal of our enterprise, the 'Peg', was often—and perhaps more accurately—called by the great Irish players of yesterday the Pole (one can still hear in imagination Leslie O'Callaghan rolling out this word in his rich Hibernian accent). But today there are some phrases, unknown to us, to be heard from our antipodean players—New Zealanders, having unwittingly sent a ball from a split shot off the court, will lament that they have 'gone boundary', and our friends the Rutlands from Sydney, to whom we pay a regretful farewell, describe a long shot as a 'pick up'. However we may standardise the phraseology of our Laws, we cannot altogether eliminate such happy variations.

### 'What is inadvertance?' asked jesting Pilate

Rover asked this question of the draftsman of our new laws, who stayed to reply as follows: "There is no mention of inadvertance in the re-draft, because all irregularities are made inadvertently or accidentally—were it otherwise, the player would be cheating. Certain irregularities occur between strokes when the balls are dead. There is no penalty for these (Law 33). But what happens if the striker moves a ball whilst addressing it or taking aim? This is still interference between strokes because, under Law 31 (a), 'the striker shall begin to strike when he swings his mallet with intent to hit the ball'. The most common irregularity which is not a fault, whether under Law 30 (playing the wrong ball) or under Law 32 (making a fault during the striking), consists of the striker making a stroke when a ball is misplaced: these irregularities are governed by Laws 28 and 29. The general rule is not that the stroke is played again. The general rule is that play carries on unless the adversary has exercised his right, and duty, to forestall the stroke if he has anticipated the irregularity. To this there are four exceptions, set out in Law 29, and they should be read by those interested in the Laws. Rover Notes are not generally cluttered up by quotations from a book which all should have ready to hand."



## Annual General Meeting

Report of Annual General Meeting held at the Hurlingham Club on Monday, 24th May, 1965.

### Present

M. B. Reckitt (Chairman), J. M. Rivington, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins, Dr. C. A. Boucher, D. C. Caporn, Col. J. G. Clarke, Major J. H. Dibley, E. P. Duffield, G. Victor Evans, Miss D. A. Lintern, Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard, Mrs. E. Reeve, E. A. Roper, Mrs. E. Rotherham, J. W. Solomon, Cmdr. G. W. Style, Mrs. S. M. Adler, I. C. Baillieu, Mrs. H. F. Chittenden, A. J. Cooper, Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson, Miss B. Duthie, Mrs. J. H. Dibley, Mrs. P. E. Heley, Miss K. D. Hickson, Mrs. A. D. Karmel, A. J. Oldham, Dr. H. J. Penny, Miss H. D. Parker, Mrs. A. Neville-Rolfe, Mrs. E. A. Roper, A. V. Rutland, Mrs. P. D. Showan, Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld, Dr. R. B. N. Smartt, Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt, Mrs. G. W. Solomon, Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart, Mrs. F. E. Stobart, Capt. H. G. Stoker, Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts, Mrs. G. W. Style, Mrs. M. L. Thom, J. G. Warwick, Mrs. V. C. Gasson (Secretary).

### Apologies for Absence

G. Birch, Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts, Rev. D. Watson, W. Longman and Mrs. R. R. Williams.

### Minutes of the Meeting of the 25th May, 1964.

The Chairman having obtained the necessary approval signed the minutes.

### Report on Balance Sheet and Accounts.

The Hon. Treasurer presented the Accounts and made brief references to points of particular interest. He concluded by saying that in the opinion of Council, the Finance and General Purposes Committee and himself, the finances of the C.A. were in a thoroughly sound state. Questions were invited but evinced no response and on the motion of the Hon. Treasurer, seconded by Mr. Rivington, the adoption of the Accounts was unanimously approved.

### Vote of thanks to the Hon. Treasurer.

Mr. Rivington then proposed a vote of thanks to Cmdr. Style for his excellent work as Hon. Treasurer and for devoting so much time and thought to C.A. affairs, in spite of being a very busy man.

The proposal having been seconded by Dr. Wiggins was approved with acclaim.

### Election of Hon. Treasurer.

Mr. Reckitt informed the meeting that in accordance with the Rules of the Association the Hon. Treasurer now resigned, but, as he was sure everyone would be pleased to hear, was offering himself for re-election.

On the proposal of Mr. Rivington seconded by Dr. Wiggins, Cmdr. Style was unanimously re-elected Hon. Treasurer.

### Result of Election of Members of Council by ballot.

The Secretary read out the names of the following members who had been elected to Council: Cmdr. G. Borrett, D. C. Caporn, E. P. C. Cotter, H. Denny, Miss D. A. Lintern, D. W. Miller, E. A. Roper, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins, Mrs. R. R. Williams.

Mr. Reckitt tendered the thanks of the meeting to the retiring members and said how sorry Council was to lose them. Although he was not referring to them all by name he did feel that he should specially mention Brigadier Stokes-Roberts who had rendered such long and valuable service, especially as Chairman of Council and Chairman of the Publicity Committee, and Mr. H. C. S. Perry who had played such an active part in drafting the alterations and amendments to the Rules and Standing Orders. They would both be very much missed.

Mr. Rivington then proposed a vote of thanks to Captain H. G. Stoker, R.N. and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson for having so kindly undertaken the tedious and onerous duties of scrutineers.

This proposal was seconded by Col. Clarke and carried unanimously.

### Any other business.

Mr. Baillieu said he hoped that Council would do their best to implement this season any suggestions approved at the Conference to be held on the 29th of May.

Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld said he would like to bring the C.A. the best wishes of the Australian Croquet Council and he was specially instructed to speak for them on any matter at issue. He was specially glad to be here this year as 50 years ago it was Mr. Reckitt who put forward the idea of a federal body to speak for Australia to which all the States were affiliated—this was the beginning of the Australian Croquet Council. Mr. Reckitt welcomed and thanked Col. Saalfeld.

Mr. J. G. Warwick pressed for the handicapping Committee to review all handicaps annually and put people up or down at their discretion. Miss Lintern protested and Mrs. Rotherham said she

thought this was something which could be done far better by Clubs' Handicappers. The general opinion was against the idea of the C.A. dealing with it, but thought Mrs. Rotherham's idea was good, if all Clubs really co-operated. It was decided to add this to the Conference Agenda.

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard said that the best advertisement for Croquet was the results in the daily papers and unless these were received by the Agency by 5 p.m. they could not be in the papers in far distant places.

Mr. J. W. Solomon said last year he had managed to get an account of the Championships in the *Times* and hoped to do so again. Associates could greatly help if they would write to the papers asking for news of Croquet.

### Vote of thanks to the Secretary and Mrs. Showan.

Cmdr. Style in proposing this vote said he wished to emphasize the amount of work done by the Secretary. In seconding this proposal Mr. Rivington said he wished to associate himself completely with everything Cmdr. Style had said. The proposal was carried unanimously.

### Vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Mr. Rivington proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Reckitt for taking the chair said that although Mr. Reckitt during his long and distinguished croquet career had done everything else that could be done both on and off the court, he had never before occupied the Chair at an A.G.M. Today he had rectified that omission with characteristic distinction. Dr. Wiggins seconded the proposal which was carried with applause.

## Special Council Meeting

Minutes of Special Council held at Hurlingham Club on Monday May 24th, 1965.

### Present

J. M. Rivington (Chairman), Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins, Dr. C. A. Boucher, D. C. Caporn, Col. J. G. Clarke, Major J. H. Dibley, E. P. Duffield, G. Victor Evans, Miss D. A. Lintern, Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard, M. B. Reckitt, Mrs. E. Reeve, E. A. Roper, Mrs. E. Rotherham, J. W. Solomon, Cmdr. G. W. Style and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (Secretary).

### Apologies

G. Birch, Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts, Rev. D. Watson, W. Longman and Mrs. R. R. Williams.

1. The meeting ratified the appointment of Capt. G. H. Stoker and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson as scrutineers for the ballot for election to Council.

2. The meeting ratified the redraft of Regulation 8 approved by Council on the 7th January 1965 and published in *Croquet* No. 79, April 1965 subject to the following qualification.

Regulation 8(d) shall read "For the purposes of this Regulation only one turn ends and the next turn begins as soon as the striker has played the last stroke he is entitled to play in that turn".

This qualification merely restores the last paragraph of Regulation 8(a) which the new Regulation 8(d) had re-enacted subject to an amendment which is not ratified.

## Committees 1965

### FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

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

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

### TOURNAMENT

Miss D. A. Lintern (Chairman)

G. Birch, D. C. Caporn, Maj. J. H. Dibley, Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard, Mrs. E. E. Reeve, E. A. Roper, Mrs. E. Rotherham, J. W. Solomon, Cmdr. G. Borrett.

### GOLF CROQUET

Miss D. A. Lintern (Chairman)

G. Birch, Col. J. G. Clarke, G. V. Evans, D. W. Miller.

### LAWS

J. W. Solomon (Chairman)

Col. J. G. Clarke, Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard, Mrs. E. E. Reeve, E. A. Roper, E. P. C. Cotter, D. W. Miller.

### PUBLICITY

D. C. Caporn (Chairman)

Dr. C. A. Boucher, Cmdr. G. Borrett, Maj. J. H. Dibley, G. V. Evans, Miss D. A. Lintern, Rev. D. R. Watson, Mrs. R. R. Williams.

### HANDICAP APPEAL

Mrs. E. Rotherham (Chairman)

G. Birch, Mrs. E. E. Reeve.

### SELECTION COMMITTEE

E. P. C. Cotter, Maj. J. H. Dibley, Miss D. A. Lintern, M. B. Reckitt, J. W. Solomon, Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart.

### HANDICAP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

Maj. J. H. Dibley, Miss D. A. Lintern, M. B. Reckitt, E. A. Roper, J. W. Solomon, Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts.

### EDITORIAL PANEL

J. M. Rivington (Chairman)

Lt.-Cmdr. G. W. Style, M. B. Reckitt, D. C. Caporn, P. J. M. Fidler.

## OLD BOYS COMPETITION

Croquet ought to have an Old Boys Competition. Since men and women play on equal terms in our game, old boy should of course also include old girl.

The Cheltenham Croquet Club thinks that this omission from our calendar should be rectified at once. Consequently we are willing to offer ourselves as hosts for the first competition of this kind which we intend to stage on Friday to Sunday, September 17th to 19th inclusive.

For such an event to become successful it must go through an experimental stage to find out the most successful way of conducting it. This year we think it best for two people to represent their "institution", that the event be a knock-out, played on handicap, and that each match consist of two singles and a double. For those knocked out in the first round there will be an extra event of some kind depending on numbers.

This year all one has to do is to discover someone in the croquet world who was at the same school, college, ship, regiment or any similar association of human beings and persuade her or him to enter with you representing that institution. Then send the names, handicaps and 10/- fee per pair to the Tournament Secretary, Cheltenham Croquet Club, Old Bath Rd, Cheltenham, by first post on September 10th.

Later on, after we have had an experimental year or two, discovered the best method of playing matches and the best location, when perhaps the competition will have become as famous as the Halford-Hewitt, it might be run as a level event with a handicap competition in parallel, and institutions might be limited to schools only—but not yet. We must have some experiments first.

However, from the very start we hope that the C.A. will be able to present a cup from its store.

## Notes from the Clubs

### Cheltenham

The match against Oxford University forecast in April's *Croquet* resulted in a convincing win for Cheltenham, but Oxford had their revenge later when they beat us 3-2 in the first round of the Longman Cup. Beware one Bateson if you meet him in a doubles match, and his handicap is still 10.

After playing the Easter American Tournament in gales, hail and snow we were very comforted at Whitsun when we seemed according to the newspapers to be the only place in England where the weather was lovely the whole weekend. As a result and with the help of all concerned we managed to get in six games for every competitor—and some friendlies as well.

The club hasn't seemed the same this year without the cheerful and irreverent presence of Dorothy Daniels. Her very serious illness in the winter has kept her away, but we expect her back in the middle of June at any rate as a spectator from time to time and are still hoping she'll be able to start playing again gently before the summer's over.

### Compton

The lawns are in good condition and the pavilion has been painted. The latter was possible through another generous gift from Mr. Hall, for it is a fact that although 1964 saw a record sum from subscriptions income exceeded expenditure by only a few shillings.

This season has brought a number of new members and there has been added to the Club competitions an American Tournament on level terms for those who have not yet handicaps.

## The Second Representatives Conference

A second Representatives Conference was held at the Hurlingham Club on May 29th, and while it could scarcely have hoped to rival the flush of enthusiasm that surrounded the first one, for much the same sort of reasons that a second novel or second film is rarely as good as the first, it was nevertheless enormously useful in bringing the non-metropolitan clubs into contact with the governing body and giving an airing to views that might otherwise go unheard. In due course a transcript will be prepared and circulated, and this report will only be concerned with the main trends.

Much time was spent in discussing the pros and cons of knock-ups before games. While nobody wanted to allow these in A class open events, the feeling of the meeting was substantially in favour of a knock-up on other occasions—although the limiting case of a high bisquer meeting a minus player in a big handicap game did not receive much thought.

Care of the lawns is another subject that is arousing much interest now. During the discussion Mr. Reckitt intervened to say that a book, shortly to be published, written by two of our more distinguished neophytes, contained a remarkably well-informed chapter on this, and that we could all do much worse than read it and do what they say. The C.A. was once a member of a National Board entitling any club to have a visit from one of its advisers, but this was discontinued because it was too little used. If however, it became clear that the Clubs would use this service enough to justify membership, then this could be renewed. This method was, in any case, greatly to be preferred to that of consulting the big industrial firms who would obviously be trying to sell their products, and might encourage too thick a growth of grass.

League Croquet has already been mentioned in these pages. It should however, be noted that such leagues are the last thing to mention at the time of the original approach. The most important is to offer to play on their lawns, however mountainous. Only after we have interested them in the idea of playing friendly matches should we begin to think in terms of leagues.

Under the heading of C.A. activities three proposals were made. The first was that there should be a third Eight during President's Cup week. At the moment only 16 people are able to take part in tournament play during this week. It was stressed that the most important thing was to hold an experimental Eight this year—we could then start arguing about the right formula for its composition, and the first year or so should not be regarded as a precedent in this. Though some of our councillors tried to pour cold water on this idea and said it would anyway be impossible to proceed this year, Mr. Baillieu then turned up his trump card by announcing that he had the authority of Hunstanton to offer their lawns, and he himself offered to manage the event. We may well hear more of this before September—one understands that there is no shortage of available cups.

From Cheltenham came the suggestion of a tournament for Old Boys (and Old Girls) Teams on the lines of the Halford-Hewitt and Noel Bruce Cups—this might also provide good publicity in the school magazines if handled well. We hope to publish an article enlarging on this in the near future. Thirdly, it might also be desirable for Clubs to arrange more visits of players representing the C.A. for matches against the local clubs: there would be more 'spirit' in such a match than in mere exhibition games, and provided that the C.A. team were chosen so as to match the strength of the home team, such matches could prove very popular.

One suggestion which did not meet with approval was that there should be a panel of instructors who might visit clubs to give tuition, payment being made to the C.A. who would re-imburse expenses. The feeling was that individuals were always willing to offer advice anyway, and while this would not help the smaller clubs who would rarely, if ever, see a top quality player, this problem should be approached in some other way.

National Croquet Year was mentioned, and the feeling was that this should be held over until 1967, not only because there was too little time to organise it for 1966 but also because 1967 was the centenary of the Championship and the 70th anniversary of the C.A. The most desirable method of holding this "year" would be for the various areas to concentrate their activities into one week each, rather than one week at all clubs simultaneously. As to future conferences, it was felt that once every two years was the right frequency, although the next one should be held in the winter before the National croquet year.

It should be emphasised that the conference has no binding authority, but Council would naturally take note of its views, and it is good that clubs should have this chance of disseminating their views and problems. Our thanks are due to Maj. Rivington for the very sympathetic, if firm, way he conducted the meeting.

PJMF



## HANDICAPS CONFIRMED

### PEEL MEMORIALS

#### ROEHAMPTON

L. Riggall 10 to 8.  
Mrs. G. W. Solomon 2 to 1½.  
Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe 3½ to 3.  
Lady Ursula Abbey 2 to 1½.  
Mrs. L. Riggall 10 to 9.  
Miss B. Duthie 6 to 5.  
Capt. H. G. Stoker —1 to —1½.  
Mrs. A. V. Rutland 10 to 9.  
M. B. Reckitt —½ to —1.

### MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### NON-ASSOCIATES

Mrs. L. Veness 10 to 9.

#### MONMOUTH

##### CLUB RECOMMENDATIONS

#### NON-ASSOCIATES

Mrs. J. H. Whitehead 16 (D14).

#### RYDE

##### AFTER PLAY

Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld 1 to ½.  
Mrs. R. A. Simpson 5 to 4.  
F. Henshaw 12 to 11.  
Mrs. I. G. Stevenson 4½ to 4.  
Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith 0 to 2 (own request).

#### CHELTENHAM

##### PERSONAL REQUEST

Miss I. M. Roe 1½ to 3½.

#### SOUTHWICK

H. A. Green 2 to 1.  
Mrs. G. W. Solomon 1½ to 1.  
Major R. Driscoll 4 to 3.  
Miss E. Johnston 4 to 3½.  
Mrs. A. V. Rutland 9 to 8.

##### CLUB RECOMMENDATIONS

#### ASSOCIATES

Mrs. H. Dehn 14 to 13.  
Mrs. L. W. Layton 14 to 13.  
E. C. Mogridge 7 to 6.  
Mrs. W. H. Naylor 7½ to 6½.  
W. G. B. Scott 10 to 9.  
M. H. W. Stead 12 to 10.  
Mrs. C. A. Wells 11 to 10.

#### NON-ASSOCIATES

W. J. Baverstock \*14.  
L. E. Brooks 7 to 6.  
Mrs. Brown Jones \*12.  
Miss Courtney \*14.  
Mrs. G. E. Grey \*14.  
Mrs. Hawkswood 15 to 14.  
Miss D. J. Piper \*14.  
Miss E. Pratt 11 to 10.  
Mrs. W. Stone \*14.

#### HURLINGHAM

##### CLUB RECOMMENDATIONS

M. Spencer-Ell 1½ to 4.  
B. L. P. Caillard 10 to 9.

#### COMPTON

Miss E. F. Rose 3½ to 4½ (own request)

## CLUB MATCHES

### WREST PARK v. CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

Saturday, May 1st, 1965

The Wrest Park's fourth annual fixture against the University turned out to be an exciting match, the teams being well balanced. The doubles played in the morning gave the visitors a chance to acustom themselves to the lawns which are now playing true but a shade heavy.

Rees and Cottrell (a player new to matches) in their doubles against Wylie and Alexander edged into an early lead and stayed there to the end. Cottrell played well considering his lack of experience. This was also revealed in his singles against Barrington, both ostensibly 14 bisques but the latter more experienced. Marchant and Mousley also played well to beat Banks and Barrington in the doubles, as Banks was by far the best player of the four. Clark and Davies in the third doubles started well but the one bisque conceded to Hallett and Martin enabled Hallett to complete

a 5-hoop break giving them the edge. After that the Cambridge pair took advantage of their opportunities and ran out the winners.

For the singles Rees and Hallett had a ding-dong battle with the lead changing hands frequently, both playing some good croquet. Rees after peeling his opponent through rover failed to peg out, Hallett then hit in and did the pegging out. After that episode Rees had little chance and finally lost by 6. Clark was not on his 1964 Longman Cup form and in spite of receiving bisques was unable to get on terms with Wylie who played well and won by 11. Marchant was also suffering from lack of practice and Andrew Mozley was a bit too strong for him also winning by 11. Mousley and Alexander had a very close tussle, the latter conceding 4 bisques which was just too many and though the lead was exchanged regularly Mousley ran out the winner by 2.

In the final singles Banks gave Davies 3 bisques, the former started well with a break of 6 hoops and then got stuck in the 7th. Davies got in but failed to make much out of it, for quite a spell neither side made much progress but with a couple of threes and a two Davies just about drew level using all his bisques, then just on time being called Davies managed a four hoop break putting him 3 up. Banks hit a long roquet on his last shot but failed to make any hoops and hence Davies won by 3.

#### DOUBLES

J. Clark and A. C. W. Davies (14) lost to P. Hallet and G. N. N. Martin (17) —5.  
F. B. Cottrell and D. V. H. Rees (20) bt K. F. Wylie and C. H. O'D. Alexander (10½) +5.  
W. B. T. Marchant and L. J. Mousley (21) bt I. E. Banks and C. W. H. Barrington (18) +3.

#### SINGLES

W. B. T. Marchant (9) lost to A. N. Mozley (6) —11.  
J. Clark (7) lost to K. F. Wylie (4½) —11.  
L. J. Mousley (12) bt C. H. O'D. Alexander (6) +2.  
F. B. Cottrell (14) lost to C. W. H. Barrington (14) —9.  
D. V. H. Rees (6) lost to P. Hallet (3) —6.  
A. C. W. Davies (7) bt I. E. Banks (4) +3.

Result: Wrest Park 4 Cambridge University 5.

### SOUTHWICK v. ROEHAMPTON

Saturday, June 12th, 1965

#### SINGLES

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden lost to J. B. Gilbert —17.  
H. A. Green lost to Miss D. A. Lintern —6.  
W. H. Austin lost to Mrs. G. W. Solomon —8.  
Major R. Driscoll lost to D. C. Caporn —9.

#### DOUBLES

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Miss H. D. Parker lost to J. B. Gilbert and Miss D. A. Lintern —15.  
W. H. Austin and Major R. Driscoll lost to D. C. Caporn and Mrs. G. W. Solomon —2.

Result: Roehampton won all six matches.

### SOUTHWICK v. COMPTON

9th June, 1965

This was a friendly match at Compton. Unlike 'friendly' Soccer matches, when it is quite usual for a number of players to be sent off for dirty play, this really was a friendly match. The fact that half the players were qualified to play for both clubs—and which they did play for was a matter of arrangement—may have been responsible for this, or it may have been the excellent lunch and tea produced by Barbara Chittenden or the drinks provided by Cyril Tolley.

#### SINGLES

W. H. Austin bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +1. (on time)  
W. A. T. Synge bt Miss H. D. Parker +5.  
Mrs. A. Temple bt Mrs. G. W. Style +8.  
Mrs. W. A. T. Synge lost to C. J. H. Tolley —17.

#### DOUBLES

Capt. and Mrs. W. A. T. Synge lost to Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Miss H. D. Parker —12.  
W. H. Austin and Mrs. A. Temple bt C. J. H. Tolley and Mrs. G. W. Style +3.

Result: Southwick won by 4 matches to 2.

# THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

May 31st—June 5th

The tournament which many of us briefly describe as 'the Caskets' has had a curious evolution.

Certainly there has been a Women's Championship since 1869 and a Mixed Doubles Championship since 1899, but there were no 'Caskets' until Lord Doneraile presented them in 1909, and they were not given for any 'championships' but as challenge prizes for the oldest of all the Association's events, the Gold Medals, all championships titles being, until 1905, a prerogative of the 'All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club' at Wimbledon. The Men's Championship was instituted in 1925 when the two top class programmes were divided up as we have had them ever since. The Gold Medals continued to be played for by men and women, generally at a provincial club, for another ten years. But by 1935 it had become evident that the official calendar was heavily overloaded with—nominally at any rate—first class events. Gold Medals (which by this time contained little, if any, of this precious metal) were soon afterwards seen no more, and the event was in fact 'conflated' with the Men's and Women's Championships, the charming caskets going to the winners along with the silver trophies. The fortunate winner of the Women's Championship receives no fewer than four awards, including a gold casket which dates back to the seventies and is the oldest prize which the C.A. still retains for competition.

It is something of an irony that so many awards should attract so few competitors. There were only eight entries for the Women's Championship, and five of these came from a single club. Had not these enterprising ladies arrived from Budleigh Salterton there could hardly have been a Women's Championship at all. The current 'famine' in feminine croquet is of the most puzzling—and most disappointing—features of our game at this time. Mrs. Longman's absence was much regretted, and still more the reasons for it—her husband's grave operation and her own accident. The entry for the Men's event was none too good in quantity either, though an entry which includes a Solomon, a Cotter and a (or rather two) Hicks can hardly be faulted in terms of quality. We know of course that our young men are not free to engage in tournaments at this point in the season, though in fact John Bolton was observed to be playing at his old home club of Ryde.

The tournament opened in atrocious weather. Monday, which the meteorological authorities had the nerve to describe as 'rather cool', was in fact savagely cold, with temperatures which scarcely rose above the forties all day, and on Tuesday the rain came down, sometimes in torrents and sometimes in a depressing drizzle. On Wednesday, June began if not to flame, at any rate to flicker encouragingly, reaching 70 degrees on the Friday; but Finals day, though dry, was dull and chilly.

The feature of the first round of the Men's event was good play from Col. Prichard which won him the first game in his match against Humphrey Hicks and enabled him to make a challenge in the two that followed. Humphrey has a way of losing games in first rounds, but very rarely continues to do so. There were three close games between Col. Cave and Captain Stoker, but the latter showed some signs of exhaustion towards the end of the contest. The Colonel went on to play three more games against Roger Hicks but was unsuccessful at the end of a prolonged encounter.

The winner started off in great style against the Champion in the semi-final and fully deserved to win the game

he did. He is a fine shot and picks up his breaks well, but sometimes puts them down again by failure at hoops and less than accurate rushes. But his best game can be extremely good. John Solomon was clearly resolved to give him no further opportunity of displaying it, and his opponent was thenceforward allowed no chances till there were only three balls on the court. The senior Hicks gained a long lead on Patrick Cotter in their first game but the latter almost caught him up, until Humphrey, with a timely shot, gained an innings which enabled him to transfer Cotter's clip from the peg to the boundary wire. In the next game Hicks again scored a lead, and very narrow misses from Cotter's mallet allowed him to hold on to it without meeting any dangerous challenge.

The competitors in the Men's final were thus the same as was the case last year, and the match took a similar course, the Old Master winning the first game but the young magician the other two. A good many mistakes were made in the first and third games by both players, but the middle one produced a flawless triple from John. In the third, Hicks, after a good break, failed 4-back and John was soon off on a delayed triple which after some anxious moments only just failed of completion. A minute later he registered his eighth victory in the event, the first being in 1951.

Play in the Women's Championship was, speaking generally, hardly worthy of this event. Mrs. Solomon, who is showing greatly improved form this year, had a good win over Miss Lintern and was the only player to make any very strong challenge to Miss Warwick, as she did in the first game of their match. Mrs. Elvey had a painstaking victory over Mrs. Rotherham who was below her best on this occasion, but though shooting well in the final against Miss Warwick did not make very effective use of her innings. This was true almost throughout the event—and indeed in other games during the week; a lot of long shots were hit but far too many 'short' hoops were missed. Even Miss Warwick showed herself far from impeccable in this respect, but she certainly deserved to recover the title which was hers in 1960 and 1962.

The holders came very near to losing their title in the first round, Mrs. Rotherham saving the day by a timely long shot after what seemed like a timeless game of five hours. Their next victory took by contrast only two hours, and the final not much longer, the holders getting their grip on the game at once and scarcely showing any sign of releasing it to the challengers, Mr. and Miss Warwick. Mrs. Rotherham played much better than she had done in the Singles and Mr. Hamilton-Miller better than he had done in the final of the Du Pre Cup. It was their third consecutive win, and Mrs. Rotherham had won the event on four previous occasions with three other partners.

Mr. Hamilton-Miller had been in trouble with his back, and for this reason had not ventured to play in the major singles, but soon appeared a warm favourite for the consolation event. But the Cup was to elude him, for fate had marked out Captain Stoker for the trophy. In a marathon struggle with another veteran, Maurice Reckitt, he snatched victory by hitting three 'last shots' and stealing the game by two points. Quite unexhausted by this effort, he went on to beat the very promising Professor Neal by eight points and won the final by 7. Coming on top of his victory in the Peels this is evidence that the President's Cup player of last year is at least as formidable today, and seems likely to remain so.



The prizes were presented by Mr. Elvey who took occasion to make a particularly happy speech in which he urged more players to enter for these events and not to show fear of meeting the 'cracks'. Sixty-one years ago he had not done so, but in his first entry in the Championships had knocked out one of them, and in a large entry reached the semi-final. May the advice of our well-loved Vice-President be widely followed in future. This would give Mr. L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts more to do and we know how well he would do it. He is a Manager whom any tournament would be lucky to have presiding over its fortunes.

It was a particular pleasure on the lovely Friday to have Ada Kirk among us, whose presence reminded us of her fine victory in the Women's Championship in 1956 and her membership of the New Zealand team in that year. One who has seen her at work in her native land is ready to vote her the finest publicity officer that the game has ever had. We shall look forward to seeing her with us again at the Open Championship, although her activities with a large group of lady visitors from the dominion will prevent her appearing with a mallet in her hand.

#### THE MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP (17 Entries)

##### FIRST ROUND

R. O. Hicks bt I. C. Baillieu +9 +12.

##### SECOND ROUND

J. W. Solomon bt B. G. Neal +21 +10.  
A. V. Camroux bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller w.o. (opponent scratched).

Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave bt Capt. H. G. Stoker -7 +7 +14.

R. O. Hicks bt M. B. Reckitt +5 +15.

J. G. Warwick bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts +19 +23.

E. P. C. Cotter bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt +17 +19.

A. D. Karmel bt G. Williams +19. (opponent retired)

H. O. Hicks bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard -15 +14 +17.

##### THIRD ROUND

J. W. Solomon bt A. V. Camroux +22 +13.

R. O. Hicks bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave +19 -4 +11.

E. P. C. Cotter bt J. G. Warwick +21 +12.

H. O. Hicks bt A. D. Karmel +20 +13.

##### SEMI-FINAL

J. W. Solomon bt R. O. Hicks -14 +24 +24.

H. O. Hicks bt E. P. C. Cotter +4 +20.

##### FINAL

J. W. Solomon bt H. O. Hicks -10 +24 +16.

#### THE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP (8 Entries)

##### FIRST ROUND

Mrs. G. W. Solomon bt Miss D. A. Lintern +3 -19 +13.

Miss E. J. Warwick bt Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt +16 +24.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Miss A. Mills -4 +8 +23.

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. E. Reeve +22 +26.

##### SEMI-FINAL

Miss E. J. Warwick bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon +9 +21.

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt Mrs. E. Rotherham +8 +4.

##### FINAL

Miss E. J. Warwick bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +13 +26.

#### MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP (8 Pairs)

##### FIRST ROUND

J. G. Warwick and Miss E. J. Warwick bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard and Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +15.

B. G. Neal and Miss D. A. Lintern bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt and Mrs. E. Reeve +19.

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and Mrs. F. Rotherham bt Capt. H. G. Stoker and Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt +4.

I. C. Baillieu and Mrs. G. W. Solomon bt Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave and Miss A. E. Mills +9.

##### SEMI-FINAL

J. G. Warwick and Miss E. J. Warwick bt B. G. Neal and Miss D. A. Lintern +6.

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt I. C. Baillieu and Mrs. G. W. Solomon +9.

FINAL  
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt J. G. Warwick and Miss E. J. Warwick +14.

#### "DU PRE CUP" (14 Entries)

##### FIRST ROUND

Capt. H. G. Stoker bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt +23.

M. B. Reckitt bt A. D. Karmel +5.

B. G. Neal bt I. C. Baillieu +18.

Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt Brig. A. E. Stokes-Roberts +25.

Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt bt Mrs. E. Reeve +24.

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt J. G. Warwick +21.

##### SECOND ROUND

Capt. H. G. Stoker bt M. B. Reckitt +2.

B. G. Neal bt Lt.-Col. D. M. C. Prichard +7.

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt +26.

A. V. Camroux bt Miss A. E. Mills +5.

##### SEMI-FINAL

Capt. H. G. Stoker bt B. G. Neal +8.

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt A. V. Camroux +10.

##### FINAL

Capt. H. G. Stoker bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller +7.

#### "EVENING" TOURNAMENT HANDICAP SINGLES (16 Entries)

##### FIRST ROUND

Mrs. J. Feaver (13) bt L. J. Clayton (13) +4. (on time)

Mrs. L. Veness (10) bt Mrs. J. Power (12) +9. (on time)

J. L. Sanders (9) bt Mrs. L. Farlie (6½) +12.

Mrs. L. Mizen (14) bt Mrs. C. Parr (11) +5.

Mrs. J. Turner (11) bt J. Munden w.o. (opponent scratched).

D. C. Caporn (2½) bt Mrs. G. Trull (7) +12.

Mrs. T. Croal (8) bt Mrs. G. Jones (12) +3. (on time)

Mrs. H. Wills (9) bt C. J. Watkins (9\*) +23.

##### SECOND ROUND

Mrs. L. Veness (10) bt Mrs. J. Feaver (13) +4. (on time)

J. L. Sanders (9) bt Mrs. L. Mizen (14) +18.

D. C. Caporn (2½) bt Mrs. J. Turner (11) +6.

Mrs. H. Wills (9) bt Mrs. T. Croal (8) +8.

##### SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. L. Veness (10) bt J. L. Sanders (9) +1. (on time)

Mrs. H. Wills (9) bt D. C. Caporn (2½) +1.

##### FINAL

Mrs. L. Veness (10) bt Mrs. H. Wills (9) +11.

### "THE COUNTIES" 1965

Middlesex, as usual won the Counties, as, barring accidents, they will continue to do with a team that starts with Solomon and Cotter, and ends with Hollweg and Godby, with Stoker and Prichard sandwiched in the middle and the late dominions to call on for their reserves. For the record, they did lose one game, but this was covered by the Laws of Croquet: it comes under "inadvertence".

The most notable game was the very last one of the series, when Devon were 6 points to the good and time called. Some seven years ago with Devon 9 points in the lead, the late Colonel Adams stepped forth and with a break that not even Solomon in all his glory could have bettered, from one back, saved the necessary 7 points plus two peels for victory. This time, J. B. Gilbert, Colonel Adams' partner on the previous occasion, copied his old chief and in a brilliant variegated break, scored the necessary 6 points from two back for victory. Poor Devon!

Solomon and Cotter and this game apart, one must admit that the rest of the play, to put it politely, was undistinguished. A few good things there were: Stoker, when allowed on court, seldom missed a shot; Neal did good things for Surrey. But in this competition there were 18 or more minus players and, again Solomon and Cotter barred, the score was triple peels accomplished, nil; attempted, nil; double peels attempted, one (doubtful); accomplished, nil. It might have been the weather, which was vile; it couldn't have been the lawns, which were as near perfect as a ground staff can produce lawns; only one or two of the balls flaked a bit, so it must have been the players.

There is a feature of the Counties on which the writer would like to offer constructive suggestion of reform, despite Mr. Callaghan's pessimism (para 9, last sentence, 28th May, 1965). That is "the 8 list". Here was Eastern Counties, with an obvious Eastern Counties player sitting on the side lines, barred from play and here

was X county with a player never put on the managers list, playing 3 games (other irregularities available on request). Obviously it is all wrong. The writer suggests that on the 1st of January each year, with his/her subscription, a player should indicate the county list on which his/her name should be placed, according to birth or residential qualifications, for the forthcoming year. That player is then eligible to play for that county until the name is transferred by request on a subsequent 1st of January or removed for other or natural causes. The snag, I am told, is that a player would then lose his eligibility to play for 2 or possibly 3 or 4 counties, if asked—not being otherwise "engaged". And a jolly good thing too! You pay your money and takes your choice!

Another matter that was on the buzz was the time taken to play the competition. The older retired players (the mainstay) are finding that, if they have enough money to pay their taxes, they certainly have none left for their taxis (let alone their hotel bills). Three sessions of byes out of 8 sessions is overdoing things! It would appear that 3 more courts are required. If Roehampton would provide 3 courts on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings and the programme were arranged that each county played once at Roehampton, either the Tournament could be played in three days—to the relief of pensioners, doctors and schoolmasters—or there would be room, and time, for Gloucestershire (and the west of England) and Nottingham (and the north of England) to participate. Admittedly the manager has her work cut out getting the right player on to the right courts at Hurlingham alone—still that could be worked out.

All that remains is this year's Roll of Fame: Solomon and Cotter of course and Gilbert as aforesaid; Maurice Reckitt, who this year played in his 38th consecutive "Counties" 36th for Surrey, and finally led Surrey to a 3-0 victory over Devon; Dudley Hamilton-Miller who is really on the Roll of Agony—with lumbago—and we all wish him a speedy recovery; and finally those inimitable and hard working Devonshire Ladies, who, with the Manager and Mrs. Skempton, at much self sacrifice and in all weathers, provided the players with morning coffee and afternoon teas.

#### ANALYSIS OF PLAY

Middlesex won 5 matches, v. Devon, 2-1; Eastern Counties, 3-0; Hants and Dorset, 3-0; Surrey, 3-0; Sussex, 3-0.

Devon won 3 matches, v. Eastern Counties, 3-0; Hants and Dorset, 3-0; Sussex, 3-0; and lost to Middlesex, 1-2; Surrey, 0-3.

Eastern Counties won 3 matches, v. Hants and Dorset, 2-1; Surrey, 2-1; Sussex, 3-0; and lost to Devon, 0-3; Middlesex, 0-3.

Surrey won 3 matches, v. Devon, 3-0; Hants and Dorset, 3-0; Sussex, 3-0; and lost to Eastern Counties, 1-2; Middlesex, 0-3.

Sussex won 1 match, v. Hants and Dorset, 2-1; and lost to Devon, 0-3; Eastern Counties, 0-3; Middlesex, 0-3; Surrey, 0-3.

Hants and Dorset won no games.

#### TEAMS

Devon. Mrs. E. Rotherham (Capt.), M. F. Buller, Lt.-Col. G. E. Cave, A. J. Cooper, Miss A. E. Mills, Dr. R. B. N. Smartt, Miss E. J. Warwick, J. G. Warwick.

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

Hants and Dorset. Major J. H. Dibley (Capt.), Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish, Mrs. J. H. Dibley, Mrs. V. C. Gasson, Major F. H. Hill-Bernhard, V. A. de la Nougerede, Dr. H. J. Penny, Miss I. M. Roe.

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

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

Sussex. Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (Capt.), D. E. Buckland, Miss H. D. Parker, E. A. Roper, Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart, Major R. Driscoll, C. J. H. Tolley.

### BRIGHTON SPRING TOURNAMENT May 17th to May 24th

Let's be frank and admit that this year's Spring Tournament was rather disappointing. It may have been that the bad weather which preceded the last entry date, coupled with despondency over the economic situation, were responsible for the fact that there were sadly few visitors from other clubs. There were only thirty-two

entries for the Handicap Singles as against forty-three last year and this event had to become an X, Y, Z. Perhaps it is a pity that it was not originally advertised as an X, Y, but it was felt that the innovation of a B levels event and a special one for long bisques would have proved attractive alternatives. We shall know better next time.

However, the happy few seemed to enjoy themselves and the weather proved quite kind on the whole: indeed, some days, including the last, were really hot and sunny. Our Australian friends, the Rutlands, will go home well pleased with the good fight they put up. They won the final of the doubles, beating Dr. Penny and Miss Hickson, and Mrs. Rutland also won her class event. The Jellicorse Cup went to R. Driscoll who defeated Mrs. Solomon; the final of the Draw and Process was won by Kirk-Greene (not for the first-time!) and the B. Levels by Miss E. Johnston—all Southwick members.

Mrs. Chittenden not only played well but once again provided excellent luncheons and teas. In the absence of Mrs. Truett, whom we all missed very much, those responsible for the bar were most grateful to Mrs. Kirk-Greene for the help she gave there as well as at the cash desk. Major Dibley managed the tournament with his customary skill and unflinching courtesy. Our President, Mr. Corke was unable to be present on the last day, and the chairman, E. A. Roper, on his behalf thanked both players and helpers. Mrs. Roper presented the prizes and received many good wishes for a speedy recovery from her impending operation.

#### OPEN SINGLES

#### THE ABBEY CHALLENGE CUP

##### DRAW

(17 Entries)

(Law 36)

##### FIRST ROUND

Mrs. E. M. Kay w.o. D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (opponent scratched).  
L. Kirk-Greene bt E. A. Roper +24.

##### SECOND ROUND

W. H. Austin bt Miss E. F. Rose (opponent retired).  
Miss H. D. Parker w.o. Mrs. E. M. Temple (opponent scratched).  
D. W. J. Jesson-Dibley bt Mrs. M. Stuart +16.

Mrs. G. W. Solomon bt Mrs. E. M. Kay +19.  
L. Kirk-Greene bt H. A. Green +15.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt Miss K. D. Hickson +15.  
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt Dr. H. J. Penny +5.  
C. J. H. Tolley w.o. A. G. Sadler (opponent scratched).

##### THIRD ROUND

W. H. Austin bt Miss H. D. Parker +8.  
Mrs. G. W. Solomon bt D. W. J. Jesson-Dibley +4.

L. Kirk-Greene bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +9.  
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt C. J. H. Tolley +1.

##### SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. G. W. Solomon bt W. H. Austin +2.  
L. Kirk-Greene bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart +6.

##### FINAL

L. Kirk-Greene bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon +17.

#### OPEN SINGLES

##### PROCESS

(17 Entries)

(Law 36)

##### FIRST ROUND

Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart w.o. D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (opponent scratched).  
L. Kirk-Greene bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon +10.

##### SECOND ROUND

Mrs. E. M. Kay w.o. A. G. Sadler (opponent scratched).  
Dr. H. J. Penny bt W. H. Austin +16.

Miss K. D. Hickson bt Miss H. D. Parker +12.  
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart bt C. J. H. Tolley +15.

L. Kirk-Greene bt D. W. J. Jesson-Dibley +2.  
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt E. A. Roper +4.  
Mrs. M. Stuart w.o. Mrs. E. M. Temple (opponent scratched).  
H. A. Green bt Miss E. F. Rose +11.

##### THIRD ROUND

Dr. H. J. Penny bt Mrs. E. M. Kay +15.  
Miss K. D. Hickson bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart +8.

Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt L. Kirk-Greene +2.  
H. A. Green bt Mrs. M. Stuart +20.

##### SEMI-FINAL

Dr. H. J. Penny bt Miss K. D. Hickson +15.  
H. A. Green bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +3.

##### FINAL

H. A. Green bt Dr. H. J. Penny +10.



OPEN (LEVEL) SINGLES  
LEVEL SINGLES (Class B)  
(3½ to 7 bisques)  
(15 Entries)

FIRST ROUND  
Miss M. M. Morgan bt Miss E. F. Rose +13.  
Maj. R. Driscoll bt W. P. H. Roe +24.  
Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé bt H. F. Sanderson +14.  
E. C. Mogridge bt Miss M. K. Towers +11.  
Miss E. Johnston bt Brig. T. S. Omond +18.  
Mrs. J. H. Dibley bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster +11.  
Mrs. W. P. H. Roe bt Capt. W. A. T. Syngé +6.

SECOND ROUND  
Mrs. E. M. Temple bt Miss M. M. Morgan +10.  
Maj. R. Driscoll bt Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé +8.  
Miss E. Johnston bt E. C. Mogridge +11.  
Mrs. W. P. H. Roe bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley +14.

SEMI-FINAL  
Maj. R. Driscoll bt Mrs. E. M. Temple +3.  
Miss E. Johnston bt Mrs. W. P. H. Roe +4.

FINAL  
Miss E. Johnston bt Maj. R. Driscoll +12.

HANDICAP SINGLES  
Class C  
(10 Entries)  
(7½ bisques, and over)

FIRST ROUND  
M. W. B. Stead (12) bt R. St. G. Atchley (10) +5.  
A. V. Rutland (8) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (7½) +14.

SECOND ROUND  
Mrs. T. S. Omond (9) bt Mrs. E. Thompson (8) +6.  
M. W. B. Stead (12) bt Mrs. H. Wells (11) +1.  
A. V. Rutland (8) bt Mrs. P. M. Dehn (14) +9.  
Mrs. A. V. Rutland (9) bt W. G. B. Scott (9) +12.

SEMI-FINAL  
M. W. B. Stead (12) bt Mrs. T. S. Omond (9) +10.  
Mrs. A. V. Rutland (9) bt A. V. Rutland (8) +16.

FINAL  
Mrs. A. V. Rutland (9) bt M. W. B. Stead (12) +9.

HANDICAP SINGLES  
JELICORSE CUP  
(altered by the Manager at Committee's request to X, Y, Z)  
(32 Entries)  
"X"

FIRST ROUND  
E. A. Roper (2) bt W. H. Austin (2) +12.  
Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé (4½) w.o. Mrs. E. Thompson (8) (opponent scratched).

Dr. H. J. Penny (1) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (7½) +4.  
C. J. H. Tolley (5) bt Capt. W. A. T. Syngé (4½) +10.  
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1½) bt Mrs. W. P. H. Roe (7) +15.  
Mrs. H. D. Wooster (7) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (5) +6.  
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (—½) bt Mrs. A. V. Rutland (9) +5.  
Mrs. E. M. Temple (4½) bt W. P. H. Roe (5½) +16.  
Miss K. D. Hickson (3) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) +8.  
Mrs. M. Stuart (3) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5) +9.  
A. V. Rutland (8) bt Miss M. M. Morgan (5½) +11.  
Maj. R. Driscoll (4) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (1) +11.  
H. F. Sanderson (6) bt H. A. Green (2) +13.  
Miss E. Johnston (4) bt Miss M. K. Towers (7) +6.  
Miss H. D. Parker (3) bt R. St. G. Atchley (10) bt +3.  
E. C. Mogridge (7) bt A. G. Sadler (2) +9.

SECOND ROUND  
Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé (4½) bt E. A. Roper (2) +5.  
C. J. H. Tolley (5) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (1) +8.  
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1½) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (7) +17.  
Mrs. E. M. Temple (4½) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (—½) +19.  
Miss K. D. Hickson (3) bt Mrs. M. Stuart (3) +24.  
Maj. R. Driscoll (4) bt A. V. Rutland (8) +6.  
H. F. Sanderson (6) bt Miss E. Johnston (4) +12.  
E. C. Mogridge (7) bt Miss H. D. Parker (3) +4.

THIRD ROUND  
C. J. H. Tolley (5) bt Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé (4½) +2.  
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1½) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (4½) +6.  
Maj. R. Driscoll (4) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (3) +23.  
H. F. Sanderson (6) bt E. C. Mogridge (7) +15.

SEMI-FINAL  
Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1½) bt C. J. H. Tolley (5) +19.  
Maj. R. Driscoll (4) bt H. F. Sanderson (6) +23.

FINAL  
Maj. R. Driscoll (4) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1½) +9.

HANDICAP SINGLES  
(16 Entries)  
"Y"

FIRST ROUND  
W. H. Austin (2) bt Mrs. E. Thompson (8) +3.  
Mrs. W. A. Naylor (7½) bt Capt. W. A. T. Syngé (4½) +23.  
Mrs. E. M. Kay (5) bt Mrs. W. P. H. Roe (7) +9.  
Mrs. A. V. Rutland (9) bt W. P. H. Roe (5½) +14.  
Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5) +17.  
Miss M. M. Morgan (5½) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (1) +2.  
H. A. Green (2) bt Miss M. K. Towers (7) +6.  
R. St. G. Atchley (10) w.o. A. G. Sadler (2) (opponent scratched).

SECOND ROUND  
W. H. Austin (2) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (7½) +12.  
Mrs. A. V. Rutland (9) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (5) +8.  
Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) bt Miss M. M. Morgan (5½) +2.  
H. A. Green (2) w.o. R. St. G. Atchley (10) (opponent scratched).

SEMI-FINAL  
W. H. Austin (2) bt Mrs. A. V. Rutland (9) +2.  
Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) w.o. H. A. Green (2) (opponent scratched).

FINAL  
W. H. Austin (2) bt Mrs. E. A. Roper (6) +14.

HANDICAP SINGLES  
(16 Entries)  
"Z"

FIRST ROUND  
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (—½) w.o. Mrs. M. Stuart (3) (opponent scratched).

A. E. Roper (2) bt Mrs. E. Thompson (8) +13.  
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (1) w.o. Dr. H. J. Penny (1) (opponent scratched).  
Capt. W. A. T. Syngé (4½) bt W. P. H. Roe (5½) +6.  
A. V. Rutland (8) w.o. A. G. Sadler (2) (opponent scratched).  
Miss E. Johnston (4) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (7) +8.  
Miss H. D. Parker (3) bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5) +9.  
Mrs. W. P. H. Roe (7) bt Miss M. K. Towers (7) +2.

SECOND ROUND  
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (—½) bt A. E. Roper (2) +9.  
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (1) bt Capt. W. A. T. Syngé (4½) +8.  
Miss E. Johnston (4) w.o. A. V. Rutland (8) (opponent scratched).  
Miss H. D. Parker (3) w.o. Mrs. W. P. H. Roe (7) (opponent scratched).

SEMI-FINAL  
Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (1) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (—½) +15.  
Miss H. D. Parker (3) bt Miss E. Johnston (4) (opp. retired).

FINAL  
Miss H. D. Parker (3) bt Lt.-Col. F. E. Stobart (1) +3.

HANDICAP DOUBLES  
(Combined Handicaps not less than 4.)  
(Time Limit 3½ hours)  
12 Pairs

FIRST ROUND  
Capt. and Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon and Mrs. E. A. Roper (7½) +6.  
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Mrs. W. A. Naylor (7) bt W. H. Austin and Mrs. H. D. Wooster (9) +8.  
E. A. Roper and Mrs. T. S. Omond (11) bt R. St. G. Atchley and Mrs. P. M. Dehn (24) +9.  
H. A. Green and Mrs. E. M. Temple (6½) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay and Mrs. E. Thompson (13), Scratched.

SECOND ROUND  
Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (4) bt Miss H. D. Parker and Miss M. M. Morgan (8½) +2. O.T.  
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Mrs. W. A. Naylor (7) bt Capt. and Mrs. W. A. T. Syngé (9) +9. O.T.  
H. A. Green and Mrs. E. M. Temple (6½) bt E. A. Roper and Mrs. T. S. Omond (11) +5.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Rutland (17) bt Maj. R. Driscoll and Miss M. K. Towers (11) +2. O.T.

SEMI-FINAL  
Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (4) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Mrs. W. A. Naylor (7) +14.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Rutland (17) bt H. A. Green and Mrs. E. M. Temple (6½) +1.

FINAL  
Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Rutland (17) bt Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (4) +15.

RYDE

May 31st—5th June, 1965

Monday turned out to be the last cold day of the end of the month's wintry weather and it warmed up a little on Tuesday when we had some rain in the afternoon. From then on the sun shone brilliantly and for the rest of the week we were all basking in the sunshine. In such weather the Ryde Club and its surroundings provide a charming and peaceful setting. The lawns were good and by the end of the week were quite fast.

There was a very good entry and during the week some excellent croquet was seen and the play on the whole was of high standard. This was due to the increased number of entries in the Open Class by well known first class players such as John Bolton, Lt.-Colonel Saalfeld, Messrs. Gilbert, Birch, Moore and Hodgson. The latter spent his early days as a boy living in Ryde.

It was a pleasure to see John playing on his home ground once again, displaying his usual skill and fine long shooting.

Although he overcame his opponents in the Open Class he had to work hard for victory especially against Colonel Saalfeld who only lost to him by 5 and 6 in the Draw and Process respectively.

The Colonel throughout the Tournament was in fine form. His skill both in play and tactics were much in evidence which gave the onlookers food for thought.

Mr. Gilbert, a delightful player, had many good games and the writer thought he was rather unlucky on one or two occasions. He was so near to beating Col. Saalfeld in the semi-final of the Draw. In this game he made a remarkably fine recovery. At one stage his two clips were on No. 4 hoop, the Colonel's for the rover and four back. Eventually Mr. Gilbert shot in and did a fine round with his red ball. But in the end he lost by only 3 points.

There were three games played all of which were completed in less than an hour. Mr. Birch did two splendid breaks with the two bisques he had from John Bolton in the Y handicap, winning by 26. Colonel Saalfeld, in the same event, beat a newcomer, Mr. Henshaw from Budleigh, in half an hour, doing two all round breaks, thus giving his opponent little chance. In another game Mr. Simpson used his bisques with great accuracy when he beat his opponent by 25 in the X.

Other players who showed prominence were Mrs. Simpson and Mr. Moore in the final of the X. This was a ding-dong battle between these two players. A fine game in which Mrs. Simpson became victorious by the narrow margin of 3.

Mrs. Simpson also won the B Levels after a good well fought game against Mrs. Stevenson. Mrs. Simpson played well throughout the tournament and deserved her success. Mrs. Stevenson can be a most formidable opponent at times. She hits the ball well and plays with great confidence.

Congratulations to Mr. Henshaw on winning the C Class, handicap event. With a handicap of 12 he has proved he can beat opponents with a lower one. He is a good shot, very keen and with more experience will make quite a useful player. After this success he, no doubt, will not be playing at 12 again. In opposing Mr. Henshaw in this event Miss Bryan failed often at her hoops, thus paying the penalty.

In playing his first tournament here it was pleasing to see Mr. Bolton wielding the mallet. Father and son worked their way playing together in the Doubles to winning the event from Colonel Saalfeld and Miss Bryan.

Delight was expressed at seeing Mrs. Hill here again. She did well to beat Mrs. Stevenson by the narrow margin of 2 in the X handicap.

Our grateful thanks to Mrs. Ward and all the other lady helpers who looked after us so magnificently at the excellent lunches and teas of home made cakes. They deserve the greatest praise. Miss Wade, the tournament Secretary, worked extremely hard in the administrative side which she carried out so calmly and efficiently without any fuss. She has everybody's warmest thanks. Major Dibley very kindly acted as Manager and got the tournament through by seven o'clock. All voiced their best thanks to him.

The Club's new President, Commander Radford was unable to be present at the prize-giving as he was away on duty and sent his apologies. Mrs. Radford very kindly presented the cups to the winners. There was an additional prize, very kindly presented by Mr. Birch, in the form of a shield with cross mallets and balls for the runner-up in the Open event which was won by Colonel Saalfeld.

Major Dibley was handed by Mrs. Radford a fine pigskin wallet from the members of the Club on completion of his term of service as retiring president after eight years and Mrs. Dibley a lovely bouquet of flowers. Major Dibley expressed his warmest thanks and appreciation for this very kind gesture.

Thus ended the 47th Ryde Tournament in glorious sunshine. It is sincerely hoped that all who took part in it will come again next year. Certainly the writer will, all going well.

OPEN LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "A")  
DRAW  
(9 Entries)

FIRST ROUND  
G. Birch bt Canon R. Creed Meredith +11.

SECOND ROUND  
J. B. Gilbert bt H. Hodgson +23.  
Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld bt G. Birch +5.  
J. Bolton bt Major J. H. Dibley +22.  
R. A. Simpson bt W. E. Moore +4.

SEMI-FINAL  
Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld bt J. B. Gilbert +3.  
J. Bolton bt R. A. Simpson +20.

FINAL  
J. Bolton bt Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld +5.

PROCESS  
(9 Entries)

FIRST ROUND  
Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld bt R. A. Simpson +17.

SECOND ROUND  
J. Bolton bt W. E. Moore +17.  
J. B. Gilbert bt Canon R. Creed Meredith +25.  
Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld bt H. Hodgson +14.  
G. Birch bt Major J. H. Dibley +3.

SEMI-FINAL  
J. Bolton bt J. B. Gilbert +14.  
Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld bt G. Birch +15.

FINAL  
J. Bolton bt Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld +6.

OPEN LEVEL SINGLES (CLASS "B")  
(Qualification 3 to 7 bisques, inclusive)  
(6 Entries)

FIRST ROUND  
Miss M. M. Taylor bt Mrs. M. McMordie w.o. (opponent scratched)  
Mrs. R. A. Simpson bt Miss E. Walker +2.  
Mrs. J. G. Stevenson bt Mrs. J. H. Dibley +8.

SEMI-FINAL  
Mrs. R. A. Simpson bt Miss M. M. Taylor +16.  
Mrs. J. G. Stevenson bt Miss J. Preston +25.

FINAL  
Mrs. R. A. Simpson bt Mrs. J. G. Stevenson +4.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "C")  
(Qualification 7½ bisques and over)  
(9 Entries)

FIRST ROUND  
F. Henshaw (12) bt Miss K. A. Wade (11) +12.

SECOND ROUND  
W. Bolton (13) bt Mrs. R. Creed Meredith (16) +13.  
F. Henshaw (12) bt Mrs. G. H. Alexander (10) +12.  
Miss M. Bryan (9) bt Mrs. K. M. Lowein (13) +10.  
Dr. W. R. W. Betenson (8) bt Mrs. C. Devitt (9) +8.

SEMI-FINAL  
F. Henshaw (12) bt W. Bolton (13) +7.  
Miss M. Bryan (9) bt Dr. W. R. W. Betenson (8) +10.

FINAL  
F. Henshaw (12) bt Miss M. Bryan (9) +10 on time.

HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "X")  
(25 Entries)

FIRST ROUND  
Mrs. J. H. Dibley (5) bt Mrs. R. Creed Meredith (16) +12.  
Miss E. Walker (5½) bt H. Hodgson (2) +3.  
Miss M. M. Taylor (7) bt G. Birch (½) +4.  
R. A. Simpson (3) bt J. Bolton (—1½) +25.

Miss M. Bryan (9) bt Miss K. A. Wade (11) +10.  
Canon R. Creed Meredith (0) bt Mrs. A. B. Ward (12) +2.  
Mrs. R. A. Simpson (5) bt F. Henshaw (12) +12.  
Dr. W. F. W. Betenson (8) bt Mrs. C. E. Devitt (9) +12.  
J. B. Gilbert (—1) bt Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld (1) +11.  
Mrs. K. M. Lowein (13) bt Mrs. M. McMordie w.o. (opponent scratched).  
Miss J. Preston (7) bt Mrs. G. H. Alexander (10) +7.

SECOND ROUND  
Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) bt Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (4½) +2.  
W. E. Moore (1½) bt Miss J. H. Dibley (5) +22.  
Miss M. M. Taylor (7) bt Miss E. Walker (5½) +2.  
R. A. Simpson (3) bt Miss M. Bryan (9) +14.  
Mrs. R. A. Simpson (5) bt Canon R. Creed Meredith (0) +7.  
J. B. Gilbert (—1) bt Dr. W. F. W. Betenson (8) +10.



THIRD ROUND  
 W. E. Moore (1½) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) +15.  
 R. A. Simpson (3) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (7) +18.  
 Mrs. R. A. Simpson (5) bt J. B. Gilbert (-1) 7. (on time)  
 Mrs. K. Lowein (13) bt Miss J. Preston (7) +3.

SEMI-FINAL  
 W. E. Moore (1½) bt R. A. Simpson (3) +23.  
 Mrs. R. A. Simpson (5) bt Mrs. K. Lowein (13) +11.

FINAL  
 Mrs. R. A. Simpson (5) bt W. E. Moore (1½) +3.

#### HANDICAP SINGLES (CLASS "Y") (12 Entries)

FIRST ROUND  
 G. Birch (½) bt H. Hodgson (2) +12.  
 J. Bolton (-1½) bt Miss K. A. Wade (11) +14.  
 F. Henshaw (12) bt Mrs. A. B. Ward (11) +7.  
 Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld (1) bt Mrs. C. Devitt (9) +17.

SECOND ROUND  
 Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (4½) bt Mrs. R. Creed Meredith (16) +19.  
 G. Birch (½) bt J. Bolton (-1½) +26.  
 Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld (1) bt F. Henshaw (12) +25.  
 Mrs. G. H. Alexander (10) bt Mrs. M. McMordie w.o. (opponent scratched).

SEMI-FINAL  
 Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (4½) bt G. Birch (½) +5.  
 Mrs. G. H. Alexander (10) bt Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld w.o. (opponent scratched).

FINAL  
 Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (4½) bt Mrs. G. H. Alexander (10) +15.

#### MIXED DOUBLES HANDICAP (Restricted to combined handicap of 2 or more) (9 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND  
 Canon R. Creed Meredith and Mrs. C. Devitt (9) bt Major J. H. Dibley and Miss J. Preston (9½) +2.

SECOND ROUND  
 Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld and Miss M. Bryan (10) bt J. Birch and Mrs. G. A. H. Alexander (10½) +1. (on time)  
 R. A. Simpson and Mrs. R. A. Simpson (8) bt F. Henshaw and Mrs. J. G. Stevenson (16½) +14.  
 Canon R. Creed Meredith and Mrs. C. Devitt (9) bt W. E. Moore and Mrs. K. M. Lowein (13½) +6.  
 W. Bolton and J. Bolton (11½) bt Dr. W. F. W. Betenson and Miss M. M. Taylor (15) 7.

SEMI-FINAL  
 Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld and Miss M. Bryan (10) bt R. A. Simpson and Mrs. R. A. Simpson (10½) +1. (on time)  
 W. Bolton and J. Bolton (11½) bt Canon R. Creed Meredith and Mrs. C. Devitt (9) +7.

FINAL  
 W. Bolton and J. Bolton (11½) bt Lt.-Col. A. E. Saalfeld and Miss M. Bryan (10) +7.

### CHELTHENHAM

This contributor recently wrote a very laudatory account of the recent tournament at Budleigh Salterton. Equal praise can be given to the planning and management of this Tournament. A comparison between the two will by no means be odious, except perhaps on the score of weather. The weather at Cheltenham was well high perfect and all visitors must have enjoyed a delightful Whitsun playing croquet at this beautiful Club situated in a fold of the Cotswold Hills.

Both Tournaments were American and this ensured continuous croquet play for all contestants. Both Clubs have a surfeit of lawns and at Cheltenham it was the rule rather than the exception for competitors to play three games per day. The tournament comprised 20 entries divided into 4 blocks and each competitor had 2 games on the Saturday and the Sunday with the result that Monday could be devoted to the play-off between the block winners. But the official programme also catered for the less successful competitors. They also played off so that by Monday evening everyone had enjoyed (?) 6 games. The friendly and informal atmosphere was common to both tournaments.

The Budleigh Salterton tournament was the orthodox six days, Monday to Saturday inclusive. The Cheltenham tournament was played over three public holidays, the Saturday, Sunday and Monday of Whitsun. This contributor is an ardent supporter of weekend tournaments which include Sunday play. The infusion of new blood into the game comes from players who are working

during the week, and those players who wished to attend Divine service on the Sunday could have obtained leave of absence until 11.30 a.m. If this arrangement would be unsatisfactory to the religious beliefs of certain players, there is no reason why their scruples should interfere with those who desire to play.

There were two players who were making their debut in a tournament. The first was the home player Miss Douglas-Jones. With a handicap of plus 13, she very bravely stepped into the breach. May she never regret it! The second was Mr. Harrison with an initial tournament handicap of 7½ bisques. Like Miss Douglas Jones he played progressively better and better and all those who are interested in the game will follow their careers.

The Tournament was won by the sixteen-year-old schoolboy, J. W. Simon, playing off a handicap of plus one. His form is such that he is virtually unbeatable at this handicap. He is a potential grand-master of the game as indeed is a university student, G. N. Aspinall. Both commuted from Bristol during the Tournament, the younger one from the local Cathedral school and the elder one from Bristol University.

J. W. Simon's final victory was at the expense of Mr. Jackson, the Chairman of the Club, the back-marker of the contestants and the Manager of the Tournaments. In addition to playing and managing he found time for many friendly games. This was made possible only by the forethought which preceded the play.

G. E. P. JACKSON  
 Chairman, Club Committee

#### FINAL PLACING

1. J. W. Simon (1).
2. G. E. P. Jackson (-1).
3. Miss K. M. O. Sessions (2).
4. Col. G. Borrett (3½).
5. G. N. Aspinall (2).
6. F. W. Meredith (2).
7. E. Sidwell (3).
8. C. H. O'D. Alexander (3½).
9. Col. G. T. Wheeler (8).
10. Rev. J. E. Andrews (3½).
11. R. F. Rothwell (-½).
12. R. Harrison (7½).

### Questions and Answers

**Question:** In the course of a level singles match, A has already forgotten one lift; it appears to B that A, when he is about to begin his turn is going to forget another lift. So before A has made a stroke, B calls out "don't forget Law 36." Should B incur the penalty for interruption?

**Answer:** Yes; the interruption was certainly connected with A's play. (Law 51)

**Question:** Has the striker made either a stroke or a fault if, in swinging his mallet, he hits the upright of a hoop with his backward swing and moves a ball which is against the upright, but he checks the swing of his mallet in the forward direction and so does not strike his own ball?

**Answer:** A fault; The fault (Law 32(a) viii) had already been made by the time he checked his swing and it was therefore (Law 31(a)) too late to stop the striking and begin the stroke again.

### HUNSTANTON v. CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

June 5th-6th

I. E. Banks lost to A. A. Reed -26, -24.  
 C. W. Barrington lost to Miss S. G. Hampson -16.  
 K. F. Wylie bt W. B. Franklin +22, +15.  
 A. N. Mozley lost to Mrs. H. M. Perowne -1.  
 K. F. Wylie bt A. A. Reed +14, +3.  
 P. D. Hallett bt Mrs. A. N. Rolfe -15, +12, +12.  
 I. E. Banks lost to W. B. Franklin (retired).  
 P. D. Hallett bt A. A. Reed +16, +10, +11.  
 C. W. Barrington lost to Mrs. H. M. Perowne -12.  
 C. H. O. Alexander lost to W. B. Franklin -19, -17.  
 K. F. Wylie bt Mrs. A. N. Rolfe -3, +10, +13.  
 G. N. Martin drew with Miss S. G. Hampson -10, +5 (on time).  
 Result: Hunstanton won by 12 games to 11.

### TOURNAMENTS

#### GENERAL CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION

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

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

THESE CONDITIONS APPLY TO ALL TOURNAMENTS  
 EXCEPT WHEN OTHERWISE STATED.

### THE LADIES' FIELD CUP

Holder: Mrs. E. Rotherham

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

No Entrance Fee

Will be played for at the **Roehampton Club** (by kind permission of the Directors of the Club) on **Monday, August 16th**, and following days

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the C.A. and the Roehampton Club.

Manager and Referee.—B. Lloyd-Pratt.

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

#### CONDITIONS

Each competitor meets each of the other competitors once in each series.

If a competitor fails through any cause to play through the whole of the games in a series, her score in that series will be entirely eliminated from the competition. No substitute will be permitted in either series in any circumstances after the competition has once begun. Single games throughout. In the event of a tie in the score the possession of the cup for the year will be decided by a single game. In the event of a tie between three or more, competitors names will be drawn on the Bagnall-Wild system, and single games will be played in each round.

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

### NOTTINGHAM

UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD NOTTINGHAM

(by kind permission of the Parks Committee of Nottingham Corporation)

Monday, August 16th to Saturday, August 21st

Manager, Referee, Handicapper.—Miss A. E. Mills.  
 Hon. Tournament Secretary.—Mr. F. B. Stephens. 24 Gladstone Terrace, Grantham, Lincs. Tel. Grantham 4851.

- 1.—"ROBIN HOOD" GOLD CUP CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP. Presented to the Club by the All England Croquet Association for Associates only. Entrance Fee, 12s.
- 2.—OPEN SINGLES. Draw and Process. SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL presented by the Nottingham Croquet Club. The Final of this event will be the best of three games, time permitting. Regulation 13(B) will be applied if considered necessary or advisable. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES, 5 Bisques and over. SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL presented by the late L. L. Bright. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES X and Y. SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL for each event. Entrance Fee, 12s.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES (unrestricted). TWIN CHALLENGE TROPHIES presented by the late Mrs. Hitchin. Entrance Fee, 10s.

First and second prizes will be given in each event.

Entry Fees include C.A. Levy but do NOT include C.A. Tribute, due from non-Associates, of 12/6 for one event or 25/- for two or more events.

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 should reach the Hon. Tournament secretary not later than Friday, August 13th.

The Draw for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 will appear on the Club's Notice Board on Sunday afternoon, August 15th.

Leave of absence may be arranged on application to the Manager. No leave will be permitted after 2 p.m. on the opening day.

Lunches and Teas will be served each day in the Pavilion at a moderate charge. Morning Coffee will be available.

Eight lawns will be available, choice of lawn being determined by draw.

Ample Car Park accommodation is available. Buses pass the gates leading to the Club every few minutes, the Route Nos. being 4, 4a and 5a. These may be boarded from the City Centre.

List of Hotels and Guest Houses will be supplied on application to the Hon. Tournament Secretary.

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## HURLINGHAM

### THE ANNUAL CROQUET TOURNAMENT

including the

#### "LADIES' FIELD" CANDLESTICKS

(Under the direction of the C.A.)

will be held from

Monday, August 2nd to Wednesday, August 11th, 1965

Committee.—The Croquet Committee of the Club.  
Manager and Handicapper.—E. A. Roper.  
Referee.—J. G. Warwick.  
Games Secretary.—Lt.-Col. R. F. J. Hayward, V.C., M.C.

#### EVENTS

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

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

- 6.—THE PINCKNEY SIMPSON CUP (HANDICAP SINGLES) Holder, C. H. R. Penny. Entrance Fee, 10s.
- 7.—THE "LADIES' FIELD" CANDLESTICKS. (Ladies' Handicap Doubles). Holders, Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs. M. L. Thom. Open to lady Members of the C.A. only. Entrance Fee, 10s. each player. All games to start at the third hoop.
- 8.—MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES. Holders, H. O. Hicks and J. T. Laurenson. Entrance Fee, 10s. All games to start at the third hoop.

Tournament Plant by Messrs. John Jaques and Son Ltd.  
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#### ENTRIES AND DRAW

All Entries with Fees for Events 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6, with the addresses of the competitors (and telephone number) must reach the Games Secretary, Croquet Tournament, The Hurlingham Club, Fulham, S.W.6. by first post on Wednesday, 28th July (not C.A. Secretary). Entries for Events 3, 7 and 8, will close at noon on Tuesday, August 3rd. The Draw for Events 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6, will take place at the Club on Wednesday, July 28th at 2.30 p.m.; for other Events as announced on the ground.

Cheques should be made payable to The Hurlingham Club.

#### GENERAL

Play will start at 10 a.m. daily and continue till 7.30 p.m. if necessary.

At least eight Lawns will be provided.

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

## BRIGHTON

### THE FIFTY-SECOND SUMMER TOURNAMENT

Monday, August 23rd, and five following days

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

Twelve

Joint Managers; Handicappers and Referees.—E. A. Roper and E. P. C. Cotter.

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

#### EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES "Two Lives" system. THE SUSSEX GOLD CUP. Presented by the late E. R. Harrison. Holder, E. P. C. Cotter. Entrance Fee, 14s. 6d.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES (Class B). Law 37 in force. THE FRANC CUP. Presented by the late Mrs. H. Franc. Holder, W. H. Austin. Open to players handicapped 2½ to 6 bisques. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES (Class C). THE MONTEITH BOWL. Presented by the late G. C. Braithwaite. Holder, A. T. Wilson-Chalon. Open to players handicapped 6½ and over. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES. THE MAURICE RECKITT BOWL. Presented by Mr. M. B. Reckitt. Holder, J. W. Simon. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicaps 2 or over. All games in Event 5 to start at No. 3 hoop with a time limit of 3½ hours. Entrance Fee, 11s. 6d. each partner.

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

One Event only of Events 1 to 3 is available to competitors, who may enter for 3 Events in all.

#### THE DRAW

The Draw for Events 1 to 4 will take place at Southwick on Thursday, August 19th 1965 at 2.30 p.m., and Event 5 on Tuesday August 24th. Post Cards will be sent to all those required to play before noon on Monday.

Eleven courts will be available. Lunches and teas will be obtainable in the Club Canteen.

#### TRANSPORT

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

## HUNSTANTON

### THE SIXTY-SEVENTH HUNSTANTON OPEN CROQUET TOURNAMENT

will be held in the Club Grounds on

Monday, August 30th to September 5th

Committee.—The Tournament Committee of the Club.  
Manager.—Mrs. E. Reeve.  
Referee.—J. G. Warwick.

Hon. Secretary.—Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe, Weathercocks, Heacham, Norfolk.

#### EVENTS

- 1.—OPEN SINGLES. (Draw and Process). NORFOLK CHALLENGE CUP. Holder, P. J. M. Fidler. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.
- 2.—LEVEL SINGLES. Law 36 suspended. HUNSTANTON CHALLENGE BOWL. 2½-6 bisques inclusive. Holder Mrs. P. E. Heley. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.
- 3.—HANDICAP SINGLES. 6½ bisques and over. SILVER ROSE BOWL. Holder, Miss S. G. Hampson. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d.
- 4.—HANDICAP SINGLES X.Y. Unrestricted. INGLEBY CUP. Holder, R. F. Thorp. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.
- 5.—HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicap to be not less than 4. Holders, Lt.-Col. D. M. C. and R. D. C. Prichard. Entrance Fee, 10s. 6d. each.

#### Conditions

5 lawns will be provided and numbers will have to be limited. A time limit of 3 hours may be imposed on all games at the Manager's discretion.

No player may enter for more than one of Events 1, 2 and 3.

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 must reach the Hon. Secretary by Wednesday, 18th August and for Event 5 by Tuesday, 31st August. Leave will not normally be granted after noon on Monday.

Special Note. Owing to the large number of entries already received, very few more can be accepted.

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