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THE ATTENTION of Associates is drawn to the fact that the Council are anxious to appoint UMPIRES to act in official Tournaments. The powers of an umpire are to give decisions on questions of fact. Questions of law will only be decided by Referees.

A little thought will show that almost all questions upon which decisions are required are question of fact - hitting balls in hoops, wiring, whether a ball has scored a hoop etc.

The shortage of referees is acute, understandably since many players are not willing to undertake an examination on what are admittedly very complicated laws. There are, however, many players who could undertake, and easily pass, the practical part of the Referees exam, which would qualify them as umpires. If you are sound in sight and hearing, please give back to the game some of your enjoyment, and apply to the Chairman, Laws Committee for an examination as an umpire. If you are reasonably experienced, you will not have to mug up any Laws, and will pass with ease.

### Correction to Handbook

H. S. Clemons address should read FARNHAM, Surrey not Fareham, Hants. (Page 6)

D. W. Andrew should read D. W. ARCHER (Page 3)

### New Handicaps

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# NOTES by ROVER

## THE RIGHT TO STRIKE

THE GENERAL principles of the Laws of Croquet are in one respect in striking contrast to the general law of the land. For although the language and phraseology of the two are very similar (indeed, it is hard to see how this could be otherwise, irrespective of the authorship of our laws) ours by their very wording opt for the certainty of precisely defined situations in a way quite unknown to the Statute Book. In considering, for example, the law of the Sale of Goods, one has to look not only at the relevant Act which, abounding as it does in phrases such as "of merchantable quality", "a reasonable price", "reasonably fit for the purpose", but also, indeed especially, at the remarks of the judges in the cases in which these words are interpreted. The Laws of Croquet, however, have deliberately set out to leave their interpreters, the referees, no opportunity for the exercise of a discretion: at first sight the only questions that fall to be determined are questions of fact, governed by purely objective criteria: once these are decided, by observation, the ruling should follow automatically. It is no doubt inevitable that this should be so, in view of the relationship of player to referee.

It recently came to light, however, that the law of the "unimpeded free shot" was an exception to this rule. If we read Law 13 (a) (ii) we see that a ball is wired from another if a hoop or peg so interferes with any part of the swing that the striker, with his usual style of play, cannot in order to make a roquet drive his ball freely to any part of the other ball. We thus have a test which is at least partly subjective. A referee called on to decide a question under this heading must look at the lie of the balls, possibly call for a demonstration of the striker's normal swing, and then assess as a matter of judgement the probability of the occurrence of such interference as would constitute a wiring. It would, of course, be possible to legislate that balls would be wired if there was not a clear distance of, say, one yard in front of and behind the striker's ball. There would then be an objective test leaving no room for doubt: all a referee would have to do would be to pull out a ruler: then, if there was not the required gap, the balls would be wired. It will, however, readily be seen that such a ruling would lead to injustice. We can all think of some players with unusual, with curved, swings. Not only would they not be allowed lifts on occasions when their actual swings are impeded and so under the present laws they are entitled to them: they would also be entitled to lifts when the equipment presented no impediment at all to their usual swings. Moreover, even with a straight swing, there is no obvious reason why a player should be allowed a lift in a case where although his follow-through is technically impeded, he is able to hit the ball hard enough to make a roquet: for while it is axiomatic that he must be allowed the necessity of a roquet, it is far from clear that general principles require the luxury of a rush. It may be inconvenient for him to have to forego a rush, but there are still two other balls available for roquet in that turn. Although the lack of a fixed criteria laid down in inches makes greater calls on the discretion of a referee (and the fairness of the player if required to reproduce his swing accurately), this is a clear case where, as an exception, the objective/subjective dilemma must be resolved in favour of the subjective.

## EIGHTS WEEK

ASSIDUOUS READERS of this journal will doubtless have noticed in our December issue the disappearance from our Calendar of a Familiar fixture, the Ladies Field Cup, and the intrusion of a new one for the week of September 5th sandwiched, if that is not too impolite a term, between the President's and the Surrey Cups. But the placing of the new Chairman's Cup precisely indicates the position this competition has been devised to occupy, for we are now to have what the Surrey Cup was sometimes, but always quite incorrectly, described to be, a second Eight - and indeed a Third, for the Surrey Cup is now designed to occupy such a position. Some may regret the 'suspension' (for that is the correct description of what has been decided) of the Ladies Field Cup which for so many years after its initiation in 1911, not only provided a strong incentive for improving players of that sex, but produced a high standard of performance; all the greatest names on the feminine side of the game appears on the trophy. But there are no longer, alas, enough of such persons, and it is known that the best of these there are, if they fail to regain places in the President's Cup, would much prefer to compete in a second Eight, or even possibly a Third one. There may be some who will regret that former members in our "Best Eights" may now perhaps be found flaunting their colours in less exalted company at Cheltenham, if they feel it not 'infra dig' to do so. We have little doubt, however, that as many young men as ever will be seen winning their spurs in the Surrey Cup on their way, as before, to yet higher things.

## DOUBLE TALK

THIS NUMBER appears on the heels of County Week, an occasion which tends to give rise to reflections on the rather mysterious subject of successful pairing at Croquet. Why is it that some couples seem to gain what the economists call 'an unearned increment of association' at our game and others obviously do not? Perhaps the 'movement' is in part not unearned but to be appointed for by a conscious, or sub-conscious, capacity to suppress our more individualistic propensities in the interests of a genuine collaboration. We are accustomed to say that nobody plays their best in Doubles, and this is no doubt true as a generalisation, but in fact one has known some players who often do so: the very fact of collaboration seems to bring out the best in them. This is not necessarily based on any strong bond of fellowship between the partners. While croquet has produced some famous married pairs (as for example Beaton-Gower and Apps-Strickland), there have been not a few whose hearts seemed to beat as one everywhere except on the courts. This Rover can moreover, recall what appeared to be incipient romances which did not survive the strain of partnership on the lawn. It may safely be said, however, that there is one type of player who is not to be recommended as a colleague and that is the egotist. We recall a certain colonel of this disposition (now long-deceased) who always replied to an enquiry as to how things were going for the pair with the words 'I'm playing very well'.

# Our Irish Origins

IN AN ARTICLE in the September number of Notes and Queries, A. S. C. Ross and R. L. Thomson discuss the origin of croquet. The former is Professor of Linguistics in the University of Birmingham and is an Associate of the Croquet Association; the latter is Lecturer in English in the University of Leeds and is a specialist in the Celtic languages. The following is, effectively, a summary of their article.

The obvious place in which to seek the origin of the word CROQUET is, of course, the OXFORD ENGLISH DICTIONARY (hereinafter referred to as "O.E.D."). In this dictionary the article "Croquet sb." has obviously been written with considerable care; it appeared in 1893. It is there stated: "From Ireland the game and name were introduced into England in 1852, where between 1858 and 1872 Croquet attained great popularity". As to the origin of the name, it is "supposed to be from northern French CROQUET, dialect form of CROCHET, found in the sense of 'Shepherd's crook' and used in some modern French dialects in the sense of 'HOCKEY-STICK'". There can be no doubt that it was from Ireland that the game was introduced into England. There are three pieces of evidence for the early playing of the game in Ireland:-

(1) F. J. Foot, THE READER, vol. 4, page 544 (29th October, 1864: "Now it is a positive fact that in the years of 1834-35, the game was played in the neighbourhood of Kingstown, near Dublin, under the name of Croquet, and with implements similar to those now used".

(2) ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA (9th. edition), vol. 6, page 608 (1877): "Mr. Dickson, an ivory turner, of Gracechurch Street, London, remembers having made a set of croquet implements for Ireland over forty years ago" (from the article CROQUET).

(3) G. H. Kinahan, FOLK-LORE JOURNAL, vol. 2 (1884), page 265: "An old game called CROOKY was formerly played at Portarlinton, Queen's co. and Kilkee, co. Clare. Fifty years ago it was played with wooden crooks and balls, but about twenty-five years ago, or a little more, mallets were introduced at Kilkee; while subsequently the name was changed to croquet. I have heard it stated that this game was introduced by the French refugees that settled at Portarlinton". (No weight should be attached to Kinahan's statement that the game was played with "crooks"; he may merely have thought it was so played because it was called CROOKY.

Apart from this last, there are two stories as to a possible croquet connexion between Ireland and France. The first is a remark by J. Dick in THE FIELD of 27th November, 1858 (page 437, column 2): "The origin of the game, I believe, is entirely French, and (it) was introduced into the north of Ireland some twelve years ago from a French convent". The second is given by R. C. A. Prior, NOTES ON CROQUET (1872), pages 42-43: "As to its first introduction into this country (i.e. England) the meagre result of all the inquiries that I have been able to make is only this: that I learn from Mr. Spratt, of 18 Brook Street, Hanover Square, that more than twenty years ago, a Miss Macnaghten brought it to him as a game that had been lately introduced into Ireland, but which she had first seen on the continent in its primitive state - in the south of France, or in Italy, for he forgets which she said - and described as of the simplest and most rustic character. The people of the village chose a hard, knotty piece of wood, bored a hole through it with an auger, and drove a broom-stick into it for a mallet. The hoops they made of willow rods. Mr. Spratt has still in his possession her letter in which she had drawn up the rules as observed by the peasantry of that country, and will show it to any one who is curious upon the subject. This poor lady was accidentally burnt to death, and probably we shall never get any more information upon the subject. Mr. Spratt kept the implements in his shop for some years, and finding no demand for them, sold the same to Mr. Jaques, an enterprising young man who brought it (i.e. croquet) into notice". (Messrs. Jaques do not have Miss Macnaghten's document in their archives).

O. E. D. says that the authorities for the use of CROQUET in the sense of "hockey-stick" in Brittany are given by

Prior, in the work cited. But this statement is misleading. What Prior actually says (pages 51-52) is: "In Brittany to the present day they play hockey with crook-sticks, which they call CROQUETS". This remark clearly does not attest CROQUET in the sense of "hockey-stick"! It may in fact be suggested that this sense has no existence at all; in any event, it has not been possible to find it in French; in particular, it is not recorded in the printed vocabularies of the French dialects of Brittany and Normandy.

The three stories as to the French connexions of the game, given above, are obviously all extremely "thin". Apart from them, there is no evidence whatsoever that croquet has ever been played in France, except as a recent introduction from England.

Under these circumstances it seems better entirely to abandon the French origin of the name and game and seek another. The obvious place to seek one is Ireland. It may in fact be suggested that CROQUET (or CROOKY, see above) is simply the Irish word CLUICHE, which means "play". The present-day pronunciation of this word may be represented as CLOO-IÇ-EE (Ç being the sound of CH in German NICHT) but the Irish ell is here velarised and might be heard by an Englishman as an R. The spelling with qu would merely indicate that the game was thought to be French. CROOKY is simply a more accurate representation of CLUICHE than is CROQUET.

It may be recalled here that, in the Tain Bo Cuailnge - the name means "the Cattle-raid of Cuailnge", an Old Irish text first arranged as a connected narrative in the seventh century A. D., the young hero Cuchulainn interrupts the young men's play of a ball-game on the CLUICHEMAG - the playing field - at Navan. The game so interrupted is described, but very obscurely, but each player does appear to have his own ball - and this of course is a feature of croquet, but not of hockey or hurley (two suggestions which have been made for the nature of the game).

The word CROQUET is used, not only of the game itself, but also as the name of a fundamental stroke. There is also the phrase TO TAKE CROQUET. This last appears slightly idiomatic and, perhaps, un-English (TO TAKE A CROQUET, like TO TAKE A SHOT, would be more normal). In the technical croquet vocabulary, only one term seems relevant to a discussion of the origin of the word. This is the word ROQUET. Of the word O. E. D. (in the article "Roquet sb.") says: "Apparently an arbitrary variation of CROQUET, perhaps by a misunderstanding of the phrase TO TAKE CROQUET". This latter suggestion means that TO TAKE CROQUET has been misheard as TO TAKE ROQUET (the two phrases sound very similar). But this suggestion must at once be rejected because the two fundamental strokes, the croquet and the roquet, are so entirely different in kind that they could not possibly be confused. The suggestion that ROQUET is an arbitrary alteration of CROQUET is also to be rejected - on the simple grounds that such an alteration would be virtually without parallel in English.

An origin for the word ROQUET can also be suggested. Irish grammar works in a peculiar way, and one of the things it does is to alter the initial consonant of a word. Under certain circumstances CLUICHE can become CHLUICHE (as for instance in the phrase A CHLUICHE which means "the playing of it" (e.g. the ball). In CHLUICHE the first CH is pronounced like ch of German NACHT, and this sound could well be heard as a H, and then lost, in English. So, if CLUICHE gives CROQUET, CHLUICHE might well give ROQUET.

And can TO TAKE CROQUET be a literal translation of Irish GABAIL DO CHLUICHE or GABAIL A CHLUICHE? GABAIL means "to take", and the suggested phrase would mean "to take to playing", i.e. "to begin to play". The croquet is such a peculiar stroke - without a parallel in other games - that it could well have been thought of as the basic stroke, the beginning of the turn. It may be that CROQUET, the name of the game, is derived from CROQUET, the name of the stroke. Such nomenclature is not unusual; BACCARAT may take its name from the application of this word to the point of zero in the game.

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Miss A. E. Mills	1½ to 2

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## Notice Pursuant to Rule XIV

of proposed Amendments to Laws and Regulations for Official Tournaments approved by Resolution of the Council dated 26. 2. 66.

LAW 38 . . . . .	Add a new sub-paragraph (g) "At the conclusion of a turn the striker must give a clear indication of his intention before taking a bisque or half bisque. If he fails to do so but continues to play, the provisions of Law 27 shall apply. When all the balls have been replaced the striker shall have the option whether or not to take a bisque or a half bisque."
REGULATION 22 (a) . .	Delete the full stop and substitute a comma. Add the words:- "but in any event which lasts for two weeks or longer a player shall play at his current handicap."

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## Notes from the Clubs

### SOUTHWICK

Our May Tournament will be over by the time these Notes appear and visitors will have seen many welcome improvements at the Club including the redecoration of the canteen and the kitchen. A hut, specially designed as an office for the Tournament Manager and commanding a good overall view of the grounds, has been placed beside Court One. Much needed shelters have also been built for Courts Eight and Eleven. Huts, chairs, benches and tables, thanks to the devoted work put in by members throughout the winter months, have been reconditioned and repainted. We have a good complement of playing members this Season and it is to be hoped that the efforts made by the Tournament Committee to provide the maximum amount of play for medium and long bisquers will have resulted in good entry figures for our first tournament of the Season.

### Longman Club Team Cup 1966

#### AREA 1

Ellesmere  
v  
Edgbaston

#### AREA 2

Colchester

v

Hunstanton

v

Wrest Park

v

Cambridge

#### AREA 3

Oxford

v

Budleigh Salterton

#### AREA 4

Roehampton

v

Parsons Green

v

South London

v

Hurlingham

#### AREA 5

Compton

v

Southwick

Worton Hall

Woking

Results of the Area Winners must be at the Croquet Association Office by Wednesday July 13th. Immediately after this date a further draw will be sent to Clubs.

## OBITUARY

### MR. N. A. C. McMILLAN

IT IS WITH very deep regret that the Parkstone-East Dorset Club records the death of Mr. McMillan on February 26th.

He was very keen on the game of Croquet and although crippled with arthritis, which at times prevented him playing as much as he would have liked, with a handicap of 7, he could give any opponent a good game. It was his courage and determination to play in spite of his affliction that was an example to all.

He was to be seen on the courts almost up to the end of last season when failing health compelled him to give up. He will be missed very much at the Club. The sincere sympathy of all is extended to Mrs. McMillan.

### B. L. P. CAILLARD

MR. B. L. P. CAILLARD died suddenly on March 5th in his 84th year. He will be most sadly missed at Hurlingham. Every evening about 4 p. m. he and his wife came down to play or practice. Had he started to play croquet some years sooner, he would have been very good.

Both Mr. & Mrs. Caillard were shipwrecked in the recent Lakonia disaster and behaved with exemplary bravery - Mr. Caillard rowing for six hours.

The sympathy of her many croquet friends goes out to Mrs. Caillard in her great loss.

### MRS. K. BAKER

THE SOUTHWICK CLUB has lost a staunch and loyal member in the passing away of Mrs. K. Baker, on 27th December. Mrs. Baker had many friends, not only at the Club which she joined in 1940, but her enthusiasm was wide-spread in the local Community Centre's activities.

Floral art, W. I., Horticulture, theatrical and musical productions, etc, and the love of her garden, were all of constant interest too.

Last season Mrs. Baker had pleasure in introducing her son-in-law and daughter as full Croquet members, (Mr. and Mrs. J. Bunyan) and we wish them well in the croquet world.

As a kindly mother, grand-mother and great grand-mother, Southwick offers to her family sincere sympathy in their sad loss.

I. H. T.

### MRS. F. ODDIE

THE DEATH on April 6th of Freda Oddie robs the Association of one of its oldest members. The younger of the two Seaton sisters started her croquet as what was then called a 'flapper', and with her elder sister Eleanor had a large share in the success of one of the most pleasant country tournaments at Ross in Herefordshire. After her marriage to Nevill Oddie in 1928 she came to live in Sussex; by this time she had become a very formidable player and was seen more often in tournaments. From the year 1933 she played, in what was then the 'Ladies Ten' every year down to the late War, generally with much success, and shared first place with Miss Lintern in 1939, but she did not return to this competition after the War.

Freda was one of the most "natural" players ever seen;

she had an absolutely perfect swing, was an excellent shot, and seemed to have all the strokes at her command as if she had been born with them. Tactics were not her strong point, but she got on remarkably well without them!

In later years she almost confined herself to Sussex tournaments and in the Men's and Women's Matches at Devonshire Park in the Forties and early Fifties appeared with frequent success. In 1954, at Roehampton, playing with John Solomon, she shared victory in the Mixed Doubles Championship.

M. B. R.

### MRS M. M. REEVE

THE DEATH of Muriel Reeve at the end of March will be felt as a great loss by her many friends in Croquet circles, which must surely include all who ever met her, for few players can have been more widely or immediately liked. As Miss Rands she took up the game as a young girl in her native town of Ipswich and was not long coming to the front, first playing with a good measure of success in the Ladies Field Cup in 1923. She played in it for the three following years in her maiden name, and then as Mrs Edmund Reeve in 1928 when she immediately won the event, as she did again in 1929 and 1931. After playing yet again in 1932 she then retired from tournament play owing to a delicate condition of health. She resumed competitive play after the War and played in this event nearly every year until the end of the Fifties winning the Cup in 1948. In this year she went one better and won a place in the President's Cup. She had many other victories to her credit in provincial tournaments, including a defeat of Miss D. D. Steel when this great player was in her prime.

But Mrs Reeve deserves to - and will - be remembered not only as a notable performer on the court but as a most active and trusted member of the Council for many years. She served for a long time as Chairman of the Laws Committee and was one of the most efficient and assiduous Referees, being particularly active in this capacity for many years at Devonshire Park, Eastbourne. She managed the Hunstanton tournament for many seasons, and organised the Eastern Counties team almost throughout the post-war years. She had been looking forward to being present at Counties week this year.

Muriel was one of those players who care even more for the game and its fortunes than they do for their own successes at it. She was a light-hearted player who took things as they come, good in a tight place but no less cheerful if she failed to find her way out of it. She was always quick to encourage new players, and it was she who presented the handsome cup for which Oxford and Cambridge compete. She will surely leave a happy memory behind her with the young men who have played for it as for those of older generations who knew her longer and better.

M. B. R.

### EMBERS

A FURTHER VOLUME of Embers (mainly non-croquetical) has now been produced, and copies may be obtained by any who care to send a P. O. for 2/6d. to M. B. Reckitt, 47 Fairacres, Roehampton Lane, S. W. 15.

## Correspondence

Dear Sir,

I feel it just possible that Mrs Lintern's remarks about the Old Boys competition, in her contribution to the April "Croquet" may be misinterpreted by a few people.

May I make it clear that sending me details of "educational affiliation" does not commit anyone to entering for the event. I only keep a register of schools, colleges and associations for the convenience of those who don't know anyone whom they would be eligible to partner.

Incidentally, I have changed my address; it is now Normandy, Boucher Way, Budleigh Salterton, Devon.

Yours faithfully,  
Giles Borrett.

Dear Sir,

I would like to comment on two decisions of Council in the April number of 'Croquet'.

Firstly I consider the decision to impose a time limit of 9 hours on all matches consisting of the best of three games deplorable.

Although this will only be applicable to those matches in the Mens & Womens Championships and Open Championships that go to the third game, yet it is quite conceivable that at the end of the second game with the score I-I, the bulk of the 9 hours would have elapsed and the first player to get a break or perhaps even to run the first hoop in the final game would be the winner on time. This would be quite farcical in a championship event.

Further, the point of this decision eludes me since the above mentioned events are usually finished within the tournament period, and if not the cause is invariably the weather and not dilatory play. The factors effecting the rate of progress at this level of play are chiefly the weather and speed of the lawns as can be demonstrated from the record that was taken at the Championships 2 years ago of the minutes taken to run each hoop in each game. It is surely quite wrong to assume that a time limit will encourage enterprising play and it may well have the reverse effect.

The above is never likely to apply to more than one match in a tournament and since these events are a test of stamina and prolonged concentration as well as skill it does not seem unreasonable to insist that players who cannot finish their match in one day should have to continue at 9.0. a. m. the following morning. This 'blanket' provision seems totally unnecessary since in the last resort the manager can impose a time limit during the course of the match.

Secondly, it has been decided that travelling and overnight expenses be paid to area finalists in a glorified All-England Handicap to celebrate the Croquet Centenary Year 1967.

This may not seem of much consequence, but it is a blatant contravention of Regulation 10 of the Association and may foreshadow further financial help to players thus leading croquet into the realms of 'Shamateurism' and eventually to professional players. I would be interested to know how it is proposed to circumnavigate this self-imposed breach of regulations. It is proposed that Regulation 10 be amended?

Would not energy and money be better spent on attempting to publicise and build up the Open Championships in 1967? A marked increase in the normal entry of 26-28 would surely be welcome even if this involved extending the Championships for 2 or 3 days more than usual.

Yours faithfully,  
A. A. Reed.

DEAR SIR,

It has been my habit for some years now to ask you to allow me to inform any of your readers who may be interested of the progress of what for convenience I have called 'History of Croquet'. It would, however, be far more accurate to describe my compilation either as materials for history, or to put the matter another way, as a series of Annals, stretching from the middle nineties of last century to the middle sixties of this. The work has so far proceeded down to the end of 1958 and already occupies 900 pages of quarto typescript. It is designed to carry the story down to our 'Centenary Year', 1967, the first open Tournament, rather doubtfully described as a Championship this having been played in August 1867, at Evesham.

Possibly the time will arrive in the future when these materials for history may be found useful by some writer prepared to undertake the writing of a history of our game on a well proportioned scale and of a reasonable length.

Yours faithfully,  
Maurice B. Reckitt

MAURICE B. RECKITT

DEAR SIR,

Recently when driving north I stopped for lunch at Market Deeping, near Peterborough, and was served with soup from a magnificent bowl inscribed "Sleaford Croquet Tournament 1906".

One wonders what usually happens to challenge cups and bowls from long since departed croquet tournaments. A soup tureen seems as good a use as any - as long as the soup is good.

Yours faithfully,  
T. F. H. JESSEL.

## Questions and Answers

**Question.** This was received both by the referee concerned and by the "aggrieved" player. Red and yellow were for the same hoop, and an attempt was made to rush Peel Yellow. At the conclusion of the stroke, Red was in the middle of the hoop, and Yellow in contact with it on the non-playing side. In the subsequent continuation stroke, both balls finished on the non-playing side and Red had clearly scored the hoop also. The question is, was Yellow roqueted in the continuation stroke, or should it now be roqueted, since Red has now run the hoop.

**Answer.** It is probable that the Law is a little imprecise here. "Hoop and roquet" (Law 4d) does not cover the point at all really, though one could be excused for thinking that it had a bearing on the subject. One must surely turn to Law 16(c), for the situation is exactly similar. Although not the beginning of a turn, the continuation stroke is one in which a roquet is intended, and it must, therefore, be deemed that Red roqueted Yellow on that stroke.

We should be pleased to receive other problems of this kind for publication.

### CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v COLCHESTER

Played at Colchester on 7th May 1966

(Cambridge players first)

Singles:  
P. D. Hallett beat J. P. R. Bolton +19 -26 +9

K. F. Wylie lost to R. F. Thorp -22 +21 -1  
C. H. O'D Alexander lost to R. W. Bray -8  
G. N. N. Martin beat C. S. Ratcliffe +18  
C. H. O'D Alexander lost to C. S. Ratcliffe -10  
G. N. N. Martin beat R. W. Bray +10  
K. F. Wylie lost to J. P. R. Bolton -10 -17  
P. D. Hallett beat R. F. Thorp +5

Result: Match Drawn

### CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v THE HELEY CLUB

Played at Colchester on 8th May 1966

(Cambridge Players first)

Singles:  
P. D. Hallett beat R. F. Thorp -15 +3 +21  
K. F. Wylie beat A. A. Reed +14 -15 +9  
C. H. O'D Alexander lost to M. Murray -16  
C. H. O'D Alexander beat D. W. Miller +12  
G. N. N. Martin beat D. W. Miller +11

Doubles:  
P. D. Hallett (1½) & G. N. N. Martin (8) beat  
R. F. Thorp (-1½) & M. Murray (1) + 6  
K. F. Wylie (1) & C. H. O'D Alexander (7) beat  
A. A. Reed (-1½) & D. W. Miller (1½) + 22

Result: Cambridge beat The Heley Club 6 - 1.

### HURLINGHAM v ROEHAMPTON

APRIL 30th 1966

R. F. Thorp and A. V. Camroux beat B. Lloyd Pratt and  
M. B. Reckitt + 5  
Prof. B. G. Neal and J. B. Gilbert bt R. A. Godby and P. J. M.  
Fidler + 13  
Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs S. M. Adler lost to A. D. Karmel  
and L. C. Baillieu - 4

Roehampton beat Hurlingham 2 Matches to 1.

### SECOND TEAMS

S. S. Townsend and Mrs M. L. Thom (4½) lost to A. J. Oldham  
and Dr. T. E. Ryves (7½) - 1  
Mrs F. H. N. Davidson and Mrs B. L. Sundius Smith (11)  
beat Mrs G. W. Solomon and J. L. Sanders (7½) + 17  
Mrs A. W. Skempton and Mrs A. D. Karmel (10½) lost to  
L. Riggall and Mrs L. Riggall (13) - 12

Roehampton beat Hurlingham 2 Matches to 1.

### NEW ZEALAND

The Dominion Championships

Open Singles. Winner: Mrs B. A. Jarden. Runner-up:  
G. Rowling  
Men's Championship. Winner: J. Prince. Runner-up:  
K. Woollett  
Women's Championship. Winner: Mrs Jarden. Runner-up:  
Mrs C. Wadsworth  
Championship Doubles. Winners: Mrs Jarden and G. Rowling.

Runners-up: A. G. F. Ross and Mrs G. Collins.  
Handicap Singles: Rose Bowl: Winner: Woollett Runner-up:  
C. T. Wadsworth  
Handicap Singles: Hurlingham Cup. Winner: Mrs C. Vallance  
Runner-up: Mrs G. Collins

These events were played at Wanganui, North Island in mid January. Mrs Jarden's victory in the Open Championship was her first, but "by annexing the Women's Championship for the sixth time in the past nine years, she is well on the way to equalling the event of being seven times the Holder established by Mrs C. A. Watkins". "The run to form shown thereon by A. G. F. Ross, which was reminiscent of his best days, can be gauged from the fact that in one day out of 4 matches played, he staged 3 triple peels though just parting to complete them by hitting the peg". Keith Woollett winner of the Rose Bowl and runner-up for the Men's Championship, is 'a rapidly developing player of great promise'.

The quotations are taken from the New Zealand Croquet Gazette.

## THE PEEL MEMORIALS

ROEHAMPTON CLUB MAY 1966

**T**HIS IS a small friendly tournament, played entirely on handicap, and there must be many B. and C. players both from London and the provinces who could have shared our enjoyment. London looks its loveliest in May and the Club House, with excellent catering was sunny and scented with wall-flowers from the walled garden. Hard slogging on slow lawns might be expected so early in the season, but not so at Roehampton where all agreed that the lawns were in excellent condition.

It came as no surprise that the two magnificent Memorial Bowls were carried away to the same home, as the winners Mr and Mrs. L. Riggall had played throughout the winter in South Africa, and it was evident that last year's Most Improved Lady and her husband had continued to improve throughout what for the rest of us had been grey croquetless months.

Receiving bisques in all his matches, Mr. Riggall had close fights with Mr. M. B. Reckitt in the Draw and with Mr. J. B. Gilbert in the Process, but triumphed in both. Mrs. Riggall met little opposition in the Draw, but the Process presented a different picture. Mrs W. A. T. Syngé had lost to her in the second round of the Draw, but there after had played with admirable steadiness. Their second encounter provided the most exciting match of the tournament. Peg and Rover nerves appeared to make a double attack. Mrs Riggall missed two short shots at the peg, but laid the seal on the game by a long hit in on an opponent ball.

A very welcome newcomer to the Ladies Competition was Mrs A. E. Millar from New Zealand. She has a direct and adventurous style, and learnt much about the subtleties of tactics in her partnership with Miss D. A. Lintern in the Doubles. In the final of the Process Mrs Riggall found it too difficult to give her 2½ bisques; an experience she has seldom had in tournament play, but will doubtless experience more in future. For the play off she had regained her old mastery and won + 17.

In the final of the doubles, the winners gave a

demonstration of a classic High-Low bisques partnership.

Mr. J. M. Rivington introduced Mrs E. A. Roper who gave away the prizes with her normal grace, and Mr. Roper thanked all the competitors for their co-operation which had ensured the tournament being a happy one. Mr. Rivington thanked Mr. Roper for his very efficient management and Mrs A. W. Skempton for all her assistance.

### MEN'S HANDICAP SINGLES

DRAW

#### FIRST ROUND

W. B. C. Paynter (-½) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves (4) + 4  
Maj. Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (6½) bt Mahor J. H. Dibley (2½) + 23  
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-3) bt J. B. Gilbert (-1) + 11  
L. Riggall (6½) bt M. F. Buller (½) + 17

#### SECOND ROUND

M. B. Reckitt (-1) bt Capt. W. A. T. Syngé (3½) + 10  
Maj. Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (6½) bt W. B. C. Paynter (-½) + 13  
L. Riggall (6½) bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-3) + 25  
G. W. Williams (-1) w/o Major J. Abbey (1½) (scratched)

#### SEMI-FINAL

M. B. Reckitt (-1) bt Maj. Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (6½) + 4  
L. Riggall (6½) bt G. W. Williams (-1) + 23

#### FINAL

L. Riggall (6½) bt M. B. Reckitt (-1) + 20

NB. D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller beat M. B. Reckitt by 26 for 2nd place.

(12 Entries)

### PROCESS

#### FIRST ROUND

W. B. C. Paynter (-½) bt w/o Maj. J. R. Abbey (1½) (scratched)  
L. Riggall (6½) bt Capt. W. A. T. Syngé (3½) + 14  
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-3) bt G. W. Williams (-1) + 6  
M. B. Reckitt (-1) bt M. F. Buller (½) + 6

#### SECOND ROUND

J. B. Gilbert(-1) bt W. B. C. Paynter (-½) + 16  
L. Riggall (6½) bt Maj. J. H. Dibley (2½) + 26  
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-3) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves (4) + 5  
Maj. Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (6½) bt M. B. Reckitt (-1) + 2

#### SEMI-FINAL

L. Riggall (6½) bt J. B. Gilbert(-1) + 5  
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-3) bt F. H. N. Davidson (6½) + 17

#### FINAL

L. Riggall (6½) bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-3) + 10

### LADIES HANDICAP SINGLES

(18 Entries)

DRAW

#### FIRST ROUND

Miss E. C. Brumpton (5) bt Mrs P. D. Showan (2) + 17  
Mrs L. Riggall (6½) bt Mrs A. W. Skempton (4) + 10

SECOND ROUND

Mrs A. E. Millar (9) w/o Mrs W. Longman (scratched)(-1½)  
Miss D. A. Winkern (-1) bt Mrs E. A. Roper (6) + 7  
Mrs J. N. Rolfe (2½) bt Mrs G. W. Solomon (1) + 2  
Miss E. C. Brumpton (5) bt Mrs E. M. Lightfoot (2) +22  
Mrs L. Riggall (6½) bt Mrs W. A. T. Synge (3) + 24  
Mrs F. H. N. Davidson (5) bt Mrs T. Croal (8) + 7  
Mrs J. Speer (5) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (1½) + 10  
Miss E. M. Brumpton (5) bt Mrs S. M. Adler (5½) + 6

THIRD ROUND

Miss D. A. Lintern (-1) bt Mrs A. E. Millar (9) + 10  
Mrs J. N. Rolfe (2½) bt Miss E. C. Brumpton (5) + 9  
Mrs L. Riggall (6½) bt Mrs F. H. N. Davidson (5) + 20  
Miss E. M. Brumpton (5) bt Mrs J. Speer (retd. on peg) (5)

SEMI-FINAL

Miss D. A. Lintern (-1) bt Mrs J. N. Rolfe (2½) + 6  
Mrs L. Riggall (6½) bt Miss E. M. Brumpton (5) + 15

FINAL

Mrs L. Riggall (6½) bt Miss D. A. Lintern (-1) + 22  
PLAY-OFF:- Mrs L. Riggall (6½) bt Mrs A. E. Miller (9) + 17

PROCESS FIRST ROUND

Mrs A. E. Millar (9) bt Mrs S. M. Adler (5½) + 10  
Miss E. M. Brumpton (5½) w/o Mrs W. Longman (Scratched)(-1½)

SECOND ROUND

Mrs J. Speer (5) bt Mrs E. M. Lightfoot (2) + 3  
Miss D. A. Lintern (-1) bt Mrs A. W. Skempton (4) + 6  
Mrs G. W. Solomon (1) bt Mrs T. Croal (8) + 19  
Mrs A. E. Millar (9) bt Miss E. C. Brumpton (5) + 5  
Mrs P. D. Showan (2) bt Lady U. Abbey (opp. Retd. on peg)(1½)  
Mrs W. A. T. Synge (3) bt Mrs E. A. Roper (6) + 13  
Mrs H. N. Davidson (5) bt Mrs J. N. Rolfe (2½) + 2  
Mrs L. Riggall (6½) w/o Miss E. M. Brumpton (scratched) (5)

THIRD ROUND

Mrs J. Speer (5) bt Miss D. A. Lintern (-1) + 13  
Mrs A. E. Millar (9) bt Mrs G. W. Solomon (1) + 18  
Mrs W. A. T. Synge (3) bt Mrs P. D. Showan (2) + 19  
Mrs L. Riggall (6½) bt Mrs F. H. N. Davidson (5) + 4

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs A. E. Millar (9) w/o Mrs J. Speer (opp) (5)  
Mrs L. Riggall (6½) bt Mrs W. A. T. Synge (3) + 2

FINAL

Mrs A. E. Millar (9) bt Mrs L. Riggall (6½) + 13

(MIXED) DOUBLES (HANDICAP)

(11 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs G. W. Solomon and Mrs A. D. Karmel (7) bt Miss E. C. Brumpton and Miss E. M. Brumpton (10) + 10  
Miss D. Lintern and Mrs A. E. Millar (8) bt Mr. L. Riggall and Mrs L. Riggall (13) + 5  
Capt. W. A. T. Synge and Mrs W. A. T. Synge (6½) bt W. B. C. Paynter and Mrs E. A. Roper (5½) + 5

SECOND ROUND

Mrs N. Rolfe and Mrs M. Lightfoot (4½) bt M. F. Buller and Dr. T. E. Ryves (4½) + 10  
Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs A. E. Millar (8) bt Mrs G. W. Solomon and Mrs A. D. Karmel (7) + 25  
Capt. W. A. T. Synge and Mrs W. A. T. Synge (6½) bt J. B. Gilbert and Mrs A. W. Skempton (3) + 7  
D. J. V. Hamilton-Millar and Mrs T. Croal (5) bt E. A. Roper and Mrs B. L. Sundius Smith (6½) + 4

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs J. N. Rolfe and Mrs E. M. Lightfoot (4½) bt Miss D. A. Lintern and Mrs A. E. Millar (8) + 10  
D. J. V. Hamilton-Millar and Mrs T. Croal (5) bt Capt. W. A. T. Synge and Mrs W. A. T. Synge (6½) + 15

FINAL

D. J. V. Hamilton-Millar and Mrs T. Croal (5) bt Mrs J. N. Rolfe and Mrs E. M. Lightfoot (4½) + 8

CHELTENHAM

EASTER WEEK-END TOURNAMENT

Warm but wet weather greeted the 30 lucky players to be accepted for this Tournament, out of 38 applicants.

Cheltenham Club is to be congratulated on organising such a popular event, and doubtless their other 4 week-ends will be well supported. Edgar Jackson, not only played and showed good form, but managed all the events with ease and tact. His method of scoring by plus and minus results was admirable. These week-end tournaments certainly supply a much needed outlet for the 'workers'. A number of young people can get tournament experience in a short time when their holidays are so limited. In one of the Sunday papers, 'The Stars' foretold to one of our Elder Statesmen, "Move fast and accept breaks with confidence". This advice might well be followed by some leisurely and thoughtful young men who sometimes forget that croquet is more enjoyable for everyone if played quickly. The results will show that Nottingham players swept the board and their success was very well deserved.

AMERICAN HANDICAP SINGLES. 30 ENTRIES

BLOCK "A"

G. K. Taylor (4) won 5 games. Bt. Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) A. A. Reed (-1½) Dr. A. L. Yoxall (1) E. H. S. Shelton (6) W. de B. C. Prichard (9)

BLOCK "B"

G. T. Slater (8) won 5 games. Bt. Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-2½) R. F. Thorp (-1½) P. D. Hallett (1½) Mrs R. A. Simpson (3½) W. Green (5)

BLOCK "C"

C. G. Hopewell (10) won 5 games. Bt. J. G. Warwick (-2) R. F. Rothwell (-1) D. W. Miller (1½) Mrs D. M. C. Prichard (4) W/C E. M. Smith (6)

BLOCK "D"

P. W. Elmes (4) won 4 games. Bt. G. W. Williams (-1) J. W. Simon (-1) Col. G. T. Wheeler (6) J. B. Hearnshaw (10) and lost to R. A. Simpson (1½)

BLOCK "E"

K. A. Ross (3) won 4 games. Bt. G. E. P. Jackson (-1½) G. N. Aspinall (0) C. G. Miller (4½) C. H. L. Prichard (7½) and lost to M. J. Bushnell (11)

HUNSTANTON

AMERICAN NON-OFFICIAL

APRIL 22nd - 25th

RESULTS

Block A Winner A. A. Reed (-1½)  
he bt D. C. Caporn (1½) W. B. Franklin (3) Mrs P. Heley (4) Mrs A. N. Rolfe (2½) Mrs G. W. Solomon (1) G. W. Williams (-1)  
Block B Winner. Col. G. T. Wheeler (6)  
he bt Maj. J. Bromley Fox (12) Mrs D. Caporn (10) P. J. Cross (7) Miss M. MacTier (16) J. M. Sanders (6½)  
Play-off: Col. G. T. Wheeler (6) bt A. A. Reed (-1½) + 21

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

(Unofficial)

May 6th-7th

THE AMERICAN was divided into segregated blocks, the 9 h'caps speaking only to 10s, the minus h'caps hardly speaking at all. All games were limited to 3 hours, which, in the case of the middle blocks, had the reverse of the intended effect. Players seemed to take the view that they had been allotted three hours and come wind or rain (both did) they were going to take that time. When Borrett broke the sound barrier by winning a match in an hour the system faltered.

Colonel Prichard won the A Block, which compensated him for being off-colour in the doubles at just the right moment for his opponents. John Cooper, playing Miss Warwick, gave a beautiful exhibition of what to do on an 'off' day, - smile. In B block Borrett, with one lapse, played steadily, well, and fast. Ross, who won last year, again won his block; but he lost one game, so did not qualify for the final. Mrs Prichard had to retire with an injured shoulder. Both she and her reliable smile were missed. Shelton, playing off 6 h'cap one hopes for the last time, had no difficulties in D block, and went on to win the Event by beating Henshaw in the final play-off. They were the only two block-winners who had not lost a game, and the play-off had to be confined to that because of Wednesday's no-play. Henshaw appeared to have 'youth' on his side throughout all his games. But then he is only 84.

The doubles started at Hoop 3 and were also limited to 3 hours. Midcourt committee meetings were included in the time limit, so rather a lot of matches were decided on time. When the time limit was reached in the final, Smartt and Bucknell were well ahead, but Warwick was in a position to peg out one of them, so one could argue that the result might have different.

AMERICAN HANDICAP SINGLES

39 Entries

Block A won by Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-2½)  
he bt Mrs E. Rotherham (-3) Miss E. J. Warwick (-2) J. G. Warwick (-2) Mrs G. F. H. Elvey (0) Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (1) and lost to A. J. Cooper (-3)

Block B won by Cmdr. G. Borrett (2½)  
he bt Mrs V. Mills (1) Maj. E. C. Heathcote (1½) Mrs. M. H. Vincent (2) Mrs F. R. Briggs (2½) W. B. Franklin (3) and lost to Mrs R. B. N. Smartt (1½)

Block C won by Prof. A. S. C. Ross (5)  
he bt Miss K. Ault (3) Miss J. Cooper. G. R. Mills (4) J. Lee (5)

Block D won by E. H. S. Skelton (6)  
he bt A. S. G. Forbes (5½) G. B. Horridge (6) Col. G. T. Wheeler (5) Mrs D. M. Owen (6) and Mrs S. S. Cruden (7)

Block E won by Mrs R. C. Hawkins (8)  
she bt Miss D. L. Latham (7) W. R. Bucknall (8) Sir L. Daldry (8) M. Granger Brown (9\*) and lost to Mrs. W. Nash (9)

Block F won by F. Henshaw (9)  
he bt Mrs G. E. Cave (9) Maj. R. Stg. Atchley (9) Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (10) Miss E. G. Clark Lees (13) and Mrs M. Harris (16)

Play-off E. H. S. Shelton (6) bt F. Henshaw (9) + 3 on time

DOUBLES HANDICAP

(Pairs to be 5 Bisques or over)

(20 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs M. H. Vincent and E. H. S. Shelton (8) bt Mrs D. M. C. Prichard and Miss J. Cooper (8) + 24  
Col. G. T. Wheeler and Mrs S. S. Cruden (12) bt J. Lee and F. Henshaw (14) + 1. T  
W. B. Franklin and Brig. Rev. A. F. G. Forbes (8½) bt Prof. A. S. C. Ross and Mrs A. S. C. Ross (13) + 2. T  
Mrs E. Rotherham and Mrs Jones-Bateman (9) bt Cmdr. G. Borrett and G. B. Horridge (8½) + 4

SECOND ROUND

Miss E. J. Warwick and Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens (10) bt Mrs E. R. Briggs and Maj. R. Stg. Atchley (11½) + 7. T  
J. G. Warwick and Mrs W. Nash (7) bt Walked over.  
Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard and M. Granger Brown (6½) bt Mrs R. G. Michelmores and Mrs R. B. M. Smartt (5½) + 13  
Col. G. T. Wheeler and Mrs S. S. Cruden (12) bt Mrs M. H. Vincent and E. H. S. Shelton (8) + 2  
Mrs E. Rotherham and Mrs. Jones-Bateman (9) bt W. B. Franklin and Brig. Rev. A. S. G. Forbes (8½) + 14  
Dr. R. B. N. Smartt and W. R. Bucknall (8) bt Mrs G. F. H. Elvey and B. G. Perry (7) + 5T.  
Lt. Col. G. E. Cave and Mrs G. E. Cave (7) bt Lt. Col. T. F. Laverty. and Sir L. Daldry (10) + 16  
Miss K. Ault and Mrs H. Harris (17) Walked over

THIRD ROUND

J. G. Warwick and Mrs W. Nash (7) bt Miss E. J. Warwick and Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens (10) + 3  
Col. G. R. Wheeler and Mrs S. S. Cruden (12) bt Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard and W. Granger Brown (6½) + 12  
Dr. R. B. N. Smartt and W. R. Bucknall (8) bt Mrs E. Rotherham and Mrs Jones Bateman (9) + 13  
L. Col. G. E. Cave and Mrs G. E. Cave (7) bt Miss Ault and Mrs H. Harris (17) + 1. T

SEMI-FINAL

J. G. Warwick and Mrs W. Nash (7) bt Col. G. T. Wheeler and Mrs S. S. Cruden (12) + 4  
Dr. R. B. N. Smartt and W. R. Bucknall (8) bt Lt. Col. G. E. Cave and Mrs G. E. Cave (7) + 19

FINAL

Dr. R. B. N. Smartt and W. R. Bucknall (8) bt J. G. Warwick and Mrs W. Nash (7) + 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 lawns.
  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  $3\frac{3}{4}$  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. Application 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.

### BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club. (Tel. B. S. 548)

Details of the JUNE (Unofficial) Tournament Monday 27th June to Saturday 2nd July

MANAGER & HANDICAPPER: Miss E. J. Warwick  
REFEREE: J. G. Warwick  
SECRETARY OF THE TOURNAMENT: Lt. Col. G. E. Cave (Tel. B. S. 447)

#### EVENTS

1. An "American" Singles Handicap Event. (The J. K. Brown Memorial Challenge Cup)  
Competitors will be DRAWN in blocks; winners of blocks will play off, if circumstances permit. Entrance

Fee 15/- Entries to reach the Secy. by 1st post Wednesday 22nd June 1966.

2. A Handicap doubles Event (knock-out). Combined handicaps to be not less than 4 bisques: all games to start at the 3rd hoop. Entrance Fee 8/-: Entries to reach the Secy. by 10 a.m. Tuesday 28th June. Entries will be limited to 27 pairs.

#### General Notes

1. Entries should be sent on official forms please, accompanied by fees.
2. 1st & 2nd prizes will be given. An extra event will be arranged if time and weather permit.
3. The Committee reserve the right to restrict entries.
4. Sandwich lunches and teas will be available at the Club.
5. The usual Bridge facilities will be available.

### BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club. (Tel. B. S. 548)

Details of the OPEN TOURNAMENT. Monday July 4th to Saturday July 9th.

MANAGER & HANDICAPPER: Major J. H. Dibley M. C.

REFEREE OF THE TOURNAMENT: J. G. Warwick  
SECRETARY OF THE TOURNAMENT: Lt. Col. G. E. Cave. (Tel. B. S. 447)

CHAIRMAN OF THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE: D. J. Bird, Esq.,  
EVENTS

1. Open Singles (D & P). The Colman Challenge Cup, (held by Dr. W. P. Ormerod) Entrance Fee 15/-
2. Level Singles, (Semi advanced play). The Longman Challenge Cup (held by Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan) Open to players 2 to 6 Bisques. Entrance Fee 12/-. There will be a time limit of three hours in the above events.
3. Handicap Singles. The Stone Challenge Cup, (held by Mrs S. S. Cruden). Open to players of  $6\frac{1}{2}$  Bisques and over. All games to start at the 3rd hoop. Entrance Fee 12/-. No Competitor may play in more than one of events 1, 2, & 3.
4. Open Handicap Singles. The Oliver Bowl (held by Miss E. J. Warwick). Entrance Fee 12/-.
5. Handicap Doubles. The Le Mesurier Cups, (held by Col. A. E. Saalfeld and Mrs. T. F. Laverty). No Two MINUS players may play together. Entrance Fee 10/-.  
Start at 3rd hoop; Time Limit.  $3\frac{1}{2}$  Hours.  
SPECIAL NOTE. The entry will be RESTRICTED to the FIRST 27 PAIRS, entered as pairs, complete with entry fees, received by the Secretary prior to 10 a.m. Tuesday July 5th.

#### Notes

1. The Committee reserve the right to restrict entries in events 1 to 4. For event 5 see special note above.
2. There will be an EXTRA, starting on Friday, open to those who, by 4 p.m. are in 1 event or less.
3. ENTRIES on C. A. Forms and accompanied by fees, must reach the secretary by 1st post Wednesday 29th June. Entries so made will be given priority if restrictions are imposed.
4. 1st and 2nd Prizes will be given, other prizes depending on the entry.

5. Lunches and Teas will be provided at the club. It would be appreciated, and would help to keep the COST of lunches down, if those intending to lunch at the club would state the fact on their entry forms.
6. The usual bridge room facilities are available.;
7. The lawns will be open to competitors on Sunday MORNING, July 3rd.

## ROEHAMPTON

The Challenge Cups, The Gilbey Cup and the Supplementary Cups

will be played for at the ROEHAMPTON CLUB on Monday, July 11th to Sunday, July 17th 1966.

COMMITTEE: The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association  
MANAGER & HANDICAPPER: Miss D. A. Lintern  
ASSISTANT MANAGER: J. B. Gilbert  
REFEREE: To be Appointed  
SECRETARY: The Secretary, C. A., The Hurlingham Club, S. W. 6.

Open to Associates only.

AMERICAN HANDICAP SINGLES in blocks according to handicap - (3 hour time limit). Entrance fee 25/-.

Block winners will then be drawn on the Bagnal-Wilde system and the winner, runner up and the two 3rds will receive the Challenge Cups.

The runners up in each block will be drawn on the Bagnal-Wilde system and the winner receive the Gilbey Cup and the runner up and two 3rds the Supplementary Cups.

It may be necessary to play some games at the Hurlingham Club but transport will be arranged as far as possible.

Entries must be received by the Secretary before 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 6th, and the Draw will take place at the Croquet Offices, Hurlingham Club, London, S.W. 6. at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 5th.

#### ROEHAMPTON CUPS 1965

Holders:-

1. The Roehampton Challenge Cup - D. J. V. Hamilton - Miller.
  2. The Council Challenge Cup - Miss B. Duthie
  3. The Reckitt Challenge Cup - Mrs B. L. Sundius-Smith
  4. The Stevenson Challenge Cup - J. L. Sanders
  5. The Gilbey Cup - D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller
- Supplementary Cups  
'A' Supplementary J. L. Sanders  
'B' " W. B. Franklin  
'C' " A. J. Oldham

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

## NOTTINGHAM

Nottingham Croquet Club. A week-end Tournament (handicap) will be held between Friday July 22nd and Sunday July 24th 1966 inclusive.

Entries 10/- per player.

For further information please write to Mr. F. B. Stephens - 24 Gladstone Terrace, Grantham, Lincs.

## CHELTENHAM

CROQUET CLUB

OFFICIAL OPEN TOURNAMENT

July 18 - 23 incl.

- I Open singles, Cheltenham Championship Cup, two lives. fee 15/-
- II Level singles, Money Salver, two or more bisques, law 37 fee 12/6
- III Handicap Singles, Calthrop Cup,  $6\frac{1}{2}$  or more bisques. fee 12/6
- IV Open handicap singles, Daniels Cup fee 12/6
- V Handicap doubles, Barwell Salvors fee 11/6 per player

Entries close 1st post Wednesday July 13th. Extra fees for non-associates - for 3 events - 25/- or for one event - 12/6. All entries to be addressed to Tournament Secretary, Cheltenham Croquet Club, Old Bath Road.

### CHELTENHAM

Unofficial three day Tournament will be held on Friday August 12th, Sunday August 14th inclusive.

#### EVENT

Handicap American Singles.

With a guaranteed minimum of 5 games. Entrance fee 15/- (non-associates an extra 5/- tribute). Entries to reach Tournament Secretary Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, not later than 1st post Tuesday 9th.

## HURLINGHAM

THE CHAMPIONSHIP AND DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP will be held at the

HURLINGHAM CLUB, on JULY 25th, and following day

COMMITTEE: The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.  
MANAGER: J. B. Gilbert  
REFEREE & HANDICAPPER: J. G. Warwick.  
SECRETARY: The Secretary, C. A., The Hurlingham Club, S. W. 6

#### EVENTS

1. THE CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIP. Open to any Competitor (subject to Regulation 22). Entrance Fee, 15s. Matches best of three games. Prize: The Coronation Gold Challenge Cup and a medal. Runner-up, a Silver Challenge Cup. Holder J. W. Solomon. Runner-up, H. A. Hicks.

2. THE DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP. Open to any competitor (subject to Regulation 22). Entrance Fee, 13s. Matches of single games. Prizes: A Pair of Silver Challenge Cups presented by M. B. Reckitt and the late G. L. Reckitt. Holders, E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon.

3. THE ASSOCIATION PLATE. Open to competitors who have entered for Event 1 and have not qualified for the third round or at the discretion of the Manager. Matches of single games throughout. Entrance Fee, 10s. each entry as they qualify. Level play. Prize: A Challenge Cup presented by W. Longman. Holder, Dr. W. Ormerod.

## ENTRIES

The entries accompanied by the Entrance Fees for Event 1 must be sent to the Secretary, C. A., so as to reach her not later than the first post on Wednesday, July 20th, and for Event 2 by noon on Tuesday July 26th.

## DRAW

The Draw for Event 1 will take place at 11 a. m. on Wednesday, 20th July, and for Event 2 at 2 p. m. on Tuesday, July 26th, and for Event 3 as will be announced on the ground.

## PLAY

Play will begin at 10 a. m.

The semi-finals of the Championships will be so arranged that play in them will extend over the afternoons of Friday, July 29th and Saturday, July 30th.

## HURLINGHAM

THE ANNUAL CROQUET TOURNAMENT including the "LADIES FIELD" CANDLESTICKS. (Under the direction of the C. A.)

will be held from

MONDAY AUGUST 1st to WEDNESDAY AUGUST 10th

COMMITTEE The Croquet Committee of the Club.  
 MANAGER & 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 - J. P. R. Bolton. Level Singles. Entrance Fee 12/6d. DRAW and PROCESS.
2. THE TURNER CUP. HOLDER - W. B. Franklin. Level Singles. For players handicapped at 1 bisque or over not entered for Event 1. Challenge Cup presented by the late Mrs Ernest Turner. Singles games throughout. Entrance Fee 10/-.
3. THE HURLINGHAM DOUBLES. HOLDERS - H. O. Hicks and Mrs. N. J. Gazzard. Level play. Mixed pairs. Challenge Cup presented by the late Mrs Henry Franc. Singles games throughout. Entrance Fee 10/- per player.
4. THE YOUNGER CUP. HOLDER - Mrs A. W. Skempton. 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 10/-.
5. THE LONGWORTH CUP. HOLDER - Mrs L. Riggall. Handicap 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 10/- . Law 36 suspended. Now that 8 lawns are available, it is hoped that it will be unnecessary to play any games at Roehampton.
6. THE PINCKNEY SIMPSON CUP (HANDICAP SINGLES) HOLDER - Mrs N. J. Gazzard. This event will be run on the XY principle although

the Y event may have to be played as shortened games.

7. THE "LADIES FIELD" CANDLESTICKS. (Ladies Handicap Doubles). HOLDERS - Mrs G. F. H. Elvey and Mrs L. Riggall. Open to lady Members of the C. A. only. Entrance Fee 10/- each player. All games to start at the third hoop.
8. MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES - HOLDERS - H. O. Hicks and J. P. R. Bolton. Open to pairs with a minimum combined handicap of Minus 2. All games start at the third hoop. Entrance fee 10/- each player. Prizes in accordance with the entries. Tournament plant by John Jaques.
9. GOLF CROQUET SINGLES. THE ASCOT CHALLENGE CUP. Entrance Fee 6s. 6d. The competition will be played under the official Laws of Golf Croquet. Played in two blocks according to handicaps: the winners of the blocks playing-off to decide the winner of the Cup. Holder: Mrs B. L. Sundius-Smith.
10. GOLF CROQUET DOUBLES. THE "DELVES BROUGHTON" CHALLENGE CUPS. Presented by the late Sir Delves Broughton. Open to pairs with a combined handicap of not less than 4 bisques. Entrance Fee 6s. 6d. each person. The Competition will be played under the Official Laws of Golf Croquet. Holders Mrs F. N. H. Davidson and Mrs G. W. Solomon.

## 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 27th July (not C. A. Secretary).

Entries for Events 3, 7, 8, 9, and 10 will close on Tuesday 2nd August.

Entries for Events 3, 7 and 8, will close at noon on Tuesday, August 2nd. The Draw for Events 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6, will take place at the Club on Wednesday July 27th at 2.30 p. m. - for other Events as announced on the ground.

CHEQUES SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE HURLINGHAM CLUB

TIME LIMIT There will be a 3 hour time limit on "ALL EVENTS" and it is hoped that the day's play can in general be divided into 3 sessions:-

10 a. m. to 1 p. m.  
 1 p. m. to 4 p. m.  
 4 p. m. to 7 p. m.

## 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. Events 9 and 10 will be played at Roehampton by kind permission of the Club. Luncheons, Teas and Dinners can be obtained at the Club. There will also be a snack Bar.

## DINNER

A Croquet Dinner will be held on Thursday 4th August 7.30 p. m. for 8.0 p. m. Price 27/6d. Dress: Dinner Jacket.

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