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A BISQUE TO BUILD A BREAK ON THE THIRD ROQUET OF A BISQUE TURN

Blue and Black - a 7 Bisquer, capable of making a Break. Red and Yellow - a -3 Player. Before any player has made a hoop, Blue and Black (to play) are laid up in the first corner. Red is in the 3rd corner and Yellow is

2-3 yards away in the lawn, as in the diagram. Blue makes the 1st hoop off Black but runs past Black as shown on the diagram, he

roquets Black. What should Blue do then on

the croquet stroke?

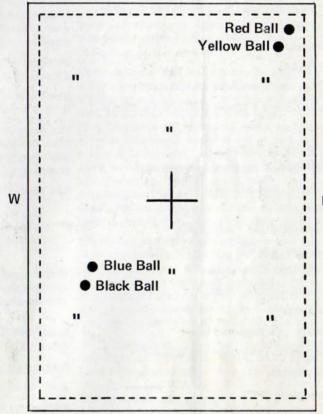
Blue must make up his mind to take a bisque. Blue stop-shots Black to the 2nd hoop. One can be more accurate with the front ball on a stop-shot and it is important to get the Black ball a yard or two in front of and slightly to the right of the 2nd hoop. Blue intends to make that hoop off Black in the bisque turn and to approach Black from the middle of the

Blue then fires at Red in the 3rd corner. Blue misses but he is able to roquet Red on the 1st stroke of the bisque turn. Red is croqueted towards the 3rd hoop.

In the continuation stroke Yellow is rushed to a central position.

The striker now takes off to Black, hoping to make his hoop after the 3rd roquet of the bisque turn.

The situation shown arises frequently, and this way of making a break well repays practice.



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Calendar Fixtures 1968

April	13 - 15	Cheltenham (American non-official)		
"	19 - 22	Hunstanton (American non-official		
May	6 - 11	Budleigh Salterton		
"	13 - 18	Peels Memorials - Roehampton		
"	20 - 25	Southwick (non-official)		
"	28 - 31	Inter Counties Championship - Hurlingham		
June	1 - 3	Hunstanton (American non-official) (Provis		
"	1 - 3	Cheltenham (American non-official)		
"	3 - 8	Ryde		
	8 - 15	Carrickmines - Championship of Ireland		
"	10 - 15	Challenge & Gilbey		
"	14 - 16	Nottingham (Week-end)		
"	14 - 17	Woking		
,,	17 - 22	Compton		
	24 - 29	Parkstone		
July	1 - 6	Budleigh Salterton (non-official)		
11	8 - 13	Budleigh Salterton		
"	15 - 20	Men's & Women's Championships - Roeha		
"	22 - 27	Open Championships - Hurlingham		
"	29 - 3	Colchester		
"	29 - 3	Cheltenham		
Aug.	5 - 14	Hurlingham		
	16 - 18	Cheltenham (American non-official)		
	17 - 24	Carrickmines - Championship of Co. Dubl		
	19 - 24	Nottingham		
,,	26 - 31	Southwick		
"	30 - 2	Chelmsford & Colchester - week-end		
Sept	2 - 7	Southwick (non-official)		
"	2 - 7	Hunstanton		
"	9 - 13	President's Cup - Hurlingham		
"	9 - 13	Chairman's Salver		
"	9 - 13	Surrey Cup - Cheltenham		
"	9 - 13	Ladies Invitation Event		
	16 - 21	Parkstone		
	(Date not	confirmed) All England Finals		
"	20 - 22	Cheltenham (American non-official)		
	23 - 28	Roehampton		
,,	30 -	Devonshire Park		
Oct.	. 12	2 1st week - 30th Sept - 5th Oct. 2nd week - 7th Oct - 12th Oct.		

" 18 - 20 Cheltenham (American non-official)

C.A. Notices

ADDENDUM C. A. NOTICES

AS THE HANDBOOK IS BEING REPRINTED, PLEASE NOTIFY ME OF ANY CHANGES IN ADDRESSES ETC., AT YOUR VERY EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

Will Club Secretaries please note that entries of teams for the Inter-Counties <u>must</u> reach me at the C.A. Office by 1st March - List of sional) players by 14th May.

In future the name of the winning County only will be engraved on the Cup

Please note that all subscriptions are due on January 1st and be sure to send yours. Full standard rate 50/-, Reduced Rate (No Tournament Play) and Junior Rate (up to 27th birthday) 30/-. Overseas subscription £1. 1s. 0d. Please send promptly.

On Dr. Wiggins' suggestion it was decided to alter the date of the Men's & Women's Championships to the end of July - so that more eligible people can play in it. This was not easy to fit in - but thanks to the kind co-operation of Chelmsford & Colchester and the Cheltenham Clubs - the dates are now as in the Calendar.

Once again we have to thank the Hurlingham Club for generously giving the lawns for the President's Cup. We would ask all players to bear in mind the difficulty sports grounds are undergoing – not only in London but in the provinces (example Eastbourne), owing to the expense and shortage of good groundsmen since the Government instituted S. E. T. – and if lawns are not always up to former standards to take as lenient a view as possible.

We hope to have a new abridged handbook out in the Spring. Also a small book of Laws containing all the amendments.

New Referee Dr. A. L. Yoxall. Silver Medallists K. F. Wylie, G. N. Aspinall, Professor B. G. Neal.

The Apps Bowl is awarded to Col. G.T. Wheeler and the Steel Rose Bowl to Mrs. B.L. Sundius-Smith - who were chosen as the most improved players of the year - and we offer them our congratulations.

The £5 was awarded to the Cheltenham Club.

RYDE -50th OPEN TOURNAMENT, JUNE 3rd, 1968.

Players coming to the Tournament are advised to book accommodation and car ferries as soon as possible, on account of the Whitsun Holiday.

INVITATION EVENTS

In addition to the names which appeared in the Aug - Sept issue, these players were invited in the following order:-

Surrey Cup.

A. V. Camroux, Comdr. G. Borrett, M. J. Bushnell.

Ladies' Invitation Event.

Lady Ursula Abbey (declined), Mrs. H. M. Read (declined) Mrs. P. D. Showan (declined), Miss I. M. Roe (declined), Miss B. Duthie (declined), Mrs B. L. Sundius-Smith, Miss H. D. Parker, Mrs. D. T. Raikes (declined), Mrs. J. Speer

V. C. G.

Centenary Year in Retrospect

- by - Maurice B. Reckitt

WELL, IT WAS A SUCCESS, WASN'T IT! About 800 competitors at the Hurlingham Dinner on the eve of the Queen's visit, and close on a thousand to welcome her on the following morning, despite a far from propitious meteorological outlook. The phrase 'gracious Queen' is so often on our lips that those near to her on the great day must have been interested and delighted to find how completely it was shown to be a reality. Seizing on the slightest of clues, Her Majesty always spoke not only with charm but exactly to the point to those presented to her. And how encouraging it was to learn, soon after her departure, that she had asked that a fully up-to-date set of what the makers are accustomed to describe as 'croquet requisites' should be despatched to one of the royal residences – as will of course be done.

The success of the whole operation, of which this day was the climax, was of course contributed to by dozens and dozens of the game's devotees all over the country, and most notably perhaps by our club-secretaries. But a special word of gratitude and congratulation is due to those who bore the chief responsibility at the centre; our Vice-Chairman Lew Stokes-Roberts and Major Rivington at Hurlingham, acting with our Chairman Dr. Wiggins, for the arrangements at our headquarters club, and Mrs. Caporn and Derek, aided by Daisy Lintern, in respect of the All England Handicap finals. The Caporn party at Hampton Court was a particularly happy feature of the week. Nor must we forget the labours of what we are wont to describe as 'The Office' in shouldering all the extra burdens which the unique occasion involved.

That all went so well is extremely cheering, and Centenary Year pointed both piously backwards and encouragingly forwards. It was suggested after the President's Cup that not only the high standard now so evident in this competition but the fact that in the last four years it has been won by four different players, indicates that England's strength at Croquet is now manifested 'in depth'; it is no longer the one - or two - or three man show that it seemed to have become in the Fifties. This is, of course, mainly due to the brilliant new generation which is headed now by William Ormerod, Keith Wylie, Nigel Aspinall, John Bolton and John Simon, not to speak of those whom we now see all too seldom, such as Arthur Reed, Rupert Thorp and Peter Fidler, to mention but a few. And pressing on their heels is the eager band of 'Sherwood Foresters' from Nottingham who look like monopolizing the Cambridge Varsity team next summer. But one of them will have to face the new Oxford star - John Simon.

It is impossible to exaggerate the stimulus which the young have given to our game in this decade. But the value of this, great as it is, is inevitably limited, for brief life is here their portion, since it becomes 'real and earnest' for most of them all too soon. That they will return in full strength to our tournaments as opportunity permits we cannot doubt, and that our ranks will be recurrently recruited from those who are now their juniors we have good ground to hope. But it is an inexorable fact that our tournaments and our clubs can only flourish if a sufficiency of keen players with enough leisure to give to them is forthcoming. Some notable examples of this sort have emerged recently and improved very rapidly, as for instance Professor Neal, Bill Perry, Giles Borrett, Brigadier Forbes and Colonel Wheeler. We can never have enough of such, but we have certainly not got enough now. The one thing in which we cannot indulge in our Centenary Year is complacency. Some of our most old-established and well regarded provincial clubs are in no good way; members are, literally or figuratively, dying off and means are not yet being found to replace them. This is a fact to be faced both by the club committees and the Council. Let it be realized that to revive a club is vastly more difficult than to maintain one; whatever problems we discuss among ourselves during the winter,

either locally or at the centre, they cannot be more urgent than this.

Perhaps the best justification for the proliferation of Invitation Events - now as many as four - lies in the incentives these should provide for the improving player to show his - or her - mettle. Perhaps few associates realize what a heavy burden is now laid upon the C.A.'s Selection Committee. To ensure that the Best Eight is in fact the best available will always present its difficulties, but as what we may call 'the A class pyramid' broadens from its apex towards its base, not only selection but ranking, which is now required, become an increasing controversial matter, and it is perhaps a wonder that we do not hear more criticism about all this than we do. The eight contending for the Chairman's Salver were a particularly formidable lot this year, including as they did five former President's Cup players, and the victory of one of these marked a welcome return to his international form of Bryan Lloyd-Pratt, who rejoiced in the fast courts that Colchester provided and which gave such notable satisfaction to those lucky enough to play on them. If Mr. Duffield could teach some of our other club leaders how to produce turf of this type and quality, humbler competitors, who find themselves baffled and exhausted by some of the resistant swards on which they are invited to struggle, would be very grateful

The Women's event which has (temporarily at any rate) replaced the Ladies Field Cup, at least suggested that at last a feminine revival is at hand; if it can establish this as a fact it can be claimed to have justified an experiment the value of which did not appear to all of us as entirely obvious. Congratulations are certainly in order to Mrs. Fotiadi and Mrs. Neville Rolfe, who do much to keep the flag flying in their old established clubs and always show good form when they venture out from them. Mrs. Solomon, who has sometimes been playing perhaps better than ever this year, was also well to the fore in this contest.

The mention of this lady's name recalls the fact that occasion has not yet arisen in this article to refer to the great deeds of her illustrious son. A season in which a player wins the Open Championship for a fifth consecutive time (and a ninth in all), becomes the first Champion of Champions, and comes from behind to win every game in the second series of the President's Cup, will surely be a memorable one, even for so brilliant an exponent as John has been since he won his first championship, in New Zealand in 1950, at the age of nineteen. Nor should we forget his runner-up in the two great events at Hurlingham in July and August, Humphrey Hicks, who on Court 4 there gained perhaps the most sensational victory of the season, and in doing so earned the greatest acclamation.

The cessation of play at Hurlingham in August next year will probably be the occasion for selecting our Test Team for Australia in the following January. This is a matter which will doubtless give rise to a good deal of interested speculation which it would be improper to anticipate here, but it may be legitimate to express a hope that it will be found possible to include in the team one or two of the most brilliant exponents from among our youngest generation.

Much has been said, and rightly, in this survey of new players coming to the front in our game, but it ought not to end without brief reference to those whom this year we have lost. Five names only can be recalled here. Two of them were those of great players who were also great administrators - William Longman and Handel Elvey; a third was a much loved player and manager, V.A. de la Nougerede; a fourth a lady with very many friends among us, who fell ill as a consequence of exertions undergone in following the fortunes of our Test Team and returning afterwards across the full breadth of North America - Enid Haigh-Smith, who though confined to her bed, never lost interest in the game; and the fifth one whom we knew best not as a player but as the brother of one of the greatest servants of the game, Reep Lintern. In remembering them we think with deepest sympathy of those who were closest to them and must mourn them most. But those of us who knew them well will be conscious of missing them scarcely less.

Handicaps

CHELTENHAM WEEK-END 20. 10. 67.

ASSOCIATES Mrs. A. L. Yoxall $5\frac{1}{2}$ to 5. Mrs. G. H. Wood 10 to 8. Mrs. M. Chaff 10 to 9. J. A. Wheeler 9 to 7. D. Moorcraft $7\frac{1}{2}$ to 7.

NON-ASSOCIATES H. C. Green 9 to $6\frac{1}{2}$. P. W. Hands 7 to 3. A. R. Adcock $5\frac{1}{2}$ to 5.

DECEMBER

SURREY CUP R.A. Godby $-\frac{1}{2}$ to -1. Cmdr. G. Borrett 0 to $-\frac{1}{2}$.

<u>LADIES INVITATION</u> Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi 1 to 0. Mrs. Neville Rolfe 2 to $1\frac{1}{2}$. Mrs. J. Speer 4 to $3\frac{1}{2}$.

CHELTENHAM (Club Recommendations) W.J. Sturdy 7½ to 6½.

NON-ASSOCIATES P.W. Hands 16 to 10* & 10* to 7½. Mrs. A.K. Stringer 13 to 11.

CHELTENHAM (Further Club Recommendations) C. H. O'D. Alexander 3 to $2\frac{1}{2}$. E. G. Bantock $6\frac{1}{2}$ to $5\frac{1}{2}$. Miss W. K. Allardyce 11 to 9 (D8). W/Cmdr. E. Montague—Smith $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 3.

NON-ASSOCIATES R. Tea 14 to 13

 $\frac{\rm BRISTOL}{\rm Jupe~12~to~10.}$ (Club Recommendations) A.C.Jupe 10 to 7. Mrs.A.C. Jupe 12 to 10. W. Trevor Johnson 13 to 12.

SUSSEX COUNTY CROQUET & LAWN TENNIS CLUB (Recommendations)

ASSOCIATES Norman Cox $6\frac{1}{2}$ to 6. Mrs. P. M. Dehn 9 to 8. \overline{D} . Himmens 14 to 12. Miss G. V. Pirie 8 to $7\frac{1}{2}$. W. G. B. Scott 8 to $7\frac{1}{2}$. H. A. Sheppard 3 to $2\frac{1}{2}$. Miss M. K. Towers 7 to $6\frac{1}{2}$. Mrs. H. Wells 7 to 6. \overline{NON} -ASSOCIATES Mrs. H. Brown-Jones 12 to 11. Mrs. E. M. Fox 12 to 11. Mrs. N. Grainger 10 to 9. H. J. Jeffrey 10 to 9. Miss J. Piper 12 to 11. Miss E. E. Pratt 8 to $7\frac{1}{2}$. Miss D. Toms 12 to 11. Mrs. V. Webb 9 to 8.

DEVONSHIRE PARK - 1st Week. E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake 5 to 2. Cmdr. G. Borrett $-\frac{1}{2}$ to $-1\frac{1}{2}$. D. J. Bird 11 to 9. Mrs. F. A. Shiel 14 (D12 to 10 (D8). Miss J. K. Samuel *10 to 11. Mrs. J. Walker $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $6\frac{1}{2}$. C. S. Phillips 10 to 10 (D8).

2nd Week NEW HANDICAPS Mrs. P. West *12 to 12.

AFTER PLAY Rev. W. E. Gladstone $6\frac{1}{2}$ to 5. Miss K. M. O. Sessions 0 to $-\frac{1}{2}$. Col. G. T. Wheeler $\frac{1}{2}$ to $-\frac{1}{2}$. D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller -3 to $-3\frac{1}{2}$. D. A. Harris 4 to 3. Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens 9 to 8. Mrs. H. A. Hall 6 to $5\frac{1}{2}$. D. J. Bird 9 to 9 (D8). Mrs. D. J. Bird 10 (D8) to 9 (D7).

OWN REQUEST J. R. Abbey $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$. Lady Ursula Abbey $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2. Maj. Hill-Bernhard $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $4\frac{1}{2}$.

ROEHAMPTON - NEW HANDICAPS J. F. Hay *14. Miss S. F. Hay *14. F. E. Pearson *8. Miss Anderson *12.

BEFORE PLAY Mrs. L. Riggall 5 to 41.

DURING PLAY Mrs. J. F. Hay *14 to 12 (D10). Miss S. F. Hay *14 to 12 (D10). Miss M. G. Anderson *12 to 12 (D10).

AFTER PLAY M. B. Reckitt 1 to 2. J. B. Hearnshaw 5 to $3\frac{1}{2}$. Mrs. J. F. Hay 12 (D10) to 10. F. E. Pearson 8 to $6\frac{1}{2}$. Mrs. B. G. Neal 12 (D10) to 11 (D9).

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 28th OCTOBER and 18th NOVEMBER 1967 RELATING TO THE LAWS, PUBLISHED ON THE AUTHORITY OF THE COUNCIL.

- 1. The Council resolved that a new publication of the Laws be issued not later than May, 1968 to incorporate all amendments already passed and the further amendments published on page of this issue pursuant to Rule XIV subject to such amendments being duly ratified.
- 2. The Council resolved that a further and more permanent publication be undertaken in due course in conjunction with the Australian and New Zealand Councils and that, when these alterations are agreed the Laws should be published with Notes for the guidance of readers.

3. At the request of the Club Delegates the Council considered the present wrong ball rule and by a majority resolved against making any change.

EXTRACTS FROM COUNCIL MEETING 18th NOVEMBER 1967

Mr. E. P. C. Cotter resigned from the Council owing to changed circumstances.

Professor B. G. Neal undertook to be the Croquet Association representative at the Central Council of Physical Recreation.

The Finance & General Purposes Interim Statement of Accounts was accepted.

There shall be an abridged Handbook of names and addresses of Associates for 1968 - 1970.

Mr.J. M. Rivington said he wished to propose a very hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. D. F. Caporn - who had done such onerous and responsible work in managing the Area semi-finals of the big Centenary Competition. There was great applause and enthusiasm on the part of all at the Meeting.

The following Tournaments Report was also accepted:-

REPORT OF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

- 1. The major changes in Calendar Fixtures are:-
 - (i) Men's and Women's Championships moved to 15th 20th July at Roehampton
- (ii) The Open Championships to follow the next week i.e., 22nd 27th July at Hurlingham

 These changes are to enable more people to play in both Championships and are on trial for this year.
- (iii) Challenge & Gilbey to be played at Roehampton 10th 15th
- 2. Inter-Counties entries must reach the C. A. Office by 1st March and the last date for names of teams by 14th May.
- 3. The Women's Championship to be played as Draw & Process.
- 4. Invitation Events

President's Cup to be played at Hurlingham
Chairman's Salver to be played at Nottingham
Surrey Cup to be played at Cheltenham
The President's Cup competitors will not be selected in ranking order but the Chairman's and Surrey Cups competitors will be.

- 5. It was decided to suspend the Ladies Field Cup for a further year.
- 6. <u>Ladies Invitation Event</u>. The number of competitors to be up to 10 players. Venue not yet decided. By a majority vote Council vetoed the recommendation that ex President's Cup ladies should not be eligible.
- 7. Golf Croquet will be arranged by Miss Lintern.
- All England to be played as in 1967 in areas but no medals and only a plaque to the winner of an Area.
- Devonshire Park to be played on the same terms as in 1967 except that the limit of the Restricted Handicap in the second week be raised to +½.
 Major Dibley has agreed to manage the 1st week and Lt. Col. Cave, assisted by his wife, the 2nd week. Mr. Perry will give what time

he can on the Secretarial side.

NOTIFICATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO RULE XIV.

AMENDMENTS PASSED BY THE COUNCIL ON 28th October, 1967

In Part 2

(a) Amend Law 14 by adding after Law 14(a)(iii) a new sub-law (iv) as follows: "(iv) A ball may complete the running of a hoop in two or more turns but, if a ball is knocked out of the hoop or becomes in hand, it must begin to run the hoop afresh."

This amendment is merely declaratory of a decision to that effect already given in the Laws Committee.

- (b) Amend Law 16 by adding after Law 16(b)(iii) a new sub-law (iv) as follows:
- "(iv) Likewise when the striker is playing a continuation stroke in contract with a ball from which croquet has already been taken and runs a hoop in order and again makes contact with that ball, a roquet is not made unless the balls are in contact when they come to rest."

This is the recommended solution to a situation which arose at Cheltenham during the current year.

In Part 3

Repeal Law 38(f) and after Law 39 insert new Law 39(A) as follows: "Law 39(A) Special Law relating to Irregularities in play.

- (a) Playing when not entitled to play. If any player continues to play after his turn has ended and during such time plays a half bisque or one or more bisques, the limit of claims shall not expire until the end of the game. If at any time before that the irregularity be discovered, the state of the game shall revert to the last moment before the first stroke in error (and this includes the restoration of bisques) and play shall be resumed accordingly.
- (b) Playing the wrong ball. If the striker whilst playing the wrong ball plays a half bisque or one or more bisques, the limit of claims shall not expire until the end of the game. If at any time before that the irregularity is discovered, the state of the game shall revert to the first moment after the first stroke in error (and this includes the restoration of bisques) and play shall be resumed accordingly."

Repeal Regulation 8 in the form in which it appears in "Croquet" in the issue of April, 1965. Re-enact Regulation 8(a) and (b) as they appear in the 1961 Laws and Regulations and enact a new sub-Regulation (c) in the following terms:

"(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Law 38(c) no half bisque or bisque may be played after time is called unless play continues because the sides are level at the expiration of the time limit."

AMENDMENTS PASSED BY THE COUNCIL ON 18th November 1967

- Amend Law 16(c) by deleting the first sentence and substituting the following sentence.
- "The striker shall be deemed to have made a roquet if (i) at the beginning of a turn he plays a ball in contact with another ball, or (ii) during a turn which he is otherwise entitled to continue his ball is in contact with a ball which he is entitled to roquet."
- 2. Amend Law 17 by creating 3 sub-laws as follows:
- (a) Except as provided for in Law 4(d), a ball which has made a roquet cannot thereafter in the same stroke score a point for itself.
- b) copy existing law.
- (c) Although a ball which has made a roquet remains in play play throughout the stroke it may be picked up or arrested in its course to save time if the state of the game will not be affected thereby.
- Amend Law 27 by inserting the words "in order" after the word "points" in the penultimate line thereof.
- 4. Amend Law 30(b) by deleting the first two sentences and substituting the following:
 "Save as in (a) above, if the striker strikes a wrong ball the turn shall end unless the error is condoned."
- 5. Amend Law 31(b) by deleting the word "deliberately".

- 6. Amend Law 34(b) by substituting "Law 34(b)(i)" for the reference "Law 34(b)(ii)" in the second amendment to that sub Law.
- 7. Amend Regulation 8(a) by substituting the word "struck" for the word "played" in the penultimate line thereof.

Obituary

Mrs. D. M. Owen

The sudden death of Dorothy Owen on October 13th has robbed Compton Croquet Club of one of its most loved members.

Dorothy was an indefatigable worker, with a deep sense of service for others. For the last two or three years she had sacrificed the opportunity to compete at Devonshire Park so that she could be at Compton to provide refreshments for the players involved in matches there; and she always gave them a cheerful welcome. She did this most necessary work right up to the day of her death.

She was a very useful player, and represented Compton in this year's Longman Cup matches. She also gave a great deal of help and advice to beginners, and did everything possible to encourage high bisquers to improve their standard of play.

Dorothy will be greatly missed by all her friends in the croquet world, and will be remembered with gratitude and affection by those fortunate enough to have known her.

Editorial Note

THIS IS the first of a new series of articles on New Openings, New Laws and New Tactics. It is hoped this will become a permanent feature with all our leading players contributing their ideas.

Croquet on the Move - New Openings

THE OBJECT of opening tactics is to win the Battle for the Innings at the end of the fourth turn. To achieve this the opener hopes to have a relatively easy roquet at the fifth turn - the second player hopes to thwart the intention of the opener by hitting, as we shall see, a somewhat longer roquet at the fourth turn.

During the 1950's the play was stereotyped.

- 1. Blue (1st Ball) plays to E. Boundary 5 6 yards N. of Corner 4.
- 2. Red (2nd Ball) lays a tice.

Today this old standard opening is only one of many, and those watching the 1967 President's Cup would have seldom seen it. Let us look at three openings which I think are the best. They all illustrate some of the tactical and psychological changes occuring in croquet.

- 1. Blue plays to E. Boundary level with Hoop 4
- 2. Red shoots at Blue from Baulk A

This shot has many advantages. If Red hits, both balls are rolled 2 yards East of Peg, leaving a Double from both baulk lines. This is a very powerful leave. Black is loath to shoot for fear of missing into baulk and plays to Corner 2.

Yellow has now only a 16 yard Double to hit - a shot with a margin error similar to a roquet of less than seven yards - in order to have an excellent chance of establishing a 3 Ball Break. Consider the position if Red misses Blue originally. A Double may well be left, especially if Blue was placed 2 yards or less from Corner 4 - and in this event Red's shot is shorter. Black is again loath to shoot for fear of leaving an enormous target, and Yellow now has a shot at Blue and Red.

Red's opening can be regarded as a 'Practice' lift shot. For if Red misses, and Yellow misses at the 4th turn, the opponent will probably be conceding another lift before long, and have a clip on 4 Back. The short lift can now be taken more confidently.

An advanced player, having found out his previous shooting errors, should hit a 14 yard roquet once in 3 attempts. And if no triple peel is made, 4 attempts are allowed.

Another opening, perhaps the most widely used in this year's President's Cup, was that pioneered by Patrick Cotter.

- 1. Blue plays to East Boundary level with Hoop 4
- 2. Red plays into Corner 2

Black will probably join a yard or two from Blue on the East Boundary. Now Yellow must hit the short lift distance at the opponents balls to gain the innings and an excellent chance of a 3 ball

The second hoop will be approached from the second corner off Red, the partner ball, an advantage which the opponent is unlikely to have if Yellow misses.

Both these openings emphasize the vital importance of hitting at the short lift distance, particularly in Events like those in 'Eights' Week' when the standard of shooting is high. A player who bemoans the fact that he has not taken croquet during a game is often himself only to blame for declining to shoot during the all-important opening turns.

The third opening which we can discuss is especially applicable to a player going in first, whose opponent is known to favour either of the 2 previous openings.

- 1. Blue plays to E. Boundary 3 yards north of Hoop 4.
- 2. Red (a) lays a tice or (b) plays to Corner 2

Blue is really too far from baulk to make shooting at it worth while.

3. (a) Black shoots and hits the tice

The main advantage of going in first is that one is given the first opportunity of shooting at the tice. At any other stage of the game one would be considered overcautious to decline a free 10 yard roquet, with the chance of an excellent leave if the roquet is hit, and the opponent would have a similar free roquet with the chance of an immediate 4 Ball Break or an excellent leave.

However the best leave in advanced croquet after hitting the tice with the third ball, is really a defensive one. Red is croqueted about 4 yards West of Hoop 2. Black then plays 2 yards North of

It is a mistake to leave a relatively short free shot by playing a ball near the Peg. Blue and Black are line Balls and discourage the long double from Baulk B. Being north of Hoop 4 the short lift is too long for Yellow, who's only shot now is at Red from Baulk A.

3. (b) When Red plays to Corner 2 or the tice is too long, Black plays 5 yards South of Blue.

Considered in the context of a game already established, this means that only a 5 yard free shot must be hit to give the innings if the 4th Ball misses. Incidently I have never seen a break established from this position when the 4th Ball Yellow hits either the tice or the ball in Corner 2. If the latter is missed and Black hits the 5 yard roquet a very strong leave is possible. Both Red and Yellow are played into the lawn by the means of a simple corner cannon, or 2 stop shots, 2 yards N. W. of Hoop 2 and 2 yards S. W. of Hoop 1 is ideal. It is tactically wrong to leave the balls too close to Hoops 1 & 2 as the opponent is more likely to shoot.

Clearly elaboration of all advantages and drawbacks of these openings is not possible. Equally clearly the days of the stereotyped classical opening are past. A player who establishes an image of unpredictability from the very start of the game has a great advan-

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Questions and Answers

THIS IS THE MOMENT to comment on the Amendments which appear on page (2) of this Issue.

Law 16 - Ball deemed to have been roqueted This is an important amendment and indicates the desirability of printing the Laws with Notes. The question which most readers will ask is "How can the strikers ball be in contact with another ball which it is entitled to Roquet whilst having made an actual roquet - because the contact would itself be a roquet?" The answer is simple. The strikers ball may have scored the second or fourth Hoop or two back or four back and gone off the court without having made an actual roquet. During the Hurlingham Tournament this actually happened and on two occasions when replaced on the yard line in accordance with Law 8 it was found to be in contact with another ball in the yard line. In both cases the striker took croquet, assuming that he was deemed to have roqueted that ball during the proceding stroke. But Law 16 only applied when the balls were in contact at the beginning of a

Law 39A Law 39A is not a sub-law of Law 39. If it were it would be Law 39(a). In a reprint it will have a number to itself. It was an incident at Budleigh Salterton that gave rise to this Law. The game was started at the third Hoop and the striker, having made the fourth Hoop proceeded to run the first Hoop believing it to be the third Hoop. The turn then ended, but the adversary was asleep and the striker played a continuation stroke to which he was not entitled. He then cannoned another ball and assumed it was a roquet. Thus he went on his merry way. He made the second, the penultimate, then the Rover, then three Back, four Back, one Back and two Back and laid up at the fifth Hoop thinking it was the penultimate. But this was only achieved with the aid of bisques. The adversary then played a stroke and the Limit of Claims had expired. The play was validated but the striker was still for the fifth Hoop. When the striker was about to play his next turn, the mistake was discovered. The effect of the Amendment is merely to postpone the Limit of Claims, as it applies to the score itself, namely, until the end of the game. In practice it will be discovered very quickly or not at all.

Further comments on other Amendments will appear in the April

Hurlingham

A NEAR-RECORD ENTRY with the prospect of up to 220 games, coupled with the customary tangled problem of unravelling the three doubles events and the associated blocking difficulties, presented Tony Roper with much potential brow-furrowing. By getting off more than 30 games on at least two days and by shrewd forward planning he was able however by the penultimate day of the tournament to relax in the knowledge that all would be safely gathered in. Our thanks and appreciation go to him and also to Nancy Skempton, ever at his hand. It would help the manager's burdens considerably in future years if applications for leave were confined to an absolute minimum, and that for urgent reasons only.

The lawns were in their customary perfect condition and Tom Grey is again to be congratulated on making a vital contribution to a successful tournament.

Space does not permit a detailed description of the events, and the score sheets must largely speak for themselves. A number of general observations can however usefully be made.

The writer has seldom seen so many return roquets missed, more often, we think, because of the player's irritation that the hoop had been run too freely, with the accompanying niggling worry that the next shot would be missed.

There was also a spate of playing with the wrong ball, once at a crucial stage of a men's handicap doubles event when time was about to be called. The offending player in this case however reaped the benefit of a similar peccadillo on the part of his opponent later in the day, which virtually gave him the game.

The three hour time limit which was perforce imposed in all games save the finals had to be invoked rather more frequently this year than last, not unexpectedly in the doubles event which sometimes pursued a tedious Aunt Emma course. Mention should be made of a nail-biting finish to the semi-final game in the Mixed Open Doubles when with less than ten minutes to go Bolton and Hope Rotherham were 5 points ahead of Bray and Molly Smartt. At this point Bray made a 25 yard shot successfully and proceeded to score 5 points before time was called. He safely made one more point and then scattered the balls. Bolton just missed with the last shot and Bray's joy at grasping victory so dramatically was good to behold. Molly Smartt had acquitted herself very well in this and the other doubles games in which she took part.

A few new faces deserve mention. Gifford - Nash, well known in other fields, had a very good first tournament and will no doubt have heard from the handicapper. Edgar Jackson was a welcome visitor from Cheltenham and his games were always interesting to watch, not least a humdinger against Townsend when he all but ran the rover from 25 yards in his last shot.

There was a proliferation of Prichards, and very rarely was one of the family not occupying a lawn. The youngest scion won the Younger cup, at the tenderest age surely at which this trophy has been won. The final of the men's handicap doubles contained three of the family, with Bray as the odd man out.

It was nice to see Daisy Lintern showing her pristine form in the Candlesticks and in most of the singles games in which she took part. Another lady to catch the eye was Mrs. Sundius-Smith who seemed rarely to be off the lawns.

Roehampton 25th - 30th September

T'HE GOOD WEATHER which we have come to expect for this tournament was regrettably absent this year, although there was some welcome sun on the final day. However, players and spectators were able to shelter in the new pavilion when the wind became too tempestuous. The perfect conditions of the lawns was greatly appreciated by the competitors, as was the kindness of Mrs. Adler and her helpers who brought morning coffee and afternoon tea to the court side.

The Ranelagh Gold Cup was won for the second year in succession by Bernard Neal, who beat Roger Hicks in the play-off by +12. In this game Neal failed to complete the peg-out after a triple peel, but pegged out one ball. Thereupon Hicks hit in, and aroused much interest by making several excellent hoops before unfortunately wiring himself when he failed to run a difficult hoop at 1-back.

Hicks had earlier shown a welcome return to his best form when beating Neal in the Draw. Taking advantage of an error by his opponent, Hicks advanced his clips from the first hoop to the peg and rover in two typically adventurous turns, and soon after finished New Associates DECEMBER

Mrs. Showan was perhaps unlucky not to beat Hicks in the Process. When pegging out an opponent ball, her own ball also ran on to the peg, leaving her other ball for penultimate with Hicks for rover. But for this mishap she might well have pulled off an excellent win.

Roper reached the final of the Process and the semi-final of the Draw by dint of excellent shooting and careful tactical play. Another C. Hawes 9 to 8. I. Banks $2\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$. to perform well was Forbes, who was also shooting well. He was somewhat unwise on several occasions to neglect opportunities of bringing the fourth ball into his breaks, thereby creating unnecessary

difficulties for himself. He was particularly unlucky when playing the holder to break down twice at his opponent's hoop after proceeding to 4-back with - inevitably - a three ball break.

The Brook Cup was won by Hearnshaw, who appeared in the prize list more often than any other competitor. In the last two rounds he beat Professor and Mrs. Ross, two welcome newcomers to the tournament, by substantial margins. Indeed, he was only put in jeopardy by Mrs. Riggall in the first round.

The Handicap Singles (8 bisques and over) was won by a newcomer to tournament play, Mrs. Hay, of whom more will be heard in the future. She nonplussed a succession of opponents by astonishingly accurate hoop running from distances which would have daunted more experienced players. In the final she beat Miss Anderson, who had great difficulty in staving off the challenge of the evergreen Miss Bartlett who hit in when her opponent was laid for the peg-out, her own clips then being on the peg and 2-back. She made up a good deal of ground before eventually losing by +4.

The X Handicap was won by Hearnshaw in a fascinating final against Riggall. Hearnshaw peeled one opponent ball through rover and pegged it out, Riggall's other ball being for 3-back while Hearnshaw's clips were on the peg and 1-back. Riggall then played brilliantly to advance to rover, where he was unfortunate in sticking on the wire, before Hearnshaw could finally clinch his second win of the week. Hearnshaw's achievements will undoubtedly attract the keen attention of the Handicap Committee.

Despite the $3\frac{1}{2}$ hour time limit, few games in this event were actually decided on time. In an early round Riggall only just managed to beat Susan Hay by +1 on time; like her mother, Susan clearly possesses a good deal of talent for the game and did extremely well in her first tournament.

The Y event was won by Pearson, a player whose only previous tournament had been the Centenary Handicap. Pearson exhibited quite remarkable ability for shooting and hoop running, and if his knowledge of bisque-taking had equalled his skill with the mallet his victories would have been achieved by even wider margins. He had a convincing win in the final against Professor Ross, and a dramatic victory in the semi-final against Hopewell, playing with great aplomb when all his bisques were expended.

The Doubles event was won by the Neals, who beat Hopewell and Hearnshaw in the final. Hopewell has considerable natural talent for the game, which when allied to a subtler appreciation of strategy and tactics will take him far. The Neals may count themselves fortunate to have survived their first round encounter with the strongly-favoured pair Franklin and Miss Duthie.

The tournament was managed as usual with great skill by Daisy Lintern, using extra lawns kindly made available by the Hurlingham Club during the first three days. Despite considerable complications on Friday, she managed to bring the tournament to a conclusion by 5 p.m. on Saturday, when the prizes were graciously presented by Mrs. Roper, who had been a spectator on most days. By undertaking the management of the tournament Daisy gave up the opportunity of competing herself, and the competitors appreciated her handling of the tournament all the more for this act of self-sacrifice.

- D. A. DIXON, Seabirches, 6 Nicholas Avenue, Whitburn, Co. Durham.
- T.G. BENNETT, Boyletts, Carthouse Lane, Horsell, Woking. MRS, D. FIGGIS, Kenure, Westminster Road, Foxrock, Co. Dublin.

Roehampton A. d'Antal 6 to $4\frac{1}{2}$. Mrs. E. Bressey 11 to 9. Mrs.

Longman Cup V.J. Sexton 7 to 6. E.J. Reeves 10 to 8. R.M. Wood 12 to 10. A. H. Wilson 11 to 9.

Roehampton

RANELAGH GOLD CUP

DRAW (15 Entries)

First Round Brig. A. F. G. Forbes bt Mrs W. Longman + 23. Mrs P. D. Showan bt Liedy Ursula, Abbey + 13. E. A. Roper bt Mrs J. Neville Rolfe + 9. C. G. Hopewell bt A. D. Karmel + 23. Mrs G. W. Solomos bt Capt. M. P. Buller + 2.

R. O. Hicks bt M. B. Reckitt + 9. D. C. Caporn bt G. Williams + 11.

Second Round - Brig. A. F. G. Forbes bt Mrs. P. D. Showan + 13. E. A. Roper bt C. G. Hopewell + 12. R. O. Hicks bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon + 23. Prof. B. G. Neal bt D. C. Caporn + 12.

SEMI-PINAL; Brig. A. F. G. Forbes bt E. A. Roper + 9. R. O. Hicks bt Prof. B. G. Neal + 12

FINAL; R. O. Hicks bt Brig. A. F. G. Forbes + 10.

PROCESS

First Round: D. C., Capora M. A. D., Karmel + 9. Lady Ursula Abbey bt M. B. Reckitt + 19. Prof. B. G. Neal bt Mrs.

J. Neville Rolfe + 22. Brig. A. F. G. Forbes bt Capt. M. F. Buller + 4. R. O. Hicks bt C. G. Hopewell + 23. E. A. Roper bt G. Williams + 13. Mrs G. W. Solomon w. o. Mrs. W. Longman opp. seratched.

Second Round: D. C. Capora w. o. Lady Ursula Abbey opp. acratched. Prof. B. G. Neal bt Brig. A. F. G. Forbes + 10.

R. O. Hicks bt Mrs P. D. Showan + 3. E. A. Roper bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon + 10.

SEMI-FINAL: Prof. B. G. Neal bt D. C. Caporn + 8. E. A. Roper bt R. O. Hicks + 9.

FINAL: Prof. B. G. Neal bt E. A. Roper - 18.

PLAY OFF: Prof. B. G. Neal beat R. O. Hicks + 12

HANDICAP SINGLES 21 to 71 Bisques (15 Entries)

First Round: Mrs J. W. Speer (3) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (5) * 5. Mrs A. S. C. Ross (7) bt W. B. Franklin (2) * 6 Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (6) bt Mrs. S. M. Adler (5) * 12. J. B. Hearnshaw (5) bt Mrs. L. Riggall (4) * 6. Mrs. M. H. Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (6) bt Mrs. S. M. Adler (5) *12. J. B. Hearnshaw (5) bt Mrs. L. Riggall (4)) * 6. Mrs. M. H. Carrington (6) bt Mrs. H. Willis (7) * 5. Prof. A. S. C. Rose (2) bt Dr. J. S. Ryeve (4) * 12. Ryeve (4) * 12. Second Round: Mrs J. W. Speer (3) bt L. Riggall (3) * 14. Mrs A. S. C. Rose (7) bt Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (6) * 18. Second Round: Mrs J. W. Speer (3) bt L. Riggall (3) * 14. Second Round: Mrs A. S. C. Rose (7) bt Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (6) * 18. Prof. A. S. C. Rose (2) bt J. L. Sambers (5) bt 17st SEMI-PRAL: J. R. Hearnshaw (5) bt Mrs A. S. C. Rose (2) * 21. Semi-PRAL: J. R. Hearnshaw (5) bt Mrs A. S. C. Rose (2) * 22. HANDICAP SINGLES S Bisques & Over (7 Entries)

First Round: Mrs B, G, Neal (12) bt F, E, Pearson (8) + 2. Mrs J, Hay (12) bt Mrs H, Denny (12) + 9. Miss M, G, Anderson (12) w.o. Miss S, F, Hay (12) opp. scratched, G, Mrs J, F, Hay (12) bt Mrs B, G, Neal (12) + 20. Miss M, G, Anderson (12) bt Miss G, Bartlett (9) + 4. FRAL: Mrs J, F, Hay (12) bt Miss M, G, Anderson (12) + 11.

CREYKE CUP "A"

HANDICAP SINGLES "X" (34 Entries)

First Round: Mrs F. H. N. Davidson (5) bt Miss M. G. Anderson (12) + 3 on time. J. B. Hearnshaw (5) bt F. E. Pearson

| First Round: Mrs F. H. N. Davidson (3) bt Mass M. G. Anderson (12) + 3 on time. J. B. Hearmshaw (5) bt F. E. Pearson (6) + 10.
| Second Hound: W. B. Franklin (2) bt Mrs H. Wills (7) + 10. J. L. Sanders (5) bt E. A. Roper (9) + 13. Mrs G. M. Solomon (1) bt Lady Ureuiu Abbey (1) + 2 on time. Mrs S. M. Adler (5) bt Prof. A. S. C., Rose (2) + 10. Miss S. F. Hay (14) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves (4) + 10. L. Biggall (3) bt R. O. Hicks (-1) + 23. Mrs J. F. Hay (14) bt Mrs. I. N. Parves (10) + 10. Mrs F. H. N. Davidson (5) bt Mrs A. S. C. Bose (7) + 7. J. B. Hearmshaw (5) bt M. B. Reckill (1) + 21. Brig. A. C. Porbes (1) bt Mrs L. Riggall (4) + 8. Mrs W. Losgman (-) bt C. G. Hopewell (1) + 6. Mrs P. D. Showan (2) bt D. C. Caporn (1) + 6. Mrs B. O. Reckill (2) bt C. M. F. Buller (2) + 1 on time. Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (6) bt Miss G. Bartlett (9) + 7. Mrs J. Neville Rolfe (1) bt G. Williams (-1) + 9. Mrs J. W. Speer (3) bt A. D. Karmel (-1) + 10. Third Round: W. B. Franklin (2) bt J. E. Sanders (5) + 12. Mrs S. M. Adler (5) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon (1) + 9. L. Riggall (3) bt Miss S. F. Hay (14) + 1 on time. Mrs. J. F. Hay (14) bt Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (6) + 19. J. B. Hearmshaw (5) bt Mrs D. R. O. Neal (12) bt Cen. F. H. Davidson (6) + 9. Mrs. J. Neville Rolfe (1) bt Mrs. F. Raker (1) + 10. Mrs. D. Rolf (1) + 10. Mrs. B. G. Neal (12) bt Gen. F. H. Davidson (6) Mrs. S. M. Adler (5) bt W. F. Franklin (2) + 10 on time. L. Riggall (3) bt Mrs. J. Neville Rolfe (1) bt Mrs. J. Neville Rolfe (1) bt Mrs. J. Neville Rolfe (1) + 24. FEML: J. B. Hearmshaw (5) bt Mrs. P. D. Showan (2) bt Mrs. J. Neville Rolfe (1) bt Mrs. J. Neville Rolfe (1) + 24. FEML: J. J. B. Hearmshaw (5) bt Mrs. P. D. Showan (2) bt Mrs. J. Neville Rolfe (1) bt Mrs. J. Neville Rolfe (1) + 24. FEML: J. J. B. Hearmshaw (5) bt Mrs. P. D. Showan (2) bt Mrs. J. Neville Rolfe (1) bt Mrs. J. Neville Rolfe (1) + 24. FEML: J. J. B. Hearmshaw (5) bt Mrs. P. M. Adder (5) et G. J. B. Hearmshaw (5) bt Mrs. J. Neville Rolfe (1) et G. J. B. Hearmshaw (5) bt Mrs. S. M. Adler (5) et G. J.

HANDICAP SINGLES "Y"

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First Round: Mrs. H. Wills (7) w. o. E. A. Roper (0) opp. scratched. Prof. A. S. C. Rose (2) w. o. Lady Ursuia Abbey (1) opp. scratched. Dr. T. E. Ryves (4) w. o. R. O. Hicks (-1) opp. scratched. Mrs. I. N. Purves (10) bt Mrs. A. S. C. Rose (7) + 2 on time. F. E. Pearson (8) bt Miss M. G. Anderson (12) + 12. M. B. Reckitt (1) bt Mrs. L. Riggall (4) + 1 on time. C. G. Hopewell (3) bt D. C. Caporr (1) + 21. A. D. Karmel (-1) bt Miss. G. Bartlest (9) + 5.

Second Round: Prof. A. S. C. Rose (2) bt Mrs. B. Wills (7) + 11. Dr. T. E. Ryves (4) w. o. Mrs. I. N. Purves (10) opp. scratched. F. E. Pearson (8) bt M. B. Reckitt (1) + 6. C. G. Hopewell (1) at D. N. Ermel (-1) + 11.

SEMI-FINAL: Prof. A. S. C. Rose (2) bt Dr. T. E. Ryves (4) + 12. F. E. Pearson (8) bt C. G. Hopewell (2) + 7.

FINAL: F. E. Pearson (8) bt Prof. A. S. C. Rose (2) + 16.

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HANDICAP DOUBLES 5th Hoop. Combined Handicap not less than 5. (12 Pairs)

First Round: J. L. Sanders & Mrs. J. Neville Rolfe (7) bt Dr. Y. E. Ryves & Mrs. I. N. Purves (14) - 7. C. G. Hopewell & J. B. Hearnishaw (5)) bt Mrs. J. Sundius-Smith & Ville M. G. Anderson (12) - 4. E. A. Roper & Mrs. H. Denny (10) bt Brig. A. F. G. Forbes & Mrs. M. H. Carrington (1) - 8. Capt. M. F. Buller & Mrs. F. H. N. Davidson (5) bt Prof. A. S. C.

Brig. A. F. G. Forbes & Mrs. N. H. Carringons 1. Res. & Mrs. B. H. Carringons 1. Res. & Mrs. A. S. C. Ross (9) 1. 4. Since S. Mrs. B. H. Hay (11) bt Mrs. J. W. Speer & Mrs. H. Wills (10) 1. 4. C. G. Hopewell & Second Round: Mrs. G. W. Solomon & Mrs. J. Neville Hotle (7) - 1. Capt. M. F. Buller & Mrs. F. H. N. Bavidson (3) bt E. A. Roper & Mrs. H. Denny (10) - 8. Prof. B. G. Neal & Mrs. B. G. Neal (7) bt W. B. Frankin & Miss B. Duthie (3) - 3 SEMI-FINAL: C. H. Hopewell & J. B. Hearnshaw (3) bt Mrs. G. W. Solomon & Miss S. F. Hay (11) - 4. Prof. B. G. Neal 4 Mrs B, G, Neal (7) bt Capt. M, F, Buller & Mrs. F, H, N, Davidson (5¹₂) + 11.

FINAL: Prof. B, G, Neal & Mrs. B, G, Neal (7) bt C, G, Hopewell & J, B, Hearnshaw (5¹₂) + 16.

Devonshire Park EASTBOURNE 2-14 October

BAD WEATHER in October is perhaps to be expected, but Eastbourne is usually the exception. Alas, not so this year and newcomers may have wondered why so many have been coming so regularly for so long. Monday morning was chaotic. Nothing seemed ready, partly due to the weather and partly to drastic reductions in ground staff, both these factors proving detrimental to the mowing throughout the tournament. The car park was commandeered by fire engines so that ingenuity in parking was called for. However, Major Dibley with his customary affability surmounted all difficulties, Miss Bryan helping him by shouldering the secretarial work. The entries in both weeks were slightly down, but despite gloomy managerial prognostications, the programmes were completed without timed or shortened games - so hated by all and with few scratchings. Playing the first two rounds of the handicap on Monday, certainly helped to clear the decks. Considerable accuracy were too much for the holders in the other semi-final but use was made of Compton, where the lawns were faster and the teas delicious. It was a sad shock to learn that Mrs. Owen died suddenly after the tournament. Her cheerful welcoming presence will long be remembered by us all.

In the South of England Championship H.O. Hicks was within an ace of defeat in his first match in the Process. Gerald Cave was both for peg after two perfect rounds, when he missed a hampered roquet letting Hicks in with his backward ball (only for 1st hoop). The semi-final was even closer. Miss Warwick was at her very best as indeed was Hicks. Every lift was hit and no mistakes were made

until Miss Warwick hit her leg in the peg-out stroke which cost her the game. Even more drastic was a virtual best of three final (the true championship test). Hamilton-Miller with his Duffer tice and contact won the Draw final; Hicks won the Process comfortably, but in the play-off Hicks pegged-out Hamilton-Miller and himself with the other balls on 2-back and rover. Hamilton-Miller took position and hit in so well that he went from 2-back for position for the penultimate before Hicks had made a point. Hicks then made rover and hovered near the East boundary. Hamilton-Miller ran penultimate curving into perfect position for rover, made it and just missed the peg with a gentle shot. Hicks hit the 10 yard shot to win the match of the week.

In 1922 Tyrwhitt-Drake (as a boy) playing off $2\frac{1}{2}$ and partnered by Lord Tollemache won the Doubles at Southwick. 45 years later playing off 5 (having only recently returned to the fold by way of the new Tunbridge Wells Club) he won the Doubles here. His partner Phillips has now won the Doubles three years running, each time with a different partner. Needless to say, Tyrwhitt-Drake strode away with the Luard Cup. Has anyone had so few points scored against him in a whole event? Wheeler also had an easy passage in the B class, his only close game being against Lady Fitzgerald. The Trevor Williams Cup was more open and the play again of a high standard. The infinite care taken by Mrs. Walker paid off, and after a series of close matches she emerged the winner. In the first round she had nearly gone down to the other back-marker Mrs. Cave. Both should be out of this class by next

Budleigh dominated the X Handicap. Mrs. Shiel has an easy upright style and defeated Hicks and Mrs. Nalder on her way to the semifinal, where Douglas Bird's greater experience pulled him through. In a needle match in an early round during a deluge, Mrs. Rotherham rushed Mrs. Longman's rover ball on to the peg and paid the stiff penalty. Mrs. Povey did well to beat both Mrs. Longman and Miss Warwick, but could do nothing against Borrett who playing at Gale Force X, swept all before him. The Y saw Cooper come right back into form winning with a fluent 8 minute 3 ball 12 point break after being double-peeled and pegged out by Robert Prichard.

The second week was Ice-cream Congress week and manager Cave was seen relishing a free sample. Perry and Cave in double harness like 'Laurel and Hardy' controlled proceedings with computerised precision leavened with humanity. The programme was divided into two streams. Players could either play in Open Singles with Open Doubles, or Restricted Handicap (X. Y. Z.) with Handicap doubles, but both could meet in the big Handicap (no Y.) The Open stream had a guaranteed minimum of four games and the Handicap stream five games. The Restricted Handicap did not have a lower handicap limit and several promising players, who might well have performed creditably in the Opens, opted for the greater number

Victor Evans was not there to see his Vases played for and was much missed. Cotter and Wiggins, having beaten that strong pair Mrs. Rotherham and Hamilton-Miller in the first round, were both for the peg in the semi-final before Prichard hit in and also went to the peg, leaving Warwick laid up for 3-back. Wiggins hit the lift and that was that. Borrett's phenomenal shooting and Figgis' the final was rather an anti-climax.

The Mens and Womens Championships were played as Draw and Process for the first time. The four leading women were all together in the same half of the Draw, which underlines the wisdom of this innovation. In fact, Miss Warwick's solid play took her to both finals. In the Draw final Mrs. Chittenden was never allowed to take croquet. In the semi-final of the Process Mrs. Rotherham was deprived of a chance to defend her title, when Mrs. Longman, having lost the innings by missing a hampered roquet after a bold

approach, regained it by a lucky hit in. The Final started like a Boat Race (In Out - In Out) but once Miss Warwick took command she clinched the Championship. The play-off for second place was an attractive game, Mrs. Longman played well, but Mrs. Chittenden played better. Her take-offs are an example to all.

Hamilton-Miller for once missed his Duffer tice, and Cooper went straight to 4-back, but gave the innings away by sticking in the third hoop with his second ball. When Hamilton-Miller struck with his second ball, Cooper took a give all/take all 8 yard shot, hit it and the Gold Cup was his for the second year running. The premature departure of Figgis meant that there was no play-off for second place, a pity as Figgis had shown good form throughout the week.

In the big handicap Maurice Reckitt, fortified by his new extra bisque, regained much of his old form and lost none of his cunning. He may too have felt more free at having divested himself of the burden of writing these notes which have flowed from his facile pen, with wit and wisdom, for more than twenty years. He outplayed both Borrett and Figgis and only lost the semi-final by 2 to Wheeler who satisfied his overriding obsession for pegging out his opponent. Leonard, who had played like a winner all week, handed the other semi-final to Hamilton-Miller by missing two short roquets in the closing stages. Wheeler won the final by 18 with $1\frac{1}{2}$ bisques in hand, winning this event for the second year running, and proving how lenient the Handicap Committee have been with him in the past.

Miss Sessions (0) reached the final of the restricted Handicap, after scrambling home against Mrs. Hall to meet another Cheltenham member Rev. W. E. Gladstone $(6\frac{1}{2})$. He is a quick and promising player and his bisques were just sufficient to see him through. In the Y final Harris ran on to the peg after failing to peg-out Miss Joly, and removed his ball from the court. A referee was deputed to put this right and Harris soon won, but only by 2. In the gloaming Miss Clark-Lens snatched the Z from Mrs. Sundius-Smith, who never quite found touch.

The Birds, slightly winged by their handicap reductions of the previous week, could scarcely be said to have flown to victory in the Handicap Doubles, though they beat most of the fancied pairs on the way. Their tactics were simple and effective to make things easy for themselves. Each time when they nestled by their hoop in the final, with Mrs. Povey and Allen hovering on a distant boundary, the pundits predicted that this time they would pay for it, only to be confounded. The swoop never came and, always together, the Birds fluttered happily from hoop to hoop, to peg-out in their last turn after time was called.

On the Friday the Mayor and Mayoress of Eastbourne entertained the players at a cocktail party to celebrate the Croquet Centenary and the Diamond Jubilee of the Devonshire Park Tournament. This was greatly appreciated but, despite the liberal hospitality, we saw nobody in danger from a breathalyser test.

A tantalising fortnight of missed chances and unfulfilled dreams. One basking Wednesday afternoon and a fresh bright Friday. For most the season was over but we hope that the newcomers will come

THE 1963 TEST TEAM v. THE REST DEVONSHIRE PARK SUNDAY 8th OCTOBER

THE REST cannot be said to have had the strongest possible side against the 1963 Test Team. They were particularly weakened by the last minute withdrawal of Nigel Aspinall. Nevertheless a close match resulted.

The Doubles were played in the morning but due to a late start, to some remarkable long-hitting and to even more remarkable short missing only the third game was finished before lunch. Hicks was first round, then Prichard went to 3 back and Mrs. Rotherham to the peg. Hicks hit the lift - how often he manages to hit the vital shot - pegged Mrs. Rotherham out and nursed Miss Warwick round to victory.

John Cooper was the first into his stride in the second game, but Bray was out of step. Ormerod and Wiggins gradually punched their way round to a comfortable win.

In the top match Keith Wylie left an interesting lift leave after he had gone to 4 back. He put himself and Neal in 4th and 2nd corners with Solomon and Cotter cross-pegged. Cotter played to Solomon's ball and Neal hit the 20 yard shot only to go off trying to get a rush behind the boundary ball. Neal soon hit in again and embarked on a triple peel but stuck in 3 back. The pattern of hit and miss continued after lunch with Cotter right out of touch until the Rest pair

In the Singles all eyes were on the match between the Champion of Champions and the winner of the President's Cup. There was no doubt in the minds of most of us that John Solomon has a special magic which none can rival. He did one pass roll from the 2nd hoop to 4th hoop getting behind a ball on the east boundary which elicited a burst of applause. He failed at Rover in the consequent triple peel which enabled Wylie to go from 4th to 1 back leaving the balls in perfect position for a sextuple peel. Alas, he failed at the second hoop and Solomon went out.

The second string Hicks seemed set on speeding up his game against Neal. From a start with all four balls on the east boundary, he soon had his black clip on the peg, giving a contact. Neal pegged him out and also his own Red, with Yellow for 6th and Blue for 1st. In spite of forgetting a lift Neal kept ahead to win by 4.

Cotter, the Test Team Captain, found touch to beat Hamilton-Miller in two good breaks, while Ormerod had little opposition from an unlucky Bray, but gave himself some terrifying return roquets and huge split shots for good measure. One of the best matches was between Wiggins and Cooper. Both hit in and played really well and neither deserved to lose.

The big occasion seems to bring out the best in Mrs. Rotherham, the captain of the Rest. She played beautifully to beat Miss Warwick.

Much pleasure was given to the good number of croquet players watching. On an afternoon when Open Golf and the richest ever race in France were rival attractions, we were held in thrall.

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RESULT Test Team won by 5 matches to 4. (Test Team first)

Devonshire Park

IRAW (18 Entries)

First Round: II, O. Ricks bt A. J., Cooper + 19. G. W. Williams bt Mrs N. A. C. McMillan + 2.

Sceomd Round: Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt Mrs. H. C. S. Perry + 7. Capt. M. F. Buller bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden + 3

Mrs. E. Rotherham bt R. A. Simpson + 10. H. O. Hicks bt Miss E. J. Warrwick + 12. G. W. Williams bt Condr. G.

Horrett - 3. J. G. Warrick bt Miss S. M. O. Sessions + 14. D. J. Hamilton-Miller w. O. Mrs. Longman Scratched.

Mrs N. A. Fotladd bt Lt. Col. Cave + 4.

Third Round: 12. Col. D. M. C. Prichard bt Capt. M. F. Buller + 22. H. O. Hicks bt Mrs. E. Rotherham + 26. G. W. W. Williams bt J. G. Warrick + 16. D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Mrs. N. A. Fotladt + 20.

FSMF-FNAL: H. O. Hicks bt Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard + 22. D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt G. W. Williams + 21

FSNAL: D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt H. O. Hicks + 15.

PLAY OFF: H, O. Hicks + 1.

PROCESS
First Round: Lt. Col. G. E., Cave bt Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard + 1.
Second Round: Miss E. J. Warwick bt Mrs. K. Longman + 13. Capt. M. F. Buller bt G. W. Williams + 2. J. G. Warwick bt Mrs. E. Roberhams + 1. H. O., Hicks bt Lt. Col. G. E. Cave + 2. D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt A. J. Cooper + 20. "
Cmdr. G. Borrett bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden + 13. Miss K. M. O. Sessions bt R. A. Simpson + 18. Mrs. N. A. Politaid bt
Mrs. N. A. C. McNillen + 3.

Third Round: Miss E. J. Warwick bt Capt. M. F. Buller + 12. H. O. Hicks bt J. G. Warwick + 18. D. J. V. Hamilton

Miller bt Cmdr. G. Borrett - 14. Mrs N. A. Potiadi bt Miss K. M. O. Sessions + 5. <u>SEMI-PEAL:</u> H. O. Hicks bt J. y. V. Hamilto-Miller bt Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi + 10. <u>FNAL:</u> H. O. Hicks bt D. J. y. Hamilto-Miller + 20.

SINGLES ! - 3 Bisques (incl.) (13 Entries)

First Hound Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard bt Lady Ursula Abbey * 3. Capt. H. Nalder bt Major J. R. Abbey * 19. Capt. Nalder bt Major J. R. Abbey * 19. Capt. Nalder bt Major J. R. Abbey * 19. M. B. Reckitt bt Miss H. D. Parker * 13. Miss A. E. Mills bt Miss F. Joly * 11. Second Round Mrs R. A. S. Impson bt Major F. Hill-Bernard * 18. Capt. H. Nalder bt Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard * 17. Miss A. E. Mills bt M. B. Reckitt * 3. SEMI-FDAL*

Mrs R. A. Simpson bt Capt. H. Nalder * 19. Col. G. T. Wheeler bt Miss A. E. Mills * 14. FDNAL* Col. G. T. Wheeler bt Miss A. E. Mills * 14. FDNAL*

Col. G. T. Wheeler bt Mrs R. A. Simpson * 11.

LEVEL SINGLES Handicap 31 - 61 Bisques (Incl.) (10 Entries)

First Round: E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster + 24. Mrs. G. W. Style bt Mrs. J. Povey + 12.

Second Round: Mrs. H. A. Hall w. o. G. R. Mills upp ser E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake bt Mrs. E. M. Temple + 23. Mrs. G. W. Style bt D. A. Harris + 1. R. D. C. Prichard bt Miss. M. Bryan + 16.

SEMI-FINAL: E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake bt Mrs. H. A. Hall + 12. Mrs. G. W. Style bt R. D. C. Prichard + 10. SEMI-FINAL: E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake bt Mrs. H. A. Hall |
FINAL: E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake bt Mrs. G. W. Style + 25.

SINGLES 7 Bisques & Over. (12 Entries)

| First Round | Mrs J. Walker (7) b Mrs. G. E. Cave (7) + 5. Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens (9) bt Major A. H. Mulliner (11) + 19. W/Cmdr. D. A. Allen (8) bt Mrs. F. A. Shiel (14) + 6. D. J. Bird (13) bt C. S. Phillips (10) + 2. Second Bound: Mrs. H. M. G. Cane (10) bt Miss J. K. Samuel (10) + 17. Mrs. J. Walker (7) bt Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens (9) + 4. W/Cmdr. D. A. Allen w. o. D. J. Bird (Scratched). Mrs. D. J. Bird (10) bt Mrs. H. Y. Naider (9) + 6. SEM-FEAL: Mrs. J. Walker (7) bt Mrs. H. M. G. Cane (10) + 6. W/Cmdr. D. A. Allen (8) bt Mrs. D. J. Bird (10) + 6. FEMAL: Mrs. J. Walker (7) bt W/Cmdr. D. A. Allen (8) bt Mrs. D. J. Bird (10) + 6. FEMAL: Mrs. J. Walker (7) bt W/Cmdr. D. A. Allen (8) bt Mrs. D. J. Bird (10) + 6. FEMAL: Mrs. J. Walker (7) bt W/Cmdr. D. A. Allen (8) bt Mrs. D. J. Bird (10) + 6. FEMAL: Mrs. J. Walker (7) bt W/Cmdr. D. A. Allen (8) bt Mrs. D. J. Bird (10) + 6. FEMAL: Mrs. J. Walker (7) bt W/Cmdr. D. A. Allen (8) bt Mrs. D. J. Bird (10) + 6. FEMAL: Mrs. J. Walker (7) bt W/Cmdr. D. A. Allen (8) bt Mrs. D. J. Bird (10) + 6. FEMAL: Mrs. J. Walker (7) bt W/Cmdr. D. A. Allen (8) bt Mrs. D. J. Bird (10) + 6. FEMAL: Mrs. J. Walker (7) bt W/Cmdr. D. A. Allen (8) bt Mrs. D. J. Bird (10) + 6. FEMAL: Mrs. J. Walker (7) bt W/Cmdr. D. A. Allen (8) bt Mrs. D. J. Bird (10) + 6. FEMAL: Mrs. J. Walker (7) bt W/Cmdr. D. A. Allen (8) bt Mrs. D. J. Bird (10) + 6. FEMAL: Mrs. J. Walker (7) bt W/Cmdr. D. A. Allen (8) bt Mrs. D. J. Bird (10) + 6. FEMAL: Mrs. J. Walker (10) bt W/Cmdr. D. A. Allen (8) bt Mrs. D. J. Bird (10) + 6. FEMAL: Mrs. J. Walker (10) bt W/Cmdr. D. A. Allen (8) bt W/Cmdr. D. A

HANDICAP SINGLES Class X (51 Entries)

First Round; R. A. Simpson (½) bt D. A. Harris (4) + 7. Mrs H. F. Chittenden (-½) bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller (-3) + 6 Mrs N. A. C. McMillan (2) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (6) + 10. Mrs. H. D. Wooster (6½) bt Major F. Hill-Bernard (3) + 1

Mrs N. A. C. McMillan (2) b Mrs. W. A. Najoro (8) + 10. Mrs. H. P. (Chittenden (-)) bt D. J. V. Hamilloon-Miller (-3) + 6
Mrs N. A. C. McMillan (2) b Mrs. W. A. Najoro (8) + 10. Mrs. H. D. Wooster (6)) b Major F. Hill-Bernard (3) * 1
Miss K. M. O. Sessions (6) bt C. S. Phillips (10) * 19. Mrs. J. Walker (7)) bt Capt. M. F. Buller (1) + 21. Mrs. N. A Fotadi
(6) bt Major J. R. Abbey (1)] * 20. D. J. Birld (1) bt Mrs. H. M. G. Cane (10) * 6. Miss M. Bryan (6) bt Capt. H. F. Naider
(3) * 10. Miss E. G. Clarke-Lens (8) bt Col. G. T. Wheeler (1) * 12. Lady G. Fitzgerald (1) bt G. R. Mills w. o. opp. scr.
Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) bt Mrs. R. A. Simpson (2) * 15. Mrs. V. Longman (-1) bt H. J. Cooper (-3) * 5. Mrs. E. M. Temple
(3) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1) * 17. Mrs. J. Povey (6) bt Lady Ursuid Abbey (1) * 14. Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) bt Mrs. E.
(9) w. Style (4) * 11. E. C. Trywhitt-Drake (5) bt Miss J. K. Samuel (10) * 21. W/Cmdr. D. A. Allen (8) bt Miss B. D.
Parker (2) * 14. Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (3) bt J. G. Warwick (-2) * 23.
Second Round: H. O. Hicks (-6) bt LL col. D. M. C. Prichard (-2) * 7. Mrs. F. Shiel (14) bt Miss F. Joly (1) * 9.
Mrs H. F. Naider (9) bt R. D. C. Prichard (4) * 19. R. A. Simpson (1) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (-1) * 7. Mrs. N. A. C.
McMillas (2) bt Mrs. H. D. Wooster (6) * 20. Mrs. J. Walker (7) bt Miss K. M. O. Sessions (0) * 19. D. Hill (1) bt
Mrs N. A. Fotiadi (9) * 14. Miss M. Bryan (6) bt Mrs. E. G. Clarker (1) bt Miss K. M. O. Sessions (0) * 19. D. Hardy
Fitzgerald (1) * 15. Mrs. K. Longman (-1) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (3) * 6. Mrs. J. Powlet (6) bt Miss E. J. Bird (1) bt
Mrs N. A. C. McMillas (2) * 10. Mrs. J. Warwick (-3) * 11. E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake (5) bt W/Cmdr. D. A. Allen (8) * 10. M. B. Reckitt (1) bt Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (3) * 4. Cmdr. C.
Borrett (-1) bt Mrs. D. J. Bird (1) * 40. C. G. E. Cave (-1) bt Major (* 2) * 20. Mrs. J. Walker (7) * 11. Mrs. H. F. Naider (9) * 10. Prichard (7) * 4. Cmdr. C.
Borrett (-1) bt Mrs. D. M. C. D. G. E. Cave (-1) bt Major (* 2) * 20. Mrs. J. Walker (7)

HANDICAP SINGLES Y. (26 Entries)

Third Round: Mrs. D. J. Bird (10) bt Mrs. C. W. Style (4) + 9. Rev. W. E. Gladstone (6) bt Mrs. G. E. Cave (6) + 23. Mrs. H. A. Hall (6) bt Mrs. J. Povey (6) + 18. Miss K. M. O. Sessions (0) bt Brig. Mockler-Ferryman (8) + 9. SEMI-FINAL: Rev. W. E. Gladstone (6) bt Mrs. D. J. Bird (10) opp. retired. Miss K. M. O. Sessions (0) bt Mrs. H. A. Hall

FINAL: Rev. W, E, Gladstone (61) bt Miss K. M, O, Sessions (0) + 5.

RESTRICTED HANDICAP Y

First Hound: Miss F. Joly (1₃) bt Mag. J. R. Abbey (1₃) + 21. Mrs. C. Devitt (8) bt Mag. Hill-Bernhard (3) + 20. C. S. Phillips (10) bt W. H. Austin (1) + 6. Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (6) + 9. D. A. Harris (4) bt Mrs. J. Sandius-Smith (2) + 3. Mrs. D. Figgis (6) w. o. T. G. Bennett. H. A. Green (-1₃) bt W/Cmdr. D. L. Allen (8) + 13. Mrs. J. A. McMordie (4) bt Mrs. P. West (12) + 10.

Second Round: Miss F. Joly (13) bt Mrs. H. J. Devitt (10) + 10. C. S. Phillips (10) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) + 9. D. A. Harris (4) bt Mrs. D. Figgis (5)) + 24. Mrs. J. A. McMordie (4) bt H. A. Green (-1₃) + 4.

SEMI-FPALE, Miss F. Joly (1₃) bt C. S. Phillips (10) + 10. D. A. Harris (4) bt Mrs. M. McMordie (4)

FINAL: D. A. Harris (4) bt Miss F. Joly (1₃) bt - 2. S. Phillips (10) + 10. D. A. Harris (4) bt Mrs. M. McMordie (4)

RESTRICTED HANDICAP Z

<u>Pirat Round</u>; W. H. Austin (1) bt Maj. P. Hill-Bernhard scratched. Miss M. Bryan (6) bt Mrs. W. A. Naylor (6) + 3. D. L. Allen (6) opp. retired. Mrs. J. Sundhas-Smith (2) bt Mrs. H. J. Devitt. (10) + 4. Miss Clarke-Lens (6) bt Miss A. E. Mills (1)) + 30. Col. G. T. Wheeler ~ 0. Mrs. E. Temple (3) bt Mrs. P. West (12) + 10. Mrs. J. Walker (6) bt Miss A. E. Mills

(1) + 24.

Second Bound: Mias M. Brysa (6) bt W. H. Austin (1) + . . Mrs. J. Sundius-Smith (2) bt W/Cmdr. D. L. Allen (8) w. o. Mias Clarke-Lens (9) w. o. Col. G. T. Wheeler. Mrs. E. M. Temple (3) bt Mrs. J. Walker (6) + 7.

SEMI-FDAL: Mrs. J. Sundius-Smith (2) bt Miss M. Bryan (6) + 8. Mias Clarke-Lens (9) bt Mrs. E. M. Temple (3) + 7.

FNAL: Miss Clarke-Lens (6) bt Mrs. J. Sundius-Smith. (2) + 7.

OPEN HANDICAP SINGLES

First Round: Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) bt Maj. F. Hill-Bernhard (3) + 12. Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (3) bt Mrs. H. J. Devitt
(10) + 5. D. Figgis (4) bt Lady Ursula Abbey (1j) + 9. M. B. Reckitt (2) bt Miss H. D. Parker (2j) + 21. T. G. Bennett (5)
bt H. A. Green (-1) + 5. Cmdr. G. Borrett (-1) bt Lady Fitzgerald (2) + 22. Mrs. J. Sandius-Smith (2) bt C. S. Phillips (10)
+ 13. Miss D. J. Bird (10) M Miss K. M. O. Sessions (6) + 21. W. H. Austin (1) bt Col. D. M. C. Prichard (-2) - 10. Mrs. E. Rotherham (-3) bt Mrs. E. Temple (3j) + 13.
M. F. Buller (-5) bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden (-1) + 8. Mrs. N. A. Pottaid (6) bt J. G. Warrwick (-2) + 22. D. J. Himilton-Miller (-3) bt Mrs. G. E. Cave (6) + 11. D. A. Harris (4) bt Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish (-1) + 55. Mrs. J. A. McMordie (4) bt Major J. R. Abbey (1j) + 21. Mrs. J. Mrs. J. W. B. Low (-2) + 12. D. J. Himilton-Miller (-3) bt Mrs. E. A. Lines + 17. Miss E. J. Warrette (bt Mrs. J. Povey + 12. Brig. Mockler- Ferryman bt Mrs. A. W. Style - 4. Rev. W. E. Gladstone bt W/Cmdr. D. L. Alies + 17. Miss E. J. Warrette bt Mrs. J. Sundius-Smith + 17. W. H. Austin opp. retired.

Style bt Mrs. J. A. McMordie + 12. Mrs. J. Walker bt G. W. Williams - 21. A. J. Cooper bt Mrs. H. C. S. Perry

*** 15. R. J. Loonard bt Mrs. W. Longman + S. Miss M. Bryan bt Mrs. M. D. Cork + 9.

**Third Round: Col. G. T. Wheeler bt Mrs. J. Walker bt G. W. Williams - 21. A. J. Cooper bt Mrs. H. C. S. Perry

**Third Round: Col. G. T. Wheeler bt W. H. Austin - 14. Mrs. D. Figgis bt Mrs. D. W. Longman + 22. Mrs. J. Walker bt G. W. W. Beller bt Mrs. D. W. Longman + 24. Walker bt G. W. W. Beller bt Mrs. D. W. Longman + 24. Walker bt G. W. W. Beller bt Mrs. D. W. Longman + 24. Walker bt G. W. Beller bt Mrs. D. W. Longman + 24. Walker bt G. W. Beller bt Mrs. D. W. Longman + 24. Walker bt G. W. Beller bt Mrs. D. W. Longman + 24. Walker bt G. W. Beller bt Mrs. D. W. Longman + 24. Walker bt G. W. Beller bt Mrs. D. W. Longman + 24. Walker bt G. W. Beller bt Mrs. D. W. Longman + 24. Walker bt G. W.

OPEN DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP - SOUTH OF ENGLAND (10 Pairs)

Pirst Rousd. R. J. Leonard and Lady Fitzgerald bt E., A Roper and Mrs. H. F. Chittenden + 11. Cmdr. G. Borrett and D. Figgis bt M. F. Buller and Mrs. Prichard is 17. Second Bound. Dr. Wiggiss and E. P. C. Cotter bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller and Mrs. E. Rotherham + 16. Cpl. Prichard and J. G. Warwick bt R. J. Leonard and Lady Fitzgerald + 16. Cmdr. G. Borrett and D. Figgis bt G. Williams and Lady Ursula Abbey + 10. A. J. Cooper and Miss. E. J. Warwick bt Col. G. E. Cave and Mrs. N. A. Fotdaid + 15. SEMI-FINAL: Dr. Wiggins and E. P. C. Cotter bt Col. Prichard and J. A. Warwick + 16. Cmdr. Borrett and D. Figgis bt A. J. Cooper and Miss. E. J. Warwick + 13. FINAL: Dr. Wiggins and E. P. C. Cotter bt Col. Prichard and J. A. Warwick + 16. Cmdr. Borrett and D. Figgis bt M. J. Cooper and Miss. E. J. Warwick + 13.

HANDICAP DOUBLES (12 Pairs) (Combined handicap not less than 2 bisques)

First Round: Mrs. J. Walker and Mrs. M. D. Cork (14) bt H. A. Green and N. Cox (6) + 12. Dr. and Mrs. Opnerod (14) bt D. Figgis and Miss F. Joly (7) + 4. Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. C. E. Cave (7) bt W. H. Austin and Ms. Hill-Bernhard (4) + 7. W/Cmdr. D. L. Allen and Mrs. Povey (14) bt Rev. W. E. Gladstone and Miss Sessions (6) + 19. Mrs. Morotic and Mrs. C. Devitt (12) bt Mrs. P. West and C. S. Phillips (20) + 5. Mrs. D. J. Bird (17) bt D. A. Harris and Miss Bryan (16) + 6.

(10) + 6.

Second Round: Dr. & Mrs. Ormerod (14) bi Mrs. J. Walker and Mrs. M. D. Cork (14)) + 12. Cmdr. D. L. Allen and Mrs. Fovey (14) bi Miss A. E. Mills and Mrs. G. E. Cave (7)) + 3 on time. Mr. & Mrs. Bird (17) bi Mrs. McMordie and Mrs. C. Devilt (12) + 11. Col. Wheeler and W. B. G. Scott (8)) bi Mrs. J. Sundiuse-Smith and Miss Clarke-Lens (11) - 2. SEMI-FINAL; Cmdr. Allen and Mrs. Povey (14) bi Dr. & Mrs. Ormierod (14) + 3 on time. Mr. & Mrs. D. J. Bird (17) bi Col. Wheeler and W. B. G. Scott (8)) bi Tr. Dovey and W/Cmdr. Allen (14) + 14.

HANDICAP DOUBLES (32 Pairs)

First Round: Miss E. J. Warwick & Mrs. H. Shiel (9) bi Lady G. Fitzgerald & Miss F. Joly (2): +18. Lady Ursula Abbey

Bilss J. K. Samuel (11:) bi Col. G. E. Cave & Mrs. H. D. Wooster (5): +1 on time. Miss H. D. Parker & Miss M. Bryan
(8): bi Mrs. N. A. Fotiati & Mrs. J. Walker (7): +10. Lt. Col. D. M. C. Frichard & Mrs. Povey (2): bit Maj. A. R. Mulline

A Miss G. C. Garke-Lens (20): +2. E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake & C. S. Phillips (15): bit Mrs. D. M. C. Frichard & M. D. C. Frichard

(7): +13. W/Cmdr. D. L. Alles & Mrs. E. M. Temple (11): bit Col. H. T. Wheeler & Mrs. H. F. Nalder (8): +7. D. J. V.

Isamiton-Miller & D. J. Bird (6): bit Mr. & Mrs. R. A. Simpson (2): +5.

Second Round: J. G. Warwick & Mrs. D. J. Bird (6): bit Capt. H. F. Nalder & Miss E. M. O. Sessions (3): +5. Mrs. E. Rother
han & Mrs. G. E. Cave (4): bit Mrs. H. F. Chillereden & Mrs. H. A. Hall (5): +1 on time. Miss E. M. Warwick & Mrs. H. B.

Shiel (6): bit Lady Ursula Abbey & Miss J. K. Samoel (11): +6. Li. Col. D. M. C. Prichard & Mrs. Povey (3): bit Miss H. D.

Farker & Miss M. Bryan (6): +10. E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake & C. S. Phillips (15): bit W/Cmdr, D. L. Alles & Mrs. E. M. Temple

(11): 11. Capt. M. F. Boller & Mrs. H. M. Cane (12): bit D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller & D. J. Bird (6): 45. G. W. Williams &

Mrs. Shyle (9): bit Mrs. N. A. C. McMillian & M. B. Recklit (4): +6. Condr. G. Derrett & D. A. Harris (3): bit Mos H. J.

Third Round: J. A. Millis (5): 1. D. J. Bird (6): Mrs. E. Rotherham & Mrs. G. E. Cave (4): 12. Miss E. J. Warwick

Mrs. Shyle (9): bit L. C. O. J. M. G. Prichard & Mrs. Pevey (2): 1. E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake & C. S. Phillips (16): bit G. W. Third

Mrs. Shyle (9): bit L. C. O. J. M. G. Prichard & Mrs. Pevey (2): 1. E. C. Tyrwhitt-Drake & C. S. Phillips (16): bit Miss E. J. Warwick & Mrs. D. J. Bird (6): M. Mrs. E. Rotherham & Mrs. O. E. Cave (4): 12. Miss E. J. Warwick

Mrs. Shiel (9): bit L. C. O. J. M. G. Prichard & Mrs. Pevey (2): bit E. C. J. J. Bird (6): A. C. S. Tyrwhitt-Drake & C. S. Phillips (16)

DEVONSHIRE PARK 2ND WEEK

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP - SOUTH OF ENGLAND (11 Entries) DRAW

First Round: Cmdr. G. V. G. Bearnish bt M. B. Rockitt + 7 D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Cmdr. G. Borrett + 18. A. J. Cooper bt Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard + 12.

Second Round: D. Figgis bt M. F. Buller + 5. Cmdr. G. V. G. Beamish bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller - 10. A. J. Cooper bt G. W. Williams + 12. R. J. Leonard bt J., G. Warwick + 22.

SEMI-FINAL: D. Figgis bt Cindr. G. V. G. Beamish + 8. A. J. Cooper bt R. J. Leonard + 23.

FINAL: A. J. Cooper bt D. Figgis + 18.

PROCESS

First Round: Cmdr. G, V, G, Beamish bt J, G, Warwick + 24. G, W, Williams bt D, Figgis + S. R. J, Leonard bt M, F.

Buller + 7.

Second Round: A. J. Cooper bt Cmdr. G. V., G. Beamish + . . G. W. Williams bt Cmdr. G. Borrett + 9. Lt. Col. D. M. C.

Prichard bt M. B. Reckitt + 17. D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt R. J. Leonard + 18.

SEMI-FDAL: A. J. Cooper bt G. W. Williams + 6. D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller bt Lt. Col. D. M. C. Prichard + 2.

FINAL: A. J. Cooper bt D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller + 13.

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS - SOUTH OF ENGLAND (9 Entries) DRAW

First Round: Lady Ursula Abbey bt Miss H, D. Parker w.o.

Second Bound: Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt Lady Fitzgerald + 17. Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard bt Lady Ursula Abbey (opp. retired)
Miss. E. J. Warwick bt Mrs. W. Longman + 16. Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Mrs. N. A. Fotindi + 18.

SEMI-FINAL: Mrs. H. F. Chittenden bt Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard + 5. Miss E. J. Warwick bt Mrs. E. Rotherham + 14.

FINAL: Miss. E. J. Warwick bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden + 26.

PLAY-OFF: For 2nd Place - D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller w. o.

First Round; Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi bt Mrs. H. F. Chittenden + 4.

Second Round; Miss E. J. Warwick bt Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard + 16. Mrs. N. A. Fotiadi bt Miss H. D. Parker + 12. Mrs. E. Rotherham bt Lady Ursuls Abboy + 25. Mrs. W. Longman bt Lady Fitzgerald + 13

SEMI-FINAL; Miss E. J. Warwick bt Mrs. N. A. Fotadi + 22. Mrs. W. Longman bt Mrs. E. Rotherham + 5.

FPALE_Miss E. J. Warwick bt Mrs. W. Longman + 18

PLAY-OFF: For 2nd Place - Mrs. Chittenden bt Mrs. W. Longman + 14,

RESTRICTED HANDICAP X (32 Entries)

First Round: Mrs. H. J. Derrit(10) bt Maj. J. R. Abbey (1j) + 22. Mrs. G. W. Style (4) bt Miss F. I. Joly (1j) + 4. Mrs. D. J. Bird (10) bt Maj. F. Hill-Bernhard (3) + 4. Miss M. Bryan (6) bt Mrs. C. Devitt (8) + Mrs. J. Walker (6) bt W. H. Austin (1) + 11. Rev. W. E. Gladstone (6j) bt C. S. Phillips (10) + 17. Mrs. G. E. Cave (6) bt Mrs. M. D. Cork (8) + 18. Col. C. T. Wheeler (1j) bt Mrs. W. Naylor (6) - 21. Mrs. J. Povey (6) bt D. A. Barris (4) + 3. Miss Clarke-Lens (8) bt Mrs. J. Dundlus-Smith (2) + 18. Mrs. H. A. Hall (6) bt Mrs. D. Figgin (5j) * 20. Mrs. E. M. Temple (2j) bt T. A. Bennett (5j) + 11. D. J. Bird (8) bt W/Cmdr. D. L. Allen (8) + 2. Miss K. M. O. Sessions (8) bt H. A. Green (-1j) * 18. Brig. Mockler-Ferrymon (8) bt Mrs. P. West (12) + 10. Miss A. E. Mills (1j) bt Mrs. M. McMordie (4) + 13. Second Hound Mrs. G. W. Sysle (4) bt Mrs. H. J. Devitt (10) * 8. Mrs. D. J. Bird (9) bt Miss M. Bryan (6) * 18. Rev. W. E. Gladstone (6j) bt Mrs. J. Walker (6j) * 7. Mrs. G. E. Cave (6) bt Miss Clarke-Lens (9) * 9. Mrs. H. A. Hall (6) bt Mills (1) * 13. Mrs Cave bt Col. Wheeler +7. Mrs. Povey bt Miss Clarke-Lens (9) * 9. Mrs. H. A. Hall (6) bt Mills (1) * 13. Mrs Cave bt Col. Wheeler +7. Mrs. Povey bt Miss Clarke-Lens (9)

Cheltenham

St. Lukes Week-end Tournament October 20th to 22nd.

THIS SUCCESSFUL week-end Tournament was dominated by the middle-bisquers. The minus players - except for Jackson, who won his Block - were unable to cope with them. The outstanding players were Paul Hands, who has a good style and will continue to do well even at a more realistic handicap, and H. C. Green from Wrest Park. He could also digest a considerable handicap reduction and would in fact benefit from it - he beat Jackson by 26 with $5\frac{1}{2}$ bisques in hand. Others who caught the eye were Mrs. Chaff a quick Friday was a dismal day, Saturday worse, but Sunday made up for it all. No one could wish for anything better than to look at the Cotswolds in the sunlight and play on the lovely green lawns, a credit to Colonel Wheeler's knowledge and incredible energy. In fact any Club wishing to run a Week-end Tournament should model it on Cheltenham. A lot of play for everyone, and Mrs. Yoxall, always smiling and yet managing efficiently. What more could one

and attractive player, Mrs. Wood who plays an intelligent and reliable game, D. Moorcroft who is always enterprising and J. A. Wheeler another menace from Wrest Park - in the nicest possible

AMERICAN HANDICAP SINGLES - 20th - 22nd OCTOBER, 1967.

BLOCK A Mrs. M. Chaff (10) won 4 games. Beat Miss E. J. Warwick (-3) + 21. Beat L. G. Ayliffe (6) + 10. beat A. C. W. Davies (5) + 3. Lost to W/Cmdr. E. M. Smith (3) + 3.

BLOCK C P. Hands (7) won 4 games. Beat J, G, Warwick (-2) + 22. Beat Miss K, M, O, Sessions (0) + 24. Beat J, A, Wheeler (9) + 18. Beat W, J, Sturdy (6) + 26.

BLOCK D A, R. Adcock (5) won 4 games. Beat Mrs. G, H, Wood (10) + 5. Beat Dr. A, L, Yoxall (1) + 17. Beat Dr. C, A, Boucher (2) + 18. Beat Mrs. A, L, Yoxall (5) + 6. Lost to Lt. Col. D, M, C, Prichard (-2) + 3.

BLOCK E H. C. Green (9) won 5 games. Beat Mrs. D. M. C. Prichard (3) + 11. Beat D. Moorcraft (7½) + 2. Beat Mrs. A. M. Daniels (½) + 26. Beat R. F. Rothwell (-1) + 25. Beat Col. G. T. Wheeler (½) + 17. PLAY-OFF BETWEEN BLOCK WINNERS.

st Round: P. Hands bt Mrs. Chaff + 13. <u>M-FINAL</u>: P. Hands bt A. R. Adoock + 7. H. C. Green bt G. E. P. Jackson + 26. <u>AL</u>: P. Hands be H. C. Green + 8.

AUSTRALIAN CROQUET COUNCIL

Sydney, New South Wales during September, 1967. Heavy rain Street West, Chelmer, Queensland, Australia. marred the first three days of the Interstate Teams Contest. How- RONDEBOSCH CROQUET CLUB - Mrs. D. C. Dobbs, 45 St. Josephs ever, during the remainder of the three weeks the weather was ideal and many interesting and exciting games were witnessed by supporters from all States.

Mr. T. Howat, Victoria, again won the English Silver Medal by a small margin of 5 points from Mr. H. S. Clemons, Tasmania, a newcomer in this event, who won the English Bronze Medal.

His Excellency, Sir Roden Cutler, Governor of New South Wales, accompanied by Lady Cutler presented the Medals to the winners at the conclusion of the event.

Results of the Carnival are as follows:-

INTERSTATE CUP (THE EIRE CUP)

Victoria	4 matches	20 games	711 points
South Australia	4 matches	14 games	591 points
Tasmania	3 matches	21 games	627 points
New South Wales	3 matches	15 games	635 points
Queensland	1 match	10 games	457 points
West Australia	0 match	10 games	488 points

ENGLISH SILVER MEDAL

Mr. T. Howat, Victoria

ENGLISH BRONZE MEDAL

Mr. H. S. Clemons, Tasmania

AUSTRALIAN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. T. Howat, Victoria - Runner Up Mrs. S. McDonald, West Australia.

AUSTRALIAN DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Mesdames S. McDonald, J. Muir, West Australia. Runners Up Mesdames J. Edwards, T. G. Merrylees, Victoria.

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BALLAD FOR A CENTENARY

On Cotswold lawns the summer shadows fall Where Walter Whitmore Jones - renowned name! * Through eight-inch hoops propels the wooden ball, Intent to transform pastime into game. But Wimbledon, to its eternal shame, Expelled the art which first its name extolled. ('Twas said the narrowed hoop was much to blame) And Croquet was but fifteen seasons old.

Was Croquet dead? It slumbered, that was all. At many a country seat the squire and dame -Clubs too which found the game could never pall -Preserved the art which others would defame. Till Peel (another Walter) could reclaim Its fortunes, now effectively controlled By a new body which no fate could maim;

And Croquet now was thirty seasons old. Now the great names shine forth - the roll I'd call If space sufficed - but all too soon the flame Bellona lit for Teuton and for Gaul, And Briton too, availed, alas, to lame Our progress twice; our zest it could not tame.

Youth brought us aid, till as the years unfold To Hurlingham our Royal Patron came, For Croquet's now a hundred seasons old.

ENVOI

Prince of the court, John Solomon, your fame Will last as long as our great story's told. For five years now our Champion's the same, And Croquet is a hundred seasons old.

EMBER

* This was the original style of our pioneer, though by the time he began to work out Croquet's possibilities he was calling himself Jones Whitmore.

WOKING CROQUET CLUB

In response to the Editor's invitation in the October issue, may we offer the following suggestions?

- 1. The Reports & Results of tournaments are of interest to many but hardly to the extent of occupying 78 % of the space in the Gazette. Could not the results, as opposed to Reports, be prepared as a looseleaf supplement and issued to those who signify they would like.it. This would leave more room for items of general interest, particularly Competitors will be arranged in blocks according to handicap and to Associates who do not take much part in tournaments.
- 2. A 'Medium Bisquer' page to be instituted. This to include problems on Play in general: picking up a break: the Rules and Etiquette etc. Solutions could be given or the problems could be staged as a
- 3. A similar 'Low Bisquers' page possibly also.
- 4. Expansion, possibly, of the excellent Rover notes.

Cheltenham

A NON-OFFICIAL THREE-DAY TOURNAMENT will be held in the Club Grounds

EASTER SATURDAY, 13th - MONDAY, 15th APRIL

EVENT - Handicap American Singles guaranteed minimum of five games

Entrance Fee £1.0.0.

Entries to reach Tournament Secretary not later than first post Wednesday, April 10th.

Hunstanton - Norfolk

AN AMERICAN TOURNAMENT (Un-official)

will be held in the Club Grounds from Friday, April 19th to Monday April 22nd, 1968

Handicap Singles

the number of entries received.

Winners of blocks will play off semi-finals and final.

Entrance fee 15/-

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

Entries, which may have to be limited, must reach the Tournament Secretary by Wednesday, April 17th.

A time limit of three hours may be imposed on all games.

Committee - The Tournament Committee of the Club Tournament Secretary - Mrs. A. Neville Rolfe, "Weathercocks", Heacham, Norfolk. Tel. Heacham 233.

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CROQUET ASSOCIATION PRIZE LIST 1967

The 11st includes all events (of which the full scores have been received for publication in the Gazette) at (1) Open Tournaments, (2) Tournaments open to all Associates, together with the All-England Handicap and the Champion

Where the entries in an event were less than 16, semi-finalists are not included unless they actually won two matches. The same applies to the second prize-winner where the entries were less than 8.

OS - Open Singles or Open Singles (Class "A"); MOS - Men's Open Singles; WOS - Women's Open Singles; LS - Classes ("B", "C", "D"); LHS - Limited Handicap Singles; HSX - (Y. Z.) - Handicap Singles (Event "X") ("Y", "Z"); HSEX - Extra Handicap Singles, MHS - Mens Handicap Singles; WHS - Women's Handicap Singles; OD - Open Doubles; MOD - Mixed Open Doubles; HD - Handicap Doubles; MHD - Men's Handicap Doubles; WHD - Women's Handicap Doubles; RHS - Restricted Handicap Singles.

ADLER Mrs S.M. (5) Peels WHS 2, Roehampton HSX 3
ALEXANDER C.H.O. (5) Nottingham HD 2 (2½)
ALLARDYCE Miss W.K. (12) Cheltenham American May HD 1,
Southwick (non official) HD 2, (9D8)
ALLEN W/Comdr. D.A. (8) Eastbourne HSD 2, HD 2.
ANDERSON Miss M.G. (12D10) Roehampton HSC 2 (10)
ARCHER D.W. (4) Compton HS 3. Nottingham HSX 2, HD 1. Southwick
August HD 1 (2½)
ASPINALL G.N. (-1½) Open Championships 3. President's Cup 5 (-4)
AUSTIN W.H. (2) Southwick American HS 1. Compton HD 2 (1)

BAILLIEU I.C. (1) Peels MHS 2. Hurlingham LSB 2.
BAVERSTOCK W.B. (9) Southwick (non official) HD 1 (8)
BEAMISH Comdr. G.V.G. (-½) Parkstone HSY 3.
BENNETT T. (6) Woking American HS divided
BIRCH G. (½) Ryde OS 1. Nottingham American HS 2.
BIRD D. J. (12) Parkstone Sept. HD 1. Eastbourne HSX 2, HD 3,
HD 1, (9D8)
BIRD Mrs D.J. (11) Parkstone Sept. HS 3, HD 1. Eastbourne HSY 3,
RHS 3, HD 1. (9D7)
BOLTON J. P. R. (-4) Colchester HSY 1. Champion of Champions OS 3.
Hurlingham OS Process 2. President's Cup equal 7.
BORRETT Comdr. G. (0) Surrey Cup 3, Eastbourne HSX 1, HD 3,
OD 2. (-½)
BRAY Dr. R.W. (-2) Colchester OS 1, HSX 2, Budleigh Salterton
HD 3, HS 1. Hurlingham OD 1, HSX 3, MHD 1. Chairman's
Cup 3. (-2½)
BRIGGS Mrs F. R. (2½) Budleigh Salterton July HD 2.
BROMLEY FOX Major E. J. (12) Colchester HSZ 2. (10)
BRYAN Miss M. (6½) Ryde LSB 1. Eastbourne RHSZ 3 (6)
BUCKLAND D. E. (3) Southwick (non official) HD 1.
EUCKNELL A. J. (3½) Nottingham HSX 3.
BUCKNELL W. R. (6) Budleigh Salterton American July HD 2 (5)
BUSHNELL M. J. (1½) Compton HD 1, Hurlingham LSB 1, HSY 3.
Nottingham OS 2, HS 2. Southwick August OS 2, HS 1. Surrey
Cup equal 4. (-1)

CAMROUX A. V. (-\frac{1}{2}) Surrey Cup 7.
CANE Mrs H. M. G. (12) Hurlingham HSD 2 (10)
CARLISLE H. (7) Centenary All England HS 2. Hunstanton HSX 1 (4\frac{1}{2})
CARRINGTON Mrs M. H. (6\frac{1}{2}) Peels HD 1.
CAVE Lt. Col. G. E. (-1) Budleigh Salterton American July HS 3.
CAVE Mrs. G. E. (7) Budleigh Salterton American July HS 1. (6)
CHITTENDEN Mrs H. F. (-\frac{1}{2}) Ladies Invitation Event equal 6.
Eastbourne WOS 2.
CLARK-LENS Miss E. G. (11) Compton HSEX 1. Southwick (nonofficial) HSC 1. Eastbourne RHSZ 1. (8)
CLAYTON D. A. (9) Colchester HSX 3. (8)
COOPER A. J. (-3) Chairman's Cup 4. Eastbourne HSY 1. MOS 1.
COOPER Miss J. (3\frac{1}{2}) Budleigh Salterton July HS 3.
COTTER E. P. C. (-5) Champion of Champions OS 3. Open Championship Doubles 2. Southwick August HD 3. President's Cup
6. Easbourne OD 1.
COX N. (8) Southwick August HSC 1. (6\frac{1}{2})

DALDRY Sir Leonard (4) Budleigh Salterton July LSB 3. d'ANTAL A. L. (9) Challenge Cups American HS 3. $(4\frac{1}{2})$ DEHN Mrs P.M. (9) Southwick non-official HSC 3. DEVITT Mrs C. (8) Ryde HSC 2. Parkstone June HSY 2. Budleigh Salterton HSC 1. DRISCOLL Major R. $(1\frac{1}{2})$ Southwick non-official HSY 2. DUFF Dr. S.R. $(1\frac{1}{2})$ Carrickmines HS 3. DUTHIE Miss B. $(3\frac{1}{2})$ Peels HD 1. Challenge Cup HS 1. Hurlingham LSB 3. $(2\frac{1}{2})$

ELMES P.W. (112) Cheltenham American April HS 1.

FARLIE Mrs L.C. (6) Southwick non-official HD 3.
FIGGIS D. (\frac{1}{2}) Irish Championships HS 1. Carrickmines HS 3,
Eastbourne MOS Draw 2, OD 2.
FITZGERALD Lady (2) Irish Championships HD 1.
FORBES Brig. A.G. F. (2\frac{1}{2}) Peels MHS 1. Challenge Cups HS 2.
Hunstanton HD 2. (1)
FORD H.C. (-2\frac{1}{2}) Nottingham OS Draw 2.
FOTLADI Mrs N.A. (1) Ladies Invitation Event 1. (0)
FRANKLIN W.B. (3) Gilbey Cup American HS 3. Hunstanton HSY 2.
HD 2. (2\frac{1}{2})

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GIFFORD-NASH P. L. (9) Hurlingham HSD 1, HSX 1. (5)
GILPEN G. (9) Carrickmines HD 2.
GLADSTONE Rev. W. E. (10) Cheltenham July HSX 1, HDY 1.
Eastbourne RHS 1. (5½)
GODBY R.A. (-½) Hurlingham HSX 3. Surrey Cup 2. (-1)
GREEN H.A. (½) Compton HS 2, Southwick August HD 2. Southwick non-official OS 1. (-½)

HALL Mrs H, A, (6) Eastbourne RHS 3. $(5\frac{1}{2})$ HALLETT G, F. $(5\frac{1}{2})$ Colchester HSY 2. Southwick non-official HSX 1. (4) HALLETT P, D. $(-1\frac{1}{2})$ Open Championships Doubles 1. Colchester American HSB 2.

American HSB 2.

HAMILTON-MILLER D. J. V. (-3) Mixed Doubles Championships 2.

Gilbey Cup American HS 1. Open Championship Doubles 1.

Compton OS 2. Chairman's Cup equal 5. Eastbourne OS 2,

MOS Process 2. OHS 2. (-32)

HAMPSON Miss S. (4½) Nottingham HD 2. Southwick HSB 3, HSX 3,

HAMPSON Miss S. (4½) Nottingham HD 2. Southwick HSB 3, HSX 3, HD 3 (3½)

HANNON R. L. (8) Irish Championships Doubles 1. Colchester HSB 2. HARRIS D. A. (4) Eastbourne HD 3. RHSY 1 (3)

HAVERY R. O. (2½) Hunstanton HD 1.

HAY Mrs. J. F. (14D12) Roehampton HSC 1 (10)

HEARNSHAW J. B. (5) Roehampton HSC 1 (10)

HEARNSHAW F. (7½) Parkstone HSC 1. (7)

HICKS R. O. (-5) Champion of Champions 2. Open Championship 2.

Eastbourne OS 1.

HICKS R. O. (-1½) Hurlingham HSY 3. Roehampton OS 2.

HICKSON Miss K. D. (3) Parkstone June HD 1. Parkstone Sept HD 2.

HILL-BERNARD Major F. (3) Parkstone June HD 2. (4½)

HOPEWELL C. G. (1½) Budleigh Salterton July HD 3. Nottingham OS Process 2. Southwick August HD 1. Roehampton HD 2.

HORNE D. M. (5½) Hurlingham LSC 2. HSY 2. (5)

HORRIDGE Major G. B. (6) Budleigh Salterton American July HD 1. (5½)

JACKSON G.E. P. (-2½) Parkstone June OS 1, Cheltenham July OS 2. Chairman's Cup 2. JELLY N. (7) Centenary All England HS 3. JOLLY Miss F. (1½) Eastbourne RHSV 2

LATHAM Miss D. (7) Compton HSB 2. $(6\frac{1}{2})$ LAVERTY Lt. Col. T. F. (2) Budleigh Salterton July LSB 2. LEONARD R. L. $(\frac{1}{2})$ Irish Championships HS 3, HD 1. Carrickmines HD 1. Eastbourne OHS 3. (0) LIGHTFOOT Mrs E. M. $(1\frac{1}{2})$ Women's Championship 1. $(\frac{1}{2})$ LINTERN Miss D. A. (1) Hurlingham Ladies Field Candlesticks 1.

Southwick August LS 2.

LLOYD-PRATT B. (-2) Championship of Co. Dublin OS 2. Carrickmines HD 2. Nottingham OS 1, HSX 1. Hunstanton OS 1. Southwick August OS 1. Chairman's Cup 1 (-2½)

LONGMAN (-½) Southwick non-official OS Draw 2. Eastbourne WOS Process 2.

MAYO C.G. (6) Southwick August HSB 1, non-official HD 2.
MEREDITH F.W. (1½) Cheltenham American May HS 1 (1)
MOORE W.E. (-1) Southwick non-official HD 1. Southwick August
non-official OS Process 2. HD 2, Surrey Cup equal 4.

CROQUET ASSOCIATION PRIZE LIST 1967 (contd.)

McMILLAN Mrs N.A.C. (2½) Hurlingham Ladies Field Candlestick HD 2. Ladies Invitation Event equal 3, Parkstone Sept. OS 1, HS 3, Eastbourne HSEX divided (2) McMORDIE Miss M.D. (14) Parkstone June HSD 1 Parkstone Sept. HSC 1, HS 2, Eastbourne RHSY 3. (11) McWEENEY M.B. (10) Carrickmines HD 1.

NALDER Capt. H. F. (5) Woking American HS divided Southwick non-official HSY 3, LS 1, Southwick August non-official HSB 1 (3)

HSB 1 (3)

NALDER Mrs H. F. (10) Budleigh Salterton July HSC 2. Southwick August non-official HSC.2, HSY 3. (9)

NEAL Professor B. G. (-2) Peels MHS Process 2. HD 2. Men's Championships 1. Open Championship 3. Hurlingham OS Draw 2. President's Cup equal 7. Roehampton OS 1, HD 1. (-3)

NEAL Mrs B. G. (12) Peels HD 2. Roehampton HD 1. (11D9)

NEWTON P. (½) Parkstone June HSY 1.

NEWTON Mrs P. (16) Parkstone Sept. HSC 2. (14)

O'CONNOR D.B. $(\frac{1}{2})$ Association Plate 2. Chairman's Cup equal 7 $(-\frac{1}{2})$ ORMEROD Dr. W. P. (-4) Men's Championship 2. President's Cup equal 3.

OWEN Mrs D. M. (6) Compton HD 2.

OXLEY Mrs H. (9) Ryde HD 1.

PAKES Miss D. (-1) Du Pre Cup 2. Parkstone June HSX 1. PARKER Miss H. D. $(2\frac{1}{2})$ Compton HSEX 2. Ladies Invitation Event (equal 9) PATERSON K, H. $(5\frac{1}{2})$ Colchester HD 2. Budleigh Salterton July HD 1

PATERSON K, H. (5½) Colchester HD 2. Budleigh Salterton July HD 1

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PEARSON F, E. (8) Roehampton HSY 1. (6½)

PENNY Dr. H, J. (½) Parkstone June HD 1.

PERRY B, G. (-1) Budleigh Salterton American May HS 1. Du Pre

Cup 1. Ascot Cup (Golf Croquet) HS 1. Parkstone June OS

Draw 2. Association Plate 3. Hurlingham OD 2.

PHILLIPS C, S. (10) Irish Championships HD 2. Eastbourne HD 1.

HSY 3. (10D8)

POVEY Mrs. J. (6) Eastbourne HSX 3. HD 2.

PRICE R, K. (4) Colchester HSX 1. (2)

PRICHARD C, H, L. (4) Hurlingham MHD 1. Hunstanton LSB 1.

HSX 2. HD 1. (2)

PRICHARD Lt. Col. D, M. C. (-2½) Mixed Doubles Championship 1.

Hurlingham MHD 2, Surrey Cup 1.

PRICHARD R, D, C. (4) Cheltenham July OHSY 2. HDX 1. Cheltenham

American June HS 1. Eastbourne HSY 2.

PRICHARD W, de B. (5) Cheltenham American April HS 2.

Cheltenham July LSB 2. Hurlingham LSC 1. MHD 2.

Hunstanton LSB 2, HSY 1. (2½)

PURVES Mrs I. M. (10) Parkstone June HSY 3.

PUXON Mrs F, E, M. (7½) Colchester HSZ (6½)

QUAYLE Dr. G. (7) Nottingham American non-official HS 1 (6)

RAIKES Mrs D. T. (31/2) Colchester HD 2. Budleigh Salterton July HD 1. HS 2. Carrickmines HS 1. (3)

RATCLIFFE C. S. (4) Colchester American HS 2. (3½)

READ H. M. (4) Irish Championships LS 1.

RECKITT M. B. (1) Eastbourne OHS 3, HSEX Divided (2)

REGAN F. (5) Irish Championships LS 2, HS 3, Carrickmines

REGAN F. (5) Irish Championships LS 2, HS 3, Carrickmines HSB 1. (3½)
REGAN Mrs F. (7) Irish Championships HSC 1.
RIGGALL L. (3½) Hurlingham HSY 1, Roehampton HSX 2 (2½)
RIGGALL Mrs. L. (5) Peels WHS Process 2. Hurlingham Ladies Field Candlesticks 1. (4)
RIGIANI R. F. (5) Nottingham HSB 2. HSY 2.
ROBINSON J. N. (7) Compton HSB 1.
ROE Miss I. M. (2½) Cheltenham July LSB 3.
ROLFE Mrs. J. (2½) Cheltenham July LSB 3.
ROLFE Mrs. J. (2½) Cheltenham July LSB 3.
ROSS Prof. A. S. C. (3) Ryde HD 2. Budleigh Salterton American HS 3. Southwick August HSX 2. non-official HSX 3.
Roehampton HSY 3.

HS 3. Southwick August HSX 2. non-official HSX 3. Roehampton HSY 2.

ROSS Mrs A, S, C, (8) Ryde HSY 1. HD 2. Roehampton HSB 2 (6½) ROSS K, A, (2½) Cheltenham American April HS 3.

ROTHERHAM Mrs. E. (-3) Mixed Doubles Championship 1. Hurlingham Ladies Field Candlesticks 2. Association Plate 1. Irish Championships OS 2. HD 2. Budleigh Salterton July OS 2. Chairman's Cup equal 7.

ROTHWELL R, F. (-1) Surrey Cup 6 Hunstanton OS 2.

RYVES Dr. T, E. (4) Cheltenham July HDX 2.

SCOTT W. G. B. (8) Southwick August non-official HD 1. SESSIONS Miss K. M. O. (½) Cheltenham July Process OS 2. OHX 1. Budleigh Salterton July HD 3. Southwick HD 3. Ladies

Budleigh Salterton July HD 3. Southwick HD 3. Ladies
Invitation Event equal 6. Eastbourne RHS 2. (-½)
SHEIL Mrs F, A. (14D12) Eastbourne HSX 3. HD 2. (9)
SHELLTON E, H. (3) Budleigh Salterton American May HS 2.
Centenary All England HS 3. Budleigh Salterton American
July HS 1. HD 2. Budleigh Salterton HS 3. (1)
SHEPPARD H, A. (3½) Southwick August HD 2. non-official HSX 3. (3)
SIMON J, W. (-3) Cheltenham July Draw OS 2. HDY 2. Hurlingham
OS 1. President's Cup 2.
SIMPSON R, A. (½) Hunstanton American April HS 1. Ryde HSX 2.
Parkstone June OS Process 2. HSX 3. HD 2.
SIMPSON Mrs R, A. (3) Ryde OS 2. HSX 1. HD 1. Parkstone June
LSB 2. HSX 2. Eastbourne LSB 2. (2)
SINCLAIR Comdr. R, D. (5) Centenary All England HS 1.
SLATER GL(1½) Nottingham HSX 3.
SMARTT Dr. R, B, N. (1½) Hurlingham LSB 2.
SMARTT Mrs R, B, N. (1½) Hurlingham DD 1. Ladies Invitation Event
5. Parkstone Sept. OS 2. (1)
SOLOMON Mrs G, W. (1) Hurlingham OD 2. Ladies Invitation Event
equal 3.

SOLOMON Mrs G.W. (1) Hurlingham OD Z. Laules Hyrachon equal 3.

SOLOMON J.W. (-5) Champion of Champions OS 1. Open Championship 1. Open Doubles Championships 2. President's Cup equal 3.

SPEER Mrs. J.W. (4) Gilbey Cup American HS 3. Southwick nonofficial HD 3. Ladies Invitation Event equal 9. (3½)

STRACHAN D. F. (-2) Irish Championship OS 1. HS 2.

STYLE Mrs G.W. (4) Eastbourne LSC 2.

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STURDY W. J. (9) Cheltenham July HSY 1. OHSX 2. HDX 2. (6½)

SUNDIUS-SMITH Mrs. B. (5) Peels, WHS 1. Ascot Cup (Golf Croquet)

HS 2. Challenge Cups HS 3. Hurlingham HSX 2. Southwick

August HSX 2. Ladies Invitation Event equal 6. Eastbourne

RHSZ 2. Steel Bowl (2)

TAYLOR G. K. (2) Comptn HD 1. Nottingham HS 1, HD 1. Southwick August LS 1. (0)
TAYLOR Miss M. M. (7) Ryde HSY 2. Southwick August HSC 2.
TEMPLE Mrs E. M. (3½) Southwick non-official LSB 2. Eastbourne

RHSZ 3. THOMPSON Mrs E. $(7\frac{1}{2})$ Southwick non-official HSC 3. TOWNSHEND C. H. (8) Southwick non-official HSX 2, HD 3.(7) TYRWHITT-DRAKE E. C. (5) Eastbourne LSC 1. HD 1. (2)

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WALLWORK Mrs N. (5) Southwick American HS 2. (4½)

WARWICK Miss E. J. (-3) Women's Championship 2. Mixed Doubles Championship 1. Parkstone June OS 2, HSX 3. Hurlingham OS 2. Chairman's Cup equal 5. Eastbourne HD 2, WOS 1.

WARWICK J. G. (-2) Budleigh Salterton American July HD 1.

Budleigh Salterton OS 3. Association Plate 3. Surrey Cup 8.

Eastbourne HD 3.

WAYMAN Mrs D. (16) Parkstone June HSD 2.

WEBB L. J. (1) Championship of Co. Dublin OS 1, HS 2. (0)

WHEELER Col. J. T. (2) Cheltenham American May HD 1. Southwick non-official HD 2. Cheltenham July HDY 2. Budleigh Salterton July HD 3. LSB 1. Southwick LS 3. HD 3. Eastbourne LSB 1, OHS 1. Apps Bowl (-½)

WHEELER J. A. (12) Nottingham HSB 1, HSY 1. (7)

WHITEHEAD E. (2) Colchester HD 1.

WHITEHEAD Mrs E. (10) Colchester HD 1. Southwick non-official HSY 1. (9)

WHITTINGTON R. O. B. (2½) Cheltenham July LSB 1. HDY 1.

Parkstone June LSB 1. Parkstone Sept. HS 1. HD 2. (1)

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WILLS Mrs H. (7) Gilbey Cup American HS 2. Southwick non-

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WILSON D.A. (6½) Cheltenham American May HS 2. Cheltenham
July OHSY 1. (4½)

WYLEE K. F. (-3½) Cheltenham July OS 1. HDX 1. Colchester OS 2.
HSX 3. Cheltenham American June HS 2. Compton OS 1,
HS 1. Budleigh Salterton July OS 1, HD 2. President's Cup 1.

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