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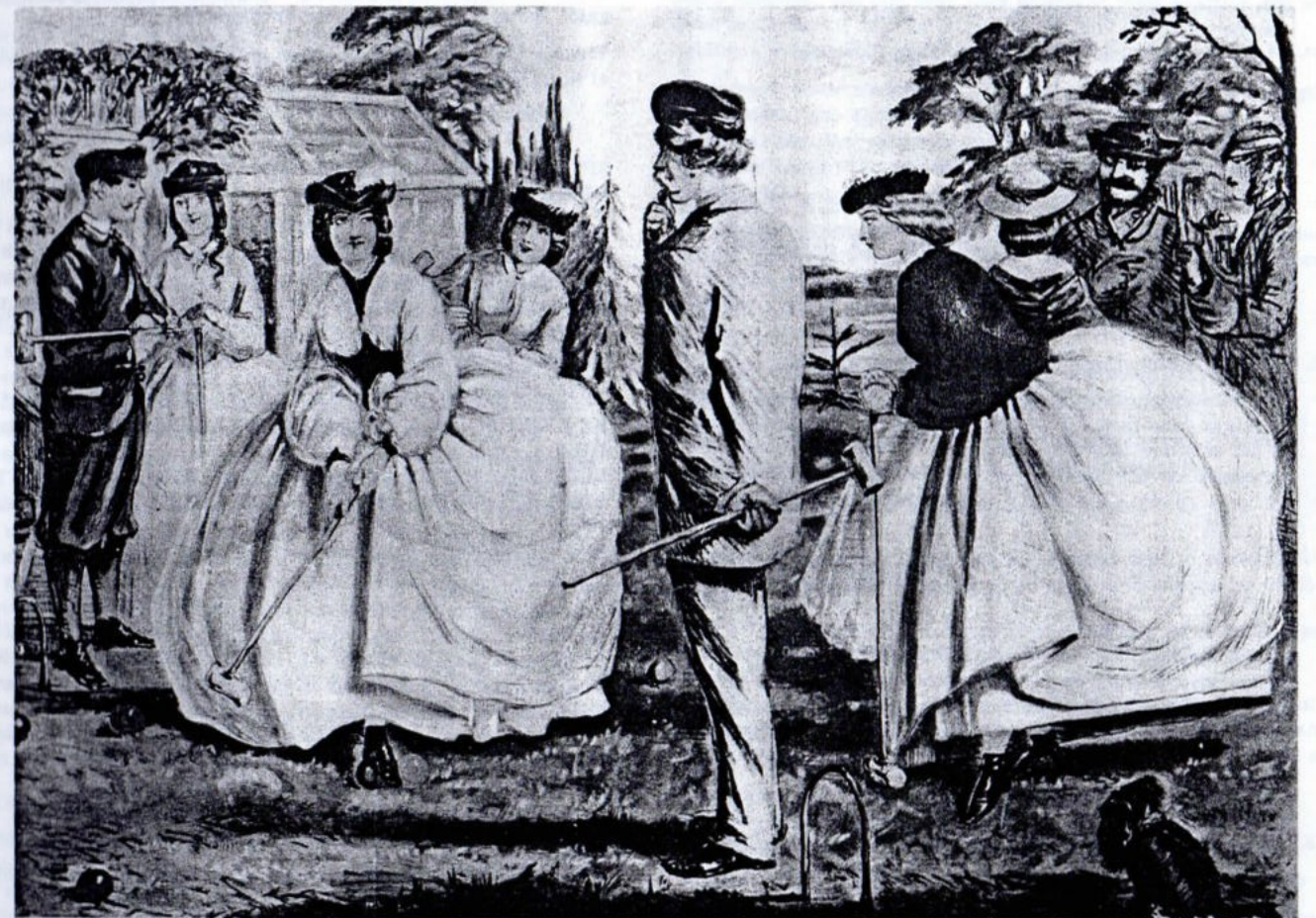
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*Illustration*

*A New Game for Two or More.*

*— Fixing her eyes on his, and placing her pretty little foot on the ball, she said, "now, then, I am going to Croquet you!" and Croquet'd he was completely." (from "Kend's Emory")*

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## Calendar Fixtures

Month	Date	Event
July	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
	11-15	Ladies Invitation Event.
	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".

### AMERICAN TOURNAMENT REPORT

Owing to lack of space, the Editor requests Clubs to send results of American Tournaments played in Blocks, in the form shown in this issue.

### New Associates

- L. E. Brookes, 62 Buckingham Road, Shoreham by Sea.
- M. Carlton-Dittman, 253 Hathaway Lane, Wynnewood, PA. USA.
- Miss G. Mackeson, 35 Durdham Park, Bristol 6.
- P. Gifford Nash, 13 Kensington Park Gardens, S.W. 11.
- Miss N. E. Hardy,
- Miss D. Parkes, 24 Ryeburne Avenue, Hawthorne E 3, Victoria, Australia.
- W. J. Baverstock, 30 Kinsale Court, Palmeira Avenue, Hove 3, Sussex.

## C.A. Notices

There are nearly ONE HUNDRED subscriptions still unpaid - which is really very bad - considering subscriptions are due on the 1st January. I would draw your attention to Rule XXIV of the C. A. constitution, particularly this sentence, referring to persons who have played in a Tournament not having paid their subscription - "If he plays in a Calendar fixture he shall be liable for Tribute."

Owing to a burglary at the holder's home - there will be no Council Challenge Cup to compete for at the Challenge and Gilbey Tournament this year. Blocks will be arranged accordingly.

Will any Club that may be arranging a coach to travel to London on the 28th July, on the occasion of Her Majesty's visit - please write to me for particulars of the arrangements made for coaches.

Anyone coming on that day is advised to leave plenty of time and to come early. After 11 a. m. there is no admittance, and we are anticipating a large crowd. PLEASE APPLY NOW pink vouchers for non-associates, which will be sent on application - Please do NOT send any money - payment is to be made at the gate, but a stamped addressed envelope please.

Tickets for the croquet dinner on the 27th July are now available at this Office, price 27/6d each. PLEASE APPLY EARLY.

### SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR COACHES COMING TO HURLINGHAM ON 28th JULY

Coaches will not be allowed inside the grounds of the Club. They must park in Broomhouse Lane, to the South of the Broomhouse Lane entrance to the Club. It is also important that they AVOID Ranelagh Gardens. People on foot will be admitted by the Broomhouse Lane entrance.

THE DRAW FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF CHAMPIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE C. A. OFFICES AT 11 a. m. ON THE 11th JULY. LIKEWISE THE DRAW FOR THE FINALISTS IN THE CENTENARY ALL ENGLAND HANDICAP WILL BE DRAWN AT THE SAME TIME.

IT IS HOPED ALL PLAYERS WILL WEAR WHITE.

V. C. Gasson,  
The Hurlingham Club,  
London, S.W. 6.

### HANDICAP ALTERATIONS

Many competitors seem to be confused about the effect of alterations in handicaps, and the role of the Handicap co-ordination Committee on such alterations.

Associates should note that when they are notified of any alteration in their handicap by an official handicapper, whether this is in the course of a particular tournament or on the instructions of their Club handicapping Committee, their new handicap is to be regarded as official forthwith. Further, it is their duty to inform the Manager of their next Tournament that their handicap has been altered.

The Handicap Co-ordination Committee meets regularly throughout the season to confirm these alterations. In cases where they do not regard the alteration as justified, the player concerned (and his Club) are informed accordingly and his handicap reverts to its previous level.

## NOTES by ROVER

### THE MACROBERTSON DIALOGUE

AS ALL of us know there are occasions in Croquet when a player who has become a Rover feels justified in pegging out an opponent's Rover - or at any rate in attempting to do so. It is the opinion of the Editor that this practise might on occasion be transferred from the lawn to the printed page. Rover Notes will in such a case tend to take on the character of what it is now fashionable to describe as a 'dialogue'. He considers that an opportunity of this sort has arisen in respect of the Notes in the previous number relating to the MacRobertson Trophy. Since these appeared in the June number the matter has been carried a stage further by a decision of the Council on May 31st which was in the following terms, after the matter had been the subject of a full debate:

Australia's challenge to play a series of Tests for the MacRobertson Trophy in Australia early in 1969 was accepted on behalf of this country, subject to financial considerations and the availability of players of the requisite standard.

Previously to this, at the A. G. M., it was reported that such inquiries as had been made by the Test Tour Committee gave good reason to hope that a sufficiency of such players would in fact be available, and probably in numbers which would enable our team to field a side of six competitors.

### TO FIGHT OR NOT TO FIGHT

THE QUESTION of the venue for the series had been under discussion by the Council throughout the past winter. It was generally felt that England should not be called upon to send a team across the oceans of the world for a third time since the last War, and a request was made to the Australian Council to allow the series to be played here. It was only when this request was refused that differences arose on whether participation by a team from this island should be undertaken or not, Rover in the June issue referred to the statement by M. B. Reckitt in his Review of the 1966 season in the December/January number that it was 'admittedly our turn to visit Australia'. Rover in June set out to controvert this statement, but it is a fact that while the C. A. sent a team to play for the Trophy in 1935, two years later an Australian team came here, and it is further the case that plans for a return visit to the Antipodes had gone some way when war broke out in 1939. Whether or not this now justifies Australia in asking us, the holders of the Trophy, to cross the world for a third time is a matter of opinion, but as the terms governing International Matches, we read out at the Council, plainly show, Australia is fully within its formal rights in issuing its challenge. The question therefore is simply one of whether we decide to defend our title or not.

### IT CAN BE DONE

THIS, and not the merits or demerits of Australia's action, is what the debate at the Council was about. 'We've got the men, we've got the ships, we've got the money too' - so ran the old 'Jingo' challenge of the Victorian Music Hall song. If in fact we had not got the men available; if there were no ships - or planes - to go in; if there was no hope of money being forthcoming, the question would have fallen to the ground. It is reasonably clear that the first two questions can be answered in the affirmative, and though it is unhappily true that the C. A. has not at present 'got the money too' to assist the expedition, and it is certainly unsatisfactory that private resources will have, in this case to be heavily drawn upon, the majority of our Council thought that it would be spiritless merely to pass up our claim to the title of being the strongest croquet nation in the world because we had not in this instance got our own way.

It deserves to be recalled that had it not been for an Australian initiative there would be no International Trophy; that directly

this was presented in 1925 an Australian team came over here to play for it; and that their players have three times been winners of the event in the past.

The good relations of the three English speaking Croquet 'Powers' have been maintained at a high level throughout; all that we have now to ask of the Antipodean countries is that they will spare no effort to send a team here for the Jubilee of the competition in 1975.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE EASTERN COUNTIES.

IN 1956 the County Championship was won by Hants and Dorset. With this exception this Championship had been the monopoly of Middlesex and Surrey since 1948, with 11 wins to the former and 7 wins to the latter. For the first time in the history of the event, the Eastern Counties have become the Champions. During this post-war period they were continually struggling near the bottom of the list. They continued the challenge and were absentees in only one year, when the County Championship was competed for by only 4 Counties. In 1965 they won 2 matches, and last year they improved their position and won three matches. It must be admitted that this year they were fielding a much stronger side.

There were 2 new comers - Hallett who played regularly throughout the week, and Thorpe who appeared only twice. Bray who made his debut last year was another regular player. For the first time Lloyd Pratt was able to give his full attention to the Tournament.

The Eastern Counties would only be at full strength if, in addition, Bolton and Reed were able to play. Then there would be no room for the old timers, who were still competing this year, namely, Duffield, Karmel and Baillieu; nor the fresh promising recruit Forbes.

The other old timers such as Franklin, Skempton, Mrs. Rolfe, Mrs. Thom and Mrs. Karmel would no longer be needed to enter the lists, but all these players in the past have assisted the Eastern Counties in their climb, from the bottom to the top. Alas, Mrs. Reeve, who worked so untiringly for the Eastern Counties, is no longer with us.

### LADIES' INVITATION EVENT

IT WAS suggested in a Rover Note which appeared in the April issue of "Croquet" that a new event be introduced into the Croquet Calendar to provide further opportunity for the women players to compete with each other, and this was in fact sanctioned by the Council at their last Meeting, and will take place during "Eights Week".

This has not been approved as a permanent fixture, but, if it proves to be a success, there is a probability that the Council will continue to promote the event until it is decided that the Ladies Field Cup shall be restored to the Calendar list.

Between the publication of the April issue of "Croquet" and the holding of the A. G. M., the Assistant Editor worked untiringly collecting a mass of evidence to satisfy the Council that there was a very genuine desire in the Croquet world that there should be such an event. She had already approached the Southwick Club who agreed that they would lend their lawns if the Council would approve holding the event. Armed with this evidence, she presented a Petition to the Council at the A. G. M. The Council which met immediately after the A. G. M. turned the proposal into a reality. This is a classic example of the useful purposes which the A. G. M. can be made to serve and to encourage other associates to put forward other suggestions. Any Associates contemplating such a course would be well advised to follow the example of the Assistant Editor and collect in advance any material evidence which supports any future proposal.

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Report of the Annual General Meeting held at the Hurlingham Club on Wednesday, 31st May 1967

Apologies:- Mrs. I. H. Turketine, J. M. Rivington, S. S. Townsend, Lt. Col. A. E. Saalfeld.

Present:- M. B. Reckitt (Chairman) Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins, I. Baillieu, Dr. C. A. Boucher, D. C. Caporn, Major J. H. Dibley, E. P. Duffield, G. V. Evans, A. D. Karmel, Miss D. A. Lintern, Prof. B. G. Neal, A. J. Oldham, Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard, A. A. Reed, E. A. Roper, Mrs. E. Rotherham, J. W. Solomon, L. E. W. Stokes-Roberts, Lt. Cmdr. G. W. Style, B. Lloyd-Pratt, R. F. Rothwell, G. W. Williams and Mrs. V. C. Gasson (Secretary).  
Mrs. S. M. Adler, Col. D. W. Beamish, Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish, Cmdr. G. Borrett, R. Bray A. V. Camroux, Col. G. Cave, Mrs. G. E. Cave, Mrs. B. Chittenden, A. J. Cooper, Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson, V. A. de la Nougerede, Miss B. Duthie, R. A. Godby, P. D. Hallett, D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller, J. A. Hollweg, Mrs. A. D. Karmel, Mrs. W. Longman, P. Newton, Mrs. M. B. Reckitt, Mrs. G. W. Solomon, Mrs. B. Sundius-Smith, Mrs. M. Thom, Miss E. J. Warwick, E. J. Warwick.

1. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd May 1966 were duly signed by Dr. Wiggins.
2. Dr. Wiggins then asked the Meeting to approve Council's choice of Mr. M. B. Reckitt as President of the Association. This appointment was unanimously approved - Mr. Reckitt then took over the Chair from Dr. Wiggins, and thanked Council and The Association for choosing him as President.

3. He then put forward E. P. Duffield and G. W. Williams for the posts of Vice Presidents - they were unanimously appointed and each made speeches of thanks and appreciation of the honour paid them.
4. Cmdr. G. W. Style was asked to present the Report & Balance Sheet. He pointed out that our income was inflated by the generous Reeve Legacy of £100; and by the quite exceptional sale of books in 1966. Also by the advertisement revenue for these books which the true credit balance was about £155. As retiring Hon. Treasurer he gave a warning that the cost of the magazine is increasing, and must be kept down, particularly so as the costs of all overheads are increasing and cost of the Centenary will have to be met this year. He said he would be very surprised if there was not a loss at the end of the year, but probably not a large one. Cmdr. Style said it may be of interest to Associates to know details of some of the changes during his time as Hon. Treasurer.

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over income of £60.

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£1,018  
and an excess of  
income over expenditure  
of £384.

For this - though he is pleased to be able to report it, he claims no credit, except so far as he personally initiated or shared in the initiation of, or urged the various progressive steps we have taken to get our financial house in order. He was merely the instrument.

Cmdr. Style said that although he left the Council he was still joint Trustee with Mr. G. V. Evans, and he was certain he was handing over to a very excellent new Hon. Treasurer. He paid a very generous tribute to Mrs. V. C. Gasson and Mrs. P. D. Showan, and wished the Council and the Association the best of luck. Mr. Reckitt proposed the adoption of the Accounts, seconded by Cmdr. Borrett and passed unanimously. There was a hearty vote of thanks to Cmdr. Style for the excellent way he looked after the C. A. finances and his years of hard work.

The new candidates A. J. Oldham, R. F. Rothwell and B. Lloyd-Pratt were then presented to the Meeting and elected members of the Council.

Messrs. Nicholas, Reid & Corney & Co., were then re-elected Auditors but at an increased fee of 60 gns.

Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith asked, and obtained special leave, to bring forward a proposition for an invitation Ladies 8 to be played concurrently with the 3 eights. It was subsequently passed to Council.

Mr. Guy Warwick, speaking as someone who was frequently chief referee, asked urgently for a reprint of the Laws as the present book was "all bits and pieces". After discussion Mr. Lloyd-Pratt put a motion that "This Meeting request Council to have a reprint of the Laws as a matter of urgency". This motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Caporn said if any Centenary finalists wanted accommodation they should write to Mrs. D. F. Caporn, Hampton Court Palace, East Molesey, Surrey.

## COMMITTEES

1967

### LAWS

I. C. Baillieu, (Chairman), E. P. C. Cotter, A. D. Karmel, Prof. B. G. Neal, Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard, J. M. Rivington, E. A. Roper, J. W. Solomon.

## TOURNAMENT

G. Birch, D. C. Caporn, Major J. H. Dibley, Miss D. A. Lintern, R. F. Rothwell, E. A. Roper, Mrs. E. Rotherham (Chairman)  
J. W. Solomon.

### F. & G. P.

(Chairman to be appointed). D. C. Caporn, Major J. H. Dibley, G. V. Evans, Miss D. A. Lintern, J. M. Rivington, A. J. Oldham, J. W. Solomon, S. S. Townsend.

### PUBLICITY

D. C. Caporn, Major J. H. Dibley, G. V. Evans, Miss D. A. Lintern, B. G. Neal (Chairman), B. Lloyd Pratt, A. A. Reed, S. S. Townsend.

### SELECTION COMMITTEE

E. P. C. Cotter, Miss D. A. Lintern, M. B. Reckitt, E. A. Roper, J. W. Solomon.

### HANDICAP CO-ORDINATION

Major J. H. Dibley, Miss D. A. Lintern, M. B. Reckitt, E. A. Roper, J. W. Solomon. (Chairman).

### HANDICAP APPEAL

G. Birch, A. D. Karmel, Mrs. E. Rotherham (Chairman), Dr. C. A. Boucher.

### EDITORIAL PANEL

D. C. Caporn, Miss D. A. Lintern, M. B. Reckitt, J. M. Rivington (Chairman), A. J. Oldham, I. C. Baillieu (Editor).

### GOLF CROQUET

G. Birch, G. V. Evans, Miss D. A. Lintern (Chairman), Dr. C. A. Boucher.

## EXTRACTS FROM A COUNCIL MEETING HELD AFTER THE A. G. M.

### Australian Challenge

THERE WAS a long discussion on this subject, especially since Australia wanted our team to travel to Australia for the next series. Many points of view were canvassed and finally the following resolution was passed "The Council accepts the Australian Challenge to play for the MacRobertson Trophy in Australia, in 1969, - subject to the question of finance and the availability of players".

The Council instructed the Secretary so to inform the Australian Croquet Association.

Mr. Baillieu proposed and Miss Lintern seconded a motion that there should be a Ladies' Invitation Event to be played at Southwick during the "Eights" week. The Event was to be competed for by the 8 most formidable lady players who had not attained selection for any of the other "Eights". Each player would meet each other player once only and two games would be played on Monday to Wednesday, inclusive, and one game on Thursday morning, leaving Thursday afternoon for any pegged down games, or for the play-off in the event of a tie. This motion was passed unanimously and accordingly the Event will take place this year.

## FLOATER

Some time ago the word 'Baulk' was misspelt in 'Croquet' - but there is a lighter side to all such incidents. A well known Q. C. was heard to remark: 'How ridiculous to spell it 'bawk' when everyone knows it is 'bork'.

## Obituary

MRS W. A. T. SYNGE

THE SUDDEN death of Mrs. Syngé on Monday, 8th May came as a great shock to her fellow members at Southwick. She had been playing at the Club on the previous Saturday and appeared to have fully recovered from her long illness. Captain & Mrs. Syngé joined the Club in 1963, and quickly established themselves as enthusiastic and rapidly improving players both at Southwick and at Tournaments all over the country. Mrs. Syngé a left-handed player (Handicap 3) was a particularly fine shot and her "rushes" were outstandingly good. She will be greatly missed by her many friends in the croquet world whose deep sympathy goes out to her husband and two sons.

MISS M. M. PAULLEY

"PAULLEY", as she was known to most of the older Members, had been a Member of the Cheltenham Croquet Club for many years. In addition to having been a very good player, she was an excellent teacher and took endless trouble with anyone showing promise. For years, unknown to Members, she provided all the croquet balls for the Club. Her work for the Club however, over a long period of years was tremendous, and with her passing we say "good-bye" to another character of the Croquet world.

MR. REEP LINTERN C. B.

IN THE WORLD of Croquet, Reep Lintern was perhaps better known as the brother of an ex-chairman, Miss Daisy Lintern. He had a most distinguished career, the early part of which was spent as a civil engineer. Later, he joined the Ministry of Transport, and within a few years was called to the Bar at the Middle Temple. The rare, indeed almost unique, continuation of technical and legal talent enabled him to use the position of Under Secretary, and his career was crowned when he was made a Companion of the Bath shortly before his retirement.

Once a gifted player, he had ceased to play competitively some time ago. We shall remember how in recent years he would often be found sitting in the pavilion at Roehampton, although alas less frequently during his tragic illness, about which he was never heard to complain. He was an enthusiastic observer and critic of the game, always ready to encourage newcomers with helpful comments and advice.

We were all conscious of the strong bond of affection that existed between brother and sister, and which fortified him so much during the last difficult months. We deeply regret the passing of Reep Lintern, and offer to his sister our profound sympathy in her fight to bridge the gap left by the loss of her brother.

B. G. N.

## LITTLE WINNING

(T. S. Eliot in a Waste Land).

In my beginning is my end:

I've broken down  
At the eighth hoop. This is where one starts from.  
As one approaches it the strain grows greater.  
You say I am repeating what I have done before; I shall do it again.  
Croquet is the crullest game, breeding  
Spites out of past defeats, mixing  
Memory and ambition, stirring  
Recollections of lost chances  
At Brighton and Hurlingham, Estabourne and Budleigh Salterton  
I say to my soul be still and wait without hope;  
(There isn't much hope he will go for the wrong hoop):  
There is always another tournament, this week, next week,  
Sometime - for Croquet is endless; one will start again  
At the first hoop, which may be also the last hoop.  
In my end is my beginning.

M. B. R.

## Questions and Answers

The Editor,  
The Croquet Gazette.

Dear Sir,

A, playing yellow, rushes red to the 2nd hoop and fails to get position with his croquet shot. He puts his yellow clip on 2nd hoop and with his last shot of the turn plays red to a position wired from black.

B, who didn't see the last shot A played, (he was taking off a coat) went on the lawn and then called a referee to decide whether black, having been placed in its present position by A in a previous turn, has a lift.

The referee was in fact watching the game and knew that A had played with the wrong ball in the last shot of his turn.

### QUESTION

- (i) Should the referee "forget his knowledge" and give a ruling on the "facts" as presented by B? or -
- (ii) Should the referee say that his ruling must depend on the balls being correctly placed on the court before giving his ruling? If the correct decision is as in (i) in this case, is it still correct if one of the wired balls has not been correctly placed on the yard line - i.e. is still 1 foot from the line when the question is asked?

Yours truly,

G. E. Cave

**ANSWER.** The Referee is acting as a Referee on call and his rights and duties are set out in Regulation 5. Whilst he is acting on call he is for the moment acting as a Referee in charge of the game and part of that duty is to act as an ever-vigilant adversary - see Regulation 4 (b). Thus if he observes a stroke about to be played with any ball improperly placed in the yard line area, he should ensure that it is brought on to the yard line. On the other hand he is not concerned with the past history of the game unless he is invited to settle the dispute as a Referee on appeal. In that event he can consult spectators or rely on his observation as to what has happened - see Regulation 6 (b) & (c). In the question above he is by implication being asked to accept that the balls have been lawfully played to the places at which they are at rest. The Referee, therefore, should not volunteer the information that the Red ball had been unlawfully played to its position on the Court - see Regulation 6 (a) "Only if the parties disagree as to the state of the game should he settle their dispute by acting as a Referee on appeal."

Further comments on the Wrong Ball Law:-

A notice was posted in the Budleigh Salterton Croquet Club during the recent Tournament, with a view to ascertaining whether Associates were in favour or against the present rule. This showed that there were 10 in favour of retention and 4 in favour of abolition. One of the abolitionists was Commander Borrett who has written a letter supporting the view expressed by Hurlingham in the June issue.

The following is an extract from a letter from Mr. Keith Wylie. "I feel bound to report that the C. V. Croquet Club Committee considered the Wrong Ball Law and to my disgust voted 3 all for its retention". Mr. Wylie is himself an abolitionist.

Another letter from Mr. Riggall reveals that he is in favour of retention of the Law.

## Longman Cup

RESULTS

### FIRST ROUND

WOKING v WORTON HALL

Capt. Nalder (6) & Mr. Temple Page (6½) bt Mr. Wilson (12) & Mr. Barke (12) + 26 + 23  
Mrs. Temple Page (12) & Mr. Bennett (6) lost to Mr. Reeves (11) & Mr. Sexton (10) + 26 + 5  
Mr. Temple Page (6½) lost to Mr. Reeves (11) + 26 + 13  
Capt. Nalder (6) bt Mr. Sexton (10) + 26 + 23  
Woking won on points.

HURLINGHAM v ROEHAMPTON  
Played at Hurlingham on June 10th, 1967.

### SINGLES

Miss B. Duthie (3½) lost to A. J. Oldham (3) + 8  
Mrs A. W. Skempton (4) lost to L. Riggall (3½) + 11  
Mrs A. D. Karmel (5½) Mrs. L. Riggall (5) + 17

### DOUBLES

Miss B. Duthie & Mrs. A. D. Karmel (9) lost to A. J. Oldham and Mrs L. Riggall (8) + 22  
Mrs A. W. Skempton & O. A. Henesky (11) lost to L. Riggall & J. Saunders (9) + 15

### RESULT

Roehampton beat Hurlingham by 4 games to 1.

RYDE v SOUTHWICK  
Played at Southwick on June 15th, 1967.

### SINGLES

Major J. H. Dibley (2½) bt Major R. Driscoll (1½) + 5  
Miss M. M. Taylor (7) bt Miss E. Johnston (3½) + 11  
Dr W. F. W. Betenson (7) v. L. E. Brookes (5) Game unfinished

### DOUBLES

Major J. H. Dibley (2½) & Mrs G. H. Wood (10) bt Major R. Driscoll (1½) & Mrs R. D. Griffiths (7)  
Dr. W. F. W. Betenson (7) & Miss M. M. Taylor (7) bt L. E. Brookes (5) & Miss E. Johnston (3½)

**Result:** Ryde 4 games - Southwick 0. (One game unfinished).

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

### SINGLES

E. H. Shelton (2½) lost to K. Ross (2½) - 3  
Mrs M. H. Vincent (3) bt D. Bateson (9) + 7  
Mrs R. C. Hawkins (6½) lost to N. Jelley (10) - 11

### DOUBLES

E. H. Shelton (2½) & Mrs. R. C. Hawkins (6½) bt K. Ross (2½) & M. Cowan (12) + 11  
Mrs M. H. Vincent (3) & Mrs W. Nash (7) bt D. Bateson (9) & M. Jelley (10) + 3

**Result:** Budleigh Salterton 3 games - Oxford University 2 games..

### SECOND ROUND

PARSONS GREEN v WORTON HALL

**Result** Worton Hall won 3 games to 1.

## Cheltenham

CROQUET CLUB (AMERICAN) TOURNAMENT  
12th - 15th May.

**T**HE CHANGE of the holiday period from the Whitsun Festival to the end of May caused a large reduction in the entries for the four days tournament and not all those who entered could play on the Friday. However, apart from some inroad into playing time on the first day due to thunderstorms, play went along at a good pace all the time on each of the days, no time limit was invoked and everyone had eight tournament games and still had time to play friendlies. The weather was extremely variable - thunderstorms on Friday, a near perfect day on Saturday, (though the lawns were a trifle heavy), cool and rainy on Sunday and drizzle and cold on Monday. But croquet players are a hardened lot, conditions were taken in their stride and everyone taking part appeared to enjoy themselves thoroughly.

Results:- HANDICAP SINGLES

### BLOCK A

F. W. Meredith (1½) bt G. E. P. Jackson (-2½) + 25 and Miss K. M. O. Sessions (½) + 1 and W/Cdr. E. M. Smith (3½) + 17 and J. W. Sturdy (10) + 3 and Mrs H. Harris (15) + 17.  
J. W. Sturdy (10) beat G. E. P. Jackson (-2½) + 24 and Miss K. M. O. Sessions (½) + 14 and W/Cdr. Smith (3½) + 23 and Mrs. H. Harris (15) + 12  
G. E. P. Jackson (-2½) beat Miss K. M. O. Sessions (½) + 23 and W/Cdr. E. M. Smith (3½) + 3 and Mrs H. Harris (15) + 19  
W/Cdr. Smith (3½) beat Miss K. M. O. Sessions (½) + 26 and Mrs. H. Harris (15) + 17.  
Miss K. M. O. Sessions (½) beat Mrs. H. Harris (15) + 21

### BLOCK B

D. A. Wilson (6½) beat R. Rothwell (-1) + 15 and Dr. L. Yoxall (1) + 24 and L. G. Ayliffe (8) + 1 and Miss W. K. Allardyce (12) + 4  
Dr. L. Yoxall (1) beat R. Rothwell (-1) + 10 and Col. G. T. Wheeler (2) + 9 and L. G. Ayliffe (8) + 15 and Miss W. K. Allardyce (12) + 3.  
Col. G. T. Wheeler (2) beat R. Rothwell (-1) + 15 and D. A. Wilson (6½) + 7 and L. G. Ayliffe (8) + 6.  
R. Rothwell (-1) beat L. G. Ayliffe (8) + 21 and Miss W. K. Allardyce (12) + 23.  
Miss W. K. Allardyce (12) beat Col. G. T. Wheeler (2) + 4 and L. G. Ayliffe (8) + 11.

### BLOCKS A - B Play off.

F. W. Meredith (1½) beat D. A. Wilson (6½) + 9  
Dr. Yoxall (1) beat J. W. Sturdy (10) + 16  
G. E. P. Jackson (-2½) beat Col. G. T. Wheeler (2) + 17  
W/Cdr. E. M. Smith (3½) beat R. Rothwell (-1) + 16  
Miss K. M. O. Sessions (½) beat Miss W. K. Allardyce (12) + 6  
Mrs. H. Harris (15) beat L. G. Ayliffe (8) + 9

### Final placings after inter-block play off.

1st F. W. Meredith (1½); 2nd D. A. Wilson (6½); 3rd Dr. L. Yoxall (1); 4th J. W. Sturdy (10); 5th G. E. P. Jackson (-2½); 6th Col. G. T. Wheeler (2); 7th W/Cdr. E. M. Smith (3½); 8th R. Rothwell (-1); 9th Miss K. M. O. Sessions (½); 10th Miss W. K. Allardyce (12); 11th Mrs. H. Harris (15); 12th L. G. Ayliffe (8).

### HANDICAP DOUBLES

Col. G. T. Wheeler and Miss W. K. Allardyce (14) beat G. E. P. Jackson and Mrs Jackson (2½) + 5  
F. W. Meredith and W/Cdr. E. M. Smith (5) beat E. G. Bantock and Miss K. M. O. Sessions (5½) + 17

### Play off. Winners versus winners and losers versus losers.

Col. G. T. Wheeler and Miss W. K. Allardyce (14) beat F. W. Meredith and W/Cdr. E. M. Smith (5) + 6.  
G. E. P. Jackson and Mrs Jackson (2½) beat E. G. Bantock and Miss K. M. O. Sessions (5½) + 8

**Overall winners.** Col. G. T. Wheeler and Miss W. K. Allardyce.

## Southwick SPRING TOURNAMENT

**F**OR THE FIRST time Southwick held their Spring Tournament on the American System, and it was most successful. At the end of the Tournament those who had played in it voted five to one in favour of a repetition of the System next year. Losing the first game in an American hardly hurts at all.

There were six Blocks of six each, which ensured five games for everyone. Then there were Doubles, a play-off for Block winners and an Extra, all on the knock-out system. Plenty of croquet for all.

The heroes of the Tournament (if spreading gloom amongst ones opponents constitutes heroism) were Austin, Mrs. Wallwork and Mrs. Sundius-Smith. Austin's long distance hooping was miraculous to his supporters - indecent to his opponents. After twelve years away from croquet Mrs. Wallwork still plays with unflinching steadiness; waiting for her to break down is an unrewarding pastime. Mrs Sundius-Smith was particularly successful against men opponents. She has a theory that once a woman gets in front of the man disintegrates, and she proved it. Arabs, of course, have known it for years.

Hamilton-Miller won his Block, but sometimes missed easy shots. On one occasion he missed a vital short roquet and gave a slight frown; a display of emotion which astonished the spectators. The Doubles Final was won by Baverstock. His partner, Moore, told him which ball to hit, and he hit it. So Moore helped. The lawns were excellent by any standards, though they had their critics - presumably people who used to play tennis on their friends' lawns and have now taken to croquet because they were never asked to tennis again.

Southwick is a lovely Club. It is so well organised. They have a gift for picking the right person for every job, whether it be Managing, catering or making their visitors feel important.

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#### BLOCK A.

W. H. Austin (2) won 5 games. Bt. Mrs. P. H. Dehn (9)  
Mrs H. F. Dibley (5) Miss H. Parker (2½) Mrs. W. A. Naylor (6)  
Mrs F. Griffiths (7)

#### BLOCK B.

Mrs. N. Wallwork (5) won 4 games. bt. Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (8)  
Dr. H. J. Penny (½) Mrs. H. Wells (7) D. S. Buckland (3) Lost to W. B. Stead (8).

#### BLOCK C

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-3) won 5 games. Bt. Prof. A. S. C. Ross (3) J. R. Pike (10) Miss G. Pirrie (8) Miss S. Johnston (3½) H. A. Green (½)

#### BLOCK D

H. A. Sheppard (4½) won 5 games. Bt. Miss M. Towers (7) Mrs. H. D. Wooster (6½) Mrs E. M. Temple (3½) Col. G. T. Wheeler (2) E. A. Roper (0)

#### BLOCK E

Mrs B. L. Sundius-Smith (4½) won 5 games. Bt. W. P. H. Roe (5½) Miss W. K. Allardyce (12) Major R. Driscoll (2) W. G. B. Scott (8) W. E. Moore (-1).

#### BLOCK F

Miss K. D. Hickson (3) won 4 games. Bt. Mrs H. F. Chittenden (-½) L. E. Brookes (5) Mrs. E. Thompson (7½) Lost to W. F. Baverstock (7)

#### BLOCK WINNERS PLAY-OFF

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Miss K. D. Hickson + 12  
Mrs B. L. Sundius-Smith bt H. D. Sheppard + 12  
W. H. Austin bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller + 6  
Mrs N. Wallwork bt Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith + 13

**Final** W. H. Austin bt Mrs. N. Wallwork + 16

## AMERICAN TOURNAMENT

### HANDICAP DOUBLES

#### FIRST ROUND

H. D. Sheppard & Miss H. D. Wooster (11) bt L. E. Beeches & Mrs. H. Wells (12) + 1  
 Miss H. D. Parker & Miss K. Hickson (5½) bt Major D. Driscoll & Mrs. V. Webb (11) opp. retd.  
 Col. G. T. Wheeler & Miss W. K. Allardyce (14) bt Dr. H. Penny & Mrs. W. A. Naylor (6½) + 9  
 D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller & Mrs. Griffiths (4) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden & W. B. Stead (8) + 12  
 W. E. Moore & W. B. Baverstock (6) bt Prof. A. S. C. Ross & Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (10) + 16  
 D. Buckland & Mrs. E. Thompson (10½) bt H. A. Green & H. F. Sanderson (5½) + 6  
 W. H. Austin & W. G. B. Scott (10) bt E. A. Roper & Mrs. Sundius-Smith (5) + 16

#### SECOND ROUND

H. D. Sheppard & Mrs. Wooster (11) bt Mrs. N. Wallwork & Mrs. E. Temple (8½) + 10  
 Col. G. T. Wheeler & Miss W. K. Allardyce (14) bt Miss H. Parker & Miss Hickson (5½) + 1  
 W. E. Moore & W. B. Baverstock (8) bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller & Mrs. Griffiths (4) + 11  
 D. Buckland & Mrs. E. Thompson (10½) bt W. H. Austin & W. G. B. Scott (10) + 2

#### SEMI-FINAL

Col. G. T. Wheeler & Miss Allardyce (14) bt H. D. Sheppard & Mrs. Wooster (11) + 5  
 W. E. Moore & W. B. Baverstock (8) bt D. Buckland & Mrs. E. Thompson (10½) + 11

#### FINAL

W. E. Moore & W. B. Baverstock (8) bt Col. G. T. Wheeler & Miss Allardyce (14) + 8

## The Inter-County Tournament

1967

THE INTER-COUNTIES of 1967 were be-devilled, (I hope I have used the right word) by the presence of "foreigners" and bad weather. The latter, having spoilt the first morning and set the management a right royal problem, appeared to relent but later tried to ruin what was, in fact, a most exciting finale.

On the other hand, the "foreigners" turned out not to be so devilish after all. Not that they were to be despised: led by a couple of young leprechauns who made mincemeat of Middlesex, Surrey, Devon and Dorset, I venture to predict that the partnership of L. J. Webb and D. B. O'Connor will soon be one to be avoided, unless you want a pleasant and enjoyable game against two skilful, enterprising and charming young men, and after all, that's what croquet is all about. Charm, of course, was conspicuous in the other two pairs but it might be that, as a team, they would have been more formidable if they had played a stern male second pair and left the three ladies to charm their way through the scenery - the Hills, the Moores and the Abbeys - if you get my meaning.

Of the natives, first let me deal with Surrey. We all heard with regret that they had lost three of their main team before play began, but of course, they have the reserves - AND the Top Brass. There was the combination of President and Chairman, the shooting of the latter was deadly and if it is experience that counts, then what more can you want than the President's 40th consecutive appearance in this tournament; there was a champion of champions in support and some other very tough customers; but all this was

not quite enough to stay the course. Their big moment was the thrashing they gave Devon - three - nil.

It is difficult for a Devonian, thrown out of the Devon team for inability to run a hoop, to talk politely about Devon's hoop running without being accused of having his thumb to his nose or being actuated by malice. Let us therefore draw a veil over a team whose total of minus 14½ bisques for 7 players was the lowest ever but which yet only managed to retain a precarious hold on its usual position of runner up.

Sussex were a bit disorganised. Having failed to take advantage of the new rule allowing a larger selection list of possible players, their despairing and hard worked Captain found it difficult, and at times impossible, to assemble her chicks at the right place and time; and the fact that they struck a blow for England by stemming the invasion and then took compassion on poor Dorset should be recorded, if only to shew the true spirit in which they played. If only Gerald Williams and Kay Longman could turn out regularly, what a difference it would make.

Dela's Team alas, got very discouraged, but everyone hopes they will "cut and come again", particularly their sporting and popular non-playing Captain.

Now Middlesex. There was a moment - or rather 47 of them, when Col. Prichard really took Cotter's place and Surrey bit the dust without scoring, and, after the first brief innings, without even taking croquet. Hollweg and Godby went from strength to strength: + 12, + 16, + 19, + 21 and + 26 in that order; and then were split up for the final, possibly the writer thinks, a strategic error.

Finally Eastern Counties, to whom go everyone's congratulations on breaking "The Home Counties Barrier". After a first round defeat by Devon, who hadn't had time to realise that hoops were only there to be stuck in, they never lost a match and must obviously be declared the "legal" winners. Bray played well when not bothered by partner trouble, Church and State played his part nobly and Lloyd-Pratt gave his usual polished tactical expertise and was, aided by Thorp, the hero of the last exciting moments of the Tournament.

There must be said a few words about Administration. Firstly, the writer would like to acknowledge and return thanks for the many kind messages sent to the Manageress who was unavoidably absent for the last afternoon and she, in her turn, would like to thank the competitors for their cooperation and the sporting way in which they rallied to the difficult and ruthless decisions she was forced to make. Secondly, the average time per game, including the 47 minute affair, was about 3 hours 20 minutes. To allow 4 hours only for the mornings game, lunch (including drinks) and the trip from Hurlingham to Roehampton (or vice-versa) was just not on. There must obviously be a realistic re-appraisal of the tournament timings. Thirdly must be the very real thanks to be conveyed to the normal regular players of the two clubs concerned, for the use of their beautifully prepared courts.

Lastly:- a few statistics:-

**The Players:** 15 Presidents Cup 14 Chairman and Surrey Cup - say 30 "Ties" in a field of 56 - 54 per cent "Ties".

**The Play:** Triple Peels: 1 tried and none completed; Double Peels: none recorded. Consecutive turns 4 back, peg, out: once. Reasonable try; twice.

**The Timing:** Minimum time for a game 47 minutes; under 1½ hours, 3 games. Average time per game 3 hours 18½ minutes.

**Comment:** No wonder there is a Radical (or is it spelt Rascal) around who is demanding that the Counties shall be played in the August holidays as a knock out competition when the School-boys are available to represent their counties.

**The Excitement:** Number of games won by 5 points or less; 17. Won by 1 point only, 5. And the final result really did depend on the very last game on court.

## Inter-County Championships

PLAYED AT Hurlingham and Roehampton Clubs from Tuesday 30th May to 2nd June 1967.

**Teams As under:**

### ANALYSIS

**Eastern Counties** won 5 matches v Dorset 3-0; Co. Dublin 3-0; Sussex 3-0; Surrey 2-1; Middlesex 2-1 and lost to Devon 1-2.

**Middlesex** won 4 matches v Surrey 2-1; Devon 2-1; Sussex 2-1. Dorset 3-0 and lost to Co. Dublin 1-2; and Eastern Counties 1-2.

**Devon** won 4 matches v Eastern Counties 2-1, Dorset 3-0; Sussex 3-0; Co. Dublin 2-1 and lost to Middlesex 1-2; Surrey 3-0;

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

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

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

**Dorset** won 0 matches lost to Eastern Counties 0-3; Surrey 0-3; Devon 0-3; Middlesex 0-3; Co. Dublin 0-3 and Sussex 1-2.

**Co. Dublin**  
 Mrs. B. T. O'Reilly (Captain). D. Figgis, Lady FitzGerald, Miss F. Joly, R. J. Leonard, Mrs. G. W. Lightfoot, D. O'Connor, J. L. Webb.

**Devon**  
 Mrs. E. Rotherham (Captain), Col. D. W. Beamish, Cmdr. G. Borrett, Lt. Col. G. E. Cave, A. J. Cooper, B. G. Perry, J. G. Warwick, Miss E. J. Warwick.

**Dorset**  
 V. A. de la Nougerede (Captain), Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish, Miss K. D. Hickson, Major F. Hill-Bernhard, Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan, P. Newton, Dr. H. J. Penny, R. O. B. Whittingdon.

**Eastern Counties**  
 A. D. Karmel (Captain), I. C. Baillieu, R. W. Bray, E. P. Duffield, Brig. A. F. G. Forbes, P. D. Hallett, Mrs. A. D. Karmel, B. Lloyd-Pratt, Prof. A. W. Skempton, R. F. Thorp.

**Middlesex**  
 Miss D. A. Lintern (Captain), Mrs. S. M. Adler, D. C. Caporn, R. A. Godby, J. A. Hollweg, D. W. Miller, A. J. Oldham, Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard, J. L. Sanders, J. W. Solomon.

**Surrey**  
 A. V. Camroux, R. O. Havery, D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller, J. T. Laurenson, M. B. Reckitt, L. R. Riggall, Mrs. G. W. Solomon, Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins, Prof. B. G. Neal.

**Sussex**  
 Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (Captain), Lady Ursula Abbey, Major R. Driscoll, H. A. Green, Mrs. K. Longman, W. E. Moore, A. E. Roper.

## Men's and Women's Championships

At Roehampton Club  
 The Gold Caskets. June 5th - 10th.

THESE CAN never have been a tournament in our Calendar where the prizes are so handsome and the entry so sparse as what has come to be known as Caskets Week. The somewhat complex evolution of this programme was fully described in these pages a year ago and need not be repeated. But the events involved are of historic importance. If this fixture were to be transferred from the beginning of June to the end of it, more of our younger players at any rate, the Varsity terms being over, would be free to enter for it. The hope of persuading more County competitors to stay on for another week has long been cherished but hardly every fulfilled.

There were certain special circumstances this year which reduced the number of our star performers able to play in the Men's Championship, but it was good to see three such talented and enthusiastic young men as Martin Murray, David O'Connor and Leslie Webb in the lists. The first and last engaged on the Monday in an encounter of Marathon proportions. This is not the first time that a three-game match has extended over twelve hours, but it may, for all this reporter knows to the contrary, be the first time it has done so within a single day which, with a brief luncheon period intervening, stretched from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. The shades of night were falling fast when Mr. Murray emerged as victor in the final game by a single point. He went on to gain a notable success over Dudley Hamilton-Miller after losing the first game, and made a fine effort to catch William Ormerod in the second of his games against him in the semi-final. This player has not so far come under such public notice, but he made his mark this week and pegged out a claim for a place in 'Eights Week' later on.

David O'Connor's abilities are better known and he manifested these in his three-game matches against Colonel Prichard, whom he defeated, and Professor Neal from whom he took the first game.

He looked a strong candidate for the Du Pre Cup but just failed to keep his grip upon his game against Miss Dora Pakes, who is a most welcome visitor from Australia of whom we are going to see much more before the season is ended. Leslie Webb is a splendid fighter and a no less splendid long shot, and deserved more good luck than came his way during the week. He loses nothing from carelessness over his stroke production, but must not let this exemplary habit lead him into too much deliberation on the court.

THE RYDE TOURNAMENT opened in brilliant sunshine after the weeks of wet weather and the welcome to visitors at the Club was as warm as the sunshine. The friendliness and hospitality of this Club is second to none and most grateful thanks are accorded to all those who made such a success of this side of the Tournament. Among the visitors was Mrs. Oxley who was warmly welcomed on this her first visit.

The Open Event was dominated by Mr. & Mrs Simpson and Mr. Birch from Nottingham, as the score sheet below shows.

The two best games were the semi-final and the final in the Process. In the former game Mr. Birch was victorious by the narrow margin of two points against Mr. Simpson. Both played very well and made some excellent breaks by playing some very good croquet.

In the final Mrs. Simpson against Mr. Birch held her own throughout the game, playing some beautiful clean shots and shooting well. Unfortunately for her when her blue ball was for the penultimate hoop and her black at three back in an easy position to run this hoop, she failed to get through. At this stage Mr. Birch had only five more points to score and with a peel at the rover he finished the game, thereby winning the Challenge Cup.

Mr. Birch throughout the Tournament showed excellent form and thoroughly deserved his success.

One of the best games in the "B" Levels was that between Miss Walker and Professor Ross which the former won by the narrow margin of two points. Both players gave a good account of themselves. Miss Walker, the oldest member of this Club, who had her ninetieth birthday last year, was an inspiration to all. She is a very determined player who hits the ball hard and does many good breaks. She will never give up however far she may be behind. However, in the Final, Miss Bryan was a little too good for her.

Mrs. Wood, who won the "C" Handicap, is a very promising player but has still to learn more about the tactics of the game.

The Final of the "X" Handicap was a family affair between Mr. and Mrs. Simpson. With 2½ bisques Mrs. Simpson got well ahead and at one point of the game might have won by a clear 26 but her husband hit a fine long shot from one end of the lawn to the other. This got him going and with a very good break he was able to reach the peg in two turns and peg out one of his opponent's balls. However, he broke down at the penultimate, and Mrs. Simpson taking advantage of this made this hoop and the rover to peg out and win.

Mrs. Ross was in good form to win the "Y" and had no difficulty in beating Miss Taylor.

Mrs. Radford, the wife of the Club's President, presented the prizes at the close of the Tournament. An interesting feature was the celebration of Major Dibley's 21st consecutive year as Manager. A special "birthday" cake was made for him and graced the table.

At the Prize giving a small shield with hoop, ball and two crossed croquet mallets in enamel was presented to him as a personal gift from Mr. Birch after playing in the Tournament for thirteen years. This was greeted with vociferous applause from everyone.

Thus ended a most enjoyable Tournament in very pleasant, quiet and picturesque surroundings.

MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

(7 Pairs)

FIRST ROUND

- D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller & Mrs. E. Rotherham bt B. G. Perry & Mrs J. N. Rolfe + 4
- D. B. O'Connor & Mrs E. M. Lightfoot bt M. Murray & Miss B. Duthie + 21
- Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard & Miss E. J. Warwick bt L. J. Webb & Mrs H. A. C. McMillan + 6

SEMI-FINAL

- D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller & Mrs. E. Rotherham bt D. B. O'Connor & Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot + 19
- Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard & Miss E. J. Warwick bt Lt. Col. A. E. Saalfeld & Miss D. Pakes + 20

FINAL

- Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard & Miss E. J. Warwick bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller & Mrs E. Rotherham + 10

DU PRE CUP

(11 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

- Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt Mrs E. Rotherham + 9
- D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt L. J. Webb + 3
- D. B. O'Connor bt Mrs N. A. C. McMillan + 21

SECOND ROUND

- B. G. Perry bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller + 2
- D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard + 4
- D. B. O'Connor bt Dr. H. J. Penny + 21
- Miss D. Pakes bt M. B. Reckitt + 13

SEMI-FINAL

- B. G. Perry bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller + 5
- Miss D. Pakes bt D. B. O'Connor + 2

FINAL

- B. G. Perry bt Miss D. Pakes + 18

Ascot

CHALLENGE CUP TOURNAMENT, ROEHAMPTON

(8 Entries)

GOLF CROQUET

(Singles)

FIRST ROUND

- Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard (0) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (0) + 2
- B. G. Perry (0) bt Miss E. J. Warwick (0) + 1
- Miss B. Duthie (1) bt Mrs J. N. Rolfe (0) + 5 & 3
- Mrs B. L. Sundius-Smith (1) bt Mrs. H. F. N. Davidson (1) + 2

SEMI-FINAL

- B. G. Perry (0) bt Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard (0) + 4 & 2
- Mrs B. L. Sundius-Smith (1) bt Miss B. Duthie (1) + 2

FINAL

- B. G. Perry (0) bt Mrs. B. L. Sundius-Smith (1) + 6 & 5

Good shooting won Dr. Penny some success in the earlier stages of his first game against John Solomon, but ere long John collected the balls for a by no means easy triple peel, and from this point the match was all his. This led to what seemed likely to be the 'bonne Bouche' of the event when John met William Ormerod. And so indeed, in a rather unexpected manner, it was, for the encounter was as remarkable for the brilliant play of both contestants as for their intermittent and apparently unaccountable failures.

This match, beginning about 10 a.m. did not end until 6.20 p.m. It must suffice to say that at the end of the third game, Solomon achieved a magnificent 'straight triple', only to stick in the last hoop for no reason apparent to the spectators. He had a chance to retrieve the situation a little later but again missed the rover hoop. This was to tempt the Fates too far, and Ormerod saw to it that it would not be 'third time lucky'.

The final between Ormerod and Neal produced from the Professor the most consistently accurate play seen during the week. It looked as if he might win the first game by 26 but Ormerod hit the last lift shot and in a short time produced a break which seemed as if it would finish in orthodox fashion until William, having negotiated a very difficult 2 back, missed a very short roquet. Neal continued to play the most accurate croquet in the second game and having later lost the innings clinched the matter with a splendid long shot from the north boundary to the first corner.

This was the first of the 'upsets' which marked the week and a very well deserved success for a player who has come to the front very rapidly and now wins his first 'classic' event in what is only his fourth season.

The Women's Championship had attracted only eight aspirants, and it produced an upset at once when Miss Hickson defeated Mrs. Rotherham. The latter lady, six times winner of the event, and in 1960 winner of the Open Championship also was afflicted by a malady, known as 'hoopitis'. Miss Hickson deserves credit for taking full advantage of her opportunity. She in turn fell a victim to Mrs. Lightfoot who was showing form which evoked the admiration of all and vast delight in her fellow-members of Carrack-mines. Meanwhile Miss Warwick was moving forward relentlessly to the place in the final which appeared to be marked out for her. But now a still more remarkable upset occurred. Mrs. Lightfoot, playing with great confidence, had won the first game in the final by lunchtime; a second success took a little longer, but it always looked rather more likely than not, and appearances were not belied.

This was a very creditable result indeed for the lady from Eire. It has to be admitted that Joan Warwick was, on the day, a good deal below her best, and we all know how good that can be; but it takes nerve to defeat a player of so well-established a reputation, and this Mrs. Lightfoot certainly displayed. She is a good shot at all distances. There were moments in this match when more was risked in this respect than would ordinarily have paid off against an opponent of such quality. But it might be replied that this was no ordinary occasion and that a measure of rashness could be justified - as of course it was in the event, whatever might be the case in theory. Let us salute a courageous challenger whose success gave pleasure to us all.

The Doubles event was for the most part - well, uneventful. Not very much good croquet was seen in it, and the final was not a particularly interesting game. There again was something of a surprise, for the losers had been winners on three consecutive occasions previously. But against 'hoopitis', it may be said, even the gods strive in vain, and a new partnership in Colonel Prichard and Miss Warwick never looked like losing the match.

The Du Pre Cup too produced a new winner. Bill Perry reached the final after a dour struggle with Mr. Hamilton-Miller and Miss

Dora Pakes after an even closer one with David O'Connor. This brought together two natives of Australia, but Miss Pakes, who had played some good croquet in earlier rounds, seemed rather overawed by the occasion. One wonders whether she might not do better if she played a little more slowly, and she must not leave players of the ability of Mr. Perry so many short shots. Mr. Perry has a style which makes his play a joy to watch and will win him even bigger prizes than this very soon one suspects.

The tournament was blessed (as it often is) by fine weather, though a north east wind make it a little chilling at times. It ended with a lovely evening, and prizes presented by a very welcome visitor, Mrs. Pickering, the daughter of England's famous team captain, the late Colonel du Pre, whose particularly handsome Cup was among the trophies she kindly agreed to present.

The week had gone with the silken smoothness which Mr. Lawrence Stokes-Roberts always imparts to the tournaments entrusted to his care, and all who have 'served' under him would be glad to see him in command more often.

The courts at Roehampton were beautifully prepared and played better and better as the week went on, contributing to the success of the meeting.

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

(13 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

- J. W. Solomon bt Dr. H. J. Penny + 13 + 25
- M. Murray bt L. J. Webb -6 + 2 + 1
- D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt B. G. Perry + 9 + 18
- Prof. B. G. Neal bt Lt. Col. A. E. Saalfeld + 18 + 25
- D. B. O'Connor bt Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard + 19 -18 + 15

SECOND ROUND

- Dr. W. P. Ormerod bt J. W. Solomon -6 + 5 + 3
- M. Murray bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller -16 + 9 + 2
- Prof. B. G. Neal bt D. B. O'Connor -21 + 15 + 19
- A. V. Camroux bt M. B. Reckitt +6 + 3

SEMI-FINAL

- Dr. W. P. Ormerod bt M. Murray + 16 + 5
- Prof. B. G. Neal bt A. V. Camroux + 17 + 12

FINAL

- Prof. B. G. Neal bt Dr. W. P. Ormerod + 11 + 14

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

(8 Entries)

FIRST ROUND

- Mrs J. Neville Rolfe bt Mrs N. A. C. McMillan -6 + 9 + 22
- Miss E. J. Warwick bt Miss D. Pakes + 25 + 14
- Mrs E. M. Lightfoot bt Mrs. E. Narby + 18 + 11
- Miss K. D. Hickson bt Mrs. E. Rotherham + 6 + 3

SEMI-FINAL

- Miss E. J. Warwick bt Mrs. J. Neville Rolfe + 12 + 9
- Mrs E. M. Lightfoot bt Miss K. D. Hickson + 12 + 7

FINAL

- Mrs E. M. Lightfoot bt Miss E. J. Warwick + 19 + 11

## Ryde

### ISLE OF WIGHT TOURNAMENT CHALLENGE TROPHY

#### DRAW

#### FIRST ROUND

R. A. Simpson bt Major J. H. Dibley + 10

#### SEMI-FINAL

G. Birch bt R. A. Simpson + 14  
Mrs R. A. Simpson bt Canon R. Creed Meredith + 19

#### FINAL

G. Birch bt Mrs R. A. Simpson + 18

#### PROCESS

#### FIRST ROUND

G. Birch bt Canon R. Creed Meredith + 12

#### SEMI-FINAL

G. Birch bt R. A. Simpson + 2  
Mrs R. A. Simpson bt Major J. H. Dibley + 11

#### FINAL

G. Birch bt Mrs. R. A. Simpson

#### THE CHAPMAN CUP

(3-7 bisques)

#### FIRST ROUND

Miss B. Bryan bt Dr. W. F. W. Betenson + 8  
Miss J. L. Preston bt Mrs. H. Oxley + 8  
Miss E. Walker bt Professor A. S. C. Ross + 2  
Miss M. M. Taylor bt Mrs R. A. Hill + 13

#### SEMI-FINAL

Miss M. Bryan bt Miss J. L. Preston + 7  
Miss E. Walker bt Miss M. M. Taylor + 7

#### FINAL

Miss M. Bryan bt Miss E. Walker + 11

#### THE HUTTON CUP

(7½ bisques & over)

#### FIRST ROUND

Mrs. C. Devitt (8) bt Miss K. A. Wade (11) + 13  
Mrs. G. Wood (11) bt Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (8) + 10

#### SEMI-FINAL

Mrs C. Devitt (8) bt Mrs. R. Creed Meredith (16) + 14  
Mrs G. Wood (11) bt Mrs K. Lowein (13) + 15

#### FINAL

Mrs. G. Wood (11) bt Mrs C. Devitt (8) + 11

#### THE DIBLEY CUP

"X"

#### FIRST ROUND

G. Birch (½) bt Miss E. Walker (5½) + 8

#### SECOND ROUND

Miss M. Bryan (6½) bt Mrs. R. Creed Meredith (16) + 20  
Mrs R. A. Simpson (3) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) + 21  
Professor A. S. C. Ross (3) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (7) + 4  
G. Birch (½) bt Mrs. K. Lowein (13) + 10  
R. A. Simpson (½) bt Mrs A. S. C. Ross (8) + 13  
Canon R. Creed Meredith (2) bt Dr. W. F. W. Betenson (7) + 7  
Mrs G. Wood (11) bt Mrs. H. Oxley (6) + 7  
Mrs C. Devitt (8) bt Miss J. L. Preston (7) + 18

#### THIRD ROUND

Mrs R. A. Simpson (3) bt Miss M. Bryan (6½) + 8  
G. Birch (½) bt Professor A. S. C. Ross (3) + 14  
R. A. Simpson (½) bt Canon R. Creed Meredith (2) + 21  
Mrs G. Wood (11) bt Mrs. C. Devitt (8) + 9

#### SEMI-FINAL

Mrs R. A. Simpson (3) bt G. Birch (½) + 2  
R. A. Simpson (½) bt Mrs. G. Wood (11) + 17

#### FINAL

Mrs. R. A. Simpson (3) bt R. A. Simpson (½) + 8

#### THE BENEST CUP

"Y"

#### FIRST ROUND

Miss M. M. Taylor (7) bt Mrs K. Lowein (13) + 11

#### SECOND ROUND

Mrs R. Creed Meredith (16) bt Miss E. Walker. opp. retd. at peg.  
Miss M. M. Taylor (7) bt Mrs R. A. Hill (6) + 17  
Mrs A. S. C. Ross (8) bt Dr. W. F. W. Betenson (7) + 5  
Mrs H. Oxley (6) bt Miss J. L. Preston (7) + 14

#### SEMI-FINAL

Miss M. M. Taylor (7) bt Mrs. R. Creed Meredith (16) + 15  
Mrs A. S. C. Ross (8) bt Mrs. H. Oxley (6) + 20

#### FINAL

Mrs A. S. C. Ross (8) bt Miss M. M. Taylor (7) + 20

#### THE BIRCH CUPS

(4 & over combined Handicap)

#### FIRST ROUND

Major J. H. Dibley & Mrs G. Wood (13½) bt W. F. W. Betenson &  
Miss M. M. Taylor (15) + 3  
Mrs R. A. Simpson & Mrs H. Oxley (9) bt G. Birch & Miss M. Bryan  
(7) (on time) + 6  
Professor & Mrs A. S. C. Ross (10) bt Miss J. L. Preston & Miss  
K. Wade (18) (on time) + 10  
R. A. Simpson & Mrs K. Lowein (12½) bt Canon R. Creed Meredith  
& Mrs C. Devitt (10) + 9 (on time)

#### SEMI-FINAL

Mrs R. A. Simpson & Mrs H. Oxley (9) bt Major J. H. Dibley & Mrs  
G. Wood (13½) + 9  
Professor & Mrs A. S. C. Ross (10) bt R. A. Simpson & Mrs K.  
Lowein (12½) + 4

#### FINAL

Mrs R. A. Simpson & Mrs H. Oxley (9) bt Professor & Mrs A. S. C.  
Ross + 11

#### FLOATER

The Democratic German Report, 21.4.67, is a publication. In its issue of 21.4.67 there appears an article headed 'Berlin Notebook' in which the following extract appeared.

#### ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

"JUST AFTER typing the preceding paragraphs about those intrepid old-time British travellers in their belted Norfolk jackets, confronting the European natives with nothing more lethal than a package of stale ham sandwiches, my eye was caught by a poster which has recently gone up on the hoardings in East Berlin promoting a game with the mysterious name of 'krocket'."

So I popped round to a sports shop, and asked to see the equipment for "krocket". It turned out to be croquet, a game which I had always associated with English country houses and rectory lawns, something which had gone out with Norfolk jackets. The salesman told me he was selling lots of sets this year to keen GDR croquet fans.

I merely present the information, without any attempt at interpretation. What comes next? Cricket?"

## 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.

## Nottingham

### CROQUET CLUB, UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD, NOTTINGHAM

ANNUAL TOURNAMENT 1967

Date. Monday, August 21st to Saturday, August 26th.

Manager & Handicapper. - Miss A. E. Mills

Tournament Secretary. - Mr. F. B. Stephens, 24 Gladstone Terrace, Grantham, Lincs.

Club Secretary. - Miss E. C. Brumpton, 72 Davies Road, West Bridgford, Notts.

#### EVENTS

1. HANDICAP SINGLES "ROBIN HOOD" Gold Cup Challenge Trophy. For Associates only. Trophy presented by The All England Croquet Association. Entrance Fee 12/6.

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2. **OPEN SINGLES Draw & Process.** The Final of this Event will be the best of 3 games if time permits. Regulation 8(b) and (c) will be applied if deemed necessary and/or advisable. Entrance Fee 13/-.
3. **HANDICAP SINGLES 5 Bisques and over.** Entrance Fee 12/-.
4. **HANDICAP SINGLES "X" and "Y".** Entrance Fee 12/6.
5. **HANDICAP DOUBLES. Unrestricted.** Entrance Fee 10/6.  
Second Prizes will be awarded in each event.

### CONDITIONS

1. Entries may be restricted: depending upon the number received.
2. Play will commence daily at 10 a. m. or earlier.
3. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE** may be granted upon application to the Manager, but on the opening day, leave later than 2 p. m. cannot be granted. Players are requested to attend punctually and should not leave the grounds without the permission of the Manager.
4. Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 should be made on Official Forms, and should reach the Tournament Secretary by Friday, August 18th. A remittance, to cover Entrance Fees, plus any Tribute payable, should be sent with the Entries. Entries for Event 5 will close on Tuesday, August 22nd. (N. B. Tribute, amounting to 12/6d. per event, or 25/- for 2 or more events, is payable by all non-Associates).
5. The **DRAW** will be made at the Club on Sunday, August 20th, and will be displayed later that day.
6. **Lunches and Teas**, at moderate charges, will be served daily throughout the Tournament in the Pavilion. Morning Coffee will also be available.
7. **Car Parking facilities** are available. Buses Nos. 4, 4a and 5a from the City Centre pass the entrance to the Club in Highfields Park.

### Brighton

The fifty-fourth Summer Tournament. Monday, 28th August and five following days. To be held on the Lawns of the Sussex County Croquet Club, Victoria Road, Southwick, Sussex.

Manager & Handicapper. - Major J. H. Dibley.

Referee. - E. A. Roper

Hon. Tournament Secretary. - Mrs W. A. Naylor, 60 Southwick St, Southwick. Sx. Tel. S, wick 2720.

### EVENTS

1. **OPEN SINGLES (Draw & Process) THE SUSSEX GOLD CUP.** Presented by the late E. R. Harrison. Holder: John Bolton. Entrance Fee 15/-.
2. **LEVEL SINGLES (Draw & Process) (Law 36 in force).** Open to players handicapped ½ to 3. Entrance Fee 15/-.
3. **HANDICAP SINGLES Open to players handicapped 3½ to 6½.** THE FRANC CUP, presented by the late Mrs H. Franc. Holder: G. T. Slater. Entrance Fee 12/-.
4. **HANDICAP SINGLES Open to players handicapped 7 and over.** THE MONTEITH BOWL, presented by the late G. C. Braithwaite. Holder: D. W. Archer. Entrance Fee 12/-.

One event only of events 1 to 4 is available to competitors who may enter for 3 events in all.

5. **HANDICAP SINGLES. THE MAURICE RECKITT BOWL,** presented by Mr. M. B. Reckitt. Holder: C. G. Hopewell. Entrance Fee 14/-.
6. **HANDICAP DOUBLES (No minus players may play together).** All games in this event start at Hoop 3 with a time limit of 3½ hours. The Draw for this event to be made at 3 p. m. on Monday 28th August. Entrance Fee 12/-.

Entries (On official forms, please) to reach the Tournament Secretary by first post on Thursday 24th August.

The draw for events 1 to 5 will take place at Southwick on Thursday 24th August at 2.30 p. m.

Request for leave should be notified on the entry forms. No leave will be granted later than noon on Monday 28th August unless the exigencies of the draw permit.

Prizes according to entries.

11 Courts will be available.

Luncheons and Teas will be obtainable in the Canteen.

Motor Bus service from Brighton every 10 minutes. Train Service to Southwick Station.

Free parking for cars on the ground.

### Parkstone

#### (EAST-DORSET) CROQUET TOURNAMENT

Monday September 4th - 9th, 1967.

(Under the Laws and Regulations of the C. A. )

Committee. - The Croquet Committee of the Club

Manager & Handicapper. - V. A. de la Nougerède

Referee. - The Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith

Hon. Secretary. - Mrs J. A. McNordie, Yapton, Delhi Close, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset.

### EVENTS

1. **OPEN SINGLES Draw & Process.** Bournemouth Bowl and Ashton Cup. Entrance Fee 12/6d.
2. **LEVEL SINGLES Law 36 operates.** Deshon Cup. For players 2½ - 6 bisques inclusive. Entrance Fee 10/6d.
3. **HANDICAP SINGLES Halse Salver.** For players of 6½ bisques and over. Entrance Fee 10/6d. If sufficient entries, this event will be divided into 2 classes. a) 6½ - 10 bisques inclusive. b) 11 bisques and over.
4. **HANDICAP SINGLES Unrestricted Jod Cup.** Entrance Fee 10/6d.
5. **HANDICAP DOUBLES Combined handicaps not to be less than 2 bisques.** Starting at 3rd hoop. Entrance Fee 10/6d each player.

### CONDITIONS

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 & 4 must reach the Croquet Secretary by mid-day August 31st. Entries for Event 5 will close on Monday September 4th, this event will start on Tuesday September 6th. The Draw will take place on Thursday September 31st.

Players must be prepared to play up to 7 p. m.

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