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Portrait of Her Majesty taken at the Hurlingham Club on the occasion of her visit to present the All England Centenary Handicap prizes.

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HER MAJESTY AT HURLINGHAM



Arrival of Her Majesty at The Hurlingham Club



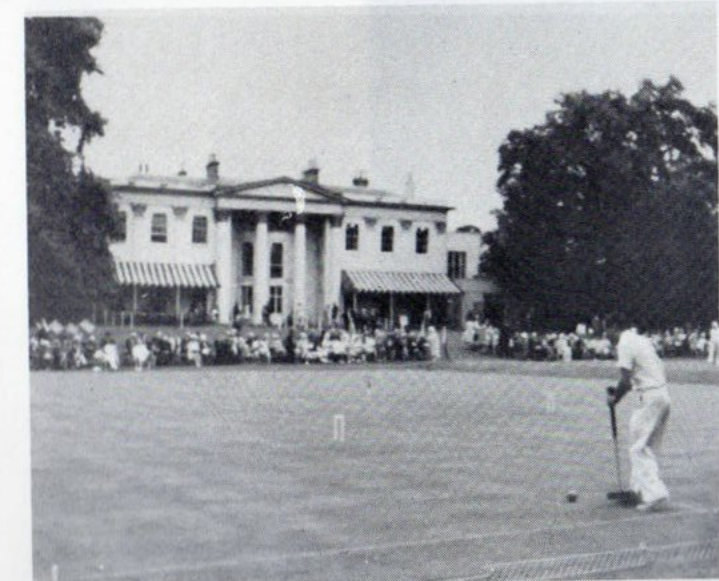
Her Majesty accompanied by The President of the C. A. Mr. M. B. Reckitt.



Her Majesty with Mr. M. B. Reckitt on her right and Dr. R. Wiggins on her left.



Her Majesty presenting the bowl to Lt. Cdr. Sinclair R. N. Winner of the All England Centenary Handicap.



John Solomon "Champion of Champions" The Hurlingham Club.



Mr. H. Hicks playing in front of Her Majesty and Official Party.

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THE QUEEN'S VISIT by "Sadie"

DURING THE NIGHT of Thursday, July 27th, 1967, the eve of the greatest day in the history of the Croquet Association, the long dry spell ended and the weather broke. How many anxious Croquet players lay awake listening to the spasmodic rain throughout that long night! How many anxious eyes kept peering through their windows! Was our great day to be ruined by rain?

At nine o'clock it was not raining, but at quarter past down came a deluge which lasted for about ten minutes. Was this the last shower? How we prayed that it would be and our prayers were answered, although clouds remained threatening until noon no more rain fell.

By 9.45 a.m. Hurlingham was the scene of unusual bustle. A steady stream of cars, coaches and people on foot was entering the Club. Tom Grey and his ground staff, who had been busy since 5 a.m. preparing the lawns and tidying up everything everywhere, were adding their final touches.

Laurence Stokes-Roberts, Vice Chairman of the C. A., who with Christopher Reynolds, the Secretary of the Hurlingham Club, had been entirely responsible for all the arrangements for the day, was rehearsing those lucky people who were to be presented to Her Majesty.

Rarely, if ever, can the Hurlingham Club have presented a finer sight. The three Croquet Lawns in front of the House, prepared as only Tom Grey can prepare lawns, were surrounded on three sides by a double row of chairs for spectators. On the South side the Special Enclosure for the V. I. P. 's was cordoned off by a green trellis fence. Inside the Enclosure, in addition to the chairs for the V. I. P. 's, four of the blue and white Hurlingham tents had been lined up with the precision of Guardsmen, and in the centre of them stood the Royal Tent - fringed with gold, lined with blue and white and banked on either side by Hydrangeas, identical with the same lovely blooms covering the river bank behind the Enclosure and forming such a wonderful background.

Inside the Royal Tent, on the red carpet, stood the fifteen gold armchairs for the Royal Party, awaiting the decision of Laurence Stokes-Roberts as to whether he dare risk bringing them forward to their proper place on the lawn in front of the Tent.

Just after eleven o'clock Laurence took a final look at the weather, made his decision, gave his instructions - "bring out the chairs" - and then walked up to the Club House. His job was finished and how magnificently he had done it.

Meanwhile, under the chestnut tree on the lawn in front of the House, through the kind offices of Major General Wilson-Haffenden, the Band of the Boys Brigade entertained our ears with gay music while we waited. And while our ears were enjoying this gay music our eyes were enjoying a feast of Croquet of a quality truly fit for a Queen - the Championship of Champions.

Coincidence plays a large part in our lives. The origin of this new fixture in our Croquet Calendar arose from the fact that, simultaneously with the receipt of the news that the Queen had graciously consented to come to Hurlingham and present the trophies to the winner and runner-up of the Centenary All England Championship, arrived a letter from another kind lady, Mrs. H. G. Stoker, generously offering to present a Cup in memory of her husband, that wonderful all-round sportsman, Dacre Stoker. She further added that she hoped the Competition would be played at Hurlingham and, as far as possible, between those players with whom her husband had enjoyed so many contests.

The Queen's impending visit posed the problem how to provide first-class competitive Croquet for her to watch. Mrs. Stoker's offer produced the answer - a Competition for her Cup limited, since time precluded a large entry, to those who had won the Open Championship or the President's Cup in the last twenty-five years, all of whom had enjoyed so many games with Dacre.

In accordance with the terms of protocol it was necessary that Her Majesty be received by the Mayor of the Borough and so when, shortly after 11.30 a.m. she arrived at the Club House accompanied by The Lady Susan Hussey, Mr. Phillip Moore and Captain Charles Howard, she was received by Mrs. Liardet, Mayor of Hammersmith who then presented her husband, the Town Clerk, the President of the Hurlingham Club, Sir Charles Norton, and the President of the Croquet Association, Mr. Maurice Reckitt.

As soon as she had entered the Club House she was presented with a bouquet on behalf of the Club by Miss Amanda Stokes-Roberts, daughter of the Vice Chairman of the C. A.

Sir Charles Norton then presented the Chairman of the Club, Jack Rivington, the Secretary, Christopher Reynolds and the Games Manager, Rex Hayward. Mr. Reckitt presented the two Vice Presidents of the C. A., Edward Duffield and Gerald Williams, the Chairman, Dr. Bobby Wiggins, the Vice Chairman, Laurence Stokes-Roberts and the Secretary, Mrs. V. C. Gasson who showed no signs of the strain of the additional work which inevitably our Centenary year had entailed for her.

And now came the moment for which everyone had been waiting. Out from the doors of the Club House, between those two tall pillars, came the Queen looking quite lovely in her pretty blue suit and matching hat.

As she stepped on to the grass the Band struck up the National Anthem, the Royal Standard broke at the head of the flag staff and everyone stood. Then escorted by the two Presidents, to the acclamation of continual applause, she moved slowly down the lawn between the Croquet lawns and took her seat on her golden chair; the President of the C. A. on her right, the Chairman of the C. A. on her left. And what better instructors could she have had to explain the intricacies of the game, and what better games could she have had to watch.

The Championship of Champions had now reached the stage of semi-finals. On court No. 3 two members of the great triumvirate which has dominated our Croquet for so many years - Patrick Cotter and Humphrey Hicks - once again opposed each other. While on court No. 2 the third of the triumvirate, John Solomon, had as his opponent the other John - John Bolton - that young man, forerunner of the new generation of fine players now knocking at the door.

Meanwhile on court No. 1 the winner and runner up of the Centenary All England Handicap Competition renewed their struggle, and the fact that it was an Anglo-Scottish feud ensured that it was no friendly exhibition game.

Shortly after noon the Queen rose and, accompanied by the President of the C. A., moved to a table some few yards to her left on which were displayed the Trophies to be presented and certain other of the Association's Cups. As she stood there Mr. Reckitt presented to her some of those Associates who have served Croquet so well, and as the long line filed past Her Majesty it seemed a very pageant of the great figures of Croquet in our time unfolding before her eyes.

Firstly, and rightly first, came the Manager of the Tournament, doyen of our Managers and one of the three great lady players of our time, Miss Daisy Lintern.

Next the Chairman of the Centenary Committee, Mr. Derek Caporn, who, with his mother, has been so largely responsible for the success of the Centenary All England Handicap Competition.

Then in alphabetical order the players and referees of the Championship of Champions, and how appropriate that alphabetical order proved to be.

First, reminding us that the Association is on the threshold of a new Century and the great challenge of youth, came John Bolton. Then, recalling so many triumphs of the past, Patrick Cotter,

Captain of our successful Test Team, leading other international players - Dudley Hamilton-Miller, Humphrey Hicks, William Ormerod, John Solomon, Brian Lloyd-Pratt and those two great ladies from Budleigh Salterton, Mrs. Hope Rotherham and Miss Joan Warwick.

Finally, the man who has done so much for Croquet for so many years, Tom Grey, the Head Groundsman of Hurlingham.

And now, after Maurice Reckitt had presented Mrs. D. P. Showan, Assistant Secretary of the Croquet Association whose duty it would be to hand the Trophies to her, the Queen made the presentations to the winner and runner-up of the Centenary All England Handicap Competition. To the winner, Lt. Commander Sinclair of Edinburgh, the Rose Bowl provided by the C. A. To the runner-up, Mr. H. Carlisle of Hurlingham, the Silver Salver generously given by our late Vice President, William Longman, shortly before he died.

The presentations over the Queen, escorted by the two Presidents, returned towards the Club House and graciously consented as she reached the top of the lawn to sign a Portrait Photograph as Patron of the Croquet Association, and the Visitors Book of the Hurlingham Club. G. Legrove, who has been in the service of the Hurlingham Club since 1923 as a groundsman, had the privilege of handing the pen to Her Majesty.

Just before she reached the Club House she was presented with a bouquet of red, yellow and blue flowers on behalf of the Croquet Association by Miss Audrey Wiggins, daughter of the Chairman of the C. A.

So ended the Queen's visit which gave us all so much pleasure.

What she thought of Croquet I cannot say, but I do know that she has graciously consented to accept a set of Croquet equipment from the Croquet Association and that it is being despatched to Windsor.

Oh, grave and gay - she passes on her way -
So young, so wise, so infinitely dear -
She flies the sky - she rides the rolling sea -
Nor wind, nor weather clouds her dignity.
She, an annointed Symbol - set apart -
Yet strangely Near to each devoted heart.
Self-dedicated, she, composed - serene -
May Heaven defend

Elizabeth our Queen

Anon

Calendar Fixtures

| Month | Date | Event |
|-------|-------|---|
| Aug. | | |
| " | 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".

C.A. Notices

JULY 28th 1967 will ever be a red letter day in the annals of Croquet H. M. Queen Elizabeth II having honoured us by coming to Hurlingham to present the Centenary prizes. There was early morning rain which obviously prevented people coming who had some distance to travel - but there was a good attendance (900 - 1,000). The prizes were won by two young men - the Rose Bowl, presented by the C. A. went to Lt. Cmdr. R. D. Sinclair of Edinburgh Club, who narrowly beat H. B. H. Carlisle, a member of Hurlingham Club. This was the first big competition for both these players and augers well for their future success in the croquet world: There were eleven finalists in all - the full event can be seen elsewhere in this magazine.

The Area finals of the All England Centenary Handicap were played at all but two of the Area Centres and it was most encouraging to see the numbers of new players. Brooke Bond, a very new Club, had two representatives, both having played for only four weeks and entering at a handicap of 16*. Considering this, they put up a very good show, particularly M. J. Murphy who was only beaten in the final of the North London Area finals. There was great enthusiasm over these area finals. From Scotland we have had a glowing account of the interest shown, and of the "upward trend" of croquet in Scotland. Equal enthusiasm has been engendered in clubs throughout England. We do give most grateful thanks to the Secretaries and Organisers who have worked so hard to achieve this success.

Two exhibitions were held in June, one at Devonshire Park and one at Chartwell.

At Devonshire Park John Solomon played Keith Wylie two matches, each winning one game. Everyone knows John Solomon has been world Champion so it says a great deal for the undergraduate, Keith Wylie, that he played so well he won the first game. In the second game Wylie did a quadruple peel and then made an error after making the Rover, thus enabling John Solomon to go out with a double peel.

There were a large number of spectators who were keenly interested. The match was played on the centre court at Devonshire Park and there was a publicity address system. Chartwell - the late home of Sir Winston Churchill - was a garden party setting and the staff had worked hard to get the lawn in order and the hoops correct. John Solomon and Dudley Hamilton-Miller played a singles and were joined by Nigel Aspinall and Robin Godby to play a doubles. 800 people were going over the house that day (it is now National Trust) and the greater proportion had to pass the croquet lawn, so we had a large, though changing audience. The exhibition made a great number of people conscious of the game of croquet who had never heard of it before, and it was a real success, thanks to the kindness of Miss G. Hamblin and our Vice President, G. W. Williams. The day was much enjoyed by all and was most excellent publicity for croquet.

Secretaries of Tournaments are asked to kindly report all American Tournaments as the Hunstanton one was reported on page 7 of the June issue of "Croquet". If this request is NOT complied with the results of the Tournament cannot be published in the magazine as neither the Editor nor the C. A. Office can afford the time to re-write results sent in.

Owing to the recent illness of Mr. J. B. Gilbert he was not able to Manage the Open Championships. Miss D. A. Lintern most kindly offered to do so in his place.

The numbers for the first week of Devonshire Park have been limited by the Manager - but at the moment more entries can be taken in all Events - Please send entries early.

V. C. GASSON

HANDICAPS

AUGUST

SOUTHWICK May 22nd

W. H. Austin 2 to 1
H. A. Sheppard 4½ to 3½
Mrs. N. Wallwork 5 to 4½
Mrs. Sundius-Smith 4½ to 4
Mrs. R. D. Griffiths 7 to 6½
Miss W. K. Allardyce 12 to D10

HANDICAPPING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Sundius-Smith 4 to 3½

RYDE June 5th

Mrs. R. A. Simpson 3 to 2½
Miss M. Bryan 6½ to 6
Mrs. A. Wood 11 to 10

CHELTHENHAM June 8th to 11th

C. A. Hopewell 2½ to 2
R. D. C. Prichard 5 to 4
J. B. Hearnshaw 7 to 6

NOTTINGHAM June 16th to 18th

Mrs. Chaff 11 to 10
Dr. G. Quayle 7 to 6½

WOKING June 16th to 19th
BEFORE PLAY

Capt. H. A. Nalder 6 to X5

AFTER PLAY

Capt. H. A. Nalder X5 to 4

NEW ASSOCIATES

T. Bennett 6 to 5½
Mrs. E. Turner 12 to 11

CLUB RECOMMENDATIONS

SOUTHWICK

Major R. Driscoll 2 to 1½
C. C. Mayo (Non Ass.) 10 to 9

COLCHESTER

K. H. Paterson 6½ to 6

HURLINGHAM

H. Carlisle 9 to 8
P. Gifford-Nash 9
Mrs. F. J. Bentley 12 to 11

NON ASSOCIATES

M. G. Pearson 11
E. B. T. Tanner 9

WORTON HALL

V. J. Sexton 10 to 8
E. J. Reeves 11 to 10
A. H. Wilson and J. Barker 12 to 1

CAMBRIDGE

Hopewell 2 to 1½
Hearnshaw 6 to 5

PARKSTONE

Miss D. Pakes 0 to -1
R. O. B. Whittington 3½ to 2½
Mrs. R. A. Simpson 2½ to 2
Miss M. D. McMordie 16 to 14
P. Newton 2 to 1½

COMPTON

D. W. Archer 4 to 3½
M. J. Bushnell 1½ to 1
H. A. Green ½ to 0

G. K. Taylor 2 to 1½
K. F. Wylie -2½ to -3½
J. N. Robinson 7(D6) to 5½

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON Unofficial

E. H. Shelton 2½ to 1
Prof. A. S. C. Ross 3 to 2½
W. R. Bucknall 6 to 5
Major G. B. Horridge 6 to 5½
Mrs. G. E. Cave 7 to 6
Mrs. A. S. C. Ross 8 to 7
Mrs. W. Nash 8D7 to 7
F. Henshaw 7½ to 7
Mrs. J. Clements 14 to 13D11

Official

Mrs. D. T. Raikes 5½ to 4
Mrs. H. J. Devitt 12 to 10
Col. G. T. Wheeler 2 to 1
K. H. Paterson 6 to 5½
Dr. A. Laurence 16 to 14
H. J. Devitt 10 to 9

MEN & WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot 1½ to ½

ON APPEAL

Mrs. Sundius-Smith 3½ to 4

AREA FINALS REDUCTIONS

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

E. H. Shelton 2½ to 1

ROEHAMPTON

D. C. Caporn 1 to ½
V. Sexton 8 to 7

HURLINGHAM

H. Carlisle 8 to 7
M. J. Murphy 16 to 14
A. de Courcy Rolls 15 to 14
Dr. D. Swaine 16 to 15

EDINBURGH

Cmdr. R. Sinclair 5

CHELTHENHAM

N. Jelley 11 to 7
Mrs. A. C. Jupe 12 to 10

BOWDEN

Mrs. N. Tyldesley 8 to 7½
D. H. Moorcraft 8 to 7½

COMPTON

S. A. Stoker 16 to 8
Mrs. H. A. Hall 7 to 6
Brigadier Mockler-Ferryman 10 to 8

CLUB RECOMMENDATIONS

D. A. Harris 6 to 4

COLCHESTER

P. M. Farnsworth X8 to 6
A. H. Draegar X16 to 12
H. T. W. Byne X9 to 9

NOTTINGHAM

Mrs. R. A. Lewty 6 to 4
Dr. H. Rees 4 to 3
E. G. Foster 11 to 7

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Readers are reminded that they can become Overseas Members of the C. A. by paying a subscription of 1 guinea. Members includes the right to receive gratis all issues of this Gazette.

The C. A. intends to compile a book of photographs to commemorate the Queen's visit, and would be grateful to all members who would send copies of their snapshots taken on July 28th 1967.

The Editor has received accounts of several Club Matches including the Inter-Varsity contest. It is hoped to publish these in the next issue, with the results of the Longman Cup.

OBITUARY

V. A. de la Nougerède

The death of "Della" as he was affectionately known throughout the Croquet world has come as a sad blow to the Parkstone Club and to croquet players in general.

Taking up the game when over sixty he rapidly reached a high level. He won his silver medal in 1961 at Cheltenham and played in the Surrey Cup 1955, 1957, 1958, 1959 and 1961 when he tied for first place losing the play off.

For some years he was Hon. Sec. of the East Dorset Tennis and Croquet Club where, though tennis is numerically the senior partner, the whole club valued his friendship.

"Della" was a popular manager, urbane, firm and unruffled and managed the Parkstone Tournament only two weeks before he died. As a referee he was unequalled in knowledge and tact.

He loved The Counties annual match. The writer recollects one year when Ascension Day fell in Counties Week we both informed the management we must be late, for worship in Church had to come first. A great Christian, a fine croquet player and a dear friend. Joy for him to be active to the last, sorrow for his countless friends who send love and sympathy to his sister who lived with him.

V. A. de la Nougerède

Beloved by all who knew him, the death of V. A. de la Nougerède on July 15th, is not only a great loss to the croquet world, and especially to the Parkstone Club, but a deep grief to his many friends. "Della", as he was affectionately called, was a shining example of a Christian gentleman, and his memory will be always loved and treasured by those who had the privilege of his friendship.

Requiescat in pace.

CHAMPIONSHIP OF CHAMPIONS

July 27th - 29th, Hurlingham

A UNIQUE EVENT initiated in a unique year for a unique occasion in memory of one who can fairly be called a unique veteran - Dacre Stoker - deserves more consideration than can be given to it here at the grand climacteric of the Season.

Some of the encounters were of course more productive of sheer brilliance than others, but none of those engaged failed to come up to scratch - or more precisely well down to minus standard - at some point or other in the event. First class play is not solely exhibited by intricate peeling breaks, exceptional long shooting or the running of dazzling hoops. It consists at least as much in a sustained accuracy which obtains and maintains the establishment and control of an innings in exacting circumstances. What particularly impressed the observer during the competition was the beautiful precision of the long rushes exhibited in nearly every game he watched. It has been said that a gentleman is one who is never rude except on purpose. One might adapt this perhaps rather snotty generalisation to our games by saying that a first class player is one who never cuts a rush except on purpose. How different from us are such beings!

In the opening round Mrs. Rotherham reproduced her best form in taking the first game from Bolton though he deservedly won the match; and William Ormerod who easily won his first game against Cotter was a little unlucky to lose the second when, after a particularly interesting struggle Patrick hit what might well have been the 'last shot'. Thus encouraged, the senior player rapidly run away with the third game. Rumours reached the writer of some brilliant juggling by John Solomon, notably in the form of 'cannon peels' against Dr. Wiggins who scarcely got a look in in either game. The fourth match between Hicks and Hamilton-Miller produced two rather prolonged struggles followed by an exhibition of such perfection from Humphrey as to evoke that very rare phenomenon at our restrained and serene encounters, loud cries of acclamation at the end. Hicks went round all the way to the peg thus of course conceding a contact of which his opponent was soon able to take advantage by pegging out Hicks' ball. But no advantage did this in fact prove to be for almost immediately and from about as discouraging a position as can be imagined Humphrey, by a succession of nigh magical strokes, established a three ball break by the time he had reached the fourth hoop and went on with placid accuracy to a sensational victory.

The semi-final between the two Johns on the Friday began with a rapid victory for Solomon achieved before the arrival of Her Majesty. By something of an irony however, the Queen saw little of our famous star, for during most of the time she was present Bolton was in play and looked as though he would bring off a triple peel, but a missed roquet deprived him of the opportunity and the older man took charge of the game. The match between Hicks and Cotter was a rather patchy one which lasted until tea time. Cotter, a game down, snatched a victory in the second but could do nothing in the third game and Hicks was allowed to be an easy winner.

It was no doubt appropriate that the final should be fought out between the two players who between them had won the open championship as many as fifteen times. The remaining three having collected only six victories altogether. Space allows one only to generalise about this three game match which kept a goodly company absorbed between 11 and 5.30 p.m. It was a contest of ins and outs, and it might perhaps be said of it that the 'outs' were more important than the 'ins', for though the match was of course full of beautiful play one expects from these masters it was rather their unexpected failures than their characteristic expertise which determined the issue in each game. If Solomon was a shade the better man on the day, few or none would contest an assertion that on whichever brow these laurels had come to rest the honour would have seemed perfectly appropriate.

Open to all winners of Open Championship and/or President's Cup since the war.

FIRST ROUND

H. O. Hicks bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller -16 +14 +14
E. P. C. Cotter bt Dr. W. P. Ormerod -23 +3 +23
J. P. R. Bolton bt Mrs. E. Rotherham -13 +17 +21
J. W. Solomon bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +21 +20

SEMI FINAL

H. O. Hicks bt E. P. C. Cotter +16 -9 +25
J. W. Solomon bt J. P. R. Bolton +26 +11

FINAL

J. W. Solomon bt H. O. Hicks -9 +12 +19

CENTENARY ALL ENGLAND HANDICAP

SINGLES FINALS

ELEVEN COMPETITORS who had won their area final appeared on the Hurlingham lawns on 26th July - to play off for the winner and runner up of the Centenary All England Singles. The matches were played on handicap and the handicaps ranged from minus 4 - Dr. W. P. Ormerod of Parkstone Club a test team player - to +8 - S. G. Stoker - who only began serious croquet at the opening of the Tunbridge Wells Club on May 1st 1966.

The other clubs (as apart from areas) represented were:-

Mrs. Ralenty (Leamington Spa), Capt. H. F. Nalder (Woking), Mrs. J. S. Tyldesley (Ellesmere), Lt. Cmdr. R. D. Sinclair (Edinburgh), E. H. Shelton (Budleigh Salterton), N. Jelley (Oxford), P. M. Farnsworth (Colchester), D. C. Caporn (Roehampton), H. Carlisle (Hurlingham).

In the first round E. H. Shelton had a close match only defeating S. G. Stoker by 4. In the second round, N. Jelley only won from P. M. Farnsworth by 3. The finals between Lt. Cmdr. R. D. Sinclair (Edinburgh) and H. Carlisle (Hurlingham) was a very ding dong affair - both contestants being very closely matched and both playing well up to their bisques - Lt. Cmdr. R. D. Sinclair finally won by 5 points. The following day these two players had the honour of having their prizes presented to them by H. M. the Queen. The silver rose bowl donated by the C. A. and the Salver given by Mr. W. Longman shortly before his death.

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. R. A. Lewty (4) (Nottingham) bt Capt. H. F. Nalder (4) (Southwick) +10
Cmdr. R. D. Sinclair (5) (Edinburgh) bt Mrs. J. S. Tyldesley (7½) (Bowden) +18
E. H. Shelton (1) (Budleigh Salterton) bt S. G. Stoker (8) (Compton) +4

SECOND ROUND

N. Jelley (7) (Cheltenham) bt P. M. Farnsworth (6) (Colchester) +3
Cmdr. R. D. Sinclair (5) (Edinburgh) bt Mrs. R. A. Lewty (4) (Nottingham) +11
E. H. Shelton (1) (Budleigh Salterton) bt D. C. Caporn (½) (Roehampton) +22
H. Carlisle (7) (Hurlingham) bt Dr. W. P. Ormerod (-4) (Parkstone) +22

SEMI FINAL

Cmdr. R. D. Sinclair (5) (Edinburgh) bt N. Jelley (7) (Cheltenham) +19
H. Carlisle (7) (Hurlingham) bt E. H. Shelton (1) (Budleigh Salterton) +20

FINAL

Cmdr. R. D. Sinclair (5) bt H. Carlisle (7) +6

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CENTENARY ALL ENGLAND HANDICAP

AREA FINALS

BOWDEN - Mrs. J. S. Tyldesley (8) (Ellesmere) bt D. H. Moorcroft (8) (Southport) +2
BUDLEIGH SALTERTON - E. H. Shelton (2½) (Sidmouth) bt Dr. Oliver (11) +9
CHELTENHAM - N. Jelley (11) (Oxford University) bt Wing Cmdr. Montague Smith (Cheltenham) +26
COLCHESTER - P. M. Farnsworth 1^x8 (Essex University) bt K. F. Wylie (-2½) (Cambridge University) +9
COMPTON - S. G. Stoker (16) (Tunbridge Wells) bt Mrs. H. A. Hall (7) (Compton) +8
EDINBURGH - Cmdr. R. D. Sinclair (5) (Edinburgh) bt R. M. Milne (5) (Edinburgh) +8
HURLINGHAM - H. B. H. Carlisle (8) (Hurlingham) bt M. J. Murphy (16) (Brook Bond) +17
NOTTINGHAM - Mrs. R. A. Lewty (6) (Leamington Spa) bt F. B. Stephens (7) (Nottingham) +18
PARKSTONE - Dr. W. P. Ormerod (-4) (Parkstone) bt L. Taylor (6½) (Parkstone) +5
ROEHAMPTON - D. C. Caporn (1) (Roehampton) bt V. J. Sexton (Worton Hall) +1
SOUTHWICK - Capt. H. F. Nalder (6) (Woking) bt Mrs. I. H. Turketine (2) (Southwick) +17

REPRINT OF THE LAWS

There is no doubt that there is an overwhelming desire by Associates that the Laws should be reprinted. During the Hurlingham Tournament Mr. Guy Warwick canvassed for subscriptions and got the promise of £80 to be donated by members of the C. A. to be devoted to this purpose.

THE CHALLENGE AND GILBEY CUPS

JULY 19th - 22nd

WITH THE barometers at Set Fair throughout the week, competitors in this tournament saw Roehampton at its best, if we exclude the croquet pavilion which - in the words of the Harrow School song - is still with us, "forty years on, growing older and older"!

Following last year's pattern, the Challenge and Gilbey was played as an American tournament with a three hour time limit, so that players in the four blocks were all assured of five or six games. And, as it happened, the results were very closely contested in each block; by Thursday lunch time, only A. D'Antal in Block D was in an unassailable position, while in the top section the struggle was particularly tense between five of the seven players. After Brigadier Forbes had made sure of the top position with a win over Terence Read, Derek Caporn was concerned in two very close games, defeating Dudley Hamilton-Miller by two points and then losing to Mrs. Solomon by one point. Mrs. Solomon then pulled a game out of the fire by hitting a virtually-wired long shot, after she had been pegged out, and winning against Read. This brought her level with Hamilton-Miller, each having won four games and lost two, the latter qualifying for the runner-up position by the narrow margin of three points. Mention should be made of the game won by Read against Colonel Saalfeld, in which the latter never once took croquet.

Miss Duthie, playing smoothly and consistently all the week, was the winner of Block B, with W. B. Franklin as runner-up; Mrs. Sundius-Smith played well to win Block C, with Mrs. Speer in second place, while Mrs. Wills was runner-up in Block D. The winners then played off for the Challenge Cups, and the runners-up for the Gilbey and Supplementary Cups.

In the final of the Challenge Cup, Miss Duthie had a clear-cut victory over Brigadier Forbes, who in this game was unable to reproduce the convincing form that he had previously displayed; and the Gilbey Cup was won by Dudley Hamilton-Miller, who was

quickly round to the penultimate hoop with one ball, against Mrs. Wills. An extra event was won by Colonel Saalfeld, who was just able to concede the bisques to Mrs. Neal in a well-contested final.

Under the smooth and considerate management of Mr. Roper, who deputised this year for Miss Lintern the tournament was successfully concluded by Saturday evening, when Mrs. Roper presented the prizes to the winners. It was, indeed, good to see her now well on the way back to health and strength after her illness and we hope that it will not be long before she is once more a player rather than a spectator.

This tournament has been managed for twenty years without a break until this year; by Miss Lintern, and so we shall all be looking forward with very especial anticipation to her "coming-of-age" return next year, both as manager and also, if the entries permit, as a competitor.

CHALLENGE AND GILBEY CUPS

Roehampton Club, 17th - 22nd July, 1967

BLOCK A (Winner)

Brig. A. F. G. Forbes won 4 games beating T. O. Read (0) +20, Lt. Col. A. E. Saalfeld (-1) +11, D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-3) +24, E. A. Roper (0) +9 and lost to D. C. Caporn ($\frac{1}{2}$) +8 and Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) +9.

Block A (Runner-up)

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller won 4 games beating T. O. Read (0) +5, Lt. Col. A. E. Saalfeld (-1) +10, Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) +15, A. E. Roper (0) +21 and lost to D. C. Caporn ($\frac{1}{2}$) +2 and Brig. A. E. Forbes ($\frac{1}{2}$) +24.

BLOCK B (Winner)

Miss B. Duthie ($3\frac{1}{2}$) won 3 games beating Mrs. F. M. Bolitho ($2\frac{1}{2}$) +20, Mrs. H. M. Read (3) +17, W. B. Franklin (3) +21 and lost to Lady Ursula Abbey ($1\frac{1}{2}$) by 5 and L. Riggall ($3\frac{1}{2}$) +6.

Block B (Runner-up)

W. B. Franklin (3) won 3 games beating Lady Ursula Abbey ($1\frac{1}{2}$) + 8, Mrs. H. M. Read (3) +10, L. Riggall ($3\frac{1}{2}$) +13 and lost to Mrs. F. M. Bolitho ($2\frac{1}{2}$) +7 and Miss Duthie ($3\frac{1}{2}$) +6

BLOCK C (Winner)

Mrs. B. Sundius-Smith (4) won 4 games beating H. M. Read (4) +25, Mrs. J. Speer (4) +7, J. L. Sanders ($5\frac{1}{2}$) +3 on time, D. Temple-Page ($6\frac{1}{2}$) +15 and lost to Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson ($5\frac{1}{2}$) +7 on time.

Block C (Runner-up)

Mrs. J. Speer (4) won 3 games beating H. M. Read (4) +14, J. L. Sanders ($5\frac{1}{2}$) +17, D. Temple-Page ($6\frac{1}{2}$) +1 and lost to Mrs. B. Sundius-Smith (4) +7 and Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (5) +8.

BLOCK D (Winner)

A. d'Antal (8) won 5 games beating Miss G. Bartlett (9) +14, Mrs. H. Wills (7) +16, Mrs. H. M. Carrington ($6\frac{1}{2}$) +15 on time, Mrs. T. Croal (8) +18 and Mrs. B. G. Neal (14) +18.

Block D (Runner-up)

Mrs. H. Wills won 3 games beating Miss G. Bartlett (9) +13, Mrs. M. H. Carrington ($6\frac{1}{2}$) +3 on time, Mrs. T. Croal (8) +11, and lost to A. d'Antal (8) +16 and Mrs. B. G. Neal (14) +21.

WINNERS PLAY OFF

Miss B. Duthie bt A. d'Antal +14
Brig. A. F. G. Forbes bt Mrs. B. Sundius-Smith +9.

Final

Miss B. Duthie bt Brig. A. F. G. Forbes +23.

RUNNER-UP PLAY OFF

Mrs. H. Wills w/o W. B. Franklin
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Mrs. J. Speer +19

Final

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Mrs. H. Wills +15

CHELTENHAM (OPEN TOURNAMENT)

July 24th - 29th, 1967

THE PRESENCE of Her Majesty the Queen at the All England Finals proved too strong an attraction for many of the regular entrants at this Tournament, and the numbers were consequently much reduced from previous years. What a pity that events at Hurlingham should have clashed with such a very friendly and delightful week at Cheltenham. To those who have never played here we can only say 'give it a trial next year'; we are certain that you will not regret it. Don't be put off because you are not of the elite of the Croquet world - one of the pleasantest features of this week was that the '16 bisquer' received just the same friendly and courteous treatment as the 'mighty Minus'!

Owing to the reduction in entries and the use of 10 courts, each open event was played as a Draw and Process and all the handicap events as an X and Y; even the Doubles. This meant that a player who never won a game, played no less than eight games, including an X and Y extra. What more could anyone want? On top of all this a Golf Croquet event!

The Play-Off in the Open Singles provided an interesting game in which Keith Wylie used an unusual leave at the end of his first break with his opponents balls jammed tightly against the wires of the second and fourth hoops. At the end Wylie pegged out one of his balls, having missed with other. G. E. P. Jackson crept steadily up, making another ten points before Wylie hit peg with his fifth shot, winning by 4 points.

The Draw and Process of the Level Singles were both won by R. O. B. Whittington, with William Prichard, 14 year old son of Col. Prichard, winning the play-off for second place. Both this young man and his elder brother Robert show promise above the average.

The Handicap Singles for $6\frac{1}{2}$ bisques and over was well won by W. E. Gladstone with W. J. Sturdy winning the Y. Both these gentlemen are now recovering from a severe operation performed by the tournament Handicapper.

In the Final of the Open Handicap between Miss Sessions and W. J. Sturdy, the former pegged out her opponents forward ball when she was on the 3rd hoop and he on 3-back with two bisques in hand and went on to win an exciting duel. What a delightful player Miss Sessions is to watch; so graceful and serene whatever the state of the game.

The X of the Handicap doubles was won by Keith Wylie and Robert Prichard, who beat Dr. T. E. Ryves and W. T. S. Sturdy. The Y was won by R. O. B. Whittington and W. E. Gladstone.

During this event one of our newly appointed Referees, who shall mercifully be nameless, who was for the peg with his partner for the Rover, took off to lay up for her and accidentally hit the peg and, with muttered imprecations, promptly removed his ball and clip to the side lines, leaving his unfortunate 14 bisque partner to struggle alone. Thirteen points later, the Manager, hearing of the incident, politely pointed out that this could not be in a handicap game. A kindly, if misguided, Referee called to the scene ruled that the ball be replaced and "battle go on". The newly appointed Referee, the heat of whose blushes did much to dry out the surrounding courts, has, we are reliably informed, decided not to resign his newly gained honour.

Finally we would like to thank Miss Armstrong and Mrs. Wheeler and all their helpers for looking so well after the inner man; the Groundsman, Col. Wheeler and all those who help him for the excellent state of the Courts, which, though, on the slow side, were in fine condition considering the difficulties of the Summer.

The Management was in the skilful and courteous hands of Mr. G. E. P. Jackson, who managed not only to play himself, but also to make each and every one of us feel that he or she was the one person who really mattered. Mrs. Mathews not only carried out the multifarious duties of Tournament Secretary, but also managed to make the visitors feel welcome and at home.

Thank you Cheltenham.

CHELTENHAM TOURNAMENT

THE CHELTENHAM CHAMPIONSHIP CUP (OPEN)

DRAW

FIRST ROUND

K. F. Wylie bt C. W. R. Hodges +15

SECOND ROUND

Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt Col. G. T. Wheeler +10

K. F. Wylie bt Miss A. E. Mills +25

Miss K. M. O. Sessions bt P. Newton +15

J. Simon bt G. E. P. Jackson +16

SEMI FINAL

K. F. Wylie bt Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard +24

J. Simon bt Miss K. M. O. Sessions +15

FINAL

K. F. Wylie bt J. Simon +17

PROCESS

FIRST ROUND

J. Simon bt Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard +1

SECOND ROUND

Miss K. M. O. Sessions bt Miss A. E. Mills +15

J. Simon bt C. W. R. Hodges +16

G. E. P. Jackson bt K. F. Wylie +8

P. Newton bt Col. G. T. Wheeler +12

SEMI FINAL

Miss K. M. O. Sessions bt J. Simon +3

G. E. P. Jackson bt P. Newton +16

FINAL

G. E. P. Jackson bt Miss K. M. O. Sessions +4

PLAY OFF

K. F. Wylie bt G. E. P. Jackson +4

THE MONEY SALVER

LEVEL SINGLES Class B

(2 bisques or more)

DRAW

FIRST ROUND

D. A. Wilson bt G. R. Mills +17

R. O. B. Whittington bt W. de B. Prichard +14

SECOND ROUND

Miss I. M. Roe bt Mrs. N. E. Wallwork +16

D. A. Wilson bt Mrs. B de C. Mathews +5

R. O. B. Whittington bt R. D. C. Prichard +15

Miss R. M. Allen bt Dr. T. E. Ryves +17

SEMI FINAL

Miss I. M. Roe bt D. A. Wilson +1

R. O. B. Whittington bt Miss R. M. Allen +24

FINAL

R. O. B. Whittington bt Miss I. M. Roe +13

PROCESS

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. N. E. Wallwork bt Dr. T. E. Ryves +6

Miss I. M. Roe bt Miss R. M. Allen +14

SECOND ROUND

R. O. B. Whittington bt Mrs. B de C. Mathews +23

G. R. Mills bt Mrs. N. E. Wallwork +14

R. D. C. Prichard bt D. A. Wilson +14

W de B. Prichard bt Miss I. M. Roe +17

SEMI FINAL

R. O. B. Whittington bt G. R. Mills +18

W de B. Prichard bt R. D. C. Prichard +3

FINAL

R. O. B. Whittington bt W de B. Prichard +23

WINNER OF EVENT

R. O. B. Whittington

PLAY OFF FOR SECOND PLACE

W de B. Prichard bt Miss I. M. Roe +12

HANDICAP SINGLES - EVENT X

THE CALTHROPE CUP

($6\frac{1}{2}$ bisques or more)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. H. Harris (15) bt Mrs. P. Newton (16) +15

Rev. W. E. Gladstone (10) bt W. J. Sturdy (9) + 4

SEMI FINAL

Miss H. McKean (10) bt Mrs. H. Harris (15) +3

Rev. W. E. Gladstone (10) bt Miss W. K. Allardyce (12) +12²

FINAL

Rev. W. E. Gladstone (10) bt Miss H. McKean (10) +10

EVENT Y

OPEN TO THOSE WHO LOST EVENT X

($6\frac{1}{2}$ bisques or more)

SEMI FINAL

W. J. Sturdy (9) bt Mrs. P. Newton (16) +16

Mrs. H. Harris (15) bt Miss W. K. Allardyce (12) +13

FINAL

W. J. Sturdy (9) bt Mrs. H. Harris (15) + 13

OPEN HANDICAP

THE DANIELS CUP

FIRST ROUND

Lt. Cmdr. D. M. C. Prichard (-2 $\frac{1}{2}$) bt D. A. Wilson (6) +9

Col. G. T. Wheeler (1) bt J. Simon (-3) +3

P. Newton ($1\frac{1}{2}$) bt G. E. P. Jackson (-2 $\frac{1}{2}$) +26

Miss K. M. O. Sessions ($\frac{1}{2}$) bt Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (4) +12

Rev. W. E. Gladstone (10) bt W de B. Prichard (5) +21

Miss R. M. Allen ($3\frac{1}{2}$) bt Miss A. E. Mills ($1\frac{1}{2}$) +15

Miss W. K. Allardyce (12) bt Mrs. P. Newton (16) +12

Miss H. McKean (10) bt G. R. Mills (4) +4

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. B de C. Mathews ($3\frac{1}{2}$) bt Mrs. H. Harris (15) +15

E. G. Bantock (5) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves (4) +10

Col. G. T. Wheeler (1) bt Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-2 $\frac{1}{2}$) +9

Miss K. M. O. Sessions ($\frac{1}{2}$) bt P. Newton ($1\frac{1}{2}$) +9

Rev. W. E. Gladstone (10) bt Miss R. M. Allen ($3\frac{1}{2}$) +20

Miss W. K. Allardyce (12) bt Miss J. McKean (10) +9

R. O. B. Whittington ($2\frac{1}{2}$) bt Miss I. M. Roe ($2\frac{1}{2}$) +16

W. J. Sturdy (9) bt R. D. C. Prichard (4) +23

THIRD ROUND

Mrs. B de C. Mathews (3½) bt E. G. Bantock (5) +8
Miss K. M. O. Sessions (½) bt Col. G. T. Wheeler (1) +18
Rev. W. E. Gladstone (10) bt Miss W. K. Allardyce (12) +12
W. J. Sturdy (9) bt R. O. B. Whittington (2½) +13

SEMI FINAL

Miss K. M. O. Sessions (½) bt Mrs. B de C Mathews (3½) +10
W. J. Sturdy (9) bt Rev. W. E. Gladstone (10) +10

FINAL

Miss K. M. O. Sessions (½) bt W. J. Sturdy (9) +4

OPEN HANDICAPS SINGLES

EVENT Y

FIRST ROUND

R. D. C. Prichard (4) bt Mrs. N. E. Wallwork (4) +6
Miss A. E. Mills (1½) bt Mrs. P. Nelson (16) +8
J. W. Simon (-3) bt Mrs. H. Harris (15) +5
W. de B. Prichard (5) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves (4) +11

SECOND ROUND

G. E. P. Jackson (-2½) bt G. R. Mills (4) +21
R. D. C. Prichard (4) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1½) +23
W. de B. Prichard (5) bt J. W. Simon (-3) +26
D. A. Wilson (6) bt Miss I. M. Roe (2½) +25

SEMI FINAL

R. D. C. Prichard (4) bt G. E. P. Jackson (-2½) +25
D. A. Wilson (6) bt W. de B. Prichard (5) +4

FINAL

D. A. Wilson (6) bt R. D. C. Prichard (4) +10

OPEN HANDICAP DOUBLES

THE BARDWELL SALVERS

EVENT X

FIRST ROUND

Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard and W. de B. Prichard (2½) bt Miss K. M. O. Sessions and Miss R. M. Allen (4) +3
Dr. T. E. Ryves and W. J. Sturdy (13) bt Mrs. N. E. Wallwork and Miss K. W. Allardyce (14) +11
Miss A. E. Mills and G. R. Mills (5½) bt E. G. Bantock and T. B. Bantock (19) +10
Miss I. M. Roe and D. A. Wilson (8½) bt P. Newton and Mrs. P. Newton (15½) +18
G. E. P. Jackson and Mrs. G. E. P. Jackson (2½) bt L. G. Ayliffe and Mrs. H. Harris (21) +8

SECOND ROUND

Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard and W. de B. Prichard (2½) bt R. O. B. Whittington and Rev. W. E. Gladstone (12½) +8
Dr. T. E. Ryves and W. J. Sturdy (13) bt Miss A. E. Mills and G. R. Mills (5½) +20
Miss I. M. Roe and D. A. Wilson (8½) bt Mr. and Mrs. G. E. P. Jackson (2½) +2
K. F. Wylie and R. D. C. Prichard (½) bt J. W. Simon and Col. G. T. Wheeler (-2) +14

SEMI FINAL

Dr. T. E. Ryves and W. J. Sturdy (13) bt Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard and W. de B. Prichard (2½) +15
K. F. Wylie and R. D. C. Prichard (½) bt Miss I. M. Roe and D. A. Wilson (8½) +9

FINAL

K. F. Wylie and R. D. C. Prichard (½) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves and W. J. Sturdy (13) +5

LOST FIRST GAME IN OPEN HANDICAP DOUBLES

EVENT Y

FIRST ROUND

Miss K. M. O. Sessions and Miss R. M. Allen (4) bt L. G. Ayliffe and Mrs. H. Harris (21) +11
Mr. and Mrs. P. Newton (15½) bt E. G. and T. B. Bantock (19) +8
J. Simon and Col. G. T. Wheeler (-2) bt Mrs. N. E. Wallwork and Miss W. K. Allardyce (14) +2

SEMI FINAL

R. O. B. Whittington and Rev. W. E. Gladstone (12½) bt Miss K. M. O. Sessions and Miss R. M. Allen (4) +12
J. W. Simon and Col. G. T. Wheeler (-2) bt Mr. and Mrs. P. Newton (15½) +4

FINAL

R. O. B. Whittington and Rev. W. E. Gladstone (12½) bt J. W. Simon and Col. G. T. Wheeler (-2) +6

COLCHESTER TOURNAMENT

OPEN SINGLES

(No Report Received)

DRAW

FIRST ROUND

Dr. R. W. Bray bt C. H. O'D. Alexander +13
Miss E. M. Brumpton bt Mrs. D. T. Raikes +2
K. F. Wylie bt R. K. Price +26
C. S. Ratcliffe bt E. Whitehead +16
H. O. Hicks bt J. P. R. Bolton +9

SECOND ROUND

Dr. R. W. Bray bt K. H. Paterson +21
K. F. Wylie bt Miss E. M. Brumpton opp. retired
H. O. Hicks bt C. S. Ratcliffe +25
G. P. Hallett bt Miss E. C. Brumpton +6

SEMI FINAL

K. F. Wylie bt Dr. R. W. Bray +17
H. O. Hicks bt G. F. Hallett +23

FINAL

K. F. Wylie bt H. O. Hicks +16

PROCESS

FIRST ROUND

C. S. Ratcliffe bt K. H. Paterson +7
G. F. Hallett bt Mrs. D. T. Raikes +11
H. O. Hicks bt C. H. O'D. Alexander +22
Dr. R. W. Bray bt J. P. R. Bolton +16
Miss E. M. Brumpton bt Miss E. C. Brumpton +11

SECOND ROUND

G. F. Hallett bt C. S. Ratcliffe +20
H. O. Hicks bt K. F. Wylie +11
Dr. R. W. Bray bt R. K. Price +15
E. Whitehead bt Miss E. M. Brumpton +18

SEMI FINAL

H. O. Hicks w. o. G. F. Hallett opp. scr.
Dr. R. W. Bray bt E. Whitehead +17

FINAL

Dr. R. W. Bray bt H. O. Hicks +3

PLAY OFF - Dr. R. W. Bray bt K. F. Wylie +25

HANDICAP SINGLES

EVENT X

FIRST ROUND

H. O. Hicks (-5) bt Miss E. C. Brumpton (4) +17
C. L. Robertson (9) bt Major E. J. Bromley-Fox (12) +21
Mrs. D. T. Raikes (3½) bt F. E. N. Puxon (7) +5
R. K. Price (4) bt J. P. R. Bolton (-4) +15
E. Whitehead (2) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) +12
Miss M. E. Day (10) bt Miss E. M. Brumpton (5) +6 on time
Dr. R. W. Bray (-2) bt G. F. Hallett (5½) +7
C. H. O'D. Alexander (5) bt Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (7) +8

SECOND ROUND

C. S. Ratcliffe (4) bt Mrs. E. Whitehead (10) +5
K. F. Wylie (-3½) bt K. H. Paterson (5½) +7
H. O. Hicks (-5) bt C. L. Robertson (9) +7
R. K. Price (4) bt Mrs. D. T. Raikes (3½) +22
E. Whitehead (2) bt Miss M. E. Day (10) +4
Dr. R. W. Bray (-2) bt C. H. O'D. Alexander (5) +3
B. P. Braund (9) bt Mrs. E. E. Clark (8) +3
D. A. Clayton (*9) bt J. Blair (*6) opp. retired

THIRD ROUND

K. F. Wylie (-3½) bt C. S. Ratcliffe (4) +17
R. K. Price (4) bt H. O. Hicks (-5) +26
Dr. R. W. Bray (-2) bt E. Whitehead (2) +15
D. A. Clayton (*9) bt B. P. Braund (9) +16

SEMI FINAL

R. K. Price (4) bt K. F. Wylie (-3½) +14
Dr. R. W. Bray (-2) bt D. A. Clayton (*9) +14

FINAL

R. K. Price (4) bt Dr. R. W. Bray (-2) +26

HANDICAP SINGLES

EVENT Y

FIRST ROUND

Miss E. C. Brumpton (4) bt Major E. J. Bromley-Fox (12) +3
J. P. R. Bolton (-4) bt F. E. M. Puxon (7) +9
Miss E. M. Brumpton (5) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) +21
G. F. Hallett (5½) bt Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (7) +17

SECOND ROUND

K. H. Paterson (5½) bt Mrs. E. Whitehead (10) +11
J. P. R. Bolton (-4) bt Miss E. C. Brumpton (4) +13
G. F. Hallett (5½) bt Miss E. M. Brumpton (5) +15
Mrs. E. E. Clark (8) w. o. J. Blair opp. scr.

SEMI FINAL

J. P. R. Bolton (-4) bt K. H. Paterson (5½) +4
G. F. Hallett (5½) bt Mrs. E. E. Clark (8) +13

FINAL

J. P. R. Bolton (-4) bt G. F. Hallett (5½) +5

HANDICAP SINGLES

EVENT Z

FIRST ROUND

Miss M. E. Day (10) w. o. opp. scr.
Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (7) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) +7
Major E. J. Bromley-Fox (12) bt Mrs. E. E. Clark (8) +6
C. L. Robertson (9) bt C. S. Ratcliffe (4) +7

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. D. T. Raikes (3½) bt B. P. Braund (9) +14
Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (7) bt Miss M. E. Day opp. retired
Major E. J. Bromley-Fox (12) bt C. L. Robertson opp. retired on peg
C. H. O'D. Alexander (5) bt Mrs. E. Whitehead retired

SEMI FINAL

Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (7) w. o. Mrs. D. T. Raikes (3½) scratched
Major E. J. Bromley-Fox (12) bt C. H. O'D. Alexander (5) +10

FINAL

Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (7) bt Major E. J. Bromley-Fox (12) +3

HANDICAP DOUBLES

FIRST ROUND

K. H. Paterson and Mrs. T. D. Raikes (9) bt J. P. R. Bolton and Mrs. E. E. Clark (4) +7
K. F. Wylie and Miss M. E. Johnson (8½) bt C. H. O'D. Alexander and Miss M. E. Day (15) +1

SECOND ROUND

C. L. Robertson and B. P. Braund (18) bt C. S. Ratcliffe and Major E. J. Bromley-Fox (16) +9
K. H. Paterson and Mrs. D. T. Raikes (9) bt F. E. M. Puxon and Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (14) +3
R. K. Price and D. A. Clayton (13) bt K. F. Wylie and Miss M. E. Johnson (8½) +12
E. Whitehead and Mrs. E. Whitehead (12) bt Dr. R. W. Bray and G. F. Hallett (3½) +7

SEMI FINAL

K. H. Paterson and Mrs. D. T. Raikes (9) bt C. L. Robertson and B. P. Braund (18) +10
E. Whitehead and Mrs. E. Whitehead (12) w. o. R. K. Price and D. A. Clayton (retired on peg)

FINAL

E. Whitehead and Mrs. E. Whitehead (12) bt K. H. Paterson and Mrs. D. T. Raikes (9) +2

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

PLAYED AT HURLINGHAM July 31st - August 5th

IT WOULD need research to say with assurance that an entry of 34 for the championship is the highest figure recorded since World War 2, but your reporter believes this to be the case. Certainly every first class player who can be described as now in current 'circulation' was included in the number, with the sole exception of William Ormerod; the most formidable challengers were well spaced out in the draw and the writer noted a dozen of these whom he would not put it past to bring off a coup. Indeed there were as many potential champions as there were actual ones in the list.

The first day brought few surprises and only one three game match. In this David O'Connor started off with a well won game against Robin Godby, but after his attention had been distracted by a telephone call in the second game his skill deserted him, and his opponent was left to have things all his own way. Giles Borrett brought off a surprise with a victory over Bryan Lloyd-Pratt, and Miss Duthie would have won the second game against John Simon had not inexperience led her to neglect the opportunity to peg out her rover ball when the other was for the last hoop with her opponent's ball far behind. Fate brought two doughty adversaries together in Wiggins and Wylie. In each game the Doctor started off with a good break, but when things went wrong with the second one, Wylie was able to seize his opportunities, some of which he made for himself by excellent shooting.

On the Tuesday things began to hot up and three game matches became a feature of the scene. Godby played well to take the second game against the reigning Champion, but John Solomon saw that such *lesé majesté* was not repeated in the third. Elsewhere in the draw the tigers began to set about one another. There was a long match between Arthur Reed and Bill Perry, which Reed eventually won coming from behind; and Aspinall and Bolton played some excellent croquet, the latter winning a close first game and being first off the mark in the other two, but in each case a mistake in the second break gave Aspinall an opportunity to remind us how formidable he is, the third game including a beautiful triple peel from him.

"To lose one parent may be regarded as a misfortune; to lose both looks like carelessness" declared Lady Bracknell in Wilde's superb comedy. The same might be suggested about the loss of two games by a single point in a three game match, and indeed Dudley Hamilton-Miller, playing against Douglas Strachan, was ready to convict himself, if not of carelessness, of inadequate strokes when in a winning position. But in the opinion of most of those looking on misfortune would have been a fair enough description of what occurred, well as the Carrickmines player did in seizing his opportunities. It would be rash to describe a win by +1 - 8 + 1 as a record in first class croquet, but this writer does not remember witnessing a similar score before.

Though Wednesday was mainly devoted to Doubles it was found possible to bring the Singles up to the last eight by the evening. Cotter had had a narrow escape from losing the first game to John Simon, which he secured by hitting what would probably have been the last shot, but did not escape losing the second by a single point. However he won with rather less difficulty in the third game. Reed nearly repeated his coming from behind manoeuvre against Neal, but was allowed little chance in the second game in which the Surrey Captain went out with an admirable triple. This player has come on a lot this year and amply proved that his victory in the Men's Championship was no accident.

In his match against Cotter, however, neither player was at his best, more hoops were missed than would be expected from either man, and the combat lasted into the evening, Neal emerging as the winner. Keith Ross, the only one of the eight involved in this round who would not be classed as a tiger, showed himself more feral than might have been expected and gave Humphrey Hicks a good match, especially in the second game. In the other ties some croquet of high quality was seen. John Solomon won two games from Wylie very quickly; in one of these he went right round before the fourth ball was in play; and in both, as is his wont, he brought off a triple peel. The match between Aspinall and Strachan though less rapid, was in its way, no less interesting. In the first game Aspinall looked set for a straight triple when (your reporter, arriving on the scene, was told) something went just wrong! It never went right again for Aspinall; in that game, for Strachan, playing with characteristic application, eventually won. The second game was uneventful 26 - 0 for Aspinall, who again started off with another break in the third game, but seemed surprised to find that the laws did not allow two bites at the cherry (represented by his opponent's red ball) at one-back! This presented Strachan with a perfect four-baller which he duly completed, but starting on a second break, he missed a roquet after running the first hoop. From this point Aspinall proceeded to play croquet of a quality seldom seen and not very often attempted, notably in the precision of his wide split shots from great distances and the consistent accuracy of his long rushes and take-offs. Here is a very great player, with a swing so mellifluous that it can stand comparison with that of the greatest masters of any period in the game's history.

Aspinall's match with Hicks in the semi-final began with a very interesting game. Aspinall took his ball round to the peg, thus giving contact, but peeling his ball through the first hoop. His shooting on the day was not up to his usual high standard, however,

and Hicks was able to bring his backward ball as far as the fifth hoop. At this point Humphrey obtained control of his opponent's rover and pegged it out, and his own also. The resulting battle of wits, with only two balls on the court, was as absorbing to the spectators as it must have been to the players. It seemed as if Aspinall would catch up, but he never quite did and a rather reckless 'bash' at 4 back resulted in a win for Hicks by four points. The second game went to Aspinall, but some slices of ill-luck for him in the third, and some admirably steady play by the other man, gave an easy victory to Hicks.

In the other semi-final between Solomon and Neal the first game showed the Champion at his best, with an all round break on the fourth turn and a beautiful triple on the sixth. The following game was an 'in and outer' due to a number of missed roquets, often longer than they should have been. However with John's balls on the 5th and 2 back, Neal was in possession with a break, which seemed certain to take him out when, needing only the rover hoop, some indifferent strokes (and perhaps some mistaken decisions) yielded the innings to Solomon and ere long the match. The challenge of the new tigers to the old (though the word 'old' may seem an odd one to apply to the 1963-67 Champion) has still to achieve success.

A final between Hicks and Solomon has often produced a magnificent match but it did not do so on this occasion, for though Humphrey began each game with some beautiful strokes, all too soon he failed at a hoop and this is not an occurrence which is likely to pass with impunity against John. There was a particularly fine triple from him in the first game and another of a more orthodox type in the second. And so this shining star gains his fifth consecutive Championship. (A quintuple so to say). Long may he sparkle - 'up above the World so high, like a diamond in the sky'.

The Doubles Championship is, of course, a major event, though it never obtains the attention it deserves in these pages for reasons of space. Nor will it do so this year, though fugitive memories of early rounds would provide plenty of material, as for instance, a confirmation that at pegging out two heads are not better than one, even though they are those of legal luminaries. David O'Connor gave a fine example of his power of coming from behind in this game with Leslie Webb against Karmel and Baillieu. Another incident was a two yard roquet unaccountably missed by Wylie, when going out, which allowed Hamilton-Miller and Hallett to win and in due course go through to the final and eventually emerge as Champions. Cotter and Solomon duly avenged themselves over Aspinall and Simon for their defeat at the hands of the latter pair last year. But in the final Cotter could not get into his game, nor hit into that of his opponent's, both of whom, especially Hallett, were playing with admirable steadiness.

Finally there came the opportunity for Hallett to hit a rush from the boundary to the stick for a peg-out; but it was not finally for the rush was too good and the front ball hit the peg. The opposition had then ten points to make and they made two of these before Hallett hit the peg fair and square and so won the title for the first time, and his partner for a fourth. Their victory was as loudly applauded as it was well deserved.

The Association Plate drew a strong entry and looked to be a very open event. The four semi-finalists proved to be Guy Warwick (Winner in 1966) versus David O'Connor and Mrs. Rotherham v. Bill Perry. Guy appeared to be well on his way to another victory, when O'Connor saved what looked like a hopeless situation with two fine breaks from the first and fourth hoops. He very nearly did the same thing again against Mrs. Rotherham who had been coming back to her true form in the final. She was a deserving winner, but it will not be long before the young Irishman wins a big event, for he has in most respects a beautiful stroke production, notably on roll strokes, but his hoop running is not yet as reliable as the rest of his game.

Except for some rain, on the morning of Doubles Day (of course!) the weather was delightful all the week. The management was in the hands of Miss Lintern who, though never before having handled a best of three event, showed her great expertise to be more than equal to the occasion. By 5.30 p.m. on Saturday all was safely gathered in, and the prizes were presented by Miss Dora Pakes of Australia, whose presence with us has been such a pleasant feature of our Centenary Year.

OPEN LEVEL SINGLES

FIRST ROUND

H. O. Hicks bt R. A. S. Shewan +25 +17
R. A. Godby bt D. B. O'Connor -15 +12 +23

SECOND ROUND

D. F. Strachan bt Mrs. E. Rotherham +6 +9
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt L. J. Webb +18 +18
J. P. R. Bolton bt G. W. Williams +24 +7
G. N. Aspinall bt Miss E. J. Warwick +23 +21
K. A. Ross bt Miss D. Pakes +21 +9
R. O. Hicks bt I. C. Baillieu +14 +22
Dr. R. W. Bray bt Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot +25 +25
H. O. Hicks bt P. D. Hallett +5 +26
J. W. Solomon bt R. A. Godby +16 -13 +17
A. D. Karmel w. o. opp. scratched
K. F. Wylie bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +8 +10
Cmdr. A. Borrett bt B. Lloyd-Pratt +15 +12
Prof. B. G. Neal bt J. G. Warwick +13 +26
A. A. Read bt B. G. Perry +10 -9 +4
E. P. C. Cotter bt Lt. Col. A. E. Saalfeld +14 +19
J. W. Simon bt Miss B. Duthie +26 +3

THIRD ROUND

D. F. Strachan bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller +1 -8 +1
G. N. Aspinall bt J. P. R. Bolton -5 +15 +13
K. A. Ross bt R. O. Hicks +17 +13
H. O. Hicks bt Dr. R. W. Bray +26 +25
J. W. Solomon bt A. D. Karmel +26 +26
K. F. Wylie bt Cmdr. G. Borrett +12 +19
Prof. B. G. Neal bt A. A. Read +4 +23
E. P. C. Cotter bt J. W. Simon +13 -1 +13

FOURTH ROUND

G. N. Aspinall bt D. F. Strachan -6 +26 +16
H. O. Hicks bt K. A. Ross +17 +6
J. W. Solomon bt K. F. Wylie +24 +24
Prof. B. G. Neal bt E. P. C. Cotter +3 -1 +13

SEMI FINAL

H. O. Hicks bt G. N. Aspinall +4 -16 +25
J. W. Solomon bt Prof. B. G. Neal +10 -4 +9

FINAL

J. W. Solomon bt H. O. Hicks +25 +26

DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

FIRST ROUND

D. B. O'Connor and L. J. Webb bt A. D. Karmel and I. C. Baillieu +2

SECOND ROUND

E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon bt D. F. Strachan and Prof. B. G. Neal +22
B. Lloyd-Pratt and Mrs. E. Rotherham bt J. G. Warwick and Cmdr. G. Borrett +12
R. G. S. Shewan and K. A. Ross bt A. A. Read and D. W. Miller +10

G. N. Aspinall and J. W. Simon bt D. B. O'Connor and J. L. Webb +2
M. F. Buller and Lady Ursula Abbey w. o. opp. retired
Dr. R. W. Bray and Miss E. J. Warwick bt B. G. Perry and R. A. Godby +8
H. O. Hicks and J. P. R. Bolton bt R. F. Rothwell and Mrs. E. Lightfoot +21
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and P. D. Hallett bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins and K. F. Wylie +5

THIRD ROUND

E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon bt B. Lloyd-Pratt and Mrs. E. Rotherham +22
G. N. Aspinall and J. W. Simon bt R. G. S. Shewan and K. A. Ross +10
Dr. R. W. Bray and Miss E. J. Warwick bt M. F. Buller and Lady Ursula Abbey +16
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and P. D. Hallett bt H. O. Hicks and J. P. R. Bolton +21

SEMI FINAL

E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon bt G. N. Aspinall and J. W. Simon +26
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and P. D. Hallett bt Dr. R. W. Bray and Miss E. J. Warwick +15

FINAL

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and P. D. Hallett bt E. P. C. Cotter and J. W. Solomon +8

ASSOCIATION PLATE

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Miss D. Pakes +14

SECOND ROUND

L. J. Webb bt G. W. Williams +15
B. G. Perry bt B. Lloyd-Pratt +17
I. C. Baillieu bt P. D. Hallett +23
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt R. A. Godby +21
A. D. Karmel bt R. G. S. Shewan +8
D. B. O'Connor bt Miss E. J. Warwick +16
Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot bt Miss B. Duthie +8
J. G. Warwick bt Lt. Col. A. E. Saalfeld +14

THIRD ROUND

B. G. Perry bt L. J. Webb +13
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt I. C. Baillieu +5
D. B. O'Connor bt A. D. Karmel +8
J. G. Warwick bt Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot +13

SEMI FINAL

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt B. G. Perry +19
D. B. O'Connor bt J. G. Warwick +3

FINAL

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt D. B. O'Connor +5

C.A. PUBLICATIONS

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| Abridged Handbook 1966 - 68 | 5/- |
| Croquet Association Handbook 1964 | 5/- |
| Know the Game. Croquet | 3/6 |
| Laws and Amendments | 3/6 Associates 2/6 |
| Simplified Laws. E. A. Roper | 1/6 |
| Instructions to Beginners | 1/- |
| 12 Hints to Beginners | 1/- |

CHELTENHAM REPORT

THE WEATHER was delightful for the American Handicap Singles tournament, and the twenty entrants, almost equally divided between local players and visitors from six other clubs, all had a most enjoyable time. Each of the four Cambridge players won his individual block, and in the final of the play-off between block winners Robert Prichard won a close-fought game against Keith Wylie after one of his balls had been pegged out and the three other clips were on the peg. Another competitor to attract attention was Miss McKean, one of the oldest of the local members, who played with skill and determination to come second in her block.

CHELTENHAM RESULTS

BLOCK A:
WINNER K. F. Wylie (-2½) bt D. G. B. Harries (5) G. V. Jervis (7½)
R. A. Lewty (10) Miss M. D. Horton (10) **SECOND** D. G. B. Harries

BLOCK B:
WINNER C. G. H. Hopewell (2½) bt G. E. P. Jackson (-2½) Miss W. K. Allardyce (12) Mrs. M. A. G. Jervis (13) lost to Mrs. J. Povey (6)
SECOND G. E. P. Jackson.

BLOCK C:
WINNER R. D. C. Prichard (5) bt Mrs. A. L. Yoxall (6½) Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (10) Mrs. Hoyle (16) lost to Col. G. T. Wheeler (2)
SECOND Mrs. A. L. Yoxall

BLOCK D:
WINNER J. B. Hearnshaw (7) bt Dr. A. L. Yoxall (1) Miss H. McKean (10) Mrs. H. Harries (15) lost to Mrs. R. A. Lewty (6) **SECOND** Miss H. McKean

PLAY OFFS OF BLOCK WINNERS
K. F. Wylie bt C. G. Hopewell + 10 R. D. C. Prichard bt K. F. Wylie + 2 R. D. C. Prichard bt J. B. Hearnshaw + 20.

FINAL
R. D. C. Prichard bt K. F. Wylie + 2

IRISH CHAMPIONSHIPS

CHAMPIONSHIP OF IRELAND

FIRST ROUND

D. Figgis bt Mrs. M. Lightfoot +3+9
Lady FitzGerald bt Miss F. Joly +16+15
F. W. Meredith bt Mrs. H. M. Read +7+16

SECOND ROUND

D. F. Strachan bt R. J. Leonard +24+3
F. W. Meredith bt Lady FitzGerald +12-3+12
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt D. Figgis +17+8
Mrs. A. M. Daniels bt L. J. Webb +5+7

SEMI FINAL

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels +17+6
D. F. Strachan bt F. W. Meredith +8+22

FINAL

D. F. Strachan bt Mrs. E. Rotherham +20+19

STEEL CUP

Level Singles
3½ bisques and over

SEMI FINAL

H. M. Read bt A. D. Craig +6
F. Regan bt Miss G. Hopkins +7

FINAL

H. M. Read bt F. Regan +7

GREEN CUP

6 bisques and over

FIRST ROUND

C. S. Phillips (10) bt Mrs. D. Figgis (6) +7
R. L. Hannon (8) bt D. Campbell (4½) + 2

SEMI FINAL

Mrs. F. Regan bt C. S. Phillips + 10
R. L. Hannon bt G. Gilpin +9

FINAL

Mrs. F. Regan bt R. L. Hannon + 8

FOUNDERS CUP

HANDICAP SINGLES

FIRST ROUND

D. F. Strachan (-2) bt H. M. Read (4) +9
Mrs. F. Regan (7) bt Mrs. D. Figgis (6) +2
R. J. Leonard (½) bt Mrs. H. M. Read (2½) + 10

SECOND ROUND

F. Regan (5) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels (½) +14
Miss F. Joly (1½) bt C. S. Phillips (10) +15
F. W. Meredith (1) bt Lady FitzGerald (2) +14
D. F. Strachan (-2) bt Mrs. F. Regan (7) +9
R. J. Leonard (1½) bt Mrs. M. Lightfoot (1½) +9
L. J. Webb (1) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) +4
D. Figgis (½) bt A. D. Craig (5½) +7
Miss G. Hopkins (4½) bt G. Gilpin (9) +7

THIRD ROUND

F. Regan (5) bt Miss F. Joly (1½) +4
D. F. Strachan (-2) bt F. W. Meredith (1) +14
R. J. Leonard (½) bt L. J. Webb (1) +14
D. Figgis (½) bt Miss G. Hopkins (4½) +11

SEMI FINAL

D. F. Strachan (-2) bt F. Regan (5) +21
D. Figgis (½) bt R. J. Leonard (½) +9

FINAL

D. Figgis (½) bt D. F. Strachan (-2) +13

STONEBROOK CUP

HANDICAP DOUBLES

FIRST ROUND

F. Regan and Mrs. F. Regan (12) bt D. F. Strachan and R. L. Hannon (6) +10
Mrs. A. M. Daniels and A. D. Craig W. O.
H. M. Read and Mrs. H. M. Read (6½) bt G. M. Fitzpatrick and L. J. Webb (3) +4 on time

SECOND ROUND

C. S. Phillips and Mrs. E. Rotherham (7) bt Miss G. Hopkins and Miss F. Joly (6) +3 on time
H. M. Read and Mrs. H. M. Read (6½) bt D. Figgis and Mrs. D. Figgis (6½) +9 on time
Mrs. A. M. Daniels and A. D. Craig (6) bt F. Regan and Mrs. F. Regan (12) +1 on time

R. J. Leonard and Lady FitzGerald (2½) bt G. Gilpin & Mrs. M. Lightfoot (10½) +2 on time

SEMI FINAL

R. J. Leonard and Lady FitzGerald (2½) bt Mrs. A. M. Daniels and A. D. Craig (6) +9
C. S. Phillips and Mrs. E. Rotherham (7) bt H. M. Read and Mrs. H. M. Read (6½) +13

FINAL

R. J. Leonard and Lady FitzGerald (2½) bt C. S. Phillips and Mrs. E. Rotherham (7) +10

NOTTINGHAM UNOFFICIAL TOURNAMENT

JUNE 16th, 17th and 18th, 1967

OUR FIRST VISIT to Nottingham and one to be remembered. We had heard about the pleasant surroundings but were not expecting anything quite so lovely. Everything else was superlative: blazing sunshine, excellent catering which added to our pleasure, and lawns which were fast and tricky, calling for accuracy in every shot. Whilst this was impossible for most of us, we ended our Sunday afternoon by watching an exciting final between Gerald Birch and Dr. G. Quayle - the latter winning in a breathtaking manner. Thank you, Nottingham, for a delightful weekend.

NOTTINGHAM UNOFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

BLOCK "A"

Mrs. G. E. P. Jackson (-2½) bt Mrs. Chaff +11 G. Henshaw (12) +14
Miss E. C. Brumpton (4) +15 lost to G. Birch and A. J. Bucknell.
Mrs. R. A. W. Chaff (11) bt G. Henshaw +21 Miss E. C. Brumpton +8 lost to A. J. Bucknell +7 lost to G. Birch +11.
Mr. A. J. Bucknell (3½) bt Mr. G. E. P. Jackson +14 Mrs. Chaff + 7
G. Henshaw +21 Miss E. C. Brumpton +11 lost to G. Birch +13.
Mr. G. Henshaw (12) bt Miss E. C. Brumpton +13 lost to Mr. G. E. P. Jackson lost to Mrs. Chaff lost to A. J. Bucknell lost to G. Birch.
Mr. G. Birch (½) bt Mr. G. E. P. Jackson +23 Mrs. Chaff +11 A. J. Bucknell +13 G. Henshaw +11 Miss E. C. Brumpton +17.
Miss E. C. Brumpton (4) lost to Mr. G. E. P. Jackson lost to Mrs. Chaff lost to A. J. Bucknell lost to G. Henshaw lost to G. Birch.

BLOCK "B"

Mr. J. L. Sanders (5½) bt R. A. W. Chaff (6½) +14 F. B. Stephens (7) + 14 C. W. Haworth (6) +20 Miss E. M. Brumpton (5) +23 lost to Dr. G. Quayle (7*) +7 on time.
Mr. R. A. W. Chaff (6½) bt C. A. Haworth (6) +14 lost to J. L. Sanders lost to F. B. Stephens lost to Miss E. M. Brumpton on time lost to Dr. G. Quayle +4.
Mr. F. B. Stephens (7) bt Mr. R. A. W. Chaff +9 lost to Mr. J. L. Sanders lost to C. A. Haworth lost to Miss E. M. Brumpton bt Dr. G. Quayle +3 on time.

Mr. C. A. Haworth (6) bt F. B. Stephens +3 Miss E. M. Brumpton +5 lost to J. L. Sanders lost R. A. W. Chaff lost to Dr. G. Quayle.
Miss E. M. Brumpton (5) bt F. B. Stephens +7 lost to Mr. J. L. Sanders lost to R. A. W. Chaff lost to C. A. Haworth lost to Dr. G. Quayle.
Dr. G. Quayle (7*) bt J. L. Sanders +7 on time Mr. R. A. W. Chaff + 4 C. A. Haworth +5 Miss E. M. Brumpton +6 lost to F. B. Stephens on time.

WOKING AMERICAN TOURNAMENT

16th to 19th JUNE 1967

ONCE AGAIN this very popular American Tournament was brought to a satisfactory conclusion. Except for the Friday morning and Saturday, both of which were chilly, the weather was glorious. Unfortunately the club have to use three tennis courts

to make up their five courts for this event, and these three are slow, but true except in one case. It is understood that consideration is being given to only having four courts in future and further restricting the entry - in some ways this would be a pity as the event is so popular that in the last two years entries have closed several weeks before the closing date - and no wonder for everyone is so friendly and jolly and the refreshments are excellent. Mrs. Turner from Parsons Green playing in only her second Tournament distinguished herself by four wins out of five in Block "D" and all convincing ones - she is too good for 12. Miss M. V. Page from Parkstone won Block "C" but not so convincingly as last year. The outstanding performers were undoubtedly Mr. T. Bennett a local player who won Block "B" and Capt. Nalder, another local, who swept the board without a loss in Block "A". He is a fine player and should go far. His swing is a joy to behold and throughout the weekend he hit his own ball in the middle, surely the essence of Croquet. Mr. Bennett improved throughout the weekend, ending in the semi final by playing real croquet by laying out breaks instead of his earlier rounds when he played too much "Aunt Emma", rarely attempting hoops off his opponents balls. This resulted in most of his games running the full time of three hours. He should go far if he concentrates on break making. There were several very distinguished entries, namely the Men's Champion, Professor B. G. Neal, Mr. Hamilton Miller and Mr. Arthur Reed. Professor Neal peeled his opponent, Mrs. Speer, to win leaving two bisques standing, and nearly did the same to Canon Pym, which would have left him with 2½ bisques standing. Unfortunately Pym's ball just missed the Peg and Neal's ran onto it! Soon afterwards, the Canon broke down and the game was over. These two games raise the interesting question as to how far one should go when playing a "tiger" - four back, Penultimate or Rover - with the first ball? Reed nearly pegged out Nalder when Nalder was for 4th hoop with four bisques left and Reed for peg and four back - would this have been wise? Cannon Pym illustrated a shot which many would do well to practise, namely taking off from his ball at the third hoop to an enemy on the boundary behind the hoop, and stop shooting it to 4th hoop leaving himself in position to run three. He was thus able to get round to four back. This shot can be done for all the outer hoops, and is often a winner. There were many close games, and much discussion at the bar afterwards! Thanks were expressed to the Manager, Mr. D. C. Caporn, Mr. and Mrs. Temple Page and Capt. and Mrs. Nalder for all their hard work. It is rumoured that there may be a week's open tournament next year, as well as several weekends. I hope they take place as I, and I am sure many others, would like to come again and again to this pleasant club situated in delightful grounds.

BLOCK "A"

Capt. H. Nalder (5) 5 wins over D. Hamilton-Miller (-3) +26 A. A. Reed (-1½) +5 Canon A. J. Pym (4) +20 B. G. Neal (-2) + 8 on time Mrs. J. W. Speer (4) +14.

BLOCK "B"

T. Bennett (6). 4 wins over D. T. Page (6½) +3 on time Mrs. G. T. Trull (7) +13 on time. Mrs. L. C. Farlie (6) +8 Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) +13 on time. & lost to Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (2½) -12.

BLOCK "C"

Miss M. V. Page (9) 4 wins over Mrs. H. Wills (7) +13 Mrs. M. Nalder (10) +3 on time Mrs. D. F. Caporn (10) +1 on time Mrs. Parr (11) +13 on time and lost to Mrs. E. E. Bressey (11) -11.

BLOCK "D"

Mrs. E. Turner (12) 4 wins over Mrs. D. T. Page (12) +13 Mrs. H. A. Denny (12) +12 Mrs. W. Jones (12) +15 Mrs. B. G. Neal (14) +12 on time and lost to Major A. Mulliner (11) -2 on time.

PLAY OFF

BLOCK "A" BLOCK "C"
 Capt. H. Nalder (5) bt Miss M. V. Page (9) +13
 BLOCK "B" BLOCK "D"
 T. Bennett (6) bt Major A. Mulliner (11) +17 (Runner up)

FINAL

Capt. H. A. Nalder and T. Bennett divided.

COMPTON (EASTBOURNE) June 19-24

THE LONG SPELL OF FINE WEATHER, which had prevailed since the beginning of June, made the Compton Courts very fast for the first four days, and nearly all competitors found difficulty in judging the pace especially in approaching hoops. Two extra lawns were in use at Devonshire Park this year, in view of the large entry; and by this arrangement the tournament was brought to a successful conclusion on Saturday evening, although the afternoon was marred by an hour of heavy rain.

Keith Wylie, for the second successive year, brought off a quite remarkable "double", in winning both the Opens and the Handicap Singles. The semi-final and final games of this latter event were full of incident and excitement, fortune swaying first to one side and then to the other. D. W. Archer and H. A. Green, respectively, were defeated by the narrowest of margins. In the Opens, the vital match was the final of the Process between Wylie and Dr. Wiggins, Wylie having previously lost the final of the Draw to Dudley Hamilton-Miller, the one game of the week in which he was quite out of touch, and so it was all the more unfortunate that this most exciting game was played in a torrential downpour of rain with water lying on the court in the latter stages. When Dr. Wiggins was in position for 4-back and all set to finish the game, the outlook must have appeared hopeless to his opponent. But then he ran the hoop almost to the boundary and with a forcing shot missed the 6-yard return roquet, so that his ball finished adjacent to A baulk: Wylie with a lift, was thus enabled to snatch an unexpected victory, his blue ball being for the penultimate.

The Restricted Handicap Singles, two-and-a-half bisques and over, was won by J. N. Robinson, who defeated his Cambridge colleague, J. B. Hearnshaw, in the semi-final and Miss D. Latham in the final. M. J. Bushnell and J. R. Taylor, having come up on the post to defeat J. T. Slater and D. W. Archer in the semi-final of the Handicap Doubles, completed a successful week of play by winning the final much more convincingly against Howard Austin and Mrs. D. Owen.

Finally, our warmest thanks are due to Major Dibley, who managed the tournament with his customary efficiency and kind-hearted consideration, to Mrs. Chittenden and her loyal staff of helpers for those really wonderful lunches and teas; and to Mike Perry, both for a great deal of organisation behind the scenes and also for a great deal of refereeing during the week. And one interesting problem - A is about to peg out his opponent's ball, both balls being for the stick; the opponent's ball hits the stick, and in so doing dislodges the extension to the stick, which is loose. This falls to the ground and deflects the striker's ball on to the stick. Is the striker's ball pegged out, or not?

OPEN SINGLES

DRAW

FIRST ROUND

G. K. Taylor bt Miss H. D. Parker +18
 H. A. Green bt Col. A. E. Saalfeld +18

SECOND ROUND

K. F. Wylie bt W. H. Austin +23
 Cmdr. G. Borrett bt Mrs. H. C. S. Perry +18

M. J. Bushnell bt Mrs. E. Rotherham +7
 W. E. Moore bt G. K. Taylor +18
 Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt H. A. Green +18
 Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt C. G. Hopewell +1
 D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt R. A. Simpson +24
 G. T. Slater bt C. J. H. Tolley +19

THIRD ROUND

K. F. Wylie w. o. Cmdr. G. Borrett
 M. J. Bushnell bt W. E. Moore +18
 Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +1
 D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt G. T. Slater +20

SEMI FINAL

K. F. Wylie bt M. J. Bushnell +14
 D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +21

FINAL

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt K. F. Wylie +14

PROCESS

FIRST ROUND

K. F. Wylie bt C. J. H. Tolley +26
 G. T. Slater bt W. H. Austin +16

SECOND ROUND

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt W. E. Moore +8
 H. A. Green bt Mrs. H. C. S. Perry +8 on time
 M. J. Bushnell bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +23
 K. F. Wylie bt G. K. Taylor +13
 R. A. Simpson bt Miss H. D. Parker +19
 Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Cmdr. G. Borrett +24
 Mrs. E. Rotherham bt C. G. Hopewell opp. retired
 Col. A. E. Saalfeld bt G. T. Slater +6

THIRD ROUND

D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt H. A. Green +14
 K. F. Wylie bt M. J. Bushnell +25
 Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt R. A. Simpson +4
 Col. A. E. Saalfeld bt Mrs. E. Rotherham +18

SEMI FINAL

K. F. Wylie bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller +9
 Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins bt Col. A. E. Saalfeld +14

FINAL

K. F. Wylie bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins +4

PLAY-OFF

K. F. Wylie bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller +24

EVENT 2

RESTRICTED HANDICAPS
 (2½ bisques and over)

FIRST ROUND

J. N. Robinson (7) bt N. V. Snell (6) +16
 Mrs. R. A. Simpson (2½) bt Wing Cmdr. D. L. Allen (8) +11
 Mrs. E. M. Temple (3½) bt D. M. Archer (4) +17
 Mrs. H. A. Hall (7) bt M. E. W. Heap (3½) opp. retired
 Mrs. D. J. Bird (11) bt Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens (11) +12 on time

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. H. J. Devitt (12) bt C. S. Phillips (10) +15
 J. B. Hearnshaw (5) bt Miss M. Bryan (6) +17
 J. N. Robinson (7) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (6) +9

Mrs. R. A. Simpson (2½) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (3½) +13
 Mrs. H. A. Hall (7) bt Mrs. D. J. Bird (11) +2 on time
 D. A. Harris (6) bt A. R. Dickens (6) +7
 H. J. Devitt (10) bt C. H. O'D. Alexander (5) +6
 Miss D. L. Latham (7) bt Mrs. D. M. Owen (6) +10

THIRD ROUND

J. B. Hearnshaw (5) bt Mrs. H. J. Devitt (12) +13
 J. N. Robinson (7) bt Mrs. R. A. Simpson (2½) +10
 Mrs. H. A. Hall (7) bt D. A. Harris (6) +8
 Miss D. L. Latham (7) bt H. J. Devitt (10) +8

SEMI FINAL

J. N. Robinson (7) bt J. B. Hearnshaw (5) +11
 Miss D. Latham (7) bt Mrs. H. A. Hall (7) +1 on time

FINAL

J. N. Robinson (7) bt Miss D. Latham (7) +24

EVENT 3

FIRST ROUND

J. N. Robinson (7) bt C. J. H. Tolley (2) +13
 M. J. Bushnell (1½) bt A. R. Dickens (6) +12
 Col. A. E. Saalfeld (-1) bt Miss D. L. Latham (7) +4

SECOND ROUND

W. H. Austin (1) bt C. G. Hopewell (1½) +12
 Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (-4) bt Miss M. Bryan (6) +17
 Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (-½) bt J. B. Hearnshaw (5) +3
 Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) bt Mrs. H. J. Devitt (12) +2
 H. A. Green (½) bt C. S. Phillips (10) +10
 W. E. Moore (-1) bt Mrs. H. A. Hall (7) +15
 R. H. Simpson (½) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (3½) +2
 J. N. Robinson (7) bt M. J. Bushnell (1½) +13
 Col. A. E. Saalfeld (-1) bt D. L. Allen (8) +11
 K. F. Wylie (-2½) bt D. A. Harris (6) +8
 D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-3) bt H. J. Devitt (10) +6
 M. E. W. Heap (3½) bt Miss H. D. Parker (2½) +25
 G. T. Slater (1½) bt Mrs. D. M. Owen (6) +1 on time
 G. K. Taylor (2) bt Mrs. R. A. Simpson (2½) +17
 C. H. O'D. Alexander (5) bt N. V. Snell (6) +13
 D. W. Archer (4) bt Mrs. E. M. Kay (6) +16

THIRD ROUND

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (-4) bt W. H. Austin (1) +7
 Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (-2) +12
 H. A. Green (-½) bt W. E. Moore (-1) +10
 J. N. Robinson (7) bt R. H. Simpson (½) +3
 K. F. Wylie (-2½) bt Col. A. E. Saalfeld (-1) +12
 D. J. Hamilton-Miller (-3) bt M. E. W. Heap (3½) +6
 G. K. Taylor (2) bt G. T. Slater (1½) +14
 D. W. Archer (4) bt C. H. O'D. Alexander (6) +23

FOURTH ROUND

Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (-4) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) +14
 H. A. Green (½) bt J. N. Robinson (7) +13
 K. F. Wylie (-2½) bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-3) +26
 D. W. Archer (4) bt G. K. Taylor (2) +6

SEMI FINAL

H. A. Green (½) bt Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (-4) +9
 K. F. Wylie (-2½) bt D. W. Archer (4) +4

FINAL

K. F. Wylie (-2½) bt H. A. Green (½) +2

EVENT 4

FIRST ROUND

D. L. Allen and C. S. Phillips (18) bt Col. A. E. Saalfeld and Miss Clarke-Lens (10) +2
 W. H. Austen and Mrs. D. Owen (7) bt Mrs. E. Kay and Mrs. D. J. Bird (15) +2
 D. A. Harris and Miss M. Bryan (12) bt Mr. & Mrs. R. A. Simpson (3) +2
 Major Dibley and A. R. D. Dickens (8½) bt N. V. Snell and Mrs. Hall (13) +7 on time
 M. J. Bushnell and G. K. Taylor (3½) bt H. A. Green and C. J. H. Tolley (2½) +11
 Mrs. E. Rotherham and J. N. Robinson (3) bt W. E. Moore and Mrs. E. Temple (2½) +5
 G. T. Slater and D. W. Archer (5½) bt Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Devitt (21) +20

SECOND ROUND

W. H. Austin and Mrs. Owen (7) bt D. L. Allen and C. S. Phillips (18) +8 on time
 D. A. Harris and Miss Bryan (12) bt Major Dibley and A. R. Dickens (8½) +1 on time
 M. J. Bushnell and G. K. Taylor (3½) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham and J. N. Robinson (3) +14
 G. T. Slater and D. W. Archer (5½) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden and Miss Parker (2) +10

SEMI FINAL

W. H. Austin and Mrs. D. Owen bt D. A. Harris and Miss M. Bryan +9
 M. J. Bushnell and G. K. Taylor bt G. T. Slater and D. W. Archer +4

FINAL

M. J. Bushnell and G. K. Taylor bt W. H. Austin and Mrs. D. Owen +17

EVENT 5

FIRST ROUND

A. R. Dickens (6) bt Mrs. H. J. Devitt (12) +12
 Miss Clarke-Lens (11) bt Mrs. Kay (6) +1 on time
 Miss H. D. Parker (2½) bt H. J. Devitt (10) +10
 Miss Bryan (6) bt Mrs. Owen (6) +2 on time

SEMI FINAL

Miss Clarke-Lens (11) bt A. R. Dickens (6) +1 on time
 Miss H. D. Parker (2½) bt Miss Bryan (6) +6

FINAL

Miss Clarke-Lens (11) bt Miss H. D. Parker (2½) +1

PARKSTONE

JUNE 26th to JULY 1st 1967

HE SAYS he's gone off his game - this we wouldn't know. He's certainly not lost his ingenious, persuasive, friendly and firm managerial touch - this of course is Della as he is known throughout the croquet world (and what other world is there)? Aply assisted by Mrs. McMordie the week was wonderfully well thought out and arranged.

All tournaments, given good weather as this was, have delights. Delights of attacking forward play, or speedy constructive tactics of the horrible defensive stuff of the fall of Goliaths, and the prowess of David's above all there are the delights which come through those temporarily spectating. They know what should have been attempted, and how decorum should have been served. The supreme delight is that none agrees. Take the match in the Big Handicap between Miss Hickson and Miss Sessions - the latter peels the formers blue through rover and pegs it out - Black is on

three back - and yellow on four - then do the side line pundits rejoice - then do we give voice (fairly sotto voce) she must shoot No, she should go into position! Lay up by her hoop. How intelligent can you get. What not take the three ball break? Oh the earnestness, oh the delights. So it goes on day after wonderful day. Pity those who have not found croquet. Could anything have been more perfect than Dr. Penny's break in the Process against Mr. Warwick - this was the stuff for the knowledgeable spectators. Besides, the doubles, at all stages and especially the final there was much to watch.

The finals of the Draw was a game watched by many in blazing sun. Miss Warwick largely spurning her opponents balls was, in her relaxed way, on the peg and rover in no time, while Perry had not started. Then the battle began, and with every adventure, and much skill he eventually had clips on three back and two back but the last was the undoing - she had the lift and that was that. He almost came through from behind as many did in this colourful week. For Parkstone's grounds not only provides croquet - for some there are still steam engines; sometimes one at either end! For others the rural scene (if one looks North and East). Even a Black Cap singing, and of course a 'Barrow's' tame wild duck. But for enjoyment there must be work. Besides the manager, there were the devoted providers and servers of food (such plentiful and varied fare) and the grounds man. Privileged caravanners testify that he was mowing at 6 a. m. each day, and yet looking after the bar for tennis players (a strange noisy game) at 10 p. m.

It is largely from these devotions that the croquet players enjoyment springs.

OPEN SINGLES

DRAW

FIRST ROUND

Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt Miss D. Pakes +7
Miss E. J. Warwick bt Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith +21
R. A. Simpson bt Col. G. T. Wheeler +11
Col. A. E. Saalfeld bt Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan +17
B. G. Perry bt P. Newton +17
J. G. Warwick bt Miss K. N. O. Sessions +15
Dr. W. P. Ormerod bt V. A. de la Nougerède +21
G. E. P. Jackson bt Dr. H. J. Penny +11

SECOND ROUND

Miss E. J. Warwick bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish +20
Col. A. E. Saalfeld bt R. A. Simpson +15
B. G. Perry bt J. G. Warwick +14
G. E. P. Jackson bt Dr. W. P. Ormerod +15

SEMI FINAL

Miss E. J. Warwick bt Col. A. E. Saalfeld +21
B. G. Perry bt G. E. P. Jackson +5

FINAL

Miss E. J. Warwick bt G. T. Perry +11

PROCESS

FIRST ROUND

Col. A. E. Saalfeld w. o. V. A. de la Nougerède opp. scr.
Miss E. J. Warwick bt J. G. Warwick +11
G. E. P. Jackson bt Col. G. T. Wheeler +17
B. G. Perry bt Miss D. Pakes +8
Miss K. N. O. Sessions bt Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan +10
Dr. H. J. Penny bt Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith +16
R. A. Simpson w. o. Dr. W. P. Ormerod opp. scr.
Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt P. Newton +15

SECOND ROUND

Col. A. E. Saalfeld w. o. Miss E. J. Warwick opp. scr.

G. E. P. Jackson bt B. G. Perry +3
Miss K. N. O. Sessions bt Dr. H. J. Penny +10
R. A. Simpson bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish +23

SEMI FINAL

G. E. P. Jackson bt Col. A. E. Saalfeld +15
R. A. Simpson bt Miss K. N. O. Sessions +18

FINAL

G. E. P. Jackson bt R. A. Simpson +25

PLAY OFF

G. E. P. Jackson bt Miss E. J. Warwick +12

LEVEL SINGLES

(2½ to 6½ bisques inclusive)

FIRST ROUND

R. O. B. Whittington bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod +19

SECOND ROUND

E. H. S. Shelton bt Miss R. D. Hickson +6
R. O. B. Whittington bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor +22
Mr. R. A. Simpson bt Mrs. R. A. Hill +16
Mrs. J. A. McMordie bt Major F. Hill-Bernhard +7

SEMI FINAL

R. O. B. Whittington bt E. H. S. Shelton +12
Mrs. R. A. Simpson bt Mrs. J. A. McMordie +22

FINAL

R. O. B. Whittington bt Mrs. R. A. Simpson +13

HANDICAP SINGLES

(7-10 bisques inclusive)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. G. H. Wood (10) bt Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (10) +13
F. Henshaw (7½) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) +22

SEMI FINAL

Mrs. G. H. Wood (10) bt Mrs. I. N. Purves (10) +13
F. Henshaw (7½) bt Mrs. C. Devitt (8) +7

FINAL

F. Henshaw (7½) bt Mrs. G. H. Wood (10) +7

HANDICAP SINGLES

(11 bisques and over)

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. D. Wayman (16) bt Mrs. K. M. Lowein (13) +10

SEMI FINAL

Mrs. D. Wayman (16) bt Mrs. R. Creed Meredith (16) +7
Miss M. D. McMordie (16) bt Mrs. P. Newton (16) +5

FINAL

Miss M. D. McMordie (16) bt Mrs. D. Wayman (16) +13

HANDICAP SINGLES "X"

FIRST ROUND

B. G. Perry (-2) bt Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith (2) +22
R. O. B. Whittington (3½) bt Mrs. G. H. Wood (10) +12
Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) bt P. Newton (2) +3
Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan w. o. Mrs. W. A. Naylor opp. scr.
Col. G. T. Wheeler (2) bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish (-½) +13
Mrs. R. A. Simpson (2½) bt Mrs. K. M. Lowein (13) +13
G. E. P. Jackson (-2½) bt F. Henshaw (7½) +7

Miss K. D. Hickson (3) bt Miss K. N. O. Sessions (½) +9
Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) bt Mrs. C. Devitt (8) +1
Col. A. E. Saalfeld (-1) bt Mrs. P. Newton (16) +17
Miss D. Pakes (0) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) +8
Dr. H. J. Penny (½) bt J. G. Warwick (-2) +20
Major F. Hill-Bernhard (3) bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod (4) +10 on time
Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (10) bt Mrs. J. A. McMordie (4) +7
R. A. Simpson (½) bt Mrs. I. N. Purves (10) +5

SECOND ROUND

R. O. B. Whittington (3½) bt B. G. Perry (-2) +17
Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) bt Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (2½) +7
Mrs. R. A. Simpson (2½) bt Col. G. T. Wheeler (2) +17
G. E. P. Jackson (-2½) bt Miss K. D. Hickson (3) +15
Col. A. E. Saalfeld (-1) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) +12
Miss D. Pakes (0) bt Dr. H. J. Penny (½) +1
Major F. Hill-Bernhard (3) w. o. Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (10) opp. rt.
R. A. Simpson (½) bt E. H. Shelton (2½) +13

THIRD ROUND

Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) bt R. O. B. Whittington (3½) +7
Mrs. R. A. Simpson (2½) bt G. E. P. Jackson (-2½) +12
Miss D. Pakes (0) bt Col. A. E. Saalfeld (-1) +18
R. A. Simpson (½) bt Major F. Hill-Bernhard (3) +17

SEMI FINAL

Mrs. R. A. Simpson (2½) bt Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) +10
Miss D. Pakes (0) bt R. A. Simpson (½) +14

FINAL

Miss D. Pakes (0) bt Mrs. R. A. Simpson (2½) +3

HANDICAP SINGLES "Y"

FIRST ROUND

Miss K. N. O. Sessions (0) w. o. F. Henshaw (7½) opp. scr.

SECOND ROUND

Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith (2) w. o. Mrs. G. H. Wood (10) opp. scr.
P. Newton (2) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (6) +15
Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish (½) bt Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (2½) +9
Miss K. N. O. Sessions (½) bt Mrs. K. M. Lowein (13) +11
Mrs. C. Devitt (8) bt Mrs. P. Newton (16) +9
Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) w. o. J. G. Warwick (-3) opp. scr.
Mrs. J. A. McMordie (4) w. o. Dr. G. L. Ormerod (4) opp. scr.
Mrs. I. N. Purves (10) w. o. E. H. S. Shelton (2½) opp. scr.

THIRD ROUND

P. Newton (2) bt Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith (2) +17
Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish (½) bt Miss K. N. O. Sessions (½) +11
Mrs. C. Devitt (8) w. o. Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) opp. scr.
Mrs. I. N. Purves (10) bt Mrs. J. A. McMordie (4) +5

SEMI FINAL

P. Newton (2) bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish (½) +8
Mrs. C. Devitt (8) bt Mrs. I. N. Purves (10) +11

FINAL

P. Newton (½) bt Mrs. C. Devitt (8) +11

HANDICAP DOUBLES

(Not less than 2 bisques)

FIRST ROUND

Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith and Mrs. C. Devitt (10) bt Dr. G. L. Ormerod and Mrs. G. L. Ormerod (14) +4 on time

Col. A. E. Saalfeld and Miss M. Page (8) bt B. G. Perry and Mrs. W. A. Naylor (4) +5
Col. G. T. Wheeler and Miss K. N. O. Sessions (2½) bt J. G. Warwick and Mrs. G. H. Wood (8) +5
Miss D. Pakes and E. H. S. Shelton (2½) bt Mrs. R. A. Simpson and R. O. B. Whittington (6) +9
P. Newton and Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (4½) bt Miss E. J. Warwick and F. Henshaw (4½) +4

SECOND ROUND

Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (3½) bt Rev. Canon R. Creed Meredith and Mrs. C. Devitt (10) +8
Col. G. T. Wheeler and Miss K. N. O. Sessions (2½) bt Col. A. E. Saalfeld and Miss M. Page (8) +2
Miss D. Pakes and E. H. S. Shelton (2½) bt P. Newton and Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (4½) +3
R. A. Simpson and Major F. Hill-Bernhard (3½) bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish and Mrs. T. A. McMordie (3½) +10

SEMI FINAL

Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (3½) bt Col. G. T. Wheeler and Miss K. N. O. Sessions (2½) +13
R. A. Simpson and Major F. Hill-Bernhard (3½) bt Miss D. Pakes and E. H. S. Shelton (2½) +9

FINAL

Dr. H. J. Penny and Miss K. D. Hickson (3½) bt R. A. Simpson and Major F. Hill-Bernhard (3½) +18

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

2nd - 8th July 1967 Non-Official

WITH A WEEK OF SUN and bracing sea breezes, Budleigh provided the perfect setting for this relaxed and enjoyable tournament.

Each of the six Singles blocks produced its excitements and speculation buzzed, the issue often being in doubt up to the last match. The lawns, badly in need of rain, and seeming to have a sense of humour all of their own conspired to evoke gasps of relief and howls of anguish alternatively.

In "D" Block, Mrs. Cave was the only outright Block-winner. In "A" Lt. Col. Cave and T. O. Read tied, Cave winning on points. In "F" Prof. Ross and B. G. Perry tied, the former winning on points, and in "C", Mrs. Nash won by 2 pts after tying with Sir Leonard Daldry.

Mrs. Cave and E. H. Shelton came through to the final of the play-off, in which, despite a determined effort by Mrs. Cave, Shelton triumphed by 8 points.

The Doubles produced titanic struggles, but it was the final that provided the sensation of the week. Shelton and Buchnall, playing with Black and Blue, were well in front: with Black on Rover, Blue made Rover but missed the return roquet. Yellow (on Rover) dashed in gleefully and pegged out Blue without making the Rover hoop, leaving Blue and Black 8 yards apart. Black hit in, but missed a lyd roquet on Red. Major Horridge, after early reticence, now played as one inspired and brought Red round from 1-back, making Rover to draw level within seconds of time being called. Not allowed, under Law 39, to peg out to make the extra point, he laid a rush for Yellow. Blue hit, and being also for peg, laid for Black. Black did not get his rush, took off to Rover and failed the hoop. Yellow, now in, failed to get his rush, and stuck in Rover. Black missed the final shot, enabling Yellow to make the vital if elusive point to win the match.

The excellent and cheerful management by Miss J. G. Warwick, assisted by Lt. Col. Cave, the pleasant surroundings and weather made it a week enjoyed by all.

AMERICAN

HANDICAP SINGLES

BLOCK "A"

Lt. Col. G. E. Cave (-1) bt T. O. Read +13 Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +23
J. Lee +12 Major R. St. G. Atchley +13 Mrs. J. Clements +2 lost to
G. V. Jervis -7. 5 wins, 1 loss.
T. O. Read 5 wins and 1 loss

BLOCK "B"

W. R. Bucknell (6) bt A. J. Cooper +25 G. R. Mills +11 Mrs. F. E. M.
Puxon +9 Mrs. A. S. C. Ross +5 Mrs. D. J. Bird +1 lost to Cmdr. G.
Borrett -3. 5 wins 1 loss.
Mrs. A. S. C. Ross 5 wins and 1 loss

BLOCK "C"

Mrs. W. Nash (8) bt H. M. Read +21 F. E. M. Puxon +10 Miss D. L.
Latham +26 F. Henshaw +24 Lost to Sir. L. Daldry -4. 4 wins 1 loss
Sir Leonard Daldry 4 wins and 1 loss

BLOCK "D"

Mrs. G. E. Cave (7) bt R. D. Hicks +26 F. W. Meredith +8 Miss A. E.
Mills +16 Lt. Col. G. F. Laverty +8 Major G. B. Horridge +1 Mrs.
G. V. Jervis +17. 6 wins.
Major G. B. Horridge 4 wins and 2 losses

BLOCK "E"

E. H. Shelton (2½) bt M. B. Reckitt +25 Mrs. H. M. Read +22 Mrs. M.
H. Vincent +11 Mrs. R. G. Michelmores +17 lost to J. G. Warwick -6
4 wins 1 loss
M. B. Reckitt 3 wins and 2 losses

BLOCK "F"

Prof. A. S. C. Ross (3) bt B. G. Perry +23 Major E. C. Heathcote +4
Miss J. Cooper +2 Mrs. I. M. Purves +15 Miss S. C. Gough +7 Lost
to J. L. Sanders -15 5 wins 1 loss
B. G. Perry 5 wins and 1 loss +23

PLAY OFF OF BLOCK WINNERS

FIRST ROUND

E. H. Shelton (2½) bt W. R. Bucknell (6) +23
Prof. A. S. C. Ross (3) bt Mrs. W. Nash (8) +2

SEMI FINAL

E. H. Shelton (2½) bt Lt. Col. G. E. Cave (-1) +25
Mrs. G. E. Cave (7) bt Prof. A. S. C. Ross (3) +6

FINAL

E. H. Shelton bt Mrs. G. E. Cave +8

HANDICAP DOUBLES

FIRST ROUND

J. G. Warwick and G. B. Horridge (4) bt Prof. A. S. C. Ross and Mrs.
A. S. C. Ross (10) +8

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. E. Rotherham and Miss J. Cooper (½) bt Lt. Col. G. E. Cave and
Dr. G. Laurence (13) +4
R. O. Hicks and Mrs. J. Clements (12½) bt B. G. Perry and J. L.
Sanders (3½) +10
J. Lee and Mrs. R. C. Hawkins (9) bt Mrs. H. M. Read and Mrs. G. V.
Jervis (16) +10
J. G. Warwick and G. B. Horridge (4) bt Miss V. E. Mills and G. R.
Mills (5½) +13
E. H. Shelton and W. R. Bucknell (8½) bt Mrs. M. H. Vincent and Mrs.
G. E. Cave (10) +1 on time
Miss E. J. Warwick and Mrs. F. A. Sheil (9) bt F. E. M. Puxon and
Mrs. F. E. M. Puxon (14) +11
T. O. Read and Mrs. D. J. Bird (9) bt Miss A. E. Mills and G. V.
Jervis (10½) +11

Cmdr. G. Borrett and R. St. G. Atchley (10) bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey
and Mrs. H. Harris (12½) +9

THIRD ROUND

R. O. Hicks and Mrs. J. Clements (12½) bt Mrs. Rotherham and Miss
J. Cooper (½) +5
J. G. Warwick and G. B. Horridge (4) bt J. Lee and Mrs. R. C. Hawkin
(9) +2
E. H. Shelton and W. R. Bucknell (8½) bt Miss E. J. Warwick and
Mrs. F. A. Sheil (9) +5
T. O. Read and Mrs. D. J. Bird (9) bt Cmdr. G. Borrett and R. St. G.
Atchley (10) +1

SEMI FINAL

J. G. Warwick and G. B. Horridge (4) bt R. O. Hicks and Mrs. J.
Clements (12½) +1
E. H. Shelton and W. R. Bucknell (8½) bt T. O. Read and Mrs. D. J.
Bird (9) +6

FINAL

J. G. Warwick and Major G. B. Horridge (4) bt E. H. Shelton and
W. R. Bucknell (8½) +1 on time.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT

July 10th - 15th

BUDLEIGH'S Official Tournament was held in continuous hot
sunshine. In addition to the local talent, which is formidable,
there were a lot of visiting tigers. Miss Pakes, from Melbourne,
had an 'off' week, which might have been expected after uninterrupted
success at Parkstone. Her croquet turn-out would repay study by
women players - it gets plenty from men. Saalfeld, also from
Australia, three Reads and Mrs. Lightfoot from Ireland, David
Prichard from the Welsh Marches and Maurice Reckitt from
Headquarters were other visitors, but none of them were playing
as well as they can.

The Stars of the Tournament were Keith Wylie and Diana Raikes.
Wylie's precision peeling was delightful to watch, and frequently
only he knew what he was going to do next. Mrs. Raikes' carefree,
deadly bashes gave equal joy, and frequently no one knew what she
was going to do next. Once she has found out how to make the
Rover and peg out with two and a half bisques she wont have a
croquet care left in the world, (nor the bisques).

The Open was dominated by Wylie. Mrs. Rotherham and Guy
Warwick played well at times. Shelton played a lot better than his
handicap, but none of the others ever struck form.

The Longman Cup was won by Colonel Wheeler who finished his
2nd class career with an impressive array of double figure wins.

"No minus players may play together" is an excellent restriction
for Doubles, though "no restriction at all" may be better. The
former produced an interesting and formidable entry. Bray and
Hopewell started favourites, but the final was between the two
stars. For the first time Wylie's precision failed him. The
deadly basher won, helped by Paterson who played very well, and,
perhaps more important, saved the bisques from going with the
wind. It was easy to see why Mrs. Briggs is a much sought-after
Doubles partner - she is immune to tension.

The Big Handicap was won by Bray, who is a most attractive
player to watch, and also to play against. The latter comment
would probably be regarded as 'actionable' by some of our more
ruthless winners.

Mrs. Devitt beat Mrs. Nalder in the Final of the C Level. She had
already achieved fame by beating Wylie in the Big Handicap - his

only defeat in Singles throughout the Tournament - and is on her way
to many more finals. Watch these two players.

By Budleigh's very high standards the lawns were disappointing.
Some were too fast for controlled play, and never before has
Budleigh been associated with weeds and clover.

Dibley's management was as skilled as ever and needs to be in a
tournament with more than sixty entries in the Secretary's hands
before mid-May. That only three were scratched to ease matters,
one of whom won one event and a second of whom won one event and
was in the final of another, is a tribute to his judgement.

A happy, high tension Tournament. A real test for the players, a
real treat for the spectators.

COLMAN CUP

OPEN SINGLES

DRAW

FIRST ROUND

M. B. Reckitt bt Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot +17
Col. D. W. Beamish bt J. G. Warwick +12
K. F. Wylie bt Miss K. N. O. Sessions +7
Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon +14
Cmdr. G. Borrett bt Col. A. E. Saalfeld + 1 on time
R. F. Rothwell bt T. O. Read +3
R. W. Bray bt Miss D. Pakes +14
Miss E. J. Warwick bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey + 15
C. G. Hopewell bt Lt. Col. G. E. Cave +19
E. H. Shelton bt R. O. Hicks +3

SECOND ROUND

Dr. R. B. M. Smartt bt B. G. Perry +20
A. J. Cooper bt M. B. Reckitt +20
K. F. Wylie bt Col. D. W. Beamish +17
Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt Cmdr. G. Borrett +1
R. W. Bray bt R. F. Rothwell +18
Miss E. J. Warwick bt C. G. Hopewell +7
Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt E. H. Shelton +16
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +24

THIRD ROUND

A. J. Cooper bt Dr. R. B. M. Smartt +16
K. F. Wylie bt Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard +19
R. W. Bray bt Miss E. J. Warwick +25
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish +4

SEMI FINAL

K. F. Wylie bt A. J. Cooper +3
Mrs. E. Rotherham bt R. W. Bray +4

FINAL

K. F. Wylie bt Mrs. E. Rotherham +12

PROCESS

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt R. F. Rothwell +14
Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt Col. D. W. Beamish +10
A. J. Cooper bt Mrs. E. J. Warwick +6
C. G. Hopewell bt M. B. Reckitt +9
B. G. Perry bt R. W. Bray +12
Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt Miss D. Pakes +5
E. H. Shelton bt Col. A. E. Saalfeld +1
Lt. Col. G. E. Cave bt Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot +14
J. G. Warwick bt R. O. Hicks +10
Dr. R. B. M. Smartt bt Mrs. G. F. H. Elvey +13

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. E. Rotherham w. o.
A. J. Cooper bt Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard +12
Cmdr. G. Borrett bt C. G. Hopewell +7

K. F. Wylie bt B. G. Perry +20
Miss K. N. O. Sessions bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden +6
E. H. Shelton bt Lt. Col. G. E. Cave +9
J. G. Warwick bt T. O. Read +10
Dr. Smartt bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon +5

THIRD ROUND

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt A. J. Cooper +17
K. F. Wylie bt Cmdr. G. Borrett +25
E. H. Shelton w. o. opp. retired
J. G. Warwick bt Dr. R. B. Smartt +4

SEMI FINAL

K. F. Wylie bt Mrs. E. Rotherham +23
J. G. Warwick bt E. H. Shelton +2

FINAL

K. F. Wylie bt J. G. Warwick +17

K. F. Wylie won both DRAW and PROCESS
Runner Up - Mrs. E. Rotherham
Semi Finalist - J. G. Warwick

NO TWO MINUS PLAYERS MAY PLAY TOGETHER

FIRST ROUND

A. J. Cooper and Major G. B. Horridge (2½) bt W/Cmdr. D. L. Allen
and Mrs. H. Harris (21) +11
B. G. Perry and Mrs. D. J. Bird (7) bt R. F. Rothwell and G. R. Mills
(3) +9
Col. A. E. Saalfeld and Capt. H. F. Nalder (3) bt Dr. R. B. M. Smartt
and Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (3½) + 1 on time
K. F. Wylie and Mrs. F. R. Briggs (-1) bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish
and F. Henshaw (6½) + 3 on time
Lt. Col. G. E. Cave and Cmdr. G. Borrett (-1) bt H. J. Devitt and
Mrs. H. J. Devitt (21) +3
Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard and E. H. Shelton (-1½) bt Mrs. E.
Rotherham and Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (-2½) +16
Mrs. D. T. Raikes and K. M. Paterson (11½) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden
and Miss V. E. Mills (1) +12
Miss E. J. Warwick and Sir Leonard Daldry (1) bt Mrs. R. B. M.
Smartt and Miss J. Cooper (4½) +6
J. Lee and Lt. Col. T. F. Laverty (4½) walk over
J. G. Warwick and Mrs. G. Solomon (-1) bt Miss A. E. Mills and
Miss K. Ault (4½) +5
T. O. Read and H. M. Read (4) bt R. O. Hicks and Mrs. E. M. Temple
(2) +2 on time

SECOND ROUND

R. W. Bray and C. G. Hopewell (0) bt Prof. A. S. C. Ross and Mrs.
A. S. C. Ross (8½) +12
B. G. Perry and Mrs. D. J. Bird (7) bt A. J. Cooper and Major G. B.
Horridge (2½) +10
K. F. Wylie and Mrs. F. R. Briggs (-1) bt Col. A. E. Saalfeld and
Capt. H. Nalder (3) +1 on time
Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard and E. H. Shelton (-1½) bt Lt. Col. G. E.
Cave and Cmdr. G. Borrett (-1½) +9
Mrs. D. T. Raikes and K. M. Paterson (11½) bt Miss E. J. Warwick
and Sir Leonard Daldry (1) +9
J. Lee and Lt. Col. T. F. Laverty (4½) bt J. G. Warwick and Mrs.
G. W. Solomon (-1) +4 on time
M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. M. H. Vincent (4) bt T. O. Read and H. M.
Read (4) +1 on time
Col. G. T. Wheeler and Miss K. M. O. Sessions (2½) bt Miss D. Pakes
and Mrs. H. M. Read (2) +11

THIRD ROUND

R. W. Bray and C. G. Hopewell (0) bt B. G. Perry and Mrs. D. J. Bird
(7) +5

K. F. Wylie and Mrs. F. R. Briggs (-1) bt Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard and E. H. Shelton (-1½) +16
Mrs. D. T. Raikes and K. M. Paterson (11½) bt J. Lee and Lt. Col. T. F. Lavery (4½) +7
Col. G. T. Wheeler and Miss K. M. O. Sessions (2½) bt M. B. Reckitt and Mrs. N. H. Vincent (4) +5

SEMI FINAL

K. F. Wylie and Mrs. F. R. Briggs (-1) bt R. W. Bray and C. G. Hope-well (0) +15
Mrs. D. T. Raikes and K. M. Paterson (11½) bt Col. G. T. Wheeler and Miss K. M. O. Sessions (2½) +10

FINAL

Mrs. D. T. Raikes and K. M. Paterson (11½) bt K. F. Wylie and Mrs. F. R. Briggs (-1) +10

THREE LEVEL SINGLES
(1½ - 5 bisques)

FIRST ROUND

Col. G. T. Wheeler bt Miss V. E. Mills +18
Mrs. H. M. Read w. o.
Prof. A. S. C. Ross bt J. Lee +7
Miss E. Fisher bt Miss J. M. Allen +15
G. E. Mills bt H. M. Read +15
Lt. Col. T. F. Lavery bt Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan +16

SECOND ROUND

Sir Leonard Daldry bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmore +20
Miss A. E. Mills bt Mrs. R. B. M. Smartt +1 on time
Col. G. T. Wheeler bt Mrs. E. M. Temple +17
Mrs. H. M. Read bt Prof. A. S. C. Ross +6
G. R. Mills bt Miss E. Fisher +8 on time
Lt. Col. T. F. Lavery bt Capt. H. F. Nalder +1 on time
Miss J. Cooper bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs +8
Mrs. H. M. Vincent bt Miss K. Ault +11

THIRD ROUND

Sir Leonard Daldry bt Miss A. E. Mills +20
Col. G. T. Wheeler bt Mrs. H. M. Read +16
Col. G. T. Wheeler bt G. R. Mills +6
Mrs. M. H. Vincent bt Miss J. Cooper +2

SEMI FINAL

Col. G. T. Wheeler bt Sir Leonard Daldry +18
Lt. Col. T. F. Lavery bt Mrs. M. H. Vincent +4

FINAL

Col. G. T. Wheeler bt Lt. Col. T. F. Lavery +13

HANDICAP SINGLES
(5½ - 16 bisques 3rd Hoop)

FIRST ROUND

G. B. Horridge (5½) bt Mrs. H. Harris (15) +12
K. M. Paterson (6) bt Major R. St. G. Atchley (10) +8
Mrs. H. J. Devitt (12) bt Miss D. Locks Latham (6½) +10
F. Henshaw (7) bt Mrs. D. J. Bird (11) +2 on time
Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (7) bt Wing Cmdr. D. L. Allen (8) +3
Dr. G. Laurence (16) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) +16
Mrs. D. T. Raikes (5½) bt H. J. Devitt (10) +9

SECOND ROUND

G. B. Horridge (5½) bt K. M. Paterson (6) +16
Mrs. H. J. Devitt (12) bt F. Henshaw (7) +5
Dr. G. Laurence (16) bt Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (7) +1 on time
Mrs. H. F. Nalder (10) w. o. opp. src.

SEMI FINAL

Mrs. H. J. Devitt (12) bt G. B. Horridge (5½) +8
Mrs. H. F. Nalder (10) bt Dr. G. Laurence (16) +3

FINAL

Mrs. H. J. Devitt bt Mrs. H. F. Nalder (10) +13

OPEN HANDICAP

FIRST ROUND

Mrs. D. Raikes (5½) bt Miss D. Pakes (-1) +12
Mrs. H. J. Devitt (12) bt K. F. Wylie (-3½) +16
Col. A. E. Saalfeld (-1) bt Capt. H. F. Nalder (4) +7 on time
Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (2½) bt Mrs. F. R. Briggs (2½) +1 on time
Mrs. H. M. Read (3) bt Mrs. R. B. M. Smartt (1½) +6
Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-2½) bt C. G. Hopewell (1½) +8
B. G. Perry (-2) bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish (-½) +9
Miss R. M. Allen (3½) bt Prof. A. S. C. Ross (2½) +9
Major G. B. Horridge (5½) bt H. M. Read (4) +16
Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (5) bt H. J. Devitt (10) +2
Col. G. T. Wheeler (2) bt Mrs. R. A. Hill (6) +22
E. H. Shelton (1) bt Mrs. M. H. Vincent (3) +4
Mrs. H. F. Nalder (10) bt Miss K. Ault (3) +9
Mrs. F. A. Shiel (17) bt Miss V. E. Mills (1½) +6
Miss J. Cooper (3½) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) +14
J. Lee (2½) bt J. G. Warwick (-2) +7
Lt. Col. T. F. Lavery (2) bt Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) +3
Miss E. J. Warwick (-2) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1½) +18
R. F. Rothwell (-1) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (-1½) +2
Col. D. W. Beamish (-1½) bt Sir Leonard Daldry (4) +2 on time
Cmdr. G. Borrett (0) bt M. B. Reckitt (1) +12
Dr. R. B. M. Smartt (1) bt Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (7) +13
R. W. Bray (-1½) bt W/Cmdr. D. L. Allen (8) +9
F. Henshaw (7) bt Mrs. H. Harris (15) +17
G. R. Mills (4) bt Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot (½) +7

SECOND ROUND

Mrs. E. M. Temple (3½) bt T. O. Read (0) +19
Mrs. T. D. Raikes (5½) bt R. O. Hicks (-1½) +21
Col. A. E. Saalfeld (-1) bt Mrs. H. J. Devitt (12) +6
Mrs. N. D. C. McMillan (2½) bt Mrs. H. M. Read (3) +6
Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-2½) bt B. G. Perry (-2) +1
Major G. B. Horridge (5½) bt Miss R. M. Allen (3½) +9
Col. G. T. Wheeler (2) bt Mrs. R. G. Michelmore (5) +7
E. H. Shelton (1) bt Mrs. H. F. Nalder (10) +17
Miss J. Cooper (3½) bt Miss V. E. Mills (1½) +10
Lt. Col. T. F. Lavery (2) bt J. Lee (2½) +9
Miss F. J. Warwick (-1) bt R. F. Rothwell (-3) +11
Col. D. W. Beamish (-1½) bt Cmdr. G. Borrett (0) +4
R. W. Bray (-1½) bt Dr. R. B. M. Smartt (1½) +15
F. Henshaw (7) bt J. R. Mills (4) +15
Miss K. N. O. Sessions (1½) bt A. J. Cooper (-3) +7
K. M. Paterson (6) bt Lt. Col. G. E. Cave (-1) +15

THIRD ROUND

Mrs. T. D. Raikes (5½) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (3½) +11
Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (2½) bt Col. A. E. Saalfeld (-1) +5
Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-2½) bt Major G. B. Horridge (5½) +5
E. H. Shelton opp. scr.
Miss J. Cooper (3½) bt Lt. Col. T. F. Lavery (2) +5
Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) bt Col. D. W. Beamish (-1½) +4
R. W. Bray w. o. opp. scr.
K. H. Paterson bt Miss K. N. O. Sessions +7

FOURTH ROUND

Mrs. T. D. Raikes (5½) bt Mrs. N. A. C. McMillan (2½) +1
E. H. Shelton (1) bt Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-2½) +12
Miss J. Cooper (3½) bt Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) +10
R. W. Bray (-1½) bt K. H. Paterson (6) +11

SEMI FINAL

Mrs. T. D. Raikes (5½) bt E. H. Shelton (1) +20
R. W. Bray (-1½) bt Miss J. Cooper (3½) +16

FINAL

R. W. Bray (-1½) bt Mrs. T. D. Raikes (5½) +11

CHELTENHAM

An unofficial four day Tournament will be held August 10th to 13th inclusive. Handicap American Singles with a guaranteed minimum of 5 games. Entrance fee £1.0.0. (non-associates 5/- extra tribute).

Entries to reach the Tournament Secretary, Croquet Club, Old Bath Road, not later than first post Monday 7th August 1967.

Please send entry without delay to avoid disappointment.

BRIGHTON

ANNUAL SUMMER TOURNAMENT (UN-OFFICIAL)

Monday, 4th September and five following days. To be held on the lawns of the Sussex County Croquet Club, Victoria Road, Southwick, Sussex.

Manager & Handicapper: Mrs. H. F. Chittenden.

Referee: E. A. Roper.

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

EVENTS

1. OPEN SINGLES. (Draw & Process) The Abbey Challenge Cup Entrance Fee 15/-.
2. LEVEL SINGLES: (Law 37 in force) Open to players handicapped 3 to 6. Entrance Fee 10/-.
3. HANDICAP SINGLES: Open to players handicapped 6½ and over. Entrance Fee 10/-.
4. HANDICAP SINGLES: (X. Y.) The Douglas Jone Cup. Holder - W. E. Moore. Entrance Fee 12/6.
5. HANDICAP DOUBLES: (Combined handicaps not less than 4) All games in this event start at Hoop 3. The draw for this event to be made at 3 p. m. on Monday, 4th Sept. Ent. Fee 10/-.

Entries (on official forms, please) to reach the Tournament Secretary by first post on Thursday, 31st August.

The draw for events 1 to 4 will take place at Southwick on Thursday 31st August at 2.30 p. m.

Requests for leave should be notified on the entry form. No leave will be granted later than noon on Monday 4th September 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.

HUNSTANTON

Sixty-ninth Hunstanton Open Croquet Tournament will be held in the Club Grounds on Monday, September 4th to September 9th, 1967

Committee. The Tournament Committee of the Club.
Managers. Miss E. J. Warwick and R. F. Rothwell.
Referee and Handicapper. J. D. Warwick.

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

EVENTS

1. OPEN SINGLES: Draw and Process. Norfolk Challenge Cup. Holder. Miss E. J. Warwick. Entrance Fee 15/-.
2. LEVEL SINGLES: Hunstanton Challenge Bowl. 2½ - 6 bisques. Holder Brig. The Rev. A. F. G. Forbes. Entrance Fee 12/6.
3. HANDICAP SINGLES: 6½ bisques and over. Silver Rose Bowl. Holder. W. de B. Prichard. Entrance Fee 12/6.
4. HANDICAP SINGLES: X. Y. Unrestricted. Ingleby Challenge Cup. Holder. W. de B. Prichard. Entrance Fee 15/-
5. HANDICAP DOUBLES: Combined handicaps to be not less than 2. Holders. Mrs. E. Prichard and C. H. L. Prichard. Ent. Fee 10/6.

CONDITIONS

No player may enter for more than one of events 1, 2 and 3. A time limit of three hours may be imposed on all games at the Managers' discretion.

Entries may have to be limited.

Entries for events 1, 2, 3 and 4 must reach the Hon. Secretary by Wednesday, 30th August and for event 5 by Tuesday, 5th September. Leave will not normally be granted after noon on Monday.

EIGHTS WEEK

The week beginning on Monday September 11th has now become known as "EIGHTS WEEK" and the premier event "The President's Cup" has now three other Invitation Events attendant upon it. All are listed below.

THE PRESIDENT'S CUP

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

Holder Dr. W. Ormerod

For the eight best available players selected in accordance with the Mandate published in April 1967 Gazette.

No Entrance Fee

Will be played for at the HURLINGHAM CLUB on Monday, Sept. 11th and the following days

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

Manager. Lt. Col. G. E. Cave.

Referee. M. B. Reckitt.

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

CONDITIONS

Hoops 3 11/16in wide will be used. The Council of the C. A. reserve the right to substitute hoops 3¾in wide at their discretion. Each competitor meets each of the other competitors twice in the competition.

If a competitor fails from any cause to play through the whole of the games in a series, his or her score in that series will be entirely eliminated from the competition. No substitute will be permitted in either series in any circumstances after the competition has once begun. Single games throughout provided that in the event of a tie in the score the possession of the Cup for the year will be decided by a match of three games.

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

All competitors must furnish the Secretary with the address at

which messages will reach them during the Tournament. Competitors must make themselves available for all hours of play. Play will begin at 10 a. m. daily, unless competitors are notified to the contrary. Competitors must report themselves to the Manager on arrival and no leave can be given in any circumstances.

CHAIRMAN'S SALVER

Holder Mrs. E. Rotherham

For the second eight best available players selected in accordance with the Mandate in April 1967 Gazette.

No Entrance Fee

Will be played for at the CHELMSFORD & COLCHESTER CLUB on Monday, September 11th and following days

Committee. The Tournament Committee of the Croquet Association and the Hunstanton Club.

Manager.

Referee.

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

Conditions as for President's Cup except that 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " hoops will be used.

THE SURREY CUP

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

Holder Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard

Will be played for at the CHELTENHAM CLUB on Monday, September 11th and following days

by the third eight players selected in accordance with the Mandate published in April 1967 Gazette.

Manager. Mrs. A. M. Daniels

Referee. Miss W. Adye

Committee. The Tournament Committee of the C. A. and the Cheltenham Club.

Conditions as for the President's Cup except that - (i) 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " hoops will be used. (ii) In the event of a tie between two competitors, a single game will be played. (iii) In the event of a tie between three or more competitors the names will be drawn on the Bagnall-Wild system and single games will be played in each round.

LADIES INVITATION EVENT 1967

September 11th - 14th inclusive.

For the best 8 lady players not selected for any other Eight. No Entrance Fee.

Will be played for at the Southwick Club (by kind permission of the Directors of the Club) on Monday 11th September and following days.

Committee - The Tournament Committee of the C. A. and the Southwick Club.

Manager - Mrs. I. Turketine.

Referee -

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

Each player to play each other player once only. Two games to be played on Monday to Wednesday inclusive and one game on Thursday morning. 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " hoops will be used.

In the event of a tie between three or more competitors, a single game will be played.

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

ROEHAMPTON CLUB

A CROQUET TOURNAMENT

will be held on

Monday 25th September, 1967.

AND FIVE FOLLOWING DAYS

(Under the Laws and Regulations of the Croquet Association)

Committee. The Croquet Committee of the Club

Manager. Miss D. A. Lintern, assisted by the Committee

Referee. M. B. Reckitt, Esq.

Handicapper. The Croquet Handicapping Committee of the Roehampton Club.

Secretary. Miss M. C. Adams (Games Secretary), Roehampton Club, Roehampton Lane, S.W. 15 (PRO 1621)

EVENTS

1. OPEN SINGLES: Draw and Process. The winner to hold the Ranelagh Gold Cup for one year. Entrance Fee 12/6. Holder. Prof. B. G. Neal.
 2. HANDICAP SINGLES. Open to Competitors with a handicap of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$. Entrance Fee 10/-. Winner to hold the Brooke Challenge Cup for one year. Holder. A. J. Oldham.
 3. HANDICAP SINGLES: Open to Competitors with a handicap of 8 bisques or more. Entrance Fee 10/-. Winner 1966 Mrs. H. F. Nalder.
- N. B. No Competitor may enter for more than one of the above events.
4. X and Y HANDICAP SINGLES. In this event there will be a time limit of 3 hours in accordance with Reg. 8. Entrance Fee 12/6. The Creyke Cups. Holder X. R. G. Shewan; Holder Y. L. Riggall.
 5. HANDICAP DOUBLES: Combined handicap not less than 5. Entrance Fee 6/6 each. Games start at the 5th Hoop. Winners 1966 L. Riggall and Mrs. E. E. Bressey.

CONDITIONS

Entries for Events 1, 2, 3 and 4 must reach the Games Secretary, accompanied by the ENTRANCE FEE, by the first post, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th, 1967. Entries for Event 5 close at mid-day on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th, 1967. The Draw for Events 1 to 4 will take place at the Club at 11 a. m. on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th, 1967.

Seven lawns will be provided.

If necessary some games will be played at Hurlingham Club.

Entries will be limited.

DEVONSHIRE PARK

EASTBOURNE

60th South of England Championships

2nd - 14th October, 1967.

Committee. The Entertainments Committee of the County Borough of Eastbourne and the Tournament Committee of the Council of the C. A.

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

1ST WEEK

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

REFEREE To be appointed.

EVENTS 1st WEEK

1. IONIDES CHALLENGE TROPHY, OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. DRAW & PROCESS. Holder. D. J. V. Hamilton-Millar. Entrance Fee. 15/-
2. DEVONSHIRE PARK SALVER. LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 bisques inclusive. Holder. R. A. Simpson. Entrance Fee. 12/6.

3. LUARD CUP. LEVEL SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ bisques inclusive. Holder. R. D. C. Prichard Entrance Fee. 12/6.

4. TREVOR WILLIAMS CUP. HANDICAP SINGLES. Open to competitors handicapped at 7 bisques and over. Holder. Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens. Entrance Fee. 12/6.

5. SUSSEX CHALLENGE CUP. HANDICAP SINGLES "X, Y." Holder. Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard. To be drawn in one block. Entrance Fee. 15/-

6. HANDICAP DOUBLES. Open to pairs with a combined handicap of not less than 2 bisques. Entrance Fee. 11/6.

1st Week

ENTRIES ACCOMPANIED BY ENTRANCE FEES, FOR ALL EVENTS

(EXCEPT 6) must reach the Secretary, The Croquet Association, The Hurlingham Club, S.W. 6., by Thursday 21st September.

DRAW for all Events except 6 will take place at the C. A. Offices, Hurlingham Club, S.W. 6., at 11.45 a. m. on 22nd September.

DRAW for Event 6 will take place at Devonshire Park on Monday 2nd October and doubles start Tuesday 3rd October. (see note 12)

2nd WEEK

JOINT MANAGERS AND HANDICAPPERS: Lt. Col. G. E. Cave & H. C. S. Perry. REFEREE: Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard.

1(a) THE O'CALLAGHAN GOLD CUP. MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. DRAW & PROCESS. Holder: A. J. Cooper. Entrance Fee: 15/-

2(a) THE FRANC CHALLENGE TROPHY. WOMEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. DRAW & PROCESS. Holder: Mrs. E. Rotherham. Entrance Fee 15/-.

3(a) THE FELIX CUP. RESTRICTED HANDICAP. "X, Y, Z." Restricted to competitors who have not entered events 1(a) or 2(a). Holder: Mrs. J. Povey. Entrance Fee. 15/-

4(a) THE SUSSEX UNION CHALLENGE CUP. HANDICAP SINGLES. Holder: Col. G. T. Wheeler. Entrance Fee. 12/6.

5(a) THE VICTOR VASES. OPEN DOUBLES. CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND. Holders: A. J. Cooper & Miss E. J. Warwick. Entrance Fee. 13/-.

6(a) HANDICAP DOUBLES. Open to pairs with a combined handicap of not less than 4 bisques. Entrance Fee. 11/6.

2nd Week

ENTRIES ACCOMPANIED BY ENTRANCE FEES, FOR ALL

EVENTS must reach H. C. S. Perry, Hockington House, Willingdon, Eastbourne, by Thursday, 21st September.

DRAW - 2nd Week - for all Events will take place at Devonshire Park at 3.30 p. m., 22nd September.

CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION

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 Law 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 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours. No extra half hour.

9. Leave must depend on the needs 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.

10. All competitors will be notified of the day and approximate time when they will be required to play their first match.

11. Entries will be limited, if it is found necessary.

12. If there are still vacancies, entries for the Doubles will be accepted up to noon on Monday, 2nd October 1967 and the Draw will follow, but preference will be given to competitors entering in pairs in the normal way.

13. Play will normally begin at 10 a. m. daily but the Managers may vary this, if it seems desirable. It is particularly asked that competitors who are timed for the first game each morning will be punctual and that they will be on the court and begin play at the time stated.

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

15. Practice and Friendly games. Throughout the Tournament courts will be available for practice and friendly games at the Compton Club unless they are required for Tournament matches. Special Green fee 2/6 for morning or afternoon.

EXHIBITION MATCHES will be played on Sunday, 8th October at 2.30 p. m.

Cheltenham

AN (UNOFFICIAL) ST. LUKE'S SUMMER AMERICAN HANDICAP SINGLES WEEKEND TOURNAMENT

Friday 20th - Sunday 22nd October inclusive

Entries close Wednesday, 18th October, first post. Entry fee £1. Write to Secretary, Old Bath Road, Cheltenham.

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

FLOATER

COLCHESTER July 17-22

THE COLCHESTER LAWNS are the flattest and most even outside London, and even under the very fast conditions caused by the recent good weather were true enough for the most demanding player. For a small tournament there was a wealth of class amongst the entrants, affording both education and delight to the onlookers. Keith Wylie maintained his high reputation with many fine exhibitions. Humphrey Hicks was consistency itself, as he invariably is, yielding only to Wylie in the final of Draw and to Roger Bray in the Process final. In the play-off Bray scored a runaway victory showing complete mastery of a court which was by then very fast indeed.

In the X Handicap Roland Price had it all his own way. He was fortunate to draw all the minus players one after the other and was quite happy to go round on his bisques. Now and then his leaves were a little generous but it would have required near perfect play to beat him.

John Bolton who had bad draws in the Open and X events came good in the end and narrowly won the final of the Y from a much improved Gerald Hallett.

The crowd had plenty of excitement in the Doubles final. At one time all the clips were on 1-back, then on 3-back and finally on the peg. In the end the Whiteheads won after some painstaking but good doubles play against Kenneth Paterson and Diana Raikes who never quite found the form which took them to victory in the doubles the previous week at Budleigh.

The tournament had everything to recommend it including excellent good and smooth management. The pity is that with so few courts the entry of 24 players was all that the club could hold and we wish the club the best of luck in its rumoured quest for a new and larger site.

LONGMAN CUP

1ST ROUND AND AREA FINALS

1ST ROUND Colchester beat Wrest Park 4-1. Other 1st ROUND results published in July Gazette.

LONGMAN CUP 1st Round Edgbaston v Ellesmere

Doubles - J. B. Meacham & Mrs. J. B. Meacham bt Mrs. Mortimer & Mrs. N. Tyldersley +1 on time. D. R. Horne & C. Bennett bt Mrs. N. Tyldersley & Mrs. Cocker +5.
Singles - D. R. Horne lost to Mrs. N. Tyldersley -6. C. Bennett lost to Mrs. Cocker -11. J. B. Meacham bt Mrs. N. Tyldersley +12.
Edgbaston won three games to two.

COMPTON V WORTON HALL

Results of match between Compton and Worton Hall played at Eastbourne on Sunday 6th August 1967.

Singles - Mrs. H. A. Hall (6) lost to E. J. Reeves (10) -14. D. A. Harris (4) beat R. M. Wood (12) +9. Mrs. E. M. Temple (3½) lost to V. J. Sexton (7) - 19.
Doubles - Mrs. E. M. Temple (3½) & Mrs. H. A. Hall bt A. H. Wilson (11) & R. M. Wood (12) +4. Mrs. D. M. Owen (10) & D. A. Harris lost to E. J. Reeves (10) & V. J. Sexton (7) -13
Worton Hall beat Compton three games to two.

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON V WORTON HALL

Results of Semi-final between Budleigh Salterton and Worton Hall played at Budleigh Salterton on Sunday afternoon and Monday morning 13th and 14th August.

Singles - Mrs. M. H. Vincent (3) bt V. J. Sexton (7) +2. Major F. C. Heathcote (3) lost to E. J. Reeves (10) -11. Mrs. G. E. Cave (6) lost to R. M. Wood (12) -7.
Doubles - Mrs. M. H. Vincent (3) & Mrs. G. E. Cave (6) bt V. J. Sexton (7) & E. J. Reeves (10) +14. Major F. C. Heathcote & Mrs. R. C. Hawkins lost to A. H. Wilson (11) & R. M. Wood (12) -2 on time.
Worton Hall won three games to two.

EDGBASTON V COLCHESTER

Singles - C. S. Ratcliffe (4) lost to J. B. Meacham (3) -3. K. H. Paterson (5) - Mrs. J. B. Meacham (13). G. F. Hallett (5) lost to M. Stride (3) -11. J. Barker (8) lost to C. Bennett (6) -2.
Doubles - C. S. Ratcliffe & G. F. Hallett (9) lost to M. Stride & C. Bennett (9) -14. K. H. Paterson & J. Barker (13) beat J. B. Meacham & Mrs. J. B. Meacham (16) +11
Edgbaston won 4-1 (a very tight match).

2ND ROUND AREA 2 Colchester beat Hunstanton.

Area 3 1 Round already published.

Area 4 Worton Hall beat Parsons Green 3-1

Area 5 2nd Round. Compton beat Ryde 4-0

This produced the 5 Area Winners who were drawn to play each other as follows:-

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| WORTON HALL | BUDLEIGH SALTERTON | WORTON HALL |
| COMPTON | WORTON HALL | 3-2 |
| | COLCHESTER | EDGBASTON |
| | EDGBASTON | 4-1 |

Finals not yet played.

INVITATION EVENTS

PRESIDENT'S CUP

Dr. W. P. Ormerod
J. W. Solomon
H. O. Hicks (declined)
G. N. Aspinall
J. W. Simon
J. P. R. Bolton
K. F. Wylie
Prof. G. B. Neal
RESERVE ADDED
E. P. C. Cotter

SURREY CUP

CHELTHENHAM CLUB
Miss J. Warwick (promoted)
G. E. P. Jackson (promoted)
Dr. W. R. D. Wiggins (declined)
B. Lloyd-Pratt
R. A. Godby
M. Murray (declined)
Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard
Col. D. W. Beamish (declined)
ADDED
W. E. Moore
J. G. Warwick
P. D. Hallett (declined)
B. G. Perry
L. J. Webb (declined)
R. O. Hicks
R. F. Rothwell

Certain answers have not yet been received and therefore further Reserves may be called upon to fill places in the Surrey Cup and Ladies' Invitation Event.

CHELTHENHAM

AMERICAN WEEKEND TOURNAMENT 10-13 August

A FAIRY STORY: Once upon a time a schoolboy set off to watch a tennis tournament. Perhaps in a daydream, he walked into the adjacent croquet club by mistake. He stood transfixed, intrigued by the careful concentration of the calculated play on the lawns. He saw no tennis that day. Four weeks later he entered his first croquet tournament. Improving hourly, he swept all opposition aside to win the event. His name? Paul Hands.

This was no tournament for low bisquers. The three A class players all fared badly. Perhaps the weather was responsible - a variety of showers, bitterly cold winds, occasional warm sun and a thunderstorm greeted the twenty players as they battled through seven games each in four days. The lawns remained in good condition in spite of all this, as did the spirits of the participants.

Block A winner: Capt. H. F. Nalder, R. N. (4) bt Miss K. M. O. Sessions (0), Miss M. A. Posford (6), R. A. Lewty (10) and Miss W. K. Allardyce (12).
Block B winner: Mrs. R. A. Lewty (4) bt Col. G. T. Wheeler (1), Miss H. McKean (10), & Mrs. A. K. Stringer (13) lost to D. Temple Page (6½).
Block C winner: P. W. Hands (16) bt Dr. A. L. Yoxall (1), Mrs. J. Povey (6) & Mrs. H. F. Nalder (10) lost to L. G. Ayliffe (8).
Block D winner: D. A. Wilson (6) bt Miss R. M. Allen (3½), D. H. Moorcraft (8), Mrs. D. Temple Page (12) & Mrs. H. Harris (15).
Block winners American play-off: Mrs. Lewty bt Capt. Nalder +6 P. W. Hands bt Capt. Nalder +24, Mrs. Lewty +22 & D. A. Wilson +17. D. A. Wilson bt Capt. Nalder +9 & Mrs. Lewty +10.
Tournament winner: P. W. Hands
runner-up: D. A. Wilson
Block runners-up play-off winner: D. H. Moorcraft

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E. P. C. Cotter (promoted)
D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller
D. F. Strachan
Dr. R. W. Bray
A. J. Cooper
A. A. Reed (declined)
Mrs. E. Rotherham
D. B. O'Connor
ADDED
Miss J. Warwick
G. E. P. Jackson

LADIES' INVITATION EVENT

Mrs W. Longman (declined)
Mrs G. F. H. Elvey "
Miss D. A. Lintern "
Miss K. M. O. Sessions
Mrs. R. B. N. Smartt
Mrs. R. B. N. Chittenden
Mrs. E. M. Lightfoot
Mrs. A. M. Daniels (declined)
Mrs. G. W. Solomon
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HURLINGHAM IN THE U.S.A; AN AMERICAN VIEW



Left to right Ned Prentis, Walter Margulies, Betty Prentis, John Solomon, Gerald Williams, Douglas Strachan.

by Walter P. Margulies, Director, Westhampton Mallet Club.

LET IT BE SAID at once: from this side of the Atlantic, the 1967 visit of The Hurlingham Club to the United States was an occasion of unalloyed pleasure. Even the inconclusive results of the croquet tournament itself was, on balance, a happy outcome, since it makes a return match in London next year imperative. The only real disappointment was the rainy weather; but not even Yankee efficiency at its most rampant can control that.

Our British guests completely captivated their hosts, their opponents, the spectators, and that most fearsome of American institutions, the press. Press coverage here is an almost infallible index of popular interest; measured by this scale, popular interest in the croquet tournament and its players has been truly impressive. The august *New York Times* ran no fewer than three separate articles on the matches and related activities; The Associated Press, America's leading wire service, carried two lengthy articles which appeared in virtually thousands of newspapers across the country; *Sports Illustrated* magazine lavished four pages of text and pictures on the tournament; and *Holiday* magazine has scheduled a croquet article by the Westhampton Mallet Club's own Peter Maas for autumn. Even *Women's Wear Daily*, a garment industry publication, discussed the matches via a description of a window display devoted to it by the elegant New York Store, Saks Fifth Avenue.

The overwhelming share of the responsibility for this display of interest and affection must be borne directly by the British team. In point of fact, it is hard to see how Hurlingham and Britain could have selected better "ambassadors of good will" than they did. The Dickensian jollity of John Bull's own Ian Baillieu, Douglas Strachan's happy blend of Scots caniness and Irish wit, Gerald Williams' casual but complete urbanity (reinforced by what must surely be the most outrageous Panama hat in the English-speaking world), and John Solomon's unflinching graciousness - all combined to produce an unforgettable flowering of Anglo-American amity. (I must not forget to add that John Solomon unnecessarily but delightfully hedged his bets by bringing along his charming wife.)

Simple courtesy requires that I express here the immense debt of gratitude owed by both teams to Pan American World Airways. British and American players alike are

all busy men in their own affairs; it is most doubtful if the Hurlingham visit would have gone off so smoothly without Pan Am's unstinting and masterful handling of the myriad logistical details.

As to the croquet matches themselves, the official results are inconclusive. My personal feeling is that the differences between British and American rules did not prove so great a handicap to the individual British players as they did to the American team in London in 1967. In evidence of this argument, I cite the British victories in the singles matches this year. That the differences were to some degree a handicap, however, is shown, to my mind by the fact that American players in doubles play were able to profit by their greater familiarity with the U.S. style game. We are scheduling intensive practise under British rules, and are determined to make as game a showing as possible in London next year.

Crystal balls are invariably murky, and mine is no exception. But perhaps, in the exhilaration engendered by recent events, I may be permitted a very tentative prophecy. My prediction (and hope) is very simply that, in the fullness of time, as British and American players become more familiar with each others' rules, a truly international form of croquet may evolve. But I may be going too far too fast...

One American shortcoming cannot be concealed. Verdant turf of billiard-table smoothness is one of Britain's minor but very real glories; it is almost impossible to duplicate anywhere in the United States. Our courts at the Westhampton Mallet Club are not only still in their infancy; they are separated by only a few flat rods from all the rigors of the open Atlantic. The resultant vegetative rankness was an unavoidable handicap to our British visitors. However, this will balance out; American players have no opportunity to prepare themselves for the glass-like lawns of Hurlingham.

In his exceedingly gracious valediction, Douglas Strachan most generously referred to Solomon and Sheba: "Behold! The half was not told me." With all sincerity, we in America can only reply to Hurlingham with the verse following his quotation: "Happy are thy men, and happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and hear thy wisdom."



Walter Margulies Chairman of the Westhampton Mallet Club and his wife, Harriet, taken with the English Team. Left to right - Gerald Williams, Ian Baillieu, Douglas Strachan and John Solomon.

HURLINGHAM GOES WEST

By Douglas Strachan

A FINAL BELLO from the twin engines, a few more throbbing beats from the rotor blades, and suddenly there we were - perched by helicopter on top of the Pan Am Building high above New York, at the start of one of the most fabulous croquet trips of all time.

At the invitation of the Westhampton Mallet Club of Long Island, Ian Baillieu (Captain and father confessor), John Solomon, Gerald Williams and myself had arrived, in what is surely the most dramatic of all ways to descend upon a city, to uphold the honour of Hurlingham in the New World - or more specifically, to play a return match following the visit of the Westhamptonians to London last year.

Clutchings mallets (mine had collected a large gob of chewing gum from the floor of the Boeing, just to prove we'd arrived in the U.S.A.!) and not pausing to snatch a glance at the vertiginous panorama of skyscrapers falling away to tiny crevices of streets and avenues far below, we scuttled through a door and down some steps into the "Copter Club", an exclusive penthouse restaurant where we were to meet our hosts - and the Press.

Walter Margulies, the genial and distinguished President of the Mallet Club who had journeyed out to Kennedy Airport to meet us and bring us in on the helicopter, introduced us to Bill Bohner, Hal Langdon, Dave Seinerger and others over drinks; and there was the British Consul General, and journalists waiting to be put right (as all journalists are!) about croquet.

Then down in the elevators, out into a blast of heat and onto the scorching streets - vast brown canyon walls of brick and concrete rising giddily upwards on all sides - into deliciously cool air-conditioned cars, and away to Westhampton - 80 miles out on the South shore of Long Island.

The Court setting is in character identical to that produced on the front cover of the 1967 January issue of *Croquet*. However, the dimensions are quite different. The Court is much longer than our Court being 150 feet in place of our 105 feet, and much narrower being 55 feet in place of our 84 feet.

The boundary is marked by a thick nylon string stretched tight between pegs rather than by a painted line.

PLAYING SURFACE

Perhaps most important of all, the grass is long - about an inch. We estimated that you have to hit a ball about five times as hard as on an English surface to make it travel the same distance. But the ground is flat, there are little if any bumps or slopes, and provided you have the strength to belt the ball hard enough, it travels very straight. In practice it is not possible to hit a ball more than about ten yards without "golfing" it. The members are expert at banging balls vast distances - if necessary the whole length of the Court - using a tremendous golf swing which would send a No. 2 iron shot a good couple of hundred yards; and they can play these shots, what is more, with an impressive accuracy of distance and direction.

EQUIPMENT

Hoops, balls and mallets are supplied by Jaques (a prestigious, if not a lucrative export trade!) and are exactly as we know them, except that the hoops often get splayed out too wide when hammered into the grounds. The mallets of course have to be very heavy and are mostly fitted with malacca shafts, as hickory ones just can't take the punishment!

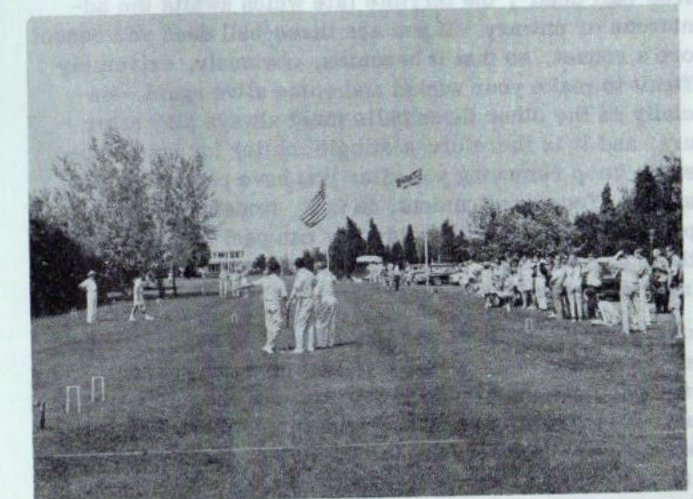
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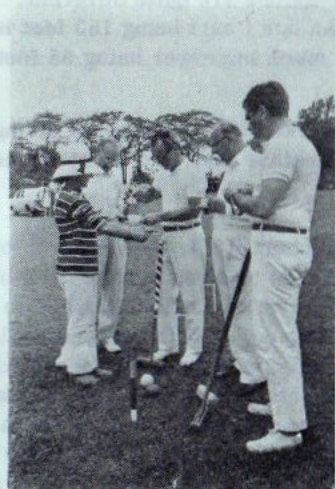
Hoops become wickets, a wired ball is a wicketed ball, a rush becomes a chop shot, pegs are stakes, a break is a ladder, and so on. We rather liked the word "wicket" - after all, that is much more what the metal thing stuck in the ground looks like!

RULES AND TACTICS

The basic sequence of roquet, croquet and continuation shot is the same as in our game. But the difference emerges in the following quite different rules, some of which change the character of the game completely:

General View of Westhampton Mallet Club.





Mrs. Henry White serving tea to Gerald Williams, Jack Osborn, Ian Baillieu, Peter Maas.

1. The American game is a sequence game, as it used to be with us many years ago. The order of play must always be Blue, Red, Black, Yellow.
2. You are only allowed to roquet each ball once per wicket scored, no matter how many turns you have. When your ball roquets another, it is said to go dead on that ball; and if it hits it again in a subsequent turn without a wicket having been scored in the meantime, a fault is committed and your ball replaced.

What this adds up to is that you are ill-advised to roquet any ball unless either you are almost certain to make your wicket, or it is essential to break up your opponent. There is a special scoreboard on the sideline called a "deadness board", to show you which balls are dead on which - without this you could never remember. When a roquet is made a coloured wooden flap is pushed over, and it stays over until you have made your next wicket. The sweetest sound in the game is the "flap-flap" of the deadness board restoring the life of your ball as you run a wicket - particularly if you have been unfortunate enough to be "three-ball dead", the terrible fate which awaits the adventurous or unwary. If you are three-ball dead you cannot score a roquet, so that it becomes, obviously, extremely difficult to make your wicket and come alive again - especially as the other three balls must always play after yours, and it is therefore a simple matter for your opponent to keep removing you after you have played for position. Your predicament, in fact, remains entirely hopeless unless by skilful play you can peel the dead ball with its partner ball, or unless the opponent makes some fairly elementary mistake.

In other words, in the American game it is not only possible, but all too easy to find yourself in a jam, with virtually no chance of getting out of it and back into the game. The more one side dominates, the more likely it is to keep its dominance. Not for nothing do the Westhampton members point out that in the British game you can only defeat your opponent, while in the American game you can destroy him.

To be frank, we found this aspect disagreeable.

3. Other differences:

In the old-fashioned style, you can put your foot on your ball when taking croquet and bang the other fellow away - but beware the shot following! The first time I tried it, my continuation shot jumped clean in the air, because of the hole I had trodden my ball into.

If you play your ball off the Court, whether in a single ball shot or in the croquet stroke, not only does your turn end, but you also suffer a penalty in your next turn with that ball, under which you cannot make a wicket or score a roquet. This of course makes shooting at balls on the boundary a very hazardous business. Strangely, however, you are allowed to play your opponent's ball off the Court at any time, even in the croquet stroke. Many times we found ourselves golfed off the boundary miles from the other three balls, faced with the task of golfing back at them, trying to hit without going off!

ADVISERS AND REFEREES

A referee is appointed to supervise the entire game and remains on the Lawn. Likewise players remain on the lawn as in golf croquet. In addition Westhampton followed the precedent set by Hurlingham in the preceding year by allowing the English players to have an adviser. So a small party of players, advisers and referees remain on the Court throughout the play. This was sensible enough because long breaks are the exception because of the slow surface and the fear of going three-ball dead.

Let it be said at once that we leaned heavily on our American advisers, whose impartiality was immaculate, and whose experience and judgment were sorely needed in times of tribulation. In addition, in the first two games played by John Solomon and myself, both of which were singles, Ian Baillieu was also allowed to advise. He had done some invaluable homework on the American game, and was able to give assistance which the American advisers could not do until they had learned the potentialities of our play.



Bill Bohner watched by Ian Baillieu.

After some practice on Friday, the matches began in earnest on Saturday morning to a lowering sky and a heavy downpour. But so warm is the climate that nobody minded rain is, after all, refreshing when the temperature is around the 80° level; so we played, got soaked, and thoroughly enjoyed it. I wish I could remember more about the individual matches - but alas, the unfamiliar pattern of the game prevented me from noting down any special incidents. All I can say is that in Match 1 John beat Henry White, Westhampton's No. 2 ranked player and a well-known film producer: in Match 2 I beat Jack Osborn, a generous sportsman if ever there was one: in Match 3 John and Gerald lost to Henry White and David Seinerger, and in Match 4 Ian and myself lost to Bill Bohner and Ned Prentis. This left us after lunch on Sunday with the score level at 2 - 2. Ian and Gerald then lost to Jack Osborn and Peter Maas and John and myself, in an exciting game with Walter Margulies and Heath in which we rather luckily managed to keep control and draw the series at 3 - 3 which was pronounced a most happy and equitable outcome by all present.

As far as tactics were concerned, John and myself had arrived more or less determined to prove that long breaks could be played, despite the surface and the three-ball dead rule, and on the whole I think we managed to do it. The Westhampton members were astonished to see seven, eight or nine wickets scored in one turn, and by the time we left were eagerly trying to do it too, and getting the hang of it remarkably quickly.

We played a demonstration game by British rules, using a Court of reduced size, and employing the services of Ian as commentator, with a portable loudspeaker; although again it proved possible to play breaks, the hard hitting involved was most exhausting, and I came, regretfully, to the conclusion that if the grass has to be an inch long, the British game just isn't on. Westhampton, does it have to be that long?

Now for some description of the scene. Imagine a lush green field marked out into three courts, bordered by birch trees and honeysuckle, scenting the air; three tall flagpoles, flying respectively the Stars and Stripes, the Union Jack and the Westhampton Mallet Club Crest; (usually) a very hot sun and the blue sky but with a refreshing breeze off the sea; a few yachts on the water just visible at the end of the field; a long line of parked cars, enormous in their gleaming transatlantic opulence, dwarfing a single Rolls-Royce, and in many cases flying miniature Stars and Stripes and Union Jacks on the bonnet (sorry, hood!); and last but by no means least, a large - I repeat, large - crowd, dressed a good deal more colourfully than any Hurlingham crowd but lacking nothing in expertise in spectator participation and in general enjoyment of the occasion. At one stage there were a good two hundred people watching - can we ever muster crowds like that? I shan't forget (how could I?) Dave Seinerger's Carnaby Street shirt, two enormous Union Jacks joined together; models from the famous Department Store, Sak's Fifth Avenue, draping themselves decorously over the cars, one clad in a luminous orange trouser suit; Jay Rossbach's elegant red tights; and Sandy Pitofsky leaning back with characteristically sardonic smile drinking vodka out of a pop-art glass done up as a replica of a Campbell's Tomato Soup Tin.

Finally, the hospitality. This really is beyond my power to describe: our too-kind hosts outdid all the well-known

stories of American entertaining by a handsome margin. The lobster luncheon at Walter and Harriet Margulies' dream house on the water's edge, with Walter's pride and joy - an enormous and beautifully equipped boat, almost a small ship, for big game fishing - floating serenely alongside; the huge and gay cocktail party at Mr. and Mrs. Cortland Woods'; the rollicking barbecue stag party at Ned and Betty Prentis' with the biggest and most succulent steaks I have ever met, accompanied by the reading of telegrams of welcome from Hubert Humphrey, Bobby Kennedy, Nelson Rockefeller, etc. etc.; and the magnificent luncheon at my own hosts' house, Bob and Ruth Bragarnick at which a magician of an omelette-maker (one every 40 seconds) worked like lightning to satisfy the needs of an enormous and happy throng.

Westhampton, we can't thank you enough. All we can say is that it was an unforgettable experience, and that Hurlingham will do its utmost to return some of your marvellous hospitality when we welcome you here again next year. We are looking forward to it already.

Dave Seinerger

