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THE FOLLOWING conditions of play will apply to all Tournaments throughout the 1967 Season, and will not be published in any subsequent edition of "Croquet".

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 3.3/4" 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.

C.A.PUBLICATIONS

Abridged Handbook 1966-68	5/-	Simplified Laws . E.A.Roper	1/6
C.A.Handbook 1964	5/-	Instructions to Beginners	1/-
Know the Game. Croquet	3/6	12 Hints to Beginners	1/-

Laws and Amendments 3/6 Associates 2/6

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CALENDAR FIXTURES

April 14-17	Hunstanton (American) (Non-official)
" 21-23	Cheltenham (American) (Non-official)
May 8-13	Budleigh Salterton (Non-official)
" 13-15	Cheltenham (American) (Non-official)
" 15-20	Peels Memorials. Roehampton. Sec. C.A. Hurlingham
" 22-27	Southwick (Non-official) Hon. Tourn. Sec. Mrs. W. A. Naylor, 60 Southwick St., Southwick, Sussex.
" 30-2	Inter Counties Championship. Hurlingham.
June 5-10	Men's & Women's Championships - Roehampton
" 8-10	Golf Croquet. Roehampton. Sec. C. A. Hurlingham.
" 5-10	Ryde
" 9-11	Cheltenham (American) (Non-official)
" 10-17	Carrickmines Championship of Ireland
" 16-18	Nottingham (Week-end). Hon. Tourn. Sec. F. B. Stephens Ebor House, 24 Gladstone Terrace, Grantham, Lincs.
" 16-19	Woking
" 19-24	Compton
" 26-	Parkstone. Hon. Sec. Mrs. M. McMordie, Yapton, Delhi Close, Parkstone, Dorset.
July 2	Delhi Close, Parkstone, Dorset.
" 3-8	Budleigh Salterton (Non-official)
" 10-15	Budleigh Salterton
" 17-22	Challenge & Gilbey. Roehampton. Sec. C.A. Hurlingham
" 17-22	Chelmsford & Colchester
" 24-29	Cheltenham
" 26-27	All England Handicap Finals. Hurlingham
" 27-29	Championship of Champions. Hurlingham
" 31-5	Open Championships. Hurlingham
Aug. 7-16	Hurlingham. GAMES SEC. (NOT the C. A. Sec)
" 10-13	Cheltenham (American) (Non-official)
" 12-19	Carrickmines. Championship of Co. Dublin
" 21-26	Nottingham
" 25-27	Chelmsford & Colchester (Week-end)
" 28-2	Southwick. Hon. Sec. W. H. Austin
Sept. 4-9	Southwick. (Non-official) Hon. Tourn. Sec.
" 4-9	Hunstanton
" 4-9	Parkstone
" 11-15	President's Cup. Hurlingham
" 11-15	Chairman's Salver. Colchester. Sec. C. A. Hurlingham
" 11-15	Surrey Cup. Cheltenham. Sec. C. A. Hurlingham
" 25-30	Roehampton
Oct. 2-7	Devonshire Park. <u>1st Week</u> . entries to: Sec. C. A.
" 8-	Exhibition Match. Devonshire Park. Sec. C.A. Hurling.
" 9-14	Devonshire Park 2nd Week. entries to: H. C. S. Perry, Hockington House, Willingdon, Eastbourne, Sussex.
" 20-22	Cheltenham (American) (Non-official) Hon. Tourn. Sec.

C.A. Notices

ALL ASSOCIATES will be glad to know that our Patron, Her Majesty the Queen, has graciously consented to present the prizes to the winners of the Centenary All England Handicap Competition at Hurlingham on the morning of the 28th July.

Associates are asked to note that if they wish to be at Hurlingham on that morning, the procedure will be as follows:-

- (i) C. A. Associates will be admitted as usual for C. A. Events, on producing their blue membership cards, for 2/6.
 - (ii) If Associates wish to bring guests (this includes husband/wife, if non-Associates) they must write to the Secretary C. A., asking for pink vouchers, and giving name/s of the guest/s, and enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. These will pay the normal gate fee of 5/- at the gate and vouchers will be sent at the discretion of the Secretary. No money must be sent to the Secretary.
 - (iii) Non-Associates who have played in the Competition and been knocked out, may write to Mrs. V. C. Gasson and ask for pink vouchers for admission at 5/-.
- These vouchers are likely to be limited so it will be wise to apply early.
- Members and guests must arrive at the Main Gate of Hurlingham by 11 a. m.

It is proposed that there shall be a Croquet Dinner on the night of the 27th July. Fuller details will be given in a future issue.

1) Devonshire Park Tournament will be in two separate weeks - October 2nd - 7th managed by Major Dibley - and 9th - 14th managed by H. C. S. Perry and Lt. Col. G. E. Cave jointly. October is Eastbourne's busiest Conference month and in 1967 many hotels are already completely booked up.

2) For the 2nd week of the Tournament the programme has been revised and both The Men's Championship and The Women's Championship will be Draw and Process. For those not wishing to compete in this event there will be a Handicap Event which is X. Y. Z., which ensures 3 games for each player in that event alone, seldom seen these days.

Yours attention is drawn to the changed date of the Hunstanton Tournament. It was to be held on April 28th - May 1st and is now scheduled for 14TH - 17TH APRIL 1967.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MAGAZINE

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

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

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

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

At the special request of the Editor, Secretaries of Club Tournaments are asked to see that the result sheets and the Report reach me by the Wednesday morning following the Tournament.

CLUB ADVERTISEMENT RATES

£4. per single column - £2. per half column. Both subject to 25 per cent discount if a Report is subsequently published.

V. C. Gasson, Secretary C. A., Hurlingham Club, S. W. 6.

NOTES by ROVER

Crinoline to Mini-skirt

HOW WOULD OUR WOMEN players compare with the early champions? Could one of them, as a novice, who had never before played in public, beat a man who was recognised as the best player existing?

This was achieved by Miss Gower, in 1898 at Budleigh Salterton, and later in the year, in tropical heat, at Wimbledon, she again defeated Mr. Willis, the Champion of the United All-England Croquet Association. The Ladies' Field commented 'This proved that a woman could compete with success in the conflict of nerve, endurance and hard work which a week of match croquet involves.' Gone were the days when the fold of a dress inadvertently dislodged a ball lying against a wire and placed it in position for the hoop. Gone too, the dainty placing of a tiny foot, encased in kid, on her own ball, while her croquet stroke sent the other ball into the shrubbery.

One hundred years ago, on many lawns, men were prohibited from using two hands to hold their mallets. Their elegant opponents screened their complexions from the sun by parasols, leaving them only one hand to play with, and so were naturally reluctant to allow the opposite sex any advantage.

Miss Gower proved that hard hitting men could now be tackled by a young woman who had advanced beyond the tight croquet, and cages, and hour-glass mallets of the crinoline school. In the age of the mini-skirt, with two notable exceptions, few of our women players are in a position to compete with the talented male player on equal terms. It is to be hoped that an event and conditions to suit their prowess will shortly be instituted, which for those unable to qualify for the 3 Eights, will take the place of the suspended Ladies' Field Cup.

In Consequence Another Rover Writes

THE 3 EIGHTS which were first played last year look like establishing themselves as regular encounters to be fought out by the 24 most formidable players who are available. In the foreseeable future there are two facts which emerge with a degree of clarity. Firstly the two leading Lady players, Mrs. Rotherham and Miss Warwick will be sure of a place and secondly there are no other ladies likely to gain a place. Last year 7 players were invited and refused and all were men. For the second year in succession the Ladies' Field Cup has been suspended. The wisdom of this decision is not questioned but surely the moment is now ripe to establish a new and less exalted event at which the ladies can aim their sights.

It is suggested that it be played in Eights week and be known as the Ladies' Invitation Event for competition between the 8 most formidable lady players, who have not attained selection for any of the 3 Eights in the current year. The conditions of play should differ from that of the other Eights because history has proved that 3 games a day played over 4½ days is too great an endurance test for players of the gentler sex who have not the form to make the senior grade.

It is suggested, therefore, that the selected eight ladies play each other only once with 2 games a day Monday - Wednesday inclusive, and one game on Thursday which would leave the afternoon for pegged-down games, if any.

It is inconceivable that a venue could not be found and there is a substantial RAGE of ROVERESSES who support this plea to the Council and who would indemnify the Council against the cost of paying for a chosen venue.

The ladies play an essential part in the Croquet World so felicitously described by Miss Kathleen Waldron in a passage

which appeared in the January Gazette. Therefore it is only fair and right that the Council should take action to ensure that there are more ladies gracing the lawns during the interregnum of regular tournament play occasioned by Eights week. A new horizon of endeavour would be opened to far more than the eight players fortunate enough to gain a selected place.

Rover Comments on the New Mandate

THIS YEAR the Council decided to review the principle on which the contestants for the three Eights should be selected for the current year. The result in a new mandate to the selectors, which appears on page of this issue. In many ways, it is revolutionary. It could be that this mandate will be repeated year by year, but the Council for the current year can never absolve itself from the responsibility of deciding what is appropriate. For instance the Council have decided that the holder of the President's Cup should be entitled as of right to defend his title. There was considerable discussion on this topic during the playing season of 1966. The balance of opinion, as collected by this Rover, was in favour of the proposition, but it was not in the old mandate. Now it appears in black and white. A similar right of defence if a title is also given to the winners of the other Eights, providing that they have not earned promotion to a higher Eight. Likewise a place in the President's Cup is reserved for the winner of the 1967 Open Championship. It is almost inconceivable that he would not be chosen under the old mandate but the Council have taken the view that he is entitled to the honour of being an automatic selection. The next innovation is that the remaining contestants are being chosen in ranking order.

The Council for the playing season 1968 will have to decide whether this practice is to continue. One reason for this innovation is that the contestants for the other two Eights must of necessity be chosen in ranking order so that they can move up the ladder as vacancies occur. Thus, all are treated alike. By far the most important innovation is that the Selectors are no longer instructed by the Council to base their selections on the best current form during the preceding twelve months of play. This was all very well when the likely contestants were a leisured class playing the croquet circuit. The commitments of modern life make it impossible for many of our masters to play regularly in Tournaments.

The present instructions give the selectors a wider discretion. They are to be the judges of what they consider to be the relevant material in selecting the most formidable contestants available. The same principle is to be followed in selecting the 2nd and 3rd Eights. The Surrey Cup is now officially the 3rd Eight. It was treated as such in 1966 but one could find no words to justify this in the advertised conditions. A further principle has been established. No one can refuse promotion and all invitations to the minor Eights are now issued on the condition that a person selected must accept promotion or withdraw. The effect of this should be closely studied. If it works inequitably it can be revised. On the other hand any contestant can decline to accept demotion. How does that provision work? A player may inform the Secretary of the C. A. or the Selectors, "I will hold myself available to play in the President's Cup. If I am selected 9, 10 or 11 etc. on the roll of honour and the necessary vacancies occur I would like to be considered, but I will not in any event be available to play in the Chairman's Cup." Difficulties may arise in the case of last minute stand-in reserves. Experience may prove that the mandate may need some revision. So be it, the document is at the moment only an annual document to be annually revised. There is one last innovation which, it is hoped, will give universal satisfaction to players. There will be no secrecy after selection. The many players who are always assembled at Hurlingham will no longer be composed of two uneasy groups, those who know and those who do not know.

Handicaps

CLUB RECOMMENDATIONS

COMPTON

Wing Cmdr. D. L. Allen 9 to 8
Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens 13 to 12
H. J. Devitt 11 to 10
Mrs. H. A. Hall 9 to 8
N. V. Snell 7 to 6
C. J. H. Tolley 3½ to 2
Brig. E. E. Mockler-Ferryman 10
(New)
D. A. Harris 7 (New)

COLCHESTER

G. F. Hallett 6½ to 5½
Mrs. T. D. Raikes 6 to 5½
C. S. Ratcliffe 4½ to 4

BOWDON

G. V. Jervis 9 to 7½
N. Martin 9 to 5
R. A. W. Chaff 6½ (New)
Mrs. R. A. W. Chaff 12 to 11 (New)

TUNBRIDGE WELLS

C. S. Phillips 11 to 10

WREST PARK (Longman Cup)
W. T. B. Marchant 8 to 7

New Associates

D. A. HARRIS 2 Prinseps Court, Prinseps Road, Pevensey Bay, Sussex.
D. W. BATESON Oriol College, Oxford.
DR. W. R. BUCKNALL 26 Junction Road, Norton, Stockton-on-Tees.
J. A. WHEELER 6 Newbury Close, Silsoe, Beds.
C. F. ROBINSON Saint Hill Farm House, Penshurst, Kent.
E. M. DILLAWAY 34 Middleton Road, Shenfield, Essex.
MR. & MRS. R. A. W. CHAFF 2 Heald Mount, Heald Road, Bowdon, Cheshire.
F. REGAN 38 Silchester Road, Glengary, Co. Dublin, Eire.
M. WREN-HILTON "Silver Birches", Islay Road, Lytham St. Amnes.
P. A. TUNMER "Fourways", Stevens Cross, Sidford, Sidmouth, Devon.
A. FULLER 765 Park Avenue, New York, U. S. A.
L. E. BROOKES 62 Buckingham Road, Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex.
MRS. OGDEN-PHIPPS North Lake Trail, Palm Beach, Florida, U. S. A.

AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TO BE HELD AT THE HURLINGHAM CLUB
ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 31st 1967 at 6 p. m.

- Minutes of Meeting held May 23rd 1966.
- Appointment of new President.
- Appointment of two new Vice-Presidents
- Report and Balance Sheet.
- Election of Hon. Treasurer
Lt. Cmdr. G. W. Style retires and does not offer himself for re-election. Mr. A. J. Oldham is proposed by the Council to fill this vacancy.
- Election of Members of Council
The following retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election.
I. C. Baillieu, G. B. Birch, Dr. C. A. Boucher, G. V. Evans. D. W. Miller and Mrs. R. R. Williams have retired. There are therefore five vacancies to be filled.
- Resolution to appoint Auditors and to agree to their remuneration.
- Any other Business
- Vote of thanks to the Chairman.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND TRIBUTE, 1967.

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

B. Tribute.

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

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

Note

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

RETURN OF ATTENDANCE AT COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1966/67

	Laws	Tournament	Finance and General Purposes	Publicity	Council	Total Attendances	Total Possible Attendances
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (ex officio, all meetings)				1	4	5	8
L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts (ex officio, all meetings)		1	1	1	3	6	8
I. C. Baillieu	1		1		4	6	7
G. Birch					2	2	5
Dr. C. A. Boucher					2	2	5
D. C. Caporn		1		1	4	6	6
E. P. C. Cotter	1				2	3	5
Major J. H. Dibley		1	1	1	3	6	8
E. P. Duffield					3	3	6
G. Victor Evans			2		4	6	7
A. D. Karmel	1				2	3	5
Miss D. A. Lintern		1	2	1	4	8	8
D. Miller	1				4	5	5
Prof. B. G. Neal					2	2	5
Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard	1	1			4	6	6
A. A. Read					3	3	4
L. Riggall					2	2	4
J. M. Rivington	1		1		4	6	7
E. A. Roper			1		3	5	5
Mrs. E. Rotherham			1		4	5	5
J. W. Solomon	1	1	1		4	7	7
Lt. Cmdr. G. W. Style			2		3	5	6
S. S. Townsend			1		3	4	7
Mrs. R. R. Williams					0	0	5

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

AS APPEARS elsewhere the enormous pleasure at the acceptance of the letter from the Queen's private Secretary was communicated to the Council in January last.

As will be seen from the Minutes, a committee is well ahead with the arrangements for this important day.

The Chairman's Cup got off to a good start and it will be seen that the three eights are to be a continuing fixture. This year, however, the Chairman's Cup will be played at Colchester, and the probability is that its venue may circulate year by year.

We are very glad to welcome Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith as Honorary Assistant Editor.

During this year Sir Compton Mackenzie resigned as President of the Croquet Association.

I am glad to say that Mr. Reckitt has agreed to be nominated for this important post. This means that we automatically have only two Vice Presidents; but at the moment of writing, croquet has suffered another great loss in the death of Mr. W. Longman. An appreciation of his contribution to croquet appears elsewhere in this issue.

The Council Meetings are now well established on Saturdays at Hurlingham. We are very well catered for by the Club and meet in a pleasant atmosphere and great comfort.

Unfortunately, owing to the volume of work this year, the three meetings did not allow time for the important discussion which is now to take place next November on the Laws. It is possible an extra meeting in the winter may be necessary.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTENARY COMMITTEE

THIS IS THE year when we could really put Croquet on the Map and establish it as a thriving and expanding game for the seventies. As you know we are celebrating the 100th year of the Championships and the main way that we are going to do this is by a special handicap event played throughout the country called THE CENTENARY ALL ENGLAND HANDICAP.

The Secretaries of all registered Clubs have received full details of this special competition, as have all unregistered Clubs of whom we have knowledge. If you know of any of the latter who you think may not have been contacted please let me know. Please contact your Club's Secretary and make sure you have entered as all who do will receive a certificate, if they would like one and tell their Secretary. The initial rounds will be played in your Club and the winner, or winners if played in more than one block, will receive a bronze medal. They will go and play in their Area Finals, which are being staged at 11 Area Clubs over the weekends of either 24/25 June, 1/2 or 7/8 July and the winner will receive a special decorative plaque. The Area Winners will play at Hurlingham on 26th/27th July and the winner and runner up will receive a rose bowl and silver salver respectively. All these prizes will be won outright.

H. M. The Queen will present the winners with their prizes at the Hurlingham Club on the 28th July. It is a great honour that our distinguished Patron has been graciously pleased to attend and we are truly grateful and determined that it will be the most notable event ever in our history. Those who enter this event will be able to apply for a special ticket to admit them to the Hurlingham Club on that great day, even if they are knocked out in the first round, so at least all of us will have a consolation prize!

The Area Clubs are Hurlingham, Roehampton, Southwick, Nottingham, Colchester, Budleigh, Bowdon, Edinburgh, Parkstone, Compton and Cheltenham, and the prizes at the Area Finals will be presented by a distinguished person so it will be well worth attending these also.

From the 27th to 29th July the Croquet Association will also be staging a special event THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF CHAMPIONS in which will be competing all players who have won the President's Cup or Open Championships since the War. The winner will be awarded the Dacre Stoker Memorial Trophy donated by Mrs. Stoker in memory of her husband. This Cup will be held for one year.

We are also staging Exhibitions at Chartwell in June, Devonshire Park on Sunday, 18th June and at other places during the coming season.

On Sunday, 8th October, there will be a special match at Devonshire Park, Eastbourne, between the victorious English Test Team against the Rest of England and we hope to see as many of you as possible at all these events.

We are grateful to Mr. G. Williams for a very generous donation towards the heavy expenses of the year, to Mrs. W. Longman for her gift of the silver salver, to Mr. Victor Evans for his donation of the special decorative plaques and to many others for their help, not least to the Hurlingham Club for staging the finals for us. Without all their help this special year would not have been possible.

The All England was first played in 1923 when 529 players entered from 48 Clubs, and in the following year 541 players entered from 41 Clubs. Already we have beaten the number of Clubs with 50, and we hope we shall easily exceed 541 players. It would be splendid if we could get at least 60 Clubs to compete and 1,000 to play, and we can if everyone will enter. If we all make a special effort this year then I believe we shall be amazed at the results.

In the ultimate, the success of the year does not depend on the Council but on the support of individual members of the Association - I hope you will all give this.

D. C. CAPORN
Chairman of the
Centenary Committee.

Extracts from Council Meeting held on 19th November, 1966.

Letter from Cmdr. G. Borrett who regretfully hands his resignation to Council.

Report of the Tournament Committee

The following recommendations were approved:-

The 9 hour time limit for the best of three games to be abandoned and Managers asked to use their own discretion as to time limiting.

The Council did not agree to alter Reg. 19(f) as they felt it unnecessary.

It was agreed that the minimum number of lawns needed to hold an official Tournament should be 4 instead of 5.

It was agreed that Golf Croquet should be played during the Caskets - instead of the Evening Tournament of the last few years.

It was NOT agreed that the Men's and Women's Championship should be Draw and Process - it remains the best of three.

It was agreed that the Old Boy's Event should be abandoned for lack of support.

It was agreed that Co. Dublin should be treated as a County and asked to compete in the Inter-Counties.

It was agreed that 1 years' residential qualification was sufficient instead of 2 years for play in Inter-Counties, providing the player has not played for another County the previous year.

That nominations for Counties may be made from any number of names of qualified players, but after the closing date no entry will be accepted.

That there shall NOT be full lifts.

It was agreed that the venue for the Chairman's Salver for 1967 should be Colchester and that this event should be a roving one.

That the three Invitation Events (President's Cup, Chairman's Salver and the Surrey Cup) be a continuing feature of the C. A. Calendar.

That the Ladies Field Cup shall NOT be played in 1967.

MANDATE

Mr. Rivington proposed that the Chairman appoint an ad hoc sub-committee to consider what mandate the Council should give to the Selectors directing them how to choose the first three "Eights".

That grants of £25 each from the Bishop Legacy be made to Eastbourne College of Education and to Miss Samuel of Uppingham, thereby extinguishing the Bishop Legacy Fund.

Commander Style concluded by advising Council that owing to pressure of other commitments he greatly regretted that he could not let his name go forward for re-election to the Council when he retired by rotation at the next A. G. M. and that he must also resign as Hon. Treasurer at the conclusion of the business at the next A. G. M.

EXTRACTS OF A SPECIAL MEETING

HELD ON 7th JANUARY 1967 - REFERENCE CENETENARY

THE CHAIRMAN opened the Meeting by reading a letter from Sir Michael Adeane saying that The Queen is graciously pleased to accept our invitation to come to Hurlingham on 28th July at 11.30 a.m. and, as Patron of the Croquet Association, to give the Trophies to the winners of the All England Handicap Event. Dr. Wiggins further suggested that the letter should be attached to Mr. Reckitt's History of the Croquet Association in chronological order. This was agreed.

The Chairman then said he felt it would be fitting for the C. A. to contribute towards the expenses the Hurlingham Club was incurring for the Royal visit. In the absence of the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Duffield formally proposed and Mr. Caporn seconded that a sum of up to £100 be voted by Council from the C. A. funds for this purpose - Carried unanimously.

1(a) Mr. Rivington put forward a suggestion:-

That a Championship of Champions be played at Hurlingham during the week commencing 24th July 1967 - the qualification being that entries were restricted to players who, since the war have won either the Open Championship or the President's Cup.

A Challenge Cup is being kindly presented by Mrs H. G. Stoker in memory of her late husband.

Manager . . . Miss D. A. Lintern. Referee . . . M. B. Reckitt. Assistant Referees . . . B. Lloyd Pratt and Miss E. J. Warwick. Thus all members of the England Test Team in the United Kingdom will be employed.

That this being a Challenge Cup, in subsequent years, the respective winners of the Open Championship and President's Cup should play each other for the right to challenge the holder of the H. G. Stoker Memorial Cup. Mr. Reckitt proposed the adoption of this most excellent idea, seconded by Mr. Duffield and passed unanimously by Council.

(b) Mr. Stokes-Roberts, seconded by Mr. Caporn suggested a Centenary Dinner on Thursday, 27th July at Hurlingham. Carried.

2. Mr. Duffield wanted to know how the Royal visit came about and to be put on record our indebtedness to those who organised it. The Secretary said the letter inviting The Queen was sent in February to the Private Secretary by Mr. Rivington, then the Chairman, who had previously spoken to Sir Michael Adeane. The idea of asking Her

Majesty originated with Mr. Stokes-Roberts - applause from Council.

Mr. Caporn told Council his Mother had kindly under-taken to be the All England Handicap Competition Area Organiser and Mr. Rivington proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Caporn which was unanimously approved.

It was decided to print a programme of Events to sell to visitors on July 28th.

EXTRACTS OF COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 7th JANUARY 1967

As the ad hoc sub Committee had no Mandate prepared for Council's approval, on Mr. Solomon's proposal, another meeting should be called.

Mrs. Rotherham asked Council to agree to the joint Managers of Devonshire Park, second week, to be Mr. H. C. S. Perry and Lt. Col. G. E. Cave - this was unanimously carried.

On a proposal by Cmdr. Style, seconded by Mr. Rivington, the Council unanimously proposed that Mr. A. J. Oldham be nominated as candidate for the appointment of Hon. Treasurer at the forthcoming A. G. M.

Owing to May 29th being a Bank Holiday it was decided to have the A. G. M. on Wednesday 31st May at 6 p.m. - followed by the Council Meeting.

EXTRACTS OF COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 25th FEBRUARY 1967

SPECIAL MEETING

SEEDING

This motion was debated and failed to secure the required majority.

COUNCIL MEETING

Letter from New Zealand concerning Test tour - further information is being asked for. Letters from Australia received which raises certain possible points which are referred to the Test Tour Committee.

President and Vice President vacancies

The Council unanimously proposed the name of M. B. Reckitt should go forward to the Annual General Meeting as a Candidate for the Presidency of the Croquet Association.

Similarly the names of E. P. Duffield and G. W. Williams go forward for nomination as Vice Presidents of the C. A.

The Chairman announced he wished an ad hoc Committee to look into the Rules and Standing Orders of the Council with a view to their being brought up to date and to make recommendations. The following members were appointed:- Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins, L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts, I. C. Baillieu, Prof. B. G. Neal.

Report to be presented in November.

Accounts were presented and passed.

The Council recommend that Mr. A. J. Oldham be elected Hon. Treasurer as successor to Lt. Cmdr. G. W. Style, who has resigned. Recommendation to go to A. G. M. Mr. Oldham attended this Meeting by special invitation under Rule XXVIII.

Mandate for Selection Committee Approved. (And Follows).

Prior to the Meeting of the 7th January, Co. Dublin had been invited and had accepted the invitation to play in the Inter Counties Championship. On that date it was not known whether any extra lawns would be available to enable the competition to be played as in previous years. The Secretary was able to inform the Council that Roehampton Club had agreed to provide the extra lawns necessary so that the condition of play will remain as hitherto.

Owing to lack of time the report for the Laws Committee was not received.

MANDATE

Report of the ad-hoc Committee set up to consider what Mandate the Council should give to the Selection Committee.

Members of the Committee: Dr. Wiggins, Mr. Baillieu, Mr. Reckitt, Major Dibley, Mr. Cotter, Mr. Solomon and Miss Lintern.

RECOMMENDATION

1. The final selection shall normally be made on the 2nd Tuesday of the Hurlingham tournament.
2. The holder of the President's Cup, and the current winner of the Open Championship shall be automatic selections for the President's Cup. The Selection Committee shall then select in ranking order the six/seven players whom they consider are the best qualified to compete in the President's Cup.
3. The Selection Committee shall then continue to select numbers for a further 22 players, or as many more as they think necessary, all in ranking order, to act as reserves for the President's Cup, or as competitors or reserves for the Chairman's Cup (the 2nd eight) and the Surrey Cup (the 3rd eight). All the above selections will be made on the basis set out in paragraph (2) above.
4. The fact that it is known that any player will not be able to accept an invitation shall not preclude him from receiving an invitation.
5. All invitations shall be issued subject to the condition that the person selected shall accept promotion to a higher event should a vacancy occur up to the 4th full day before the beginning of the tournament. If any such person does not accept the promotion, he will no longer be eligible to play in the event for which he was originally invited.
6. The Committee may select for each of the 3 events a "sitting" reserve who shall be available during the 4 days prior to the tournaments, and up to the actual beginning of the tournaments. They shall be chosen principally with regard to convenience of location, but as being, so far as possible, also of such a standard as not to impair the quality of the tournament. A player who has refused an invitation for a lower event shall be eligible to act as a sitting reserve.
7. "The following players have not been ranked because of the absence of evidence of current form".
Underneath this heading, the Committee may in their discretion add further names; but no person shall appear in this list unless he was invited or played in the preceeding year.
8. Having completed their selections, the Committee shall forthwith issue invitations on behalf of the Council to the players concerned, and a list shall be posted on the tournament board at Hurlingham.
9. Mr. J. M. Rivington's amendment.
That the holders of the Chairman's or Surrey Cups, unless invited to play in a higher event, shall have the right to defend their Cups whatever their ranking.

It will be of considerable assistance to the Committee if any person who has reason to believe that he will be considered for selection, and knows that he will not be able to accept any invitation, so informs the Secretary of the C. A. This shall not prejudice his right to be ranked, or to accept the invitation that he will in any case receive under paragraph (4). So far as possible this information will be made public knowledge during the season for the convenience of other aspirants.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The foregoing, apart from Rover Notes, is published on the Instructions of the Council. The Editor again has no control over the advertisements for fixtures which appear at the back of "Croquet." When the copy is made up, gaps occur and it is impossible to move the entire composition. It is proposed to fill these gaps with items under the heading of "Floaters."

OBITUARY

W. LONGMAN

WITH THE PASSING of William Longman the Association mourns one of its most eminent figures; both as a player of long standing and as an administrator of great experience and sagacity. He first came into prominence in first class croquet when, while only a 2½ bisquer, in 1911, he beat first Cyril and then Herbert Corbally in the Open Championship when these two players were at the height of their powers, indeed the elder (Cyril) was only defeated in this event on one other occasion. It was not until 1914, however, that he won a place in the 'Best Ten' (Beddow Cup). He was chosen for this again in 1920 and henceforward achieved the extraordinary record of selection for this every year from to and including 1936, and then again in 1938, he having been victorious in 1925 and runner-up in 1922 and 1926. He appeared in the President's Cup in 1953 and again in 1957 - thus according a span of 43 years between his first and last appearance and a so far unbeaten total score of 21 of these in all.

Through the greater part of this time Mr. Longman's opportunities of playing in first class events were limited by his responsibilities as a member of the famous publishing firm the name of which he bears, but from the early twenties he was always to be found at the Southwick tournaments and won the Opens there on a number of occasions. One of his particular skills was the pioneering of high bisquers through handicap doubles, and the most auspicious of all these successes was achieved in 1930 when having been given a partner Miss K. E. Stuart, a young lady who had only started playing two months before, he won the event with her. Their engagement and marriage followed only a few months later. Only three years after this his tuition resulted in the selection of Mrs. Longman for the Ladies Field Cup for the first of many times.

During the inter-War years 'Willy' was one of the most consistent triple peelers of that period. He was a master of the tactical side of the game and a notably good long shot. Indeed he remained a formidable opponent for a dozen years after the War and won the Men's Championship at Devonshire Park then on several occasions, and continued to play for Sussex in a number of these seasons.

When Mr. Longman was elected Chairman of Council in 1924 he was the youngest associate to be selected for this responsible position up to that time, and since then only John Solomon has been younger. Some very tricky problems arose during the two years of his Chairmanship and the wisdom and tact with which he handled these was much admired by his colleagues. He was elected Vice-President soon after the War.

His marriage produced one of the most notable alliances our game has known. Deep sympathy for Mrs. Longman and admiration of her care for Willy in his latter years will be felt now by all who knew them.

THE EDITOR CONTINUES TO WRITE

THE NAME LONGMAN has been associated with croquet since the introduction of the game to England. His family publishing firm privately printed for the current Mr. Jaques the first set of Laws in 1857. There were several fresh editions published and by 1865 65,000 copies had been sold. The two books written by Mr. Lillie at the turn of the century, both now croquet classics, were also published by his family firm. His uncle Sir H. H.

Longman Bt was Chairman of the Croquet Council from 1914-1920 and in 1930 was appointed a Vice-President. In October 1921, "Willie" contributed an illustrated article for the current "Gazette" headed "Croquet in the 1860's". He probably had the finest croquet library in England until the books were lost in the Blitz. His article which covered 7 pages might well lay claim to being the most important historical article ever to appear. In this Centenary Year I had hoped to write a fresh article based on the original. I hope now the Council may somehow or other be able to reproduce the original in full. There is one further fact. I have it on the authority of Mr. Robert Tingey that he was the greatest contemporary teacher of the game.

THE WRONG BALL LAW

SINCE THE CLUB DELEGATES on a motion proposed by Roehampton, which was said to be a unanimous decision, invited the Council to reconsider the present rule which they regarded as oppressive, I have made researches into the past; because in my capacity as Editor rather than in my capacity as Chairman of the Laws Committee, I think the subject is one on which the Council should largely be guided by the conscience of the modern croquet player. I have read enough to be satisfied that the wrong-ball rule has provoked more controversy, aroused more tempers and undergone more changes than any other rule in the history of the game. Witness the acerbity underlying an anecdote upon which I chanced and which is printed below.

At the turn of the century the present harsh rule prevailed. In addition the striker was equally penalized if he took croquet from the wrong ball (Law 29A), took croquet when he was not entitled to do so (Law 29B) or failed to take croquet when entitled to do so (Law 29C). I looked up the Laws again in 1906-1908. The rule was completely transformed. If, then, the error was discovered before the second stroke in error, there was an automatic replay without penalty. If the error was discovered after the second stroke in error but within the limit of claims, the irregular play was cancelled, all balls were returned baulk and the right player with the right ball began the play. I next looked up the Laws in 1935. These Laws were amended in detail between 1935-1938 inclusive. However the basic idea was that if the error was discovered before the second stroke in error there was a replay without penalty; if after the second stroke in error there was a replay or substitution as under (Law 29A). In 1939 the Law was completely redrafted and its operation simplified. The rule then was that the balls were first replaced without penalty and the striker continued his turn as in a half bisque turn, that is to say, no further point could be scored for any ball. The present rule dates back to 1948. An abortive attempt to dislodge it was made during the redraft. The suggestion then was that after the balls were replaced the striker should be allowed one more stroke which might enable him to disperse the balls and so avoid a four ball break changing hands.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The Question in this issue is what should be the appropriate rule for playing the wrong ball. Clubs are invited to express their opinions along the following lines.

"The Committee/Members of - Club by a majority of - to - are in favour of abolishing/retaining the present rule.

This Club is in favour of:- (Reverting to the 1939 Law or whatever the suggestion, if any might be)."

AN UNUSUAL ANECDOTE

BY QUIS

IT WAS THE FIRST DAY of my first Tournament played away from my home Club. The courts were in splendid trim, the weather was clement and I was happily watching a game whilst I awaited my turn to play. A stranger seated himself beside me and I naturally glanced his way with a welcoming nod. He seized the

opening. "Of course, it was nothing like this", he said. I nodded my agreement. He continued, "The weather was dreadful. On my honour, Sir, the conditions were vile. There was a high wind and the balls ran all over the place on what was no more than an apology for a proper surface. Quite impossible to hit in, you know - but I did so twice. And what was the result?"

He gave me a meaningful glare, intimating that he considered it his duty to answer his own question.

"I could not get on and he immediately took his two bisques to regain the innings. It was as clear as a pikestaff that he had every intention of hogging the game, - just making a couple of hoops and laying up, knowing that even a first class player was powerless under the conditions. Sportsman? He had never heard of the word."

His indignation was rapidly rising.

"What made my blood boil," he continued, "was that he was so slow and kept going into a trance. He did everything wrong. After he ran the first hoop, his strikers ball came to rest within a foot or so of his partners ball and there was no rush. So, what did he do? He tranced and finally he took croquet without having made a roquet. 'Fault' I screamed. He stared at me blankly and looked appealingly at a referee who told him to replace the balls and carry on. Sometime later he played the wrong ball. I was confident now so I called for the Referee. It was the same fool Referee and after he had 'investigated the facts' - these were his words - he ruled that he had played the right ball but taken croquet from the wrong ball. What's the difference is what I say?"

"All the time" continued 'he stranger, and now a note of anguish crept into his voice, "he was creeping slowly round and round. I repeat, he did everything wrong. He tripped over balls between strokes and I am certain he put them back into more favourable positions. Then he tried a new trick. He roqueted a ball, tranced and then roqueted it a second time instead of taking croquet. 'Fault' I shouted and who should appear on the scene but the same ignoramus. He let him carry on from the position of the first croquet. What can one do if the Referee will always give the wrong answer?"

By now the stranger was quite overwhelmed with self pity.

"What could I do? He was nearly home. I kept telling myself that there was no justice in the world. But I am not the sort to give in. I kept on willing harder and harder that he would play the wrong ball." Finally he exclaimed with mounting excitement, "he did play the wrong ball. It was a perfect four-ball break. I went straight round to the peg. He never got in again."

In the meantime the stranger had undergone a complete transformation. His voice rang with confidence, his shoulders were squared and there was a savage gleam in his eye. I could see there was something more to come and I retreated slightly lest he gave me a dig in the pit of the stomach. However, he contented himself by adding for full measure;

"HE REALLY DID PLAY THE WRONG BALL"

I was somewhat shaken by all this so I asked my adversary before we started play what he knew of the matter

"Oh, so you have already been nobbled by Billings," he said with a chuckle. "This is his field day - the first day of the tournament - new faces - new audiences - he will tell them all. It's a let-off for the members who have to endure it endlessly.

"You see", he continued, "his opponent never did play the wrong ball. That is all made up, - and the game was never finished. What happened was that in the closing stages he played a desperation shot and hit in. It was a magnificent shot. Then after all the excitement it was he who had played the wrong ball. Once again the same referee came on to the court to order him to quit the court, but the reverse happened. His terrible urge to chase and kill the referee gave way to his uncontrollable urge to continue to

play. It was physically impossible to restrain him. He went on playing by himself. Finally he ran off the court, shouting, 'I've won. I've won!' He's been mad ever since, but never violent. He tells the story night and day to screen his mind from the ugly facts of life."

I looked around and saw that he had pinioned the friend with whom I had travelled. At that moment the stranger was wallowing in self pity. As I continued to look I saw the gleam re-appear.

Notes from the Clubs

CHELMSFORD AND COLCHESTER

OUR CHAIRMAN Mr. Duffield has this year been chosen as the Mayor of Colchester. Although realising that we shall see much less of him at the club than we would have wished, we are all delighted at the honour conferred upon him and wish him a happy and successful year of office. Three of our senior members have died during the year; Miss A. Metcalfe, founder member of the Chelmsford Club, and secretary for over 15 years, Mr. L. C. Thorne and Mr. Aldridge. All will be sadly missed.

The first season of our combined club was a great success. We congratulate John Bolton, Roger Bray and Peter Hallett on gaining places in the President's, the Chairman's and the Surrey competitions respectively, and Roland Price on winning the All England handicap. In the club competitions Roger Bray became the new club champion whilst Mrs. Raikes, Mr. Hallett senior and our amazing veteran Cyril Ratcliffe claimed the other honours between them.

This year we are facing an enlarged programme which should keep our courts very fully occupied. We are staging Area Finals for the Centenary All England Handicaps and are delighted to have been accepted as the venue for the Chairman's Salver competition. To avoid clashing with the All England Finals we are holding our Open Tournament a week earlier than usual - July 17th - 22nd. We are also for the first time proposing to hold a week-end American Tournament - August 25th - 27th, at which we hope to have some of our friends from other clubs.

HURLINGHAM

The Croquet Dinner was very well-supported and brought forth a flow of witty speeches from Bobby Wiggins, Alex Karmel and Maurice Reckitt.

On the lawns many more new players were seen and some showed considerable promise, owing to the increase of numbers a new lawn is really required.

Club competitions were won as follows:-

Open Championship: F. Byrne.
Level Singles: General Wilson-Haffenden.
Lomas Cups: T. Jessell, Miss B. Duthie, Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith.
Beginner's Event: P. Gifford-Nash.
Handicap Doubles: B. Lloyd-Pratt and Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Sir,

Once more I ask your permission to let me inform any of your readers who may be interested of the progress of what I have - perhaps unwisely - described as my History of Croquet since its revival in the nineties. But it would seem certain that it will be only once more after this, that I shall have reason to do so, for this chronicle has now been extended as far as to cover the 1964 season, and it is not proposed to continue it beyond our Centenary Year, which is also the 70th anniversary of the foundation of the Croquet Association.

If I had realised to what lengths these annals would carry me I doubt whether I should have embarked upon the compilation of them. The intimidating facts are that the work occupies seven files, including more than a thousand quarto pages of typescript. Few, it has been said of Spenser's Fairy Queen, have been in at the death of the Blatant Beast; fewer still perhaps will find their way to the end of this chronicle. Nor is there much need to do so, for this compilation is primarily to be regarded as a work of reference. As such it may be consulted in the C. A. Office or, by Londoners, borrowed by arrangement with our Secretary.

Yours faithfully,

Maurice B. Reckitt.

RESULTS FROM OVERSEAS

FROM AUSTRALIAN CROQUET COUNCIL

THE 17TH AUSTRALIAN Croquet Council Carnival was held in Brisbane, Queensland, during September in ideal weather conditions. Over 300 players and supporters from all States attended the Opening Reception when the A. C. C. Gold Medals and Bars were presented to each State winner by the A. C. C. President, Miss K. E. Burne. This function was followed by a Civic Reception for Officials, Teams members and Delegates at the Brisbane Town Hall. After five days of interesting play the South Australian Team was successful in winning the Interstate Cup from the Holders, Victoria, which ran a close second. The newly elected President of the A. C. C. presented the Cup to the winning Team on Saturday 17th September. 219 players and supporters attended the Annual Dinner held during the second week of the Carnival. The English Silver and Bronze Medal event was played as a "Round Robin" between the six Australian Gold Medallists. The Premier of Queensland, Mr. Frank Nicklin, whose mother was a croquet player presented the Medals to the winners:- Mr. T. Howat, Victoria undefeated, Mrs. W. P. Lewis, South Australia, runner up. An entry of 91 Singles, 42 Doubles, including three New Zealand players, had been received for the Australian Championship events, a two life event which was completed within the allotted time of three weeks. The Singles Championship, the Wall Cup, was again won by Mr. T. Howat, Victoria, Mr. G. Rowling, N. Z., runner-up. The Doubles Championship was won by Mrs. D. J. Chapman, & Mrs. H. Day, two members of the South Australian Team. Runners-up, Mrs. E. Good, Mr. J. Read, Tasmanian Team members. The A. B. Morrison Memorial Trophy for the Junior player winning the most games, was won by Mrs. B. Robinson, Queensland.

Results of the Teams Contest is as follows:-

State	Matches	Games	Points
South Australia	5	24	709
Victoria	4	19	685
Queensland	3	18	661
West Australia	2	12	518
Tasmania	1	7	433
New South Wales	0	10	523

Each Match consists of two doubles and four singles.

FROM SOUTH AFRICAN CROQUET ASSOCIATION

THE SOUTH AFRICAN Open Championships were held in Pietermaritzburg, on the Maritzburg Croquet Club courts, from the 8th to 14th October 1966.

These courts were in good condition, but as it rained off and on every day, the players found it heavy going, although the standard of play throughout the tournament was very good. The results are as follows:-

SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

SEMI-FINAL

F. Hough bt. Cmdr. A. Clark by 10
G. Neaves bt. C. Hambley by 9.

FINAL

G. Neaves bt. F. Hough by 22. 23.

DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

SEMI-FINAL

F. Hough & Mrs. B. Hough bt. A. Longhurst-Murphy & R. Clark by 4.

C. Hambley & Miss S. Barras bt. G. Neaves & Miss M. Simkins by 11.

FINAL

C. Hambley & Miss S. Barras bt. F. Hough & Mrs. B. Hough by 3.

The Editor regrets that he is not in possession of the New Zealand results and hopes that these will appear in the June issue.

FLOATERS

The Champion of Champions - A New Title

THIS TITLE from its inception will be associated with the name of Capt. H. G. Stoker, D. S. O., R. N., because the holder of the new title will become the holder of a new Trophy very generously presented by Mrs. Stoker in memory of her husband. The first holder will be the winner of a knock-out Tournament to be played at Hurlingham in July during the week of the Queen's visit; and it is intended that the semi-finals will be in course of play whilst Her Majesty is at the Club. The only players qualified to enter are the past winners of either the Open Championships or the President's Cup, and their names appear on page 12 of the last issue of "Croquet". The knock-out tournament which will be played during the Centenary Year will not be replayed in future years. However, the title will be at stake annually and the current holder will have every right to be regarded as currently supreme. Let it be assumed that 'Mr. A' becomes the title holder in 1967 and in 1968 he loses his title to 'Mr. B'. What will 'Mr. B' have to have achieved to gain the title?

(a) 'Mr. B' will have to have won both the Open Championships and the Presidents Cup and then have beaten 'Mr. A' in the challenge itself.

or

(b) 'Mr. B' will have to have won one of the above two titles; and then won the match against the other title holder and lastly won the challenge itself. If 'Mr. A' happens to be the other title holder for 1968 'Mr. B' will have to win two consecutive rubbers from 'Mr. A'

If 'Mr. A' wins both the relevant events in 1968, he will remain the holder without further play. It will be for the Council of the Croquet Season 1968-1969 to decide pursuant to Regulation 15 when and where the further matches shall be played. It has been suggested, however, that if only one rubber is necessary to find the title holder it should be played on the Saturday following the President's Cup; and if a second rubber is necessary it should be played on the following day, namely, the Sunday. Sunday play may still be a matter of controversy. Those who would oppose such a suggestion should bear in mind that week-end Tournaments have now become regular fixtures in the Croquet Calendar; that the likely contestants will all be at Hurlingham and that Sunday play will result in an economy both of time and expense. The many players in the croquet world who remember "Dacre" Stoker with admiration and affection should be glad that his memory is to be associated with the great challenge which is involved in the assault upon the new title.

(Floaters Continued Opposite)

CENTENARY ALL ENGLAND HANDICAP

COMMITTEE AND SECRETARY:- The Tournament Committee and Secretary of the Croquet Association.

MANAGER, REFEREE AND HANDICAPPER:- Miss D. A. Lintern.

GENERAL:- Competitors must arrange to play at a registered Club. A Competitor may not play in more than one Club's Competition. Matches of single games throughout. Club Secretaries are asked to notify (a) the Secretary, C. A., that they are entering their Club for the competition as early as possible and by 31st JANUARY, (b) and by the 8th MAY must forward numbers of competitors to their AREA Club.

BRONZE MEDALISTS as well as the Club Secretaries are responsible for sending their name to the AREA Club by 14th June.

PRELIMINARY STAGE:- Club competitions to be finished by the 12th June. Clubs entering 17 to 32 competitors will be entitled to have two representatives in the Area Finals and 33 and over four representatives.

AREA FINALS:- The Club representatives will be drawn on the Bagnall-Wild System and will meet at their AREA Clubs the period extending over weekends of either June 24/25th or July 1st/2nd or 8th/9th. AREA Clubs must send names of winners to the C. A., by 10th July.

FINALS:- The AREA winners will be drawn likewise and will meet at the Hurlingham Club on the 26th/27th July.

QUALIFICATION TO HOLD A COMPETITION:- A Club must have an entry of not less than four competitors to be eligible. In any match a competitor shall play on the C. A., handicap at which he would have been playing in an Official Tournament.

ENTRY FEES:- Entry Fee for each competitor 3s. 6d. to be paid to the Club Secretary, the whole of which will be sent to the AREA Club, by the Club Secretary by 12th June.

PRIZES:- Winner and Runner-up - Rose Bowl and Silver Salver.

Area Finalists - Inscribed decorative Plaque.

Club Representatives - Bronze Medals.

All competitors will be entitled to a special Certificate.

ALL the above PRIZES will be won OUTRIGHT.

NOTE:- Dates must be strictly adhered to.

No reminders will be sent by the Secretary.

FURTHER FLOATERS

In his introduction to this 1865 Laws, Mr. John Jaques wrote that he considered the following to be the two great reigning problems of the day. "The two differences I allude to are the playing with the side or straight mallet, and the being allowed or forbidden when taking a Croquet to move ones own ball."

MR. BAGNELL WILDE

The Editor has been told that the above gentleman was a Croquet player, but has not been able to verify this. Can any Associate throw any light on this elusive character who revolutionised the principle on which knock-out Tournaments for all sporting events are drawn?

LONGMAN CLUB TEAM CUP

(Handicap)

Committee. The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager. Miss D. A. Lintern

Referee and Handicapper. Miss D. A. Lintern.

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

Holder: 1966 Wrest Park

Open to bona fide members of Registered Clubs.

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

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

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

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

Four Singles shall be played first if lawns are available, three games to be nominated for the match. When two games are finished the other game shall be pegged down and finished after the doubles.

Two doubles shall be played with a time limit of 3½ hours.

If only two lawns are available two Doubles shall be played first with a time limit of 3½ hours, to be followed by two singles.

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

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

There are no entry fees.

ENTRIES MUST REACH THE SECRETARY OF THE C. A., BY 25TH APRIL, 1967.

HUNSTANTON

(Please Note revised date)

An American Tournament (Unofficial) will be held in the Club Grounds from April 14th - 17th 1967.

Committee. The Tournament Committee of the Club.

Tournament Secretary. Mrs A. Neville Rolfe, Weathercocks, Heacham, Norfolk.

HANDICAP SINGLES

Competitors will be arranged in blocks according to handicap and the number of entries received.

Winners of blocks will play off semifinals and final. Entrance fee 15/-.

Competitors who are unable to stay over Monday must state this on their entry forms.

Entries must reach the Tournament Secretary by Wednesday, April 12th.

Owing to an important golf competition being played at Hunstanton from 23rd to 30th April, all the hotels are full which is the reason we are altering the dates of the Croquet Tournament.

THE BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOURNAMENTS, 1967.

The UNOFFICIAL TOURNAMENTS will take place on MAY 8th to 13th and on July 3rd to 8th.

In BOTH TOURNAMENTS there will be:-

- An American Singles Handicap event; in May, in blocks arranged by handicap, in July, in drawn blocks.
- A Handicap Doubles Event in which no two players of 3-bisques and under may play together.

C. A. Entry forms, with, fees must reach the Secretary by:-

- Singles; May 3rd and June 28th respectively (10 a. m.)
- Doubles; May 9th and July 4th respectively (10 a. m.)

Entrance fees; Singles 15/-; Doubles 8/-.

The OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT will be held on July 10th to 15th.

Event 1. Open Singles, D & P. E. F. 16/-

Event 2. Level Singles, 1½ to 5 bisques; advanced play. E. F. 12/-.

Event 3. Restricted Handicap Singles; 5½ bisques and over: 3rd hoop. E. F. 12/-.

No competitor may play in more than one of the above three events.

Event 4. Open Handicap Singles; E. F. 12/-.

Entries for the above events to reach the Secretary by 10 a. m. 6th July.

Event 5. Handicap Doubles; 3rd hoop; 3½ hours;

No two minus players may play together;

Maximum 27 pairs accepted; E. F. 10/-.

Entries to reach the Secretary by 10 a. m. 11th July.

ALL TOURNAMENTS

- The Laws etc. of the C. A. shall apply.
- The Committee reserve the right to restrict or refuse entries.
- There will be an extra in the open tournament; also in the unofficial ones if time etc. permits.
- Sandwich lunches and teas available; also bridge rooms.
- Full details are obtainable from the Secretary:-
Lt. Col. G. E. Cave, Moorpark, Budleigh Salterton; Tel. 3447.
N. B. It is regretted that in programmes distributed early in the year, play in Event 2 was wrongly described as semi advanced. It will in fact be 'ADVANCED PLAY'.

CHELTENHAM

AN AMERICAN HANDICAP SINGLES TOURNAMENT

(Unofficial)

will be held in the Club grounds over Whitsun - Saturday May 13th to Monday 15th, inclusive - with optional play on Friday May 12th. Will entrants for Friday please state clearly if they will be available for play at 10 a. m. or 2 p. m. Without this information the Manager will assume they only wish to be present on the last three days. Guaranteed minimum of 5 games. ENTRANCE FEE £1. (Non Associates an extra 5/- tribute). Entries to reach the Tournament Secretary, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham, not later than Monday May 8th.

AN AMERICAN HANDICAP SINGLES TOURNAMENT (Unofficial)

will be held in the Club grounds June 9th to 11th, inclusive.

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

ENTRANCE FEE £1. (Non Associates an extra 5/- tribute).

Entries to reach the Tournament Secretary not later than first post Monday June 5th.

FURTHER WEEK-ENDS

August 10th to 13th (4 days)

October 20th to 22nd.

Also Open Tournament July 24th to 29th. Detailed events in June Croquet.

THE PEEL MEMORIALS

will be played for at the

ROEHAMPTON CLUB on MONDAY, MAY 15th, and five following days

Committee. The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association. Manager. E. A. Roper and Mrs A. W. Skempton.

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

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

EVENTS

Open to Associates only

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

Entries on official forms accompanied by the entrance fees for Events 1 and 2 must reach the Secretary, C. A., not later than the first post on Wednesday, May 10th, and for Event 3 by noon on Tuesday, May 16th. Entries will be limited. Competitors wishing to play in Doubles are advised to enter on their official entry forms. The Draw for Events 1 and 2 will take place at the Croquet Association Offices, The Hurlingham Club, S. W. 6. on Wednesday, May 10th at 11 a. m.

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

BRIGHTON

ANNUAL SUMMER TOURNAMENT

(Unofficial)

Monday 22nd. May 1967 and five following days.

To be held on the lawns of the Southwick County Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club, Victoria Road, Southwick Sussex.

Manager. Maj. J. H. Dibley, M. C.

Referee. Mr. E. A. Roper

Handicapper. Mrs. H. F. Chittenden

Hon. Tournament Secretary. Mrs W. A. Naylor, 60 Southwick Street, Southwick, Sussex. Tel Southwick 2720.

EVENTS

1. Handicap. Singles (AMERICAN) - Jellicorse Cup. Entrance Fee £1.
 2. Handicap Doubles (Combined Handicaps not less than 4) Entrance Fee 10/-.
- (Extra Event, time permitting.)

Entries (on official forms, please) to reach the Tournament Secretary by 1st post on Thursday 18th May.

DRAW: The "Blocks" for Event 1 will be drawn on Thursday 18th May at 2.30 p. m. - Event 2 on Monday 22nd May at 2.30 p. m.

Request for leave should be notified on the forms. No leave will be granted later than noon on Monday 22nd May unless the

exigencies of the draw permit.

Prizes according to entries.

11 courts will be available.

Luncheons and Teas obtainable in the Canteen.

The form our Tournament is taking this year is an innovation for us and we hope the fact that entrants are assured of a minimum of 5 games for a lower aggregate fee than formerly, will prove attractive to our members and to visitors from other Clubs.

THE INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

will be played for at the

HURLINGHAM & ROEHAMPTON CLUBS on TUESDAY, MAY 30th 1967, and during the week

Committee. - The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager. - Mrs. G. E. Cave.

Referee. - J. G. Warwick.

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

Holder - Surrey

CONDITIONS

1. The team for each County consists of three pairs, and the qualifications to represent a County are:-
 - (a) Birth in the County, or
 - (b) Present residence in the County of one year standing, or
 - (c) A previous residence in the County for an uninterrupted period of five years, other than as a pupil in a school or college.
 - (d) No one is qualified to represent a County who has represented a different County in the year immediately preceding the competition unless he has previously represented that County, or except in the case of a County which has not competed during the past five years, or unless the County he has represented in the previous year is not competing.
 - (e) A playing member of a registered Croquet Club, of not less than two years standing, not being invited to play for a County for which he is eligible, or being eligible for a County which does not enter a team may play for the County in which his Club is situated.
2. All qualifications must be accurately defined when the names of the teams are submitted.
3. Each County shall appoint a duly qualified Captain.
4. The Collector of a team shall send to the Secretary, C. A., before May 17th, a list of the names from which the playing team of three pairs for any match must be selected, and the name of the Captain. In a match the players may be combined to form pairs in any manner that the Captain thinks fit, but the pairs must be arranged in the order of the joint number of bisques, the lowest amount corresponding to the "A" pair, the highest to the "C" pair. The constitution of the team must be given to the Manager before any match. If in any match only two pairs from a team should be available for play, these pairs must be matched against the "A" and "B" pairs of the opposing team.
5. If the number of Counties entering is too large to permit each County to play all the others, they will be so drawn as to allow any County to play as many other Counties as time permits.
6. The winning County shall be that which wins the greatest percentage of any matches played. In the event of a tie between two or more Counties the County which has won the greatest number of games shall be the winner. Provided that in the event of all Counties not being drawn to play the same number of matches the Manager shall have power in the later stages of the competition

to withdraw matches unplayed which have no material influence in the result and substitute others if thereby an equal number of matches are ensured to the leading Counties. If there still be a tie the Challenge Cup shall be held jointly.

7. Entries must reach the Secretary, C. A., by May 1st, 1967.

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

9. To be played under conditions of semi-advanced play.

No Entrance Fee.

THE MEN'S AND WOMENS CHAMPIONSHIPS

will be played at the

ROEHAMPTON CLUB on MONDAY, JUNE 5th, 1967 and following days

Committee. - The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

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

Referee. - Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard.

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

EVENTS

Open to Associates only

1. THE MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP. Entrance Fee, 15s. Matches best of three games. Prizes: The winner holds for the year the Gold Challenge Casket presented by the late Viscount Doneraile, and a Challenge Trophy presented by the late Sir Francis Colchester-Wemyss, K. B. E., and the late Col. C. E. Wilson, and will receive a medal. Holder:- H. O. Hicks.
2. THE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP. Entrance Fee, 15s. Matches best of three games. Prizes: The winner holds for the year the Gold Challenge Casket presented by the late Viscount Doneraile, a Silver Challenge Bowl presented by "The Ladies' Field", the Gold Challenge Badge and Gold Locket, and will receive a medal. Holder:- Miss E. J. Warwick.
3. THE MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP. Entrance Fee, 13s. each person. Matches of single games. Prizes: A pair of Silver Challenge Cups presented by the All-England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club. Holders:- H. O. Hicks and Mrs. J. Neville-Rolfe.
4. THE "DU PRE" CUP. Open to competitors in Events 1 and 2 who have not qualified for the third round or at the discretion of the Manager. Matches of single games through-out. Entrance Fee, 10s. Level play. Prize: A Challenge Cup presented by the late Lt. Col. W. B. Du Pre. Holder: D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller.

GOLF CROQUET - ROEHAMPTON 8th-10th JUNE, 1967.

5. 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 block according to handicaps: the winners of the blocks playing-off to decide the winner of the Cup. Holder: Miss E. J. Warwick.
6. 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:- B. G. Perry and Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith.

Entries accompanied by the Entrance Fees for Events 1 and 2 must be sent to the Secretary C. A., Hurlingham Club, London, S. W. 6., so as to reach her not later than the first post on Wednesday, May 31st, and for Events 3 and 5 by noon on Tuesday June 6th, and for Event 6 by 4 p. m. Thursday 8th June.

The Draw for Events 1 and 2 will take place at the Hurlingham Club, on Wednesday May 31st at 11 a. m., and for Events 3, 5 and 6 on the ground.

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

SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

"Any Matches started first in the morning, must be completed in that day's play - subject to the Courts being fit for play."

RYDE FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL OPEN CROQUET TOURNAMENT

will be held on

MONDAY, JUNE 5th, 1967

and following days

at the

CLUB GROUND, PLAY STREET LANE, RYDE, I. O. W.

(Telephone: RYDE 2095)

Committee: - Croquet Committee of the Club.

Manager and Handicapper. - Major J. H. Dibley M. C.

Referee. - Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith

Hon. Secretary. - Miss K. A. Wade, 10 Partlands Avenue Ryde, I. O. W. (Telephone RYDE 2512).

EVENTS

1. ISLE OF WIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP. Open Singles. The Challenge Trophy. Draw and Process. Present Holder: R. A. Simpson. Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d.
2. LEVEL SINGLES (Class B) THE CHAPMAN CUP. Open to players of 3 to 7 bisques. Entrance Fee, 10s. Present Holder: Mrs. R. A. Simpson.
3. HANDICAP SINGLES (Class C) THE HUTTON CUP. Open to players of 7½ bisques or more. Entrance Fee, 10s. Present Holder: Mrs. A. S. C. Ross. No player may enter for more than one of the above.
4. HANDICAP SINGLES (X. Y.) X - THE DIBLEY CUP. (Events) Entrance Fee, 12s. 6d. Present Holders: (X) Canon R. Creed Meredith. (Y) R. A. Simpson. The Benest Cup.
5. HANDICAP DOUBLES THE BIRCH CUPS. Restricted to combined handicap of 2 and over. Commencing at No. 3 Hoop. Time Limit 3½ hours. Entrance Fee, 9s. each player. Present Holders: G. Birch and Miss M. Bryan.

Entries for Events 1 to 4, together with Fees (and C. A. Tribute of 25s. where payable), must reach the Hon. Secretary by first post on Thursday, June 1st, 1967. Entries for Doubles, Event 5, close on the Ground at noon, Tuesday June 6th. The draw for events 1 to 4 will take place at the Club Pavilion on Thursday, June 1st at 3 p. m. for Doubles at 2 p. m. on Tuesday June 6th. Five lawns provided. LUNCHEONS AND TEAS provided in the Pavilion. A No. 6 Motor Bus from the Pier sets down passengers at St. Michael's Avenue close to the Club.

HOTELS. Spencer's Inn, Squadron Hotel and Yelf's Hotel (all in Union Street). Osborne Hotel, The Esplande and Dean House Hotel. Dover Street. These two facing the sea.

NOTTINGHAM

An UNOFFICIAL WEEKEND TOURNAMENT

will be held on the grounds on

Friday, June 16th, 1967
Saturday, June 17th, "
Sunday, June 18th, "

Entrance Fee, 10s. per person plus any TRIBUTE if the person be a non-Associate.

Each participant will play every other participant in his or her Block. The number of Blocks will depend upon the number of participants. So far as may be practicable, participants will be arranged in Blocks according to their Handicaps.

Please enter your name before Thursday, June 15th, 1967.

WOKING

AMERICAN HANDICAP SINGLES TOURNAMENT

(Unofficial)

will be held at the Club at Hook Heath Road, Woking, Surrey.

FROM FRIDAY 16th to MONDAY 19th JUNE, 1967.

Competitors will be arranged in blocks according to handicap. Guaranteed minimum of 4 games. Time limit of 3 hours. Entry Fee, 12s. 6d. Entries by first post Monday 5th June to D. C. Caporn, Hampton Court Palace, East Molesey, Surrey.

If requested at time of entry every effort will be made to grant leave to working players on the Friday and to complete their games by Sunday evening, and likewise for anyone playing at Parkstone or Compton on Monday 19th.

ENTRIES MAY HAVE TO BE LIMITED SO PLEASE ENSURE ENTRY BY SENDING IT IN AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

COMPTON, EASTBOURNE

Monday, June 19th to Saturday, June 24th, 1967.

Manager. Major J. H. Dibley, M. C.

Referee and Handicapper. H. C. S. Perry.

Committee. The Tournament Committee of the Compton Croquet Club.

EVENTS

1. OPEN SINGLES (Draw & Process). Challenge Cup. Holder: K. F. Wylie. Entrance Fee 15s. 0d.
2. RESTRICTED HANDICAP SINGLES. Limited to players with a handicap of 2½ or over. Entrance Fee 11s. 6d.
3. HANDICAP SINGLES. Challenge Cup. Holder: K. F. Wylie. Entrance Fee 10s. 6d.
4. HANDICAP DOUBLES. Open to pairs with a combined handicap of not less than 4 bisques. Games will start at the 3rd hoop. Time limit 3½ hours. No extra ½ hour. Entrance Fee 10s. per player
5. THE COMPTON PLATE. An Extra Event to take the place of the originally intended Y part of Event 2. This has been done at the Manager's request to allow him a little more room for manoeuvre. It has been devised so that all players can be sure of at least 3 singles. If there are still

vacancies, players who would otherwise be unemployed at the end of the week will also be accepted. Entries will be taken only on the ground.

Players may not enter for both Events 1 and 2. Event 1 will be played under the Laws of Advanced Play.

The Five Compton Courts will be used and also two at Devonshire Park. Lunch and Tea will be available at the Club and there will be a Licensed Bar.

Time Limits and Shortened Games. It is essential for the manager and an advantage to most competitors to know that a game started when morning play begins will be finished before lunch. Therefore it has been decided that play shall start at 9.45 a.m. each day and that all games shall have a maximum time limit of 3½ hours.

If further restrictions should prove necessary, they will be applied in this order. (1) The first two rounds of the Big Handicap will be started at the 3rd hoop. (2) Games in Event One will be limited to 3 hours.

Entries to be sent to H. C. S. Perry, Hockington House, Willingdar, Eastbourne. Tel. Eastbourne 52656. No entries will be accepted after first post on Wednesday, June 14th, 1967.

The Draw will take place at the Club at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday June 14th 1967.

PARKSTONE

(EAST DORSET) CROQUET TOURNAMENT

Monday, June 26th - July 1st, 1967

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. Entrance Fee 12/- Dorset Salver.
 2. LEVEL SINGLES. Law 36 operates. 2½ - 6½ bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee 10/-. Evans Trophy.
 3. HANDICAP SINGLES. For players 7 - 10 bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee 10/-. Cope Cup.
 4. HANDICAP SINGLES. For players 11 bisques and over. Entrance Fee 10/-. Halse Cup. Starting at 3rd hoop.
- No player can enter for more than one Event of Nos. 1, 2, 3 & 4.
5. HANDICAP SINGLES X. Y. Unrestricted. Entrance Fee 10/6. Bishop Cup and Evans Rose Bowl.
 6. HANDICAP DOUBLES. Entrance Fee 10/- each player. Combined Handicaps not less than 2. Starting at 3rd hoop.

CONDITIONS

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 must reach the Hon. Secretary by midday, Thursday June 22nd.

Entries for Event 6 will close on Monday June 26th. This Event will start on Tuesday, June 27th.

The Draw will take place on Thursday June 22nd 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.

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