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NOTES by ROVER

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THE MacROBERTSON TROPHY

IN THE REVIEW of the 1966 by Mr. M. B. Reckitt which appeared in the last December/January (?) issue of Croquet, he states that it is admittedly the turn of England to visit Australia. This Rover has been requested to express the contrary view which is held by many croquet players in this Country. The first series was played in the U. K. in 1925 for the Shield presented by Sir McPherson Robertson. England beat the opposing team, which represented the State of Victoria. Thus England became the first holders and repaid the visit to Victoria in 1927, when the Victorian State side became the holders. A New Zealand team visited Melbourne in 1930 and were unsuccessful. In 1935 England sent a second team overseas and the venue was again Melbourne. Simultaneously New Zealand also made a challenge, and the result of this was the first of the two triangular series. In 1937 the Victorian State side made their second trip to England, and on this occasion lost the Shield. It requires a colossal effort to send a team across the World. Both England the State of Victoria had achieved this on two occasions. New Zealand, on the other hand, had only made what might be described as two local challenges. On the other hand Victoria had not repaid either visit, although Victoria was the holder from 1927 - 1936 inclusive. This was the score before the War, and that is all a long time ago. Much more attention should be focused on what has happened since the War when the Australian Croquet Association had been formed and when the effort and expense of sending a team across the World had become increasingly difficult.

England, the holders, again journeyed across the World in the English Winter of 1951/1952. It is not surprising that the visit this time was made to New Zealand. Australia did not seize this opportunity to make it a three-cornered contest. As in all previous occasions, the Shield was won by the home side. Thus New Zealand for the first time became the holder. There was no Australian Challenge to New Zealand before the New Zealand team travelled to England in our Summer of 1956. Again Australia did not challenge. Once again the home side was successful. Between 1956 and the English Winter of 1962/1963 there had been no challenge by Australia. At that stage Australia had taken no part in the post-war series. It is not surprising then that this England team made a second visit to New Zealand. On this occasion, Australia did participate in the local challenge. England retained the Shield winning all three tests against both opponents. If, in the next series, England were to visit Australia, the post-war record for teams crossing the World would read:

England 3. New Zealand 1. Australia 0.

ANOTHER THOUGHT ON THE SHIELD

WHAT CAN BE DONE to reduce the expenditure of time and money by the visiting side? All teams could be reduced to 4 players a side. Thus there could be one Test Match instead of three Test Matches. The possibility of a tie in games should also be eliminated. This could be done on the following lines. On Monday and Tuesday there could be 4 rubbers of doubles with each of the two pairs playing the other. On Wednesday - Saturday inclusive each player could play each other player. If, then, the sides were equal with 10 games each, the test should be continued on Monday

with 2 singles and 1 doubles so that all players would be involved in the final stages. This is merely put forward as a thinking point, but the speed of Air Travel should make everyone think afresh.

CHAMPIONS - and CHAMPIONS

THE WORD 'CHAMPION' has had rather a complex history in the development of our game and an effort to sort this out may be of interest in this Centenary Year. We are celebrating, of course, the initiation of what, with however much authenticity, Walter Jones Whitmore succeeded in getting recognised as a championship after he had won the tournament at Evesham in 1867.

Two years later the ladies were awarded their own championship, and no complications appeared to confuse the issue for the rest of the century. But in 1901 A. E. Beddow presented a trophy for the Best Ten players which was, perhaps naturally enough described as the Champion Cup, but the existence of which is now remembered (when it is) as the 'Beddow'. But about the same time came the emergence of a young lady called Lily Gower in a class by herself among her sex; she had already appeared in the first Champion Cup, and having won the Women's Championship three times, entered for the Open and in 1905 won it.

Alongside these two Championships there had in 1899 been initiated a Mixed Doubles Championship, for those were the days when it was thought fitting that all croquet partnerships should be bisexual. From 1905, and for many years afterwards, all three Championships were played for in the same week at Roehampton. The Champion Cup was contested, as our Best Eights now are, in September.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

But in 1924 the acceptance by the C. A. Council of a pair of cups for an Open Doubles Championship had the not wholly foreseen effect of producing a somewhat radical change in the C. A. Calendar, such as has been retained ever since, with a Men's, Women's and Mixed Championship played in one week, and an Open Championship some weeks later. (A further development, which does not directly concern what we are discussing now, was the 'conflation' of the historic Gold Medals with the Men's and Women's Championships to produce what we are now accustomed to call 'Caskets Week'). In 1933 came the end of the 'Champion Cup' through the achievement by Miss Steel of a fourth victory in the event which entitled her to keep it. In the following year Trevor Williams (who had played in the first Champion Cup Team) marked his first year as President by presenting the impressive trophy for the winner of what, after World War II, became Best Eights.

Now in Centenary Year the generous and happy inspiration of Mrs. Stoker enables us not only to memorialize that splendid veteran, her husband, but to find each year a Champion of Champions. Beginning with a tournament to be played in part before our Patron, Her Majesty, we shall in future years by a process set out already in these pages, be able to nominate an indisputable No. 1. and thus end a long debate as to whether victory in the Open Championship or in the President's Cup represents the higher honour.

Calendar Fixtures

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	
"	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. 1st Week. 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.

The addresses of Hon. Secretaries and Hon. Tournament Secretaries which do not appear above can be found under "Directory of Clubs".

Handicaps

CLUB RECOMMENDATIONS

COMPTON
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D. A. Harris 7 to 6

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C. G. Hopewell

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C.A. Notices

WILL THOSE ASSOCIATES WHO HAVE NOT PAID THEIR SUBSCRIPTIONS PLEASE DO SO NOW.

Changes in Calendar Fixtures and Managers

Owing to illness Miss Lintern cannot manage Challenge and Gilbey. Therefore E. A. Roper has transferred from managing Peels to managing Challenge and Gilbey and Mrs. A. W. Skempton has kindly undertaken the management of Peels.

Please note that Chelmsford and Colchester Tournament has added one more day to their week-end Tournament - so dates are:- August 25th - 28th.

There are three new Clubs since the April issue - Claremont in Altrincham, Brooke Bond in Reading, and the Caversham Croquet Club - the latter is flood-lit! - the only one to my knowledge.

There are 55 Clubs who have entered for the All England Centenary Competition - and we hope approximately 600 - 700 players.

Some of the smaller Clubs have made great efforts to get players - and a lot of organisers of Clubs of all sizes have worked tremendously hard. Miss Brumpton, of Nottingham, collected 20 players for this year's Centenary at the end of last season! I would like to express the Councils' appreciation and gratitude to all who have worked so hard and with such good will to make this competition a success.

By the kind permission of the National Trust, there is to be an exhibition of Croquet at Chartwell, Surrey, on June 21st. On that day it is open to the public, and their usual attendance is 1,000 to 2,000.

There is a Croquet Centenary Dinner fixed for 27th July at Hurlingham at 8 p. m. - dress, dinner jacket or lounge suit. The Association is inviting one or two guests and we are hoping for a very good attendance to make this worthy of that rare event - a Centenary!. The date was specially chosen so that those people coming to London to see Her Majesty The Queen presenting the prizes on the 28th July - may be able to come to the Dinner the night before.

Tickets will be on sale at this Office at 27/6 each.

Associates are reminded to apply for Pink Vouchers (5/-) for any non-Associate they may wish to bring to Hurlingham on the occasion of Her Majesty The Queen's visit on July 28th. Do not send any money.

V. C. Gasson,
Secretary,
Croquet Association,
Hurlingham Club, S. W. 6.

This article which first appeared in April 1960, is of particular interest in our Centenary Year.

"WALTER JONES-WHITMORE"

and

The Birthplace of Scientific Croquet

by The late The Rev. G. F. H. ELVEY, M. A.

ANY croquet player interested in the history of our game will, if he studies one of the older croquet books, quickly come across the name of Walter Jones-Whitmore.

Walter as we shall henceforth call him, belonged to a powerful and wealthy Shropshire family—the Whitmores. His uncle was the owner of the great house and estate of Dudmaston. It was hoped that this uncle, having no son, would make Walter his heir. Unhappily this hope was never realised, for Walter proved too versatile and unstable a young man to please his relative. Walter's father, having inherited Chastleton House, added the name of Jones to Whitmore, thus becoming Whitmore-Jones.

Walter, to give him his full name—Walter Thomas Whitmore-Jones—was born at Chastleton in 1830. He was educated at Bridgnorth Grammar School and St. John's College, Oxford. But he only remained at the University two years. This was because the most influential of the Whitmore-Jones's friends, none other than Benjamin Disraeli, became Chancellor of the Exchequer in Lord Derby's administration, and Walter's parents saw in this an opportunity for his advancement that ought not to be missed. Through Disraeli's influence, their son obtained a Civil Service post in the Audit Office and the Treasury.

Before long Walter became convinced that no Civil Service ever was or could be carried on so badly as that of this country. He declared that the young men did all the work and took all the responsibility, while their elders received larger salaries because they had done the work badly longer than anyone else.

Eventually Walter was transferred to the War Office but after a short time gave up his post. The reason was that his younger brother, Wolryche had invented an indoor table game, called "Squails," which was taken up by Jaques and proved a great success, bringing in an income of about £200 per annum. Squails indeed far outlived its inventor, and was actually played up to the time of the first world war. The £200, however, did not all go to Wolryche, being shared between him, his sister Mary, and Walter, who had constituted himself its London agent. Walter determined in no way to be outdone by his younger brother and used his War Office experience in inventing a game, called "The Game of War."

This game was played on a board with men, and was intended to illustrate the various arms of warfare on the field of battle. With characteristic over-confidence and hope, Walter actually believed that this game would prove a rival to chess.

His sister Mary, who was always fond of him, lent him £200 for promoting his game. He had the pieces elaborately cast in brass and iron, and, for less well-off folks, made in wood. He had many copies of the rules

printed and was completely convinced that this game would make his fortune. Alas, the whole business was a complete flop. Even to this day there are some 200 copies of the rules lying at Chastleton unused and unwanted. Later he invented another game, called "The Chinese and Imperial Game of Frogs and Toads." This was a moderate—a very moderate success.

Walter, as already said, was a versatile young man. He not only wrote a long treatise on how the country's services ought to be managed, but he wrote two volumes of poetry under the name of Walter Whitmore-Jones. These were published by Longmans, and received a varied reception from the critics in the Press.

The reason he subsequently changed his name to Walter Jones Whitmore is a curious one, and throws some light on his character. On two occasions walking with a friend of the name of Dickins in the West End of London, the said friend pointed silently to the emporium of Messrs. Dickins and Jones. For some, not very obvious reason, this displeased Walter, and caused him to change his name to Walter Jones-Whitmore!

One characteristic he retained throughout his life, namely the desire to put others right, and explain to them what they ought to do. Not long after joining the Volunteers, then newly founded, he wrote an exceedingly long letter to *The Times* explaining exactly how the country's defences should be organised. He even gave his sister Louisa detailed instructions as to the preservation of her facial beauty.

Just for the moment, in order that these notes may be better understood, we must consider the great house with which he was associated. Croquet players may well be proud to acclaim it as the birthplace of modern croquet. Chastleton House, one of the most interesting of the ancient Manor Houses of this country, stands on the Oxfordshire border near Moreton-on-the-Marsh. It was built in 1604, and its special charm lies in the fact that it has not been altered or added to in any way whatever. Not only the house itself, but much of its furniture is today as it was in the time of the Commonwealth.

There is an interesting story of civil war days. Arthur Jones, after Charles II's defeat at Worcester, rode home the thirty miles to Chastleton, pursued by some of Cromwell's Troopers. Having stabled his horse, he had hardly entered the house, and sat down to supper, when the enemy arrived. Fortunately he had just time to hide in the secret chamber, and though the soldiers searched through the whole house, it was without result. But to his lady's horror, as in the meanwhile it had grown dark, the Captain decided to stay the night. But not to be outdone, the resourceful Madam Jones, having prepared a meal for the officer and his men, put laudenum in their wine. And as soon as they were sound asleep, released her husband, who galloped away on the Captain's horse.

Chastleton House was always Walter's home, though he also had rooms in London. After the death of his parents, it became the property of his eldest brother Willie; but as none of the three brothers married, had he lived longer, Walter would have inherited Chastleton.

Walter was of an exceedingly inventive type of mind. He not only invented games, but some sixty ingenious devices, about five of which were patented, and a few produced. At Chastleton House there exists a croquet Box that he designed so made that mallets and balls were securely held and prevented from rattling, when travelling. And in days when people wore high laced boots, and suffered from the nuisance of having to withdraw the laces through the upper eyes, when they took them off, and having to re-thread them, when putting them on, Walter had small ratched winders made, which being used with extra long laces, avoided the unthreading and re-threading nuisance. Probably Walter's most successful invention was a curious focussing device to be attached to lamp-shades to save glare on the eyes. This was both patented and produced, and had a sale not only in this country but also in Paris.

One of his strangest inventions, patented but not produced, was designed to give protection to travellers, in days when there were no corridor trains, nor even communication cords. It consisted of a bell-pull or trigger, which when brought into use, liberated a hammer or weight on the top of the coach, and set off an explosion of gunpowder loud enough to attract the attention of the guard! Possibly Walter's most fantastic scheme was the desire to found an insurance company, which in return for the premiums paid, would guarantee the insurers against investment losses. To his dying day, no one was able to convince him of the complete unsoundness of this proposed scheme.

There was, however, one pursuit in which he excelled—croquet! The firm of Jaques produced a Code of Rules, and exhibited croquet equipment at the Great Exhibition of 1851. Exactly when Walter took up croquet is not known, but there is evidence that he was playing in 1861. Evidently the game captured his enthusiasm, for he organised what is believed to be the first open tournament ever held, namely the famous tournament at Evesham in 1867. He won the principal event and so became the first champion. The croquet historian, Mr. Arthur Lillie, wrote "using the prestige of his victory, he published the first book on croquet tactics, changing the game at once from the silliest open air game to the most intellectual one." There exists a copy of this book at Chastleton House, and another at Cheltenham Croquet Club. From our modern point of view there is nothing particularly helpful in this treatise. It must be remembered that it was written in the days of the ancient ten hoop setting, wooden balls probably smaller than those we use today, and certainly lighter, and of very small light mallets actuated by one hand! It was in fact a pioneer work that opened the way for the Hale setting (the six hoop setting, which, modified by Mr. Willis in 1904, we use today) large properly set out croquet courts, and heavy mallets, in fine the Croquet of the All England Club soon to come into being.

One statement of Walter's deserves remark. He declared that if a ball is wired at an adequate distance from the obstruction, it is possible to hit it so that it will curve round the intervening hoop and roquet the object ball. If this stroke was possible with the light mallets and lighter balls, it certainly does not appear to be possible today.

An interesting feature of Walter's book is the advertisements. You could obtain a complete croquet set with eight mallets, and eight balls, etc., for a matter of 60s. A special "Prize Set" with four boxwood balls, and ivory mallets, large size, cost £20. A similar set with smaller ivory mallets cost £14.

In the same year that Walter's book was published, 1868, "The Field" appointed a committee of three to revise the Rules. Walter was the most influential member, and for his services on this first "Laws Committee" he was allotted half the profits on the sale of Laws of Croquet. Soon afterwards, Walter and Mr. Walsh, the Editor of "The Field," were instrumental in the founding of the All England Croquet Club.

At this time it seemed as though Walter was to occupy the supreme position in the croquet world, and this indeed might have been the case, had there not ensued a bitter struggle between him and Walsh for the control of the newly founded Club. This fierce quarrel resulted in each depriving the other of his share in the profits on the sale of the Laws. Walter then persuaded the committee of the Club to take over the Laws of the game, assigning to himself the profits on the sales. This move of his was countered by Walsh, who got the committee to revise the Laws, after which the older book of the Laws, which should have been profitable to Walter became valueless.

The feud between Walter and Walsh became more and more bitter, and eventually led to a split. Walter and his friends and supporters left the All England Croquet Club and formed a rival society called the National Croquet Club, of which Walter was appointed Secretary.

Naturally, the existence of two bodies, each claiming national authority was both inconvenient and confusing. For example the A.E.C.C. organised an open championship meeting on the grounds of the Crystal Palace; which the N.C.C. countered by doing the same on grounds at Highgate. After a time, "The Field" refused to publish Croquet Notices in connection with the N.C.C. an action which Walter felt bitterly, as he had published notices for the A.E.C.C. in "Land and Water."

Unhappily for Walter, it was not very long before some of the promoters of the N.C.C. began to wonder whether they had done wisely in forming this society. The Chairman, Dr. Prior, and the Treasurer, Hugo R. Wiggins, complained of the way in which Walter conducted the affairs of the Club. His expense account especially came under criticism. Probably Walter's extreme optimism, openly and injudiciously expressed, in which he had declared the ridiculous hope of making thousands out of the Club, was largely to blame for this unfortunate state of affairs.

After a while, it was suggested that the A.E.C.C. and the N.C.C. should unite with Walter as the Secretary of the joint Club. The amalgamation took place in the spring of 1871, and the new society was given the grandiose name of the United All England Croquet Club. It is interesting to recall that when at the time of the great revival of croquet in 1896 and 1897, the Croquet Association was founded by Walter Peel and others, it was first called The United All England Croquet Association.

In spite of the desire of his friends, Walter did not become the Secretary of the United All England Croquet Club. Prior and Wiggins succeeded in frustrating this. However, Walter still remained the acknowledged chief legislator of the croquet world, and took an energetic part in revisions of the Laws.

A grand attempt had been made in 1870 to draw up a final code of the Laws of the Game. The task had been carried out by a comprehensive committee of players with Walter in the chair. There is, however, no finality in game rules, and in the following year there was a further revision—a revision in which, by the bye, that very strange phenomenon—the "cue-stroke" was allowed. A player hampered after running a hoop could kneel down on the lawn, make a bridge with his left hand, and use the shaft of his mallet like a billiards cue. This absurdity, however, did not last long. After the manner of those days, it was suggested, that if a gentleman knelt down in the presence of a lady, it would look as though he was proposing to her; and that for ladies to kneel down would be injurious alike to their dresses and their dignity. It is recorded that on one occasion when Lillie had to play Peel in an important match, the latter suggested that by mutual consent the "cue-stroke" should be barred. But the former insisted that the game should be played according to the Rules. The result was an angry correspondence in the Press.

In 1872 there was a further revision of the Laws, and the "cue-stroke" was abolished. In this revision Walter did not take an active part, but confined himself to the role of "Elder Statesman." His name had indeed been put down first for the Committee for Law revision. But he declined the honour. Possibly he was tired of croquet politics, which in his experience had certainly been tempestuous, and at times bitter. In the winter of 1872, he became unwell with an affection of the bronchial tubes. He tried the benefits of the climates of the Isle of Wight and of Jersey, but without avail. On his return to Chastleton, he passed away; sad that he died so young, being only 42.

Chastleton Church is close to the great house, and in the aisle where the tombs of the Jones and Whitmore-Jones are placed, Walter's devoted sister Mary had linen-fold panelling set up in his memory. An inscription records that this panelling was made from the wood of a favourite tree, which was struck by lightning on the day of his death. Mary got round the difficulty of having to record his change of name, by making the inscription read that the panelling had been given by Mary Whitmore-Jones "in memory of her dear brother Walter."

So ends the story of one, who in spite of idiosyncracies, was certainly a clever and remarkable man. To his memory all croquet players owe a debt of gratitude. For he was the first to see in our game, not a mere garden side-show, but a scientific pastime, demanding qualities of mind and intellect, as well as those of eye and hand. And he played a predominant part in moulding the Laws of the game.

In closing these notes, the writer must express the warmest thanks to Mr. Alan Clutton-Brock, the present owner of Chastleton House, and a member of the Whitmore-Jones family, for invaluable help without which they could not have been written.

Any reader who feels the urge to visit the birth-place of scientific croquet, and who translates that urge into practise, will be amply rewarded for his trouble. On the main road between Stow-on-the-Wold and Chipping Norton, there is a sign-post directing the motorist to Chastleton House. It can also be approached from the North from Moreton-on-the-Marsh.

Obituary

The Rev. G. F. H. Elvey

The death of Handel Elvey on March 20th robs our Association of its senior member and one of the most widely and well loved of all.

Handel, as most of us knew him, joined the C. A. as long ago as 1902 and soon rose to be a very good player. The dozen years in which he steadily came to the front will always seem to some of us to have been the Golden Age of Croquet, distinguished, though never completely dominated, by the great Irish players during which time four of them, Roper, C. Corbally, O'Callaghan and Duff Mathews, won the Open Championship nine out of the fourteen occasions between 1901 and 1914. This did not leave much time for others, but Elvey had many notable victories over the best players of his youth and in 1919 won a place in what was then known as the Championship Cup. He played three times in the Best Ten - 1919, 1933 and 1935. Twenty years after this, in 1955, he won the Men's Championship of the South of England at Devonshire Park when well on into his seventies.

Most of Elvey's clerical life was spent in the diocese of Chichester and he was a leading figure at the Sussex tournaments between the wars; not least in the lovely setting of the Lewes courts, now unhappily lost to us. His years of retirement were spent first at Cheltenham and then at Exmouth and it was one of the attractions of visits to these areas that Handel and Nora were to be met there. But they never failed to make at least one visit to London each season, and four days before his death he wrote to this writer that they were looking forward to a visit to our Centenary celebrations.

To more recent generations he is likely to be best remembered as a councillor and most notably as Chairman for a span of nine years from 1939 - 1948. His addresses at our Annual Meetings during the dark years of the late War were a source of unfailing confidence and hope for the future, and nobody did more to help us bring the Association through the critical days of the post-War period.

On his retirement from the Ministry he joined William Longman, whose loss we have had so lately to lament, as a Vice President. The Council continues to gain much from the wisdom and experience of both of them.

Elvey's gifts to the game were many and varied. He wrote two very useful small books on the game, he contributed some of the most interesting articles which the journal has ever been fortunate enough to publish, and for his expert skill as a maker - and repairer - of mallets many associates have reason to be grateful.

The longer one knew him - in this writer's case sixty years - the more one loved him. The very deepest sympathy of all of us will go out to Nora, his marriage to whom was the great turning point of his life, and whose presence amongst us has brought happiness to many for so long.

M. B. R.

Mr. W. Green

MR. GREEN, or "Willie", as he was known to one or two special friends, died suddenly on Good Friday. He had been a most popular member of the Cheltenham Croquet Club for the past 6 years. If he undertook a job, you could rely on its being done efficiently; he was very good at repairing mallets, and had taken the late Mr. Thorp's place in that respect. He was extremely keen on croquet and a very steady player. He often said he regretted having wasted so many years playing golf as croquet was a much better game. He played fairly regularly during this winter. He passed his Referee's Exam. at Eastbourne last autumn, and we were delighted to think that in him and Col. Wheeler, we had at last got 2 full-time referees again. He will be greatly missed by us all.

Questions and Answers

The subject matter of this Note still relates to the wrong ball rule which was discussed in the April issue of Croquet. The only Club to make a formal reply was Hurlingham and this letter is printed below.

Mr. Holweg wrote to say that he had canvassed the views of 11 players from Roehampton and ascertained that 9 of these players disapproved of the present Rule.

Mr. Aspinall thought that the present Law was appropriate and should be extended to the irregularities under present Law 29 (a) (b) (c) - as at the turn of the Century. He added "For the tender minded I would perhaps allow that a half-bisque turn could be played after the current wrong-ball error" and this presumably would also be his suggestion for irregularities under Law 29 (a) (b) (c).

To the Editor.

The Croquet Sub-Committee met to consider the question of an appropriate rule to apply when the striker played the wrong ball. All were unanimous in condemning the existing law. The general consensus of opinion was to recommend a return to the 1939 rule, whereunder the balls were replaced and the striker continued his turn subject to the restriction that he could score no further point for any ball in that turn. The general feeling was that there should be no penalty, since it is the duty of both sides to see that the balls are properly placed. If there was a strong body of opinion in favour of a more elaborate law which could produce this result, the Hurlingham Club would give it their support.

Yours faithfully,

A. D. KARMEL,
Chairman,

Croquet Sub-Committee Hurlingham Club.

Handicaps

COMPTON RECOMMENDATIONS

Mrs H. A. Hall 8 - 7
D. A. Harris 7 to 6
N. B. Miss Clarke-Lens handicap is 11.

SOUTHWICK

Mrs W. A. Naylor 6½ to 6
Capt. L. A. W. Spooner 8 to 7½

NON ASSOCIATES

Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Higinbotham 11 to 10
C. G. Mayo X12 to 10.
Mrs. & Mrs. J. R. Pike 11 to 10
Miss D. J. Piper X14 to 12
F. Reynold X12 to 9
Miss D. Toms 13 to 12
Mrs V. Webb 10 to 9

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

B. G. Perry -1 to -2
E. H. Shelton 3 to 2½
Mrs J. A. Neville-Rolfe 2½ to 2
Miss J. Cooper 4 to 3½
Sir L. Daldry 5 to 4
Mrs G. E. Cave 8(D7) to 7
M. Granger Brown 9 to 9D7
J. Lee 3 to 2½
Mrs D. J. Bird 12 D10 to 11D9
Mrs W. Nash 9D8 to 8 D7

BY REQUEST

Mrs R. G. Michelmore 4 to 5
R. St. G. Atchley 9 to 10

NON ASSOCIATE

Mrs G. R. Steel 15D13 to 14D12

CHELTENHAM (Ap. 21st)

Miss W. K. Allardyce 14 to 12
D. A. Wilson 7 to 6½
D. Bateson 8 to 9
C. H. O'D. Alexander 2½ to 4 by request
(May 12th) F. W. Meredith 1½ to 1
D. A. Wilson 6½ to 6
J. W. Sturdy 10 to 9

HUNSTANTON

S. Hampson 5 to 4½

PEEL MEMORIALS

Brigadier A. F. G. Forbes 2½ to 1½
Mrs B. L. Sundius-Smith 5 to 4½

Longman Club Team Cup 1967 Draw

AREA 1

Edgbaston
v
Ellesmere

AREA 2

Hunstanton
v
Cambridge
Colchester
v
Wrest Park

AREA 3

Budleigh Salterton
v
Oxford

AREA 4

Woking
v
Worton Hall
Parsons Green
v
Hurlingham
v
Roehampton

AREA 5

Ryde
v
Southwick
Compton

1st Round in AREA 4 to be played by May 29th.

1st Round in AREA 2 and 5 and 2nd Round in AREA 4 to be played by June 20th.

Results of the Area Winners must be at the Croquet Association Office by Tuesday, July 11th. Immediately after this date a further draw will be sent to the Clubs.

Report on Hunstanton Tournament

THE HUNSTANTON TOURNAMENT got off to a cold start with everyone in their winter woollies, but the weather rapidly got warmer and the last day would have done credit to June.

There was a large entry and the courts were full all the time. Being the first tournament of the Season we expected everyone to be out of form, but this was not so. Arthur Reed who raced through his 5 games in 2 days won them all, not having touched his mallet since last year. The one competitor who had played all the winter did not do so well as those who had laid up their equipment.

Miss Hampson was in good form in Block "B" winning all her games. It was a pity she had to return to school on the Monday without being able to compete in the finals.

Gen. Davidson and Miss Day had a tussle as to who would be Block C. winner, the former winning by a short head on points.

Mrs Zinn in Block D, playing in her first tournament, won all her games. She should become a good player when she learns to use her bisques. She beat Mrs A. N. Rolfe in the Semi-final but failed to use her bisques in the final against Mrs. Simpson, who won easily.

It was good to see a contingent of 5 from Ipswich, 4 of them playing in their first tournament. Altogether a cheerful and happy tournament and the ladies of the Bridge Club were warmly thanked and complimented on the wonderful teas they produced each day.

We missed some of our old friends who were not able to come owing to change of dates, notably Mrs. Heley and G. Williams.

Mrs. Simpson was presented with the Butlin Cup.

HUNSTANTON AMERICAN HANDICAP SINGLES. 24 ENTRIES.

Unofficial Tournament. April 14th - 17th.

BLOCK A

A. A. Reed (-1½) won 5 games. Bt. R. A. Simpson (½) Prof. B. G. Neal (-2) D. C. Caporn (1) Mrs P. Solomon (1) D. W. Miller (1½)

BLOCK B

Miss S. Hampson won 5 games (1 unfinished). Bt. Mrs. A. N. Rolfe (2½) Capt. H. F. Nalder (6) Mrs. Davidson (5) Mrs. R. A. Simpson (3) Col. G. T. Wheeler (2)

BLOCK C

Gen. F. H. Davidson won 4 games. Bt. Miss M. E. Day (10) Maj. E. J. Bromley Fox (12) Mrs. D. F. Caporn (10) Mrs. E. Bressey (11) Mrs H. Denny (12)

BLOCK D

Mrs A. Zinn won 4 games. Bt. Mrs. B. G. Neal (14) Miss MacTier (16) C. R. Palmer (16) Miss E. J. Wood (16) Mrs. A. Millir (16)

Play off. A. A. Reed and Miss Hampson were unable to stay for the Finals. R. A. Simpson was 2nd. in Block "A" and Mrs. A. N. Rolfe was 2nd in Block "B"

Semi-Finals. R. A. Simpson bt. Gen. F. H. Davidson + 18

Mrs A. Zinn bt Mrs. A. N. Rolfe + 15

Final

R. A. Simpson bt Mrs. A. Zinn + 18

Cheltenham

April 21st - 23rd

IF IT IS possible to enjoy oneself playing perpetual croquet in a temperature of 40, exposed mostly to a north wind, this pseudo Easter Weekend Tournament was enjoyed by all concerned, or so it seemed for people were certainly still present in numbers at 7 p. m. each night if not finishing off their last game, playing knock ups or just watching. It was good to welcome many old friends long faithful to this Event though we missed Robert Prichard and C. G. Hopewell, gone already to their Universities. Youth was well represented and, as the results show, they did well.

Two end of game dramas are worth recording. In one a longish bisquer now both for the peg, while his minus opponent has mostly sat out in the cold, politely runs up to the peg with yellow to be sure of using his last bisque - he takes it and plays with red! Happily minus misses. In the other, a long bisquer still with seven bisques standing, is for rover with both; minus opponent is for 2 and penultimate. The former approaches rover off own ball, makes it, looks at bisques, decides against trying a peel, and lays up alongside. Minus hits with backward ball, completes the double peel but alas sticks in 4-back!

The best sight of the tournament was three referees, books in hand, declaiming variously on hoop and roquet: the best smell, Mrs. Meredith's glorious macaroni cheese at lunch; the best taste Mrs Wheeler's cakes at tea; and the best sound, as usual, one's front ball hitting the peg.

CHELTENHAM APRIL 21ST - 23RD WEEK-END TOURNAMENT

Semi-American

GROUP 1. BLOCK A

K. A. Ross (2½) Bt. Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-2½)
M. K. Bushnell (1½) Wing-Cdr. E. M. Smith (3½). Lost to Miss K. W. Allardyce (14)

GROUP 1. BLOCK B

A. D. Adcock (6½) Bt. J. E. Jackson (-2½) G. T. Slater (1½)
Mrs D. M. C. Prichard (3) H. C. Green (9)

Play off. Ross beat Adcock

GROUP 2. BLOCK A

P. W. Elmes (1½) Bt. Miss R. M. Allen (3½) R. A. W. Chaff (7½)
W. J. Sturdee (10). Lost to R. F. Rothwell (-1)

GROUP 2. BLOCK B

D. A. Wilson (7) Bt. Miss K. M. Sessions (½) C. H. L. Prichard (4)
J. A. Wheeler (12). Lost to G. K. Taylor (2)

Play off. Elmes beat Wilson

GROUP 3. BLOCK A

W. de B. Prichard (5) Bt. Dr. A. L. Yoxall (1) Col. J. T. Wheeler (2)

D. Bateson (8) Mrs. R. A. W. Chaff (11)

GROUP 3. BLOCK B

F. W. Meredith (1½) Bt. Mrs J. N. Rolfe (2½) A. C. W. Davies (5)
L. J. Ayliff (9) Mrs. H. Harris (15)

Play off. Prichard beat Meredith

Semi-final. W. de B. Prichard beat K. A. Ross + 7

Bye P. W. Elmes

Final P. W. Elmes beat W. de B. Prichard + 15

Hurlingham v Roehampton

MAY 6TH 1967.

R. F. Thorp and A. A. Reed beat A. D. Karmel and I. C. Baillieu + 8
A. V. Camroux and J. T. Laurenson beat S. S. Townsend and M. B. Reckitt + 16
Prof. B. G. Neal beat R. A. Godby + 1
A. J. Oldham and Dr. T. E. Ryves beat R. O. Havery and Mrs. A. W. Skempton + 15
J. L. Sanders and P. J. Cross lost to Prof. A. W. Skempton and Mrs. A. D. Karmel - 8
Mrs S. M. Adler and Mrs M. H. Carrington lost to Mrs F. H. N. Davidson and Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith - 6

Budleigh Salterton (Unofficial)

8TH - 13TH MAY, 1967

THE MOST SUPERB weather made this Tournament even more enjoyable than usual. After a week of cold and icy blasts warm sunny weather brought out the men in their "whites" and the girls in their gayest clothes. The Singles were divided into six blocks, each of seven players. As all players were arranged in handicap order the handicap difference was seldom more than 2 or 3, so splendid games were ensured. Block "A", with all minus handicaps, was won by B. G. Perry (1966 winner of the Apps Memorial Cup) from a handicap of -1. He tied for 1st place with Guy Warwick who beat him by 1 point, but Warwick himself lost one game to Cave by 5 points. Points also decided the winners in "B" and "E" Blocks. In "B" Block Mrs Rolfe won after a tie with Cmdr. G. Borrett, and in "E" Block Mrs. Cave won after a tie with Mrs. Nash. In "C" Block E. H. Shelton, after a tie with J. Lee on both games and points, won the play-off. "D" and "F" Blocks were won outright by Sir Leonard Daldry and Mrs. D. J. Bird.

In the Play-off of Block Winners, Sir Leonard Daldry put up a splendid fight against Perry in one semi-final and Shelton beat Mrs Cave in a match where Mrs Cave, with a handicap of 8, used all her bisques to peel and peg out Shelton when the two remaining clips were on 1st and 2nd hoops. Mrs Cave got to the 6th Hoop when lack of experience enabled her opponent to shoot in and with a 3-ball break to win the match; a very enterprising effort on the part of the long bisquer. The Final was most exciting. Perry gave Shelton 4 bisques and had to be very patient before chances came his way. With excellent shots he got to Peg and 4 Back and then laid up by Shelton's hoop, who was also for 4 Back. With all bisques gone, Shelton hit in and pegged out Perry, his other ball being for 1 Back. Eventually Perry got his chance, shot in and did a brilliant if unorthodox finish to win the Single's Cup by 4 points.

The Handicap Doubles were won by Mrs. Nash aided by the writer of this account, who beat Col. D. M. C. Prichard and D. Temple Page in a good battle in the final. Many exciting matches preceded this final and Miss Ault and Miss Clarke-Lens are to be congratulated on nearly winning a fine fight against Col. Prichard and his partner.

The Tournament was ably managed by Miss A. Mills and Lt. Col. G. E. Cave who found time to organize an extra event, in which John Cooper routed Giles Borrett in the final. The lawns were in splendid condition and with the co-operation of the Staff and voluntary workers, the lunches, teas, coffees and other amenities all helped to make Budleigh's 1967 May Tournament a very enjoyable event.

E. J. W.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON (UNOFFICIAL)

RESULTS

I "AMERICAN" HANDICAP SINGLES. 39 ENTRIES

A BLOCK

WON BY B. G. PERRY (-1) 5 wins & 1 loss (by 1 hoop)
Beat J. G. Warwick (-2) 5 wins; A. J. Cooper (-3) 3 wins; Lt. Col. G. E. Cave (-1) 3 wins; Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-2½) 2 wins; Miss G. J. Warwick (-3) 2 wins; Mrs E. Rotherham (-3) 1 win.

B BLOCK

WON BY MRS J. N. ROLFE (2½) 4 wins & 1 loss
Beat Cmdr. G. Borrett (0) 4 wins; Lt. Col. T. F. Laverty (2) 3 wins; Mrs R. B. N. Smartt (1½) 2 wins. Dr. R. B. N. Smartt (1) 2 wins; Mrs F. R. Briggs (2½) 0 wins. Miss V. E. Mills withdrew.

C BLOCK

WON BY E. H. SHELTON (3) after a tie with J. LEE (3) 5 wins & 1 loss (15). Beat Miss J. Cooper (4) 4 wins; Mrs M. H. Vincent (3) 3 wins. Major E. C. Heathcote (3) 3 wins; G. R. Mills (4) 1 win; Mrs R. G. Michelmore (4) 0 wins.

D BLOCK

WON BY SIR LEONARD DALDRY (5) 6 wins
Beat W. R. Bucknall (6) 4 wins; Mrs S. S. Cruden (7) 3 wins; F. Henshaw (7½) 3 wins. Capt. H. F. Nalder (6) 2 wins; D. T. Page (6½) 1 win; Miss D. L. Latham (7) 1 win

E BLOCK

WON BY MRS G. E. CAVE (8) 4 wins
Beat Mrs W. Nash (9) Mrs H. F. Nalder (10) M. G. Brown (9) 3 wins; W. G. B. Sevlit (8) 2 wins; R. S. G. Atchley (9) 0 wins.

F BLOCK

WON BY MRS D. J. BIRD (12) 4 wins
Beat Mrs G. R. Steel (15) 3 wins; Miss Clarke Lens (11) 2 wins
Mrs D. T. Page (12) 1 win. Col. G. R. Steel (15) 0 wins.
Miss S. C. Gough withdrew.

The Play off. B. G. Perry (-1) beat Mrs J. N. Rolfe (2½) by 9
Mrs G. E. Cave (8) beat Mrs D. J. Bird (12) by 5

Semi Finals. B. G. Perry (-1) beat Sir Leonard Daldry (5) + 4
E. H. Shelton (3) beat Mrs G. E. Cave (8) + 9

Final. B. G. Perry beat E. H. Shelton + 7

Hunstanton Club v Cambridge University

Mrs A. N. Rolfe lost to C. G. Hopewell -7
Mrs G. D. Perowne lost to J. B. Hearnshaw -21
Miss S. Hampson beat A. R. Dickins +12
Miss M. F. MacTier lost to W. P. S. Bruges -11
Mrs A. N. Rolfe beat J. B. Hearnshaw +6
Mrs G. D. Perowne (5½) lost to C. G. Hopewell (2½) -5
Miss S. Hampson (5) beat W. P. S. Bruges (10) +12
Miss M. F. MacTier (16) lost to A. R. Dickens (7) -14

Result Cambridge 5 - Hunstanton 3.

The Peel Memorials

May 15th - 20th 1967.

THE 1967 Peel Memorials produced again the small average entries of recent years - 13 Men, 17 Women and 10 pairs in the Doubles. This happy Tournament deserves larger entries: and few readers will be aware that it was once the high-light of the London Croquet Season with entries up to a 100 in each competition. Even with the present reduced numbers, over 50% are old friends such as Maurice Reckitt who has played for nearly 50 years and Major Dibley continuously for nearly 20 years. Let us hope that more "old stagers" will follow suit. Meanwhile we can welcome two young newcomers in Mrs. Neal (14) and Mr. Gifford-Nash (9) both of whom made their mark, as will later be described, and and should continue to do so in the future.

The weather on many days was wet, cold and most unpleasant, in strong contrast to the six lawns which again reached perfection.

THE MENS' SINGLES

THE ENTRIES included a strong posse of well-known minus players, several of them past winners.

As, however, the Tournament progressed a new star appeared in Brig. Forbes who won the Process with a victory of +19 over Prof. Neal, in the Process Final. In the Draw Final a similar victory over Baillieu looked probable, until the latter staged a fine come-back to win by +5. Baillieu had to leave to attend a Croquet Meeting at Hurlingham within an hour so a proper play-off was impossible; but the players started a game. The Brigadier was well ahead when Baillieu, who had at last got the play, had to retire. Forbes rapid advance in a year or two presages a bright future for him in Croquet.

Among the many other close matches, one deserves special mention to show the charm and excitement of Croquet. In the match between Williams and General Davidson, the latter after about half an hours' play had used all his 7 bisques, making only 3 hoops, while Williams Black was on the peg! Then followed a remarkable change when the bisque-less General steadily forged ahead to Rover and Peg only to fail in a not too lengthy attempt to peg out Williams who thus won an epic match by +3.

THE WOMENS SINGLES

THIS EVENT produced many exciting matches including one between two past winners, Mrs. Neville Rolfe and Mrs. Davidson who failed in her final attempt to peg out and lost by 1 Point. Last years' winner, Mrs. Riggall showed her old form by a +16 win over the final winner - Mrs. Sundius-Smith.

Meanwhile it was a great pleasure to her many friends to see a return to her old form of Mrs. Adler, who won the Draw. In the play-off she was defeated by Mrs. Sundius-Smith (by +20), who all throughout the Tournament proved herself one of the most promising of lady players with indeed a Bright Future.

THE HANDICAP DOUBLES

THIS EVENT produced a series of exciting matches often lasting some 6 hours! In the semi-finals Prof. and Mrs. Neal who had defeated that tough couple Forbes and Franklin, faced Ian Baillieu and Gifford-Nash and produced the high-light of the Peels. This match started at 3.30 p. m. and at 9.28 p. m. in the gloaming - Baillieu and Neal were on the Peg and Mrs. Neal (14) and Gifford-Nash (9) on Rover. The latter then made a superb turn: making Rover: removing Mrs. Neal to the North Boundary: moving his partners ball to a yard from the Peg: and finally pegging out Neal and himself. And all seemed over. But no. Mrs. Neal hit in, made Rover, removed Baillieu to the South Boundary and trickled up to the Peg which she hit in her next turn as Baillieu failed to hit in. It was a marvellous performance by the two high bisquers in a highly critical situation.

The final was another lengthy game in which the Neals faced Mrs. Carrington and Miss Duthie who had in the other semi-final defeated, by no less than +20, last years winners Hamilton-Miller and Mrs. Croall. The final again lasted some 6 hours and after a rather rocky start, Mrs. Carrington and Miss Duthie pulled up and won by +7.

Miss Lintern, owing to the illness of her Brother, was unfortunately unable to compete this year. But she managed on most afternoons to come down and cheer us up in her inimitable way.

Mrs. Skempton proved a treasure of a manager, cheerful, calm and most efficient.

Let us hope that next year the entries will be increased in this delightful Tournament - both old and bold and young and new.

PEEL MEMORIAL SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL FOR MEN

DRAW

FIRST ROUND

W. B. Franklin (3) bt Dr. T. E. Rykes (4) + 6
Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (6) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (½) + 11
Brig. A. F. G. Forbes (2½) bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-3) + 5
G. W. Williams (-1) bt L. Riggall (5) + 10
P. Gifford Nash (*9) bt B. G. Neal (-2) + 12

SECOND ROUND

W. B. Franklin (3) bt Maj. J. H. Dibley (2½) + 6
Brig. A. F. G. Forbes (2½) bt Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (6) + 5
G. W. Williams (-1) bt P. Gifford Nash (*9) + 6
I. C. Baillieu (1) bt M. B. Reckitt (1) + 6

SEMI-FINAL

Brig. A. F. G. Forbes (2½) bt W. B. Franklin (3) + 17
I. C. Baillieu (1) bt G. W. Williams (-1) + 16

FINAL

I. C. Baillieu (1) bt Brig. A. F. G. Forbes (2½) + 5

PROCESS

(13 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

I. C. Baillieu (1) bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-3) + 13
B. G. Neal (-2) bt W. B. Franklin (3) + 12
G. W. Williams (-1) bt Maj. J. H. Dibley (2½) + 12
M. B. Reckitt (1) bt L. Riggall (3½) + 3
Dr. T. E. Rykes (4) bt P. Gifford-Nash (*9) + 3

SECOND ROUND

B. G. Neal (-2) bt I. C. Baillieu (1) + 6
A. W. Williams (-1) bt Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (6) + 3
M. B. Reckitt (1) bt w. o. opp. scratched
Brig. A. G. F. Forbes (2½) bt Dr. T. E. Rykes (4) + 3

SEMI-FINAL

B. G. Neal (-2) bt G. W. Williams (Opp. retired on peg) (-½)
Brig. A. F. G. Forbes (2½) bt w. o. M. B. Reckitt scratched.

FINAL

Brig. A. F. G. Forbes (2½) bt B. G. Neal (-2) + 19

PLAY OFF

Winner of Draw	I. C. Baillieu retired
Winner of Process	Brig. A. F. G. Forbes
Brig. A. F. G. Forbes	Winner

THE PEEL MEMORIAL SILVER CHALLENGE BOWL FOR WOMEN

DRAW
(17 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs J. Speer (4) bt Miss B. Duthie (3½) + 14

SECOND ROUND

Miss E. C. Brumpton (4) bt Mrs P. D. Showan (2) + 13
Mrs A. Neville-Rolfe (2½) bt Mrs H. N. Davidson (5) + 1
Mrs M. H. Carrington (6½) bt Mrs H. Wills (7) + 14
Mrs J. Speer (4) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (1½) + 12
Mrs G. W. Solomon (1) bt Mrs E. F. Narby (2) + 3
Miss E. M. Brumpton (5) bt Mrs E. A. Neal (14) + 9
Mrs L. Riggall (5) bt Mrs Sundius-Smith (5) + 16
Mrs S. M. Adler (5) bt Mrs D. M. Cork (8) + 7

THIRD ROUND

Mrs A. Neville-Rolfe (2½) bt Miss E. C. Brumpton (4) + 13
Mrs J. Speer (4) bt Mrs M. H. Carrington (6½) + 1
Miss E. M. Brumpton (5) bt Mrs G. W. Solomon (1) + 1
Mrs S. M. Adler (5) bt Mrs L. Riggall (5) + 14

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs A. Neville-Rolfe (2½) bt Mrs J. Speer (4) + 11
Mrs S. M. Adler (5) bt Miss G. M. Brumpton (5) + 5

FINAL

Mrs S. M. Adler (5) bt Mrs A. Neville-Rolfe (2½) + 18

PROCESS

FIRST ROUND

Mrs M. D. Cork (8) bt Mrs P. D. Showan (2) + 11

SECOND ROUND

Mrs B. L. Sundius-Smith (5) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (1½) + 10
Mrs F. H. N. Davidson (5) bt Mrs G. W. Solomon (1) + 16
Miss E. M. Brumpton (5) bt Mrs H. Wills (7) + 9
Miss B. Duthie (3½) bt Mrs M. D. Cork (8) + 11
Mrs J. Speer (4) bt Mrs S. M. Adler (5) + 2
Mrs A. Neville-Rolfe (2½) bt Mrs B. G. Neal (14) + 14
Mrs L. Riggall (5) bt Mrs M. H. Carrington (6½) + 16
Miss E. C. Brumpton (4) bt Mrs E. F. Narby (2) + 12

THIRD ROUND

Mrs B. L. Sundius-Smith (5) bt Mrs F. H. N. Davidson (5) + 3
Miss B. Duthie (3½) bt Miss E. M. Brumpton (5) + 12
Mrs J. Speer (4) bt Mrs A. Neville-Rolfe (2½) + 12
Mrs L. Riggall (5) bt Miss E. C. Brumpton (4) + 23

SEMI-FINAL

Mrs B. L. Sundius-Smith (5) bt Miss B. Duthie (3½) + 6
Mrs L. Riggall (5) bt Mrs J. Speer (4) + 5

FINAL

Mrs B. L. Sundius-Smith (5) bt Mrs L. Riggall (5) + 4

PLAY OFF

Winner of Draw Mrs S. M. Adler
Winner of Process Mrs B. Sundius-Smith
Mrs Sundius Smith bt Mrs S. M. Adler + 20

THE LADY MURRAY MEMORIAL SILVER CHALLENGE CUP

HANDICAP DOUBLES

FIRST ROUND

W. B. Franklin & Brig. A. F. G. Forbes (5½) bt Misses E. M. & E. C. Brumpton (9) + 11
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller & Mrs T. Croal (5) bt Mrs G. W. Solomon & Mrs L. Riggall (6) + 15

SECOND ROUND

I. C. Baillieu & P. Gifford-Nash (*10) bt L. Riggall & Mrs E. Bressey (14½) + 13
Professor & Mrs B. G. Neal (10) bt W. B. Franklin & Brig. A. F. G. Forbes (5½) + 3
Miss B. Duthie & Mrs M. H. Carrington (10) bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller & Mrs T. Croal (5) + 15
Mrs P. D. Showan & Mrs J. Speer (6) bt Mrs J. Neville-Rolfe & Dr. T. E. Ryves (6½) + 11

SEMI-FINAL

Professor & Mrs B. G. Neal (10) bt I. C. Baillieu & P. Gifford Nash (*10) + 1
Miss B. Duthie & Mrs M. H. Carrington (10) bt Mrs P. D. Showan & Mrs J. Speer (6) + 20

FINAL

Miss B. Duthie & Mrs M. H. Carrington (10) bt Professor & Mrs. B. G. Neal (10) + 7

Annual Varsity Match

The 6th ANNUAL VARSITY MATCH will be played at the Hurlingham Club on the 21st June, 1967.

Oxford, the challengers have four of their players from last year, and have some grounds for hope of their first victory over Cambridge. For the first time minus players will be in the match, which should provide croquet of a higher standard than in any of the previous battles.

Play commences at 10.30 a.m. C.A. visitors on production of their C.A. card can enter for 2/6. Other visitors will have to pay the appropriate gate money which is 3/6.

K. F. WYLIE Cambridge University Croquet Club. K. A. ROSS Oxford University Croquet Club.

The Challenge Cups

THE GILBEY CUP and the SUPPLEMENTARY CUPS

will be played for at the ROEHAMPTON CLUB on Monday July 17th to Saturday July 22nd 1967.

Committee: The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager & Handicapper: E. A. Roper

Referee: To be Appointed

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

Open to Associates only.

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

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

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

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

Entries must be received by the Secretary before 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 12th, and the Draw will take place at the Croquet Offices, Hurlingham Club, London, S. W. 6. at 11 a.m. on Wednesday July 12th.

ROEHAMPTON CUPS 1966

Holders:-

1. The Roehampton Challenge Cup - L. Riggall
2. The Council Challenge Cup - Mrs B. L. Sundius-Smith
3. The Reckitt Challenge Cup - D. C. Caporn
4. The Stevenson Challenge Cup - Mr B. H. Higgins
5. The Gilbey Cup - Mrs G. M. Lightfoot

Supplementary Cups

'A' Supplementary Brig. A. F. G. Forbes
'B' " J. L. Sanders
'C' " Miss G. Bartlett

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

CHELTENHAM CROQUET CLUB OFFICIAL OPEN TOURNAMENT

July 24th - 29th incl.

- I Open Singles, Cheltenham Championship Cup, two lives fee 15/-
- II Level Singles, Money Salver, two or more bisques, law 37. fee 12/6
- III Handicap Singles, Calthrop Cup, 6½ or more bisques fee 12/6
- IV Open Handicap Singles, Daniels Cup fee 12/6
- V Handicap Doubles, Barwell Salvors fee 11/6 per player

Manager: Mrs Chittenden
Referee: Col. G. T. Wheeler

As this tournament conflicts with the Centenary finals at Hurlingham, entries may be reduced from a normal year. The Club reserves the right to re-arrange events or substitute American systems etc. if in the opinion of the Committee, this will improve the week's croquet. In this event fees will be adjusted accordingly.

Entries close 1st post July 19th. Extra fees for Non-Associates - for 3 Events - 25/- - or for 1 Event - 12/6. All entries to be addressed to Tournament Secretary, Cheltenham Croquet Club, Old Bath Road.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP AND DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

will be held at the HURLINGHAM CLUB, on JULY 31st, and following days

Committee: The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association.

Manager: J. B. Gilbert

Referee & Handicapper: J. G. Warwick

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

EVENTS

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

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

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

ENTRIES

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

DRAW

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

PLAY

Play will begin at 10 a.m.

The semi-finals of the Championships will be so arranged that play in them will extend over the afternoons of Friday, August 4th and Saturday August 5th.

HURLINGHAM

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

will be held from

MONDAY AUGUST 7th to WEDNESDAY AUGUST 16th, 1967.

Committee: The Croquet Committee of the Club.

Manager & Handicapper: E. A. Roper

Referee: J. G. Warwick,

Games Secretary: Lt. Col. R. F. J. Hayward, VC., MC.,

EVENTS

1. THE HURLINGHAM CUP. HOLDER - J. W. Simon. Level Singles. Conditions of Advanced play. Entrance Fee 12/6d. DRAW and PROCESS.
2. THE TURNER CUP. HOLDER - B. G. Perry. Level Singles. Conditions of Advanced play. For players handicapped at 1 bisque or over not entered for Event 1. Challenge Cup presented by the late Mrs Ernest Turner. Singles games throughout. Entrance Fee 10/-.
3. THE HURLINGHAM DOUBLES. HOLDERS - J. P. R. Bolton & Mrs E. Rotherham. Conditions of Advanced play. Mixed pairs. Challenge Cup presented by the late Mrs. Henry Franc. Singles games throughout. Entrance fee 10/- per player.
4. THE YOUNGER CUP. HOLDER - A. F. G. Forbes. Ordinary Level Singles. For players handicapped at 4½ bisques and over not entered for Events 1 or 2. Challenge Cup presented by the late Lt. Col. J. A. C. Younger. Single games throughout. Entrance fee 10/-.

5. THE LONGWORTH CUP. HOLDER - Mrs A. E. Millar. Handicap Singles. For players handicapped at 8 bisques and over, not entered for events 1, 2 or 4. Challenge Cup presented by Mrs R. C. Longworth. Single games throughout. Entrance fee 10/-. Law 36 suspended. Now that 8 lawns are available, it is hoped that it will be unnecessary to play any games at Roehampton.
6. THE PINCKNEY SIMPSON CUP (HANDICAP SINGLES). HOLDER - J. W. Simon. This event will be run on the X, Y, principle although the Y event may have to be played as shortened games. Entrance fee 10/-.
7. THE "LADIES FIELD" CANDLESTICKS. (Ladies Handicap Doubles). HOLDERS - Mrs P. D. Showan & Mrs J. Speer. Open to lady Members of the C. A. only. Entrance fee 10/- each player. All games to start at the third hoop.
8. MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES - HOLDERS - Col. D. W. Beamish & P. D. Hallet. Open to pairs with a Minimum combined handicap of Minus 2. All games start at the third hoop. Entrance fee 10/- each player. Prizes in accordance with the entries. Tournament plant by John Jaques.

ENTRIES AND DRAW

All entries with fees for Events 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 with the addresses of the competitors (and telephone number) must reach the Games Secretary, Croquet Tournament, The Hurlingham Club, Fulham, S.W. 6. by first post on Wednesday 2nd August. (not C. A. Secretary).

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

CHEQUES SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE HURLINGHAM CLUB.

GENERAL

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

At least eight lawns will be provided.

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

CARRICKMINES CROQUET AND LAWN TENNIS CLUB. CROQUET TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY 12TH AUGUST TO SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST, 1967.

Hon. Sec. Croquet Committee, Carrickmines Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club, Carrickmines, Co. Dublin.

EVENTS

1. CHAMPIONSHIP OF CO. DUBLIN. OPEN. Perpetual Challenge cup. Draw and Process. Entry fee 15/-.
2. DUFF MATHEWS CUP. (Perpetual) Open to players of 5 bisques and over. To be played on Handicap. Entry fee 10/-.
N. B. Competitors may enter for only one of the above events.
3. BOXWELL CUP. (Perpetual) Handicap Singles. Open to all. Entry fee 10/-.
4. CORONATION CUPS (Perpetual) Handicap Doubles. Matches will begin at the 3rd hoop and will be limited to 3½ hours. Combined handicap must not be less than 4. Entry fee 10/- each player.

Entries for all events close on Tuesday 8th August at 6 p. m. and the draw will then take place.

Play will start at 10 a. m. on Saturday 12th August. Competitors who are Irish residents must be available on that day. Competitors from overseas will not be required for play until Monday 14th August at 10 o'clock. All competitors must be ready to play when required by the Manager.

DEVONSHIRE PARK - EASTBOURNE

60th South of England Championships
October 2nd to October 14th 1967.

Preliminary Accouncement

EVENTS 1st Week

1. OPEN SINGLES. South of England Championship. Draw and Process 15/-d.
2. LEVEL SINGLES (½ to 3 bisques) 12/6d.
3. LEVEL SINGLES (3½ to 6½ bisques) 12/6d.
4. RESTRICTED HANDICAP SINGLES (Seven bisques & Over) 12/6d.
5. BIG HANDICAP "X". "Y". 15/-d.
6. HANDICAP DOUBLES (Combined Handicap not less than 2) 11/6d.

EVENTS 2nd Week

- 1(a) MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP. Draw & Process 15/-d.
- 2(a) WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP. Draw & Process 15/-d.
- 3(a) RESTRICTED HANDICAP "X". "Y". "Z". 15/-d.
- 4(a) BIG HANDICAP 12/6d.
- 5(a) OPEN DOUBLES -13/-d.
- 6(a) HANDICAP DOUBLES (Combined Handicap not less than 4) 11/6d.

Brief Notes

1. Competitors may enter for only one of Events 1 - 4.
2. Event 1 is under the Laws of Advanced play.
3. Event 2 is under the Laws of Semi-advanced play.
4. Competitors may enter for only one of Events 1(a), 2(a) & 3(a).
5. Competitors may not enter for 6(a) as well as either 1(a) or 2(a) or 5(a).
6. Competitors may not enter for Event 5(a) as well as either 3(a) or 6(a).
7. Events 1(a), 2(a) and 5(a) are under the Laws of Advanced Play.
8. All handicap doubles will start at 3rd hoop. Time limit 3½ hours. No extra half-hour.
9. Entries for the first week must reach The Secretary, The Croquet Association, The Hurlingham Club, S.W. 6. by 21st September 1967 and for the second week H. G. S. Perry, Hockington House, Willingdon, Eastbourne, by Thursday, 21st September 1967.
10. Leave must depend on the need of the Tournament. It is hoped to complete the first 2 rounds of Event 4(a) on Monday 9th October and competitors unable to be present that day should not enter this event. It will be possible to grant leave until mid-day to a number, and until 3 p. m. to a few.

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