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## J W Solomon

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John Solomon's book has been eagerly awaited by all croquet players. As one would expect from the author, it is a really authoritative manual, based on long experience and much thought. It will surely help any player, from novice to expert, to progress towards championship class. The text is lucid and is greatly enhanced by more than 20 drawings of equal clarity. A chapter is devoted to elucidating some of the more difficult Laws. Most of the 12 photographs - some specially taken - show Mr. Solomon in action on the court.

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## Calendar Fixtures 1966

- Aug 6-13 CHAMPIONSHIPS OF COUNTY DUBLIN. (non-official) Hon. Sec. Croquet Club, Carrickmines, Dublin.
- " 12-14 CHELTENHAM. (American)(Non-official) Hon. Tourn. Sec. Croquet Club Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- " 15-20 NOTTINGHAM. Hon. Tourn. Sec. F. B. Stephens, Ebor House, 24 Gladstone Terrace, Grantham, Lincs.
- " 22-27 SOUTHWICK. Hon. Tourn. Sec. Mrs W. A. Naylor, 60 Southwick Street, Southwick, Sussex.
- " 29- Sept 3rd SOUTHWICK. (Non-official) Hon. Tourn. Sec. Mrs W. A. Naylor, 60 Southwick St, Southwick, Sussex.
- Aug 29- Sept 3rd HUNSTANTON. Hon. Sec. Mrs A. N. Rolfe, Weathercocks, Heacham, Kings Lynn, Norfolk.
- " 5-9 PRESIDENTS CUP. Hurlingham. Sec. C. A. The Hurlingham Club, S.W. 6.
- " 5-9 CHAIRMAN'S SALVER. Hunstanton. Sec. C. A. The Hurlingham Club, S.W. 6.
- " 5-9 SURREY CUP. Cheltenham. Sec. C. A. The Hurlingham Club, S.W. 6.
- " 5-10 PARKSTONE. Hon. Sec. Mrs McMordie, Yapton, Delhi Close, Parkstone Dorset.
- Sept 13-15 ALL ENGLAND HANDICAP AREA FINALS Roehampton. Sec. C. A. The Hurlingham Club, S.W. 6.
- " 16-19 OLD BOYS EVENT. Cheltenham. Hon. Tourn. Sec. Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.
- " 19-24 ROEHAMPTON. Games Sec. Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, S.W. 15.
- " 26- Oct 8th DEVONSHIRE PARK. Sec. C. A. The Hurlingham Club, S.W. 6.
- " 14-16 CHELTENHAM. (American)(Non-official) Hon. Tourn. Sec. Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.

## C. A. NOTICES

ASSOCIATES are asked to take a lenient view of any omissions and commissions in the August magazine - as there was a change of Editor mid-stream (or I should say mid-month). The difficulties this presents are obvious - but I can ensure you every effort has been made to overcome them.

The experiment of turning Challenge & Gilbey into an American Tournament appears to have met with the players approval - chiefly because they all get daily games. We should be glad to receive any written comments on the subject.

There is a Conference to be held at Hurlingham on Saturday, November 12th. Official notices will, of course, be sent out to Clubs nearer the date - but we hope that hearing about it now will enable delegates to be appointed and plans to be

made by the Clubs well ahead. We do want all the Clubs, large and small, to be represented.

Next year is our Centenary year so there will be more problems than usual to be discussed - and we want everybody's suggestions and ideas.

V. C. Gasson.

## REPORT OF COUNCIL

At a Special Meeting of the Council held at Hurlingham at 2.15 p.m. on 23rd May 1966 in accordance with Rule XIV - the following Resolutions already approved by Council and published in the April issue of "Croquet" No. 96 were confirmed and became law.

(i) That a sub-paragraph (g) be added to Law 38 - "At the conclusion of a turn the striker must give clear indication of his intention before taking bisque or a half bisque. If he fails to do so but continues to play, the provision of Law 27 shall apply. When all balls have been replaced the striker shall have the option whether or not to take a bisque or a half bisque."

(ii) That the following shall be added at the end of Regulation 22 (a) - "but in any event which lasts for two weeks or longer a player shall play at his current handicap."

It is regretted that in the June issue of Croquet on page 3, a notice pursuant to Rule 14 relating to Law 38 and Regulation 22(a) appeared. This notice was intended to have been inserted in the April issue and, as will be seen from the above announcement, is incorrect. The amendments had already been ratified at the Special Meeting above.

## Amendment to Handbook

Rolfe, Mrs J. Neville (Tel. HEACHAM 233 not Kings Lynn.)

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## Telephone Numbers

The Hon. Treasurer's telephone number is now 089285373 and can be dialled direct.

As telephone numbers are all changing now, I fear it is not possible to publish them. Most unfortunately they changed too late for the new Handbook.

V. C. Gasson.

## NOTES by ROVER

### '... they only fade away'

WHILE OUR obituary columns have all too often lately reminded us that we cannot say that our old players never die, it is no less true that most of them fade away before they do, and so become - only too naturally yet regrettably - forgotten. This is not only unjust to them, but it tends to give a distorted perspective to the history of our game. In an otherwise admirable article appearing recently in Country Life Mr. Francis Byrne showed himself quite clearly unable to believe that any players from the past could meet those of our best today with any hope of victory. Few, if any, of our readers would, I think, accuse this column of lack of appreciation of the fine croquet being played by our 'younger generation' between the ages of thirty-seven and seventeen. But curiosity has been leading this Rover to take a look at the competitors in the 'Best Ten' during the four years from 1911 to 1914. From these he has extracted the following list: Leslie O'Callaghan, Cyril Corbally, Duff Mathews, Keith Izard (of New Zealand origin), Herbert Corbally, Maxwell Browne, Reginald Beaton, Lilius Beaton, Edgar Whitaker, H. W. J. Snell - play of all of whom (except Maxwell Browne) he well remembers. Assuming all of these to be playing as they did for many years, it is at least open to question whether a side composed of them would lose to a Best Ten of today, and half of them could not be left out of any President's Cup now. The fact that we have so many splendid players at this moment is a proof not necessarily of previously unheard of standards of play but rather of the unflinching vitality of our great game throughout half a century.

### No room on the courts

Reflection suggest that associates may soon be - if they are not already - made aware of a problem for which there seems to be no obvious solution, in the immediate future at any rate. As the efforts of our zestful propagandists bear fruit more and more neophytes are likely to be brought into the game and induced to aspire to become tournament players. A laudable ambition indeed. But the fact is that once midsummer is passed, tournament entries tend to become increasingly congested, with the result that competition in respect of our Calendar Fixtures begins even before players have a chance to appear on the courts. We have already heard of at least two clubs who have had regrettably to return entries, in one case even before its programme had opportunity to appear in this journal. The problem is not altogether a new one, but it was less serious in pre-war days because though we had many more associates then, we had, in most weeks of the season, several alternative fixtures between which they could choose. What is - or ought to be - becoming clear is that the future of Croquet does not depend solely on increasing the number of those who want to play it; it may be determined at least as much by a capacity to increase the 'wide open spaces' on which they may do so. More tournaments, and more courts at those now so popular, is what we need. How we are to get them is, as the Americans say, 'something else again'.

### To seed or not to seed?

THIS IS a question which continues to be debated every year by players, and the debate annually reaches a climax after the Draw for the Open Championships. This Rover is in favour of seeding and is writing this before The 1966 Draw has been made. This note, however, will appear after the Championships have been drawn and played and after all aggrieved players, if any, have enjoyed their full quota of moans around the events. The suggestion is that seeding in the first place, should be confined to the Open Singles Championship; and that the seeding authority should be identical with the body responsible for selecting the three "Eights", a responsibility to be performed shortly thereafter. Indeed, the only subsequent play which could influence the selectors is The Hurlingham Club Tournament. It is suggested that the selectors should be directed to seed four top players jointly and that those players should then be drawn into their respective quarters of the full draw. It is further suggested that, at their discretion the selectors should be entitled to seed another four players jointly who again should be drawn into their respective positions.

Contrary to popular believe, this is what used to happen at Wimbledon. The players who were seeded five, six, seven and eight were until very recently drawn into their respective divisions of the full draw.

This is not so hard on the lesser lights as might at first sight appear. A player toppled by a giant of the game in the first round of the Opens is not likely to be toppled by a second giant, who has himself been toppled by a third giant, in the first round of the Association Plate. The result might well be to give players a greater opportunity to play themselves into a position in The Chairman's Cup or The Surrey Cup.

As this will be read after the event, what do you think?

### An old chestnut revived

A PLAYER was passing his time, watching a doubles match being played by two elderly ladies, both long bisquers, who were receiving an inordinate number of bisques from their formidable adversaries. He became intrigued because he noticed that one of the ladies took all the bisques, regardless of the state of the game. His inquisitive nature prompted him to approach the bisqueless and defeated player after the match.

"Why did you allow your partner to monopolise the bisques?" he asked provokingly.

The elderly lady showed her mettle and nose in defense of her partner.

"And why shouldn't she?" she retorted, "that was part of her bargain. She payed the entrance fee for both of us".

## Croquet And How To Play It

By David Miller and Rupert Thorp  
Faber and Faber 28s

THERE IS at present a welcome upsurge of interest in croquet, and it is an especially healthy sign that many young players are discovering the attractions of the game. To maintain the momentum of this advance a text aimed at the beginner who wishes to progress to the A class was needed, and so the appearance of this book, written by two young and able exponents of the game, is most timely.

The authors are to be congratulated on their advocacy of enterprising play, which they are careful to distinguish from recklessness. Croquet suffers from the existence of players, often regrettably successful, whose tactics are almost wholly negative. It is to be hoped that the young men and women who are encouraged to take up croquet as a result of reading this book will not take such players as their model but will instead absorb and apply the excellent advice offered on tactics. The positive attitude of striving to win matches rather than merely to avoid losing them, which permeates this volume, is the way to full enjoyment of the game.

It is necessary to penetrate well into the book before arriving at the descriptions of four - and three-ball breaks. However, a book which can be understood by the complete beginner must present a certain irreducible minimum of information about the court setting, terminology, rules and strokes before breaks can be dealt with, so that this delay in reaching the heart of the game is at least partly inevitable. The interpolation of an early chapter on golf croquet was perhaps unwise, but the authors suggest that the geography of the court and some aspects of stroke production will be learnt more readily by playing the simple game first.

A wholly praiseworthy feature is the clarity of the explanation of the standard four-ball break, which is achieved by the liberal use of diagrams. Beginners have great difficulty in following purely textual

descriptions of breaks when the court layout and terminology are not yet deeply ingrained. The excellent chapter on tactics is also made easy to follow by the use of further diagrams.

The wisdom of the authors in departing from accepted nomenclature in describing the basic structure of the game may be questioned. Terms such as qualifying and bonus shots are used to explain the entitlement of a player to a series of strokes in a turn. That these terms are helpful in the text cannot be denied.

However, the terms used in the rules are universally used amongst established players, and confusion will result if new ones become part of the vocabulary of beginners.

As stated in the introduction, the book starts from scratch and finishes at scratch, and so no breaks involving peels are described. This limited objective is entirely reasonable, but it is a pity that the existence of peeling breaks and their purpose is given no more than a passing reference. For the fact that double and triple peels are played, and that occasionally quadruples, sextuples, and even three-ball triples are achieved, shows that the higher flights of the game call not only for exceptional ability in stroke production but also for a great deal of tactical skill and imagination. The inclusion of even a brief description of these possibilities would have provided a further opportunity of conveying the challenge of the game.

Players already in the A class will perhaps not expect to find much material of interest in this book, which was not written with them in mind. Despite this, many established players might profit by reading this book and thereby revising the fundamentals of the game. Indeed, this reviewer has already benefited by pondering the excellent advice given on the most fundamental question of all, how to hit the ball. But for a clear and concise exposition of the game for the beginner with ambitions to reach the A class, this book can be most highly recommended. The price of 28s is reasonable in view of the large number of line diagrams provided, which add so much to the value of the descriptions, and it is to be hoped that the book will find its way onto the shelves of many students of the game.

B. G. N.

## Alterations to Handicaps

### SOUTHWICK - May 16th - 21st

Mrs. P. M. Denh 10 to 9  
Miss E. G. Clark-Lens 13 to 12  
Major R. Driscoll 2½ to 2  
Mrs A. D. Karmel 6 to 5½

### CHELTHENHAM (Unofficial) May 28th - 30th

G. N. Aspinall 0 to ½  
Col. G. T. Wheeler 5 to 4½

### CARRICKMINES - 4th - 11th June.

D. O'Connor 1½ to ½  
L. J. Webb 3 to 1

### RYDE - June 6th - 11th

Mrs G. H. Wood 14 to 13  
Mrs R. A. Simpson 3½ to 3  
Miss M. Bryan 7 to 6½  
Mrs A. S. C. Ross 10 to 9

### COMPTON (Eastbourne) June 13th - 18th

D. L. Allen 10 to 9 (Before play)  
K. F. Wylie 1 to -1½

### WOKING (American) June 17th to 20th

Mrs J. Feaver 12 to 10  
R. J. Ede 11\* to 12  
Miss M. V. Page 10 to 9

### PARKSTONE 20th - 25th June

F. Henshaw 8 to 7½  
G. N. Aspinall 0 to -1  
B. G. Perry 5 to 4  
R. O. B. Whittington (New H'cap) 4 to 3½  
Mrs G. Hill 8 to 7½  
Mrs G. L. Ormerod 11 to 10  
Miss M. M. Fickling 14 to 13  
Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish -1½ to -½ (request)  
P. Newton 2

Miss M. D. McMordie 16 (D.14) New  
Mrs P. Newton 16 (D.14) Handicaps  
Mrs M. Goodricke 16 (D.14)

### BUDLEIGH SALTERTON (Un-official)

27th June - 2nd July.

B. G. Perry 4 to 2  
Cmdr. G. Borrett 1½ to 1  
Mrs G. F. H. Elvey 0 to -½  
J. Lee 5 to 4  
Prof. A. S. C. Ross 4 to 3½  
Mrs A. S. C. Ross 9 (D.8) to 8 (D.7)  
Col. W. R. Healing 1 to ½  
Sir Leonard Daldry 7 to 6½  
D. W. Bateson 8\* to 8  
Mrs D. J. Bird 16 (D.14) to 16 (D.12)

### BUDLEIGH SALTERTON -

OFFICIAL 4th - 9th July

R. W. Bray 1½ to -½  
P. D. Hallett 1½ to 0  
Prof. A. S. C. Ross 3½ to 3  
J. Lee 4 to 3  
Capt. H. F. Nalder 7½ to 6½  
Miss A. E. Mills 2 to 1½  
B. G. Perry 2 to 1  
Sir Leonard Daldry 6½ to 6

### CLUB RECOMMENDATIONS

#### SOUTHWICK

Miss M. Cockshott 14 \*(New)  
H. P. Jeffery 12 \*(New)  
Mrs H. P. Jeffery 14 \*(New)

Mrs L. V. Layton 10 to 9  
W. E. Moore 1 to 0  
Miss G. Pirie 9 to 8  
Lt. Col. H. F. Sanderson 6 to 5  
Mrs H. Wells 8 to 7

#### NOTTINGHAM

D. W. Archer 16 to 14  
C. G. Hopewell 10 to 6  
M. J. Bushnell 7 to 3  
Miss E. C. Brumpton 5 to 4½

#### BOWDEN

G. V. Jervis 11 to 9  
R. Faulkner 2 to 0

#### CHALLENGE & GILBEY

Mrs E. M. Lightfoot 2 - 1½

Brigadier A. F. G. Forbes 5½ - 4½  
D. C. Caporn 1½ - 1  
Mrs Sundius-Smith 6½ - 5½  
J. L. Sanders 6½ - 6  
Maj. Gen. F. H. N. Davidson 6½ - 6  
L. Riggall 5 - 4  
Mrs P. D. Showan 2 - 3 by request.

### CHELTHENHAM (Un-official) 24th - 26th June.

L. G. Ayliffe 11\* to 10  
R. A. Lewty 10\* to 10  
Mrs R. A. Lewty 6\* to 6  
D. A. Wilson 12\* to 10  
K. A. Ross 3 to 2½  
Wg/Cmdr. E. Montague Smith 6 to 5

### CLUB RECOMMENDATION

Mrs R. G. Hawkins 7 to 6½

## Longman Cup Results

### BUDLEIGH SALTERTON L. T. & CROQUET CLUB

v

### OXFORD CROQUET CLUB

#### Doubles

Cmdr. G. Borrett (1½) & Mrs R. C. Hawkins (7) lost to J. S. Chandler (4) & D. W. Bateson (8) by 16  
Major C. E. Heathcote (3) & Mrs W. Nash (8) beat C. G. Miller (4½) & R. V. Corley (8) + 5

#### Singles

Cmdr. G. Borrett (1½) lost to J. S. Chandler by 3  
Major E. C. Heathcote (3) beat C. G. Miller (4½) + 16  
Mrs R. C. Hawkins (7) beat D. W. Bateson (8) + 10

Budleigh Salterton won 3 - 2.

### EDGBASTON v ELLESMORE

#### Doubles

J. B. Meacham (3) & C. Bennett (9) beat Mrs J. S. Tyldesley (8) & Mrs Jackson (10)  
Prof. A. S. C. Ross (4) & Mrs A. S. C. Ross (8) beat Mrs. Cocker (12) & Mrs Chritie (13) + 11

#### Singles

J. B. Meacham (3) beat Mrs Tyldesley (8) + 4  
Prof. A. S. C. Ross (4) beat Mrs Jackson (10) + 2  
C. Bennett (9) beat Mrs Cocker (12) + 8

### HURLINGHAM v SOUTH LONDON 30th June.

#### Singles

Mrs M. L. Thom (4½) beat Mrs D. Ward (9) + 9  
Mrs F. H. N. Davidson (5) lost to Mrs B. M. Higgins (9) by 17  
Mrs A. D. Karmel (5½) beat Mrs P. Smith (9) + 11

#### Doubles

Mrs M. L. Thom & Mrs F. H. N. Davidson (9½) bt Mrs D. Ward & Mrs B. M. Higgins (18) + 10

Mrs A. D. Karmel & R. F. Learoyd-Hine (16½) v Mrs P. Smith & Mrs Shrubsole (20) game unfinished.

#### Result

Hurlingham beat South London 3 - 1 (1 unfinished)

### CHELMSFORD & COLCHESTER v HUNSTANTON

25th June

#### Singles (Colchester names first)

Brig: A. F. G. Forbes (5½) beat Mrs J. Neville-Rolfe (2½) by 9  
G. F. Hallett (7½) beat Miss E. C. Brumpton (5) by 22  
K. H. Paterson (7) beat Miss S. G. Hampson (5) by 13

#### Doubles

R. W. Bray & G. F. Hallett (9) beat Mrs J. Neville-Rolfe & Mrs G. D. Perowne (8) by 20  
Brig. A. F. G. Forbes & K. H. Paterson (12½) beat Miss E. C. Brumpton & Miss S. G. Hampson (10) by 13

#### Result

Colchester beat Hunstanton 5 - 0

### WREST PARK v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

#### Doubles

D. V. H. Rees & J. Clarke (12) lost to G. N. N. Martin & M. E. W. Heap (12½) by 20  
A. C. W. Davies & H. C. Green (20½) beat C. H. O'D. Alexander & C. F. Robinson (15) + 17

#### Singles

D. V. H. Rees (5½) beat M. E. W. Heap (4½) + 18  
J. Clarke (6½) lost to G. N. N. Martin (8) by 4  
A. C. W. Davies beat C. H. O'D. Alexander (0) + 8

#### Result

Wrest Park beat Cambridge University 3 - 2

COMPTON v SOUTHWICK

Singles

C. J. H. Tolley (3½) beat R. Driscoll (2) + 15  
N. V. Snell (7) lost to W. H. Austin (2) by 12  
Miss M. Bryan (6½) retired to R. Baverstock (9)

Doubles

C. J. H. Tolley & Miss M. Bryan (10) beat W. H. Austin & R. Baverstock (11) + 5  
N. V. Snell & Mrs H. A. Hall (16) beat R. Driscoll & Mrs Thompson (10) + 12

Result

Compton beat Southwick 3 - 2.

CHELMSFORD & COLCHESTER v WREST PARK JULY 5th.

Doubles

W. B. Franklin (3) & Brig. A. F. G. Fookes (5½) lost to D. V. Rees (5½) & J. Clark (6½) by 9  
E. Whitehead (2) & Mrs T. D. Raikes (8) lost to A. C. W. Davies (6½) & H. C. Green (14) by 16

Singles

W. B. Franklin (3) bt D. V. Rees (5½) by 5  
Brig. A. F. G. Forbes (5½) bt J. Clark (6½) by 11  
Mrs T. D. Raikes (8) lost to A. C. W. Davies (6½) by 1  
Wrest Park won 3 games to 2.

ROEHAMPTON v WORTON HALL JUNE 11th 1966

A. J. Oldham & Mrs L. Riggall (8½) V. Sexton & R. Wood (23) Game unfinished.  
L. Riggall & J. L. Sanders (11½) beat G. J. Reeves & A. H. Wilson (25) + 17

Singles

A. J. Oldham (3½) lost to V. Sexton (10) - 16  
L. Riggall (5) beat G. J. Reeves (11) + 23  
Mrs L. Riggall (5) beat R. Wood (12) + 9

Roehampton beat Worton Hall 3 matches to 1 with 1 unfinished.

a "needle" finish, where the issue hung in the balance until the final stroke. Here, Mrs D. Karmel obtained the final verdict against Miss Clarke-Lens by 2 points.

For the Doubles Event, the combined minimum handicap this year was raised to 5 bisques in order to encourage high-bisquers to enter. This seems (to the writer at any rate) an admirable idea and it is to be hoped that all available high-bisquers will enter next year and that partners will be found to give them the encouragement and confidence which can prove so beneficial to "learners" in every game. Here, the finalists were D. E. Buckland and Mrs E. M. Temple (after a stern struggle with Mrs G. W. Solomon and Mrs E. A. Roper) and E. A. Roper partnering Mrs D. Karmel. A level game took on a suddenly exciting aspect in its closing stages, which were fraught with misfortunes and break-downs on both sides, while Mrs Temple endeavoured to make her last two hoops and then peg out Mr. Roper's ball, and Mrs Karmel endeavoured to obtain the opportunity to make her rover hoop. Finally, after many hair-raising adventures, Mrs Karmel judged a long approach shot to perfection and the game was won!

Under the expert and ever-considerate management of Maj. Dibley, all went smoothly to a well-timed finish on Saturday afternoon, including an extra Event, won by Mrs G. W. Solomon who had a good week and in this final (to quote her opponent, W. B. C. Paynter) "played superbly". A mention must also be made of the three fastest games played during the week, all completed within 65 minutes; by Maj. Driscoll against Miss K. D. Hickson; by Mrs W. A. T. Syge against Lady Ursula Abbey (and this while suffering from an attack of jaundice!); and by Lady Ursula Abbey against W. B. C. Paynter.

Finally, a heart-felt tribute of thanks to Mrs Chittenden, with Miss Hazel Parker and helping staff in attendance, for those "five-star" lunches and teas, and to Miss G. V. Pirie, to whom Mr Scott in an eloquent prize-giving speech referred, for dispensing of "liquid refreshment" in the bar!

May one express the hope that perhaps the Southwick Club, later in the season, may be found fitting to play "host" to the second - or is it the third? - "Best Eight" Competition? I can think of no better courts on which to play and no more-welcoming hosts, if such an arrangement should prove possible.

REPORT & RESULTS OF CALENDAR FIXTURES

Southwick Club non-official

16 - 21st May

The finalists in the Abbey Cup, both in the Draw and Process, are Dudley Hamilton-Miller and Leslie Kirk-Greene, the former eventually winning two close and exciting games, in both of which Kirk-Greene looked to be "home and dry" in the closing stages, but the missing of a relatively straight-forward penultimate hoop in the first game reversed the balance and Hamilton-Miller made no mistake, going round and out in the next turn from the fifth hoop. In the second game, when his opponent's clips were on the peg and four-back, Kirk-Greene hit in and made an all round break from the second hoop, he pegged out Hamilton-Miller's blue ball and in his next turn established a three-ball break which took him one-back. By some accurate wiring he proceeded to four-back, and then, having made this and the penultimate, laid up by the first hoop, forgetting that there was a "lift"!

Hamilton-Miller hit the six-yard shot and finished the game, having at this point only the rover hoop to make.

The B Class Opens was won by Maj. R. Driscoll who was in good form throughout the week and also reached the final of the Handicap Singles where the unaccustomed experience of receiving instead of giving bisques upset the rythm of his play in the early stages of this game and allowed Hamilton-Miller to establish a commanding lead; but a late spirited challenge and a missed peg-out enabled Driscoll to cut the gap to 7 points, before Hamilton-Miller hit the peg.

D. E. Buckland had the misfortune to sprain a wrist in the final of the B Opens and was forced to retire.

In the Handicap Singles, six and a half to eight bisques, Miss M. Towers was the winner by 7 points against W. G. B. Scott, and Mrs H. Dehn defeated Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens by 7 points in Event 4 for players of nine bisques and over. Event 5, Handicap Singles, two and a half bisques and over, produced

SOUTHWICK

SPRING TOURNAMENT (UN-OFFICIAL) 16-21 MAY 1966

EVENT 1.

Open Singles: Draw & Process

(Draw)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs G. W. Solomons bt W. H. Austin + 9  
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt W. E. Moore + 6  
L. J. Kirk-Greene bt W. B. C. Paynter + 19  
Mrs H. F. Chittenden bt H. A. Green + 11

SECOND ROUND

D. J. Hamilton-Miller bt Mrs G. W. Solomon + 22  
L. J. Kirk-Greene bt Mrs H. F. Chittenden + 15

FINAL

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt L. J. Kirk-Greene + 6

(Process)

FIRST ROUND

W. H. Austin bt Dr. H. J. Penny + 16  
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Lt. Col. F. E. Stobart (Secd.)  
L. J. Kirk-Greene bt Miss H. D. Parker + 26  
Mrs G. W. Solomon bt Mrs W. A. T. Syge + 24

SECOND ROUND

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt W. H. Austin + 12  
L. J. Kirk-Greene bt Mrs G. W. Solomon + 16

FINAL

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt L. J. Kirk-Greene + 3

EVENT 2

LEVEL SINGLES

(2½ - 6 Bisques)

FIRST ROUND

Capt. W. A. T. Syge bt E. C. Mogridge + 10  
D. E. Buckland bt Mrs E. A. Roper + 14  
Maj. R. Driscoll bt Mrs E. M. Temple + 8  
Miss K. D. Hickson bt Mrs J. H. Dibley + 10

SECOND ROUND

D. E. Buckland bt Capt. W. A. T. Syge + 8  
Maj. R. Driscoll bt Miss K. D. Hickson + 25

FINAL

Maj. R. Driscoll bt D. E. Buckland (Retd.)

EVENT 3

LEVEL SINGLES

(6½ - 8 Bisques)

FIRST ROUND

W. G. B. Scott bt Mrs C. M. Gibson (Retd.)  
Mrs H. Wells bt M. W. B. Stead + 9  
Brig. J. S. Omond bt Mrs E. Thompson + 6  
Miss M. K. Towers bt Mrs W. A. Naylor + 7

SECOND ROUND

W. G. B. Scott bt Mrs H. Wells (Retd.)  
Miss M. K. Towers bt Brig. J. S. Omond + 10

FINAL

Miss M. K. Towers bt W. G. B. Scott + 7

EVENT 4

HANDICAP SINGLES

(9 Bisques and over)

FIRST ROUND

\*Miss G. V. Pirie (9) bt Maj. R. St. G. Atchley (9) + 1

SECOND ROUND

Mrs P. M. Dehn (10) bt Miss G. V. Pirie (9) + 12  
Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens (13) bt Mrs J. S. Omond (9) + 16

FINAL

Mrs P. M. Dehn (10) bt Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens (13) + 7

EVENT 5

LIMITED HANDICAP SINGLES

(2½ bisques and over)

FIRST ROUND

Miss K. D. Hickson (3) bt H. F. Sanderson (6) + 13  
Mrs E. Thompson (7) bt Mrs E. A. Roper (6) + 2  
Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens (13) bt Miss G. V. Pirie (9) + 13  
Miss M. M. Morgan (5½) bt W. G. B. Scott (8) + 14  
Capt. W. A. T. Syge (3½) bt Mrs J. S. Omond (9) + 4  
Mrs H. Wells (8) bt Mrs J. H. Dibley (5) + 5  
W. P. H. Roe (5½) bt Brig. J. S. Omond (8) + 7  
Mrs D. Karmel (6) bt Mrs E. M. Temple (4) + 5

SECOND ROUND

Mrs E. Thompson (8) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (3) (Retd.)  
Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens (13) bt Miss M. M. Morgan (5½) + 11  
Mrs H. Wells (8) bt Capt. W. A. T. Syge (3½) + 9  
Mrs D. Karmel (6) bt W. P. H. Roe (5½) + 7

THIRD ROUND

Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens (13) bt Mrs E. Thompson (8) (Retd.)  
Mrs D. Karmel (6) bt Mrs H. Wells (8) + 6

FINAL

Mrs D. Karmel (6) bt Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens (13) + 2

EVENT 6

HANDICAP SINGLES

JELlicORSE CUP

FIRST ROUND

W. B. C. Paynter (-½) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (1) + 5  
E. A. Roper (0) bt Mrs H. F. Chittenden (-½) + 9  
Miss M. M. Morgan (5½) bt E. C. Mogridge (5) + 3  
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-3) bt Capt. W. A. T. Syge (3½) + 21  
Mrs W. A. T. Syge (3) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (1½) + 24  
D. E. Buckland (3) bt Maj. J. R. Abbey (1½) + 10

W. E. Moore (1) bt Mrs G. W. Solomon (1) + 8  
 Lt. Col. F. E. Stobart (½) bt Miss H. D. Parker (2½) + 1  
 Mrs W. A. Naylor (6½) bt Mrs J. H. Dibley (5) + 19  
 H. A. Green (1) bt W. G. B. Scott (8) + 7  
 W. H. Austin (2) bt H. F. Sanderson (6) + 5  
 Maj. R. Driscoll (2½) bt Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens (13) + 9

SECOND ROUND

Miss K. D. Hickson (3) bt Miss M. K. Towers (7) + 10  
 E. A. Roper (0) bt W. B. C. Paynter (-½) + 9  
 D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-3) bt Miss M. M. Morgan (5½) + 17  
 D. E. Buckland (3) bt Mrs W. A. T. Synge (Retd.)  
 W. E. Moore (1) bt Lt. Col. F. E. Stobart (½) + 21  
 H. A. Green (1) bt Mrs W. A. Naylor (6½) + 2  
 Maj. R. Driscoll (2½) bt W. H. Austin (2) + 10  
 Miss G. V. Pirie (9) bt W. P. H. Roe (5½) (O. T.)

THIRD ROUND

E. A. Roper (0) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (Scd.)  
 D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-3) bt D. E. Buckland (Retd.)  
 W. E. Moore (1) bt H. A. Green (1) + 17  
 Maj. R. Driscoll (2½) bt Miss G. V. Pirie + 9

FOURTH ROUND

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-3) bt E. A. Roper (0) + 22  
 Maj. R. Driscoll (2½) bt W. E. Moore (1) + 9

FINAL

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-3) bt Maj. R. Driscoll (2½) + 7

EVENT 7

HANDICAP DOUBLES

FIRST ROUND

Miss H. D. Parker (2½) & Miss M. M. Morgan (5½) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (5) & Mrs J. H. Dibley (5) + 10  
 W. H. Austin (2) & Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens (13) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (1) & Miss M. K. Towers (7) + 7 (O. T.)  
 Mrs G. W. Solomon (1) & Mrs E. A. Roper (6) bt Mrs H. F. Chittenden (-½) & Mrs W. A. Naylor (6½) + 6  
 W. E. Moore (1) & Mrs G. M. Gibson (8) bt W. B. C. Paynter (-½) & H. F. Sanderson (6) + 14  
 E. A. Roper (0) & Mrs D. Karmel (6) bt Capt. W. A. T. Synge (3½) & Mrs E. Thompson (7) + 4  
 W. P. H. Roe (5½) & H. A. Green (1) bt Mrs J. S. Omond (9) & Maj. R. St. G. Atchley (9) + 11

SECOND ROUND

D. E. Buckland (3) & Mrs E. M. Temple (4) bt Miss H. D. Paker (2½) & Miss M. M. Morgan (5½) + 7  
 Mrs G. W. Solomon (1) & Mrs E. A. Roper (6) bt W. H. Austin & Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens (13) + 6  
 E. A. Roper (0) & Mrs D. Karmel (6) bt W. E. Moore (1) & Mrs C. M. Gibson (8) + 7  
 W. P. H. Roe (5½) & H. A. Green (1) bt Mrs W. A. T. Synge (3) & Mrs P. M. Dehn (10) + 8

THIRD ROUND

D. E. Buckland (3) & Mrs E. M. Temple (4) bt Mrs G. W. Solomon (1) & Mrs E. A. Roper (6) + 6  
 E. A. Roper (0) & Mrs D. Karmel (6) bt W. P. H. Roe (5½) & H. A. Green (1) + 17

FINAL

E. A. Roper (0) & Mrs D. Karmel (6) bt D. E. Buckland (3) & Mrs E. M. Temple (4) + 8

EXTRA EVENT

HANDICAP SINGLES

FIRST ROUND

Mrs G. W. Solomon (1) bt W. H. Austin (2) + 9  
 Mrs E. M. Temple (4) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (1) + 3  
 Miss M. K. Towers (7) bt Maj. R. St. G. Atchley (9) + 8  
 Mrs H. F. Chittenden (-½) bt W. G. B. Scott (8) + 18  
 Lady Ursula Abbey (1½) bt Mrs J. S. Omond (9) + 6  
 Miss H. D. Parker (2½) bt Mrs E. A. Roper (6) + 21  
 Mrs W. A. Naylor (6½) bt Miss G. V. Pirie (Scd.)  
 W. B. C. Paynter (-½) bt Mrs E. Thompson (8) + 7

SECOND ROUND

Mrs G. W. Solomon (1) bt Mrs E. M. Temple (4) + 3  
 Mrs H. F. Chittenden (-½) bt Miss M. K. Towers (7) + 13  
 Lady Ursula Abbey (1½) bt Miss H. D. Parker (2½) + 8  
 W. B. C. Paynter (-½) bt Mrs W. A. Naylor (6½) + 12

THIRD ROUND

Mrs G. W. Solomon (1) bt Mrs H. F. Chittenden (-½) + 11  
 W. B. C. Paynter (-½) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (Retd.)

FINAL

Mrs G. W. Solomon (1) bt W. B. C. Paynter (-½)

CARRICKMINES

June 4th to 11th 1966

CARRICKMINES with its spacious and attractive club house and the four terraced lawns looking out on the distant hills provides an idyllic setting for croquet. It was, therefore, most unfortunate that the warm fine weather, which was experienced over the first three days, gave way to a really "black Thursday", when the rain fell continuously from dawn until midnight, and only three games could be completed. Nevertheless, the programme was successfully concluded by the Saturday evening, a shortened game being played in the h'cap events.

The Championship was retained by Douglas Strachan, who defeated Dudley Hamilton-Miller in two games in the final, by virtue of greater accuracy and some consistently fine long shots in the closing stage of each game. Mrs Rotherham who had been playing extremely well for the first three days, was unlucky to have to contend against the well-nigh impossible elements (as well as Douglas Strachan) in the semi-final during part of Thursday and Friday morning!

The Steel Cup was won by Mrs Purefoy who defeated A. D. Craig in the final and F. Regan was successful against Mrs W. Figgis in the final of the Green Cup. These players who have only recently taken up the game should improve rapidly with more experience, and learning more about the tactics of play.

In the handicap event, which was divided into two classes, the winners were W. O'Connor and L. J. Webb, with D. Figgis and T. J. Webb respectively runners up. L. J. Webb won the play off. These two young players in partnership also carried off the handicap Doubles

event, defeating F. W. Meredith and Mrs D. Daniels in the final. It is safe to say that a lot more will be heard of these two young men in the near future. O'Connor's play in the handicap event was a joy both to spectators and the manager, who in the person of Mrs O'Reilly is to be congratulated and thanked for her calm, yet efficient, control at the helm when the outlook on Thursday night was bleak, and also her kindness to all and sundry during the Tournament.

Finally, one must pay most sincere tribute to Mrs Elizabeth Morgan and her various helpers, who gave up so much of their time in providing such excellent lunches, teas and suppers.

Croquet at Carrickmines is an experience not be missed, and it is hoped that many more English players will find it possible to make the trip in the years to come. I can tell them that they will always be warmly welcomed and will be assured of the true Irish hospitality.

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller

The results appeared in last month's issue.

COMPTON

(EASTBOURNE) JUNE 13 - 18.

COMPTON, as always, provided a most enjoyable meeting for the full complement of players who came to take part in the 1966 tournament. These included a contingent from Cambridge University, led by Keith Wylie, and it soon became evident that youth was going to be very much to the fore in many of the events. Wylie himself went from strength to strength, losing only one game during the week to Mrs Elvey in the semi-final of the Process and on level terms, defeating Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins, D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and Mrs Rotherham. In each of these three games he was led from the start but came from behind to achieve victory by a splendid exhibition of accurate and fluent croquet. His game against Hamilton-Miller in the final of the Draw produced a remarkable climax. Hamilton-Miller gave contact: Wylie, after some sparring went round and double peeled his opponent, but, missing the peg-out and sending a ball off, gave Hamilton-Miller contact and an easy chance of pegging him out. Reprieve came in the form of an accident in a hoop on a take-off, and Wylie went on to win. The play-off was very close, when Wylie pegged Mrs. Rotherham out, but what looked like an easy rush to her rover proved to be a hampered shot and Wylie won by 2.

Two more Cambridge wins were recorded in the B level singles by M. E. W. Heap, who played very well to defeat Mrs. G. W. Style, and in the Restricted Handicap Class by C. F. Robinson against Mrs H. A. Hall, whose play shows promise of better things to come. The Handicap Doubles were won by H. A. Green and W. H. Austin, who proved a strong and well-balanced combination in the final against Mrs. C. Rotherham and C. F. Robinson; and in the Handicap Mrs Chittenden and Mrs Owen decided to divide, as it was growing late.

OPEN SINGLES

(13 Entries)

DRAW

FIRST ROUND

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt W. H. Austin + 24  
 Mrs G. H. L. Elvey bt Mrs H. C. S. Perry + 21  
 Mrs H. F. Chittenden bt Mrs R. B. N. Smartt + 17

K. F. Wylie bt Mrs. E. Rotherham + 12  
 Dr. R. B. N. Smartt bt Miss H. D. Parker + 17

SECOND ROUND

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt E. A. Roper w. o. opp. scratched  
 Mrs H. F. Chittenden bt Mrs G. F. H. Elvey + 15  
 K. F. Wylie bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt + 24  
 Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt H. A. Green + 18

SEMI-FINAL

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Mrs H. F. Chittenden + 26  
 K. F. Wylie bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins + 13

FINAL

K. F. Wylie bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller + 12  
 Play Off K. F. Wylie Mrs E. Rotherham + 2

OPEN LEVEL SINGLES

PROCESS

(13 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs R. B. N. Smartt bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins opp. retired  
 W. H. Austin bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt + 4  
 K. F. Wylie bt E. A. Roper w. o. opp. scratched  
 Mrs E. Rotherham bt H. A. Green + 12  
 D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt. Miss H. D. Parker + 12

SECOND ROUND

W. H. Austin bt Mrs R. B. N. Smartt + 7  
 Mrs G. F. H. Elvey bt K. F. Wylie + 6  
 Mrs E. Rotherham bt Mrs H. C. S. Perry + 13  
 D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Mrs H. F. Chittenden + 2

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey bt W. H. Austin + 12  
 Mrs E. Rotherham bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller + 2

FINAL

Mrs E. Rotherham bt Mrs G. F. H. Elvey + 23  
 Play Off K. F. Wylie Mrs E. Rotherham + 2

OPEN LEVEL SINGLES

(Class B)

3 to 7½ Bisques  
 (8 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs G. W. Style bt Mrs. D. Owen + 9 on time.  
 Miss E. F. Rose bt N. V. Snell + 2  
 Miss M. Bryan bt Mrs E. A. Roper + 13  
 M. E. W. Heap bt Mrs E. M. Temple + 4

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs G. W. Style bt Miss E. F. Rose opp. retired  
 M. E. W. Heap bt Miss M. Bryan + 23

FINAL

M. E. W. Heap bt Mrs G. W. Style + 16

HANDICAP SINGLES

(Class C)

8 Bisques and over  
(9 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

J. B. Hearnshaw (10) bt Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens (12) + 6

SECOND ROUND

C. F. Robinson (9) bt H. J. Devitt (11) + 9  
D. L. Allen (9) bt J. B. Hearnshaw (10) + 9  
C. S. Phillips (11) bt Mrs H. J. Devitt (12) + 3 on time  
Mrs H. A. Hall (9) bt G. N. N. Martin (8) + 11

SEMI-FINAL

C. F. Robinson (9) bt D. L. Allen (9) + 2  
Mrs H. A. Hall (9) bt C. S. Phillips (11) + 1

FINAL

C. F. Robinson (9) bt Mrs H. A. Hall (9) + 11 on time

HANDICAP SINGLES

(Class X)

FIRST ROUND

(27 Entries)

K. F. Wylie (0) bt Mrs E. Temple (4) + 13  
E. A. Roper (0) bt D. L. Allen (9) + 4  
Mrs G. W. Style (4) bt H. J. Devitt (11) + 12  
Mrs R. B. N. Smartt (1½) bt Miss M. Bryan (6½) + 10  
M. E. W. Heap (6) bt Mrs G. F. H. Elvey (0) + 26  
J. B. Hearnshaw (10) bt W. H. Austin (2) + 4  
H. A. Green (1) bt Mrs H. J. Devitt (12) + 21  
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-3) bt Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens (12) + 23  
G. N. N. Martin (8) bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (1) + 10  
C. F. Robinson (9) bt Miss H. D. Parker (2½) + 26  
Mrs H. A. Hall (9) w. o. Mrs E. A. Roper scratched

SECOND ROUND

Mrs E. Rotherham (-3) bt Mrs D. Owen (6) + 19  
K. F. Wylie (0) bt E. A. Roper (0) w. o. opp. scratched  
Mrs R. B. N. Smartt (1½) bt Mrs G. W. Style (4) + 6 on time  
M. E. W. Heap (6) bt J. B. Hearnshaw (10) + 16  
H. A. Green (1) w. o. D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-3) opp. retired.  
C. F. Robinson (9) bt G. N. N. Martin (8) + 12  
C. S. Phillips (11) bt Mrs H. A. Hall (9) + 2  
N. V. Snell (7) bt Mrs H. F. Chittenden (½) + 24

THIRD ROUND

K. F. Wylie (0) bt Mrs E. Rotherham (-3) + 13  
M. E. W. Heap (6) bt Mrs R. B. N. Smartt (1½) + 19  
H. A. Green (1) bt C. F. Robinson (9) + 1 on time  
C. S. Phillips (11) bt N. V. Snell (7) + 4

SEMI-FINAL

K. F. Wylie (½) bt M. E. W. Heap (6) + 10  
C. S. Phillips (11) w. o. H. A. Green (1) opp. retired at peg.

FINAL

K. F. Wylie (½) bt C. S. Phillips (11) + 7

(Class Y)

(13 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

D. L. Allen (9) bt Mrs E. M. Temple (4) + 8  
H. J. Devitt (11) bt Miss M. Bryan (6½) + 5 on time  
Mrs G. F. H. Elvey (0) bt W. H. Austin (2) + 13  
Mrs H. J. Devitt (12) bt Miss E. Clarke-Lens (12) + 4  
Miss H. D. Parker (2½) bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (1) + 5

SECOND ROUND

Mrs D. Owen (6) bt D. L. Allen (9) + 2 on time  
H. J. Devitt (11) bt Mrs G. F. H. Elvey (0) + 8  
Miss H. D. Parker (2½) bt Mrs H. J. Devitt (12) + 2 on time  
Mrs H. F. Chittenden (-½) bt Mrs H. A. Hall (9) + 1 on time

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs D. Owen (6) bt H. J. Devitt (11) + 3 on time  
Mrs H. F. Chittenden (-½) bt Miss H. D. Parker (2½) + 12

FINAL

Mrs H. F. Chittenden and Mrs D. Owen divided.

HANDICAP DOUBLES

Each pair's combined handicap not less than 2.

(13 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs G. F. H. Elvey & G. N. N. Martin (8) bt Mrs H. F. Chittenden & Miss H. D. Parker (2)  
W. H. Austin & H. A. Green (3) bt Miss M. Bryan & C. S. Phillips (17½) + 8 on time  
Mrs G. W. Style & M. E. W. Heap (10) bt Mrs W. Longman & C. J. H. Tolley (2) + 1 on time  
W. E. Moore & Mrs H. J. Devitt (12) bt Mrs Temple & N. V. Snell (11) + 15  
Dr. R. B. Smartt & Mrs Smartt (2½) bt K. F. Wylie & J. D. Hearnshaw (10) + 4

SECOND ROUND

H. J. Devitt & Mrs D. Owen (17) bt Mrs G. F. H. Elvey & G. N. N. Martin (8) + 6  
W. H. Austin & H. A. Green (3) bt Mrs Style & M. E. W. Heap (10) + 1 on time  
Dr. R. B. N. Smartt & Mrs Smartt (2½) bt W. E. Moore & Mrs H. J. Devitt (12) + 8  
Mrs E. Rotherham & C. F. Robinson (6) bt D. L. Allen & Miss E. Clarke-Lens (21) + 14

SEMI-FINAL

W. H. Austin & H. A. Green (3) bt H. J. Devitt & Mrs D. Owen (17) + 17  
Mrs E. Rotherham & C. F. Robinson (6) bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt & Mrs R. B. N. Smartt (2½) + 4

FINAL

W. H. Austin & H. A. Green (3) bt Mrs E. Rotherham & C. F. Robinson (6) + 11

PARKSTONE

20th - 25th JUNE

IT WAS interesting to note that several players who had started croquet this year, or last, were outstandingly useful. Nigel Aspinall had already made his mark, with his fluent style and enterprising play with a long bisquer Mrs. G. L. Ormerod, he won the Doubles and in all his rounds, held back with a bisque in hand and peeled and pegged out one opponent and won the game by that method. In fact most doubles were won by pegging out one of the leading pair. Gerald Williams with Miss Fickling, a local long bisquer, were the runners up and Williams pulled up from a long way back, only to lose the game by one point when Mrs. Ormerod hit the peg at the eleventh hour from a boundary. Other promising players were the Budleigh Salterton pair - Perry 5, and Shelton 4 - while Whittington of Parkstone 4 was also prominent.

Congratulations to Perry who won the Level Singles 'B', Mrs. G. Hill who won the Handicap Singles C. 'A' section, Miss N. Fickling the Handicap Singles C. 'B' and F. Henshaw who won the Y at 84.

In the play-off, Miss Warwick playing with her usual confidence got both her balls on the peg and then G. M. Aspinall hit in and made a great fight, finally losing by 5. This was certainly Aspinall's Tournament, winning the 'X' Handicap Doubles and 2nd in the Open Cup. He will never see a handicap of scratch again.

OPEN SINGLES

DRAW  
(11 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Miss E. J. Warwick bt Dr. H. J. Penny + 26  
Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish w. o. Lt. Col. T. F. Laverty opp. scr.  
Mrs H. F. Chittenden bt Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith. + 16

SECOND ROUND

Dr. W. P. Ormerod bt G. Williams + 26  
Miss E. J. Warwick bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish + 14  
Mrs H. F. Chittenden bt J. G. Warwick + 13  
G. M. Aspinall bt P. Newton + 26

SEMI-FINAL

Dr. W. P. Ormerod bt Miss E. J. Warwick + 14  
G. N. Aspinall bt Mrs H. F. Chittenden + 23

FINAL

G. N. Aspinall bt Dr. W. P. Ormerod + 5

PROCESS  
(11 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Miss E. J. Warwick bt G. N. Aspinall + 13  
J. G. Warwick w. o. Dr. W. P. Ormerod Opp. scr.  
G. Williams bt P. Newton + 3

SECOND ROUND

Miss E. J. Warwick bt Mrs H. F. Chittenden + 2  
J. G. Warwick w. o. Lt. Col. T. F. Laverty opp. scr.  
Dr. H. J. Penny bt Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith + 6  
G. Williams bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish + 9

SEMI-FINAL

Miss E. J. Warwick bt J. G. Warwick + 18  
G. Williams bt Dr. H. J. Penny + 11

FINAL

Miss E. J. Warwick bt G. Williams + 17

Play off. Miss E. J. Warwick bt G. N. Aspinall by 5

LEVEL SINGLES

(2½ to 6 bisques)  
(10 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

E. H. S. Shelton bt R. O. R. Whittington + 9  
Miss H. F. Paker bt Mrs R. A. Hill + 4

SECOND ROUND

Mrs E. N. Temple bt Maj. F. Hill Bernhard + 8  
E. H. S. Shelton bt Miss K. D. Hickson + 9  
B. E. Perry bt Miss H. F. Parker + 17  
Mrs E. N. McMillan bt Mrs M. McMordie + 13

SEMI-FINAL

E. H. S. Shelton bt Mrs E. N. Temple + 4  
B. E. Perry bt Mrs E. N. McMillan + 18

FINAL

B. E. Perry bt E. H. S. Shelton + 12

HANDICAP SINGLES 'A'

(6½ to 9 bisques)  
(6 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Miss H. F. Woolley (6½) bt Mrs W. A. Naylor (6½) + 6  
Mrs C. Devitt (8) bt F. Henshaw (8) + 7

SEMI-FINAL

Miss H. F. Woolley (6½) bt P. Cross (7) + 6  
Mrs G. Hill (8) bt Mrs C. Devitt (8) + 7

FINAL

Mrs G. Hill (8) bt Miss H. F. Woolley (6½) + 16

HANDICAP SINGLES 'B'

(10 bisques & Over)  
(8 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Miss M. D. McMordie (16) bt Mrs E. M. Goodricke (16) + 2 on time.  
Miss M. M. Fickling (14) bt Mrs. P. Newton (16) + 8  
Mrs I. M. Purves (10) bt Mrs R. Creed-Meredith (16) + 8  
Mrs G. L. Ormerod (11) bt Mrs D. Wayman (16) + 9

SEMI-FINAL

Miss M. M. Fickling (14) bt Miss M. D. McMordie (16) + 10  
Mrs G. L. Ormerod (11) bt Mrs I. M. Purves (10) + 12

FINAL

Miss M. M. Fickling (14) bt Mrs G. L. Ormerod (11) + 5

HANDICAP SINGLES 'X'

(28 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs W. A. Naylor (6½) bt Miss M. M. Fickling (14) + 7  
 R. O. B. Whittington (4) bt F. Henshaw (8) + 7  
 E. H. S. Shelton (4) bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish (-1½) + 26  
 Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) bt Mrs E. M. Temple (4) + 14  
 Mrs H. F. Chittenden (-½) bt P. Newton (2) + 20  
 B. E. Perry (5) bt Mrs E. M. McMillan (3) + 18  
 J. G. Warwick (-2) bt Maj. F. Hill Bernhard (3) + 5  
 Mrs G. L. Ormerod (11) bt Mrs C. Devitt (8) + 8  
 Mrs R. A. Hill (6) w. o. Lt. Col. T. F. Laverty (2) opp. scr.  
 Mrs G. Hill (8) bt G. Williams (-1) + 4  
 G. N. Aspinall (0) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (1) + 12  
 Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (3) + 18  
 Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith (2) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (4) + 18

SECOND ROUND

Miss H. D. Parker (2½) bt Mrs L. M. Purves (10) + 16  
 R. O. B. Whittington (4) bt Mrs W. A. Naylor (6½) + 12  
 Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) bt E. H. S. Shelton (4) + 4  
 Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith (2) bt Mrs H. F. Chittenden (-½) + 16  
 B. E. Perry (5) bt J. G. Warwick (-3) + 20  
 Mrs G. L. Ormerod (11) bt Mrs R. A. Hill (6½) + 6  
 G. N. Aspinall (0) bt Mrs G. Hill (8) + 19  
 P. Cross (7) bt Mrs M. McMordie (4) + 8

THIRD ROUND

R. O. B. Whittington (4) bt Miss H. D. Parker (2½) + 8  
 Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) bt Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith (0) + 16  
 B. E. Perry (5) bt Mrs G. L. Ormerod (11) + 21  
 G. N. Aspinall (0) bt P. Cross (7) + 12

SEMI-FINAL

R. O. B. Whittington (4) bt Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) + 2  
 G. N. Aspinall (0) bt B. E. Perry (5) + 14

FINAL

G. N. Aspinall (0) bt R. O. B. Whittington (4) + 19

HANDICAP SINGLES 'Y'

(14 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

F. Henshaw (8) w. o. Miss M. M. Fickling (14) opp. scr.  
 Miss K. D. Hickson (3) bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish (-1½) + 25  
 Mrs E. M. McMillan (3) w. o. Maj. F. Hill Bernhard (3) opp. scr.  
 G. Williams (-1) w. o. Mrs C. Devitt (8) opp. scr.  
 Dr. H. J. Penny (1) w. o. Mrs R. A. Hill (6) opp. scr.

SECOND ROUND

F. Henshaw (8) bt Mrs I. M. Purves (10) + 10  
 P. Newton (2) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (3) + 8  
 G. Williams (-1) bt Mrs E. M. McMillan (3) + 22  
 Dr. H. J. Penny (1) bt Mrs M. McMordie (4) + 6

SEMI-FINAL

F. Henshaw (8) bt P. Newton (2) + 5  
 Dr. H. J. Penny (1) bt G. Williams (-1) + 5

FINAL

F. Henshaw (8) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (1) + 4

HANDICAP DOUBLES

(Handicap not less than 2 bisques)  
 (14 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

G. N. Aspinall & Mrs G. L. Ormerod (11) bt V. A. de la Nougere & F. Henshaw (7) + 11  
 Mrs E. M. McMillan & R. O. B. Whittington (7) bt Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith & Mrs W. A. Naylor (8½) + 7  
 Miss E. J. Warwick & B. E. Perry (2) bt P. Newton & Mrs P. Newton (16) + 17  
 Mrs M. McMordie & Mrs C. Devitt (12) bt Mrs E. M. Temple & P. Cross (11) + 14  
 Mrs H. F. Chittenden & Miss H. D. Parker (2) bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish & Miss M. D. McMordie (12½) + 6  
 Maj. F. Hill Bernhard & Mrs G. Hill (11) bt Dr. H. J. Penny & Miss K. D. Hickson (4) + 4

SECOND ROUND

G. N. Aspinall & Mrs G. L. Ormerod (11) bt J. G. Warwick & E. H. S. Shelton (2) + 1  
 Mrs E. M. McMillan & R. O. B. Whittington (7) bt Miss E. J. Warwick & B. E. Perry (2) + 4  
 Mrs H. F. Chittenden & Miss H. D. Parker (2) bt Mrs M. McMordie & Mrs C. Devitt (12) + 14  
 G. Williams & Miss M. M. Fickling (13) bt Maj. F. Hill Bernhard & Mrs G. Hill (11) + 8

SEMI-FINAL

G. N. Aspinall & Mrs G. L. Ormerod (11) bt Mrs E. M. McMillan & R. O. B. Whittington (7) + 2  
 G. Williams & Miss M. M. Fickling (13) bt Mrs H. F. Chittenden & Miss H. D. Parker (2) + 9

FINAL

G. N. Aspinall & Mrs G. L. Ormerod bt G. Williams & Miss M. M. Fickling (13) + 1

CHELTENHAM

(American) Non-Official, June 24th - 26th.

**B**Y EXCELLENT timing on the part of the Manager, W/Cdr. Smith, 62 games were played, with only one pegged-down game, and that by request. Each player was able to play 7 games - quite a record. If you have never been to Cheltenham, it is time you came, to experience croquet as near perfect as one could wish. The Club is in a beautiful setting, the members very friendly.

Its true one player went to sleep with 3½ bisques, and the lowest scorer had fun with her "Booby Prize", who wouldn't? A coat-hanger represented by a nail, a lighter by a match, and 5/-.

Leamington Spa's E. Sidwell came through the final play-off against W/Cdr. Smith who proved the winner, a fitting reward for all his hard work.

Keith Ross (Oxford), won his block and played very well, C. H. Townsend and Mrs. Bressey, were not among the honours, but enjoyed the week-end and said they had learnt a lot.

(18 Entries)

BLOCK "A"

Winner E. Sidwell (2). Beat Miss A. M. Vick (15). G. E. P. Jackson (-1½). Mrs R. A. Lewty (6). D. A. Wilson (12\*)  
 Lost to Miss H. McKean (10).

BLOCK "B"

Winner W/Cdr. E. M. Smith (6). Beat F. W. Meredith (2). Mrs A. M. Daniels (½). R. A. Lewty (10). Mrs E. E. Bressey (14). Lost to Col. G. T. Wheeler (4).

BLOCK "C"

Winner K. A. Ross (3). Beat C. H. Townshend (8). L. G. Ayliffe (11). Miss W. K. Allardyce (16). Mrs B. E. Paris (4). Miss K. M. O. Sessions (1½).

FINAL PLACINGS AFTER INTER BLOCK SUCCESS ORDER PLAY OFF

1st. W/Cdr. E. M. Smith (6). 2nd. E. Sidwell (2). 3rd. K. A. Ross (3). 4th. Miss K. M. O. Sessions (1½). 5th. Col. G. T. Wheeler (4). 6th. D. A. Wilson (12\*).

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

JUNE (Unofficial) TOURNAMENT

**I**N A WEEK of glorious sunshine, Budleigh Salterton unofficial tournament enjoyed a pleasant and relaxing week's croquet. B. G. Perry, the laurels of Parkstone still fresh upon his brow, wiped the floor with all and sundry and won the J. K. Brown Memorial Cup on its first appearance rather easily from Col. W. R. Healing in the final, but only after a tough, exciting and well played game against Comdr. G. Borrett in the semi final. Mrs Ross, the other semi finalist from an easier block, failed to find her form, but had compensation by appearing in the final of the handicap doubles with her husband.

They fell however to the wonderful skill, patience, persistence and knowledge of Mrs G. F. H. Elvey in piloting Mrs Douglas Bird, a complete novice, who had never even played a single for fun, let alone in anger, to a great triumph.

Miss Warwick managed skilfully and dealt firmly as handicapper with those who had the temerity to show skill, and the prizes were presented by H. S. Clemons, a visitor from Tasmania, who from his graceful speech, appears to have enjoyed his week's croquet.

Handicap Singles Play Off Semi Finals.

Col. W. R. Healing (1) winner of Block D. beat Mrs A. S. C. Ross (8) winner of Block B by 13  
 B. G. Perry (4) winner of Block A. beat Comdr. G. Borrett (1½) winner of Block C by 9

Final

B. G. Perry (4) beat Col. W. R. Healing (1) by 24

Handicap Doubles Semi Finals.

Mrs G. H. F. Elvey & Mrs D. J. Bird (14) beat J. G. Warwick & Mrs F. A. Sheil (12) by 5

Prof. A. S. C. Ross & Mrs A. S. C. Ross (12) beat Miss E. J. Warwick & F. Henshaw (4½) by 8

Final

Mrs G. F. H. Elvey & Mrs D. J. Bird beat Prof. & Mrs A. S. C. Ross by 13.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

Open Tournament

**B**UDLEIGH SALTERTON regrets the illnesses and infirmities from which many of its regular customers are suffering and wishes them a speedy recovery.

Amongst welcome new comers were Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Devitt, both of whom had their successes; Mr. & Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon, Captain H. F. Nalder who won the Stone Cup; Miss F. Joly from Ireland, and last but not least Roger Bray from Colchester, last years winner of the All England Handicap. Here he won both the draw and the process, which won him the Colman Cup and a C. A. Silver Medal, and with Peter Hallett, he also won the handicap doubles in what is thought to be a record time of 29½ minutes for the final.

The shades of night were falling fast as Jack Lee won the Longman Cup in the B. event, (please play a little faster Jack) and the score sheet will reveal to the initiated that there were many exciting, surprising and unexpected results for which there is no space.

Instructions too are that the weather, management, catering, lawns, prizegiving, speeches and other matters are to be left to the imagination.

OPEN SINGLES 'A'

(24 Entries)

DRAW

FIRST ROUND

Lt. Col. F. E. Stobart bt W. B. C. Paynter + 5  
 Mrs E. M. Lightfoot bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt + 13  
 Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt R. A. Godby + 16  
 Mrs E. Rotherham bt Mrs R. B. N. Smartt + 17  
 Cmdr. G. Borrett bt Mrs W. Longman + 1 on time  
 Lt. Col. G. E. Cave bt P. D. Hallett + 18  
 H. S. Clemons bt Mrs G. E. H. Elvey + 3  
 Miss E. J. Warwick bt Miss F. Joly + 23

SECOND ROUND

R. O. Hicks bt Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard + 6  
 A. J. Cooper bt J. G. Warwick + 5  
 Lt. Col. F. E. Stobart bt Mrs E. M. Lightfoot + 13  
 Mrs E. Rotherham bt Comdr. G. V. G. Beamish + 17  
 Lt. Col. G. E. Cave bt Comdr. G. Borrett + 4  
 H. S. Clemons bt Miss E. J. Warwick + 7  
 Col. D. W. Beamish bt R. F. Rothwell + 19  
 R. W. Bray bt M. B. Reckitt + 10

THIRD ROUND

A. J. Cooper bt R. O. Hicks + 4  
 Mrs E. Rotherham bt Lt. Col. F. E. Stobart + 21  
 H. S. Clemons bt Lt. Col. G. E. Cave + 14  
 R. W. Bray bt Col. D. W. Beamish + 15

SEMI-FINAL

A. J. Cooper bt Mrs E. Rotherham + 24  
 R. W. Bray bt H. S. Clemons + 8

FINAL

R. W. Bray bt A. J. Cooper + 12

PROCESS

P. D. Hallett bt M. B. Reckitt + 9  
 Col. D. W. Beamish bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt + 18  
 A. J. Cooper bt Miss E. Joly + 3  
 Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt Mrs G. F. H. Elvey (10)  
 R. W. Bray bt Lt. Col. G. E. Cave + 13  
 R. F. Rothwell bt W. B. C. Paynter + 24  
 H. S. Clemons bt R. O. Hicks + 10  
 Miss E. J. Warwick bt G. J. Warwick + 7

SECOND ROUND

P. D. Hallett bt Col. D. W. Beamish by 16  
 Mrs E. Rotherham bt A. J. Cooper + 9  
 Mrs W. Longman bt Lt. Col. F. E. Stobart + 11  
 R. A. Godby bt Lt. Col. Prichard + 17  
 R. W. Bray bt Mrs E. M. Lightfoot + 22  
 Miss E. J. Warwick bt Mrs R. B. N. Smartt + 13  
 R. F. Rothwell bt Cmdr. G. Borrett + 4  
 H. S. Clemons bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish + 12

THIRD ROUND

P. D. Hallett bt Mrs E. Rotherham + 13  
 R. A. Godby bt Mrs W. Longman + 4  
 R. W. Bray bt Miss E. J. Warwick + 8  
 R. F. Rothwell bt H. S. Clemons + 18

SEMI-FINAL

R. A. Godby bt P. D. Hallett + 19  
 R. W. Bray bt R. F. Rothwell + 18

FINAL

R. W. Bray bt R. A. Godby + 23

Play Off

R. A. Bray winner  
 A. J. Cooper bt R. A. Godby in play off for second place.

LEVEL SINGLES 'B'

(2 to 6 bisques)  
 (17 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Prof. A. S. C. Ross bt Mrs R. A. Hill + 23

SECOND ROUND

G. R. Mills bt Lt. Col. F. Laverty + 17  
 G. B. Perry bt Mrs R. G. Michelmore + 17  
 Mrs F. R. Briggs bt Miss K. Ault w/o  
 Prof. A. S. C. Ross bt Mrs M. A. C. MacMillan + 7  
 E. H. Shelton bt Maj. E. C. Heathcote + 5  
 Miss V. E. Mills bt Mrs D. M. C. Prichard + 15  
 J. Lee bt Miss A. E. Mills + 13

THIRD ROUND

B. G. Perry bt G. R. Mills + 19  
 Prof. A. S. C. Ross bt Mrs F. R. Briggs + 10  
 Miss V. E. Mills bt E. H. Shelton + 2  
 J. Lee bt Miss J. Cooper . retired.

SEMI-FINAL

Prof. A. S. C. Ross bt B. G. Perry + 14  
 J. Lee bt Miss V. E. Mills + 10

FINAL

L. Lee bt Prof. A. S. C. Ross + 8

HANDICAP SINGLES 'C'

(6½ to 16 Bisques)  
 (14 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs S. S. Cruden (7) bt Mrs R. C. Hawkins (6½) + 9  
 Mrs F. E. M. Puxon (8) bt Mrs H. Harris (16) + 5  
 Sir Leonard Daldry (6½) bt Mrs H. J. Devitt (12) + 6  
 F. Henshaw (7½) bt Mrs D. L. Latham (6½) + 11  
 Capt. H. F. Nalder (7½) bt F. E. M. Puxon (8) + 20  
 H. J. Devitt (11) bt Miss B. Setter (11) + 16

SECOND ROUND

Mrs S. S. Cruden (7) bt Mrs A. S. C. Ross (8) + 3  
 Mrs F. E. M. Puxon (8) bt Sir Leonard Daldry (6½) + 4 on time.  
 Capt. H. F. Nalder (7½) bt F. Henshaw (7½) + 12  
 Mrs G. E. Cave (9) bt H. J. Devitt (11) + 11

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs S. S. Cruden (7) bt Mrs F. E. M. Puxon (8) + 5  
 Capt. H. F. Nalder (7½) bt Mrs G. E. Cave (9) + 12

FINAL

Capt. F. Nalder (7½) bt Mrs S. S. Cruden (6) + 4

HANDICAP SINGLES OPEN

(53 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs E. Rotherham (-3) bt Prof. A. S. C. Ross (3½) + 4  
 Miss A. E. Mills (2) bt Mrs R. B. N. Smartt (1½) + 9  
 P. D. Hallett (1½) bt J. Lee (4) + 12  
 F. E. M. Puxon (8) bt Mrs R. G. Michelmore (4) + 14  
 Cmdr. G. Borrett (½) bt J. G. Warwick (-2) + 5  
 Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish (-1½) bt Miss Setter (11) + 17  
 E. H. Shelton (4) bt Mrs H. Harris (16) + 14  
 R. W. Bray (1½) bt Mrs E. M. Lightfoot (2) + 13  
 W. B. C. Paynter (-½) bt Mrs F. E. M. Puxon (8) + 17  
 Lt. Col. F. E. Stobart (½) bt R. A. Godby (-½) + 7  
 Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (1) bt Miss K. Ault w/o  
 Miss V. E. Mills (2) bt Mrs G. F. H. Elvey (-½) + 12  
 Capt. H. F. Nalder (7½) bt R. O. Hicks (-1½) + 24  
 A. J. Cooper (-3) bt Mrs A. S. C. Ross (8) + 8  
 Mrs H. J. Devitt (12) bt R. F. Rothwell (-1) + 7  
 B. G. Perry (2) bt Mrs F. R. Briggs (2½) + 16  
 Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-2½) bt M. B. Reckitt (-1) + 15  
 Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) bt Mrs W. Longman (-1½) + 21  
 Sir Leonard Daldry (6½) bt H. S. Clemons (0) + 26  
 Mrs D. M. C. Prichard (4) bt Mrs S. S. Cruden (7) + 13

SECOND ROUND

Miss F. Joly (6) bt Mrs R. A. Hill (1½) + 7  
 H. J. Devitt (11) bt Mrs N. A. C. MacMillan (3) + 20  
 Lt. Col. G. E. Cave (-1) bt G. R. Mills (4) + 2  
 Miss A. E. Mills (2) bt Mrs E. Rotherham (-3) + 23

P. D. Hallett (1½) bt F. E. M. Puxon (8) + 17  
 Cmdr. G. Borrett (½) bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish (-1½) + 4  
 R. W. Bray (1½) bt E. H. Shelton (4) + 10  
 Lt. Col. F. E. Stobart (½) bt W. B. C. Paynter (-½) + 17  
 Miss V. E. Mills (1) bt Dr. R. Smartt (1) + 2  
 A. J. Cooper (-3) bt Capt. H. Nalder (7½) + 19  
 B. G. Perry (4) bt Mrs H. J. Devitt (12) + 12  
 Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) bt Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-2½)  
 Sir Leonard Daldry (6½) bt Mrs D. M. C. Prichard (4)  
 Miss D. L. Latham (7) bt Capt. M. Buller (½) + 6  
 Miss J. Cooper (4) bt Miss E. Fisher w/o  
 P. J. Cooper (-1½) bt Col. D. W. Beamish (5) + 23

THIRD ROUND

H. J. Devitt (11) bt Miss F. Joly (6)  
 Miss A. E. Mills (2) bt Lt. Col. G. E. Cave (-1½) + 25  
 P. D. Hallett (1½) bt Cmdr. G. Borrett (½) + 3  
 Lt. Col. F. E. Stobart w/o opponent retired.  
 A. J. Cooper (-3) bt Miss V. Mills (2) + 2  
 B. G. Perry (4) bt Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) + 6  
 Sir L. Daldry (6½) bt Miss Latham (7½) + 21  
 P. J. Cooper (5) bt Miss J. Cooper (4) w/o.

FOURTH ROUND

Miss A. E. Mills (2) bt H. J. Devitt (11) + 2  
 Lt. Col. F. E. Stobart w/o. opponent scratched.  
 B. G. Perry w/o. opponent scratched.  
 Sir Leonard Daldry (6½) bt P. J. Cooper (5) + 5

SEMI-FINAL

Miss A. E. Mills (2) bt Lt. Col. F. E. Stobart (½) + 5  
 B. G. Perry (2) bt Sir Leonard Daldry (6½) + 12

FINAL

B. G. Perry (2) bt Miss A. E. Mills (2) + 19

DOUBLES HANDICAP

(No Minus Players Together)  
 (23 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs W. Longman & Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (-½) bt Mrs E. M. Lightfoot & Miss F. Joly (3½) + 3  
 R. F. Rothwell & H. S. Clemons (-½) bt M. B. Reckitt & Prof. A. S. C. Ross (2½) + 9  
 Maj. E. C. Heathcote & Mrs S. S. Cruden (9) bt R. A. Godby & Cmdr. G. Borrett (0) + 6  
 Mrs E. Rotherham & Mrs H. J. Devitt (8) bt Lt. Col. G. E. Cave & Capt. H. F. Nalder (6½) + 5  
 W. B. C. Paynter & G. R. Mills (3½) bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish & Miss A. E. Mills (½) + 18  
 J. G. Warwick & F. H. Henshaw (5) bt Mrs F. R. Briggs & J. Lee (6½) + 2  
 P. D. Hallett & R. W. Bray (3) bt F. E. M. Puxon & Mrs F. E. M. Puxon (16) + 4

SECOND ROUND

Miss E. J. Warwick & Sir Leonard Daldry (3½) bt Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard (1½) + 11  
 A. J. Cooper & Mrs N. A. C. MacMillan (0) bt Miss V. E. Mills & Mrs R. B. N. Smartt (3) + 21  
 Mrs W. Longman & Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (-1½) bt R. F. Rothwell & H. S. Clemons (-½) + 9  
 Mrs E. Rotherham & Mrs H. J. Devitt (8) bt Maj. E. C. Heathcote & Mrs S. S. Cruden (9) + 17  
 J. G. Warwick & F. Henshaw (5) bt W. B. C. Paynter & G. R. Mills (3½) + 18

P. D. Hallett & R. W. Bray (3) bt Mrs A. S. C. Ross & Miss G. Setter (18) + 11  
 Mrs G. F. H. Elvey & H. J. Devitt (10½) bt Lt. Col. T. F. Laverty & Mrs H. Harris (16) + 6  
 B. G. Perry & E. H. Shelton (6) bt Miss J. Cooper & P. J. Cooper (9) + 6

THIRD ROUND

A. J. Cooper & Mrs MacMillan (0) bt Miss E. J. Warwick & Sir Leonard Daldry (3½) + 3  
 Mrs W. Longman & Dr. R. Smartt (-1½) bt Mrs E. Rotherham & Mrs Devitt (8) + 14  
 P. D. Hallett & R. W. Bray (3) bt J. G. Warwick & F. Henshaw (5) + 16  
 B. G. Perry & E. H. Shelton (6) bt Mrs G. F. H. Elvey & H. J. Devitt (10½) + 12

SEMI-FINAL

A. J. Cooper & Mrs N. A. C. MacMillan (0) bt Mrs W. Longman & Mrs R. B. N. Smartt (-1½) + 1 on time.  
 P. D. Hallett & R. W. Bray (3) bt B. G. Perry & E. H. Shelton (6) + 16

FINAL

P. D. Hallett & R. W. Bray (3) bt A. J. Cooper & Mrs MacMillan (0) + 26

DOUBLES HANDICAP

(Pairs to be 4 bisques or more)  
 (15 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

Dr. R. B. N. Smartt & G. B. Horridge (7) bt Major E. C. Heathcote & Mrs W. Nash (11) + 3  
 J. G. Warwick & Mrs F. A. Sheil (12) bt Cmdr. G. Borrett & J. Lee (6½) + 5  
 Miss V. E. Mills & G. R. Mills (6) bt Mrs F. R. Briggs & Maj. R. S. G. Atchley (11½) + 11  
 Miss E. J. Warwick & F. Henshaw (4½) bt Col. W. R. Healing & Miss J. Cooper (5) + 14  
 Miss A. E. Mills & Miss K. Ault (5) bt E. H. Shelton & B. G. Perry (8) + 10  
 Prof. A. S. C. Ross & Mrs A. S. C. Ross (12) bt N. B. C. Paynter & Sir L. Daldry (6½) + 2  
 H. S. Clemons & D. W. Bateson (8) bt Capt. M. Buller & Mrs H. Harris (14½) opp. Retired on peg.

SECOND ROUND

Mrs G. F. H. Elvey & Mrs D. J. Bird (14) bt Dr. R. B. N. Smartt & G. B. Horridge (7) + 24  
 J. G. Warwick & Mrs F. A. Sheil (12) bt Miss V. E. Mills & G. R. Mills (6) + 1 on time  
 Miss E. J. Warwick & F. Henshaw (4½) bt Miss A. E. Mills & Miss K. Ault (5) + 14  
 Prof. A. S. C. Ross & Mrs A. S. C. Ross (12) bt H. S. Clemons & D. W. Bateson (8) + 4 on time.

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs G. F. H. Elvey & Mrs D. J. Bird (14) bt J. G. Warwick & Mrs F. A. Sheil (12) + 5  
 Prof. A. S. C. Ross & Mrs A. S. C. Ross (12) bt Miss E. J. Warwick & F. Henshaw (4½) + 8

FINAL

Mrs G. F. H. Elvey & Mrs D. J. Bird (14) bt Prof. A. S. C. Ross & Mrs A. S. C. Ross (12) + 13



## THE CHALLENGE & GILBEY CUPS

To set the Cause above renown,  
To love the game beyond the prize,  
To honour, while you strike him down,  
The foe that comes with fearless eyes.

Sir Henry Newbolt might well have been talking about Croquet; certainly we all love the game; many were struck down this week, and it was usually the foe who appeared fearless!

Challenge and Gilbey was played as an American Tournament for the first time, at Roehampton, with a three hour time limit. Players in the 5 Blocks were thus ensured a number of games. The Manager, Miss Lintern, had spent the previous week preparing a magnificent chart. All the competitors knew exactly when they would be needed and this contributed largely to their enjoyment.

A few of the matches were played at Hurlingham, where three lawns were set aside for Roehampton. At both Clubs they were in perfect condition, although when hoops were over-run, players were apt to comment that there were fast spots.

Mr. Caporn worked hard as Assistant Manager, and also played some fine games to win "A" Block. Mr. Hamilton-Miller had a splendid four ball break against him and attempted a double peel, but broke down at penultimate. Mr. Caporn was almost round, and stuck in rover, luckily with a bisque in hand, so he went on to win the match.

Lady Ursula Abbey made a good break and went to the peg in her match against Mr. Hamilton-Miller, with 2½ bisques in hand. After various vicissitudes her opponent pegged her out, when she was for 3 back and had used 2 bisques getting her second ball round. Unfortunately and most unusually for Mr. Hamilton-Miller he stuck in hoops and at the last it was disastrous, as Lady Ursula got in and went out.

The winner of Block B, Mr. Riggall, and Block D, General Davidson, had an extraordinary game in the play-off to enter the semi-final. Mr. Riggall with his blue clip on rover, suddenly had a mental aberration and in the next turn took his blue ball back through hoop 5. The excited spectators watched him proceed round again to 3 back before realising his mistake. After the balls were replaced, the General made a break, but wasn't hitting in well, and Mr. Riggall won.

Mrs Sundius-Smith reached the final without losing game. In the semi-final she met the winner of Block E, Mrs Higgins, a promising newcomer to Croquet, who plays on a ½ size lawn.

The winners of the Blocks played off for the Challenge Cups, while the runners-up competed for the Gilbey and Supplementary Cups.

Mrs. Lightfoot won the Gilbey Cup, with Brigadier Forbes as runner-up. Mrs Bartlett at the age of 87½ did splendidly to become the proud winner of a Supplementary Cup.

In the final of the Challenge Cup Mr. Riggall beat Mrs. Sundius-Smith after a long and damp match in which both contestants found it hard to get going.

J. S. S.

## ROEHAMPTON

11th - 17th July, 1966.

### BLOCK 'A'. Winner

D. C. Caporn (1½) won 5 games beating D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-3) + 4, W. B. C. Paynter (-½) + 5, M. F. Buller (½) + 12, Mrs G. W. Solomon (1) + 6, Mrs E. M. Lightfoot (2) + 9, and lost to Lady Ursula Abbey (1½) by 4.

### BLOCK 'B'. Winner

L. Riggall (5) won 4 games beating Mrs P. D. Whowan (2) + 21, Miss B. Duthie (4) + 4, \* Mrs J. Speer (5) + 2, Mrs L. Riggall (5) + 17, and lost to \*W. B. Franklin (3) by 2, and \*Brig. A. F. G. Forbes (5½) by 1.

### BLOCK 'C'. Winner

Mrs B. L. Sundius-Smith (6½) won 5 games beating Mrs F. H. N. Davidson (5) + 20, \*Mrs L. Farlie (6) + 14, \*J. L. Sanders (6½) + 1, Mrs G. Trull (7) + 8, \*Mrs. B. E. Paris (8) + 12.

### BLOCK 'D'. Winner

Major Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (6½) won 5 games beating Mrs M. H. Carrington (6½) + 19, Mrs T. D. Raikes (7) + 9, Mrs H. Wills (7½) + 4, Mrs A. E. Millar (8) + 6, Mrs. T. Croal (8) + 19.

### BLOCK 'E'. Winner

Mrs B. M. Higgins won 4 games beating Miss G. Bartlett (9) \*Mrs D. F. Caporn (10) + 2, Mrs C. Parr (11) + 12, \*Mrs H. Denny (12) + 7 and lost to Mrs E. E. Bressy (13) \* by 2.

\* Games won on time.

### BLOCK 'A'. Runner-up

Mrs E. M. Lightfoot (2) won 4 games beating W. B. C. Paynter (-½) + 18, M. F. Buller (½) + 12, Mrs G. W. Solomon (1) + 9, Lady Ursula Abbey (1½) + 6 and lost to D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-3) by 7 and D. C. Caporn (1½) by 9.

### BLOCK 'B'. Runner-up

Brig. A. F. G. Forbes (5½) won 4 games beating Mrs P. D. Whowan (2) + 19, W. B. Franklin (3) + 4, Mrs J. Speer (5) + 10, \*L. Riggall (5) + 1 and lost to \*Miss B. Duthie (4) by 5 and \*Mrs L. Riggall (5) + 10.

### BLOCK 'C'. Runner-up

J. L. Sanders (6½) won 4 games beating Mrs H. F. N. Davidson + 17, Mrs L. Farlie (6) + 14, Mrs G. Trull (7) + 14, Mrs B. E. Paris (8) + 22, and lost to \*Mrs B. L. Sundius-Smith (6½) by 1.

### BLOCK 'D'. Runner-up

Mrs A. E. Millar (8) won 4 games beating \*Mrs M. H. Carrington (6½) + 15, Mrs T. D. Raikes (7) + 16, Mrs H. Wills (7½) + 14, Mrs T. Croal (8) + 14, and lost to Gen. Davidson (6½) by 6.

### BLOCK 'E'. Runner-up

Miss G. Bartlett (9) won 4 games beating \*Mrs E. E. Bressy (13) + 5, \*Mrs D. F. Caporn (10) + 2, Mrs C. Parr (11) + 11, \*Mrs H. Denny (12) + 6, and lost to Mrs B. M. Higgins (9) by 9.

\*Games won on time.

## ROEHAMPTON

HANDICAP SINGLES  
American Tournament

Play off of Winners of Blocks for Challenge Cups.

### FIRST ROUND

L. Riggall (5) bt Maj. Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (6½) + 12

### SEMI-FINAL

L. Riggall (5) bt D. C. Caporn (1½) + 12  
Mrs B. L. Sundius-Smith (6½) bt Mrs B. M. Higgins (9) + 9

### FINAL

L. Riggall (5) bt Mrs B. L. Sundius-Smith (6½) + 7

Play off of Runners-up in each block for Gilbey & Supplementary Cups.

### FIRST ROUND

Mrs E. M. Lightfoot (2) bt Mrs A. E. Millar (8) + 10

### SEMI-FINAL

Mrs E. M. Lightfoot (2) bt Miss G. Bartlett (9) + 10  
Brig. A. F. G. Forbes (5½) bt J. L. Sanders (6½) + 6

### FINAL

Mrs E. M. Lightfoot (2) bt Brig. A. F. G. Forbes (5½) + 2

## Results and Scores of Club Matches

Hurlingham lost to Oxford by four games to two with two games unfinished.

The Heley Club beat Chelmsford and Colchester 5 - 4

Roehampton beat Cambridge University 5 matches to 2. 2 unfinished.

Essex University beat Chelmsford & Colchester 7 - 2

## Future Events

Conditions and information are as published on page 11 in the July edition of CROQUET.

## CHELTENHAM

An unofficial Tournament will be held August 12th to 14th inclusive. Handicap American Singles with a guaranteed minimum of 5 games. Entrance fee 15/- (non-associates 5/- extra tribute).

Entries to reach the Tournament Secretary, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, not later than first post Thursday 11th August 1966.

## CHELTENHAM UNOFFICIAL THREE DAY TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD ON

Friday October 14th - Sunday October 16th, 1966.

### EVENTS

#### 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 first post Tuesday October 11th.

## THE PRESIDENT'S CUP

Presented to the C. A. in 1934 by the late Trevor Williams, Esq.

Holder J. P. R. Bolton

For the eight best available players of the preceding twelve months in the C. A. invited by the Council of the C. A.

No Entrance Fee

Will be played for at the HURLINGHAM CLUB on Monday, September 5th and following days

COMMITTEE: The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association and The Hurlingham Club.

MANAGER: to be appointed

REFEREE: M. B. Reckitt

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

### CONDITIONS

Hoops 3 11/16in. wide will be used. The Council of the C. A. reserve the right to substitute hoops 3½in. wide at their discretion. Each competitor meets each of the other competitors twice in the competition.

If a competitor fails from any cause to play through the whole of the games in a series, his or 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 provided that in the event of a tie in the score the possession of the Cup for the year will be decided by a match of three games.

In the event of a tie between three competitors, each of these three will play a single game against each of the other two. If the issue is still undecided the three names will be drawn on the Bagnall-Wild system and single games will be played in each round.

In the event of a tie between more than three competitors, the names of the winners will be drawn on the Bagnall-Wild System and single games will be played in each round.

All competitors must furnish the Secretary with the address at which messages will reach them during the Tournament

Competitors must make themselves available for all hours of play.

Play will begin at 10 a. m. daily, unless competitors are notified to the contrary. Competitors must report themselves to the Manager on arrival and no leave can be given in any circumstances.

#### CHAIRMAN'S SALVER

For the second eight best available players of the preceding twelve months in the C. A. invited by the Council of the C. A.

No Entrance Fee

Will be played for at the HUNSTANTON CLUB on Monday, September 5th and following days

COMMITTEE: The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association and The Hunstanton Club.  
 MANAGER: Mrs Neville Rolfe  
 REFEREE: Mrs Neville Rolfe  
 SECRETARY: The Secretary, C. A. Hurlingham Club, London S. W. 6.

Conditions as for President's Cup except that 3½" hoops will be used.

#### THE SURREY CUP

Presented to the C. A. in 1955 by the Officers of the former Surrey County Union

Holder P. J. M. Fidler

Will be played for at the CHELTENHAM CLUB on Monday, September 5th and following days

by the eight players who have accepted the Council's invitation to compete.

MANAGER: Mrs A. M. Daniels  
 REFEREE: Miss W. Adye  
 COMMITTEE: The Tournament Committee of the C. A. and the Cheltenham Club.

Conditions as for the President's Cup except that -

- (i) 3½ in. hoops will be used.
- (ii) In the event of a tie between two competitors, a single game will be played.
- (iii) In the event of a tie between three or more competitors the names will be drawn on the Bagnall-Wild system and single games will be played in each round.

### PARKSTONE

(EAST DORSET) CROQUET TOURNAMENT

Monday, September 5th - 10th, 1966.

COMMITTEE: Croquet Committee of the Parkstone Club.  
 MANAGER & HANDICAPPER: V. A. de la Nougerede.  
 REFEREE: The Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith.  
 HON. SECRETARY: Mrs J. A. McMordie, Yapton, Delhi Close, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset.

#### EVENTS

1. OPEN SINGLES. Draw and Process. Bournemouth, Bowl and Ashton Cup. Entrance fee 12/6.
2. LEVEL SINGLES. Law 36 operates. For players 2½ - 6 bisques inclusive. Deshon Cup. Entrance fee 10/6.
3. HANDICAP SINGLES. For players of 6½ bisques and over. Halse Salver. Entrance fee 10/6.

IF SUFFICIENT ENTRIES this Event will be divided into 2 classes:-

- a) 6½ - 9 bisques inclusive.
- b) 10 bisques and over.

No player can enter for more than one Event of Nos. 1, 2 & 3.

4. HANDICAP SINGLES. Unrestricted. Gold Cup. Entrance fee 10/6.

5. HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined Handicaps not to be less than 2 bisques. Starting at 3rd hoop. Entrance fee 10/6 each player.

#### CONDITIONS

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 must reach the Hon. Secretary by midday, Thursday September 1st.

Entries for Event 5 will close on Monday September 5th. This Event will start on Tuesday 6th September.

The Draw will take place on Thursday September 1st at 3 p. m. at the Club House.

Five or six courts will be provided.

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

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

### ROEHAMPTON CLUB

A CROQUET TOURNAMENT

will be held on

MONDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER, 1966

AND FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS

(Under the Laws and Regulations of the Croquet Association)

COMMITTEE: The Croquet Committee of the Club.  
 MANAGER: Miss D. A. Lintern, assisted by the Committee.  
 REFEREE: M. B. Reckitt  
 HANDICAPPER: The Croquet Handicapping Committee of the Roehampton Club.  
 SECRETARY: Miss M. C. Adams (Games Secretary), Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, S. W. 15.

#### EVENTS

1. OPEN SINGLES. Draw and Process. The winner to hold the Ranelagh Gold Cup for one year. Entrance Fee 12s. 6d. Holder: J. A. Hollweg.
2. HANDICAP SINGLES. Open to Competitors with a handicap of 2½ to 7½. Entrance Fee 10s. 0d. Winner to hold the Brooke Challenge Cup for one year. Holder: D. C. Caporn.
3. HANDICAP SINGLES. Open to Competitors with a handicap of 8 bisques or more. Entrance Fee 10s. 0d. Winner 1965: Mrs H. Wills. N. B. - No Competitor may enter for more than one of the above events.
4. X AND Y HANDICAP SINGLES. In this event there will be a time limit of 3 hours in accordance with Reg. 8. Entrance Fee 12s. 6d. The Creyke Cups. Holders X: E. A. Roper. Y: Mrs E. Whitehead.
5. HANDICAP DOUBLES. Combined handicap not less than 5. Entrance Fee 6s. 6d. each. Games start at the 5th Hoop.

#### CONDITIONS

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 must reach the Games Secretary, accompanied by the ENTRANCE FEE, by the first post, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th, 1966. Entries for Event 5 close at mid-day on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th, 1966. The draw for Events 1 to 4 will take place at the Club at 11 a. m. on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th 1966.

Six lawns will be provided. If necessary some games will be played at Hurlingham Club. Entries will be limited.

### DEVONSHIRE PARK, EASTBOURNE

SOUTH OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS 1966

The Fifty-Ninth Annual Open Tournament will take place from Monday, September 26th to Saturday, October 1st and from Monday, October 3rd to Saturday, October 8th.

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

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

REFEREE: J. G. Warwick.

ASSITANT REFEREES: Will be appointed under Reg. 3 (a).

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

#### EVENTS 1st WEEK

1. IONIDES CHALLENGE TROPHY. OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP OR THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. DRAW AND PROCESS. Holder: D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller. Entrance Fee 15s.
2. DEVONSHIRE PARK SALVER. LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at ½ to 3 inclusive. Holder: Mrs N. A. Fotiadi. Entrance Fee 12/6d.
3. LUARD CUP. LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors 3½ to 6½ inclusive. Holder: Mrs D. M. C. Prichard. Entrance Fee 12/6d.
4. TREVOR WILLIAMS CUP. HANDICAP SINGLES. Open to competitors 7 bisques and over. Holder: Mrs J. R. Oxley. Entrance Fee 12/6d.
5. THE SUSSEX CHALLENGE CUP. HANDICAP SINGLES "X, Y". Holders: "X" P. D. Hallett. "Y" Miss E. J. Warwick. To be drawn in one block. Entrance Fee 15/-
6. HANDICAP DOUBLES. Open to pairs with combined handicap of not less than 2 bisques. All games to start at the 3rd hoop. Time limit 3½ hours. Winners: D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller & D. J. Bird. Entrance Fee 11/6d. each competitor.

#### EVENTS 2nd WEEK

- 1(a) THE O'CALLAGHAN GOLD CHALLENGE CUP MEN'S SINGLES. CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Holder: D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller. Entrance Fee 12/6d.
- 2(a) THE FRANC CHALLENGE TROPHY. WOMEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Holder: Mrs E. Rotherham. Entrance Fee 12/6d.
- 3(a) THE SUSSEX UNION CHALLENGE CUP. HANDICAP SINGLES "X, Y". Holders: "X" R. J. Leonard. "Y" Mrs W. A. T. Syngé. Entrance Fee 15/- To be drawn in one block.

4(a) THE FELIX CUP RESTRICTED HANDICAP SINGLES. DRAW & PROCESS. Restricted to competitors who have not entered for Events 1(a) or 2(a). Holder: G. R. Mills. Entrance Fee 15/-.

5(a) THE VICTOR VASES. OPEN DOUBLES. CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Holders: D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and Mrs E. Rotherham. Entrance Fee 13/- each competitor.

6(a) HANDICAP DOUBLES. Open to pairs with a combined handicap of not less than 4 bisques. Players who enter for event 5(a) may not enter for this event. All games to start at the 3rd hoop. Time limit 3½ hours. Winners: 1965: C. S. Phillips and Miss M. Bryan. Entrance Fee 11/6d. each competitor.

#### CONDITIONS

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

#### INFORMATION

ENTRIES, ACCOMPANIED BY ENTRANCE FEES, FOR ALL EVENTS (EXCEPT 6, 5a and 6a MUST REACH THE SECRETARY, C. A., HURLINGHAM, S. W. 6. BY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th. (Do not send entries to Devonshire Park). Cheques and Postal Order should be made payable to the Croquet Association.

Competitors may enter for Events 6, 5a and 6a, in the above way, and are advised to enter with a partner as these entries will take precedence over single entries; but if there is room entries will be accepted at Devonshire Park by the Secretary up to half an hour of the time of the draw.

PLEASE SEND SEPARATE ENTRY FORMS FOR EACH WEEK.

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

DRAW: The Draw for all Events except 6, 5a and 6a, will take place in the C. A. Offices, Hurlingham Club, London, S. W. 6. at 11.45 a. m. on Friday, September 16th. The Draw for Event 6, will take place at Devonshire Park at noon on Tuesday, September 27th and for Events 5a and 6a, at Devonshire Park at noon on Tuesday, October 4th.

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

Entries may be limited if found necessary.

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

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

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

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

EXHIBITION MATCHES will be played on Sunday 2nd October at 2.30 p. m.

#### PRACTICE AND FRIENDLY GAMES

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